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Reuter 'absolute' ruler of Houston chess

by Todd Thomas

The Absolute Houston City Champion for 1989 is William Reuter. Bill scored 4.5 out of 5 to win the huge first place trophy and \$500.

Here is a complete list of prizewinners:

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

First Place	William C. Reuter	\$500
Second	Larry Englebretson	\$250
1st Expert	John C. Ward	\$125
	Barry Endsley	\$125

PREMIERE SECTION

First Place	Jan Holland	\$500
Second	Hugh West	\$116
2nd, cont'd.	Charles Herzog	\$116
	Paul Keller	\$116
1st B	Thomas Suchy	\$75
	Dave Ward	\$75
	Warren Johnson	\$75
1st C/below	Matthew Campbell	\$150
2nd C/below	Robert Marlin	\$75
Brilliancy	Nathan Doughty	

Joe Donahue and Craig Holcomb directed this event, held at Rice University December 2-3.

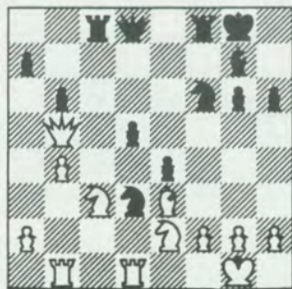
Dutch A84

Rick Scalzo 1809

Nathan Doughty 1333

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.d4 g6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3? (5...ef5 Bf5 6.Bd3!) Bc4 6.Bd2 fe4 7.Be4 Bg7 8.Nge2 Nf6 9.Bf3 0-0 10.0-0 e5 11.Ng3 c6 12.b4? Be6 13.Qe2 Nbd7 14.Na4 d5 15.cd5 cd5 16.Qb5 b6 17.Rac1 Rc8 18.Nc3 e4 19.Be2 Ne5 20.Bg5 h6 21.Be3 Bg4 22.Rfd1 Be2 23.Nge2 Nd3 24.Rb1



Ng4! 25.Qd5 Qd5 26.Nd5 Ne3 27.fe3 Rc2 28.Nef4 g5 29.Nd3 ed3 30.Rd3 Rff2 31.a4 Be5 32.e4 Rg2 33.Kh1 Rh2 34.Kg1 h5 35.Ne7 Kf7 36.Nf5 h4 37.Ne3 Bf4 38.Nc2 Rc2 39.Rd7 Ke6 40.Ra7 Be3 41.Kf1 h3 42.Rh7 h2 43.a5 ba5 44.ba5 g4 45.Rb3 g3 0:1

Sicilian B44

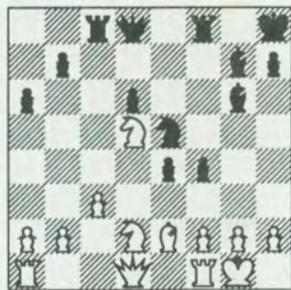
Gregg Small 2328

Bill Reuter 2358

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 e6 5.Nb5 d6 6.Bf4 (White surrenders a tempo to gain control over d5. 6.c4 is more common.) 6...e5 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Bg5 (Or 8.N1c3 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 as in Brooks-Peters, Tx. Open 1988) 8...a6?! (8...Qa5 9.Qd2 Ne4 10.Qa5 Na5 11.Be3 Kd7 12.N1c3 a6 13.Ne4 ab5 14.Bb5 Kc7 15.0-0-0 Be6 16.Nc3 Nc4 17.Bc4 Bc4= Lukov- Kirov, Pamporovo 1982) 9.Bf6 gf6

10.N5c3 Bg7 11.Bc4 (11.Nd2! b5 12.a4 b4 13.Nd5 f5 14.Bc4 0-0 15.Qh5± Sanguinetti - Polugaevsky, Havana 1966) 11...0-0 12.Nd5 f5 13.ef5 Bf5 14.Nbc3 Bg6 15.Ne3 Kh8 16.Ncd5 (The attempt to restrain Black's pawn mass by 16.h4 h6 17.g4 Nd4 is as dangerous as giving it free rein.) 16...f5 17.c3 f4 18.Nf1 e4 19.Nd2 Rc8 20.0-0 Ne5 21.Be2



21...f3 22.gf3 ef3 23.Nf3 Be4 24.Ne5 Be5 25.f4 Rg8 26.Kf2 Bd5! (No use hanging a

piece with 26...Rg2?! 27.Ke3
Bd5 28.Qd5 Qb6?? 29.Kf3 +-)
27.Qd5 Qb6 28.Kf3 Rcf8 29.Ke4
Qb2 30.Qd3 Rg2 31.Rae1 Bc3
32.Kf3 Rh2 33.Rh1 Qb4 34.Rh2
Qf4 35.Kg2 Qf2 36.Kh3 Qe1
37.Qd6 Re8 38.Kg4 Qg1 39.Kf5
Re5 40.Kf4 Qh2 41.Kf3 Qe2 0:1

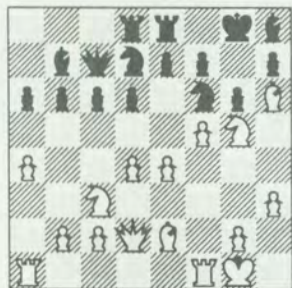
Second place finisher
Larry Engelbretson surprised
everyone by beating the 1986
and 1987 Houston Champion
Miles Ardaman:

Pirc B08

Larry Engelbretson 2308
Miles Ardaman 2512

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.Nc3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 d6
4.Be3 c6 5.a4 Nf6 6.h3 Nbd7
7.Qd2 0-0 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.Be2
Re8?! (Black wants to
preserve his KB, but in doing
so he exposes f7 to attack.
Better is 9...b6 10.0-0 a6 11.Bh6
Bb7 12.Bg7 Kg7 = Griffiths-
Miles, Birmingham (UK) 1974)
10.0-0 b6 11.Bh6 Bh8? (Having
said "A"...) 12.Ng5! Bb7 13.f4
Rad8 14.f5 a6



15.e5 de5 16.Bc4 Rf8 17.fg6 hg6
18.Nf7! Rf7 19.Qg5 Nd5 20.Qg6
Rg7 21.Qe6 Kh7 22.Bd3 1:0
Nice combination!

Here is a game from one
of the co-winners of the
expert prize, John Ward. I
had a slight advantage until
blundering with 36.Nf5? when
36.Ne6! Qc6 37.Qc6 Nc6
38.Rd7 would have given
White a clear advantage.
Fortunately the Rook ending
was a draw.

Sicilian B85

Todd Thomas 2214
John D. Ward 2115

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4
a6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be3
Be7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.f4 0-0 10.Bf3
Nc6 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.Rad1 Na5
13.Qf2 Nc4 14.Bc1 Rad8 15.Rd3
b5 16.b3 Nb6 17.Be3 Rb8 18.g4
Bc8 19.g5 Nfd7 20.h4 Nc5
21.Rdd1 Bb7 22.Qg2 b4
23.Nce2 d5 24.e5 Ne4 25.f5 ef5
26.Nf5 Bc5 27.Bc5 Qc5 28.Ned4
Nd7 29.Be4 de4 30.Nh6 Kh8
31.Nf7 Rf7 32.Rf7 Ne5 33.Rb7
Rb7 34.Qe4 Rb8 35.Kg2 Kg8
36.Nf5? Ng6! 37.Qc4 Qc4
38.bc4 Rf8 39.Ne3 Nh4 40.Kg3
Rf3 41.Kh4 Re3 42.Rd6 Re4
43.Kg3 Rc4 44.Ra6 Rc2 45.a4
Ra2 46.a5 b3 47.Rb6! Ra5
48.Kg4 Ra4 49.Kf5 g6 50.Kf6 Rf4
51.Ke6 h5 52.Rb8 Rf8 53.Rb3
DRAW

The other expert winner,
Barry Endsley, was a little
unlucky not to post a higher
score. He snatched defeat
from the jaws of victory
against Calogridis, and was
winning the Exchange
against Engelbretson in the
last round when mutual time
pressure forced a draw.

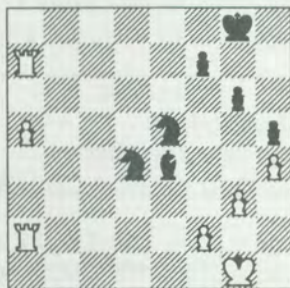
English A21

Barry Endsley 2148

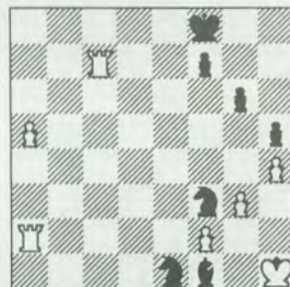
Michael Calogridis 2341

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nf3 Bc3
4.bc3 d6 5.Rb1 Nf6 6.g3 0-0
7.Bg2 Re8 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.d3 c6
10.Ne1 d5 11.cd5 Nd5 12.Bd2
Nf8 13.c4 Nf6 14.Bc3 Qc7 15.Nf3
Bg4 16.Be5 Re5 17.Ne5 Qe5
18.Rb7 Qe2 19.Qe2 Be2 20.Re1
Bd3 21.Bc6 Bc4 22.Rb4 Bd5
23.Ba8 Ba8 24.Ra4 Bd5 25.Ra7
h5 26.h4 Ne6 27.Rd1 Bf3 28.Rd3
Be4 29.Rd2 g6 30.a4 Ng4 31.a5
Ne5 32.Ra2 Nd4



33.Re7? (33.f4) 33...Ndf3 34.Kf1
Kf8 35.Rc7 Bd3 36.Kg2 Ne1
37.Kg1 N5f3 38.Kh1 Bf1 (oops!)



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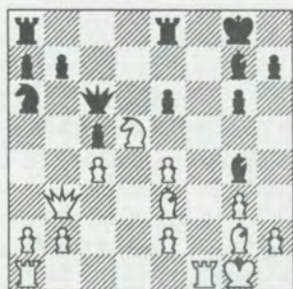
Dutch A87

David Mackey 1995

N. R. Sever 2128

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 f5 4.d4
Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3
Qe8?! 8.Qb3 c5 9.dc5 dc5
10.Be3 Na6 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Nd3
Qc6 13.Ne4 fe4 14.Nf4 Bf5
15.Nd5 Rfe8 16.f3 e6 17.fe4 Bg4



18.e5! Qd7 19.Nf6 Bf6 20.ef6
Reb8 21.f7 Kg7 22.Qc3 Kf8
23.Bh6 Ke7 24.Qf6 1:0

One of the brightest spots in this tournament was the participation of many new young players in the Premiere Section. Along with Nathan Doughty, winner of the Brilliancy Prize, young talents Matthew Campbell, Paul Shimek and Steve Fraley showed that chess in Houston has a future.

French Defense C13

Matthew Campbell 1577

Joe Inocencio 1719

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 5.Bf6 (Adolf Anderssen's
attack, a relic of the Roman-

tic era.) 5...Bf6 6.e5 (6.Nf3 = is
hardly in the original spirit of
the line.) 6...Be7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.0-0
c5 (8...f5! 9.Qh3 c5 =+) 9.h4
Nc6 10.Bd3 cd4 11.Nf3! dc3
12.Bh7 Kh7 13.Qh5 Kg8 14.Ng5
Bg5 15.hg5 f5 16.g6 1:0

QP Opening D05

Paul Shimek UNR

Edward Green 1796

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.Nf3 c6 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 e6 4.d4
d5 5.e3 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0
Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Re8 9.Re1 Nf8
10.e4 de4 11.Ne4 Ne4 12.Be4
Bf6 13.c4 Rb8 14.Qc2 Bd7
15.Ba3 Be7 16.Be7 Qe7
17.Rab1 Qb4 18.Ne5 Qd6
19.Rbd1 Rbd8 20.Qe2 Ng6
21.Qc2 f5 22.Ng6 hg6 23.Bf3
Qb4 24.g3 Bc8 25.Qe2 Qc3
26.d5 cd5 27.Bd5 ed5 28.Qe8
Re8 29.Re8 Kf7 30.Rc8 d4
31.Rd8 Qc2 32.R1d4 Qa2
33.R4d7 Ke6 34.Rg7 Qa6?
35.Rdd7 (?) Qa1 36.Kg2 a5
37.Rb7 Qa3 38.Rg6 Ke5 39.Rb5
Kd4 40.Rf6 Qe7 41.Rbf5 Qb7
42.Rf3 Qa8 43.Kg1 a4 44.ba4
Qa4 45.R6f4 Kc5 46.Rf5 Kc6
47.Rf8 Kd7 48.R3f4 Ke7 49.h4
Qd1 50.Kg2 Qd3 51.h5 Qb3
52.h6 Qb7 53.Kh2 Kd6 54.R8f7
Qb2 55.R4f6 Ke5 56.h7 1:0.

QP Opening D00

William Stone UNR

Steve Fraley 1670

Absolute Houston Ch. 1989

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.b3
Bf5 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Nh4 Bg4 7.f3 Bd7
8.Bd3 e6 9.f4 Ne4 10.Ne4 de4
11.Be4 Qh4 12.g3 Qh3 13.Bb7
Bc6 14.Bc6 Nc6 15.Qf3 Kd7
16.Bb2 Nb4 17.Qe2 a6 18.a3

Nd5 19.0-0-0 Rhe8 20.e4 Nb6
21.e5 h5 22.c4 c6 23.a4 a5
24.Ba3 Bf8 25.Bb2 Qf5 26.Qe3
Reb8 27.h3 g5 28.fg5 Be7 29.h4
Nc4! 30.bc4 Rb2! 31.Kb2 Rb8
32.Ka1 Qc2 33.Rd2 Qc4 34.Ra2
Rb3 35.Qf4 Qc3 36.Rb2 Qb2#
0:1

Robert Atlas, Michael Calogridis and Mansour Bighamian won the Houston Studio Open Revival last August with 3.5-5 each. Sergio Martinez and Matthew Gilbert tied for the Expert prize. Gregg Walton and Jesse Matlock won the A prize, and Dave Ward placed first in B and below.

Old Indian A55

Mansour Bighamian 2341

Miles Ardaman 2512

Studio Open Revival 1989

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 Nbd7
4.Nc3 e5 5.g3 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0
c6 8.e4 a5 9.b3 Re8 10.h3 Qc7
11.Be3 Nf8 12.Rc1 Ng6 13.Ne1
Bf8 14.Nd3 Qb8 15.Qd2 b5
16.de5 de5 17.cb5 cb5 18.Nc5
h5 19.Rfd1 h4 20.Qe2 b4
21.N3a4 Be7 22.Rd2 Ra7
23.Rcd1 hg3 24.fg3 Nf8 25.Kh2
N6d7 26.Nd7 Rd7 27.Rd5 Bd8
28.Rf1 (28.Nc5 Rd5 29.ed5) Rd5
29.ed5 e4 30.Bf4 Qa7 31.Rc1
Ba6 32.Qe3 Qa8 33.Nc5 Bb6
34.Qd2 Bc5 35.Rc5 Bb7 36.Bc7
e3 37.Qe2 Ba6 38.Rc4 Bc4
39.bc4 Nd7 40.d6 Qa7? (Qa6)
41.Bc6! Qd4 42.Bd7 Qd2 43.Bg4
f5 44.Bf3 Kf7? (Qd4) 45.Bd5 Kf6
46.Bf3 Qd4 47.Kg2 a4 48.Bc6 b3
49.ab3 ab3 50.d7? (50.Be8 Qe4

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Pelech, Smith shine at S. A. New Year Open

Terry Pelech (2068) of Tuscon, Arizona beat top seeded Jim Gallagher in the last round to tie with Andy Smith (2111) for first place at the San Antonio New Year Open. Both scored five points out of a possible six. The two masters in attendance, Gallagher (4 points) and Selby Anderson (4.5), finished out of the money.

Gallagher started inauspiciously enough by drawing Scott Rubin (1738), who played the Polish 1.b4 to good effect. Anderson muffed an attack in round three to draw Leslie Wood of Tuscon (one of the prettier experts to come our way), and followed up by drawing Pelech. Stephen Cheyney held both masters to draws on New Year's day. His Rook and pawn ending with Gallagher held up the sixth round for an hour and a half - shades of the Southwest Open! (Surely there is some solution TD's can use, provided they announce it before the first round.) Pelech then demolished Gallagher's Vienna Game in the final round.

Brent Riggs (1512), who won a cool two grand for 2nd Class D at the World Open last summer, was heavily favored in Class C, especially after he put away Eddie Sepulveda (2018) in round one. But Mickey Pachta (1529) edged him out with a win over Beszczynski (1985) and a last round draw with LaCava (1959) - one of the more interesting and brief encounters of the tourney. Another big round one upset was Cummins (1421) - Oarr (1921).

The only out-of-town Texans who were contending for top prizes, Lou Thurston of Kingsville (3.5-1.5 & w/d) and Mike Simpson of Austin (3.5-2.5), finished near the bottom of the expert group. David Leinbach was in

contention for first with four points after five rounds, but he withdrew because of holiday plans with his family.

Playing conditions had some players straining at gnats - and we don't refer to the lighting! Gallagher would occasionally slam a fruit fly on the board and say "J' adoube!" to general amusement.

Jim Gallagher, Sr. directed the 56-player event, held December 30-January 1 at the Delux Inn.

Prize Winners

1-2	Terry Pelech	5	\$225
	Andy Smith	5	\$225
Expert	Stephen Cheyney	4.5	\$60
	John Bell	4.5	\$60
	Tom Patton	4.5	\$60
Class A	Brian Oarr	4	\$60
	Ron Burton	4	\$60
	Bill Underwood	4	\$60
Class B	Greg Wren	3.5	\$90
	Maynard Needham	3.5	\$90
Class C	Mickey Pachta	3.5	\$120
	Freddy Jones	3	\$15
	Delfino de los Santos	3	\$15
	Brent Riggs	3	\$15
	Thomas Cummins	3	\$15
D/E/Unr	John Zill	2.5	\$120
	Aaron Minoo	2	\$12
	Leo Holguin	2	\$12
	George Ed Aguilar	2	\$12
	Mark Senkiw	2	\$12
	Darrell Nesbitt	2	\$12
	Angel Rivera *	2	trophy

* Scholastic winner

QGD Exchange D36

Eric Dimazana 2051

Bill Underwood 1803

S. A. New Year Open (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Nbd7 5.cd5 ed5 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3

Be7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Bh4
Re8 11.Nge2 Ne4 12.Be7 Qe7
13.Be4 de4 14.g4 Nf6 15.0-0-0
Be6 16.Ne4? (White outsmarts
himself.) Bd5 17.Nf6 Qf6 18.Rh2
Qd6! 19.Ng3 Ba2 20.Rhh1 Rac8
21.Nf5 Qe6 22.Rd3?? Bd5
23.Rhd1 Be4 24.Qc3 Bd3

25.Rd3 Kh7 26.Kb1 Qd5 27.f3
Rcd8 28.e4 Qe6 29.h4 b5 30.d5
Qe5 31.Qc6 Rc8 32.Qd7 Qf4
33.Qb5 Qc1 34.Ka2 Rb8 35.Rc3
Qd1 (Of course, the prosaic
35...Qc3 wins also.) 36.Qc5
Rb2 37.Kb2 Rb8 38.Rb3 Rb3
0:1

Sicilian B67

Selby Anderson 2356
Leslie Wood 2021

S. A. New Year Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6
7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 b5
10.Bf6 Qf6? (10...gf6 11.Nc6 Bc6
12.Qe1 Be7 13.Bd3 Qb6 14.Kb1
b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.Qg3 h5 17.f5 e5
18.Qg7 Rf8 19.Ng3 a4 20.Nh5 b3
21.Nf6 Bf6 22.Qf6 ba2 23.Ka2
Rb8 24.Rb1 + = Svesnikov-
Ermolinsky, USSR 1981) 11.e5
Qd8 (11...de5 12.Ndb5 ± ECO)
12.ed6 Qb6 13.Nf3 f6 14.Kb1 0-
0-0 15.Ne4 Be8 16.Bd3 Bf7 17.c4
Bd6 18.cb5 ab5 19.Bb5 Bc7
20.Qe2 Bf4 21.g3 Bc7 22.Rc1
Nd4 23.Nd4 Rd4 24.Nc5 Kd8!
25.Rhd1 Be5 26.Nb3 Rd5
27.Bc4?? (27.Bc6 Rd6 28.Qe5!
fe5 29.Rd6 Ke7 30.Rd7 Kf8
31.Ba4 + -) 27...Rd1 28.Rd1 Ke7
29.Bb5 Rd8 30.Rc1 DRAW

French C18

Lou Thurston 2134
David Leinbach 2020

S. A. New Year Open (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5
c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne7 7.Qg4
0-0 8.Bd3 c4 (8...Nd7!? is
currently popular) 9.Be2?!
(9.Bh6 Ng6 10.Bg6 fg6 11.Be3
Qe7 12.h4 Qf7 13.h5 Qf5 14.Qe2
gh5 15.Rh5 Qg6 16.g4 ∞
Zuralev - Tukmakov, USSR
1974) 9...Qa5 10.Bd2 Qa4
11.Bd1 Qe8 12.a4 a5 13.Bc1 f5
14.ef6 Rf6 15.Qe2 Ng6 16.g3?
(16.Nf3) 16...e5 17.Nf3 e4
18.Ng1 Raa6 19.f4 Bd7 20.h4
Ba4 21.Ba3 Bd7 22.Nh3 Bh3
23.Rh3 Qd7 24.Qf1 b5 25.h5 Nf8

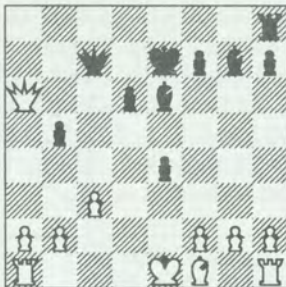
26.Rb1 b4 27.cb4 Qa4 28.g4
ab4 29.Rb4 Qa5 30.c3 (30.Ke2
Nc6 -) 30...Qa3 31.Rb8 Qc1
32.f5 Ra2 0:1

Sicilian B33

Jim Gallagher 2365
Mike Simpson 2081

S. A. New Year Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4
Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4
e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Bf6 gf6 10.Na3 b5
11.Nd5 Be6! (11...f5) 12.c3 Bg7
13.Nc2 Ne7 14.Nce3 Nd5
15.Nd5 f5 16.ef5 Bf5 17.Qf3 Be6
18.Nc7 Qc7 19.Qa8 Ke7 20.Qa6
e4



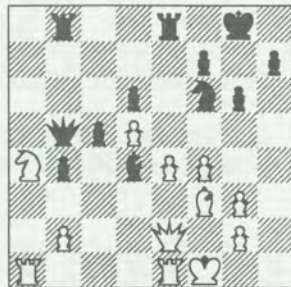
21.Qb5?? (21.Rc1 ±) 21...Bc3
22.Kd1 Rb8 23.Qg5 Bf6 24.Rc1
Qb6 25.Qe3 Bg4?? (Instead of
exchanging pieces, Black
should play 25...Qb2 with the
attack.) 26.Be2 Qe3 27.fe3 Be2
28.Ke2 Rb2 29.Kf1 Ra2 30.g3
Ke6 31.Re1 Bg5 32.Re2 Ra3
33.Kf2 Rd3 34.Rb1 Bf6 35.Rb8
d5 36.Ra2 Bg5 37.Re2 Bf6
38.Rg8 d4 39.Re8 Kd5 40.ed4
Bd4 41.Ke1 f5 42.Re7 Ra3
43.Rd2 Kc4 44.Rc7 Bc5 45.Rc2
Kd3 46.R7c5 e3 47.Rc1 Ra2
48.R1c3 Ke4 49.R5c4 Kd5
50.Rc5 Kd4 51.R5c4 Kd5
52.Rc2 Ra1 53.Ke2 Rh1 54.Ke3
1:0

Benoni A65

Brian Oarr 1921
Andy Smith 2111

S. A. New Year Open (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3
ed5 5.cd5 d6 6.e4 Be7 7.Nf3
Bg4 8.Be2 Bf3 9.Bf3 Nbd7 10.Bf4
(10.g3 + =) 10...0-0 11.0-0 a6
12.a4 Re8 13.Be2 Bf8 14.f3 Nh5
15.Bg3 Ng3 16.hg3 Qg5 17.Kf2
g6 18.f4 Qf6 19.Bf3 (19.Bc4)
19...b5 20.ab5 ab5 21.Qd2 b4
22.Na4 Bg7 23.Rfe1 Rab8
24.Rab1 Qd8 25.Bg4 Bd4 26.Kf1
Nf6 27.Bf3 Qd7 28.Ra1 Qb5
29.Qe2



29...Ne4! 30.Be4 Re4 31.Qb5
Re1 32.Re1 Rb5 33.Re8 Kg7
34.Rd8 c4 35.Rd6 Ra5 36.Nb6
c3 37.bc3 bc3 38.Rc6 c2 0:1

Two Knights C57

Brent Riggs 1512
Stephen Cheyney 2073

S. A. New Year Open (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6
4.Ng5 d5 5.ed5 Nd4 6.Nc3 (6.c3
leads into heavily analysed
theory.) h6 7.Nge4? (7.Nf3.
The text falls into a well-
known book trap.) 7...Ne4
8.Ne4 Qh4 9.d3 Bg4 10.Qd2 Bf3!
11.0-0 Ne2 12.Kh1 Qh3! 0:1

French C06

Selby Anderson 2356

Jesse Buentello 2080

S. A. New Year Open (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cd4 9.cd4 Be7?! 10.0-0 f6 11.ef6 Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Re1 Bd7 14.a3 Rae8 15.Bc2 Bd6 16.Bg5 Nd8 17.Qd3 Rf7 (17...g6 is ugly but best. If 18.Bh6 Rf7 19.Ng5 Rfe7 20.Rad1 Kh8! (not 20...Ng4? 21.Nh7!)) 18.Ne5 Be5 19.de5 Ne4 20.Be3 Qb2 21.Bd4 Rf2 22.Ne2 and 1:0

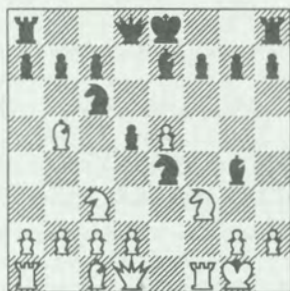
Vienna C29

Jim Gallagher 2365

Terry Pelech 2068

S. A. New Year Open (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.fe5 Ne4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bg4 7.0-0 Be7



8.d4?! (8.Qe1) 8...0-0 9.Be3 f6 10.Be2 fe5 11.de5 Nc3 12.bc3 Na5 13.Qd4 Be6 14.Nd2 Nc6 15.Rf8 Qf8 16.Qf4 Qf4 17.Bf4 Rf8 18.Bg3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Bf2 20.Nf3 Bg3 21.hg3 Bg4 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.Re1 h6 24.c4 d4 25.a3 Ne7 26.Bd3 c5 27.Be4 b6 28.Kg1 Be6 29.Bd3 Nf5 30.Bf5 Bf5 31.Re2 Kf7 32.Nh4 Bh7 33.g4 Ke6 34.Nf3 Rf8

35.Kh2 Rf4 36.Kg3 Re4 37.Rd2 Re3 38.g5 Ra3 39.Kf4 Rc3 40.g4 Rc4 41.gh6 gh6 42.Rh2 d3 43.Ke3 dc2 44.Rh6 Kf7 45.Rh7 Kg6 46.Rh1 c1(Q) 47.Rc1 Rc1 48.Kf4 Rc4 49.Kg3 Re4 50.Nh4 Kf7 0:1

Benko Gambit A57

Steve Dampier 1895

John Bell 2040

S. A. New Year Open (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5 a6 5.e3 g6 (5...Bb7!) 6.Nc3 d6 7.Qb3 Nbd7 8.Bd2?! (8.a4+=) 8...Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Be2?! ab5 11.Bb5 Ba6 12.Ba6 Ra6 13.0-0 Qa8 14.e4 Rb8 15.Qc2 c4 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.Ndb5 Qb7 18.a4 Nd3 19.b3? Ne4 20.Ne4 Ba1 21.Ra1 Qb5 22.bc4 Ra4 23.Rf1 Qc4 24.Nc3 Ra3 25.g3 Rb2 26.Qd1 Rc3 27.Bc3 Qc3 28.Qa1 Qd4 29.Qd1 Rf2 30.Rf2 Qf2 31.Kh1 Ne1 0:1

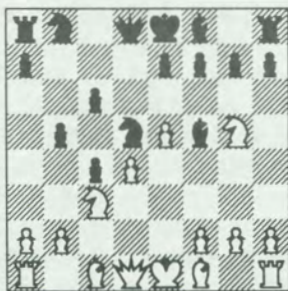
QGD Slav D15

Mickey Pachta 1529

Frank LaCava 1959

S. A. New Year Open (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.Ng5 (or 7.a4 e6 8.Ng5! h6 9.Nge4 b4 10.Nb1 Ba6 11.Nbd2 ∞) 7...Bf5

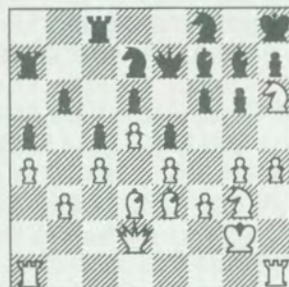


(7...h6 8.Nge4 Bf5 =) 8.Nf7! Kf7 9.Qf3 Ke6 10.g4 Bg6 11.Bh3 Kd7 12.Nd5 e6 13.g5 Na6 14.Nf4 Bb4 15.Kd1 Nc7 16.Ng6 hg6 17.Bg2 DRAW (17...Nd5 18.Qf7 ∞)

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Anderson-Castleberry (Rd.1)

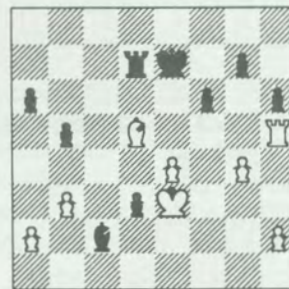
White to move:



1.Nhf5! gf5 2.Nf5 +- and 1:0
If 2...Qd8 3.Bh6 wins material.

Helton-Wren (Rd. 5)

Black to move:



1...d2! 2.Kd2 Be4 0:1



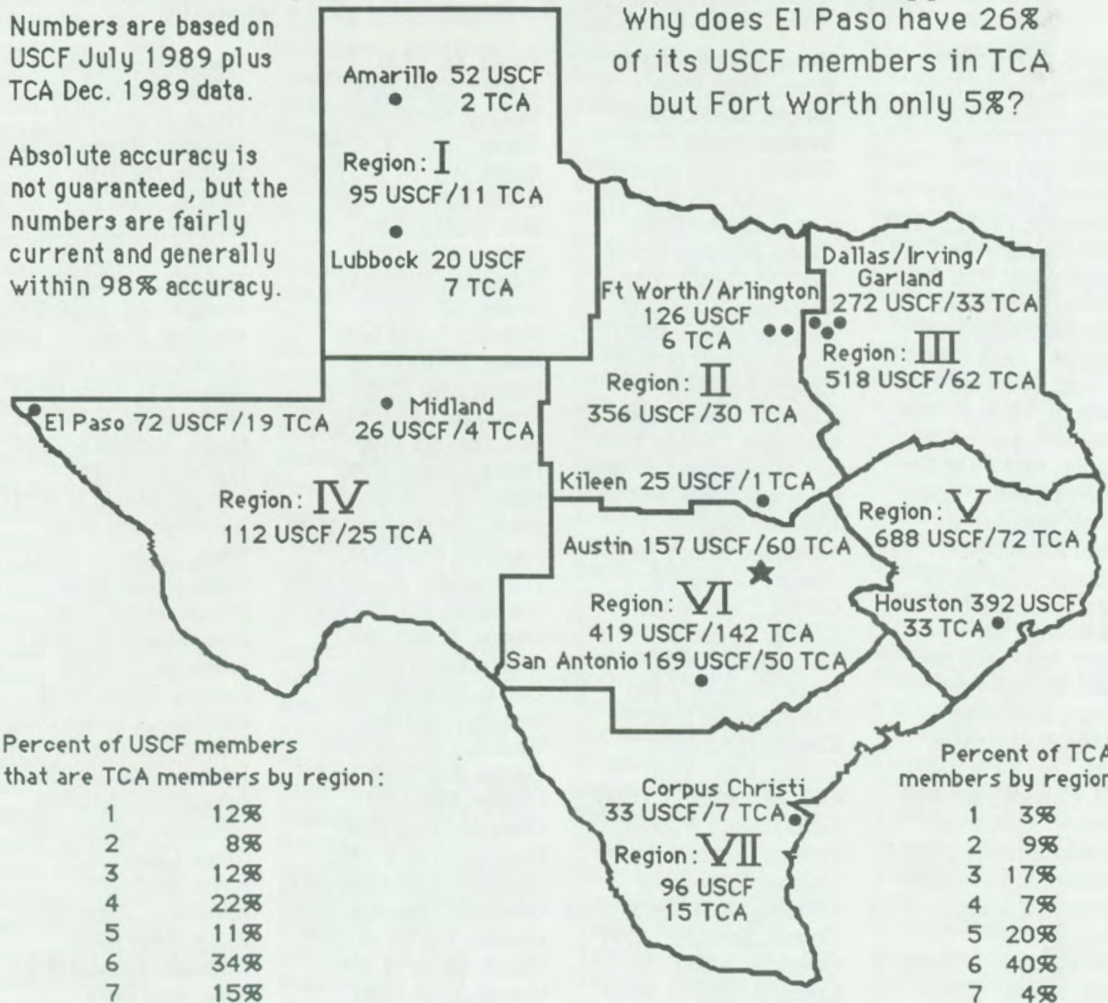
TCA Regional Map

Numbers are based on USCF July 1989 plus TCA Dec. 1989 data.

Absolute accuracy is not guaranteed, but the numbers are fairly current and generally within 98% accuracy.

Where does TCA support lie?

Why does El Paso have 26% of its USCF members in TCA but Fort Worth only 5%?



Some other cities: (First number USCF members, second number TCA members, third % TCA/USCF)

Baytown: 8/1/13%
 College Station: 16/4/25%
 Grand Prairie: 10/3/30%
 Nacodoches: 6/1/17%
 Temple: 12/0/0%
 Victoria: 10/1/10%

Beaumont: 30/6/20%
 Denton: 15/3/20%
 Laredo: 30/0/0%
 Odessa: 5/0/0%
 Tyler: 15/0/0%
 Waco: 10/1/10%

Bryan: 11/4/36%
 Galveston: 7/0/0%
 McAllen: 15/3/20%
 San Angelo: 10/0/0%
 Texarkana: 16/0/0%
 Wichita Falls: 20/3/15%

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For TCA Patron Members see Hall of Honor, page 2.

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Kasparov Kin Bolt Baku

According to the *New York Times* (January 20), world chess champion Garry Kasparov says he was able to rescue most of his relatives from violence-torn Azerbaijan aboard a chartered plane. "My departure was the stuff movies are made of," Kasparov told *El Pais*, a

Spanish newspaper, in a telephone interview after traveling to Moscow from his hometown, Baku. "Some friends managed to send a chartered plane to Baku and I spirited away 60 people, including most of my relatives. I saved their lives by miracle [sic]."

B player ties masters in Galveston

Larry Young and Selby Anderson

Warm gulf weather greeted the thirty-six players who gathered to compete for a \$1000 prize fund at the First Galveston Classic, held January 13-14. The setting at the Ramada Inn was just across the street from the seawall, wind and surf. (Don't let the picture fool you, though - that's a mural behind the players!)

Donald Coburn of Bryan, rated a low 'B' player at 1656, came in through the back door to tie with masters Selby Anderson and Steve Harrington. Each scored 4-1 and won \$134. Although Coburn did not have to play a master, his lowest ranked opponent was rated 1854.

As the two top ranked players (Anderson and Harrington) quickly headed for a friendly last round draw, Coburn on board two demolished Cliff Bunch, rated over 300 points higher.

Bunch had drawn Anderson in a pawn down ending with bad Bishop vs. Knight in round two.

David Pham, who had drawn Harrington in round three, won 4th overall (\$100) with 3.5-1.5, and James Bunch won first Class A (\$100) with 3-2. In Class B Mike Tripp (3.5 points) won \$100. Enrique Garcia and Warren Johnson (2.5 points) shared second with \$50 each.

In the reserve section, Eric Wilkins won the Class C prize with 4-1 (\$100), and Christopher Baldwin won the D/E prize with 3.5 (\$100).

Larry Young organized this event and directed with the help of Forrest Marler. Special thanks go to Mike Tripp, manager of the Ramada Inn, for providing the playing site free of charge.



TK editor Anderson and Steve Harrington shake hands before round five.

QGD D30

David Pham 1997

John Zill (Unr.)

1st Galveston Classic (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 b6?! (Be7 and 0-0 first would make this playable.) 5.cd5 ed5 6.Ne5! Bb7 7.Bb5 c6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.f4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd2 c5 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.Qh3 Rad8 14.Ndf3 h6 15.g4 Ne4 16.g5 Qd6 17.Kh1 Bc8 18.Qg2 h5



19.Nh4 Ne5 20.de5 Qc6 21.Be4 de4 22.f5 Rfe8 23.f6 Bf8 24.g6 Re5 25.gf7 Kh8 26.Ng6 Kh7 27.Nf8 Rf8 28.Qg7# 1:0

French Tarrasch C05

David Pham 1997

Steve Harrington 2263

1st Galveston Classic (3)

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Be7 8.g3 Qb6 9.Nf3 f6 10.Bh3 Nf8 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Kh1 0-0-0 13.Qc2 h5 14.Be3 h4 15.g4 Kb8 16.a3 c4 17.Rfb1 Na5 18.Nc1 Nb3 19.Nb3 Ba4 20.Rg1 (20.Nfd2! breaks the blockade or nets the two Bishops (the f4-f5 break is on), with a weak Black pawn at b3.) 20...Bb3 21.Qf2 Ba4 22.Raf1 g6 23.g5 f5 and DRAW in 22.

Anderson-Sever, Rd. 3



34.Nd6 Bd6 35.cd6 Nd5 36.Kd3 Kf6 (36...Nd8 37.Bb6 Nb7 38.d7 Ke7 39.d8(Q) Nd8 40.Bd8 Kd8 41.Ke4 +-) 37.h5 (or 37.d7 +- as in the last note) Nf8 38.Bh4 Ke6 39.Be7 Nd7 40.Ke4 a5 41.g5 a4 42.Ba2 hg5 43.h6 Kf7 44.Bg5 Kg6 45.Bd5 cd5 46.Kd5 Kg5 47.h7 Nf6 48.Ke5 Nh7 49.d7 1:0

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Selby Anderson 2356

David Pham 1997

1st Galveston Classic (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bf6 Nf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Bg5 (Nc5!) 14.Kb1 Nc5?! (0-0)



15.fe6?! (15.Bb5! ab5 16.Ndb5 Qe7 17.Nd6 Kf8 18.Rhg1 Bh6 19.e5 ± ECO) Ne6 16.Bb5 ab5

17.Ndb5 Qe7 18.Nd6 Kf8 19.e5 Bb8 20.Rhf1 f6 21.ef6 Bf6 22.Nc8 Rc8 23.Nd5 23.Qb7?? (23...Qf7 24.Qa3 Nc5 25.Nf6 gf6 26.Rf5 Qe7 27.Rdf1 Ne4 28.Rf6 Nf6 29.Rf6 Ke8 30.Qa4 = ; 24.Nf6!?! gf6 25.Qf6 ∞) 24.Nf6 Qf3 25.Nd7 Ke7 26.Rf3 Rc7 27.Nb6 1:0

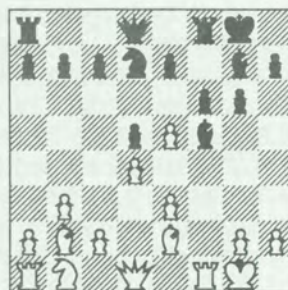
Bird's A03

Donald Coburn 1656

Cliff Bunch 1971

1st Galveston Classic (5)

1.f4 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0-0 0-0 8.Ne5 Ne5 9.fe5 Nd7 10.d4 f6



11.Rf5! gf5 12.e6 Nb8 13.Bd3 Bh6 14.Bf5 Be3 15.Kh1 Qe8 16.Qg4 Bg5 17.h4 h6 18.hg5 fg5 19.Nc3 c6 20.Bc1 Kh8 21.Qh3 Rf6 22.Bg5 Rf5 23.Qf5 Qh5 24.Kg1 Qg5 25.Qf8 Kh7 26.Rf1 Qe3 27.Kh1 Qe6 28.Rf7 Kg6 29.Rg7 Kh5 30.Qf3 Kh4 31.g3 1:0



Have you played a good game lately?

Send it in to *Texas Knights!*

Collin Wins B Prize in Texas Class Event

(The editor works with what he receives, folks!)

William D. Collin of Greenville won the Class B title at the Texas Class Championships, held in Dallas November 24-26. He has been

the only person so far to send any material, but we have been assured that the organizers will send more games and results for the next issue.

Bird's A02

Steve Alden 2025

James Petty 1939

Tx. Class Chp. (3)

1.f4 e5 2.fe5 d6 3.ed6 Bd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 c5!? (5...g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Ng2 Nc6 9.c3 h5 is the standard treatment of From's Gambit.) 6.d4 g4 7.dc5 Qa5 8.Qd2 Qc5 9.Nh4 Be7 10.Ng2 Nf6 11.Qc3 Nc6 12.Qc5 Bc5 13.Be3 Be7 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.Nf4 Bf5 17.Nfd5 Nd5 18.Rd5 Bg6 19.Bg2 Rac8 20.a3 Rfe8 21.Bd2 Bf6 22.Re1 Nd4? (22...Re7 guards the seventh and presures the e-pawn, with compensation for the gambited pawn.) 23.e4 b6?? (23...Nf3 is a better try, but Black remains a pawn down.) 24.e5 Nc2 25.Re4 Na1 26.ef6 Be4 27.Be4 Nb3 28.Kd1 Nd2 29.Kd2 Re6 30.Bf5 1:0

French Defense C17

David Holcomb 1786

William Collin 1717

Tx. Class Chp. (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Bd2 c5 6.a3 (Also playable is 6.Nb5 Bd2 7.Qd2 0-0 8.Nf3 cd4 9.Bd3 Nbc6 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Nbd4 Nd4 12.Nd4 Nc6 13.Qe3 f6 = Dubinin - Bondarevsky, USSR 1949) Bc3 7.Bc3 cd4 (b6 8.b4 Qc7 9.Nf3 cb4 10.Bb4 Ba6 11.Bd3 Bd3 12.Qd3 Nbc6 13.Bd6 Qd7 = Sanguinetti-Fuchs, Munich Olympiad 1958) 8.Bd4 (8.Qd4 Nf5 9.Qf4 g5

10.Qg4 h5 11.Qd1 Nc6 12.Bd3 d4 13.Bd2 Qd5 14.Qe2 ± Selivanovsky-Smol'sky, USSR 1964 Δ 14...Qe5 15.Qe5 Ne5 16.Bf5 ef5 17.Bg5; 14...Qg2 15.Be4 Qg4 16.Nf3 Nh4 17.0-0-0 ± with the attack - Ivkov) Nbc6 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Bd3 (White should play for equality with 10.c3. Now he slides downhill.) Nd4 11.Nd4 Qb6 12.Nb3 Bb5 13.Bb5 Qb5 14.a4 Qb4 15.Kf1 0-0 16.Qd4 Qd4 17.Nd4 Ng6 18.Nf3 Rac8 19.c3 Rc4 20.Nd2 Rc5 21.Nf3 Rfc8 22.h4 d4 23.Nd4 Ne5 24.Rh3 h6 25.Nb5 a6 26.b4 Rd5 27.Nd4 Nc4 28.Nb3 Nd2 29.Nd2 Rd2 30.Re3 Rc2 31.Ra3 Rd8 32.Re2 Rd1 33.Re1 Rdd2 34.b5 Rf2 35.Kg1 Rg2 36.Kh1 ab5 37.ab5 Rh2 38.Kg1 Rh4 39.Rea1 Rc4 40.Ra7 R4c3 41.Rb7 Rc1 42.Rc1 Rc1 43.Kf2 g5 44.b6 Rb1 45.Rb8 Kg7 46.b7 h5 47.Kg3 Rb3 48.Kg2 g4 49.Kh2 h4 50.Kg2 Rb2 51.Kh1 g3 52.Kg1 h3 0:1

K's Indian Attack A04

William Collin 1743

Logan Boyd 1784

Tx. Class Chp. (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nf6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e6 (5...g6) 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 Qc7 8.Nbd2 a6 9.a4 Nd7?! (Too slow. 9...Rb8 intending 10...b5 starts Black's counterplay.) 10.Nc4 Ra7 11.Bg5 (11.a5!?) b5? (Probably an oversight. 11...b6! takes care of a4-a5. 11...0-0 and 11...Nde5 are also better than

the text move.) 12.ab5 ab5 13.Be7 Ke7 (13...Ne7? 14.Nd6 Kf8 15.Nb5 Ra1 16.Qa1 Qb6 17.Qa4 ±) 14.Ne3 Nb6? (Black misses his last chance for a normal game with 14...Re8 intending Kf8-g8 and Nf8 with defensive chances.) 15.e5? (15.Ra7 Qa7 16.d4! c4 (or Rd8) 17.d5 puts Black's King on the hot seat.) 15...d5 16.Ra7 Qa7 17.Qa1? Qc7? (Black should be happy to trade Queens, given his superior pawn structure and King position for an endgame. 17...Qa1 18.Ra1 Bb7 and White cannot use the a-file to his advantage.) 18.c3 Bd7 19.d4 Ra8 20.Qb1 cd4 21.cd4 h6 22.Qh7 Ra2 23.Qg7 Be8 24.Qh6 Rb2 25.h4 Kd7 26.Rc1 Nc4 27.Bh3 Ne3 28.Qe3 b4 29.h5 Qb6 30.h6 Ne7 31.Qd3 f5 32.h7 Ng6 33.Qe3 Qd8 34.Qh6 Bf7 35.Ng5 Nh8 36.Qg7 Qe8 37.Bf1 Kd8 38.Bb5 Qb5 39.Qh8 Be8 40.Qf6 1:0

Drake-Collin in Rd. 5 ended with this nice two-mover:



28...Rh2! 29.Nh2 (29.Kh2 Qf2) Qg1 mate 0:1

Escape in Huntsville

Charles Crane took clear first at the Huntsville Pre-Thanksgiving Open with 2.5-.5, drawing NM Steve Harrington in the last round (see below). Unrated Chris Bowers won the Under 1600 section with 3 points. Larry Young directed the event held November 19, which drew fourteen players.

As this game shows, Crane narrowly escaped a loss to Harrington's scathing attack:

French C02

Steve Harrington 2258
Charles Crane 2038

Pre-Thanksgiving Open

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 cd4?!
4.cd4 d5 5.e5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bb4
7.Nc3 Nge7 8.Bd3 Qb6 9.0-0
Bd7 10.a3 Bc3 11.bc3 Na5
12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Bc6 14.Qe2
h6 15.Bh4 0-0 16.Be7 Qe7
17.Nd2 b6 18.f4 Bd7 19.Bc2
Rac8 20.Qd3 f5 21.ef6 Qf6
22.Qh7 Kf7 23.f5 Qg5 24.fe6 Ke6
25.Rbe1 Kd6 26.Nf3 Qg4 27.Ne5
Rf1 28.Rf1 Qe2 29.Nd7 Rc3
30.Ne5? (30.Qg7 Rc2 31.Rf6
Kc7 32.Nc5 + -. Time pressure
was a factor because of the
30/1, SD/30 format.) 30...Qe3
31.Kh1 Qd4 32.Qg6 Kc5 33.Nd7
Kc4 34.Qd6 Kb5 35.a4 Ka6
36.Nb8 Kb7 37.Rf7 Ka8 38.Qf8
Rc8! 39.Qa3 Rc2 40.h3 Rc8
41.Na6 Qc4 42.Qd6 Qa6 43.Qd5
Nb7 44.Qf3 Rb8 45.Rg7 Qa4
46.Kh2 Qd4 47.Rf7 a5 48.Qf1
Ka7 49.Qf3 Ka6 50.Qf1 Ka7
51.Qf3 Ka6 52.Qf1 Ka7 DRAW
(threefold repetition)

Texas A&M Open

(continued from last issue)

Alan Lavery sent this material to me in October, but it got buried in the pile of flotsam that adorns the editor's desk. I found it after the last issue had gone to press.

Profuse apologies to Alan Lavery and Dusan Djuric.

Gruenfeld A16

Miles Ardaman 2502

Alan Lavery 2129

Texas A&M Open (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5
4.cd5 Nd5 5.h4!? Bg7 (h6) 6.h5
Nc3 7.bc3 c5 8.Qa4 Nc6 9.Rb1
Qa5 10.Qc2 b6 11.e3 Ba6
12.Qe4 Rc8 13.Bc4 Nd4 14.Ba6
Nf3 15.gf3 Qa6 16.a4 0-0 17.hg6
hg6 18.Qe7 Qa4 19.Qh4 Qh4
20.Rh4 Rfd8 21.Ra4 Rd7 22.c4
Rcd8 23.Ke2 Be5 24.f4 Bg7
25.Rb3 Re7 26.Ra2 Rdd7 27.d3
f5 28.Bb2 Bb2 29.Rbb2 Rh7
30.Rb1 Kf7 31.Kd2 Rh2 32.Kc3
Ke8 33.Rg1 Kf7 34.Rga1 Ke8
35.Ra7 Rf2 36.Rd7 Kd7 37.Ra7
Kd6 38.Rb7 Kc6 39.Rf7 Rg2
40.Rf6 Kc7 41.d4 cd4 42.ed4
Rg4 43.Kb4 Rf4 44.d5 g5 45.Rc6
Kd7 46.Rb6 g4 47.Rg6 Rd4
48.Kc5 Re4 49.Rg5 Re5 50.Kb6
Kd6 51.Rg6 Kd7 52.c5 1:0
(52...Rd5 53.c6 Ke8 54.c7 Kd7
55.Rg7)

Sicilian B37

Alan Lavery 2129

Brian Oarr 1881

Texas A&M Open (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cd4
4.Nd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.e4 d6
7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nc2 Be6

10.Bg5 Qc8 11.Qd2 Re8
12.Rac1 a6 13.Ne3 b5? 14.cb5
ab5 15.Bb5 Qb7 16.a4 Rec8
17.Bf6 Bf6 18.Ncd5 Na5 19.Rc8
Bc8 20.Nf6 ef6 21.Nd5 f5 22.Rc1
Be6 23.Rc7 Qb8 24.Nf6 Kg7
25.Ne8 1:0

Vienna Game C29

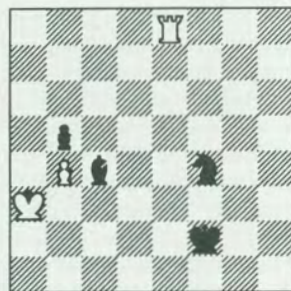
Steve Harrington 2222

Alan Lavery 2129

Texas A&M Open (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.fe5
Ne4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Qe2 Bf5 7.Qb5
Nc3 8.Qb7 Ne5 9.bc3 Nf3 10.gf3
Bd6 11.Bb5 Kf8 12.Kd1 Be6
13.Bc6 Rb8 14.Qa7 Qf6 15.Rf1
Ke7 16.Ba3 Rhc8 17.Bb7 Rd8
18.Bd6 Kd6 19.d4 Kd7 20.Qa4
(20.Ba6) Ke7 21.Qb4? Rd6
22.a4 (22.Qb5 Kd8! 23.Qa5 Rb6
24.Bd5 Rb5) Bc8 23.Qb5
(23.Re1 Kf8 24.Bc6 Qf3 25.Kd2
Qf4) Rb7 24.Re1 Re6 25.Qc5
Ke8 26.Qd5 Re1 27.Ke1 Qe6
and 0:1

The following position arose in Smollen-Ardaman, Rd. 1 (Black to move):



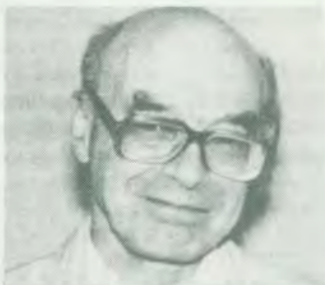
Ardaman finally won, but Smollen later claimed he should have drawn.

- A.L.

David Bronstein

the search for beauty in chess

by Jerry Frazee



Many novice chess players select a role model when they begin the serious study of chess. Among my friends the names of Tal, Capablanca, Fischer and Petrosian have been called on for inspiration and identification. In my effort to be a competitive club player, my unasked hero was Soviet grandmaster David Bronstein. Let me share with you a brief chess biography of this marvelous free spirit of modern chess. You will see that I select good company.

Bronstein is generally considered one of the most creative players of the postwar era. A complex person, he reads Shakespeare in English and is an expert on Russian literature. I do not know who owns the record for the most chess brilliancies, but Bronstein must rank very high. He certainly vies with Smyslov and Keres for the most entries in Horowitz's *Chess Openings*.

David Ionovich Bronstein was born February 19, 1924 near Kiev in the Ukraine. He took up serious chess at age ten, and by age 13 he was accepted into the exclusive and well organized Young Pioneers chess club. His mentor was the highly regarded A. M. Konstantinopolsky, who later became his second.

At age 14 Bronstein was the schoolboy champion of Kiev, and at 16 he placed second in the important Ukrainian championship. He was widely viewed as a promising international player when he reached the finals of the Moscow championship at age 20. Two years later he won that event, and predictions emerged that he would be a world title challenger.

His creativity and tactical flair began to attract the Soviet club players accustomed to the cool technical skill of Botvinnik and Smyslov. At the same time, celebrity was showing its drawbacks: At the 1946 Interzonal in Saltsjobaden, Sweden, Bronstein was attacked for no apparent reason by a raving madman before his decisive last round game. Unscathed, he went on to defeat his board opponent (Tartakover) and claim first prize.

He was a leading scorer in various Soviet team matches against American and European teams. Nevertheless, he was admonished by his elders to avoid his "romantic" openings such as the King's Gambit. He seldom accommodated the establishment in these matters, much to the admiration of his fans. At the Prague-

Moscow match in 1946 he renewed interest in the King's Indian defense by introducing a more flexible pawn structure (see Lubomir Kavalek's article in *Chess Life & Review*, Dec. 1973).

In the Budapest Candidates' tournament in 1950 he defeated Paul Keres in a dramatic "do or die" last round game, gaining him a tie for first with Isaac Boleslavsky. He won the tough playoff match, thus earning him the right to challenge the title of reigning World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik.

At age 26 Bronstein was being hailed as a chess genius, one of the great tacticians of this century. His search for beauty in chess was beginning to generate legends. In a game with Boleslavsky he stared intently at the board for 55 precious minutes before making his first move and proceeding to victory. Gligoric reports that the modest, reserved and always courteous Bronstein had a thirst for the unattainable.

The anecdotes surrounding his games, particularly the middlegame where he found the most artistic challenge, are innumerable. One of his games with Spassky appears as a dramatic backdrop in the James Bond movie *From Russia with Love*. Always an enigma, he excelled at speed chess, but was usually in time trouble in regular tournament play, probing for a beautiful combination or sacrificial attack. His life had become a consuming search for the chess graal, and Botvinnik had cause for concern.

For a while it appeared that the Botvinnik-Bronstein championship match would never get underway. Harold Schonberg reports that the Soviet chess world was aghast at the delays and demands by Botvinnik. His most amusing demand was that sealed moves be written down twice, sealed in separate envelopes and given to different referees to avoid cheating. Bronstein, who

enjoys a good argument, asked what would be the ruling if the two sealed moves proved to be different? The double sealed rule was adopted.

At all events, Bronstein implied that winning the title would be secondary to playing creative and interesting chess. This was consistent with his philosophy, but it was unprecedented in a championship match. Botvinnik is legendary for his disciplined lifestyle and his prematch study of his opponents' previous openings. Bronstein used a psychological twist: Use your opponent's favorite defense! In this case that meant the Stonewall Dutch.

The 1951 match proved to be the most interesting and hard-fought since the Alekine-Capablanca series. It ended in a 12-12 tie, hence Botvinnik retained his title. The Champion was, as expected, stronger in endgame play. Some analysts criticized Bronstein for being too speculative. Perhaps, but was Bronstein to be someone other than Bronstein? Would that all world title games were as interesting as these. In game 22, probably the most interesting, Bronstein probed first one side of the board and then the other until a weakness appeared in Botvinnik's Dutch defense.

Dutch Stonewall A91

David Bronstein
Mikhail Botvinnik

1951 World Championship Match (22)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.e3 d5 (Later in the match Bronstein showed how to equalize against White's system: 6...d6! 7.Nge2 c6 8.0-0 e5 9.d5 Qe8 10.e4 Qh5 11.ef5 Bf5 12.f3 Qg6 13.Be3 Nbd7 14.Qd2 cd5 =) 7.Nge2 c6 8.b3 Ne4 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Bb2 Ndf6 11.Qd3 g5!? (11...Bd7 12.f3 Nc3 13.Bc3 Be8 14.Qd2 a5 15.Nf4 Bf7 16.Nd3 += Petrosian) 12.cd5 ed5 (12...Nd5!? - Petrosian) 13.f3 Nc3 14.Bc3 g4 15.fg4 Ng4 16.Bh3! Nh6 17.Nf4 Bd6 18.b4 a6 19.a4 Qe7 20.Rab1 b5?! 21.Bg2 Ng4 22.Bd2 Nf6 23.Rb2 Bd7 24.Ra1 Ne4 25.Be1 Rfe8 26.Qb3 Kh8 27.Rba2 Qf8 28.Nd3 Rab8? 29.ab5 ab5 30.Ra7 Re7 31.Ne5 Be8?! 32.g4! fg4 33.Be4 de4 34.Bh4 Re5 35.de5 Be5 36.Rf1 Qg8 37.Bg3! Bg7 38.Qg8 1:0 (SKA)

Among the new ideas added to chess was the Bronstein variation of the Nimzo-Indian defense: 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Ne2 Ba6, with pressure on c4. Smyslov later adopted this line in his successful title match with Botvinnik in 1957.

Bronstein's next opportunity for a title challenge fell short at the Zurich Candidates' tournament in 1953. He tied for second behind Smyslov in an unusually strong field. Bronstein was asked to provide the analysis for the games, resulting in one of the classics of chess literature: *The Chess Struggle in Practice*, translated by Oscar Friedman, McKay 1978 [also available in a 1979 translation by Jim Marfia from Dover books. - Ed.] One can infer from the introduction that Bronstein particularly admires his predecessors Lasker and Morphy, and his contemporaries Tal, Keres and Spassky. This is not to say that he enjoyed Tal's "hijinks" in the playing room (for example, wearing funny glasses or slapping his pieces at the board).

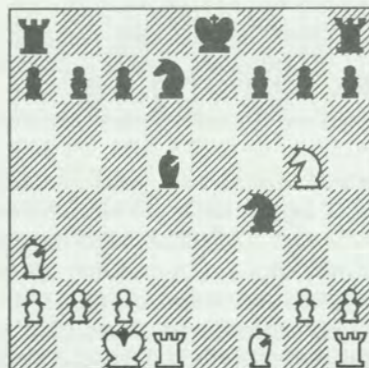
In his search for beauty in chess, Bronstein often left his onlookers amazed and sometimes appalled. In one famous example (Riga, 1968), against the attacking genius of Tal, the game was rocking along more or less evenly. The opening provided interest in itself, but Bronstein decided that a speculative exchange sacrifice was needed to spice things up. The analysis room burst into a questioning flurry. "How," Bronstein later explained, "could I miss the opportunity to make such a sacrifice against Mikhail Tal?"

Falkbeer Countergambit C31

David Bronstein
Mikhail Tal

Riga, 1968

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.ed5 e4 4.d3 Nf6 5.de4 Ne4 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.Qe2 Bf5 8.Nc3 Qe7 9.Be3 Nc3 10.Bc5 Ne2 11.Be7 Nf4 12.Ba3 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Be4 14.Ng5 Bd5



15.g3 Bh1 16.gf4 c5 17.Bc4 Bc6 18.Nf7 b5 19.Nd6 Ke7 20.Nb5 Rh8 21.Nd4 Bg2 22.Ne6 Rf5 23.Rg1

Be4 24.Nc7 Rd8 25.Rg7 Kf6 26.Rf7 Kg6 27.Re7 Nf6
 28.Ne6 Rc8 29.b3 Rh5 30.Ng5 Bd5 31.Bd3 Kh6
 32.Bb2 c4 33.Bf5 c3 34.Bc8 cb2 35.Kb2 Rh2
 36.Ra7 Rf2 37.Ra4 Kg6 38.Rd4 h5 39.a4 h4 40.a5
 Bg2 41.a6 Nh5 42.Bb7 Nf4 43.Rf4 1:0

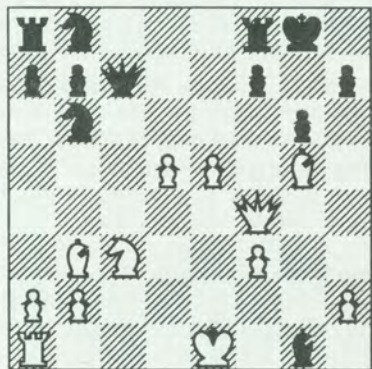
For twenty more years Bronstein continued to produce brilliant chess. He won such important tournaments as Berlin (1957), Sarajevo (1971), Hastings (1975) and Budapest (1977). His game with Ljubojevic from the 1973 Interzonal is another fine example of his excellent middlegame play. In this case Bronstein sacrifices not just an exchange, but everything at hand!

Alekhine's Defense B03

David Bronstein
 Ljubomir Ljubojevic

Petropolis Interzonal, 1973

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.f4 de5 6.fe5
 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nc3 ed5 9.cd5 c4 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.Qd4
 Bf3 12.gf3 Bb4 13.Bc4 0-0 14.Rg1 g6 15.Bg5 Qc7
 16.Bb3 Bc5 17.Qf4 Bg1



18.d6! Qc8 (Later Black tried 18...Qc5, but White stood better after 19.Ne4 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qb2 21.Nf6! Kh8 22.Rd2! Moura-Rinaldi, corr. 1983) 19.Ke2! (Both players later agreed that this move is too adventurous, and that 19.0-0-0! ensures the advantage. Keres gives 19.0-0-0 Qc5! 20.e6 N8d7 (Or 20...Be3 21.Qe3 Qe3 22.Be3 fe6 and the ending favors White) 21.ef7! Kg7 22.Kb1! and although Black is a Rook ahead, he seems helpless against the threat of

23.Ne4.) 19...Bc5? (The losing move. Black is better after 19...Qc5! 20.e6 N8d7! 21.ef7 Kg7 - Keres) 20.Ne4 N8d7 21.Rc1! ("This quiet move now decides, as Black has no defense against the following sacrifice. A really curious position!" - Keres) 21...Qc6 22.Rc5 Nc5 23.Nf6 Kh8 24.Qh4 Qb5 25.Ke3 h5 26.Nh5 Qb3 (If 26...Qd3 27.Kf2 gh5 Bf6 mating; or 26...Nd5 27.Bd5 Qd3 28.Kf2 Qc2 29.Kg3) 27.ab3 Nd5 28.Kd4 Ne6 29.Kd5 Ng5 30.Nf6 Kg7 31.Qg5 Rfd8 32.e6 fe6 33.Ke6 Rf8 34.d7 a5 35.Ng4 Ra6 36.Ke5 Rf5 37.Qf5 gf5 38.d8(Q) fg4 39.Qd7 Kh6 40.Qb7 Rg6 41.f4 1:0

Paul Keres, one of Caissia's most fertile minds, paid Bronstein high tribute: "If I were asked to name that modern grandmaster who develops the most ideas, I would not mention Fischer, Spassky, Larsen, Petrosian, but . . . Bronstein!" (*Chess Life & Review*, Dec. 1973). He added that these ideas were not only on the chessboard, but included the thirty minute sudden death time control and recording the time used for each move.

Bronstein believes that excessive emphasis on mere calculation and technique deprives chess of its poetry. The poetry, it must be pointed out, comes after the preparation and study, when with the clock ticking, one must say "Let's try this and see what happens . . ."

He feels that below the international level more creativity would result if the time limit were cut in half. With modern timers his suggestion that the time of each move be recorded to better reflect the course of the game seems worthy of consideration. He also advocates a seniors' world title tournament for those over fifty.

Bronstein's second book, *200 Open Games*, is a feast aimed at a wider audience than most, with lively comments and no tedious variations. Strangely, it is out of print in the United States. Recently Bronstein co-authored *Chess in the Eighties* (Pergamon, 1982), and he annotated the Kasparov-Karpov IV match in Seville, 1987 (*The World Chess Challenge*).

Commentators say that Bronstein did not husband his creative fire, and was not a serious competitor after 1961. Nevertheless, he is still active in tournaments and remains the unrepentant romantic, unequalled as the seeker of beauty in chess.



Tournament Calendar

Texas Tournament Clearinghouse: David Meier, (915) 751-9617

Feb. 10-11: Texas Team Championship. 4-SS, 40/2, 20/1, Wyndham Hotel, S. IH-35 & Ben White Blvd. (Hwy. 71), Austin. Open to 4-player teams with optional alternate, only lowest rated player is alt. Total team rating 8400/below for top 4. EF: \$100 per team if rec'd by 2/6, \$130 at site. \$\$ (550 b/12 teams): 300-100; trophy to top 3 teams, plaque to top each board, plaque to each on top 2 teams, \$150 & trophy to top team U1800 avg. TCA mem. req. \$8, jr. \$5. Reg. 10-10:45 a.m. Rds. 11-5, 9-3. HR: \$55 up to 4/room. (512) 448-2222. Ent: A.C.E., 7210 Teaberry Dr., Austin, TX 78745. Wm. Tompkins, (512) 443-1160 (home), 465-3052 (work).

March 24-25: San Jacinto Open. 4-SS, 45/2 25/1. 301 Rudder Tower, Texas A&M Univ. College Station. EF: \$25. \$\$G 500: 200-100-60, classes with about 10 players 60, upset 20. Reg. 12:15-12:45 p.m. Rds. 1-6, 10-2. TCA mem. req. \$8. Ent: Dr. Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt St., College Station, TX 77840. (409) 696-5504 (home), 845-5522 (work). NS. W.

April 7-8: Texas Senior Championship. Age 50+: 5-SS, 45/2, 25/1, Delux Inn, 6023 IH-10-W (Vance Jackson exit), San Antonio. \$\$(% of EF): 40-20-10; trophy 1st Texan. EF: \$10 if by 4/5, \$15 at site. TCA mem. req. \$8. Reg. 8-8:45 a.m., Rds. 9-2-7, 9-2. 1/2 pt. bye any one rd., notice before Rd.1. HR: \$28/S, \$30/D, \$32/4, (512) 732-5141. Ent: SACC, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023. (512) 695-2324. NS. NC. W.

April 21-22: Texas Armed Forces Championship. 5-SS, 45/2, 25/1. Chaparral Recreation Center, Bldg. #7246, Carswell St., Lackland AFB (San Antonio). (512) 671-2028. \$\$/entries, first place trophies for active duty and retired. EF: \$10 if rec'd by 4/19, \$15 at site. TCA membership required, \$8. Reg. 8:15-9:15 a.m., Rds. 9:30-2:30-7, 9-2:30. 1/2 pt. bye any one round, notice before Rd. 1. Ent: SACC, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023. (512) 695-2324. LS. NC.

Tourneys requiring TCA membership or junior events are listed free. Others cost \$1 per line.

Houston (continued from page 5)

51.Kh2 Qe8 52.Bb6+-) 50...Rh8 51.d8(Q) Rd8 52.Bd8 Qd8 53.Qe3 Qd1 54.Ba4 Qc2 55.Kf3! Qc4 56.Qb6 Ke7 57.Qb7 Kf6 58.Qb6 Ke7 59.Qb3 Qf1 60.Ke3 Qh3 61.Qb4 Ke6 62.Qb6 Ke7 63.Qc7 Kf6 64.Qd6 Kg5 65.Be8 Qh6 66.Qf4! (66.Qh6?? gh6 Δ h5-h4 =) Kf6 67.Qh6 gh6 68.Kf4 1:0

USCF Reduced-K Ratings

As of January 1, 1990, USCF organizers have the option to have their events rated at 1/4 K. This means that rating gains or losses are one fourth what they would ordinarily be. A result that ordinarily gives a twelve point gain would only net three points. The idea is to encourage players to try certain events or time controls (like G/30) that they otherwise would avoid from fears that their ratings would suffer.

Organizers must announce the 1/4-K option in tournament life announcements for *Chess Life*. Tournaments not listed in *Chess Life* can use 1/4-K as long as players are notified in advance. Rating reports

for events to be rated under this system must be prominently marked "1/4-K". If the rating report is not marked, the event will be rated full K.

Individual players will not have a 1/4-K option. All games in each section will be rated in the same system. USCF will then rate sections in different systems provided the rating report clearly explains what is intended, but there may be two crosstables if some sections are rated differently from others.

Solution to back cover problem:

1.Qh6+! Kh6 (1...Kh8 2.Qh7+! and mate in 2)
2.hg6+ Kg5 3.Rh5+! Kh5 4.f4+ Be2 (4...Kh4
5.Nf5 mate) 5.Nf6+ Kh6 6.Rh1+ Kg7 7.Ne8+!! Re8
8.Rh7+ K-any 9.Rf7 mate!

Brian Oarr, who brought this combination to our attention (it appears in *New In Chess* #7, 1989) thought it was from an actual game. That may well be the case, but you won't find Anatoly Sergievsky on the FIDE rating list!

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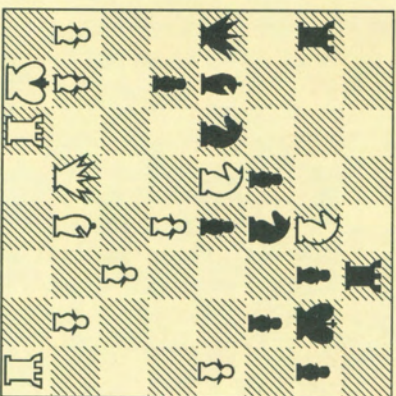
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