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## DENTON DRAWS CROWD

The 1977 Texas Closed and Amateur Chess Championships drew a total of 114 players to the tourney sites at North Texas State University January 29 and 30.

Jerry Milburn won the State Championship and gained a masters rating in the top event while Mason Dickson swept to a 5-0 record and first place in the Amateur section.

The final totals in the Closed section: Jerry Milburn (2196) 3-1/2, Ken Smith (2243) 3, Joe Bradford (2216) 3, David Thomas (2174) 3, Gary Simms (2149) 2-1/2, Robert Brieger (2201) 2-1/2, Ruth Orton (1952) 1-1/2, and Bill Orton (2086) 1. Milburn won his last round game by forfeit when Gary Simms was unable to appear because his wife had an auto accident--she was not seriously hurt but the car was damaged and Simms had to catch a bus immediately to get back to Amarillo.

Ken Smith was knocked out of adding another state championship to his already long list of achievements by a queen sacrifice that Joe Bradford pulled in their highly tactical last round game. David Thomas could have tied Milburn by winning his last game but Robert Brieger, who drew all five of his opponents, was not cooperative.

We hope to have a complete crosstable with annotated games for the next issue of T.K. Tournament Director Bill Snead is working on a game book.

The Amateur section, directed by Gary Rogers and Bill McCarty, had 106 entries. Since all the experts played in the Closed section, there

was no class 'A' prize behind Dickson's first place. Tied for second at 4-1/2 each were J. C. Thompson, Kevin Embry, and Steve Wolf. Tied for 'B' at 4 each were Phil Hallmark, Art Riley, Curtis Lucas, Raymundo Gutierrez, Robert Harrington, and Robert Arthur. Top 'C' at 3-1/2 was LaValle Watson while Mike Burns, Jack Fox, Tom Louis, Jerry Holder, Wallace Brady, and James Wharton had 3 pts. Top 'D' at 2-1/2 was Joe Pena while Boyd Rogers, Bill Schaulk, Jerome Campbell, James Roberts, Ron Wheeler, Brett Hill, and Wm. Collum scored 2 pts. Top Unrated was Mike Greco's little brother John R. Greco with 3 pts while Graciano Sison and Frank Dever also got prize money. The Upset prize was won by Bill Schaulk (1377) for defeating Alex Juarez (1772).

The rounds all started very nearly on time but the tournament was plagued by drop-outs due to a Sunday snow storm. Eighteen players had to leave early and at least one, Dr. Walter Stapp of Crowell, had an auto accident--fortunately not serious though his wife was shaken up a bit.

Over all the tournament has to rate as a success and as a good sign for chess in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Clarence Callaway is now trying to find a site in D-FW to host the 1977 Texas Open.

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## MICHIGAN CHESS ASSOCIATION VS. TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION

The interstate contest between Michigan and Texas is well underway with each side represented by twenty-eight enthusiastic players including one lady on their side. With each player competing in two games simultaneously with the same opponent, there are fifty-six games to be decided.

As in any team event, it is difficult to assign players to board positions but both Captain Bill McCarty and Captain Lee Larson did succeed in getting their respective side organized. McCarty reviewed USCF ratings, CCLA ratings, guessed a lot, flipped coins, and other means of ranking the Texas players and Larson admitted to doing about the same on behalf of Michigan.

The respective team line ups are as follows:

<u>TEXAS</u>		<u>MICHIGAN</u>	
1. David Willis	HOUSTON	Fred Lindsay	SOUTHFIELD
2. J.C. Thompson	RICHARDSON	Charles Bassin	WEST BLOOMFIELD
3. Nathan Cypert	ODESSA	Roger Freling	SHEPHERD
4. Jim Campion	DALLAS	Bradford Drake	DEARBORN
5. Ken Sund	MC ALLEN	Andrew Beider	DETROIT
6. Art Riley	SAN ANTONIO	L. Quigley	DETROIT
7. Bill Janes	LEROY	Lee Larson	EAST LANSING
8. Herman Scott	FORT WORTH	Bruce Suchanko	LANSING
9. W.R. Champion	DALLAS	Glenn Good	TRENTON
10. Duncan Campbell	HOUSTON	L. Rutkofske	FORT HURON
11. R.J. Baker	AUSTIN	Alan Balkany	LIVONIA
12. Tom Weaver	CORPUS CHRISTI	Bill Groeller	DETROIT
13. Raynaldo Fourzan	EL PASO	Charles Huttar	HOLLAND
14. Clarence Callaway	IRVING	Veselin Vanov	HARBEN
15. John Walker	WICHITA FALLS	Rick White	EAST LANSING
16. Glen Clark	HOUSTON	Robert Bell	ANN ARBOR
17. Billy Hamilton	BROWNE	John O'Brien	TRAVERSE CITY
18. Philip Dorcas	ARLINGTON	J.P. Murphy	PONTIAC
19. James Hilton	GALVESTON	Art Garmon	SOUTH HAVEN
20. Weldon Gregg	PLAINVIEW	D. Arganian	EAST LANSING
21. Walter Stapp	CROWELL	Phyllis Kuehn	SAGINAW
22. Bobby Hamilton	BROWNE	Mike Platt	ROCKFORD
23. Frederick Speck	MEMPHIS	James Jackson	DETROIT
24. Bill Green	TEANYSOON	Darren Durkes	HASLETT
25. Calvin Collins	MIDLAND	Larry Stanfield	DETROIT
26. Dale LETTS	AMARILLO	CLIFFORD JOHNSON	LAFAYETTE
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## LONE STAR ROUNDUP



GRAND PRIX - The 1976 Grand Prix race is over with seven tournaments contributing \$25 each to make a prize of \$175 to the winner. Participating events were Midland (Feb.), El Paso (Feb.), Houston (June), Victoria (July), San Antonio (September), Navasota (Oct.), and Corpus Christi (Nov.).

The 1976 race was extremely close. Billy Patteson won with 125 points to 113 for Robert Brieger.

The SW Open and the Texas Closed Championship benefit an outright winner with 70 GP points with second awarded 40 thence third place 24 pts; fourth place, 23 pts and each lower place one less point per place. No points are given to any player who does not make a plus score.

The Texas Open awards the winner 60 pts., second place 32 pts., third 24 and remainder same as SW Open.

The Texas Amateur, El Paso, Houston, Victoria, and Navasota award 50 pts. to outright winner; second, 30 pts.; third, 24 pts. thence like SW Open.

Brieger was awarded 55 pts. for his 1st place share of SW Open; 23 pts. for his 2nd 7th place share at Houston; and 32 pts. for his 1st-5th at Texas Open. No points given for Midland, El Paso, Victoria or Navasota.

Patteson was awarded 50 pts. for outright 1st at Navasota; 40 pts. for 1st-2nd share at Victoria plus 32 pts. for his 1st-5th tie at Texas Open. No points given for Midland, El Paso, San Antonio, or Houston.

Since the secretary-treasurer does not have all the crosstables in complete state, each player was given the benefit of doubt and awarded three points in case they had won minor points at some of these events. Note that Grand Prix points are awarded in the same manner as cash in that there are no tiebreak provisions and although out-of-state players are ineligible for the prize they can deny points to eligible contenders such as the case where Winslow tied Brieger at San Antonio.

Congratulations to both Billy and Robert for being so active and having so much success in 1976.

DALLAS - The Dallas Chess Club has moved to 1112 Graham Avenue where meetings will be held Tuesdays 7-12 p.m., Fridays 7-12 p.m., Saturdays 2-6 p.m., and Sundays 2-12 p.m. The club phone number is 827-5940.

DCC officers for 1977 are Roy Otts, President; Henry Flusche, Vice President; Fred Crowds, Secretary; Jim Campion, Treasurer; Wayne Connaway, Publicity Director; Richard Wallace, Tournament Director; and William Powell.

A regular schedule of events is on tap for 1977 with the city championship playoffs starting in February. Last year's officially sanctioned city champion was Robert Reid.

OKLAHOMA - Gary Simms won the 42-player Sand Springs Open (Dec 4 and 5) with 5-0.

BRONTE - A four team quadrangular held December 18 was won by Odessa ahead of San Angelo followed by Bronte and Abilene. Members of the winning team were Nathan Cypert, Bill McCarty, Gerald Lopez, George Thomas, and Calvin Collins. Top board honors went to Cypert, Bobby Hamilton of Bronte, Charles Hale of San Angelo, and Bill Green of Bronte, respectively. Members of the winning team were awarded trophies donated by the Hitchin' Post Restaurant of Bronte.

CORPUS CHRISTI - An Oso Recreation Center tournament held in December at the rate of one game each Tuesday night was won by Tim Painschab's 2-1/2 - 1-1/2 score while Folk Waver scored 2-0 to best the 2-1 scores of Tom Weaver, Ed Mohn, and Ysidro Rodriguez for second place. The tournament was listed as 'informal' rather than Swiss System for tournament pairing because participation in each round was optional--just whoever happened to be at the club at 7:30 p.m. and wanted play was paired--usually with the player whose rating was closest. Tom Weaver directed the free event and intends to use the informal system of pairing again in non-prize tournaments.

SAN ANTONIO - The annual Alamo Open drew 43 entrants to San Antonio January 15 and 16. Mike Condon and Tom Heaton tied for first with 4-1/2 pts. each while Blake Stevens had 4 to finish third. Top 'A' was Eugene Kohnitz with 4, top 'B' Tony Alston with 3-1/2, top 'C' Jack Fox with 4, top 'D' Charles Hayden with 2-1/2, and top Unrated was Charles Hall with 3 pts. Pete Prattes and Mitchell White directed this fine TCA event.

The San Antonio Chess Club honored TCA Vice President Art Riley by re-electing him as President for 1977. Other officers are Tony Alston, Vice President; Pete Prattes, Treasurer; and Roy Mendoza, Director at Large. The SACC will continue holding regular meetings and is planning to host another huge Southwest Open plus a fantastic Texas Junior Championship.

SAN ANGELO - Unfortunately the San Angelo CC had a tournament which conflicted with the Alamo Open so it was not carried in the last Texas Knights' Upcoming Events section. When we found it would be a TCA event also, special efforts were made by TCA Secretary Treasurer Bill McCarty to advertize the tournament by inserting announcements into all T.K.'s sent to the San Angelo area.

A good turnout of 33 players occurred, 20 in the rated section. Craig Holcomb and Jerry Hertenberger went 3-0 to tie for first. Gary Rogers directed.

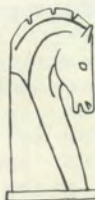
LUBBOCK - The 1977 Texas Tech Championship was held Sunday, January 23, with 18 students playing. David Thomas won on tiebreak over Pat Stewart as both went 3-0.

The club still meets at Carol Thompson Jr. Hl, 13th and Ave. U, on Tuesdays. The Ninth Rank, edited by Gary Huber, is the Lubbock Chess Association's bulletin.

HOUSTON - The Houston Chess Club is still meeting at 4714 Fannin as of this writing but Lynne Babcock does have the building up for sale. Plans for the 1977 Houston Open are pending.

Charles Stallings has a club meeting on Friday nights at a church and the old Royal Fox Hunter's Society is supposed to start meeting on Mondays at the House of Crepes in the Town & Country Village according to information provided to the editor by Robert Brieger via telephone. Robert is trying to start a beginners chess course at St. Thomas University and will be at Texas A&M for a simultaneous exhibition April 1.

EDITOR - The Texas Knights needs a new editor because Tom Weaver is in the process of moving to Kingsville to help set up a permanent Texas Employment Commission office there. Tom just doesn't have any time for chess and it takes about 20 hours for each T.K. Aspiring hard working chess editors should contact Bill Snead for consideration to this appointive position.



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## SOUTH FLORIDA WINS PAN-AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE

The University of South Florida topped a field of 108 college teams and 492 players from 26 states and Canada to win the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York City, December 26-30.

Top-ranked South Florida (average team rating 2224) scored an unprecedented 8-0 sweep of all its matches; as the team included two of the top junior players in the United States: 20-year-old Senior Master Larry Christiansen, of California, and 19-year-old Ronald Henley, of Texas. Both had received chess scholarships to the University of South Florida. Henley went undefeated; Christiansen lost only one game to Expert Jay Bonin, of Brooklyn College, in the last round.

USF narrowly defeated Case Western Reserve (2071) in round five and University of Pennsylvania A (2173) in round six, both by 2½-1½ scores. Then the team knocked the University of Toronto (2031) out of a tie for first by a 3-1 win in round seven. In the finale, USF beat Brooklyn A, also 3-1.

This is the first time in the history of the Intercollegiate that a Southern college has won the tournament. Individual members of the championship team were Christiansen (6½-1½), Henley (7-1), Frank Murphy (6½-1½), Nicholas Paleveda (3-1), Carl Paleveda (2-0), and Dennis Stearns (2-0).

Second place was captured by Penn A (6½-1½), which included probably the strongest trio of chess-playing brothers in the nation: Richard, Thomas, and William Costigan (all of Philadelphia). High scorers for Penn A were Tom Costigan on Board 2 and Karl Dehmelt on Board 3, both 7-1. Tom Costigan also won the Intercollegiate Speed Championship with the same 7-1 score, topping a field of 68 players. Penn A smashed Toronto 4-0 in the last round to place second. A surprising University of Cincinnati A team (1977) took third, sparked by second board Richard Horvitz (6-2).

The tournament was co-sponsored by Chess City and the Intercollegiate Chess League of America.

New ICLA officers elected at the annual ICLA business meeting are President Randy Pacetti, of the University of Illinois; Membership Director Terry Newton, of Columbia; and Bulletin Editor Roger Peeples, of West Florida. Randy Pacetti was chief tournament director, Stuart Morden was chief assistant. Other assistants included Terry Newton, Vincent Cavaseno, and Beverly Milgram.

**MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS:** 1 South Florida A 8-0, 2 Penn A 6½-1½, 3 Cincinnati A 6½-1½, 4 Ohio State A 6-2, 5 Carnegie Mellon A 6-2, 6 Case Western Reserve 6-2, 7 Toronto 6-2, 8 Penn B 6-2, 9 York 6-2, 10 Texas 6-2. Top Small College: Brandeis Univ. 4-4, Top Two-Year College: West Florida 4-4.

**Board Prizes:** 1st Larry D. Williams, Worcester State A, 7-1; 2nd Tom Costigan, Penn A, 7-1; 3rd Lee Kachroo, MIT A, 7½-½; 4th Warren Loui, MIT D, 7-1; Alternate Rod Thurman, Purdue, 5½-½.



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## USA'S DIESEN IS NEW WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPION

US Junior Chess Co-Champion Mark C. Diesen, age 19, of Potomac, Maryland, has become the first USA representative in 20 years to win the World Junior Chess Championship. The event was held in Groningen, Netherlands, from 21 December 1976 to 5 January 1977. With the title goes a world cup and gold medal, as well as a cash prize of 400 Dutch florins (about \$150).

By winning the World Junior, Diesen automatically qualifies for the title of International Master, awarded by the World Chess Federation. Diesen is the youngest USA representative to have qualified for that title since former World Chess Champion Robert J. Fischer, of South Pasadena, California, earned it in 1957, at which time he was 14 years old.

In a 42-move victory, Diesen defeated Mexico's Marcel Sisniega in the final-round game, while Lubomir Ftacnik, of Czechoslovakia, who shared the lead with Diesen at the outset of the round, was held to a draw by Nir Grinberg, of Israel, and had to settle for second place. Diesen thus compiled a perfect tournament record of seven wins and six draws for a total of 10.0-3.0. Ftacnik scored six wins and seven draws for a total of 9.5-3.5. Also among the top finishers, tying for 4th-7th place, was Leslie Leow, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who represented Singapore.

The World Junior has been sponsored by the World Chess Federation since 1951. Held biennially at first, since 1973 it has been held annually. Two winners, Soviets Boris Spassky and Anatoly Karpov, went on to become World Champions. Only one USA representative, William J. Lombardy, of Ridgefield, New Jersey, has previously won the title (in 1957).

Diesen earned the try for the world title by tying for first place in the US Junior Invitational Championship, which was held last June and sponsored by the Memphis Chess Club, which donated the all-expenses-paid trip to Groningen. Diesen and the other co-champion, Michael Rohde, of South Orange, New Jersey, agreed that Diesen would go to Groningen because this is his last year of eligibility for the World Junior, which is limited to players under 20. Rohde went on to capture first place in the Schilde (Belgium) International Youth Tournament, generally acknowledged to be the strongest tournament restricted to those under 18.

Diesen's victory in the World Junior is seen as the fruit of a US Chess Federation commitment to nurture young talent on a selective basis. For the past two years, Diesen has been tutored by Grandmaster

MEMO

from the desk of

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GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

1/27/1977

Dear Tom:

In going over some old papers, I found the enclosed article by

W<sup>m</sup> Hyde.

Thought your readers may be interested in this excellent background story of Homer Hyde!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
George Koltanowski



CHess: A WAY OF LIVING  
By Juanita M. Hyde

To Homer H. Hyde, recently deceased President of the Texas Chess Association, chess was more than a game. It was a way of living. To him "chess-playing" was almost a synonym for honesty, integrity, intelligence, and good character. Because to him it symbolized these qualities he highly valued, Homer devoted much time during the past forty years teaching and promoting the game among all kinds of people and in many different ways.

Homer promoted chess publicly by demonstrating the game on early television in St. Louis, Waco, and San Antonio. He gave the game's history, demonstrated the moves, and gave mini-sketches of famous chess masters. Always he endeavored to make certain that tournaments in his area were well publicized in newspapers, on radio and television. He was elated when a local newspaper moved chess news to the sports section where, he said, it belonged.

Believing that chess playing and delinquency were incompatible, Homer promoted chess in prisons. In correspondence with Rabbi Kurt L. Metzger, a chaplain at Great Meadows Prison, Comstock, New York, he once wrote, " All my life... I have held the opinion that those unfortunate enough to land in prison could be rehabilitated by proper education and considerate treatment." To show that outside strangers do care, Homer refinished good used sets and purchased new ones to send to various prisons at Christmastime.

The introduction of chess to children and young people was a tremendously important part of chess promotion for Homer. He participated in numerous teaching projects sponsored by the San Antonio Chess Club and the City Recreation Department. He especially enjoyed teaching the youngsters of neighbors, friends, and relatives in his home. Here he could subtly teach, along with the moves, good sportsmanship and patience just as his beloved uncle Emmett Hyde had once taught him.

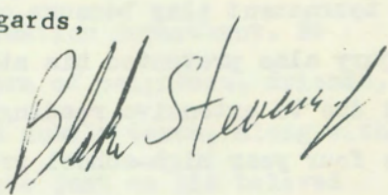
The Texas Chess Association was in its infancy when Homer joined, and he worked diligently throughout the years to enlarge its membership and to create harmony among the clubs of the various cities participating. He took part in creating a stronger alliance between the Texas Chess Association and the United States Chess Federation during the late 1940's - a time during which there was much opposition to the requirement of being a U.S.C.F. member as well as a T.C.A. member in order to participate in state tournaments or the Southwest Open. Homer believed that local clubs would be strengthened by national unity. During the years, Homer served in a variety of offices in local chess clubs and in the Texas Chess Association, was secretary-treasurer of the T.C.A. for a number of years and was elected its president three times.

Although he once <sup>had</sup> a national rating of expert , Homer seldom placed high in state and Southwest Open Tournaments. He simply lacked the physical stamina to withstand the arduous hours of tournament play because of a childhood spinal injury. This injury also prevented his attending elementary school regularly, but due to extensive reading he was able to complete the four year high-school program at Pleasanton, Texas, in two years, graduating as valedictorian and earning scholarships to several colleges. In 1930 he graduated from Southwest Texas State Teacher's College, and then attended Columbia University, New York City. Returning home, he taught English, German, Spanish, and Economics in Texas schools. In 1942 Homer entered Civil Service, and for 14 years wrote Air Force History. In 1958 he became an Education Specialist, writing Technical Training Manuals at Lackland Air Force Base.

Immediately prior to his death of a heart attack March 22, 1972, Homer was working with others to promote the greatest chess event of his ~~participation~~, the Church's International Open Tournament, November 17-19. This tournament will bring to San Antonio chess masters from countries in Europe, Asia, and North and South America. To Homer this tournament represented much more than international competition in a game. It meant the bringing together of men of goodwill from nations with differing political and social ideologies into an atmosphere of great competitive fun. He was sure American players would evidence all those qualities he valued so highly, honesty, integrity, intelligence, and good character --- the American Chess Way of Living.

Blake Stevens

Tony Alston

1	P-K4	N-QB3		
2	P-Q4	P-Q4	Dear Tom:	
3	P-K5	B-B4	I hope you can use these two games.	
4	P-QB3	Q-Q2	Regards,	
5	B-Q3	P-K3		
6	BxB	PxB		
7	N-B3	KN-K2		
8	O-O	N-N3		
9	R-K1	B-K2		
10	P-QN4	P-KR4		
11	P-QR4	P-QR4		
12	P-N5	N-Q1		
13	P-QB4 (a)	P-QB3		(a) The pawn is recoverable.
14	NPxP	NPxP		
15	PxP	PxP		
16	N-QB3	B-N5		
17	N-N5!	BxR (b)	(b) 17...0-0; 18 B-R3 with only minimal edge.	
18	N-Q6ch	K-B1		
19	QxB	N-N2(c)	(c) Otherwise White plays moves such as R-QN1; B-QR3; N-KN5, etc	
20	P-Q6!	PxP	tying up all black's pieces.	
21	NxN	QxN		
22	QxP	Q-B2(!)		
23	B-R3 ch	N-K2 (d)	(d) If 23...K-N1; 24 Q-Q6!!	
24	BxN ch	QxB	QxBP ch Q-B3	
25	QxQP	R-Q1	QxQRP White wins.	

Blake Stevens

Eugene Kohnitz

1	P-QB4	N-KB3
2	N-QB3	P-K3
3	P-Q4	P-QB4
4	P-K3	P-QN3
5	N-KB3	B-N2
6	B-Q3	N-QB3
7	O-O	P-Q3
8	P-QR3	P-KN3
9	P-Q5	N-K4
10	NxN	PxN
11	P-K4	B-N2
12	B-K3	O-O
13	P-QN4	BPxP
14	RPxP	KPxP
15	BPxP	N-K1!
16	Q-N3	P-KB4 (a)
17	P-B3	P-B5
18	B-KB2(!)	P-KR4
19	QR-Q1	N-Q3 (b)
20	N-N5 (c)	P-R3 (c)
21	NxN	QxN
22	P-N5!!	P-QR4 (d)
23	Q-R3!	QR-Q1
24	R(Q1)-QB1	R(1)-KB2
25	QxQ	RxQ



(a) This can be delayed or not played at all, depending on preference and style.

(b) Everything seems secure.

(c) Also possible is 20 B-R6.

(d) 22...PxP; 23 QxP wins.

12 R-B6 (e) BxR (e) An inherent move in the combination.  
 27 NPxB R-Q1 (f) (f) Better is 27...B-B3  
 28 BxP R-QR1  
 429 RxP RxR  
 530 BxR Resigns.

6 Dear Tom:

7 I hope you will publish this game  
 I won at the Dallas Chess Club. This was  
 8 the first time I have ever beaten a Class  
 A player.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Sears*

Ronald Sears

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Dallas CC 3 Round SS - January 22, 1977

11	Ronald Sears 1406	Neil Dunn 1836		
12	1. P-K4	P-QB4	17. B-Q3	N-Q5?
13	2. N-KB3	N-QB3	18. NxN	PxP
14	3. P-Q4	PxP	19. N/Q4-K2	QR-Q1
15	4. NxP	N-KB3	20. PxP	P-KN3
16	5. N-QB3	P-Q3	21. B-KR6	N-N2
17	6. P-KB4	P-K3	22. BxN	KxB
18	7. B-K2	B-K2	23. N-K4	P-KR4
19	8. B-K3	P-QR3	24. N-KB6	P-KR5
20	9. O-O	O-O	25. QxRP	R-KR1
21	10. N-KB3 <sup>A</sup>	Q-B2	26. Q-KN5	R-KR3
22	11. Q-K1	P-QN4	27. N-KB4	R/1-KR1
23	12. P-QR3	N-KN5? <sup>B</sup>	28. N/L-R5ck.	RxN
24	13. B-Q2	B-QN2	29. NxBch.	K-B1
25	14. Q-KN3	Q-N3ck.	30. N-B6	Q-Q5
	15. K-R1	N-KB3	31. <del>Nx</del> BxNP	PxB
	16. P-K5	N-K1 <sup>C</sup>	32. N-Q4ck.	Resigns

COMING EVENTS



March 19  
Wichita Falls Open

3-SS, at the YMCA (corner of 9th & Austin). REG: 9 a.m., Saturday. EF: \$9, USCF and TCA. RDS: 9:30-2-6:30. The entrants will be placed in 8-man sections according to strength. PRIZES: \$62 for first in each section except the lowest which will depend on number of entrants. TD: Ronald Sears, Box 596, Grandfield, OK 73546.

April 1-3  
Stoneage Open  
Lubbock

5-SS, 45/120, at the Travelodge Motel, 2600 Parkway Dr., Lubbock, TX 79408 (the toll free number for reservations is 800-255-3050; ask for the special chessplayer rates of \$9 single, \$14.50 double). REG: 8-9 a.m., Saturday, April 2. EF: \$17.50 or \$15 for jrs., \$2.50 less for each if advanced by March 30; USCF and TCA. RDS: 9:30-2-7, Saturday, and 9-1:30, Sunday. PRIZES: \$600 guaranteed, more if entries permit. \$125-75, 'A,' 'B,' 'C,' 'D&E,' 'Unr,' \$50-30 each. Stoneage onyx trophy to 1st, 2nd, 1st in each class, and 1st jr. If less than five in a class, some of that class money will be redistributed. TD: Gary Huber, 5127 Albany #704, Lubbock, TX 79414 (phone 806-793-2160).

On Friday, April 1, at 9 p.m. at the tnmt site a \$50 guaranteed 5-min. speed tournament will be held. EF: \$2. REG: 8-8:45 p.m. A Stoneage onyx trophy to 1st.

April 9  
3rd Roadrunner Open  
San Antonio

3-SS at Fort Sam Houston, Bldg #2797, Stanley Road. REG: 8:30 a.m., Saturday. EF: \$2.50, USCF. RDS: 9-1-5, or as completed. PRIZES: Trophies to 1st, 2nd, cash as entries permit. The SACC will sponsor. TD: Master Sergeant Harmon Throneberry. No smoking except in smoking room.

"Checkmate" comes from the Arab victory cry in battle, "The King is dead." Check is a corruption of Shan, or king.

April 23-24  
San Jacinto Open  
College Station

5-SS, 45/2 then 20/1 at Texas A&M Univ. Student Center (rooms available if identify as chess player). REG: 8-9:30 a.m., Saturday. EF: \$15 at door, \$10 juniors, students, & pre-entries; USCF and TCA. RDS: 10-3-7 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday. PRIZES: \$100 for first, others per entries (the chess committee usually donates about \$50 or so). TD: Dennis Steinmetz. ENT: Dr. Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt, College Sta., TX 77840.

CALENDAR

Feb 10-12	ACU-I Region XII Inter-collegiate Chess Tnmt., Ft. Worth
Feb. 19-21	1977 El Paso Open
March 12	DCC Round Robin, Dallas
March 19	Wichita Falls Open
March 26	DCC 3 Rd. Swiss, Dallas
April 1-3	Stoneage Open, Lubbock
April 9	Roadrunner Open, San Antonio
April 23-24	San Jacinto Open, College Station
Ma 7-8	Buc Days Open, Corpus Christi
May 28-29	DCC 5 Rd. Swiss, Dallas
June 4-5	Houston Open
Sept. 3-5	Southwest Open, San Antonio
Nov. 26-27	Texas Open, D-FW area

Organizers of the 1977 Texas Junior and Texas Womens' Championships are requested to send in their preferred dates as soon as possible. Non-TCA tournaments are listed only if they do not conflict with TCA required tnmts.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

SS - Swiss System pairing.  
TL - Time Limit formoving.  
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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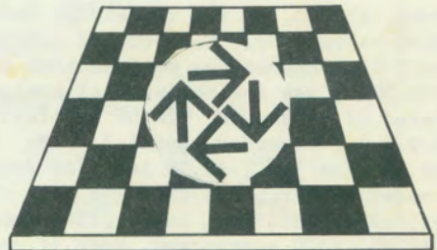
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