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# Scholastic Chess

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*Winning Chess  
the Easy Way*  
by Susan Polgar

## Polgar, Denker, and Pan Am Youth

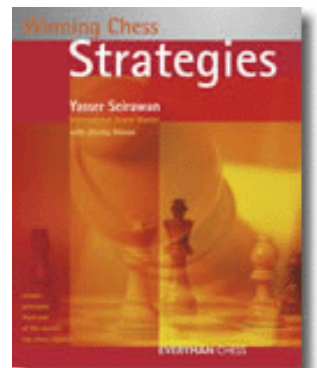
The past month saw a flurry of activity in scholastic chess circles. Both the Denker Tournament of High School Champions and the Polgar Invitational for Girls tournament took place concurrently with the U.S. Open in suburban Chicago, plus the Pan American Youth Festival was held in Ecuador.

Abby Marshall discusses her repeat first-place finish at the Polgar tournament (she finished in a three-way tie last year, as reported in our September 2005 [column](#)) and Elliott Liu provides us with an insider's look at some of the trials and tribulations he experienced playing at the Pan Am tournament.

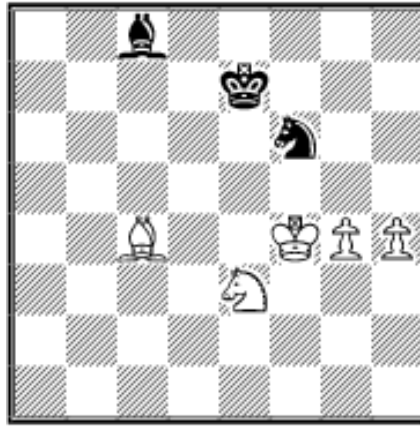
Be sure to check back next month, as we continue our interview with Elliott Liu and have the opportunity to talk with several other top scholastic players as well.

### Everyman Quiz of the Month

Each month Everyman Chess 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 *Winning Chess Strategies* by GM Yasser Seirawan. Please note – winners within the last three months are ineligible for this month's contest. Send your answers to [scholasticchess@chesscafe.com](mailto:scholasticchess@chesscafe.com). Good luck!



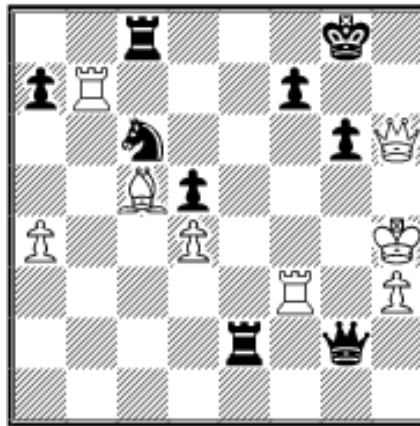
We will accept all contest answers for one week following the appearance of the column, then randomly select our three winners from this group. So please e-mail your responses to me by September 20, 2006.



Problem 1:

Both problems are from GM Yasser Seirawan's [\*Winning Chess Tactics\*](#).

Black is down two pawns (and White's extra pawns are connected) yet can manage a draw from this position. It is Black to move. What should he do?



Problem 2:

It is White to move, and White is a young Judit Polgar. How does she bring her opponent down before her own king falls?

For both problems, send your answers to [scholasticchess@chesscafe.com](mailto:scholasticchess@chesscafe.com).

### **Denker Tournament of High School Champions, August 2006**

Forty-six players, including four rated 2200+, competed in the annual Denker Tournament of High School Champions, held concurrently with the 2006 U.S. Open in the Chicago metropolitan area.

The top spot went to outgoing high school senior Nelson Lopez II (rated 2136) of North Carolina, who finished with 5½ points in the six-round event, yielding only a draw in round 4. A half-point behind was Texas' Alexander Chua, who at 2255 was the highest-rated participant.



2006 Denker Tournament players.

Photo: Paul Truong.

Four other players finished tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place, including ninth grader Tyler Hughes from Colorado. Tyler led the pack after four rounds with a perfect 4-0 score, but then drew with Chua in round five and lost to Lopez in the final round.

### **Susan Polgar Invitational for Girls, August 2006**

After finishing in a three-way tie for first in last year's Polgar Invitational, Abby Marshall left nothing to chance this time. She swept through the first five rounds, defeating each of her opponents, and then drew with top-rated Courtney Jamison in the final round to finish a half-point ahead of Louiza Livschitz and Elina Kats.

Reflecting on her successful experiences in the past two Polgar Invitational tournaments, Abby noted that "I have fond memories of both events. In terms of competition, I think last year was stronger with WGM Anya Corke and FM Alisa Melekhina, but this year had more depth, with four players 1950 and above and a handful of 1800 players. For me this year was no less challenging than last year and every game was a struggle."



2006 Polgar Invitational players.

Photo: Paul Truong.

“I think this is a wonderful event to make friends and meet new people,” Abby added. “I’m still in touch with some of the players I met here and I had a good time.”

Although she laments the relative lack of chess tournaments in the vicinity of her home in Newport News, Virginia, Abby has managed to maintain a high level of success this year. “In June, I played in the Polgar World Open for Girls in Las Vegas in the U21 section. I had a great tournament, only losing to the winner and beating a WIM from Peru and a strong girl from Mexico. I also played in the Blitz at the National Open (which was held at the same time as the Polgar event) and defeated a master in both games of the final round, which helped me win a class prize for U2000. In March, I played in the Virginia High School State Championships and tied for first with 5/6.”

In addition to winning the 2006 Polgar Invitational outright, she also won the Polgar Blitz side event with a perfect 6-0 score. Last year she also participated in the concurrent U.S. Open, “but this time,” she reports, “my mom, little sister, and baby brother traveled with me and after the Polgar round we’d go and visit relatives in the area.”

Abby, now in 9th grade, was invited to represent the U.S. in the upcoming World Youth Chess Championship in the European city of Batumi, Georgia, but the lack of sufficient chaperones will apparently prevent Abby’s involvement this year. She does, however, plan on competing in the National K-12 Championship in December.

I asked Abby if she has changed her training regimen lately and she commented that “I’ve mostly worked on tactics and theoretical endgames recently. The endings I get from the book *Basic Endgames* by Balashov and Prandstetter.”



Abby Marshall, right, with GM Susan Polgar. Photo: Paul Truong

Abby kindly provided us with annotations to her back-and-forth game with Amanda Mateer from this year's Polgar Invitational.

***Amanda Mateer (1891) - Abby Marshall (1950)***

Polgar Invitational, (5) August 10, 2006 [D00]

**1.d4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.c3 Nd7 4.f4**

4.dxc5 Nxc5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Qxd5 Bxb5 7.Qxc5 Qd3 8.Nd2 Black's two bishops and White's inability to castle soon compensate for the pawn. 8...Nf6 (8...Rd8!? 9.Qxa7 Ba6 10.e4 Nf6 unclear) 9.Qd4 Qg6 10.g3 Qh5 11.Qf4 Bc6 12.e4 e5 unclear.

**4...Ngf6 5.Bd3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7**

I always use this system of development against the Stonewall. The knights are placed to defend and the g6-pawn blunts the strength of the d3-bishop.

**7.Nbd2 a6**

I briefly looked at 7...Ng4 8.Qe2 f5, but I think it weakens my kingside too much and the f5-pawn could become a target after h3-g4.

**8.a4**

I don't like this move. It weakens White's pawn structure further and I can still play b5 after c4. If she exchanges pawns on b5, the a-file is opened to my advantage. 8.O-O is better.

**8...b6 9.Ne5 (9.a5 b5) 9...Qc7 10.O-O Bb7 11.Qf3**

11.Ndf3 looks more natural. The game could continue 11...O-O 12.g4

c4 13.Bc2 b5 14.g5 Ne4 with a complicated position.

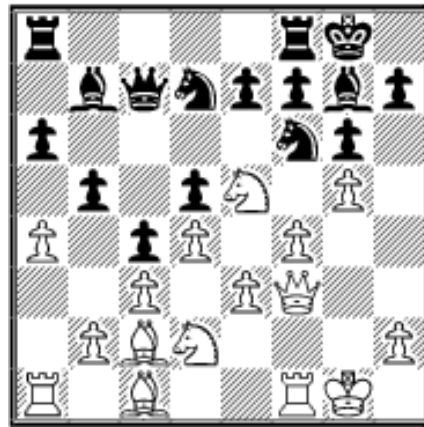
### 11...O-O

Otherwise f7 is weak and my h8-rook is out of the game.

### 12.g4 c4 13.Bc2 b5?!

The queenside proved to be a negative distraction later on, so a semi-waiting move like 13...Rab8 seems better.

### 14.g5!?



This leads to an interesting position.  
14.Qh3 Nb6 15.Ndf3 Ne4 16.f5  
unclear.

### 14...Nxe5 15.fxe5

15.dxe5 Nd7 Now f5 is hard to get in  
and Black has the c5-square.

### 15...Nd7 16.h4

16.e4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4

Rad8=.

### 16...f6

Black doesn't have much choice. The knight can't go to f8 to defend h7, because if the rook moves then Qxf7. 16...Qa5 17.h5 Nb6 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Rf2 White has good attacking chances.

### 17.gxf6

17.e6 fxg5 18.Qh3 Rxf1+ 19.Nxf1 Nf8 -/+; 17.exf6 exf6 18.gxf6 Nxf6 =/+.

### 17...exf6 18.e6!

This pawn proved to be very strong.

### 18...Nb6 19.h5

19.e4 Rae8 20.exd5 Bxd5-/+; 19.Qg2 f5 20.h5 Rf6 -/+.

### 19...f5 20.hxg6

20.Qh3 Rfe8! (20...Qe7 21.Nf3 Qxe6 22.Ng5 Qe7 23.Nxh7! Kxh7 24.hxg6+ Kxg6 25.Rxf5+-) 21.Rf2 (21.Nf3 Rxe6 22.Ng5 Rf6=+/+) 21...Rxe6 22.Rh2 Nd7 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Nf3 Nf8 25.Ng5 Ree8=+/+.

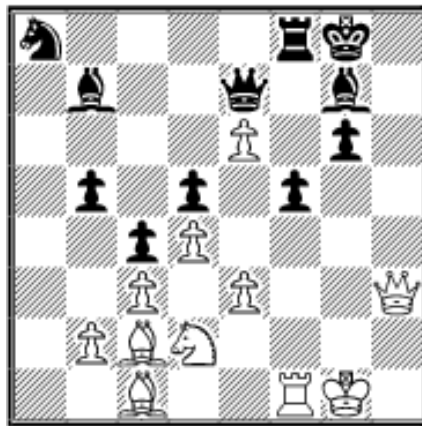
### 20...hxg6 21.axb5!

This disorganizes Black's minor pieces on the queenside.

### 21...axb5 22.Rxa8 Nxa8

Probably best as the knight is badly placed anyhow and can get back into the game via c7.

### 23.Qh3 Qe7



I thought for an eternity on this move. It has three points: attacks e6, threatens Qg5-h6 trading queens, and clears c7 for the knight. 23...Bf6 24.Rf2 Qh7 25.Qg2 Qg7 26.Rf3 White will create strong pressure on g6; 23...Rf6 24.Nf3 Rxe6 25.Ng5 Ra6? (25...Re7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Qxg6 Qg3+ 28.Kh1 Qh4+=) 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Bxf5! gxf5 28.Rxf5+ Bf6 29.Rxf6+ Rxf6 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qg7+ +-; 23...Bc8

24.Qg2 attacking d5 and g6.

### 24.Rf2

24.Nf3 Rf6 25.Ng5 Nc7=+/+.

### 24...Bc6?

I wanted to protect g6 with Be8, but it's too slow. 24...Nc7! 25.Rg2 (25.Rh2 Nxe6 26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.Nf3 Ng5! 28.Ne5+ Qxe5-+; 25.Nf3 Nxe6 26.Rh2 Ng5-+/+) 25...Rf6 26.Nf3 Nxe6 27.Ne5 Nf8 28.e4? fxe4!-+; 24...Qxe6 25.Nf3 Rf6 26.Ne5 Nb6=+/+ 24...Rf6!? 25.Rh2 Rxe6 26.Nf3 Ra6!-+/+.

### 25.Nf3

25.Rh2 Rf6 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Nf3 Rxe6! 28.e4!? dxe4 29.Ng5 Rd6 30.Bf4 Nb6!-+/+.

### 25...Nc7?!

Now it's too late. 25...Be8? 26.Rh2 Bf6 (26...Rf6 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.e4! dxe4 29.Bh6+—)

27.Ng5! Bc6 28.Nh7 Re8 29.Bxf5!+—; 25...Rf6! 26.Ng5! (26.Rh2?!Rxe6 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Rg2 Be8—/+) 26...Nc7 27.Rg2 Bf8 28.Rh2 Bg7=.

### 26.Rh2 Rf6?

26...Nxe6? 27.Qh7+ Kf7 28.Ne5+ +—; 26...Bf6 27.Rg2 White is crashing through; 26...Ra8!? 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Nh4 Be8 29.Bxf5!? Ra1 (29...gxf5 30.Nxf5 Qf6 31.Rg2 Nxe6 32.Nxg7 Nxg7 33.Rf2+—) 30.Bb1! (30.Rf2? Rxc1+ 31.Kg2 Bf6 32.Nxg6+ Bxg6 33.Qxg6 Qg7—+) 30...Qg5+! (30...Qxe6 31.Rf2+ Bf6 32.Nxg6+ Bxg6 33.Qxg6 Ne8 34.Bd2+/=) 31.Rg2 Qh6 32.e7+ Kf7 33.Bxg6+ Kf6 34.Rf2+ Kg5 35.Nf3+ (35.Rf5+? Kxh4 36.Rh5+ Kg3!—+) 35...Kf6 36.Nh4+=.

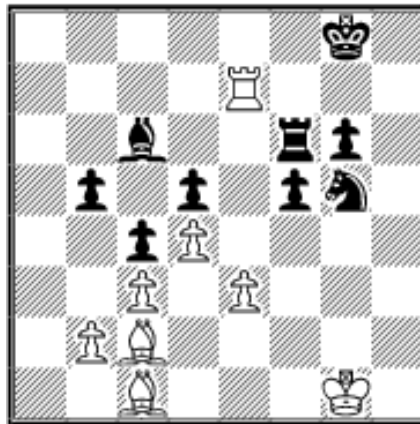
### 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Ng5?

28.e4!+— Nxe6 (28...dxe4 29.Bh6 Nxe6 30.Qh8+ Kf7 31.Ne5#; 28...f4 29.e5 Rxe6 30.Bxf4 Qf7 31.Ng5 Qxf4 32.Nxe6+ Nxe6 33.Rf2+—; 28...Ke8 29.Bg5 dxe4 30.Ne5+—; 28...Rxe6 29.Bh6 Ne8 30.Ng5+—) 29.Bh6 Ke8 30.e5 Rf7 31.Qxg6+—.

### 28...Nxe6 (28...Ke8 29.Rg2=) 29.Qh8+!?

29.e4?! Nxg5! (29...dxe4 30.Qh8+ Bxh8 31.Rxh8+ Kg7 32.Rh7+=) 30.Bxg5 dxe4—/+; 29.Nf3 Ke8 30.Ne5 Ng5 31.Qh4 Re7—/+.

### 29...Bxh8 30.Rxh8+ Kg7 31.Rh7+ Kf8 32.Rh8+ Kg7 33.Rh7+ Kg8 34.Rxe7 Nxg5



An interesting ending. Black has the definite edge, but if White can get the dark-squared bishop out, there are good drawing chances.

### 35.b3

The best chance. 35.Kg2 Ne4 36.Kf3 (36.Bxe4 dxe4 37.Ra7 g5 38.Kg3 Rh6 39.Kg2 Rh4—/+) 36...g5 37.Ra7 Rh6—/+.

### 35...Rf7?

35...Ne4! 36.Bxe4 (36.Bb2 Nd2 37.bxc4 [37.b4 The bishop is buried; 37.Bc1 Nxb3 38.Ba3 (38.Bxb3 cxb3 39.Ba3 b4 40.cxb4 Bb5 41.Rb7

Ra6--+) 38...Nd2--+] 37...dxc4--/+) 36...dxe4 37.bxc4 bxc4 38.Kg2 Ba4 39.Kg3 g5 40.Ra7 Bc2 41.Rc7 Bd3--/+,

**36.Ba3 Rxe7 37.Bxe7 Ne6?!**

37...cxb3!? 38.Bxb3 Ne4 39.Bb4 Kf7 40.Bc2 g5 41.Kg2 Kf6--/+,

**38.Bd6?!**

38.b4 is more accurate, getting rid of cxb3 options.

**38...Kh7 39.Kf2 Kh6 40.Kg3 Kh7 41.Kh4 Kg7 42.Be5+ Kf7 43.b4**

White should hold.

**43...Nf8 44.Kg5 Nh7+ 45.Kh6 Nf6 46.Kg5 Ng4 47.Bf4 Nf2 48.Bg3 Ng4 49.Bf4 Nf6 50.Be5 Nd7 51.Bc7 Nf8 52.Bd6**

Around here she offered a draw. I thought for a few minutes then decided to press on.

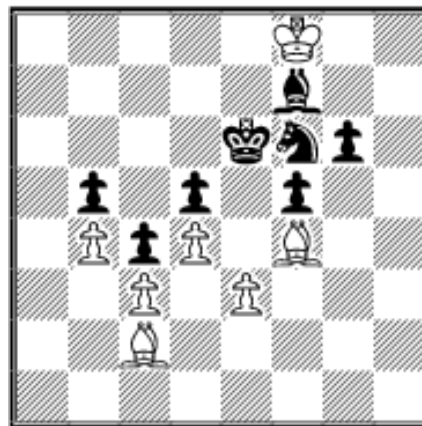
**52...Ne6+ 53.Kh6 Be8 54.Bb1 Nd8 55.Bc7 Nc6 56.Bc2 Kf6 57.Bf4 Ke6 58.Kg7?!**

The king is misplaced here. Better is 58.Kg5.

**58...Na7 59.Kf8? Bf7 60.Bg5?!**

60.Kg7 is needed.

**60...Nc8 61.Bd8 Nd6 62.Bc7 Ne8 63.Bf4 Nf6**



**64.Bc7?**

The final error. 64.Kg7 Nh5+ 65.Kh6 Nxf4 66.exf4=

**64...g5!--+ 65.Bd8 (65.Bb1 Ng4--+) 65...f4 66.exf4 gxf4 67.Kg7 f3 68.Bd1 f2 69.Be2 Nh5+ 70.Kh6 Ng3 71.Bg4+ Nf5+ 0-1**

We congratulate Abby and her fellow competitors for their fine efforts and look forward to following their progress in the future.

Shortly before this column went to press, we were pleased to learn that Abby had been invited to participate in the Virginia Closed

Championship held over the Labor Day weekend. Not surprisingly, she performed well beyond her 1950 USCF rating. In fact, she took second place with a  $4\frac{1}{2}/6$  score, losing only to eventual champion Andrew Samuelson. Along the way, she defeated 2300+ rated players FM Macon Shibut and Daniel Miller in consecutive rounds, and triumphed over master Steven Greanias in the final round.

Abby Marshall certainly personifies the type of tenacious young player that most scholastic chessplayers strive to become and that most coaches would love to have as a student. You can read more about Abby in our [September 2005](#) and see another of her annotated games in the [November 2005](#).

### **Pan-American Youth Festival, August 2006**

As reported at the USCF [website](#), 16-year-old Elliott Liu of San Diego won the Under 18 Boys Gold Medal at the recently concluded Pan American Youth Festival in Ecuador, but not without considerable discomfort and controversy. A very animated Elliott shares his thoughts about this tournament. Next month we will continue our interview with him, in which he discusses his chess career and his participation in the 2006 U.S. Championship.



Elliott Liu

Elliott sets the scene as he entered the crucial final round of the Pan Am tournament:

“Going into the final round I had  $6\frac{1}{2}$  pts, four other people had 6, so I was leading by half a point. At this point (with a lot of pressure) my goal was just to medal. Keep in mind, I had no expectations for this tournament. So my goal in the final game was just to hold the draw, since I knew my opponent would go all out for the win with black in order to try to medal (he won the silver medal this year as well as last

year, I think, so back to back silvers!). Luckily, I was able to do this after quite a dog fight down to five pieces!”

In the meantime, he notes, “Two players whom I had already played in the tournament (each with 6 pts) were paired with each other on board 2. They were both from Venezuela. They realized that drawing would be pointless because then they would eliminate each other from catching me if I drew. So, they knew that one of them would need to win the game. Now keep in mind that if they threw the game ‘intelligently’ or ‘correctly’ shall I say, there would have been nothing that I could have done about it since there is no way to prove this. What do I mean? I mean playing a 30 move game, spending an hour, trading some pieces, blundering, and only then resigning.”

Instead, Elliott notes, “The game lasted five minutes, ten moves, did not trade any pieces, and the person with the better position resigned!” Here is that game:

***J. Millan - I. Iturrizaga***

2006 Pan Am Youth Festival, August 9, 2006

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nbd2 Nge7 7.Nc4 d5 8.Ne3 d4 9.Nf1 f5 10.Qe2 1-0**

“I admit I was quite rattled by this,” Elliott continued, “since now I had to keep this in the back of my already tormented mind, while desperately trying to hold a draw for a medal on board 1. So after my game ended, I stormed out of the room before any reporter could talk to me and I ran up to Armen Ambartsoumian and Aviv Friedman outside the hall and said: ‘Hey, we need to protest that game!’ Dictated by the resourceful Aviv to the scribe (my mom for her readable handwriting) and addressed to a guy named Lenin (I was feeling very optimistic at this point...not!), we submitted a formal letter of protest to the questionable ‘Appeals Committee,’ and after three hours of waiting, we finally won the appeal. But instead of either disqualifying the two players or at least nullifying the result, they declared the game a ‘draw’ so one of the players who threw the game still medaled in the end!”

For other players who feel that they may also be the victim of some type of chess cheating, Elliott offers the following advice:

- Do what you came to the table to do, and try as best as possible to forget about what happened.
- Immediately after the game go find a coach to file a complaint.
- Hope and pray.
- If you win the appeal, make sure to get your money back from them for submitting your appeal in the first place. They probably hope at this point that you forget about the money since you’re in a tizzy of happiness after winning.

- Leave the country ASAP. OK, I think that's it in a nutshell.

I asked Elliott about his experience at the Pan Am prior to the final round fiasco, and he wasn't shy about responding:

"First of all, I wasn't even planning on going to Ecuador until about three weeks before, when Armen convinced me to go, since he predicted that I would win – he needs to do this more often!! In fact, I committed to go so late that my name didn't even appear on the U.S. team list in the tournament directory! At the end of the tournament, I was the only player in the entire U.S. delegation to not get a certificate for playing in the event (it was probably used as a fire starter that night in the hotel of the Venezuelan team), so I was pretty much the invisible man. No one noticed me until the last two rounds, and that's exactly how I love to win, coming from behind – basically the opposite of Tiger Woods. My family and I loved the other parts of Ecuador. The week prior we went to Quito and on a Galapagos cruise which was fantastic. So we understandably thought that Cuenca would continue the trend of 'Ecuadorian beauty.' After all, it was hailed everywhere as the country's most beautiful cultural city ... wrong, wrong, wrong! I guess I hoped for too much after the Galapagos trip. At this point my dad went back home for work and my mom stayed. This was her first international tournament experience with me, and she hopes never to repeat it again, although my winning made it slightly better. I knew it was in the Andes and that it was cool, but keep in mind I had to pack opposite clothing in my suitcase for the sea-level Galapagos, and I couldn't pack ski clothing. But that being said, at least I expected our '4-star hotel' and 'coliseum' playing site (Cuenca's central sports stadium) to be heated ... wrong again. In one word, it was *freezing*. I know we're wimpy in general compared to the locals, but a 40 degree temperature with no heat is a bit much in my opinion, especially coming from San Diego."

So the hotel had no heat and Elliott reports that almost no one spoke English, which led to the following comical exchange:

"When I called the front desk and asked: 'Do you have heat?' the receptionist immediately replied 'Si si. Dial 2200.' The poor lady thought I was asking 'Do you have something to eat?' as in a restaurant. When I finally said 'mucho frio!' they got the point and when I asked once again if they have heat, a fellow replied 'Not now.' The bottom line is that my poor mom ended up buying a space heater for \$22 that didn't really work and simultaneously overwhelmed the fuse in the plug. This required us to sleep in our clothes with five bedbug-ridden layers of sheets on, which still wasn't good enough."

As a result, he continues, "My mom had to do hand laundry in the disgusting sink since we ran out of clothes. They took four days to dry all around the room and stunk of a river smell." As for the food, Elliott said "The gourmet food consisted of rice, rice, rice, pollo, pollo, pollo,

and potatoes, potatoes, potatoes. I still don't think I've had rice since coming back to the states."

"To make matters worse," he continues, "a few days before coming to the tournament site I had a 102.5 degree intense fever and dysentery that lasted throughout the duration of the tournament, two weeks total. While on the cruise my mom said I looked so bad at one point and was so hot that when the ship doctor first looked at me she apparently said 'Ok, I need to check his pulse!' Not very comforting words from a doctor! I was on powerful antibiotics the whole time, making me a complete disheveled wreck. The last thing I wanted to do was play a grueling board game!"

Elliott returned to the topic of the hotel: "Our room was in the worst possible location in the entire hotel which made my mom's eyes zombie-like after not sleeping for a week straight. Every night there was loud music blasting from a club with those pulsating techno rhythms that make your brain rattle. After this serenading was finished at 4:00 A.M., the hardcore partiers would continue to walk right past our room, shoot some guns into the air just for kicks, smash beer bottles to smithereens, and most charming of all empty their aqueous stomach contents into the trash dump directly adjacent to our window. The trash truck would then come at 5:00 A.M. to pick up the mess."

Regarding the playing area, Elliott said that "The tourney hall ('coliseum') was also not heated, so every round I wore the same 5-6 layers of clothing, including a hood, in order to survive without contracting hypothermia to go along with my dysentery. The only piece of apparel that I was missing which some other participants adorned was mittens to keep your hands warm. Otherwise every inch of me was covered in smelly clothing. In the playing hall everyone was talking loudly, cell phones were ringing, all that good stuff of chess etiquette. Boy, I loved Cuenca!"

"Somehow I won this tournament extremely sick, sleep deprived and chilled to the bone. I still don't have my medal, but am hopeful that it will arrive soon. How did I win? I'm the last person to know that answer because I think I didn't play so hot this tourney, probably because it was so cold. In fact, this tourney was the polar opposite of World Youth 2005 in France when there was no air conditioning in the sweltering playing arena so I was dripping sweat on the board."

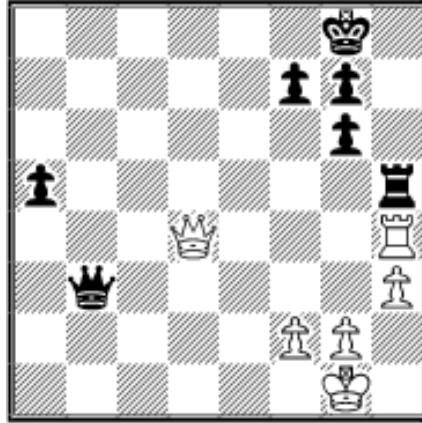
I asked Elliott if he earned a FIDE Master title by winning the Under 18 gold medal, but he was still a bit exasperated. "I really don't know what my title situation is. I supposedly picked up an IM norm by winning this thing, but who knows if I'll even get that at this point! The deal with norms is that if you achieve one during a tournament the arbiters or organizers are supposed to give you the official certificate signed, but they didn't have it at this tournament, so I don't know when I'm going

to get it. I might get the FM title since I don't currently have a FIDE title."

Elliott has much more to say about his chess (and non-chess) experiences during the past year or two, including his qualifying for the most recent U.S. Championship. Come back next month for part two of our interview.

### Answers to Last Month's Quiz

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

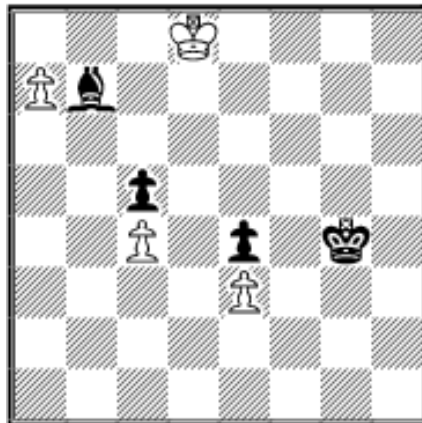


Problem 1:

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Black plays 1...Rhxh4 expecting 2.Qxh4 f6, followed by the advance of Black's a-pawn. How does White alter these plans, foiling Black's chance for victory?

*Answer: After 1...Rhxh4, White nixes Black's plans by playing 2.Qd8+! Kh7 3.Qxh4+ Kg8 4.Qd8+ Kh7 with perpetual check.*



Problem 2:

It is White to move. He may not be able to win, but how does he salvage a draw?

*Answer: 1.Kc7 Ba8 2.Kb8 Bc6 3.Kc7 Ba8 4.Kb8 with three-fold repetition soon to occur.*

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Have something newsworthy you'd like to share? E-mail me at [scholasticchess@chesscafe.com](mailto: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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