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Editorial

In the last issue, the *TCA Demographic Map* graphically illustrated where TCA support lies, and left the reader to draw his own conclusions. The first apparent one (it seems to me) is that in the cities and regions where TCA tournaments are held (and TCA membership is required and collected) TCA has a larger percentage of members than in the cities and regions where TCA tournaments are not held. Surprise? One could conclude that the primary reason for players joining TCA is one of necessity - to play, you must pay (TCA dues.)

Is this the only conclusion to draw from the map? I hope not. There seems to be a loyal membership that (among other things) likes reports of the latest games from players that they know, wants to see their own good games reported, is interested in the results from recent Texas tournaments and wants to see games published (with some analysis) that otherwise would remain in obscurity.

Our TCA list includes members who aren't active tournament players for one reason or another but who continue to renew their membership, plus others from out-of-state. There are many reasons people join TCA.

Near election time another reason should be mentioned. The TCA officers you elect are those responsible for running TCA and for

representing you and presenting your views to USCF in a meaningful way. It is up to you to elect those who will represent you well.

In the March issue of *Chess Life*, Jay Yagur of Greenville, Pa. writes: "I would like to see an article on chessplayers who, though playing top level chess, decided to pursue other avenues in their lives. . . For example, whatever happened to Sal Matera, D. Ghizdavu, John Grefe, B. Zuckerman, J. Bradford, P. Biyiasas, etc., etc."

A double-edged compliment to be sure! Actually, only Ghizdavu, Grefe and Biyiasas are absent from this years' USCF annual list and merit the status of mystery masters.

To my knowledge, Joe Bradford never seriously regarded chess as his bread and butter pursuit in life, so it is a bit misleading to suggest that he dropped it for something else. After a stint with the U. S. Navy he joined the Texas Department of Highways as a systems analyst, and has pursued chess as a hobby even when he got his IM norms (which were unfortunately separated by over six months.)

TEXAS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Reuter leads "Impawnderables" to victory

NM Bill Reuter of Houston and his Austin-based "Impawnderables" (Bill Stouffer, Joel Senger and Gary Blanchard - average rating 2096) won the Texas Team Championship, held in Austin February 10-11. Their team garnered three wins and one drawn match with "Sandbaggers' Express: The Sequel" (avg. 2086) of San Antonio, which again featured Jim Gallagher on top board. In second place with 3-1 were Houston's "Four Horsemen" (Todd Thomas, Craig Holcomb, Mark Magrill and Matthew Campbell - avg. 1930).

The two teams from Fort Hood, the "Under-promoters" and the "Armored Knights", tied at 2-2 along with the Austin team "Last Minute".

William Tompkins directed a field of six 'A' teams and four 'B' teams, 41 players in all.

PRIZE WINNERS

1st	Impawnderables (3.5 pts.)	\$250 + trophy
2nd	Four Horsemen (3)	\$83 + trophy
3rd	Sandbaggers' Express (2.5)	trophy
U1800	Armored Knights (2)	\$125 + trophy

Board Prizes

Board 1	Bill Reuter (3.5)	plaque
Board 2	Bill Stouffer (4) *	" "
Board 3	Robert Barber (3) **	" "
Board 4	David Hartley (3.5)	" "

* On tiebreak over John Bell

** On tiebreak over Joel Senger and Jeffrey Siebrandt

ROUND 1

The Sandbaggers got off to a rocky start by losing to the seventh ranked Fort Hood Armored Knights, 1.5-2.5. The average rating difference was 294 points! The decisive swing point was on board four, where Brian Oarr (1921) didn't take his class D opponent Stephen Marteen seriously enough, dropped a pawn and got stomped in a Queen ending. Meanwhile the Impawnderables blasted the Ft. Hood Under-promoters (top board: Frank Adams) out of the water 4-0.

Center Counter B01

Stephen Marteen 1349

Brian Oarr 1921

1990 Texas Team (1)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.ed5 Qd5
4.Nc3 Qa5 5.Be2 Bg4 6.d3 0-0-0
7.h3 Bf3 8.Bf3 Nd4 9.Be3 e5 10.0-0
Bb4 11.Bd4 ed4 12.a3 Bd6
13.Ne4 Qe5 14.Ng3 f5 (14...Nf6
Δ h5-h4) 15.Re1 Qf6? (15...Qf4
16.Nf5?? Qh2 17.Kf1 Qh1 18.Ke2
Re8 19.Kd2 Bf4 -+ ; 16.Qc1 =)

16.Nf5 Nh6 17.Nd6 Rd6 18.g3
Rf8 19.Kg2 Kb8 20.Re4 g5 21.g4
Rd7 22.Qe2 a6 23.Re8 Ka7
24.Qe4 c6 25.Rf8 Qf8 26.b4 Qf6
27.Re1 Rf7 28.Qe2 Ng8 29.Be4
Ne7 30.Qf3 Qg7 31.Qg3 Rf4
32.h4 h6 33.hg5 hg5 34.f3 Ng6
35.Bg6 Qg6 36.Re4 Qf6 37.Rf4
gf4 38.Qe1 Kb6 39.Kh3 Qh8
40.Qh4 Qe5 41.g5 Kb5 42.g6
Ka4 43.Qg4 Qg7 44.Qe6 Qh6
45.Kg4 Qh2 46.Qb3 Kb5 47.Kf5
Qh5 48.Kf6 Qh6 49.Kf7 Qh5
50.a4 Kb6 51.Qe6 a5 52.Ke7
Qh8 53.Qf7 Qe5 54.Kd7 Qc7
55.Ke6 Qc8 56.Ke5 Qb8 57.Ke4
Qh8 58.g7 Qh7 59.Ke5 ab4
60.g8(Q) 1:0

Alekine's Defense B02

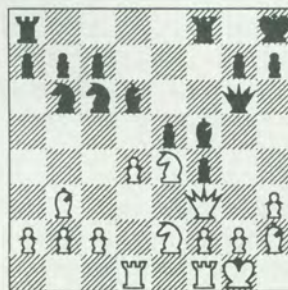
Frank Adams 1989

Bill Reuter 2358

1990 Texas Team (1)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.ed5 Nd5
4.Bc4 e6 5.Qf3 (A computer
has shown how White can
force the win of a pawn:

5.Bd5! ed5 6.Qe2 Be6 (or
6...Be7 7.Qe5!) 7.Qb5 Nd7
8.Qb7. Perhaps 5...Nb6 is best,
with play similar to the game.)
5...Nb6 6.Bb3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Be7
8.d3 0-0 (It is hard to say
anything good about White's
position, which is about to get
buried by Black's mobile
pawns.) 9.0-0 Kh8! 10.Bf4
(Death wish - or no better
place to go?) 10...e5 11.Bg3 f5
12.h3 f4 13.Bh2 Bf5 14.Rad1 Qe8
15.d4 Bd6 16.Ne4 Qg6



17.Nd6 cd6 18.c3 Be4 19.Qg4
Qg4 20.hg4 Bg2 21.Rfe1 Bf3

22.Rd3 Bg4 23.f3 Bh5 24.Kf2
 Rae8 25.Rg1 Rf6 26.Rdd1 h6
 27.Rh1 Bg6 28.Rde1 Ref8
 29.Rhg1 Bh7 30.de5 de5 31.Rg4
 Na5 32.Reg1 g5 33.Nc1 Rd6
 34.Re1 Nbc4 35.Bc4 Nc4 36.b3
 Rd2 37.Re2 Re2 38.Ke2 Ne3
 39.Rg1 e4 40.fe4 Be4 41.Nd3
 Bd3 42.Kd3 Rd8 43.Ke2 Nd5
 44.Rc1 Kg7 45.Bg1 Re8 46.Kf3
 Ne3 47.c4 Kf6 48.b4 Kf5 49.c5
 g4 50.Kf2 Ke4 51.b5 g3 52.Ke1
 h5 53.c6 bc6 54.bc6 Rc8 55.c7
 h4 56.Be3 Ke3 57.Kf1 h3 58.Re1
 Kf3 59.Rc1 g2 60.Kg1 Kg3 0:1

ROUND 2

The Impawnderables tamed the Four Horsemen 3.5-.5 to take an early lead, 2-0. The other 'A' teams emerge tied at 1, behind the 'B' team Armored Knights by half a point!

Ruy Lopez C77

Bill Reuter 2358

Todd Thomas 2214

1990 Texas Team (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Bc5 6.d3 d6
 7.Be3 Be3 8.fe3 Bd7 9.0-0 0-0
 10.Nc3 Qe7 11.Qe1 Rae8
 12.Qh4 Nb8 13.Bd7 Nbd7 14.Rf2
 c6 15.Raf1 DRAW

French Defense C02

Craig Holcomb 2005

Bill Stouffer 2062

1990 Texas Team (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Qg4
 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qc7 6.Bd3 (6.a3 cd4
 7.Bf4) 6...Nb4 7.0-0 c4 8.a3 cd3
 9.ab4 dc2 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.Ne1 f5
 12.Qg3 Ne7 13.Nc2 Nc6 14.Bf4
 Nd8 15.Rac1 Qb6 16.Rfe1 Nf7
 17.Nd5 ed5 18.e6 Nd6 19.Bd6
 Qd6 20.ed7 Kd7 21.Re5 Re8

22.Rce1 Re5 23.Re5 Qc6
 24.Qc3 g6 25.Ne3 Bd6 26.Rd5 f4
 27.Rc5 Bc5 28.d5 Qc8 29.bc5
 Re8 30.Ng4 Qc5 0:1

ROUND 3

The Impawnderables continue their streak, beating the Armored Knights 4-0. The Sandbaggers do the same to Fat Chance, and emerge tied with the Four Horsemen (3-1 over Last Minute) and the Ft. Hood Underpromoters (2.5-1.5 over Knight Shift) at two match points.

Sicilian B98

Jim Gallagher 2365

Joe Binder 2029

1990 Texas Team (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6
 7.Qe2

According to Gallagher, this move originated in Syracuse, New York in 1972 when expert Ross Amann, now inactive, used it to avoid the Poisoned Pawn 7.f4 Qb6. Gallagher continued using it, and eventually the move appeared in grandmaster practice in the 1980's when Kudrin and others took it up.

Unfortunately, ECO cites a game Murey-Ignatsev, USSR 1972: 7...h6 8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.f4 Be7 11.g4 g5 12.fg5 hg5 13.Bg5 Ne5 14.Rg1±. Gipslis prefers 8...g5 9.Bg3 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.h4 Rg8 ∞.

7...Be7 8.f4 b5

8...h6! 9.Bf6 (9.Bh4 Ne4!) 9...Bf6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.g3 Qb6 12.Qd2 0-0 13.Bg2 Nc5 = ECO.

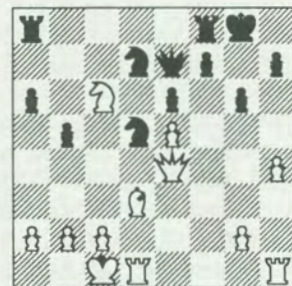
9.0-0-0 Bb7 (9...Qc7!) 10.e5?

10.Bf6 Bf6 11.e5 or 10...gf6 11.Qh5 clearly favors White..

10...Nd5 11.Ne4 de5 12.Be7
 Qe7 13.fe5 0-0 14.Qh5 Nf4
 15.Qf3 Be4?

15...Ng6! wins the e-pawn.

**16.Qe4 Nd5 17.h4! Nd7
 18.Bd3 g6 19.Nc6**



19...Qe8?

19...Qc5! 20.h5 Qe3 21.Qe3
 Ne3 22.hg6 hg6 (22...Nd1??
 23.Ne7 Kg7 24.Rh7#) 23.Bg6
 Ne5! 24.Bh7 Kg7 25.Rde1!
 (25.Ne5? Nd1 26.Be4 Nf2 27.Rh7
 Kg8! -+) 25...Nc6 26.Re3 Rh8
 27.Rg3 Kf8 28.Rhh3 Ke7 29.Be4
 Rh3 30.Rh3 Rc8 =

**20.h5 Nc5 21.Qh4 Nd3
 22.Rd3 f5 23.hg6 Qd7 24.Rd5
 ed5 25.Ne7 1:0**

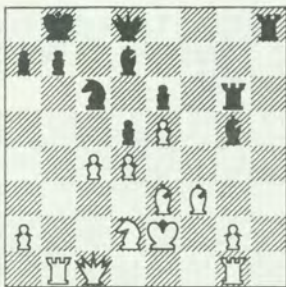
Sicilian B21

Todd Thomas 2214

Alex Shaffer 2109

1990 Texas Team (3)

1.e4 c5 2.f4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.c3
 d5 5.e5 f5 6.Be2 Bd7 7.0-0 Qb6
 8.d3 0-0-0 9.Qc2 Nh6 10.h3 Be7
 11.Be3 Rdg8 (One suspects
 that Black could improve -
 but where?) 12.b4 g5 13.fg5
 Nf7 14.bc5 Bc5 15.d4 Be7
 16.Qc1 h6 17.gh6 Rg6 18.Kf2
 Qd8 19.Rg1 Nh6 20.Nbd2 Ng4
 21.hg4 fg4 22.c4 (22.Ne1 Qf8
 23.Kg3?? Bh4++) 22...gf3 23.Bf3
 Bh4 24.Ke2 Kb8 25.Rb1 Bg5



26.Rb7 Kb7 27.Qb1 Qb6 28.Qg6
Be3 29.Rb1 Bd4 30.Rb6 ab6
31.cd5 ed5 32.e6 Ne7 33.Qf7
Bb5 34.Kd1 Rh1 35.Kc2 Ba4
36.Kd3 Bc5 37.Bd5 Ka6 38.Bc4
Kb7 39.Ne4 Rd1 40.Ke2 Ba3
41.Nc3 Rc1 42.Na4 Rc4 43.Qf3
1:0

Two Knights Defense C55
Gary Blanchard 1955
Stephen Marteen 1349
1990 Texas Team (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6
4.Nf3 Ne4 5.Bf7? (5.Ne4 d5
6.Bd3 =) 5...Kf7 6.Ne4 Be7?
(6...d5 7.Neg5 Kg8 Δ h6, Bh3)
7.d4 Rf8 8.d5 Nb8 9.Ne5 Kg8
10.d6 cd6 11.Qd5 Kh8 12.Nf7
1:0

ROUND 4

The Sandbaggers have a chance to tie it up by winning their match with the Impawnderables, but the top board game swings against them. The Four Horsemen edge the Under-promoters with a 4th board upset by Campbell over Hampp.

Sicilian B52
Bill Reuter 2358
Jim Gallagher 2365
1990 Texas Team (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5 Bd7
4.Bd7 Qd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3 Nf6
7.Re1 e6

This is much better than the committal 7...e5, when White has a good Ruy Lopez setup and use of the d5 and f5 squares.

8.d4 d5

8...cd4 first is considered equal after 9.cd4 d5 10.e5 Ne4, but Reuter probably would have continued with 10.Nc3, transposing into the game.

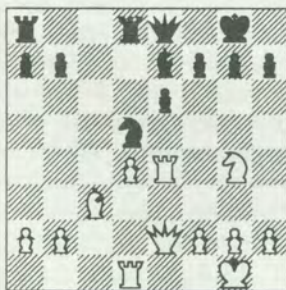
9.Nbd2!? cd4 10.cd4 Ne4
11.Ne4 de4 12.Re4

Even with two sets of minors traded off, the isolated d-pawn can yield dangerous attacking chances.

12...Be7 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Bd2
Rfd8 15.Bc3 Bf6 16.Qe2 Ne7

Also playable is 16...Qd5, answering 17.Ne5? with 17...Be5 18.de5 Qd3 when Black controls the d-file and key light squares.

17.Ne5 Qe8 18.Rd1 Nd5
19.Ng4 Be7



20.Rd3!?! f5?

Reuter's face reportedly turned bright red at this point, and he soon told his teammates to play for wins because he was losing! Gallagher also had the illusion that Black was winning.

In fact, after the text move Black is losing by force! As Gallagher pointed out in the post mortem, he could have spared himself much grief by playing instead 20...Rac8!, when White's game after 21.Rg3 Kh8! is "coming apart at the seams". On the other hand, the plausible 20...Qb5? loses to 21.Nh6! Kf8 22.Qh5! gh6 23.Rf3 Ke8 24.Re6 Kd7 25.Re7! Ke7 26.Rf7 Ke6 (26...Kd6 27.Qh6) 27.Rh7! Nc3 28.Qf7 Kd6 29.Rh6 mate.

21.Nh6 gh6

Also bad is 21...Kf8 22.Re6 Nf4 23.Qe5 Ne6 24.Qf5! Bf6 25.Bb4 winning Black's Queen, or 21...Kh8 22.Re6 Nf4 23.Qe5 Ne6 24.Qe6 Bf6 25.Nf7 Kg8 26.Nd8! and White is up by a piece and a pawn.

22.Rg3 Kf8 23.Re6 Nc3

No hope is offered by 23...Nf4 24.Qe5 Ne6 25.Qh8 Kf7 26.Qh7 Kf6 (or 26...Ng7 27.Qg6) 27.d5 and mate next.

24.bc3 Qf7 25.Qe5 Bg5

Now White gets a superior Queen vs. two Rooks ending, and easily converts the point.

26.Rg5 hg5 27.Rf6 h6 28.Rf7 Kf7 29.Qf5 Kg7 30.h4 gh4 31.Qe5 Kg6 32.Qe4 Kf6 33.Qh4 Kg6 34.Qe4 Kf6 35.Qb7 Re8 36.Kh2 Rab8 37.Qa7 Rb2 38.d5 Ree2 39.Kg3 Rec2 40.Qd4 Ke7 41.c4 Kd7 42.Qg7 1:0

French C15
Stephen Cheyney 2073
Bill Stouffer 2062
1990 Texas Team (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Bd2 Nf6!?

A good move! ECO and MCO don't mention it, but a Batsford monograph on the French does cover some lines. Usual are 4...c5 and 4...de4, both considered good for equality.

5.e5 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne4 7.Qg4 Kf8

Black has arrived at the MacCutcheon variation without ...h6 having been played. White might try to take advantage of this and play 8.Bd3 instead of 8.h4, since there is no Queen trade by 8...Nd2 9.Kd2 Qg5. There could follow 8.Bd3 Nd2 9.Kd2 c5 10.h4 Qa5 11.Rh3 cd4 12.Rg3! with a sharp attack.

8.Bc1!

The Duras gambit, which is supposed to lead to equality in the MacCutcheon.

8...f5!?

8...Nc3? 9.Qh3 Ne4 10.f3 Ng5 11.Qh4 f6 12.ef6 gf6 13.Qh6 ± shows how the unmoved h7 pawn makes a difference.

Better is 8...c5 9.Ne2 (or 9.Bd3 Nc3 10.dc5 Qa5 11.Bd2 Qa4 =) 9...cd4! (9...Qa5 10.f3 Nc3 11.Bd2 cd4 12.Nd4 Qc7 13.Qf4 Bd7 14.Bd3 Na6 15.0-0 Rc8 16.a4! + =, Zhuravlev - Blagidze, Tblisi 1962) 10.f3 Nc3 11.Nd4 Nc6 =

9.ef6 Qf6 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Bf4?

White makes a serious error and heads for a lost ending. Better is 11.Qf4 Qf4 (11...Nc3? 12.Ba3 Kg8 13.Qc7±) 12.Bf4 Nc3 13.Bc7 Ke7 14.a3 with a slight plus for White.

11...e5 12.de5 Ne5 13.Be5 Bg4 14.Bf6 gf6 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Be4 Re4 17.Kd2 Bf3 18.gf3 Rh4 19.Rab1 b6 20.Rb4 Rh3

The rest is a textbook example of how to win a R+P ending when you have a vast superiority in pawn structure.

21.Ke2 Kf7 22.Rf4 Re8 23.Kd2 c5 24.c4 d4 25.a4 Re5 26.Kd3 Reh5 27.Ke2 Rh2 28.Ra1 Rh1 29.Ra2 Rc1 30.a5 Rhh1 31.c3 Rcd1 32.Rd2 Rhe1 33.Kd3 dc3 34.Kc3 Rc1 35.Rc2 Rc2 36.Kc2 Re2 37.Kb3 Rf2 38.ab6 ab6 39.Kc3 h5 40.Kd3 Kg6 41.Ke3 Rf1 42.Ke2 Rc1 43.Kf2 f5 44.Rh4 Kg5

White could graciously have resigned here.

45.Rh3 Rc4 46.Rh1 b5 47.Kg3 f4 48.Kh3 b4 49.Rb1 Rc3 50.Kg2 b3 51.Rf1 b2 52.Rb1 Rc2 53.Kh3 Kf5 54.Rd1 Rb1 55.Rd8 Rh1 56.Kg2 b1/Q 57.Rf8 Ke6 58.Re8 Kd7 59.Re1 Re1 0:1 At last!

QGD Slav D13

Joel Senger 2008

Robert Barber 1987

1990 Texas Team (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cd5 cd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bg3 Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.a3 a6 10.Bd3 h6 11.Ne5?! (11.0-0 =) Be5 12.de5 Nd7 13.f4 Qb6 14.Qd2 Nc5 15.Rb1 Nd3 16.Qd3 Qb3 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Rfd1 Na5 19.Be1 Qc4 20.a4 b5 21.Nd5?? (21.ab5 Bb5 and Black is more comfortable, but at least he is not winning.) 21...ed5 22.Ba5 Qd3 23.Rd3 Bf5 24.Rbd1 Bd3 25.Rd3 ba4 26.Ra3 Rfc8 27.Bc3 Rc4 28.Kf2 Rb8 29.Ke1 Rb3 30.Ra2 a3 31.Kd2 ab2 32.Bb2 a5 33.Bd4 a4 34.Bb2 g5 35.g3 gf4 36.gf4 Kh7 37.Bd4 Kg6 38.Ke2 Kf5 39.Kf2 Ke4 40.Ke2 a3 41.Rd2 Rb1 42.Ra2 Rd4 0:1

Lubbock News

Richard Tse in the February *Lubbock Chess Club Newsletter* honors Tommy Groombridge as the most improved local player during 1989, having gone from 1500 to 1800. His victims have included Kyle Word, Ken Wendling and Bill Koglin. Here is one of his games:

Gruenfeld D82

Tommy Groombridge 1805

William Koglin 1961

Lubbock, Dec. 1989

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.h3 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Rc1 Rc8 11.Ne5 Nh5 12.Nd7 Qd7 13.Bh2 Rfd8 14.Nf3 c5 15.Be2 dc4 16.Ne5 Qe7 17.Bh5 gh5 18.Qh5 cd4 19.Nc4 Ba6 20.b3 Rd5 21.Qf3 Rf5 22.Qd1 Bb7 23.Nd6 Rc1 24.Qc1 Rc5 25.Qd2 Ba6 26.ed4 Rd5 27.Nc4 Rd4 28.Qc2 Qc5 29.Rc1 Bh6 30.Rd1 Bc4 31.bc4 Rc4 32.Rd8 Kg7 33.Qb2 e5?? 34.Be5 Kg6 35.Rd6 Kf5 36.g4 Ke4 37.Qe2 Be3 38.Bg3! Rc3 39.Kg2! 1:0

Gruenfeld D91

Richard Tse 2046

Eric Berman 1807

Lubbock, Dec. 1989

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.Qb3 dc4 8.Bc4 Nbd7 (8...b5 9.Be2 Be6 10.Qc2 ± Dzindzichashvili-Mukhin, USSR 1972) 9.0-0 Nb6 10.Bf7 Rf7 11.Ne5 e6 12.Nf7 Kf7 13.Rad1 h6 14.f4 hg5 15.fg5 Kg8 16.gf6 Bf6 17.Ne4 Bg7 18.Rf3 Qd5 19.Qc2 Nc4 20.Rdf1 e5 21.Nf6 Bf6 22.Qg6 Bg7 23.Rf8 mate 1:0

Texas Class Championship 1989

by Robert Leininger

Over Thanksgiving weekend 51 players gathered in Dallas for the annual Texas Class Championship, directed by Gary Hewitt. The tournament went very well, with every round starting on time(!) All prizes were based on the number of players per section.

The master/expert section was won convincingly by Jan Rooswa, who withdrew after the fifth round having already secured the first prize of \$170. Second place money went to Bob Leininger. Glen Clark scored a perfect six points to win the 'A' section and \$200. David

Sewell took second place with five wins to collect his \$105 in prize money.

The 'B' prizes went to William Collin for first place and Cliff White for second place, paying \$200 and \$125 respectively.

In the 'C' section first place was highly disputed until the very end. After the smoke cleared, Joe Aronovich collected \$150 for first and James Larsen \$100 for second. Top honors in the 'D'/Unrated section went to Dan Ivester, who collected \$135. Second place paid \$90 to Lonnie Files.

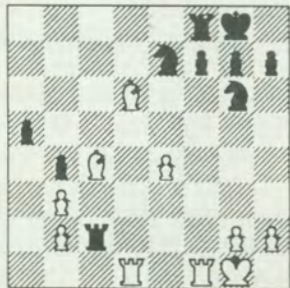
Sicilian B44

Jan Rooswa 2211

Roger Johnson 2111

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 e6 5.Nb5 a6? (5...d6)
6.Nd6 Bd6 7.Qd6 Nge7 8.Nc3
b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Rd1
Qa5 12.0-0 b4 13.Nb1 Qa2
14.Qd7 Bc8 15.Qc7 Qa5
(15..Qb2 16.Bd6 +-) 16.Bf3 Qc7
17.Bc7 e5 18.Nd2 Be6 19.Nb3
Rac8 20.Bd6 Rfe8 21.Be2 Bb3
22.cb3 a5 23.Ba6 Ra8 24.Bb5
Rec8 25.f4 ef4 26.Rf4 Ng6
27.Rf5 Nce7 28.Rff1 Rc2 29.Bc4
Rf8



30.g3? (30.Be7 Ne7 31.Rf7! +)
a4 31.Bb4? ab3 32.Bb3 Rb2

33.Be7 Ne7 34.Bf7 Kh8 35.e5 g6
36.e6 Rb7 37.Rd7 Rd7 38.ed7
Nc6 39.Be6 (39.Rf6? Nd8 -+)
39...Rf1 40.Kf1 Kg7 41.Kf2 Kf6
42.Bd5 Nd8 43.Bg8 h6 44.Kf3
Ke5 45.Bh7 Kf6 46.Bg8 Ke5
47.Bc4 Nc6 48.Bd3 g5 49.g4
Kd4 50.Bb5 Nd8 51.Ba4 Kd3
52.Bb3 Nc6 53.Ba4 Ne5 54.Kf2
Nf7 (This looks hopelessly
drawn, but once White gets
his King into the Queenside,
zugzwang is just around the
corner.) 55.Bb5 Ke4 56.Ke2
Nd8 57.Kd2 Kd4 58.Kc2 Nb7
59.Kb3 Kc5 60.Ka4 Kd6 61.Kb4
Kd5 62.Bd3 Nd8 63.Kb5 Kd6
64.Bf5 Kd5 65.Kb6 Kd6 66.h3 Nf7
67.Kb7 Ke7 68.Kc8 Nd6 69.Kc7
Nf7 70.Be4 1:0 (Nd8 71.Bd5)

French C03

Jan Rooswa 2211

Fred Payne 1589

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 b6 4.Bd3
(4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.ed5 ed5 6.Ne5 c6
7.Bd3 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Qc7
10.Ndf3+= ECO) 4...Ba6 5.Qe2
Bd3 6.Qd3 Nf6 7.e5 Nfd7 8.Ne2
c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.0-0 Be7 (10...a6
11.c4!? dc4 12.Nc4 b5 13.Nd6

Bd6 14.ed6 cd4 15.Nd4 Nc5
16.Nc6 Nd3 17.Nd8 Rd8 18.Rd1
Rd6 19.Bf4 Rd7) 11.Qg3 0-0
12.Nf3 Re8 13.Bh6 g6 (13...Bf8
14.Nf4 Kh8 15.Bg5 f6 16.ef6 gf6
17.Bh4 ±) 14.h4 Bf8 15.Bg5 Be7
16.Be3 Kh8 17.Ng5 Kg7 18.h5
Bg5 19.Bg5 Ne7 20.Bf6 Kg8
21.Qg5 Nf6 22.ef6 Nf5 23.hg6 h6
24.gf7 Kf7 25.Qh5 Kf6 26.Nf4
Ke7 27.Rfe1 Kd7 28.Re6 Re6
29.Qf5 Qf6 30.Qd5 Rd6 31.Qa8
Qf4 32.Qa7 Kc6 33.Qa8 Kc7
34.Re1 Rd7 35.Qa7 Kc6 36.d5
Rd5 37.Qa8 Kd6 38.Qb8 1:0

Vienna C29

Curtis Laird 1979

Robert Leininger 2217

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.f4 d5 4.ed5
(4.fe5) 4...ef4 (4...Nd5! 5.Nd5
Qd5 6.fe5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2
Ne5 += ECO) 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Bc4 h6
7.d4 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qd3 Nbd7
10.Nb5 g5 11.Nd6 cd6 12.h4
Nh7 13.hg5 hg5 14.Kf2 Qf6
15.Rh1 Bf5 16.Qd1 Nb6 17.Bd3
Nd5 18.Bf5 Qf5 19.c3 Nh6 20.c4
Ne4 21.Kg1 Ndf6 22.Bd2 Kg7
23.Qc2 Rh8 24.Rh8 Rh8 25.Qd1
Qh7 26.Kf1 Ng3 27.Kf2 Nfe4 0:1

QGA D23

Robert Leininger 2217

Richard Weaver 2178

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dc4
4.Qa4 Nc6 (4...c6 5.Qc4 Bf5=)
5.e3 (5.Nc3 Nd5 (5...Bg4!?
6.Ne5) 6.e4 Nb6 7.Qd1 Bg4 8.d5
Nc5 9.Bf4 +=) 5...Bd7 (5...Nd7
6.Qc4 Nb6 (6...e5!? 7.de5
Nde5 8.Ne5 Ne5 9.Qb5 Nd7
10.Be2 c6 11.Qc4 Bd6 =
Andersson - Timman, Tilburg
1982) 7.Qc2 g6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Bd2
Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 = Andersson-
Fernandez Garcia, Thessa-
loniki 1984.) 6.Qc4 e6 7.a3 Na5
8.Qc2 Rc8 9.b4 Nc6 10.Bd2 Ne7
11.Ne5 Ng6 12.Nd7 Qd7 13.Nc3
Be7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.0-0 Rfd8
16.Rfd1 b6 17.Be1 Nd5 18.Nd5
ed5 19.Bf5 Qd6 20.Bc8 Rc8
21.Qf5 Re8 22.b5 Nh4 23.Qg4 f5
24.Qg3 Qh6 25.Bb4 Bg5 26.f4
Bd8 27.Rac1 Re6 28.Qf2 Rg6
29.g3 Qh5 30.Rf1 Qg4 31.Kh1
Rh6 32.g4 Qg6 33.Rc6 1:0

Queen's Indian A10

Robert Leininger 2217

Roger Johnson 2111

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 b6?! (It
is hard to account for the
popularity of this move
among non-masters. Black
has no chance of holding e4
as he does after 3.Nf3, and his
QB is truly "born to be bad".)
4.e4 Bb7 (4...Bb4 5.Bd3 d5 6.e5
Ne4 7.Ne2 Bb7 8.0-0 also
favors White.) 5.Bd3 Bb4 6.d5!
Bc3 7.bc3 d6 8.f4 Nbd7 9.Nf3
Qe7 10.0-0 e5 11.fe5 Ne5
12.Ne5 Qe5 13.Qe2 0-0-0 (Or

13...h6 14.Bf4 Qe7 15.e5 ±)
14.Rf5 Qe7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bf6 gf6
17.Raf1 Rdg8 18.Rf6 Rg7
19.Qh5 Rhg8 20.g3 Rg3 21.hg3
Rg3 22.Kh2 Rd3 23.Rf7 Qe5
24.Qe5 de5 25.Rf8 Kd7 26.Rf7
Kd6 27.Rd8 1:0

Vienna C29

James Petty 1939

Curtis Laird 1979

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.fe5
Ne4 5.d3 Qh4?! (5...Nc3 6.bc3
d4 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.cd4 Bb4= or
5...Bb4!? 6.de4 Qh4 7.Ke2 Nc6
8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Nd5 0-0-0 10.c3 f5
11.e6 Rhe8 12.cb4 Re4 13.Be3
gf6 with an attack) 6.g3 Ng3
7.Nf3 Qh5 8.Nd5 Na6 (8...Bg4
and 8...Nh1 are also inade-
quate.) 9.Nf4 Qh6 10.Nh3 Qh5
11.hg3 Qg6 12.Rg1 Qb6 13.c3
Bf5 14.Qb3 Qa5 15.d4 Be4
16.Qb5 Qb5 17.Bb5 c6 18.Ba6
ba6 19.Nd2 Bf5 20.g4 and 1:0

QGD Albin D09

Fred Payne 1585

Richard Weaver 2178

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.de5 d4 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.g3 Be6 6.b3 Qd7 7.Bg2 0-
0-0 8.0-0 Bh3 9.a3 h5 10.e6 Be6
11.Ng5 Bf5 12.e4 de3 13.Qd7
Rd7 14.fe3 Nh6 15.Nc3 f6 16.Nh3
Bd6 17.Ra2 Be5 18.Nd5 Ne7
19.e4 Bg4 20.Nhf4 c6?? 21.Ne7
Re7 22.Ng6 Ree8 23.Nh8 Rh8
24.Bb2 Bc7 25.Bd4 Be6 26.Re2
h4 27.e5 hg3 28.e6? gh2 29.Kf2
Nf5 30.Be5 Bb6 31.Ke1 g6 32.f7
Rf8 33.Bh2 Bf7 34.Bh3 Ba5
35.Kd1 Rd8 36.Kc1 Rd3 37.Rf5
Rc3 38.Kb2 gf5 39.Bf5 Kd8
40.Bf4 Rf3 41.Bg5 Kc7 42.Bg4

Bc3 43.Kc1 Rf1 44.Kc2 Bf6
45.Bf6 Rf6 DRAW

QGD Tarrasch D32

Glen Clark 1927

John Baker 1843

Texas Class Ch.1989

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.cd5 ed5 6.dc5 Nf6
(6...d4!) 7.Bg5 Be6 8.e3 Bc5
9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Bb6 11.Qa4 a6
12.Qh4 Qd6 13.Bf6 gf6 14.Bd3 f5
15.Ng5 Rfe8 16.Qh7 Kf8 17.Bf5
Ke7 18.Be6 Rh8 19.Nd5 1:0

ADDENDA

Supplementary games to
earlier tournament reports:

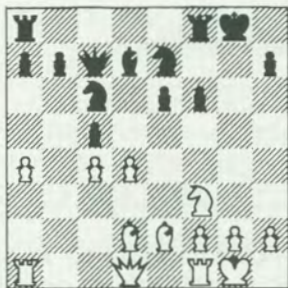
French C19

Bill Reuter 2358

Michael Calogridis 2341

Absolute Houston Ch.1989

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5
c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne7 7.a4
Qa5 8.Bd2 Nbc6 9.Nf3 Bd7
10.Be2 0-0 (ECO gives 10...c4
and 10...f6, with 0-0-0 to follow
in both cases. An exception
is 10...f6 11.Rb1!? (Wedberg)
Qc7 12.Bf4 Ng6 13.Bg3 fe5 14.0-
0 cd4 15.cd4 0-0 16.Bb5 Nf4
(16...Rac8 = Suetin) 17.Bc6 Bc6
18.Ne5 Ba4 19.Qg4 ∞ Watson.
The text involves a plan
which lands in a tactical
snare, partly because of
Black's ninth move. Perhaps
9...0-0 10.Be2 f6 was play-
able.) 11.0-0 f6? (Bar the
doors! 11...c4 is mandatory.
Now White gets a combin-
ation based on his central
superiority.) 12.c4 Qc7 13.cd5
Nd5 14.c4 Nde7 15.e6 gf6



16.d5! Ne5 (About now Black must have realized that he has been had.) 17.Bh6 ed5 (Note that if there were no Bishop on d7, Black could play 17...Rd8 with a good game.) 18.Bf8 Rf8 19.cd5 Qd6 20.Ne5 fe5 21.Qb3 b6 22.Bb5 Bc8 23.Rfe1 Rf4 24.Qe3 Ng6 25.Be8 Rf5 26.Bc6 Nf4 27.Qg3 Kh8 28.a5 b5 29.Bb5 Qf6 30.h4 Rh5 31.Rac1 Bf5 32.Rc5 Rh4 33.Rec1 Qd8 34.Qe3 Qf6 35.Rc6 Qe7 36.d6 Nh3 37.Qh3 Qg5 38.Qe3 1:0

Sicilian B56

Jim Gallagher 2324

Manuel Lares-Flores 2106

Cactus Open 1989

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Bb5 Nbd7 7.Nf5 a6 8.Bd7 Qd7 9.Ne3?! (9.Bg5 Ne4 10.Ng7 Bg7 11.Ne4 ±) 9...Qc6 10.Ned5 Nd5 11.Nd5 Be7 12.0-0 Bd8 13.f4 Be6 14.Nc3 f6 15.f5 Bf7 16.Qg4 d5! (A sign that Black's opening has succeeded.) 17.ed5 Bd5 18.Nd5 Qd5 19.Be3 0-0 20.Rad1 Qc6 21.Kh1 Rf7 22.Rd2 Ba5 23.c3 Rd8 24.Rfd1 Rfd7 25.Bh6 Kf8? (25...Qc8! and Black stands well.) 26.Bg7 Rg7 27.Rd8 Bd8 28.Rd8 Kf7 29.Qh3 Ke7 30.Rd1 Qe4 31.Rf1! h5 32.Qf3 Qf3 33.Rf3

Kd6 34.Kg1 e4 35.Rf4 Ke5 36.g3 Rg4 37.Rf1 e3 38.Kg2 Ke4 39.h3 Rg8 40.Rf4 Kd3 41.Kf3 Re8 42.Rd4 Kc2 43.Ke2 Kb2 44.Rd6 Kc3 (If 44...Rf8 45.Rb6 and (a) 45...Ka2 46.Rb7 Rg8 47.Ra7 Rg3 48.Ra6 Kb3 49.Rf6 Kc3 50.Rd6! +-; or (b) 45...Kc3 46.Rb7 Rg8 47.Rb3 Kc2 48.Re3 ±) 45.Rf6 a5 46.Re6 Rb8 47.Re3 Kb2 48.a3 b5 49.g4 hg4 50.hg4 b4 51.ab4 a4 52.f6 Rb4 53.f7 Rf4 54.Rf3 1:0

Sicilian B90

Balthazar Rodriguez 1485

Travis Doughty 1633

1989 Southwest Open

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 b5 (Nc6=) 7.0-0 Bb7 8.a3 e6 9.f4 e5? (Qc7) 10.fe5 de5 11.Nf5 b4 12.ab4 Bb4 13.Ng7 Kf8 14.Bh6 Qb6 15.Kh1 Ng8 (Seems to win a piece, but...) 16.Rf7 Kf7 17.Qh5 Qg6 18.Rf1 Nf6 19.Bc4 Ke7 20.Qe5 Kd7 21.Qe6 (21.Rf6) 21...Kc7 22.Bf4 Kd8 23.Rd1 Nbd7? (23...Nfd7 24.Qe5! Δ Ne6 +-) 24.Qb6 Kc8 (24...Ke7 25.Qb4 Kd8 26.Qb6 Ke7 27.Bd6#) 25.Qc7# 1:0 (Notes by Alan Lavery)

QP Opening A48

David Hartley 1588

Frank Adams 1998

1989 Southwest Open

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Bf4 d6 4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.e4 Nh5 7.Bg5 f6 8.Be3 e5 9.Qb3 Bd7 10.Bb5 f5 11.ef5 gf5 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.h4 e4 14.0-0-0?! (14.Bf6 Nf6 15.Ng5=) 14...Na5?? (14...ef3 15.Rde1 Kf8 16.gf3 Na5 17.Qa4=+) 15.Bd7? (15.Qe6!

Kf8 16.Bh6+-) 15...Qd7 16.Qd5 Nc6 17.Rde1 Bg5 18.Ng5 Nf4 19.Re4! fe4 20.Qe4 Qe7 21.Qf4 0-0-0 22.Ndf3 Rhg8 23.Re1 Qd7 24.d5 Ne5 25.Ne5 de5 26.Re5 Rdf8 27.Qe3 Qa4 28.Nh7 Rd8 29.a3 Rg2 30.Qh3 Qg4 31.Qg4 Rg4 32.h5 Rh8 33.Nf6 Rf4 34.Ne4 Kd7 35.Kd2 Kd8 36.Ke3 Rh4 37.Ng3 Re8 38.f4 c6 39.d6 Kd7 40.Re7 Re7 41.de7 Rh3 42.Kf3 Rh2 43.Nf5 Ke8 44.Kg3 Re2 45.h6 Re1 46.Kf2 Rh1 47.Kg2 1:0 (Notes by David Hartley)

Doughnut shop beats vice raid

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Vice officers raided a nightly doughnut shop chess tournament and handed out gambling citations, but checkmate became stalemate when police brass told the rank and file to skip rooks and look for crooks.

Dozens of players had long been coming to Dad's Donuts at Sixth Street and Normandie Avenue for nightly games before undercover officers spotted \$1.50 on a game table and issued three gambling citations Tuesday night.

The raid began with a failed attempt to infiltrate a game.

"The officer asked if he could play and they said 'No, we're in the middle of a match,'" said raid witness Isam Arar, a taxi driver.

Another witness, nutritionist Felipe Perez, said the detective "pulled out the badge and said, 'You're under arrest.'"

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SOLUTION: 1.Bh6! Bh6 2.Re5! de5 3.Qg6+ Bg7 4.Nf5 Qf8 5.Nh6+ Kh8 6.Bd3 1:0

Weaver Wins Dallas New Year Special

Richard Weaver won the New Year Special, held in Dallas Dec. 30 - Jan. 1. Steve Alden directed a field of 45 at the Clarion Hotel. Some of the chessic errors that appear below may be attributed to the accelerated time control of 45/90, SD/30 - but not all!

Games selected by David Sewell

Before the main course, here are two *hors d'oeuvres*:

Budapest A52

Jam Klingenberg 1879

Melvin Tolliver 1649

New Year Special

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.de5 Ng4
4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bf4 Bb4 6.Nbd2 Qe7
7.a3 Nge5 8.ab4?? Nd3# 0 : 1
(Reminds me of a Keres win from the olympiads: 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Nd7 5.Qe2 Ngf6?? 6.Nd6# 1 : 0)

Vienna C27

Adrian Payne 2010

Steve Thompson 1659

New Year Special

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Ne4
4.Bf7? Kf7 5.Ne4 d6? (5...d5 6.Qf3 Kg8 7.Ng5 Qd7 8.Ne2 h6 9.Nh3 Bc5 10.Nc3 c6 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.d3 Kh7 and Black stood better, Miseses-Teichmann, match 1895.) 6.Qf3 Kg8?? (6...Ke8 and Black may live.) 7.Ng5 (+) Qg5 8.Qb3 1 : 0

But seriously folks, here is the last round, top board game:

Sicilian B32

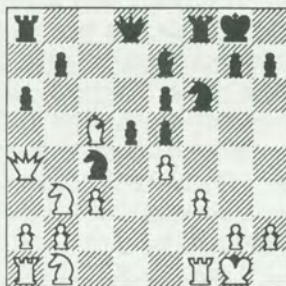
Roger Johnson 2111

Richard Weaver 2178

New Year Special

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 e5 5.Nb3 (A departure

from the usual 5.Nb5) 5...Nf6
6.Bc4!? Bb4 7.c3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0
9.f3 d6 10.0-0 Be6 11.Be6 fe6
12.N3d2 d5 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qa4
a6 15.Nb3 Nc4 16.Bc5



16...Ne4! 17.fe4 Bc5 18.Nc5 Rf1
19.Kf1 Qf6! 0 : 1 (The only way White avoids mate is 20.Kg1 Rf8 21.Nd2 Nd2 22.h3 Qf2 +)

Sicilian B22

John Baker 1843

Mack Williams 2008

New Year Special

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 d5 4.ed5
Qd5 5.cd4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2
e5 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.0-0 Bc3 10.bc3
ed4 11.Nd4 Be2 12.Qe2 Nge7
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Qc6 16.Qb4 Ng6 17.Rad1 1 : 0

Sicilian B84

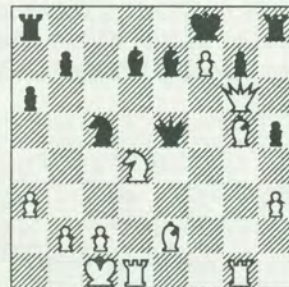
Tim McLeod 1816

Jan Rooswa 2211

New Year Special

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.g4!?

(Something new, although 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.g4 is known. Now 7...b5 is answered strongly by 8.Bf3! Δ e5, but 7...Qc7 looks good.) 7...h5?! 8.g5 Ng4 9.h3 Ne5 10.f4 (10.Bh5!?) 10...Ng6 11.Qd3 Qc7 12.Nb3 Nc6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Qd2 d5 15.0-0-0 de4 16.a3 Nd5 17.Nd5 ed5 18.Qd5 Nf4 19.Qe4 Ne6 20.g6 Be7 21.gf7 Kf8 22.Rhg1 Bd7 23.Nd4 Nc5 24.Qg6 Qe5 25.Bg5



25...Bf6 26.Rdf1?? (White can force a win with 26.Bf6 Qf6 27.Qf6 gf6 28.Bc4! Ke7 29.Rge1 Kf8 30.b4 Na4 31.Re3 Δ Rg1) 26...Bg5 27.Rg5 Qd4 28.Rh5 Rh6 29.Qg5 Ne6 30.Rh6 Ng5 31.Rh8 Ke7 32.f8(Q) Rf8 33.Rhf8 Qe3 34.Kd1 Ne4 35.R1f7 Kd6 36.Rd7 Kd7 37.Bg4 Ke7 0 : 1

Owens B00

Adrian Payne 2010

David Sewell 1971

New Year Special

1.e4 e6 2.d3 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Nf3
d6 5.Bg2 Nd7 6.Nc3 f5 7.ef5 ef5

8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1 Ngf6 10.Qe2 h6
 11.Nd4 Bg2 12.Ne6 Qc8 13.Ng7
 Kf7 14.Qe7 Kg6 15.Kg2 Qb7
 16.f3 Rhg8 17.Qe6 Rg7 18.Ne2
 Ne5 19.Nf4 Kh7 20.Qf5 Kg8
 21.Ne6 Nfg4 22.Re4 h5 23.Ng7
 Rf8 24.Qe6 Kg7 25.fg4 and 1:0

Dutch A97

David Buhner 1991
 Donald Coburn 1574

New Year Special

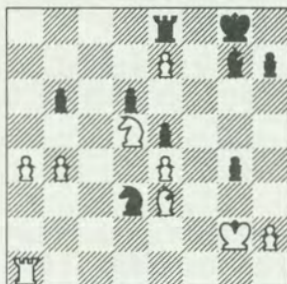
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 Bg7 5.0-0-0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Qe8
 8.b3 e5 9.de5 de5 10.Ba3 Rf7
 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Rad1 e4 13.Ng5
 Rd7 14.Nb5 a6 15.Rd7 ab5
 16.Rg7 Kg7 17.Bb2 Ne5 18.Qc3
 Ra2 (18...Nfd7 19.f4 ef3 20.Nf3;
 18...Ned7 19.Rd1) 19.Qe5 Qe5
 20.Be5 h6 21.Nh3 bc4 22.bc4 c6
 23.Rd1 Be6 24.Rd6 Re2 25.Re6
 1:0

King's Indian E94

Mack Williams 2008
 Tim McLeod 1816

New Year Special

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7
 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7
 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 a6 9.b4 Nh5
 10.Qc2 b6 11.a4 Qe8 12.Ra2 f5
 13.Ne1 f4 14.Nd3 g5 15.Bg4
 Ndf6 16.Bc8 Qc8 17.c5 g4
 18.Ne2 f3 19.Nc3 fg2 20.Kg2
 Qe8 21.Be3 Qg6 22.Nc1 Nf4
 23.Kh1 N6h5 24.Ra1 Rf7 25.N1e2
 Ne2 26.Qe2 Rf3 27.Rg1 Raf8
 28.Qa6 Nf4 29.cb6 cb6 30.Rg3
 Nh3 31.Rf3 Rf3 (31...gf3 32.Qf1
 Nf4 33.a5 ba5 34.ba5±) 32.Qc8
 Rf8 33.Qe6 Qe6 34.de6 Nf2
 35.Kg2 Nd3 36.e7 Re8 37.Nd5?
 (37.a5 ba5 38.ba5 Re7 39.a6
 Re8 40.a7 Ra8 41.Nb5+)



37...Nf4 38.Bf4 ef4 39.Rc1 h5
 40.Rc6 f3 41.Kf2 Bd4 42.Kf1 f2
 43.Rd6 Kf7 44.Rh6 Rc8 45.Kg2
 h4 46.Rh7 Kg6 47.Rh4 Kg5
 48.Rg4 (48.Rh7!? Kg6 49.e8(Q)
 Re8 50.Re7∞) 48...Kg4 49.Nc7
 Kf4 50.Ne6 Ke4 51.Nd8 f1(Q)
 52.Kf1 Kf3 53.Ke1?? (53.e8(Q)
 Rc1 54.Qe1 Re1 55.Ke1 Bc3 =)
 53...Be3 0:1

Larsen's A01

Ron Minor 2051
 Brenton Chapin 1759

New Year Special

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6
 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.d4 e4
 7.Nfd2 d5 8.a3 Bd6 9.c4 a6
 10.Bc6 bc6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.c5
 Be7 13.h3 h6 14.Qc2 Nh7 15.0-0
 0 Qb8 16.g4 f5 17.gf5 Bf5 18.Ne2
 Ng5 19.Nf4 Qc8 20.h4 Nh3
 21.Nh3 Bh3 22.Rh2 Be6 23.Rg1
 Rf7 24.Qd1 Qd7 25.f4 ef3 26.Nf3
 Bg4 27.Ne5 Bd1 28.Nd7 Bb3
 29.Ne5 Rf5 30.Rhg2 g5 31.hg5
 Bg5 32.Nc6 Kh7 33.Kd2 Rf3
 34.Rg5 hg5 35.Rg5 Kh6 36.Rg1
 Bc4 37.Bc1 Raf8 38.Kc3 Kh5
 39.Rh1 Kg5 40.Kb4 Kf5 41.e4
 Ke4 42.Rh4 Kf5 43.Rh5 Ke6
 44.Re5 Kd7 45.Bh6 Kc6 46.Bf8
 Rf8 47.a4 Rf4 48.Ka5 Rd4
 49.Re7 Bb3 50.Re6 Kc5 0:1

Amarillo Chess News

by Gary Simms

Brad Webster scored 4.5-.5 to win the qualifying tournament for the Amarillo Championship to be held February. Carlos Santillan and Bill Snead tied for second with 3.5. These three, along with Jerry Huntington and Roger Stevens, qualified to play in the round robin championship event with defending city champion Gary Simms. Roger Stevens and Burton Mjolhus tied with three points to win best under 1600.

QGD Slav D15

Bill Snead 2024
 Dana Barnett 1540

Amarillo Ch. Qualifier

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3
 Bf5 5.Bg5 (5.cd5 cd5? 6.Qb3±;
 5...Nd5 6.Nd2! + =) 5...Nbd7
 6.cd5 cd5 7.Qa4 e6 8.Bf6 gf6
 9.e3 a6 10.Be2 Qb6 11.0-0 Be7
 12.Rfc1 Qd8 13.Nh4 Bg6 14.Ng6
 fg6 15.Bf3 Kf7 16.Ne2 b5 17.Qb3
 Rc8 18.Rc8 Qc8 DRAW

Petroff's C42

Carlos Santillan 2208
 Eddie Sanders 1899

Amarillo Ch. Qualifier

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Ne5 d6 4.Nf3
 Ne4 5.d4 Be7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.c4 0-0
 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bg5 Na6 10.0-0 Nc7
 11.h3 d5 12.Re1 Re8 13.Ne5 h6
 14.Bh4 dc4 15.Bc4 Ncd5 16.Nd5
 Nd5 17.Bg3 Be6 18.Qe2 Bb4
 19.Red1 Qe7 20.a3 Ba5
 21.Rac1 Bb6 22.Bd3 Nf6 23.Bb1
 Rad8 24.Qe3 Nd5 25.Qe4 f5
 26.Qf3 Qf6 27.Qh5 g5 28.h4 f4

29.hg5 hg5 30.Qh7 Kf8 31.Ng6
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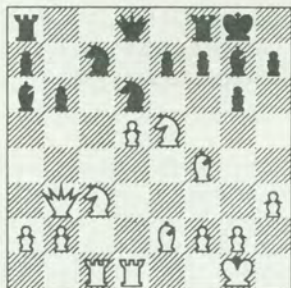
Sicilian B22

Carlos Santillan 2208

Brad Webster 2039

Amarillo Ch. Qualifier

1.e4 c5 2.Be2 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.c3
d5 5.ed5 Qd5 6.d4 cd4 7.cd4
Bg7 8.Nc3 Qd8 9.Be3 Nf6 10.d5
Nb8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 b6
13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.h3 Na6 15.Rac1
Nc7 16.Bc4 Nfe8 17.Bf4 Nd6
18.Be2 Ba6 19.Ne5



19...Be5 20.Be5 Bb7 21.Bf3 Rc8
22.Qa4 Nce8 23.Bg4 f5 24.Bf3
Rc5 25.Qf4 Rc4 26.Bd4 Nf6
27.b3 Rc8 28.Re1 Qd7 29.Qh4
Rf7 30.Qg5 Nde4 31.Ne4 fe4
32.Rc8 Bc8 33.Be4 Bb7 34.Qe5
Bd5 35.Bd5 Qd5 36.Rc1 Qe5
37.Be5 Nd7 38.Bd4 Nf8 39.Rc8
e6 40.Be3 Kg7 41.Bd4 Kg8
42.a4 Rd7 43.Be3 Kg7 44.Kf1 h5
45.Ra8 Kf7 46.a5 ba5 47.Bc5
Nh7 48.Ra7 Nf6 49.Ra5 Ne4
50.Be3 Nd2 51.Bd2 Rd2 52.h4
Rb2 53.Rb5 Kf6 54.g3 e5 55.Kg2
e4 56.Kf1 Ke6 57.Ke2 Kf6
DRAW

Gary Simms won the Battle Royale tournament held January in Plainview, and took home the first prize of \$125. Eddie Sanders was

second (\$50), and young Michael Veach tied for second in the Reserve section (\$16.66) [*Who was first?*]

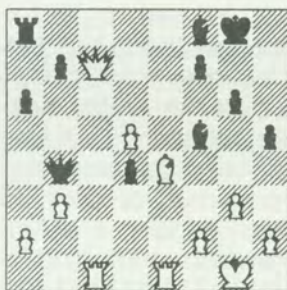
English A36

Kenneth Wendling 1079

Eddie Sanders 1899

Plainview Battle Royale

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.e3
0-0 5.Ne2 c5 6.Nbc3 e5 7.d4
cd4 8.ed4 d6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.b3
Nc6? (10...Rd8) 11.Ba3 a6?
(11...Ne8 12.de5 Ne5) 12.de5
de5 13.Bf8 Bf8 14.Nd5 Nd5
15.cd5 Nd4 16.Nd4 ed4 17.Rc1
(17.Qd4 Bg7 18.Qe3 Ba1
19.Qe8 returns the exchange
to keep a pawn. Now Black's
passer and two Bishops have
their say.) 17...Qb6 18.Re1?
(18.Qf3 Δ Rfd1) 18...Bd7 19.Qf3
h5 20.Qf4 Bf5 21.Qc7 Qb4
22.Be4? (22.Rcd1∞)



22...d3 23.Qc4 d2 and 0:1

French C09

Gary Simms 2264

William Koglin 1971

Plainview Battle Royale

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.ed5
ed5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0
Rc8 8.Re1 Be7 9.dc5 Nf6
10.Bc6 Bc6 11.b4 0-0 12.Nb3 b6
13.Bb2 bc5 14.bc5 a5 15.a4

Re8 16.Qd2 Ra8 17.Nfd4 Bb7
18.c6 Ne4 19.Re4 de4 20.cb7
Ra6 21.Nf5 Bf6 22.Qd8 Rd8
23.Bf6 Rf6 24.Nbd4 g6 25.Rb1
1:0

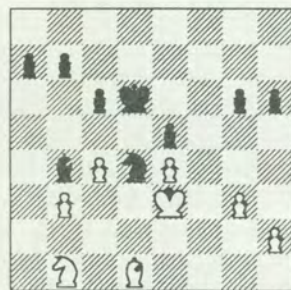
King's Indian E90

Steve Young 1859

Gary Simms 2264

Plainview Battle Royale

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.c4
0-0 5.Nc3 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.e4
Nbd7 8.Be2 e5 9.de5 de5
10.Qd2 c6 11.Bf6 Nf6 12.Qd8
Rd8 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Rad1 Bf3
15.Bf3 Rd4 16.b3 Rad8 17.Be2
Bf8 18.f3 Nh5 19.g3 Ng7 20.Rfe1
Bb4 21.Rc1 Rd2 22.a3 Ba3
23.Rcd1 Bb4 24.Nb1 R2d4
25.Rd4 Rd4 26.Rd1 Rd1 27.Bd1
Ne6 28.Kf2 Kf8 29.Ke3 Ke7 30.f4
Kd6 31.f5 Nd4 32.fg6 fg6



33.Nd2? (33.Kd3 = +) 33...Bd2
34.Kd2 a5 35.Kc3 Kc5 36.h3 b5
37.cb5 Nb5 38.Kb2 Kd4 39.h4
Nd6 40.g4 Ne4 0:1

Bill Snead won the Amarillo Speed Championship held last November, by half a point over Brad Webster. Webster won their individual match 1.5-.5, but Snead won all ten of his other games for a 10.5-1.5 total. Eddie Sanders placed third with 8-4, and Darrel Hunter scored 7-5. Twelve players competed.

Texas Postal Chess

by Bruce Baker

The winner in the 1984 Final was David C. Heap. Winner of the 1985 Final was Steven Lynn. The 1986 Final has six games still out, four on one player. Peter Murphy has 6.5 out of 7 with one game left.

I would like to show some examples from the 1985 Final section. J. C. Thompson, who finished 3-3, gives this as his best game of the section (notes by Thompson):

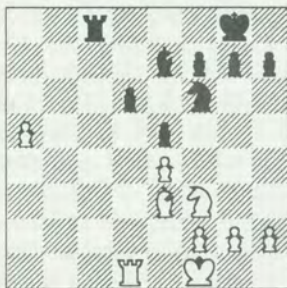
Sicilian B21

J. C. Thompson
Gregg Walton

1985 Final, Texas Postal

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 (Book play so far. This move by Black has been questioned as inviting e4-e5. (7...Nge7 is difficult after 8.Bg5! (Δ Nb5) a6 9.Qe2 h6 10.Be3 Ng6 11.Rad1 Bd7 12.Nd4 + =, I. Zaitsev - Sakharov, USSR 1969.)) 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 e5 (Some consider this the refutation of the Smith-Morra Gambit, but Black still has some worries. The d5 square is now weak, and just where to play the Queen is a problem.) 10.Be3 (Many analysts prefer 10.h3, but I like to get out the pieces.) 10...a6 (10...Nb4 13.Ne5 or 13.Rb1) 11.Rac1 Be6 12.b4! (Now the bad placement of Black's Q shows up. If 12...Nb4 13.Ne5 and Black's center is weakened. 13.Rb1 is also good.) 12...a6 13.a4 Nd7 14.Nd5 Bd5 15.Bd5 Nb4 16.Bb7 Rb8 17.Ba6

(White weeps over losing his beautiful KB, but an important pawn is an important pawn.) 17...Na6 18.Qa6 Rc8 19.Kf1 Nf6 20.Rc8 Qc8 21.Qc8 Rc8 22.a5



22...Ne4? (Black could not afford the two tempi he loses by grabbing the KP. (22...Kf8 is better - Ed.)) 23.a6 Nf6 24.Rb1 Kf8 25.a7 Nd7 26.Rb7 Ke8 27.Bb6 Bd8 28.Bd8 Kd8 29.Ng5 h6 (A clever trap. If 30.Nf7? Ke7 and the Knight has no place to go. Of course he can't be captured, but he remains out of play, and White's endgame strategy comes to a screeching halt.) 30.Ne4 Ke7 31.Nc3 Kd8 32.Na4 1:0 There is no answer to the threat of 33.Rd7.

Ruy Lopez C64

Barry Ensley
J. C. Thompson

1985 Final, Texas Postal

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.c3 f5 5.d4 fe4 6.Bc6 dc6 7.Nfd2 Qg5 8.dc5 Nf6 (8...Qg2 9.Qh5 Kd8 10.Rf1 Bh3 11.Qe5 Nf6 12.Qg3±ECO) 9.Qe2! (9.0-

0! Bh3 10.g3±ECO) 9...0-0 10.h4 Qg2 11.Qf1 Qg6 12.Nc4 Ng4 13.Be3 b5 14.cb6 ab6 15.Qg1 h5 16.Nbd2 Be6 17.Qg3 Qf5 18.0-0 Bd5 19.Bg5 Qe6 20.Ne3 Ba2 21.Ng4 hg4 22.Qe3 Rae8 23.Qe4 Bd5 24.Qe3 c5 25.b4 c4 26.Rfe1 Bc6 27.Qe2 b5 28.Ra6 Qd5 29.Qe4 Qe4 30.Ne4 Bd5 31.Re3 Rf7 32.Ra2 Ref8 33.Rd2 c6 34.Ra2 Rf3 35.Rf3 Rf3 36.Re2 Kf7 37.Bd2 Kg6 38.Ng3 Kf6 39.Re3 g6 40.Rf3 gf3 41.Kh2 Ke7 42.Nf1 Kd6 43.Kg3 c5 44.bc5 Kc5 45.Be3 Kd6 46.Nd2 1:0

Barry Endsley must like the Ruy Lopez, at least in postal chess. He has played it against me as well. The last two games show that J. C. Thompson likes the aggressive variations!

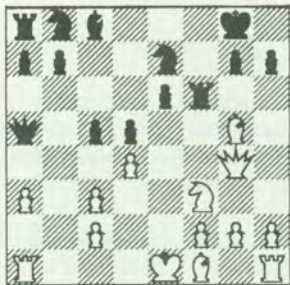
This next game is like an unfinished symphony. (Notes by Peter Berzanskis.)

French Defense C18

Peter Berzanskis
Duncan Campbell

1985 Final, Texas Postal

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Nf3 (8.Bh6? Nf5 or Ng6) 8...f5 (A new twist in an old line, this move has replaced Nbc6 and Qa5 at the higher levels. It may account for the current popularity of 8.Bd3, when 8...Nd7! is topical. (Informant #47 doesn't even have one example with 8.Nf3!) - Ed.) 9.ef6 Rf6 10.Bg5 Qa5!?



(10...Nd7! 11.Bd3 (11.Bf6? Nf6 12.Qf4 Qa5 13.Rd1 Ne4 - + ; 11.Bb5 e5! 12.dc5 Rg6! 13.Qh4 Nf6 14.Ne5 Nf5 15.Qf4 Rg5! 16.Qg5 Qa5 17.0-0 Qb5 DRAW, Rogers - W. Arencibia, Calcutta 1988) 11...c4 12.Ne5 (12.Be2 Rf5 13.Nh4!? + = Ulybin) Ne5 13.de5 Rf7 14.Be7 Qe7 15.Be2 Bd7 = Gdanski - Klinger, Baguio City 1987 - Ed.) 11.Bf6 (Too impatient. Duncan said another opponent in this section played 11.Bd3! and quickly nailed him. Note that 11.Bd3 connects the rooks after 11...Qc3 12.Ke2.) 11...Qc3 12.Ke2 Ng6 (Suddenly Black's position becomes hard to crack. The Black center pawns hinder White the rest of the game.) 13.dc5 gf6 14.Qd4 (Hoping that by exchanging I'll relieve some pressure.) 14...Nf4 15.Kd1 (If 15.Qf4?? e5 and e4.) 15...Qd4 16.Nd4 e5 17.Nb3 a6 (Limiting the scope of White's Bishop.) 18.Kd2 Nd7 (I thought that by consolidating with the exchange up I would have an easy game. Not so! White's rooks can't find an open file, the minor pieces are severely hampered, and Black's pawns are menacing.) 19.Rd1 Ne6 20.Kc1 Nc7 21.Be2

Kf7 22.Rhe1 Ke6 23.Bg4 Kf7 (If 23...f5 24.Nd4) 24.Kb2 Nf8 25.Bc8 Rc8 26.Re3 Nfe6 27.a4 d4 28.Ree1 Nd5 (Black just keeps improving his position, despite being the exchange down!) 29.g3 Nc5 30.Nc5 Rc5 31.f4 (Trying to break the pawn phalanx) 31..Ne3 32.Rc1 Rc3 (Still squeezing!) 33.Re2 (Here White hopefully asked for a draw, which was refused.) 33...e4 34.g4 Ke6 35.Rce1 (Thinking that if I could sac the exchange back and my King could stop his doubled center pawns, maybe White's kingside could march.) 35...Nc4 (He saw what I was thinking!) 36.Ka2 e3 37.Rd1 Ra3 38.Kb1 Kd5 39.g5 fg5 40.fg5 (Aha! I will establish a kingside passer.) 40...Ke4 41.h4 Kf3 42.Rh2 e2 43.Re1 Re3 44.h5 Ne5 (This was the last move I received from Duncan Campbell. He died three days after I received his move. It's a very two edged position, something Duncan can study when I meet him in heaven some day. Rest in peace, Duncan!) 45.Kc1 1:0 (on this world...)

This last game gives a win by Steven Lynn, the eventual winner. Notes again by Berzanskis.

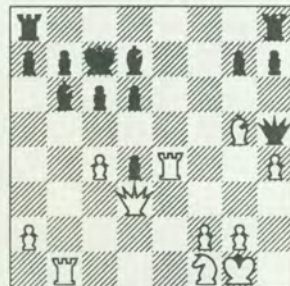
Evans Gambit C52

Steven Lynn
Peter Berzanskis

1985 Final, Texas Postal

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 ed4 7.Qb3!? (An interesting alternative to 7.0-0.) 7...Qe7 8.0-0

d6? (8...Bb6! 9.cd4!? (9.Ba3 d6; 9.Ba3 Qf6!?) 9...Nd4 10.Nd4 Bd4 11.Nc3 (Pfleger- Mendes, Lourenco Marques 1973) 11...Nf6 ; 11...Bc3!? ; 11...h6!? - Harding) 9.e5! Ne5 10.Ne5 Qe5 (If 10...de5? 11.Qb5 wins the Bishop.) 11.Bf7 Kf8 12.Bd2 Qf6 13.Bc4 Ne7 14.Re1 c6 15.Re4 Ng6 16.h4 Bb6 17.Bg5 Qf5 18.Bd3 Qd5 19.c4 Qc5 20.Bc1 Qh5 21.Bg5 Ne5 22.Rf4 (22.f4!?) 23...Ke8 23.Re4 Kd7 24.Nd2 Kc7 25.Nf1 Bd7 (25...Bf5 26.Re5!) 26.Rb1 Nd3 27.Qd3 (Here Steve asked for a draw. But heck, I'm up two pawns. All I need to do is develop my rooks and he is in trouble, right? Easier said than done.)



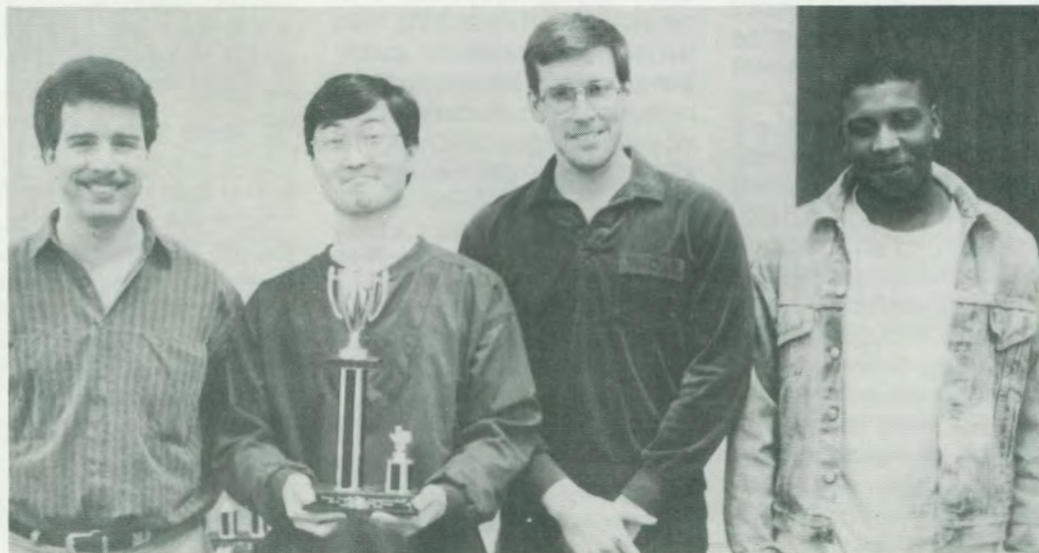
27...Rae8 28.Rd4 Bf5?? (Here I could have played 28...Bd4 with a solid exchange up, but I didn't like my weak d6 after Bf4, c5 etc., so I played the other way to win the exchange (28...Bd4 29.Qd4 c5! 30.Qg7 Qg4 (30...Rhg8 31.Rb7!) 31.Ne3 Qe6 32.Nd5 Kc8 33.Nd5 Kb8 34.Nf6 Rd8 and Black should win. - Ed.) 29.Qf5 Qe2 (29...Bd4 30.Bd8 +) 30.c5 dc5 31.Bf4 1:0 A beautiful game by Steve.



TEXAS TOP FIFTY

1.	2554	Joseph Mark Bradford	Austin	26.	2266	Hossein Zafarianian	Houston
2.	2512	Miles F. Ardaman	Houston	27-28.	2258	Steve Harrington	College Station
3.	2458	Igor Shtern	Dallas	27-28.	2258	Don C. Sutherland	San Antonio
4.	2456	Robert S. Atlas	Houston	29.	2250	Alexander Weinberg	San Antonio
5.	2398	Eric Peterson	Addison	30.	2246	Albert Yu	Irving
6.	2389	William C. Reuter	Houston	31.	2241	Stanley Sherman	Missouri City
7.	2377	Carlos J. Lau	Houston	32.	2238	Arthur L. Garey	Sugarland
8.	2374	Gregg H. Small	Dallas	33.	2235	Jan Rooswa	Mesquite
9-10.	2372	Selby K. Anderson	Helotes	34.	2233	Eric D. Bone	Houston
9-10.	2372	James J. Gallagher, Jr.	Converse	35.	2228	Robert Harrington	Houston
11.	2364	Michael S. Calogridis	Houston	36.	2225	Larry Moss	Houston
12.	2357	John N. Jacobs	Dallas	37.	2224	Robert Leininger	Irving
13.	2350	Phil L. Goulding	Houston	38.	2221	Gary Simms	Amarillo
14.	2341	Andras Budinzsky	Austin	39.	2216	Jack A. Ligon, Jr.	San Antonio
15.	2330	Mansour Bighamian	Houston	40.	2214	Kenneth Ray Smith	Dallas
16.	2324	Maria Ivanka	Austin	41.	2208	Carlos H. Santillan	Amarillo
17.	2330	Roger R. Smith	Bryan	42-43.	2207	Barry E. Endsley	Houston
18.	2329	Burton J. Carpenter, Jr.	Austin	42-43.	2207	Sid B. Pickard	Carrollton
19.	2307	Larry Englebretson	Houston	44.	2203	Richard Fabiano	College Station
20.	2305	Jerome Gottesman	Houston	45.	2202	David M. Lane	Houston
21.	2300	Tom Algeo	Midland	46.	2196	Alan T. Laverty	Austin
22.	2282	James Rohrbaugh	Dallas	47.	2192	Leonard H. Tillis	Houston
23.	2278	Michael D. Richards	Dallas	48.	2188	Ralph E. Culler	Austin
24.	2270	Todd Thomas	Houston	49.	2186	Don Marcott	San Antonio
25.	2267	Richard A. Ketcham	Austin	50.	2176	Richard E. Gonzales	Richmond

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The Fort Hood Armored Knights: Jeffrey Rhinesmith, Felix Castillo, Jeffrey Siebrandt, Stephen Marteen

TOMPKINS FORUM:

Tournament Director's Decisions

William Tompkins, who directed the 1989 Southwest Open, responds to letters by William Collin and Greg Wren which appeared in the Nov/Dec TK, p. 17:

(a) About disturbances/poor lighting (Collin):

After the 1988 Texas State Championship at the Hyatt in Austin, during which we were disturbed by a religious group that the hotel scheduled at the same time as the tournament, I promised myself that I would not let that situation arise again. But much to my chagrin, the word of a local management official is not the bond of the hotel. I had numerous meetings with the Wyndham staff to insure that we would not be disturbed and I had their word that we would not be disturbed. Yet three weeks before the Southwest Open they told me that they would be scheduling a disco at the same time as the tournament. I had no choice but to make the best of a bad situation, but I failed to do this for the second round. I felt that it would be possible to put some tournament games in upstairs meeting rooms, but was not ready for the lighting situation to arise. Again I had hotel assurances for more light in the rooms. I attempted to improve the lighting conditions and I did give the players the option to return to the ballroom.

I can assure every chess player in Texas that there will be NO disturbances at the 1990 Texas State Championship and Amateur Championship because I have reserved every bit of available meeting space for this tourney in May. The event will be held at the new Howard Johnson Plaza North Hotel in Austin. It is a playing site which is familiar to participants in the 1989 Texas Open and one which was very satisfactory to all.

(b) Concerning rounds starting on time (Wren):

As to the comments to starting a last round on time by adjourning games in the previous round . . . I have participated in and directed many LARGE tournaments, and as much as I strive to have it happen, I have yet to see it happen. In a large tournament - I mean one in excess of 100 players - you add the requirement to complete two rounds on that final day. A smaller tournament is more likely to finish an early round with enough time to pair a final round correctly, but to get the best pairings in a large tourney it is inevitable that there will be longer than normal games which will delay the pairings. I have adjourned games in the past to get a final round started, but NEVER when there is a large

amount of money riding on the outcome of the final game! Unfortunately, this was the specific case at the 1989 Southwest Open, but one key factor has not been mentioned: the actual outcome of the long running game that delayed the 6th round affected almost every pairing involving prize winners! That is, if the game had been adjourned and the final round was paired with the Kashdan system, player 'A' wanting a win and player 'B' wanting a draw, you can see how the actual result of player 'A' losing and player 'B' winning would affect the final round pairings. This is one of the worst situations I have to deal with in chess tournaments. To solve this problem I have to weigh the advantages and disadvantages, and I have settled on my solution to the problem by leaving the decision to the chess player. I offer a 1/2 point bye in any one round for any any player if it is requested before the start of the first round. This allows the players an opportunity, as taken by Mr. Collin and others, to miss the possible problems in the final round and get 1/2 point also! To the "gamblers", or one might say optimists, who make early plane reservations or the long-distance driver who figures the last game will be a short(?) one I can only say good luck, and I'll do my best to meet your needs, but the prize money is going to be properly earned by the most correct final round pairing.

- William Tompkins

Greg Wren replies:

I've played in many tournaments with over 100 players (National Open, World Open, etc.) where the rounds start on time (or nearly so) *since they have to*. (How long can you wait for that last game to finish in the next-to-last round? Until the next day?) Although I'm having some second thoughts about the fairness of the Kashdan system (and I'm a T.D. too), I'm looking for the best, fairest way to handle this problem. Prize funds are a big incentive for players, but if the rules on adjournment are clear before the tournament starts, they apply to all, equally. It doesn't have to be the Kashdan system - perhaps adjourn the game after the 2nd time control and adjudicate it for pairing purposes only. But announce the rules in advance, and adjourn when that last game keeps going on and on. Most players come to play chess - and not to worry about that possible half point difference that (conceivably) might mean a last round pairing with a different opponent.

Tournament Calendar

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

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

March 24-25: 1990 Texas Junior & HS Team Championship. 7-SS, 1st day G/1, 2nd day G/90, Wyndham Hotel, IH-35-S & Ben White Blvd. (Hwy. 71), Austin. Open to pre-school thru grade 12. **Jr. Championship.** Trophy, clock, set & board to 1st, trophy & clock to 2nd, set & board to 3rd, trophy to 4th, top female & elementary, wall plaque to top in every grade (pre-school thru 12). **HS Team Championship.** Trophy to team and wall plaque to top 4 for 1st team, trophy to 2nd & 3rd teams. **Both,** EF \$10 if rec'd by 3/19, \$20 at site. Reg. 9-10:30 a.m. Rds. 11-2:30-4:30-6:30, 9-12-3. TCA memb. req'd, jrs. \$5. HR: \$55 up to 4 per room. (512) 448-2222. A one section tourney; players from the same school may play each other. Ent: A.C.E., 7210 Teaberry Dr., Austin, TX 78745, (512) 443-1160 home, 465-3052 work. NC. W.

March 24-25: Capitol City Grand Prix. 4-SS, 40/2, 25/1 Wyndham Hotel, IH-35-S & Ben White Blvd. (Hwy. 71) Austin. 2 sections: \$\$(\$700 b/40, top 2 gtd.) **Open,** 150-100, X 75, U2000 50. **Reserve,** open to U1900. 125-75, U1700 70, U1500/Unr. 70. **All,** EF: \$25 if rec'd by 3/19, \$35 at site. TCA memb. req'd \$8; \$5 jrs. Class prizes based on 10/section. Reg. 9-10:30 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, (512) 443-1160 (home), 465-3052 (work). NS. NC. W.

March 24-25: San Jacinto Open. 4-SS, 45/2 25/1. 301 Rudder Tower, Texas A&M Univ. College Station, TX 77843. EF: \$25. \$\$G 500: 200-100-60,

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Three other officers swept in. Two players, identified by fellow players only by the names "Joe" and "Rambo" were cited for misdemeanor gambling. Shop manager Sovan Kuoy was cited for allowing the alleged gaming to occur.

Dad's regulars couldn't believe the crackdown, not only because chess is a game of skill rather than chance, but because there's plenty of serious crime in the neighborhood west of downtown.

"Right outside around here they have real murders and purse snatchings. Why bother people who are developing their minds, not doing crimes?" said Perez.

"They have better things to do than bust chess players," said Carl Williams, an appliance salesman and frequent player. "They should be down at MacArthur Park making real arrests."

The commander of the Wilshire division, police Capt. Keith Bushey, decided to concede on

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 (h), 845-5522 (w). 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 7-8: San Antonio April Action. 8-SS, G/30, Delux Inn, 6023 IH-10-W (Vance Jackson exit), San Antonio, TX. \$\$ (b/6 class, top 2G) 150-100, X, A, B, C/under each 75. EF: \$20 if rec'd by 4/5, \$25 at site. Reg. 11:30 a.m.-12:30, Rds. 1-2:30-4-5:30, 10-11:30-1:30-3. 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.

Apr. 21-22: Tx Armed Forces Championship. 5-SS, 45/2, 25/1. Chaparral Rec. Center, Bldg. #7246, Carswell St., Lackland AFB (San Antonio). 671-2028. \$\$/entries, 1st place trophies for active duty & retired. EF: \$10 if rec'd by 4/19, \$15 at site. TCA req., \$8. Reg. 8:15-9:15 a.m., Rds. 9:30-2:30-7, 9-2:30. 1/2 pt. bye any one rd., notice before Rd. 1. Ent: SACC, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023.(512) 534-4976. LS. NC.

Thursday. "We're not going to clog the system with a little thing like this," Bushey said.

The officers were ordered to retrieve the citations and issue informal warnings in any such cases in the future.

The doughnut shop, in the meantime, had banned chess players on Wednesday. But they were allowed back Thursday night after a hastily scrawled "No Gambling" sign was hung on the window.

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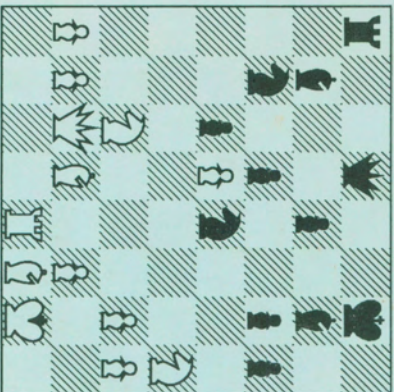
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