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Erratum: In "Koltanowski Annotates" last issue we gave his title as IM. He is now a GM.

Ardaman, Navarro win Cactus Open

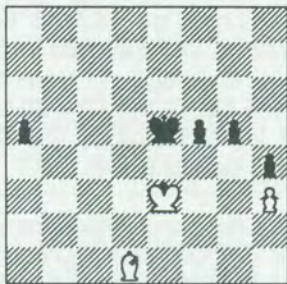
by Todd Thomas

The 1989 Cactus Open, held October 21-22 in McAllen, was a border dispute which ended in a draw. Tying for first were FM Miles Ardaman (currently living in Houston) and Roberto Navarro from Mexico. All 43 players fought their hearts out each round, and only six games out of 98 were drawn!

Steve Alden and Robert McLean are to be commended for organizing such a worthy event, which I fully enjoyed directing. Here is a list of the prizewinners:

1-2	FM Miles Ardaman	4.5	\$800		Jesus Flores	3	\$77
	Roberto Navarro	4.5	\$800	C	Domingo Gonzalez, Jr.	2.5	\$112.50
3-7	NM Jim Gallagher	4	\$198		Herb Barnett	2.5	\$112.50
	Don Marcott (Expert)	4	\$198	D	Raul Salinas	2	\$112.50
	Carlos Zurita (Expert)	4	\$198	E	Olive Sigler	1	\$25
	Hugo Garcia (A)	4	\$198		Clint Williams	1	\$25
	Roberto Rodriguez (A)	4	\$198		Kij Williams	1	\$25
B	Clark Mize	3	\$77	Unr	Ernesto Rodriguez Galvan	3.5	\$230
	Enrique Garcia	3	\$77				

At least two very interesting endgames arose. Here's one:



1.Kf3 (Now White asked me to declare the game a draw. Naturally I said to play on.) 1...Kd4! 2.Ba4 Kc3 3.Bd7 f4 4.Kg4 Kb4 5.Kg5 f3 6.Bg4 f2 7.Be2 a4 8.Kh4 a3 9.Kg3 a2 10.Kf2 a1(Q) 11.h4 Qd4 12.Kg3 Qe5 13.Kf3 Qf6 14.Kg3 Kc3 15.Bg4 Kd4 16.h5 Ke3 0:1

The other endgame was a lone Bishop against a lone Rook. Where should the player with the Bishop head with his King to draw? The corner opposite the color of his Bishop of course. This was one of six draws (after 113 moves!)

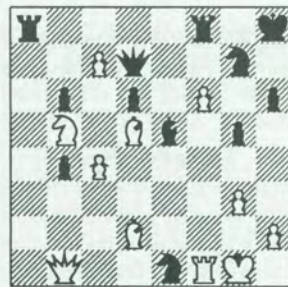
Closed Sicilian B25
Miles Ardaman 2502
Carlos Zurita 2009
Cactus Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Nge2 d6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.a3 0-0 9.Rb1 a5 10.a4 Nd4 11.Nd4 cd4 12.Nb5 Qb6 13.c3 Bd7 14.Nd4 Bd4 15.cd4 Qd4 16.b3 f6 17.Qd2 Nc6 18.Bb2 Qb6 19.Bh3 Ne5 20.Kh1 Nf3 21.Qe2 Ng5 22.Bg2 e5 23.Qd2 Kg7 24.d4 Be6 25.h4 Nf7 26.Bc3 Qd8 27.b4 b6 28.ba5 ba5 29.f4 Qd7 30.fe5 fe5 31.Rb6 Rfb8 32.Rfb1 Rb6 33.Rb6 Kg8 34.Kh2 Kg7 35.Qb2 Kg8 36.de5 de5 37.Be5 Ne5 38.Qe5 Bf7 39.Rb5 Bc4 40.Rc5 Bf7 41.Ra5 Ra5 42.Qa5 Bb3 43.Qa8 Kg7 44.a5 g5 45.a6 Kg6 46.Qb7 1:0

King's Indian E66
Jim Gallagher 2324
Don Marcott 2188
Cactus Open (4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.d4 d6 7.0-0 Nc6

8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 e5 10.a3 b6 11.b4 Nb7 12.Nb3 Ne8 13.Qc2!? N (13.e4 f5 14.ef5 gf5 15.Bd2 Bd7 16.Qe2 Nf6 17.b5 Be8 18.a4 a5! 19.ba6 Ra6 = Hübner-Gligoric, Wijk aan Zee 1971) 13...f5 14.f4 ef4? 15.Bf4 g5 16.Bd2 Be5 17.Rae1 Ng7 (17...f4 18.Qc1! fg3 19.Rf8 Kf8 20.Rf1 Kg8 21.Bg5 ±) 18.Qc1 h6 19.e4 cb4 20.ab4 a5 21.Nb5! ab4 22.N3d4 Bd7 23.Nc6 Bc6 24.dc6 Nc5 25.c7 Qd7 26.ef5! Nd3 (26..Ra1 27.Qa1±) 27.Bd5 Kh8 28.Qb1 Ne1 29.f6!



29...Nf3 (29...Nf5 30.Be1; 29...Ne6! 30.Qg6! Nc2 31.Qh6 Qh7 32.Qh7 Kh7 33.Be6 Nd4 34.Nd4 Bd4 35.Kg2 b3 36.Bg5 b2 37.c8(Q) Rfc8 38.Bc8 Ra1

39.Bf5 +-) 30.Rf3 Ra1 31.fg7 Kg7
 32.Qa1 Ba1 33.Rf8 Kf8 34.Bb7
 1:0 Notes by Jim Gallagher.

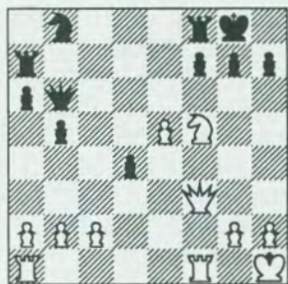
Sicilian B87

Clark Mize 1771

Roberto Rodriguez 1598

Cactus Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5
 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4 Bb7 10.e5 (10.Be3
 b4 11.e5∞) 10...de5 11.fe5 Bc5
 12.Be3 Nd5? (12...Bd4! 13.Bd4
 Nc6 14.Rf4 Qc7 15.Qe2 0-0-0
 16.Rd1 Nd4 17.Rfd4 Rd4 18.Rd4
 Qc5 19.Qe3 Nd7 20.Ne4 Be4
 21.Re4 Qe3 22.Re3 Kb7 Δ Rc8-
 c5 =+ ECO) 13.Bd5 Bd5 14.Nf5
 Be3 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.Ncd5 ed5
 17.Qf3 Ra7 18.Kh1 d4 19.Nf5 0-
 0



20.Qg3? (White fumbles in a superior position. He should

play 20.Rad1 Nc6 21.Qg3 g6
 22.Qg5 Qd8 23.Qh6! gf5 24.Qc6
 ±) 20...Qg6 21.Qa3 Nc6
 22.Rad1 Re8 23.Rd3 Ne5
 24.Qc5?? (24.Rg3 Qf5 25.Rf5
 Nc4 26.Qf3! (26.Qb4?? a5) Re1
 27.Qf1=) 24...Nd3 25.cd3
 (25.Qa7? Qf5) 25...Rd7 26.Rc1
 h6 27.h3 Re2 28.Qc8 Kh7 29.Nh4
 Qg5 30.Rf1 Rde7 31.Qf5 Qf5
 32.Nf5 Re1 33.Re1 Re1 34.Kh2
 Rd1 35.Nd4 Rd3 36.Nc2 Rd2
 37.Nb4 Rb2 38.Na6 Ra2 39.Nb4
 Rd2 40.Nc6 Kg6 41.Kg3 Kf6
 42.Kf3 Ke6 43.g4 g5 44.Ke3 Rd6
 45.Nb4 Ke5 46.Nc2 Rc6 0:1
 (SKA)

The next game has the distinction of being the only game won by an 'E' player (the other winners in that category got byes). It is also the shortest (if not quite the best!)

Irregular C20

W. F. Swigert

Olive Sigler

Cactus Open (4)

1.e4 e5 2.c4 Bc5 3.Nh3 Nf6
 4.a3 d6 5.d3 Bh3 6.f3 Nfd7 7.gh3
 c6 8.b4 Bd4 9.Ra2 Qh4 10.Ke2
 Qf2# 0:1

Hugh West was kind enough to give me a ride back to Houston, but we had car trouble on the way. No alternators were to be had on a Sunday night in Ricardo, so that meant an early Monday start. We got back just as the Phillips plant blew up. Then Hugh went back to the studio, and here's what happened:

Blackmar-Diemar D00

Hugh West 1932

Pete Gibson 1969

HCS A-player Round Robin

1.e4 d5 2.d4 de4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3
 ef3 5.Qf3 e6 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bg5 h6
 8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 g5 10.Bg3
 Bg3 11.hg3 g4 12.Qe3 Qe7
 13.Re1 h5 14.Nge2 Nb6 15.Nf4
 c6 16.Qe5 Bd7 17.Ne4 Rh6
 18.Nd6 Kf8 19.Nf5 Qb4 20.Nh6
 Na4 21.Nd3 Qc4 22.Qf6 Be8
 23.Ne5 Qd4 24.Ng6# 1:0

For the game Ardaman won from FM Gilberto Hernandez (who tied for second in the 1987 Southwest Open) you'll just have to wait. Anyone with access to that score is invited to send it in...

- Ed.

Laredo Open

Manuel Lares-Flores of Nuevo Laredo won the Laredo Open, held Nov. 18-19, with 4-0 (including a win over NM Jim Gallagher).

Seven players tied for second at 3-1: Jim Gallagher, Brian Oarr, Steve Smollen and Barry Malcom, all from San Antonio; Mario Gutierrez and Dexter Goodlett of

Laredo, and Manuel Betance of Nuevo Laredo. Ramiro Dominguez won Division B (class 'B' and under) with 2.5-1.5. Ron Antoshko and Rod Wilson shared second with 2-2.

Richard Rangel organized this 29-player event, Laredo's first in recent memory to be advertised in *Chess Life*. Dan Navarro directed. Games will appear next issue.

Texans at Long Beach

Alfred Zerm of Poteet tied for the second place Under 1500 prize at the Software Toolworks Championship in Long Beach, California (Nov. 23-26). He received \$388.

Joe Bradford did not fare as well in the Open section, and withdrew after losing to GM Walter Browne.

Ketcham Wins Texas Open

Richard Ketcham of Austin won the Texas Open, held October 21-22 in Austin, with a 4-0 score. The young master recently moved from Tuscon, Arizona, and he had only performed at par for his 2217 rating at the Southwest Open, scoring 4-2. In this event he showed that he is a master to be reckoned with, defeating WGM Maria Ivanka, NM Jan Rooswa and SM Igor Shtern, avenging his loss to Shtern at the Southwest Open.

Bradford and Carpenter were due to play after taking half point byes in the first round, but their softball team went into playoffs and they withdrew! That was good news for the

nine masters who remained in the twenty player Open section. A cutthroat contest was ensured.

Tied for second at 3-1 were Gregg Small and Jan Rooswa. Andy Smith took first under-2200 with 2.5-.5 after a last round "gift" from John Bell, who showed up one hour and five minutes late and was fined \$32. TD William Tompkins wants to send a message to those who withdraw and don't give notice! Tied for second under-2200 were Alan Laverty, Bill Stouffer and Raymond Heitman, each with 2-2. In the Reserve, Brian Oarr and Joe V. Gonzales tied at 3.5-.5. Jack Fox took class B with 3-1. Michael J. Roberts, Wade Yuker and Tony Olivera tied for C/below with 2-2.

Round 1

Shtern slips up against Smith, who returns the favor by missing the win twice.

French C05

Selby Anderson 2232

John Bell 2058

1989 Texas Open (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nf4 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Be7 8.f4 Qb6 9.Nf3 f6 10.a3 Nd8? 11.0-0 Nf7 12.Kh1 f5 13.c4! g6 14.cd5 ed5 15.Nc3 Qe6 16.dc5 Bc5 17.Bb5 a6 18.Nd5 Kd8 19.Bc4 b5 20.Ba2 1:0

QGD Slav D15

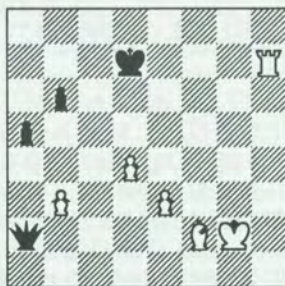
Igor Shtern 2453

Andy Smith 2111

1989 Texas Open (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 Bg4? 5.e3 (5.Ne5 Be6 (5...Bf5? 6.cd5 cd5 7.e4! Ne4 8.Ne4 de4 9.Qb3 Be6 10.Qb7 Nd7 11.Nc6 Qc8 12.Ba6 + - Bondarevski-Ovanesjan, USSR 1947) 6.cd5 cd5 7.Bf4 ± ECO) 5...Nbd7 6.b3

e5 7.Be2 e4 8.Ne5 Be2 9.Qe2 Bb4 10.Bd2 Bd6 11.Nd7 Qd7 12.cd5 cd5 13.Qb5 Rc8 14.0-0 Rc6 15.Kh1 a6 16.Qe2 Bh2 17.Kh2 Ng4 18.Kg1 Rh6 19.f3 ef3 20.gf3 Rh2 21.Qh2 Nh2 22.Kh2 h5 23.Rg1 f6 24.Kg2 g5 25.Kf2 g4 26.Ne2 f5 27.Nf4 h4 28.Rac1 h3 29.Ba5 h2 30.Rh1 Rh6 31.Rc5? (31.Kg3! ±) 31...b6 32.Rd5 Qc6 33.Bb4 a5 34.Be1 Qc2 35.Kg3 Qd1 36.Re5 Kd7 37.fg4 fg4? (37...Qg4 38.Kf2 Rc6 →) 38.Rh5 Qf3 39.Kh2 g3 40.Bg3 Rh5 41.Nh5 Qh5 42.Kg1 Qd1 43.Kg2 Qe2 44.Bf2 Qa2 45.Rh7



45...Kc6? (Confident of victory, Black relaxes and allows a draw. 45...Kc8! wins

by saving two critical tempi. If the Rook keeps checking, the King zigzags toward it.) 46.Rh6 Kb7 47.e4 Qb3 48.d5 a4 49.d6 Qd3 50.Rh7 Kc6 51.d7 Qe4 52.Kg3 Qd3 53.Kg4 a3 54.Bh4 Qh7 (54...a2 55.Bf6 Qh7 56.d8(Q) Qd7 57.Qd7 Kd7 58.Kf3=) 55.d8(Q) Qd7 56.Kf3 Qd8 57.Bd8 Kb5 58.Ke3 a2 59.Bf6 DRAW.

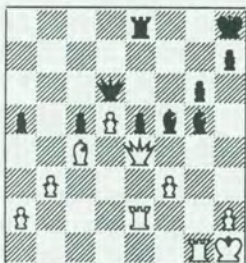
King's Indian E94

Brian Oarr 1918

Duane Solley 1673

1989 Texas Open (1)

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d5 b6 9.Nd2 a5 10.f3 Nc5 11.Nb3 Nfd7 12.Be3 f5 13.ef5 Rf5!? (13...gf5) 14.Nc5 Nc5 15.Bc5 (15.b3 Bd7 16.a3 a4 17.b4 Nb3 18.Rb1 Δ Ne4, c5) 15...bc5 16.Bd3 Rf6 17.Ne4 Rf8 18.Qd2 Bf6 (18...Qh4! Δ Bh6) 19.g4 Bd7 20.Kh1 Rb8 21.Rf2 c6 22.Nd6 Bg4 23.Ne4 cd5 24.cd5 Bh3 25.b3 Kg7 26.Bc4 Bh4 27.Ng3 Rf4 28.Qe3 Qd6 29.Rg1 Kh8 30.Rd2 Bg5 31.Re2 Re8 32.Ne4 Re4 33.Qe4 Bf5



34. Qf5!? gf5 35. Rg5 f4 36. Reg2 Qb8?? (36...e4! 37. fe4 f3 38. Rf2 Qf4! 39. Rf5 Qe4 40. R2f3 Qb1 41. Kg2 Re2 42. Kh3 Re3 43. Re3 Qf5 44. Kg2 = Otherwise, White will double Rooks on the seventh rank.) 37. d6 h6 38. Rg6 Kh7 39. Rg7 Kh8 40. Rg8 1:0 (Air Force 1, Army 0.)

Round 2

Ketcham catches Ivanka off guard in a one-sided Pirc. Gregg Small is nipped by 1988 Texas Amateur champ Jan Rooswa in a closed Ruy Lopez. Sorry, but both scores are undecipherable. Anderson holds Calogridis to a draw in a difficult ending after mistakes on both sides.

Pirc B09

Richard Ketcham 2217
Maria Ivanka 2333

1989 Texas Open (2)

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. f4 d6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Nc3 c6?! (0-0; c5) 6. Bd3 0-0 7. 0-0 b5 8. e5 Ne8 9. Be3 Nd7 10. Qe2 Nb6 11. Rad1 Nc7 12. Qf2 Nbd5 13. Nd5 Nd5 14. Bd2 Bf5 15. Bf5 gf5 16. Kh1 Rc8 17. Rg1 Qd7 18. Qh4 c5 19. g4 f6 20. gf5 Qf5 21. Qg3 Rf7 22. Nh4 Qe4 23. Rg2 fe5 24. Re1 Qd4

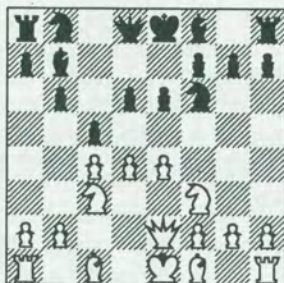
25. Nf5 e4 26. Qg4 Qf6 27. Ng7 Rg7 28. Qc8 Kf7 29. Rg7 Qg7 30. Rg1? (In time pressure White misses 30. Qe6, but no matter...) 30... Qd4 31. Qf5 Nf6 32. Bf4 e6 (White must yield the piece to avoid a perp, but he retains a mate net.) 33. Qg5 Qe4 34. Qg2 Qf4 35. Qb7 Kf8 36. Qc8 Kf7 37. Qc7 Kf8 38. Qg7 Ke8 39. Qh8 Kd7 40. Rg7 Kc6 41. Qa8 Kb6 42. Qa7 1:0

English A17

Alan Lavery 2129
Igor Shtern 2453

1989 Texas Open (2)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 b6 4. e4 Bb7 5. Qe2 d6 (Bb4∞) 6. d4 c5!? (6...Be7 7. g3 0-0 8. Bg2 c5 9. e5 Nfd7 10. ed6 Bd6 11. Ne4 Be7 12. 0-0 Nf6 13. Nf6 Bf6 14. dc5 Bc5 15. Be3 Qe7 = Vaganian-Polugaevsky, USSR 1974)



7. g3 (7. d5 e5 8. h3! Δ 9. g4; 7...Nbd7!?) 7... Nc6 8. d5 Nd4 9. Qd3 e5 10. Bg2 Be7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Nd4 cd4 13. Ne2 Rc8 14. f4 a6 15. f5 Qc7 16. b3 b5 17. cb5 Qc2 18. Rd1 Qd3 19. Rd3 ab5 20. b4 Rc2 21. Bd2 Ra8 22. a3 Nd7 23. Rc1 Rc4 24. Kf2 h6 25. h4 Rac8 26. Rh1 Nf6 27. Bf3 h5 28. Bg5 g6 29. Bf6 Bf6 30. g4 hg4 31. Bg4 gf5 32. Bf5 Ra8 33. h5 Bg5

34. h6 Bc8 35. Ng3 Rc3 36. Ke2 Rd3 37. Kd3 Ra3 38. Kc2 Rg3 0:1

Round 3

Ketcham neatly dispatches Rooswa while Anderson goes down in flames to Small's kingside attack. Shtern beats Calogridis in a Blumenfeld (of which only Shtern's partially legible score is available.)

QGD D30

Jan Rooswa 2217
Richard Ketcham 2217

1989 Texas Open (3)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. e3 c6 6. Bd3 Qa5 7. Kf1? (7. Nbd2 = but not 7. Nc3? Ne4) 7... Ne4 8. Bf4 Be7 9. Qc2 Ndf6 10. h3 0-0 11. Be5 b6 12. Bf6 Nf6 13. Ne5 Bb7 14. Nd2 dc4 15. Ndc4 Qd5 16. Rg1 c5 17. dc5 Qc5 18. b4 Qb4 19. Rb1 Qc5 20. g4 Bd6 21. Nd6 Qd6 22. Nc4 Qd5 23. g5 Ne4 24. Rg4 Ng5 25. e4 Qc5 26. e5 Nf3 27. Bh7 Kh8 28. Rf4 Rac8 29. Rc1 b5 30. Nd6 Qe5 31. Nc8 Qf4 32. Na7 Nd4 33. Qb1 Qf3 0:1

King's Indian E97

Selby Anderson 2232
Gregg Small 2329

1989 Texas Open (3)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 0-0 6. Be2 e5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. b4 Ne8 10. Nd2 f5 11. f3 f4 12. c5 g5 13. Nc4 (Since Black is ready to defend a frontal attack on d6, this may not be as good as Nb3, either now or after a4 and Ba3. In that event White would save a tempo in preparing b4-b5-

b6 compared to the game, in which he must pause with Na4.) 13...Rf7! 14.a4 Bf8 15.Ba3 Ng6 16.a5 h5 17.Na4 Nf6 18.b5 g4 19.b6 g3



20.bc7? (White must try 20.Re1 with the idea of Bf1 and Ra2, defending against sacs on h3 in the nick of time. Black's center is already fated to dissolve.) 20...Rc7 21.Nd6 Bd6 22.cd6 Nh7!! (I had not looked at this...) 23.Ra2 Qh4 24.h3 Ng5 25.dc7 Bh3 26.gh3 Nh3 27.Kg2 Ng1! (...or this! 27...Nf2 28.Rh1 is much different.) 0:1

King's Gambit C 30

Peter Kappler 1911

Alan Lavery 2129

1989 Texas Open (3)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.d3 Na5 7.Qe2 (7.f5 h6! 8.Qe2 c6 9.Be3 Be3 10.Qe3 Qb6 = ECO) 7...Nc4 8.dc4 0-0 9.f5 c6 10.Be3?! (10.Bg5 Qb6! 11.Nd1 Ne8 12.c3 a5 13.Be3 =) 10...Bb4! 11.Bd2 d5 12.cd5 cd5 13.Nd5 Bd2 14.Qd2 Ne4 15.Qd3 Bf5 16.Ne3 Qd3 17.cd3 Nd6 18.0-0-0 f6 19.Nf5 Nf5 20.Rhe1 Rfd8 21.Re4 Rd5 22.Rd2 Rad8 23.Rc4 Kf7 24.Rc7 R8d7 25.Rd7 Rd7 26.Kc2 Nd4

27.Nd4 Rd4 28.Kc3 Ke6 29.Re2 f5 0:1 (time)

Round 4

Shtern blunders a piece to Ketcham in a drawish opposite Bishops plus Rooks ending. Rooswa beats Ivanka (game not available).

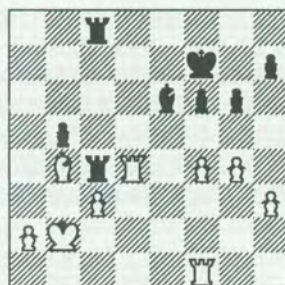
Sicilian B22

Richard Ketcham 2217

Igor Shtern 2453

1989 Texas Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.ed5 Qd5 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Na3 a6 7.Nc4 Qd8 8.Be3 cd4 9.Nd4 Bd7 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.Bf4 Nd4 13.Rd4 Qc6 14.Qd1 Rd8 15.Be2 Bc5 16.Bf3 Qc8 17.b4 Be7 18.Qc2 Nd5 19.Bd5 ed5 20.Nb6 Qc6 21.Nd5 Rc8 22.Ne7 Ke7 23.Qe4 Be6 24.Qc6 Rc6 25.Kb2 b5 26.Rhd1 Rhc8 27.Bd6 Ke8 28.Bc5 a5 29.f4 ab4 30.Bb4 f6 31.h3 Kf7 32.g4 g6 33.Rf1 Rc4



(34...f5) 34.f5 gf5 35.gf5 Rd4 36.fe6 Ke6 37.cd4 Rc4 38.Bc5 f5 39.Re1 Kf6 40.Re8 Kg5 41.Be7 Kf4 42.d5 Rd4 43.d6 Kg3 44.Bf6 Rd5 45.Re7 f4 46.d7 f3 47.Rg7 Kh3 48.Rh7 Kg2 49.Rg7 Kh3 50.d8(Q) Rd8 51.Bd8 f2 52.Rf7 Kg2 53.Kb3 1:0

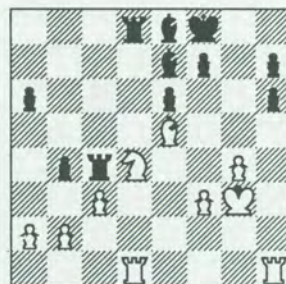
French Defense C07

Michael Calogridis 2386

Bill Stouffer 2062

1989 Texas Open (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cd4 5.ed5 Qd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbd4 Nd4 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Qe2 a6 13.g3 Rc8 14.Bb3 Be7 15.Bf4 Qc5 16.Rad1 0-0 17.Rfe1 Rfd8 18.Qf3 b5 19.Re5 Qb6 20.Ree1 Qc5 21.Be5 Ne8 22.Bf4 Nf6 23.h4 Qh5 24.Qh5 Nh5 25.Be5 Kf8 26.g4 Nf6 27.f3 Be8 28.Kg2 Nd5 29.Kg3 Nb6 30.h5 Nc4 31.Bc4 Rc4 32.c3 b4 33.h6 gh6 34.Rh1



Rd5 35.f4 Bd6?? 36.Ne6 fe6 37.Bd6 Kg7 38.Rd5 ed5 39.Be5 Kg6 40.Bd4 bc3 41.bc3 Rc6 42.Rh5 Rd6 43.Re5 Kf7 44.Rf5 Kg8 45.Bc5 Rd8 46.Rf8 Kg7 47.f5 Rc8 48.f6 Kg6 1:0



SOLUTION

(back cover problem):

1...Ng3 + 2.hg3 Qe6 0-1.

Gallagher, Anderson tie in Turkey Shoot

Jim Gallagher and Selby Anderson tied with 4.5 points each to win the San Antonio Turkey Shoot, held November 11-12 at the Delux Inn. They had an unofficial club championship playoff in round four (Jim had stood out the event to conserve rating points as he cruises toward 2400), which ended in a brief but well fought draw. In round five they defeated Don Marcott and John Bell, who finished at 3-2.

The big news of the tournament was the strong showing of Bill Underwood, an 1803 player who finished with a 2100+ performance at 4-1, including wins over experts Zurita and

Barber. He outdistanced the expert prizewinner Eric Dimazana (3.5), who admitted to having a little help from his opponents. Underwood's steady, correct play seems to be paying off.

Clark Mize won the 'B' prize with 3.5, including a nice win over Barber in round four. D. T. Area won in class C with 2.5, fending off expert candidate Brian Oarr to a draw in the first round and then beating up on his own peers. George Ed Aguilar won the D/E/Unr prize with 2 points, beating high 'C' Jimmy Irvin.

Jim Gallagher, Sr. directed the 34-player event for the San Antonio Chess Club.

Closed Sicilian B26

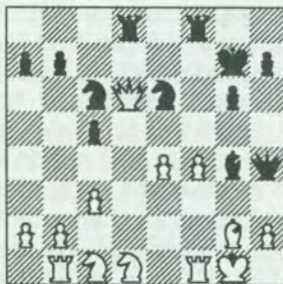
Carlos Zurita 2009

Jim Gallagher 2324

S. A. Turkey Shoot (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Nge7 (7...Nd4 8.Nd1! Δ 9.c3. As a rule, ...Nd4 is best played when White threatens d3-d4. Playable is 7...Rb8, which led to a quick draw in Ardaman-Gallagher, Cactus Open 1989.) 8.Bh6 0-0 (8...Bh6!? 9.Qh6 Nd4 10.0-0-0 Nec6 11.Nge2 Bd7 ∞ Ljubojevic - Quinteros, Mar del Plata 1981) 9.Bg7 (9.h4!? f6!) Kg7 10.Nge2 Nd4! 11.0-0 e5!? (11...Nec6=) 12.Rab1?! (A waste of time when Black intends central operations with f7-f5. Better is 12.Nd1 (Gallagher) or 12.Nd4!? cd4 13.Ne2 covering against f5-f4 while intending c3.) Nec6 13.Nd1 f5 14.f4 fe4 15.de4 (Talking with Carlos in the hall, I found him chipper, even cocky about his chances in this position. How quickly things change!) Bg4 16.Nc1? (The losing move. 16.Nd4 Nd4 17.Ne3 or 16...cd4 17.Nf2 is

probably tenable.) 16...ef4 17.gf4 Qh4! 18.Nf2 (18.Ne3 Bh3; 18.c3?! Ne6 19.Qd6?? Rad8 +



(!!) - JG) Nf3 19.Bf3 Bf3 20.Ncd3 Nd4 21.Rbe1 Be2! 22.Nh1 Bf1 23.Rf1 Qg4 24.Kf2 Qf3 25.Ke1 Qh1! 26.Rh1 Nf3 27.Ke2 Nd2 28.Kd2 c4 29.Nb4 Rf4 30.Ke3 Rf8 31.Rd1 a5! 32.Nd5 Rf2 33.Nc7 R8f3 34.Kd4 Rc2 0:1 (SKA)

Ruy Lopez C99

Selby Anderson 2248

Bill Underwood 1803

S. A. Turkey Shoot (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2 c5 10.d4 cd4 11.cd4 Qc7 12.h3 (12.Nbd2 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5

14.d5+= -- Smyslov. The text transposes into main lines.) 0-0 13.Nbd2 Bd7 14.Nf1 Nc6 (14...Rfc8 ; 14...Rac8) 15.Ne3 Nb4 (15...Rac8 16.Bb3 ± Parma - Prameshuber, Havana 1966) 16.Bb1 a5 17.a3 Na6 18.b3?! (Too ambitious, justified only by Black's weak reply. More solid is 18.Bd2.) g6? (18...Qc3! 19.Re2 Be6! 20.d5 Bd7 21.Bb2 Qc7 =+) 19.Bb2 ed4 20.Qd4 Qa7?? (20...Be6 21.Nd5 Bd5 22.ed5 Bd8 23.Rc1 Qa7 24.Qc3 b4 25.ab4 Nb4 26.Be4 Re8 27.Nd2±) 21.Nd5! 1:0

Queen's Indian E19

Jim Gallagher 2324

Selby Anderson 2248

S. A. Turkey Shoot (4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d4 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nc3 9.Qc3 c5 10.Be3 (10.Rd1 d6 11.b3 Bf6 12.Bb2 Qe7 13.Qd2 Rd8 14.Rac1 Nd7 15.Ne1 Bg2 = Pomar - Csom, Palma de Mallorca 1971) d6 11.Rfd1 Nd7 12.a3 (12.Qc2 Qc7 13.dc5 bc5 14.Bg5 Nf6 = Debarnot - Kuzmin, Nice 1974) Bf6!? (12...Qc7) 13.Qd2 Qe7! 14.b4 (14.dc5 Nc5 15.Qd6 Qd6

16.Rd6 Bb2 17.Rb1 Ba3) **cd4**
15.Bd4 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Rac8
 (16...Ne5 17.Qc3! +=) **17.Bf6 Nf6**
18.Nd4 DRAW There might
 follow 18...Bg2 19.Kg2 Qb7
 20.f3 d5 21.cd5 Nd5 22.Nb5!?
 a6 23.Rc8 Qc8 24.Nc3 Rd7! =

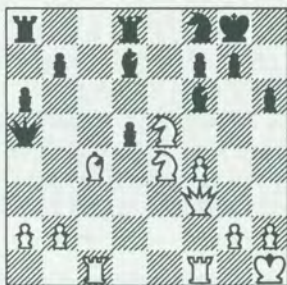
QGD Orthodox D66

Bill Underwood 1803

Carlos Zurita 2009

S. A. Turkey Shoot (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5
c6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Rc1
0-0 8.Bd3 dc4 9.Bc4 c5
 (9...Nd5!) **10.0-0 cd4** (10...a6
 11.Ne5 Ne5 12.de5 Nd7 13.Be7
 Qe7 14.f4 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7
 16.Be4 ± Gligoric - Guimard,
 Havana 1962) **11.ed4 a6** (Or
 11...Nb6 12.Bd3 Nbd5 13.Ne5
 Nc3 14.bc3 Nd5 15.Bd2 Bd7
 16.f4 ±) **12.Ne5 Qa5?** (12...Ne5
 13.de5 Nd7 14.Be7 (14.Bf4!?)
 Qe7 15.Qe2 b5 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.f4
 Rac8) **13.f4 Rd8 14.Qf3 Nf8**
15.d5 h6 16.Bf6 Bf6 17.Kh1 Bd7
18.Ne4 ed5



(Black is helpless. If 18...Nh7
 19.Nd7 Rd7 20.de6 +-) **19.Nf6**
gf6 20.Qg3 Ng6 21.Ng6 dc4
22.Ne7 Kh7 23.Rc4 Be6 24.Rc3
Qb5 25.Rfc1 Qb2 26.Rc7 Qe2
27.h3 Qe4 28.Re1 Qb4 29.Re6
Rg8 30.Ng8 Rg8 31.Rf7 Kh8

32.Re8 Qe1 33.Qe1 h5 34.Rg8
Kg8 35.Qe8# 1:0

Evans Gambit C51

Clark Mize 1773

Robert Barber 2001

S. A. Turkey Shoot (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5
4.b4 Bb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 ed4
 (6...Na5; 6...Bf6!?) **7.Qb3 Na5**
8.Bf7 Kf8 9.Qa4 Kf7 10.Qa5 c5
 (10...d6 11.cd4 ± Lehmann-
 Donner, Munich 1954) **11.Qd8**
Bd8 12.cd4 c4 13.Ne5 Ke6
14.Nc4 b5 15.d5 Kf7 16.Nd6 Kg6
17.h4 h5 18.Nd2 Ba6 19.Nf3 Nf6
20.Ng5 Ba5 21.Kd1 Bc3 22.Rb1
Ng4 23.Nh3 b4 24.f3 Ne5 25.Nf4
Kh7 26.Ne2 Nd3 27.Be3 Nb2
28.Kc1 Be2 29.Rb2 Bb2 30.Kb2
a5 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Bf4 Rf8 33.Be5
a4 34.Rc7 b3 35.a3 Bf3 36.Rd7
Rg8 37.gf3 Kh8 38.Nf7 Kh7
39.Ng5 Kg6 40.f4 1:0 (time)

Vienna Game C29

Jim Gallagher 2324

Don Marcott 2199

S. A. Turkey Shoot (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.fe5
Ne4 5.Nf3 Nc6 (ECO prefers the
 alternatives Bc5, Bg4 and
 Be7) **6.Qe2?! (6.Bb5 Bc5 7.d4**
Bb4 8.Bd2 Bc3 9.bc3 0-0 10.0-0
Bg4 11.Qe1 f6 12.Be3 + =
 Westerinen - Hermlin, Suomi-
 Estonia 1965.) **Nc3 (6...Bf5!**
7.Qb5 a6! 8.Qb7 Nb4 9.Ne4
Be4! favors Black -- Keres)
7.dc3 Bg4 (Improving on
 7...Be7 8.Bf4 Be6 9.0-0-0 Qd7
 10.Qe3 a6 11.Bg5 0-0-0 12.Nd4
 + = Janosevic - Reshevsky,
 Maribor 1967) **8.Bf4 Qe7 9.0-0-0**
0-0-0 10.h3 Bf3 11.gf3 g5 12.Bg3
Bg7 13.Re1 Rhe8 14.f4 gf4

15.Qg4 Kb8?? (15...Qd7 or
15...Qe6 =) 16.Bh4 Qf8 17.Bd8
Nd8 18.Qf5 Qh8 19.Bg2 c6
20.Qf4 Be5 21.Qf5 f6 22.Bf3 Ne6
23.Bg4 Nc5 24.Bh5 Re7 25.Rhg1
Qd8 26.Re2 a6 27.Reg2 Qb6
28.Rg8 Ka7 29.Qc8 Nd3 30.cd3
Qe3 31.Kc2 Bc3 32.Qa8 Kb6
33.bc3 Qf2 34.Kb3 Qc5 35.Rb1
Ka5 36.Rg4 Qb5 37.Rb4 Qd3
38.Qd8 1:0

Modern Defense B06

Selby Anderson 2248

John Bell 2058

S. A. Turkey Shoot (5)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6
4.Be3 c6 5.Qd2 b5 6.h4 Qa5
7.Nge2 Nf6 8.f3 h5 9.Nc1 b4
10.N3e2 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Qb6
12.a3 c5? 13.dc5 dc5 14.ab4
Qb4 15.Qb4 cb4 16.Ra7 Rb8
17.Ned4 Ne5 18.Bf4 Nfd7 19.Bb5
Rb7 20.Rb7 Bb7 21.Bd2 0-0
22.Bb4 Rc8 23.c3 e6 24.Ke2 Bf6
25.Ra1 Bh4 26.Ra7 Rb8 27.Bd6
Bc6 28.Bb8 Nb8 29.Nc6 Nbc6
30.Ra8 Kg7? 31.f4 and 1:0

Neo-Catalan A13

Paul Fisher 1981

Bill Underwood 1803

S. A. Turkey Shoot (5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5
4.cd5?! = (4.d4 ; 4.Bg2) ed5
5.Bg2 c6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 0-0
8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.d3 Re8 10.Nbd2
Ne5 11.Ne5 Be5 12.d4? (White
 punishes his own QB to keep
 Black's strong KB on the
 board?!) **Bd6 13.h3 Qc7 14.Rc1**
Ne4 15.Ne4 de4 16.Qd2? e3
17.fe3 Bg3 18.e4 Re6 19.e5 Rg6
20.Kh1 Qe7 21.d5 Bh3! 22.Rf7
Qh4 0:1 Mate is on the way.

Dropka, Morash win Greenville Open

by William D. Collin

Greenville City Champion Tom Dropka tied with current Arkansas champ John Morash for first place at the Greenville Open tournament, held September 30, 1989. They each scored 2.5-.5 and won \$70. Dropka increased his rating to about 2136, bringing him within range of the national master title.

Ken Breland of Princeton won the class A prize (\$30) with 1.5-.5. Burt Dennison of Rowlett and Joe Drake of Dallas split the B prize with 2-1 and \$15 each. John Coffey of the E-Systems Garland Chess Club won the Under 1600 section with 2.5-.5 (\$40). Dick Jones of E-Systems Garland and Larry Matthews of Tyler tied for second at 2-1 (\$10 each). Gene Nelson of the Greenville Club won the Novice section and a free USCF membership.

Becky Collin won the overall Scholastic title with a perfect 3-0 score, and Conrad Spann took the Elementary title with 2-1.

There were a number of upsets in the open section. NM Robert Leininger of Irving scored only a forfeit win, and was held to draws by Ken Breland and John Morash. Expert Zoltan Bartok of Florida was upset by Burt Dennison (1798) in the first round and withdrew, leading some to speculate that he had expected an easy first prize from the "country folks". Expert Gary Hewitt of Mesquite, after drawing Dropka in round two, was convincingly trounced by Joe Drake (1712) in the last round.

Nineteen players in all competed in this tournament, the second USCF rated event ever to be held in Greenville.

QGD Tarrasch D34

Dwight Skinner 1833

Tom Dropka 2132

Greenville Open 1989 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.cd5
ed5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0
Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.b3 Bf5 10.Bb2
Rc8 11.Rc1 b6 12.dc5 d4
13.Nb5 bc5 14.Nh4 Be4 15.Be4
Ne4 16.Nf5 a6 17.Qc2 Qd5
18.Ne7 Ne7 19.Na3 Rc6 20.Rfd1
Ng5 21.f3 Nh3 22.Kg2 Qh5
23.Qe4 Re6 24.Qh4 Re2 25.Kh3
Qf3 26.Rc5 Qg2 27.Kg4 Re4
0:1

Sicilian B29

Tom Dropka 2132

Gary Hewitt 2029

Greenville Open 1989 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.g3 d5 5.ed5 Nd5 6.Bg2 Nc3
(6...g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Ng5 (Lutikov-
Szukszta, Warsaw 1969) 8...e6
= ECO) 7.bc3 Bg4 8.Qe2 e6
9.Qe4 Bf5 10.Qa4 Qd7 11.0-0
Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Ba3 Rfd8
14.h4 a6 15.d3 b5 16.Qf4 Rab8

17.Nd2 Bd6 18.Qe3 c4 19.Bd6
Qd6 20.Ne4 Be4 21.Be4 Ne7
22.d4 Nd5 23.Bd5 Qd5 24.Qe4
DRAW

King's Indian E60

Robert Leininger 2206

John Morash 2100

Greenville Open 1989 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3
Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Ne1
Qc8 8.f3 Bh3 9.e4 e5 10.d5 a5
11.Nc3 Na6 12.Be3 Nc5 13.a3
Bg2 14.Kg2 Nfd7 15.Rb1 f5
16.b4 ab4 17.ab4 Na6 18.Nd3 f4
19.Bf2 g5 20.g4 Nf6 21.Ra1 b6
22.h3 h5 23.Rh1 Kf7 24.Qe2 Kg6
25.Ra2 hg4 26.fg4 f3 27.Qf3 Nd5
28.Nd5 Rf3 29.Ne7 Kf7 30.Nc8
Rd3 31.Nb6 cb6 32.Rha1 Rc3
33.b5 Rc4 34.Ra6 Rb8 35.Rb6
Rb6 36.Bb6 Rb4 37.Ra5 Ke6
38.Bc7 Kd7 39.b6 Kc6 40.Ra8
Re4 41.Rg8 Bf6 42.Bd6 Kb6
43.Rg6 Bd8 44.Be7 Kc7 45.Bd8
Kd8 46.Rg5 Ke7 47.Rf5 Ke6
48.Kg3 Ra4 49.Rf1 Rb4 50.g5 e4
51.h4 e3 52.Rf6 Ke7 53.h5 e2
54.Kf2 Re4 55.Ke1 Rg4 56.h6

Rg5 57.h7 Rh5 58.Ra6 Kf7
DRAW

QGD Marshall D06

Gary Hewitt 2029

Joe Drake 1712

Greenville Open 1989 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cd5 Nd5 4.e4
Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 (5...e5 6.Nf3 ed4
7.Qd4 Qd4 8.Nd4 Bb4 9.f3 +=
Kotov-Ragozin, USSR 1956)
6.Be3 Bb4 7.f3 0-0 8.Bd3 (8.a3)
8...c5 9.a3 cd4! 10.ab4 de3
11.Qe2 Qb6 12.b5 Nbd7 13.f4
Nc5 14.Bc2 Rd8 15.b4? Nce4!
16.Ne4 Ne4 17.Be4 Qd4 18.Bh7
Kh7 19.Qc2 Kg8 20.Rb1 Qf4
21.Nf3 Bd7 22.0-0 Bb5 23.g3 Qf6
0:1

KID Reversed A08

Kenneth Breland 1918

Tom Dropka 2132

Greenville Open 1989 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0
c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 b6 7.c4 e6
8.Nb3 Nge7 9.a3 0-0 10.Rb1
Ba6 11.Qc2 Rc8 12.Bd2 dc4

13.dc4 Nf5 14.e3 Nd6 15.Rfd1
 Qe7 16.Bc3 Nc4 17.Bg7 Kg7
 18.Nbd2 Nd2 19.Rd2 Rfd8
 20.Rbd1 Rd2 21.Rd2 Rd8
 22.Qc3 Qf6 23.Bf1 Qc3 24.bc3

Rd2 25.Nd2 Bf1 26.Kf1 Kf6 27.a4
 Ke7 28.Ke2 f5 29.e4 e5 30.Kd3
 Ke6 31.f3 a6 32.Nb3 Kd6 33.Kc4
 Nd8 34.Nd2 Ne6 35.ef5 gf5
 36.h4 Nc7 37.g4 b5 38.ab5 ab5

39.Kd3 c4 40.Ke2 Nd5 41.Nb1
 fg4 42.fg4 e4 43.Na3 Kc5
 44.Nb1 b4 45.cb4 Kb4 46.g5 c3
 47.Nc3 Kc3 48.h5 Kd4 49.h6 Nf4
 50.Kf1 e3 0:1

Greenville edges Garland in E-Systems rematch

Greenville came back in this year's second match, held November 2, with a 6.5-5.5 victory over the Garland team. Since Greenville lost the match held in March by 10.5-11.5, the teams are now tied at 17 points each. Here are two samples of play by an "MVP":

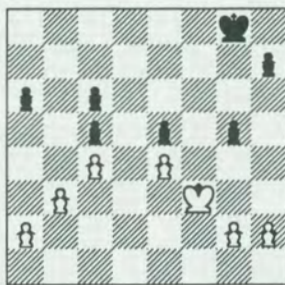
Bird's Opening A03

Opp

Bill Kloopping

Garland vs. Greenville II 1989

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5
 Bd7 5.b3 a6 6.Bc6 Bc6 7.Bb2 e6
 8.Ne5 Bd6 9.Nc6 bc6 10.0-0 0-0
 11.d3 c5 12.c4 c6 13.Nd2 Qe7
 14.e4 de4 15.Ne4 Ne4 16.de4
 e5 17.Be5 (17.f5 retains better
 pawns with kingside attacking
 chances.) Be5 18.fe5 Rad8
 (Qe5) 19.Qg4 Qe5 20.Qf4 Rde8
 21.Qe5 Re5 22.Rae1 f6 23.Rf5
 Rd8 24.Re5 fe5 25.Kf2 Rd2
 26.Re2 Re2 27.Ke2 g5 28.Kf3



Kg7 29.Kg4 Kf6?? 30.g3??
 (30.Kh5+-) Kg6 31.h3 h5 32.Kf3
 Kf6 33.a3 Ke6 34.Ke3 Kd7
 35.Kd3 Kc7 36.Kc3 Kb6 37.b4
 (Or 37.Kd3=) cb4 38.ab4??
 (38.Kb4 c5 39.Ka4 a5=) c5
 39.Kb3 cb4 40.Kb4 a5 41.Kb3
 Kc5 42.g4 h4 43.Ka4 Kc4 and
 0:1

QGD Tchigorin D07

Opp

Bill Kloopping

Garland vs. Greenville II 1989

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6
 4.Bg5 (4.Nc3 Bg4 5.cd5 Nd5
 6.e4+=) Bg4 5.Nbd2 e6 6.h3 Bf3

7.Nf3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Ne4?! (8...Bd2)
 9.Bb4 Nb4 10.Nd2 Qh4!? 11.Ne4
 de4?! 12.Qa4 Nc6 13.d5 e3



14.g3? (Courage! 14.dc6 and
 (a) 14...Qf2 15.Kd1 0-0-0 16.Kc2
 Rd2 17.Kb3 ± ; (b) 14...ef2
 15.Kd2 0-0-0 16.Ke3 Qd4
 17.Kf3 ± ; (c) 14...0-0-0 15.g3
 Qd4 16.Bg2±) ef2 15.Kf2 Qd4
 16.e3 Qb2 17.Be2 Qb4 18.Qc2
 Ne7 19.Rab1 Qd6 20.Qa4 c6
 21.Rb7 0-0 22.Rhb1 cd5 23.Rd7
 Qe5 24.Rbb7 Nf5 25.Ke1 Qc3
 26.Kf1 Ng3 27.Kf2 Ne4 28.Kf1
 Qf6 29.Bf3 (29.Ke1 Qf2 30.Kd1
 Nc3) Qf3 30.Ke1 Qf2 31.Kd1
 Qd2# 0:1

GALVESTON:

Endsley & Sever

Barry Endsley (2156) of Houston and N. R. Sever (2128) of Pearland split the first place prize of \$100 at the Galveston Saturday Swiss held Nov. 11, 1989 at the Ramada Inn in Galveston. 22

players participated in this three round Swiss. Class winners were Richard Myzzy (A, \$30), Warren Johnson and Michael Doharic (B, \$20 ea.), Travis Doughty and Ade Kujimiyo (C, \$21 ea.) and James Forsythe and Richard Adams (D/E, \$18, \$6).

TCA gets CD

Former TCA treasurer Lee Gaskill has turned over the TCA's certificate of deposit (now worth \$2190.10) to the current administration, in accordance with a resolution passed at the business meeting held September 2 in Austin.

Ardaman Wins A&M Open

by Dusan Djuric

Miles Ardaman won the Texas A&M Open, held October 7-8 in College Station, with 4-0. His first round game with Steve Smollen was perhaps the best contested, being decided after adjournment in an ending of two minor pieces vs. Rook. There was a five-way tie for second place at 3-1, shared by Alan Laverty, Robert Harrington, Larry Young, R. F. McGregor and Brian Oarr. Oarr and McGregor split the 1750-1999 prize. Top under-1750 was William McMahon. The upset prize went to Byron Adams, who beat a player rated 558 points higher!

Dutch Defense A87

Dusan Djuric 2016

Donald Coburn 1574

Texas A&M Open 1989

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.b3 Qe8!? (7...c6 8.Bb2 a5 9.Nbd2 Na6=; 7...e5!? 8.de5 Ng4 9.Nc3 de5 10.Ba3 e4 11.Bf8 Qf8 with compensation for the exchange) 8.Qc2 e5 9.de5 de5 10.e4 Nc6 11.Ba3 Rf7 12.0-0 Nd4 13.Nd4 ed4 14.Nb5 (14.Nd5 loses - Djuric) 14...Ne4 15.Rad1 Rd7 16.Rfe1 Qd8 17.Be4 fe4 18.Qe4 a6 19.Qe6 Rf7 20.Qe8 Rf8 21.Bf8 Qe8 22.Re8 ab5 23.Bg7 Kg7 24.Rd4 1:0

(This is the only game received from the tournament director, Dr. Djuric. - Ed.)

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

by IM Robert Harrington

May 15, 1987 had been an unusual day for me, so I decided to head down to the Houston Chess Club. What else could happen to me? I thought.

As I was writing a check for the ten dollar entry fee, David Mackey abruptly stopped me in my tracks: "THE RUSSIANS ARE HERE! THE RUSSIANS ARE HERE!" Not knowing whether he had misplaced his nerve pills or the Russians had actually invaded, I proceeded to question him. As it turned out, a Russian ship from the Baltic Shipping Company was docked at the Port of Houston, and they had permission for six American chess players to come on board for a "friendly game of chess".

I knew what was actually at stake, and being patriotic I felt that I had to do everything in my power to halt the Russians. It turned out to be a very interesting and memorable evening. Below is one of my encounters:

Veresov D01

Russian player
Robert Harrington

Baltic Shipping Co. 1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5

I should have known that he would play a Russian opening!

3...Bf5

White is not going to play e2-e4 very soon!

4.Bf6 e6 5.e3 c6 6.Nge2 Bd6 7.Ng3 Bg6 8.Bd3 Bd3 9.Qd3 0-0 10.a3 Re8 11.Nf5 Bf8 12.0-0 Na6 13.b4 g6 14.Ng3 f5

Again preventing e4, but also preparing Bg7 and possibly f5-f4.

15.f4

This is drastic and extremely weakening.

15...Nc7 16.Rae1 Bg7 17.Nd1 a5 18.c3 ab4 19.ab4 Nb5 20.Rf2 Nd6 21.Rc2 Ra3 22.Ree2 Qa8

Keeping control of the file.

23.Rc1 Re6 24.Nf2 Nb5 25.Rec2 Qe8 26.Nf1

A typically sly Russian move, defending e3 but also intending g2-g4.

26...h5 27.h4 Nd6 28.Qd2 Nc4 29.Qd3 Ne3 30.Re2 Nf1 31.Re6 Qe6 32.Kf1 Qe7 33.g3 Bf8 34.Re1 Qd8 35.Qd2 Qa8 36.Kg2 Ra2 37.Qe3 Qa3 38.Kf3 Rb2 39.Nd1 Rb3 40.Kg2 Bb4 41.Qe8 Bf8 42.Qe3 b5 43.Qd2 b4 44.Re3 bc3 45.Rc3

45.Nc3 loses a piece via 45...Bb4 46.Re8 Kh7 47.Qe3 Rc3 48.Qe5 Rg3 mates.

45...Rc3 46.Qc3 Qc3 47.Nc3 Bg7

White has a bad Knight vs. a good Bishop. Where did these guys learn to play chess?

48.Ne2 Kf8 49.Kf2 Ke7 50.Ke3 Kd7 51.Kd3 Kc7 52.Nc1 Kb6 53.Nb3 Bf8 54.Kc3 Kb5 55.Nc1 Bb4 56.Kb3 Be1 57.Ne2 f6

Zugzwang!

58.Kc2 Kc4 59.Kd1 Bf2 60.Kd2 Bd4 61.Kc2 Bf2 62.Kd2 d4 0:1

From the Pampas to the High Plains

by Richard Sherman

No one has done more for chess in New Mexico than Ruben Shocron. During his residence in Albuquerque (1981-84), Ruben seldom missed a meeting of the Coronado Chess Club. Though he especially enjoyed playing other masters, his relish for chess made him willing to play anyone, and many a developing player got the opportunity to tangle with him. Not only did the Coronado Chess Club reach its apogee during the Shocron years, but the level of chess rose perceptibly throughout the state.

Currently Ruben is retired in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania area, where his daughter is an attorney for Hershey Chocolate. However, he and his Argentine wife Elsa periodically return to Albuquerque to visit their son Dennis, a student at the University of New Mexico. Upon these visits, attendance at the club invariably rises, especially among the stronger players.

Born in Argentina, Shocron won the Argentine championship in 1952. This was no mean feat, especially in that era. Spurred by

Nazi persecution, a substantial influx of chess talent from Eastern Europe during World War II -- Miguel Najdorf was one -- made Argentina a very close second to the United States as a chess power in the western hemisphere.

In 1959 at a tournament in Mar del Plata, Shocron played a game with Bobby Fischer that has made the anthologies (see Bobby Fischer, *My Sixty Memorable Games*, game #6, and *The Encyclopedia of Chess Combinations*, position #784.) Elsa laughingly recalls how Fischer arrived at the hotel with a bulging suitcase -- no clothes, just chess books.

Elsa also remembers, with a riseability mixed with a dash of acidity, how Ruben played in a chess tournament "*durante la luna de miel*". "*Pero me han pagado la pieza*" (the organizers paid the hotel room), protests Ruben, to the vast amusement of my Chilean wife Elba and myself.

So how does one open a game against an opponent who played in a tourney on his honeymoon?

Ruy Lopez C64
Richard Sherman 1995
Ruben Shocron 2307
Amarillo, 1989
Tall-in-Texas Open (4)

1.e4

Not with boundless optimism. In two previous tournament games and scores of casual games I have nicked him for perhaps one five minute win. But I had no taste for the granite of Shocron's Slav Defense.

1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5

The Cordel variation. During several years of total domination of the tough El Paso tournament Shocron once observed that "the Mexicans didn't know what to do

against it." Neither did we in New Mexico.

4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 ed4 6.e5 Ne4 7.cd4 Bb4 8.Nbd2

And here, unwittingly, I bade farewell to ECO. Sometimes, indeed, ignorance is bliss.

8...Nd2

This surprised me, as Black relieves the pin without immediate provocation. Perhaps he disliked the possibility of 9.a3. But almost certainly I would have castled away from the pin, with a game evolution far different from what occurred.

9.Bd2 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bb3 Bd2 12.Qd2 d5

Blocking the 'Lopez Bishop' but weakening the c-file.

13.Rc1 Ne7 14.Qg5 0-0 15.h4



Embarking on an adventure, knowing full well that Shocron is an excellent defensive player and a devastating counterpuncher. However, while I suppose there are players who can beat Shocron with positional pussyfooting, I am not one of them.

(It appears that now is the time for Black to strike back with 15...f6! Steinitz would

have deplored the weakening reply that follows. -Ed.)

15...h6 16.Qf4 c6 17.g4 Qd7
18.Rg1 Qe6 19.Kf1 Bd7 20.Re1

To inhibit counterplay with 20...f6.

20...Rac8 21.h5 Kh8 22.Rg3

To prevent a Queen check upon advancing the g-pawn.

22...Ng8

Quite à la Shocron. The Knight is removed from the e-file and girds for a possible f6 or a Knight recapture on h6, depending on circumstance.

23.Bc2 g5

Desperate in appearance, but perhaps the best chance.

24.Qd2 Rfd8

Clearing a vital escape route for the King.

25.Qd3 Kg7 26.Nd2

Seeing no profit in an immediate check on h7, White directs the Knight towards a formidable square.

26...Kf8 27.Nb3 Qe7 28.Nc5 Be6

Black is relegated to a doleful passivity.

29.Qf3

Ever probing, but still seeking a definitive breakthrough

29...Ke8 30.Bh7 Qf8?

Fatal. Ignominious though it appears, 30...Kf8 was necessary. Now White crashes through.

31.Bg8 Qg8 32.Qf6

Black cannot hold both e6 and h6.

32...Rc7 33.Qh6 Re7 34.Qf6 Rc8 35.Kg2 Kf8 36.Rh1 Qh7 37.Qg5 Rcc7 38.Qf6 Bc8 39.g5 b4 40.g6 and Black resigned.

Following the Tall-in-Texas tournament the Shocrons continued westwards to Albuquerque where, notwithstanding his Amarillo contretemps* Ruben quickly reestablished his old hegemony at the Coronado Chess Club. In the following half-hour game he demonstrated admirably how to play with Bishops vs. Knights in the classical line of the Tchigorin.

QGD Tchigorin D07

Ruben Shocron 2307

Richard Sherman 1995

Albuquerque, 8/23/89

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4
4.cd5 Bf3 5.gf3 Qd5 6.e3 e5
7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bc3 9.bc3 ed4
(9...Qd6 10.Rb1 0-0-0!? led to a draw in Kasparov - Smyslov, Vilnius (match, game 11) 1984)
10.cd4 Nge7 11.Be2 0-0 (Or 11...0-0-0 ∞) 12.0-0 (12.Qc2 Rad8 13.Rb1 (Botterill-Flear, UK Ch. 1984) b6! 14.Rb5 Qd6 15.0-0 ∞ Minev) Ng6 (12...Rad8 13.Kh1 Rfe8 = Minev) 13.Kh1 Rad8 14.Rg1 Rd6 15.Qc2 Re8 16.Bc3 Qe6 17.Bd3 Red8 18.Rab1 b6 19.Rb5 Nce5? (Loses a piece, but Black is positionally lost in any case.) 20.Bf5 Qe8 21.de5 Qb5 22.ed6 Rd6 23.Be4 Qh5 24.Qa4 Re6 25.Qa7 h6 26.Qa8 Kh7 27.Qd5 1:0

Source: Amarillo Chess Club Newsletter, Nov./Dec. 1989)

* Means setback or misfortune (3.5 - 1.5 to be exact). Nice to have a contributor who sends me to the dictionary! - Ed.

Amarillo News

Eddie Sanders (1875) won the September Swiss, held Wednesday evenings Sept. 6-27, with a 4-0 score. Top ranked Brad Webster (2063) lost to Darrel Hunter (1729) in round two and had to share second place with Jerry Huntington at 3-1. Bill Snead (2050) withdrew after losing to Van Skidmore (1758) in round two.

By the way, Snead has recently been upgraded in his capacity as tournament director to International Arbiter! (Now to get a candidates' match...)

Webster's first round game with a "hapless opponent" produced this ditty: 1.e4 d6 2.f4 e5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.fe5 de5 6.Bf7 Kf7 7.Ne5 Kg8 8.Ng4 Ne4 9.Qf3 Qe7 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Qb3 1:0

Sozin Sicilian B88

Jerry Huntington 1677

Van Skidmore 1758

September Swiss (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 e6
7.f4 Be7 8.f5 Nd4 9.Qd4 ef5
10.ef5 0-0 11.g4 Re8 12.Be3 Bd7
13.g5 Bc6 14.Rf1 Nd7 15.0-0-0
Ne5 16.g6 hg6 17.fg6 Bf6 18.Nd5
Nc4 19.gf7 Kf7 20.Nf6 Ne3
21.Ne8 Nd1 22.Qg7 Ke6 23.Re1
Kf5 24.Qf7 Kg4 25.Rg1 Kh3
26.Qf5 1:0

Gary Simms, Bill Snead and Brad Webster won the Saturday Chessfest ("choose your opponent") with 3-0 each.

In the Arena

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What *really* happened in Browne-S. Anderson, World Chess Federation "Active" Zonal 1989

Editor's note:

For those readers not familiar with Jude Acers, he is one of the most phenomenal chess minds to come out of the south in the 60's and 70's, peripatetic "chess king of the road" and holder of a Guinness Book of World Records citation for simultaneous play (best result: 1966 La. State Fair, + 114, = 0, - 0; most boards played: 179). He is currently master in residence at the Gazebo restaurant in New Orleans, near the French Market on Decatur Street. Almost any afternoon he can be seen at his sidewalk stand, where for a nominal fee he will take you on in game/40, or for a not-so-nominal fee he will take on your computer. -SKA

In September 1989 chess players throughout the United States were stunned to hear that a "lowly rated" Texas chess master had defeated two 2500 Elo players in San Mateo, California during the thirty minute world FIDE-rated active zonal tournament.

This presented the readers of *Texas Knights* with a notable dilemma never before seen in American chess history: The editor had previously been instructed to limit his games and analysis regardless of readers' sparse contributions in any event. So the now never dreamed of development -- the defeat of

Grandmaster Walter Browne and International Master Igor Ivanov -- was sandwiched in a corner above an advertisement with tiny notes! Mr. Anderson can win, but he cannot hide. ..

Having played two matches with GM Browne (Baton Rouge, 1967 and Berkeley, 1970), it was only natural that I examined editor Selby Anderson's tremendous triumph with added interest. His "forced", abbreviated notes, hurried into print, did not picture the entirely correct play of GM Browne. Corrections need to be made with our thrilled congratulations to Mr. Anderson.

Bogo-Indian E00

GM Walter Browne 2555

Selby Anderson 2232

FIDE Cont. Action Chp. (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+

We note that Black employs a classical, standard, solid defense -- *always* best for anyone who is not a full time professional.

4.Nbd2 0-0 5.a3 Be7 6.g3 d5 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b3 b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Re1 Rc8 12.e4 Ne4! 13.Ne4 de4 14.Re4 c5

Black achieves counterplay with an acceptable position and common calm.

15.Re3 Bf6 16.Rd3

All exchanges will release White on the d-file with a winning advantage.

16...Qc7

Achieving equality plus, Black intends to bring his last undeveloped piece at f8 to the center -- as Mr. Kenneth R. Smith advises, young man!

17.Ra2

Subtle, waiting play. Black is invited to exchange at d4, bringing White's inactive Rook to the center. This is exactly what Black should do!

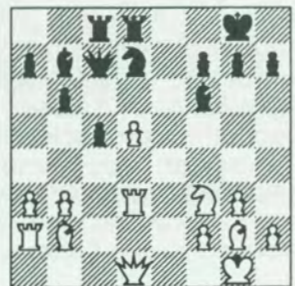
17...Rfd8

Anderson questions this. Perfectly acceptable is 17...cd4! 18.Nd4 Bd4 and Black's Knight will occupy c5 or e5 immediately, depending on White's recapture. In my opinion Anderson's move is absolutely satisfactory. Again: equality plus.

18.d5

Thematic: a powerful center pawn, passed and protected, outweighs play on the wing. Black is well placed to secure play against the center. Why? Because Black has followed Ken Smith's advice of total development, one move per piece -- "*Develop now, talk later!*"

18...ed5 19.cd5



19...Qd6?

A very serious error. Blockade with the Queen is never tenable when minor pieces support a powerful center pawn (Acers). Correct is 19...c4! with powerful center play for the second player.

If 20.d6, naturally 20...Qb8! with forceful counterplay on all diagonals and files. The resultant position is alive with danger for White. Black has good prospects in all cases.

20.Nd2!

With evident superiority for White. Black can only hope for a miracle, and he displays admirable alertness in the final moments of the struggle. White intends Bh3 or Ne4. Both win.

20...Bb2

Satisfactory except against a grandmaster!

21.Nc4!!

Sacrificing an insignificant Queenside wing pawn for a direct onslaught against Black's lonely monarch. *This shows what a great player Browne really is.*

21...Qf6 22.Rb2! b5 23.Rf3 Qa6 24.Ne3 Qa3 25.Rb1!

Simple, deadly. Threats: 26.Ra1 (Queenside) and 26.Nf5 (Kingside).

Anderson closes his eyes, prays and plays...

25...Qb4 26.Nf5 Rb8 27.Ne7+!

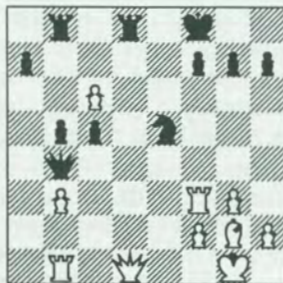
A logical continuation of the attack. Anderson gives it a question mark although it combines pawn, Rook, Knight, Bishop and Queen in a direct attack on Black's King.

Anderson recommends 27.Rf4 Qc3 28.Qg4 Qf6 29.d6,

with a formidable attack indeed.

27...Kf8 28.Nc6! Bc6 29.dc6 Ne5 (+-)

In a very bad position Black seeks counterplay via the clock. The decisive moment in a wonderful game.



30.c7?

Browne is clearly off form. It is surprising that White does not conclude his attack with a decisive sacrifice of the Exchange: 30.Qc2! (Acers) threatening the win of a full Rook and the invasion of the Kingside. For example:

30...Nc6 31.Qh7 Nd4 32.Re3 Ne6 33.Bh3 Rb6 34.Rbe1 and the reader needs no further comment here.

30...Nf3+ 31.Bf3 Rd6 32.Qh7! Rh6 33.Qf5! Re6 (33...Rf6 34.c7+-) 34.Bd5! Re1+ 35.Kg2 Re7 36.Qh7! (Acers) That's cutting it close, Mr. Anderson!

In all cases no defense presents itself, and certainly not in thirty minutes. Texas can only be grateful to Browne, thank you.

30...Rd1+

Anderson is not afraid and cannot be misled. He has faced many first class masters and has complete

control of his nerves. Permit me to quote Capablanca:

"I would add that most people do not like to lose games and take defeat badly. This is not right. People who want to improve should take their defeats as lessons, and endeavor to learn what to avoid in the future. *You must also have the courage of your convictions. If you think a move is good, make it.* Experience is the best teacher. Most people during a game have an idea that a certain maneuver is good, but they are afraid to make it. This is wrong. You must go on and play what you think is good without hesitation."

(*My Chess Career*, p. 188.)

31.Rd1 Rc8! 32.Rd8 Ke7 33.Rc8 Qe1+ 34.Bf1 Nf3+ 35.Kg2 Kd7!

Mr. Anderson, aware that the eyes of Texas are upon him, avoids 35...Nd2?? 36.Re8+ Ke8 37.c8(Q)+ Ke7 38.Qc5+ Kf6? 39.Qd6+! Kg5 40.Qf4+ Kh5 41.Qh4+ Kg6 42.Bd3+ f5 43.Qg4+! Kh6? 44.Qh3+! followed by mate in three (and several hundred irate letters to the editor of a certain publication. His immediate termination (*as Editor?! - Ed.*) would follow.

0:1

(*Mr. Acers, as always, writes in an entertaining style, with a gift for understatement reminiscent of Muhammad Ali. He is one of the few people I know who can combine critique with flattery in the same sentence. - SKA*)

Letters

Southwest Open Corrections & Complaints

The results reported for the Scholastic Section of the Southwest Open were wrong! With only six entrants in that section, a round robin was held. The results were:

1	Thomas Cummins	5-0	1st Overall
2-4	Becky Collin	3-2	1st Grades 7-9
2-4	Jamey Johnson	3-2	1st High School
2-4	Adi Smith	3-2	1st Elementary

To determine who got the 2nd Overall trophy, a second round robin was held with the three persons who tied for second. The results of that round robin were:

Jamey Johnson	2-0
Adi Smith	1-1
Becky Collin	0-2

I do not think the Southwest Open reserve section was directed as well as other tournaments I have played in. I selected a sixth round bye to travel home, and I am glad I did. A two and a half hour delay would have meant that the last round game would be over about 9 p.m., and I would have arrived in Greenville at 1 a.m. (with work the next day). All rounds started late, with some being two hours late.

The playing conditions were fair, except for round two. I played in a small room with inadequate lighting and barely could see the pieces. With the lighting provided, there were shadows on the board. This round started about 9 p.m. and was scheduled for 7 p.m. Additionally, only one elevator was working and an additional delay (20 min.) occurred in getting to the site provided. I know of one individual who forfeited his game rather than playing in those conditions.

I doubt if I would play in a tournament at the Wyndham Hotel again.

William D. Collin
Greenville

In the last issue you stated that an incorrect wall sheet withdrawal combined with an "unexpected result" resulted in the last round of the SWO Reserve Section starting two and a half hours late.

Here's the real reason:

SWO TD William Tompkins announced before the tournament that the next-to-last round would not be adjourned, and he stuck to his guns for two hours after the last round was scheduled to start! It took another half

hour to get the pairings for the last round. As a result, many players became tired of waiting and withdrew. The obvious solution (after the second time control has been reached) is to adjourn and ask each player of any unfinished game whether he is playing for a win or a draw, and pair him accordingly, so that the last round can start on time. (Kashdan system.)

Let's face it -- in a big weekend Swiss, players have travel plans!

Greg Wren
Helotes

Junior Chess; the "Frutch"

First, a minor point on my game with Scott Rubin (Sept.-Oct. *TK*, pp. 23-24): After Black's 40th move is given "1-0 (time)". The game actually ended two moves later, after 41.Qb3+ Kxe5(?) 42.Re7 Resigns, when Black was faced with a forced mate in three. White was having all the time trouble, not Black. The time control was met at move 40.

I thought Robert Montgomery had some good points in his "View from the Mountaintop" article. In Corpus Christi I used to give juniors 50% reduced entry fee. If there were enough of them we had a junior prize, which was often a choice of money or equipment, since many of these players had yet to buy standard sets and clocks. I might add that a more direct attempt to increase junior chess participation can be made by starting more USCF-affiliated clubs in the schools. The USCF provides significant discounts on equipment to these clubs, and some free sets are also available. I think any USCF member is allowed to start a school club affiliate.

There were some interesting *hors d'oeuvres* in the "Caviar Corner". Not often do you see a Grob in tournament play. The Irregular Defense looked familiar to me. Jim Shaw, a high 1900 player from Corpus Christi, plays it in blitz games. He and I couldn't find anything on it in Pirc books, but we had found a line in ECO under the Dutch Staunton Gambit declined (A82/1). It gives 1.d4 f5 2.e4 d6 3.ef5 Bf5 4.Qf3 (in blitz I was tempted by the over-aggressive 4.g4?!) 4...Qc8 ±. I disagree that White has such a clear advantage. On a similar obscure note, I saw this suggestion in *British Chess Magazine*: 1.e4 e6 2.d4 f5!? The reader called it the "Frutch". *Caissia longa, vita brevis*. (Chess is long, life is short.)

Alan Yager
Austin

My gut reaction to the Frutch is ...Bah! Humbug!
1 e4 e6 2 d4 f5 3 ef5 ef5 4 Bd3 d6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 0-0 Be7
7 Re1± (Black is weak at e6) is Taimanov's evaluation.

HACKNEY FORUM:

TCA Membership for TCA Events

[Ken Hackney was Secretary of the TCA, 1988-89.]

Regarding Bob Montgomery's request for ideas and also with respect to Selby's report of the TCA business meeting, I would like to make the following remarks:

There should be a concentrated effort to tie in TCA sponsored tournaments with TCA memberships. Looking over the tournament list on page 3 of *TK*, I see that we already have a good designation for TCA tourneys, to wit: Save for the Southwest Open, all TCA sponsored tournaments should begin with the word "Texas", as in Texas Open. But, again looking on p. 27 of *TK* I see the Texas Class Championships listed. Now if the word Texas is to designate TCA sponsored tournaments, then either the Texas Class Championships should require TCA membership (and they do not) or the Dallas Chess Club should use some other title for this tournament. Do you think we could resolve this matter of TCA events using the aforementioned designation of "Texas" for such tournaments?

Further, if a bid is made for a TCA sponsored tournament then the winning bidder MUST agree to collect TCA membership dues, and not fall back on the old saw of "If TCA sends someone to collect dues, then we agree to require them." Bidding and winning a TCA sponsored tournament should require that the bidder also agree to both require AND collect TCA memberships himself. After all, no one asks that USCF dues be collected by USCF officers, and USCF is required by practically all tournaments in the state. This is really the only way that an up-to-date listing of TCA members can be maintained. We can't do it at the Southwest Open alone. Only by requiring a strict set of rules relative to TCA sponsored tournaments can TCA know who is and is no longer a member. Not even *TK* subscription will get the job done. (That is if one can subscribe to *TK* without being a TCA member, and I don't think this has ever been decided upon.)

First, rules don't keep lists up to date; people do. The TCA Bylaws (Article V, Section 5, C 3.) state that the Secretary shall maintain a current list of all members. We could have the membership dwindle to a handful, and the list would be very easy to maintain. Perhaps (as I suspect) you mean maintenance of the membership itself, in which case rules again do not do the job. The rules already in place might keep the membership up to a respectable number, if they were but enforced! An effective membership program cannot be legislated. It takes people -- officers and organizers -- to do the job.

The Texas Class Championships are listed in the Bylaws as a TCA event (Article IX, section 1 H). Why they were not put up for bid at the business meeting is a mystery to me, but Dallas organizers need to be reminded that they are violating the Bylaws by using the Texas name thus and not requiring TCA membership.

This looks like a moot point now, since David Sewell tells me that next year's Thanksgiving tourney in Dallas will have a new format and a new name, so that the Texas Class event next year is up for grabs. If someone wants to hold it, however, they should at least do TCA the courtesy of requiring and collecting dues! The 1991 Texas Class Championships need to go on the agenda for the 1990 TCA business meeting.

*I agree that organizers are responsible for collecting dues. On the other hand, it is the responsibility of TCA to supply those organizers with current membership lists. Otherwise they are bound to give cardless members the benefit of the doubt (Bylaws Article III, Sec. 5). We intend to publish a list of TCA members in the next issue of *TK*. We also plan to continue enclosing renewal notices in *TK*, thus saving postage.* - SKA

Return to Secy/Treas Format

It has been suggested before, and I agree, that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be combined to form one wholistic office. The only reason that this division was ever made was due to the failure of officers to perform the function of the office to which they were elected. As a matter of fact, though on one occasion I tried to work up a job classification for several TCA offices, the job was never finished as I could not get any interest in TCA to have such matters updated in detailed fashion in the Constitution and Bylaws of TCA.

Now, however, as things are getting back to normal, I would like to suggest that TCA go back to its original setup of making Secretary and Treasurer just one position. As matters now stand the job of Secretary has no function to speak of save to keep minutes of a SWO business meeting, and even this has been largely shunted aside in favor of statewide votes in *TK* concerning TCA business matters. As a matter of fact, even a tape recorder could displace even this lone function of the Secretary.

May I suggest that this be made as a motion to be acted upon by the membership, assuming that a second can be obtained, and this in turn be published in *TK*.

Ken Hackney
Nacogdoches

It is incorrect to state that "as matters now stand" the Secretary's only job is to keep minutes, since the Bylaws state otherwise. The fact that the Treasurer was assigned the list-keeping job last year was due to the Secretary's ill health, not a change of policy. I don't like duplication of effort any more than you do, but recent experience tells me that we should improve the odds of getting the work done by keeping a full slate of officers.

Furthermore, the Bylaws have no provision for statewide voing by mail on policy matters, although

you suggest the contrary. The only business meeting item transacted through TK is the election of officers.

Minutes must be kept somehow, but no official designation ensures that they will be. TK's report of the business meeting this year was thanks neither to the former Secretary nor the newly elected one, nor to the person assigned to keep minutes at the meeting! Greg Wren's notes were invaluable, but they have no official status as TCA minutes.

- SKA

Tournament Calendar

In the last few issues, we have published all of the the Texas tournament announcements that we found from any source, free. Most of them are listed in *Chess Life*. To reduce unnecessary duplication and work, to save space and save money we will now publish announcements (free) only for those that require TCA membership or for junior tournaments. All others will cost \$1 a line. (The average non-TCA tourney announcement may cost the organizers about \$10 to have it listed here.) The ads listed here are either paid or are for TCA (membership required) events.

Dec. 30-Jan.1: San Antonio New Year Open. 6-SS, 40/2, 20/1, Delux Inn, 6023 IH-10W (Vance Jackson exit). \$\$ (2250 b/90, 1125 Gtd.): 500-250, X, A, B, C, D/E/Unr. each 200 1st, 100 2nd. EF: \$30 if rec'd by 12/14, \$35 if by 12/28, \$40 at site. (Scholastic \$5, trophy prize only, not part of prize fund.) Foreign Unr. eligible for top prizes only. Reg. 11-12 a.m. 12/30, Rds. 1-7, 10-4, 9-3. 1/2 pt. bye any one rd., notice before rd. 1. HR: \$28S, \$32D, \$34 (512) 732-5141. Ent: SACC, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023. (512) 520-6416. NS. NC. W. [Loud speed tmt/party 10 p.m. New Year's Eve - EF: \$5, \$\$/ent. BYOB, S.)

Dec. 30-Jan.1: New Year Special. 6-SS, 45/90, Clarion Hotel, 1241 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX. (214) 630-7000. EF: \$40 if rec'd by 12/27, \$45/site. \$\$/ent. Rds. TBA. Ent: David Sewell, 6324 Crestmont, Dallas, TX 75214. (214) 369-5413. NS. NC.

Jan. 12-14: A. C. E. Club Championship. 5-SS, 40/2, 25/1, ACE CC 1701 Palo Duro, Austin, TX. \$\$ (1000 b/50, 10/class) 2 sections: CHAMPIONSHIP (150-100 Gtd. top 2): 250-100, X 100, U2000 50. RESERVE (open to U2000): 150-100--50, B 100, C/below/Unr 75, Unr. limited to 75. EF: \$27 if rec'd by 1/9, \$35/site. Reg. 6:30-7 p.m., Rds. 7, 10-4, 9-3; 1/2 pt. bye any one rd., notice before Rd. 1. Ent: A.C.E., 7210 Teaberry Dr., Austin, TX 78745. (512) 443-1160 or 465-3052. NS. NC. W.

Jan. 13-14: 1st Galveston Classic. 5-SS, 25/1, SD/1, Ramada Inn, 5914 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77551. OPEN: \$\$ (800 G): 200-100-100-100; A, U1800 100-50. EF \$35 if rec'd by 1/10, \$\$38/site. RESERVE (open to U1600): \$\$ (200 G): C, D/E ea. 100. EF \$25 if rec'd by 1/10, \$28/site. BOTH: For rating only (no \$\$) or Unr. EF \$15 Open, \$10 Reserve. 80% of EF returned as prizes. Reg. 9:30-10:45, Rds. 11-3-7, 11-3; 1/2 pt. bye any one rd. at reg. HR: \$35 1-4, (409) 740-1261, ask for Mike Tripp. Ent: Lary Young, 28 Deerfield, Huntsville, TX 77340. (409) 291-2540. NS. NC.

Feb. 10-11: Texas Team Championship. 4-SS, 40/2, 20/1, Wyndham Hotel, S. IH-35 & Ben White Blvd., Austin, TX. Rating limit 8400 per team of 4, alternate is lowest rated. \$\$ (550 b/12 teams): 300-100; trophy to top 3 teams, plaque each top board, plaque to each on top 2 teams, \$150 & trophy to top team U1800 avg. EF: \$100/team if rec'd by 2/6, \$130/site, TCA req. Reg. 10-10:45, Rds. 11-5, 9-3. HR: \$55 up to 4, (512) 448-2222. Ent: A.C.E., 7210 Teaberry Dr., Austin, TX 78745. (512) 443-1160 465-3052. NS. NC. W.

March: Texas Armed Forces and Senior Championship. Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Details next issue.

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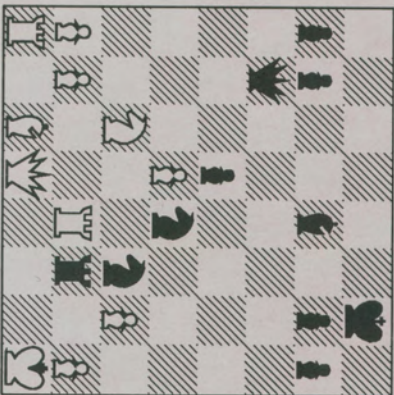
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