

Kansas Open 2013 Report

This is brief report to be followed by a much more detailed report at a later date: Plains Chess. Especially more pictures.

The 2013 Kansas Open was held July 12th to July 14th at the Holiday Inn off East Kellogg in Wichita, KS. There were three tournaments: the Blitz, the Bughouse, and the Main tournament that was broken down into Open and Reserve sections. Attendance for this year's tournament was good. There were 36 players in the **Blitz**, 6 teams in the **Bughouse**, and 39 players in **Open** and 72 players in the **Reserve**. The 111 players for both Open and Reserve is the highest total since 121 participants in the 1991 Kansas Open in Overland Park according to Ralph Bowman.

The **Blitz** was won by Conrad Holt with a perfect score of 5 wins and no losses. There were many with 4 wins and 1 loss including Brian Yang, Thomas Braunlich, Tim Steiner, Abhishek Mallella, and Stanley Capps. First place Class B was a four way tie with Rick Hodges, Mohammadresa Hajiarbabi, Terry Wright, and Garland Heyen all having 3.0 points out of 5. Dinko Skerlev was first place Class C and below with 3.0 points.

For the Blitz there were three scholastic plaques handed out: Apramay Mishra had 3.5 points, Joshua Fernandes had 3.0 points, and Kiana Hajiarbabi had 2.0 points.

The **Open section** determines the new Kansas Champion. And, the new 2013 Kansas Champion and also overall champion for the Open section was Conrad Holt with 5 wins in 5 games. At 4.0 points and by himself was Missouri player Bob Holliman. Sharing Class A and below first place prizes in the Open section were Kansas player Jason Wawrzaszek and Oklahoma player Howard Zong with 3.5 points.

The Open section had a lot of out of state players with 8 players from Missouri, 7 players from Oklahoma, 5 players from Nebraska, 3 players from Russia, and 1 player from Nevada out of 39 total players in the Open section.

The **Reserve section** was a tie between Kansas players Kaustubh Nimkar and Peter Bradshaw at 4.5 points as a result of their last round draw against each other.

Winning the Reserve section class C first place was CJ Armenta at 4.0 points. For class D and below section there was a two way tie for first with class D player Gabriel Purdy and unrated player Marshal Lusk both scoring 4.0 points.

Scholastic plaques were also presented in the Reserve section. Joshua Fernandes was first at 3.5 points. He won on tiebreaks over Steven Burgoon who also had 3.5 points. In third place was Kyle Tran with 3.0 points.

The **Bughouse tourney** was held July 12th immediately following the Blitz. There were 6 teams. After the 5 round robin tourney there was a tie between the team of Ben Gradsky-Tony Dutiel and Conrad Holt-Abhishek Mallela, each having 1 loss out of 10 total games played. Then there was a three game playoff with the team of Holt-Mallela winning 2 games to 1.

Following is the last round game score between Conrad Holt and Tom Braunlich from Oklahoma followed by some pictures. As stated a longer report with a lot more pictures and games is to follow in Plains Chess.

GM Holt (2627) - T Braunlich (2201) [E90]

Kansas Open Wichita (5.1),

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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.g3 f5
9.exf5 gxf5 10.Ng5 Nf6 11.Bg2 Qe7 12.0-0 h6 13.Nf3 Na6 14.Rb1 Nc5
15.Nh4 Qf7 16.b4 Nce4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Qc2 a5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Bxe4
Bxh3 21.b5 [21.Re1] 21...b6 [F Berry suggests 21...Bxf1 22.Kxf1 b6=]
22.Re1 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Qxf5 24.Qxf5 Rxf5 25.g4 Rf3 26.Be3 Raf8 27.Kg2
e4 28.Re2 R8f6 29.Rg1 Rg6 30.Kf1 Be5 31.g5 hxg5 32.Rg4 Bf6 33.Kg2
Rf5 34.Bd2 Kf7 35.Rexe4 Re5 36.Rxe5 dxe5 37.c5± Be7 38.cxb6 cxb6
39.a4 Rd6 40.Kf3** To Tom Braunlich's credit, he had Holt thinking deeply
during the last part of the game that I saw - at a time when Tom was
already short of time - and in what was still a dead-even position. I
assume Holt was thinking about the best way to try and convert his
drawish position into a win - the best way to give Tom chances to go
wrong. It was very interesting to watch Holt think. I have never known a
grandmaster to be so visually expressive regarding the apparent results of
his analysis of some contemplated line of play. It appeared that at times
that a line of play that Holt was analyzing would end up with disastrous
consequences for Holt, or at least would not achieve his objective of
winning - and you could see Holt telegraph this conclusion by the emphatic
shaking of his head or the almost audible "no, no, no" seeming to appear
on his lips. --- Judson Temple **40...Rxd5 41.Be3 Bd8 42.Ke4 Ke6 43.Rg1
Rd7 44.Rh1 Rf7** [F Berry suggests 44...Rd6=] **45.Rh8 Bc7 46.Rg8 Rh7
47.Rg6+ Kd7 48.Kd5 Rf7** [F Berry suggests 48...Rh4 49.Bxb6 Bxb6
50.Rxb6 Rxa4 51.Rg6=] **49.Rxg5 Re7** [F Berry suggests 49...Kc8 50.Rg6
Kb7=] **50.Rg6 Rf7 51.Rh6 Bd8 52.Rd6+ Kc8 53.Rc6+ Kb7 54.Kxe5 Bc7+
55.Ke6 Rh7 56.Rc4 1-0**

Judson Temple also notes: Tom essentially
played Conrad dead even for most of the game. But Tom had used up
most of his time and Conrad had not. So in time pressure with a tricky
rook, bishop and pawn endgame still in play, Tom missed the drawing
move available to him (according to grandmaster post-game commentary)
and dropped a pawn giving Tom a theoretically lost endgame and with
essentially no time remaining on Tom's clock, forcing him to play out the
remainder of the game taking no more than 5 seconds for each move.

Tom didn't even try. He simply resigned. So essentially, Tom lost on the
clock - not on the board. He just didn't analyze quickly enough to be able
to compete for an entire game against Conrad Holt. <Holt agreed that
Braunlich would have had better chances for the draw with +30 spm>



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Tourney director CJ Armenta with new Kansas Champion Conrad Holt



Tourney director Brian Yang with Kansas Reserve Champion, Kaustubh Nimkar, he tied for first place in the section with Peter Bradshaw



Editor of this bulletin (also received entries for tourney) Laurence Coker



Tourney Director Brian Yang with Blitz Scholastic Champion Apramay Mishra



First Round Blitz game: Conrad and Kiana Hajjarbabi on board number one with Tim Steiner and Dinko Skerlev on board number two



Leroy Asher and Lyle Taylor playing in Reserve section



Bughouse action-Team of Lillian and William Brown vs Tony Dutiel and Ben Gradsky (left to right) and Shawn Larson in background looking on



Zach Schuh and Tom Phillips in the Reserve



Tom Braunlich from Oklahoma (Conrad's last round opponent in the Open)



Bruce Elliott vs Dinko Skerlev in Reserve



Tony Cheng in the Open



Blitz chess action-Jason Wawrzaszek, Garland Heyen, and Brian Yang- left to right. Unknown spectator.



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