

## 2023 Kansas Open Report

The **2023 Kansas Open** was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Lawrence, KS June 14 to 16. There were three events, the Bughouse, the Blitz tourney, and the Main event (Open, Reserve –U1800, and Amateur-U1400).

The **Bughouse event** held on Friday July 14 was delayed a few minutes by the weather, a tornado warning in Lawrence. When started there were six teams of two players. One team was late arriving due to problems with weather. There were four rounds with each team playing the other team 2 games. The team of Tony Dutiel and Ben Gradsky won first place with 8 points out of 8 possible. Tony says this is the eighth year in a row they have won the Kansas Open Bughouse event. In second place with 6.0 points was team of Kaustabh Nimkar and Apramay Mishra.

The **Blitz event** was held Friday evening. There were 46 participants. Most participants were from Kansas, but there were also 5 Missouri, 4 Nebraska, 2 Oklahoma, and 3 Iowa players participating. The event was a double round swiss event for a total of 10 games played (2 games against each opponent). First place was a three way tie between Ben Gradsky, Alek Daniel Aimdilokwong, and Ananya Wadhwa at 9.0 points. Since Ben is now from Missouri and Alec is from Iowa, Ananya Wadhwa is our new Kansas Blitz Champion. Next at 8.0 points were Aayush Wadhwa and Puwit Sky Moerlien. Maria Leboeuf was the top scholastic player with 4.5 points.

The **main event, the Kansas Open**, was held July 15 and 16. There were 134 participants, 43 in the Open section, 25 in Reserve section (U1800), and 66 in the Amateur section (U1400). Most participants were from Kansas, but there were also 9 from Missouri, 8 from Nebraska, 6 from Iowa, 3 from Oklahoma, 2 from Arkansas, and 1 each from Maine and Massachusetts.

The **Open section** was won by Kansas player Luke Tran with 5 wins in 5 games. He is our new Kansas Chess Champion. Ted Belanoff was by himself in second with 4.0 points. Then there was a 7 way tie for third at 3.5 points between Iowa player Tim McEntee, Oklahoma player Joshua Alexander, Nebraska player Steven Cusumano, and Kansas players Aayush Wadhwa, Battulga Bolormaa, Augustus Ramirez, and Apramay Mishra. Irene Frei was top scholastic player in section.

The **Reserve section** was a tie for first place between Oliver Rubenstein and James Myose with 4.0 points each. With tie break points Oliver is our new Kansas Reserve Champion. There was a 4 way tie for third at 3.5 points between Arkansas player Neeli Buchireddy and Kansas players George Verhage, Chinmay Krishna, and John Schick. Maria Leboeuf was top scholastic player in section.

The **Amateur section**, the largest section with 66 participants was won outright by Tom Claman at 5 wins in 5 games. He is our new Kansas Amateur Champion. In second place by himself was Benjamin Weinzirl with 4.5 points. Then there was an 8 way tie for third place at 4.0 points between Missouri player Maximillian Schiebner, Iowa player Benjamin Bratz, and Kansas players George Fluter, Garret Winsor, Eric Erbe, Blaise Staab, Lacus Parker, and Eli Stein. Eric Erbe was top scholastic player in section.



Bughouse winners Ben Gradsky and Tony Dutiel with CJ



Blitz winner Ananya Wadhwa with CJ



Scholastic Blitz winner Maria Leboeuf with CJ-Maria was also top scholastic player in Reserve section.



Open section winner and new Kansas Champion Luke Tran with Brian



Reserve section winner Oliver Rubenstein



Amateur section winner Tom Claman with Brian



Eric Erbe (top scholastic player in Reserve section) with Brian Yang

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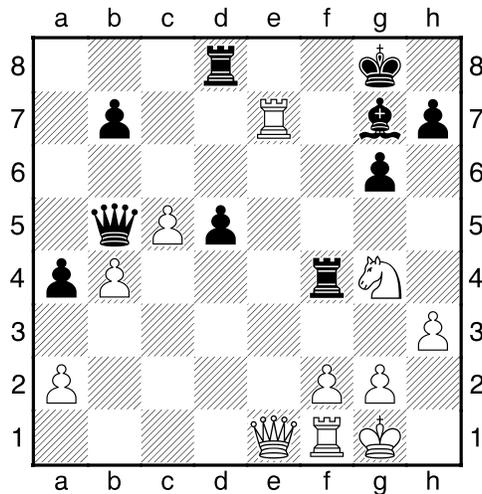
Game- Open section

**(1) Tran,Luke (2080) – Alexander,Joshua (2128) [B03]**

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1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1 0-0 9.b3 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Be2 a5 12.Nf3 Ng4 13.Bd4 Bh6 14.Rc2 e5 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.h3 Nf6 17.Nb5 Ne8 18.0-0 Bd7 19.Bxb6 Qxb6 20.c5 Qd8 21.Nxd6 Bc6 22.Ne5 Bd5 23.Nxe8 Qxe8 24.Bc4 Rd8 25.Qe1 a4 26.b4 Rf4 27.Bxd5 exd5 28.Re2 Qb5 29.Ng4 Bg7 30.Re7 [



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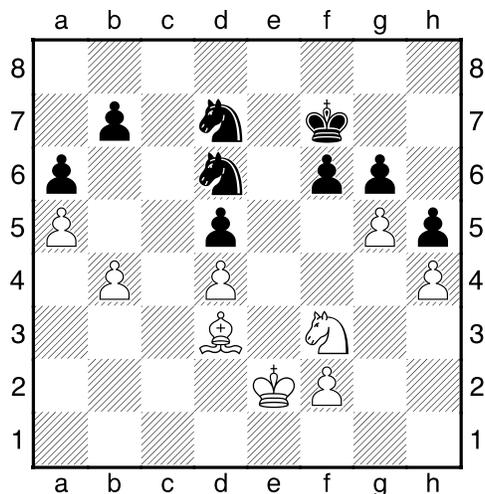
30...Kh8? [30...Re4] 31.Rxg7 Re8 [31...Re4 32.Qc3] 32.Re7 1-0

**(49) Claman, Tom (1070) – Erbe, Eric (1181) [D04]**

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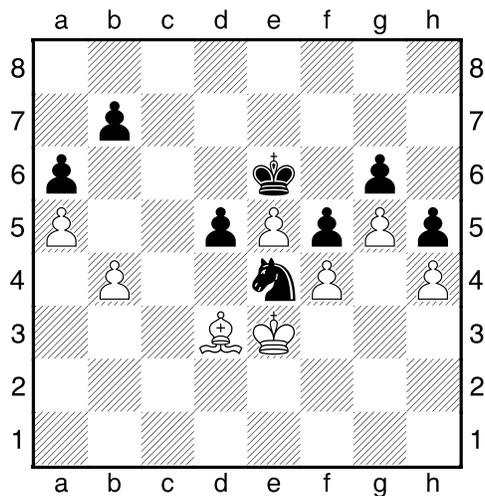
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31...f5? [31...Nf8=]

32.Ne5+! Nxe5 [32...Ke6 33.Nxg6!]

33.dxe5 Ne4 34.Ke3 Ke6 35.f4 [



white gets protected passed pawn]

**35...Nc3 36.Kd4 Na4** [36...Ne4 not much better]

**37.Bf1 b6** (black almost in zugzwang) **38.Bxa6 bxa5 39.bxa5 Nb2 40.Bb7** [40.Bb5 either is fine, mate in 12 according to stockfish]

**40...Ke7 41.Bxd5 Kd7 42.Bf7**

**1-0**