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We are pleased to welcome Senior Master and Texas Co-champion Eugene Curtin aboard as Associate Editor. His quality control over the game commentaries is invaluable.

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COVER: Gena Valentine faces Darrell Nesbitt in the last round of the Southwest Open. Photo: Greg Wren.

Minutes of the TCA Membership Meeting

held in San Antonio on September 1, 1990

by Greg Wren, TCA Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by the outgoing President, Bob Montgomery. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Clarence Callaway, which were approved.

The next item was the financial report prepared by Dr. Callo. It was noted that USCF SASP funding of \$1675 essentially eliminated the TCA operating deficit for the year, thus year-to-year the balance remained fairly constant. TCA's certificate of deposit in the amount of \$2000 plus interest will be forwarded to the new Treasurer when it matures.

There followed a discussion of the tax status of TCA, which remains as elusive as ever. The new President will attempt to definitively resolve this status.

Bob Montgomery in his president's report discussed TCA dues (he was opposed to an increase as long as TCA was getting by without one) and voting by mail ballot through *Texas Knights* where possible.

There followed a discussion on approving TCA tournament bids by mail ballot. A motion was passed to submit bids to *Texas Knights* for a vote by mail on the same ballot dealing with the election of TCA officers.

Mike Moore proposed the addition of a Texas Rapid (game/30) tournament, which was approved. The membership favored FIDE/WRC rating for this tournament rather than USCF.

The next item discussed was the scheduling of the annual membership meeting, and it was resolved that in 1991 the meeting will be held on Sunday (the second day of the Southwest Open.)

The following motions were then proposed by the incoming slate of officers, discussed and voted on as indicated:

Resolved that the President of TCA shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors of TCA, and that the TCA bylaws be amended to reflect this change. Approved.

Resolved that the term of Directors and Officers shall begin and end at the Annual Membership meeting held in conjunction with the Southwest Open over the Labor Day weekend after the close of old business in the order of business items, and that the TCA bylaws be amended to reflect this change. Approved.

Resolved that the fiscal year of the Association shall begin and end at the Annual Membership meeting after the close of old business in the order of business items,

and that the TCA bylaws be amended to reflect this change. Approved.

Resolved that the financial statement provided by the Treasurer at the Annual Membership Meeting shall be published by the editor of *Texas Knights* in the issue that follows the meeting, and that the TCA bylaws be amended to reflect this change. Approved.

Resolved that the state USCF Delegates and Voting Members be elected by the membership in conjunction with the election of Association Officers, and in the same manner (mail ballot.) Out of the entire slate of candidates those receiving the most votes will be considered elected until all positions are filled, with the restriction that one Region of the TCA may have no more than six electees. The President may select Delegates (those willing to attend the USCF annual membership meeting) from among those elected, and appoint members to fill vacancies. Further resolved that the TCA bylaws be amended to reflect this change. The motion was defeated.

Resolved that this question concerning "one-man, one vote" be placed on the next mail ballot: "Do you favor the direct election of USCF officers by the membership of USCF?" And further resolved that if the membership answers this question in the affirmative that if not introduced by another state delegation that the Texas delegation at the USCF annual meeting shall so introduce such a motion at this meeting, and is encouraged to vote for this motion. Approved.

Resolved that regular dues be \$10 per year, student/junior dues be \$7.50 per year, that club \$1 rebates be eliminated and that the TCA bylaws be amended to reflect these changes. Defeated.

Selby Anderson then proposed the following motion: resolved, that the President is expected by the membership to appoint delegates and voting members that are representative of the state as a whole. Approved.

The following tournament bids were accepted and approved by the members for the next year: Texas Championship, Dallas; Southwest Open, San Antonio; Texas Open, Austin; Texas Team, Austin; Texas Junior & Senior, Austin; Texas Military, San Antonio; Texas Rapids, San Antonio; Texas Class, no bid.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Southwest Open LVI

The 56th Southwest Open, held September 1-3 in San Antonio, ended in a three-way tie for first. Igor Shtern of Dallas, Jim Gallagher of San Antonio and Carlos Hernandez Elizondo of Nuevo Laredo each scored 5-1 and took home \$466.67.

The tournament favorite, nine-time winner Joe Bradford, was held to successive draws by Carpenter, Weinberg and Gallagher in the second half of the tournament. Another Texas champion, third-ranked Eugene Curtin fell short of the mark with draws to two experts (Sprague and Naiser) and a loss to Anderson. Alex Weinberg could have tied for first but for a last round loss to Elizondo, whose 2167 rating is a poor index of his playing strength.

Here is a complete list of the prizewinners:

OPEN SECTION

1st-3rd	Igor Shtern	5 pts.	\$466.67
	Jim Gallagher	5	\$466.67
(1st Expert)	Carlos Hernandez E.	5.	\$466.67
4th-6th	Joe Bradford	4.5	\$66.66
	Burton Carpenter	4.5	\$66.66
	Selby Anderson	4.5	\$66.66
2nd-3rd Expert	Richard Weaver	4.5	\$93.75
	Matthew Goshen	4.5	\$93.75
1st Class A	Eric Dimazana	4	\$250
2nd-6th A	Luis Salinas	3.5	\$37.50
	Peter Kappler	3.5	\$37.50

Round 1

There were two big upsets: Dallas prodigy Andras Erdei (eleven years old, rated 1901) beat Richard Weaver (2199), and Darrell Rees (1912) beat Richard Fabiano (2203).

Sicilian B25

Pete Gibson 1941

Burton Carpenter 2285

SW Open 1990 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6
4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.f4 d6 7.Nf3
Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4
10.Qd2 Rb8 11.Nd1 b5 12.Ne1
b4 13.c3 bc3 14.bc3 Ndc6
15.Nf3 Qa5 16.Rc1 Rd8 17.Nf2

(17.g4!?) d5 18.e5 Nf5 19.Ng4
Ne3 20.Ne3 (20.Qe3) 20...Ba6
21.Rb1 Rb5 22.d4 cd4 23.Nd4
Nd4 24.Qd4 Rb1 25.Rb1 Qa2
26.Rb4 Bf8 27.Ra4 Qb1 28.Kf2
Qb2 29.Kg1 Bb5 30.Ra7 Rc8
31.Qb6 Bc5 32.Qb7 Qc1 0:1

Sicilian B88

Alex Weinberg 2284

John Kolts 1934

SW Open 1990 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 e6
7.Bb3 Be7 8.Be3 a6 9.Qe2 Nd4
10.Bd4 b5 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.e5
de5 13.Be5 Qa5 14.0-0 Rd8

A, cont'd.	John Kolts	3.5	\$37.50
	Deryl Howard	3.5	\$37.50
	Tim Besczynski	3.5	\$37.50

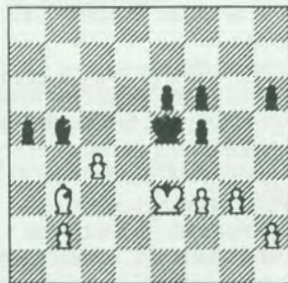
RESERVE SECTION

1st-2nd B	John M. Baker	5.5	\$187.50
	Raul Rodriguez	5.5	\$187.50
3rd B	Jim Fant	5	\$62.50
1st C	Freddy Jones	4.5	\$250
2nd-3rd C	Wade Yucker	4	\$93.75
	Thomas Cummins	4	\$93.75
1st-2nd D/E	Jessica Friesenhahn	3	\$140.62
	John White	3	\$140.62
3rd-5th D/E	David R. Miller	2.5	\$20.83
	Shannon Stennis	2.5	\$20.83
	Anthony Colyer	2.5	\$20.83
1st Unrated	Ernesto Rodriguez	4.5	\$93.75
2nd Unrated	Alfred Cardenas	3.5	\$62.50
3rd Unrated	James McGovern	2	\$31.25
Scholastic	Adi Smith	2.5	trophy

Note: Jessica Friesenhahn (1st D/E) is only twelve!

The tournament, which attracted 161 players, was ably directed by James Gallagher, Sr., Tony Alston and Jimmy Irvin with the help of Swiss-Sys™ pairing system. (The only flaw found in the program thus far is for "odd man" pairings.) The playing site at the Seven Oaks Hotel in San Antonio was exemplary.

15.Ne4 Ne4 16.Qe4 Bf6 17.Bf6
gf6 18.Rd3 (18.Qb7!±) 18...Qc7
19.Rfd1 a5 20.a4 Ke7 21.ab5
Bb5 22.Rd8 Rd8 23.Rd8 Qd8
24.Qb7 Qd7 25.Qd7 Kd7 26.c3
f5 27.f3 Kd6 28.g3 f6 29.Kf2 h6
30.Ke3 Ke5?? (e5=) 31.c4 1:0



What a position! If 31...Bc6 32.c5! (Δ 33.f4 mate) 32...f4 33.gf4 Kf5 34.Bc2 mates.

French C19

Darrell Rees 1912

Richard Fabiano 2203

SW Open 1990 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 c5 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.a4 Qa5 9.Bd2 Nbc6 10.Be2 f6 11.e6 gf6 12.0-0 c4 13.Re1 0-0-0 14.Bf1 h5 15.g3 Ng6 16.h4 Rde8 17.Bg2 Nd8 18.Bc1 Nf7 19.Ba3 Qc3 20.a5 Ba4 21.Re3 Qa5 22.Qe2 Nd8 23.Bh3 Qa6 24.Bc5 b5 25.Nd2 Qc6 26.Nb1 Kb8 27.Nc3 e5 28.Na4 ba4 29.Qd2 Nb7 30.Rea3 Nc5 31.dc5 Qc5 32.Ra4 Re7 33.Ra5 Qd4 34.Qb4 Ka8 35.c3 Qd3 36.Qb6 Rg8 37.Qc6 Rb7 38.Ra7 1:0

Round 2

A 400-point upset on board two is the sensation of the round. Goshen may not be an expert much longer!

Old Indian A54

Joe Bradford 2531

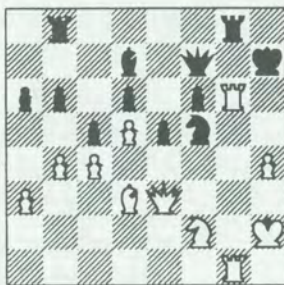
Christopher Land 2124

SW Open 1990 (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.d4 Nbd7 4.Nc3 c6 5.g3 e5 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 a6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Nh4 Re8 11.Nf5 Nf8 12.Ne7 Qe7 13.d5 c5 14.a3 b6 15.e4 Rb8 16.b4 N8d7 17.Bf1 g6 18.Bg5 Kg7 19.Qd2 Qd8 20.Rab1 Qc7 21.Rdc1 Ng8 22.Bd3 Ndf6 23.f3 Bd7 24.Be3 h6 25.Nd1 Kh7 26.Nf2 Nh5 27.g4 Ng7 28.f4 f6 29.Kg2 Rf8 30.f5 Be8 31.h4 h5 32.Rg1 Qf7 33.Kh2 Bd7 34.Qe2 hg4 35.Rg4 gf5 36.ef5

Nh6 37.Bh6 Kh6 38.Rg6 Kh7 39.Rbg1 Rg8 40.Qe3 Nf5

What's the best move?



41.Rh6 mate

1:0

Sicilian B45

Matthew Goshen 2051

Igor Shtern 2459

SW Open 1990 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bg5

This poses no special problems to Black, except to put him on unfamiliar ground.

6...Bb4 7.Nc6

Equal is 7.Nb5 Qa5 8.Bf6 gf6 9.a3 Bc3 10.Nc3 Qb6 11.Rb1 a6 Radulov-Inkirov, Warsaw 1979. The text gives Black a central preponderance.

7...bc6 8.Bd3

A big mistake would be 8.e5? Qa5! 9.ef6 Qg5 10.fg7 Qe5! and Black is winning.

8...h6 9.Bd2 d5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Qe2 Qc7

11...Nc5 gains the Bishop pair but loses too much time: 12.Qg4 Nd3 13.cd3 Bf8 14.0-0 Rb8 15.Na4! Ba6 16.Rfc1.

12.f4 Bc3

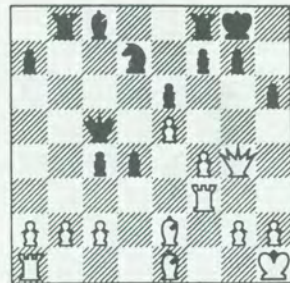
Now that White has played f4, 12...Nc5 is possible: 13.Qg4 Nd3 14.cb3 0-0 (Δ ...f5) 15.f5? Qe5 16.Kd1 Bc3! 17.Bc3 ef5!

13.Bc3 c5 14.Qg4 0-0 15.0-0 c4 16.Be2 Qc5 17.Kh1 d4

The point of 12...Bc3.

18.Be1 Rb8 19.Rf3!?

19.b3 Ba6 20.Rf3 d3! 21.cd3 Ne5! is a mess for White.



19...f5?

What if 19...Rb2? Certainly 20.Rg3 g6 21.Qh4 Kg7 holds no terrors. And on 20.Bh4 Black takes the bull by the horns with 20...Rc2 21.Bf6 Nf6 22.ef6 g6 23.Rh3 h5+.

20.Qg6 Rf7??

Shtern declines the draw by 20...Nb6 21.Rh3 Kh8 22.Rh6, but he will soon regret it.

21.Qe6 d3 22.cd3 Rb2 23.d4!

He evidently missed this move. Desperation follows.

23...Qd4 24.Bc4 Ne5 25.Qc8 Kh7 26.Bf7 Nf7 27.Bc3 Ra2 28.Qf5 Kg8 29.Bd4 1:0

After a wild and woolly opening Curtin seems to be consolidating a clear positional advantage - only to fall for a bluff. Sprague returns the favor at the end by offering a draw.

Trompovsky A45

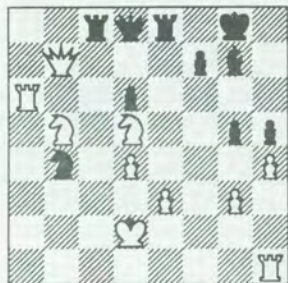
Eugene Curtin 2426

Al Sprague 2108

SW Open 1990 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6 3.Bf6 ef6 4.e3 Bg7 5.c4 0-0 6.Nc3 f5 7.Nge2 d6

8.h4 h5 9.Qc2 a6 10.Nf4 Bd7
11.0-0 b5 12.cb5 ab5 13.Bb5
Bb5 14.Nb5 Ra2 15.Qc7 Qe8
16.Nc3 Ra6 17.Kd2 Rc6 18.Qb7
Qd8 19.Nfd5 Re8 20.g3 Rc8
21.Ra1 Nc6 22.b4 g5 23.Nb5 f4
24.Ra6 fe3 25.fe3 Nb4!??



26.Ra7? (On 26.Nb4 Qf6 Curtin
must have missed 27.Nd3!)
26...Rc2 27.Kd1 Rf2 28.Nb4 Qf6
29.Nd3 Re3 30.Nf2 Qf2 31.Qa8
Kh7 32.Ra2 Rd3 33.Kc1 Qe3
34.Kb1 Rb3 35.Rb2 Qd3 36.Ka2
Rb2 37.Kb2 Qb5 38.Ka2 Qc4
39.Kb1 Qd3 40.Kc1 Qc4 41.Kb1
Qd4 42.Qa2 f5 43.Rc1 gh4
44.gh4 Qh4 45.Qd5 Qb4 46.Kc2
Qc5 47.Qc5 dc5 48.Rh1 Kh6
49.Rf1 Kg6 50.Rg1 Kh6 51.Rf1 f4
52.Kd3 Bd4 **DRAW?**

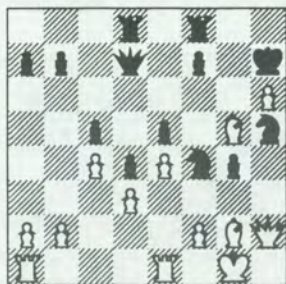
KI Attack A04

Willis Goodlett 1993

Jim Gallagher 2310

SW Open 1990 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3
g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 e5 7.c3
Nge7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Re1 (9.a4 h6
10.Rb1 Be6 11.b4) 9...h6 10.Nf1
Be6 11.h4 Qd7 12.Ne3 Kh7
13.Nh2 d5 14.Qf3 d4 15.Nd5 Ng8
16.h5 Rad8 17.c4 Nce7 18.g4
gh5 19.g5 Bg4 20.Ng4 hg4
21.Qg3 Ng6 22.gh6 Bf6! 23.Nf6
Nf6 24.Bg5 Nh5 25.Qh2 Ngf4



26.Bd8 Qd8 27.Bf1 Rg8 28.Be2
g3 29.Qh1 g2 30.Qh2 Qd7
31.Qh4 Qh3 32.Qh3 Nh3 33.Kh2
N5f4 34.Bf3 g1(Q) 35.Rg1 Rg1
36.Rg1 Ng1 37.Kg1 Nd3 38.b3
Nc1 39.Bh5 Kh6 40.Bf7 d3 0:1

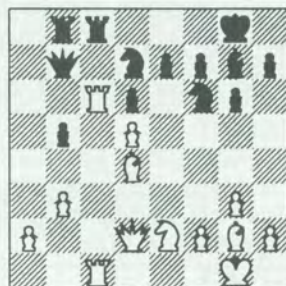
Sicilian B21

Ken Smith 2199

Darrell Rees 1912

SW Open 1990 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 d3 4.c4
Nc6 5.Nc3 g6 6.b3 Bg7 7.Bb2
Nf6 8.Qd3 0-0 9.Qd2 d6 10.g3
Be6 11.Bg2 a6 12.Nge2 Rb8
13.0-0 b5 14.cb5 ab5 15.Rac1
Qb6 16.Nd5 Bd5 17.ed5 Ne5
18.Bd4 Qb7 19.Rc2 Rfc8
20.Rfc1 Ned7 21.Rc6 1:0?



Premature! The threat of 22.Qc2 is
intimidating, but 21...Ne8 22.Bg7
Ng7 23.Qc2 Rd8 or 23.Bh3 Ne8!
puts up a lot of resistance.

Round 3

Bradford's beloved French Defense
comes through - but is the dia-
grammed position winning for him
if White just shuffles? E.g., 55.Kf3
Kc4 56.c6 Kb3 (56...Kb4 57.c7
Ka5? 58.c8(Q) a1(Q) 59.Qa8)
57.Rb5 Ka3 58.Rb2 Kb2 59.c7
a1(Q) 60.c8(Q) looks drawish.

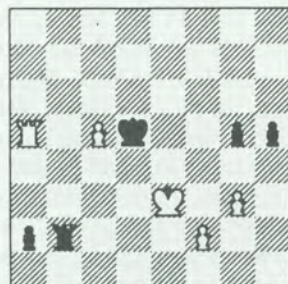
French C03

Carlos Hernandez E. 2169

Joe Bradford 2531

SW Open 1990 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.Bd3
c5 5.dc5 Bc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.0-0
Nc6 8.c3 0-0 9.Qc2 h6 10.ed5
ed5 11.Nb3 Bd6 12.Nbd4 Nd4
13.Nd4 Qc7 14.h3 Re8 15.Nf5
Bc5 16.Nd4 Qe5 17.Be3 Bd6
18.Nf3 Qh5 19.Qa4 Bh3 20.Qh4
Bg4 21.Qh5 Nh5 22.Nd4 Nf4
23.Bf5 Bf5 24.Nf5 Bc7 25.Rad1
Rad8 26.Rd2 Nh5 27.Rfd1 Nf6
28.Bd4 Be5 29.Be5 Re5 30.Ne3
b5 31.Rd4 Kf8 32.a4 Rb8 33.Nd5
Nd5 34.Rd5 Rd5 35.Rd5 ba4
36.Rd2 Rb3 37.Rd4 a3 38.ba3
Ra3 39.Rc4 Ke7 40.Kf1 Ra2
41.Rc7 Ke6 42.g3 a5 43.Kg2 a4
44.Rc6 Kd7 45.Ra6 a3 46.c4
Kc7 47.Ra7 Kb8 48.Rf7 Rb2
49.Rf3 a2 50.Ra3 h5 51.c5 g5
52.Kf3 Kc7 53.Ra5 Kc6 54.Ke3
Kd5



55.f4? h4 56.fg5 hg3 57.c6 Kc6
58.g6 g2 59.Rg5 0:1

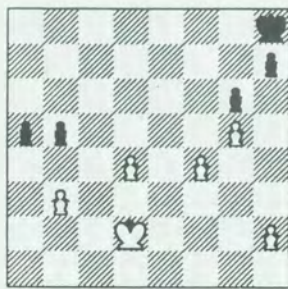
Sicilian B86

Jim Gallagher 2310

Ken Smith 2199

SW Open 1990 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Be7 7.Be3 0-
0 8.Bb3 Na6! (A novelty which
suggests 8.Qe2 was correct.)
9.f4 Nc5 10.Qf3 a6 11.0-0-0 Qc7
12.g4 b5 13.g5 Nfe4 14.Ne4 Bb7
15.Ne6 fe6? (15...Nb3 16.ab3
fe6 Δ Bg5 is at least equal.)
16.Bc5 dc5 17.Be6 Kh8 18.Rd7
Qc6 19.Re7 Qe4 20.Qe4 Be4
21.Rf1 g6 22.Bf7 Bc6 23.Rfe1 c4
24.R1e5 Rad8 25.Re3 Bd5
26.Bd5 Rd5 27.Re8 Kg8 28.R3e7
Re8 29.Re8 Kf7 30.Rh8 Kg7
31.Ra8 Rd6 32.Ra7 Kg8 33.c3
Kh8 34.Kc2 Re6 35.Kd2 Kg8
36.Rd7 Kh8 37.b3 Re4 38.Rd4
Rd4 39.cd4 cb3 40.ab3 a5 (At
this point Smith had not written
down the last two moves.
Gallagher, who had only a
minute, checked his
scoresheet to make sure he
made time control, and
played one of the two win-
ning moves (not 41.K-any? =))



41.h4! Kg7 42.d5 Kf7 43.f5! gf5
44.h5 a4 45.ba4 ba4 46.d6 a3

47.Kc2 f4 (A witty win is 47...a2
48.Kb2 a1(Q) 49.Ka1 f4 50.d7
Ke7 51.d8(Q)! Kd8 52.g6 hg6
53.h6 +-.) 48.g6 hg6 49.hg6 Kg6
50.d7 f3 51.d8(Q) Kf5 52.Qd1
Kf4 53.Kb3 Kg3 54.Qf1 1:0

An old gambit gets retreaded: Black
waits for a White d4 before playing
...c6. It works well in this case.

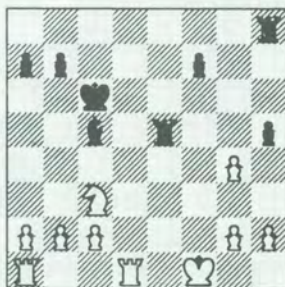
Center Counter B01

Alex Weinberg 2284

Bob Epstein 2160

SW Open 1990 (3)

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 Nf6 3.d4 c6 4.dc6
Nc6 5.Nf3 e5 6.Ne5 Ne5 7.de5
Qd1 8.Kd1 Ng4 9.Bb5 Bd7
10.Bd7 Kd7 11.Ke2 Re8 12.Bf4
Bc5 13.Rd1 Kc6 14.f3 Ne5
15.Be5 Re5 16.Kf1 g5 17.Nc3?!
(17.Nd2! ±) 17...g4! 18.fg4 h5!



19.Re1 Re1 20.Re1 hg4 21.Re4
f5 22.Re6 Bd6 23.Rf6 (23.Nb5 is
also equal.) 23...Rh2 24.Rf5
Rh1 25.Ke2 Rg1 26.Kf2 Rc1
27.Ne4 Rc2 28.Ke3 Bh2 DRAW

Bird's A03

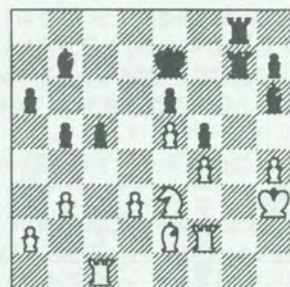
Hadi Jardak 2148

Selby Andersen 2272

SW Open 1990 (3)

1.f4 d5 2.b3 c5 3.e3 a6!? 4.Bb2
Nc6 5.Nf3 f6!? 6.Be2 Nh6 7.0-0

g6 8.Qe1 Bg7 9.d3 Nf5 10.Bc1 0-
0 11.c3 d4 12.e4 Ne3 13.Be3
de3 14.Qh4 b5 (14...e5 15.fe5 f5
16.Qd8 Rd8 17.d4! cd4 18.Bc4
Kh8 19.cd4! (19.Ng5 Ne5) e2 =)
15.Na3 Qa5 16.Nc2 Qc3 17.Ne3
Nd4 18.Nd4 Qd4 19.Qf2 e6
20.Rac1 Bb7 21.Nd1 Qf2 22.Rf2
Rac8 23.Ne3 Rfd8 24.Bf1 f5
25.e5 g5 26.g3 gf4 27.gf4 Bh6
28.Be2 Kf7 29.h3 Rd4 30.Rc1
Rg8 31.Kh2 Rg7 32.h4 Ke7
33.Kh3 Rd8 34.Rc1 Rdg8



35.Rc5 Rg3 36.Kh2 Kd8 37.Ng4
R8g4 38.Bg4 Rg4 39.Kh3 Bf4
40.a4 Rg3 41.Kh2 Rg2 0:1

Round 4

English A39

Joe Bradford 2531

Burton Carpenter 2285

SW Open 1990 (4)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6
4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 g6 6.g3 Bg7
7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.h3 Qc7
10.Be3 Nd4 11.Qd4 d6 12.Rac1
Bd7 13.Qd2 Rac8 14.b3 Rfe8
15.Rfd1 Bc6 16.Nd5 Qb8 17.Bg5
Nd5 18.cd5 Bd7 19.Rc8 Bc8
20.Rc1 Bd7 21.e4 Kf8 22.h4 Rc8
23.Be3 Rc1 24.Qc1 Qc8 25.Qc8
Bc8 26.Bb6 Bd7 27.f3 Ke8 28.Kf2
Bc3 29.Bf1 Bb4 DRAW

QGD Tarrasch D34
Selby Anderson 2272
Jim Gallogher 2310
SW Open 1990 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c4 e6
 4.Nc3 d5 5.cd5 ed5 6.g3 Nc6
 7.Bg2 cd4 8.Nd4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0
 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Re8 12.Qa4
 Na5

Or 12...Bd7 13.Rad1 Nb4
 14.Qb3 a5 15.a4 Rc8 =.

13.Rad1 Bd7

13...Nc4 14.Bc1 Bd7 15.Qc2
 Rc8 16.Qb1 Nb6 17.e4 Bb4 =
 Kirov-Makropoulos, Pernik
 1981)

14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Nf5 Nc4
 16.Ne7

Kasparov in ECO gives the
 cryptic note 16.Nd5 Bf8 17.Bd4
 ± Sloth-Nunn, corr. 1976.

16...Qe7 17.Bd4 b5

After 17...Be6 the position is
 only slightly better for White.

18.Nd5! Nd5 19.Bd5 Nb6

Other tries: 19...Ne3 20.Qg6
 Nf5 21.Bc3 Be6 with a bad
 ending; or 19...Bh3 20.Qg6 Qf8
 21.Rfe1 Rcd8 22.Qh5! ±

20.Qg6 Qf8 21.Bb6 Be6!
 22.Qd3 ab6 23.Be6 Re6 24.Qb5
 Rc2 25.e3 Qa8 26.Rd4!

Actually I missed the threat
 on e3, but on 26.Rfe1 Rf6
 27.Re2 Re2 28.Qe2 Qa2 Black
 stands well. The text pre-
 pares active defense on f4.

26...Re3 27.Qb6 Re8 28.Qb3
 Rce2

If 28...Ree2 29.Qd3! forcing
 29...Red2 30.Qd2 Rd2 31.Rd2 ±.

29.Rd7 Rf8 30.a3 Qc6 31.Qb7
 Qf6 32.b4 Rfe8 33.Rd3 Ra2
 34.Rf3 Qe6 35.Re3 Qc8
 36.Qc8?

36.Re8 Qe8 37.Rc1 wins
 easily, since if 37...Qe2 38.Qc8
 Kh7 39.Qf5 and mate.

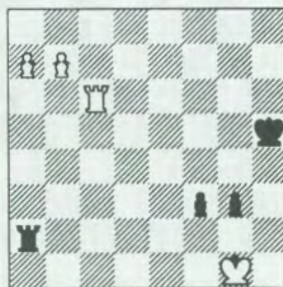
36...Rc8 37.Rb1 Rcc2 38.Rf3
 g5 39.g4 Kg7 40.h3 Kg6
 41.Rbb3

41.b5 is a less rocky road.
 Jim and I considered 41...h5
 42.gh5 Kh5 43.Rf7 Ra3 44.b6
 Rc8 45.b7 Rb8 46.Rb6 Rh3
 47.Rh7 Kg4 48.Rb4 +-; and
 41...f5 42.gf5 Kf6 43.a4! Ra4
 44.b6 and White's King
 eventually decides.

41...Rc1 42.Kg2 Raa1
 43.Rg3 h5 44.gh5 Kh5 45.b5 f5
 46.Rgc3 Rh1 47.b6 Ral1 48.Kf3!

Black threatened 48...g4,
 forcing Rh3 to stop mate.

48...Rh3 49.Kg2 Rc3 50.Rc3
 Rb1 51.Rc6 g4 52.a4 Rb2 53.a5
 f4 54.a6 g3 55.a7 Rf2 56.Kg1
 Ra2 57.b7 f3



58.Rc1??? (58.a8(Q)) 58...Rg2
 59.Kf1 Rh2 60.Ke1 Re2 61.Kf1
 Rf2 62.Ke1 DRAW

English A34

Barry Endsley 2216
Alex Weinberg 2284

SW Open 1990 (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cd5 Nd5
 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Nc3 6.bc3 c5
 7.Rb1 Qc7 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0
 10.c4 Nc6 11.d3 Bd7 12.Bb2

Rad8 13.Bg7 Kg7 14.Qb3 b6
 15.Qb2 Kg8 16.Qd2 Kg7 17.Qb2
 f6 18.Ng5 Nd4 19.e3 Ne6 20.Ne4
 Bc6 21.Rbd1 Kf7 22.f4 f5 23.Nc3
 Bg2 24.Qg2 Ng7 25.Nb5 Qd7
 26.d4 Ne8 27.Qf3 Qe6 28.d5
 Qd7 29.e4 fe4 30.Qe4 a6
 31.Nc3 (31.f5?! ab5 32.fg6 Kg7
 33.Rf8 Kf8 34.gh7 Kg7) 31...Nd6
 32.Qd3 Qf5 33.Qe2 h5 34.Rfe1
 Rfe8 35.Ne4 Ne4 36.Qe4 Qe4
 37.Re4 Rd6 38.Rde1 e6 39.Kf2?
 (39.a4 =) 39...b5 40.Rc1 ed5
 41.Re8 Ke8 42.cb5 (Here
 White offered a draw.) 42...c4
 43.ba6 Ra6 44.Ke3 Ra2 45.Kd4
 Rd2 46.Ke5 Kd7 47.Kf6 Rh2
 48.Kg6 Rh3 49.f5 Rg3 50.Kh5 Rf3
 51.Kg6 Kd6 52.Re1 d4 53.Re6
 Kd5 54.Re8 c3 55.f6 c2 56.Rc8
 d3 57.f7 d2 0:1

QGD Tarrasch D34

Igor Shtem 2459
Hugo Garcia 2029

SW Open 1990 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3
 c5 5.cd5 ed5 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2
 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 cd4 10.Nd4
 Re8 11.Rc1 h6 12.Be3 Bg4 13.h3
 Bh5 14.Qa4 Qd7 15.Rfd1 a6
 16.Nc6 bc6 17.b4 Bd6?



18.Nd5! Be2 19.Nf6 gf6 20.Rd2
 Bb5 21.Qd1 Rad8 22.a4 Qf5
 23.ab5 1:0

French C01

John Crawford 2021

Charles McLaughlin 1908

SW Open 1990 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 ed5
4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0
7.h3 Ne4! 8.c4 c6

This is actually a Petroff's where White has the useful move h3 thrown in free. 8...Nf6 would have been standard.

9.Re1 f5? 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.f3?

Better is 11.Nd7 and if ...Bd7 12.cd5 cd5 13.Qb3 Bc6 14.Be4 fe4 15.Re4 ±. On 11...Qd7 12.f3 Ng3! 13.cd5 cd5 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Be5, White has the edge.

11...Ng3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.de5 Bc5 14.Kh2 Bf2

Oops has been called. White has some comp, but that's all.

15.cd5 cd5 16.b3 Be1 17.Qe1 Nh5 18.f4

Not 18.Nd5?? Be6

18...Be6 19.Nb5 Qb6?

Here, have two tempi! 19...a6 is called for.

20.Be3 Qd8 21.Qf2 b6??

21...a6 is fully playable.

22.Na7 Nf4

Cute, but not cute enough. White stays in the driver's seat from now on.

23.Bf1 Ng6 24.Bb6 Qd7 25.Bb5 Qf7 26.Nc6 Qb7 27.a4 Bd7 28.Qc5 Rfe8 29.Qd5 Be6 30.Qd4 Rec8 31.Nd8 Qd5 32.Ne6 Qe6 33.Bc4 Rc4 34.Qc4 Qc4 35.bc4 Ne5 36.c5 Kf7 37.a5 Ke6 38.a6 Nc4 39.a7 Kd5 40.Kg3 Kc6 41.Rb1 g5 42.Rb4 Ne3 43.Rd4 f4 44.Kf3 Nd5 45.Kg4 Nb6 46.cb6 Kb6 47.Ra4 h6 48.Kh5

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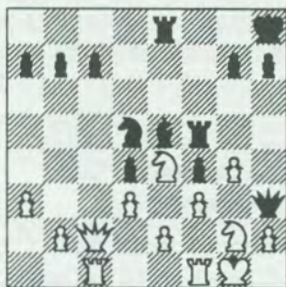
English A29

Daniel Navarro 1979

Peter Kappler 1944

SW Open 1990 (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cd5 Nd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bd2 Be6 10.Rc1 f5 11.a3 Bf6 12.Be3 Nd4 13.Bd4 ed4 14.Nb1 Qd7 15.Nbd2 Bd5 16.Ne1 Kh8 17.Bd5 Nd5 18.Qc2 Rae8 19.Nb3 f4 20.Ng2 Be5 21.Nc5 Qg4 22.Ne4 Rf5 23.f3 Qh3 24.g4



24...Ne3!

0:1

Round 5

All three top boards serve up fighting chess. Bradford escapes with a draw from an abysmal position, I pull off some heroic defense in a difficult gambit, and Gallagher has the luck of the Irish once again.

Torre Attack A46

Alex Weinberg 2284

Joe Bradford 2531

SW Open 1990 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 Be7 4.Bf6!?

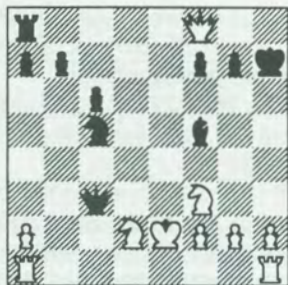
This has worked against 4...h6, so why not try it here? Normal tries are 4.Nbd2 and the transpositional 4.c4.

4...Bf6 5.e4 d6 6.Nc3 Nd7 7.Qe2! c6

7...e5 8.0-0-0 c6 9.de5 de5 10.g3 Qc7 11.Bh3 Nc5 is boring equality. The text goes into a more dynamic(!) Caro-Kann.

8.e5 Be7 9.ed6 Bd6 10.Ne4 Be7 11.Qe3 0-0 12.Bd3 Qa5 13.c3 c5

Bradford used some time considering the piece sacrifice 13...e5 14.Ned2 ed4! (the "prosaic" 14...Re8 15.de5 Ne5 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.f4 Be5! is good enough for equality) 15.Qe7 dc3 16.bc3 Qc3 17.Ke2 Nc5 18.Bh7 Kh7 19.Qf8 Bf5!



(a) 20.Ng5 Kh6 21.Nf7 Kh5 22.Qe7 Bd3 23.Ke3 Bc4 24.Kf4 Ne6 25.Kf5 g6 and ...Bd5 mate! or 25.Ke4 Bd5 26.Kf5 g6 mate.

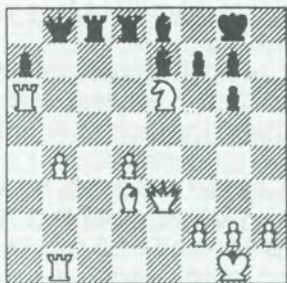
(b) 20.Qe7! Bd3 21.Ke3 Ne6 (or ...Bc4 22.Kf4 Ne6 23.Kg3) 22.Rhc1 Bc2 23.Ke2 Nf4 24.Kf1 and White survives with an extra Rook.

14.0-0 cd4 15.cd4 Rd8

The desirable 15...b6 falls into a trap: 16.Neg5 Bg5 17.Ng5 Nf6 18.Nh7! ±

16.Rfd1 Nf8 17.Ne5 Bd7 18.Nc5 Qb6 19.b4 Be8 20.a4 Rac8 21.a5 Qc7 22.a6 ba6 23.Ra6 Qb8 24.Rb1 Ng6 25.Ng6 hg6 26.Ne6!?

A bold try in time pressure.



Both players had a couple of minutes left for the next fourteen moves. Black has a draw for the asking if he takes the Knight: 26...fe6 27.Qe6 Kf8 28.Bg6 Bg6 29.Qg6 Qb4! 30.Qf5 Bf6 31.Rf6 gf6 32.Qf6 Ke8 33.Qg6 Kd7 34.Qf7 Kd6 (34...Qe7? 35.Rb7) 35.Qf6 Kd7 with perpetual check.

26...Rd6 27.Nc5 Bf8 28.b5 Rcd8 29.Rd6 Bd6 30.g3 Bd7 31.Nd7

This must have come as a relief to Bradford. Here 31.Bc4 Δ 32.Qb3 looks very strong.

31...Rd7 32.Be4 Re7 33.Qf3 Qb6 34.Qd3 Bc7 35.Bc6 Qa5 36.Kg2 Qa2 37.Bf3 Bb6 38.Rc1 Re8 39.Rc2 Qb1 40.Rd2 Qb4 41.d5 Qd6 42.Re2 Re2 43.Qe2 Kf8 44.Qc4 **DRAW**

Trompovsky A45

Eugene Curtin 2426

Selby Anderson 2272

SW Open 1990 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 Qb6 4.Nc3!? Qb2 5.Bd2 Qb6 6.e4 d6 7.f4 e6 8.Rb1

Bradford faulted this move, which helps Black's Queen position and control of e5.

8...Qc7 9.Nf3 a6 10.a4 Be7 11.de6 Be6 12.Ng5 Bd7 13.Bc4

0-0 14.0-0 h6 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Qe1 Be6 17.Be6 fe6 18.Qg3 Nd4

Gallagher's suggestion of 18...Rad8 is probably simpler.

19.Qh3 Qc8 20.e5 de5 21.fe5 Nh7 22.Ne4 b5 23.Nd4 cd4 24.Rf8 Bf8 25.ab5 ab5 26.Qd3 Ra3 27.Qd4 Qc2 28.Rc1

28.Rb5 Rd3 is even worse. 28...Qd3 29.Qd3 Rd3 30.Kf2 Rd5 31.Bc3 b4 32.Bb2 Ng5 33.Ng5 hg5 34.Ke2 Bc5 35.Rc4 Kh7 36.h3

36.Rg4 puts up stiffer resistance, with Rg3-f3 tending to tie Black's King to f7.

36...Kg6 37.g4 Kf7 38.Re4 Ke8 39.Bc1 Be7 40.Ke3 Kd7 41.Bd2 Bc5 42.Ke2 b3 43.Bc3 Ba3 **0:1**

Benoni A73

Burton Carpenter 2285

Jim Gallagher 2310

SW Open 1990 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 ed5 5.cd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.Nd2 Nc7 11.a4 b6 12.Nc4 Ba6 13.Na3

This idea is better known in the fianchetto line with 7.g3, where it doesn't waste time with White's Queen. Usual are 13.f3 or 13.Bg5.

13...Be2 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Qc2 a6?!

Carpenter suggested Na6-b4 first, which looks sensible. Gallagher overlooked that his d6 pawn would soon hang.

Ray Keene in ECO gives "15...Ng4! Δ Qh4∞" but 16.h3 Ne5 17.f4 or 16...Nh6 17.Nc4 Δ 18.Bf4 makes it more unclear for Black than for White.

16.Nc4 b5 17.ab5 ab5 18.Ra8 Na8 19.Nb5 Ne4 20.f3?

20.Re1 f5 21.f3 is winning.

20...Qd7 21.fe4 Qb5 22.Nd6 Bd4

Now it is clear why 20.Re1 was right. The next is forced.

23.Rf2 Qa5 24.Bd2

Both Bradford and Weinberg thought White was winning with 24.b4 Qb4 25.Bd2, overlooking 25...Bf2 26.Kf2 Qd4 and if 27.Be3?? Qf6 +.

24...Qa1 25.Bc1 Rb8!



26.Nc4 Nb6! 27.Nd2

"Pure obfuscation" - JG.

27...Nd5?!

27...Nd7! 28.Nc4 (28.Nb3? Rb3) 28...Ne5 29.Nd2 Rb2 +

28.ed5! Rb2 29.Qd1 c4! 30.d6! Kf8?

30...c3 31.d7 Bf2 32.Kf2 Qa7 33.Kf1 Rb8∞

31.d7 Bf2

On the intended 31...Ke7 White has 32.d8(Q)! Kd8 33.Nf3 Rf2 34.Nd4! +.

32.Kf2 Ke7??

32...Qa7 and 33...Rb8 is forced.

33.Ke1??

33.Qe2 and 34.Bb2 +.

33...Rb8 34.Nc4 Qc3 35.Qd2??

The final gag in a comedy of errors. 35.Nd2 is equal.

35...Qc4 36.Ba3 Kd8 37.Qg5
Kd7 38.Qe7 Kc6 39.Qd6 Kb7
40.Kf2 Rc8 41.h3 Rc6 42.Qe7
Rc7 43.Qd6 Qb5 44.Qf8 Qb6
45.Kg3 Rd7 46.Bc5 Qc7 47.Kf3
Rd8 0:1

(Notes based on Gallagher's
comments at the S.A. Club.)

Round 6

The tournament leaders at 4.5, Gal-
lagher and myself, have already
played. We catch the top two rated
of the group tied at 4, Bradford and
Shtern. On board three the other
contenders with 4 points, Weinberg
and Hernandez Elizondo square off.

A quick draw on board one puts
Gallagher in the money. I squander
my chance at the \$750 first prize by
playing an opening I have only
played from Shtern's side. Weinberg
plays a listless defense to the Keres
attack in the Sicilian, and fails to
take advantage of what few chances
are given him.

Bradford's comment on Gallag-
her's choice of the exchange system
with 8.de5: "That isn't what you'd
normally play!"

King's Indian E62

Jim Gallagher 2310

Joe Bradford 2531

SW Open 1990 (6)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7
4.Nc3 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-
0 e5 8.de5 de5 9.Qd8 Rd8
10.Bg5 Be6 11.Rac1 h6 12.Bf6
Bf6 13.b3 Rd7 14.Rfd1 Rad8
15.Rd7 Rd7 16.Ne1 Nd8 DRAW

I go down in flames to one of my
own pet systems, the Nimzo-
Queen's Indian hybrid. 9...f5!? is a
novelty which I used to try in speed
games with Gallagher - and I still
don't know what to do against it!

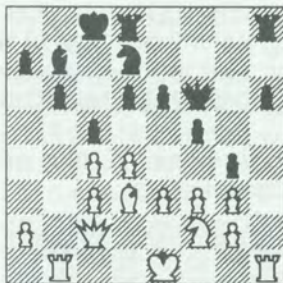
Q's Indian E13

Selby Anderson 2272

Igor Shtern 2459

SW Open 1990 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.Nc3
Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Bb7 7.e3 g5
8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Qc2 f5!? 10.Ne5
Qf6 11.Nd3 Bc3 12.bc3 d6 13.f3
Ng3 14.hg3 c5 15.Rb1 Nd7
16.Nf2 0-0-0 17.Bd3? g4



18.fg4 Bg2 19.Rg1 Bb7 20.gf5
ef5 21.Bf5 Rhe8 22.Kd1 Re3
23.Ne4 Qe7 24.d5 Qe5 25.Kd2
Rf3 26.Rb1 Rf1 27.Rf1 Kc7
28.Bd7 Rd7 29.a4 Re7 30.Rf4 a5
31.Kc1 Bc8 32.Qb3 Bd7 33.Kb2
Rg7 34.Rh4 h5 35.Ka3 Rg4
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Qg3 39.Ne4 Qe5 40.Kb3 Bf5
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KID Sämisch E80

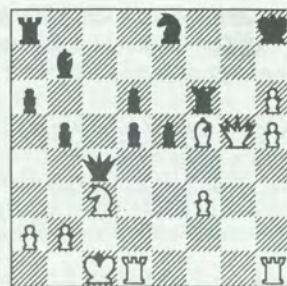
Eric Dimazana 1951

Christopher Land 2124

SW Open 1990 (6)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.e4
d6 5.f3 c6 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 Nbd7
8.Nge2 e5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.d5 Ne8
11.g4 f5 12.ef5 gf5 13.Bf5 Nb6
14.Bb6 Qb6 15.Ng3 Qc5 16.Na4
Qa7 17.0-0-0 b5 18.Nc3 Bb7
19.h4 Qc5 20.h5 h6 21.g5 Qc4

22.gh6 Bf6 23.Nge4 cd5 24.Nf6
Rf6 25.Qg5 Kh8



26.Rh4! Rf5 27.Qf5 Qh4 28.Qf8
Kh7 29.Qf7 Kh8 30.Qb7 Qf4
31.Kb1 Rd8 32.Nd5 Qf3 33.Rg1
Qd3 34.Ka1 Qh7 35.Ne7 1:0

SWO Reserve Games

Caro-Kann B14

Nathan Doughty 1658

Ira Horvitz 1734

SW Open 1990 (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 cd5 4.c4
Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.c5 0-0
8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Bf4 b6 10.Bb5 Bb7
11.Qa4 Qc8 12.b4 a6 13.Bd3 b5
14.Qb3 a5 15.ba5 Na5 16.Qb4
Nc6 17.Qb5



17...Ra5 (17...Ba6 18.Qb1 Rb8
19.Qd1 Bd3 20.Qd3 Nb4 21.Qe2
Ne4 22.Rc1!) 18.Qb3 Qa8 19.a4
Nh5 20.Bc7 Bf6 21.Ba5 Qa5

22.Rd1 Nf4 23.0-0 Nb4 24.Bb5
Nc6 25.Bc6 Bc6 26.Nb5 Rb8
27.Rd2 Bb5 28.Rb1 Qd2 29.Nd2
Ne2 30.Kh1 Nd4 31.Qd3 Rc8
32.ab5 Rc5 33.b6 1:0

Göring Gambit C44

John M. Baker 1793

Bob Montgomery 1698

SW Open 1990 (4)

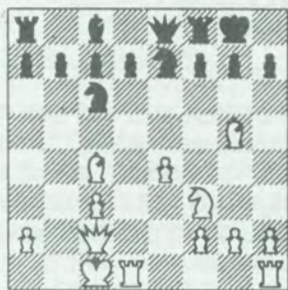
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 ed4
4.c3 dc3 5.Bc4 Bb4

Taking the second pawn is known to be risky 5...d6 is the book recommendation, but the text transposes into a perfectly good line for Black.

6.Nc3 Bc3 7.bc3 Nge7!?

7...d6 8.Qb3 Qd7 =+.

8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qc2 Qe8 10.0-0-0



Black's possibilities for counterplay are seen in this fantasy line: 10...d6 11.Nd4 Nd4 12.cd4 b5 13.Bb5 Qb5 14.Be7 Re8 15.Bh4 Re4! 16.Qe4 Rb8 17.Kd2 Bf5 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Kc3! Re2 20.Qa8 =!

10...Ng6 11.h4 Nge5 12.Ne5 Qe5 13.f4! Qc5 14.Bd3 f6?

Poor development plus greed is a formula for brilliant defeat!

15.e5 Qe3 16.Kb1 fg5 17.hg5 g6 18.Bg6 Rf4 19.Rh7 Ne5

20.Qb3 Rc4 21.Bf7 Kh7 22.Bc4 Nc4 23.Qc4 Qg5 24.Qf7 1:0

Stonewall Attack D00

Donald Coburn 1750

John M. Baker 1793

SW Open 1990 (5)

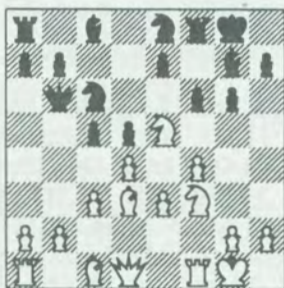
1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6
4.Nd2 Bg7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6
7.Ngf3 Qb6

A worthwhile try is 7...Bf5!?

8.Bf5 gf5 with counterplay on the g-file. If 9.dc5 Nd7 10.Nb3 e6 Δ ...Qe7 regains the pawn.

8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Ne8 10.Ndf3 f6?

Brave fellow! 10...Nd6 Δ Bf5, f6 is about equal.



11.Ng6! hg6 12.Bg6 Nd6
13.Nh4 Rd8 14.Qh5 Be6 15.Qh7

15.Rf3 is even stronger, with Rg3 and a possible e4 and f5 breakthrough to follow.

15...Kf8 16.Rf3 cd4 17.Rg3?

Simply 17.ed4 Δ f5, Bh6 makes life difficult for Black.

17...Bg8 18.Qh5 de3 19.Be3 d4 20.cd4 Qb2 21.Rb1 Qa2 22.Bh7 Bh7 23.Qh7 Qg8 24.Ng6 Kf7 25.Qh5 Ke8 26.Nh4 Kd7?

26...Qf7 27.Qh7 Bf8 -+

27.Qg4 Qe6 28.d5 Qg4 29.dc6 bc6 30.Rg4 Bh8 31.f5 e6 32.Rd1 ef5 33.Nf5 Ke6 34.Nd4

Kf7 35.Nc6 Re8 36.Bc5 Nb5 37.Rd7??

37.Na7! Na7 38.Rd7 ±

37...Ke6 38.Rh7 Kd5 39.Na7 Kc5 40.Rh5 Kb6??

40...Re5 -+.

41.Nb5

41.Rb5 forces Kc7 or matel

41...Re2 42.h4 Ra1 43.Kh2 f5 44.Rf5 Be5 45.Re5 Re5 46.Nd6 Kc6 47.Nf7 Rf5 48.Ng5 Rf1 49.Nf3 Kd5 50.Rg5 Ke6 51.h5 Rh1 52.Kg3 Kf7 53.Ne5 Kf6 54.Nf3 Ra3 55.Kf2?? Rf3 0:1

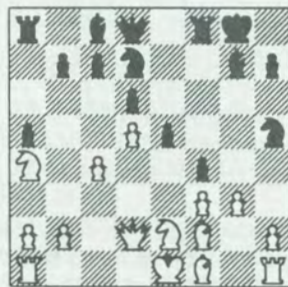
KID Sämisch E87

Enrique Garcia 1754

Jim Fanti 1712

SW Open 1990 (6)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Qd2 Nh5 9.Nge2 (9.0-0-0 f5 10.Bd3 or 10.ef5 gf5 11.Bd3 was a better choice.) 9...f5 10.ef5 gf5 11.g3 a5 12.Na4 f4 13.Bf2



13...e4! 14.fe4 Ne5 15.Ng1 Bg4 16.Be2 Be2 17.Qe2 f3 18.Qc2 Qg5 19.Rb1 Rae8 20.b3 Qg6 21.Nc3 Ng4 22.Nh3 Bc3 23.Kf1 Qe4 24.Qe4 Re4 25.Ng1 Nf2 26.Kf2 Bd4 27.Kf1 Bg1 28.Rg1 Re2 29.a3 Rfe8 30.b4 a4 31.c5 Nf6 32.g4 Ne4 33.Rd1 Nd2 34.Rd2 Rd2 35.b5 Ree2 0:1

Ardaman wins Lone Star Open

by Clarence Callaway and Selby Anderson

FM Miles Ardaman of Houston won the fifteenth annual Lone Star Open, held June 30-July 1 in Dallas. The new Texas co-champ defeated SM Igor Shtern in the last round to finish with a perfect 5-0 score. NM Hermes Maya Solis of Laredo finished in a tie for 2nd-3rd place with expert Matthew Goshen of Dallas at 4.5 points. Solis, currently rated 2350, won the unrated prize in last year's tournament. Trailing at 4-1 were Igor Shtern, Bob Leininger, Sid Pickard, Steve Alden, Mack Novosad, Ronald Minor and Peter Kappler.

Matthew Goshen won the Expert prize with 4.5, including a win over Simms and a draw with Solis. (He also beat Shtern in the SW Open, making him the hot expert for this issue!) Peter Kappler of Austin was first Class A with 4 points. Steven Hart of Marble Falls was first Class B with 3.5, and J.B. Rodgers of Irving won Class C with 2.5. Steve Horn of Midland won Class D/E, and Tim Loos and Roy Nielson split Unrated.

There were 101 players in the five round Swiss. Bill Snead of Amarillo directed the tournament for the Irving Chess Club.

Round 1

Ardaman follows in Miles' footsteps with 1...a6!? against Don Howard. Less lopsided games follow:

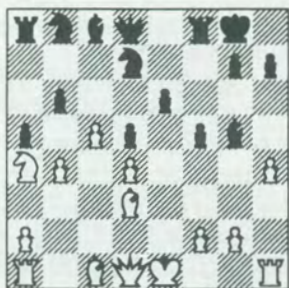
Caro-Kann B14

David Peterson 1859

Mack Novosad 2035

Lone Star Open 1990 (1)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 cd5
4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7
7.c5 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.b4 a5
10.Na4 Nfd7 11.h4 f5 12.Ng5 Bg5



The first divergence from theory! White should be able to exact a price for Black's weakening of his dark squares. ECO gives 12...Qe8 13.Kf1 ab4 14.Ne6 Nc5 15.Nac5 bc5 16.Nf8 c4 17.Nh7 cd3 ∞ Karlsson-Mahlin, corr. 1970.

13.hg5 g6 14.a3 ab4 15.ab4
Nc6 16.b5?

16.Bb5 Bb7 (16...Nb4 17.c6 Nb8 18.Ba3 ±) 17.Bf4 e5 18.de5 Nce5 19.Be5 Ne5 20.Nb6 ±.

16...Nd4 17.c6 Nc5 18.Be3 e5
On the tempting 18...Ndb3 19.Bc5 Na1 White has 20.Nb6! Ra2 21.Nc8 Qc8 22.Bf8 Qf8 23.Qb1 +.

19.Bd4 ed4 20.Nc5 Ra1
21.Qa1 Qe7 22.Kd1 bc5
DRAW!?

A wise offer by Novosad!
After 23.b6! either 23...Qd6 24.Bb5 or 23...Be6 24.Re1 c4 25.b7! Δ 26.Qa8! poses severe problems for Black.

Sicilian Löwenthal B32

Peter Kappler 1936

Gary Simms 2234

Lone Star Open 1990 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 e5 5.Nb5 a6 6.Nd6 Bd6
7.Qd6 Qf6 8.Qd1 Qg6 9.Nc3 d5
10.Nd5 Qe4 11.Be2 Nd4 12.Nc7
Ke7 13.Be3 Nc2 14.Kf1 Ne3
15.fe3 Nf6 16.Qb3 Bg4 17.Qa3
Kd7 18.Rd1 Kc8 19.Bg4 Ng4
20.Rd3 Qf5 21.Ke2 Qf2 22.Kd1
Qg2 23.Re1 Nf2 24.Kd2 Nd3
25.Kd3 Rd8 26.Kc4 Qc6 0:1

The King hunt at its most primal:

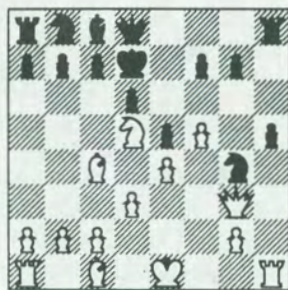
Vienna Game C26

Joe Drake 1835

Peter Berzanskis 1999

Lone Star Open 1990 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Bc5
4.Nc3 d6 5.f4 Ng4? 6.f5 h5 7.Qf3
Bg1 8.Rg1 Nh2 9.Qg3 Ng4
10.Rh1! Ke7 11.Nd5 Kd7



12.f6 gf6 13.Rh5 Kc6 14.Ne7
Kc5 15.b4 Kb4 16.Rb1 Ka4
17.Bb5 Ka5 18.Bd2 Kb6 19.Bc4
Kc5 20.Be3 1:0

Round 2

Ardaman bowls over Larry Young in twelve moves with the Center Game! Maybe Larry had seen Simms' game with Kappler (above) and deduced that whoever forks with his Knight on QB7 is losing: 1.e4

e5 2.d4 ed4 3.Qd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 b6
5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Qg3 Qf6 7.Nd5 Qd4
8.Nc7 Kd8 9.Na8 Qe4 10.Kd1! Nf6
11.Bd3 Qd4 12.Nf3 1:0.

Goshen shows the meaning of
"Never say die!"

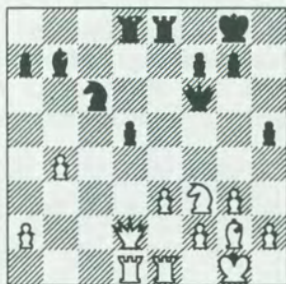
English A20

Carlos Maya Solis 2350

Matthew Goshen 2056

Lone Star Open 1990 (2)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4
e4 5.d5 Bb4 6.Bd2 Bd2 7.Qd2 d6
8.dc6 bc6 9.Nc3 d5 10.cd5 cd5
11.Rd1 Bb7 12.Ne4 0-0 13.Nf6
Qf6 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Rad8
16.e3 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 h5 18.b4



18...d4 19.ed4 (19. Nd4! Nd4 20.
ed4 Re1 21. Qe1! Bg2 22. Kg2
Rd4 23. Rd4 Qd4 24. Qe8 Kh7
25.Qf7 leaves White two
pawns up with an easy win.
After 19.ed4 as played White
may still be winning, but it is
less clear - Curtin.) 19...Re1
20.Qe1 Nb4 21.Qb4 Bf3 22.Bf3
Qf3 23.Qb3 Qe2 24.d5 h4 25.d6
h3 26.Qd3 Qa2 27.d7 Qe6
28.Qc2 a5 29.Qc7 Qe7 30.Qa5
Rd7 31.Re1 Qd8 32.Qh5 g6
33.Qh3 Rd1 34.Rd1 Qd1 35.Qf1
Qd4 **DRAW**

David Buhner sent in the next game.
His notes are marked "DB."

QGD Exchange D36

David Buhner 2019

Robert Leininger 2224

Lone Star Open 1990 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.cd5 ed5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c6
7.Bd3 Be7 8.Qc2 h6(?)

There is no point in weak-
ening the Kingside when
White has not announced his
castling intentions. 8...0-0 or
8...Nf8 is indicated.

9.Bh4

Or 9.Bf4 a6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.g4 ±
Uhlmann-Müller, DDR 1974

9...a6?!

Until White makes over-
tures with b4, this move has
no point in the exchange line.

10.Nge2!

Of course! White plays for
central control à la Kasparov
and drops the b4-b5 minority
attack.

10...b5?!

Continuing in the same
wronghheaded vein. If Black
succeeds in playing ...c5, he
will be rewarded with an
isolated d-pawn. This move
(...b5) has a point against the
minority attack, when after
White's b2-b4 Black may
swing a Knight around to c4.

11.0-0 0-0 12.Rad1 Bb7 13.Bf5
Nb6

13...Rc8 14.f3 c5 15.dc5 and
either 15...Rc5 or 15...Bc5 is
met with 16.Qd2 prserving the
positional status quo.

14.f3 Nfd7

14...Nc4 15.Bf2 c5 16.Nf4

15.Bf2 Rc8 16.e4 g6?

Black's Kingside pawns
are too weak after this move.
Unfortunately, the time lost

redeploying the Knights
leave Black poorly placed to
meet 16.e4 - DB.

17.Bh3 c5 18.Nd5 Nd5 19.ed5
c4

19...cd4 20.Qd2 picks up a
pawn (or more if 20...Bd5??);
19...Bd5 20.Bd7 Qd7 21.cd5
Qb7 22.Nf4 Bc6 23.Ng6! +.

20.Nf4 Kh7 21.Rfe1 Bd6

The Knight will have to be
removed if Black is to regain
material and remove the d5
pawn, which is somewhat
cramping and threatens to
advance if left alone long
enough - DB.

22.Bg3 Bf4 23.Bf4 Bd5 24.Qd2
Rg8

A miscalculation. Black's
situation remains difficult
even if he plays 24...g5 or
24...h5 because of 25.Bd6 and
penetration on the e-file - DB.

25.Bh6 g5 26.Bg5 Qg5
27.Qg5 Rg5 28.Bd7 Rcg8
29.Rd2?

29.Bg4 holds both pawns (if
29...f5 30.h4!), but White was in
time trouble - DB.

29...Bf3 30.Bh3 Rh5 31.Kf2
Bc6 32.Re5 Re5 33.de5 b4?

An error allowing the
exchange of Rooks into an
easily won endgame - DB.

34.Rd4 b3 35.ab3 cb3
36.Rh4 Kg7 37.Rg4 Kf8 38.Rg8
Kg8 39.Bf5

Covers b1 in case of
sacrifices in a3 and restricts
Black's K to the corner - DB.

39...a5 40.g3 a4 41.Ke1 Kg7
42.Kd2 Kh6 43.h4 Kg7 44.Kc3
Bf3 45.Kb4 Bc6 46.Kc5 Be8
47.g4 Kh6 48.Kd6 Bb5 49.Kd5
Be8 50.Kc5 Kg7 51.g5 Kg8
52.h5 Kf8 53.h6 Kg8 54.e6 fe6
55.Be6 Kh8 56.Kb4 Kh7 57.Bf5

Kh8 58.g6 a3 59.g7 Kg8 60.Be6
1:0

French Defense C11

Steven Young 1819

John Bang 1389

Lone Star Open 1990 (2)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5
4.Nbd2 Nbd7 5.e4 de4 6.Ne4
Be7 7.Bd3? (After this mistake
Black doesn't let up.) 7...Ne4
8.Be7 Qe7 9.Be4 Nf6 10.Bd3
Qb4 11.Qd2 Qb2 12.0-0 0-0
13.Ne5 c5 14.Nf3 Qb6 15.dc5
Qc5 16.Rfe1 b6 17.Re5 Qe7
18.Qg5 h6 19.Qh4 Bb7 20.Nd4
Qb4 21.Rb5 Qc3 22.Rab1 Qd2
23.Nf3 Bf3 24.gf3 Rad8 25.Kh1
Nd5 26.Rg1 Qf4 27.Rg4 Qf3
28.Kg1 Qf6 29.Qf6 Nf6 30.Ra4
Rd7 31.Rc4 Nd5 32.Kf1 Rc7
33.Rc7 Nc7 and 0:1

Round 3

Ardaman demonstrates the vitality
of the double pawn complex in the
ending.

Pirc Defense B08

Tom Dropka 2139

Miles Ardaman 2512

Lone Star Open 1990 (3)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2
Bg7 5.Be3 Nc6 6.h3 e5 7.Nf3
ed4 8.Nd4 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Nc6
bc6 11.Bd3 Rb8 12.Rb1 c5
13.Re1 Bb7 14.f3 Bc6 15.a3 a5
16.Qd2 Nd7 17.Nd1 a4 18.Bc4
Ne5 19.Ba2 Qh4 20.Qf2 Qf2
21.Kf2 Rb7 22.Bd2 Reb8 23.Bc3
g5 24.Ne3 Bd7 25.Red1 Be6
26.Be6 fe6 27.Ke2 Ng6 28.Kd2
h5 29.Bg7 Kg7 30.Kc3 h4 31.Rd2
Kf7 32.Rdd1 Ke7 33.Rd2 Kd7
34.Nc4 Rb5 35.Ne3 Kc6 36.Ng4
Nf4 37.Ne3 d5 38.ed5 ed5

39.Nf5 d4 40.Nd4 (40.Kc4 Rb4!)
cd4 41.Kd4 Rd8 0:1

Nimzo-Indian E21

Fred Payne 2132

Igor Shtem 2472

Lone Star Open 1990 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.Nc3
Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.e3 h6
8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 d6 10.Rd1 Ne4
11.Qc2 Ng3 12.hg3 cd4 13.ed4
Qf6 14.a3 Bc3 15.Qc3 g4 16.Nh4
Ne7 17.Be2 Rg8 18.Qb4 Bd7?
(18...e5 19.de5 de5 20.Rd6 Qg5
21.Qb5 Kf8 22.Rd8 Kg7 23.Rg8
Ng8) 19.Qd6 Rd8 20.Qf4 Qg5
21.0-0 Ba4 22.Rd3 Bc2 23.Rc3
Qf4 24.gf4 Be4 25.Rd1 Bb7
26.Re3 Kf8 27.g3 h5 28.b4 Ng6
29.Ng6 Rg6 30.Re5 Kg7 31.Rh5
Re8 32.Bd3 Bf3 33.Re1 Rh6
34.Rh6 Kh6 35.Be4 1:0

Round 4

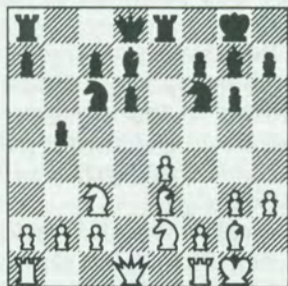
Pirc B06

Miles Ardaman 2512

Gary Simms 2234

Lone Star Open 1990 (4)

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.e4 d6
4.d4 e5 5.Be3 Nf6 6.h3 ed4
7.Bd4 0-0 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Be3 Re8
10.Nge2 Bd7 11.0-0 b5



12.Nb5 Ne4 13.Nbc3 Nc3
14.Nc3 Rb8 15.Rb1 a5 16.Kh2
Ne5 17.Ba7 Ra8 18.Bd4 Bc6
19.Nd5 Bb5 20.Re1 Rb8 21.Re3
c5 22.Bc3 Nc4 23.Re8 Be8
24.Qe1 a4

24...Bc3 25.Qc3 Ne5 26.f4
Nd7 27.Re1 ±
25.Bg7 1:0
25...Kg7 26.Qc3 Ne5 27.f4

Sokolsky's A00

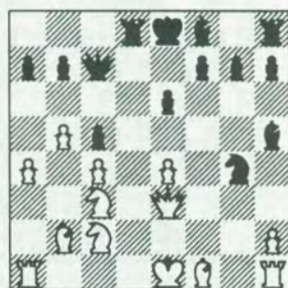
Sid Pickard 2207

Igor Shtem 2472

Lone Star Open 1990 (4)

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4.b5 Nf6 5.a4 Bf5 6.c4 e6 7.Nf3
Nbd7 8.Nc3 Rc8 9.Nd4 Bg4
10.f3 c5 11.Nc2 Bf5 12.d3 Bg6
13.e4 dc4 14.dc4 Qc7 15.g3
Rd8 16.Qe2

16.Qe3 looks better - E.C.
16...Ne5 17.Qe3 (17.Rd1!?)
17...Bh5 18.g4
Forced, since if 18.Be2? Bf3!
18...Nfg4!? 19.fg4 Ng4



20.Qg3?

20.Qh3? is easily refuted by
20...Qf4! 21.Qg2 Ne3! +

But 20.Qe2! is less clear. If
20...Bd6 (Δ ...Bg3!) 21.Bh3! Nf6
22.Qg2 holds, while either
20...Qf4, 20...Qe5 or 20...g6 can
be met by 21.Rd1. It would be

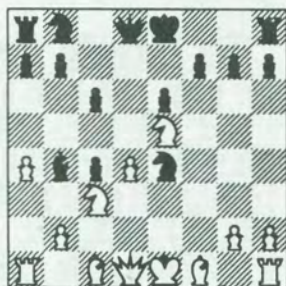
interesting to see what Shtern would have played here - EC.
20...Bd6 21.Qh3 Bh2 22.Ne2 Bf4 23.Bc3 Qd6 24.Nf4 Qf4 25.Qg2 Ne3 26.Qh2 Nc2 27.Qc2 Qe3 0:1

Ruy Lopez C70
Bret Treadway 1820
Larry Young 2074
Lone Star Open 1990 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 g6 5.d4 ed4 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Bc5? (7...Bg7) 8.e5! g5 9.Ng5! fg5 10.Qh5 Kf8 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Bh6 Nh6 13.Qh6 1:0

QGD Slav D17
Ivan Wijetunge 1668
Michael Simpson 1994
Lone Star Open 1990 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.e4 Be4 9.fe4 Ne4



10.Bd2 Qd4 11.Ne4 Qe4 12.Qe2 Bd2 13.Kd2 Qd4

Deep theory! ECO prefers 13...Qd5! 14.Kc2 Na6 15.Nc4 and now 15...Qf5!? 16.Kc1 Rd8 17.Qe5 Qf2 ∞, while 15...0-0-0 16.Qe5 f6 17.Qe3! has given Black problems:

(a) 17...Nc5 18.b4! Na4 19.Be2 Nb6 0-0-0 16.Qe5 f6

17.Qe3 Nc5 18.b4 Na4 19.Be2 Nb6 20.Nb6 ab6 21.Rhd1 Qf5 22.Bd3 Qe5 23.Qb6 1:0 Stohl-Haba, Prague 1989.

(b) 17...Qf5 18.Kb3 Nc5 19.Kb4 Rd5 20.Qc5 Rc5 21.Nd6 Kc7 22.Nf5 Rf5 23.Rd1 Rf2 24.b3 e5 25.g3 and White realized his extra piece in Gelfand-Hector, Debrecen 1989.

14.Ke1?
 14.Kc2 is supposed to give White a slight edge.

14...c3 15.Nd3
 15.Rd1 Qa4 16.bc3 is less passive.

15...Na6 16.Rd1 0-0-0 17.b3 Nb4 18.Nc1 Qd1 19.Qd1 Rd1 20.Kd1 Rd8 21.Ke1 Rd2 22.Be2 Nc2 23.Kf2 Nd4 24.Re1 e5 25.Kf1 f5

Such positions are known as squirmers. White finds an alternative to slow torture.

26.Rd1 Ne2 27.Rd2 cd2 0:1

Round 5

The star game of the tournament!

Benoni A61
Igor Shtern 2472
Miles Ardaman 2512
Lone Star Open 1990 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.c4 ed5 5.cd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Bf4

This was a very trendy line 10 years ago, but Black has nothing to fear if he quickly nails down e5 as in the game.

7...a6! 8.a4 Nbd7 9.e4 Qe7 10.Qc2

An alternative is 10.Nd2 Ne5 11.Be2 Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 Nfd7! Δ g5. White must be

denied the central pawn-rooler.

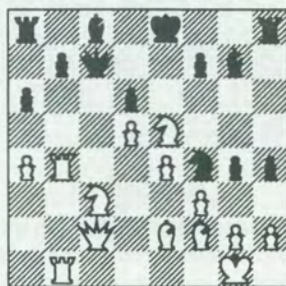
10...Bg7 11.Be2 Ng4 12.0-0 Nge5 13.Nd2 g5 14.Bg3?!

Since this seems to give Black a better position by force, 14.Be3 must be tried.

14...h5 15.f3 h4 16.Bf2 Nf8 17.Rab1 Nfg6 18.b4 cb4 19.Rb4 Nf4 20.Rfb1 Qc7 21.Nc4 g4 22.Ne5?

If 22.Kf1 then 22...g3! 23.Bg1 h3! ruins White's K-side -SA.

22.Bb6 seems necessary to remove the Queen from c7, but Black stands much better in any case -EC.



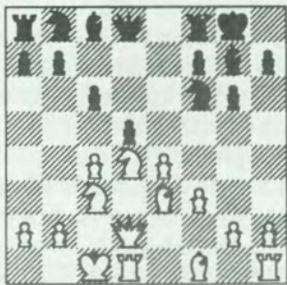
22...Qc3 23.Qd1

23.Qc3 Ne2 24.Kf1 Nc3 25.Nc4 Nb1 26.Rb1 Ke7 27.fg4 b5 is also hopeless..

23...Qe5 24.Bd4 Qg5 25.Bg7 Qg7 26.e5 de5 27.d6 g3 28.h3 0-0 29.d7 Ne2 30.Qe2 Bd7 31.Rh4 Rac8 32.Qe4 b5 33.ab5 ab5 34.Qd5 Rfd8 35.Re1 Qg5 36.Qe4 Bf5 37.Rg4 Bg4 0:1

Kl Sämisch E86
Jan Rooswa 2241
Hermes Maya Solis 2350
Lone Star Open 1990 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.Nge2 c6 8.Qd2 ed4 9.Nd4 d5 10.0-0-0?



(10.ed5 =. The text is an elementary strategic error.)
 10...de4 11.fe4 Re8 12.Nb3 Qd2
 13.Rd2 Nbd7 14.Bd3 Ng4 15.Bf4
 Nge5 16.Be2 Nf8 17.h3 Be6
 18.Nc5 Nc4 19.Rc2 (19.Ne6 Nd2
 20.Nf8 Ne4 →) 19...b5 20.Bc4
 Bc4 21.b3 Ne6 22.Bd6 Nc5
 23.bc4 Nd3 24.Kd2 Nf2 25.cb5
 Nh1 26.bc6 Red8 27.Nb5 a6
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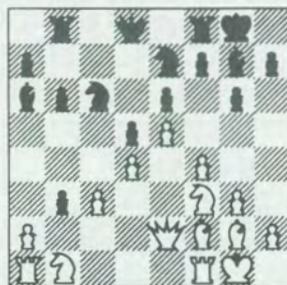
Sicilian B21

Gary Simms 2234

Matthew Goshen 2056

Lone Star Open 1990 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.f4 e6 3.Qe2 Nc6 4.c3
 Nge7 5.Nf3 d5 6.d3 g6 7.g3 Bg7
 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Be3 b6 10.Bf2 Ba6
 11.e5 Rc8 12.0-0 c4 13.d4 Rb8
 14.b4?? cb3!



Land o' Goshen! 15.Qa6 b2
 16.Na3 ba1(Q) 17.Ra1 Qc8

18.Qd3 Na5 19.Nb5 Nc4 20.g4
 Qd7 21.a4 a6 22.Nd6 Nd6
 23.ed6 Qd6 24.Bg3 f5 25.Qa6
 Qc6 26.Qd3 Ra8 27.Bh4 f4
 28.Be7 Rfe8 29.Bb4 g3 30.Bf3
 Ra4 31.Re1 Bf8 32.Bf8 Rf8
 33.Qe3 Rf6 34.Bg4 Kf7 35.f5 g5
 36.Bh5 Ke7 37.Qg5 Qc3 0:1

The next game is a swindle in the Frank J. Marshall tradition. You'll do a double take at the outcome!

Albin Countergambit D08

Ray Gatten 1840

Curtis Lucas 1917

Lone Star Open 1990 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.de5 d4
 4.a3 a5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Be6
 7.Nbd2 Qd7 8.Bg2 h6?!

8...Nge7 is correct.

9.0-0 Nge7 10.Ne1?

This move is dangerously passive and time consuming. Better is 10.b3 Ng6 11.Bb2 0-0-0 12.b4! and if ...ab4 13.ab4 Bb4 14.Ra8 Nb8 15.Qb3 and White gets in the first licks.

10...Ng6 11.Nd3 Be7 12.b3
 Bh3 13.Nf3 Bg2 14.Kg2 h5
 15.e3?!

Worth considering is 15.h4 Qg4 16.Rh1 Qe4 17.Bb2 0-0-0 18.b4 Nce5 19.ba5 Nc4 20.a6!

15...h4?!

More accurate is 15...0-0-0 16.Nf4 Nge5 17.Nd5 h4!

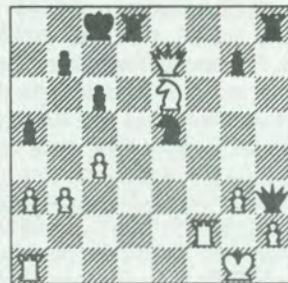
16.ed4 hg3 17.fg3 Qh3
 18.Kg1 Nd4 19.Rf2

19.Ra2 looks safer.

19...0-0-0 20.Bg5!!

The best chance in a bad position. Passive defense fails: if 20.Raa2 Nf5! (Δ Ng3, Bc5) 21.Rg2 Bc5 22.Kf1 Ngh4!! winning (but not 22...Ne5 23.Nfe5 Ng3 24.Ke1!)

20...Nf3 21.Qf3 Bg5 22.Nc5 c6
 23.Qf7 Be7 24.Ne6 Ne5 25.Qe7



25...Rd7??

Black has only one defense: 25...Nf3! 26.Rf3 (26.Kh1 Qh2 mates) 26...Qh2 27.Kf1 Qh1! 28.Kf2! Qh2 29.Kf1 with a draw by perpetual check. But 28.Ke2? loses: 28...Qg2 29.Ke3 Qd2 30.Ke4 Qe2 31.Kf4 Rd7 →.

26.Rf8

1:0

CONTEST (cont'd from p. 23)

She: "Don't be angry, I used to go with Pillsbury."

(B.L. Patteson, Houston)

Editor's entries (disqualified):

He: "Oh darn! Looks like I messed up the pieces! We'll never get that position back together."

She: "It was mate in three anyway. Here, let me show you the game..."

He: "You can't expect me to play a good game when you're playing footsie under the table!"

She: "I thought that was you!"

She: "You sure know a lot of mating positions!"

He: "_____!"
 [You fill in the blank.]



Dale Dike wins San Antonio City Championship

Dale Dike won the San Antonio City Championship, held July 21-22. He scored 4.5-.5 to tie with Clark Harmon of Tumwater, Washington, a FIDE master who has fallen on hard times and slipped to 2186 USCF. They drew each other in the fourth round, after which Dike beat Andy Smith and Harmon beat Randall Schwarz. Smith and Schwarz tied for 3rd-9th place with Thomas Patton, Mack Novosad, and Class A winners Darrell Rees, Robert Barber and Tim Beszczynski, all at 3.5-1.5 scores.

Top ranked Jim Gallagher and Alex Weinberg were eliminated from the running by the end of the first day. In round three Gallagher froze up on the time control move in a winning Rook and pawn ending against Dike, and lost on time. Alex took a first round bye and was lucky to draw Darrell Rees in the third. (Sorry, but the scores for these games were not to be found.)

Local masters who were notably absent from the competition were Selby Anderson, Jack Ligon and Don Marcott.

Chris Shomonta, Altan Kartaltepe and Monte Crane tied for the Class B prize with 2.5-2.5 scores. The Class C/under winners Wade Yuker and Dan Britt (1263!) did somewhat better with plus one scores, 3-2 each.

Jim Gallagher, Sr. directed a field of 42 players. Jimmy Irvin assisted with the computer pairings.

Benko Gambit A57

Steve Smollen 1809

Peter Kappler 1936

S. A. City Chp. 1990 (3)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 c5 3.d5 b5
4.cb5 a6 5.Nc3! ab5 6.Nb5

ECO considers this move dubious. 6.e4 is a well-known and tricky sideline.

6...Qa5 7.Nc3 Ba6

Here endeth ECO, claiming comp for Black. Worse is 7...Bb7 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.e4.

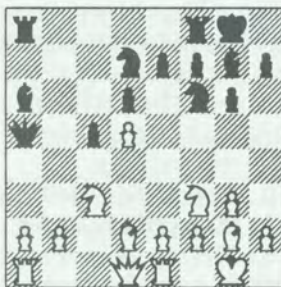
8.g3 d6 9.Bg2 g6 10.Bd2 Bg7 11.Nf3 0-0

Playable is 11...Nbd7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Ne4 Qa4! (but not 13...Qb5 14.Bc3 Nbd5 15.Nfg5!)

Back to the game:

12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Re1

This position can also be reached with 5.ba6 Ba6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0(?) 11.Re1 Qa5 12.Bd2!? (instead of 12.h3 Rfb8 13.e4 Ne8 14.h4 ∞.)



13...Ng4

A worthwhile try is 13...Nb6! 14.b3 (14.Ne4 Qa4! or 14.e4 Nc4) 14...Qa3 15.e4 Nfd7 18.Qc2 c4! Δ Nc5 with the usual Benko mud.

14.e4 Nge5 15.Ne5 Ne5 16.Na4! Qc7

16...Be2 17.Qe2 Qa4 18.Bc3±
17.Bc3 Nd3?

Kappler suggests 17...Bb5! After 18.b3 Ba4 19.ba4 Nc4 20.Bg7 Kg7 21.Qb3 Nb6 22.a5 Nd7 23.Bf1 (Δ a4, Bb5-c6),

Black's pressure on the a-pawn seems balanced by the need to guard against a break with f4 and e5.

18.Bg7 Ne1??

Not that 18...Kg7 19.Re3 gives Black a pretty position, but it's all he's got.

19.Bf8 Ng2 20.Bh6 f5 21.Kg2 fe4 22.Qg4 Bd3 23.Qe6 Kh8 24.Qf7 Rg8 25.Bd2 1:0

QGD D53

Clark Harmon 2186

Dale Dike 2110

S. A. City Chp. 1990 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3! h6 7.Bh4 dc4 8.Bc4 c5 9.Nge2 Nc6 10.0-0 cd4 11.ed4 Nd5 12.Be7 Nce7 13.Qd3 b6 14.Rad1 Bb7 15.Bb3 Rc8 16.Bc2 g6 17.Bb1 Nf5 18.Qh3 Kg7 19.Bf5 e5 20.Nd5 Qd5 21.Nc3 Qd6 22.Qg3 f4 23.Qd3 a6 24.d5 Rfd8 25.Rfe1 b5 26.a3 Rd7 27.Re4 Rcd8 28.Rd4 g5 29.h4 Qg6 30.hg5 hg5 31.Qg6 Kg6 32.f3 Kf5 33.Kf2 Ke5 34.Re4 Kf5 35.Red4 Ke5 36.a4 Bd5 37.ab5 ab5 38.Nb5 Bc6 39.Re1 Kf5 40.Rd7 Rd7 41.Nc3 Rd2 42.Re2 Re2 43.Ke2 Ke5 44.b4 f5 45.b5 Bb7 46.Nd1 g4 47.Nf2 gf3 48.gf3 Kd4
DRAW

King's Gambit C33

Andy Smith 2144

Tom Patton 2063

S. A. City Chp. 1990 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ef4 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Qe2 Bb4 6.e5 0-0 7.Nf3 d5 8.Bb3 Re8 9.d4 Ne4 10.0-0 Bc3

11.b3 g5 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rad1 Nd7 14.c4 Nb6 15.c5 Nc8 16.c4 Ne7 17.cd5 cd5 18.Bc2 Nf5 19.Be4 de4 20.Nd2 Bd5 21.Ne4 Be4 22.Qe4 Ne3 23.d5 Qc8 24.e6 fe6 25.Qe5 Nf5 26.Qh8 Kf7 27.Qf6 Kg8 28.Qg5 Kf8 29.Qf6 Kg8 30.Rf4 h5 31.Rf5 1:0

As usual, Schwarz gets into dire time pressure, with five minutes to make fifteen moves. Harmon turns up the heat to the boiling point with 33.g4 and 36.h4.

KID Sämisch E84

Clark Harmon 2186

Randall Schwarz 2106

S. A. City Chp. 1990 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Qd2 a6 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.Ng3!? N

Many ninth moves have been tried here: Nc1, h4, Bh6, 0-0-0, a3, a4, g4, Rd1, Rc1, Rb1, g3, d5, and Nd5 - but this one is new.

9...e5 10.d5 Nd4 11.Bd3

11.Nge2 transposes into a good 9.Nc1 line: 11...c5 12.dc6 Nc6 13.Rd1 Be6 14.Nd5 Δ g3, Bh3, 0-0 +=.

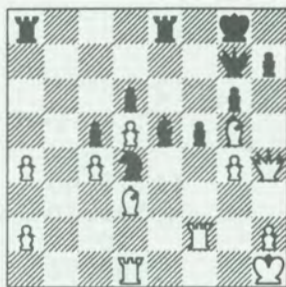
11...c5 12.dc6 bc6 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Rad1 Nc5 15.Bb1 Nce6 16.b3 Bb7

16...f5!? 17.ef5 gf5 looks wild at first, but it is Black who owns the Kingside, not White.

The text prepares to part with the Bishop pair as the price of holding down d4.

17.Nge2 c5 18.Nd5 Bd5 19.ed5 Ne2 20.Qe2 Nd4 21.Qf2 a5 22.f4 f5 23.fe5 Be5 24.Bh6 Bg7 25.Bd2 Qc7 26.Kh1 Rfe8 27.Bd3 Be5 28.Qh4 Qg7 29.Bh6

Qe7 30.Bg5 Qg7 31.Rf2 a4 32.ba4 Ra8 33.g4!



White intends to show that the two Bishops will have their say.

33...fg4 34.Qg4 Ra4 35.Rd1 Rea8 36.h4 h5

A cure as bad as the disease, but 36...Ra2 37.h5 Rf2 38.Rf2 gh5 39.Qh5 (Δ 40.Bh6) puts Black in virtual zugzwang. Note how the rock-solid Nd4 is just a white (Black?) elephant.

37.Qg2 Ra3 38.Bf6!

The proverbial quietus.

38...Qh6 39.Be5 Rd3 40.Rf6! de5 41.Rg6 Qg6 42.Qg6 Kh8 43.Qh5 Kg7 44.Rf7 1:0

KI Attack A05

Dale Dike 2110

Andy Smith 2144

S. A. City Chp. 1990 (5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 Be7 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.c4 h6?!

Black sets up the Hanham Philidor attack come what may. More in keeping with the position is 6...a5 followed by Nc5, 0-0, c6, Re8 and Bf8.

7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 Nf8? 9.d4 Qc7 10.Qc2 g5?

All according to plan. Now

White discourages ...0-0-0, which would connect Black's pieces somewhat.

11.b4 Ng6 12.de5 de5 13.Rb1 Nh7

The transparent 13...Rg8 14.Kh1! holds no terrors for White. Now he gets a fix on f5.

14.Nd1! h5 15.Ne3 h4 16.Nf5 g4 17.Nd2 Ng5 18.c5 b5 19.cb6 ab6 20.Nc4 Nf3

A hollow triumph: Black cannot use the weak light squares because of the Nf5.

21.Bf3 gf3 22.Be3 Rb8 23.Nd2 hg3 24.fg3 Rg8 25.Kh1 c5 26.bc5 bc5 27.Rb8 Qb8 28.Rf3 Bf5 29.ef5 e4 30.Qe4 Ne5 31.Bf4 f6 32.Be5 1:0

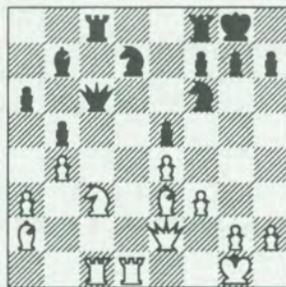
QGD Slav D45

Tim Beszczynski 1908

Frank LaCava 1942

S. A. City Chp. 1990 (5)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.a3 Be7 7.Bd3 dc4 8.Bc4 b5 9.Ba2 a6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qe2 c5 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.e4 cd4 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Be3 0-0 16.b4 Bd4 17.Bd4 Qc6 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.f3 e5 20.Be3



20...Nb8 21.Nd5 Qe6 22.Nb6 Qe7 23.Nc8 Rc8 24.Rc8 Bc8 25.Qd2 1:0

TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS JULY 31, 1991

Balance as of 7/31/90		<u>\$769.81</u>
<u>Income:</u>		
October, 1989	\$1778.46	
November, 1989	396.10	
December, 1989	70.00	
January, 1990	1766.96	
February, 1990	57.00	
March, 1990	427.00	
April, 1990	906.12	
May, 1990	251.00	
June, 1990	481.00	
July, 1990	173.00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$6472.64</u>

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Bank Expenses	\$ 63.41	
Texas Knight Magazine (Shelby Anderson)	4774.64	
Miscellaneous	1005.17	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$5843.22</u>

Income	(After 7/31/90)	\$424.00
Expenses	"	\$357.33
Balance	(Pending 8/90 Bank Statement)	\$836.48

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NOTES:

1. October 1989 income includes \$1306.46 balance forward from the prior fiscal year.
2. January, 1990 income includes \$1674.96 SASP money from USCF.
3. 1990 Southwest Open TCA dues collected were \$421.00.

Misc. Expenses

Ch # 102	74.83	{ 1.25 Steve Welborn's postage 22.03 Sam's computer pay 51.55 Quality printing 600 4x4 + 200 blue membership cards	
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# 103	Baker		81.74 Texas postal class expense
12/14	Quality printing	62.35	stationary
3/30	U.S. Post Office	75.00	stamps
4/20	126 George Furlay	300.00	High School 89 class
5/7	128 Quality printing	56.25	stationary
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12/29	5.45	"
1/17	8.00	Return check charge back
1/31	5.30	Commercial account
2/28	5.00	"
3/30	5.00	"
4/30	5.00	Service charge
5/31	5.00	"
6/30	5.00	"

Selby Anderson's

10/25/89	# 101	1086.80
10/27	104	600.00
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2/26	108	47.95
3/14	109	600.00
4/23	127	600.00
5/22	129	265.21
7/11	133	600.00
8/7	134	306.79

FM MILES ARDAMAN: the Dallas lecture notes

Ardaman writes: "Several members of the Dallas Chess Club asked me for a copy of this game which served as the basis for a lecture I gave there recently. If you would publish it, I'm sure these members would be very appreciative." The annotations that follow are his.

Pirc Defense B07

Andrew Karklins 2371

Miles Ardaman 2400

U.S. Class Chp., Denver, 1986

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bf4

In a Chicago tournament five months prior to this game, Karklins beat me with this same variation and was no doubt hoping for a repeat performance. As can be seen, however, my opening play in that encounter was atrocious: 4...Bg7 5.Qd2 h6?! (preventing Bh6, but also making ...0-0 very difficult; 5...Nc6 6.d5 e5 7.d6 ef4 8.Bb5 0-0 8.Nge2 a6 =+ was played in Schmid - Botvinnik, Hamburg 1965, but White can improve with 6.0-0-0 ; 5...0-0 is also possible) 6.h3 Nbd7 7.0-0-0 (preventing an immediate ...e5) 7...Nh5 8.Be3 e5 9.Nf3 a6? (losing a pawn) 10.de5 de5 11.g4 Nhf6 (11...Nf4 12.Ne5!) 12.Ne5 +-. My opening play in the present game, I think, is a marked improvement.

4...c6

Black immediately begins Q-side play against White's intended Qd2, 0-0-0 setup, not wasting time on ...Bg7 in the event of Bh6.

5.Qd2 Qc5 6.0-0-0?

Preventing ...e5, but Black has another viable plan. 6.Nf3 and 7.Bd3, leaving the option of 0-0 was to be considered. After 6.0-0-0, Black's chances appear to be no worse in the ensuing sharp play.

6...b5 7.a3

Due to the threats against a2 and e4, the only other move is 7.e5, when Black is okay after 7...b4 8.ef6 bc3 9.Qc3 Qc3 10.bc3 ef6.

7...b4 8.ab4

The three possible Knight moves all yield Black a substantial advantage: 8.Na2 Ne4 9.Qe1 b3! +-; 8.Nb1 Ne4 9.Qe1 (9.ab4 Nd2 (9...Qa1 can transpose to the game) 10.ba5 Nf1 11.Rf1 Bg7 with the two Bishops) 9...Qf5 winning a pawn; 8.Nce2 Ne4 9.Qe1 Na6 10.f3 Nf6 11.Bd2 Nd5, again with an extra pawn for Black.

8...Qa1

On 8...Qb4 9.e5 is good.

9.Nb1 Ne4 10.Qe1

10.Qe3 Nf6 11.Bc4 (11.Bd6? Nd5 12.Qe1 Bh6 -+) 11...Nbd7 with the idea of ...Nb6 =\+. With 11.Qa3, however, White should stand no worse in the resulting ending. With the text, White understandably wants to play to trap the Black Queen with Rd3-a3 and therefore defends b4. Black's resources, however, should not be underestimated, for if Black can summon another piece to White's kingdom, the Black Queen will be quite happy in her corridor.

10...Nf6 11.Bc4

A good example of the aforementioned is apparent in the straightforward try 11.Rd3, when 11...Be6! 12.Ra3 Ba2 nets material. 11.Bd6 is also met by 11...Be6 (with a double threat of ...ed6 and ...Ba2) 12.Bb8 Rb8 when Black now has the additional threat ...Bh6. The text wisely covers the a2-g8 diagonal.

11...Nd5

11...Bf5 is probably better, yet 11...Nd5 seems more in the spirit of the game thus far, i.e., transgression (*with impunity!* - Ed.) of the maxim "Do not move the same piece twice in the opening!"

12.Bg5

12.Bd5 (12.Bd6 Be6) opens the c-file for Black and gives away the Bishop pair: 12...cd5 13.Bd6 Bf5 intending ...Nc6-a5 and ...Rc8 =\+.

The sharp 12.Rd3 allows Black to sacrifice his Queen favorably with 12...Nf4 13.Ra3 Ng2 (the picturesque 13...Bh6 14.Ra1 Nd3 15.Kd1 Ne1 16.Ke1 (notice how White has uncastled!) is not as strong) 14.Qd2 (14.Ra1 Ne1 15.Bf1?! Bf5) 14...Qa3 15.Na3 h5 with material and positional compensation for the Queen.

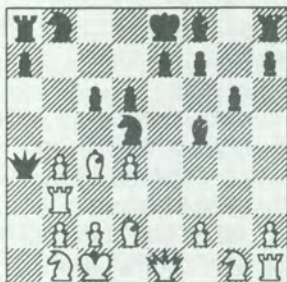
12...Bf5 13.g4?

An oversight that gives away a pawn. Even after the better 13.Ne2 Nb6! 14.Bb3 (14.Bd3 Be6! or ...Na4!) 14...a5 15.ba5 (15.Ng3 a4!) 15...Ra5 leaves Black with close to a winning position, e.g. 16.Bd2

(16.Ng3 Bc2 17.Be7 (17.Kc2 Rg5) 17...Qb1 18.Kd2 Qd1 - +) 16...Rb5 17.Nbc3 Nc4, mating.

13...Bg4 14.Rd3 Qa4 15.Bd2 Bf5 16.Rb3

The point White missed was that 16.Ra3 allows Qc2#.



16...Nd7?

Black has developed enough! The attractive 16...Nb4! 17.Bb4 Bh6 18.Kd1 (18.Bd2 Qc4 -+) 18...Qa1 (18...a5!?) 19.Ke2 Bc2 seemed unclear to me at the time, yet Black is clearly winning here.

17.Nf3

17.Qd1 threatening 18.Ba3 is another try, when Black has to find 17...N5b6 18.Be2 c5 19.bc5 dc5 20.dc5 Rc8 21.Bb5 Qe4 22.Nc3 Qh1 23.cb6 ab6 =\+.

17...Rb8 18.Nh4 N7b6 19.Bf1?!

White is still trying to trap the Queen. Either 19.Nf5 Nc4 or 19.Bd5 cd5 20.Nf5 gf5 gives Black less advantage than the game continuation.

19...Nb4 20.Bb4

Or 20.Nf5 Na2 21.Kd1 gf5 22.Ra3 Qd4 23.Ra2 Qd5! +-.

20...Bh6 21.Bd2

If 21.Kd1 Qa1 +-.

21...Bc2! 22.Ra3

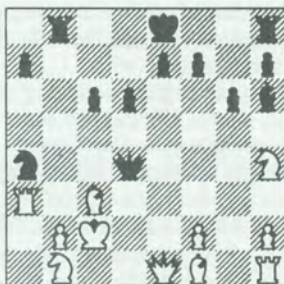
22.Kc2 Nd5+; 22.Bh6 Bb3+.

22...Qd4 23.Kc2

23.Ra7 Nd5 +- ; 23.Bh6 Na4 24.Nc3 Qb4! 25.Ra2 Bb1! +-.

23...Na4 24.Bc3

24.Ra4 Qa4 25.b3 Qh4; 24.Rb3 Rb3 25.Kb3 0-0; 24.Bh6 Rb2 25.Kc1 Rb1 26.Kb1 Qb2#.



24...Rb2! 25.Bb2 Qb2 26.Kd3

26.Kd1 Qb1 27.Ke2 Qb2 27...Nc5 27.Kc4 d5 0:1 It's mate after 27.Kc5 Qb6.

Ardaman's supplemental notes serve to highlight the themes that come up in the course of the game:

Kotov & my grandfather (!?) I'll have to ask him about that one - Ed.

Creativity/flexibility/art/beauty:

- rule breaking (not developing KB; same piece moves more than once; Q comes out early)
- interesting/entertaining patterns
 - (a) in the analysis: (1) 9...b3! +- [note to 8.ab4 - Ed.]; (2) ...Be6-a2 [note to 11.Bc4]; (3) "uncastling" in Q-sac line [note to 12.Bg5]; (4) mating pattern with ...Nc4 [final note to 13.g4?]; (5) Q-fork on d5 of R's [note to 20.Bb4]; (6) 25...Bb1! [final note to 23.Kc2];
 - (b) in the game: (1) b- for e-pawn (2) ...Qa4, ...Bf5 save; (3) series of saves on b4, c2, b2.

Advice/tips/pointers:

- Look at all possible moves.
- Question the rules.
- Take the extra minute to analyze the pretty moves instead of accepting the prosaic.



TK Cover Caption Contest



WINNER

She: "Darling, of course you were ill - what other explanation can there be for your losing so horribly?" (Blake Stevens, San Antonio. Wins 1 year TCA memb.)

RUNNERS-UP

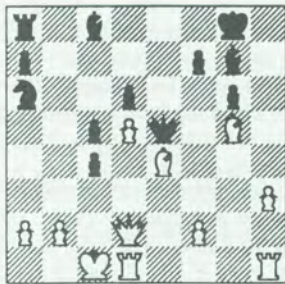
He: "I'm sorry for knocking over the pieces, but I get so angry when I lose." (Greg Wren, Helotes)

He: "This isn't what I had in mind when I said that there was something better for us to do than watch TV tonight!" (Patrick Montgomery, San Antonio)

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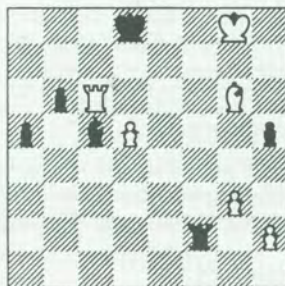
Texas Championship LEFTOVERS

Eugene Curtin pointed out some errors in analysis to his games from the Texas state championship last issue. The most glaring one was at the end of his game with Hernandez, in which White accepted the offer of a draw (diagram):



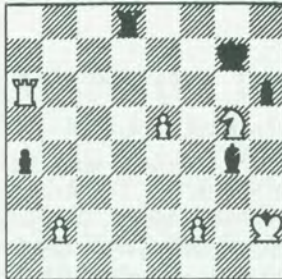
Now of course "23.Bf4 =" is a goof which skipped what I had seen: 23.Rde1 Rb8, and only then can 24.Bf4 be tried. In fact, Curtin was looking at 24.Bg6 or 24.Bb1 with an unclear ending in either case.

In his game with Ketcham (p. 7) Curtin maintains that he was still drawing with best play in the ending After 47...Re2 (instead of Ketcham's 47...a4?) 48.Kf6 Bd4 49.Kf7 Rf2 50.Kg8 Bc5 (diagram) White can ignore the passed-a-pawn:



51.Bh5 a4 52.Bg4 Ke7 (White threatened 53.d6) 53.Re6 Kd8 54.Rc6 with a draw by repetition.

Finally, he pointed out a win for Ron Burnett in his last round endgame with Alex Weinberg (Jul/Aug TK, p. 14):



Here Burnett's 47.Kg3? tossed away the last chance for a win.

47.Ra4! Bd7 48.Ra7 hg5 49.e6 Kf6 50.ed7 Ke7 51.Rb7 Ra8 (51...Rf8 52.d8(Q)! Kd8 53.Rb8 +) 52.Kg3 (or 52.Rb5! +) 52...Ra1 (So far, all is as given in the game notes. Now Curtin improves on 53.Kg4?) 53.Rb5! Rg1 54.Kh2 and now 54...Rb1 55.Rg5 Rb2 56.Rg7 or 54...Rg4 55.f3 Rf4 56.Rd5 Kd8 57.Kg3 Rb4 58.Rg5! - and in either case White remains two pawns up. The ending is indeed a "cakewalk."

Beyond Curtin's corrections to game notes, there were a couple of good games that got left out. It is no surprise that when I sent out cards to the champs soliciting game notes, Curtin sidestepped his round three debacle with Alan Lavery.

When an expert says he had a senior master crushed, people are apt to nod with a wink and say, "Yeah, sure." But sometimes it's true. Here's a big one that got away:

Slav Meran D48

Alan Lavery 2196

Eugene Curtin 2404

1990 Texas Closed (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dc4 7.Bc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 a6

Steering back to main lines. An offbeat idea in the spirit of 8...Bb7 is 9...b4, which has been championed by Polugaevsky. It's not as bad as it looks, since the backward c-pawn usually gets traded off.

10.e4 c5 11.d5 b4?! N

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But now this move seriously weakens the Q-side. Black must have thought he could snatch a pawn with impunity.

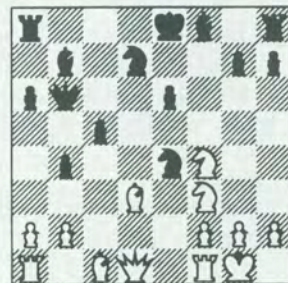
Better is 11...c4 12.de6 fe6 13.Bc2 Qc7 14.Ng5 Nc5, or 11...ed5 12.ed5 Be7 13.Bb5! ab5 14.d6 Ne5! with a slight edge to White in either case. But 11...e5 12.b3! g6 13.a4! nailing down the c4 square is clearly worse for Black.

12.de6 fe6 13.Ne2 Ne4 14.Nf4 Qb6

Other tries:

14...Qf6 15.Re1 Ng5 16.Ng5 Qg5 17.Re6 Be7 18.g3! c4 (18...Ne5 19.h4 +) 19.Bc4 Qc5 20.Qe2 Rc8 21.b3 ±

14...e5 15.Re1! (15.Ne5 Ne5 16.Qh5 Nf7 17.Be4 Be4 18.Re1 Be7) 15...Ndf6 16.Qa4! (16.Ne5 Qd4!) 16...Qd7 17.Qd7 Kd7 18.Ne5 Kc7 19.Nf7 Rg8 20.Bc4 ±



15.Re1!

The simple 15.Be4! Be4 16.Ng5 puts Black in grave difficulties. If 16...Bb7 17.Qh5 g6 18.Ng6 Nf6 19.Qh3 Rg8 20.Nf8 Rf8 21.Qe6 Qe6 22.Ne6 Rf7 23.Re1, winning easily. Or if 16...Bf5 17.g4! h6 18.gf5 hg5 19.Ng6 Rh7 20.fe6 Nf6 21.e7 Be7 22.Re1 Ra7 23.Bg5 is a crush.

15...Ndf6 16.Ne6?!

Curtin gives 16.Qc2 0-0-0! 17.Ne5! (not 17.Be4 Ne4 18.Re4 Be4 19.Qe4 Rd1 20.Ne1 when White gets tied up) 17...g5!? 18.Nc4 Qc6 19.Na5 Qb6 20.Nb7 and White wins material.

16...Qe6 17.Ng5 Qd71
18.Ne4?

This leads to a inferior ending. Better is 18.Be4! and now:

(a) 18...0-0-0?? drops the Exchange to 19.Qd7 Rd7 20.Bf5 or 19...Nd7 20.Nf7.

(b) 18...Qd1? 19.Bc6! Kd8 20.Rd1 Kc8 21.Bb7 Kb7 22.Be3 leaves Black's weakened Queenside an easy target.

(c) 18...Ne4 19.Ne4! 0-0-0 (19... Qd1? 20.Nd6! Kd7 21.Rd1 Bd6 22.Bf4 ±) 20.Qd7 Rd7 21.Bf4 Be4 22.Re4 Bd6 =.

18...0-0-0 19.Nf6 g6 20.Bc2 Qg7 21.Bf5 Kc7 22.Bf4 Bd6 23.Bd6 Rd6 24.Qg4 Qg4 25.Bg4 Rg8 26.Re7 Kb6 27.h3

White has a better chance with 27.Bh3, but Black's Q-side majority is still a problem after 27...h5! (Δ Rgd8) 28.Kf1 a5 =\+.

27...h5 28.Bh5 Rg2 29.Kf1 Rh2 30.Rae1 Rh3 31.Bf7??

This gets mated quickly, but after 31.Bg4 Rh4 32.f3 (32.Bd1? Rd2 33.R1e6 Ka5 34.Ke1 Rb2 Δ Rh1#) 32...Rh1 Black will win the b2 pawn.

31...Bf3 0:1

A close call for Curtin. (I'll leave the bad puns to your imagination.) - SKA

King's Indian E77

Don Marcott 2186

Gilberto Hernandez 2399

1990 Texas Closed (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.f4 0-0 7.Nf3 e6 8.Be2 ed5 9.e5!?

Or "?!". Curtin assesses this move as "out of business."

9...Ne4 10.Nd5

Li-Gheorghiu, Dubai 1986 went 10.cd5 Nc3 11.bc3 Nd7! favoring Black.

10...Nc6!

This is Gheorghiu's improvement over the ECO line: 10...Qa5 11.Nd2 Nd2 12.Bd2

Qd8 13.b4 Nc6 14.bc5 de5 15.0-0 e4 16.Be3 Ba1 (16...a5 17.Rb1 ± Marloth-Süer, Caorle 1975) 17.Qa1 f6 18.Rd1 with compensation.

11.Qc2 f5 12.ed6 Qd6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Rd1

On 14.Be3 the reply is the same.

14...Nd4 15.Nd4 Bd4 16.Kf1 b5 17.Nc3 Qe7 18.Ne4 fe4 19.Qe4 Rae8 20.cb5 Qh4 21.Rd4 cd4 22.Qd4 Qh2 23.b3 Rf7 24.Bf3



24...Bc4! 25.bc4 Qh1 26.Qg1 Re1 27.Ke1 Qg1 28.Ke2 Qd4

0:1



Readers' Showcase

frankenstein-Dracula

That's what they called this game in Greenville! William Collins sent this entry, played in a consultation match between the E-Systems chess clubs of Greenville and Garland. One move was made per week, with references allowed.

The Greenville team used *The Vienna Game* by Alexander Konstantinopsky and Vladimir Lepeshkin, and *The Vienna Opening* by T. D. Harding.

Vienna Game C27

E-Systems Garland

E-Systems Greenville

Match, 9/89-7/90

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Ne4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7

5...Nc6 6.Nb5 g6 7.Qf3 f5 8.Qd5 Qe7 9.Nc7 Kd8 10.Na8 b6 was dubbed the "Frankenstein-Dracula" variation in Harding's book. The name stuck on this game as well, because it took a wildly tactical turn.

6.Nf3 0-0

6...Nc6 7.Ne5 Ne5 8.Qe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.Qf4 += Alekine-Euwe, match 1935.

7.h4

Larsen in ECO gives this a "1", but 7.Ne5 transposing to a more staid line looks good.

7...Nc6 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 Bg5 10.hg5 Qg5 11.Qg5 hg5 12.d3 Nf5 13.Bg5 Ncd4 14.Nd5 Nb3 15.Nf6 g6 16.Bf6 Ng7 17.ab3 Re8 18.g4 Re6 19.g5 Ra6 20.Rc1 Rf6 21.g6 Ne6 22.d4 d6 23.de5 de5 24.Rd1 b6 25.Rg1 Kf8 26.f3 Bb7 27.Rh1 Kg8 28.Rg1 Kf8 DRAW

29.Rd2 forces Black to find 29...Nf4! with equality, e.g. 30.Rg7 Nh5; 30.Rd7 Ne6; or 30.Rh2 Ng6.

First Blood

Peter Kappler of Austin sends his first win against a master - after only eleven moves! He supplied much of the analysis that follows.

English A33

Alan Laverly 2234

Peter Kappler 1965

1990 ACE Team Chp. (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 e6 6.g3 Qb6 7.Ndb5 Ne5 8.Bf4?

8.Bg2 a6 9.Qa4! is topical. Speelman-Timman, game 8 in their candidates match, continued 9...Rb8 10.Be3 Bc5 11.Bc5 Qc5 12.Qa3 with a White edge which the Englishman later fumbled away.

8...Nfg4! 9.e3

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Tournament Calendar

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Oct. 20-21 Texas Open: See next page flyer.

SHOWCASE (cont'd from p. 26)

If 9.Ne4 Bb4 10.Bd2 Bd2 11.Qd2 Nc4 also loses a pawn for nothing.

9...a6

In his notes to Spielman-Timman, (*Inside Chess* v. 2, no. 23) Peters gives 9...Qc6 10.e4 Bc5, but surely he was asleep. Kappler points out that White safely holds his extra piece with 11.Be5! Bf2 12.Ke2 Qc4 13.Kf3 or 11...Nf2 12.Qf3 +

The text is IM John Watson's recommendation.

10.Nd4??

10.Be5 Ne5 11.Nd4 Qb2 12.Qc1 Qc1 13.Rc1 gives Black a healthy pawn plus.

10...Qb2 11.Qc1 Nf3!! 0:1

Yes, a whole Rook.

(Kappler)

CORRECTION

Now there's something you won't see in *Chess Life*! Perhaps for that reason I should first supply the missing moves to Shamkovich-Benko ("A Chess Terrorist's Guide to the Sicilian," *Chess Life*,

October 1990, page 37): 13...fe6 14.Qh5+ g6 15.fg6 Ke7 16.gh7 17.0-0 Qe8 18.g6 Nf6?

Observant readers will also notice that Black's Knight at b6 was missing from all four diagrams. As for the typo-torqued discussion of Black's 16th move in Shamkovich-Sherwin (p. 36), the reader has my sympathies.

Some of this wouldn't have happened if they used Bill Orton's ChessWriter program. It's so addictive, you can never (well, almost never) go back to typing moves by hand, much less fumbling with stick-on diagrams. (If you're curious and have a Mac computer, write Bill Orton at 1413 1/2 Guerrero, San Francisco, CA 94110.)

Now, on to a TK correction.

In the last issue, the moves to Godat-Welborn appeared twice. Here is the score of White-Welborn:

Greco Countergambit C40

Greg White 2040

Steve Welborn 1652

National Open 1990 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Ne5 Qf6 4.Nc4 fe4 5.Nc3 Qg6 6.d3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Bc3 8.Bc3 Nf6 9.Ne5 (9.Bf6 gf6

10.d64 Qe4 11.Ne3 d6 12.Qh5 Kd8 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bd3 Qe5 15.Qh4 Nd7 16.Rhe1 ± Strautins-Castelli, corr. 1971) 9...Qf5 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 d6 12.Nc4 Nc6 13.Ne3 Qg6 14.Bf6 ed3 15.Bd3 Qf6 16.Nd5 Qg5 17.Nc7 Bh3 18.Be4 Rac8 19.Qd5 Qd5 20.Nd5 Rce8 21.Bh7? (Greed! 21.Bd3 is fine and dandy.) 21...Kh7 22.gh3 Re2 23.Ne3 Nd4 24.Rac1 Nf3 25.Kg2 Nd2 26.Rce1 Rff2 (Both players were in time trouble, with less than 10 minutes to go.) 27.Rf2 Re1 28.Rd2 Re3 29.h4 d5 30.c3 Kg6 31.h5 Kf6 32.Rf2 Kg5 33.Rd2 Kf4 34.Rd4 Ke5 35.Rb4 b6 36.a4 Kf5 37.Rb5 Kg4 38.Rb4 Kh5 39.Rd4 Re2 40.Kg3 Rb2 41.Rd5 Kg6 42.a5 Rb3 43.Rd6 Kf5 44.ab6 Rc3 0:1 (time)



Cover problem solution:

1.Bb7 Rb7 2.Bf6 Qf6 (2...gf6 3.Qh6 Qf8 4.Re8!) 3.Re8 Nf8 4.Nh6! Qh6 5.Rf8 Kf8 6.Qd8 mate. Not bad for blindfold!

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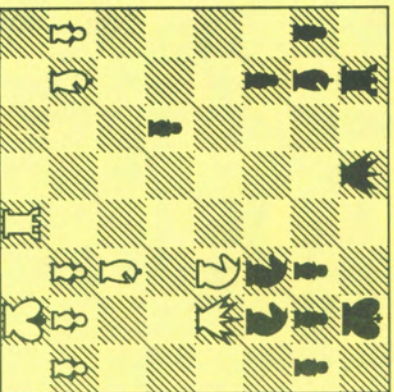
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White to move and win

(Alekhine-Freeman, Blindfold Simultaneous Display, 1924)

Solution: page 26

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