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Thanh Van tops record field at Texas Junior

Selby Anderson and Thanh Van

Thanh Van of Round Rock won the 1990 Texas Junior title in Austin this March 24-25, scoring six wins and a draw. In the process he beat last year's co-champ Steve Fraley and drew David Peterson (rated 1909 and ranked sixth in the nation under age 13.) Thanh Van will advance to the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions at this year's U. S. Open.

Total attendance in all scholastic categories was 144, about twice the expected turnout and certainly a record for the state of Texas, said tournament director William Tompkins of the A.C.E. Chess Club. Parents told him they'd never seen "so many kids quiet for so long."

Delfino de los Santos, a senior at Edgewood High School in San Antonio, was second with a 6-1 score, including a win over Peterson. Tying for 3rd-4th places at 5.5 were David Peterson of Austin and Paul Shimek of Houston. Peterson is a third grader, but his 1909 rating put him at the top of the junior wall chart! Honorable mention should go to Nathan Doughty of Houston (see following article), whose five points do not demonstrate the aggressive style that brought him a win against last year's junior champ Steve Fraley.

Jessica Friesenhahn of San Antonio was the top junior female, with a respectable 5.5-1.5 score in the middle school section. Six year old Andrea Peterson of Austin (rated 1446!) scored a remarkable 5-2 to win her grade prize, only half a point away from a tie for first.

John Kimbrough, Jr. of San Antonio won the elementary section with 5.5-.5. He is a fifth grader at Saint Mary's Hall and a student of NM Jim Gallagher.

Perennial Texas state champ Joe Bradford gave a 51 board simul Saturday evening. It took him two hours and 45 minutes to win all his games.

Senior TD William Tompkins directed with help from Richard Peterson, Charles E. Davis and Stuart Gourd. Tompkins also thanks David Rubin (who coached the St. Anthony's team) and Greg Whitlock.

The field was three times the size of last year's event. The winner observed: "From all the talent I observed, the future of chess in Texas looks bright indeed."

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

1st	Thanh Van	Round Rock	6.5
2nd	Delfino de los Santos	San Antonio	6
3rd-4th	David Peterson	Austin	5.5
3rd-4th	Paul Shimek	Houston	5.5

High School Grade Prizes

12	Ernest Jochim	Houston	5
	Frank Carm	Houston	5
11	Russell J. Smith	Houston	5
	Lenny Carm	Houston	5
10	Steve Fraley	Houston	5
9	Bryan Havel	San Antonio	5
	Nathan Doughty	Austin	5

High School Team Championship

1st	MacArthur	Houston	19.5
2nd	Klein	Houston	17.5
3rd	Round Rock	Round Rock	17

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

1st place	Mack Stocco	Houston	6
Gr. 8	Ryan Letner	Houston	6
Gr. 7	Bryan C. Miller	Houston	6
Gr. 6	Walter Makarwich	Dallas	5.5
Teams:	Klein (1st on tiebreak)	Houston	20
	Hartman	Houston	20

ELEMENTARY (Grades 1-5)

1st place	John Kimbrough, Jr.	San Antonio	5.5
Gr. 5	Geovanna Guimbardo	San Antonio	4
	Jeffrey Edwards	San Antonio	4
	Benjamin Judson	San Antonio	4
	Eddie Uresti	San Antonio	4
Gr. 4	Adi Smith	Austin	5
Gr. 3	Joey Friesenhahn	San Antonio	5
Gr. 2	Eli Kooris	Austin	4
Gr. 1	Andrea Peterson	Austin	5
Team:	St. Andrew's	Austin	17.5

King's Indian E76

Thanh Van 1556

Steve Fraley 1670

1990 Texas Junior Chp. (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4

d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 (6...c5!)

7.Be2 c6 8.e5 Ne8 9.0-0 Nc7

10.Bd3 d5 11.Qe2 dc4 12.Bc4

Nb6 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.Be3 Ncd5

15.Rad1 Bh6 16.Qd2 Ne3

17.Qe3 Nd5 18.Nd5 Qd5 19.Bb1

Rfd8 20.h3 Bf3 21.Qf3 Qf3 22.Rf3

c5 23.d5 Rd7 24.g3 f6 25.ef6 ef6

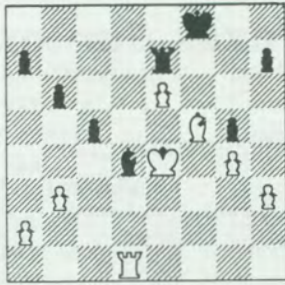
26.f5 g5 27.g4 Bf8 28.Re3 Bd6

29.Re6 Be5 30.b3 Bd4 31.Kg2

Rd5 32.Rf6 Re8 33.Re6 Re5

34.Bd3 R5e6 35.fe6 Kg7 36.Bf5

Re7 37.Kf3 b6 38.Ke4 Kf8



39.Kd5 Kg7 40.Kd6 Kf6 41.Rf1 Be5 42.Kd5 Bf4 43.Rd1 h5 44.Kc6 Rc7 45.Kb5 hg4 46.hg4 Ke7 47.Rd7 Rd7 48.ed7 Bc7 49.Ka6 Bd6 50.Ka7 b5 51.Kb7 Kd8 and 1:0

The final moves were lost in the mutual time scramble. 52.Kc6 Be7 53.Kb5 Kc7 54.a4 Kb7 55.d8(Q) Bd8 56.Kc5 wins handily as long as White advances his pawns on dark squares to avoid a blockade.

After this game Steve Fraley folded to Nathan Doughty (see page six) and was out of the running.

Lest we appear partial to Mr. Doughty by publishing an article with his best games, here is an action-packed miniature in which he gets munched.

King's Gambit C30
Nathan Doughty 1339
Ernest Jochim 1550
1990 Texas Junior Chp. (3)

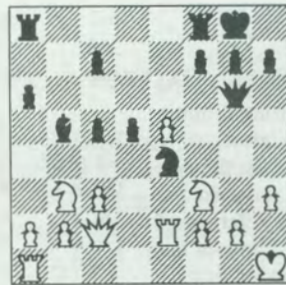
1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d5!? (This hybrid Falkbeer is less sound than 3...d6) 4.ed5 (4.Ne5! de4 5.Qh5 Qe7 6.Bc4 g6 7.Qe2 Nh6 8.Nc3+-) 4...e4 5.Qe2? (5.d4! ef3 6.dc5 Qe7 7.Kf2 fg2 8.Bg2! Qc5 9.Be3 ± ECO) 5...Nf6 6.d4 0-0 7.dc5 ef3 8.Qf3 Re8 9.Be2 (9.Kd2 Ne4 10.Kd1 Bg4! 11.Qg4 Nf2 is also unpleasant.) 9...Bg4 10.Qf2 Re2 11.Qe2 Be2 12.Ke2

Qd5 13.Rd1 Qg2 14.Ke1 Nc6 0:1

Leading Texas prodigy David Peterson gets his only loss:

Ruy Lopez C73
David Peterson 1908
Delfino de los Santos 1506
1990 Texas Junior Chp. (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 bc6 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 ed4 7.Nd4 Bd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.Nd2 Bf6 10.c3 Bg5! 11.Bg5 Qg5 12.N2f3 Qg6 13.Kh1 Nf6 14.Re1 Ng4 15.Qd2 0-0 16.h3 Nf6 17.e5 Ne4 18.Qc2 d5 19.Re2? (19.Rac1) 19...c5 20.Nb3 Bb5

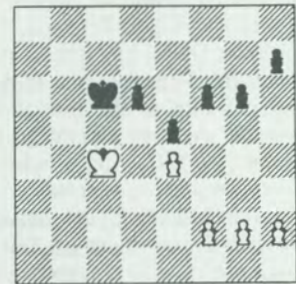


Oops! White must dump the exchange or lose his Queen to Ng3+. 21.Re4 de4 22.Nfd2 Bd3 23.Qd1 c4 24.Nc5 Qf5 25.Nd3 cd3 26.Qe1 Rfe8 27.Qe4 Qe4 28.Ne4 Re5 29.f3 f5 0:1

King's Indian E61
Paul Shimek 1514
Steve Fraley 1670
1990 Texas Junior Chp. (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.c4 d6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 c5 8.Re1 Re8 9.e4 cd4 10.Nd4 a6 11.Bc2 Ne5 12.Bd3 Nd3

13.Qd3 Nd7 14.Nf3 Ne5 15.Ne5 Be5 16.Qc2 Bd7 17.a4 Rc8 18.b3 b5 19.ab5 ab5 20.Bb2 bc4 21.b4 e6 22.Ne2 Bb2 23.Qb2 Qb6 24.Nc3 Rb8 25.Rab1 Bb5 26.Qd2 Red8 27.Red1 Kg7 28.Qd4 Qd4 29.Rd4 e5 30.Rd2 Bc6 31.b5 Be8 32.b6 f6 33.Ra2 Rd7 34.Ra7 Ra7 35.ba7 Rb1 36.Nb1 Bc6 37.Nc3 Kf7 38.Kf1 Ke8 39.Nd5 Kd8 40.Nb6 Kc7! 41.a8(Q) Ba8 42.Na8 Kc6?? (42...Kb7 makes the endgame task trivial) 43.Ke2 Kb7 44.Kd2 Ka8 45.Kc3 Kb7 46.Kc4 Kc6 0:1 (time)



Black is winning - if he can make the last pawn move on the Kingside - not so clear, even to a master!



DAVID HEAP WINS
1986 TCA POSTAL FINALS

David Heap won the 1986 TCA Postal Finals. The 1984 Finals winner scored 7.5-.5 score, including a win against 1985 Finals champ Steven Lynn. Second place goes to Peter Murphy with 6.5. John Gustaffson of Hooks, Texas came in third at 5.5.

Games from the 1986 Finals will be published in the next issue of *Texas Knights*. - Bruce Baker

When a young man named Nathan Doughty took home the brilliancy prize from the 1989 Houston Absolute Championship (see Jan/Feb issue of *TK*, p.1), a lot of people were probably surprised. Not true for those who frequent the Friendswood Chess Club. In fact, we've never questioned *if* the 14-year-old freshman of La Forte High School could do it, but *when*.

Nathan has been a member of the club for some time now, and has shown steady progress in his game.

He receives a lot of encouragement from all his fellow members as well as from his father Travis, who also plays chess. At the Friendswood C.C., Nathan has the opportunity to play several A- and B-rated opponents, and a few experts too. All of this adds up to make the teenager a terror to face across the board, as one never knows who the next victim will be.

Here Nathan beats the 1989 Texas Junior Champion:

Benko Gambit A57

Steve Fraley 1670

Nathan Doughty 1430

1990 Texas Junior Chp. (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5
a6 5.Nc3 ab5 6.Bg5 b4 7.Bf6 ef6
8.Ne4 d6 9.e3 f5 10.Ng3 g6
11.Nf3 Bg7 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.Bd7
Nd7 14.Qd2 Qf6 15.0-0 Qb2
16.Qd3 Ra2 17.Ra2 Qa2 18.Nd2
0-0 19.f4 Nb6 20.Nf5 gf5 21.Nf3
Qd5 22.Qb1 Qe4 23.Qb3 h6
24.Nh4 Ra8 25.g4 Ra3 0:1

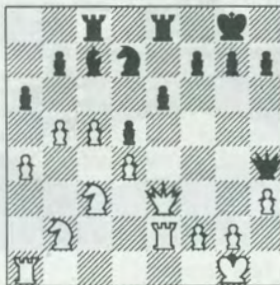
Caro-Kann B14

Nathan Doughty 1430

Bill Manthei 1917

Friendswood Swiss, 3/4/90

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.d4
cd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3
e6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1
Nb4 11.Be2 Rc8 12.a3 Nc6
13.c5 Na5 14.Ne5 Be2 15.Re2
Nd7 16.Nd3 a6 17.b4 Nc4
18.Nb2 Ne3 19.Re3 Bg5 20.Re2
Qf6 21.Qd3 Qh6 22.a4 Bf4 23.h3
Bc7 24.Qe3 Qh4 25.b5 Rfe8



26.ba6 ba6 27.Nd3 Ba5 28.Ne1
Nb8 (28...Bc3 29.Qc3 e5 30.Nf3)
29.Nf3 Qe7 30.Rb1 Nc6 31.Reb2
Rb8? 32.Rb8 Rb8 (32...Nb8 is
less obliging but still drops a
pawn to 33.Nd5.) 33.Rb8 Nb8
34.Nd5 Qd7 35.Qb3! Nc6
36.Nb6 Qd8 37.Qb2 f6 38.Nc4
e5 39.Na5 (Here Nathan
decided that a pawn plus
endgame was enough, and
decided to exchange as
many pieces as possible. But
after 39.Qb3! Kh8 40.d5! Qd5

41.Na5 White wins a piece.)
39...Na5 40.Qb6 Qb6 41.cb6
ed4 42.Nd4 Kf7 43.Kf1 g6
44.Nb3 Nb7 45.Ke2 Ke6 46.Kd3
Kd5 47.a5 Kc6 48.Kc4 Nd6
49.Kb4 Ne4? 50.f3 f5 (50...Nd6
51.Nc5) 51.fe4 fe4 52.Kc4 1:0

Caro-Kann B14

Nathan Doughty 1430

Alan Hardee 1763

Friendswood Swiss, 3/21/90

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 Nc6!?
4.Nf3 d6?! (4...d5 5.ed5 Qd5
6.cd4 Bg4 or 6...e5 with only a
slight edge to White) 5.cd4
Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Bd3 a6 8.0-0 b5
9.a3 Bb7 10.Bg5 (10.Qe2! Be7
11.Rd1 0-0 12.e5 ±) 10...Be7
11.e5?! (Premature; 11.Qe2 is
still correct.) 11...de5 12.de5
Nd5 13.Nd5?! (13.Ne4? Ne5!
(13...Bg5? 14.Nd6±) 14.Ne5 Bg5
favors Black. Best is 13.Be7
Nc3 14.Bd8 Nd1 15.Rfd1 Rd8
16.Be4 => 13...Bg5 14.Ng5 Qd5
15.f4 Ne5 16.Be4 Qc5?
(16...Qd1 17.Rad1 Be4 18.fe5
Bg6 and Black is better)
17.Kh1 Nc6 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.Qd6
Rc8 20.Rfd1 Qc7 21.Qc5 Qf4
22.Rf1! Ne5 23.Rf4 Rc5 24.Rc5
Be4 25.Re4 Ke7 26.Rce5
and Black capitulated on
move 39.

It looks like Nathan has arrived...



All The Right Moves

11-year-old Andras Erdei wants to become a chess champ - and he just might do it

by Bill Marvel, staff writer of *The Dallas Morning News*



Ross Ashley (left) faces Erdei, who won in 58 moves. *Photo: Stan Golightly for the Greenville Herald Banner.*

It's Friday night at the Dallas Chess Club, Bobby Fischer's birthday. The pop machine is well-stocked and the chess sets are laid out on the folding tables for the weekly tournament.

Now the room is silent, except for the occasional creak of a chair and the soft click of chess pieces as bishop takes knight, rook takes queen. Hunched over the boards, plotting strategy, are 13 very intense men. And one small, very intense 11-year-old boy.

While other kids his age are maneuvering through the fourth level of Super Mario Brothers, Andras Erdei is playing the most ancient and subtle of games, taking on players much older and more experienced than himself and sometimes beating them. Not always, but often enough to bear watching.

Last November in a tournament at Dave's Art Pawn Shop, Andras dispatched four of five adult opponents to finish second. With 1837 points earned in tournament

play, he is the seventh-best player in his age group in the country as rated by the United States Chess Federation. Theoretically he should be able to beat 87 percent of all rated players in the world.

But that's not the way it's going tonight. In an intensely fought first game, Andras battled to the very last piece before losing to Richard Weaver, an expert player. "It was a real tough game," Mr. Weaver said.

In the second round, after a struggle for control of the center of the board, Tom Masterson made a critical mistake and lost a knight. After that, Andras dominated the game.

"I wish I played that well at his age," said Mr. Masterson. "I wish I played that well at *this* age."

But now, Andras is clearly in trouble. He is playing with Allen Kupetz, a State Department employee from Washington, D.C., on assignment to Dallas. After an aggressive opening in which the two players traded

pawns and bishops, Mr. Kupetz has slowly been boxing in his young opponent, forcing him onto the defensive.

Tonight, the game is "action chess," a test not just of skills, but of temperament, of levels of maturity, of patience under pressure. Each player has 30 minutes. He contemplates moves, then punches a button starting his opponent's clock. Play continues until checkmate or until one of the players uses up his 30 minutes and loses. There is a great temptation to move first and think later, especially for the younger player.

Even so, Andras is playing with implacable calm, studying each move while the clock ticks away the seconds. Only the steady, rhythmic twitching of his foot reveals the tension.

"We're rated about evenly," Mr. Kupetz says. "We played once before and he won. I wish I would have started at that age. The last time I played him I started with a big advantage. Then all of a sudden, ding ding, he counterattacked and he won."

Even when he loses, as he seems to be doing now, Andras invariably wins the respect of other players for his aggressive play and his even temper.

"The spooky thing is that he's so calm for his age," says Richard Weaver. "But the best thing about him is he's a real nice kid. I've met a lot of chess kids around. They don't like to lose. That's why everyone likes him."

Andras has been playing chess since he was 6, in his native Hungary.

"I began in preschool," he says. "I hear somebody say chess, so I ask at home, 'what is chess?' My father had a board and he showed me."

Dr. Sandor Erdei, an electrical engineer at the University of Texas at Dallas, does not consider himself a serious chess player. But he taught his son the basics and, after Andras began to beat him regularly, took him to the Budapest chess club in search of more worthy opponents.

Those opponents included a woman champion of Hungary and Lajos Portish, a well-known grandmaster, both of whom pronounced the boy promising.

"We were surprised a little, I and my wife," Dr. Erdei says. But they decided to do what they could to cultivate their son's talent. When the family arrived in Dallas last July, they started looking around for a club. But regular membership was \$110, a bit beyond the family's budget.

"I was on the board," says club member Luis Salinas, "when one of his parents' friends called. They said he wanted to play here but couldn't afford the membership. I rounded up some support for him."

"When Andras first showed up at the club," Richard Weaver says, "there was a buzz of excitement. Now, members have learned to take him in stride."

Nevertheless, he points out, "you'll notice more of the players tend to watch him rather than the better players."

"He has the temperament and the talent," says Sol Schwarz. "I think older players are chagrined when he beats them. But they won't let you notice it."

"He's upset a lot of players, including me," says Lyndon Laird, an expert. "I'm sure he'll be an expert in a year or two."

Luis Salinas describes his style of play as "very tactical and very fast," high compliments from any chess player.

Tactical, Mr. Salinas explains, means that a player can take in the situation on the board at a glance and plan a number of moves ahead. This is what distinguishes the serious chess player from somebody who is just pushing the pieces around the board.

"You have to have a good memory," says Andras. "Be clever."

To supplement his memory and sharpen his cleverness, he is taking weekly instruction from John Jacobs, a Dallas chess master who gives lessons Saturday mornings.

Andras says he would like to be world champion, someday. But his immediate goal is to compete in the U.S. Elementary Championship May 11-13 in Hollywood, Fla., if the family budget permits. "That's a very important championship," he says.

But in the meantime, there is this game to think about, and it is just about over. Andras is behind by 12 minutes and down by three pawns, and Mr. Kupetz's knight is hopping all over his side of the board, checking his every move.

At length, Andras bows to the inevitable and extends his hand, conceding defeat. The older player helpfully points out some moves that might have saved things. Andras listens intently, nodding.

"I like playing these men," he says afterward. "I learn a lot."

"I threw everything I had at him," his opponent says. "If he had defended successfully early, he would have got me." But defense is a game for older, more experienced players. That will come, with time.

"He has a lot of composure. He doesn't panic when he's behind on time. I'm not a psychologist, but I think his innate skills may be better at this stage than his strategy. I think it's safe to say that when he's my age, I'll never be able to beat him."

They know that Andras Erdei may lose a game here and there, when the clock runs out.

But in the big game, time is on Andras' side.

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1990 Texas Senior Championship

by Tony Alston

On April 7th and 8th ten of Texas' elder statesmen of chess did battle to determine the 1990 Texas Senior Champ. Notable among those present was the 1989 champion Frank LaCava of San Antonio.

Round three saw LaCava meet Ray Smith on board one. These two have played 88 rated games against each other, each scoring 37 wins, 37 losses and 14 draws! The result was a hard fought draw.

In round four LaCava mishandled a strategically won position against David Gonzales and lost. On board two Smith beat Wren to move a half point ahead of the field.

In the final round Smith, Gonzales and LaCava all won. The final standings were:

1st Raymond Smith 4.5 (draw with LaCava)
2nd David Gonzales 4 (loss to Smith)
3rd Frank LaCava 3.5 (loss/Gonzales, draw/Smith)

QGD Slav D11

Frank LaCava 1937

Raymond Smith 1897

1990 Texas Senior (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 (An innocuous line.)
5...Nbd7 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 dc4
8.Bc4 b5 9.Bd3 a6 10.0-0 c5
11.dc5 Nc5 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.Qe2
0-0 14.b4 Nce4 15.Bb2 Rc8
16.Ne4 Be4 17.Be4 Ne4 18.Rfd1
Qc7 19.Rac1 Qb7 20.Ne5 Rc1
21.Rc1 Rc8 22.Rc8 Qc8 23.Qf3
f5 24.Qe2 Bf6 25.Nd3 Qc4 26.Bf6
Nf6 27.f3 Nd5 28.Qd2 Qb3 29.e4
Qc3 30.Qc3 Nc3 31.ef5 ef5
32.Nc5 Nb1 33.Na6 DRAW

KI Attack A04

Frank LaCava 1937

Greg Wren 1770

1990 Texas Senior (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 g6 4.g3
Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nbd2 e6 7.0-0
Nge7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nf1 f5 10.c3
Qb6 11.Qe2 e5 12.Ne3 Qc7
13.Nd5 Nd5 14.ed5 Ne7 15.c4
Bd7 16.Bg5 Rae8 17.Qd2 f4
18.gf4 h6 19.Be7 Re7 20.fe5 de5
21.Nh4 Bf5 22.Be4 Qd6 23.f3 Qf6
24.Ng2 g5 25.Ne3 Bh3 26.Kh1
Qf4 27.Rg1 h5 28.Rad1 Bh6
29.Rg3 g4 30.fg4 hg4 31.Qe2
Rg7 32.Rdg1 Qf2 33.Qf2 Rf2

34.Ng4 Bg4 35.Rg4 Rg4 36.Rg4
Kf8 37.Kg1 Rb2 38.Rg2 Be3
39.Kf1 Rb1 40.Ke2 Bd4 41.Kf3
Rf1 42.Kg4 Rf4 43.Kg3 Bf2??
44.Rf2 Rf2 45.Kf2 and 1:0

Lares wins April Action

Manuel Lares-Flores won the San Antonio April Action tournament, held concurrently with the Texas Senior, with a 6-2 score.

Trailing with 5.5 were Jim Gallagher, Alex Shaffer, Mike Moore, Andy Smith and Jesse Buentello (who beat Gallagher and drew Anderson). John Funderburg won Class A/B with 4.5, and D. T. Area won Class C/under with 4.

Twenty-eight players competed. Tony Alston directed both events.

QGD Tarrasch D40

Jesse Buentello 2052

Jim Gallagher 2372

S. A. April Action (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 d5 4.c4
e6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bd3 cd4 7.ed4
Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 dc4 10.Bc4
Nb4 11.Bg5 Nbd5 12.Qb3 a5
13.Rad1 a4 14.Na4 Bd7 15.Nc3
Nc3 16.Qc3 b5 17.Bb3 Rc8
18.Qd3 Bc6 19.Ne5 Bd5 20.Bc2
g6 21.Bb1 Nh5 22.Bh6 Re8
23.Qe3 Bb4 24.Rf1 Ng7 25.Qf4
Rf8 26.Rc1 f6 27.Nd3 Bd6

28.Qe3 Nf5 29.Qd2 Nh6 30.Qh6
Bc4 31.Qe3 and 1:0

French C13

Manuel Lares-Flores 2162

Jesse Buentello 2052

S. A. April Action (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 5.Bf6 Bf6 6.e5 Be7 7.f4 c5
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Ne2 cd4 10.Nfd4 0-0
11.Qd2 f6 12.ef6 Bf6 13.0-0-0
Bd7 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.g3 Qb6
16.c3 Na5 17.Nc1 Rfd8 18.Ka1
a6 19.g4 e5 20.fe5 Be5 21.Nf3
Bf6 22.h3 Bc6 23.Nd4 Nc4 24.Qf2
Rf8 25.Bc4 dc4 26.Rhf1 Bd4
27.Qd4 Qd4 28.Rf8 Rf8 29.cd4
b5 30.b3 Bd5 and DRAW

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Selby Anderson 2372

Alex Shaffer 2109

S. A. April Action (5)

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
Nc5 14.fe6!? Bg5?! (14...fe6
15.b4!? Na4 16.Ncb5!?) 15.Kb1
Be6 16.Ne6 Ne6 17.Nd5 Qc5
18.e5 Rc8 19.Bd3 0-0 20.h4 Bd8
21.Nf6! Bf6 22.ef6 g6 23.h5 Qc6
24.Be4 Qc7 25.hg6 fg6 26.Bd5
Rfe8 27.Rde1 Qf7 28.Qh3 1:0

Small, Epstein top Greenville Invitational

by William D. Collin

Gregg Small and Robert Epstein, both of Dallas, won the Greenville Masters/Candidate Masters Invitational chess tournament, held February 24. Both scored 2.5 points out of 3 to win \$62.50. All twelve entrants in the Invitational section were nominated by various clubs in the area, and had free entry. The prize fund was donated by the E-Systems Greenville Chess Club.

William Brugge (1968) won in Reserve Section A with 3-0, and Ivan Wijetunge (1619) was second with 2.5-.5. Scott Silverman and Michael Henry split the Under 1400 prize, each scoring 2-1.

Mark Gracey (1985) won Reserve Section B with 3-0, and Michael Harvey (1401) was second with 2.5-.5. Tying for Under 1400 were Raul Alva and Tim Loos.

Larry Spann directed a field of thirty-seven players.

Petroff's C42

Mike Richards 2278

Craig Cartwright 2101

Greenville Invitational (1)

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Ne5 d6
4.Nf7!? Kf7 5.d4**

Bronstein's improvement on the old Cochrane Gambit line 5.Bc4. Now if 5...Ne4? 6.Qh5 is deadly.

5...Be7

Or 5...g6 returning the piece after 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 Be6 8.Be6 Ke6 9.f4 Kf7 10.e5 Re8! 11.0-0 Nc6 12.d5 de5 13.dc6 Qd1 14.Nd1 bc6 = Vitolins-Anikaev, USSR 1979

6.Nc3 Re8 7.Bc4

According to ECO White has compensation for his sacrificed material.

**7...Be6 8.Be6 Ke6 9.0-0 Kf7
10.f4 Kg8 11.e5 de5 12.fe5 Nd5
13.Ne4 Rf8!**

Superficially more appealing is 14...Nd7, but 14.c4 N5b6 15.c5 Nd5 16.Qb3 nets White a pawn. The text allows ...Nf4.

14.Rf8 Qf8 15.c3

On the more insistent 15.c4 Nf4! (15...Nb6? 16.c5 Nd5 17.Qb3; 15...Nb4? 16.Qb3! Δ c5) 16.Qg4 Ng6 17.Be3 (17.Ng5!? Bg5!) 17...Nc6 18.Rf1 Qd8!

(18...Qc8 19.e6!) Black has strong central pressure.

Either White went astray somewhere, or his compensation at move seven has been exaggerated!

**15...Nd7 16.Qb3 N7b6 17.c4
Nf4! 18.Qe3**

18.c5?! Kh8 19.Bf4 (19.cb6?? Ne2 -+) 19...Qf4 20.cb6 Qe4 21.bc7 Qd4 and 22...Qb6.

**18...Ng6 19.b3 Qf5 20.Bd2 Rf8
21.a4 Nd7?**

21...c5! wins the e-pawn, since 22.dc5 Qe5 23.Bc3 is answered with 23...Bc5!

Also 22.d5 Qe5 23.Bc3 Qf4 favors Black.

**22.b4 Nf4 23.g3 Ng6 24.a5 h5
25.Qe2 Qf3 26.Qf3 Rf3 27.Kg2
Rd3 28.Bc3 h4 29.Kf2 hg3
30.hg3 Bg5 31.b5 Bh6 32.Rb1
Re3 33.Re1 Rd3 34.c5 Ne7
35.g4 Rc3**

Forced simplification. Cartwright's pieces should be able to neutralize Richards' pawns. Both players were in time pressure - less than 10 minutes to reach move 45.

**36.Nc3 Bd2 37.e6 Be1
38.Ke1 Nf6 39.Ke2**

Played with less than three minutes on the clock. If White wants to set a sleazy trap, he should play to d2.

39...Kf8!

Safety first. Black could in fact get away with 39...Ng4!! 40.d5 Ne5 41.d6 cd6 42.cd6 Nf5! Δ Nd4 (check) and Ne6+, but the text is practical in time pressure and technically best had White played 39.Kd2.

**40.g5 Nfd5 41.Ne4 Nf4
42.Ke3 Ned5 43.Kf3 Ne6 44.b6
ab6 45.c6 Nd4 0:1**

(Notes by Collin and Anderson.)

This top board game from section 'A' features the highest rated 11 year old in the U. S. For more on Andras Erdei, see page six.

Gruenfeld D80

William Brugge 1980

Andras Erdei 1809

Greenville "A" (3)

**1.d4 Nf6 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5
4.Bg5 dc4 5.Bf6 ef6 6.e4 c5
7.dc5 Qd1 8.Rd1 Bc5 9.Bc4 0-0
10.Nd5 Bb6 11.Nf6 Kg7 12.e5
Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Bb3 Be6
15.Be6 fe6 16.Nf3 Nc2 17.Ke2
Ne3 18.Rd7 Rf7 19.Rf7 Kf7
20.Ng5 Ke7 21.h4 Ng2 22.Kf3 h6
23.Kg2 hg5 24.hg5 Rd8 25.Rh7
Kf8 26.Nd7 Kg8 27.Re7 Be3
28.Kf3 Bc1 29.b3 b5 30.Ke4 Ba3
31.Nf6 Kf8 32.Ra7 Bc5 33.Nd7
Rd7 34.Rd7 and 1:0**

Bird's A03

Steve Alden 2095

Robert Leininger 2224

Greenville Invitational (1)

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Bg4 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 g6 6.Be2 Bf3 7.Bf3 Bg7 8.c4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.cd5 Nd5 11.Bg7 Kg7 12.Nc3 e6 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.Nd5 ed5 15.Rac1 Re8 16.Qb5 b6 17.Rfe1 a6 18.Qf1 Qd6 19.g3 f5 20.a3 b5 21.Qd3 Ne7 22. 26.Kf2 Red8 23.Rc2 Qf6 24.Qc3 c4 25.b4 Rd7 26.Kg2 Rcd8 27.Kf2 Kf7 28.Qf6 Kf6 29.h4 h5 30.Bg2 Kf7 31.Bf3 Ng8 32.d4 Nf6 33.Rc3 a5 34.Re2 ab4 35.ab4 Ra8 36.Rb2 Ne4 37.Be4 fe4 38.Ke2 Kf6 39.Rcc2 Kf5 40.Ra2 Rda7 41.Ra7 Ra7 42.Rb2 Kg4 43.Kf2 Ra4 44.Kg2 Ra3 0:1

Sicilian B20

David Sewell 2018

Richard Weaver 2162

Greenville Invitational (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nf3 b5 5.Bb3 Bb7 6.Qd3 Nf6 7.Nbd2 Bb4 8.Qb5 Bd2 9.Nd2 Be4 10.Ne4 Ne4 11.Qe5 Nf6 12.Qd4 Nc6 13.Qd6 Ne4 14.Qa3 Nd4 15.Ba4 Rc8 16.c3 Nf2 17.Be3 Nd3 18.Kd2 Nf5 19.Kd3 Ne3 20.Ke3 Qg5 21.Kf2 Qf4 22.Ke1 Qe3 23.Kd1 Rc4 24.Re1 Qf4 25.Bb5 Qg4 26.Re2 Re4 27.Qd6 g6 28.Bd7 1:0

Scotch Game C47

Tom Dropka 2139

Mack Williams 1998

Greenville Invitational (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 ed4 5.Nd4 Bc5 6.Nb3 Bb4

7.Bd3 Bc3 8.bc3 Ne5 9.0-0 Nd3 10.cd3 d6 11.h3 h6 12.f4 0-0 13.Qf3 c6 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rae1 Be6 16.c4 Qc7 17.f5 Bd7 18.Qg3 Qb6 19.c5 Qa6 20.Bb2 Kh7 21.Bf6 gf6 22.Qd6 Rad8 23.Qf6 Qa2 24.Qf7 Kh8 25.Rf2 Qa6 26.Qf6 Kg8 27.Qg6 Kf8 28.f6 1:0

Small and Rooswa both arrived about 15 minutes late, hence they were paired in the first round.

Ruy Lopez C68

Gregg Small 2374

Jan Rooswa 2235

Greenville Invitational (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 dc6 5.0-0 Qd6 6.d4 ed4 7.Qd4 c5 8.Qc3 Bg4 9.Ne5 Be6 10.Bf4 Qd4 11.Re1 0-0-0 12.Nf3 Qc3 13.Nc3 Bd6 14.Be3 Nh6 15.Bh6 gh6 16.e5 Be7 17.Ne4 Rhg8 18.Ng3 Rg6 19.Re4 Bg4 20.Re3 Rdg8 21.Ne1 h5 22.h3 Bh3 23.gh3 h4 24.Kg2 h5 25.Nd3 hg3 26.Rg3 c4 27.Nf4 Rg3 28.fg3 h4 29.g4 Rd8 30.Re1 Bg5 D R A W

QGD Tarrasch D34

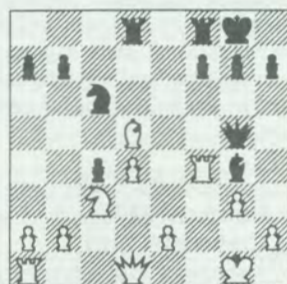
Robert Leininger 2224

Tom Dropka 2139

Greenville Invitational (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cd5 ed5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 c4 10.Ne5 Be6 11.f4 (11.Nc6 bc6 12.b3 Qa5 13.Na4 Rfd8 14.e3 c5 15.Nc5 Bc5 16.dc5 Qc5 17.Bf6 gf6 18.bc4 dc4 19.Ba8 Rd1 20.Rfd1 (Cernin - Marjanovic, Subotica 1987) 20...c3 21.Rdc1 f5 22.Rc2 f4 23.Re1! (Δ ef4) \pm ; 20...h5!? - A. Cernin) 11...Ng4 12.Ng4 Bg4 13.Bd5 Bg5 14.fg5

Qg5 15.Rf4 Rad8 (15...Be6! 16.Bg2 Rad8 17.Kh1 h6 18.Qg1 Ne7 19.e4 Ng6 20.Raf1 Bg4 21.h4 Qh5 ∞ Salov - Lputian, USSR 1986-7)



16.h4?! (16.Qd2 h5 17.e4 Be6 18.Raf1 Qe7 19.a3 g6 (Noguerias - Lputian, Sarajevo 1985) 20.Qf2! \pm - Kasparov. The text fails to unpin the e-pawn, and White's Bf3 maneuver to do so exposes his d4 pawn.) 16...Qh5 17.Bf3 Bf3 18.ef3 b5 19.Kg2 Nb4 20.Rg4 h6 21.d5? (A desperate try, but White faces a threat of of f5 and g5 trapping his Rook, and he is hopelessly overextended.) 21...Nd5 22.Qd4 Nf6 23.Qf6 Rd2 24.Kh3 Qg4 25.Kg4 gf6 26.Nb5 Rb2 27.Na7 Rb6 0:1

Siciloidian B81

Gary Hewitt 2025

Steve Alden 2095

Greenville Invitational (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4 Nc6 7.Bb5!? Qc7 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 a6 10.Bc4 Be7?

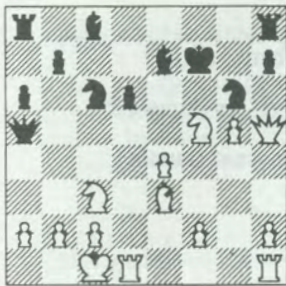
Black is inviting a stock pseudo-sacrifice, when he has safer options such as 10...b5, 10...Nc5 and 10...Nd4!?

11.Qd4 Ne5 12.Be2 b5 Δ Nc4 with good play.

11.Be6! fe6 12.Ne6 Qa5 13.Ng7 Kf7 14.Nf5!

14.Nd6?! Bd6 15.Qd6 Be6 with counterplay.

14...Nde5 15.Qh5 Ng6 16.0-0-0!



The sharp alternative 16.Nh6! Kg7 17.f4 looks devastating. If 17...Bd8 18.0-0-0 Bb6 19.Bb6 Qb6 20.f5 and 21.Rd6 ±. The text should also win.

16...Bf5

Even if Black saw the reply there is nothing better: if 16...Qd8 17.Nd5 Δ Nde7, Bb6; or 16...Kf8 17.Qh6 Kf7 18.Qg7 Ke8 19.Ne7 Nce7 20.Rd6 Qe5 21.Rf6! Bd7 22.f4 + -.

17.Rd5! Qd5! 18.ed5 Nce5

Black now threatens 19...Bg4 trapping White's Queen.

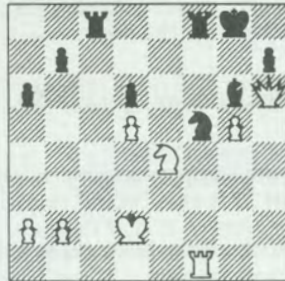
19.h3 Bf8 20.f4 Nc4 21.Bd4 Bg7 22.Bg7 Kg7 23.Qh6!

Black can save his g6 Knight at the cost of burying his King's Rook: 23...Kg8 24.Re1! Rf8 25.h4 Rf7 26.Re8 Nf8 27.b3 and Black's d-pawn falls.

23...Kf7 24.h4 Ne3

24...Rae8 25.h5 Ne7 26.b3 Ng8 27.g6 + -

25.h5 Bc2 26.hg6 Bg6 27.f5 Nf5 28.Rf1 Rhf8 29.Ne4 Rac8 30.Kd2 Kg8



31.Rf5?

31.Qh3! threatening Nf6 and Rf5 keeps the pressure on. If 31...Nd4 32.Nd6 Rc2 33.Ke3 Rf1 34.Qf1 and Black is out of gas.

31..Rf5 32.Nf6 Kf7 33.Qh?? 33.Qh4 Re5 and White is just barely hanging on.

33...Rc2! 0:1

34.Kc2 Rf2 is double check.

Here are the final games by the winners of the top section. Craig Cartwright might have tied them by beating Leininger, but his piece sacrifice in the Leningrad Dutch backfired, and he resigned in the face of certain mate.

Caro-Kann B15

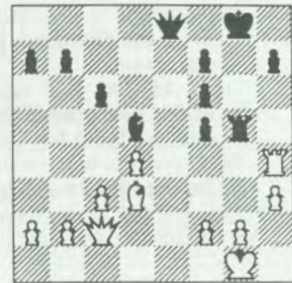
Gregg Small 2374

David Sewell 2018

Greenville Invitational (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Nf6 5.Nf6 ef6 6.Bf4! (A rarity, perhaps because the reply 6...Qb6! is awkward for White. In the 5...gf6 line White then has 7.Nf3 Qb2 8.Bd3, but here Black's KB could check at b4.) 6...Bd6 7.Bd6 Qd6 8.c3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Ne2 Be6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ng3 Nf8 13.Qh5 Qf4

14.Rfe1 Rad8 15.h3 Rd5 16.Qe2 Rg5 17.Qc2 Ng6 18.Re4 Qb8 19.Re3 Nh4 20.Rae1 g6 21.Re4 Nf5 22.Nf5 gf5 23.Rh4 Bd5 24.Re8 Qe8



25.Qe2 Rg2 26.Kf1 Qb8 27.Bf5 Rg5 28.Bh7 Kg7 29.f4 Rg2 30.Qh5 Kf8 31.Bc3 Ke7 32.c4 Rg3 33.Qe2 Kd7 34.cd5 Rd3 35.Qd3 cd5 36.Qf5 Ke7 37.Qd5 Qg8 38.Qc5 Kd7 39.Qd5 Ke7 40.Qe4 Kf8 and 1:0 in 9.

Dutch A89

Robert Leininger 2224

Craig Cartwright 2101

Greenville Invitational (3)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Re1?! e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.e4 f4 (10...h6! 11.ef5 gf5 12.Nh4 c5! 13.d6 bc6 14.f4 e4 15.Be3 Be6 with good play for Black.) 11.gf4 Ng4 12.h3 ef4 13.hg4 Bg4 14.Qd3 Bf3 15.Bf3 g5 16.e5 Be5 17.Be4 Qd7 18.Qf3 g4 19.Qh1 Nf5 20.Qh5 g3 21.f3 Nd4 22.Kg2 Qf7 23.Rh1 Qh5 24.Rh5 Rf7 25.Bd2 Re8 26.Rah1 Ree7 27.R1h4 a6 28.b4 Kh8 29.Bd3 Kg8 30.Rg4 Kf8 31.Ne4 Nf5 32.Ng5 Ne3 33.Be3 fe3 34.Ne6 Ke8 35.Rg8 1:0



TCA ELECTIONS ARE ON!

It's that time of year again! Just when you're catching your breath from tax season and the census, here comes the TCA election in its third year by mail balloting.

Please take the time to sit down and be counted. For the cost of a letter, you can have a say in the future of Texas chess. Here's all you do:

- Send the enclosed, pre-addressed form by July 1, 1990. Votes postmarked later will not count.
- Make sure your TCA membership is up to date by checking the expiration date on your mailing label for Texas Knights. If it says "0690" or earlier, you'd better renew!
- To vote for an entire ticket, just check the box next to either "Slate #1" or "Slate #2".
- Write-in candidates are permissible. They must be TCA members in good standing.

SLATE #1

<u>Officer</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Nominator:</u>
Robert Montgomery, President *	Lubbock	Thomas Groombridge
David Meier, Vice President *	El Paso	Steven Dudley
Patrick Clay, Secretary	Houston	Robert Montgomery
Thomas Groombridge, Treasurer	Lubbock	Kyle Word

* Incumbent candidate

SLATE #2

<u>Officer</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Nominator:</u>
Anthony Alston, President	San Antonio	Altan Kartaltepe
Mack Novosad, Vice President	Kyle	Selby Anderson
Gregory Wren, Secretary	Helotes	Mike Moore
James J. Gallagher, Sr., Treasurer	San Antonio	William Tompkins

And now it's the candidates' turn to make their pitches. I'll yield the floor to them. - SKA

Statement by Bob Montgomery (slate #1):

All nominees offer experience on local levels with involvement in organizing and promoting chess tournaments, and all are TD's. This slate will give more experience throughout the state due to the fact that they are decentralized and play in many tournaments each year.

We have run a frugal administration. No phone calls or travel expenses were charged to the TCA by any officer. The major expense has been for *Texas Knights*, which at last year's business meeting the TCA members favored.

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Statement by Greg Wren (slate #2):

WHO WE ARE:

TONY ALSTON - Vice President, TCA 1988. President San Antonio Chess Club 1979-87, 1989-90. TCA Historian 1989-90. TD. Currently teaching chess in public school system.

MACK NOVOSAD - Treasurer, A.C.E. 1988-90, board member 1986-90. Vice President/Treasurer Austin Chess Club 1985-87. Regional director WBCA. TD. College student.

GREG WREN - Vice-President, San Antonio Chess Club 1988-90, Secretary/Treasurer SACC 1980-85. Organizer since 1964. TD. Commander, USN (jet pilot), retired.

JIM GALLAGHER, SR. - Treasurer, TCA 1988, Treasurer Memphis Chess Club 1977-84, Vice-President 1985; Director-at-Large, SACC 1990. Senior TD. Semi-retired former business owner.

1. WE ADVOCATE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: TCA is losing money! (Is this the first you have heard of this? The present leadership seems to ignore the problem.) How much money? The Treasurer's report will not be available until the Southwest Open TCA business meeting (after the elections), but hopefully unlike last year it will not be "left at home on my desk." Here are our estimates:

(A) The major TCA expense item is *Texas Knights*. The total cost of *each* copy of *TK* is approximately \$1.25 per regular and junior member including postage (patrons cost \$1.55/issue.) TCA pays the editor, Selby Anderson (who is a 2348 master) \$100/issue, which is well below minimum wage. A free editor would save money - however the real savings would come when *TK* did not get printed or mailed, as in the past. Please don't misunderstand us - we love the magazine, and support the editor. Details (April 1990):

<u>TCA Income:</u>		<u>Texas Knights Expenses:</u>	
Patrons: 25 at \$25 year	= \$ 625	Patrons: 30** x 6 issues x \$1.55/cy	= \$ 279
Regular: 365 at \$7 year*	= 2555	Regular: 389** x 6 issues x \$1.25/cy	= 2917
Junior: 120 at \$4 year*	= 480	Junior: 120 x 6 issues x \$1.25/cy	= 900
Total Income:	\$3660	Texas Knights Total Expenses:	\$4096

Notes: * Clubs receive a \$1 rebate on TCA dues collected. ** Includes Life Members.

(B) TCA has other expenses: Last year's expenses other than *Texas Knights* amounted to \$814.22 (see *TK Sept/Oct 1989 pp. 14-15*.) Some of these should be eliminated! We expect a deficit of about \$1250 this year. (Probably more next year with higher postal rates.) And TCA can't afford to lose money - the bank balance is approaching zero. So unfortunately dues need to be raised, whether we are elected or not. Dues have not been raised since 1985. This problem will be addressed at the TCA business meeting, and we will move to keep the current editor and to make regular dues \$10/year, and junior dues \$7.50. We will also move that the financial statement be published annually in *Texas Knights*, which is not presently required.

2. RECORD KEEPING CENTRALIZATION: By electing our slate, all membership and *Texas Knights* records will be kept in one location, thus eliminating duplication of effort, inefficiency and delays.

3. APPORTIONMENT OF USCF DELEGATES AND VOTING MEMBERS: This has been one of the political "plums" for the TCA President - he can appoint whomever he chooses. If elected, we propose a fairer representation of TCA membership in the USCF delegate/voting member slate that will more accurately represent the regions of Texas where the TCA members reside.

4. ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE: (for the election of USCF officers, policy board, etc.): We support this democratic goal. We will move at the TCA business meeting that this question be placed on the next TCA mail election ballot. We will further move that if the "one-member, one-vote" question is approved by the membership that the results be binding upon Texas delegates at the next USCF delegates meeting, and that if not introduced by another delegation, that the Texas delegation so introduce such a (one man, one vote) motion at the meeting, and vote for this motion.

(Note: The additional 234 words above over the 400 offered free to each slate are paid for by Slate #2.)

Shaffer wins Capital City Grand Prix

EXPERTS TOP LOW TURNOUT IN AUSTIN

It was no time for masters at the Capital City Grand Prix, held in Austin March 24-25. Local experts Alex Shaffer and John Bell took clear first and second places respectively, ahead of the only masters in contention, Jim Gallagher and Burton Carpenter.

The winners delivered successive losses to Gallagher on the second day of the event. Gallagher, who had just finished with a respectable 4-3 at the U. S. Masters in Chicago, had his energies diverted toward coaching his students in the Texas Junior event. Carpenter withdrew after losing to expert Paul Fisher of Mission in round one and drawing John Kolts (1909) in round three.

Fifteen players competed in the top section. Colin Potts won the Reserve Section, which attracted twenty-six players. Rolando David took second place.

Stuart Gourd directed both events, which were held concurrently with the Texas Junior Championship.

PRIZEWINNERS

OPEN SECTION

1st	Alex Shaffer	4	\$150
2nd	John G. Bell	3	\$100
Expert	David Naiser	2.5	\$75
Under 2000	Paul Fisher	2.5	\$25
" "	John Kolts	2.5	\$25

RESERVE SECTION

1st	Colin Potts	4	\$125
2nd	Rolando David	3.5	\$75
Under 1700	Wallace Short	2.5	\$35
" "	Craig T. Cooper	2.5	\$35
Under 1500	Robert D. Bradley	1.5	\$35
" "	Darrell Nesbitt	1.5	\$35

Some openings need warning labels attached, such as "May be hazardous, use only as directed!"

Sicilian B98

Jim Gallagher 2372

Darrell Rees 1985

Capital City Grand Prix (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qe2 b5 8.0-0-0 Nbd7 9.f4 b4? 10.Nd5! ed5 11.Nc6 Qc7 12.ed5 Ne5 13.fe5 de5 14.Ne5 1:0

Old codger beats young buck. Fisher credits TK as his learning tool!

Q's Indian E17

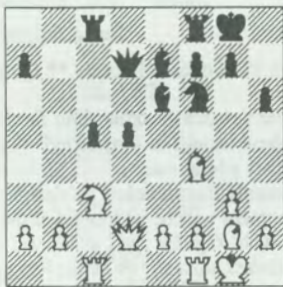
Paul Fisher 1977

Burton Carpenter 2329

Capital City Grand Prix (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bg5 0-0 7.c4 c5 8.Nc3 d5 9.Ne5 h6 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Nc6 Bc6 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.cd5

ed5 14.Bh3 Bd7 15.Bg2 Be6 16.dc5 bc5 17.Qd2 Qd7



18.Rfd1 d4 19.Ne4 Ba2 20.Qa5 Bb3 21.Re1 Ne4 22.Be4 Rfe8 23.Ra1 Bd8 24.Qa3 Re4 25.Qb3 Bb6 26.Qc4 Rc6 27.f3 Rf4? (This is a case where the Beautiful does not lead to the True. 27...Re8 is necessary.) 28.gf4 Qh3 29.Kh1 Bc7? 30.Ra7 Qh5 31.Qd3 g6 32.Qe4 Qh4 33.Re1 Re6 34.Qe6 fe6 35.Rc7 Qd8 36.Raa7 Qf8 37.Kg2 g5 38.fg5 hg5 39.b3 e5 40.Re7 g4 41.Rg7 Kh8 42.Rh7 1:0

Sicilian B99

Jim Gallagher 2372

Alex Shaffer 2109

Capital City Grand Prix (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4!

What?! No 7.Qe2? Perhaps Jim suspected his opponent had been reading TK.

7...Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Qh3

11.Bh4 g5 (11...b5 12.e5 Bb7 13.Ne6! fe6 14.Bg6 Kf8 15.ef6 ± Gligoric - Bobotsov, Hastings 1959/60) 12.fg5 Ne5 13.Qe2 Nfg4 14.Nf3 hg5 15.Bg3 Nf3 16.gf3 Ne5 17.f4 gf4 18.Bf4 Bd7 19.Rdf1 + = Pokojowczyk - Najjar, Nice Olympiad 1974.

11...Nb6 12.Nf3?! 12.f5 e5 13.Nde2 Bd7 14.Kb1 Bc6 15.Be3 d5 16.Bb6 Qb6 = Nunn - Browne, Tilburg 1982. Jim's move cuts off the Qh3, and when Black trades off the

sentry horse at c3 White will long for a replacement.

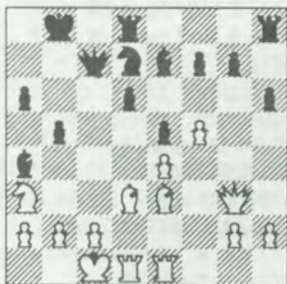
Now Black's most energetic reply is 12...Rg8! (Shaffer) and if 13.Bh4 e5 14.f5 (or 14.Qg3 Nh5) 14...g5!. White's relative best is 13.Bf6 Bf6 = +.

12...e5 13.f5 Bd7 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.Be3 Kb8 16.Nd2 Na4 17.Na4 Ba4 18.Nc4 Nd7 19.Qg3?

Or 19.b3? Bc6 Δ d6-d5. Best is 19.Bd2 (hoping for b5? or Nc5?) but 19...Bg5! 20.Ne3 Nf6 21.Kb1 Rc8 22.Rc1 Bc6 gives Black a continuing initiative.

19...b5 20.Na3

20.Nd2?? Bc2 21.Bc2 Rc8



20...d5! 21.ed5 Ba3 22.ba3 Rc8 23.Qf2 Qc3 24.Kb1 Qa3 25.Bc1 Qc5

Gallagher thought this was forced, but after 25...Qd6 (Shaffer's original plan) 26.Be3 Rc7! Black calmly steps up pressure on the c-file.

26.Qc5 Rc5 27.d6?

Also insufficient is 27.Be4 Rhc8 28.Rd2 b4! cutting off White's Ba3. Best is 27.Ba3! Rd5 28.Be4 Rd1 29.Rd1 Nf6! (29...Kc8 30.Bb4! with a bind for the pawn) 30.Bd6 Ka7 (or 30.Bd3 e4) and Black's c-file activity may justify a perp.

27...Rhc8 28.Rd2 Nb6 29.Be4

Black doesn't get to use his Bishop pair: if 29.Ba3 Rd5.

29...Nc4 30.Rd5??

Probably a time pressure error. After 30.Rdd1 Rd8 31.d7 f6! (Rc7 32.f6) the button falls.

30...Bc2 31.Kc2 Ne3 32.Kb3 Nd5 33.d7 Rd8 34.Rd1 Rd7 35.Ba3 Rc3 36.Kb2 Ra3 37.Ka3 Nb6 38.Rc1 Nc4 39.Kb4 Rd4 40.Bf3 Nd2 41.Ka5 Nf3 42.Ka6

42.gf3 Kb7 Δ Ra4#

42...Rd6 43.Kb5 Nd4 44.Ka5 Kb7 45.Re1 Ra6 0:1

John Bell gets an excellent position despite spotting his opponent 45 minutes on the clock. Gallagher plays a tempo gambit on the board, and his ingenious combination does not quite bail him out.

Sicilian B26

John G. Bell 2124

Jim Gallagher 2372

Capital City Grand Prix (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.Be3 d6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 e6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 0-0 9.h4 f6

All this was played a week earlier at the U. S. Masters in Chicago! Mike Zelkind (2227) tried 10.Nh3?! and Gallagher quickly delivered a crush: 10...e5 11.Bg7 Kg7 12.0-0-0 Nd4 13.f4 b5 14.h5? Qa5! 15.Kb1 Bg4 16.Rde1 b4 17.Nd1 Bd1! 18.Rd1 Nb5 19.Ka1 Rab8 20.Rb1 Rb6 21.c4 Qa2! 22.Ka2 Ra6 0:1

10.Nge2 e5 11.0-0-0 Nd4 12.Bg7 Kg7 13.h5 g5 14.h6 Kh8 15.f4 Nec6?!

A critical tempo comes and goes. 15...gf4! 16.gf4 Rg8 17.Bh3 Bh3 18.Rh3 Qd7 gives Black counterplay on the g-file, with dynamic equality.

16.Rdf1 gf4

White threatened 17.fg5 fg5 18.Rf8 Qf8 19.Qg5.

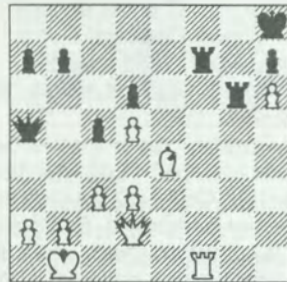
17.gf4 Rg8 18.Nd4 Nd4 19.Nd5 Be6 20.c3 Bd5

Unappealing is 20...Nc6 20.ef5 ef5 21.Bh3 Bh3 22.Rh3 and if 22...Qg5? 23.Qg5 Rg5 24.Rf7 and 25.Nf6 is deadly. White's control of the f-file is a constant source of irritation.

21.ed5 Qa5! 22.Kb1 Nf5

The die is already cast - no time for 22...Nb5 23.fe5 fe5 24.Rf7 with a big pull for White.

23.fe5 Ng3 24.ef6 Nf1 25.Rf1 Raf8 26.f7 Rg6 27.Be4 Rf7!??



Normally this would be another Gallagher brilliancy, but today is not his day. The lack of good alternatives suggests that Bell is using his tempo advantage on the board to the utmost.

28.Rf7 Rg1 29.Qc1

29.Kc2?? Qa4 30.b3 Qa2#

29...Rc1 30.Kc1 Qd8 31.Rh7 Kg8 32.Rg7 Kf8 33.Rg2 Qh4 34.h7 c4 35.b3!

35.Rg8? Kf7 36.h8(Q) Qe1=

35...cb3 36.Rg8 Ke7

37.h8(Q) Qe1 38.Kb2 Qf2 39.Kb3 Qb6 40.Ka3 1:0

40...Qa5 41.Kb2 Qb6 42.Ka1 ends the checking spree.

Three Tie in Texas Military Event

The 1990 Texas Armed Forces Championship was held April 21-22 at the Chaparral Recreation Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Tying for first with 4-1 scores were Capt. James W. Fant, Jr. (stationed at Lackland and winner of the Active Duty trophy), Ed Thurman (USAF ret.) and Greg Wren

(USN ret.), who won the Retired trophy on tiebreaks. Tim Beszczynski (SP4, USA) placed fourth with 3.5.

The lone expert in the field, David Hoffpauir, lost to killer B's Joe Questionati (1711) and Greg Wren (1741).

Jim Gallagher, Jr. directed the seventeen player event, which was sponsored by the San Antonio Chess Club.

Alekhine's B03
Jim Fant 1625
Tim Beszczynski 1916
TX Armed Forces Chp. (3)

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6
 4.c4 Nb6 5.ed6 cd6 6.Bd3!?**

An obscure move order used by Bronstein against 5...ed6. This omission of Nc3 seems to say "I value tempi more than the bishop pair!"

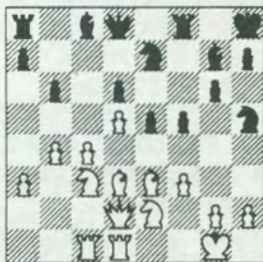
6...Nc6 7.Ne2 g6

7...Nb4!? tests the idea.

**8.Be3 Bg7 9.Nbc3 0-0
 10.a3!?**

Possibly an improvement over 10.0-0 e5 11.d5 Nb4 12.b3 Nd3 13.Qd3 Nd7 14.Qd2 f5 = Fischer-Berliner, U. S. Champ. 1963. (White had used the normal move order of 6.Nc3, 7.Be3, 8.Bd3, 9.Nge2.) ECO's omission of this line is curious.

**10...e5 11.d5 Ne7 12.Rc1 f5
 13.f3 Nd7 14.0-0 Nf6 15.b4 Kh8
 16.Qd2 b6 17.Rfd1 Nh5?** (Bb7)



**18.c5 dc5 19.bc5 bc5
 20.Bc5 Bb7 21.Bb5 Rc8 22.Be7
 Qe7 23.d6 Qd8 24.Na4 e4
 25.Rc8 Bc8 26.d7 Bb7 27.f4 Bf6
 28.Nc5 Qb6 29.Qd6 Qd6 30.Rd6**

**Be7 31.Nb7 Bd6 32.Nd6 Nf6
 33.Nf7 1:0**

Benoni A56
Greg Wren 1741
David Hoffpauir 2009
TX Armed Forces Chp. (4)

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
 4.e4 0-0 5.Be3 d6 6.Be2 Na6
 7.h3 c5 8.d5 Nc7 9.Nf3 a6 10.a4
 b6**

10...Nfe8! Δ f5 is typical of the Gheorghiu Benoni, where Black omits e6 and ed5. ECO says almost nil about this line.

11.0-0 Bd7 12.e5! de5?

12...Nfe8 13.ed6 ed6 is passive but solid.

**13.Ne5 Nfe8 14.Nd7 Qd7
 15.Qd2 Nd6 16.Bh6 Nf5 17.Bg7
 Kg7 18.Bg4!**

Obvious, but it points up White's positional superiority.

**18...h5 19.Bf5 Qf5 20.Qe3
 Rfe8 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Rfe1 e5
 23.d6 Ne6 24.Qe5 Qe5 25.Re5
 f6**

Or 25...Nd4 26.Re8 Re8 27.Nd5 Rd8 28.Nb6 Rd6 29.Nd5 a5 30.Kf1 Rd7 31.Nc3 Δ Nb5 ±.

26.Re3 Kf7? (26...Nd4) **27.d7
 Re7 28.Rd6 Rdd7??**



29.Rb6? ± (29.Ree6! +-) **Rb7
 30.Ra6? Rb2 31.Nd5 Re8
 32.Ra7 Kf8 33.Nf6 Re7 34.Ra8
 Kf7 35.Nd5 Rb1 36.Kh2 Reb7
 37.Rf3 Kg7 38.Re8 Re1 39.Ne3
 Rb6 40.a5 Ra6 41.Re7 Kh6
 42.Rf6 Nc7 43.Rf7 Na8 44.f4 1:0**

Sicilian B84
Ed Thurman 1869
Jim Fant 1625
TX Armed Forces Chp. (5)

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Qc7
 7.Be2 b5?!**

The omission of 7...e6 is highly suspect, since White could react energetically with 8.Bf3 Bb7 9.Nd5!

An alternative for Black is 7...e5 8.Nb3 b5 9.Bf3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.a3 ∞ Chekovsky - Tukmakov, Lvov 1978.

**8.a3(?) Bb7 9.Bf3 Nbd7 10.0-0
 e6 11.g4?!**

A. S. Nikitin in his excellent (but now somewhat dated) monograph on the Sicilian Scheveningen considers this premature, and recommends 11.Qe2 Be7 12.Kh1 Rb8 (to prevent 13.e5) 13.g4 with advantage to White.

Simagin's idea 11...h5! is best met by 12.Kh1 Δ e5.

Now Black can react with 11...e5! 12.Nf5 g6 13.Ne3 ef4 =+.

11...h6?

Weakens g6 (12.g5! Δ g6 ±)

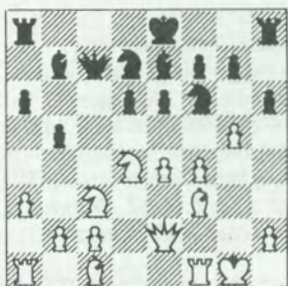
12.Qe2? Be7?

12...e5! 13.Nf5 ef4 14.Bf4 Ne5 15.Nd5 Nd5 16.ed5 g6! =

13.g5!



Left to right: Jim Fant, Ed Thurman, Greg Wren



13...hg5 14.fg5 Ne4!?

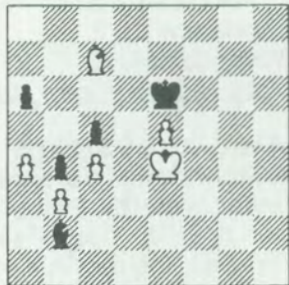
Black is desperate. 14...Ng8
15.g6 Ngf6 16.gf7 Kf7 17.Bh5 g6
18.Bg4 Nf8 19.Bg5 is dismal.

15.Ne4 d5 16.Ng3 Bc5 17.Be3
0-0-0 18.g6 Ne5 19.gf7 Nc4
20.Bf2 Qf4 21.Ne6 Qh4 22.Bc5
1:0

ENDGAME HIGHLIGHTS

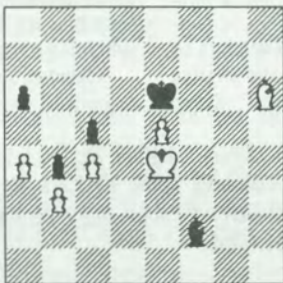
by NM Jim Gallagher

The ending between Joe Questionati and Ed Thurman in Round 3 was a see-saw affair that ended in a super-theoretical ending.



63.DRAW Joe, say it isn't so!

My original analysis went:
63.Bd6 Bd4 64.Bf8 Bf2
65.Bh6

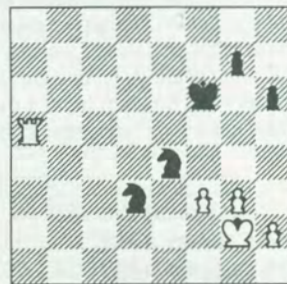


65...Bd4? (for 65...Bh4! see below) 66.Bf4 Bf2 67.Bh2 Bd4 (67...Bh4 68.Bg1+-) 68.Bg3 Bg1 69.Be1! Bd4 (69...Bh2 70.Bf2+-) 70.Bb4+- which leads to the desired exchange of e-pawn for c-pawn. After positioning his Bishop on b6, White plays c5, Ba5 and Kd4 in the proper order and picks off another pawn.

Sunday morning comes and Thurman shows up with a "draw" in his ending: 65...Bh4! which I cracked with some more Troitsky-like domination after 66.Be3 Be7 67.Bf2! Bf8 68.Bh4 Bg7! (68...Bh6? 69.Bd8 [ΔBc7, Bd6] Kd7 70.Bb6 Kc6 71.a5!! Δ Kf5) 69.Bf6 Bf8 70.Bd8 [ΔBc7] Kd7 71.Bb6 Kc6 72.a5!! Δ Kf5+- [!!]

As if this ending weren't mind-boggling enough for Joe Q at midnight, he sat down against Gary Zintgraf (below) and watched as the

envelope was opened, revealing the exasperating...



47...Ne1+!

The scene was quite comical as I hovered over the board a moment too long, shocked that Zintgraf had sealed a move that dropped a piece - no, wait a minute, won a pawn!

After the shock wore off, Questionati grabbed the empty envelope to check if the adjourned position was correct! The fantasy variation goes 48.Kh3? Nf2 49.Kh4 g6 50.Ra6+?? Kf7 (Δ Ke8-d7 etc.)

The "iron man" settled down, however, and played

48.Kh1

And in just three more moves Gary's visions of a two pawns for the exchange endgame disappeared...

48...Nf3 49.Ra6+ Kg5 50.h4+

...when he missed 50...Kg4! 51.Ra4? Kg3 etc.

50...Kf5? 51.Kg2

And he conceded the draw.



Anderson wins San Jacinto Open

If we may revert to the first person singular (Mark Twain said the artificial "we" was appropriate for a king, an editor or a man with fleas), I had a thoroughly positive chess experience at Texas A&M this March 24-25. Specifically, I scored 3.5-.5 to clinch the first prize of \$200 at the San Jacinto Open.

The annual tournament is one of the best little grand prix tournaments on the Texas calendar. Unfortunately it clashed with the Capital City Grand Prix, but the scarcity of top Austin and Houston players in both events (neither of which topped thirty participants) is a bit hard to explain. Perhaps they were all at Padre Island for spring break action and warmer weather?

I fully expected to be butting heads with Ardaman or Calogridis - but no such luck! I didn't even have to play the only master in attendance besides myself, Steve

Harrington. We had played a short last round draw at the Galveston Classic this January.

The crowd was indeed reminiscent of the Galveston event, whose organizer Larry Young was my highest rated victim at A&M. Donald Coburn (equal first at Galveston) was again in good form with a 3-1 result including a last round win over Dusan Djuric. Tying with Coburn for second place was Joseph Busche, who was the beneficiary of my last round draw offer.

NM Steve Harrington was way off form, with three draws (Chaffee [1683!], Busche and McGregor.) Chaffee also upset Dusan Djuric (1999) in a nice Marshall Gambit; see below. Round one saw the biggest upset, when Raymond Vogt (1501) beat Chester Reno (1891).

Charles Crane directed a field of 22. Dusan Djuric organized the event for the Texas A&M Chess Club.

From's Gambit A02

Donald Coburn 1813

Joseph Busche 1967

San Jacinto Open (2)

1.f4 e5 2.fe5 d6 3.ed6 Bd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.d4 g4 6.Ng5 Nf6!?

O'Kelly queries this move in ECO, giving 6...f5 as favoring Black. Busche's next move may force a reevaluation.

7.e4 Nh5!

7...h6 8.Nf7 Kf7 9.Bc4 Kg7 10.e5 Ne4 11.0-0 ± with attack, Butler - Dilworth, corr. 1945

8.Bc4

8.Nf7 Kf7 9.Bc4 Kg7 10.0-0 Bh2! clearly favors Black.

8...Nf4 9.Bf7 Kf8 10.Bf4 Bf4 11.0-0 Qg5 12.Bb3 Kg7 13.Nc3?

Overlooking Black's reply. Necessary is 13.g3 Be3 14.Kh1 Δ Rf7 ∞ (If 14...Rf8 15.Rf8 Kf8 16.Qf1 and Qf7.) Also unclear is 13...Bg3!? 14.hg3 Qe3 15.Kh2 Qh6 16.Kg2 Qh3 17.Kf2 Qh2 18.Ke3 Qg3, although White might have allowed a perp.

13...Bh2! 14.Kh1 Bg3 15.Rf7 Kg6 16.Qd3 Qh4 17.Kg1 Qh2 18.Kf1 Qh1 19.Ke2 Qg2 20.Ke3 Bh4 21.Qc4

Hastens defeat. Dismal is 21.d5 c5 22.dc6 Bg5 23.Kd4 Nc6 24.Kc5 Rd8 with withering attack and a material plus.

21...Bg5 22.Kd3 Qd2# 0:1

Ruy Lopez C89

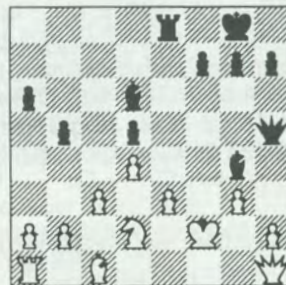
Dusan Djuric 1999

Scott Chaffee 1683

San Jacinto Open (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 Nd5 10.Ne5 Ne5 11.Re5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 (15.Be3 Bg4 16.Qd3) 15...Bg4 16.Qg2 Qh5 17.Nd2 (17.Be3 Bf3 18.Qf1 f5 19.Nd2 f4 favored Black in Berner Pflieger, Hitzacker 1961 ; 17.Bd5!? cd5 18.f4 - Tal.) 17...Rfe8 18.Re4 Bf5 19.Bd5 cd5 20.Re3 Bh3 21.Qf3 Bg4 22.Qh1? (22.Qg2 challenges Black to

repeat the position.) **22...Re3 23.fe3 Re8 24.Kf2**



24...Bg3! 25.Kg3 Qh3 26.Kf4 h6 27.Nf3 Re4# 0:1

Ruy Lopez C60

Selby Anderson 2372

Larry Young 2056

San Jacinto Open (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6

The fianchetto defense, used effectively by Pillsbury at Hasings 1895, has never been refuted. The replies 4.c3 (Steinitz) and 4.d4 (Tarrasch) are still in the forefront of the debate. Nunn-Davies, Hast-

ings 1987-88 went 4.d4 ed4 5.Bg5 f6 6.Bh4 Bg7 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bc4 Na5 9.Qd4 Nec6 10.Qd5 Nc4 11.Qc4 d6 12.Nc3 Bg4 13.Nd4!? Nd4 14.Qd4, when 14...g5! 15.Bg3 h5 16.h3 Be6 17.f4 would have left White with a only slight edge.

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nge7

Bisguier's suggestion of 5...d5!? distinguishes 4.0-0 from simple transposition into 5.c3 lines.

6.d4 ed4 7.cd4 a6 8.Ba4 b5

8...0-0?! 9.d5 Ne5 10.Ne5 Be5 11.f4 Bg7 12.d6! ± occurred in my game with Larry Young at the 1989 Southwest Open.

9.Bb3 d6(?)

9...Na5! is more accurate, with 0-0, d6 and c5 to follow.

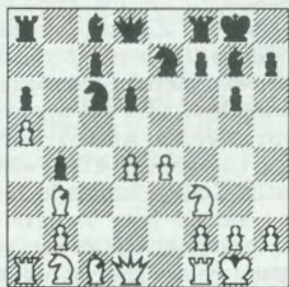
10.a4! b4?!

Now 10...Na5? is answered with 11.ab5! ab5 12.Bd2 c5 13.dc5 Bb2 (13...dc5 14.Ba5 Qd1 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bc3±) 14.Ra2 Bg7 15.cd6±. Of course not 10...Bg4? 11.Bf7 Kf8 12.Be3 ±. Relatively best is 10...Bb7 11.ab5 ab5 12.Ra8 and 13.Nc3 with pressure.

11.a5!

This artificially isolates Black's b-pawn.

11...0-0



12.d5!

Less clear is 12.h3 d5! 13.e5 Bf5 (Δ Be4, Nf5.) The text reserves c4 for White's QN by preventing d6-d5. Paradoxically, the influence of the Bb3 is not reduced in the least.

12...Ne5 13.Ne5 Be5

13...fe5 14.Be3 Δ Bc5 needs no comment.

14.Nd2! f5

Also bad is 14...c5 15.Nc4 Bg7 16.Bf4 ±.

15.Nc4 Kh8

15...Bg7 16.e5! Bb7 (16...de5 17.d6 +) 17.ed6 cd6 18.Nb6 and 19.Ra4 ±

16.Ne5 de5 17.f4 fe4 18.fe5 Rf1 19.Qf1 Nd5??

19...Nf5 20.g4! Ng7 (forced) 21.Bg5! Qe8 22.Qf4 e3 23.e6 + -

20.Bd5 Qd5 21.Qf6 Kg8 22.Bh6 1:0

22...Qf7 23.Qd8 is the stinger that Black overlooked.

The next selection is an action-packed draw with lots of thrills - and spills!

Sicilian B33

Joseph Busche 1967

Steve Harrington 2258

San Jacinto Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bf6 gf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 Bg7?!

10...f5 is the right move order, when 11.g3!? is an interesting sideline.

White should now play the punishing 11.Qh5! ±.

11.g3? f5 12.ef5 Bf5

Now we are out in the theoretical boondocks.

13.Bg2 e4! 14.c3 b4?

This doesn't work. 14...Ne5! 15.0-0 Bg4 16.Qc2 Nf3 17.Kh1 f5 18.h3 (18.c4 Rc8) 18...h5! Δ h4, hg3 is embarrassing to White.

15.Nb4 Nb4 16.Qa4 Qd7 17.Qb4 0-0 18.Qc4?

The active 18.Nc4! makes life difficult for Black. If 18...Rad8 19.Rd1 d5 20.Ne3 d4 21.cd4 Bd4 22.0-0 Bg6 23.Nc2+ -

18...Rfc8 19.Qe2 Rab8?

19...Rc3! 20.0-0 Ra3! and Black is clearly better.

20.0-0 Qb7 21.Rab1 Qd5 22.Rfd1 Qa2 23.Qa6 e3!

If 23...Rb2 24.Rb2 Qb2 25.Be4! Qb3 (25...Bg4 26.Nb5!) 26.Rb1 Qe6 27.Bf5 Qf5 28.Qd6 is comfortable for White.

24.Bd5 ef2 25.Kg2!

Forces Black's next .

25...Rb3 26.Bb3 Qb3 27.Kf2 Rb8 28.Qc4 Qb6 29.Kg2 Qb7 30.Kf2 d5 31.Qf4 Qa7 32.Qe3 d4 33.cd4 Bb1 34.Nb1 Rb2 35.Kf3?



35.Kg1 Rb1!! 36.Qe8 Bf8 37.Rb1 Qd4 38.Kg2 Qd2 39.Kh1 Qd5 40.Kg1 Qd4 41.Kg2 Qd2 42.Kh3 Qh6 43.Kg2 Qd2 is a draw by perpetual check.

But the ambitious 35...Qb7 36.Nd2 Qd5 37.Nf3 Rb3! 38.Qe8 Bf8 39.Ne5 Rb2 40.Qc6! might actually lose for Black!

35...Qb7 36.d5

36.Qe4?? Rf2 37.Ke3 Re2 + -

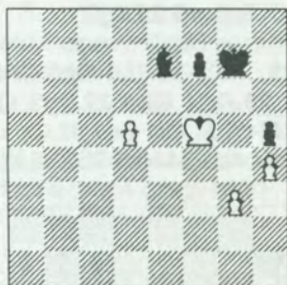
36...Rb3 37.Rd3 Rb1 38.Qe8
Bf8 39.Rd4 Rf1! 40.Kg2 Qb2
41.Kf1 Qd4 42.Qd8 Qd1?

In his eagerness to make time control, Black misses the quiet 42...Qd2! with the threat of 43...Kg7 and 44...Bc5.

43.Kg2 Qd2 44.Kf3 Qd1
45.Kf4 Qf1

Lovers of descriptive notation should be given the scoresheet move verbatim, which reads "Q-B8ch." Only the need for Black's next to cover g5 let me know which Q-B8ch was which!

46.Kg4 Qc1 47.Qg5 Qg5
48.Kg5 Kg7 49.h4 Be7 50.Kf5 h5



Or 50...Kh6 and White must yield ground.

51.Ke5

51.g4 also loses.

51...Kg6 52.d6 Bd6??

52...Bd8 - +.

53.Kd6 Kf5 54.Ke7 Kg4

55.Kf6 Kf5 56.Kg5 Kg3 57.Kh5 f5
DRAW

58.Kg5 f4 59.h5 f3 60.h6 f2
61.h7 f1(Q) 62.h8(Q) is equal.

Sicilian B44

Joseph Busche 1967

Selby Anderson 2372

San Jacinto Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Bc4?!

5.Be2 is transpositional to known 5.Nc3 lines, but the text does not transpose to the Sozin attack - unless Black wants to cooperate with ...d6 at some point. And why should Black soften the granite on which Bc4 bites?

5...a6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Nc3 Nf6
8.a3 b5!

This gives White a chance to commit his Bishop to the wrong diagonal. Too forcing was 8...Nd4 9.Qd4 Ng4 10.g3 Ne5 11.Be2 Δ Kh1, f4, Bf3 =.

9.Bb3? (9.Be2!) Nd4 10.Qd4 Ng4 11.g3 Ne5 12.Qd1

Busche wrote down 12.Bf4 and then erased it, seeing that 12...Nf3 13.Kg2 Qf4! is very unpleasant even if it doesn't win a piece (14.Qd1 Nh4 etc.)

12...Bb7 13.Bf4 h5

Prevents 14.Qh5.

14.Qe2 f6 15.Rad1 g5 16.Be3
g4 17.Bf4 Qb6 DRAW?

Call me Nero, not hero. When I saw that MacGregor had drawn Harrington on board two with no one else vying for 3.5, I went for the bait.

I expected 18.Be5 fe5 19.Qe3 Qe3 20.fe3 Bc5 with a win ahead: 21.Kf2 Ke7 22.Ke2 h4 or 22...Bc6 with a5, b4, Be4 to follow. Almost a fun position to play out.



Dr. Djuric at Rudder Tower, A&M

Dr. Dusan Djuric

Dusan Djuric has directed tournaments at Texas A&M since he came to Texas in 1966. That was the year he completed his postdoctoral studies at Boulder, Colorado and became a U.S. citizen. He is now a professor of meteorology at Texas A&M. He is the only Texas organizer known to require TCA membership at *all* his tournaments.

Djuric (DYOOR-ich) was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1930. He learned chess at the late age of sixteen, for which he blames his meager achievement as a player.

"I met several famous players, most often at the rare occasions

when I qualified for the final round of the city speed championships (a monthly event) in Belgrade. Only seldom would I save a point or one half against famous players. But I did watch how they played: Gligoric, Matanovic, Ivkov, Matulovic ["J'adoubovic" -Ed], etc. Once there was Vidmar. The most colorful was Kostic, who played Capablanca in 1915 (he lost, 5-0.) All my chess activity stopped when I started college. I became active only when I came to College Station in 1966. Here I am too busy to travel to tournaments. I should not even play in these two day events, but it is hard to resist. Otherwise, I only play at the club Friday nights.

Amarillo Chess News

NM Gary Simms once again won the city championship, held Feb. 7-8 with a 4.5-.5 score. Brad Webster (4) was a surprising second ahead of NM Carlos Santillan (3.5). Six players competed in the round-robin event.

Eddie Sanders won the team qualifying event held concurrently, with a score of 3.5-1.5.

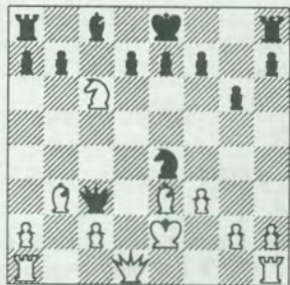
Sicilian B35

Brad Webster 2039

Bill Snead 2024

Amarillo City Chp. 1990

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6
7.Bc4 Qa5 8.f3? Qb4 9.Bb3 Ne4
10.Nc6 Bc3 11.bc3 Qc3 12.Ke2



12...Qb3? (12...dc6 13.Bd4 e5!
and Black is better, Durao-
Pustina, Leipzig Olympiad
1960) 13.ab3 Nc3 14.Kf2 Nd1
15.Bd4 dc6 16.Bh8 f6 17.Rad1
1:0

Sicilian B33

Carlos Santillan 2208

Gary Simms 2264

Amarillo City Chp. 1990

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf5 d5
7.ed5 Bf5 8.dc6 bc6 9.Qf3 Qd7

10.Bg5 Be7 (10...e4 11.Qg3 Bd6
12.Qh4 Be5 = + Svesnikov.)
11.Bf6 Bf6 12.Ne4 DRAW

Sicilian B33

Brad Webster 2039

Gary Simms 2264

Amarillo City Chp. 1990

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6 8.Bf6 gf6 9.Na3 b5
10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.0-0 Bg7
13.Qh5 f4 14.c4 bc4 15.Nc4 0-0
16.Rac1 Nd4 17.Rfd1 (15.Bc4!
0-0 16.Rac1 Rb8 17.b3 Qd7
18.Rfd1 Nd4 19.Nc2 Nc2 20.Rc2
unclear - Svesnikov. It is more
important to address the "big
pawn" on d3 than to activate
the Knight on a3.) 17...Bd5
18.ed5 f5 19.f3 Rf6 20.h4 Rh6
21.Qg5 Nf3 22.gf3 Rg6 23.Bf5
Rg5 24.hg5 Qg5 25.Bg4 h5
26.Nd6 hg4 27.Ne4 Qh4 28.d6
gf3 29.Rd2 Qg4 30.Kf1 Rd8
31.Rc7 Qg6 32.Nc5 Rd6 33.Rc8
Bf8 34.Rf8 Kf8 35.Nd7 Rd7
36.Rd7 Qg2 0:1

Sicilian B24

Gary Simms 2264

Bill Snead 2024

Amarillo City Chp. 1990

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6
4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nf6
(The problem with 6...e6 is
7.d4! - hence the term 'chame-
leon' Simms applies to his
move order. Interesting is
6...Nh6!? 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 f5 9.Be3
Bd7 10.Qd2 Nf7 11.f4 Rb8 =
Popa - Bondok, Romania
1954.) 7.Nd5 Nd5 8.ed5 Nd4
9.Nf4 Bf5 10.d3 Nb5 11.Re1 0-0
12.Rb1 Re8 13.Bd2 a5 14.a4
Nc7 15.Bc3 Bd7 16.Bg7 Kg7

17.c3 b5 18.ab5 Bb5 19.h4 Rb8
20.h5 e5 21.de6 Ne6 22.Ne6
Re6 23.Re6 fe6 24.hg6 hg6
25.d4 Qg5 26.Qe1 Bd3 27.Ra1
Rb2 28.Qe6 cd4 29.Bd5 Qd8
30.Qf7 Kh6



31.Ra5! Rb5 32.Ra7 Rd5 33.Qh7
Kg5 34.Rf7 1:0

A five board double round match between Amarillo and Lubbock was played March 11. The Amarillo team of Simms, Santillan, Sanders, Farren and Barnett bested Lubbock's team (Tse, Burns, Young, Meineke and Palamo) by 6.5 to 3.5.

King's Indian E86

Richard Tse 2046

Gary Simms 2264

Weikum Memorial Match

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4
d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.Nge2 c6
8.Qd2 Re8!? (8...ed4) 9.d5 cd5
10.cd5 Bd7 11.h4 b5 12.Ng3 b4
13.Nce2 h5 14.Qb4 a5 15.Qd2
(15.Qd6!? Bf8 16.Qb6) 15...Na6
16.Nc3 Nc5 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.Be2
Rc8 19.0-0 Ra7 20.Rc2 Rac7
21.Rfc1 a4 22.Nh1 Nb3 23.ab3
ab3 24.Rb1 bc2 25.Qc2 Qb4
26.Nf2 Kh7 27.Nd3 Qb7 28.Qc1
Bb5 29.Qd2 Bc4 30.Kf2 Nd7
31.Nc1 Be2 32.N1e2 Qb4 33.g4
hg4 34.fg4 Nf6 35.Kf3 Rc3
36.Nc3 Rc3 0:1

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.

The July/August issue will cover the period July 15-Sept. 15. Deadline for submission of announcements: July 1.

May 19-20: San Antonio End of School. 5-SS, 45/2, 25/1. Balcones Inn (formerly Delux Inn), 6023 IH-10W (Vance Jackson exit), San Antonio, TX. \$\$(\$525 Gtd.): 150; X, A, B, C, D/E/Unr. ea. 75. EF: \$20 if rec'd by 5/17, \$25/site; \$3 discount for SACC members, masters free. Reg. 8-9 a.m., Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:30, 9-2:30. 1/2 pt. bye any one rd., notice before Rd. 1. Ent: SACC, P. O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023, (512) 695-2324. HR: \$28S, \$32D, (512) 736-1900. NS. NC. W.

May 26-28: 1990 Texas State Championship & Amateur Championship. 6-SS, 40/2, 25/1, Howard Johnson Plaza North Hotel, 7800 IH-35N, Austin, TX. 2 sections. \$\$ (5000 b/200, top 2 G, class prizes b/25): **Championship**, open to 2000/above. \$\$ 1000-500-200, X 400-250-150, trophies to 1st, top X. **Amateur**, open to U2000. \$\$ 700-300, B, C each 400-100, D/below 300-100, Unr. 100. Unr. limit \$100. Trophies to 1st, top B, C, D/below. **Both**, EF: \$40 if postmarked by 5/21, \$50 at site, \$5 more after 11 a.m. TCA memb. req'd \$8, \$5 jrs., other states ok. Reg. 9-11 a.m. Rds. 12:30-7, 9-3, 9-3. 1/2-pt. bye avail. if requested before rd. 1. Foreign unrated players must play

in Championship and not eligible for expert prizes. HR: \$55, 1-4, reserve by 5/5, mention chess, (512) 836-8520. Ent: A.C.E., 7210 Teaberry Dr., Austin, TX 78745. (512) 443-1160 home, 465-3052 work. NS. NC.

Jun 23: San Antonio G/30 FIDE Rapids. 5-SS G/30. Balcones Inn, 6023 IH-10W (Vance Jackson exit.) \$\$ (200 b/30, 35% 1st, 20% 2nd, 15% each section of about 10 players.) EF: \$12 if rec'd by 6/21, \$15 at site, \$3 discount to SACC members. Reg. 11:15-11:45 a.m. Rds. 12-1:30-3-4:30-6. WRC rated. Ent: SACC, POB 501 Helotes, TX 78023. (512) 695-2324. NS. NC. W.

Jun 30-Jul 1: Lone Star Open. 5-SS, 45/2, Ramada Hotel, Love Field, 3232 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75235. (214) 357-5601. EF: \$30 if rec'd by 6/27, \$35 at site. \$\$G 1800: 400+trophy-200, X 200+trophy. A 200+trophy-100, B 200+trophy-100, C 200+trophy. D/E 100+trophy, Unr. 100+trophy. Reg. 8-9 a.m. Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:30, 9-3. HR: \$40, 1 or 2. Info: (214) 255-6600. Ent: Irving CC, P.O. Box 1576, Irving, TX 75015. NS. NC. W.

WORLD RAPID CHESS vs. USCF'S 1/4 K & FULL K

By now all USCF members should have received a temporary free player card from I.C.E. (International Chess Enterprises) entitling them to play in FIDE/I.C.E. World Rapid Chess (WRC) events until July 31. (This is *not* rapid-transit/speed/blitz 5 minute chess, but game/30, otherwise known as "action" chess.)

I.C.E. is not a brand-new kid on the block. They publish *Inside Chess* magazine (editor: Yasser Seirawan.) Now, they have created a *separate* rating system for game/30 under the aegis of FIDE.

Many players have been asking for a separate rating system for game/30, but USCF has only responded so far with the 1/4 K rating option (see Jan/Feb 1990 *TK*.)

I.C.E.'s lowest rate for rating games is 15¢ each, far better than USCF's 50¢ - particularly when one considers the large number of games played in a game/30 event. Lower cost for organizers can mean better prizes for players. Also one gets the separate rating for G/30, and it will only cost \$7/year to be a member of World Rapid Chess. We like it. -Ed.

The Final(?) Word on Adjournments

The May 1990 USCF Rating Supplement contains a discussion of adjournments, and includes the following: "In very rare circumstances it may be better to allow a game to continue, but only if the game is of paramount importance to future pairings and prizes, if the position is such that one player gains significant advantage by

adjourning (e.g., K+Q vs K+R or K+B+N vs K), and if continuing the game would delay the next round for only a very few players." (submitted by Greg Wren)

SOLUTION (back cover problem): 1.Qe5+! Qg7 (1...Kh7 2.Qg7+!! = illustrates the "superqueen" theme.) 2.Qb8+!! Qb8 **DRAW!** (submitted by Brian Oarr)



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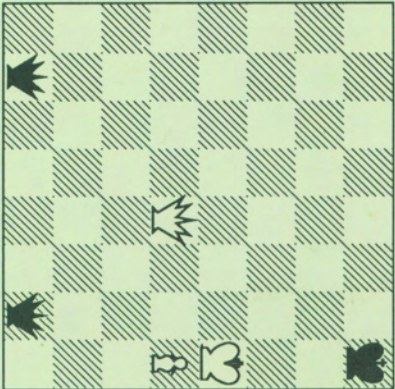
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