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Lone Star Open

by Clarence Calloway

There was a three-way tie for the Championship of the Lone Star Open with Igor Shtern of Dallas winning the trophy on tiebreaks over Gregg Small and Sid Pickard. Each scored five and a half out of six rounds. Shtern and Small drew their game in the 6th round, and Pickard won to create the deadlock. The 13th Lone Star Open, held in Dallas over the Fourth of July weekend attracted 115 players including 9 masters and 13 experts.

Bob Epstein won the Expert trophy with 5 points. Kelly Clover won Class A on tiebreaks with 4.5 points over three other players. Three Class B players tied with 3.5, with Brian Roberts winning on tiebreaks. Class C also required 3.5 points, and was won by Stan Weinberg. Ed Guerry won Class D with 3, and Ali Akhavan-Rad won Unrated with 3.5 points.

The Texas Speed Championship was held on July 3rd after the fourth round. In a field of 28 players including four masters and six experts, Miles Ardaman, a Senior Master (2531) of Houston won the double-round Swiss tournament with a score of 9-1. Greg Small of Dallas won second with 8-2. Ardaman and Small split their games in the 5th round, enabling Ardaman to clinch the title. Bob Montgomery of Midland won the trophy in the under-1800 division. This tournament was played under the Five-Minute Rules in the USCF Rule Book, and the touch move rule (uncommon in friendly speed games) caught several players napping.

Bill Snead directed both tournaments, which were sponsored by the Irving Chess Club.

Rd. 1: Shtern-Ladymon 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 c5 4 d5 d6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 e4 a6 7 Be2 0-0 8 h3 e5 9 de Be6 10 0-0 Nc6 11 Bg5 h6 12 Bf4 Ne8 13 Qd2 g5 14 Be3 Qd7 15 h4 g4 16 Ne1 h5 17 Nd3 Rd8 18 Nf4 Nf6 19 Rad1 Ne5 20 b3 Ng6 21 Ng6 fg6 22 Bg5 Rfe8 23 Bd3 Bf7 24 Qf4 Re6 25 Nd5 Nd5 26 ed5 Ree8 27 Bd8 ("and wins," but the technique required is interesting) Qd8 28 Rde1 Be5 29 Qg5 Bf6 30 Re8+ Be8 31 Qh6 Bg7 32 Qe3 Bd4 33 Qe4 g3 34 Qf4 gf+ 35 Kh1 Qe7 36 g3 Qe1 37 Kg2 Qe7 38 Be4 Kg7 39 Rd1 Qf6 40 Rd3 Bd7 41 Qf6+ Kf6 42 Rd4 cd4 43 Kf2 Bf5 44 Kf3 a5 45 Kf4 Bg4 46 Bd3 Bf5 47 Bf5 gf5 48 a3 b6 49 b4 ab 50 ab Ke7 51 Kf3 Kf7 52 Ke2 Kf6 53 Kd2 Ke5 54 Kd3 f4 55 gf+ Kf4 56 Kd4 Kf5 57 c5 1-0.



Rd. 2: Pickard-Gracey 1 b4 e5 2 Bb2 d6 3 e3 Nf6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 Be2 0-0 6 0-0 Be6 7 c4 a5 8 b5 a4 9 d4 ed 10 ed d5 11 c5 Ne4 12 a3 f5 13 Ne5 Nd7 14 Nd3 Bf6 15 f3 Ng5 16 Ra2 Qe7 17 Nb4 Bf7 18 Qd3 Rfe8 (Diagram) 19 Bd1 f4 20 Nc3 Nc5 21 dc Qc5+ 22 Kh1 Re3 23 Qf5 Bc3 24 Bc3 Qc3 25 Qg5 d4 **DRAW!**

Baker-Erwin 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Bd3 e5 7 Nf5 0-0 8 Qf3 Bc3+ 9 bc3 d5 10 Bg5 Nbd7 11 ed?? e4 12 Be4 Re8 13 Nd6 Ne5 14 Qe2 Qd6 15 Bf6 Qf6 16 0-0 Bf5 17 Bf5 Qf5 18 Rfe1 Qd7 19 c4 Rac8 20 g3 Nc4 0-1.

Rd. 3: Erwin-Ardaman 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f3 c6 5 Be3 b5 6 e5 b4 7 ef6 bc3 8 bc e6 9 Qd2 h6 10 Bc4 Nd7 11 Ne2 d5 12 Bb3 Ba6 13 Nf4 Qf6 14 Nd3 Ba3 15 Ba4 Rc8 16 Nb4 Bb5 17 Bb5 cb5 18 Qd3?? Bb2 0-1.

Small-Triggs 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 de 4 Ne4 Bf5 5 Ng3 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 h5 Bh7 8 Nf3 Nd7 9 Bd3 Bd3 10 Qd3 e6 11 Bd2 Ngf6 12 Qe2 Qc7 13 0-0-0 0-0-0 14 Ne5 Nb6 15 Ba5 Rd5 16 Bb6 ab6 17 Rhe1 (17 c4 is Mednis-Reuter, Tx. Open '88) Bd6 18 c4 Ra5 19 Kb1 Rd8 20 f4 Ne8? 21 Rf1 Kb8 22 Ne4 f5? 23 Nf2 Nf6 24 g3 Be5 25 de5 Rd1+ 26 Rd1 Ne8 27 g4 fg 28 Qg4 Qf7 29 Ne4 Kc7 30 Nd6 Nd6 31 Rd6 Ra8 32 Qe6 Qe6 33 Re6 Rf8 34 Re7+ Kc8 35 Kc2 Rf4 36 Kd3 Rf5 37 e6 Rh5 38 Rg7 Re5 39 e7 h5 40 Kd4 Re2 41 Rg8+ Kd7 42 Rb8 Ke7 43 Rb7+ Kd6 44 Rb6 h4 45 Rb7 c5+ 46 Kc3 h3 47 Rh7 h2 48 a4 Rg2 49 a5 Rg3+ 50 Kc2 Rg2+ 51 Kb3 Kc6 52 a6 Kb6 53 a7 Rg8 54 Ka4 h1(Q) 55 Rh1 Ka7 56 Rh7+ Kb6 57 Rh6+ Kc7 58 Kb5 Rb8+ 59 Kc5 Rb2 60 Rh7+ Kd8 and 1-0. (Sheet 2 is missing, but the technique is clear.) Impressive.

Rd. 4: Pickard-Howard 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 c5 3 d5 Ne4 4 Bf4 Qa5+ 5 c3 e6 6 Na3 Nf6 7 Nc4 Qd8 8 d6 b5 9 Na3 Qb6 10 e4 Ne4 11 Nb5 Na6 12 Bc4 Nf6 13 Nf3 Bb7 14 0-0 0-0-0 15 Ne5 Rg8 16 Nf7 g5 17 Be5 Nd5 18 Nd8 Kd8 19 Qh5 Qc6 20 Bd5 Qd5 21 Bf6+ 1-0.

Ardaman-Epstein 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Nc6 4 d3 Bb4 5 Bd2 0-0 6 Nge2 Nd4 7 Nd4 ed4 8 Ne2 Bd2+ 9 Qd2 d5 10 ed Nd5 11 Nd4! Re8+ 12 Kf1 Nb6 13 Qc3 Nc4 14 Qc4 Qe7 15 h4 c5 16 Nf3 Be6 17 Qf4 c4 18 dc Qb4 19 b3 b5 20 h5 Qc3 21 Rc1 bc 22 Qd4 Qd4 23 Nd4 Rad8 24 Rh4 Bd5 25 Nb5 Be4 26 f3 Bc6 27 Na7 Rd2 28 Nc6 Ree2 29 bc Rf2+ 30 Kg1 and 1-0 in 22.



Rd. 5: Pickard-Gardner 1 g3 d5 2 Bg2 Nf6 3 d3 e6 4 Nd2 b6 5 b3 Bb7 6 Bb2 Nbd7 7 e3 Bd6 8 Ne2 Qe7 9 a3 0-0-0 10 b4 e5 11 c3 c5 12 d4 ed 13 cd c4 14 b5 Rhe8 15 Nc3 h5 16 0-0 h4 17 a4 hg 18 hg Bg3 (Diagram) 19 Qf3! Bc7 20 Nc4 Rh8 21 Rfc1 Ne4 22 Ba3 Qe6 23 Ne4 de4 24 Nd6+ Kb8 25 Qf7 Qg4 26 Rc7! Kc7 27 Nb7 Rdf8 28 Bd6+ Kb7 29 Qd5+ 30 Qa8+ Nb8 31 Qb8+ Kd7 32 Qc7+ Ke6 33 Qe7+ Kd5 34 Qe5+ Kc4 35 Bf8 Rf8 36 Qe4

Qe4 37 Be4 37 Be4 Re8 38 Bc6 Re6 39 d5 Rg6+ 40 Kf1 Kd3 41 Rd1+ Kc2 42 Ke2 Rg2 1-0.

Davis-Solomon 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e3 e6 4 Bd3 c5 5 c3 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 Nbd2 b6 8 e4 c4?! 9 Bc2 de 10 Ne4 Bb7 11 Re1 Ne4 12 Be4 Be4 13 Re4 Re8 14 Qe2 b5 15 Rg4 Nd7 16 Bg5 Bg5 17 Ng5 f5 18 Rg3 f4 19 Qh5! fg3 20 Qh7+ Kf8 21 Qh8+ Ke7 22 Qg7+ Kd6 23 Nf7+ Kc7 24 Nd8 gf+ 25 Kf2 Rad8 26 Qg3+ Kc8 27 Qd6 Nf6 28 Qc6+ Kb8 29 Qb5+ and 1-0 in 22.

Rd. 6: Weinberg-Howard 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4 Bd7 10 0-0-0 Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 h4 Nc4 13 Bc4 Rc4 14 h5 Qa5 15 hg fg 16 Nb3 Qc7 17 Bh6 Be6 18 Bg7 Kg7 19 Nd4 Bg8 20 Qh6+ Kf7 21 Ne6 Ke6 22 Qf8 Rc3 23 bc3 Qc3 24 Qh6 a5 25 Rd3 Qa1+ 26 Kd2 Qa2 27 Qe3 Qc4 28 Rd4 Qa6 29 e5 de 30 Qb3+ Kf5 31 g4+ Ng4 32 fg+ Kf6 33 Qf3+ 1-0.

D. Sewell-Gannon 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 de 4 Ne4 Nf6 5 Nf6+ gf6 6 c3 Qc7 7 Be3 Bf5 8 Bd3 Bd3 9 Qd3 e6 10 Ne2 Nd7 11 b4 0-0-0 12 a4 Rg8 13 g3 h5 14 b5 c5 15 a5 b6 16 ab Nb6 17 Bf4 Qb7 18 f3 e5 19 Qf5+ Rd7 20 de fe 21 Be5 Nc4 22 Bf4 Qf3 23 Rf1 Qg4 24 Qe4 Nb6 25 Qe8+ 1-0.

Ft. Hood Grand Prix

by Selby Anderson

There was heavy fighting at Fort Hood this July 4 weekend--not tank maneuvers, but chess playing. The base which once was home for General Patton and Elvis Presley hosted a strong field despite the competing tournament in Dallas (see Lone Star Open.) In the end three masters from Austin tied for first with 5-1: Burt Carpenter (a graduate student of engineering at U.T.), Andras Budinsky and his wife Maria Ivanka, both of Hungary. Maria had to win her last round game with Thomas Cunningham, having lost a tough endgame to me in round 3 (she missed a middlegame crush in time pressure.) In round 4 I offered a draw to Budinsky in a position where not just "Sit on your hands" applied, but "Put tape over your mouth!" as well. A fighting draw between Carpenter and Ivanka, a model Benoni game, left me in front of the pack. I lost my lead in round 5 when I drifted into a lost endgame with Carpenter after equalizing in a Bogo-Indian; this time I was a victim of the time scramble. A quick last round draw between Andras and Burt left Cunningham a chance for outright first--but he had to win as Black with Ivanka, who was taking no chances. My talent for finishing a half point out of the money was confirmed by a last round draw with expert Robert Van den Bold--an unpublishable game which, suffice to say, has made me rethink playing the Center Counter.

Calvin Roach won the reserve section with 5.5-.5 followed by Medina and Lim at 4.5-1.5.

A salute to Sgt. Scott Bennett and the folks at the Army Rec Center (Mr. and Mrs. Booker) for organizing this event.

Maria Ivanka 2378 vs. Mack Williams 2007 RETI OPENING 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 g3 d5 4 b3 c5 5 Bg2 d4?! 6 d3 Be7 7 0-0 Nc6 8 e3 e5 (Black is fighting the Benoni two tempi down) 9 ed ed 10 Re1 0-0 11 a3 Re8 12 h3 Bf8 13 Nh4 Re1+ 14 Qe1 Qb6 (h6!) 15 Bg5 Nd7 16 Bd5 Nde5 17 f4 h6 18 fe5 hg5 19 Nf3 Ne7 20 Nbd2 Nd5 21 cd5 Qg6 22 g4 b6 23 Qe4 Qe4 24 de4 Be7 25 a4 f6 26 e6 Kf8?? 27 Nc4 Bd8 28 h4 gh 29 Nh4 a6? 30 Ng6+ Ke8 31 Nd6# 1-0.

Thomas Cunningham 2136 vs. Peter Kappler 1795 SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 ed Qd5 4 d4 cd? 5 cd Nc6 6 Nf3 Nf6? 7 Nc3 Qa5 8 d5 Nb4 9 Bd2! Nbd5?? 10 Bb5+ 1-0.

Burton Carpenter 2350 vs. Robert Van den Bold 1976 QGD 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Bg5 c5?! 5 cd ed 6 Nc3 Be7 7 cd 0-0 8 e3 h6 9 Bf6 Bf6 10 Qd2 Be6 11 Nd4 Qa5 12 Ncb5 Qd2+ 13 Kd2 Na6 14 Rc1 Rfc8 15 c6 Rc6 16 Nc6 bc6 17 Nd4 Nb8 18 b3 a5 19 Nc6 Nc6 20 Rc6 d4 21 Bc4 de+ 22 Ke3 Rc8 23 Re6 1-0.

Selby Anderson 2231 vs. Felix Castillo 1737 CARO-KANN 1 e4 c6 2 Nf3 d5 3 Nc3 Bg4 4 h3 d4? 5 hg4 dc3 6 bc3 Nf6 7 e5 Ng4 8 e6 (The Monkey Wrench gambit) f6 9 Bd3 Qd5 10 Qe2 Nh6 11 c4 Qd6 12 Rb1 b6 13 Rb3 c5?? 14 Be4 Nc6 15 Rd3 Qe6 (15...Qc7 16 Rd7 Qc8 17 Rh6! Δ N-any) 16 Bg6+ 1-0.

Ivanka-Anderson QUEEN'S INDIAN 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6 3 Bf4 Bb7 4 h3 e6 5 e3 d6!? 6 Nbd2 Nbd7 7 c3 g6 8 Qc2 Qe7 9 Bc4 Bg7 10 Bh2 0-0 11 0-0 e5 12 de de 13 e4 (Black's system is suspect, with a QB worse than White's Bh2. The plan that follows is too optimistic.) 13...Nh5 14 Rfe1 Kh8 15 b4 a6 16 Rad1 Rfd8 17 Nf1 Nf8 18 Ne3 c6 19 a3 f6 20 Ba2 b5



Position after 46...g4

21 Qb3 Nd7 22 c4 Bh6 23 c5 a5 24 Rd6 (Dr. Tarrasch's shop of horrors!) a4 25 Qd3 Be3? 26 fe3! Nf8 27 Red1 Re8 28 g4 Ng7 29 g5 fg 30 Be5? (30 Ne5! Nge6 31 Be6 Ne6 32 Rd7 is a complete rout) h6 31 Bf6 Qe4 32 Qe4 Re4 33 Rd8 Re8 34 Ra8 Ba8 35 Ne5 Kh7 36 Bf7 Rc8 37 e4 Bb7 38 Rd6 Nh5 39 Be7 Nf4 40 Bf8 Rf8 41 Rd7 Bc8 42 Bg6 Kg8 43 Rc7 Bh3 (What was a crush has become a crap shoot) 44 Bf7+ Kh8 45 Nc6 h5 46 Re7 g4 (The sealed move, I was very confident of my chances after calculating 47 Re8 Re8 48 Be8 g3 49 Nd4 h4

50 c6 Bc8!! 51 Bd7 h3 52 Bc8 h2+ 53 Kh1 Nd3! and White cannot stop the h-pawn from queenng. But White has better than 51 Bd7? in 51 Nf5! Bf5 52 ef5 when Black should avoid the temptation to get Queens back on the board, and simply play 52...Nd5! forcing White to find a difficult draw) 47 Nd4 g3 48 c6 h4 49 c7? (Last chance for 49 Re8!) Bg4 50 Nf5 (50 Re8 Re8 51 Be8 h3 52 Bb5 h2+ 53 Kh1 Nh3 etc.) Ne2+ 51 Kf1 h3 52 Ng3 Ng3+ 53 Kg1 Ne2+ 54 Kh2 Nd4 55 Kg3 Nc6 56 Re8 Re8 57 Be8 Na7 58 e5 Bc8?! 59 Bf7 Kg7 60 Bd6 Kf8 61 Kf4 Ke7 62 Kg5 Be6 63 Bf3 Kd7 64 Kf6 Nc8 65 Be2 h2 66 Bf3 Nb6 67 Kg4 Bd5 ~~0-1~~. Okay, I'm a weasel.

Cunningham-Carpenter QUEEN'S INDIAN 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 e3 b6 4 Bd3 Bb7 5 Nbd2 d5 6 Ne5 Ne4 7 0-0 Nd7 8 Bb5 (8 Ne4 Ne5) Nf6 9 f4 a6 10 Bd3 Bd6 11 Qf3 Qe7 12 c3 0-0-0 13 e4 Nb8 14 Nf7 Qf7 (de 15 Nd6+) 15 e5 Bf8 16 ef6 gf6 17 Qh3 Nd7 18 Nf3 Bd6 19 Bd2 Kb8 20 Rae1 Rde8 21 Rf2 h6 22 b4 f5 23 Ne5 Ne5 24 fe5 Be7 25 Be2 h5 26 Bf4 Reg8 27 Rb1 Ka7 28 a4 h4 29 Qe3 Rg7 30 Kh1 **DRAW**. Nothing but solid.

Carpenter-Ivanka BENONI 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 ed 5 cd d6 6 e4 g6 7 Nf3 Bg7 8 Be2 0-0 9 0-0 Na6 10 Nd2 Nc7 11 a4 b6 12 Nc4 Ba6 13 Bf4 (ECO gives 13 Bg5, but the text is by no means bad) Bc4 14 Bc4 a6 15 Qd2 Qd7 16 Rfe1 b5 17 Bf1 Rfe8 18 ab ab 19 Ra8 Ra8 20 e5 de 21 Be5 Nfe8 22 Bg7 Kg7 23 Rd1 Nd6 24 Qe3 b4 25 Ne4 Ne4 26 Qe4 Qd6 27 Bc4 Ne6 28 Re1 Nd4 29 f4 f6 30 Qe7+ Qe7 31 Re7+ Kh6 32 Rc7 Ra1+ 33 Kf2 Rb1 34 b3 Rb2+35 Kg3 Nb3 36 d6 Rd2 37 Bg8 g5 38 Bb3 (38 f5 Rd3+ 39 Kf2 g4) Rd3+ 39 Kg4 Rb3 40 fg+ fg 41 d7 Rd3 42 Kf5 c4 43 Ke6 b3 44 Rc4 Kg6 45 Ke7 Re3+ 46 Kf8 Rd3 47 g4 h5 48 Rc6+ Kh7 49 Ke7 b2 50 Rb6 Re3+ 51 Kf6 Rd3 52 Kg5 hg 53 Rb2 Rd7 **DRAW.**

Carpenter-Anderson BOGO-INDIAN 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Bb4+ 4 Nbd2 0-0 5 e3 d5 6 a3 Be7 7 Bd3 b6 8 0-0 Bb7 9 b3 Nbd7 10 Bb2 Ne4 11 cd ed 12 Qc2 Ndf6 13 Ne5 c5 14 f3 Nd2 15 Qd2 Bd6 16 Qf2 Qe7 17 Qh4 h6 18 Rfe1 Rfd8 19 Rac1 Rac8 20 a4 Rc7 21 Re2 Nh7 22 Qe7 Re7 23 Rec2 Nf8 24 Kf2 Ne6 25 f4 cd?! (Rc7) 26 Bd4 Nc5 27 b4! Nb3 28 Rb1 Nd4 29 ed4 f6 30 Ng6 Rc7 31 Rc7 Bc7 32 g3 Bd6 33 b5 Bc8? (Rc8) 34 Re1 Kf7 35 Nh4 Bd7 36 Bg6+ Kf8 37 Bf5 Bb4 38 Rc1 Bf5 39 Nf5 Rd7 40 Rc6 Kf7 41 g4 Bf8 42 h3 g6 43 Ne3 Bb4 44 Kf3 Bd2 45 Nc2 Ke7 46 f5 gf? (g5) 47 gf Rd6 48 Rc7+ Rd7 49 Rc6 Rd6 50 Rc7+ Rd7 51 Rc8 Rd8?? (This move reckons only on White's K advancing--not retreating!) 52 Rd8 Kd8 53 Ke2! Bg5 54 Nb4 Kd7 55 Nd5 Kd6 56 Nc3 Bh4 57 Kd3 Be1 58 Ne4 Ke7 59 Kc4 **1-0.**

Andras Budinszky 2295 vs. Carpenter FRENCH 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ndf3 Qa5 8 Kf2 b5 9 Bd3 b4 1 0 Bd2 Ba6 11 Ba6 Qa6 12 Qe2 Qe2+ 13 Ke2 **DRAW.** We hope to have Ivanka-Cunningham in the next issue.

TCA Business Meeting Agenda

by Pat Gannon

The TCA business meeting will start promptly at noon, Sept. 3 prior to the first round of the Southwest Open. The Parliamentarian will be Bill Snead of Amarillo, and the Sergeant at Arms will be W. W. Chamberlain of Beaumont. The order is as prescribed in the TCA Bylaws:

I. Old Business.

- A. Reading of last year's minutes
- B. Amendments tabled last year

II. New Business

- A. Official announcement of election results
- B. TCA officers' reports
- C. Committe reports if available
- D. Voting on tournament bids (Texas Open, Texas Championship, Texas Junior Championship, Southwest Open, Texas Team Championship, Texas Class Championship, Texas Armed Forces Championship

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Gallagher Wins Alamo Open

by Selby Anderson

Jim Gallagher won the Alamo Open, held June 25-26 at the USO ballroom in San Antonio. On the way to his 3.5-.5 score there were thrills, spills--and chills thanks to the most powerful air conditioning system per cubic foot in the Southwest. Thrills because Jim's clear first was decided by the board 2 game Smith-Thurston, where Black was cruising to a win and a share of first, when he fell into a mating combination that came to fruition when Andy Smith had exactly 0.00 on his digital clock. (Further irony: a "spite" interposition of the Q would have made Andy go over.) Lou Thurston had beaten me in Rd. 2, and should have beaten Gallagher in Rd. 3 except for some confusion over the digital clock. The math professor from Kingsville thought he had 16 seconds, not minutes, and went on to get a drawn Rook and Pawn ending (BP & RP) which was my unpleasant duty to adjudicate. My last game with Gallagher was exciting to a point, when I fell victim to a lapse of reason after some sharp tactical skirmishing.

Andy Smith scored 3-1 to take second place. Brian Oarr, Frank LaCava and Raymond Smith each scored 2.5-1.5 to share 1st "A".

In the Reserve Section, Ricardo Rangel and William Underwood scored 3.5-.5 to share 1st "B". Fred Huett and Perry Kelly split the "C" prize with scores of 3-1. Rick McClure (Unr) scored 2.5-1.5 to win 1st D-E-Unr. Wallace Short, Allen Mayfield and Al Zerm tied for second in that category with 2-2 scores.

Steve Welborn, who drew two experts before losing to LaCava, brought a videotape of the World Blitz Championship in St. John. There were priceless moments, such as the look on Kasparov's face after he stalemated Kiril Georgiev's King in a K+Q+B vs. K ending. The production quality was worthy of *ABC's Wide World of Sports*.

Mike Moore directed.

Lou Thurston 2099 vs. Selby Anderson 2245 QGD SEMI-TARRASCH D 42
(Believe it or not!) **1 e4 d5 2 ed Nf6 3 c4 c6 4 Nc3 cd 5 d4 e6 6 Bg5** Unusual at this point, but not bad. It allows Black to simplify later with ...Nd5. **6...Be7 7 Nf3 0-0 8 Bd3 dc 9 Bc4 Nc6 10 0-0 b6 10...Nd5! 11 Be7 Nce7 11 a3 Bb7 12 Qd3 Rc8 13 Re1 Qd6** Now if **13...Nd5 14 Ne4! 14 Bb3 Rfd8 15 Rad1 g6? 15...Na5 16 Bc2 g6 17 Ne5 Nd5!** Black underestimates the White KB on its present diagonal. **16 Qe2! Na5** Too late. **17 Nb5! Bf3!?** The alternative was **17...Qd7 18 Ne5 Qe8. 18 gf3! Qd7** I was quite happy with my position, until **19 d5!! Rc5? 19...Nb3! 20 d6! Rc5 21 f4 Nd5 (21...Qb5?? 22 Qb5 Rb5 23 de7 +-)** 22 de7 Re8 23 Nc3 (Δ Ne4-f6). A tough position. **20 Bf6 Bf6 21 de Qb5 22 ef+ Kg7 23 Rd8 Bd8 24 Qe8 1-0. 24...Rf5 25 f8(Q)+.** Lou is a nemesis of mine going back to the '73 Texas Open. He's now +3 on me.

Lou Thurston 2099 vs. Jim Gallagher 2239 SICILIAN B 78 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 f3 Bg7 7 Be3 Nc6 8 Bc4 0-0 9 Qd2 Bd7 10 0-0-0 Qa5 11 Bh6?! New but not true. Black may win a pawn by 11...Nd4 12 Bg7 Nf3 (13 Qh6? Ng4), or get the 2 B's after 12 Qd4 Bh6+. Also interesting is 11...Ne4!? 12 fe4 Bd4 with an unclear game. 11...Bh6!? 12 Qh6 Nd4 13 Rd4 Qc5 14 Rhd1 e5 15 Rd6 Qc4 16 Rf6 Be6 17 Qg5 17 h4! Rfd8 18 Rh1 Qc5 19 h5 Qf8 20 Qg5 ± --J.G. b5 18 Qe5 b4 19 Nd5 Rfc8 20 c3 Bd5? 20...bc 21 Rg6+! hg6 22 Nf6+ with a perp. 21 Qd5 bc 22 Qc4 cb+ 23 Kb2 Rc4 24 Rd7 Rb8+ 25 Ka3 Rc2 26 Rff7 Rbb2 27 Rg7+ Kf8 28 Rh7 Ra2+ 29 Kb3 Rab2+ 30 Ka4 Ke8 Checking only zigzags White's K to a8. 31 Rdg7 Kf8 32 Rg6 Rg2 33 Rg2 Rg2 34 Kb5 Rf2 35 Rh3 Ke7 36 Kc4 Kf6 37 Kd3 a5 38 Ke3 Rb2 39 Rh6+? In (perceived) time pressure, White allows the Black King to enter and break up the connected passers. 39 Rh5 was correct. 39...Kg5 40 Ra6 Rb3+ 41 Kf2 a4! 42 Ra4 Kf4 43 e5 Ke5 44 Kg3 Rb5 45 Ra3 Kf5 46 Ra2 Rc5 47 Ra4 Kg5 48 Rg4+ Kf6 49 h4 Ra5 50 Re4 Kf5 51 Re8 Ra4 52 Rf8+ Kg6 53 f4 Ra1 54 Rg8+ Kf6 55 Rg5 Rg1+ 56 Kf2 Rh1 57 h5 Rh2+ 58 Kf3 Rh1 and now I had to adjudicate the game. This is the case of the "impotent pawn pair", where Black draws with accurate play--although there are many pitfalls. (Shamkovich lost a U.S. Championship game to Browne in this!) One variation: 59 Ra5 Rh2 60 h6!? Rh6! 61 Ra6+ Kf5! =. I went against the peanut gallery in my decision. Fortunately, a disinterested party (J. P. Hyltin) showed up and confirmed the choice: **DRAW**.

Jim Gallagher 2239 vs. Selby Anderson 2245 ENGLISH A 34 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 c5 3 Bg2 Nc6 4 c4 d5 5 cd Nd5 6 Nc3 Nc7 7 d3 g6!? 7...e5 8 Nd2 Bd7 9 Nc4 b5 10 Ne3 Rc8 11 0-0 Nd4 12 f4 ef 13 gf Be7 ∞ --Gipslis. 8 Be3 Ne6 9 0-0 Bg7 10 Qc1?! 10 Na4! increased White's pressure in Georghieu-Korchnoi, Palma de Mallorca 1972. 10...Bd7 11 Bh6 0-0 12 Bg7 Kg7 13 Qe3!? Worth considering is 13 b3 with Hedgehog ideas: Qb2, a3, e3 and future options of b4 or d4. The Queen in front of the pawn chain soon gets harrassed. 13...f6! Black prepares to dominate the center. 14 Rfc1 Rc8 15 Rab1 Ned4 16 Ne4 b6



Position after 26 Nc5

17 a3!? Nb3 Else 18 b4. 18 Rc3 Ncd4 19 Ned2 Nf5 Black prevents freeing exchanges. 20 Qf4 e5 21 Qc4 Not 21 Ne5? Nbd4 Δ Ne2+ or 21...Nd2! 22 Nd7 Nb1 23 Nf8 Nc3 --. 21...Nfd4! Of course, 21...Nbd4 maintains a space advantage without complications. After the text, if 22 Nb3?? Bb5 wins the Q. 22 Rb3! Be6 23 Qa4 Nb3 24 Nb3 b5 25 Qa7+ Black's task is easier after 25 Qb5 Rb8 26 Qc5 Bb3 Δ Ba2. 25...Rf7 26 Nc5! Bd5? On 26...Ba2! White's best appears

to be 27 Nb7 Qd7! 28 Ra1 Bd5 29 a4 ba 30 Qa4 Qa4 31 Ra4 Rc1+ 32 Bf1 Rb7 33 b4 Bf3! 34 ef3 Rb1 when Black's K penetration to e1 should be decisive. 27 Qa6 Rc5 28 b4 Bb7! 29 Ng5! Anything but 29 Qa5 Qa5 30 ba5 Ba6 -+ 29...fg5 30 Bb7 Qd4?? A hallucination, but 30...Rc2 31 Qb5! Re2 32 Bd5 Rff2 33 Rc1 leaves Black no clear mating procedure while the Queenside pawns march: 33...Qf8! [33...Qf6 34 Qd7+ Kh6 35 Qh3+ Kg7 36 Rc7+] 34 Qc5 Qf5 35 Be4 Qh3 36 Qf2 Rf2 37 Kf2 Qh2+ 38 Bg2 Qh5 39 b5 ±. 31 bc5 Rf2 32 Kh1 Qg4 33 Bg2 33...Rg2 34 Qb7+ 1-0. Notes by the players. --SKA

♠ Over the Border ♠

San Antonio Hosts International High School Tournament

High school players from Juarez, Mexico were greeted at the airport by representatives of the Mayor's office and the U.S. State Department, and were whisked downtown to the Guadalupe Community Center for an international chess match, held June 25 as the Alamo Open was being played across town. The leader of the Mexican delegation was the President of the Chihuahua Chess Association, FM Gustavo Maas. He shared Mexican chess periodicals and instructional material with TCA President Pat Gannon, who in turn gave advance copies of *Texas Knights* and an article on chess in Hispanic culture. Most interesting was the Spanish language textbook for teaching chess in the schools (issued with a durable chess set to every schoolchild in Mexico), and the broad scope of the *Revista Internacional* chess magazine.

Edmundo de la Rosa of Juarez won first place with a perfect 4-0 score, giving his city possession of the "travelling trophy". John Graw of San Antonio scored 3.5-.5 to take second place. Daniel Uranga (MEX) was 3rd, and Simon Velez (USA) was 4th. In the Novice "A" division, Mark Solis (USA) took first, while Joel Hernandez (USA) won the "B" section.

Tony Alson put on a 25 board simul at the end of the tournament, scoring +24, -1, =0.

Mexico's social program, Development of the Integrated Family (D.I.F.), helped sponsor this valuable cultural exchange. The D.I.F. has introduced chess to youngsters in border towns such as Juarez, where the promise of *el norte* has often led to the breakup of families.

Luby's Cafeterias provided 150 free lunches for the young *ajedrecistas*.

Jim Gallagher, Sr. directed the tournament with help from Tony Alston and Mario Chavez. Special thanks go to Michael Goveia, director of the Guadalupe Community Center. For the past two years he has worked with Mario Chavez of the San Antonio Chess Club to hold regular high school tournaments there (second Saturday of each month during the school year.)

This match is to be an annual event, with the next one set in Juarez. We hope to sponsor some junior players, as the city of San Antonio plans to sponsor a team. The Mayor's office has also pledged to make chess a part of its summer youth recreation program. --PJG & SKA.

Hyltin and Smith Champs in San Antonio

by Selby Anderson

J. P. Hyltin and Andy Smtih* drew a short, friendly last round game to clinch the San Antonio title by 4.5-.5 at the San Antonio Open and Region VI Championship, held July 24-5. Heavily favored masters like Burt Carpenter, Jack Ligon and reigning city champ Jim Gallagher all suffered reverses along the way. Most notable was Andy's fourth round brilliancy (or brilliant slop?) against Carpenter, who had been worn down by his late night adjournment with Marty Gordon. Gallagher asked for too much in a Caro-Kann with Pat Gannon, and felt the wrath of the gods. Blake Stevens was one of the spoilers, with draws to Ligon and Gallagher.

Trailing with 4-1 were Jack Ligon and Stephen Cheyney; truly, the native San Antonians were favored. In the dustbin with 3.5-1.5 were Carpenter, Gallagher, Dale Dike, Tom Patton, Blake Stevens, Mark McCue and Class "A" winner Robert Barber. (I was at the Monterey, CA Open: 3-1.) Mark Adams, Steve Smollen and Bill Underwood shared the "B" prize with 3-2 scores. David Young (1278) also scored 3 to win the D/E/Unr prize. Mike Moore directed.

Rd. 2: Jack Ligon 2218 vs. Raymond Smlth 1964 RUY LOPEZ 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 b5 5 Bb3 d6 6 0-0 Be7 7 c3 Nf6 8 d4 Bb7 9 Re1 0-0 10 Nbd2 ed!? (A common theme here is 10...h6 followed by Re8 and Bf8 before opening the center) 11 cd Nb4! 12 Qe2 d5 13 e5 Ne4 14 a3 Nc6 15 Bc2 (15 Ne4? de4 16 Qe4 Na5 followed by captures on b3, f3 and d4) f5 16 ef6 Nf6 17 Qe6+ (17 Nb3) Kh8 18 Ng5?!! (What a bluff!) 18...Qe8? (Nd4) 19 Ndf3 Bc8 20 Qe2 h6 21 Ne6 Be6 22 Qe6 Bd6 23 Qe8 Rae8 24 Re8 Re8 25 Bg6! Re7 26 Bd2 Ne4 27 Be3 Na5 28 Rc1 Nc4 29 b3 Nb6? (Puzzling) 30 Ne5 Kg8 31 Be4 de4 32 Nc6 Re8 33 Nb4 a5 34 Na6 Nd5 35 Nc5 Nf4 36 Bf4 Bf4 37 Re1 e3 38 g3 ef+ 39 Kf2 Re1 40 Ke1 Bc1 41 a4 ba 42 ba Ba3 43 Nb3 Kf7 44 Ke2 Bb4 45 Kd3 Ke6 46 Ke4 c6 47 g4 g5 48 h3 Kf6 (Be1 49 Nc5+) 49 Kd3 Ke6 50 Kc4 Kd6 51 Nc1 (Onward to f7!) c5 52 Nd3 cd 53 Nb4 ab4 54 Kd4 b3 55 Kc3 1-0.

Rd. 3: Burton Carpenter 2350 vs. Stephen Cheyney 2079 DUTCH 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 f5 4 g3 Nf6 5 Bg2 c6 6 cd!? ed 7 Nh3 Bd6 8 0-0 0-0 9 f3 Qe8 (Na6) 10 Nf2 Nbd7 (Qh5) 11 e4 fe 12 fe de 13 Nfe4 Bc7 14 Ng5 Bb6 15 Bf4 Qh5 16 Qb3+ Kh8 17 Bf3 Qg6 18 Kg2 h6 19 h4! Bd4 20 Ne6 Bb6 21 Nf8 Nf8 22 Rae1 Ne6 23 Re6 Qf5 24 Rfe1 Bd7 25 R1e5 Qd3 26 Qd1 Qc4 27 Rf6 gf6 28 Qd7 Rd8 29 Re8+ Re8 30 Qe8+ Kg7 31 Qe7+ Kg8 32 Bh6 1-0.

Jim Gallagher 2183 vs. Pat Gannon 2028 CARO-KANN 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 de 4 Ne4 Nf6 5 Nf6+ ef6 6 Bc4 Qe7+ 7 Qe2 (7 Ne2?? Qb4+) Be6 8 Be6?! (I like 8 Bb3 rather than uncorking Black's KB) Qe6 9 Bf4 Nd7 (or Na6) 10 0-0-0 0-0-0 11 Qe6 fe6 12 Nf3 g5 13 Bg3 h5 14 h3 Bh6 15 Kb1 Rhe8 16 Nd2 f5 17 Nc4 Bf8 18 h4 g4 19 Bf4 Nb6 20 Ne5 Nd5 21 Bg5 Be7

*Winner on tiebreaks, but the title is officially co-champion.

22 c4? (22 Be7 or 22 Nf7) Bg5 23 hg5? (23 cd5 Bf4! =+) Nf4 24 Rh2 c5 25 g3 Nh3 26 f4 cd 27 Rhd2 h4! (Aha!) 28 gh Nf4 29 Rd4 Rd4 30 Rd4 Nh5 31 Kc2 g3 32 Kd2 g2 33 Nf3 e5 34 Rd5 Kc7 35 Ke1 Nf4! 36 Rd1 e4 37 Ng1 Nd3+ 38 Ke2 Rh8 39 Nf3 ef3+ 40 Kf3 (40 Kd3 f2) Rh4 41 Kg2 Rg4+ 42 Kf3 Nb2 43 Rc1 Rg5 44 Rc2 Nd3 45 Rc3 Nc5 46 Kf4 and 0-1 in 14.

David Gonzalez 1848 vs. Andy Smith 2110 RUY LOPEZ 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 d3 fe 5 de Nf6 6 Nc3 Bc5 7 0-0 d6 8 Re1? Ng4 9 Re2 0-0 10 h3 Rf3! 11 gf3 Nf2! 12 Qd5+ Kh8 13 Be3 Nh3+ 14 Kf1 Be3 15 Re3 Nd4 16 Bd3 Qh4 17 Nd1 Nf4 18 Qf7 Bh3+ 0-1. Ho-hum.

Rd. 4: Andy Smith 2110 vs. Burton Carpenter 2350 SICILIAN "GRAND PRIX" 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 e6 4 Nf3 d6 5 a4 Nf6 6 Bc4 Be7 7 d3 (7 0-0) 0-0 8 Bd2?! d5 9 Bb3 c4! 10 dc d4 11 Nd5!? ed5 12 cd Ne4? (12...Na5 13 d6 Bd6 14 e5 Nb3 15 cb3 Bc5! 16 ef6 Re8+ 17 Kf1 Bf5 -+) 13 dc6 Bc5 14 0-0! (Anyway!) d3+ 15 Kh1 Nf2+ 16 Rf2 Bf2 17 Bb4 Re8 18 Ng5 (18 cb wins also) 19 Qh5 h6 20 Ne6 fe6 21 f5 dc 22 fe Qd3 23 Qf7+ Kh8 24 Bc3 Bd4 25 Bc2! Qc2 26 Bd4 Rg8 27 cb Rad8 (Raf8 28 Bg7+) 28 e7 Rd4?? 29 Qg8+ 1-0. Notes by the winner.

Pat Gannon 2028 vs. J.P. Hyltin 2140 FRENCH 1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 de 4 de Nc6 5 Ngf3 Bc5 6 c3 Nf6 7 Bb5 Bd7 8 b4 Be7 9 a3 Ne5 10 Qe2 Nf3+ 11 Nf3 c5 12 Bd3 cb 13 ab a5 14 b5 Qc7 15 Bd2 Bc5 16 0-0 e5 17 c4 Bg4 18 Bc3 Nd7 19 Qd2 f6 20 Ba5 b6 21 Bc3 0-0 22 Be2 Be6 23 Qb2 Qb7 24 Nd2 Rfc8 25 Ra8 Ra8 26 Ra1 Be7 27 f3 Ra1+ 28 Qa1 Qc8 29 Kf1 Qc5 30 Qa8+ Kf7 31 Qa1 Qe3 32 Nb3 Qh6 33 h3 Nc5 34 Nd2 Qe3 35 Qc1 Nd3 36 Bd3 Bc5! 37 Qe1 Qd3+ 38 Qe2 Qc3 39 g4 Qc1+ 40 Qe1 Qe1+ 41 Ke1 Bd4 0-1.

Jack Ligon 2218 vs. Tom Patton 2109 RUY LOPEZ 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 d6 5 Bc6+ bc6 6 d4 f6! 7 0-0 Ne7 8 Re1!? (Mixing systems: usual is 8 c4) Ng6 9 Nbd2 Be7 10 Nf1 0-0 11 c3 Rb8 12 b3 d5! 13 de Bg4 14 h3 Bf3 15 Qf3 fe 16 Qg4 Bc5 17 Be3 d4 18 cd ed 19 Bg5 (19 Rad1 de3! or 19 Red1 Qf6) Qe8 20 Rac1 Ne5 21 Qg3 Bd6 22 Bf4 Rf4 23 Qf4 Qg6! 24 Qf5 Qh6 (Menacing 25...Rf8!) 25 f4 Rf8 26 Qg5 Qg5 27 fg5 Nd3 28 Rcd1 Ne1 29 Re1 Re8 30 Kf2 Kf7 31 Ng3 Bg3+ 32 Kg3 Ke6 33 Rc1 Ke5 34 Kf2 Rf8+ 35 Ke2 Ke4 36 Rc6 de+ 37 Ke1 Ke3 38 Re6+ Kd4 39 Ra6 Re8+ 40 Kd1 Re2 41 Rc6 (Black was threatening 41...c5 with ...Kc3) Ra2 42 Rc7 Rg2 43 Rg7 Kc3 44 Rc7+ Kb3 45 h4 Rh2 46 Rh7 Kc3 47 Rc7+ **DRAW**.

Our **Hara-Klri award** goes to Brian Oarr, who, not satisfied with regaining his lost piece, pressed for the full point. **Brian Oarr 1872 vs. Bill Underwood 1707** LARSEN'S 1 b3 e5 2 Bb2 Nc6 3 e3 Nf6 4 Bb5 d6 5 Ne2 Bd7 6 f4 a6 7 fe Ng4 8 e6 fe 9 Nf4 e5 10 Be2? ef4 11 0-0 Qh4 12 h3 h5 13 Rf4 Qg3 14 hg4 hg 15 Bg4 Qh2+ 16 Kf2 Qh4+ 17 g3??? Qh2+ 18 Kf1 Qh1+ 19 Ke2 Bg4+ 20 Rg4 Rh2+ 0-1.

Rd. 5: Andy Smith vs. J.P. Hyltin QGD ORTHODOX 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7 5 Nf3 0-0 6 e3 b6 **DRAW**. Flawlessly executed.

Yaz' Luster Tarnished in Houston

Yasser Seirawan, America's highest ranked grandmaster, ran into sturdy resistance at the Houston Chess Studio Friday, August 6. After three simuls elsewhere with no defeats and only one draw (!), Yaz got five defeats in thirty games. Victors included Hoang Nguyen (17 move fluke), Jim Gallagher (home prep in the Dragon Sicilian), Michael Calogridis (outplaying Yaz in the French Poisoned Pawn), Ricardo Ostazewski and the old warrior Jesse Tuggle! (Tuggle is a perennial most-active USCF member. He must have learned something from those thousands of games.) Each winner received a gift certificate for a "Chessmaster 2000" disk from Yasser's sponsor, Software Toolworks . Here is Hoang's win: 1 d4 c6 2 e4 d5 3 ed cd 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 c3 e5! 6 de Ne5 7 Bb5+ Bd7? 8 Qd5 Qe7 9 Bd7+ Nd7+ 10 Ne2 0-0-0 11 Qc4+ Kb8 12 Bf4+ Ka8 13 Na3 Nb6 14 Qc7 Qf6 15 Nb5 a6 16 Be5 Qg5 17 Qb6?? (17 f4 +-) Qd2+ 0-1. Mate in 2. We expect to have annotated scores from the top players next issue.

I gave Yasser a chance to do what he does best: win a dry, technical ending. He did.

A highlight of Yasser's lecture was his insights into the personalities of the chess world. He said that Nigel Short was a "pretty bad" guitarist, and depicted Ljubojevic as a romantic extrovert. During the Malta Olympiad in 1980 he and Yaz went on the prowl in a night club, and Ljubo homed straight in on a pair of local beauties. He exhausted his impressive array of languages--except for English, which finally worked! All this time Yaz had been spectating in awe of the master's pickup technique.

He gave a hilarious description of his game with Karpov at the London Phillip's and Drew Tournament in '82. Yefim Geller, Karpov's squatly second, strutted around confidently in the knowledge that his preparatory analysis was being followed. Then he noticed that the outcome had been mis-evaluated. His eyes bugged out at the position, first on the board, then the display. As Geller's jaw dropped, Karpov shot him an icy glance as if to say, "We'll talk about this in Moscow, comrade!" Yaz went on to win--the first time that an American had defeated a reigning World Champion in *tournament* play since Reuben Fine beat Alekine in AVRO 1938.

The simul was held concurrently with the seven year celebration of the Houston Chess Studio commemorating its founding. Pete Gibson won an award as Houston Player of the Year. Thanks to the Houston Chess Studio, to Steve Welborn for his sponsorship of several boards, and to ex-Houstonian Larry Rubenstein for "grandmaster-sitting!"

--SKA

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SPOTLIGHT: Mark McCue

Mark sends the following from the 1988 Region VI Championship (San Antonio, July 23-4):

Mark McCue 2017 vs. Guy SauberIn UNR (SWZ) CLOSED SICILIAN B 24 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 A solid, if unenterprising choice. It has been my favorite for years to avoid reams of analysis. I'm not great at tactics, so the closed variation suits my style of slow accumulation of space, as well. **2...e6** Finally, a test of the line I've always thought a stopper vs. the closed Sicilian for Black. More usual is **2...Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 d6 6 f4 e6 7 Nf3 [Spassky] Nge7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Be3 Nd4**--which usually yields White a small advantage. **3 g3 d5 4 ed ed 5 Bg2 Nf6 6 d3!**? Or **6 Nge2 d4 7 Ne4 Ne4 8 Be4 Nd7** = (Spassky-Kasparov, Bugojno 1982). **6 d3** is a novelty to my knowledge, and may be an improvement. **6...Be7 7 Nge2 0-0 8 0-0 Nc6 9 Nf4!**? **Be6?** A horrible pawn structure results from this move. Much better is **9...Bg4!** and if (1) **10 f3? Bc8!** White's e3 square is weak and his KB is bad. (2) **10 Qd2?! d4 11 Ne4 Ne4 12 Be4 Qd7** += because Black is better developed. *[So what's the good move?-Ed.]* **10 Ne6 fe6** White's plan will be to pressure the e5 and e6 squares until Black is completely tied up. **11 Bg5 a6 12 Re1 d4 13 Bf6 Bf6 14 Ne4 Be7 15 Nd2!** Best. **15 Qh5** is met by **Qe8** offering exchanges, while **15 Qg4** blocks the later move **Bh3!** The text prepares **Nc4, a4-a5, Ra3-b3** targeting **b7**, while clearing the e-file for White's heavy pieces. **15...Qd7 16 Bh3 Nd8 17 Nc4 Qc6 18 Qe2 Rf6 19 Ne5 Qe8 20 a4 Rc8 21 a5 Rh6?** This misplaces the Rook. **22 Bg2 Qh5??** And this loses the exchange... **23 Ng4! Rg6??** Or more! **24 Nf6+!** **1-0.**

--Mark McCue

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III. Awards Ceremony

IV. New Business from the Floor: Because of limited time, if you want to get on the agenda you will need to write Pat Gannon (235 Goodhue, San Antonio, TX 78218) to have the floor.

IMPORTANT: To be able to vote you must pick up a colored voting card from the credentials committee, which will be open 10 a.m. to noon near the registration site. Proof of membership can be either membership card or a copy of Texas Knights with a current label.

A copy of the Texas Chess Association Bylaws is yours for \$1.00. This eight-page tome is available from: Altan Kartaltepe, 122 Meadow Hill, Converse, TX 78109.

The wonderful world of Texas Postal Chess is available to you through TPC Director Bruce Baker, 4321 Pease, Houston, TX 77023. EF: \$6/section.

Chess in Hispanic Culture

Spain was one of the first countries in Europe, if not the very first, to absorb chess from the Arab world. Centuries of Moorish rule brought the water wheel, algebra and a host of other contributions in the arts and sciences, not the least of which was chess. The Moorish poet-king Al-Mutamid, who reigned over Seville from 1040 to 1090, seems to have been a better chessplayer than warrior. He was driven into exile by King Alphonso VI, but not before the Moorish envoy succeeded in postponing defeat by winning a chess bet with Alphonso.

The oldest surviving European book on chess was written by King Alphonso the Wise (el Sabio) in 1283. Lavishly illustrated with color prints that featured chess positions along with leading players, *Juegos de axedrez, dados y tablas* still resides in the Escorial of Madrid. Some of the chess problems in the book, involving Knights and Rooks, are accessible to modern players despite all the rule changes for other pieces.

Ferdinand and Isabella were avid players. Indeed, King Ferdinand was one of the leading players among all the European monarchs in history. One of his courtiers, Hernando del Pulgar, left behind two tantalizing letters suggesting that the King's hobby had serious consequences for the career of one Christofero Colombo.

Columbus had been seeking ships for many months, and was growing impatient with King Ferdinand. He was on the point of departing for another country when Isabella interceded for him while the King was at chess. She knew better than to interrupt him during a game, and she could see that his position would not put him in a good mood to listen to requests. Just then Pulgar told her, "If his Highness plays correctly, he wins, and Fonseca cannot outlive four moves." Ferdinand was reaching to make the wrong move when the Queen interrupted: "Do you not win, my Lord?" He reconsidered and wound up the game with a brilliant series of sacrifices, culminating in mate. Shortly afterward he made Columbus an Admiral, and the first voyage to the New World followed six months later. Whether or not this story was just creative licence in Pulgar's letters, we may never know.

We do know that Spain produced two of the first notable authors on chess theory, Lucena and Ruy Lopez. Luis Ramirez de Lucena (*Arte de axedres*, 1497) analysed a Rook and Pawn endgame which is basic knowledge for any tournament player today. Ruy de Segura Lopez (*Libro de la invencion liberal y arte del juego del Axedrez*, 1561) lent his name to an opening still used at the highest level, known in Europe as the Spanish Game. Being a priest, Lopez might be alarmed as well as flattered by his opening's nickname: the Spanish Torture

The Spanish School also included Alfonso Ceron, Santa Maria, Busnardo and Carlos Avalos. In the years 1562-75 they were defeated by visiting Italian masters, and Spain faded from the forefront of chess history. This coincided with the decline of Spain as a world power.

In this century Spain has been the background for some of the world's leading tournaments, such as San Sebastian 1911 (won by José Raul Capablanca of Cuba) and the 1987 World Championship match in Seville (where Kasparov held his title by the skin of his teeth, winning his final game to tie up the score with Karpov.)

A large portion of the world's grandmasters today are from Spanish-speaking countries. Recently Guillermo Garcia of Cuba took second place at the prestigious New York International "B" tournament, and his \$10,000 prize was promptly impounded by federal authorities under the Trading With The Enemy Act of 1917. (Cuba came under sanction in 1962 after Castro seized American property.) Cuba has had a strong chess tradition since the reign of Capablanca as World Champion (1921-1927). He is remembered as one of the greatest natural talents the game has ever seen, and he was nicknamed "the chess machine." Capablanca was Cuba's good will ambassador, with a diplomatic job that allowed him to be reassigned wherever the next tournament was. Curiously, the Communist regime that took over in 1959 did not see chess as a symbol of bourgeoisie decadence (as it did the Havana casinos), because Castro took his cues from the Soviet Union where chess is a national sport. Castro is also an avid player, as was Che Gueverra (who spectated when Bobby Fischer played at the Havana Olympiad in 1966.)

Argentina became a power in world chess after Miguel Najdorf settled there in 1939, when the Buenos Aires Olympiad was his ticket to flee the Nazi conquest of Poland. He went on to become a grandmaster with many successful "students", most notably Oscar Panno.

Mexico has had one grandmaster of historical importance, Carlos Torre. His victory over ex-world champ Emmanuel Lasker in Moscow 1925 featured a "windmill check" combination that is featured in many tactical primers. Ironically, his other famous game was a loss to a New Orleans amateur named E.Z. Adams in 1920 (now believed to be a fiction), with an equally striking tactical theme involving back row mate. The Torre System (1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bg5) is still in the forefront of opening theory.

Today Mexico boasts over 50 masters in the FIDE (World Chess Federation) international rating list. In recent years Toluca and Mexico City have hosted Interzonal qualifying tournaments, where candidates to play the World Champion are determined. FIDE's generosity may be related to such factors as the strong clout the Soviets have in that body, and the strong Soviet diplomatic presence in Mexico City. The paucity of FIDE events north of the border in Texas (whose last international tournament was Houston 1975) is difficult to explain apart from the Byzantine workings of chess geopolitics. There has been a movement to normalize the role of U.S. chess in the international scene with more FIDE events, but these have mostly been on the east and west coasts. Until such normalization, Hispanic chess in the U.S. will remain tied to the fortunes of the U.S. Chess Federation.

--Selby Anderson

Tournament Calendar

Sept. 3-5

54th Annual Southwest Open. 6-SS, 40/2, 20/1, La Mansion del Norte, 37 NE Loop 410 (McCullough exit), San Antonio, TX 78216 (Tx 1-800-531-7208, USA 1-800-292-7300.) \$\$ 5000 b/200, top 3 Gtd. 2 sections: **Championship:** \$\$ 750-400-200, Exp., A each 400-200-100. **Reserve:** open to U1800/Unr. \$\$ B, C, each 400-200-100, D/E 300-150-100. Unr. 150-100-50. **Both:** EF: \$40 if rec'd by 9/1, \$50 at site. TCA mem. req. \$8, other states OK. Reg. 9-12 a.m., Rds. 2-8, 10-4, 9-3. HR: \$55. 1/2 pt. bye ok rd. 1 or 6 before tmt, add 25 cents. TCA business meeting noon 9/3. Ent: San Antonio CC, P.O. Box 34416, San Antonio, TX 78265. (512) 299-9974. LS. NC. W.

Sept. 24-25

Dallas Open. 4-SS, 45/90, Ramada Inn, 3232 W. Mockingbird Ln., Dallas, TX 75235 (214) 357-5601, \$40/night. EF: \$40 if rec'd by 9/23, \$50 at site. \$\$G 5000. Two sections: **Championship:** \$\$ 1000-500-250, +trophy 1st; Expert 400-100 +trophy 1st; Under 2000 \$100. **Amateur** (< 2000): \$\$ 700-350 +trophy 1st; Class B, C, D/E each 400-100 +trophy 1st; Unr. 100. Reg. 8-9 a.m., Rds. 9:30-2-6, 9-2. Ent: Dallas C.C., c/o Roger Johnson, 2809 Southerncross, Garland, TX 75042, (214) 495-8668.

Oct. 1-2

3rd Annual Southeast Open. 5-SS, 45/2, 20/1, Hilton Inn, Beaumont, TX. Four sections: **Open:** \$\$G 500. **Reserve I:** >2000. \$\$ (500 b/25). **Reserve II:** >1600. \$\$ (500 b/25). **Reserve III:** >1200. Trophies. EF (Open, Reserve I & II): \$30 if rec'd by 9/26, \$40 at site. Reserve III: \$10/\$15. Ent: Steve Welborn, Electro-Motor, Inc., P.O. Drawer D, Vidor, TX 77662, (409) 892-7730.

Oct. 8-9

Texas A&M Open. 4-SS, 45/2, 25/1, 301 Rudder Tower, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843. EF: \$25, \$20 jr., 2400+ free. TCA req. \$\$ (500 b/25): 200-120-80, 2 class prizes \$40 each, \$20 upset. Reg: 12:15-12:45 p.m., Rds. 1-6-9, 2:30. Ent: Dr. Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt St., College Station, TX 77840. (409) 845-5522, 696-5504 LS. C. W.

5th Annual Columbus Day Open. 5-SS, 45/2, 25/1, Texas American Bank, 800 8th St., Levelland, TX 79336. EF \$25 if rec'd by 10/6, \$30 at site. \$\$ (500 b/20): 150+trophy 1st, 50 2nd, A, B, C, D/E each 75+trophy. Reg: 8-9 a.m., Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:30, 9-2. Ent: Levelland Chess Assn., P.O. Box 8195, Levelland, TX 79338. (806) 894-6704 or 894-9753. HR: \$19.80, 28.80 (806) 894-7335. NS. NC. W.

National Chess Week Action Chess Tournament. 5-SS, G/30, A.C.E., 1701 Palo Duro Rd., Austin, TX. EF \$5. \$\$: 50; \$10 B/below, \$10 top NEW. Reg. 8:30-9, Rds. 9 10:15-11:30-2-3:15.

Regular Club Events

Dallas Chess Club. 8020 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX 75243. Schedule:

Tuesday: 5-minute Blitz. EF: \$4. Reg. 7-7:30 p.m. \$\$/entries.

Friday: Game-30 Blitz. EF \$15, Club members \$10. Reg. 6:30-7 p.m. \$\$/entries.

Houston Chess Studio. 815 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX 77007. Schedule:

Monday: 5-minute Blitz. Reg. 6-p.m. (Note: Tue. thru Thu. tmnts. start 1st wk in mo.)

Tuesday: Open 4-SS, 40/2, EF: \$20. \$\$(\$120 b/10). Reg. 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Amateur. 4-SS, 40/2, EF: \$20. Open to <2000. \$\$(\$120 b/10). Reg. 6 p.m.

Thursday: Novice. 4-SS, 40/2, EF: \$20. Open to <1600. \$\$(\$120 b/10). Reg. 6 p.m.

Friday: Game 30 Blitz. 4-SS, EF: \$10. Reg. 6 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Cheapo. 3-SS (each day), EF: \$10. \$\$(\$120 b/20). Reg. 11:45 a.m.

San Antonio Chess Club. Lion's Field Rec. Ctr., Broadway & Mulberry. Schedule:

Thursday: 5 minute Blitz. EF: \$2. \$\$/entries. Reg. 7:30-8 p.m..

\$200,000 PRIZE FUND FOR MEXICO TOURNEY

(SEATTLE, Wa.) A \$200,000 prize fund (US dollars) has been guaranteed for the World Chess Convention, which will be held in Mazatlan, Mexico, on December 10-17, 1988. Yasser Seirawan and Inside Chess Enterprises have announced that this convention, held at the world reknowned El Sid resort hotel, will host the FIDE World Active Chess Championships. A \$50,000 prize awaits the Active Chess World Champion.

Beyond the World Active Chess Championships, the Convention also has five sections in an active chess format, and plans to also host a Celebrity Tournament.

Entry fee is \$100, but will rise to \$120 after August 15th. Sundance Travel is arranging 3 package deals (First-Class, Deluxe and Economy) to provide chessplayers from around the world an easily affordable way to participate in the World Chess Convention.

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B \$400-\$200-\$100
C \$400-\$200-\$100
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Unr \$150-\$100-\$50

September 3-5, 1988
La Mansion Del Norte
37 NE Loop 410 (McCullough exit)
San Antonio, Texas

Rounds 2pm, 8pm; 10am, 4pm; 9am, 3pm.
Time Controls: 40 moves in 2 hours, 20 moves/hour thereafter.
Top 3 prizes guaranteed, others based on 200 players.

Entry Fee \$40 if received by 9/1, \$50 at site.
USCF rated, TCA mem. req. for TX residents. (\$8)

Send advanced Entries to:
San Antonio Chess Club
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(512) 299-9974

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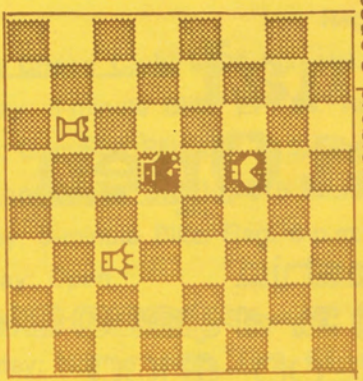
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This issue's problem:



White to mate in two

Last solution: (a) 1 Bc6 bxc6 2 Kc8. Now upside down:

(b) 1 Kf3 g1(Q/R/B) 2 Nf2+ or 1...g1(N)+ 2 Kf2+.

