



NEWS

NATIONAL OPEN JUNE 12-16, 2019

Crowded at the top—five lead going into the final day!



GM Alejandro Ramirez

After seven rounds, five players are tied for the Open section lead. GMs Lazaro Batista Bruzon, Igor Kovalenko, Illia Nyzhnyk, Timur Gareyev, and Alejandro Ramirez are all tied at 5 1/2 out of 7. GM Ramirez has been tied or in clear first after every single round of the tournament! Ramirez started the day in clear first place and drew both games which kept the lead. The other four started the day 1/2 point back, but they each scored 1 1/2 on Saturday to catch up to Ramirez. In round 5, Gareyev defeated GM Ruud Janssen. GM Ron Henley annotates the game.

Janssen, GM Ruud – Gareyev, GM Timur
[A40] National Open, (5),

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 c5

Timur employs the pure SNIPER move order of 1...g6, 2...Bg7 and 3...c5.

4.d5

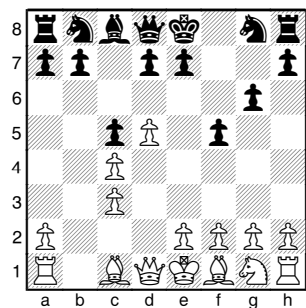
White accepts the challenge to gain space in the center. The tamer responses offer Black fairly easy equality –

4.e3; 4.Nf3; 4.dxc5

4...Bxc3!?

At first sight, a surprising decision as Black freely surrenders his proud sniper Bishop for the white Knight. However, much like the "more reputable" Nimzo-Indian defense, Black inflicts doubled c-pawns on White.

5.bxc3 f5!?



And suddenly the Dzindzi Indian Defense makes a rare guest appearance in a heavy weight GM battle! Some opening reference books and databases still refer to this strange combination of capturing on c3 and playing f5 as the "Beef-eater Defense". However, the "Dzindzi" as it is now endearingly called by avid practitioners pays tribute to the Georgian GM Roman Dzindzichashvili who who demonstrated the viability of Black's play and with Chess.net produced the first pieoes on the opening. Inspired by Roman's play and teachings I later adopted the opening and produced "Crushing White: The Dzinbdzi Indian! Volumes I and II, along with a series of videos (see I-Chess.net and YouTube) explaining Black's plans with the use of illustrative games. Surprisingly enough, the opening remains a relatively well kept

secret among many GMs who occasionally trot it out when they need to win with Black. For example the excellent 365chess.com database only has 802 games with White winning 30.4%, 34.2% draws and Black winning a whopping 45.4%! Today, the leading GM practitioners are Marek Vokac, Vladimir Okhotnik and Andrei Istratescu. The strange looking f7-f5 pawn advance weakens the area around the black King, but has the concrete strategic purpose of restraining or delaying the white e2-e4 pawns advance creating a massive central pawn formation. In a broader sense, the f7-f5 advance is part of Black longer term strategy of fighting for control of the light squares – especially e4 and c4.

6.Nf3

Along with the more active 6.h4 and 6.e4 continuations,



GM Timur Gareyev



the Knight development is one of White's most popular responses.

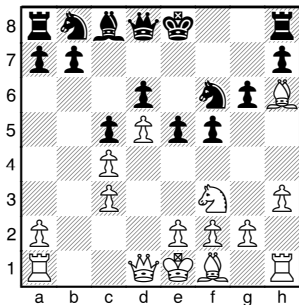
6...Nf6 7.h3

White appears to be contemplating a g2-g4 pawn gambit.

7...d6 8.Bh6

An aggressive deployment of this Bishop, which prevents Black from kingside castling. Black also has to be aware of the potential Bh6-g7 invasion

8...e5!?!N



As often is the case, Timur likes to go his own way and comes up with a novelty in this exact position. He stakes his claim in the center by establishing the e5/f5 pawn duo forces White to decide immediately if he wants to employ the en passant option.

In Detlef Bischof (2275) – Henning, 1998, Black played the more conventional 8...Qa5 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.e3 Nb6 (10...b5!?! RH.) 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.a4 Rhg8 14.Bg5 Rdf8 15.Nd2 e5 16.dxe6 Bxe6± leading to a hard fought draw in 54 moves.

9.dxe6=

As often in chess – there is a bit of give and take. On the plus side, Timur has eliminated the white d5 strong point pawn – a) His pieces have use of the c6 (Knight) and e6 squares (Bishop) b) White has lost TIME, since he moved the d–pawn 3 times to trade it for a pawn that moved once) the White c4 pawn is now easier for Black to attack. On the minus side – a) The position has been opened up a bit which should favor the white Bishop Pair) The backward black d6 pawn is exposed on the half open d–file and subject to an attack by Bh6-f4.

9...Bxe6= 10.e3 Nc6 11.Be2 Ne4

The black Knight occupies the e4 central outpost and threatens to capture on c3.

12.Qb3 Qf6!

A multi–purpose Queen development that – a) Increases the pressure on the c3 pawn b) Prepares queenside castling c) Creates the possibility of g6-g5 trapping the Bishop on h6.

13.h4!?

White secures his h6 Bishop and control of the g5 square by clamping down on the black g6-g5 pawn advance. White also sets a trap regarding his c3 pawn.

13.h4 Qxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Nxc3 15.Bg7 however, even here – Black is okay after 15...Nxe2 16.Bxh8 Bxc4 17.Kd1 Kd7 18.Bb2 f4

19.Re1 fxe3 20.Rxe2 Bxe2+ 21.Kxe2 exf2 22.Kxf2 d5=

13...0-0-0

Securing his King, connecting his Rooks – Black has at least full equality after only 13 moves. Clearly his opening has been a success! Capturing the c3 pawn with the Knight would be a bad idea – 13...Nxc3? 14.Qxb7! Nd8 (14...Rc8? 15.Bg7!+-) 15.Qxa8 Nxe2 16.Rd1 Qc3+ 17.Nd2+- +4.00.

14.Ng5

White plays for complica-

tions and to eliminate the black stud on e4.

Quiet play 14.Rc1 Rd7± Favors Black as White is the one with static weaknesses.

14...Na5!

Timur plays sharply to exploit the weakness of the white c–pawns.

14...Nxg5? 15.Bxg5 Qf7 16.Bxd8 Rxd8±

15.Nxe4 White seizes the opportunity to eliminate the black e4 Knight.

15.Qc2 Rde8 16.Nxe4 fxe4



GM Igor Kovalenko



17.Bg5 Qg7 18.Bf4 Nxc4 21...Qc4 is a serious threat. leaves White still scrambling to maintain full equality.

15...fxe4

A serious mis-calculation would be - 15...Nxb3? 16.Nxf6 Nxa1 17.Kd2 d5 18.Rxa1 dxc4+ 19.Kc2 Rd6 20.Bf4 Ra6 21.Be5+-

16.Qa3

The more aggressive 16.Qa4? Qxc3+ -+

16...Nxc4!

A beautifully calculated exchange sacrifice that gives Timur the initiative.

17.Bxc4

White plays along, since the passive retreat -

17.Qc1?! Rd7♣ just leaves Black a solid extra pawn ahead.

17...Bxc4

BOOC middle-game has been briefly reached, where Black is pawn ahead.

18.Bg5

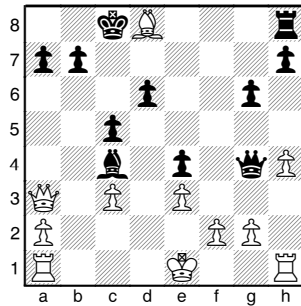
The dark square skewer allows White to win the exchange.

18...Qe6! 19.Bxd8

White captures the exchange.

The attempt to expose the black king and remain in the BOOC middle game - 19.Qxa7 Rdf8 20.Rb1 Ba6 leads to the white King being the more exposed, as

19...Qg4!



Black threatens mate on e2 and a possible capture on g2 before collecting the white Bishop.

20.Qb2 Rxd8!♣

In return for the exchange, Timur has - a) Bishop + 1 pawn b) Safer King c) Control of the light squares d) Two pawn islands to White 3 pawn islands.

20...Qxg2?! 21.0-0-0 Rxd8 22.h5♣ offers White more play than in the game.

21.g3

Protecting the h4 pawn, but creating a backward f2 pawn and further weakening the light squares - in particular f3.

21...d5 22.Rb1

White threatens 23.Qxb7 mate, but this direct frontal attack is easily blocked.

22...b6 23.Qd2 Qf3 24.Rh2 Kb7 25.h5

White tries to open the h-file for his Rook.



GM Illia Nyznyhik

25...g5! 26.h6 Rf8 27.Rb2 Rf6!

Timur goes after the extended white h-pawn. Other tries for Black were -

a) The Pseudo Q sacrifice - 27...Qxg3 28.Qxd5+!! (28.fxg3? Rf1#) 28...Bxd5 29.fxg3 Rf3♣; b1) 27...d4!? 28.cxd4 Qxg3!! 29.Rh1 (29.fxg3 Rf1#) 29...Qg2-+; b2) 27...d4 28.exd4 Qxg3 29.Rh1 Qg2-+; b3) 27...d4! 28.Qd1! Qxd1+ 29.Kxd1 dxe3 30.fxe3 Rf1+ 31.Kd2 Rf3 32.Rg2 Be6♣

28.Qd1 Qf5 29.Qd2 Qe6!

Now the white h6 pawn is doomed.

30.Kd1 Rxb6 31.Rxb6 Qxh6

-1.50 with a Bishop + 2 pawns for the boxed in white Rook, Timur has close to a decisive advantage.

32.Kc1 Qf6 33.Kb1 h5-+ 34.Ka1 a5

A simpler approach was to continue the h-pawn advance - 34...h4!? 35.gxh4 gxh4 36.Rb1 Qf3-+

35.Rb1 b5 36.a3 Kc6 37.Rh1 Qf3

37...b4!? 38.axb4 axb4



39.Rxh5 bxc3 40.Qc2 Kb5 61.Rb8 Bd3 62.Rxb3 Kf2
41.Rh7? Qa6+! 42.Kb1 63.Rb8
Bd3—+

38.Rh2 Kd6 39.Kb2 Ke6
40.Kc1 Bb3 41.Qe1 Bc4
42.Kd2 Kf5 43.Qd1 Qxd1+
44.Kxd1

A R v B, 2 Pawns ending has been reached where Black still has a clear but not yet decisive advantage.

44...Kg4 45.Rh1 b4

Timur's winning plan is to create passed pawns on both sides of the board and over load the two white defenders (the Rook and King).

46.cxb4 cxb4 47.axb4 axb4
48.Kd2 b3 49.Kc3 Kf3!?
50.Rh2

This was about the point where I visited the playing hall and had to stay and admire how Timur played this endgame so beautifully.

If 50.Rxh5 Kxf2 51.Rxg5 Kxe3+ The black passed pawns will decide.

50...g4! 51.Kd2 Bf1!

51...Bf1 52.-- b2 53.Kc2 Bg2 54.Kxb2 Kxf2 55.Kc3 h4 56.Rxh4 (56.gxh4 g3 57.Rxg2+ Kxg2 58.h5 Kf3 59.h6 g2 60.h7 g1Q 61.h8Q Qa1+/-+) 56...Kxe3 (56...Kxg3-) 57.Rxg4 d4+ 58.Kb2 Bf3+

52.Rxh5 Kxf2+ 53.Rxd5 Kxg3 54.Rf5 Bd3 55.Kc3 Bc2 56.Kd2 Kh3 57.Rh5+ Kg2 58.Rh8 g3 59.Rb8 Kf2 60.Rf8+ Kg2

60...Kg1!? -5.60.

63.Rb2 g2 64.Kc3+ Kf3+

63...Be2! 0-1

63...Be2! 64.Rg8 Bf3 Beautiful teamwork as the the Bishop builds a bridge to protect the black king and the black king escorts the g-pawn to promotion! 65.Rh8 g2 66.Rg8 g1Q 67.Rxg1 Kxg1+ A wonderful sporting and creative achievement by GM Garayev!

27...Ke8 28.Qxf6 1-0

GM Lazaro Bruzon Batista is the tournament's top seed. In round 6, he defeated GM Ruifeng Li, GM Ron Henley annotates the game.

.Ruifeng, Li (2546) – Bruzon Batista, Lazaro (2657) [C54]

National Open (6),

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3

The so called "Quiet Italian Opening", where White defers the conflict to a much longer time horizon. Since play falls into the realm of quiet strategic maneuvering, it is so surprise Magnus Carlsen has played both sides of this fluid variation with success.

The central expansion 5.d4 leads to more forcing type play which lends itself more to variation with concrete forced moves – 5...exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 (7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5) 7...Nxe4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.d5! is the Moller Attack.



GM Lazaro Batista Bruzon

5...d6 6.h3 a6 7.Bb3 h6 8...0-0!?; 8...Ba7 8.Nbd2

White's most popular choice. In the 365Chess.com database with 76 games, White has won 33%, 41 % were draws and Black won 26.4%. 8.O-O and 8>Qe2 have fared much worse for White.

8...Be6!?

Black looks to neutralize White's favorite piece – the light square Bishop. This method has been employed by Magnus when facing the Quiet Bishop's Opening. Slightly more popular choices for White have been – 8...0-0 which scored a slight plus for Black, and 8...Ba7 which has performed in dismal fashion.

9.Nf1

Li plays the most popular continuation which in 11 games has seen White wins – 27.3%, Draws at 45.5% and Black wins at 27.3 percent.

White might do well in future games to consider 9.Nc4!?

9...d5!?

Note Black does not rush to castle and place his own King into the enemy line of fire. Instead he takes advantage of White's slow development to gain the upper hand in the center. The 9...d5 pawn advance has scored extremely well with



Black winning 43 percent versus White's paltry 14% win ratio!

10.Qe2 d4!?

GM Batista plays to gain a central space advantage and shows he does not fear the Bishop exchange on e6 and the resulting doubled pawns.

10...dxe4 11.Bxe6? exf3 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Qxf3 e4! 14.dxe4 Ne5-+; 10...dxe4 11.dxe4 Qd6!?; 10...0-0 11.Ng3=

11.Ng3 Qd7 12.0-0 Rd8!

By putting pressure down the d-file, Black threatens to crash through on d3 - 12...Rd8 13.-- dxc3 14.bxc3 Qxd3

13.Bxe6 fxe6!?

Black accepts doubled e-pawns in order to prevent the white Knight from invading on f5.

13...Qxe6 14.Nf5 0-0 offers white some hopes for a kingside attack.

14.c4 0-0= 15.Bd2 a5 16.Ne1?!

16.Qd1!?=

16...Bb4!?

Skillful positional play, as Black looks to exchange off his "bad Bishop".

17.Nc2 Bxd2! 18.Qxd2 Qe7

With his bad Bishop exchanged, Black is now free to use his space advantage.

19.b3 Nd7 20.a3 Nc5

Note the superior mobility of the black knights which is due to having a space advantage. The black Knight on c5 strikes the white pawns on d3 and c3. Any attempt to drive it away with b3-b4 can be met by Nc5-a4 and on into c3.

21.Rab1 b6 22.f3?!

An ugly positional move, which weakens the e3 square. White should have considered

22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Na4 24.Ne2 maintaining the balance.

22...Qg5!?

An interesting decision to offer a Queen exchange when your opponent has a cramped position. In general, when you have the space advantage you want to retain as many pieces on the board as possible.

Black could have considered - 22...a4!? 23.b4 Nb3 24.Qf2 Qg5

23.Qxg5 hxg5

A 2R + N v 2R+N ending has been reached where Black has a space advantage and his active pieces outweigh his two sets of doubled pawns.

24.Rfd1

This is not great economics for White as he has to use two Rooks to defend pawns that are both attacked by the same black c5 Knight.

24...Ra8

A prophylactic move to discourage white's b3 - b4 pawn advance.

24...Ra8 25.b4 Na4 (25...axb4) 26.Re1 Nc3 27.Rb2 axb4 28.axb4 b5!?

25.Kf2

The white King heads over to relieve the white Rooks from their task of defending weak pawns.

25...Rfb8

Black threatens to break on the queenside with b6-b5.

26.a4

White uses his a-pawn to clamp down on Black's intended b6-b5 pawn break.

26...Nd8 27.Ke2 c6

Black again threatens the b6-b5 advance, blasting open the queenside.

28.Na3 Nf7 29.Kd2 Nd6

Black now enjoys a FORCE advantage on the queenside as the white g3 Knight is away from the action.

30.Ne2 Kf7 31.Rh1 Ke7 32.h4

White makes a bid for h-file activity. However, he actually succeeds in opening the position to Black's benefit.

32...Rh8! 33.hxg5 Nxb3+

Due to the tactic exploiting the over-loaded white Rook on b1, Black regains his sacrificed pawn.

33...Rxb1!? 34.Rxb1 Nxb3+ 35.Kc2 Nc5 Reaches the game position.

34.Kc2 Rxb1 35.Rxb1 Nc5 36.f4

White's only chance at counterplay, but the tactics and initiative favor Black.

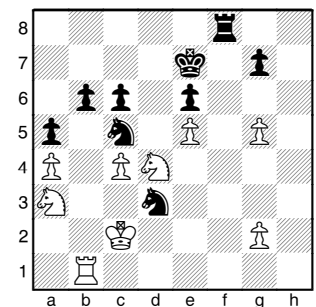
36...Ndxe4!f 37.Rb1

37.dxe4 d3+ 38.Kd2 dxe2+-2.10.

37...Nf2

-1.60. Even simpler was - 37...Rb8!?

38.fxe5 Nfxd3 39.Nxd4 Rf8! +-



The decisive moment as the black Rook joins the two black knights in an attack on the exposed white King.

40.Rxb6 Rf2+ 41.Kb1 Rf1+ 42.Kc2 Rf2+ 43.Kb1 Ne4

43...Nxa4!? -2.75

44.Ka1

44.Nxc6+ Kd7 45.Nxa5 Nc3+ 46.Ka1 Ra2#

44...Nc3



The threat is an Arabian mate - 44...Nc3 45.-- Ra2#

45.Rb7+ Ke8! 46.Ndc2 Rf1+ 47.Nb1 Nb4!

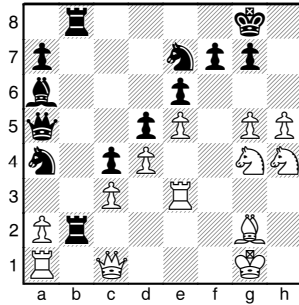
Interference as the white Rook is cut off from defending his pinned b1 Knight.

48.Nca3

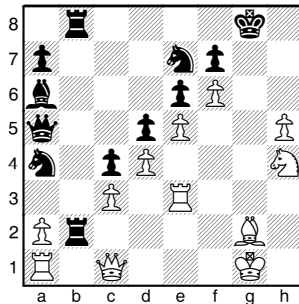
48.Nxb4 Rxb1#

48...Nxa4! 49.Rb8+ Kd7 0-1

20.Qxc1 Na4 21.Re3 Rab8 22.g5 hxg5 23.fxg5 Ne7 24.Nh4 Rb2 25.Ng4 Rfb8



26.Nf6+ gxf6 27.gxf6



White resigned as his King is trapped in the corner.

For example - 49...Kd7 50.Rb7+ Kc8 51.Rxg7 Rf2 52.g6 Ra2# A beautiful example of endgame play by GM Batista with the Rook and Knights.

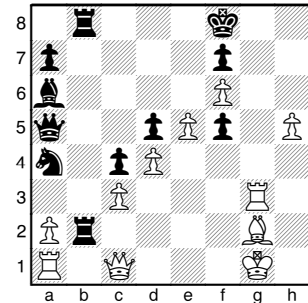
In the Under 2300 section, there are currently two players tied for first with 4 1/2 out of 5. NMs Joshua Grabinsky and Serkan Salik have turned in some fine games.

In the first game, Grabinsky sacrifices a knight and then a rook for checkmate.

Grabinsky, Joshua (2261) – Infuehr, Jakob (2141) [C00]

National Open Under 2300

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 b5 9.h4 Bb7 10.c3 c4 11.e5 Nd7 12.d4 b4 13.h5 bxc3 14.bxc3 h6 15.Nh2 Qa5 16.Qc2 Ba6 17.f4 Nb6 18.Ndf3 Ba3 19.g4 Bxc1



Black has to give back the piece with 28. Kf8 exf7 29. Kxf7 and he is worse, but at least he is not lost. Moving the knight leads to black getting mated or having to give up lots of material.

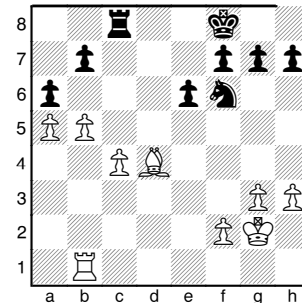
27...Nf5 28.Nxf5 exf5 29.Rg3+ Kf8

30.Rg8+! Kxg8 31.Qh6 Rxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Rb2+ 33.Kh1 1-0

Salik, Serkan (2217) – Rosenthal, Nicholas (2262) [C10]

National Open Under 2300

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.g3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bg2 c5 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Rd1 Bc7 13.h3 Rb8 14.c4 Bd7 15.a4 0-0 16.b4 Rfd8 17.Be3 Be8 18.a5 Bd6 19.Rdb1 Be5 20.Rd1 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Rxd4 22.Bxd4 Bc6 23.b5 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Rc8 25.Rb1 Kf8



26.c5

White now demonstrates how to break through on the queenside and brings home the full point.

26...Nd7 27.c6 bxc6 28.bxa6 c5 29.Be3 Ra8 30.Rb7 Ke8 31.a7 Kd8 32.Bf4 Kc8 33.Rc7+ Kd8 34.Bd6 h5 35.h4 f6 36.Kf3 g5 37.Ke3 c4 38.Kd4 Ne5 39.hxg5 Rxa7 40.Rxa7 Nc6+ 41.Kxc4 Nxa7

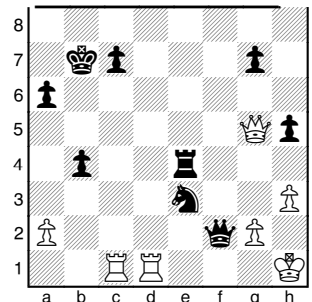
42.gxf6 Nc8 43.Bc5 Ke8 44.a6 Kf7 45.a7 Nxa7 46.Bxa7 Kxf6 47.Kd4 Kf5 48.Bb8 Kg4 49.Ke4 h4 50.gxh4 Kxh4 51.Ke5 Kg4 52.Ba7 1-0

White builds a winning advantage and ends the game with a rook sac to deliver mate.

Valjee, Ashir (1703) – Sturges, Devery (1679) [C50]

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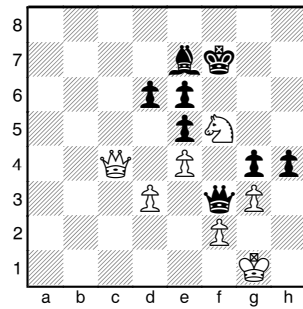
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40.Rxc7+ Kxc7 41.Qc5+



The GM Walter Browne Memorial Blitz tournament was held Saturday night and drew XXX players pursuing the \$5,000 guaranteed prize fund. After six rounds of double games, GM Andrew Tang emerged victorious, winning \$1000. Here is one of his victories over GM Carlos Hevia Alejandro,

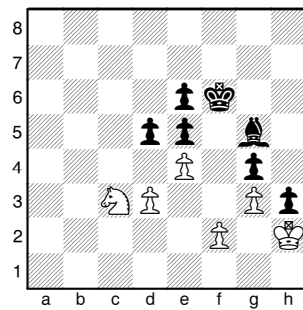


54...h3 55.Ne3 Qe2 56.Qc1 Kg6 57.Qd1 Qxd1+ 58.Nxd1 Bg5 59.Nc3 Kf6 60.Kh2 d5

Tang, Andrew (2587) – Hevia Alejandro, Carlos (2466) [C77]

Walter Browne Blitz (6),
15.06.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2 b5 10.Bc2 Bb7 11.Nf1 Re8 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Nb8 14.Ne3 Nbd7 15.a4 Qe7 16.Bb3 Nc5 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rxa8 Bxa8 20.Ba2 g5 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Bg3 Bc6 23.b4 Ne6 24.Nd2 Qg6 25.Nf1 h5 26.h3 Nf4 27.Ne3 Bd7 28.Kh2 c6 29.Bb3 g4 30.h4 Ra8 31.Qb1 Bf6 32.c4 Rb8 33.cxb5 Rxb5 34.Bc4 Rb8 35.Qa2 Be7 36.Rb1 Qf6 37.Qa7 Rd8 38.b5 cxb5 39.Bxb5 Be6 40.Bc4 Ng6 41.Rb7 Kf8 42.Rb8 Rxb8 43.Qxb8+ Kg7 44.Bxe6 fxe6 45.Qc7 Nxh4 46.Bxh4 Qxh4+ 47.Kg1 Kf8 48.g3 Qg5 49.Ng2 Qd2 50.Qc4 Qd1+ 51.Kh2 Kf7 52.Ne3 Qf3 53.Kg1 h4 54.Nf5



0-1 GM Walter Browne Memorial Blitz Winners

OPEN			
1st	GM Andrew Tang	10-2	\$1000
2nd/3rd	GM Artur Neiksans		
	GM Hovhannes Gabuzyan	9-3	
	GM Denes Boros		
	GM Evgeny Shtembuliak		\$200
1st U2400	Julian Proleiko	7-5	\$275
1st U2300	Leo Creger	7-5	\$275
1st U2200	Arman Bradaran	7-5	\$275
1st U2100	Austin Mei	6 1/2–5 1/2	\$225
1st U2000	Rohan Das	6-6	\$200
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1st	Juan Cendejas	10 1/1–1 1/2	\$500
2nd/3rd	Omya Vidyarthi	9-3	\$234
1st U1800	Nephtali Diaz	9-3	\$234
	Matthew Crossette	9-3	\$234
1st U1700	Vishva Nanugonda	8-4	\$200
1st U1600	Rithvik Bharath	7-5	\$175
1st U1500	Michael Shapiro	6 1/2–5 1/2	\$75
	Faustino Guerra	6 1/2–5 1/2	\$75
1st U1400	Winston Huang	5-7	\$125
1st U1200	Brandon Felicione	4 1/2–7 1/2	\$100



Organizer Al Losoff with the Walter Browne Blitz Cup



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DROPPING OUT? NEED A BYE?

Be sure to sign the sheet at the Registration Desk! Nobody wants to sit at an empty board. Half-point (½) byes are available in any round if requested in advance or by the start of the previous round. Round 6 or 7 byes must be requested before the start of round 3 and cannot be revoked after round 3 starts. After hours, call 702-930-9550 and leave a voice message or use the contact page on our website. Be sure to speak clearly and give your name, section and contact number.

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DVDs, Books, Software, Equipment

Ballroom F

Sun 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Roman, Foxy, Polgar, Ginger GM

400 DVDs \$5 to \$10

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Roman's Lab 1-117 \$99.00

NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

Ballroom A-C

Sunday R8: 10 am R9: 4:30 pm Sunday Winners' Circle Cash Bar 9 pm

NATIONAL OPEN UNDER SECTIONS

Ballroom A-C

Ballroom E

Sunday R6: 10 am R7: 4:30 pm Sunday Winners' Circle Cash Bar 9 pm

Sunday Beginner R1: 10 am R2: 11:30 am R3: 1pm R4: 2:30 pm R5: 4:30 pm R6: 6 pm

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Paradise Event Center North

Sunday 10 am Round 4
9:30 am Side Event Awards 1 pm Round 5
6:30 pm Closing Ceremony 3:30 pm Round 6

Blitz Tournaments

Registration ends 30 mins before start times!

Blitz Sectionals Sunday Ballroom G

Sunday, 10 pm RR sections of 8 players

SPIRIT OF CHESS INVITATIONAL BLITZ

Ballroom F

Come check out some top Grandmasters playing blitz in the Spirit of Chess Invitational Blitz Tournament scheduled for Sunday at 10:00 pm. The event is sponsored by the



ANALYSIS OF YOUR GAMES

Conference Room 11

GM Melik Khachiyan and GM Ron Henley will analyze National Open games 2 hours after the start of each round. National Open players age 14 and under are eligible for the Freddie Best Game Award. Those who wish to have a game considered must bring it to one of the first six analysis sessions. Last round games will not be considered

LECTURES

Conference Room 11

Sunday
1 pm Dynamic Decision Making in Chess
GM Melik Khachiyan

Poker Tournament

Westgate Poker Room

Monday
11 am Entry fee \$100

Bracelet, Bounties, and Cash Prizes