

## 2021 NEW YEAR BASH REPORT- January 2, 2021

The **13<sup>th</sup> New Year Bash** was held January 2. It had many precautions and restrictions. All were required to wear masks (covering both face and nose). Pairings were not posted. Each person had to connect online for pairings. There were no spectators. There were penalties for not doing so. There were temperature checks done on participants; before first round and before third round. Participation was limited to 48, but ended up being only 41. There were only two per table and tables were separated by over six feet. There were no onsite entries. No food or drinks of any kind were allowed in playing area. A signed registration (waiver form) before event acknowledging risk of Covid-19 spread and volunteering to assume all risks by parent, guardians, and participants was required. Between rounds hotel staff sanitized all table, chairs, and restrooms. That is a lot of precautions to make the event go.

There were two sections. There were 18 participating in the **Open section** and 23 participating in the **Reserve section** (U1700). There were several out of state participants with 4 from Missouri, 4 from Nebraska, 1 from Wisconsin, and 1 from Oklahoma. All other participants were from Kansas.

Finishing in first place by himself in the **Open section** was Luke Tran. He won all four of his games. In the open section there was a two way tie for second place with Sameeth Sheshappa and Jason Wawzaszek both finishing with three points out of four. Sameeth had two wins and two draws and Jason had three wins and one loss. In the **Reserve section** there was a two way tie for first place with Aashish Anantharaman and Quinlan Corley both finishing with four points. Aashish won all four of his games while Quinlan had three wins and had one game where his opponent forfeited. There was a four way tie for third with each player finishing with three points out of four: Michael Mills, Jonathan Klementowski, James E Hall, and Bradley Volz.

Very few pictures were taken of participants and no pictures of winners.

Link for pictures taken-----  
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I have a few games. I am going to list a few games and then add to it.

**GAMES- I list for games by winner of Open section, Luke Tran.  
He won all four of his games.**

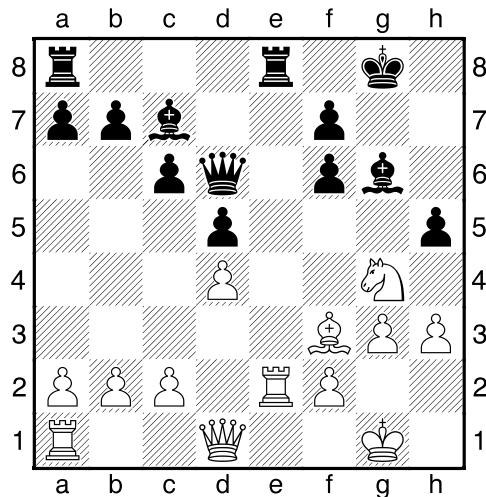
**Rounds: Results**

- (1) Luke Tan 1: Justin Cockrell 0**
- (2) Chad Forsman 0: Luke Tran 1**
- (3) Luke Tran 1: Frank Smith 0**
- (4) Cael Province 0: Luke Tran 1**

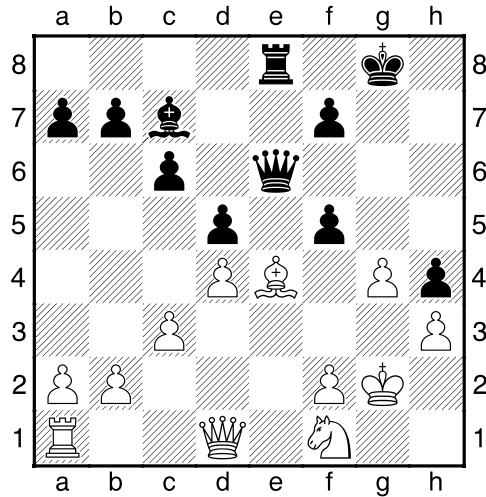
**(1) Luke Tran (1998) – Justin Cockrell (1754) [C42]**

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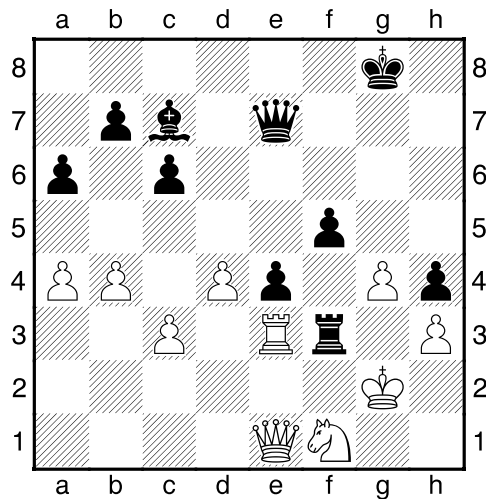
C42: Petroff Defence: 3.Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 last book move 8...Nxd2 9.Bxd2 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bg5= Nf6 14.Ne5 Bg6 15.Bf3 c6 16.Re2 Bc7 17.Ng4 Qd6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.g3 h5 Diagram**



**20.Rxe8+?! [20.Nh2 h4 21.Nf1  $\mp$ (-1.07)] 20...Rxe8 21.Nh2 Fritz says black has a significant advantage here. -+(-1.98) 21...h4 22.Nf1 Qe6 23.Kg2 Bf5 [23...hxg3 better 24.fxg3 f5 -+(-1.76)] 24.g4 Be4 25.c3 f5 26.Bxe4 Diagram**



**26...fxe4? =** [26...Qxe4+! better 27.Kg1 (27.Qf3 fxc4 28.Qxe4 Rxe4 29.Rd1 Kg7 30.hxc4 Rxc4+ 31.Kh3 Rf4 -+(-2.07)) 27...Kh7 28.f3 Qe2 29.Qxe2 Rxe2 30.Rb1 Kg6 -+(-2.32); 26...dxe4 not any better] **27.Qd2 Qf6 28.Qe3 Bf4 29.Qe2 Bc7 30.b4 a6 31.a4 Re6 32.f3?! Qe7 33.Ra2 Rf6 34.fxe4 dxe4 35.Qe1 Rf3 36.Re2 f5 37.Re3**  
Diagram



**37...fxg4?** [37...Bf4! 38.Re2 Qf6 39.Nh2 Bg3 40.Qd1 Bxh2 41.Kxh2 Qd6+ 42.Kg1 Rg3+ 43.Kh1 Rxh3+ Significant advantage black -+(-13.40)] **38.Rxe4 =** According to scoresheet, black ran out of time. There could follow- 38....Qf6 39. Rxc4+ Kf8 40. Rxc4 Rxc3 41. Qxc3

Qxh4 with a fairly equal game according to Fritz though I would prefer white. **1-0**

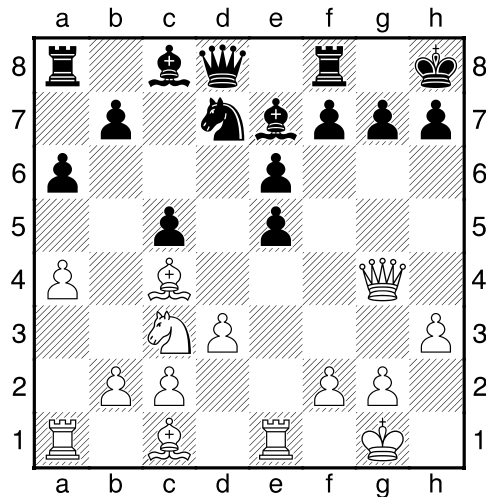
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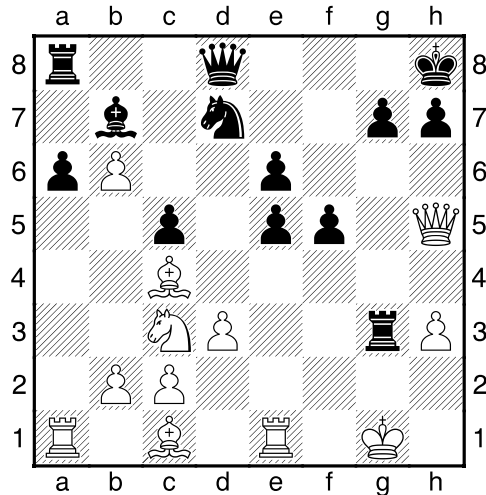
## **(2) Chad Forsman (1857) – Luke Tran (1988) [B50]**

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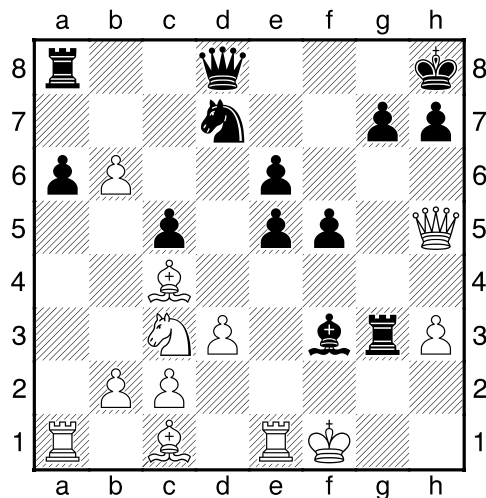
B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 a6** last book move **5.a4 Nc6 6.d3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.h3 0-0 9.e5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Qg4 Kh8=** Diagram



**13.a5 f5 14.Qg3 Bh4 15.Qf3 Rf6 16.Qe2 Rg6 17.Qh5 b5 18.axb6 Bb7 19.g3 Bxg3 20.fxg3 Rxg3+** Diagram



**21.Kf1?** white losing now [21.Kf2 only slight advantage here for black 21...Rg2+ 22.Kf1 Rg6 23.Re2 Nxb6 24.Bb3 Qc7  $\mp(-0.98)$ ] **21...Bf3**  
Diagram



**22.Bg5** [22.Qf7 Not any better 22...Qh4 mate to follow] **22...Bg2+**  
**23.Kf2 Rxc5 24.Qf7 Nxb6 25.Bxc6 Bxh3** [25...Qd4+ better, though black is still winning with text move] **26.Nd5 Rg2+ 27.Ke3** [27.Kf3 hardly improves anything 27...Qh4 28.Qxc7+ Kxc7 29.Bxf5 Nxd5 30.Bxh3 Rf2#] **27...Qg5+** [27...Qg5+ 28.Nf4 Qxf4#] **0-1**

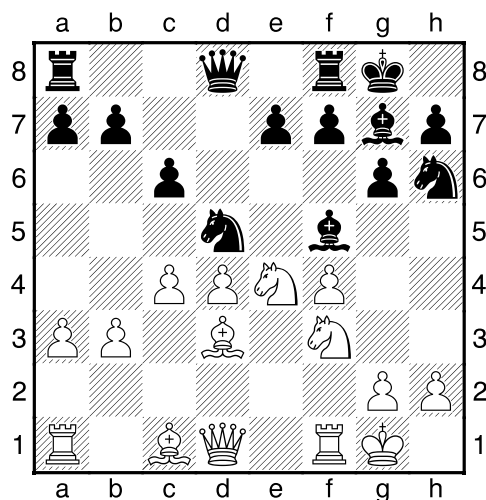
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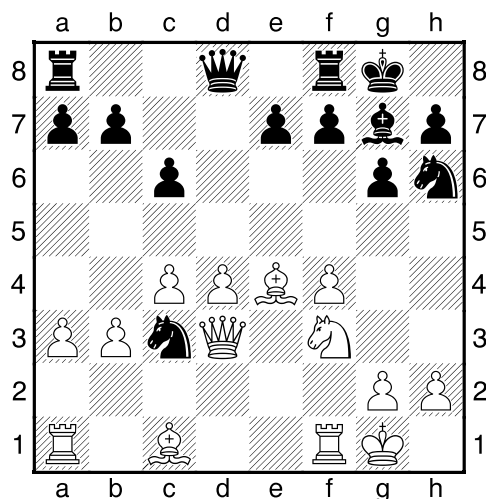
### (3) Luke Tran (1988) – Frank Smith (2062) [B06]

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B06: Modern Defence 1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 d5 5.Nf3 dxe4  
6.Nxe4 last book move 6...Bg7 7.Bc4 Nh6 8.c3 0-0 9.0-0 Nd7 10.b3  
Nb6 11.Bd3 Bf5 12.a3 Nd5= 13.c4? Diagram

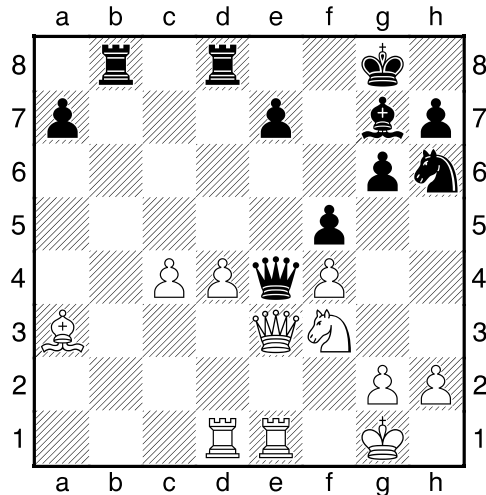


13...Bxe4 [13...Nc3! advantage black 14.Nxc3 Bxd4+ 15.Nxd4 Qxd4+  
16.Kh1 Qxc3 -+(=3.17)] 14.Bxe4 Nc3 15.Qd3 Diagram



15...f5? [15...Bxd4+! better, giving black advantage 16.Nxd4 Qxd4+  
17.Qxd4 Ne2+! 18.Kf2 Nxd4] 16.Bxc6 bxc6? [16...Bxd4+ better,

though white with slight advantage 17.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Ne2+ ±(0.71)] 17.Qxc3 white with significant advantage +-(1.49) 17...c5 18.Bb2 Qb6 19.Qd3 Rfd8 20.Rad1 Rab8 21.b4 cxb4 22.axb4 Qxb4 23.Ba3 Qb7 24.Qe3 Qe4 25.Rfe1 Diagram



[25.Qd2 better ±(1.24)] 25...Ng4? losing now [25...Qxe3+ better 26.Rxe3 Ng4 ±(0.70)] 26.Qxe4 fxe4 27.Rxe4 Rb3 28.Bxe7 Rdb8 29.h3? [29.Rde1 better] 29...Ne3? [29...Re3 better] 30.Re1 Nxc4 31.d5 Nb6 32.d6 Nd7 33.Ne5 Nc5? [33...R3b7 better] 34.Rc4 Ne6 35.Nc6 Rb1 36.Rce4 Bd4+ 37.Kh2 Rxe1 38.Rxe1 Rc8 39.Rxe6 Rxc6 40.d7 Bg1+ what else 41.Kxg1 Rc1+ 42.Kh2 1-0

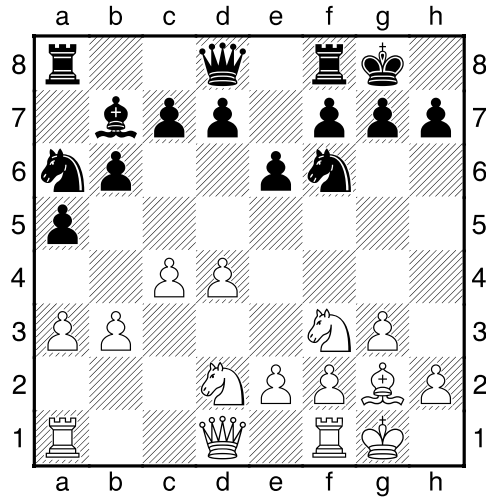
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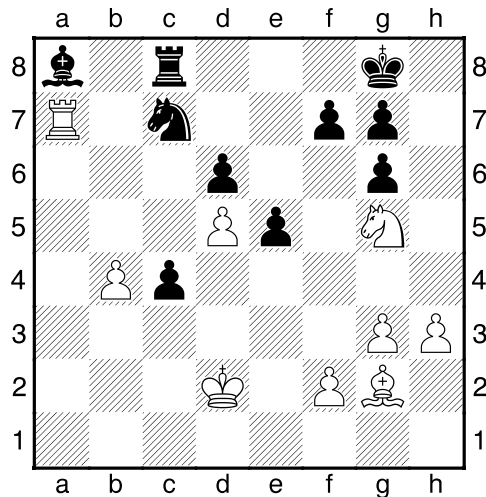
#### (4) Cael Province (1876) – Luke Tran (1988) [E15]

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E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb7 6.Bg2 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 a5 8.a3 Bxd2+ last book move 9.Nbxd2 0-0 10.0-0 Na6 Diagram

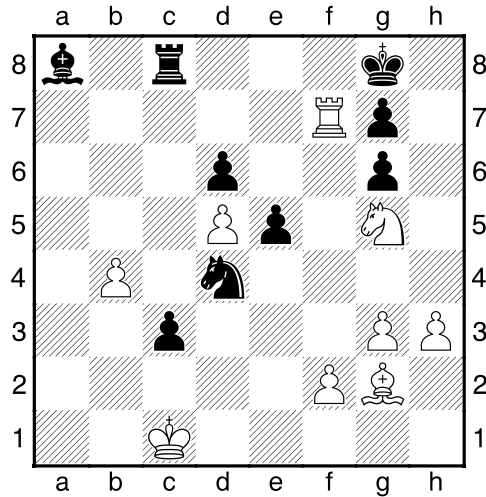


11.e3 c5 12.Qe2 cxd4 13.exd4 d6 14.h3 Qc7 15.Rfe1 Rfe8 16.Rab1 Rad8 17.Rec1= e5 18.d5 Qc5 19.Ng5 Qc7 20.Nde4 Qe7 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Qh5 Qg6 23.Qxg6 hxg6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Nc7 26.Ra1 Ra8 27.Ne4 Red8 28.Rxa8 Bxa8 29.Ra1 b5 30.Ra7 Ne8 31.Ng5? [31.cxb5 advantage for white  $\pm(-1.74)$ ] 31...bxc4 a dangerous passed pawn for black though with only slight advantage at this point for black  $\pm(-0.54)$  32.Kf1 Rc8 33.Ke1 Nc7 34.Kd2? Diagram



losing move [34.Kd1 c3 35.Ra5 prevents 35...Nb5 35...c2+ 36.Kc1 Black with slight advantage  $\mp(-1.23)$ ] 34...c3+! 35.Kc1 [35.Kxc3? Nb5+!] 35...Nb5 36.Rxf7 Nd4 Diagram





**37.Rd7?** [37.Bf1 necessary though white still losing 37...c2 38.Rf3 Bxd5 39.Rd3 Bb3 40.Rxd4 exd4 41.Bd3 Ra8 42.Kd2 Ra1 43.Bxc2 Ra2 44.Kd3 Rxc2 -+(-6.71)] **37...c2** [37...c2-+ Nb3+ coming with promotion to queen] **0-1**

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That is it for now. I hope to add more games.