

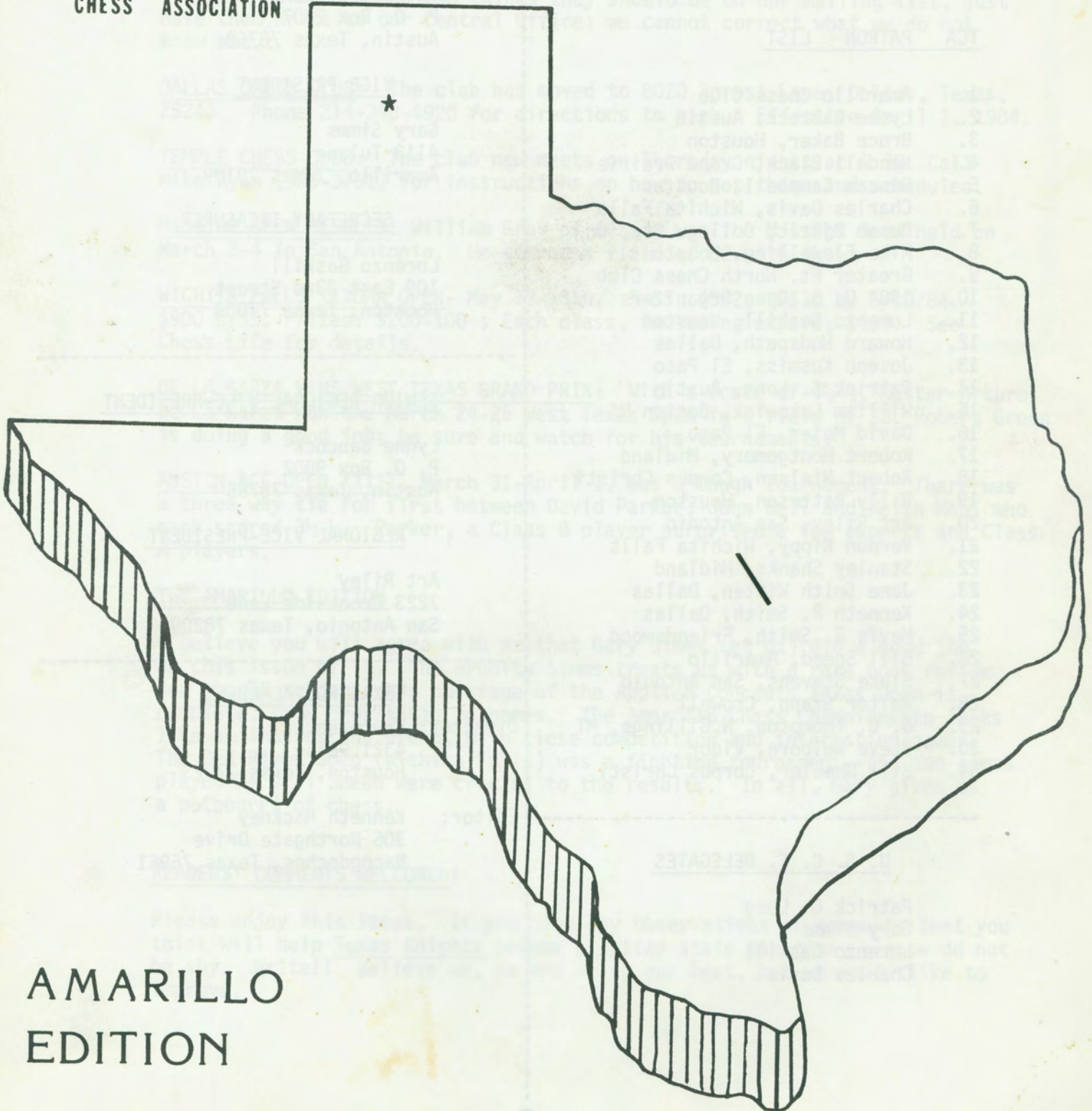
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We did not receive much news from around the state since the last issue. Although Gary Simms does a good job of covering the Applied Concepts Texas Open and Lee Gaskill reports on the Seirawan Simultaneous, we want more news from around the state. Please send your games or reports to the Texas Knights Central Office, P. O. Box 2307, Austin, Texas, 78768.

TCA MEMBERSHIPS: Occasionally, we will hear about players who claim to have paid for their TCA memberships, but who are not on our mailing list. If you know of someone who thinks they should be on our mailing list, just have them write to our Central Office; we cannot correct what we do not know about.

DALLAS CHESS CLUB: The club has moved to 8020 Forest Lane, Dallas, Texas, 75243. Phone 214-340-4920 for directions to club. Effective April 1, 1984.

TEMPLE CHESS CLUB: The club now meets on Thursday nights at 6:30. Call Mike Ryan (936-3761) for instructions on how to get there and schedules.

MISSION OPEN RESULTS: William Gray of Austin won the Mission Open held on March 3-4 in San Antonio. He topped a field of 52 with $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

WICHITA FALLS TEXOMA OPEN- May 12-13th. 5-SS, 45/2, EF\$30 by 5/10/84. \$900 b/35. Prizes: \$200-100 ; Each class, including expert, \$100. See Chess Life for details.

DE LA GARZA WINS WEST TEXAS GRAND PRIX: With a score of $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, Master Arturo De La Garza won the March 24-25 West Texas Open in a field of 33. Robert Green is doing a good job; be sure and watch for his tournaments.

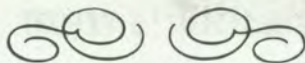
AUSTIN-ACE OPEN XXIII, March 31-April 1, was a tough tournament. There was a three way tie for first between David Parker, John Bell and Keith Mehl who each scored $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Parker, a Class B player surprised a few experts and Class A players.

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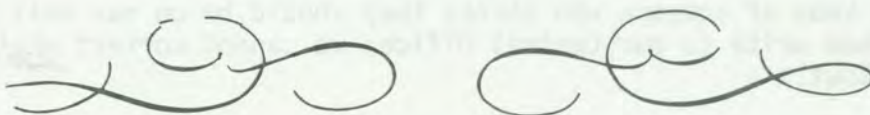
I believe you will agree with me that Gary Simms (et ux) did a good job on this issue of TK. The erudite Simms treats us with a rare book review for the TK reader. His coverage of the Applied Concepts Texas Open is complete, from crosstable to games. The Amarillo Chess Championship looks like an interesting event, with close competition and interesting games. The Red River Open (Wichita Falls) was a fighting tournament--the two games played by Bill Snead were crucial to the results. In all, Gary gives us a potpourri of chess.

READERS' COMMENTS WELCOMED!

Please enjoy this issue. If you have any observations or comments that you think will help Texas Knights become a better state magazine, please do not be shy. Write!! Believe me, we are doing our best, but we would like to improve.



The Amarillo Chess Club meets Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 10:00 at the downtown YMCA, 9th and Van Buren. Lately there has been a considerable resurgence of interest on which we are hoping to capitalize. We have planned 10 (!) rated tournaments in 1984 for the 35-40 members. It's not the Houston Chess Studio, but the group has a lot of enthusiasm. This issue gives some of the happenings around the Panhandle area. If any of you chess nuts from the southern extremities venture north into God's country, let us know you're here!



BOOK REVIEWS
BY Gary Simms

In my opinion chess books can be evaluated on at least four separate criteria: 1) chess content, 2) general quality of format, print, and binding, 3) typographical accuracy and literary style, and 4) relative price. Chess Digest books ordinarily fare well in categories 1, 2, and 4 and poorly in category 3. If it's important to you that a book have no typographical errors, misspelled words, or punctuation errors, you'll be disappointed in most of the CD books. One quickly learns that literary accuracy is not given a high priority. Proofreading, if done at all, falls woefully short of the goal of perfection. But then, how many of us nit pickers are there? The CD books usually give just what the name implies, a digest of information from other sources. Yes, if we had the time, we could probably find 90% of the material scattered throughout other sources. But is it really practical to search through 35 Informants, the Encyclopedia of Chess Openings, MCO, Players Chess News, and several Russian periodicals to get the main ideas and variations of one opening? That's why the digest approach has a lot going for it. These books are usually relatively small, well produced, relatively low-priced (compare Batsford publications), and lead the reader through opening ideas substantiated by concrete variations. With these thoughts in mind, let's look at two of the recent titles in this series.

The Closed Sicilian by Chess Digest

For those of us who regularly play the Sicilian as our bread-and-butter defense to 1 e4, it's always something of a shock to meet the Closed variation. It's a totally different game than the one we expected. Chess Digest's book on the opening provides a nice way to learn the main lines without wading through encyclopedic tomes researching an opening which we'll encounter once every 50 tournament games or so. As mentioned above, there are many errors in this little book. Though most do not seriously affect the chess value of the book, they can be annoying. For example, the lead-in to the variations listed in the table of contents is 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-QB3 N-QB3 3 P-KN3 P-KN3 4 B-N2 B-N2 B-N2 6 P-Q3 P-Q3. On page 15 a game source is given as Ljubojevic-Quinteros, Mar del Plata 1981; p. 19 gives a different game with exactly the same reference. Did Ljubo and Quinteros play twice with the same colors at Mar del Plata 1981? No, the first game was Ljubojevic-Sunye, Brasilia 1981. Most of the game references are 1979 or before, but the supplementary games are of 1981-1982 vintage. By the way, the supplementary games section (23 total) was edited by Jonathan Souba, editor of THE CHESS CORRESPONDENT magazine, and these games are virtually typo free. All in all, the book seems well-organized and the strengths and weaknesses of each variation are explained well. This 48 page booklet gives you a lot of theoretical preparation for \$6.95.

King's Indian Defense for Black by Chess Digest

The first line in the book gives 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 B-N2 4 P-K4 P-Q3 5 P-B4 0-0 6 N-B3 P-B4 7 PxP Q-R4 8 B-Q3 KN-Q2 9 B-Q2 NxP 10 B-B2 Q-N5 11 B-N3 Q-N3! 12 Q-K2? NxB 13 N-Q5 Q-R3! followed by the note: "Refuting White's play. The QRP is pinned and 14 N-B7 met by 14...Q-R5+ (picking up the Knight) Black has an easy win and White indeed resigned in a few moves." But 14... Q-R5 is neither check nor attacks the Knight so the reader is left wondering what did happen. No game reference is given.

The second line begins with 1 P-Q4, N-KB3 2 P-QB4, P-KN3 3 N-QB3, B-N2 4 P-K4, P-Q3 5 P-B4, 0-0 6 N-B3, 0-0. I've heard the old adage "Castle early and often!" but this is the first time I've seen an instance documented. A case where carelessness affects the chess content.

However, let's look at the bright side. This is a nicely condensed booklet of 66 pages that is written from Black's viewpoint. Scores of chessplayers have searched for the magic elixir of a satisfactory, counterattacking answer to the Queen's Pawn opening. This treatise shows the resiliency of the KID and gives plenty of back-up in the form of GM games. It may not be a forced win, but many, many GM's feel it gives Black the best chances, not just to passively equalize, but to actively play for the win. With this book and a few hours of intense study you should be well-versed in the ideas and specific variations of the King's Indian Defense. Not a bad price, either, at \$7.95.



W. H. Janes of Leroy writes "James A. 'Jimmy' Creighton of Corpus Christi died Feb. 16, 1984 at the age of 82. Jimmy had served a term as President of the Texas Chess Association and as a director of the U. S. Chess Federation.

Before his retirement he had taught at Corpus Christi High School (which later became Miller High School) for 30 years. He had coached his 'Nubbins' which was what he called the Sophomore players. He was the author of four published books:

A History of Brazoria County, commissioned by that county's historical society.

"Moss"--a collection of his poetry.

Reminiscences of his days at Austin College.

A football history of Corpus and Miller High Schools.

He is survived by his wife, Aileen of Corpus Christi and his son Jim, of Houston.

We were also saddened to lose Albert S. Pinkus of New York City, who died on Feb. 5th, 1984. Pinkus was a very strong player during his heyday. He played in several U. S. Championships and also took part in the famous U. S. - USSR radio match in 1945.

APPLIED CONCEPTS TEXAS OPEN

November 25-27, 1983

Prize Winners

OPEN Section (44 players)

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|----------------|
| 1st Place (tie) | Luismar Brito John Dunning | 5-1 | \$ 500 each |
| Expert (tie) | Robert Weinberg Tom Cunningham Richard Weaver Robert Epstein Robert Chalker Stanley Shanks Robert Leininger | 4-2 | 65 each |
| Under 2000 (tie) | Todd Thomas Harold Hillman Roger Izard Joshua Turin Curtis Lucas Khristian Gardner David Sewell Eugene Leininger | $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ 3-3 | 300 22 each |

AMATEUR Section (39 players)

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1st Place | James Wharton | 6-0 | \$ 400 |
| 2nd Place (tie) | Rickey Davis Andrew Griffin David Deatherage Alexander Juarez Sylvester Turner | $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 60 each |
| Class C (tie) | George Mullins Tom Maurer | 4-2 | 125 each |
| Class D | Jerome Barry | 3-3 | 100 |

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| 1 | BRITO, LUISMAR JOR | TX | 2411 | 2418 | W18 | W28 | D-4 | W-5 | W-6 | D-2 | 5.0 | |
| 2 | DUNNING, JOHN A | TX | 2331 | 2351 | W10 | D13 | W21 | W27 | W-4 | D-1 | 5.0 | |
| 3 | BONE, ERIC D | TX | 2341 | 2343 | W40 | D-8 | W12 | L-4 | W-7 | W-5 | 4.5 | |
| 4 | SHTERN, IGOR | TX | 2259 | 2281 | W41 | W32 | D-1 | W-3 | L-2 | W14 | 4.5 | |
| 5 | SIMMS, GARY | TX | 2237 | 2249 | W20 | W14 | W-7 | L-1 | W19 | L-3 | 4.0 | |
| 6 | LEININGER, ROBERT | TX | 2188 | 2206 | H-- | W29 | W13 | W33 | L-1 | D11 | 4.0 | |
| 7 | WEAVER, RICHARD | TX | 2145 | 2162 | W37 | W16 | L-5 | W23 | L-3 | W19 | 4.0 | |
| 8 | WEINBERG, ROBERT P | TX | 2137 | 2148 | W30 | D-3 | L27 | D21 | W23 | W26 | 4.0 | |
| 9 | EPSTEIN, MD ROBERT | TX | 2073 | 2078 | W38 | L33 | L36 | W32 | W35 | W24 | 4.0 | |
| 10 | SHANKS, STANLEY | TX | 2053 | 2084 | L-2 | W42 | W38 | D14 | W28 | D13 | 4.0 | |
| 11 | CHALKER, ROBERT P | TX | 2049 | 2084 | D29 | L23 | W25 | W17 | W27 | D-6 | 4.0 | |
| 12 | CUNNINGHAM, III TH | TX | 2039 | 2097 | W26 | D27 | L-3 | W34 | D16 | W18 | 4.0 | |
| 13 | PATTESON, B L | TX | 2118 | 2118 | W42 | D-2 | L-6 | D35 | W30 | D10 | 3.5 | |
| 14 | SHAFFER, ALEXANDER | TX | 2050 | 2068 | W36 | L-5 | W30 | D10 | W22 | L-4 | 3.5 | |
| 15 | THOMAS, TODD S | LA | 1826 | 1895 | H-- | L21 | L29 | W25 | W34 | W27 | 3.5 | |
| 16 | MARCOTT, DON W | AR | 2165 | 2158 | W44 | L-7 | D34 | W24 | D12 | U-- | 3.0 | |
| 17 | HAZLEWOOD, MARK R | TX | 2107 | 2086 | D24 | D34 | D35 | L11 | W29 | D22 | 3.0 | |
| 18 | DEVICO, JOSEPH P | TX | 2072 | 2059 | L-1 | L35 | W44 | W42 | W36 | L12 | 3.0 | |
| 19 | JOHNSON, ROGER D | TX | 2070 | 2058 | H-- | D31 | W32 | W36 | L-5 | L-7 | 3.0 | |
| 20 | HILLMAN, HAROLD E | TX | 2031 | 2019 | L-5 | L36 | W43 | W29 | L26 | W35 | 3.0 | |
| 21 | TURIN, JOSHUA | TX | 1993 | 2022 | D33 | W15 | L-2 | D-8 | L24 | W36 | 3.0 | |
| 22 | IZARD, ROGER H | TX | 1988 | 2004 | L27 | W37 | W26 | D28 | L14 | D17 | 3.0 | |
| 23 | LEININGER, EUGENE | TX | 1968 | 1989 | H-- | W11 | D33 | L-7 | L-8 | W37 | 3.0 | |
| 24 | LUCAS, CURTIS B | TX | 1885 | 1930 | D17 | H-- | W40 | L16 | W21 | L-9 | 3.0 | |
| 25 | GARDNER, KRISTIAN | TX | 1853 | 1849 | H-- | H-- | L11 | L15 | W43 | B-- | 3.0 | |
| 26 | SEWELL, DAVID K | TX | 1810 | 1871 | L12 | W44 | L22 | W31 | W20 | L-8 | 3.0 | |
| 27 | GARDNER, KENNETH E | TX | 2182 | 2157 | W22 | D12 | W-8 | L-2 | L11 | L15 | 2.5 | |
| 28 | ENDSLEY, BARRY E | TX | 2098 | 2089 | W35 | L-1 | W31 | D22 | L10 | U-- | 2.5 | |
| 29 | COOKE, ERIC N | TX | 2054 | 2039 | D11 | L-6 | W15 | L20 | L17 | W42 | 2.5 | |
| 30 | DEAN, CLIFFORD L | TX | 1928 | 1923 | L-8 | W39 | L14 | W38 | L13 | D31 | 2.5 | |
| 31 | WATSON, LAVALLE CR | TX | 1926 | 1925 | H-- | D19 | L28 | L26 | W42 | D30 | 2.5 | |
| 32 | FRICK, JAMES D | TX | 1871 | 1883 | W39 | L-4 | L19 | L-9 | W38 | D34 | 2.5 | |
| 33 | GOTTESMAN, JEROME | TX | 2152 | 2140 | D21 | W-9 | D23 | L-6 | U-- | U-- | 2.0 | |
| 34 | CONNAWAY, WAYNE H | TX | 1971 | 1960 | H-- | D17 | D16 | L12 | L15 | D32 | 2.0 | |
| 35 | PENNINGTON, JR FRE | TX | 1958 | 1959 | L28 | W18 | D17 | D13 | L-9 | L20 | 2.0 | |
| 36 | GONZALEZ, JR AUREL | TX | 1891 | 1899 | L14 | W20 | W-9 | L19 | L18 | L21 | 2.0 | |
| 37 | NEIL, WILSON | TX | 1849 | 1846 | L-7 | L22 | B-- | F-- | W41 | L23 | 2.0 | |
| 38 | FLEMING, MICHAEL E | TX | 1836 | 1819 | L-9 | W41 | L10 | L30 | L32 | B-- | 2.0 | |
| 39 | LEVITT, ZOLA P | TX | 1770 | 1763 | L32 | L30 | F-- | B-- | F-- | W43 | 2.0 | |
| 40 | REED, MARK A | TX | 2056 | 2040 | L-3 | W43 | L24 | U-- | U-- | U-- | 1.0 | |
| 41 | WENDT, MD JOHN S. | TX | 1995 | 1928 | L-4 | L38 | L42 | W43 | L37 | U-- | 1.0 | |
| 42 | REAGOR, THOMAS D | TX | 1871 | 1848 | L13 | L10 | W41 | L18 | L31 | L29 | 1.0 | |
| 43 | SMELTZER, ROBERT W | TX | 1714 | 1677 | H-- | L40 | L20 | L41 | L25 | L39 | .5 | |
| 44 | BOUSHKA, JOHN W | TX | 1945 | 1915 | L16 | L26 | L18 | U-- | U-- | U-- | .0 | |

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| 2 | DAVIS, RICKEY CALV | TX | 1839 | 1879 | w38 | w-8 | w-6 | w10 | L-1 | D-5 | 4.5 |
| 3 | TURNER, SYLVESTER | TX | 1717 | 1759 | D19 | w17 | w22 | L-4 | w28 | w11 | 4.5 |
| 4 | JUAREZ, ALEX | TX | 1716 | 1789 | H-- | w14 | w11 | w-3 | w10 | L-1 | 4.5 |
| 5 | GRIFFIN, ANDREW P | TX | 1701 | 1748 | w33 | w-7 | L10 | w31 | w14 | D-2 | 4.5 |
| 6 | DEATHERAGE, DAVID | TX | 1692 | 1744 | w32 | w31 | L-2 | w-7 | w12 | D10 | 4.5 |
| 7 | MULLINS, JR GEORGE | OK | 1771 | 1792 | w22 | L-5 | w35 | L-6 | w25 | w23 | 4.0 |
| 8 | WILLETT, JOHN T | TX | 1659 | 1673 | w18 | L-2 | L31 | w37 | w17 | w16 | 4.0 |
| 9 | MAURER, TOM | TX | 1431 | 1581 | D24 | D21 | w30 | w13 | D15 | D12 | 4.0 |
| 10 | RENO, CHESTER P | TX | 1764 | 1783 | w36 | w25 | w-5 | L-2 | L-4 | D-6 | 3.5 |
| 11 | MADISON, CLAUDELL | TX | 1724 | 1724 | D26 | w19 | L-4 | w27 | w21 | L-3 | 3.5 |
| 12 | KISHI, BAHRAM | TX | 1668 | 1688 | w34 | w37 | L-1 | w20 | L-6 | D-9 | 3.5 |
| 13 | MC LAUGHLIN, TOM L | TX | 1663 | 1685 | w20 | w27 | L15 | L-9 | w30 | D14 | 3.5 |
| 14 | GREEN, ROBERT C | TX | 1448 | 1559 | w23 | L-4 | w25 | w29 | L-5 | D13 | 3.5 |
| 15 | ANDERSON, CLIFFORD | TX | 1760 | 1776 | D17 | w24 | w13 | L-1 | D-9 | U-- | 3.0 |
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| 19 | STORM, RICHARD O | TX | 1435 | 1464 | D-3 | L11 | X-- | L28 | w27 | D24 | 3.0 |
| 20 | BARRY, JEROME K | TX | 1305/6 | 1435 | L13 | B-- | w36 | L12 | F-- | w33 | 3.0 |
| 21 | WILLIAMS, MACK H | TX | 1776 | 1752 | L25 | D-9 | w37 | w23 | L11 | U-- | 2.5 |
| 22 | MOE, JONAS | TX | 1737 | 1693 | L-7 | w16 | L-3 | L30 | D33 | w34 | 2.5 |
| 23 | SMITH, DAVID R | TX | 1694 | 1664 | L14 | w32 | D27 | L21 | w31 | L-7 | 2.5 |
| 24 | HILLMAN, JOE M | TX | 1686 | 1653 | D-9 | L15 | D17 | L26 | w32 | D19 | 2.5 |
| 25 | KILLIANY, JOHN R | OK | 1630 | 1632 | w21 | L10 | L14 | w18 | L-7 | D26 | 2.5 |
| 26 | LA BORDE, LOUIS D | LA | 1585 | 1591 | D11 | H-- | L29 | w24 | L16 | D25 | 2.5 |
| 27 | MC BETH, JOHN | LA | 1493 | 1492 | w29 | L13 | D23 | L11 | L19 | B-- | 2.5 |
| 28 | OAKLEY, BRIAN | TX | 1743 | 1674 | L30 | L36 | w33 | w19 | L-3 | L18 | 2.0 |
| 29 | CHAPMAN, JAMES A | OK | 1702 | 1682 | L27 | w33 | w26 | L14 | U-- | U-- | 2.0 |
| 30 | HO, TRUC DAC | TX | 1653 | 1667 | w28 | L-1 | L-9 | w22 | L13 | U-- | 2.0 |
| 31 | HARRIS, JOSEPH L | TX | 1534 | 1544 | w35 | L-6 | w-8 | L-5 | L23 | L17 | 2.0 |
| 32 | TERICHOW, JOSEPH W | | 1497 | 1464 | L-6 | L23 | L18 | B-- | L24 | X-- | 2.0 |
| 33 | WALLING, JOE W | TX | 1499 | 1487 | L-5 | L29 | L28 | w34 | D22 | L20 | 1.5 |
| 34 | FULLER, ERNEST L | TX | 1361 | 1352 | L12 | D38 | L16 | L33 | B-- | L22 | 1.5 |
| 35 | WALKER, CHRIS D | TX | 1732 | 1684 | L31 | w18 | L-7 | L16 | U-- | U-- | 1.0 |
| 36 | PARR, DAVID R | TX | 1694 | 1660 | L10 | w28 | L20 | L17 | U-- | U-- | 1.0 |
| 37 | EVERITT, GORDON T | LA | 1293/15 | 1287 | B-- | L12 | L21 | L-8 | L18 | F-- | 1.0 |
| 38 | TOIFEL, RONALD C | FL | 1763 | 1737 | L-2 | D34 | F-- | U-- | U-- | U-- | .5 |
| 39 | WREN, GREGORY S | TX | 1766 | 1766 | H-- | U-- | U-- | U-- | U-- | U-- | .0 |

TEXAS OPEN (Turkey Shoot)

White: Shanks Black: Dunning French Defense - Tarrasch

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 Bb5 Nf6 6 e5 Nd7 7 Ndf3 cd 8 Bc6 bc6 9 cd Be7 10 Ne2 Ba6 11 0-0
0-0 12 Re1 Rb8 13 a3 c5 14 Qc2 Re8 15 Be3 Be2 16 Re2 c4 17 Bd2 Qb6 18 Bc3 Qb3 19 Qd2 Nb6 20 Qf4 Na4
21 Rcl Rb7 22 h4 Rfb8 23 Kh2 h6 24 Re3 Nb2 25 Nd2 Qa3 26 Rg3 Nd3 27 Qh6 Bf8 28 Rc2 Qa4 29 Nf3 Qc2
30 Bd2 Nf2 31 Qh5 Qh7 32 Bh6 Rbl 0-1

White: Cunningham (2086) Black: DeVico (2066) Caro-Kan Exchange

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 ed cd 4 Bd3 Nf6 5 c3 e6 6 Bf4 Bd6 7 Bd6 Qd6 8 Nf3 Nc6 9 0-0 Bd7 10 Nbd2 Rc8
11 Rfel 0-0 12 Ne5 Be8 13 Re3 Qe7 14 f4 Nd7 15 Bh7 1-0

White: Sewell Black: Cunningham QGD

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Bb4 4 Bd2 a5 5 a3 Be7 6 Nc3 d5 7 Ne5 0-0 8 Bg5 Nbd7 9 e3 c6 10 Bd3 Ne5
11 de5 Nd7 12 Be7 Qe7 13 f4 dc4 14 Bc2 f5 15 ef6 Nf6 16 0-0 e5 17 Qf3 Bg4 18 Qg3 Rae8 19 fe5 Qe5
20 Rf6 Rf6 21 Qh4 Qe3 22 Kh1 Rh6 0-1

White: Weinberg Black: Sewell Sicilian Defense

1 e4 e6 2 d4 c5 3 Nf3 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Bd3 d5 7 e5 Nfd7 8 Qe2 Qb6 9 Be3 Ne5 10 Bb5 Bd7
11 0-0 Bc3 12 bc3 0-0 13 f4 Ng6 14 Bd3 Qc7 15 Qh5 f5 16 Rf3 Rf6 17 Raf1 Qc3 18 Rg3 Nc6 19 Nf3 Be8
20 Qh3 d4 21 Bd2 Qc5 22 Rbl b6 23 Rg5 Qd6 24 Rel Nce7 25 Ne5 Nd5 26 Qg3 Rc8 27 h4 Qe7 28 Nf3 Qc7
29 Nd4 Bf7 30 h5 Nf4 31 Rg7 Kh8 32 Ba6 Nh5 33 Qc7 Rc7 34 Rg5 h6 35 Rh5 Bh5 36 c4 Ne7 37 Ne6 Rc6
38 Bc3 Re6 39 Re6 Ng8 40 Bf6 Nf6 41 Rf6 Bg4 42 Rh6 Kg7 43 Rc6 Kf8 44 Rc7 Ke8 1-0

White: Johnson Black: Weaver Benko Gambit

1 d4 Nf6 2 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cb a6 5 Nc3 g6 6 e4 d6 7 f4 Nbd7 8 Nf3 Bg7 9 h3 ab 10 Bb5 0-0 11 0-0 Qb6 12 Qe2 Nh5 13 Kh2 Ba6 14 Ba6 Ra6 15 g4 Nhf6 16 e5 Ne8 17 e6 Ndf6 18 ef Rf7 19 Ng5 Nc7 20 Nf7 KF7 21 Re1 Bf8 22 g5 Nh5 23 f5 Ra8 24 fg hg 25 Qe4 Qb4 26 Rf1 Kg7 27 Qf3 Qd4 28 Qf7 Kh8 29 Qg6 Qe5 30 Bf4 Nf4 31 Rf4 Qf4 32 Kh1 Qf3 33 Kh2 Bg7 0-1

White: Simms Black: Hillman Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Qd4 Nc6 5 Bb5 Bd7 6 Bc6 Bc6 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 Bg5 Nd7 9 0-0 Qb6 10 a4 a6 11 Rfel Qd4 12 Nd4 g6 13 Nd5 Rc8 14 b3 h6 15 Bh4 g5 16 Bg3 Bg7 17 Rad1 Bd5 18 ed5 Be5 19 c4 h5 20 Re4 Bg3 21 hg3 Nf6 22 Re2 Kd7 23 Rdel Ng8 24 Nf5 Re8 25 b4 e6 26 Ng7 Rc8 27 de fe 28 c5 dc 29 Rdl Ke7 30 Ne6 cb 31 Ng5 Kf8 32 Rd7 Nf6 33 Rf7 1-0

White: Endsley Black: Shanks Benoni Declined

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 Nf3 cd 4 Nd4 e6 5 Nc3 a6 6 g3 Qc7 7 Bg2 Qc4 8 0-0 Qc7 9 e4 Nc6 10 Nb3 Bb4 11 Bd2 0-0 12 a3 Bc3 13 Bc3 e5 14 Nd2 d6 15 Nc4 Rd8 16 Ne3 Be6 17 Rcl Qd7 18 Nd5 Bd5 19 ed Ne7 20 Qd2 Qb5 21 Rfd1 Rdc8 22 f4 Qb6 23 Kh1 Ng4 24 Rf1 Ne3 25 Rfel Ng2 26 Qg2 f6 27 Rcd1 Qb5 28 fe fe 29 Bb4 Qd7 Q0 Re2 Rf8 31 Kgl a5 32 Bc3 b6 33 Bel Rf6 34 Bc3 Raf8 35 Rdel Nf5 36 Kh1 Qf7 37 Rdl Qh5 38 Rdel Rg6 39 Kgl Nh4 0-1

White: Sewell Black: Hillman Sicilian Defense - 2 f4

1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 g6 4 c3 d5 5 e5 Bf5 6 Qb3 Qd7 7 c4 d4 8 d3 h5 9 Nbd2 f6 10 Nh4 fe 11 Ne4 b6 12 g3 Be4 13 de Qe6 14 f5 gf 15 ef Qf6 16 Bg2 Kd7 17 Qa4 Bh6 18 Ng6 Rh7 19 Bc6 Qc6 20 Ne5 1-0

White: Dunning Black: Gardner King's Indian Defense

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 Nf3 e5 7 Be3 Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Nd2 Nd7 10 b4 f5 11 f3 Nf6 12 c5 f4 13 Bf2 g5 14 Nc4 Ng6 15 Qb3 Rf7 16 0-0-0 Bf8 17 Kbl Rg7 18 Rd2 Ne8 19 Rcl Nh4 20 Bf1 Kh8 21 h3 Nf6 22 Rdc2 Nh5 23 cd cd 24 Nb5 a6 25 Nb6 Bd7 26 Na8 Bb5 27 Bb5 ab 28 Nc7 1-0

White: Gonzales Black: Johnson Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 e5 5 Nb3 Nf6 6 Nc3 d5 7 ed Nb4 8 Bg5 Be7 9 Bf6 gf 10 a3 Na6 11 Ba6 ba 12 Qd3 f5 13 0-0-0 Bd6 14 Rgel 0-0 15 f3 Kh8 16 f4 f6 17 fe fe 18 h3 Rb8 19 Na4 Qf6 20 Nac5 e4 21 Ne4 fe 22 Qe4 Rb3 23 cb Bf4 24 Rd2 Bd2 25 Kd2 Qb2 26 Qc2 Rb2 0-1

White: Bone Black: Cunningham French Defense Tarrasch

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 de 4 Ne4 Nf6 5 Nf6 gf 6 Be3 Nd7 7 c3 c5 8 Qh5 Qc7 9 Nf3 a6 10 Bd3 c4 11 Bc2 Nb6 12 Nd2 Bd7 13 0-0 Bc6 14 b3 Bd5 15 bc Nc4 16 Rfel 0-0-0 17 Nc4 Bc4 18 Be4 f5 19 Bf3 Kb8 20 Rab1 Bd5 21 Bd5 Rd5 22 c4 Rd7 23 g3 Ka8 24 c5 Bg7 25 Red1 Rd5 26 Rb4 f4 27 Qg4 fe 28 Qg7 ef 29 Kf2 Rhd8 30 Rdbl Rf5 31 Kgl Qc6 32 Qg4 h5 33 Qe2 Rd7 34 Rb6 Qa4 35 R1b4 Qa3 36 c6 R7d5 37 cb Kb8 38 Rc4 Rd8 39 Rc8 Rc8 40 bc Kc8 41 Qa6 Qa6 42 Ra6 Kb7 43 Ra3 Rd5 44 Rb3 Kc6 45 Rb4 h4 46 gh e5 47 de Rdl 48 Kg2 Rd2 49 Kg3 Ra2 50 h5 Kd5 51 h6 Ke5 52 Rb8 Ra3 53 Kh4 Ra2 54 h3 Kf6 55 h7 1-0

CAN YOU FIND THE WINNING LINE?

By DAVID PEARSON



R. Kujoth-R. Crittenden (1949)

R. Kujoth has sacrificed a rook and must now put the game in the bag. He finds a forced win in 4 moves against blacks best play. Can you find the winning line?

Courtesy Michigan Chess

Whites winning ways: 1. B-R6 ch KXB (because if K-N1, then QXP mate) 2. R-R7 (threatens Q-R4 mate on the next move) 3. ... Q-d1 (in defense of the threat) 3. RXP ch!! KXR 4. QXP mate. A fine win by Kujoth that came from the now antiquated Stonewall Attack.

AMARILLO CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
1-28-84

Affiliate:
Amarillo Chess Club
C/O Van Skidmore

Director:
Tommy Cole

| | PLAYER | ST | PRE | | POST | | | TOT |
|----|--------------------|----|---------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | RTNG | RTNG | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 1 | SIMMS, GARY | TX | 2249 | 2260 | w-6 | w-8 | w-3 | 3.0 |
| 2 | FLEMING, MICHAEL E | TX | 1838 | 1854 | w-9 | w10 | D-5 | 2.5 |
| 3 | SANTILLAN, CARLOS | TX | 2144 | 2139 | w-7 | w-4 | L-1 | 2.0 |
| 4 | GOWDY, LARRY | TX | 1716 | 1738 | w10 | L-3 | w-8 | 2.0 |
| 5 | SNEAD, BILL J | TX | 2029 | 1998 | L-8 | w-7 | D-2 | 1.5 |
| 6 | RATLIFF, JR HARVEY | TX | 1695 | 1703 | L-1 | w-9 | U-- | 1.0 |
| 7 | ALLEN, JAMES O | TX | 1625 | 1630 | L-3 | L-5 | w10 | 1.0 |
| 8 | ESTEVEZ, ROBERTO | TX | 1539/10 | 1615 | w-5 | L-1 | L-4 | 1.0 |
| 9 | REYNA, RANDY G | TX | 1536 | 1522 | L-2 | L-6 | B-- | 1.0 |
| 10 | STURM, RICHARD O | TX | 1464 | 1445 | L-4 | L-2 | L-7 | .0 |

AMARILLO CLASS CHAMP/RESERVED

| | PLAYER | ST | PRE | | POST | | | TOT |
|----|-------------------|----|-------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | RTNG | RTNG | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 1 | SKIDMORE, VAN | TX | 1749 | 1751 | w10 | w-6 | D-3 | 2.5 |
| 2 | WHELCHER, DAVID | TX | 1413 | 1430 | w11 | D-8 | w-9 | 2.5 |
| 3 | JONES, ROD L | TX | 1351 | 1399 | w14 | w-5 | D-1 | 2.5 |
| 4 | VIRDEN, JOE H | TX | 1324 | 1350 | D-9 | w13 | w-8 | 2.5 |
| 5 | BARLOW, MATT M | TX | 0 | 1625 | w-7 | L-3 | w11 | 2.0 |
| 6 | ROOKS, MICHAEL E | TX | 0 | 1422 | w13 | L-1 | w10 | 2.0 |
| 7 | MORRIS, EDWARD L | TX | 1784 | 1744 | L-5 | D-9 | w13 | 1.5 |
| 8 | SANDERS, EDDIE J | TX | 1518 | 1491 | w12 | D-2 | L-4 | 1.5 |
| 9 | IZZARD, WILLIAM F | TX | 1261 | 1269 | D-4 | D-7 | L-2 | 1.0 |
| 10 | CRUZ, MARK A | TX | 0 | 1244 | L-1 | w14 | L-6 | 1.0 |
| 11 | JORDAN, DARRYL E | TX | 0 | 1188 | L-2 | w12 | L-5 | 1.0 |
| 12 | GRIFFITH, GARY W | TX | 0 | 1041 | L-8 | L11 | w14 | 1.0 |
| 13 | BROWN, GEORGE W | TX | 600/2 | 898 | L-6 | L-4 | L-7 | .0 |
| 14 | JONES, ROBBIE L | TX | 0 | 881 | L-3 | L10 | L12 | .0 |

Games from the 1983 Amarillo Championship and Reserve Section

White: Estevez (1579) Black: Gowdy (1729) King's Indian Defense

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 g3 0-0 5 Bg2 d6 6 Nf3 Nbd7 7 0-0 c6 8 e4 e5 9 d5 cd5 10 cd5 Nc5 11 Qc2
b6 12 b4 Nb7 13 Be3 Bd7 14 Qd3 Qc8 15 Rac1 Bh3 16 Nb5 Qg4 17 Ng5 Bg2 18 Kg2 Ne8 19 h3 Qd7 20 Rc2 a6
21 Nc3 b5 22 Ne2 Rc8 23 Rfcl Rc2 24 Rc2 Nd8 25 f4 f5 26 Nf3 fe4 27 Qe4 Nf6 28 Ne5 de5 29 Qe5 Nd5
30 Qe4 Re8 0-1

White: Ratliff (1688) Black: Simms (2249) Latvian Gambit

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 3 ef e4 4 Ne5 Nf6 5 Ng4 Bc5 6 Nf6 Qf6 7 Qh5 g6 8 fg Bf2 9 Kdl hg 10 Qe2 d5 11 d3
Rh4 12 Qd2 e3 13 Qc3 Qf4 14 Qg7 Bg4 15 Be2 Be2 16 Ke2 Qg4 17 Kf1 Qdl++

White: Estevez (1539) Black: Snead (1970) Budapest Gambit Declined

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 e3 Bb4 4 Bd2 Qe7 5 Ne2 Ne4 6 Nbc3 Nd2 7 Qd2 c6 8 a3 Ba5 9 b4 Bc7 10 d5 0-0 11 e4
d6 12 g3 f5 13 Bh3 Bd7 14 f4 ef4 15 Nf4 g5 16 Ne6 Be6 17 de6 g4 18 Bg2 Qe6 19 Qd3 Nd7 20 0-0 Ne5
21 ef5 Qc4 22 Qd2 Kh8 23 f6 Qe6 24 Qh6 Nf3 25 Rf3 gf3 26 Qg7++

White: Morris (1784) Black: Izzard (1261) Modern Defense

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf3 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 c5 6 Bc4 e6 7 0-0 0-0 8 Qe1 d5 9 ed5 ed5 10 Be2 Re8 11 Qh4
 Ne4 12 Qd8 Rd8 13 Nb5 Na6 14 dc5 Nec5 15 Nbd4 Bg4 16 c3 Nc7 17 h3 Bd7 18 Ne5 N7e6 19 Nd7 Nd4 20 Nc5
 Ne2 21 Kh2 Nc1 22 Rac1 b6 23 Nd3 a5 24 a4 Rac8 25 Rfel Re8 26 Ne5 Be5 27 Re5 Re5 28 fe5 Rc4 29 Rd1
 Ra4 30 Rd5 Re4 31 Kg3 Kf8 32 Kf3 Re1 33 Rb5 Ke7 34 Kf4 Rf1 35 Ke4 f5 36 ef5 Rf6 37 g4 h6 38 h4 Re6
 39 Re5 Kd6 40 Re6 Ke6 41 b3 b5 42 Kd4 Kd6 43 c4 bc4 44 Kc4 Kc6 45 Kd4 ½

White: Griffith (Unr) Black: Sanders (1514) Queen's Gambit Declined - Slav

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-QB3 3 P-B5 B-B4 4 N-QR3 N-B3 5 N-B3 P-K3 6 P-KN3 B-K2 7 B-N2 QN-Q2 8 P-QN4
 N-K5 9 0-0 P-KR4 10 N-K5 P-R5 11 B-B4 P-KN4 12 NxKBP KxN 13 B-K3 Q-KN1 14 P-B3 NxNP 15 PxN PxP
 16 P-B4 Q-R2 17 R-K1 B-K5 18 PxP Q-R7ch 19 K-B1 BxB mate

The last round game for the Championship- White: Santillan (2144) Black: Simms (2249)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 e5 5 Nc6 bc6 6 Bc4 Ba6 7 Qe2 Bc4 8 Qc4 Nf6 9 0-0 Rb8 10 a3 Be7
 11 Kh1 0-0 12 Qe2 d5 13 ed cd 14 c3 Bd6 15 Be3 Qc7 16 b4 Re8 17 Nd2 d4 18 Bg5 Nd5 19 c4 Nc3 20 Qg4
 e4 21 Bf6 g6 22 Bd4 f5 23 Qg5 Ne2 24 Bb2 Be5 25 Be5 Qe5 26 Rfel Rbd8 27 Qe3 Nf4 28 g3 Nd3 29 Rf1
 Qc3 30 Rfd1 Nf2 31 Qf2 e3 32 Qf3 Rd2 33 Rd2 Qd2 34 Qd1 Re4 35 c5 Qf2 36 c6 e2 37 Qe1 Qf3 38 Kgl
 Qe3 39 Kg2 Rc4 40 b5 f4 41 Qf2 f3 42 Qf3 el=N 43 Re1 Rc2 0-1

Here's a game from the Amarillo Chess Club Challenge Ladder- White: Gowdy Black: Storm

1 d4 c5 2 d5 Nf6 3 c4 e6 4 Nc3 ed5 5 cd5 d6 6 e4 g6 7 Nf3 Bg7 8 Be2 0-0 9 0-0 Re8 10 Nd2 Na6 11 f3
 Nc7 12 a4 Rb8 13 Nc4 a6 14 Bf4 Bf8 15 a5 Nh5 16 Be3 Nb5 17 Qd2 Nc3 18 bc3 Bg7 19 Rfbl Qf6 20 Ra3
 Bd7 21 Nb6 Qe7 22 Nd7 Qd7 23 Rab3 Re7 24 Ba6 Qa4 25 c4 Ra8 26 Bb7 Ra5 27 Bc6 Qa2 28 Rb8 Bf8 29 Bh6
 Ng7 30 Qg5 Raa7 31 Qf6 Ne8 32 Be8 Re8 33 Qg7 1-0

The following game played in the Reserve section of the '83 Amarillo Championship, while not a candidate for the brilliancy prize, is representative of the brand of chess played in the Amarillo area. Notice the smooth, fluid flow of White's pieces as he slowly constricts his opponent. Even in mating, White exhibits his finesse by not using the Rook on e7 and Knight on e5. The purists among you may gasp at the apparent illegality of White's 20th, but one must not nit-pick a masterpiece to the point that the aesthetic essence is overlooked! Names were omitted intentionally.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 Q-B3 3 N-B3 P-KN3 4 N-Q5 Q-Q3 5 P-Q4 PxP 6 QxP N-KB3 7 NxN+ K-Q1 8 N-Q5 R-N1
 9 P-K5 P-QB4 10 B-KN5+ K-K1 11 N-B6+ K-Q1 12 NxR+ K-K1 13 N-B6+ K-Q1 14 QxQ BxQ 15 PxN N-B3 16 B-QB4
 P-N3 17 BxP B-R3 18 N-Q5+ K-B1 19 N-B7 N-N5 20 0-0 R-N1 21 R-K1 K-N2 22 R-K7 R-Q1 23 B-K8 K-B3
 24 R-Q1 NxP 25 NxP P-N4 26 N-K5+ K-N3 27 N-QB7 P-B5 28 NxQP+ K-B3 29 N-K5+ K-B4 30 R-Q5+ K-N5
 31 RxP+ K-R5 32 R-N7+ K-R4 33 B-Q2+ N-N5 34 BxN++

RED RIVER OPEN

11-19-83 - 11-20-83

AFFILIATE:
 Wichita Falls Chess Club
 C/O Vernon Rippy

DIRECTOR:
 Charles E. Davis

| RANK | PLAYER | ST | RTNG | PRE | | | | | TOT | |
|------|--------------------|----|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | | RTNG | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5 |
| 1 | SANTILLAN, CARLOS | TX | 2107 | 2144 | W10 | W-5 | W-3 | W-2 | W-6 | 5.0 |
| 2 | SNEAD, BILL J | TX | 1970 | 2029 | W13 | W-7 | W12 | L-1 | W-3 | 4.0 |
| 3 | EPSTEIN, MD ROBERT | TX | 2080 | 2073 | W-8 | W-6 | L-1 | W-4 | L-2 | 3.0 |
| 4 | HEWITT, GARY | TX | 1939 | 1936 | D14 | W-9 | W-5 | L-3 | D-7 | 3.0 |
| 5 | WATSON, LAVALLE CR | TX | 1933 | 1926 | W16 | L-1 | L-4 | W15 | W-8 | 3.0 |
| 6 | NEWMAN, NELSON C | TX | 1882 | 1906 | W15 | L-3 | W10 | W12 | L-1 | 3.0 |
| 7 | GARDNER, CHRISTIAN | TX | 1839 | 1853 | W11 | L-2 | D-8 | W-9 | D-4 | 3.0 |
| 8 | JOHNSTONE, DAVID | TX | 1709/9 | 1746 | L-3 | W15 | D-7 | W13 | L-5 | 2.5 |
| 9 | STAFFORD, DWIGHT A | TX | 1704 | 1730 | D12 | L-4 | W11 | L-7 | W10 | 2.5 |
| 10 | BRADY, WALLACE | TX | 1772 | 1756 | L-1 | W16 | L-6 | W14 | L-9 | 2.0 |
| 11 | VILLARREAL, DANIEL | TX | 1516/6 | 1550 | L-7 | D13 | L-9 | W16 | D15 | 2.0 |
| 12 | HILLMAN, HAROLD E | TX | 2081 | 2031 | D-9 | W14 | L-2 | L-6 | U-- | 1.5 |
| 13 | HILLMAN, JOE M | TX | 1690 | 1686 | L-2 | D11 | W14 | L-8 | U-- | 1.5 |
| 14 | MC CLURE, REX A | TX | 1643 | 1641 | D-4 | L12 | L13 | L10 | W16 | 1.5 |
| 15 | HARRIS, JOSEPH L | TX | 1523 | 1534 | L-6 | L-8 | W16 | L-5 | D11 | 1.5 |
| 16 | MONTGOMERY, ROBERT | TX | 1593 | 1532 | L-5 | L10 | L15 | L11 | L14 | .0 |

Two of the crucial games from the Red River Open 1983

White: Santillan (2107) Black: Snead (1955) Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be2 Bg7 7 Be3 0-0 8 0-0 Bd7 9 Kh1 Nc6 10 f4 a6 11 a4
Rc8 12 Nb3 Na5 13 Bd4 Bc6 14 Bd3 d5 15 e5 Ne4 16 Qe1 e6 17 Be4 de4 18 Bc5 Nb3 19 cb3 Re8 20 b4 Bf8
21 Rdl Oc7 22 Bd6 Qb6 23 a5 Qa7 24 Ne4 Be4 25 Qe4 Rc6 26 Bf8 Kf8 27 h3 Rec8 28 Kh2 Ke7 29 Rd4 Rcl
30 Rddl Rdl 31 Rdl Rc6 32 f5 f6 33 fg f5 34 Qh4 1-0

White: Epstein (2082) Black: Snead (1955) English Opening

1 Nf3 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 Nc3 c5 4 d4 cd4 5 Nd4 Nc6 6 e3 Nd4 7 ed4 Qb6 8 Nd5 Qc6 9 Be2 e6 10 Nc3 Nf6
11 d5 ed5 12 cd5 Qb6 13 Be3 Qa5 14 b4 Qb4 15 Bd4 0-0 16 Rb1 Qe7 17 d6 Qd6 18 Nb5 Qc6
19 0-0 a6 20 Rcl ab5 21 Rc6 bc6 22 f4 Ra2 23 Bd3 Bb7 24 Bb1 Ra4 25 Bc2 Ra6 26 Bc5 Re8 27 Rel Raa8
28 f5 d5 29 fg6 hg6 30 h4 Rel 31 Qe1 Re8 32 Qa5 Ng4 33 h5 Be5 34 Qd2 Bg3 35 Bd3 Rel 36 Bfl Bh2 0-1

THE SOCIAL IMPORTANCE OF CHESS

By Raymond Keene

Is there any objective reasons why we should play chess, or is it just an attractive waste of time? Of course, chessplayers do feel a compelling need to play the game; it's rather like a drug to them in some ways and the withdrawal symptoms can be equally unpleasant. But are the Grandmasters and the many thousands of other enthusiastic players who derive such immense pleasure from chess just simply a ban of twentieth century lotus-eaters caught up in an entirely narcissistic undertaking which has no relevance to the proper functioning of the society? In other words, are we chessplayers enjoying ourselves with a non-productive activity at the expense of social responsibility?

This is an argument which I often hear leveled at chessplayers (by non chessplayers of course) who tend to examine chess in a utilitarian framework (what use is chess?) and criticise chess masters along such lines as: why don't you get a proper job of work? Probably the chess enthusiast at school suffers from similar criticism.

My answer to these questions is naturally that chess and its players can be defended on a variety of levels: the aesthetic, the intellectual, and simply as a means of giving pleasure and relaxation to many thousands of people - and fine master games with impressive sacrifices and so on do give pleasure to the public, that we must admit. However, the point I wish to make, as stimulus to discussion of the whole problem of the relevance of chess to twentieth century life, is rather different from this and rather more ambitious. I would argue that chess is of positive and absolute social benefit, and it would be a major step forwards in the solution of social problems and unrest in the urban civilizations of the West in the closing decades of this century if chess were not only encouraged but also added to school curricula as an obligatory subject, like cricket, football or rugby in England.

The late Robert Ardrey was a contentious writer, but one whose views I much admire. In his work "The Social Contract" (not to be confused with Rousseau) he examines the bases of the social malaise which afflicts our modern megalopolis, and here are some of his conclusions: "I suggest that in all higher animals including man, there are basic inborn needs for three satisfactions: identity, stimulation and security. I described them in terms of their opposites: anonymity, boredom and anxiety...I maintain that a society so designed as to present its members with equal opportunity to achieve identity, stimulation and security will survive the trials of group selection, whereas one that fails in its psychological function will, in the long run, be selected out. Like some monstrous whale devouring plankton by the acre, so the organization of modern life devours the individual. Specialization will reduce him to a needle lost in the twentieth century's organizational haystack. Classifications will place him with all beans of equal size."

I think chess and its propagation in schools and clubs can help to solve the problems of loss of identity (winning a game intensifies one's sense of personal identity and the losses are soon forgotten) and of stimulation, where the individual is himself involved. This seems to me a stimulation of a generally higher order than the vicarious variety provided by mass attendance at, for example, a football match. What can be more stimulating than personal involvement in an intellectual struggle where the result depends entirely on you alone and not on some umpire or referee or touch judge who may rob you of a well merited victory by some fatuous decision? In chess you can see the end of your work and you are personally responsible for the result.

With the problem of increasing and sometimes enforced leisure time, e.g. the mass unemployment facing western nations (i.e. a potential stimulation - vacuum) we need something, and children need some activity that occupies time in a meaningful (i.e.. stimulating and identity-boosting) fashion - one that will act as a counterweight to the often drab and repetitive tasks of mundane social existence. So why not inculcate chess in the young and encourage adults to play more? It will do more them than 'waste' their time.

Courtesy Northwest Chess

The following game was played in the '83 St. Louis Championship between an Expert and a Class A player. I found it interesting because it illustrates that no opening is really bad if its proponent knows what he's doing. (You won't find many pages in MCO or ECO devoted to 1 a4!)

(Courtesy of the Missouri Chess Bulletin)

Annotations by William A. Quanrud

Round One: Quanrud (2088) -Schepker (1829)

1. a4!? ...

Suggested by Bill Coe, the 1983 District Champion. White lulls Black into underestimating the power of the queen rook.

- 1. ... Nf6
- 2. g3 c5
- 3. Bg2 g6
- 4. e4 d6
- 5. Ne2 Bg7
- 6. 0-0 Nc6
- 7. f4 ...

White intends h3, g4, Ra3, Rg3. Black plays right into White's hands:

- 7. ... Bg4?
- 8. h3 Bxe2
- 9. Qxe2 Nh5?
- 10. Ra3 Qb6
- 11. g4 ...



- 11. ... Bd4+?!
Inadequate is 11. ... Nf6? 12.e5 threatening e6. Best is 11. ... c4+ 12.Kh1 c3! 13.gxh5 cxb2 with an unclear position. If 14. Rb3? bxc1(Q) 15. Rxb6 Qf1+ 16.Bxf1 axb6.
- 12. Kh1 Bxb2??
Black misses 12. ... Ng7 13.c3 Bf6 14.g5 Nh5!.
- 13. Bxb2 Qxb2
- 14. gxh5 Qxc2
- 15. e5! Nd4
- 16. Qg4 gxh5
- 17. Qxh5 Rg8
- 18. exd6 Nf5

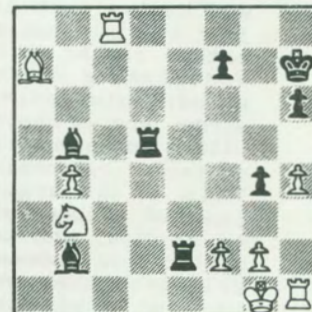


- 19. Bxb7 Rb8
- 20. Bc6+ Kf8
- 21. dxe7+ Ke7

If 21. ... Ne7, White wins with 22.Qh6+ Rg7 23.Qd6 Rc8 24.Re3.

- 22. Re1+ Kf6
- 23. Be4 Qxe4
- 24. Rxe4 Rxb1+
- 25. Kh2 R8g1
- 26. Qf3 Nh4
- 27. Qc3+ Kg6
- 28. f5+ Kh5
- 29. Rh4+ Kxh4
- 30. Qf6+ Rg5?
- 31. Qh6+ Rh5
- 32. Qf4++ 1-0.

J. Manning



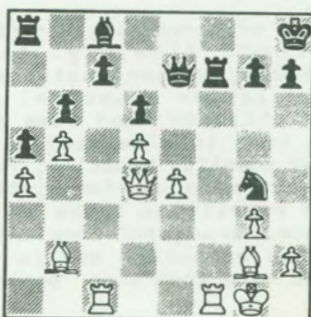
M. Buckley

Combinations Made and Missed

Black to move and win

By Val Zemitis

J. Hampton



T. Ashley

White to move and win

Position after 36. ab4. In the heat of the battle J. Manning overlooks mate in three! 36. ... Rd1+ 37. Kh2 Be5+ 38. g3 Rf2: mate. In the game Black played 36. ... Re1+ and eventually lost.

Black's last move was 26. ... Ng4. Ashley now executes a neat winning combination: 27. Rf7: Qf7: 28. Rf1 Qe7 29 Qg7+:! with mate to follow.

Courtesy Chess Voice

The following report of the Seriwan Simultaneous Exhibition held in Houston recently was submitted by Lee Gaskill. It's good to see that the officers of TCA can demonstrate some chess ability.

YASSER SEIRAWAN EDGES HOUSTON: 30-2

Playing quickly, Yasser Seirawan edges out a simultaneous exhibition victory by 30-2.

Playing on the last Saturday in January 1984, Mr. Seirawan gave the Houston Chess Studio something to talk about for months. Yasser (to everyone) won 29 games, drew 2 and lost only to Houstonian Lee Gaskill.

Preceding the exhibition, Y. Seriwan held the crowd's attention with stories, opinions and facts. A sample follows:

On fellow Grandmasters: "...extremely cultured group" with many speaking 8-10 languages.

On Robert Hubner: speaks 16 languages, but won't challenge for the World Championship.

On Victor Korchnoi: V.K. believes he is a national treasure of the USSR and fears KGB assassination.

On Boris Spassky: Boris Spasky is a gentleman who has done well in chess.

On Anatoly Karpov: rarely displays any emotion, even keel at all times.

On World Championship match: A. Karpov 6, G. Kasparov 4.

On his switch from 1c4 to 1d4: a maturing of style

Mr. Seirawan finished his lecture with a short session on "how to improve?". Yasser believes one must study endings. "One must first know what one is trying to do."

One must also study tactics. Tactical play suits all styles of play. All chess players must have a grasp of combinations and know how to punch and counterpunch. Study a book(s) of combinations. Set up a position on a board and give yourself 5 minutes to solve the position, writing down the best lines and why.

The highlight of the evening followed with Yasser playing 32 games at once. Some of the interesting games follow.

Y. Seirawan - B. Vaughn

1. P-Q4 P-K4, 2. PXP N-QB3, 3. N-KB3 P-Q3, 4. PXP BXP,
5. P-K4 N-KB3, 6. B-Q3 B-KN5, 7. N/1-Q2 Q-K2, 8. P-KR3 B-KR4
9. O-O P-KN4, 10. N-QB4 B-KB5, 11. P-K5 N-Q4, 12. B-K4 BxB
13. QxN B-B5, 14. P-KN3 BxN, 15. BxB BxKP, 16. QR-K1 P-KB3
17. B-R5+ K-B1, 18. P-KB4 FXP, 19. NxB NxN, 20. FXP R-Q1,
21. Q-K4 Q-B4+, 22. K-R1 N-Q6, 23. PxN QxB, 24. Q-K7+ 1-0

Y. Seirawan - L. Gaskill!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (WINNER)

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. ed cd, 4. c4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 e6
6. Nf3 Be7, 7. cd Nd5:, 8. Bd3 Nc6, 9. O-O O-O 10. Re1 Bf6
11. Ne4 Bd4:, 12. Nd4: Nd4:, 13. Qh5 f5, 14. Ng5 Nf6,
15. Qd1 h6, 16. Nh3 Re8, 17. Bf4 Bd7, 18. Bc4 Nc6, 19. Bd6 Qb6,
20. Qf3 Nd4, 21. Qg3 Ne4, 22. Re4: fe, 23. Be5 Re7, 24. kd1
Nf5, 25. Qf4 Rc8, 26. b3 e3, 27. Re1 ef+, 28. Nf2: Rf7,
29. Qd2 Bb5, 30. Bb5 Qb5, 31. Ba1 Qd5, 32. Qe2 Nd4, 33. Qd3
Nc2, 34. Qd5 ed, 35. Rc1 Re8 0-1

Y. Seirawan - D. Muller

1. P-Q4 P-Q4, 2. P-QB4 N-KB3, 3. PxF NxF, 4. P-K4 N-KB3,
5. N-QB3 P-K3, 6. N-KB3 B-K2, 7. B-Q3 O-O, 8. O-O P-QB4,
9. PxF BxF, 10. Q-K2 N-QB3, 11. P-K5 N-Q2, 12. BxF+ KxB,
13. N-N5+ K-N3, 14. Q-K4+ P-KB4, 15. PxF e.p.+ K-R4, 16. Q-R7+
1-0

Y. Seirawan - N.N.

1. e4 c5 2. Sf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Sd4 Sf6, 5. Sc3 d6,
6. Lg5 e6, 7. f4 Le7, 8. Df3 Sbd7, 0-0-0 b5, 10. e5
Sd5, 11. Sd5: ed, 12. Sc6 Se5, 13. Se5: de, 14. Td5 Dc7,
15. Te5 Lf7, 16. Dh5 0-0, 17. Te7 1-0

Y. Seirawan - N.N.

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4. e4 d6, 5. Be2 0-0,
6. Bg5 c6, 7. Qd2 Re8, 8. f4 h6, 9. Bh4 Bd7, 10. e5 de,
11. de Nh7, 12. Nf3 f6, 13. O-O-O Qc7, 14. Qc2 Nf8, 15. Bd3
f5, 16. Rhg1 b6, 17. g4 g5, 18. gf 1-0

Y. Seirawan - M. Calogridis

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 c5, 3. d5 b5, 4. Qc2 bc, 5. e4 d6, 6. Nc3
g6, 7. f4 Bg7, 8. Bc4 0-0, 9. Nf3 Ba6, 10. Ba6 Na6, 11. O-O
Rb8, 12. Kh1 Qc8, 13. Qe2 Nc7, 14. Rd1 Qa6, 15. Qe1 Nb5,
16. e5 Ne8, 17. Be3 Nc3, 18. Qc3 Nc7, 19. b3 Qb7, 20. Qc4 Qb4,
21. Rac1 Rfd8, 22. h4 Qc4, 23. Rc4 de, 24. Rc5 Ne6, 25. Rc4 Nf4,
26. Bf4 ef, 27. Rf4 Rb5, 28. Ra4 Rb7, 29. Ra6 Rbd7, 30. b4 e6,
31. d6 Bf8, 32. b5 Bd6, 33. Rc6 Bf4, 34. Rd7 Rd7, 35. g4 e5,
36. Kg2 e4, 37. Ng5 Rd2+, 38. Kf1 e3, 39. Ne4 e2+, 40. Ke1 Ra2,
41. g5 Kf8, 42. Ra6 Ra6, 43. ba h6, 44. gh Bh6, 45. Nc3 Bf4,
46. Nb5 Bb8, 47. Nd4 Bc7, 48. Ke2 Bb6, 49. Nc6 Ke8, 50. Kf3 Kd7,
51. Ne5+ Ke6, 52. Ne4 Bd8, 53. Na3 f5, 54. Nb5 Bb6, 55. Kf4 Kd5,
56. h5 gh, 57. Kf5 h4, 58. Kg4 Bf2, 59. Na7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

1984 TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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This year will mark the fifth year in a row that Austin has hosted the Texas State Championship and Amateur Championship. It will be the third year that the Hyatt Regency at Town Lake will be the playing site.

Since it has been difficult for various organizers to host just the Junior Championship in past years, we have decided to combine the Junior Championship with the traditional Championship tournament. The player under eighteen (18) years of age with the best performance will be awarded the trophy for Texas Junior Champion-1984.

Please tell your friends about the tournament and make plans yourself to participate. If you have any questions about accommodations or other details of the tournament, please contact Pat Long at P. O. Box 2307, Austin, Texas, 78768, or call (512) 472-6207.

Here is the ad as it will appear in the June and July issues of Chess Life:

1984 TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. Two sections. Both sections 6-SS (possible acceleration), Time control: 45/2, 25/1; Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Springs Road (Congress Avenue and Town Lake) Austin, Texas. PRIZES: \$\$3,500 b/200 (The tournament regularly attracts over 200 participants). Two sections: CHAMPIONSHIP- open to all 2000 and over. \$\$ (1500 b/200, \$1,000 guaranteed to top two places): 750-350-200-100- Top Expert 100, Top Texas player gets "C. Harold Bone Memorial Trophy," trophy to 2nd place. TEXAS AMATEUR: open to 1999 and below. \$\$ (2,000 b/200): 500-300-200-100; 1799/below-200-100-50; 1599/below 200-100-50; 1399/below/Unrated 125-75 (Unrated limited to 125); Trophies to top Texas player and top Texas Junior (under the age of 18). BOTH--Entry Fee: \$35 if received by May 23, \$40 afterwards. State membership required of Texas residents. Registration: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Rounds: Saturday- 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.; Sunday- 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Monday- 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Hotel: Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Springs Road. Special rates for players who specify that they are playing in the tournament. Rooms will be blocked until May 15. After May 15, the rooms will be reserved by availability. Call the Hyatt: (512) 477-1234 for reservations. ENTRY: Austin Chess Enterprises (Pat Long), P. O. Box 2307, Austin, Texas, 78768; questions: (512)472-6207. No Smoking on playing site. Computers will be allowed to play, but players may indicate preference not to play a computer at registration under the current USCF rules.

We will have 10,000 square feet of playing space available so there will be plenty of room for skittles. CHESS DIGEST will also be present with a large selection of books and pamphlets. Supplies will be on sale, including chess clocks, boards and sets.

We hope you will make plans to bring the family to Austin for this Memorial Day weekend. There is a riverboat for the public's enjoyment, canoeing is close by, or you can sail or swim in nearby Town Lake. Come to Austin and enjoy yourself!

1984 TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TOURNAMENT CALENDER: The following schedule does not include one day events. Please check with your local clubs for these. Organizers, please notify Gary Simms, 4113 Tulane, Amarillo, Texas 79109, if any information on this list is incomplete or incorrect. Also, please send him your club's schedule as early as possible so he may notify you of possible conflicting dates. Full details of these events will also appear in Chess Life.

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| April 28-29 | San Angelo |
| May 5-6 | Orange |
| May 12-13 | Wichita Falls |
| May 19-20 | Houston Chess Studio |
| *MAY 26-28 | TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND AMATEUR, Austin |
| June 9-10 | San Antonio |
| June 16-17 | San Angelo; Houston Chess Studio |
| June 30-July 1 | Odessa; Sherman |
| July 7-8 | Dallas (Clarence Callaway); ACE-Austin |
| July 21-22 | Houston Chess Studio; Amarillo |
| July 28-29 | San Antonio |
| August 4-5 | San Angelo |
| AUGUST 4-12 | 1984 U. S. OPEN (Fort Worth Chess Club) |
| August 18-19 | Houston Chess Studio |
| *September 1-3 | SOUTHWEST OPEN (San Antonio) |
| September 15-16 | Houston Chess Studio |
| October 6-7 | Orange; Amarillo |
| October 13-14 | San Angelo; Houston Chess Studio |
| October 20-21 | San Antonio |
| November 3-4 | Texas A & M University (Djuric) |
| November 10-11 | San Angelo |
| November 17-18 | Wichita Falls; Houston Chess Studio |
| December 1-2 | San Antonio |
| December 8-9 | Orange |
| December 15-16 | Houston Chess Studio |

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