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Dallas Sweeps Texas Team Event

Dallas teams showed up in force at the 1988 Texas Team Championship, held February 27-28 in Austin. The 6th ranked Dallas Demigods (Mark Halsey, Josh Turin, Steve Alden and Dave Buhner) won first place on tiebreaks (10.5-5.5) over the 4th ranked Dallas Reds (Eric Peterson, Jeff Gamble, Mike Richards and Tim Green, with 9-7), both teams scoring 3-1. The Dallas Blue Team, led by Bob Epstein, edged out Maria Ivanka's Austin Malev team in a tie for 3rd-4th. (Malev is her Hungarian Airlines sponsor, as made abundantly clear by a flag and a placard showing the acrostic **M**aria, **A**ndras, **c**o**L**in, **j**o**E**I Victorious--a veritable shrine to capitalism! Joe Bradford's suggestion of "Attila's Huns" will have to wait for another time.)

Board winners were as follows: #1-- Mark Halsey on tiebreak over Joe Bradford, each scoring 3.5-.5 and drawing each other; #2--Pat Gannon, 3.5-.5 including a win over Andras Budinsky; #3--Roger Johnson on tiebreak over Bennett; #4--Ed Erwin.

The San Antonio Spoilers took the Under-1750 (avg.) team prize without a fight--they were the only team in their category!

Hungarian Coach Gets Texan's Irish Up, Is Cleared of MALEVolence

Jim Gallagher left us a quotable quote when Andras Budinsky called touch move on Maria's behalf during a time scramble: "Why don't you just butt-outskey, Budinsky!" Jim's temper flared because the pawn he touched to capture meant he would succumb to mate in one--but rules is rules. In the next round he made an equally fatal blunder by hanging his Queen to me--also on move 30! This was not his day.

Selby Anderson (2266) vs. Joe Bradford (2534): 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6 c3 cd 7 cd g5! (What little theory exists on this move, frowns upon it.) 8 fg Qg5 9 Ndf3 Qg7?! (Qg8 Δf6) 10 Nh3! f6? 11 Nf4 Qg4? (Qg8) 12 g3 Bb4+ 13 Kf2 fe 14 Bh3 Qg8 15 Be6 (15 Ne6!/? e4! [Na6 16 Bh6!]) 16 Nfg5 Na6 Δ...h6, or 16 Nc7+! --clear as mud, but seeming to favor White.) Qg7 16 Nd5?! (16 fe!, but I couldn't resist the tempo.) Na6 17 Qe2 Rf8 18 Kg2 b6! 19 Nb4? (19 Bd7+ Qd7 [Kd7 20 Qb5+] 20 Qe5+ Kf7 21 Ng5+ [21 Bh6? Qh3+] Kg8 ∞) Nb4 20 Qe4 Rb8 21 d5 Nc5!! 22 Qb4 Rf3! 24 Qb5+? (24 Kf3 Bb7+ 25 Ke2 Bh1 26 Bh6 Qh6 27 Rh1 Qe6=) Kf8 25 Bh6 Qh6 26 Qe5 Qe3! 27 Qh8+ Ke7 28 Qh7+ Ke6 29 Rhe1 Rf2+ and White's flag fell, 0-1. "I feel like a thief in the night." --Bradford.

Mark Halsey (2322) vs. Maria Ivanka (2365): 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nc6 5 Be2 Qa5+ 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 0-0 Bb4 8 Nb3 Qd8 9 Qd3 0-0 10 f4 d6 11 Bd2 a5 12 a3 Bc3 13 Bc3 d5 14 Bf6 Qf6 15 e5 Qd8 16 Kh1 Qb6 17 Qh3 f5 18 ef Rf6 19 Bd3 Rh6 20 Qg3 a4 21 Nd2 Qb2 22 Nf3 Qf6 23 Ng5 Nd4 24 Rab1 Nf5 25 Qf3 Nd4 26 Qe3 b5 27 Rb4 Nf5 28 Qf2 Bd7 29 g4 Nd6 30 Nf3 Qc3 31 Ne5 Qc7 32 g5 Rh5 33 Qe2 Be8 34 Qg4 Qe7 35 Re1 Ra6 36 Qg3 Nf5 37 Bf5 ef5 38 Nc6 Qf8 39 Ne7+ Kh8 40 Nf5 Bg6 41 Qg4 Ra8 42 Ng3 Re8 43 Rf1 Qf7 1-0 (time.)

Joe Bradford vs. Robert Weinberg (2202): 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 Nc3 e6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 Bb4 6 g3 0-0 7 Bg2 d5 8 Qb3 Bc3+ 9 bc3 Nc6 10 cd Nd4 11 cd4 ed 12 0-0 b6 13 Bg5 Ba6 14 Qf3 Re8 15 Re1 Bc4 16 a4 Re6 17 Rac1 Rc6 18 Rc2 h6 19 Bf4 Qd7 20 Rfc1 Rac8 21 Be5 Ne4 22 Qh5 Ng5 23 f4 f6 24 fg5 fe5 25 Bh3 Qe7 26 Bc8 Rc8 27 g6! Rf8 (ed 28 Qd5+!) 28 Qe5 Qd7 29 Rf1 Re8 30 Rf7 Qa4 31 Qg7# 1-0.

Pat Gannon (1993) vs. Andras Budinsky (2295): 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Be2 0-0 6 0-0 c6 7 h3 b5 8 a3 a6 9 Be3 Bb7 10 Qd2 Nbd7 11 Bh6 Qc7 12 Bg7 Kg7 13 g4 h6 (e5) 14 g5 hg 15 Ng5 e5 16 Rad1 Rad8 17 f4 ed 18 Qd4 Qb6 19 Qb6 Nb6 20 e5 Nfd5 21 e6 Bc8 22 Nd5 Nd5 23 Rd5 fe 24 Rd2 d5 25 Bg4 Rfe8 26 Re2 Kf6 27 Rfe1 Rd6 28 h4 Re7 29 Kg2 Re8 30 Kg3 and 1-0 in 37.

Andras Budinsky vs. Jeff Gamble (2237): 1 b3 e5 2 Bb2 Nc6 3 e3 Nf6 4 Nf3 d6 5 Be2 g6 6 0-0 Bg7 7 d3 0-0 8 Nbd2 Bd7 9 c4 Qe7 10 Rc1 a5 11 a3 Rfe8 12 Qc2 h6 13 Rfe1 Nh7 14 Nb1 f5 15 Nc3 Kh8 16 Nd5 Qd8 17 b4 ab 18 ab Ne7 19 Ra1 Nd5 20 Ra8 Qa8 21 cd5 c6 22 Ra1 Qb8 23 dc bc 24 Bc3 Nf6 25 e4 d5 26 ed Nd5 27 Bb2 Nb4 28 Qd2 Kh7 29 Bf1 Nd5 30 Re1 Bc8 31 Qc1 Qc7 32 Nd2 Nf6 33 Qa1 Nd5 34 Nc4 e4 35 Bg7 Qg7 36 Qg7+ Kg7 37 Nd6 Rd8 38 Nc8 ed 39 Bd3 Rc8 40 h4 Kf6 41 Ba6 Rc7 42 Re8 c5 43 Bc4 Nb6?? 44 Re6+ 1-0.

Jim Gallagher (2239) vs. Selby Anderson: 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 b6 3 g3 Bb7 4 Bg2 c5 5 Nc3 g6 6 d4 cd 7 Qd4 Bg7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Qh4 d6 10 Bh6 Nbd7 11 Rfd1 (11 Rac1 a6!? 12 Rfd1 b5 += Anderson-Denker, 1987 U.S. Open) Rc8 12 Rd4! Re8 (Rc5!) 13 Rad1 Rc5 14 Bg7?! (14 Nc5! or 14 g4!?) Kg7 15 g4 h6 16 b4 Rc8 17 g5 hg 18 Qg5 Rh8 =+ 19 Nh4 Rh5 20 Qg3 Bg2 21 Kg2 Ne5! (Qh8 22 Nf3) 22 f4 Nc4 23 f5 Qe8 24 fg fg 25 Rg1 Ne5 26 Kf1 Qf7 27 Ke1 Rch8 28 Rf4 Neg4 29 Nf3 Rh3? (Nh2) 30 Qf2?? (30 Qg4! with a drawish 2 N's vs. R ending) Nf2 0-1.

John Jacobs vs. Eric Peterson (2342): 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 e6 3 b3 Nf6 4 Bb2 Be7 5 e3 0-0 6 Be2 c5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 cd Nd5 9 a3 b6 10 Nc3 Bb7 11 Rc1 Rc8 12 Qc2 Bf6 13 Qb1 Nc3 14 Bc3 Bc3 15 Rc3 Qe7 16 Rfc1 Rfd8 17 d3 h6 18 Nd2 Ne5 19 b4 cb 20 ab Rc3 21 Rc3 Qd7 22 Qa1 Qd5 23 Bf1 a5 24 ba ba 25 d4 Ng4 26 h3 Nf6 27 Rc5 Qd7 28 Qa5 Rc8 29 Nc4 Rc5 30 Qc5 Ne4 31 Qe5 Qd8 32 f3 Nf6 33 Qd6 Qd6 34 Nd6 Bc6 35 e4 Kf8 36 Bb5 Bb5 37 Nb5 Ke7 38 Kf2 Kd7 39 Ke3 Kc6 40 Nc3 Nd7 41 Kd3 Nb6 42 Ne2 Kd6 43 Ng3 g6 44 Nf1 Nd7 45 Ne3 Ke7 46 Nc4 Nf6 47 g4 Nd7 48 Kc3 g5 49 Kb4 Nf8 50 Kc5 Ng6 51 Kc6 Nh4 52 Nd2 Ng6 53 d5 ed 54 ed Nf4 55 Nc4 f6 56 d6+ Kd8 57 Na5 Ne6 58 Nb7+ Ke8 59 d7+ Kf7 60 Kd6 1-0.

Jeff Gamble vs. Lou Hayes (2106): 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 ed cd 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Nf3 Be7 7 Bd3 0-0 8 cd Nd5 9 0-0 Nc6 10 Re1 b6 11 Nd5 Qd5? 12 Be4 Qd6 13 Ne5 Bb7 14 Bf4 Re8 15 Bh7+ Kh7 16 Qh5+ Kg8 17 Qf7+ Kh7 18 Re3 Bh4 19 Rh3 Qe7 20 Qh5+ Kg8 21 Rh4 Ne5 22 Be5 Rec8 23 Qh8+ Kf7 24 Qg7+ Ke8 25 Qe7+ Ke7 26 Rh7+ Ke8 27 Rb7 Rc2 28 h4 1-0.

--Selby Anderson

Region I Championship: Simms Tops Field in Amarillo

Gary Simms of Amarillo won the TCA Region I Championship, held January 23-24 at the La Palma Inn in Amarillo. Kyle Word of Levelland won 1st Class A, Steve Young of Lubbock won 1st B, and James Farren of Amarillo won 1st C-below. Farren's upset over Young also won him an upset plaque donated by Mike Fleming (now of California.)

Bill Snead directed the event, which was organized by Region I Director Pat Ready. Special thanks also go to the Amarillo Chess Club for its assistance.

Farren-Young (Country music fans should like this one): 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 e3 c5 4 c3 b6 5 Bd3 d5 6 Nbd2 Ba6 7 Bc2 Nc6 8 a3 Bd6 9 Ba4 Qc7 10 b4 Bb7 11 0-0 0-0 12 Re1 Ne4 13 Bb2 f5 14 Ne4 fe4 15 Ng5 Bh2+ 16 Kh1 Rf2 17 Qh5 h6 18 Ne6 Qg3 19 Qh2 Qh2 20 Kh2 Rb2 21 Rf1 cd 22 cd Re2 23 Rae1 Re1 24 Re1 Nd8 25 Bd7 Ne6 26 Be6+ Kf8 27 Rf1+ 28 Rf7+ Ke6 29 Rb7 Kf6 30 Rd7 Rc8 31 Ra7 Rc3 32 Ra6 Re3 33 Rb6+ Ke7 34 Rb7+ Kd6 35 b5 Ra3 36 Rb6+ Kc7 37 Rc6+ Kd7 38 Rc5 Ra4 39 Rd5+ Kc7 40 Kg3 Kb6 41 Kf4 Rb4 42 Ke4 Rb2 43 g3 Re2+ 44 Kf5 Rb2 45 Kg4 Rb3 46 Kf4 Rb1 47 Rd7 g5+ 48 Kg4 Kb5 49 Rb7+ 1-0.

McGary-Word: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bc6 dc6 5 0-0 Bd6 6 d4 Bg4 7 de Bf3 8 Qf3 Be5 9 c3 Qf6 10 Nd2 Rd8 11 Qf6 Nf6 12 Nf3 Nd7 13 Ne5 Ne5 14 Bf4 f6 15 Rad1 Ke7 16 b3 Rd1 17 Rd1 Rd8 18 Rd8 Kd8 19 h4 Ng6 20 Bg3 Kd7 21 f4 b6 22 h5 Ne7 23 f5 c5 24 Bf4 g6 25 fg hg 26 h6 g5 27 h7 Ng6 28 Bg3 c6 29 b4 cb 30 cb Ke6 31 Bc7 b5 32 Kf2 Kf7 33 e5 f5 34 Bd8 Kg7 35 Bg5 Kh7 36 e6 Kg7 37 Ke3 Kf8 38 Kd4 Ke8 39 Kc5 Ne5 40 Kd6 Nd3 41 a3 Nb2 42 Kc6 Nc4 43 Kc5 Na3 44 Kb6 Nc2 45 Ka6 Nb4+ 46 Kb5 Nd3 47 g3 Nf2 48 Kc6 Ne4 49 Bh4 Nd2 50 Kd5 Nf3 51 Bf6 Kf8 52 Kd6 Ke8 53 e7 Ng1 54 Ke5 Ne2 55 Bg3 Ng3 1/2-1/2.

Simms-Santillan: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3 Be7 4 d4 ed 5 cd d5 6 e5 Bb4+ 7 Nc3 Bg4 8 Bb5 a6 9 Bc6+ bc6 10 Qa4 Bc3+ 11 bc3 Qd7 12 Nd2 Ne7 13 Ba3 f6 14 0-0 0-0 15 Be7 Qe7 16 Qc6 Rad8 17 Rfe1 f5 18 Qa6 f4 19 f3 Be6 20 a4 g5 21 Qe2 h5 22 Nb3 g4 23 Nc5 Bf5 24 e6 Rf6 25 Qe5 Rd6 26 Qf4 gf 27 Qg5+ Bg6 28 gf Qg7 29 Re3 Rf5 1-0.

Clayton-Young: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Ne5 d6 4 Nf3 Ne4 5 d4 d5 6 Bd3 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Nc3 f5 9 Bf4 c6 10 Ne5 Nd7 11 f3 Nc3 12 bc3 g5 13 Nd7 Bd7 14 Be5 f4 15 c4 Bf6 16 cd Be5 17 de5 cd 18 Qe2 Be6 19 Rad1 Rc8 20 c4 Qb6+ 21 Kh1 dc 22 Bc2 c3 23 Qe4 Bf5 24 Qe2 Bc2 25 Qc2 Qb2 26 Rf2 Rfd8 27 Rb1 Qc2 28 Rc2 Rd 29 Rcc1 Rcd8 30 h3 c2 31 Ra1 Rd1+ 0-1

--Pat Ready

ST. JOHN CANDIDATES

SEIRAWAN SHUT OUT 4-1

Speelman, Short, Spraggett Proceed to Quarterfinals

by Selby Anderson

American hopeful Yasser Seirawan of Seattle, WA was soundly put away by Jonathan Speelman in the first round of the Candidates' Matches, held January 23-30 in St. John, New Brunswick. The shaggy Englishman was outdressed but not outplayed, as he managed to steer the games away from the clear-cut positions the Yaz is known to favor, and into unclear tactical complications.

The sensation of the Candidates' however was Canada's own Kevin Spraggett, who came back from a 1.5-2.5 deficit to tie-up his match and finally to take out Russia's Andrei Sokolov in a 15-minute sudden death playoff game. The magnitude of the upset was not lost on the spectators, who broke into a spontaneous cheer after thirty minutes of nail-biting tension. The propriety of sudden death games in high level chess is sure to be hotly debated (Sokolov lost to an obvious Knight fork of his King and Queen), but the crowd-pleasing element cannot be denied.

Another casualty of the sudden death format was Victor Korchnoi, whose comeback against Iceland's Johann Hjartarson was stopped in the playoff. Age was no doubt a factor, as it must be for any contender over 50. But the young Icelander, who got his GM title in 1986, had already surprised people with his Interzonal victory at Sziirak (a tie for 1st with Valery Salov.) More surprises may yet follow.

Rock musician Nigel Short became the second Englishman to proceed to Round 2 after clinching his match with Gyula Sax of Hungary, 3.5-1.5.

The overall results of the 1988 Candidates' Matches are startling to anyone who remembers the "good old days" of Soviet domination. Who would have believed 10 years ago that only one Soviet player would remain in the running after the first round? Only Karpov, who is automatically seeded into the quarterfinals, will be there to keep Artur Yusupov company. Yusupov* knocked his countryman Ehlvest out of contention (a good thing--if that guy became World Champ we'd have to say "Ehlvest is King!" Groan..) Besides Sokolov, Salov and Vaganian also fell by the wayside, as if to lay to rest the near-mythic era of Soviet hegemony in world chess.

* Probable grandson of Prince Yusupov, who tried without much success to poison Rasputin with arsenic-laced poppyseed cakes. (It took the icy waters of the Neva to finish the job.) When asked about the relationship, Yusupov says, "No comment!"

Benjamin Wins International #1
Seirawan Wins International #2
TAL WINS WORLD BLITZ TITLE

Joel Benjamin of New York won the First International at St. John, N.B., held concurrently with the Candidates' Matches, with a 7-2 score. Tied for second were IM Michael Rohde and Romanian GM Mihai Suba with 6.5-2.5. This makes Rohde's second GM norm in recent months, and I shouldn't be surprised if it puts him over the hump.

You can't keep a good man down, and the ever bouyant Yaz led the field all the way to score 7-2 for clear first at the star-studded Second International tournament, just two weeks after his dismal loss to Speelman. He took home \$10,000 Canadian for his efforts. Tied for second with 6.5-2.5 were the rising Soviet star Smbat Lputian and "bucking" Branko Damljanovic of Yugoslavia. Close on their heels was a pack of 15 players with 6-3 scores, including Tal, Benjamin and Yusupov.

The World Blitz Championship, held at the end of The World Chess Festival, saw many surprises. First off, Karpov got knocked out in Round Two, followed the next day by Kasparov losing to Kiril Georgiev of Bulgaria. Then Rafael Vaganian beat Goergiev, only to lose the final game to veteran and former world champ Mikhail Tal!

Tal had already attracted the limelight, with a feature article in the St. John Telegraph-Journal. I had the pleasure of eavesdropping on the interview as it went on outside the Blitz Qualifier #2, and was immediately sympathetic to Tal's lament about how chess has changed since his heyday: "When I was champion we had no computers. Chess has become less of an art, more a sport--or science. You cannot surprise people anymore. You play a strange move and they say, 'Oh yes, I saw that in Informant game so-and-so.'" He still values the role of imagination above all, and his intuitive tactical sense served him well in the World Blitz. His booty: \$50,000 Canadian.

"No American Movies in Rooms, Please!"

That's one excuse the Russian candidates didn't have--the distractions of Rambo II and Firefox (not to mention Boris and Natasia cartoons), because the Soviet head of delegation reportedly had cable service yanked from their rooms. Perhaps the splendid shopping mall (without long lines) was distraction enough. But certainly the weather in New Brunswick would have made any Muscovite feel right at home.

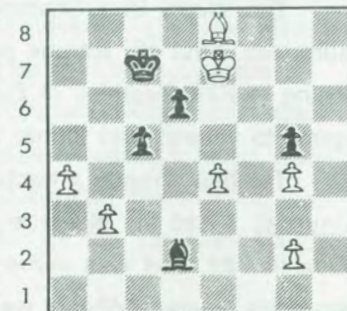
Lest anyone think I am just Red-bashing, I should add that I was quite favorably impressed with the sportsmanship I encountered in speed games with Gipslis, Razuvaev and Veingold. That I scored only one point in six (when Veingold's flag fell) is no occasion for sour grapes--even if I was two sound pawns up on Gipslis before giving away the Queen file!

Games from St. John

Hjartarson-Korchnoi (Rd. 1) 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Ne4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 de Be6 9 c3 Be7 10 Nbd2 Nc5 11 Bc4 Bg4 12 Re1 Qd7 13 Nf1 Rd8 14 Ne3 Bh5 15 b4 Ne6 16 Nf5 d4 17 Be4 Bg6 18 g4! h5 19 h3 Kf8 20 a4 hg Qe8 22 ab ab 23 Ra6 Nb8 24 Re6 fe6 25 Ne7 Be4 26 Re4 dc 27 Ng6+ Kg8 28 Rd4 Rd4 29 Qd4 Rh3 30 Ng5 Rh6 31 Nf4 Nc6 32 Qc3 Qd8 33 Nf3 Nb4 34 Bd2 Qa8 35 Kg2 Nc6 36 g5 b4 37 Qc5 Rh7 38 Ne6 g6 39 Qd5 Kh8 40 Ned4 Qc8 41 e6 Nd4 42 Nd4 c5 43 Bf4 Ra7 44 Nc6 **1-0**.

Korchnoi-Hjartarson (Rd. 6) 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 b6 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 0-0 e6 6 Nc3 Be7 7 d4 cd 8 Qd4 d6 9 b3 Nbd7 10 Nb5 Nc5 11 Rd1 d5 12 cd ed 13 Bh3 0-0 14 Bb2 a6 15 Nc3 Re8 16 Rac1 Ne6 17 Be6 fe6 18 Na4 b5 19 Nc5 Bc8 20 Ne5 Bf8 21 Rc2 a5 22 Rdc1 Qb6 23 Qf4 Be7 24 Bd4 Qd6 25 Ncd3 Rf8 26 Bc5 **1-0**. With this comeback Korchnoi forced the match into sudden death--for him, that is.

Spraggett-Sokolov (Rd. 5) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 8 Qd2 Qb2 9 Rb1 Qa3 10 f5 Nc6 11 fe fe 12 Nc6 bc6 13 Be2 Be7 14 0-0 0-0 15 Rb3 Qc5+ 16 Be3 Qe5 17 Bf4 Qc5+ 18 Kh1 Ng4 (N) 19 h3 e5 20 Na4 Qa7 21 Bc4+ Kh8 22 hg4 ef4 23 Nb6 Rb8 24 Rf4 Bd7 25 Nd7 Qd7 26 Rf5 Rb3 27 cb3 Qd8 28 Ba6 g6 29 Rf3 Bf6 30 Qf2 Kg7 31 Bc4 Qe7 32 Qe3 c5 33 Qf4 g5 34 Qf5 Be5 35 Qf8+ Qf8 36 Rf8 Kf8 37 a4 Bc3 38 Kg1 Ke7 39 Kf2 Kd8 40 Ke3 Kc7 41 Kd3 Be1 42 Bb5 Kb6 43 Kc4 Bb4 44 Kd5 Kc7 45 Ke6 Bd2 46 Bc4 Bc3 47 Bd5 Bd2 48 Kf6



Kd7 49 Kg7 Ke7 50 Kh7 Kf6 51 Kg8 Ke7 52 Kg7 Bc3+ 53 Kg6 Bd2 54 Kf5 Kd7 55 Kf6 Kd8 56 Bc6 Kc7 57 Bb5 Kd8 58 Ke6 Kc7 59 Be8 Bc3 60 Ke7 Bd2 (Adjourned--see diagram. Some GM's were still of the opinion that the game should be drawn. How would you adjudicate it?) 61 Bf7 Bc3 62 Bc4 Kc6 63 Bb5+ Kc7 64 Ke6 Bd2 65 g3 Bc3 66 Kf5 Bd2 67 a5 d5 68 ed Ba5 69 Kg5 Kd6 70 Bc4 Be1 71 Kg6 Bg3 72 g5 Bf4 73 Kf6 **1-0**. This game tied up the match for Canada's "favorite son" candidate. (He did not qualify by the usual procedure, but only because he was the leading player in the country hosting the matches.) The rest is history.

Yusupov-Ehlvest (Rd. 1) 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 dc 4 Nc3 c6 5 a4 Bf5 6 e3 e6 7 Bc4 Bb4 8 0-0 Nbd7 9 Nh4 0-0 10 Nf5 ef5 11 f3 Nb6 12 Bb3 Qd7 13 a5 Nbd5 14 Qd3 Be7 15 e4 Nb4 16 Qc4 Rad8 17 Be3 b5 18 ab ab 19 Kh1 b5 20 Qe2 Ra8 21 Rad1 Rab8 22 d5 cd 23 e5 Ne8 24 Nd5 Nd5 25 Rd5 Qc6 26 Rc1 Qa6 27 Rd7 Rb7 28 Qd3 g6 29 Qd5 Rd7 30 Qd7 Bb4 31 e6 fe 32 Be6+ Kh8 33 Bd4+ Nf6 34 Bf6+ **1-0**.

Speelman-Seirawan (Rd. 5) 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 c6 3 c4 e6 4 e3 f5 5 Be2 Nf6 6 0-0 Bd6 7 b3 Qe7 8 Bb2 Nbd7 9 Ne5 0-0 10 Nd2 g5 11 f4 gf 12 ef Ne4 13 Ne4 fe4 14 Qd2 Nf6 15 c5 Bc7 16 b4 Bd7 17 a4 Ne8 18 Ra3 Ng7 19 Rh3 Be8 20 Bc3 Bg6 21 g4 Be5 22 de5 h5 23 f5 ef 24 gh e3? (Bh7 25 Rg3 Kh8 26 e6 Rf6 ∞--Seirawan.) 25 Qe3 f4 26 Rf4 Be4 27 e6 Nf5 28 Rf5 Rf5 29 Qh6 Rg5+ 30 Rg3 Rg3+ 31 hg3 Qh7 32 Qf6 Re8 33 Be5 Re7 34 Qg5+ Kf8 35 Bd6 1-0.

Timman-Salov (Rd. 6) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Bb4+ 4 Nbd2 d5 5 Qa4+ Nc6 6 a3 Bd2+ 7 Bd2 Ne4 8 Qc2! (8 Rd1 led to equality in Lputian-Rohde the day before.) a5 9 e3 0-0 10 Bd3 f5 11 0-0 a4 12 Bb4 Rf6 13 Ne5 Bd7 (Ne5 14 de5 Rh6 15 cd! ed 16 f3 Qh6 17 fe4 Qh2 18 Kf2 and Black hasn't sufficient comp.) 14 f3 Ng5 15 Rac1 Nf7 16 f4 Be8 (Of course, 16...g6 is ugly, but it offers a stubborn passive defense.) 17 Be1 Rh6 (In fact the game is now over with this rook out of play. Timman's proof is very convincing.) 18 cd Qd5 19 Be2 Nfe5 20 de5 Bh5 21 Rd1 Qa2 22 Bh5 Rh5 23 Rd7 Rc8 24 Rf2 Qb3 (The endgame is completely lost, but getting mated in the middlegame is even worse.) 25 Qb3 ab3 26 Rfd2 Kf8 27 R2d3 Ne7 28 Bb4 c5 29 Rd8+ Rd8 30 Rd8+ Kf7 31 Bc5 Nd5 32 Rd7 Ke8 33 Rb7 f5 34 g3 gf 35 ef Kd8 36 Bf8! (The position is hopeless for Black, but this move shows Timman's artistic sense.) Ke8 37 Bg7 1-0. Notes by GM Mihai Suba.

Krum Georgiev vs. Boris Gulko (Int'l. #1) 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 ed ed 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 Bb5 Bd6 7 0-0 (7 dc!) cd! 8 Nb3 Nge7 9 Bc6+ bc6 10 Qd4 0-0 11 Bf4 Nf5 12 Qd2 Be6= 13 Rfe1 c5 14 c4? (14 Ng5! h6 15 Re6 ∞) d4 15 Ng5 Bc4 16 Bd6 Qd6 17 Ne4 (17 Qc2 Qd5!) Qg6 18 Nbc5 Rac8 19 Qf4 Rfd8 20 b4? (20 Nb7! Rd7 21 Nbc5 Rd5 22 Rac1 or 20...Rd5 21 Rac1) d3 21 Nc3? (21 Nd2) Nd4 22 Re4? (22 Rad1) Ne2+ 23 Re2 (23 Ne2 de -+) de2 24 Qc4 Qc2 (White is helpless.) 25 Qb3 Rd1!! 26 Rad1 Qc3!! 0-1. Notes by GM Evgeny Ermenkov.

Selby Anderson (2266) vs. Mihai Suba (2550): Mihai arrived six minutes late and demanded that his clock be reset--because I had not played my first move! I conferred with a TD to clear up the issue, and returned to find six minutes off *my* clock vs. zero! It was reset to reflect the true state of affairs, and play commenced:1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5+ Nd7 (Najdorf's move) 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 d4 cd 7 Nd4 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0 9 Qe2 Nc5 10 f3 a6 11 Ba4 Qc7 (Na4 12 Na4 b5 13 cb ab 14 Nc3 b4? 15 Nc6) 12 Rc1 e6 13 0-0 b6 14 Bc2! Bb7 15 b4 Ncd7 16 Bb3 Rac8 17 Rfd1 Qb8 (White's offbeat opening has paid off, but the hard part in the Maroczy bind is evolving a plan. White now starts slipping:) 18 Qf2 Ne5 19 Qe2?! (19 Na4 Ba8 20 Ne2 Nc4! ∞) Rfe8 20 Na4 Ned7 21 Qd2 Ba8 22 Ne2 d5! 23 e5 Ne5 24 Nb6 Neg4!! (This is no fun to play against in time pressure!) 25 fg4 Ng4 26 Na8 (I couldn't countenance 26 Nc8 Qh2+ 27 Kf1 dc 28 Nf4 Bh6! with a hornet's nest of threats, thus...) Qh2+ 27 Kf1 Ra8 28 Bg1? (But what else?) Qh1 29 cd Bh6 30 Qd4 Ne3+ 31 Qe3 (It's over) Be3 32 Bc7 ed 33 Bd5 Rad8 34 Bf7+ Kh8 35 Rdd7 Rd7 36 Rd7 Rf8 0-1. --Selby Anderson

WCF A Chessplayer's Dream, An Organizer's Nightmare

The state-of-the-art equipment used to capture the action of the Candidate's (and later, International #2) games was an inspiration for the spectators. Even post-mortems were automatically broadcast on the big screens thanks to electronic monitoring of the pieces. We are not so far away from feasible television coverage of such events, with instant replays and...who knows? "Let's see that one again in slow motion!" is no longer a joke, given the fast pace of the sudden death playoffs, and the ability of auto-sensing boards to keep displays current.

Less inspiring was the gap between projected revenues and the actual take from this monster event. The tournament sponsors had sunk \$1.5 million into the WCF, with expectations of 1000 people in attendance, each spending \$130 a day for 30 days. Well, they had not reckoned on the reality of chess professionals--FIDE titled players staying at the Salvation Army hostel, for example. Above all, they had not bargained on a massive underresponse from US players, who had little interest in going to a cold and slushy maritime city northeast of Maine in the coldest part of the winter. That factor is the main reason only 365 players (on average) attended this otherwise dynamite event.

Mayor Elsie Wayne took the brunt of the bad press, since she had done such a good job of selling the Festival to locals. Her front page picture with Kevin Spragget was almost enough to make it worthwhile, and the press coverage (TV and newspapers) was generally favorable, but as the cartoons show the bottom line was disappointing.



GRANDMASTER LIMERICKS

Although I finished out of the money in New Brunswick, I found ample consolation in writing limericks, beginning with two of the co-winners in Open #1:

There was a young master named Ardaman, Whose play was as spicy as cardamon. He played a Jamaican, Who got badly shaken, And said "I ain't never played harda, mon!"	The Soviet master, Razuvaev Said "I've just played a very good move, I he Though my game it looked drawn, I'll soon get a passed pawn, And shove it right up his wazuvaev!"
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Miles Ardaman, a Senior Master (2503) from Florida, may be going to Baylor Med School this fall. If so, he'll be the first Texan since Ron Henley to give Joe Bradford a run for his money!

The Gulkos were in good form at the WCF, and they were also excellent limerick-fodder:

Gandmaster Boris Gulko Is as strong as Incredible Hulko. After fierce attacks He goes shopping at Sak's; His buying he does at Woolco.	His wife, Anna Akhsharumova, Told American girls to move ova. She outplayed glitz and glam For a 9-0 slam, And shone like a supanova.
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The Blitz Qualifier #3 produced this next news item:

Grandmaster Walter Browne, Who wore a perpetual frown, Played moves against Dzindzi That made people cringy. He said just one word, that was "DOWN!"	There was a world champ named Petrosian, Whose play was as smooth as lotion, With concepts so deep It would put you to sleep, And then kick like a witch's potion.
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Anyone care to tackle Dzindzichashvili?! (No fair rhyming with Gaprindashvili!)

That's What He Said

Filip Frenkel at the 1987 U.S. Open: "Oh, you know Choe Bredford?! He iss vedic big chyess player!!" About 6'7" at least! (In Russian, of course, bolshoi means "grand" as well as big--this is big truth.)

--Selby Anderson

TELE-CHESS LINK

by Jimmy Irvin

Imagine having instant access to chess...all over the country! Being able to participate in simuls, take lessons, get the latest news, play games for fun or ratings, or just plain talk about our favorite subject...and all from the comfort of your home. These things are now possible thru several companies, and all you need is a computer, a modem, a telephone and communications software.

"Whoa!" you say. "A computer system?! Wait a sec! I don't want to play computers, I want to play chess!!" Don't worry, any computer system from a Commodore to an IBM type PC is sufficient, and only a very basic knowledge of how to use them is needed. The price range is from about \$150 for a used system to thousands for a brand new top-of-the-line unit. (HINT: Unless you are going to be writing programs or getting into computer science heavily, there is no need to get a system above the simplest and cheapest. A more expensive program isn't going to be any better for playing chess.)

There are at least three companies that have chess programs running now: Leisure Link, Quantum Link and Playnet. Although the cost methods are slightly different, they essentially end up costing about \$5/hr each. Sound expensive? Well, here's some of what you get: You can play correspondence or over the board chess for fun or USCF ratings; find opponents any time, day or night; participate in tournaments (both USCF and the system you are on) and win prizes; get the latest chess news, observe games being played by others, get lessons or play simuls against GM's and IM's, send and receive mail with other "chess nuts", and "talk" to other chess nuts (even heckling and kibitzing are usually allowed.)

For fun or serious chess play there's a time and network for you. Some offer other services--some are just for games. Some are just for Commodore systems, and some accept almost any type. The communications software is specialized for each network (mainly for ease of use), and is supplied by the network when you join.

Sound simple? It is!! There is one problem with all of this, though--IT'S ADDICTING! So be forewarned: Once you start, you can't play just one game and quit.

For further information on these networks and their services, contact the following:

Leisure Link

Greensboro, NC

1-800-826-9688

Quantum Link

8619 Westwood Ctr. Dr.

Vienna, VA 22180

1-800-782-2278

Playnet

105 Jordan Rd.

Troy, NY 12180

1-518-283-8682

Or call Jimmy Irvin at (512) 659-4280; 10222 Outlaw Bend, San Antonio, TX 78109. *San Antonio Chess Board* bulletin board system number is 494-5478--Ed.

SPOTLIGHT: DARWIN WILLIAMS

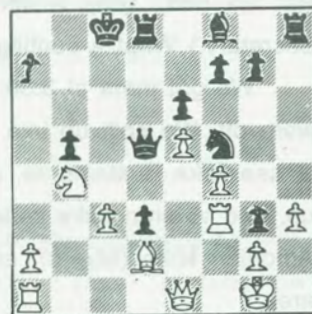
Darwin Dave Williams (rated 1903) of Monahans is a fast rising 'A' player from Monahans, TX. The following games show definite expert (if not master) potential:

Abilene Championships, 1986

Dale Coleman (2021) vs. Darwin Williams (1620): 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 a6 8 Qe2 Nd4 9 Bd4 b5 10 Bb3 Bb7 11 Bf6!? gf6! (Qf6 12 Nb5 Qb2 13 0-0 Rc8 14 Rab1 Qf6 15 Na7) 12 0-0-0 Rc8 13 Rhe1 h5 14 f4 Bh6 15 g3 h4 16 Kb1 Ke7 17 e5 fe 18 fe d5 19 Ne4 de4!! 20 Rd8 Rcd8 21 Qf2 Bg5 22 Rf1 Rh7 23 Qc5+ Ke8 24 gh Rh4 25 Qc7 Rf4! 26 Re1 Ba8 27 Qb6 e3? (Rf5!) 28 Qe3 Re4 29 Qg1 Re1 30 Qe1 Bf3 31 c4 Rd2 32 cb ab 33 Qf1 Be4+ 34 Ka1 Bd3 35 Qf3 Kf8? (Bc4) 36 Be6 Bg6 37 Bb3 Rh2 38 a3 Bc1 39 Qc3 Bb2+ (Rh1!?) 40 Qb2 Rb2 41 Kb2 Ke7 42 Kc3 f5 43 ef+? (43 Kb4+=) Kf6 44 Kd4 Ke7 45 Kc5 Bd3 46 Kc6 Bc4 47 Bc2 Ke6 48 Be4 Ke5 49 Bf3 Kd4 50 Bd1 Kc3 51 Kc5 Bb3 52 Be2 Kb2 53 Kb4 Ba4 **1/2-1/2**.

Midland Open, September 1987

Charlie Vetter (1824) vs. Darwin Williams (1821): 1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 d6 4 c3 Nf6 5 d3 b5 6 h3 e6 7 Be2 Bb7 8 Be3 d5 9 e5 Nh5 10 0-0 d4 11 Bd2 Ng3 12 Rf2 h5 13 Ng5 Ne7 14 Bf3 Bd5 15 Qe1 Nef5 16 Bd5 Qd5 17 Ne4 h4 18 Ng3 hg3 19 Rf3 0-0-0 20 Na3 dc! 21 bc c4 22 Nc2 cd 23 Nb4 (diagram) Bc5+ 24 Kh1 Rh3+! **0-1**.



Lee Williams (2083) vs. Darwin Williams (1821): 1 c4 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 Nc3 d6 5 d4 0-0 6 Nf3 Nbd7 7 0-0 c6 8 b3 e5 9 Bb2 Re8 10 Qc2 Nf8 11 de de 12 Rad1 Qe7 13 Qc1 e4 14 Nd4 Ne6 15 e3 Nc5 16 Ba3 Qe5 17 Qc2 Bg4 18 Rd2 Nfd7 19 h3 Bf3 20 Bf3 ef3 21 Bc5 Nc5 22 Rc1 Qh5 23 Kh2 f5 24 Rcd1 Be5 25 b4 Nd7 26 Nc6 Nf6 27 Ne5 Re5 28 Rd8+ Rd8 29 Rd8+ Kg7 30 Qd1 Ng4+ 31 Kg1 Qh3 32 Qf3 f4 33 e4 Rh5 34 Qg2 fg 35 fg Qg2+ 36 Kg2 Rh2+ 37 Kg1 Rc2 38 Nd5 Rc4 39 Rd7+ Kh6 40 Rb7 Re4 41 Ra7 Rd4 42 Ra5 Ne5 43 a4 Rd2 44 Rb5 Kg5 45 Nc3 Kf5 46 g4+ Kf4 47 a5 Rc2 48 Nd5+ Kg3 49 Rc5 Rg2+ 50 Kf1 Rf2+ 51 Ke1 Nd3+ 52 Kd1 Nc5 53 bc5 Ra2 54 Nf6 Ra5 55 Ke2 Ra6 56 Nh7 Kg4 57 Ke3 Kf5 58 Kd4 Ra7 59 Nf8 g5 60 c6 Ra8 61 Nd7 Rd8 62 Ke3 Rc8 63 Kf3 Rc6 64 Kg3 Rc3+ 65 Kg2 g4 66 Nb6 Ke4 67 Nd7 Kf5 68 Nb6 g3 69 Nd5 Rb3 70 Ne7+ Kg4 71 Ng6 Rb2+ 72 Kg1 g2 73 Ne5+ Kg3 **0-1**.

If your TCA membership expired on or before March 1987, (see mailing label) this is your last free issue! Pay the treasurer!

VA HOSPITAL BENEFITS FROM TCA

"This is what we need to be doing!" exclaimed Greg Wren to Tony Alston. Greg, the past secretary/treasurer of the San Antonio Chess Club, got a letter from the USCF stating that they got a request from the VA Medical Center in Kerrville for information about local chess.

Tony, Vice-President of the TCA., easily gleaned what Greg's remark meant, because like many other chess players in Texas, he wanted to increase chess popularity. NOW, here was a great idea! A way not only to help popularize chess, but may be even more importantly, a practical employment of the Royal Game, to benefit our veterans.

So Tony called the VA Medical Center in Kerrville, a small town about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio. He spoke with Travis Lee, Chief of Voluntary Services, and set up a session for a chess contingent from San Antonio to play and teach the great game to the patients.

The group going up consisted of Selby Anderson, Greg Wren, Mike Myers, TCA President Pat Gannon, Tony Alston, Jim Gallagher, Sr. (TCA Treasurer), and Altan Kartaltepe (TCA Secretary.) What a contingent! From C player to Master.

We got there at 3:30 pm and spoke with Mr. Lee. He gave us the lay of the Center and we were off. We split up into several groups: some to recreation areas and Mike, Tony and myself to see Mike Bustamonte, a quadriplegic with a gallant attitude. A demonstration board was set up, and veteran Mike called out his first move against his new found friend and opponent, San Antonian Mike (Myers), and the game was afoot. Then Tony and I left for another recreation area.

At the recreation area Tony and I sat down and just set up to play each other (a subtle way we thought would stir interest), when onlookers started coming around, and then a few moves later the onlookers became challengers, saying something like "Hey, can I play the winner?" and others saying "I'd like to learn to play." So Tony and I aborted our game and we began playing and teaching the veterans. A few hours and lots of fun later, we had to leave. A confirmed feeling of immense satisfaction pervaded the veterans, the Medical Center Staff, and the San Antonio chess players.

As we prepared to head home we made plans to go back once a month on the third Tuesday of each month, and in special circumstances the second Tuesday. Tony also promised Mr. Lee that the TCA would send the Center some chess sets and a demonstration board for Mike Bustamonte. A promise Tony honored by immediately contacting the USCF for the sets to be sent directly to the Center, and which later Mr. Lee had confirmed as done. Pat Gannon has made sure that we have gone each month as planned.

We said good-bye to our friends. On our way back we discussed our results, and none of us had ever had better results at any chess tournament than at the Kerrville VA Medical Center. Our results:

One: Very happy veterans. It's a stupendous feeling to really see people who are happier because someone spent time with them doing something that made their minds work, something they liked to do, and may have gotten something that really benefitted (should I say it?) their soul.

Two: An extremely wonderful feeling of helping your fellow man. To give a little of our lives to make others happy. I don't know about the others, but for me, my soul was benefitted.

Three: How can chess compare? It was the medium that gave us this one way to do what we did. It was what the veterans wanted, and it was what we, as Texas chess players, were the best at helping give them. Chess has benefitted, too. More chess making more people happier. What else can Chess Popularity mean?

--Altan Kartaltepe

MALL MOB MUNCHES MASTER

Gallagher Spills Blood for Leukemia

Jim Gallagher faced a determined mob of San Antonio players that included many Experts and A's in Central Park Mall Thursday, February 18. It was a club night, so who can blame the locals for coming out in force to support the event? It was for a good cause--the American Leukemia Society, at \$10 a head. The response was a 46-player field and many interested spectators who also contributed.

The first upset came when Andy Smith (2180) announced a mate, followed soon by the drop of a piece to Stephen Cheyney (2079). The final score: +33,-8,=5 for a winning percentage of 77%. Considering the size and strength of the field, and the fact that one game was played blindfold, that's not bad at all.

The only sense in which the event was not a success was that the news media were caught up in the rodeo festivities on the other side of town--a conflict which only died-in-the-wool kickers or newspeople would have foreseen. Nevertheless, we hope to make this benefit simul a regular event in the chess life of San Antonio, with better coverage next time. Anyone planning a similar benefit can be assured that the Leukemia Society is highly cooperative and sympathetic to the idea, as befits their motto: "Checkmate Leukemia--it's your move!"

--Selby Anderson

COMPUTER CHESS...with Ken Hackney

The Mephisto II module came out a few years ago from the German firm of Hegner & Glasner, and is all the rage now with its new "Dallas" program (presumably named for its showing at a Dallas computer tourney.) The Fidelity Mach II is supposed to be even better than the Dallas machine (which I doubt), though it may have good playing qualities with 16K hashable positions--making it not only an excellent playing machine, but a fast one as well.

Some of the main frame models now coming out are up to the 2500 level, and are beating masters with disconcerting regularity. And it is only a step from main frame to home chess computer. Artificial intelligence provides one of the most interesting new areas of chess, and the machines never cease to fascinate me. I always go against them armed with a fairly complete chess library of over 100 texts, since the devices have literally thousands of opening, middlegame and endgame positions built into them.

In the following game I am playing the Mephisto II module at level 7, its highest playing level (somewhere around 1800 USCF level, I assume.) However, all computer ratings should be taken with a grain of salt, since chess computers do not think like human beings, though their play may be quite rational. I keep the game record on a chess computer board to which a chess computer is connected, and the machine set in monitor mode. In this way I do not have to worry about keeping score or time, as the monitor does that all for me. Since Mephisto II in this case is only the module (or brain) of an electronic playing board, with a window showing the moves, the use of a separate computer playing board simplifies all record keeping.

You will note that I use an outdated opening, the Ponziani, which is so far behind the times as to be almost extinct. But it is for this very reason that I use it. [*I have had remarkable success with 1 f3!?*--Ed.] Thus, sometimes an old opening will put a chess computer at a disadvantage. To assist me, I used T.D. Harding's text The Ponziani Opening, published by Chess Digest. The game went as follows:

Kenneth Hackney vs. Mephisto II, level 7: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3 (the Ponziani) d5 4 Bb5 de 5 Ne5 Qd5 6 Qa4 Ne7 7 f4 (Staunton's move) ef 8 Nf3 Qe6+ (I cannot find this computer move in any texts. While it compromises the White King, it also retards Black's development.) 9 Kf2 Qf5 10 Re1 Be6 11 Re5 Qf6 12 d4 h6 13 Nbd2 0-0-0 14 Ne4 Qg6 15 Nc5 (The beginning of a combination which results in the win of Black's Queen.) Ne5 16 Ne5 Qf6+ 17 Kg1 a6 18 Ba6 Bd5 19 Bb5 c6 20 Qa8+ Kc7 21 Qb7+ Kd6 22 Nc4+! (The Black bishop is now diverted from guarding e4.) Bc4 23 Ne4+ Ke6 24 Bc4+ Kf5 25 Nf6 Kf6 26 Qc7 Rd5 27 Bd5 cd5 28 b3 Ng6 29 Qc6+ Kf5 30 Qd5+ Kf6 31 g4 Nh4 32 Bg5+! (This sacrifice quickens the Black King's demise.) hg5 33 Qc6+ Ke7 34 Re1+ Kd8 35 Re8# 1-0.

Tournament Calendar

March 18

West Texas Game/30. 5-SS, game/30, Holiday Inn T-dome, 3904 W. Wall, Midland, TX. EF: \$10 if recd by 3/12, \$12 at site, \$\$G75: 50-25, + trophy 1st, 1st under-1800, under-1500. Reg.4:30-5:20 pm, Rds. 5:30-6:40-7:50-9:00-10:10 (1/2 pt. bye any 2 rds. if req. at reg.) Hotel \$32/\$39. Ent.: Robert Montgomery, 4908 Sunshine Pkwy., Midland, TX 79707, (915) 699-4239. NS. NC. W.

March 18-19

A Chess Spring Fling. 4-SS, 40/90, 118 S. Bois d'Arc, Tyler, TX 75702. EF: \$10 if rec'd by 3/12, \$13 at site. \$\$200+EF G: 75+37.5%+25%-25+12.5%. U1600 20+10%-10+5%, Unr 20+10%(percentages of 1/2EF). Reg.6 pm., Rds. 7,9-as available. Ent: Brent Pitt, 602 W. Main 49, Whitehouse, TX 75791. (214) 839-6799. LS

March 19

San Jac March Swiss. 3-SS, 30/1 San Jacinto College, 2nd Fl. Stud. Ctr. Bldg., 8060 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena, TX 77505. EF: \$5. Trophies. Reg. 9:30-10 am., Rds. 10-1-4, (713) 481-1878. NS. NC. W.

March 19-20

Texas Junior Championship. 5-SS, 50/2, 18-under, Holiday Inn T-Dome, 3904 W. Wall, Midland, TX, (915) 694-7774. EF: \$2 (at site or adv.) Trophy + chess set 1st; plaque + set each grade (6-12) winner. Reg. 8-9 am, Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:30, 8:30-1:30. Hotel \$32/39. Ent: Robert Montgomery, 4908 Sunshine Pkwy. Midland, TX 79707. NS, NC.

Texas Senior Championship. 5-SS, 50/2, 50-over, Holiday Inn T-Dome (see above), EF: \$10 if rec'd by 3/12, \$12 at site. \$\$ (150 gt'd): 100-50, + trophy 1st. Reg., Rds. Hotel & Ent . see Texas Junior above.

Permian Basin Spring Open. 5-SS, 50/2, Holiday Inn T-dome (see Tx Jr. above.) EF: \$20 if recd by 3/12, \$25 at site. GRAND PRIX \$\$ (430 guaranteed): 200 + trophy-50; A, B, under-1600 each: \$60 + trophy. Reg., Rds., Hotel & Ent. see Texas Junior above.

San Antonio Spring Open. 5-SS, 45/2, 25/1, Continental Inn, 9735 IH 35 N, Starlight Terrace exit, San Antonio, TX. EF: \$20 if rec'd by 3/17, \$25 at site. \$\$ (500 b/40, 5/class): 125-75, A, B, C, D/below each 50-25. Reg. 8-9 am, Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:70, 9-3. Ent: SACC, 4510 Walzem, San Antonio, TX 78218. (512) 655-1309. LS, NC.

March 26-27

DFW Spring Thaw. 4-SS, 45/2, Hurst Public Library, 901 Precinct Line Rd., Hurst, TX. EF: \$20 if rec'd by 3/19, \$24 at site. \$\$80% of EF per class. Reg. 11-11:30 am, Rds. 12-5, 10-3. Ent: Malcolm Hiberd, 8400 Bellchase #311, Ft. Worth, TX 76112. (817) 261-8918. NS. NC.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Blitz (An Action Chess Event), 4-SS, G/30, Houston Chess Studio, 815 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX 77007., EF; \$10. Reg. 6 pm. (713) 880-3260

April 2-3

San Jacinto Open, 4-SS, 45/2, 301 Rudder Tower, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX. EF: \$25 (adv. or at site), \$20 junior or local student, TCA req. \$\$ based on entries, at least one lower class prize. Reg. 12:15-12:45 pm, Rds. 1-6, 9-2:30. Ent: Dr. Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt St., College Station, TX 77840, ofc. (409) 845-5522, home 696-5504. LS. W.

April 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24,30 Cheapo, 3-SS, 45/75, Houston Chess Studio, 815 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX 77007. EF \$10. \$\$(\$120/b20). Reg. 11:45am. (713) 880-3260.

April 5,12,19,26 Open, 4-SS, 40/2, HCS (above) EF:\$20. \$\$(\$120 b/10) Reg. 6pm

April 6,13,20,27Amateur, 4-SS, 40/2, HCS, U2000. EF \$20. \$\$(\$120 b/10). Reg. 6pm.

April 7,14,21,28 Novice, 4-SS, 40/2, HCS (above), EF: \$20. \$\$(\$120 b/10). Reg. 6 pm.

April 15- 17

Texas Open Chess Classic, 5-SS, 45/2, 25/1, The Beaumont Hilton, 2344 IH-10, Beaumont, TX. Two sections: **Open**: \$\$ (3000 gt'd):1000-500-250-150-100; Exp. 500-250; Below Exp. 250. EF: \$50 if rec'd by 4/10, \$65 at site, TCA or other state membership required. **Reserve** (1999 and under): \$\$ (2000 b/60): 500-300-200; 1st each class \$200 (A, B, C, D, E, Unr.) EF: \$40 if rec'd by 4/10, \$55 at site, TCA/state req. **All**: Reg. 8 9am. Sat., Rds.: 10-3-8, 9:30-2:30. Ent.: Steve Wellborn, P.O. Drawer D, Vidor, TX 77662, (409) 769-5402. Hotel: \$40 (sgl or dbl), (409) 842-3600. LS. W.

ACE's Delight for D Players, 6-SS, 30/90, 1701 Palo Duro Rd., Austin, TX. EF: 2000+ \$50, 2100 \$45, 2000 \$40, 1900 \$35, 1800 \$30, 1700 \$25, 1600 \$20, 1500 \$15, 1400 \$10, below 1400 & Unr. \$5 if rec'd by 4/12, \$7 more at site; scholastic 50% off. \$\$ (600 b/40, top 2 G): 150-100, Exp.80, A 70, B 70, C 50, D/below 50, Unr. 30. Reg. 6-7 pm. 4/15, 8:30-9am. 4/16. Rds. 7, 9-1:30-6,9-2. 1/2 pt. bye avail any rd. with adv. entry. Ent: ACE, 7210 Teaberry Dr., Austin, TX. 78745. William Thompkins, (512) 443-1160 after 6:00., 465-3052. NS. NC. W.

April 16

D/FW April Octo Plus, 3-SS in 8-12 player sections by rating. 40/90, Hurst Public Library, 901 Precinct Line Rd., Hurst, TX. EF: 15 if rec'd by 4/12, \$18 at site. \$\$ (80% of EF): 50%-20%-10%. Reg. 8-8:30 am., Rds. 9-1:30-6. ENT: D/FW MCCC c/o Malcolm Hiberd, 8400 Bellchase #3111, Arlington, TX 76112. (817) 261-8919. NS. NC. W.

April 24, May 1, May 8

A.C.E. Quads, 3-RR, 35/90, 1701 Palo Duro Rd., Austin, TX. \$\$ (based on 4/section) \$15 each quad. EF: \$11 (\$6 ACE members) Reg. 6:30-7 pm, Rds. 7 pm each Sunday. NS.

Public Service Announcement:

The Neches River Festival, City of Beaumont, Leukemia Society of America
KAYD-FM97, Electro-Motor Inc., and the New Beaumont Hilton **W**ELCOMES:

THE TEXAS OPEN CHESS CLASSIC

To Beaumont, Texas

April 15th, 16th, and 17th

April 15th. Jack Peters I.M. will play a 40 board simultaneous exhibition for the Leukemia Society of America. \$25.00 entry fee for simultaneous. The first 40 people that sign up and pay their \$25.00 will play

Mr. Jack Peters. April 15th.

5 p.m. — Social Hour. 7 p.m. — Lecture.

8 p.m. — Simultaneous Exhibition.

A Grand Prix Event (40 Points)

April 16th & 17th

Open Section: \$3000 Unconditionally Guaranteed
Special Playing Room for Masters and Experts.

1st \$1000 2nd \$500 3rd \$250

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Based on 60 Players

(See Tournament Life section of
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Steve Welborn for details
and entry fees)

Grandmaster Edmar Mednis, International Master Jack Peters and
National Master Kenneth Ray Smith will play in the open section.

Grandmaster Larry Evans will be available for commentary of the top boards.

SITE:

The Beaumont Hilton Hotel
2355 IH-10 South
Beaumont, Texas 77706
Contact: Reservations
409-842-3600

Rates \$40 per nite (single or double)

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Texas Knights

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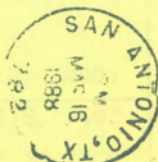
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