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England Almost Takes Gold At U-16 Olympiad

A tremendous performance by England 'Top Board ' Yang - Fan Zhou almost brought a unprecedented 'Top Board Gold' for England.



Going into the final round of 10 our Top Board, Yang - Fan needed to win with White vs Vakihov Jahonger (2240 UZE) to bring home the Gold medal. A good advantage and slight lead in time as the players descended into time pressure, it looked very good for Yang - Fan, suddenly, a surprising piece sacrifice to push home the Pawn, dramatically swung the advantage in the Uzbeki players favour and the the chances of a spectacular Gold medal, made all the more impressive by Yang - Fan's demolition of Armenian top Board Grandmaster Ter-Sahakyan Samvel (2504) in an earlier round, were gone.

On the Team front England were 11th Seeds and many of the players in the seeded countries not only have better 'elos' they also sacrifice more education time to play and study more chess than English players - a good idea for producing elite chess players and as they see chess as an excellent education in itself perhaps other nations will have to follow suit if they wish to stay competitive with the top junior chess nations such as Russia, India Armenia and now Turkey.

The team matches overall went better than expected; the event match scores were a tale of two halves with the 'seeds' clearly dominating the bottom half, often winning easily 4-0 against the bottom 111 of 22 Teams, this did not work in our favour as we only played two easy teams and many others playing up to five, because we were performing well above expectation we ended up playing almost all of the 'top seeds' above us with the exception of Russia, taking points off all of them except India, Uzbekistan and Georgia.

In a very unfortunate final round pairing, where it looked extremely likely we would be a higher seed and thus given a considerably lower seed, a likely score a 4-0 win, we got the one other higher 'seed' that was around us - Uzbekistan, who again heavily outrated us, except for Top Board. The result was an extremely flattering 4-0 defeat for England - not getting the easy due pairing meant the difference between 6th Place and 16th. With 6th place being the Pre -Tournament objective I felt a little bit 'conned' at the dramatic drop of our final position, furthermore, with Yang Fan not winning, thus not taking the Gold, the final round was not a great day for the English Camp.

On the positive side of the England Team performance, clearly, Yang was outstanding and made many headlines for his Grandmaster demolition playing with the Black side of a Dragon and adding to opening theory.

Board 2 Akash Jain generally had the hardest job where he was constantly heavily outrated and coped extremely well considering.

Board 3 Saravanan also consistently heavily outrated took some great points off teams with a particularly good point acquired against Azerbaijahn.

Board 4 Sam Walker competing in his 1st International event played superbly in every area with the exception of endings with time pressure where a little more experience is required.

A superb performance all around in my view, with the exception of the final round 10 game, where we let ourselves down a little bit, but overall a superb team performance.

On the organisational front everything was planned right down to the last detail by the Turkish organisers including local and global publicity. Our Hotel was





good if a little noisy, due to location near a busy dual carriageway. The transfers to venue and opening ceremony and days off were always available and on time.

The free day was superb with the England team having to perform on stage inside the City Theatre - Quite nerve wracking as we produced a fusion of 'God Save the Queen' - With Akash on Piano and the rest of the boys performing their football skills on the stage; followed by a humourous finish that got us a standing ovation! Well worth seeing the video!

Finally, congratulations to Yang - Fan Zhou for securing the FM Title as his rating went above 2300 after his demolition of the Armenian Grandmaster and this was confirmed by FIDE this morning.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the boys for representing England in such a professional way - Their behaviour was exceptional which was also matched by their preperation and effort.

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of the entire trip van be viewed at www. CharlieChess.com.

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EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

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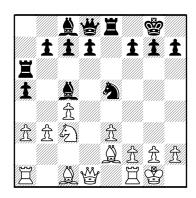
Welcome to this month's *Right Move.* I would like to wish all our reader's a very happy festive season and New Year. If you have any news, games or events you wish to highlight in these pages, then please send them to: a.martin2007@yahoo. co.uk. Have a great month!

Andrew

Hoang Thanh Trang (2448) - Kahn,E (2301) [A52]

FSGM April, Budapest, 11.04.2000

The game this month features the Budapest Gambit, which I often feel would be a good choice for strong, young players to add to their repertoire as a surprise weapon. Some extremely violent effects are possible.



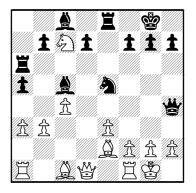
Black intends to swing his Rook across the third rank to start an outright attack against White ∕/s King. This is a very dangerous idea. 13.⁄2045! Combining defence with counterattack in the centre.

13...₩h4

13... 萬ae6 is saner. Black throws caution to the winds in the game and is rewarded, but his Queen adventure is unsound. 14.b4 創f8 15.f4 公c6 16. 萬b1 d6 17.b5 公e7 18. 創f3 公xd5 19.cxd5 萬6e7 20. 營c2 g6 21.g4 創g7 22. 萬b3 創d7 23.a4 營c8 24. 營g2 營a8 25. 創d2 營a7 26. 營f2 營b6 27. 萬fb1 營c5 28. 萬c1 營b6 29. 萬cb1 營c5 30. 鼍c1 1/2-1/2 Stadtfeld, W-Pirrot, D/ St Ingbert 1989.

14.g3?

Moves like 13...Qh4 have an unsettling effect and White lost his courage. He had to have faith and buy the Black offer with 14. 2xc7!



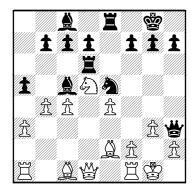


GAME OF THE MONTH



Black does not have enough compensation: 14...≅h6 15.h3 d6 (15...≅d8 16.∅d5 d6 17.Ҩf4 Ҩg6 18.Ҩh5 Ҩe5 19.ዿb2 ≅e8 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 ዿb6 (21...ዿxb4 22.⊮a4) 22.≅a8+-) 16.Ҩxe8 ዿxh3 17.g3 ⊮d8 18.b4!

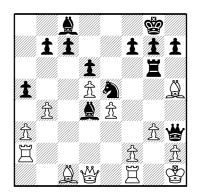
14....鬯h3 15.e4 宮d6 16.b4



16...**≊ee**6

An impressively crude concept, to play Rh6 and mate.

19.④f4!? was the cold-blooded move that seems to reveal black ∕>s bold play as bluff. 19...≅xg3+ 20.hxg3 (20.☆h1!+looks most convincing.) 20...灣xg3+ 21.∅g2 (21.☆h1 ⊮h4+ 22.☆g2 ⊮g5+) 21...ዿੈxf2+ 22.ጃaxf2 ጃxd1 23.ዿੈxd1± **19...ጃxd5! 20.cxd5 d6**



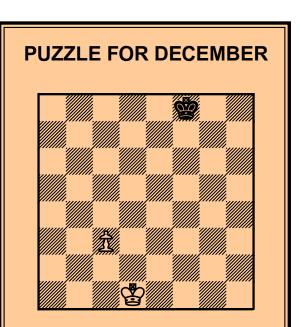
Tricks all the way.

21.覍f4

21.f4!?; 21.ዿxg6?? 🖄f3.

H.g+ ¹/2×g+ 23.g.t+ A×12: 0

Defending is never easy!



White to play. Is this a win or a draw? Try to solve this puzzle without moving the pieces.



World Youth Under 16 Chess Olympíad Selected Games

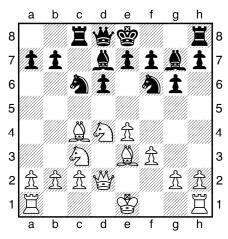
Tngland was represented by Zhou LYang-Fan, Akash Jain, Saravanan Sathyanandha and Sam Walker with me Charlie Storey as the Coach/Manager. The team was seeded 10th out of 22 and finished with 4 wins, 1 draw and 5 losses. Clearly, there were huge differences in strength between many of the countries, resulting in several matches finishing 4-0. Zhou Yang-Fan was the outstanding performer in the England team scoring 6/10 on board 1, defeating a Grandmaster with Black and also qualifying for his FM Title. The rest of the team also performed excellently against some very strong opponents; Akash scored 5 whilst Saravanan & Sam both finished with 4.

Here are are our match scores;

Round 1: England 4 Libya 0 Round 2: India 4 England 0 Round 3: England 2¹/₂ Greece 1¹/₂ Round 4: S Africa 0 England 4 Round 5: England 1¹/₂ Azerbaijan 2¹/₂ Round 6: Armenia 3 England 1 Round 7: Turkey (A) 2 England 2 Round 8: Georgia 4 England 0 Round 9: England 4 Turkmenistan 0 Round 10: England 0 Uzbekistan 4

GM Samvel Ter-Sahakyan (Armenia) vs. Yang-Fan Zhou (England)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 The first major crossroads - Yang opts to not play the new popular Dragondorf - An interesting new slant on the way to play the Dragon, but a bit suspect in my view on account of Black's Q-side weakness that often materialise. **8.Bc4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Rc8**



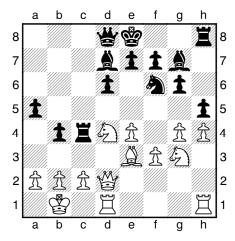
The first problem Yang sets for the GM arises. More normal is to 0-0 here for Black, however the England camp had decided not play by pure theory but always look to delay castling for as long as safely possible - thus allowing one extra move for central concerns. This coupled with Yang's Na5 proves extremely problematic for the Armenian Grandmaster and Yang proceded to blow him away. 10.Bb3 Na5!? I really like this idea. A popular way of playing against the Dragon if White can not crack open the h-file is to centralise Rooks and play f4 followed by e5. This 'Knight on the rim' prevents that central initiative and also allows Nxb3 at a moment of Blacks choosing. 11.0-0-0 a6. Note how Black has not 0–0'd this discourages 'all out attack' on the black Monarch for a few more moves,



Black on the other hand has clear co-ordinate on White's King location. **12.Kb1 b5.** *Rybka* says level at (0.12). **13.g4 Nc4.** Yang prefers the traditional approach as the Knight returns to the game.

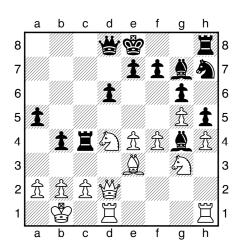
13...Nxb3 14.Nxb3 Be6 15.Nd4 0-0 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Ne2 Qe8 18.Nd4 Qf7 19.h4 e5. Black is passive but solid.

14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.h4 b4 16.Nce2 a5. Still not Castling and the extra tempo saved could be critical. Allowing and disallowing a number of short and long -term plans that are mainly beneficial to Black. 17.Ng3. A major error; better was 17. h5 with good attacking prospects. Yang's next move is highly instructive. It prevents further h-file danger, encourages closure of any open files on g- or h-files in the long term and also helps to prevent attacks in the centre by moving the Knight to the h7-square also releasing the g7-Bishop's energy. 17...h5!



18.g5 Nh7 19.f4 Bg4!

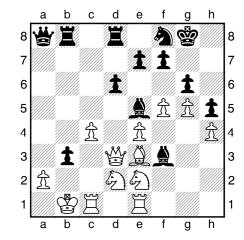




Sending in 'disruptor.' This starts action against White's centre. Highly instructive now is how Black fights for the centre and increases advantages there before delivering a final assault. 20.Rc1 0-0 21.f5 Be5. More central control and indirect pressure on the centre. Rybka still thinks this is level but I claim Black is almost decisive. I would argue that with the better centre, a more realistic attack on the white King, 'options to trade minor pieces' and White's weak e4-Pawn. 22.Nge2. Probably the fatal error. White is now doomed to a long-term defence that is probably hoping for an error. Yang shows a level of technique way above his years and rating. Each move quite instructive. 22...Qa8 23.b3 Rcc8 24.Qd3 Rfd8. How many players would rush their Kside attack? Yang prefers to mobilise his redundant pieces (Rook and Knight) thus keeping good control of the centre before the clinical finish. 25.c4 a4 26.bxa4 Qxa4. The white King begins to feel the draught. 27.Qb3 Qa8 28.Qd3 Rb8. 'X -Ray Check,' the first major warning sign for White. 29.Rhe1 Nf8. The cavalry are set to arrive. Rybka is very happy with Black (-0.98). In English that means a

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clear advantage to Black. **30.Nb3 Bf3.** Yang's pressure on the centre in this game has been Grandmasterly. **31.Nd2 b3**!



The clinical finish commences, now is the time that Yang's Calculation ability will be shown. 32.axb3 Rxb3+! 33.Qxb3 Rb8 34.Bb6 Bxe4+ 35.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 36.Rc2 Nd7! 37.Kc1 Rxb6. Black has a material deficit but he has:

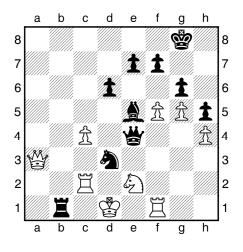
1. The Centre

2. The much safer King

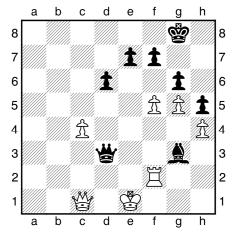
- 3. The initiative
- 4. More Simple targets to attack

5. No obvious targets of his own for White to attack.

All this blended together makes for a decisive position. In fact *Rybka* agrees with (-5.84). **38.Qa3 Nc5 39.Kd1 Nd3 40.Rf1 Rb1**+



The Grandmaster's position is a shambles. Yang holds his nerve to deliver the simple technical finish. 41.Nc1 Nxc1 42.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 43.Qxc1 Qd3+ 44.Ke1 Bg3+ 45.Rf2



The Armenian Grandmaster resigns. History is made as an English under 16 defeats a Grandmaster at this event for the first time. This win set Yang up as a potential Gold Medal winner for England as the best 'Top Board scorer.' The victory is all the more impressive as Yang still has one more year to play at this level. Who knows, perhaps next year he can surpass this year's incredible performance. **0–1**

Here are some good games played by the rest of the English Team;

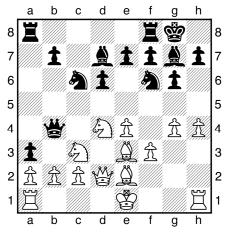


Kalogeris Ioannis (Greece) - Walker Samuel A. (England)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4

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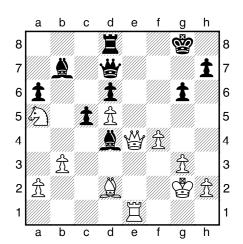
Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 a5 9.f3 d6 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.g4 a4 12.Bc4 Qa5 13.h4 Qb4 14.Be2 a3



This is a somewhat new way of weakening the long diagonal! 15.bxa3 Rxa3 16.Ncb5 Rxe3! 17.c3 Nxd4 18.Qxe3 Nc2+ 19.Kf2 Qa5. A very good game from Sam, using Zero development of his Rook and good calculation with 16... Rxe3! 0–1

Saravanan Sathyanandha (England - M.M. Iskandarov (Azerbaijan)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Ne2 e6 6.Nbc3 Nf6 7.g3 exd5 8.cxd5 0-0 9.Bg2 Re8 10.0-0 b5 11.e5 Rxe5 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Nxb5 Bf8 14.Nec3. Saravanan takes a nice grip on the centre. 14...a6 15.Na3 Nh5 16.Bd2 Nd7. Perhaps Nc4 is a little safer. 17.f4 f5 18.Qf3 Nb6. The Knight on a3 needs to find a route back into the game. 19.Rfe1 Nf6 20.Qd3 Bg7 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Re1 Qd8 23.b3 Rb8 24.Nd1 Qd7 25.Ne3 Bb7 26.Nac4. The Knight arrives back into the game and White has secured a safe, small advantage. 26...Nxc4 27.Nxc4 Ne4 28.Bxe4 Bd4+ 29.Kg2 fxe4 30.Qxe4 Rd8 31.Na5+-



Rybka now claims White is decisive, so far an excellent performance by Sara. 31... Bf6 32.Nxb7 Qxb7 33.Ba5 Rd7 34.Qc4?! [34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.g4 Bd4 36.Bd2 Qc7 37.f5 is the easiest way to push home the win. 37...Rf7 38.h4 Rf6 39.Qe8 Be5 40.Bc3 Rf8 41.Rxe5!] 34...Kf7 35.Kf3 Qb5. The win now becomes quite problematic. 36.Qxb5 axb5 37.a3 Ra7 38.b4 c4 39.Re6 Rd7 40.Bb6 Bb2 41.Re3 Rb7 42.Re2 Bxa3 43.Ba5 Re7 44.Rxe7+ Kxe7 45.Ke2 Bb2 46.Kd2 Bd4 47.h3 Bf2 48.g4 Bg3 49.Ke3 c3 50.Kd3 Bxf4 51.Kxc3 Kf6 52.Kd4 Bd2 53.Ke4 Kf7 54.h4. Fortunately Black's flag fell and White won on time! 1-0

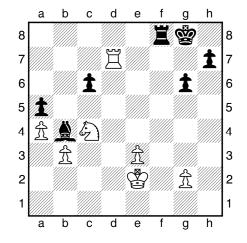
Jain,Akash (2057) - Jorayewa,Govher (2152)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3. Inspired by Hebden's games Akash heads for 'The Barry Attack.' 3...Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be3 0–0 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.Bh6. A bit too aggresive! These players are a little stronger than 150 ECF and central control is probaly a better option. 7...e5 8.d5 a5 9.h4 Nc5. Black has a small edge after just a few moves. 10.Bd3 c6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Be3. Akash decides its time to turn matters

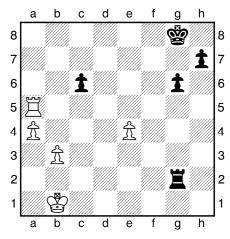




back to the centre. 12...Nxd3+ 13.cxd3 Ng4 14.h5 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Rb8 16.hxg6 fxg6. Both Pawn structures are a bit of a mess; who can exploit them best? 17.0-0 Qb6 18.b3 Ba6 19.Rac1 Bh6 20.Rfe1 Rf7 21.Na4 Qc7 22.Qc3 Rf6 23.Nb2 Rc8 24.Nc4. The Good Knight helps to neutralise the effect of 'The Bishop Pair.' 24...Bxc4 25.Qxc4+ Kh8 26.d4 exd4 27.Qxd4 Bg7 28.e5 dxe5 29.Qxe5 Qxe5 30.Nxe5 Re6 31.Nc4. The Good Knight offers White the tiniest of advantages. 31...Bh6 32.Rc3 Ra8 33.Rd3 Bg5 34.a4 Bd8. White acquires reasonable winning prospects. 35.Rf1 Be7 36.Re1 Bb4 37.Red1 Rae8 38.Rd8 Kg7 39.Rxe8 **Rxe8**. Akash now plays the remaining ending extremely well and extrapolates the full point. 40.Rd7+ Kg8 41.Kf2 Rf8+ 42.Ke2



42...Re8 43.Ra7 Rb8 44.e4 Re8 45.Kd3 Rd8+ 46.Kc2 Rf8 47.Nxa5 Rf2+ 48.Kb1 Bxa5 49.Rxa5 Rxg2



Can you calculate this to a finish? Akash did, which gave us an important 4–0 victory. 50.Rc5 Re2 51.a5 Rxe4 52.a6 Re7 53.Rxc6 Ra7 54.b4 Kg7 55.b5 h5 56.Rb6 Kh6 57.Rb7 Ra8 58.a7 Rf8 59.Rb8 Rf1+ 60.Kb2 Rf2+ 61.Kc3 Rf3+ 62.Kd2 Rf2+ 63.Ke3 Ra2 64.a8Q Rxa8 65.Rxa8 Kg5 66.b6 Kg4 67.b7 g5 68.b8Q Kh3 69.Kf2 h4 70.Qc8+ g4 71.Ra3+ 1–0

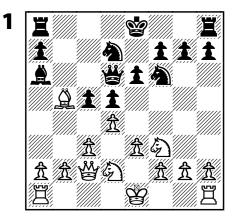


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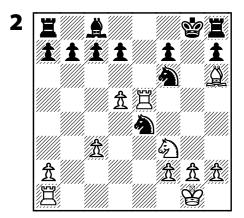


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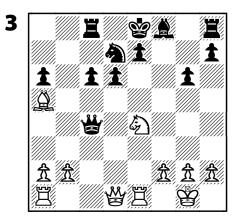
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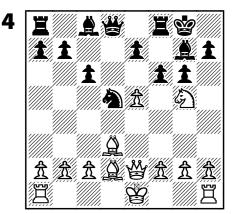
White to move and win.



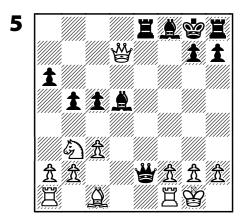
White to move and win.



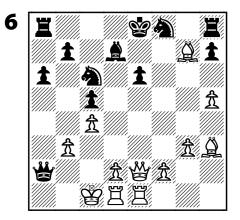
White to mate.



White to move and win.



Black to move and win.



Black to move and win.



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18th Aldro Inter Schools Chess Tournament Oct.2009

A record 33 teams of four players took part in this team tournament. Teams came from all over the south of England.

The U13 section was run as an all play all, with many of the games going to the wire. Magdalen College School maintained their excellent record in this section with another fine set of results. They were 1st with Twickenham Prep 2nd, Magdalen College B team 3rd, and Hawthorns 4th.

The Under 11 Major section was massive this year with 10 teams playing. Homefield proved too strong for their opposition and recorded a very rare 100% record in their three matches. Magdalen College were 2nd, Reigate St Marys 3rd, Auriol 4th and Thames Ditton 5th. Many of these teams will play in this years' English Primary Schools National team Competition organised by Tony Corfe, so we may all meet again at some stage.

The U11 Minor section was keenly contested by all the B teams. Aldro came out on top with Reigate St Marys 2nd and Twickenham Prep, St Dunstans and Thames Ditton 3rd=.

The Under 9 Major section was won by Homefield A. In 2nd place were Twickenham Prep and 3rd were Aldro.

The Under 9 Minor section was also won by Homefield with Twickenham 2nd and Roche 3rd. The top three teams in each section won medals and the winners of the Major sections also took home trophies.

The next major tournament to be held at Aldro School will be the National Prep Schools Rapidplay, with sections for all age groups from U13 down to U9. There are team trophies and individual trophies.

Please contact me if you are interested archerd@aldro.org

D.J. Archer

Best Quiz Answers for Page 11

- **1.** 1. dxc5
- 2. 1. Nd2
- **3.** 1. Nxd6#
- 4. 1. Nxh7 Nf4 2. Bxf4 Kxh7 3. Qh5+
- 5. 1... Qxf1+
- 6.1...Na5

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