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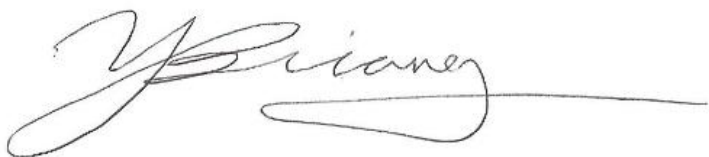
# From the Editor

Hello Kansas Chess Players~!

I hope the release of this publication does not deter readers from peruse this *Plains Chess: Spring/Summer* edition. I sincerely apologize for those that were eagerly waiting for this publication as I strived to publish four editions annually. Spring was especially a chaotic compilation of events; I represented the state of Kansas in the "We the People" competition in Washington D.C., went to USCF National K-12 in Columbus, Ohio (talked to 2 NTD's), taken 5 "AP" exams, and had preparation work to achieve this milestone. Life offers many challenges and milestones for one to overcome: I guess my first milestone was graduating from Blue Valley Northwest High School, class of 2010.

This bulletin marks the end of the Kansas Chess Association Chess Season, 2009-2010. We began with 2009 Kansas Open that hosted 60 players and Back-to-School Open that began the KSCA chess Season. Almost every month, we had a tournament to play in Kansas, starting with the KCA-KSCA joint USCF tournaments, as well as holiday tournaments such as Thanksgiving Blitz and New Year Bash. During the spring, several USCF "Quads" tournaments were hosted at the Anatoly Karpov International School of Chess.

It would be a cliché' to say something along the lines as "although this is the end, it is only the beginning to something new." Funny, but true, it is something new. As I embark on my college journey at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, I would be moving away from Overland Park. But what I do have are a very particular set of skill, skills that I have acquired over a very long career. Skills that could spread chess tournaments everywhere I go. But even if I do not have a playing site, what I do have is the KU Chess Club. I will, to the best of my abilities, broaden and develop chess as a significant cultural art in Kansas. (Props to those who got the allusion)



Brian Yang  
2009-2010 KCA Editor

P.S. The Kansas Open Games, Articles, Picture, everything will be in the Spring edition as there were numerous of games to review.

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# Kansas State Champions

2010- Maxx Coleman  
 2009- Tom Brownscombe  
 2008- Christopher Purdy  
 2007- Tom Brownscombe  
 2006- Maxx Coleman  
 2005- Mila Mokriak  
 2004- Deepyaman Datta  
 2003- Andrew Cherepanov  
 2002- Kyle Camarda  
 2001- Robert Glick  
 2000- Tim Steiner  
 1999- Alan Piper  
 1998- Ryan Porter  
 1997- Alan Piper  
 1996- Jason Kasick  
 1995- Ryan Porter  
 1994- Fred Galvin  
 1991-'93 Alan Piper  
 1990- Charles Aldelman  
 1989- Alan Piper  
 1982-'88- Michael Weirzbicki  
 1981- Bradford Blake, Michael Weirzbicki  
 1980- Wesley Koehler, Bruce Worner  
 1979- David Marshall, Don Oswald  
 Dan Prichard, Thomas Raikes  
 1978- Jack McClurg  
 1977- Wesley Koehler  
 1976- Carl Sloan  
 1972-'75 -Dan Prichard  
 1971- Don McCrary  
 1970- Gary Watts



Tom Brownscombe – 2007 & 2009

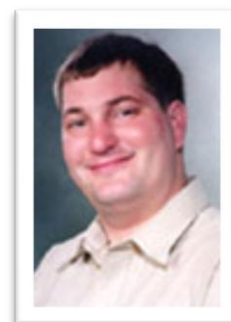


Tim Steiner - 2000



Maxx Coleman – 2006-2010

1967-'69- Randy Mills  
 1965- Virgil Harris  
 1964- Fred Bristol  
 1963- Robert Hart  
 1962- Gayle Hershey  
 1959-'60- George Krauss, Jr.  
 1958- Bert Brice Nash  
 1957- Wesley Perkins  
 1956- Carl Weberg  
 1955- Bert Brice Nash  
 1954- Carl Weberg  
 1953- Bert Brice Nash  
 1952- Jim Callis  
 1951- Henry Georgi  
 1950- Kirke Mechem  
 1949- Bert Brice Nash  
 1948- Arthur R. Self  
 1947- Jasper M. Stull  
 1907- Henry Woodson Rhea



Kyle Camarda - 2002

If anyone having information on Kansas Chess Champions for the missing years, contact Laurence Coker at [wlcoker@hotmail.com](mailto:wlcoker@hotmail.com)

# Top 25 Kansas Chess Players



Rank	Name	Published Rating (August)
1	FM CONRAD HOLT	2427
2	FM TOM BROWNSCOMBE	2200
3	MAXX W COLEMAN	2181
4	JASON ADAM KASICK	2073
5	TIM C STEINER	2062
6	JASON WAWRZASZEK	2011
7	STEPHEN R ROBINSON	2001
8&9	ROBERT E LARSON	1948
8&9	JOSE M GATICA	1948
10	DANIEL L GOLLUB	1935
11	JOHN SCHULLER	1912
12	CHRISTOPHER PURDY	1909
13	TAIMOOR NOOR	1907
14	ANDREW LATHAM	1900
15	DAVID BLAIR	1898
16	TERRY L WRIGHT	1891
17	JAMIE E FERNANDEZ	1872
18	RON J PASIK	1849
19	KYLE CAMARDA	1842
20	TONY R CHENG	1828
21	SALVADOR MARTINEZ JR JR	1811
22	KYLE HENRY SCIOLARO	1771
23	SAM N UN	1757
24	DAN HOLMES	1746
25	LAURENCE COKER	1741

# New Year Bash 2010

## New Year Bash 2010

By: Brian Yang

This would be the second time I ran the New Year Bash 2010. Instead of the Blue Valley Library, the tournament site was moved to Collector's Cache in Lenexa – this allowed a space with longer hours with plenty of resting time between rounds. The tournament had \$450.00 dollars in prizes based on 20 adult entries. Despite the cold weather, the tournament had a successful turnout with over 42 players coming out for the main event and 14 players for the blitz event on Wednesday.



On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, People started registering at 9:00AM and prepared for 5 rounds of intensive chess. Ron Luther won the tournament with a score undefeated 4.5/5.0, drawing to Tim Steiner in the last round of a very close and time-pressured game. Then there was a 6-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Bob Holliman, Tim Steiner, Frank Smith, Tony Cheng, Andrew Latham, and Sam Un (pictured below).

In the last round, players enjoyed some sparkling apple cider as a toast to the New Year, 2010. Everyone had a great time at the place. From this tournament, I learned that perhaps 42 players all in one section may not always produce the most competitive games. On the next page, I have several pictures that I wish to include in this magazine. Enjoy~!







# New Year Bash Games

## New Year Bash Games

By: Brian Yang

Due to lack of having enough carbon scoresheets for everyone, below the games played by the tournament champion in order to win the plaque and cash prizes. Also, I've reverting back to a one column setting as it near took me days for figure out 3-column and word processing. I hope the next issue, I will be able to navigate the 3 columns again.

Randy Gimenez(1800) – Ron Luther(2218) New Year Bash Round 3

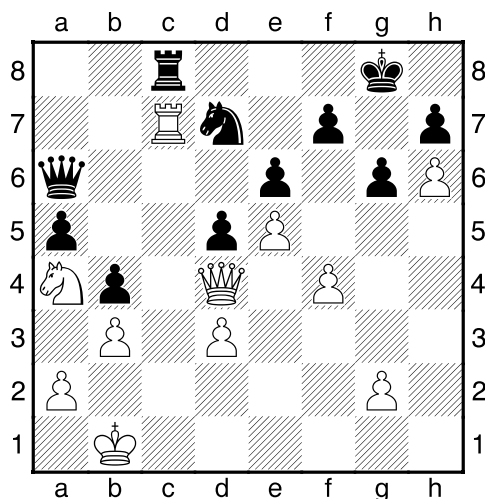
1. f4 d6 2. e4 g6 3. d4 Bg7 4. e5 dxe5 5. fxe5 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Bb5 cxd4 8. Bxc6+ bxc6 9. cxd4 Qb6 10. Nc3 Ba6 11. Nge2 Rd8 12. Qa4? [diag]



White played the Bird's opening but after several pawn captures, he has three pawn islands. Best move before was Qb3, trading queens. **12...e6 13. b3??** Trapping the queen **Bf8 14. O-O Bb5 0-1** White resigns after his queen is definitely trapped – 15. Nxc5 cxb5 and the bishop is still trapped.

Ron Luther (2218) – Steven Rand (1699) New Year Bash Round 4

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.h4 a6 11.h5 Qc7 12.0-0-0 [12.h6!] 12...b5 13.Qf2 [13.h6!] 13...Bb6?! 14.Kb1 [14.h6!] 14...b4 15.Na4 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 a5 18.Bb5 Rb8 19.Bd3 Qc6 20.b3 Ba6 21.h6 Bxd3 22.cxd3 g6 23.Rc1 Qa6 24.Rc7 Rb7 25.Rhc1 Rxc7 26.Rxc7 Rc8 Diagram



27.Rxd7! Qc6 28.Nc5! Kf8 29.f5! gxf5 30.Qh4 1-0

# New Year Bash Crosstables

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### Open Section – 5 rounds of Game 45

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	RONALD LUTHER MO 10365007 / R: 2217 Q: 2095 ->2218 ->2092	4.5	W	17	W	24	W	25	W	11	D	3			
2	BOB HOLLIMAN MO 10364833 / R: 2200 Q: 2028 ->2200 ->2014	4.0	L	20	W	37	W	34	W	14	W	11			
3	TIM C STEINER KS 12520946 / R: 2119 Q: 1860 ->2117 ->1872	4.0	W	21	W	13	D	6	W	7	D	1			
4	FRANK H SMITH MO 12834366 / R: 1897 Q: 1673 ->1890 ->1683	4.0	W	18	L	7	W	24	W	13	W	12			
5	TONY R CHENG KS 13486296 / R: 1823 Q: 1755 ->1830 ->1761	4.0	W	29	W	12	D	9	W	8	D	6			
6	ANDREW LATHAM KS 12842311 / R: 1758 Q: 1761 ->1789 ->1771	4.0	W	30	W	34	D	3	W	9	D	5			
7	SAM N UN KS 12571317 / R: 1519 Q: 1545 ->1616 ->1619	4.0	W	38	W	4	W	23	L	3	W	10			
8	LAURENCE COKER KS 12174160 / R: 1667 Q: 1495 ->1665 ->1499	3.5	H	0	W	40	W	19	L	5	W	20			
9	DAN HOLMES KS 13221068 / R: 1658 Q: 1563 ->1664 ->1572	3.5	W	35	W	20	D	5	L	6	W	21			
10	TAIMOOR NOOR KS 12627423 / R: 1980P19->1928P24 Q: 1966P15->1902P20	3.0	W	26	W	14	L	11	W	15	L	7			
11	STEVEN J RAND MO 13666146 / R: 1699 Q: 1530 ->1732 ->1576	3.0	W	32	W	16	W	10	L	1	L	2			
12	ANSAR LEMON MO 14155305 / R: 1623 Q: 1554 ->1633 ->1556	3.0	W	36	L	5	W	28	W	25	L	4			
13	ALEX VINCENT ESPOSITO MO 12895924 / R: 1626 Q: 1620 ->1621 ->1605	3.0	W	39	L	3	W	26	L	4	W	31			
14	JAMES LARKIN SMITH MO 13362808 / R: 1573 Q: 1599 ->1576 ->1598	3.0	W	27	L	10	W	18	L	2	W	28			
15	C J ARMENTA MO 12650738 / R: 1481 Q: 1526 ->1478 ->1513	3.0	W	42	L	25	W	36	L	10	W	27			
16	LAWRENCE FIGG MO 12881892 / R: 1473 Q: 1239P24->1259	3.0	W	41	L	11	W	38	L	20	W	25			
17	JACOB LEE SMITH MO 13362814 / R: 1401 Q: 1171 ->1386 ->1161	3.0	L	1	W	41	D	20	W	23	D	19			
18	WILLIAM A HODEL KS 14063438 / R: 1150P20->1217P25 Q: 1207P24->1240	3.0	L	4	W	39	L	14	W	38	W	24			
19	APRAMAY MISHRA KS 14100400 / R: 440P5 -> 681P9 Q: 398P5 -> 638P9	3.0	H	0	W	22	L	8	W	35	D	17			
20	GREG OWSLEY MO 12707710 / R: 1367 Q: 1250 ->1449 ->1316	2.5	W	2	L	9	D	17	W	16	L	8			
21	SCOTT ERIC MERRYMAN KS 12488758 / R: 1229P17->1219P22 Q: 1058 ->1062	2.5	L	3	D	35	W	29	W	22	L	9			
22	VENKATA S MALLADI KS 14329676 / R: Unrated-> 836P4 Q: Unrated-> 770P4	2.5	H	0	L	19	W	30	L	21	W	35			
23	KAUSTUBH SANJAY NIMKAR KS 14100882 / R: 296P4 -> 524P8 Q: 283P4 -> 509P8	2.5	H	0	W	33	L	7	L	17	W	32			
24	ALEX HALL MO 13220965 / R: 1620 ->1588 Q: 1344 ->1316	2.0	W	31	L	1	L	4	X	0	L	18			
25	RANDY WAYNE GIMINEZ MO 11041019 / R: 1800 ->1800 Q: 1614 ->1582	2.0	W	28	W	15	L	1	L	12	L	16			
26	JOHN E THOMSON KS 12427070 / R: 1198 ->1175 Q: 1222P14->1196P19	2.0	L	10	W	42	L	13	L	27	W	36			
27	ANDREW LIU KS 14295191 / R: 866P3 ->1090P8 Q: 866P3 ->1110P8	2.0	L	14	L	29	W	41	W	26	L	15			
28	ZOE LEMON MO 14155291 / R: 1043 ->1070 Q: 974 ->1011	2.0	L	25	W	31	L	12	W	36	L	14			
29	DAVID A ROSENKOETTER AR 12748541 / R: 1062 ->1042 Q: 1084 ->1052	2.0	L	5	W	27	L	21	L	31	W	39			
30	FRED A SMITH MO 13100001 / R: 857 -> 825 Q: 821P18-> 789P23	2.0	L	6	L	36	L	22	W	41	W	38			
31	WILLIAM LIU KS 14295205 / R: 703P3 -> 841P8 Q: 649P3 -> 801P8	2.0	L	24	L	28	W	33	W	29	L	13			
32	CONNOR RYAN THOMSON KS 14079530 / R: 703P13-> 712P18 Q: 688P13-> 694P18	2.0	L	11	L	38	W	39	W	34	L	23			
33	SHRIVATSA S MALLADI KS 14329682 / R: Unrated-> 544P4 Q: Unrated-> 524P4	2.0	H	0	L	23	L	31	W	40	D	34			
34	KARAN A MEHTA KS 13867674 / R: 1405 ->1351 Q: 1170 ->1114	1.5	W	37	L	6	L	2	L	32	D	33			
35	ANTHONY J NICHOLS KS 14331792 / R: Unrated-> 585P5 Q: Unrated-> 550P5	1.5	L	9	D	21	W	40	L	19	L	22			
36	LANDON C FRAZIER KS 14331765 / R: Unrated-> 884P5 Q: Unrated-> 859P5	1.0	L	12	W	30	L	15	L	28	L	26			
37	JOEY MICHAEL KELLY KS 14143543 / R: 805P14-> 806P17 Q: 805P10-> 799P13	1.0	L	34	L	2	W	42	F	0	U	0			
38	DAKOTA J TURNER KS 14331771 / R: Unrated-> 769P5 Q: Unrated-> 743P5	1.0	L	7	W	32	L	16	L	18	L	30			
39	JENNY L GETMAN KS 14331786 / R: Unrated-> 514P5 Q: Unrated-> 506P5	1.0	L	13	L	18	L	32	W	42	L	29			
40	KELSEY JIAN KS 14331682 / R: Unrated-> 182P4 Q: Unrated-> 163P4	1.0	H	0	L	8	L	35	L	33	D	42			
41	BRYCE M ANDERSON KS 13595014 / R: 100P4 -> 102P8 Q: 100P4 -> 102P8	1.0	L	16	L	17	L	27	L	30	B	0			
42	BLAKE T MODESITT KS 14331750 / R: Unrated-> 217P5 Q: Unrated-> 208P5	0.5	L	15	L	26	L	37	L	39	D	40			



## Double Blitz – Game 5 (Play same opponent twice, one of each color)

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12
1 MO	<a href="#">BOB HOLLIMAN</a> 10364833 / Q: 2021 ->2028	9.5	W	10 W	10 W	7 L	7 W	2 L	2 D	3 W	3 W	11 W	11 W	4 W 4
2 KS	<a href="#">BRIAN Y YANG</a> 12946778 / Q: 1624 ->1806	9.0	D	13 W	13 W	5 D	5 L	1 W	1 W	7 W	7 L	3 W	3 W	11 W 11
3 MO	<a href="#">RONALD LUTHER</a> 10365007 / Q: 2132 ->2095	7.5	W	4 L	4 W	13 W	13 W	11 W	11 D	1 L	1 W	2 L	2 W	7 L 7
4 KS	<a href="#">TONY R CHENG</a> 13486296 / Q: 1714 ->1755	7.0	L	3 W	3 W	10 W	10 L	7 W	7 W	11 L	11 W	9 W	9 L	1 L 1
5 MO	<a href="#">ALEX VINCENT ESPOSITO</a> 12895924 / Q: 1634 ->1620	7.0	W	14 W	14 L	2 D	2 L	8 W	8 W	9 L	9 D	7 L	7 W	12 W 12
6 MO	<a href="#">ANSAR LEMON</a> 14155305 / Q: 1589 ->1554	7.0	L	11 L	11 W	12 W	12 L	9 L	9 L	8 W	8 W	14 W	14 W	13 W 13
7 KS	<a href="#">ANDREW LATHAM</a> 12842311 / Q: 1736 ->1761	6.5	W	9 W	9 L	1 W	1 W	4 L	4 L	2 L	2 D	5 W	5 L	3 W 3
8 MO	<a href="#">TONY DUTIEL</a> 12602486 / Q: 1699 ->1644	6.0	W	12 W	12 L	11 L	11 W	5 L	5 W	6 L	6 L	10 W	10 L	9 W 9
9 KS	<a href="#">AARON SIMON</a> 13429604 / Q: 1174 ->1393	6.0	L	7 L	7 W	14 W	14 W	6 W	6 L	5 W	5 L	4 L	4 W	8 L 8
10 MO	<a href="#">ALEX HALL</a> 13220965 / Q: 1343 ->1344	6.0	L	1 L	1 L	4 L	4 W	13 W	13 L	12 W	12 W	8 L	8 W	14 W 14
11 KS	<a href="#">TIM C STEINER</a> 12520946 / Q: 1896 ->1860	5.0	W	6 W	6 W	8 W	8 L	3 L	3 L	4 W	4 L	1 L	1 L	2 L 2
12 MO	<a href="#">ZOE LEMON</a> 14155291 / Q: 821 -> 974	5.0	L	8 L	8 L	6 L	6 W	14 W	14 W	10 L	10 W	13 W	13 L	5 L 5
13 KS	<a href="#">BEHMAN ZAKERI</a> 14219761 / Q: 201P8 -> 355P20	1.5	D	2 L	2 L	3 L	3 L	10 L	10 L	14 W	14 L	12 L	12 L	6 L 6
14 KS	<a href="#">SCOTT ERIC MERRYMAN</a> 12488758 / Q: 1171P16->1058	1.0	L	5 L	5 L	9 L	9 L	12 L	12 W	13 L	13 L	6 L	6 L	10 L 10





# Lindsborg Open

By: Tom Brownscombe

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5					
1	JASON WAWRZASZEK KS 12685755 / R: 2013 ->2009 Q: 1833 ->1838	4.0	W	18	W	11	L	4	W	5	W	2
2	TAIMOOR NOOR KS 12627423 / R: 1982P14->1980P19 Q: 1982P10->1966P15	4.0	W	19	W	9	W	8	W	4	L	1
3	THORNTON M BONNER KS 14328233 / R: Unrated->1747P5 Q: Unrated->1705P5	4.0	W	17	L	5	W	18	W	9	W	8
4	VLADIMIR SHIMON IGLESIAS KS 12628521 / R: 1658 ->1730 Q: 1658 ->1704	4.0	W	20	W	12	W	1	L	2	W	7
5	LAURENCE COKER KS 12174160 / R: 1590 ->1664 Q: 1394 ->1490	3.5	W	24	W	3	W	16	L	1	H	0
6	JAMES LARKIN SMITH MO 13362808 / R: 1577 ->1573 Q: 1619 ->1599	3.5	D	15	W	13	L	7	W	12	W	19
7	RANDY WAYNE GIMINEZ MO 11041019 / R: 1802 ->1800 Q: 1625P24->1604	3.0	L	12	W	15	W	6	W	14	L	4
8	TOM L PHILLIPS KS 12411318 / R: 1700 ->1700 Q: 1723 ->1707	3.0	W	10	W	25	L	2	W	17	L	3
9	C J ARMENTA MO 12650738 / R: 1492 ->1498 Q: 1519 ->1517	3.0	W	23	L	2	W	19	L	3	W	15
10	MISSOURI STATE CHAMP KS 14236428 / R: 1375P4 ->1338P9 Q: 1341P4 ->1266P9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
18	JOE WOHL KS 20049776 / R: 1356 ->1326 Q: 1348 ->1314	2.0	L	1	W	21	L	3	L	20	B	0
19	ELIJAH S PURDY KS 13523555 / R: 1304 ->1292 Q: 1202P19->1196P24	2.0	L	2	W	23	L	9	W	25	L	6
20	LYLE TAYLOR KS 12959210 / R: 1153 ->1172 Q: 1146 ->1138	2.0	L	4	B	0	L	14	W	18	L	11

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21	ANDREW J ECKHOFF KS 14328227 / R: Unrated-> 921P4 Q: Unrated-> 819P4	2.0	L	11	L	18	L	13	B	0	W	25
22	PATRICK CROCKETT KS 14318937 / R: Unrated->1218P4 Q: Unrated->1084P4	1.0	W	14	L	16	L	17	L	13	U	0
23	TRENT LAWRENCE THURSTON KS 14322830 / R: Unrated-> 982P5 Q: Unrated-> 855P5	1.0	L	9	L	19	W	24	L	10	L	12
24	EMILY M HASCH KS 12972121 / R: 771 -> 754 Q: 762 -> 734	1.0	L	5	L	17	L	23	H	0	H	0
25	TRISTAN DONALDSON KS 13978096 / R: 295P9 -> 292P13 Q: 422P3 -> 420P7	1.0	B	0	L	8	L	15	L	19	L	21

Karpov Chess School Wraps up 2009

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fellow Kansans Taimoor Noor, Jason Wawrzaszek, and Vladimir Inglesias.

"This is the ninth consecutive year that we have held the Lindsborg Open," said Chess School Director Tom Brownscombe. "It is always held around Christmas, so it's now established as part of the chess tradition in the Midwest ."

Noor won the first place trophy, based on tiebreaks, and Bonner took home the trophy for best result by an unrated player. Chess players typically compete in their own rating category, determined by USCF ratings, to assure they are paired with players with similar skill levels. Kansas Chess Association treasurer Laurence Coker, Overland Park and James Smith of Missouri shared first place for players rated under 1800.

Fifth grader Brian Jiang of Sunrise Christian Academy in Wichita earned 3 points to win the first place trophy for players rated under 1600. C.J. Armenta, who traveled from Missouri , also scored 3 points to earn first place in the under 1500 category.

The Purdy family from Oxford , Kansas , have become well known in chess circles by winning numerous team and individual championships in scholastic tournaments. Gabriel Purdy took

home the trophy for the best performance by a player rated under 1300. His sister Hannah, who is the current Kansas Girl's Champion, won the first place trophy for best performance by a female.

Lindsborg fifth grader Tristan Donaldson won the trophy for best performance by a player rated under 1000. "It's good to see local students compete in our tournaments," said Marck Cobb, president of the International Chess Institute of the Midwest (ICIM). "We hope to increase this number in the upcoming year." ICIM, a non-profit charitable corporation, owns and operates the Karpov Chess School .

#### About the Author: Director Brownscombe and Area Schools

Director Tom Brownscombe expanded the chess school's reach by teaching chess in the local schools, such as St. Mary's in Salina , Canton-Galva, and the Lindsborg Virtual School . Tom also officiated at several national tournaments during 2009. Brownscombe won the Kansas State Chess Championship in July. The Kansas championships have been held in Lindsborg for several years. This is the second Kansas Championship win for Brownscombe. He previously won it in 2007. He is also the former Nevada State Champion.



World Chess Champion – Anatoly Karpov in front his "International School of Chess"

# Leap Your Rating 2010

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By: Brian Yang

Another repeat from 2009, but instead of 9 participants, this year, the “Leap Your Rating” 2010 got 26 players! The tournament site was at the Collector’s Cache in Lenexa. It had the same tournament format as the New Year Bash, with a \$450.00 dollars in prizes based on 20 adult entries but instead of Game 45, the time controls were Game 60 (Game 55 + 5 seconds delay). 10 players played in the Wednesday’s blitz.



On February 20<sup>th</sup>, People started registering at 9:00AM and prepared for 5 rounds of intensive chess. Ron Luther won the tournament with a score undefeated 5.0/5.0, winning against Steven Rand in the last round. In second place was Tony Cheng; there was a 3-way tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sam Un, Andrew Latham, and Alex Esposito.



In the last round, players enjoyed some red velvet cupcakes... maybe love? HA From this tournament, I learned that Game 60 tournaments all in one day may strain the minds of both the young and the old. Such is difficult to find a 2-day affordable playing site.  
~YBriang



# Leap Your Rating Games

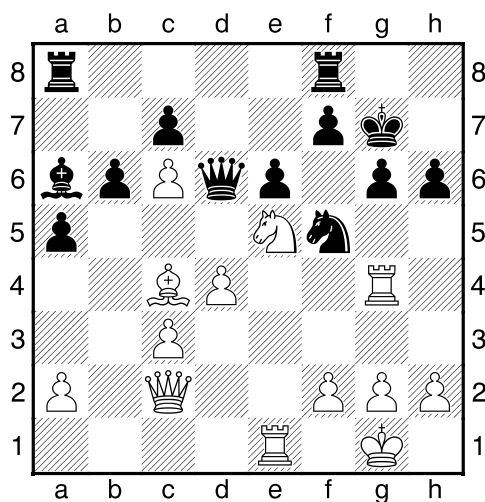
By: Ron Luther

Below are the games Expert Ron Luther played, as annotated by himself:

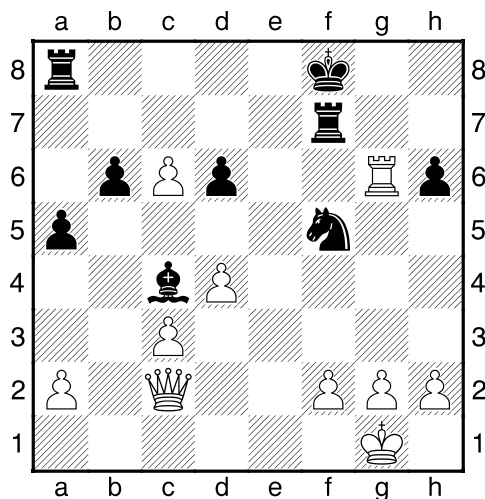
## (1) Ron Luther (2211) – Valle Valdimir (1600) [B01]

Leap Your Rating (1), 20.02.2010

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.c5 Nd5 8.Bc4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Re1 h6 12.Qc2 e6 13.Bf4 b6 14.c6 Nf6 15.Be5 a5 16.Rad1 Nd5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Ne5 Qd6 19.Rd3 Ne7 20.Rg3 Nf5 21.Rg4 Ba6 Diagram



22.Nxf7!? [22.Nxg6] 22...Rxf7 23.Rxe6 Bxc4 24.Rgxg6+ Kf8 25.Rxd6 cxd6 Diagram



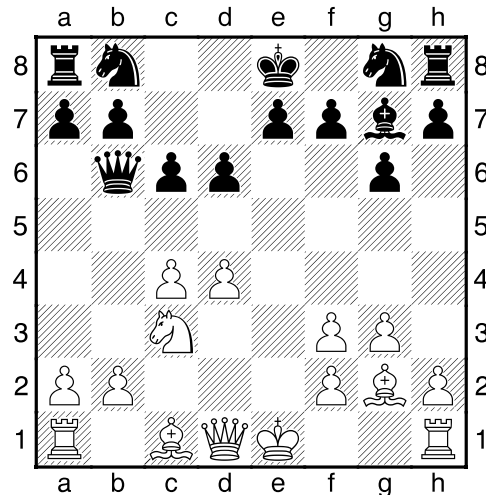


26.Qe4 Re8 27.Rg8+ Kxg8 28.Qxe8+ Kg7 29.h3 Bd5 30.c4 Bxc4 31.Qd8 Nxd4 32.c7 Ne2+ 33.Kh2 Be6 34.Qxd6 Nf4 35.Qxb6 Kg8 36.Qxe6 Nxe6 37.c8Q+ Nf8 38.f3 Kh7 39.Qc5 Ng6 40.Qxa5 Nf4 41.Qc5 Kg6 42.a4 Rf5 43.Qc2 Kg5 44.h4+ Kh5 45.Qxf5+ Kxh4 46.Qg4# 1-0

## (2) Dan Holmes (1678) – Ron Luther (2211) [A41]

Leap Your Rating (2), 20.02.2010

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.g3 Bxf3 6.exf3 c6 7.Bg2 Qb6 Diagram



8.Ne2?! Qb4+ 9.Bd2 Qxc4 10.Bc3 Nf6 11.b3 Qa6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nf4 Nbd7 14.d5 c5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.a4 Qb6 17.Qd2 Qc7 18.g4 Bh6 19.h4 Bxf4 0-1

## (3) Ron Luther (2211) – Alex Esposito (1647) [C05]

Leap Your Rating (3), 20.02.2010

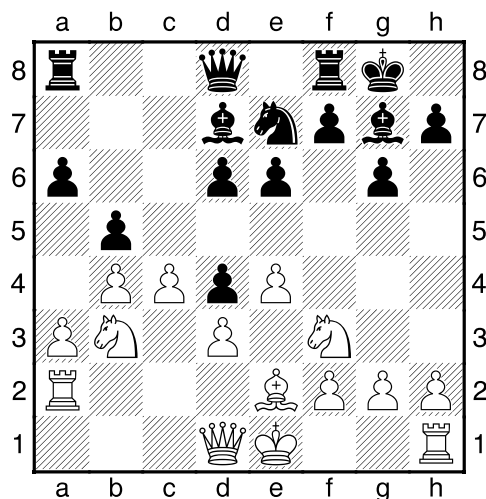
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.e5 Nd7 7.Be2 f6 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.0-0 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.b3? Ng4? [13...Nb4!+] 14.h3? [14.Bxh7+] 14...Nxf2 15.Kxf2 Bg3+? [15...Nxd4!+] 16.Kg1 Bxe1 17.Qxe1 Nxd4 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qh4+ Kg8 20.Qxd4 Qg3 21.Bb2 Bd7 22.Nf1 Qg6 23.Ne5 Qe8 24.Ne3 Rc8 25.Re1 Qe7 26.Ng6 1-0



#### (4) Tony Cheng (1828) – Ron Luther (2211) [B28]

Leap Your Rating (4), 20.02.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c4 Nc6 4.Nc3 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.a3 d6 7.Be3 Nd4 8.Be2 e6 9.Bxd4 cxd4 10.Na2 Ne7 11.Nc1 Bd7 12.b4 b5 13.Ra2 0-0 14.Nb3 Diagram

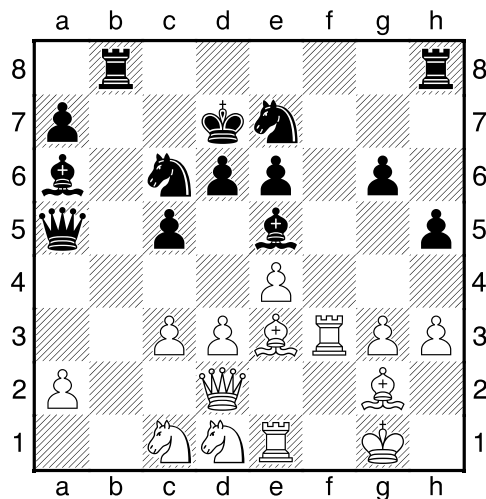


14...bxc4 15.Nbxd4 c3! 16.0-0 Qb6 17.Nb3 Ba4 18.Qb1 Rfc8 19.Bd1 a5 20.Bc2 axb4 21.d4 Rcb8 22.e5 dxe5 23.dxe5 Nd5 24.Rd1 Bxb3 25.Qxb3 bxa3 26.Rxa3 Rxa3 27.Qxa3 Qb2 28.Qa4 Qb5 29.Qe4 Qc5 30.g3 Rb4 31.Qd3 Rb2 32.Qe4 Qa7 33.Ne1 Bh6 34.Kg2 Qb7 35.Rb1 Bd2 36.Rxb2 Qxb2 37.Nf3 Bh6 38.h4 0-1 x moves 0-1

#### (5) Ron Luther (2211) – Steven Rand (1764) [B26]

Leap Your Rating (5), 20.02.2010

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.Nc3 c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 h5 8.h3 Nge7 9.Nge2 Nd4 10.0-0 Rb8 11.Rae1 b5 12.Nc1 b4 13.Nd1 Ba6 14.c3 bxc3 15.bxc3 Ndc6 16.f4 Qa5 17.f5 Be5 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Rf3 Kd7 Diagram



20.Nb3! Qd8 21.d4! cxd4 22.cxd4 Bg7 23.Rf7 [23.e5!] 23...Qg8 24.Rf2 Qe8 25.e5! Nf5 26.exd6 Nxe3 27.Nxe3 Rxb3 28.axb3 Nxd4 29.Qa5!! 1-0

# Leap Your Rating Crosstables

## Open Section – 5 rounds of Game 60

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
1 MO	RONALD LUTHER 10365007 / R: 2211 Q: 2092 ->2216 ->2099	5.0	W	16 W	7 W	5 W	2 W	6	14 KS	TIM C STEINER 12520946 / R: 2105 Q: 1872 ->2077 ->1841	2.0	L	4 W	17 W	11 L	8 U	0
2 KS	TONY R CHENG 13486296 / R: 1828 Q: 1746 ->1856 ->1767	4.0	W	9 W	8 W	6 L	1 W	7	15 MO	RANDY WAYNE GIMINEZ 11041019 / R: 1800 Q: 1550 ->1800 ->1518	2.0	W	17 L	4 L	12 W	20 L	5
3 KS	ANDREW LATHAM 12842311 / R: 1804 Q: 1781 ->1798 ->1765	3.5	D	13 W	20 W	4 L	6 W	8	16 KS	SIR VLADIMIR DEL VALLE 14345676 / R: 1573P6 ->1600P10 Q: 1674P6 ->1646P10	2.0	L	1 W	19 D	10 D	13 U	0
4 KS	SAM N UN 12571317 / R: 1616 Q: 1619 ->1718 ->1682	3.5	W	14 W	15 L	3 D	5 W	11	17 KS	KARAN A MEHTA 13867674 / R: 1345 Q: 1157 ->1376 ->1194	2.0	L	15 L	14 W	18 W	23 U	0
5 MO	ALEX VINCENT ESPOSITO 12895924 / R: 1647 Q: 1636 ->1714 ->1683	3.5	W	24 W	10 L	1 D	4 W	15	18 KS	HENRY CHAN 14379010 / R: Unrated->1231P5 Q: Unrated->1050P5	2.0	L	8 L	9 L	17 W	24 W	22
6 MO	STEVEN J RAND 13666146 / R: 1764 Q: 1609 ->1769 ->1622	3.0	W	22 W	23 L	2 W	3 L	1	19 MO	BRYON R MCLAUGHLIN 12919847 / R: 1152 Q: 1050 ->1146 ->1045	2.0	L	7 L	16 W	24 W	25 L	9
7 KS	DAN HOLMES 13221068 / R: 1671 Q: 1582 ->1678 ->1591	3.0	W	19 L	1 W	9 W	12 L	2	20 MO	ZOE LEMON 14155291 / R: 1067 Q: 1005 ->1066 ->1004	1.5	H	0 L	3 W	25 L	15 L	10
8 MO	ALEX HALL 13220965 / R: 1595 Q: 1382 ->1625 ->1436	3.0	W	18 L	2 W	22 W	14 L	3	21 KS	LAURENCE COKER 12174160 / R: 1665 Q: 1499 ->1613 ->1435	1.0	L	23 L	22 U	0 U	0 W	25
9 MO	JOEL NATHANIEL STEBBINS 13920508 / R: 1460 Q: 1302 ->1469 ->1314	3.0	L	2 W	18 L	7 W	22 W	19	22 KS	THOMAS KHOA TRAN 13881050 / R: 1271P16->1266P21 Q: 1024P21->1031	1.0	L	6 W	21 L	8 L	9 L	18
10 KS	TAIMOOR NOOR 12627423 / R: 1928P24->1876 Q: 1902P20->1842P25	2.5	W	12 L	5 D	16 L	11 W	20	23 KS	SCOTT ERIC MERRYMAN 12488758 / R: 1219P22->1240 Q: 1062 ->1080	1.0	W	21 L	6 L	13 L	17 U	0
11 MO	ANSAR LEMON 14155305 / R: 1659 Q: 1579 ->1677 ->1594	2.5	H	0 W	13 L	14 W	10 L	4	24 KS	GARRETT J MCMINDES 14379025 / R: Unrated-> 743P5 Q: Unrated-> 671P5	1.0	L	5 L	12 L	19 L	18 W	26
12 MO	C J ARMENTA 12650738 / R: 1493 Q: 1510 ->1509 ->1501	2.5	L	10 W	24 W	15 L	7 D	13	25 KS	CODY ZAKERI 14379800 / R: Unrated-> 501P3 Q: Unrated-> 501P3	0.5	H	0 U	0 L	20 L	19 L	21
13 MO	JACOB LEE SMITH 13362814 / R: 1463 Q: 1170 ->1490 ->1284	2.5	D	3 L	11 W	23 D	16 D	12	26 KS	BEHMAN ZAKERI 14219761 / R: 110P3 -> 110P4 Q: 355P20-> 343P21	0.0	U	0 U	0 U	0 U	0 L	24



## Blitz Section – 6 rounds of Game 10

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
<u>1</u> KS	<u>TONY R CHENG</u> 13486296 / Q: 1767 ->1802	5.0	W	4 D	5 D	2 W	3 W	8 W 6
<u>2</u> KS	<u>SAM N UN</u> 12571317 / Q: 1682 ->1729	4.5	W	3 W	6 D	1 W	7 W	5 L 4
<u>3</u> KS	<u>TAIMOOR NOOR</u> 12627423 / Q: 1842P25->1821	4.0	L	2 W	8 W	5 L	1 W	10 W 9
<u>4</u> KS	<u>ZACHARY LANDON SCHUH</u> 13760474 / Q: 1275 ->1338	4.0	L	1 W	10 L	6 W	9 W	7 W 2
<u>5</u> KS	<u>BRIAN Y YANG</u> 12946778 / Q: 1806 ->1791	3.5	W	10 D	1 L	3 W	6 L	2 W 8
<u>6</u> KS	<u>ANDREW LATHAM</u> 12842311 / Q: 1765 ->1734	3.0	W	7 L	2 W	4 L	5 W	9 L 1
<u>7</u> KS	<u>SCOTT ERIC MERRYMAN</u> 12488758 / Q: 1080 ->1077	3.0	L	6 W	9 W	8 L	2 L	4 W 10
<u>8</u> KS	<u>JONATHAN R KLEMENTOWSKI</u> 14237360 / Q: 786P11-> 782P17	2.0	W	9 L	3 L	7 W	10 L	1 L 5
<u>9</u> KS	<u>WILLIAM J JIANG</u> 14199457 / Q: 281P9 -> 293P15	1.0	L	8 L	7 W	10 L	4 L	6 L 3
<u>10</u> KS	<u>CODY ZAKERI</u> 14379800 / Q: 501P3 -> 102P9	0.0	L	5 L	4 L	9 L	8 L	3 L 7





# March Madness: Article & Crosstables

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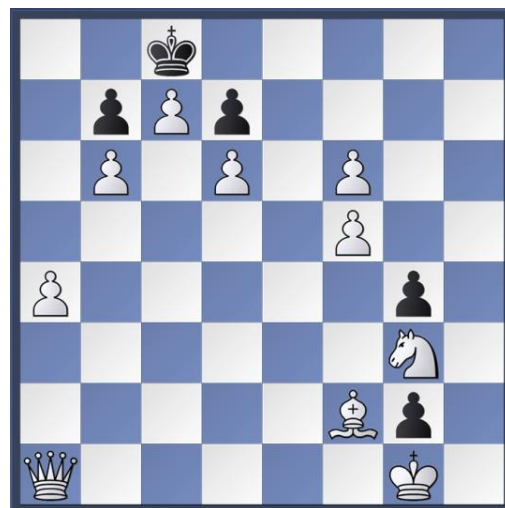
On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, I decided to run a “March Madness”, in the spirit of NCAA basketball tournament. However, instead of a knock out, the tournament would be a double Swiss blitz Game 5. It was lightning fast and with 6 rounds, 12 games back-to-back. 10 players showed up, including 3 experts, Ron Luther, Bob Holliman, and a new local expert, Abhishek Mallela, who moved north from Texas. Expert Ron Luther sneaked past me by half-point to secure the 1<sup>st</sup> place finish. Overall, it was just a crazy blitz tournament with lots of last-minute finishes. Below is the crosstable from the event – a total of 60 games played!

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12	
1	<a href="#">RONALD LUTHER</a> MO   10365007 / Q: 2099 -->2097	9.5	W	5 W	5 W	7 W	7 D	4 L	4 D	2 D	2 W	6 W	6 W	8 W	8
2	<a href="#">BRIAN Y YANG</a> KS   12946778 / Q: 1791 -->1924	9.0	W	10 W	10 D	3 D	3 W	7 W	7 D	1 D	1 W	5 W	5 D	4 D	4
3	<a href="#">ABHISHEK MALLELA</a> TX   12888811 / Q: 2163 -->2115	7.0	L	6 L	6 D	2 D	2 D	8 D	8 W	9 W	9 D	4 D	4 W	10 W	10
4	<a href="#">BOB HOLLIMAN</a> MO   10364833 / Q: 2016 -->2007	7.0	W	8 W	8 D	6 W	6 D	1 W	1 L	5 L	5 D	3 D	3 D	2 D	2
5	<a href="#">TONY R CHENG</a> KS   13486296 / Q: 1799 -->1833	7.0	L	1 L	1 W	9 W	9 W	6 W	6 W	4 W	4 L	2 L	2 D	7 D	7
6	<a href="#">ANDREW LATHAM</a> KS   12842311 / Q: 1734 -->1755	6.5	W	3 W	3 D	4 L	4 L	5 L	5 W	10 W	10 L	1 L	1 W	9 W	9
7	<a href="#">TAIMOOR NOOR</a> KS   12627423 / Q: 1821 -->1798	6.0	W	9 W	9 L	1 L	1 L	2 L	2 D	8 D	8 W	10 W	10 D	5 D	5
8	<a href="#">SAM N UN</a> KS   12571317 / Q: 1729 -->1739	6.0	L	4 L	4 W	10 W	10 D	3 D	3 D	7 D	7 W	9 W	9 L	1 L	1
9	<a href="#">SCOTT ERIC MERRYMAN</a> KS   12488758 / Q: 1077 -->1066	1.0	L	7 L	7 L	5 L	5 D	10 D	10 L	3 L	3 L	8 L	8 L	6 L	6
10	<a href="#">REX J XING</a> KS   13233207 / Q: 1008 -->1011	1.0	L	2 L	2 L	8 L	8 D	9 D	9 L	6 L	6 L	7 L	7 L	3 L	3

## SOLUTION TO THE FALL EDITION OF PLAINS CHESS' PUZZLE

### WHITE TO MOVE, MATE IN 8

Black's main defense is the threat of stalemate so White's first move must make a move that would allow Black to make a legal move: **1.Nf1 g3** [1...gxf1Q+ 2.Kxf1 g3 3.f7 g2+ 4.Ke2 g1N+ 5.Kd3 Ne2 6.f8Q#] **2.Bd4 gxf1R+** [2...gxf1Q+] **3.Qxf1 g2 4.Qa6 bxa6 5.f7 Kb7 6.f8Q Kc6 7.Qa8+ Kxd6 8.c8N# 1-0**



For the summer edition, I am choosing fairly easy problems but aesthetically pleasing puzzles: White to move and win.

