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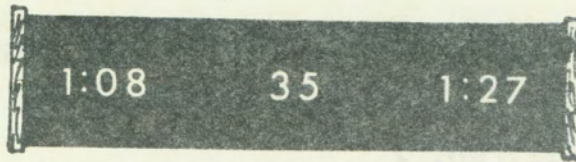
This year's Texas Open Chess Championship will be hosted by the "sparkling city by the sea," Corpus Christi, on November 27-28. In addition to the individual class championships, the chess club with the highest total of cash won by its members will be honored with the designated title of "Texas Team Champion."

The tournament organizers are grateful to Ed Del Rio, Edgar Cortes, and Tom Weaver for guaranteeing the \$2500 prize fund up to a \$300 loss.

November, right after Thanksgiving and during the height of the football season, is always a tough time to try to have a big chess tournament, but the optimistic organizers believe it is possible to have 100 entries. Even if there are just 50 entries, the prize fund would still be high in relation to the participation since the Hilton Inn of Corpus Christi kindly agreed to let us have their big ballroom for free, and because the American Bottling Company teamed up with M&M Supplies Sales Company to provide free trophies.

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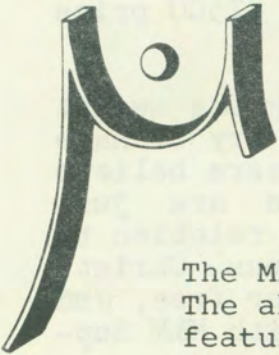
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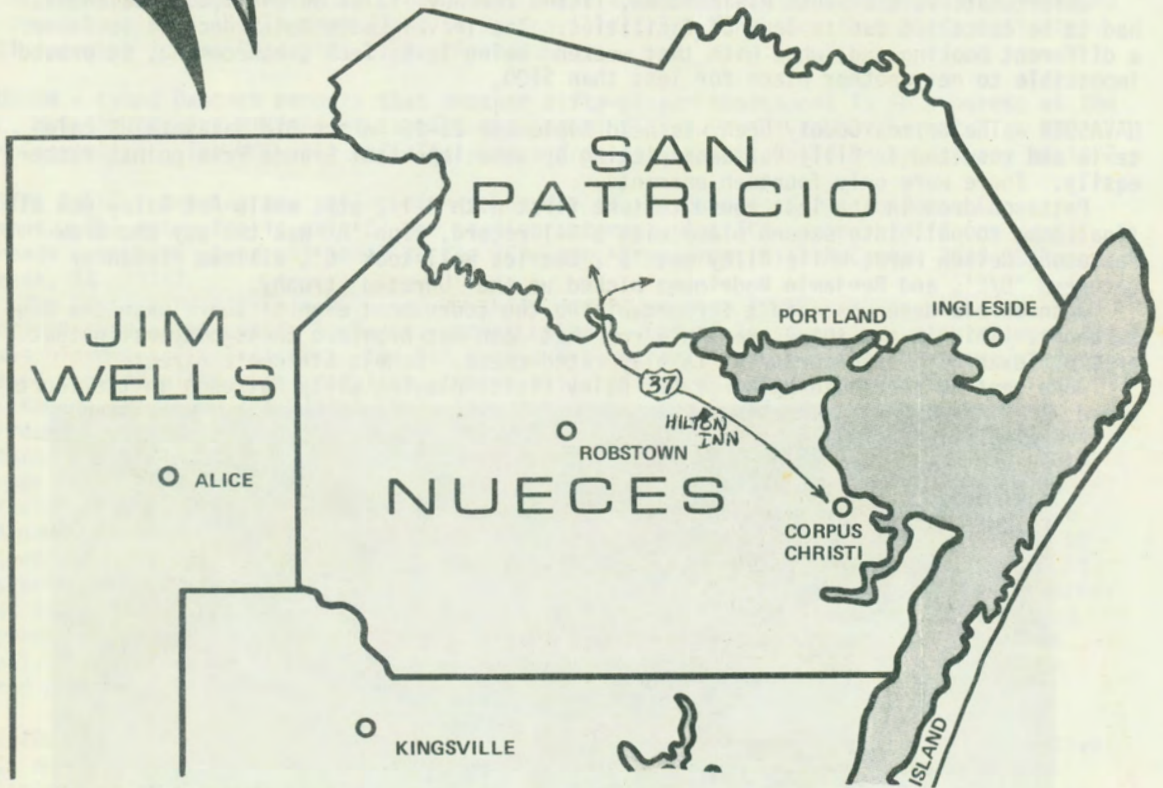
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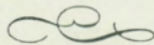
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## CHESS TOURNAMENT



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## LONE STAR ROUNDUP



LUBBOCK - The 14-player "Free Chess and Food" tournament was divided into four quads and the winner of each quad received a certificate of achievement. The recipients were Dean Yarbro, Andrea Myers, Elvin Chase, and Gordon Kiefer. A dinner provided by Stubb's Bar-B-Q was enriched by the presence of Zelda Underwood and A. L. Strout. David Thomas and Dr. Strout were engaged in a game that was going well for the good doctor when it had to be terminated because of the start of the excellent meal.

The South Plains Saturday Open, held August 14, was won by Arnold Rubin and J. G. Brock. The 10-player event went off without a hitch and the new South Plains Chess Club looks like a welcome addition to the Lubbock chess scene.

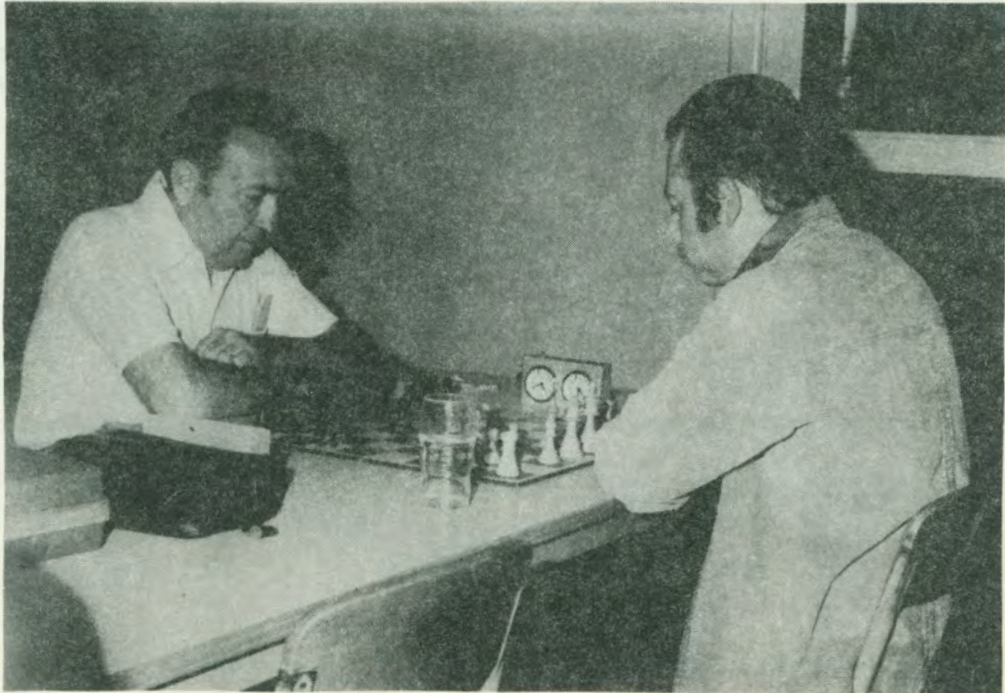
Unfortunately, the South Plains Open, listed for Nov. 13-14 on the T.C.A. Calendar, had to be cancelled due to lack of facilities. The Travel Lodge Motel decided to favor a different booking and, what with that weekend being Texas Tech's homecoming, it proved impossible to get another place for less than \$100.

NAVASOTA - The Grimes County Open was held September 25-26 in the Old Navasota HS cafeteria and resulted in Billy Patteson picking up some important Grande Prix points rather easily. There were only fourteen entrants.

Patteson drew in the last round to take first with 4-1/2 pts. while Art Riley won his final game to pull into second place with a 4-1 record. Top 'A' was the guy who drew Patteson, Nelson Ford; while Riley got 'B', Charles Bell took 'C', William Alexander gathered 'D/E', and Benjamin Rodriguez picked up the 'Unrated' trophy.

John Garcia deserves credit for organizing the tournament even if there wasn't a big turn-out. This is the third year in a row that John has provided chess players in that area of Texas with an opportunity to play rated chess. Dennis Steinmetz directed.

John sent in the photo below of Art Riley (left) playing Billy Patteson in the fourth round.



SAN ANTONIO - Pete Prattes had a cataract removed recently but expects soon to be organizing and directing tournaments for the SACC again. Pete wants me to note that Marcel Sisniega and Joe Bradford also scored 6 pts. at the S.W. Open to finish in the top money.

SACC President Art Riley confided to the editor that he has been a friend of Ed Edmondson's since they met at the San Diego CC while both were in the USAF. Art hopes Edmondson will retire to Texas.

CORPUS CHRISTI - We are sad to note the passing of two-time state champion John Bob Payne on October 1, 1976. He died of lung cancer.

John won the Texas State Chess Championship in 1952 and repeated in 1957 while still residing in San Antonio. Fifteen years ago he moved to Corpus Christi where he worked the entire time as sales manager for KZTV. His job kept him too busy to travel much, but he supported local chess events whenever he could.

John came up with Ken Smith and the two played many hard fought battles over the 64 squares. John was one of the first Texans to reach the rank of USCF master. He will be missed.

MC ALLEN - Steve Alden recently organized a chess tournament in McAllen and Simon Townsend followed up with a little open event in Brownsville. The TCA hopes that chess activity will increase in the Valley of El Rio Grande.

HOUSTON - Lynne Babcock reports that another fifty-player tournament is in progress at the HCC, but the biggest excitement is over the upcoming kids versus computers match at the ACM Convention. The HCC will definitely move from its present building by January of 1977.

POSTAL CHESS - Entries are still being taken for the 1976 Texas Correspondence Chess Champs. The entry fee is only \$2 per section entered, plus TCA membership if one isn't already a member. Send all money to the TCA Sec.-Treasurer, Bill McCarty, 2615 Buchanan, Odessa, TX 79763.

The Texas versus Michigan Postal Match is under way with 26 players on each side. Every chess playing center in Texas, except Lubbock, has at least one representative. All Texas players are volunteers. The TCA owes a debt of gratitude for the way these players rushed forward without any cajoling. Names will be listed later with results.

Ken Hackney, the TCA Postal Chess Director, is on the Board of Directors for the Correspondence Chess League of America which organization is in turn affiliated with the International Correspondence Chess Federation. Although the TCA no longer requires CCLA membership to enter the state postal championship, we do still support the CCLA in its efforts to bring international correspondence chess to America. Therefore, we want the TCA membership to know that the World Cup IV, an open tournament of the ICCF, can now be entered by sending an entry fee of \$7.00 (payable to CCLA, but membership in the CCLA is not required) to David Ames, Box 888, Boston, Massachusetts 02103. Note that the tournament is conducted in three rounds, each lasting a year, and airmail postage is required between North America and other continents. The pairing and qualification schemes are novel--allowing large numbers to play international chess. There were 2619 entries in World Cup III. Write Ames for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bill Snead is waiting for answers to all his letters to prospective USCF and TCA appointees before announcing any of them in Texas Knights. Since Bill McCarty is charged with the responsibility of sending a registered letter to the USCF by November 1, 1976, announcing all of the Texas USCF Delegates and Voting Members and Alternates, we will have the lists in plenty of time for the next Texas Knights.

LA FAYETTE, LA - Six Texans competed in the Southwestern Louisiana Open, May 29-30, in Lafayette. Billy Patteson led the group with 4 pts. to take overall third place.

First was won by Steve Hobart (4-1/2 pts.) on tie break over Billy Phillips. Besides Hobart and Patteson, other competitors in the 38-entry field who were rated over 1900 included Selby Anderson, Lorenzo Gaskill, and Dominador Anor.

The Lafayette Chess Club, P.O. Box 52126, Lafayette, LA 70501, is offering a booklet containing all 89 games for \$2.50.

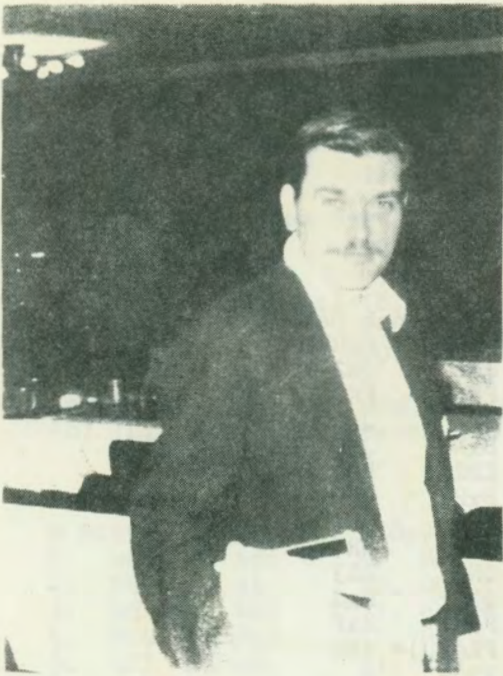
CHURCH'S S. W. OPEN



Brieger can't refuse what Prattes offers.



Winslow wasn't so nice to Condon during the game.



Bill Church



Johnson, the Abplanalps, and books.



J.C. demonstrates for Owen Johnson.



Snead takes charge.

# Games

The following games from the 1976 Southwest Open were annotated by T.C.A. Games Editor Gary Simms.

W Rick Rodgers (1785) B Marcel Sisniega (2266) French Def Rd 1

1. PK4	PK3	17. RPxB	NB1	33. PxBP	PxRP
2. PQ4	PQ4	18. QB2	QQ1	34. QN2	QN2
3. NQ2	NKB3	19. KN3	PQR4	35. PB6	RKB2
4. PK5	KNQ2	20. QR2	PN3	36. QR2	QxP
5. PKB4	PQB4	21. PR3	RQN2	37. BxNP	QN6+
6. KNB3	NQB3	22. BQ2	QN3	38. KB2	PB6
7. PB3	PB3	23. QB2	QRR2	39. BxR+	RxB
8. NN3	PxKP	24. BN2	RKB2	40. PN6	RB2
9. QPxB	BK2	25. BB3	BN2	41. PxP+	KR1
10. BK3	OO	26. RR6	BR1	42. QN3	BK3
11. PKR4	PB5	27. BQ1	QN1	43. QN7+	RxQ
12. QNQ4	NxN	28. BB2	BN2	44. PxR+	KxP
13. PxN	QR4+	29. QRQ1	BB1	45. PR8(Q)+	KB2
14. KB2	PQN4	30. QR2	RKN2	46. RB6+	R
15. PKN4	BxN	31. QR3	PN5		
16. NN5	BxN	32. PB5	KPxP		

This is a very impressive game. It takes great poise to conduct this type of attack

W Jess Goodman (1884) B Mario CamposLopez (2255) Vienna Rd 3

1. e4	e5	9. OO	Bd7	17. Rxf7	BxBc4
2. Nc3	Nc6	10. c3	Ne8	18. Rxf8+	KxRf8
3. Bc4	Nf6	11. fxe5	Nxe5	19. QxBc4	g6
4. d3	Bc5	12. NxNe5	QxNe5	20. Bh6+	Ke7
5. f4	d6	13. Bf4	Qe7	21. Qg4+	R
6. Nf3	OO	14. e5	Be6		Goodman sacks and burns
7. Na4	Qe7	15. Qb3	b6		an international master
8. NxBc5	dxNc5	16. Bg5	Qd7		

W James Bowen (1572) B Fred Payne (2016) Goering Gambit Rd 3

1. PK4	PK4	10. NxN	BK3	19. QB2	NN5
2. NKB3	NQB3	11. NQ5	BxN	20. BQ2	BQ5
3. PQ4	PxP	12. QxP	RB1	21. BK1	QRK1
4. PB3	PxP	13. OO	BK2	22. PKR3	NR3
5. NxP	PQ3	14. QN3	OO	23. RQ1	BN3
6. BQB4	BN5	15. BK3	KR1	24. RQ3	QB2
7. QN3	QQ2	16. QB3	BxN	25. QQ1	NB4
8. NKN5?(a)	NR3	17. PxB	NK4	26. R	
9. BxP+	NxB	18. QRB1	BB3		

(a) 8. BxP+!, QxB; 9. QxNP, gives White a winning advantage. In a sharp opening like this, one may get only 1 chance; if that chance is missed, chalk up a loss - as Mr. Payne demonstrates here.



W J.A. Hopkins (1382) B G.W. (Bill) Church (1660) Dutch Rd 4

1. PQB4	PK4	11. BxR	QxB	21. R(Q)K1	PQN4
2. PQ3	PKB4	12. KQ3	NB3	22. PN3	PxP
3. PK4	NKB3	13. KB2	NN5+	23. PxP	RN1
4. BN5	PxP	14. KN1	QN3	24. RQN1	RxR
5. PxP	BB4	15. BQ3	BK3	25. RxR	QxP+
6. NKB3	OO	16. NR4	QN4	26. KN3	QR4
7. NB3	PQ3	17. PQR3	NxB	27. KR2	QK1
8. NQ5	BxP+(a)	18. QxN	QxN	28. QB2	PQR4
9. KK2	BN3	19. PKN3	QR3	29. RN5?	QxR(b)
10. NxN	RxN	20. KR2	BQ5		

(a) Once again, the weakness of the KBP is exploited.

(b) This game illustrates the advantage two bishops have over a rook. Very nice.

W Steve Lynn (1744) B Gary Gray (1943) Vienna Rd 6

1. e4	Nf6	9. Be3	Bd6	17. e4	e5
2. Nc3	d5	10. OOO	a6	18. Rf1	ed
3. ed	Nd5	11. h4(a)	b5	19. Ng5?(c)	Qe7
4. Bc4	Nc3	12. Bd3	Bb7	20. Nh7	Kh7
5. Qf3	e6	13. Rh3	Nb6	21. e5+	Kg8
6. Qc3	Nd7	14. Kb1(b)	Nd5	22. ed6	Qd6
7. Nf3	Qf6	15. Qb3	Ne3	23. Rg3	Bd5(d)
8. d4	h6	16. fe3	OO	24. c4	bc
				25. Bc4	Bc4 and won

(a) An original concept, aiming at rapid mobilization of the K rook.

(b) A subtle trap, based on the threat of 18. Bg5!, hg5; 18. hg.

(c) Better is 19. Ne5, Be5; 20. Rdf1, Qe6; 21. de5, Qb3; 22. ab3.

Now White's game takes a turn for the worse.

(d) Black sees the trap. 23...Qg3 is followed by 24. Bh7+ winning the queen. After the text White is lost, for 24. Qa3 is met by 24...b4!

W Eugene Kohnitz (1873) B Richard Sansing (1614) QGD Rd 6

1. PQ4	PQ4	8. PQN4	BR2	15. RB1	QRQ1
2. PQB4	PK3	9. PB5?	OO	16. PxP	PxP
3. NQB3	PQB4	10. RR2	PK4	17. BQ3	BN6
4. PK3	NKB3	11. RQ2	BK3	18. QK2	BxN
5. NB3	NB3	12. BN2	QK2	19. R	
6. PxBP	BxP	13. NQR4?	NK5	A quick lesson in relin-	
7. PQR3	PQR3	14. RB2	PQ5	quishing control of the ctr	

W Roberto Fainstein (1691) B Nathan Cypert (1943) Blackmar Rd ?

1. PK4	PQB3	9. BQ2	NN3	17. RxB+	QxR
2. PQ4	PQ4	10. NQR4	QB2	18. RK1	QxR+
3. PKB3	PK3	11. OO	BQ3	19. QxQ+	BK3
4. BQ3	PxP	12. QRK1	NB5	20. NB5	OOO
5. PxP	QxP	13. QB2	PK4	21. QN4	PQN3
6. NKB3	QN3	14. BxN	PxB	22. BR6+	KB2
7. NB3	NQ2	15. PK5	NxP	23. QxBP+	RQ3
8. QK2	NK2	16. NxN	BxN	24. NK4	KRQ1
				25. NxR and won	

W Paul Kubinski (Unr.) B Gary Rogers (1612) CaroKan Rd 6

1. PK4	PQB3	6. PQB3	NQB3	11. QNQ2	BN5
2. PQ4	PQ4	7. BK3	QN3	12. BK2	BxKN
3. PK5	BKB4	8. PQN3	PxP	13. BxB	QxP
4. PKB4	PK3	9. BxP(a)	NxB	and Black won	
5. NKB3	PQB4	10. PxN(b)	BN5+		

- (a) Should the recapture be made with a piece or a pawn? This is a difficult question which frequently arises in positions of this type. The bishop capture is a good decision here, providing a chance to "get shut of" the Bad Bishop.
- (b) Once again capturing with the piece is best. By 10. NxN, White puts pressure on the Black bishop, centralizes his knight, threatens to occupy his QN5 with either a bishop or a knight and incidentally stops Black's check at N4. Missing these points, White quickly goes under.

W J.C. Thompson (2016) B O.W. Johnson (1754) Sicilian Rd 7

1. PK4	PQB4	13. PR5	NB5	25. QR4	KB2
2. NKB3	PQ3	14. BxN	PxB	26. PQN3	PR3
3. PQ4	PxP	15. BR6	QR4	27. RQR5	PN4
4. NxP	NKB3	16. KN1	QRN1	28. QB2	PK4
5. NQB3	PKN3	17. NQ5	PB6(a)!	29. NK2	KN1
6. BK3	BN2	18. NxP	BxB	30. RxQRP	BN4
7. PKB3	OO	19. QxB	QxN	31. RR7	RB2
8. BQB4	NB3	20. NN3	QK4	32. RxR	QxR
9. QQ2	BQ2	21. PxP	BPxP	33. RxP?	NN5!
10. OOO	PQR3	22. RQ5	QK3	Editor: As these two grey	
11. PKR4	PQN4	23. RKN5	QB2	headed gentlemen sat down	
12. BN3	NQR4	24. NQ4	QN2	after shaking hands over the	

to John, "I sure hate to play you again - you've screwed me so many times in the past!" But this time Owen came out on top.

Someone once said you must blunder twice before your opponent can win. In this game the refutation of two mistakes burst like bombshells upon the unsuspecting Mr. Thompson.

- (a) Beautiful! Its difficult to recover from a shock like this. Mr. Johnson was probably unhappy that Mr. Thompson didn't fall into the trap of 18. NxP+, KR1; 19. BxB+, KxB; 20. N(4)B5+, KR1; 21. QQ4, RxP+; 22. KB1, RN8+!!; 23. KxR, QN4+ followed by mate.

W Dean Yarbrow (1945) B Mike Greco (1836) Modern Rd 7

1. PK4	PKN3	13. BN5	QxB	25. QxNP	RB7
2. PQ4	BN2	14. NB7+	KB1	26. NQ4	RN7+
3. PKB4	PQ3	15. NxQ	BxR	27. QxR	NxQ
4. BB4	PQB4	16. OO	BB3	28. NxB+	KK1
5. PB3	PxP	17. QB7	NR3	29. RB4	KQ2
6. PxP	QN3	18. PK5	PxP	30. NB5+	KB3
7. NK2	NQB3	19. PxP	BN4	31. KxN	KN4
8. NB3	NxP	20. PKR3	NB4	32. RQ4	PQR4
9. BK3	NB7+	21. PN4	NK6	33. NQ3	RQB1
10. QxN	QxB	22. RB3	BK3	34. RQ5+	KB5
11. NQ5	QB4	23. NB4	BxN	35. RB5+	RxR
12. PN4	QB3	24. RxB	RB1	36. PxR	R

A pretty game by the up and coming Yarbrow.

W Elliot Winslow (2250)			B Mike Condon (2039)			CaroKan Rd 7		
1.	e4	c6	10.	a3	b6	19.	Qh3	ed(a)
2.	d4	d5	11.	Re1	Nc3	20.	Nh7	Bh2+(b)
3.	ed	cd	12.	bc	Bb7	21.	Kh1	Be5(c)
4.	c4	Nf6	13.	Qc2	g6	22.	Bg5	Bg7
5.	Nc3	e6	14.	Bh6	Re8	23.	Nf6+	Kf8
6.	Nf3	Be7	15.	Qd2	Rc8	24.	Qh7	Ne7
7.	cd	Nd5	16.	Qf4	Bd6	25.	Qg8+(d)	R
8.	Bd3	00	17.	Qg4	e5			
9.	00	Nc6	18.	Ng5	Qe7			

- (a) It's easy to see the debacle that follows, but by now there is no defense. The threat is 20. Nh7, Kh7; 21. Bg5+, Kg7; 22. Qh6+, Kg8; 23. Bf6.
- (b) Black hopes for 21. Qh2, Qh2+; 22. Kh2, Kh7.
- (c) Now Black cannot stand 21...Kh7; 22. Bg5+ as in note (a), but if he does not take the knight, 22. Nf6+, Kh7; 23. Bf8+, is distasteful. The text temporarily guards against both.
- (d) A very pretty game; this put Winslow in a tie for first with Brieger.

W Robert Brieger (2009)			B Ronald Henley (2340)			Pirc Rd 7		
1.	e4	g6	14.	cd4(a)	Ne3?!	27.	Nf2	Nb5!
2.	d4	Bg7	15.	Na3	c6	28.	Ng4	Nd4+
3.	Be3	d6	16.	Kd2	Nf1+	29.	Kd3	Re4
4.	c3	Nd7	17.	Rf1	Nb6	30.	Re4	Nb3
5.	Qd2	e5	18.	Re1+	Be6	31.	Nh6+	Kf8
6.	f3	Ngf6	19.	Nh3	Kf7	32.	Rc4	Rd8+
7.	h4	d5	20.	b3	Rhd8(b)	33.	Kc3	Na5
8.	ed5	Nd5	21.	Nc2	Bf5(c)	34.	Re4	Rd6
9.	Bg5	f6	22.	h5!(d)	Bc2	35.	Nf5	Rd5
10.	Bh6	Bh6	23.	Kc2	g5(e)	36.	g4	Rc5+
11.	Qh6	ed4	24.	Re4	Re8	37.	Kb4	Rb5+
12.	Qg7	Qe7+	25.	Rhe1	Nd5	38.	Kc3	Rb3+
13.	Qe7+	Ke7	26.	a3	Nc7	39.	Kc2	Rf3
						40.	Nd6	Ra3?(f)
						41.	h6!(g)	R

- (a) After an unusual opening, we arrive at an endgame which, because of White's isolani and Black's centralized knights, favors Black.
- (b) Nimzovitch himself would praise Henley's plan of 1) restraint, 2) attack, and 3) destruction of the isolani.
- (c) In view of what follows, perhaps the slower plan of 21...Rd6 and 22...Rad8 is preferable.
- (d) Now Brieger finds an ingenious method of creating counter play.
- (e) Why not 23...Rd4? Two good reasons are 24. hg+, hg; 25. Nf2, Rad8; 26. Rh7+, Kg8; 27. Ree7, and 24. hg+, Kg6; 25. Re7, Rd7; 26. Nf4+, Kf5?; 27. Re4!
- (f) Can it be that Black's best here is 40...Kg7 with a draw by perpetual by 41. Re7+, Kh6; 42. Nf7+ (42. Nf5+?, Rf5!), Kg7; 43. Nd6+, etc.? It would appear so.
- (g) Evidently someone has neglected to tell Mr. Brieger that, fantasize as he might with his clever little problems, positions like this simply do not occur in grown-up chess!

## COMING EVENTS

November 13-14

Brazos Open

College Station

5-SS, 45/2, at Memorial Student Center (room #140) of Texas A&M Univ. There are four close hotels and numerous motels within 1 mi. EF: \$10 pre-entry, student, & jrs \$15 at door, USCF & TCA required. PRIZES: \$100 for first guaranteed as are trophies; second, third, & class cash prizes per entries. RDS: 10-2:30-7, 10-3. TD: Dennis Steinmetz asst by Joshua Turin. REG: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday. ENT: Dr. Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt, College Station, Tx 77840.

GRANDE PRIX EVENT

November 27-28

1976 Texas Open and

Texas Team Championship

Corpus Christi

5SS, 45/2, at the Hilton Inn, 6255 Interstate Highway 37 (near International Airport), Corpus Christi, TX 78409 (call Hilton Reservation Svc Worldwide free, 800-492-6993). EF: \$20 in advance except just \$10 in advance from juniors, women, or any member of a family that has already paid one \$20 EF; \$25 for all at the door, USCF & TCA required. PRIZES: \$2500 total (guaranteed up to a \$300 loss by Ed Del Rio, Edgar Cortes, & Tom Weaver); \$400 & trophy - \$300 & trophy - 200 - 100 to top four, 'X' \$150 & trophy, 'A' \$150 & trophy - 100 - 50, 'B' \$150 & trophy - 100 - 50, 'C' \$150 and trophy - 100 - 50, 'D/E' \$150 and trophy - 100 - 50, Unr. \$100 and trophy - 50. REG: 8:30-9:50 a.m. Sat.; RDS: 10-3-8, 9-2:30; ENT: Tom Weaver, 3617 Lamont, Corpus Christi, TX 78415.

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## CALENDAR

Oct 23-24 Amarillo Fall Open  
Nov 13-14 Brazos O., College Station  
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