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*Winning Chess
the Easy Way*
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Chimi

WIM Batchimeg Tuvshintugs just entered her first all-girls tournament since coming to the United States two and a half years ago. Is it any surprise that she captured first place in the top section? If you aren't familiar with the young lady nicknamed "Chimi," read below to learn about the commotion she caused earlier this year.

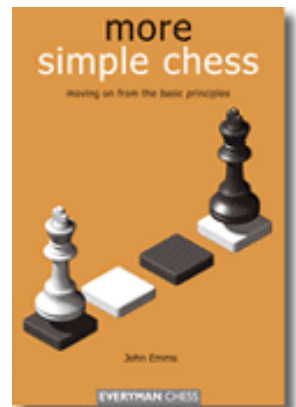
In addition, as a follow-up to the recently concluded spring scholastic national championships, we have a photo collage, courtesy of MyChessPhotos.com.

Everyman Quiz of the Month

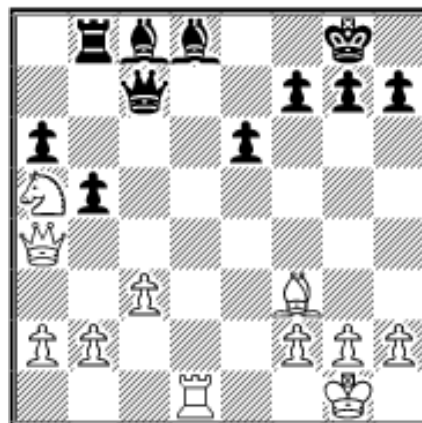
Each month Everyman Chess Books sponsors our Everyman Quiz of the Month, offering a free chess book to three respondents with correct answers. This month, winners of our quiz will receive *More Simple Chess*. Send your answers to

scholasticchess@chesscafe.com. Good luck!

Please note – winners within the last three months are ineligible for this month's contest.



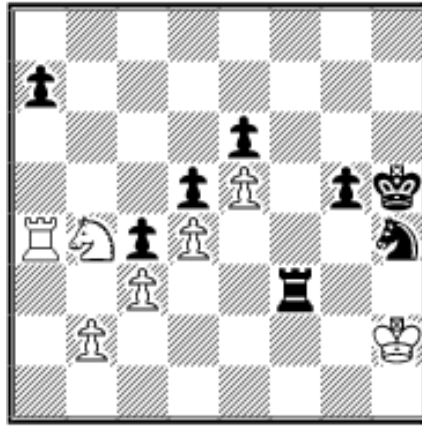
We will accept all contest answers for one week following the appearance of the column, then randomly select our three winners from this group. So please e-mail your responses to me by July 19, 2006.



Problem 1:

Both problems are taken from Chimi's recent games.

In this position, it is her turn to move as White. How did she proceed?



Problem 2:

Chimi has the black pieces in this game, what do you suggest for her?

For both problems, send your answers to scholasticchess@chesscafe.com.

2006 Susan Polgar World Open Championship for Girls

Another new all-girls tournament debuted at the 2006 Las Vegas Chess Festival, with 72 young ladies participating in GM Susan Polgar's World Open Championship for Girls. The 20-year-old sensation WIM Batchimeg Tuvshintugs was triumphant in the 16-player Under-21 field. Chimi, as she is called by her friends, scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in the six-round event, including victories over strong players Abby Marshall (who finished in second place, a half-point behind Chimi) and Magdalena Matyszevska. Only a draw with WIM Luciana Morales, a member of Peru's 2006 Women's Olympiad team, kept Chimi from sweeping the field.



Abby Marshall (in foreground)

In the Under-15 section, Janice Chen won clear first with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score; Serena Zadoo scored a perfect 6-0 to top the Under-13 division; and Victoria Zhang also scored 6-0 to win the Under-10 section. Congratulations to all of the bright young girls who took advantage of the opportunity to meet dozens of their peers from around the country.



More Chimi!

As you may recall, Batchimeg Tuvshintugs was part of the 64-player 2006 U.S. Championship in March of this year. With a pre-tournament USCF rating of 2269, Chimi had a remarkable start to the tournament by defeating three grandmasters, having never beaten one before. Here are her results in the first five rounds:

- Round 1: defeated GM Alexander Fishbein (2592)
- Round 2: lost to GM Yury Shulman (2620)
- Round 3: defeated GM Boris Kreiman (2532)
- Round 4: drew with GM Boris Gulko (2684)
- Round 5: defeated GM Julio Becerra (2645)

In the sixth round, 2700+ GM Gata Kamsky ended Chimi's hot streak, but she had already captured the attention of much of the U.S. chess world with her amazing string of successes. At the end of the tournament, she was awarded the \$1,000 Joyce Jillson Prize in recognition of her outstanding play.



Batchimeg Tuvshintugs (L) with Susan Polgar

Chimi has been a recent fixture at the [Mechanics' Institute](#) in San Francisco, where manager IM John Donaldson reports, "We're very happy to have her as a member ... and are impressed by the way she is able to juggle her time between work, academic studies, and chess."

She's only been in the U.S. since early 2004, having come from Ulanbator, Mongolia. After initially coming to Baltimore, she now lives in Oakland, California and attends the City College of San Francisco.

Her father taught her the game of chess when she was seven years old and she quickly took to it. "Solving problems seemed really interesting," she noted. By age 12, she began being tutored by Batsaikahn Tserendorj, who remains her coach to this day, now that both of them are in northern California. While still in Mongolia, she met with quite a bit of success, scoring well in national women's championships and representing her country at the 2002 Chess Olympiad in Bled, Slovenia, as well as participating in World Youth Chess Championships.

She attributes much of her success to her work with her coach, with whom she is quite close. "In life as well as in chess he always gives me advice. I believe that when you want to reach a goal it is very important that there is someone who can understand you. In my opinion, having a good coach is the most crucial thing in chess success." Recognizing her natural talent, Tserendorj urged Chimi to come to the U.S., where she would have much more opportunity to expand her abilities. "In

Mongolia, everybody pretty much knows how to play chess,” she explained, “but for the professional players it is hard to compete, because we do not have many opportunities to participate in international tournaments. In contrast, here in the U.S. every tournament you have a chance to play with GMs and IMs.”

Interestingly, the Susan Polgar Under-21 World Open Championship for Girls was the first all-girl tournament she has played in since coming to the U.S. She revealed, “As a female chess player I really appreciate that Mrs. Susan Polgar is organizing these tournaments for girls. I have admired the Polgar sisters since I was a kid, and I respect Susan as a great chess player and person.”



As for her chess training, she stated: “I do not have an exact regimen. I try to study chess every day. Sometimes I spend many hours analyzing games, sometimes I spend 30 minutes. Usually, I spend one or two hours a day.”

It is clear that she has placed high expectations on herself. Despite her phenomenal results in the early part of the 2006 U.S. Championship, she remarked, “Of course, I’m happy after all my victories, but I was actually dissatisfied with the quality of my games. Maybe the first game with Alexander Fishbein was good. The other two GMs I beat had better positions and I think they underestimated me. For instance, Boris Kreiman only spent 15 minutes for the entire game. Julio Becerra had a positional advantage and I was in time pressure. But he moved fast and carelessly. Probably, I was lucky too.” She did acknowledge, however, feeling more confident after her victories. She is quoted on the [USCF website](#) as saying, “I realized if I can beat three GMs, why can’t I be a GM also?”

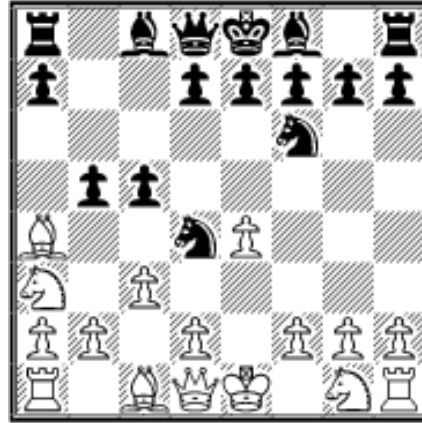
When I asked Chimi if she had a favorite game to contribute to this column, she commented, “Until now, I do not think that I have a perfect game, since at some point I make mistakes. I liked the game that I played against Alexander Shabalov at the 2006 Chicago Open. Even though I lost, I was happy because I played many hours of a combative,

interesting game against a top GM.” We are happy to share this game with you, with annotations by Chimi:

Alex Shabalov – Batchimeg Tuvshintugs

Chicago Open (5) 2006 [B20]

1.e4 c5 2.Na3 Nc6 (2...g6; 2...a6) 3.Bb5 Nd4?! 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.c3 b5



How often do you see a position like this, after only five moves, in a game between masters?

6.cxd4 bxa4 7.e5 Nd5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Ne2 Ba6 10.0–0 Bd3 11.b3 e6 12.Nc4 Qxc5 13.Ba3 Qb5 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Re1 Bxc4 16.bxc4 Qxc4 17.Ng3 f5?!

17...g6 18.Re4 Qc6 19.Rxa4 Kg7.

18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qf3 Kf7 20.Ne4 Qd5 21.Qf4 Rhf8 22.Nxf6 gxf6 23.Qxa4 Rg8 24.g3 a5? 25.Re4 Ra7 26.Rh4 Rg7 27.Rd4 Qb7 28.Rc1 Rg5 29.Qc2 Rg6 (29...f5!?) 30.a4 f5 31.Qc3 Rg4 32.Rxg4 fxg4 33.Qd4 (33.Qe3) 33...h5 34.Qf4+ Kg6 35.Qe3 Ra8 36.Rc5 Qb1+ 37.Kg2 Qb7+ 38.Kf1 Qa6+ 39.d3 d5 40.Rb5 Qc8 41.Qe5 Qc6 42.Qd4 Qc1+ 43.Kg2 Rf8

43...Qd1 44.Qe3 Re8 45.Rxa5.

44.Rb7 Rf7

44...Rf6 45.Rb8 Qd1 46.Rg8+ Kf7 47.Rf8+ Kxf8 48.Qxf6+ Kg8 49.Qxe6+ Kg7 50.Qxd5 Qxa4 51.Qxh5 Qd1 52.Qd5 Qf3+ 53.Qxf3 gxf3+ 54.Kxf3 a4.

45.Rb8 Qc7 46.Ra8 Rd7 (46...Re7 47.Ra6) 47.Ra6 Kf5 48.Qe3 Qe5 49.Qh6 Qe2 50.Qxh5+ Kf6 51.Qh6+ Ke7 52.Qg7+ Kd8 53.Qf8+ 1–0

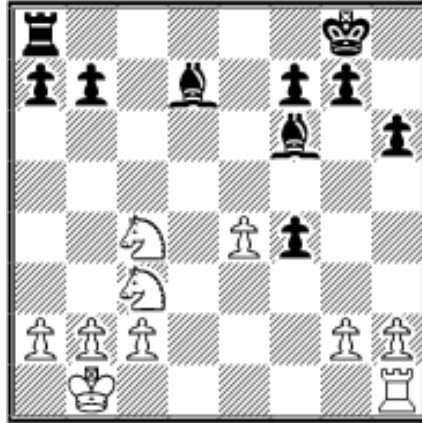
The next game is Chimi’s first round stunner from the 2006 U.S. Championship. Chimi enters an early endgame with two knights against Fishbein’s two bishops. It’s instructive to see how her knights are more mobile and effective than her opponent’s bishops, even in an open position.

Batchimeg Tuvshintugs – Alex Fishbein

U.S. Championship, San Diego (1) March 2, 2006 [B64]

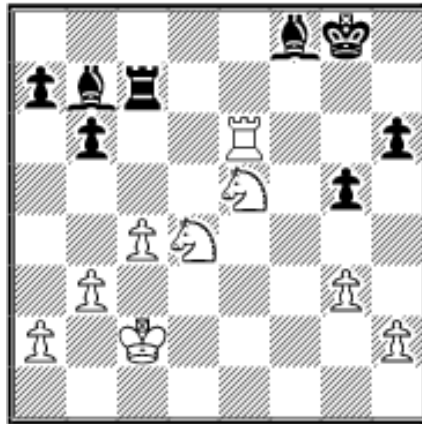
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2

**Be7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.f4 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ndb5 Qa5 12.Kb1 Rd8
13.Nxd6 e5 14.Bc4 Bg4 15.Qd5 Rd7 16.Qxa5 Nxa5 17.Rd5 Nxc4
18.Nxc4 exf4 19.Rxd7 Bxd7**



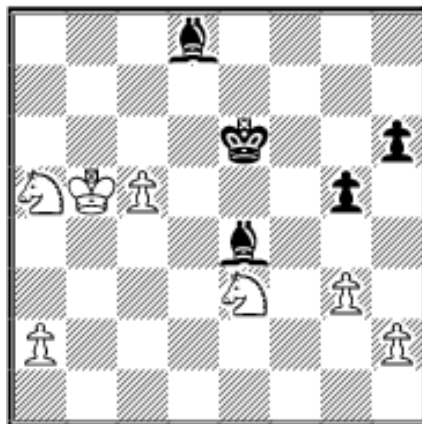
Watch how Chimi's knights prove to be more effective than the opposing bishops.

**20.Nd5 Bh4 21.Nxf4 Bc6 22.g3 Bg5
23.Re1 Rd8 24.Kc1 b6 25.c3 Be7
26.Kc2 Bf8 27.Nd2 Bc5 28.Nb3 Bf8
29.Nd4 Bb7 30.Nd3 Re8 31.e5 g6
32.Nb5 Ra8 33.e6 fxe6 34.Rxe6 g5
35.c4 Rc8 36.b3 Kf7 37.Nd4 Rc7
38.Ne5+ Kg8**



The white pieces are much more active than their black counterparts.

**39.Rg6+ Rg7 40.Re6 Re7 41.Rxe7
Bxe7 42.Nec6 Bc5 43.b4 Bf8
44.Kc3 a6 45.Nd8 Bc8 46.N8e6 Be7
47.Nc7 a5 48.bxa5 bxa5 49.Nc6
Bc5 50.Nd5 Bh3 51.Nd4 Kf7
52.Ne3 Bc8 53.Kd3 Bb7 54.Nb3
Bb6 55.c5 Bd8 56.Kc4 Ke6 57.Kb5
Be4 58.Nxa5**



Now two pawns up, Chimi demonstrates how to secure the win.

**58...Bf6 59.Nac4 Bd4 60.a4 Bd3
61.Kb6 Kd7 62.a5 Kc8 63.Nd6+
Kb8 64.Nd5 Bg1 65.Nb4 Bf1 66.a6
Ka8 67.Ne8 Bg2 68.Nc7+ Kb8
69.a7+ Kc8 70.Nc6 1-0**

Lastly, we have Chimi's third round game in which she executes a 27-

move victory over GM Kreiman.

Batchimeg Tuvshintugs – Boris Kreiman

U.S. Championship, San Diego (3) March 5, 2006 [B32]

Annotations from *Fritz 9*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 e6 6.Be3 Qc7 7.Nc3 Nf6

The last book move.

8.Be2 Bb4

White has a very active position.

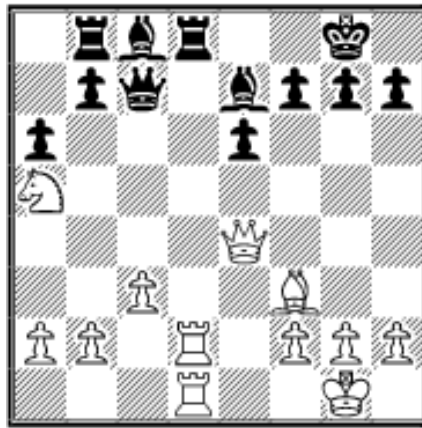
9.Qd3 d5 10.exd5

10.0-0 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 0-0 12.exd5 Nxd5=.

10...Nxd5= 11.Bd2 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 0-0 13.0-0 Ne5 (13...e5!?)=)
14.Bxe5 Qxe5 15.c3 Be7 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Bf3 a6 18.Qe4 Rb8 19.Rd2
Bd7 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.Na5

White threatens to win material: Na5xb7.

21...Bc8



21...Bb5 and Black hangs on 22.Nb3 Rxd2 23.Rxd2 Bc4.

22.Rxd8+± Bxd8 23.Qa4

23.Qe5 Ra8 (23...Qxe5?? 24.Rxd8#)
 24.Nc4 Qe7±.

23...b5 (23...Qe7!?)=) 24.Qf4!

White gets the upper hand.

24...e5 (24...Qxf4 25.Rxd8) 25.Qxe5!+– Be6??

Terrible, but the game is lost in any case: 25...Qxe5 26.Rxd8+–.

26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Nc6 1-0 (27.Nc6 Qb6 28.Nxb8+–)

For her efforts in the 2006 U.S. Championship, WIM Batchimeg Tuvshintugs earned a norm toward her WGM title, and one suspects she won't stop there.

Note: the photos from the Polgar World Open Championship for Girls are included courtesy of Paul Truong.

2006 Spring Scholastic Championships

MyChessPhotos.com graciously sent us a variety of wonderful photos from the three recent scholastic championships – the 2006 Elementary School, Junior High School and High School Championships. Enjoy the following collage:





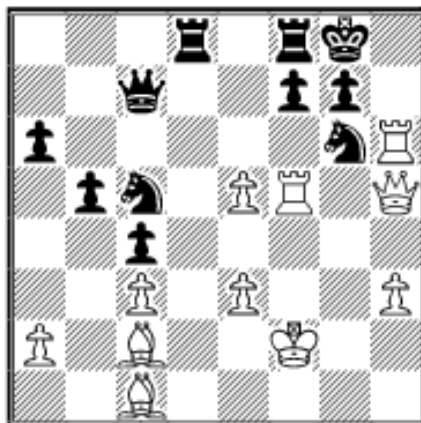






Answers to Last Month's Quiz

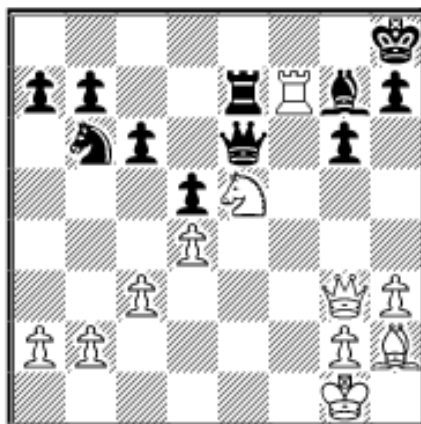
Below are the questions and answers from last month's quiz:



Problem 1:

It is White's turn to move in this position from GM Yasser Seirawan's excellent book *Winning Chess Tactics*. What do you suggest?

Answer: 1.Rh8+!! Nxh8 2.Qh7+! Kxh7 3.Rh5+ Kg8 4.Bh7#.



Problem 2:

This is also from *Winning Chess Tactics*. White is about to unleash a crushing move. What is it?

Answer: 1.Nxg6+! hxg6 (if 1... Qxg6, the black rook at e7 is en prise) 2.Qh4+ Kg8 3.Rxe7.

Have something newsworthy you'd like to share? E-mail me at scholasticchess@chesscafe.com. I can't promise that I'll be able to respond to each e-mail, but every one will be read and considered. For all games submitted, please provide the following information: (1) Names and age of both players; (2) Ratings of both players; (3) When and where the game was played; (4) The time control used in the game; and (5) Any other information you think would be helpful for us to know.

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