

# TARRANT COUNTY CHESS NEWSLETTER

**Alliance Chess Club**

Tuesdays, La Madeleine's, N. Tarrant Parkway 6:30-Close

**Fort Worth Chess Club**

Saturdays, Southwest Regional Library 1:00-6:00

**Arlington Chess Club**

Thursdays, Social Bakehouse Café, Arlington 6:30-8:30

**Tarrant County Chess Club**

Tuesdays, Barnes &amp; Noble, Hurst 6:30-10:00

## 2018 Texas Women's Chess Championship



Both Wendy Reed (seated, 2nd from left) and Ambriette Reed (standing, 3rd from left) are members of the Alliance Chess Club

## Vera Menchik

The Women's World Championship was established by FIDE in 1927 as a single tournament held alongside the Chess Olympiad. The winner of that tournament, Vera Menchik, did not have any special rights as the men's champion did—instead she had to defend her title by playing as many games as all the challengers. She did this successfully in every other championship in her lifetime (1930, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937 and 1939).

Source: Wikipedia

## Upcoming Events for Tarrant County

**July 28th**

Queen City of the Prairie Open

**August 4th**

Arlington Chess Club Open 35

**August 18th**

Many Spring 114

JOIN US!!!

## Most Brilliant Game

**Kao, Camille (1995) – Root, Alexey (2002) [A84]**  
TX Women's Ch (3.1), 24.06.2018

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 d5  
4.e3 e6 5.c4 c6 6.Nc3 Bd6

7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 Ne4 9.c5  
Be7 10.h3 Bd7 11.Ne5  
Be8 12.f3! Nxc3 13.bxc3  
Nd7 14.a4 g5 15.Bh2  
Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bf6 17.f4!  
Bxe5 18.fxe5 Bg6 19.Qc2!  
g4 [Δ19...f4? 20.Bxg6 hxg6  
21.Qxg6±]

20.hxg4 Qg5 21.Rf4! fxg4

22.g3! Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Rxf4  
24.exf4 Qg6⊙ 25.Qxg6+!  
hxg6 26.a5 a6 27.Kg2 Kg7  
28.Rh1 Rh8? [⊔28...Re8]

29.Rh4 Rxh4 30.gxh4 Kh6  
31.Kf2!! 31...Kh5 32.Kg3  
Kh6 33.Kxg4 Kh7 34.Kg5  
Kg7 35.h5! gxh5 36.Kxh5  
Kh7 37.Kg5 Kg7 38.f5 ex-  
f5 39.Kxf5 Kf7 40.e6+ Ke7  
41.Ke5 Ke8 42.Kd6 Kd8  
43.e7+! Ke8 44.??? [See  
the Tactic Puzzle to see if  
you can figure out why  
Black resigned after the  
next move by White] 1-0

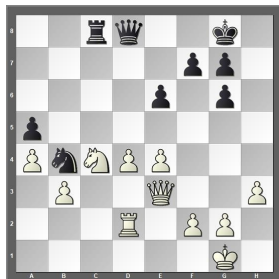
## The Deciding Game

**Devagharan, D (2015) - Kao, Camille (1995)**  
TX Women's Ch (4.1), 24.06.2018

[D15: Slav Defence: 4  
Nc3 a6 and gambit lines  
after 4 Nc3 dxc4]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3  
3...Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e3 b5!?  
6.a4 b4 7.Na2 Bf5 8.Nxb4  
Nd5 9.Na2 e6 10.Bxc4± Be7  
11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 Nd7 13.Bd3  
Bg6 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Nc3  
N7f6 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Bd2  
Qb7 18.Nd3 Rab8 19.Rb1  
Nb4 20.Nxb4 Bxb4 21.b3  
Nd5 22.Ne4 Rfd8 23.Qc2  
Bxd2 24.Qxd2 Nb4 25.Qc3  
Qe7 26.Nd2 Rd5 27.e4

Rdd8 28.Nf3 Qd6 29.Rfd1  
Qf4 30.Qe3 Qd6 31.Rd2 a5  
32.Rbd1 Qc7 33.Rc1 Qd6  
34.Ne5 c5?! 35.Rxc5!±  
Rdc8 36.Nc4 Qd8 37.Rxc8  
Rxc8

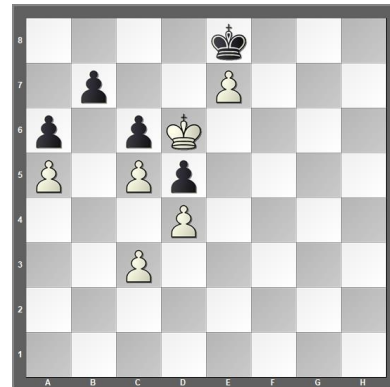


[The game continued to a  
Rocks & Pawns endgame  
competition. White ended  
up with an extra passed  
pawn. Which ended up de-  
ciding the game]. 1-0

## Tactic of the Month

**Kao, Camille (1995) – Root, Alexey (2002)**

Side to Move



Answer: 44.Ke5! ... Mate in 3 ... any black pawn move is captured, creating a white passed pawn, which will allow promotion = Q# or = R#

## Learn More About Women's Chess

On the Web:

<http://www.goddesschess.com/>  
<http://www.jennifershahade.com/>  
<http://www.kosteniuk.com/>  
<http://www.pogonina.com/>

Books:

**Vera Menchik: A Biography of the First Women's  
World Chess Champion, with 350 Game**  
By Robert B. Tanner

**Chess Bitch: Women in the Ultimate  
Intellectual Sport**  
By Jennifer Shahade

Videos: (also check out YouTube!)

iChess.net Videos

The Bulmaga Method  
The Anna Rudolph Method  
The Judith Polgar Method  
The Polgar Method (Susan Polgar)  
The Krush Method  
The Melekhina Method