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## TCA HELPING DALLAS CHESS

The Texas Chess Association has set as one of its major goals in 1977 the re-establishment of large TCA chess tournaments in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metropolitan area. Two new clubs have already been established, by Bruce Cheney and J. C. Thompson, respectively, and more are possible. The 1977 Texas Amateur and Championship will be held at Denton, within easy driving distance of D.-F.W., and it is hoped that a site actually in D.-F.W. will be found for the 1977 Texas Open.

Persons anywhere in Texas, but especially in D.-F.W., are urged to write the TCA editor with information about any new chess club so that its meetings can be publicized in Texas Knights. If you are short a tournament director, contact the TCA President--he can usually find a low-priced (even free) certified tournament director. If you can't afford to pay USCF affiliation dues contact the TCA Sec.-Treasr. for the TCA affiliation number--we will sponsor tournaments if there is no way you can sponsor.

Chess in Dallas will pick up if there is anything the TCA can do about it. But the main movers of this must be the chess playing citizens of that area--we can only help.



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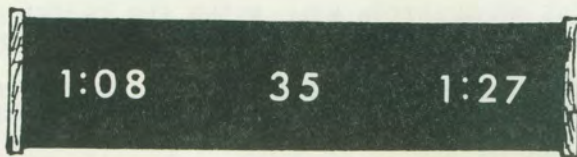
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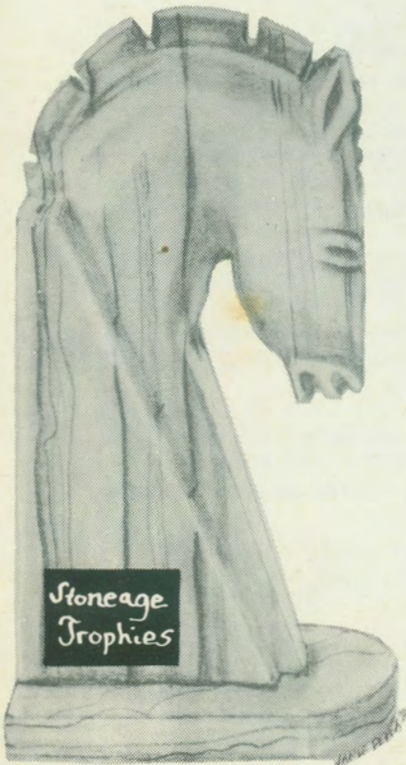


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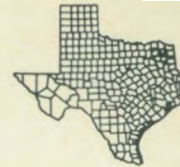
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## LONE STAR ROUNDUP



DALLAS - Bruce Cheney writes that the TEXINS Chess Club of Dallas (this is Texas Instrument's chess club) is looking for other chess clubs or organizations in the Dallas area "for the purpose of playing team matches." Interested parties should contact him at 321-9190 (evenings) or come by the TEXINS Chess Club meetings which are on Wednesday nights, 6:30-10:00 p.m., in the TEXINS Association Recreation Center, Floyd Rd., Dallas (behind the N. Central Expressway T.I. site).

RICHARDSON - J. C. Thompson writes that a chess club has been organized at Collins Radio Co. (Rockwell International) and that he is their instructor. There is a meeting every Monday evening.

FT. WORTH - Bob Mitchell, Coordinator of the Association of College Unions - International Region XII, writes that another chess tournament for college teams will be sponsored by the ACU-I in early 1977, probably on the TCU campus.

Last year's Region XII winner, Joe Katz of Baton Rouge, finished third at the ensuing national playoff in Nebraska.

HOUSTON - In a telephone conversation on December 7, Lynne Babcock confirmed that she will continue to receive her mail at 4714 Fannin since she owns the building but that the Houston Chess Club will soon be quartered elsewhere. David Willis is treasurer for a fund drive that is intended to see what the HCC can afford in 1977. Also: Jay Stallings moved onto the under-13 list--his rating is 1464 at age 10. Fifteen-year-old Yasser Seirawan won the 1976 American Open. Ron Henley will be in town for a 10-day vacation from his Florida college and will give a simul. The next U.S. Womens' Championship may be in Houston. The Northwestern computer (CHESS 4.5) went 4-0 at the A.C.M. convention in Houston. Billy Patteson won the City Championship.

STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA - The North American Open, also referred to as the Elliot Winslow Annual Salary Supplement, had 106 entrants. Winslow, from Missouri, finished two points ahead of the field to earn \$400. The tourney was not well attended from Texas, but director John Acken wouldn't mind if some Texans came in 1977.

LOUISIANA - Jim Roussele of New Orleans won the 1976 Louisiana Open for a second, but non-consecutive, time with 6-1. Mike Rice directed the 97-player event.

ARKANSAS - Ruth Orton of Little Rock scored 3 wins, 1 loss, and 3 draws to help the U.S. Womens' Olympic Team capture fourth place at the Israeli competition. The USCF will run a full report on this in Chess Life & Review.

CORPUS CHRISTI - The Oso Rating Tourney held at the pace of one game each Tuesday night in October was won by Tom Weaver with 3-1/2 pts. Jon Embretsen scored 3-1 for clear second but the guy who drew Weaver, Robert Gaynor, scored an undefeated 2 1/2 - 1/2.

COLLEGE STATION - The Brazos Open, November 13-14, was easily won by Roger Smith, an unrated assistant prof from England who is working on a Ph.D. in math at A&M. Roger has a British Chess Federation rating of 213 (very high) according to T.D. Dennis Steinmetz.

The tourney drew only 14 players and with first place never in doubt, Alan Laverty and Mike Condon proved (again) that just having an expert's rating doesn't always guarantee a large cash prize. Steinmetz hopes to get out a lot more publicity for the San Jacinto Open in April.

The A&M Student Champion is Gary Gray.



LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech University Championship was won by Paul Kubinski (1400) with a 3-0 score. Tied for second at 2-1 were Randy Petty, Jeff Haines, and Pat Stewart. Tourney director was David Thomas--he had 10 in the top section and 12 in a novice section won by Glenn Jaspers' and Theodore Mercer's 3 pts.

Other Lubbock events and their winners: L.C.A.'s September Follies Ladder--P. Childress, Dean Yarbrow, Gary Huber, and Frank Dever 3-0; S.P.C.C. Sept. Rating Tourney--Gary Huber 4-0; and Korchnoi Congratulations Open--Mark Lanier and Paul Kubinski 2 1/2 - 1/2.

Also from the bowels of the Lubbock Ninth Rank we get this report on ... "An Open Somewhere in the Southwest"...

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Look at all those weird-looking people. Spilling coffee on my shirt this morning may not have been to my advantage. They'll look at me and think I'm some klutz who can barely move the pieces. They'll be surprised when I win all my games.

Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

How careless of me! I must remember to watch my rooks in the corners. I'll win the rest of my games if I watch out for my rooks. I'll check every move to see if it will lose my rooks!

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

I can't believe it! Out of 223 players I get stuck playing the one who knows the Polish Defense better than I do. At least I didn't lose my rooks. The worm will turn next game.

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

I know what it is. Staying up 'til 5 this morning playing bughouse was a mistake. I guess I shouldn't be mad at the TD for yelling at me, I just didn't think when I picked up that knight from the next board and tried to mate my opponent with it.

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

The strain of the tournament has upset me. I should be able to win the rest of my games if only I watch out for my queen. Before each move I'll ask, "Will this lose my queen or my rooks?"

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

Well, it's getting better. My opponents are getting weaker. This patzer didn't even know how to mate me. He just kept queening pawns for no reason. It was almost a stalemate. It's just bad luck that our table ran out of queens and he accidentally took a knight.

Monday, 10:00 a.m.

I can't believe I overslept and came too late. The TD had some nerve making this, the first round, start on time. I think I'll go read my traps in the Sicilian book.

Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Look at this! I have to play a person with 1/2 point. That's not fair!  
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Saturday, two weeks later

Well, here I am again. There are a lot of familiar faces. There is the very character I lost 10 quarters to in blitz. I suppose the first round will be late again. Nobody will recognize me with a clean shirt. If they do they'll think I'm going to play like last time. They don't know I've been reading the book on traps in the openings. What a shock it'll be when I win all my games.



CORPUS CHRISTI - The 1976 Texas Open, which was dedicated to the memory of John Bob Payne, drew 86 entries to the coastal bend city despite a cold front that did the unheard of thing (in South Texas) of sleeting closed some highways.

Fortunately, there doesn't seem to have been any auto accidents involving chess players. The local club is still shook over the untimely death of Del Starr in a car accident followed too closely by the passing of two-time state chess champion J. B. Payne; we didn't want another tragedy.

We had hoped for 100 entries and offered a \$2500 prize fund based on that total. The 86 we got was satisfactory (considering that is exactly the same number that appeared for Corpus Christi's two other biggest tourneys, the 1947 U.S. Open and 1973 Texas Open) but we had to cut the prize fund back to \$2,000. Enabling us to reach this amount were donations of \$200 by Tom Weaver, \$125 by Ed Del Rio, \$100 by Dr. Edgar Cortes, and \$50 by Mevis Smith (who is a good ol' boy from Houston who just happens to like to help out), plus free trophies from M&M Sales and the American Bottling Company. Stoneage Trophies of Lubbock donated 'Fischer's 60 Best Games' to the top junior. The Hilton Inn let us use their main ballroom free of charge, except for the numerous gallons of hot coffee gulped by cold chessplayers.

The tournament itself went rather smoothly. The first round was about 10 minutes late but otherwise okay. Registration morning honors go to Roland Sierra who brought 14 junior high school players from San Antonio and sent in such a nice, complete pre-registration form for all of them that little had to be done "at the door."

A few players asked me to use "accelerated pairings" but I had to answer that the tourney had not been advertised as such and, anyway, I'd rather have two undefeateds tie for first than have five nondescripts tie at 4-1/2 each. So much for my big mouth because the tournament ended in a 5-way tie between five very strong players, and each had 4-1/2 pts.

In median tie-break order the winners were Robert Brieger, Jerry Milburn, Billy Patteson, Roberto Navarro-Segura, and Mike Greco. The three experts took the top three prizes (\$400, \$250, and \$150) and added them to Patteson's \$125 for Top Class 'A' and Greco's \$125 for Top Class 'B' to come out with \$210 for each partner. This works out to five prizes for five people so it is perfectly legal--but it did leave the \$50 fourth prize begging. This eventually was split between the tournament's two masters, Mario Campos-Lopez and Joe Bradford, whose 4 pts. otherwise would have gotten nothing. Mike Condon's 4 pts. got the \$50 expert prize. Brieger has now gone 33 games without a defeat (breaking Patteson's record of 26 straight) and his rating will soon be over the magic 2200 mark. He also is leading for the 1976 Grande Prix. Milburn lost the first place trophy by only 1/2 T.-B. pt., and I'll have to mail his second place trophy to Ft. Worth whenever I can find a box to fit it. Navarro-Segura was probably the happiest to get a big cash prize--since Mexico's peso has been devalued the dollars he smilingly accepted here should come in very handy down there. Greco, like Brieger and Patteson, is from Houston and while he is considerably younger as far as chess playing experience goes this success (coupled with his 1976 Houston Open Reserve Section victory) marks him as a man to watch. While Brieger uses his "own" openings and Patteson likes to get a good position and "noodle," Greco seems to enjoy spontaneous combinations all over the board.

**The**

# **TEXAS OPEN**



The fact that Houston had three in the top five made it practically impossible for any other city to come close in the race for the team championship trophy. Houston players totaled \$666 in winnings, while San Antonio's entries had \$337 and Austin's \$250. Billy Patteson, whose upset of Austin/Louisiana master Joe Bradford had an important bearing on the result, accepted the onyx team championship trophy on behalf of the HCC.

Meanwhile, back in Class 'A,' Gregg Stanley of San Antonio and Richard Spitzer of Universal City (suburb of S.A.) each had 4 pts. to split \$100 for second and third. Carl Clayton of Corpus Christi led the pack with 3-1/2 going into the last round, his draw being with Navarro-Segura, but fate stepped in and paired him against Navarro's Mexican 'big brother'--International Master Campos.

Art Riley of San Antonio, who was the guy who pulled off the upset over Campos-Lopez, tied at 4 pts. with Robert Toellner of Austin, so they split \$100 for Class 'B' second and third.

Underrated Joaquin Fox of Austin took the Class 'C' first prize of \$125 with 3-1/2 pts. He won his first game, then pitted his 1596 rating against Tom Heaton (1900), M. Campos-Lopez (2255), and Glenn Escovedo (1962), in a row. Coming in to the last round with 2-1/2, he finally got a break and was paired down against Richard Chappell (1086). Chappell, the nephew of Corpus Christi's old Herb Clyatt, is a youngster with promise (he upset Steve Shaw [1741] in round two), but he couldn't handle the Fox's wily ways and Jack was soon up front bugging the TD for an advance on his money before the other games were completed. Second and third money was rounded up to \$12 each for the following nine players who had 3 pts.: Kurt Aronow, Thomas Louis, Andrea Thomas, Jerry Holder, Daniel Salazar, Tiberiu Muntean, Hugo Garcia, Mike Vidaurri, and Jerry Tingle. Several of these people had long games that ended in last round draws that kept them from tying Fox.

Classes 'D' and 'E' were combined for award purposes (players at these low levels often improve very rapidly so rather than having small prizes for two small classes, I lump them together and have big prizes to award the super-achievers), and three players combined to split the \$125, \$75, and \$25 class prizes. That made \$75 each for Daniel Cano of Victoria, Norman Watson of Angleton, and Robert Rausch of San Antonio. Rausch was one of the young S.A. En Passant Chess Club members and his money (plus trophy on T.-B.) was received amidst a loud celebration. Cano was quieter but just as happy and his Dad, attorney Jesse Cano, was the only non-prize winner to shake my hand during the ceremonies.

Ed Weaver of San Antonio picked up 2-1/2 pts. over the last three rounds to gain the \$100 Top unrated cash prize and trophy. Two pts. proved good enough to earn \$25 each for Travis Doughty of LaPorte and William Evans of Corpus Christi in this class. A good total of 13 unrateds entered.

The junior prize went to David Naiser of El Campo. Upset prizes were given to Richard Chappell and Art Riley. Roland Sierra also received a book.

As tournament director I, Tom Weaver, would like to close this brief report with a special thanks to my assistants: Ed Del Rio (a great help during registration even if he did try to charge some people \$6 for TCA!), Dennis Steinmetz (who got drunk and came late but still did practically all the wall chart posting), and Robert Gaynor (who never misses church on Sunday but proved to be a top notch Saturday helper). Since I'm so perfect, just let me add that I wish whoever it was that I awarded two \$50 prizes to would please return the extra money!



# GAMES

Annotations by Gary Simms unless otherwise noted.

1976 Texas Open, Corpus Christi

O. Johnson (1742) -Robt. Brieger (2145)

Brieger Defense

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	14. Q-R4	P-QR3	27. P-QN4	N-Q4
2. P-QB4	B-B4?!(a)	15. P-B5?(f)	B-B2	28. NXN ch	PN
3. N-KB3(b)	P-K3	16. Q-B2	P-K4	29. K-B2	K-B3
4. P-K3 (c)	P-QB3	17. QXQ	RPXQ	30. P-QR4?(i)	P-R4!
5. B-Q3	BXB	18. PXP	NXP	31. PXP	R-B5
6. QXB	N-Q2	19. RXRch.?	RXR	32. K-N3	KXP
7. P-K4 (d)	PXKP	20. NXN	BXN(g)	33. R-B1 ch	R-B5
8. QXP	N(1)-B3	21. N-R4	R-Q5	34. RXR ch	PXR ch
9. Q-B2	B-Q3	22. N-N6 ch	K-B2	35. K-B3	P-KN4
10. N-B3	Q-R4	23. R-K1!	R-K5	36. P-N3	P-KN3
11. B-Q2	Q-R4	24. R-Q1	B-B5 ch	37. P-N4	P-B3
12. O-O-O	Q-N3(e)	25. BXB	RXB	38. P-R3	K-Q4
13. B-N5	O-O-O	26. P-B3?(h)	R-B4	39. Resigns	

(a) In case you've ever wondered, most annotators give a move ?! when they don't quite know what to say about it. But Brieger has had considerable success with this move for years.

(b) Pachman says, "This is stronger than 3. PXP, BXN!; 4. RXB, QXP;" and "3. Q-N3, P-K4!"; leads to complications that are difficult to evaluate."

(c) More common here is 4. Q-N3 immediately beginning to exploit the absence of Black's Bishop from the Q-side, but with 4...N-QB3; Black invites White into a very trappy variation that Black has to know better than White. Owen tries a different track.

(d) This loses time. 7. N-B3 or 7. O-O should be considered.

(e) Yes, Virginia, it's really true, strong players will offer a Q-trade just to open an R-file!

(f) A move such as this must be weighed very carefully. Giving Black his Q4 square for the knights bolsters his defensive chances greatly.

(g) Suddenly, an endgame: Black's defensive worries are over, and White's P on B5 may be a weakness instead of a strength.

(h) 26. N-R8 ch. forces a draw here because 26...K-N1; 27. R-Q8 ch., K-R2; 28. N-N6 is reminiscent of what Brieger did to Henley!

(i) 30. R-K1 either forces Black's king back or gives White a rook on the seventh which should assure at least a draw.



# Upset of a Champion

1976 Texas Open, Corpus Christi  
 Art Riley (1691) - Mario Campos-Lopez (2255)

## English Opening

1. P-QB4	P-QB4	16. B-N2	P-Q3	31. B-K4	K-N2
2. N-QB3	P-KN3	17. QR-Q1	P-K4	32. Q-KB3	N-K2
3. P-KN3	B-N2	18. N-K4	Q-B2	33. N-B6(f)	N-Q5
4. B-N2	N-QB3	19. B-R3	R-Q1	34. N-R5+	K-N1
5. P-K3	P-K3	20. R-QB1	P-N3	35. Q-B6	Q-B2(g)
6. KN-K2	KN-K2	21. KR-Q1	P-QR4(d)	36. B-Q5(h)	NXB
7. O-O	O-O	22. N/2-B3	B-R3	37. PXN	KR-QB1
8. P-Q4	PXP	23. Q-Q3	Q-K2	38. B-N2	P-QN4
9. PXP(a)	N-B4(b)	24. N-K2	B-QB1	39. QR-Q1(i)	Q-K2?
10. P-Q5	N-K4	25. R-K1	B-KB1	40. BXN	QXQ
11. P-N3	R-N1	26. N/4-B3	N-N2	41. NXQ+	K-N2
12. R-N1	P-QR3	27. N-Q4 (e)	B-Q2	42. N-Q7	PXB
13. P-KR3(c)	P-KN4	28. N-B6!	BXN	43. NXR	RXN
14. P-QR4	P-KR3	29. PXB	N-K3	44. PXP(j)	Resigns
15. Q-B2	N-N3	30. N-Q5	Q-R2		

(a) Cafferty says, "Keeping knights on, but the knight at K2 plays an inferior role to the one at QB6. The former merely defends Q4, the latter is an attacking piece."

(b) Schwarz gives this an "!"

(c) Threatening 14. P-B4

(d) This move opens White's QN5 and gives up any hope of ...P-N4.

(e) After some mysterious maneuvering, this move that Black apparently overlooked, is enough to assure White a definite, if not winning advantage.

(f) Transferring the knight to the kingside, having noted that KR5 has been weakened by Black's kingside pawn pushing. Mr. Riley is playing well indeed!

(g) 35...N2XP allows 36. B-Q5 with strong pressure.

(h) Forcing the solidification of the QBP.

(i) Not satisfied with the win of a pawn by 39. BXN, White eyes

40. RXN, PXR; 41. BXP,

(j) Accurate to the last move! Instead of the mundane 44. RXP that most of us would jump at, White sees the crushing effects of this move, as 44...RXP would lose to 45. P-B7, R-B4; 46. R-QB1. Very nice!



# How to survive savage experts.

1976 Texas Open, Corpus Christi  
Kurt Aronow (1594) - Glenn Escovedo (1962)

Kings Indian Defense

1. d4	Nf6	12. Nd2	Nh6	23. Kh1	Rh6	34. Ne7	Bc7
2. c4	g6	13. f3	f5	24. Bg1	Kh8(b)	35. Rc6	Rb7
3. Nc3	Bg7	14. b4	Nf7	25. ba6	ba6	36. Ra6	Rg6
4. e4	d6	15. Rc1	g5	26. a5	Bf6	37. Rc1	Rg8
5. Nf3	0-0	16. Bf2	a6	27. Na4	Bb5	38. Bb6	Bd8
6. Be2	e5	17. c5	f4	28. Nb6	Be2	39. Rc8	Bb6
7. Be3	Ng4	18. Nc4	Bd7	29. Qe2	Ra7	40. Rg8+	Kg8
8. Bg5	f6(a)	19. cd6	Nd6	30. h3	Qe8	41. Rb6	Ra7
9. Bh4	Qe8	20. Nd6	cd6	31. Qc4	Qb5	42. a6	Rd7
10. 0-0	Nc6	21. a4	Qh5	32. Nc8	Qc4	43. Rb7	Rd8
11. d5	Ne7	22. b5	Rf6	33. Rc4	Rd7	44. a7	Black Re- signs (c)

Notes by Escovedo:

- (a) This doesn't help Black.
- (b) Preparing for Rg8 and g4 but White's almost classical queenside attack strikes first. Also, Black was in time pressure.
- (c) A very smooth performance by one of Houston's best juniors.

1975 USCF Postal Knights, Section 76-N-160

Joe Simkins - Bayless

1. NKB3	POB4	7. NXP	BN5	13. NB5	RK3	19. NXR	QPXN
2. PQB4	NKB3	8. 0-0	BXN	14. BQ5!(c)	NXB	20. QN3	PN5?(f)
3. NQB3	PK3	9. PXB	0-0	15. QXN	PQR4(d)	21. RXKBP	KXR
4. PKN3	NQB3	10. BQR3!	RK1	16. PKB4	PQN4	22. RKB1+	KN3(g)
5. BN2	BK2	11. BQ6	PQR3(b)	17. PXXP	RQR3	23. QXKP+	KR4
6. PQ4	PXP?!(a)	12. PB5	PK4	18. NQ4	BN2?(e)	24. RB5+(h)	Black re- signs.

Notes by Simkins (postal rating = 1070, Bayless = 1300):

- (a) ...PQ4 is more active but Black still has problems.
- (b) 12. NN5 is threatened.
- (c) Preventing NK1, I want my bind.
- (d) This counter play is too slow.
- (e) 18...QK1; 19. NXR, QXN; gives Black more defensive resources.
- (f) 20...NR2; 21. RXKBP, BQ4; 22. QB2, KXR; 23. QXRP, RXB; 24. KPXR, and White still has an attack.
- (g) 22...KN1; 23. QXKP+, KR1; 24. QQ7!, RRL; 25. QXB, was my main line.
- (h) Mate in six.

1976 North Texas Open, Denton

John Nordandrea (2010) - Mason Dickson (1859)

Ruy Lopez - Berlin Defense

1. e4	e5	6. Bc6	bc6	11. Rd1	Be6	16. Qc3	Qc8
2. Nf3	Nc6	7. de	Nf5	12. Nc3	Qd7	17. cd5	Bd5
3. Bb5	Nf6	8. Bf4	Be7	13. Rd2	Rfd8	18. Bg5	Rd7
4. 0-0	Ne4	9. c4	0-0	14. Rad1	Bb4	19. g4	Ne7
5. d4	Nd6	10. Qc2	d5	15. a3	Bc3	20. Nd4	Draw agreed.



1962 U.S. Open, San Antonio  
 Robert Byrne - Stephen Jones  
 Semi-Slav Defense

- |         |      |         |      |          |      |           |         |
|---------|------|---------|------|----------|------|-----------|---------|
| 1. PQ4  | PQ4  | 7. BXPB | PQN4 | 13. BB2  | QN3  | 19. QK2   | PKR4    |
| 2. PQB4 | PQB3 | 8. BN3  | PN5  | 14. PK4  | PXP  | 20. NR4   | NB4     |
| 3. NKB3 | NKB3 | 9. NK2  | BQ3  | 15. BN5  | BXN  | 21. BK7   | KRB1    |
| 4. NB3  | PK3  | 10. 0-0 | 0-0  | 16. RPXB | PK4  | 22. QB3   | RB2     |
| 5. PK3  | QNQ2 | 11. NN3 | PB4  | 17. QQ2  | PQR4 | 23. BN5   | R(1)QB1 |
| 6. BQ3  | PXP  | 12. RK1 | BN2  | 18. QRB1 | NN5  | 24. QRQ1? | NK3     |

25. White resigns.

The above game was sent in by USCF Master John Jacobs of Dallas who included this comment in his letter, "After all the ink you have devoted to Texan's victories over grandmasters, I would like to settle the issue once and for all. My original contention that Henley's win over Forintos was the first grandmaster scalp collected by a Texas player was incorrect. Lynne was right that Bone's defeat of Pilnick came earlier and I should have remembered that game. It is true that Stephen Jones beat Robert Byrne at the 1962 U.S. Open in San Antonio (incidentally, what's wrong with holding the Open in the Lone Star again? Editor: Lindsay Phillips had an unofficial promise from the USCF that he could host the 1977 U.S. Open in El Paso but, for various reasons including lack of TCA support and Lindsay's raucousness, the deal was never consummated--maybe next year.) but at the time Byrne was only an IM, his grandmaster title not coming until 1964.

"While rummaging through some old Chess Lives the other day, I found the Byrne-Jones game, which I'm enclosing for its historic value. It may be the first Texas win over an IM, but don't quote me on that. By the way, Jones finished with 8 pts. in a tie for 12th-19th places along with John Bob Payne amongst others, and Jones would have done better had he not collapsed and lost his final three games."

Austin Chess Club Monday Swiss, 6 Sept. 76  
 Zack Coombes (1792) - Mehdi Feyznia (1645)  
 Blackmar - Diemer Gambit

- |         |      |         |      |         |      |          |       |
|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|----------|-------|
| 1. PQ4  | PQ4  | 4. PXP  | PXP  | 7. BQB4 | PKR3 | 10. QR5+ | KQ2   |
| 2. PKB3 | PKB4 | 5. NQB3 | NKB3 | 8. BXN  | NXB  | 11. QB5+ | PK3   |
| 3. PK4  | BPXP | 6. BKN5 | QNQ2 | 9. NXP! | NXN? | 12. QXP  | mate. |

Zack writes that the Austin Team League is in full swing.

A&M 30/30 Tourney, College Station, 10 Sept. 76  
 Dusan Djuric (1756) - Scott Lane (1620)  
 King's Gambit

- |        |     |          |      |          |      |          |       |
|--------|-----|----------|------|----------|------|----------|-------|
| 1. e4  | e5  | 8. Bf4   | Bf4  | 15. Bf7+ | Kf8  | 22. Qh5+ | Kd8   |
| 2. f4  | ef4 | 9. Qf4   | f6   | 16. Qg5  | Kf7  | 23. Qf7  | Rf8?  |
| 3. Nf3 | g5  | 10. Nc3  | c6   | 17. Rae1 | Qc2? | 24. Qf8+ | Kc7   |
| 4. Bc4 | d6  | 11. e5   | de5  | 18. g4   | Qc5  | 25. ed7  | Bd7   |
| 5. d4  | g4  | 12. de5  | f5   | 19. gf5  | Ke8  | 26. Qa8  | Bf5?  |
| 6. 0-0 | gf3 | 13. Ne4? | Qd4+ | 20. e6   | Ne7  | 27. Qd8  | mate. |
| 7. Qf3 | Bh6 | 14. Kh1  | Qe4  | 21. Red1 | Nd7  |          |       |

Dr. Djuric writes, "In the April-May issue, p. 14, the game Spencer-Simms, am I wrong...or is 35...Rc4+ a very bad move since in this place 35...Ra2 is mate." (Editor: You are right)...(Although) the moves after the 23rd were made in extreme time pressure we certainly enjoyed this game, Black because he was three pieces up and White because he won."



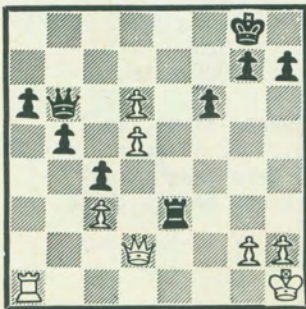
1976 Texas Jr. Championship Futurity Section, San Antonio

If you're wondering about the level of chess played by the younger set, here's some samples. Not bad! G.M.S.

Round 4

White: Mike Vidaurri San Antonio, TX (1214/6) (Age: 12, 7th Grade)  
 Black: Jay Stallings Houston, TX (1199) (Age: 9, 4th Grade)

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. P-Q4                    | P-Q4                     | 25. K-Q2  | Q-N5 ch                      | 46. K-K4    | P-B3                           |
| 2. N-QB3                   | N-KB3                    | 26. K-K3  | P-Q5 ch                      | 47. K-Q4    | K-B1                           |
| 3. B-B4                    | N-B3                     | 27. K-B3  |                              | 48. K-B5    | K-K2                           |
| 4. N-N5                    | P-K4                     |           | Almost at my Knight 2!       | 49. K-B6    | P-B4                           |
| 5. PXP                     | NXP?                     | 27.       | ...P-QB4                     | 50. PXP     | PXP                            |
|                            | WOW!!                    | 28. K-N2  | P-B5                         | 51. K-B7    | RXP ch                         |
| 6. BXN                     | B-Q3                     | 29. Q-KB3 | P-Q6!                        | 52. BXR     | K-B3                           |
| 7. BXN                     | QXB                      |           | Now I had to think for a     | 53. B-B3    | K-K4                           |
| 8. NXBch                   | QXN                      |           | while! I have to stop        | 54. B-R5    | K-Q5                           |
| 9. Q-Q2                    | B-K3                     |           | the Rook Pawn and the        | 55. K-Q6    | K-K5                           |
| 10. O-O-O                  | O-O                      |           | Queen Pawn so now it is      | 56. K-K6    | K-B5                           |
| 11. P-KN3                  | P-QR4                    |           | time for a sacrifice!        | 57. P-B     | I am now try-                  |
|                            | Black Pawn Power!!       |           | A VERY BIG ONE!!             |             | ing to surround the            |
| 12. N-B3                   | P-R5                     | 30. RXRP  | QXR                          |             | King!                          |
|                            | What next?               | 31. KXP   | QXBP                         | 57.         | ...K-N6 I must                 |
|                            | 13...                    | 32. PXP   |                              |             | drop my rook pawn!             |
| 13. P-QR3                  | P-R6?                    |           | Now he has to stop <u>my</u> | 58. KXP     | KXP                            |
| 14. N-Q4                   | KR-N1                    |           | pawn!                        | 59. K-N6    | How about a                    |
| 15. N-B3                   | B-Q2                     | 32.       | ...Q-N6                      |             | rook pawn!                     |
| 16. Q-B3                   | P-QB3                    | 33. B-K2  | QXQ ch                       | 59.         | ...K-N6                        |
| 17. Q-K5                   | P-QN4                    | 34. BXQ   | R-R4                         | 60. KXP     | K-B5                           |
| 18. Q-N5                   | Q-R3 ch                  | 35. R-QB1 | R-QB4                        | 61. B-N4    | K-K4                           |
| 19. N-Q4                   | Q-K3                     | 36. B-Q5  | P-N3                         |             | I will make this a clear       |
| 20. N-B5                   | Q-Q3                     | 37. R-K1  | K-N2                         |             | passed pawn!                   |
| 21. N-B5                   | BXN                      | 38. R-K7  | R-KB1                        | 62. K-N5    | K-Q3                           |
| 22. QXB                    | P-N5                     | 39. R-N7  | P-R3                         | 63. K-B6    | K-Q4                           |
| 23. RXP                    | PXP                      | 40. P-R4  | R4-B1                        | 64. P-B4    | K-Q3                           |
| 24. Q-Q3 (I am now boiling | Q-N5!                    | 41. P-N4  | R-N1                         | 65. B-K6!!! | Black resigns.                 |
| in hot water!)             |                          | 42. P-B5  | K-N1                         |             |                                |
| 24.                        | ...QXNP ch               | 43. P-B6  | RXR                          |             | Now I have forced a passed     |
|                            | If White's king can only | 44. PXR   | R-N1                         |             | pawn to be really passed for   |
|                            | get away to the King     | 45. K-B3  |                              |             | good! Now Black's King must    |
|                            | Knight file, he will be  |           | Good-bye Rook!               |             | go into his QB file and stand  |
|                            | safe.                    | 45.       | ...K-N2                      |             | back because of 66th K-K7 fol- |



1976 Texas A&I Open, Kingsville  
 Ed Del Rio (1610) - Del Cerrillo  
 (1425)

How did White win?  
 Answer is on page 19.



MOVING TO A  
 NEW ADDRESS?  
 DO NOT FORGET  
 TO SEND US  
 YOUR NEW  
 ADDRESS.



1976 ACM Convention Simul, Houston

David Levy - David Epstein

Sicilian Dragon Opening

1. e4	c5	12. Bd4 (a)	Qd5	23. Rd8	Rd8
2. Nf3	d6	13. Bg7	Qd2+	24. Rd8	g5
3. d4	cd	14. Rd2	Kg7	25. c4	g4
4. Nd4	Nf6	15. Rhdl	B+5	26. Rh8	Kg5
5. Nc3	g6	16. Bf3	Rab8	27. Rg8+	Kf4
6. Be3	Bg7	17. h3	h5	28. h4	e6
7. Be2	Nc6	18. b3	b6	29. Rg5	Rc5
8. Qd2	O-O	19. Kb2	Kf6	30. Rc4	bc
9. O-O-O	d5	20. Bc6	Rfc8	31. a3 (b)	a5
10. ed	Nd5	21. Bd7	Rc7!!	32. Kc3	Ke5!
11. Nd5	Nd4	22. Bf5	Kf5	33. b4	cb+

(a) 12. Ne7+?, Qe7; 13. Bd4, Bd4; 14. Qd4, Qe2; -+.

(b) White seems confident that he is safe on the kingside.

(c) You won't see this often (even in a simul!): a master falling for the ensuing finagle. 41. g3 wins easily.

34. ab	ab+
35. Kb4	Kd6
36. Kb5	Kc7
37. Kc5	f6
38. Kb5	e5
39. Kc5	f5
40. Kd5	e4
41. Ke5??(c)	g3
42. fg3 and	e3
Resigns	

1976 ACM Convention Simul, Houston

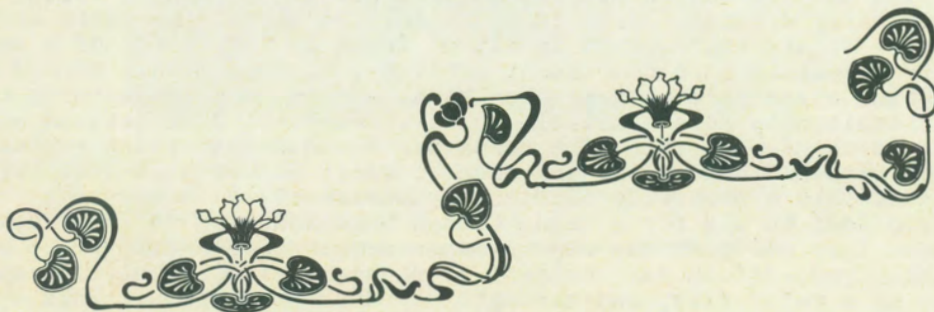
David Levy - Robert Hornington

Goering Gambit

1. P-K4	P-K4	12. P-QR3	BXN	23. N-R5	RXR
2. N-KB3	N-NB3	13. PXB	N-Q4	24. RXR	RXR
3. P-Q4	PXP	14. QR-B1	NXB	25. KXR	K-Q2
4. P-QB3	P-Q4	15. PAX	P-B3	26. K-Q2	B-K3
5. PXP	QXP	16. B-N5	RXP	27. P-QB4	B-B2
6. PXP	B-N5	17. N-Q2	B-K7	28. K-B3	P-KB4
7. B-K2	O-O-O	18. BXN	QXB	29. K-N4	P-B5
8. B-K3	N-B3	19. QXQ	PXQ	30. K-B5	B-R4
9. N-B3	B-N5	20. KR-K1	QR-K1	31. NXP	P-N4
10. O-O	Q-Q2	21. K-B2	R(6)-K2	32. NXP	B-B6!
11. Q-R4	KR-K1 (a)	22. N-N3	B-N5	33. P-N3(b)	B-N2

(a) 11...N-Q4; 12. NXN, QXN; 13. P-QR3, B-Q3; 14. P-R3, B-R4; 15. P-QN4, P-QR3; 16. KR-B1, N-QN1; 17. QR-N1 with a strong attack, LEVY-KRAIDMAN LUGANO 1968.

(b) After this, Black's pawns will be unstoppable. 32...B-B6 is the kind of move a player should always be on the lookout for.





# HISTORY OF THE TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

by Eric Bone, March, 1973

C. HAROLD BONE was born in Lebanon, Ohio, on February 9, 1902. He worked most of his life for Armco Steel Corporation as a chemist, a metallurgist, and a quality control specialist. He learned to play chess in college at the University of Cincinnati. He was never involved in any serious competition or organization until many years later in Texas. However, I got my interest in chess from watching him play with the little local club in Lebanon that met at the members' homes when I was about four years old and, then, from seeing him analyze postal games (Chess Review) in the years afterwards.

We moved to Texas in 1944, but it wasn't until about 1953, when I was 14, that he got drawn into organized chess through my interest. He started taking me to tournaments around the state, playing sometimes himself, but often just following my own progress and becoming gradually interested in the organizational aspects of chess. He was only an average Class B player himself, but he took his games very seriously, playing everyone with extreme concentration and enjoying it to the utmost.

In 1957, he decided to try his hand at chess organization and accepted the TCA presidency for the upcoming year in which the 1958 Southwest Open was scheduled for Houston. Few people outside his family realize how completely he threw himself into this job and how many hours he devoted to it. For the next three years, he held this office in a major break with tradition which had always seen a new TCA president elected from the city which was to hold the following year's Southwest Open. He was re-elected each year because people knew he was actually accomplishing things and now because he wanted the job, difficult attributes to find in anyone even now, but back then even more so.

His major accomplishments were the creation of a complete Constitution and By-Laws for the TCA and the establishment of an active tournament system in Texas. Prior to that time, there was either no TCA Constitution or only a rudimentary one. In order to research and construct the complete and functional document he thought the TCA needed, a voluminous correspondence was carried on both with other state organizations concerning their operations and with the leading members of the Texas chess community. The final result was an excellent set of operating rules which has served the TCA well for almost 15 years and, even with the revisions made by Homer Hyde in 1972, is largely the same document to this day.

The main alterations which were needed in 1972 were in the By-Laws concerning the tournament system, an area which has changed vastly since it was originally written. Back in the middle and late '50s there were only about five or six tournaments in all of Texas in the course of a year. In order to stimulate more tournament activity, to more evenly spread and systematize chess promotion in the state, and to make advancement to the state championship more available to all, President Bone devised a system similar to the FIDE system. The state was divided into seven regions, each of which had a Director and each of which was to hold a qualification tournament into a statewide Candidates Tournament which was then to narrow the field down to six for a Texas Closed Championship. A great deal of work went into defining the regions in order to have a balance or an equitable trade-off in such matters as physical size, population size, inclusion of a major city, and strength of chess population. This system,



as adopted and written into the By-Laws, was responsible for a considerable upswing in tournament activity in the next few years with many of the Regional Qualification Tournaments such as the Alamo Open, the San Jacinto Open, and others becoming established annual tournaments which are still in existence today. Although the system served very well in its day, it was recently changed, partly because a few of the regions were not participating and partly because tournament activity is so great nowadays, anyway, that such a system is no longer needed.

Another activity of the Bone administration was a long, vigorous, complicated, but finally unsuccessful attempt to have chess adopted by the Texas Inter-Scholastic League as one of its sanctioned competitions along with such things as debating, slide rule, number sense, etc. The last major accomplishment for which C. Harold Bone can take part of the credit was in persuading a certain Air Force Major (then) from San Antonio to run as his successor for TCA president, a man who since became President and then Executive Director of the USCF, one Edmund B. Edmondson.

C. Harold Bone gradually phased out of chess activity during the 1960's due to other interests and also to stresses brought on by great personal property loss in Hurricane Carla in 1961, and later by declining health. When he passed away in 1966, one of his nonchessplaying sons, Gordon Bone, now of Chicago, had a trophy made and suggested that an annual memorial tournament be held with the trophy rotating to the winner each year. The TCA voted to award the C. Harold Bone Memorial Trophy to the annual winner of the State Championship on a rotating basis.



The C. Harold Bone Cup photographed just before last year's climactic fifth round championship game between Elliot Winslow and Ron Henley. Each year, the new Texas Champion's name is engraved on the trophy. --Tom Weaver.





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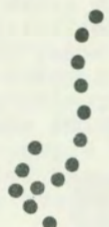
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Game results thru 11-30-76

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### 1974 Texas Championship Finals

Zach Coombes, Austin	1	Alfred Stewart, W. Falls	0
Herman Scott, Ft. Worth	1	Zach Coombes	0
Jeff Gamble, Hurst	1	Herman Scott	0
Ken Sund, McAllen	1 1/2	Zach Coombes	1 1/2
Jeff Gamble	1	E.V. Trull, Seguin	0
Jeff Gamble	1	John White, Irving	0
Alfred Stewart	1	E.V. Trull	0
Ken Sund	1	Tom Weaver, Corpus Christi	0

#### Leader board:

Gamble	3-0
Sund	1 1/2-1 1/2

### 1975 Texas Championship, Qualifiers

Bill McCarty, Odessa	5 1/2-1 1/2
Steve Lynn, Austin	4 1/2-1 1/2
Larry Adams, Stafford	5-1
Ken Sund, McAllen	5-1
Zach Coombes, Austin	5 1/2-1 1/2

Other possibles are Gene Clement of Pleasanton and Bob Uhler of Wills Point.

### 1976 Texas Prelims Results

76-1	Calvin Collins, Midland	1	George Thomas, Midland	0
76-1	Calvin Collins	1	Herman Scott	0
76-1	Calvin Collins	1	E.V. Trull	0
76-2	....C.R. Holbrook, forfeits all games			
76-2	Ken Sund	1	Ken Hackney	0
76-2	Bobby Taylor, Mt. Pleasant	1	Dale Letts, Amarillo	0
76-2	John Walker, Wichita Falls	1	Ken Hackney	0
76-2	Norman Watson, Angleton	1	B. Taylor	0
76-2	Norman Watson	1	Ken Hackney	0
76-2	Bobby Taylor	1	John Walker	1/2
76-2	John Walker	1	Norman Watson	0
76-2	Bobby Taylor	1 1/2	Ken Sund	1 1/2
76-3	Steve Lynn, Austin	1	Richard Dennehy	0
76-3	R. Dennehy, San Antonio	1 1/2	B. Green, Tennyson	1 1/2
76-3	Walter Stapp, Crowell	1	R. Dennehy	0
76-3	....Douglas George forfeits all except Stapp			
76-3	Walter Stapp	1	Douglas George	0
76-3	Walter Stapp	1	Bill Green	0
76-3	Barry Endsley, Seabrook	1	Bill Green	0
76-3	Barry Endsley	1	John Walker	0
76-3	Steve Lynn	1	John Walker	0
76-4	John Walker	1 1/2	W.R. Champion, Dallas	1 1/2
76-4	Phil Dorcas, Arlington	1	W.R. Champion	0



COMING EVENTS

January 15-16  
1977 Alamo Open  
 San Antonio

5-SS, 45/2 then 40/1 TL, at the Travelodge Motel, 100 Villita (across from the east side of the Bexar County Courthouse). EF: \$15 at door or \$12 if paid by Jan 12, USCF & TCA req'd. PRIZES: \$500 minimum in cash prizes plus trophies will be distributed in an equitable manner to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, all classes, and unrated. REG: 7-9 a.m., Sat. RDS: 9:30-2:30-7:30, Sat. and 9-2:30, Sun. ENT: Pete Prattes, Box 7231, San Antonio, TX 78207.

GRAND PRIX EVENT

January 29-30  
1977 Texas Closed and Amateur  
Championships  
 Denton

5-SS, on the fourth floor of the North Texas State Univ. Student Union, Denton. Out of state players are eligible for cash prizes only and an unrated player may not win over \$100. CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION: Open to experts and higher rated players only, unless the top class 'A' player is required to make an even number. EF: \$20 advance, \$25 at door, USCF & TCA req'd. TL: to be announced. TD: Bill Snead. Other information exactly same as for Amateur Section except PRIZES: 1st, \$350 & trophy; 2nd, \$200; 3rd, \$100; Expert \$100 & \$50. AMATEUR SECTION: Open to Class 'A' and lower rated players plus unrateds, except may use ELO ratings to assign a person to the higher section. EF: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, USCF & TCA req'd. TL: 50/2. PRIZES: 1st \$300 & trophy; 2nd \$200 & trophy; 3rd \$100; 4th \$50; Upset \$50, 'B' \$100 & trophy, \$50, \$25; 'C' \$100 & trophy, \$50, \$25; 'D/E' \$75 & trophy, \$50, \$25; Unr \$75 & trophy, \$25. All prizes guaranteed based on having 140 entries. ENT: Gary Rogers, 307 Bryan, Apt. 4, Denton, TX 76201.

CALENDAR

Jan. 8 Round Robin, Dallas  
 Jan. 15-16 Alamo Open, San Antonio  
 Jan. 29-30 Texas Champs., Denton  
 Feb. 19-21 El Paso Open  
 Mar. 12-13(?) Underwood Mem., Lubbock  
 Apr. 23-24 San Jacinto O., College Sta.  
 May 7-8 Buc Days O., Corpus Christi  
 June 4-5 Houston Open  
 Sept. 3-5 Southwest Open, San Antonio  
 Nov. 26-27 Texas Open, (?)

February 19-21  
El Paso Open

Details to be announced. Lindsay Phillips writes, "We hope to have a strong event with at least \$1,000 prize fund."

April 23-24  
San Jacinto Open  
 College Station

5-SS, 45/2 then 20/1 TL, at the Texas A&M Univ. Student Center. EF: \$15 at door; \$10 juniors, students, and pre-entries; USCF & TCA req'd. PRIZES: per entries. REG: 8-9:30 a.m., Sat. RDS: 10-3-7, Sat. and 10-3, Sun. TD: Dennis Steinmetz. ENT: Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt, College Station, TX 77840.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

SS - Swiss System pairing.  
 TL - Time limit for moving.  
 RDS - Starting times of Rounds.  
 TD - Tournament Director.  
 ENT - Where to send pre-entries.  
 TCA - Texas Chess Association.  
 USCF - U.S. Chess Federation.  
 GRAND PRIX - A system whereby each tournament in Texas that wishes to be listed as a Grand Prix event sends \$25 to the TCA Secretary-Treasurer who adds up this money and awards the total to the player who wins the most Grand Prix points.

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Answer: 1. PQ7 RK2  
 2. RXP QQ1  
 3. PQ6 RB2  
 4. QQ5 QKB1  
 5. PQ8(Q) Resigns.



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