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Corrections last issue: (1) The first place junior trophy went to Fraley on tiebreaks, not Erdei. They share equally in the title of 1991 Texas Junior Champion, as well as the \$300 from TCA. (2) Middle school prize winner Walther Makarwicz had 5 (not 7) points out of a possible 6.

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Jacobs, Ardaman and Curtin tie for Texas title

Eugene Curtin of San Marcos, Miles Ardaman of Houston, John Jacobs of Dallas and Ron Burnett of Nashville, TN tied for first with 5-1 at the Texas State Championship, held May 25-27 in Dallas. The three Texas residents share the title and plaque space on the C. Harold Bone Trophy. The Championship section included 21 masters, 40 experts, and (in a rare departure from the closed format) two juniors and three unrateds.

This was the fifth Texas title for Jacobs (who won in 1970-72 and 1974), and the second for Ardaman and Curtin after last year's tie with Burton Carpenter.

The absence of Joe Bradford was a bit of a mystery. According to Curtin, the ten-time winner was eager for another shot at the title after last year's final round loss to Ardaman. There was a rumor (only half serious) that he and Carpenter were in a softball tournament.

Other former Texas champs who did play this year included Kenneth Smith (ten-time!), John Hall ('68, '73), John Dunning ('74, '75), Sid Pickard ('86), Igor Shtern ('88) and Jim Gallagher ('89). Among them, only Dunning was a factor in the last round, when a win over Ardaman would have given him a tie for first.

Twelve-year-old Andrew Erdei of Dallas (his first name newly Americanized) made a sensational showing with a 2344 performance rating - 2422 if you don't count his win over a 1633 player. Andrew will soon be moving to University Park, Pennsylvania. We hope he can find a trainer as good as Shtern or Jacobs has been.

The top expert at 4.5-1.5 was Tony W. Davis, who won his last round game with Ken Smith.

In the Amateur section the overall winners were two dark horses: Joe Drake (1858) and Steven W. Hart (1781), respectively ranked 32nd and 50th on the wall chart. Both from Dallas, they each scored 5.5 out of 6.

There was a real possibility in the Amateur section for a long-awaited match between Holyfield and Tyson - Robert Holyfield and Herman Tyson, that is. That one will have to wait for another tournament, though.

The overall turnout for both sections was 206, which is 46 over last year's field in Austin and certainly a record for the Texas Championship. Luis Salinas and the Dallas Chess Club are to be commended for putting this event together. Senior TD Bill Snead did his usual fine job of directing, with assistance from Luis Salinas.

Round 1

The opening from this game poses the theoretical question: is 6...Nc6 a deep positional gambit, or did Burnett just get lucky?

Sicilian B22

Roger Johnson 2110
Ron Burnett 2467

Tx. Chp. 1991 (1)

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Be3 c5 4.c3 Nf6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nc6!?

6...cd4 7.cd4 d6 8.Nc3 e5 transposes into Ketcham-Gallagher, 1991 Texas Team Championship.

7.d5 Ne5 8.Bc5 d6 9.Bd4 e6 10.de6 Be6 11.Ne2 Qc7 12.0-0 (12.Na3!?) 12...d5 13.Be5 Qe5 14.f4 Qh5 15.Ng3 Qd1 16.Rd1 de4 17.Ne4 (17.Be4!?) 17...Nd5 18.g3 Rfd8 19.Nf2 Nb6 20.Nd2 Na4 and Black won the ending ... 1:0

When I saw Erdei's 8.Be3 in the Winawer French, I thought: "He'll never last against a senior master, playing fishy moves like that." I came back twenty moves later and found him winning! Only a blunder let his opponent off the hook.

French Defense C19

Andrew Erdei 2092
Mansour Bighamian 2407

Tx. Chp. 1991 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Nbc6 8.Be3?! Qa5 9.Qd2 cd4 10.cd4 Qd2 11.Bd2 Nf5 12.Bb5

12.Bc3! - Bighamian.

12...Bd7 13.Bc6 Bc6 14.a4 f6 15.g4 Ne7 16.Bb4 Ng6 17.Kd2 h5

After the game Bighamian faulted this move as a premature break, but the real error comes later.

18.gh5

Curtin suggested 18.h3! and if 18...hg4 19.hg4 Rh1?! 20.Rh1 Ba4 (20...e5 21.Ne5) 21.ef6 gf6 22.Rh6 and White regains the pawn (if 22...Kf7 23.Rh7.)

18...Rh5 19.Rhg1 Kf7 20.Rg3



20...Rah8?

This should have been the losing move. Black has a good game after 20...Nh4! 21.Rag1 Nf5 and 22...Ba4; or 21.Nh4 Rh4 22.Rag1 Rd4; or

21.e6 g6 with similar variations. In each case White loses a pawn without compensation. Hence, 18.g5 looks wrong (Curtin).

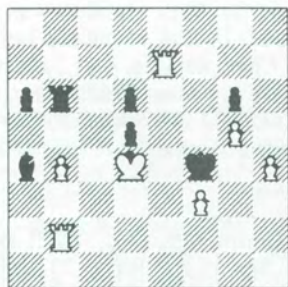
21.Rag1 R5h6 22.Kc1 Ba4 23.Bd2 Bb5 24.Bh6 Rh6 25.h4 f5 26.h5 Nf4 27.Rg7 Ke8 28.Kb2 Ba6 29.Rc7 Kd8 30.Rgg7 Rh5 31.Ng5?

With Nd2-b3-c5, White would quickly win by force.

31...Rg5 32.Rgd7 Ke8 33.Rh7 Kd8 34.Rhd7 Ke8 35.Rh7 Kd8 36.Rhd7 Ke8 DRAW

An exciting endgame took place on board 24 between Eric Dimazana (2009) and Robert Epstein (2163):

Dimazana - Epstein



46.Rf7 Kg3 47.h5 g5 48.g6 Rb8 49.g7 Rg8 50.Re2 h4 51.Re6 h3 52.Ke3 Bc2 53.Rh6 h2 54.Rh8 d4 55.Kd4 Kg2 56.Ke3 h1(Q) 57.Rh1 Kh1 58.Kf2 Kh2 59.Rf6 Bf5 60.Rf5 1:0

Round 2

Irregular Benoni A41(?)

Lorenzo Gaskill 2197

Miles Ardaman 2465

Tx. Chp. 1991 (3)

1.e4 d6 2.c4 c5 3.Ne2 Nc6 4.d4 Bd7 5.d5 Na5 6.Ng3

I prefer 6.Nec3, restraining the b-pawn and thus threatening to trap Black's Knight with a2-a3 and b2-b4 before he can enforce b7-b5.

6...a6 7.b3 b5 8.Nd2 e5 9.Bd3 Rb8 10.0-0 h5

This early push is becoming Ardaman's trademark! (See, for instance, his article on page 20 this issue.) Here the awkward Knight deployment is the justification, rather than a fianchetto.

11.f4 h4 12.Nf5 g6 13.Ne3 ef4 14.Rf4 Bg7 15.Rb1 Bd4 16.Nf3 g5

17.Rf5 Be3 18.Be3 Bf5 19.ef5 bc4 20.bc4 Rb1 21.Bb1 f6 22.Bd2 Nb7 23.Qe2 Qe7 24.Qe6 Nd8 25.Qc8 Qb7 26.Qb7 Nb7 27.Bc3 Rh7 28.h3 Re7 29.Kf2 Kf7 30.Nd2 Nh6 31.Bd3 Rd7 32.Kf3 Rd8 33.Ne4 Ng8 34.Bc2 Rb8 35.Ba4 Ke7 36.Kg4 Nd8 37.Bc2 Nf7 38.Kh5 Ne5 39.Be5 fe5 40.Kg5 Rb2 41.Bb3 Rg2 42.Kh4 Nf6 0:1

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

1st Place:	Eugene Curtin	5 - 1	\$375 + trophy*
	John N. Jacobs	5 - 1	375
	Miles F. Ardaman	5 - 1	375
	Ronald W. Burnett	5 - 1	375 (out of state)
Expert:	Tony W. Davis	4.5 - 1.5	600 (out of state)
	William Hamilton	4 - 2	75 + trophy
	Steven Owen	4 - 2	75
	Andras Erdei	4 - 2	75
	David K. Noden	4 - 2	75
Unrated:	Jeffrey G. Spears†	2 - 4	200 + trophy

* Winner on tiebreaks. The C. Harold Bone trophy gets engraved with the names of all three Texas co-champions.

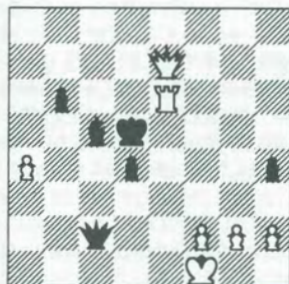
† Unrated players were moved to the Amateur section after three rounds.

AMATEUR SECTION

1st Place:	Joe Drake	5.5 - 0.5	\$500 + trophy
	Steven W. Hart	5.5 - 0.5	500 + B trophy
2nd Place:	John M. Dunlap	5 - 1	70
	Robert Holyfield	5 - 1	70
	David Meier	5 - 1	70
	Gary Freeman	5 - 1	70
Class B:	Ivan Wijetunge	5 - 1	70
	Brian Roberts	5 - 1	70
Class C:	Paul Guthrie	4 - 2	170 + trophy
	Jack B. Hunt	4 - 2	170
	Robert B. Bradley	4 - 2	170
Class D/E:	Jacques F. Daniels	4 - 2	400 + trophy
	Danny McInnis	3.5 - 2.5	100

A witty punchline ends the last twitch of resistance:

Burnett - Santillan



49.Qf7! Qd3 50.Kg1 1:0

Grünfeld D80

Eugene Curtin 2416

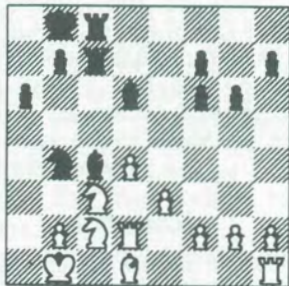
Andrew Erdei 2092

Tx. Chp. 1991 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 c6!?

Oddly enough, this move is not mentioned in ECO. Curtin's attempt at refutation only backfires.

5.Bf6 e6 6.cd5 cd5 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.Qd5 Qb6 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.Qb5 Qb5 11.Nb5 0-0-0 12.e3 Ba2 13.Nf3 a6 14.Nc3 Bb3 15.Rd3 Nb4 16.Rd2 Bd6 17.Be2 Kb8 18.Kb1 Rc8 19.Bd1 Bc4 20.Ne1 Rc7 21.Be2 Bb3 22.Bd1 Bc4 23.Nc2 Rbc8



24.Be2 Nc2 25.Rc2 Bb3 26.Rcc1 Bb4 27.Bf3 Ba5 28.Ne2 Bd2 29.Rc7 Rc7 30.Nc3 f5 31.Bd5

Bd5 32.Nd5 Rc6 33.h4 Rd6 34.Nc3 Bc3 35.bc3 Kc7 36.Kc2 b5 37.h5 g5 38.Kd3 a5 39.f3 a4 40.Rb1 Rb6 41.Ra1 Ra6 42.e4 f4 43.d5 Kd6 44.Kd4 f6 45.c4 bc4 46.Kc4 a3 47.Ra2 Ra4 48.Kb3 Ra6 49.Ra3 Ra3 50.Ka3 f5 51.ef5 Kd5 52.Kb4 Ke5 53.Kc5 Kf5 54.Kd5 h6 55.Kd6 Kf6 DRAW

Round 3

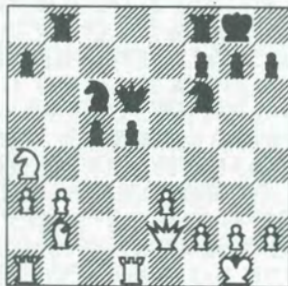
Nimzo-indian E45

John Dunning 2341

Ron Burnett 2467

Tx. Chp. 1991 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 Ba6 6.a3 Bc3 7.Nc3 d5 8.Qf3 c6 9.b3 0-0 10.Be2 c5 11.dc5 bc5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.cd5 Be2 14.Qe2 ed5 15.Rd1 Rb8 16.Na4 Qd6 17.Bb2



17...d4

Shaky is 17...Rb3 18.Bf6 g6 19.Rac1 Ra3 (19...c4 20.Rc4) 20.Nc5 and Black looks busted (Curtin).

18.b4

White could have won a pawn by force with 18.Rac1! Rb3 19.Nc5 and 20.Bd4, or if 18...Nd7 19.Qa6 Rb3 20.ed4 Ndb8 21.Qc4 (Curtin).

18...cb4 19.ab4 Qe5 20.Qf3 Rfc8 21.Nc5 Qd5 22.Na6 Rb6 23.Qh3 Qe6 24.Qe6 fe6 25.Bd4 Nd4 26.ed4 Nd5 27.Nc5 Nb4 28.Ra7 Nc6 29.Rd7 DRAW

Closed Sicilian B25

Miles Ardaman 2465

Selby Anderson 2278

Tx. Chp. 1991 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.h4

Having read Ardaman's article on early h-pawn pushes, I was ready for this.

5...h5! 6.d3 d6 7.Bg5 Rb8 8.Nge2 b5 9.Qd2 b4 10.Nd1 Nd4 11.0-0 Qc7!?

Had I even considered White's reply, I would have played my original thought of 11...Ne2.

12.Nf4 e6 13.c3 Nc6 14.Ne2 Ba6

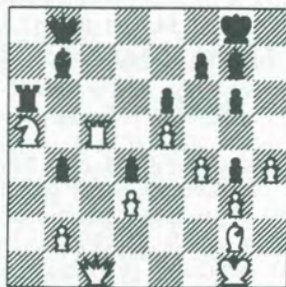
The only way to prevent 15.d4.

15.c4 Bc8 16.a3 a5 17.ab4 ab4 18.Be3 Nd4 19.Bd4 cd4 20.f4 Nh6 21.Nf2 0-0 22.Ra4

Or 22.Ra2, but the cheapo that follows does not cost White his monopoly on the a-file. Black has an unpleasant defensive task ahead.

21...Bd7 23.Ra6 Rb6 24.Ra5 Bc6 25.Rfa1 Rfb8 26.Nc1 Qd8 27.Nb3 Ra8 28.Ra8 Ba8 29.Ra4 Qb8 30.Qc1 Bc6 31.Ra5 Ng4 32.Ng4 hg4 33.c5 dc5 34.Rc5 Bb7 35.Na5 Ra6 36.e5

Forcing Black to find a strong move. I was also ready for 36.Rb5 forcing 36...Qc8! 37.Rc5 Qa8 38.e5 Ra5 39.Ra5 Qa5 40.Bb7 =. But 36...Qa8? gets in hot water after 37.Rb7 Ra5 38.Qc7 Ra1 39.Kh2.



The post mortem focused on 36.Nb7 Qb7 37.Rc7! (37.e5 Qa7 Δ Ra1) and Black must play exactly to prevent a penetration: 37...Qb6 38.e5 Qa5! appears to hold the draw.

36...Qa7! 37.Bb7

About this time Miles quietly said "shucks," or something to that effect. His twenty minute edge on the clock was going fast.

37...Ra5 38.Rc8?

38.Ra5 is equal. The text move, surprisingly enough, loses by force.

38...Bf8!

I had no idea that this would win White's Bishop eight moves later. I just played it on general principles, to activate my Bishop and hold the b-pawn. In fact, 38...Kh7 would have let White out of the trap he now faces.

39.Ra8 Rc5 40.Ra7 Rc1 41.Kf2 Rc7!

Much stronger than trying to queen the b-pawn.

42.Ke2 b3!

A little finesse to make sure the Rooks come off.

43.Kd1 Kg7 44.Ke2 Bc5 45.Ra5 Bb6 46.Rb5 Rb7 47.Rb3 Rb8 48.Kd1 Bc7 49.Rb8 Bb8 50.Kc2 Kf8?

I failed to look at the simple 50...f6 51.e6 Kf6 (ΔBf4) 52.Kd2 e5.

51.Kb3 Ke8 52.Kc4 Kd7 53.Kd4

If 53.Kb5 Black wins by playing 'pac-man' with the kingside pawns: 53...Bc7! 54.Ka6 Bd8 55.b4 Bh4 56.b5 Bg3 57.b6 Bf4 58.b7 Be5, just stopping the b-pawn by a tempo.

53...Ba7 54.Ke4 Bf2 55.f5 ef5 56.Kf4 Be1 57.Kg5 Ke6 58.h5 Bd2 0:1

59.Kh4 g5 is mate.

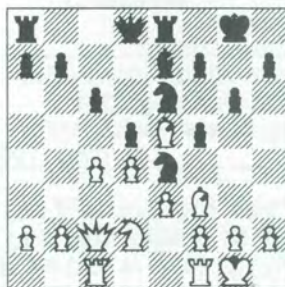
The old warrior still shows a lot of fight, as Smith makes the most of his double pawns' strength. Shtern mends Black's pawns and then inexorably gets drawn into an inferior ending.

QP Opening D02

**Igor Shtern 2416
Ken Smith 2224**

Tx. Chp. 1991 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.Nh4 Be7 8.Nf5 ef5 9.c4 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Rc1 Nf8 12.Qc2 g6 13.Bf3 Ne6 14.Be5 Ne4



15.cd5 cd5 16.Ne4 fe4 17.Be2 Qd7 18.Qb3 a6 19.Rc3 Rac8 20.Rfc1 Rc3 21.Qc3 Bd6 22.Bd6 Qd6 23.a4 Re7 24.a5 Rc7 25.Qd2 Rc1 26.Qc1 Qb4 27.h4 Kg7 28.Qa1 f5 29.g3 Kf6 30.Qa2 Nc7 31.Kg2 h6 32.Qa1 Ne6 33.Qa2 Nc7 34.Bf1 g5 35.hg5 hg5 36.Kg1 f4 37.gf4 gf4 38.Qa3 Qa3 39.ba3 fe3 40.fe3 Ke6 41.Kf2 Kd6 42.Ke1 Ne6 43.Kd2 Nd8 44.Kc3 Nc6 45.Bh3 Na5 46.Bf1 b5 47.a4 Nc4 48.Bh3 ba4 49.Bf1 Ne3 50.Ba6 a3 51.Be2 Nc4 52.Kb3 e3 53.Bd3 Ke7 0:1

King's Gambit C32

**Peter Kappler 2012
Mark Magrill 2136**

Tx. Chp. 1991 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.ed5 e4 4.d3 Nf6 5.de4 Ne4 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.Qe2 Bf2?

An old trap in the Falkbeer Countergambit. Correct is 7...Bf5 8.Nc3 Qe7, although 9.Be3 clearly favors White according to theory.

8.Kd1 Qd5

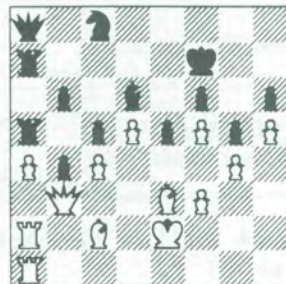
Or 8...f5 9.Nfd2! as in Alapin-Romanovsky, St. Petersburg 1906.

9.Nfd2! 0-0?

9...f5 10.Nc3 Qd4 11.Nce4 fe4 12.c3 Qe3 13.Qh5 Kf8 14.Bc4 Qf4 15.Qd5 + - Reti-Breyer, Budapest 1917.

10.Qe4 Qc5 11.Bd3 g6 12.b4 Bg4 13.Be2 Be2 14.Qe2 Qd4 15.c3 Qf4 16.Rf1 Qh2 17.Qf2 Nc6 18.Kc2 Rad8 19.Nc4 b5 20.Bf4 Qh5 21.Ne3 a5 22.g4 Qh3 23.Nd2 1:0

John Crawford - John Bell



After a long maneuvering game, justifiably drawn, Black heats up the position. Unfortunately, he's the one sitting in the pot.

48...b5? 49.cb5 Nb6 50.Kf1 c4 51.Qb1 Nd5 52.Ba7 Qa7 53.Be4 Ne3 54.Ke2 b3 55.Rd2 Ke7 56.Qc1 Bc5 57.Bc6 Bd4 58.Qa3 Kf7

Clearly, 58...Bc5? 59.Rd7 Qd7 60.Qc5 Qd6 61.Qe3 will not do.

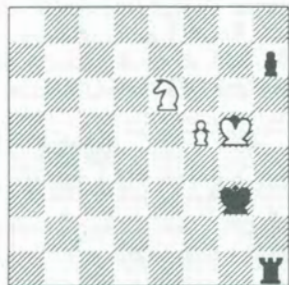
59.Qd6 c3 60.Rd4 ed4 61.Bd7 Nd5 62.Qd5 Ke7 63.Qe6 Kd8 64.Qe8 Kc7 65.Be6 b2 66.Qd7 Kb6 67.Qd4? (67.Qc6 mate) and 1:0 in 11 (anyway)

Round 4

I lost a horrible game to Jacobs on board one, using too much time in the opening and then completely losing the thread of the game. Once I allowed 16...Bg4 I quickly buckled under to Black's piece activity.

On board 7, Shtern struggled for 30 moves trying to convert an advantage of Rook and two pawns vs. Knight and three pawns, before reaching this study-like position:

Adrian Rios - Igor Shtern



68...h6

If 68...h5 White draws with 69.Nf4 h4 70.f6 Rf1 (or 70...Ra1) 71.Nh5 Kh3 72.Nf4 =.

69.Kg6 h5 70.Ng5 h4 71.f6 Rf1 72.f7 Kg2 73.Kg7 Rf5 74.f8(Q) Rf8 75.Kf8 Kg3 76.Kg7 Kg4 DRAW

Giuoco Piano C54

Andrew Erdei 2092
Jan Rooswa 2236

Tx. Chp. 1991 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.b4 Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 d6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Bg4 11.h3 Bf3 12.Qf3 g5 13.Bg3 Kg7 14.Na3 Ne7 15.Nc2 Qd7 16.Ne3 c6 17.Rad1 b5 18.Bb3 ba4 19.Ba4 Qe6 20.Nf5 Nf5 21.ef5 Qe7 22.Bc6 Rac8 23.Ra1 e4 24.Be4 Rc3 25.Ra6 Rd8 26.Bb7 Bd4 27.b5 h5 28.Bc6 Rb3 29.h4 g4 30.Qd1 Rc3 31.Qd2 Nh7 32.Rb1 Be5 33.Qe3 Qf6 34.Be5 de5 35.Be4 Qh4 36.Qh6 Kg8 37.f6 Nf6 38.Rf6 g3 39.Qh7 1:0

Round 5

Jacobs vs. Dunning on board one was a quick and uneventful draw:

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 =.

Hall of horrors, part two: Lady Luck collects her bill. This time Hall has Burnett as busted as he himself was the round before, but with a series of fumbles he lets a win slide into a draw, then lets the draw plummet into the abyss.

Sicilian B84

Ron Burnett 2467
John Hall 2468

Tx. Chp. 1991 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.f4 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qe1 b5 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.e5 Ne8

ECO gives 12...de5 13.fe5 Nfd7 14.Qg3 Kh8 15.Bb7 Qb7 as unclear.

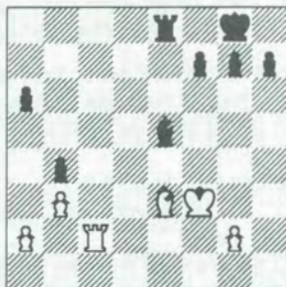
13.Qg3

13.Rd1 Nd7 14.Qg3 b4 (Zuide-
ma-Benko, Skopje Olympic 1972)
15.Na4 += Tal.

13...Nd7 14.f5?

As Burnett later explained, he overlooked the fact that Black's Queen was defended by the Ne8! 14.Rd1 would transpose into the given above.

14...de5 15.fe6 ed4 16.ed7 Qg3 17.hg3 Bf3 18.Bd4 Bc6 19.de8(Q) Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Bd6 21.Kf2 b4 22.Ne2 Re4 23.Be3 Rae8 24.Nf4 Be5 25.Rab1 Rc4 26.Re2 Be4 27.Nd3 Rc2! 28.Rc2 Bd3 29.Rbc1 Bc2 30.Rc2 Bg3 31.Kf3 Be5 32.b3



32...Bc3?

Hall has played superbly to reach this position; now he starts tying up his pieces in knots. In a post-mortem, Jacobs and Burnett concluded that Black was winning after 32...g6! 33.Rc4 Bc3 34.a3 Rb8 and now if 35.Bc5 ba3!! 36.Rc3 a2 37.Rc1 Rb3 (check) and 38...Rb1 -+; or if 35.Bf4 Rb6 36.Bh6 f5 37.Rc8 Kf7 38.ab4 Bb4 39.Rh8 Kf6 40.Rh7 Bc5 and White's b-pawn falls.

33.a3 a5 34.Bb6 Ra8 35.a4 Ra6 36.Re2 f5 37.Re8 Kf7 38.Rb8 Ke6 39.Rb7 Be5 40.Bd8 Rc6 41.Rb6 Rb6 42.Bb6 Kd5 43.Ba5

Here Burnett offered a draw. Understandably frustrated, Hall moved without comment.

43...Bd6 44.Bd8

44.Bb6! is even simpler.

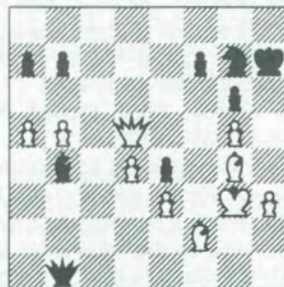
44...Kd4 45.a5 Kc3 46.a6 Bc5 47.Bh4! Kb3??

Burnett said he almost jumped out of his chair when he saw this move played. Black has an easy draw with 47...Ba7 48.Bf2 Bb8 49.a7 Ba7 50.Ba7 Kb3 51.Bd4 g6, as long as he goes after White's last pawn.

48.Bf2 Bf2 49.Kf2 Kc2 50.a7 b3 51.a8(Q) b2 52.Qa4 Kc1 1:0

There was some controversy here, Hall claiming that he offered a draw(!) Burnett heard a mumble which he interpreted as resignation, especially since Hall had not moved yet. More tragicomedy:

Igor Shtern - Terry Edinburg



43.Qb7?

43.Qf7 Qh1 44.Qb7 ± deprives Black of the tactic that follows. Even more convincing is Curtin's suggestion of 44.Be6! Qf3 (forced) 45.Qf3 ef3 46.Bd5 +.

43...Qh1 44.Qc7

Now Shtern saw that on 44.Qf7 Black wins his Queen with 44...Be1! (Δ Qg1) 45.Be1 Qg1 46.Kf4 Qf1.

44...Nf5 45.Bf5 Qf3 46.Kh4 Qf2 47.Qg3 Qg3 48.Kg3 gf5 and ... 0 : 1

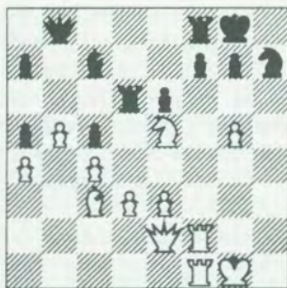
Reti Opening A14

Bill Reuter 2358

Adrian Rios 2121

Tx. Chp. 1991 (5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.b3 d4 6.Bb2 c5 7.b4 Nc6 8.b5 Na5 9.d3 Rb8 10.0-0 b6 11.e3 de3 12.fe3 Bb7 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Nbd2 Rc8 15.Nb3 0-0 16.Na5 ba5 17.a4 Rfd8 18.Ne5 Bg2 19.Kg2 Qb7 20.Kg1 Rd6 21.Bc3 Bd8 22.Rf2 Bc7 23.Raf1 Rf8 24.g4 h6 25.h4 Qb8 26.g5 hg5 27.hg5 Nh7



28.Nf7 Rd3 29.Nh6 gh6 30.Qd3 Rf5 31.Rg2 Ng5 32.Rf5 ef5 33.Qd5 Kf8 34.Qf5 Ke8 35.Qg6 Kd7 36.Qc6 1 : 0

Ruy Lopez C91

Thomas Patton 2100

Jim Gallagher 2298

Tx. Chp. 1991 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5

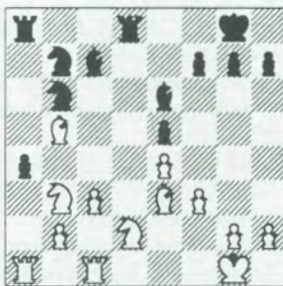
7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.Be3 Na5 11.Bc2

11.de5 holds an edge, so Black should interpolate 10...cd4.

11...Re8

11...Nc4! 12.Bc1 d5 13.b3 Nb6 14.ed5 ed4 15.Bg5 Nbd5 = + Lederman-Kraidman, Netanya 1977

12.de5 de5 13.Qd8 Bd8 14.Nbd2 Nb7 15.a4 c6 16.Nb3 Bc7 17.Nfd2 Be6 18.f3 Nd7 19.ab5 cb5 20.Bd3 Nb6 21.Bf1 Red8 22.Recl a5 23.Bb5 a4



24.Bc6 ab3 25.Bb7 Ra2 26.Ra2 ba2 27.b3 Rd3 28.Kf2 Rc3 29.Ra1 Rc2 30.Ke2 Bb3 31.Kd3 Bb2 32.Bb6 Rd2 33.Kd2 Bb6 34.Bd5 Bd4 DRAW

Round 6

Going into the last round, only Jacobs and Burnett had 4.5 points. Jacobs pocketed two of Burnett's pawns, and it looked as if he would pocket the \$1000 first prize as well. Curtin and Ardaman by winning on the next two boards could only expect to split second prize; but miracles do happen.

Sicilian B31

John Jacobs 2357

Ron Burnett 2467

Tx. Chp. 1991 (6)

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.h3 Qb6 8.Bf1 e5 9.Na3 d5 10.ed5 Nd5

11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Qb3 Nf4 13.d3 Bf5 14.Bf4 ef4 15.Ng5 b6 16.a4 h6 17.Ne4 Be6 18.Qb5 Bd7 19.Qb3 Be6 20.Qb5 Bc4

Burnett refuses the draw by repetition, and with the position he soon obtains he cannot be blamed.

20...Bc4 21.Qc4 Ne5 22.Qa6 f3 23.a5 fg2 24.Bg2 Rad8 25.Rad1 f5 26.Ng3 f4!?

26...Rd6 looks safer.

27.Ne4 c4(!?)

Having played 26...f4, Black should be consistent and play for the attack with 27...f3, and if 28.Bf1 then 28...g5 Δ Ng6-f4.

28.ab6 Qb6?!

Heading for an endgame only heightens Black's weaknesses.

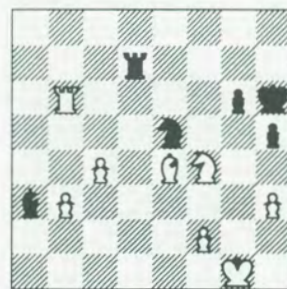
29.Qb6 ab6 30.dc4 Nc4 31.b3 Ne5 32.Nd6 Kh7 33.Be4 Rf6

If there is something better, it is not easy to find. Black's game is very awkward to defend.

34.Nb5 Rd1 35.Rd1 h5 36.Rd5

The bad news has arrived.

36...Re6 37.Nd4 Re7 38.Rd6 Rc7 39.c4 Bf8 40.Re6 Re7 41.Rb6 Rd7 42.Ne6 Ba3 43.Nf4 Kh6



44.Nd3

Certainly not 44.Ng6?? Rg7. But 44.Nd5! (Δ b4, f4.) wins easily.

44...Rd3

DRAW

White is still winning (as both players agreed after the game), but now it is something akin to work. Jacobs's acceptance of the offer must have helped his popularity with Curtin and Ardaman!

Ardaman played a model Benoni, marred only by an endgame 'howler' that almost let Dunning get a draw.

Benoni A77

John Dunning 2341
Miles Ardaman 2465

Tx. Chp. 1991 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5
ed5 5.cd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Be2 Bg7
8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Nd2 Nbd7
11.Re1

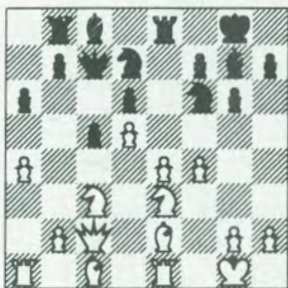
As far as I can tell, this is a new move. 11.a4 Ne5 12.Ra3 is topical, while 11.Qc2 invites Fischer's bold 11...Nh5?! 12.Bh5 gh5, and instead of Spassky's 13.Nc4 Ne5 14.Ne3 Qh4 15.Bd2 Ng4 16.Ng4 hg4 17.Bf4 Qf6 =, White has 13.Nd1! Ne5 14.a4 Qh4 15.Ra3 Bd7 16.h3 b5 17.ab5 Bb5 18.Re1 f5 19.Ne3! f4 20.Nf5 ± Dlugy-Wedberg, NY Open 1988.

11...a6 12.a4 Rb8 13.Qc2 Ne5 14.Nf1

Black has no complaints after 14.Nc4 Nc4 15.Bc4 Ng4 16.h3 Ne5 17.Bf1 f5.

14...Qc7 15.f4 Ned7 16.Ne3

Now comes a thematic Benoni pawn sac to get pressure against e4 once it has been weakened by f2-f4.



16...c4! 17.Bc4

This prevents 17...b5, but it also takes away the play with Nc4-d6 and e4-e5.

I prefer 17.Nc4, when 17...Nc5? is a blunder: 18.Nd6 17...Qd6 19.e5 Qb6 20.a5 Qa7 21.Be3 Δ b4.

17...b5 is the expected reply, probably leading to an equal ending after the smoke clears: 18.ab5 ab5 19.Ne3 Ne4 (19...b4? loses time: 20.Nb5 Qc2 21.Nc2 Ne4 22.Nb4 Δ Nc6) 20.Nb5 Qc2 21.Nc2 Nb6 22.Bf3 Nd5! 23.Nd6! Nd6 24.Re8 Ne8 25.Bd5 Bb2 26.Bb2 Rb2 =.

I wonder if Dunning saw this and was hoping to hold onto his pawn with 17.Bc4? If so, he did not anticipate the effect of Black's QR.

17...Nc5 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a5 b5 20.ab6 Rb6 21.Ra3 Rb4

This tips the equation.

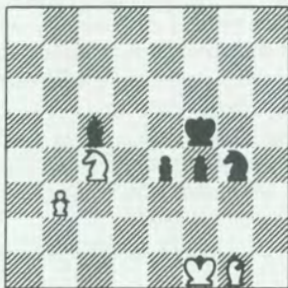
22.e5 de5 23.f5 a5 24.fg6 hg6 25.Ncd1 Ba4 26.Ra4

If White didn't have this resource, he'd really be in trouble: 26.Qd2?? Nce4 +.

26...Ra4 27.Bb5 Ra1 28.Be8 Ne8 29.Bd2 Qa7 30.Nc3 Re1 31.Be1 Nd6 32.Bf2 Qa6

Black's mobile Kingside coupled with the blockade at d6 gives him an insurmountable advantage.

33.Na4 Nce4 34.Nc5 Nc5 35.Qc5 Bf8 36.Qc2 a4 37.h3 Qb5 38.Ng4 Qc4! 39.Qd1 Bg7 40.Bg3 Qe4 41.Nf2 Qc4 42.Ng4 f6 43.Nf2 f5 44.h4 f4 45.Bh2 Qb3 46.Qb3 ab3 47.Kf1 Bf6 48.Nd3 Nf5 49.Nc5 Ne3 50.Kg1 Bh4 51.Nb3 Nd5 52.Nd2 Kf7 53.Ne4 Bd8 54.g3 g5 55.gf4 gf4 56.Kg2 Ke6 57.Kf3 Be7 58.Bg1 Kf5 59.Bh2 Nf6 60.Nd2 Bc5 61.b3 Bb4 62.Nc4 e4 63.Ke2 Bc5 64.Kf1 Ng4 65.Bg1



65...e3??

Ardaman must have thought he could win as he pleased, overlooking the pin that follows.

Instead, a clear win is available with 65...Bg1 66.Kg1 e3 67.Kf1 f3 68.Ke1 Ke4 +.

66.Ke2 Ke4 67.Nd2 Kf5 68.Nc4 Ne5 69.Ne3??

Now White falls victim to the same pin! 69.Be3 is an easy draw.

69...Ke4 0:1

Notes by Curtin

French Defense C11

Selby Anderson 2278
Eugene Curtin 2416

Tx. Chp. 1991 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2

This move was new to me, but is known to theory.

5...c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.f4 Be7

7...Qa5 8.Nf3 b5 and 7...Qb6 8.Nf3 f6 are probably better.

8.Nf3 f5 9.g3 b5 10.Bh3 b4 11.g4 g6 12.Ng5 Nf8

12...Nb6 is also possible, but I was concerned about my Kingside. 12...Bg5 13.fg5 is bad, ceding the f4 square to White's Knight. Both sides had many choices over the last four moves, the relative merits of which I find difficult to assess.

13.gf5 ef5

This weakens d5, but frees e6 for my Knight.

14.Bg2 h6



15.c4?!

I did not anticipate this move; fortunately for me its bark turned out to be worse than its bite. 15.Nf3 c4 is a more normal continuation.

15...hg5

15...Nd4? 16.Bd5 forces Black to cede the Exchange due to the threat of 17.Bf7.

16.cd5 Nd4 17.d6

17.Nd4 cd4 18.d6 transposes.

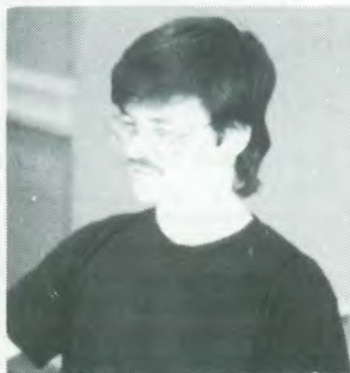
17...Rb8 18.Nd4 cd4 19.Qa4

19.de7 Ke7 and 20...Ne6 favors Black. I expected 19.Qd4 and intended to reply 19...Ne6 (less clear is 19...gf4 20.e6! Bf6 21.Bc6 ∞) 20.Qa7 Bd6 21.ed6 Qd6 when White's position seems the more precarious. Then 22.0-0 or 22.Be3 can be met with 22...gf4, 22.fg4 with 22...Rh2, and 22.Bd2 with 22...0-0.

19...Bd7 20.Qa7 Ne6 21.de7 Qb6

Time was already a factor for both players, so since I considered the endgame to be satisfactory for Black. I was happy to simplify. 21...Ke7 22.fg5 Rb5!? (Δ 23.0-0 Nc5 and 24...Ra5) 23.Bd2 (Δ 23...Nc5? 24.Bb4!) 23...Re5 24.Kd1 is a little unclear, but Black should have some edge with 24...Qb8.

22.Qb6 Rb6 23.fg5 Ke7



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23...Rb5 picks up the e5 pawn, but I figured it wasn't going anywhere.

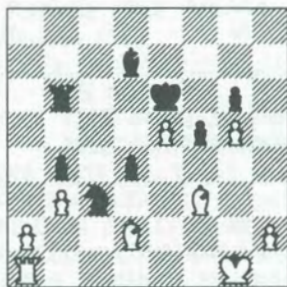
24.Bd2 Nc5 25.0-0 Ne4 26.Bf4 Rc8 27.Rfd1

27.Rfc1 Rbc6 favors Black.

27...Rc2 28.b3?

Simplification by 28.Rd4 Rb2 29.Be4 fe4 30.Rd2 Rd2 31.Bd2 with a drawn position is objectively best. However, both sides needed a win.

28...Nc3 29.Rd2 Rd2 30.Bd2 Ke6 31.Bf3



31...Ne4?

31...Ke5, 31...Ra6 and even 31...Bc6 are better.

32.Bf4 Nc3

White threatened 33.Rd1 Kd4 34.Be3.

33.Kf2 Bc6

33...Ra6 is a good alternative. [If 34.h4 Be8 holds; but 34...Ra2 loses to 35.Ra2 Na2 36.h5 and if 36...Kf7 or 36...Be8 then 37.Bd5! +- SKA.]

34.h4 Bf3 35.Kf3 Ra6 36.h5 gh5 37.Rh1

There are two other tries:

(a) 37.Rg1 is best met by 37...Kf7! stopping White's counterplay with good chances for Black.

However, I intended 37...Ra2?! 38.g6 Ne4 (38...Ra8 could still be tried) with the idea of meeting 39.Rg2 by 39...Ra8 (or perhaps interposing 39...Ra1 threatening mate, then 40...Ra8) and 39.Bg3? by 39...Ng5 40.Kf4 Nh3.

I missed 39.Be3! when Black should force a draw with 39...de3

(not 39...Ke5? 40.g7 Nf6 41.Bg5! Ng8 42.Re1 Kd5 43.Re8) 40.g7 Ra8 41.g8(Q) Rg8 42.Rg8 Ke5 43.Rb8 Nd2 and 44...Nb3, or 43.Ke3 Nc5 and 44...Nb3.

(b) 37.g6 is best met by 37...Ra8 38.Rg1 Rg8 39.Rg2 h4.

Then Black's plan is to trade his h-pawn for the White g-pawn, retaining good chances due to the weaknesses of e5 and a2.

37...Ra2 38.Rh5 Ne4 39.Rh6?

Now White loses the g-pawn and the game. 39.Bg3 had to be tried.

39...Kd5 40.Bg3 Ng5

Time control!

41.Kf4 Ne4 42.Be1?

A blunder in a hopeless position. 42.e6 Ng3 43.Kg3 Re2 and 42.Bh4 Ra1 43.Kf5 Rf1 44.Kg4 d3 are easily winning for Black.

42...Ra1! 43.Kf5

43.Bb4 Rf1 mate, or 43.Rh1 Nf2 44.Rf1 Nd3 +-.

43...Re1 44.e6

0:1

44...Nd6 will win the e-pawn.

Simms plays a piece sacrifice in the opening that leads to some great 'stone age' action, but he loses his way after 25 moves. Erdei appears to be on the way to cashing in his extra pawn when he unexpectedly returns it for an easy draw.

Ponziani Opening C44

Gary Simms 2230

Andrew Erdei 2092

Tx. Chp. 1991 (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 ed4

This position can also be reached by declining the Göring gambit. 4...Ne4 = is the main line Ponziani.

5.e5 Nd5?!

5...Ne4 6.Qe2 f5 7.ef6 d5 is relatively better.

6.cd4?!

6.Bb5! a6 7.Ba4 Be7 8.Nd4 Nd4 9.Qd4± Chigorin-Gunsburg, Havana 1890

6...d6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 a6
9.Bc4 Nb6 10.Bf7!? Kf7 11.e6 Ke6

Is this better than 11...Be6? Not if White has to play 12.Ng5 Kf6 13.Qf3 Bf5 14.g4 Nd4 15.Qc3 c5, when the Knight at d4 is a more nagging presence than in than the text continuation.

12.Ng5 Kf6 13.Qh5!

Stronger than the immediate 13.Qf3 (see last note.) White first loosens up the c3-h8 diagonal, so he doesn't have to put up with a 'guest' at d4 indefinitely.

13...g6!

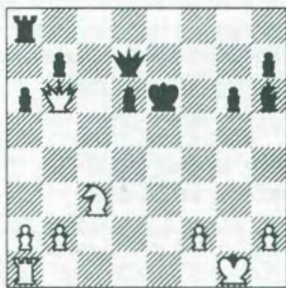
To be able to answer 14.Nh7 with Rh7. The alternative, 13...Qe8? 14.Nh7 Rh7 15.Bg5 Kf5 16.g4 is an entirely different scenario.

14.Qf3 Bf5 15.g4 Nd4 16.Qc3 c5 17.gf5 Kf5 18.Re1!

Not 18.Qh3 Kf6 19.Nh7? Kf7 -+.

The text move sets a vile trap: if 18...Bg7?? 19.Qh3 Kf6 20.Re6 and mate. 18...Nd5 is also quite lost after 19.Qc4! Nb4 20.Qf7 Qf6 21.Qd7 or 19...Nf6 20.Qd3.

18...Kf6! 19.Ne6 Qd7 20.Be3 Kf7 21.Bd4 cd4 22.Qd4 Bh6 23.Nc3 Rhe8 24.Qb6 Re6 25.Re6 Ke6



26.Qd4?

26.Qb3! here is very strong. Then 26...Kf6? gets strafed by 27.Nd5 Kg7 (27...Kg5 28.Qg3 Qg4 29.h4 Kf5 30.Ne7 +-) 28.Qc3! +-.

So after 26.Qb3 Black must play 26...Ke7. Then 27.Nd5!? (or 27.Re1 Kf8 28.Ne4 Bg7) Kf8 28.Re1! gives

White good chances, e.g. 28...Qg4?! 29.Kh1 (Δ 30.Nf6) Bg5 (29...Bg7? 30.Re3! Δ Rf3) 30.Qc3 Kg8 31.h3 Qh5 and Black is fighting to stay in the game. The more passive 28...Bg5 looks safer: 29.Qg3 Bd8 30.Qf4 Kg8 31.Qc4 Kg7 (31...Qf7? 32.Re8!) and White may just want a draw by repetition with 32.Qd4 Kg8 33.Qc4.

26...Kf7 27.Re1 Bg7 28.Qd5 Kf8 29.Qf3 Qf7 30.Qd3 Be5 31.Re3 Kg7 32.Rf3 Qe6 (32...Qd7) 33.Qe4 d5?

33...Qd7 34.Nd5 Rf8 maintains good winning chances.

34.Qd5 Qd5 35.Nd5 Rd8 36.Nf4 DRAW

Sicilian B28

Tony W. Davis 2117

Kenneth Smith 2224

Tx. Chp. 1991 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nb3 Bb4
7.Bd3 d5 8.ed5 e4! 9.Be2 Nd5
10.Qd4 Bc3 11.bc3 0-0 12.0-0 Nc6
13.Qe4

Or 13.Qc5 Be6 14.Rd1 Rc8
15.Ba3 Re8 16.c4 b6 17.Qd6 Nc3! -/+
Poletaev-Fink, corr. 1957.

13...Nc3 14.Qf3 Ne2 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Be3 Bf5 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Rd5 Be6 19.Rg5 Qe7 20.Qh5 g6 21.Rg3 Rac8 22.Bg5 f6 23.Bh6? Bc4 24.Be3 Bf1 25.Kf1 Qf7 26.h4 Re5 27.Qh6 Kh8 28.Kg1 Ne7 29.Nd4 Nf5 30.Nf5 Rf5 31.Bd4 Rc2 32.Rd3 Kg8??

32...Rc8 33.g4 Rd5 34.g5 Kg8 -/+



33.Bc5! Qe8

Ironically, a B-QB5 shot with a back row mate theme strikes again!

34.Rd7! Rc1 35.Kh2 Qe5 36.g3 Rh1 37.Kh1 Qe1 38.Kg2 1:0

That little swindle was worth \$600 to Mr. Davis.

Notes by Pickard

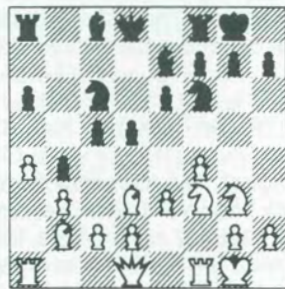
Bird's Opening A03

Sid Pickard 2210

George Trammell 2149

Tx. Chp. 1991 (6)

1.f4 c5 2.b3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 a6 8.Nc3 b5 9.a4 b4 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Ng3



So far as in Chigorin-Sellman, London 1883, which continued 11...Nd7 12.Nh5 g6 13.Ne5 Nce5 14.fe5 f5 15.Nf4. Trammell's move is often cited as an improvement.

11...Ne8 12.Ne5 Bd7 13.Nh5 f5 14.g4 g6 15.gf5 ef5 16.Rf2 Nf6 17.Rg2 Ne5 18.fe5 Nh5

Or 18...Ne4 19.Be4 fe4 20.Nf6 Bf6 21.ef6 followed by 22.Qh5.

19.Qh5 Qe8 20.Kh1 Qf7 21.Rag1 Be8 22.Qh6 Qe6 23.h4 Kh8

23...f4 now or on the next move is met by 24.Kh2.

24.h5 Rg8 25.Rf1 Bf7 26.e4 Bf8 27.Qf4 fe4 28.Be4 de4 29.Qf7 Qh3?

29...Qf7 30.Rf7 Bg7 31.hg6±

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AMATEUR GAMES

Sicilian B21

Gary Huber 1997
Mauro Gutierrez 1826

Tx. Amateur 1991 (2)

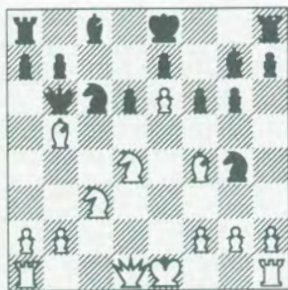
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3
4.Nc3 Nc6

In Round 6, Owen Johnson (1785) played 4... d6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.e5 Qc7 and stood well after Huber's 7.Qb3?! d5! 8.Bb5 Nfd7 9.Bf4? (9.Qd5 a6 =) 9...e6 -/+.

Instead of 7.Qb3, a beautiful refutation of Black's idea is 7.Bb5 Nfd7 8.Nd5! Qd8 (8...Qa5? 9.Bd2 Qb5?? 10.Nc7) 9.ed6 ed6 10.Qe2 Be7 11.Bg5 f6 12.Nf6! and if 12...gf6 White mates with 13.Qh5 Kf8 14.Bh6 Kg8 15.Bc4 d5 16.Bd5#.

12...Kf8 is better, but White has a clear advantage in the endgame that follows 13.Nd7.

5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 Ng4
8.e6 f6 9.Bf4 g6 10.Nd4 Qb6
11.Bb5 Bg7



12.Na4 Qd8 13.Nc6 bc6 14.Bc6
Kf8 15.Qg4 Rb8 16.0-0 f5 17.Qe2
Qa5 18.Rfd1 Ba6 19.Qe3 Qc7
20.Rac1 Rd8 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.Bd7
Qa5 23.Bc8 dc5 24.Bd7 Qa2
25.Qc5 Qb2 26.Qc8 Qb6 27.Qd8
Qd8 28.Rc8 Qc8 29.Bc8 1:0

The title "Schliemann kill" accompanied the score to this game.

Ruy Lopez C63

Joe Drake 1858
Gary Huber 1997

Tx. Amateur 1991 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5
4.d4 fe4 5.Ne5 Ne5 6.de5 Qh4
7.Be3 Nh6 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Qd4 c5
10.Qd5 Qe7 11.0-0-0 Nf7 12.e6
Nd8 13.ed7 Bd7 14.Qd7 1:0

Sicilian B33

Brian Roberts 1744
David Rubin 1992

Tx. Amateur 1991 (4)

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 Be6
10.Nc4 Rc8 11.Nd5 Bd5 12.Qd5
Nb4 13.Qd2 Nc2 14.Qc2 b5
15.Be2 d5 16.0-0-0 d4 17.Kb1 bc4
18.Qa4 Ke7 19.Bc4 Qc7 20.Ba6
Ra8 21.Rc1 Qa7 22.Qa3 Kd8
23.Qa5 Kd7 24.Bb5 Ke6 25.Rc6
1:0

Best game!?

The following debacle gets my vote for best game in the amateur section. Black's sacrifice of a Knight on move 18 has long term consequences - no cheapo here! A master would be proud of this game.

King's Indian E99

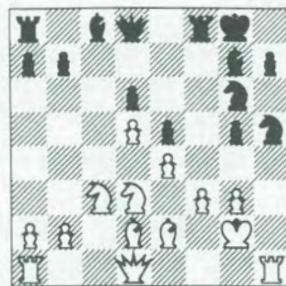
John Ashmore 1935
Brian Roberts 1744

Tx. Amateur 1991 (5)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4
Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6
8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5
11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4

Lately 12...Kh8 (Δ Ng8, Bh6) has become fashionable.

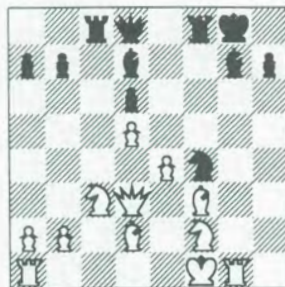
13.c5 g5 14.cd6 cd6 15.g4 fg3
16.hg3 Nh5 17.Kg2 Ng6 18.Rh1



18...Nhf4! 19.gf4 ef4 20.Qc2

If 20.Be1 then 20...Nh4 21.Bh4 gh4 22.Nf2 Rf6! and Black has good prospects based on his control of dark squares and the passed h-pawn: 23.Kf1 (or 23.Nh3 Rg6 24.Kf2 Rg3! 25.Nf4? Qg5) 23...Rg6 24.Bc4 Rg3 25.Ke2 h3 26.Qd2 Qh4.

20...Nh4 21.Kf1 g4 22.fg4 f3
23.Bd1 Bg4 24.Nf2 Bd7 25.Qd3
Rc8 26.Rg1 Ng2 27.Bf3 Nf4



28.Qd4?

White would naturally like to keep his dark square Bishop, but this is a blunder which loses the game.

Necessary is 28.Bf4 Rf4 29.Ke2. After 29...Qb6 30.b3 Kf8! (not 30...Kh8 31.Rac1!) White must return material with 31.Rg7 Kg7 32.Rg1 Kh8 33.Rg3, when the chances appear to be in balance.

28...Ng6 29.Qd3 Qf6 30.Bg5

30.Ke2 is answered by 30...Ne5.

30...Qf3 31.Qf3 Rf3 32.Ke2
Rcf8 33.Nd3 Bc3 34.bc3 Bb5
35.Rad1 Kh8 36.Bh6 R8f7 37.Rg6

hg6 38.Be3 Rh3 39.Ba7 Rff3
40.Bd4 Kg8 0:1

More typical of the submissions from the amateur section were games punctuated by witty cheapos:

G. Callo - D. Sewell



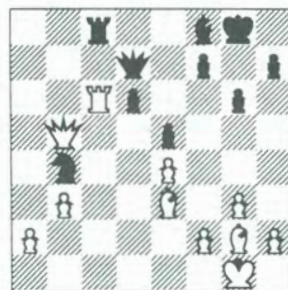
20.Ng6! fg6 21.Bg6 Kf8 22.Qf4
1:0

D. Loya - H. Hampp



21.Qf7! 1:0

A. Mabry - R. Adams



27.Rc8! Qb5 28.Bh6 1:0

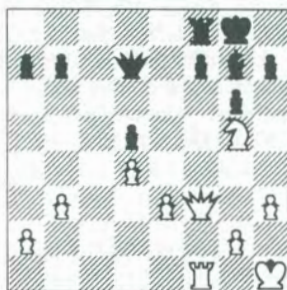
Naturally, some readers may be curious to see how a player ranked 50th on the wall chart tied for first. It always helps when your last round opponent tosses a piece:

Colle System A48

Roy Zeno 1926
Steven Hart 1781

Tx. Amateur 1991 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7
4.Nf3 d6 5.h3 c5 6.0-0 0-0 7.c3
Nc6 8.b3 cd4 9.ed4 e5 10.Bg5 ed4
11.Nd4 Nd4 12.cd4 Qb6 13.Be3
Nd5 14.Nd2 Ne3 15.fe3 d5 16.Nf3
Bd7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.Rc8 Rc8
19.Kh1 Bb5 20.Bb5 Qb5 21.Ng5
Rf8 22.Qf3 Qd7



23.Rc1?? h6 and 0:1 in 32

Texas State Championship
(continued from page 12)

30.Rh2 Qg4 31.hg6 Qg6 32.e6
Bg7 33.Qg6 1:0

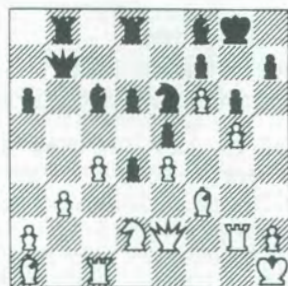
English C30

Mansour Bighamian 2407
Charles Crane 2066

Tx. Chp. 1991 (6)

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 b6 3.c4 Bb7
4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 e6 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2
0-0 8.e3 d6 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1
Qc7 11.Nc3 Rac8 12.d3 Rfd8
13.e4 Ne5 14.Ne1 Nc6 15.Nc2 a6

16.f4 Nd4 17.Nd4 cd4 18.Nb1 e5
19.Nd2 Bc6 20.Bf3 Rb8 21.Rac1
Nd7 22.Kh1 Qb7 23.Rg1 b5
24.Rg2 Bf8 25.f5 Nb6 26.g4 bc4
27.dc4 Na4 28.Ba1 Nc5 29.g5 g6
30.f6 Ne6



31.Rg4 h5 32.Rh4 Nf4 33.Rf4
ef4 34.Bd4 Re8 35.Qd3 Qc8
36.Qf1 a5 37.a3 Bd7 38.Bc3 Bh3
39.Qf2 Bg4 40.Ba5 Qc5 41.Qc5
Bf3 42.Nf3 dc5 43.e5 Rb3 DRAW

Bighamian commended Crane on the quality of his play, and felt that the draw offer was generous.

The Championship section was not kind to the two senior masters representing Houston. Bill Reuter won his last game to finish half a point out of the money and the title, tying with expert Tony Davis at 4.5-.5. Mansour Bighamian had four draws, a win and a loss (to Steven Owen, rated 2025) to finish with 3-3. Other also-rans:

Top-ranked John Hall, with 3-2 going into the sixth round, thought it best to withdraw and enjoy the NBA playoff game. Gallagher had likewise withdrawn with 3-2 for the long drive home to San Antonio. Igor Sthern withdrew with the ignominious 2.5-2.5, but he seemed good-humored enough about it.

4-2 was the norm for masters who played on to the end - Dunning, Anderson, Simms and Pickard. They tied with experts Andrew Erdei, William Hamilton David Noden and Steven Owen.

1991-1992 TCA BALLOT

As a member of TCA, your vote is important! Please detach this ballot, fill it out as indicated and mail it to: **TCA Election, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023**. In order for your ballot to be counted, it must be received by August 31, 1991. Envelopes will be opened, ballots counted and winners announced at the TCA Membership Meeting at the Southwest Open on Sept. 1. (Please write "BALLOT" on your envelope to ensure it is not opened before Sept. 1.)

Election of Officers (term of office: Sept 1, 1991-Sept 6, 1992)

President (vote for one):

Tony Alston (nominated by Jim Gallagher, Jr.)

Other: _____

Vice President (vote for one):

Rudy Rubio (nominated by Tony Alston)

Other: _____

Secretary (vote for one):

Jimmy Irvin (nominated by Jim Gallagher, Jr.)

Other: _____

Treasurer (vote for one):

Jim Gallagher, Sr. (nom. by Jim Gallagher, Jr.)

Other: _____

The following question is the result of a motion passed at the last membership meeting:

Do you favor the direct election of USCF officers by the membership of USCF? Yes No

TCA Tournament Bids for 1992 (select one for each tournament listed):

Southwest Open (Labor day weekend, Sept. 5-7, 1992):

San Antonio. (This is the 100th anniversary of the first Southwest Open, at the same site, next to the Alamo.) 6-SS, 40/2, 20/1. Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, 78205. \$\$Gtd. 5000. Two sections: **Open**, \$\$ 1000-500-200; X, A each 400-200-100. **Reserve**, open to under 1800, \$\$400-200-100; C, D/E each 300-150-75; Unr. 100-50. (Foreign Unr. must play in Open sect.) **All**, EF: \$40 if rec'd by 9/3, \$50 at site. Scholastic \$10 (trophy prize only.) TCA mem. req. (\$8/\$4jr.), OSA. Reg. 8:30-10 a.m. Rds. 11-5, 11-5, 10-4. Half point bye OK any one round if notice given with entry. TCA meeting 8 a.m. 9/6. HR: \$75 1-4 (30 day advance registration required for special chess rate. [512] 223-4361.) Sponsor/Ent: San Antonio Chess School of Alamo Heights, 5311 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209. (512) 822-1616.

Other: _____

Texas Junior Championship (cont'd):

normal USCF tie break. Reg. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Rds. 11:30-3:30-6, 9-11:30-3. Sponsor/Ent: A.C.E. Chess Club of Austin, c/o William. Tompkins, 7210 Teaberry Drive, Austin, TX 78745. Tel: (512) 443-1160 (home), 465-3052 (work).

Dallas. March 21-22: 6-SS, Rd. 1-4 G/60, Rd. 5-6 G/90. 3 sections: **Junior Individual and Team**, open to grades 12 and below. EF: 15.50 if rec'd by 3/17, \$20.50 at site. **Middle School Individual and Team**, open to grades 6-8. EF: \$15.25 if rec'd by 3/17, \$20.25 at site. **Elementary Individual and Team**, open to grades 1-5. EF: \$15 if rec'd by 3/17, \$20 at site. **All:** Trophies to top 3 teams and plaques to top 4 on first and second place teams in each section. Trophy to first 5 individuals in each section. Plaques to next 5 highest individuals who did not win another individual award in each section. TCA mem. req., \$4 junior. Reg: 8:30-10 a.m. Rds. 11-2:30-4:30, 8:30-11-2:30. Sponsor/Ent: Dallas Chess Club, c/o Luis Salinas, 2750 Trinity Mills Rd., Apt. #1805, Carrollton, TX 75006. Tel: (214) 416-7054.

Other: _____

Texas Team Championship:

Austin. Feb. 15-16: 4-SS, 45/2, 15/30, SD/30. Open to 4 player teams, team rating limit 8400 using 1992 Annual Rating List, alternate on board 4 only. EF: \$100 per team if rec'd by 2/10, \$130 at site. TCA mem. req. (\$8/\$4 jr.) Prizes based on 16 teams: 1st \$600 + trophy, 2nd 150. Top team U1800 avg. \$150 + trophy, 2nd 100. Plaque to top player each board. Reg. 10-11 a.m. Rds. 11-5, 9-3. Sponsor/Ent: A.C.E. Chess Club of Austin, c/o William Tompkins, 7210 Teaberry Drive, Austin, TX 78745. Tel: (512) 443-1160 (home), 465-3052 (work).

Other: _____

Texas Class Championship:

Other: _____

Texas Armed Forces Championship:

San Antonio. May 9-10: 4-SS, 45/2, 25/1. Lackland AFB. Open to active duty, reserve and retired military. \$\$/entries, 1st place trophies for active duty, reserve & retired. EF: \$10 if rec'd. by 5/7, \$15 at site. TCA mem. req., \$8, OSA. Reg. noon-12:30 p.m., Rds. 1-7, 9:30-3. 1/2 pt. bye any one rd., notice before Rd. 1. Sponsor/Ent: San Antonio Chess Club, c/o James Gallagher, Sr. 5803 Joiner Dr. #63, San Antonio, TX 78238. (512) 520-6416.

Other: _____

Texas Open:

☐ **Austin.** Oct. 24-25. 4-SS, 40/2, 25/1. \$\$ (1000 b/50, top 2 Gtd.) 2 sections: **Open**, \$\$ 250-100; U2100 100-75. **Reserve**, open to under 1900. \$\$ 150-75; B, C/below each \$100, Unr. 50 (unrated limit 100.) 90% of entries over 50 goes to prizes. **Both:** EF: \$30 if rec'd by 10/10, \$40 at site, \$5 add'l if reg. after 10:30 a.m. TCA mem. req. (\$8,\$4 jr.) OSA. Reg. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Rds. 11-5, 9-3. Sponsor/Ent: A. C. E. Chess Club of Austin, c/o William Tompkins, 7210 Teaberry Drive, Austin, TX 78745. Telephone: (512) 443-1160 (home), 465-3052 (work).

☐ **Other:** _____

Texas Championship/Texas Amateur Chp. (Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, 1992):

☐ **Austin.** 6-SS, 40/2, 20/1. \$\$ (5000 b/200, top 2 Gtd.) Class prizes b/25 per class. 2 sections: **Championship**, open to 2000 and above: \$\$ 1000 + trophy, 500 (top 2 gtd.), 200; X 400 + trophy, 250-150. **Amateur**, open to under 2000. \$\$ 700 + trophy, 300; B/C each 400 + trophy, 100; D/below 300 + trophy, 100; Unr. limit \$100. **Both:** EF: \$40 if postmarked by 5/16, \$50 at site; Junior EF: \$25, \$35 at site; \$7.50 more after 11 a.m. TCA req. (\$8/\$4 jr.) Reg. 9-11 a.m. Rds. 12:30-7, 9:30-4, 9-3:15. Half pt. bye any one rd. with notice before Rd. 1. Foreign unrated must play in Chp. section, not eligible for expert prizes. Ent: A.C.E. Chess Club, Wm. Tompkins, 7210 Teaberry Drive, Austin, TX 78745. Tel: (512) 443-1160 (h), 465-3052 (w).

☐ **San Antonio.** 6-SS, 40/2. 20/1. \$\$ (5000 b/200, top 2 Gtd., \$3250 min. total gtd.) Class prizes b/35 per class. 2 sections: **Championship**, open to 2000 and above: \$\$ 1000 + trophy, 500 (top 2 gtd.); X 500 + trophy, 300. **Amateur**, open to under 2000. \$\$ 600 + trophy, 300; B, C, D/E/Unr. each 400 + trophy, 200. **Both:** EF: \$40 if rec'd by 5/21, \$50 at site. Scholastic \$10 (trophy only, not part of prize fund.) TCA req. (\$8/\$4 jr.) Reg. 9-11 a.m., Rds. 12-6, 9:30-4, 9-3:30. Half pt. bye any one rd. with notice before Rd. 1. Foreign unrated must play in Chp. section, not eligible for expert prizes. Ent: San Antonio Chess Club, c/o James Gallagher, Sr., 5803 Joiner Dr., #63, San Antonio, TX 78238. Tel: (512) 520-6416. NS, NC, W.

☐ **Other:** _____

Texas Junior Championship:

☐ **Austin.** March 7-8: 6-SS, Rd. 1-4 G/60, Rd. 5-6 G/90. 3 Sections: **Junior Individual and Team**, open to grades 12 and below. **Middle School Individual and Team**, open to gr. 6-8. **Elementary Individual and Team**, open to gr. 1-5. **All:** Prizes in each section: **Individual:** 1st: trophy, chess clock, board + set. 2nd: trophy & chess clock. 3-5: trophy, set + board. Plaque to top player each grade. **Team:** Trophies to #1-4 teams, plaques to top 4 on #1-2 teams. EF: \$15 if rec'd by 3/1. \$20 at site. TCA req., \$4 jr. All 3 sections separate 6-SS to determine the individual section champion. Team scores will be determined by combining the top four players from schools registering teams. Players from same teams will not be paired to play teammate in rounds 1-4. Tie break will use 5th, 6th, 7th and more players from same team as necessary to break tie for team tiebreaks for trophies; for individual trophy tiebreak use

Texas Senior Championship:

Austin. Mar. 7-8: 4-SS, 30/90, SD/60. Open to 50 years or older. EF: \$25 if rec'd by 3/ , \$35 at site. \$\$ b/20: \$150 + trophy, \$75 + trophy; under 1700, \$50. Reg. 8:30-10:30, Rds. 12-6, 9-2. Sponsor/Ent: A. C. E. Chess Club of Austin, c/o William Tompkins, 7210 Teaberry Drive, Austin, TX 78745. Tel: (512) 443-1160 (home), 465-3052 (work).

Other: _____

Texas Rapid (Game/30) Championship:

Lubbock. June 20-21: ?-SS, G/30. (\$\$Gtd 595.) 1st 250 + trophy; X, A, B each 75 + trophy, C, D/below each 60 + trophy. EF: \$25 advance, \$29 at site. TCA mem. req. (\$8/\$4 jr.) Ent: Lubbock Chess Club, c/o Robert Montgomery, 1606 Bryan Ave., Wolforth, TX 79382-2822.

Other: _____

In the remaining space, we would like to survey your opinions about *Texas Knights*:

1. What features do you like most? _____

2. What features do you like least? _____

3. What new features would you like to see? _____

4. Please give your comments on how to promote and improve Texas chess: _____

Elvin Wilson wins Texas Armed Forces title

NM Elvin Wilson won the Texas Armed Forces Championship with a 4-0 score. Greg Wren and Guillermo Medina tied for 2nd-3rd place with 3-1 each.

Trophy winners were: Active Duty, Wilson; Retired, Wren; and Reserve, Tim Trogdon (2.5).

Twelve players turned out for the event, held May 18-19 at Lackland Air Force Base. Greg Wren directed.

Benko System B00
Guillermo Medina 1561
Greg Wren 1822

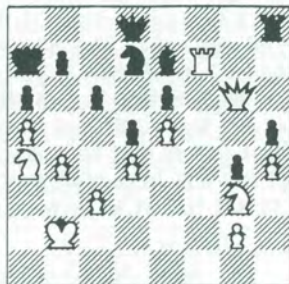
Tx. Military Chp. (1)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d3 d5 3.Nbd2 Bf5
 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 Qd7
 7.Re1 0-0-0 8.e4? de4 9.de4 Be4
 10.Qe2 Bc2 11.Qc4 Bd3 12.Qb3
 Qd5 13.Qa4 e4 14.Nh4 Bb4 15.Bh3
 Kb8 16.Ng2 Bd2 17.Bd2 Bb5
 18.Qc2 (18.Qb3) Qd2 19.Qb3 Nd4
 20.Qf7 Nf3 21.Kh1 Ne1 22.Ne1
 Qf2 23.Re1 Bc6 24.Bg2 e3 25.Bc6
 (25.h3 Qf1 26.Kh2 Ng4) Qf1 mate
 0:1

Caro-Kann B15
Elvin Wilson 2173
Rolando David 1916

Tx. Military Chp. (2)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.h3 a6 6.a4 d5 7.e5
 Nfd7 8.Bf4 Nf8 9.Qd2 h6 10.Be3
 Be6 11.a5 Nbd7 12.Na4 Qc7
 13.Be2 g5 14.h4 g4 15.Nh2 h5
 16.f4 f6 17.b4 fe5 18.fe5 Bg8
 19.Nf1 Ne6 20.Bd3 0-0-0 21.c3
 Rf8 22.0-0-0 Kb8 23.Ng3 Qd8
 24.Rdf1 Bh7 25.Bh7 Rh7 26.Qd3
 Rfh8 27.Rf7 Qe8 28.Rhf1 Nd8
 29.R7f2 e6 30.Kb2 Ka7 31.Bg5
 Bf8 32.Bd8 Qd8 33.Rf7 Rf7 34.Rf7
 Be7 35.Qg6



35...Bh4 (35...Nf8 36.Qg7 Rh7
 37.Qg8 Rf7 38.Qf7 Bh4 39.Nh5 Δ
 Ng7, Nc5, xe6) 36.Qe6 Bg3 37.Rd7
 Qc8 38.Nb6 Qb8 39.Qc6 Bh4 1:0

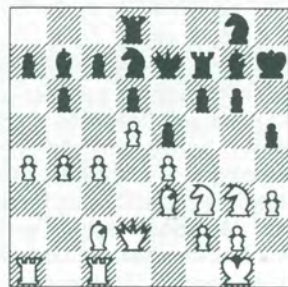
Bishop's Opening C24
Elvin Wilson 2173
Tim Trogdon 1833

Tx. Military Chp. (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 h6
 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3 Be7
 7.Re1 0-0 8.Bb3 d6 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4
 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 b6 12.Nf1 Bb7
 13.Ng3 Re8 14.d5 Bf8 15.Be3 g6
 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Ba4 Bg7 18.b4 Rf8



19.Nh2 Ng8 20.c4 Qe7 21.Rec1
 Rad8 22.Bc2 h5 23.Nf3 f6 24.a4
 Rf7



25.a5 Nf8 26.ab6 ab6 27.Ra7
 Bc8 28.Bb6 Bh6 29.Be3 Be3
 30.Qe3 Nh6 31.Bd3 Kg7 32.c5
 Nh7 33.b5 f5 34.ef5 Bf5 35.Bf5 Nf5
 36.Nf5 gf5 37.cd6 Qd6 38.Ne5
 Re7 39.Qg3 Kh8 40.Ng6 1:0

Reti Opening A09
Zack Brooks 1564
Greg Wren 1822

Tx. Military Chp. (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 d5 3.c4 e6
 4.Bb2 Be7 5.g3 b6 6.cd5 ed5
 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Nbd7
 10.0-0 c5 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Nd7 Qd7
 13.Nf3 d4 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.Bb7 Qb7
 16.e3 de3 17.fe3 Nd5 18.Qf3 Bf6
 19.Nc4 Bb2 20.Nb2 Qd7 21.Rae1
 Nf6 22.e4 Rae8 23.Nd1 Re7
 24.Nf2 Rfe8 25.Qd1 Qd4 26.Kg2
 h5 27.h3 Qe5 28.Qa1 DRAW

Black has some winning chances, but Greg had only ten minutes left to make seventeen moves.

On board three, James Cain (1588) as White showed how *not* to play against the Benko Gambit, giving Ed Thurman (1920) an early lunch break: 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5 a6 5.Nc3 ab5 6.Nb5 Ba6 7.e3?? Bb5 8.Bb5 Qa5 9.Bd2 Qb5 10.Qc2 Nd5 11.Ne2 Nb4 0:1.

Amarillo

Simms, Montgomery win Spring Open

Rife with upsets, our annual spring event ended in a tie between Gary Simms and Robert Montgomery at 4-1. Simms won the trophy on tiebreaks, but Lady Luck made the deciding moves. After Simms lost to Meredith Willis, Willis lost his last two games! The other Amarillo master, Dr. Carlos Santillan had withdrawn after winning his first three games.

French C00

Carlos Santillan 2207

Charles McLaughlin 1921

Spring Open (3)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 d4
4.Ne2 c5 5.c3 Nc6

Better is 5...Nf6 6.d3 Nc6 and if
7.cd4 cd4 8.Qa4? Bd7 9.Ned4? Bb4!
Chekovsky-Kapengut, USSR 1963
continued 10.Kd1 Bc5 11.Qc4 Ne4
12.de4 Nd4 13.Nd4 Bd4 +-.

6.cd4 cd4 7.Qa4 Bc5 8.b4!

"±" - Ivkov.

8...Bb4 9.Ned4 Qa5 10.Qa5
Ba5 11.Nc6 bc6 12.Ba3 Rb8
13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Bd6 Rb2?? 15.Nc4
Rb5 16.a4 Rh5 17.Be2 1:0

Barcza System A08

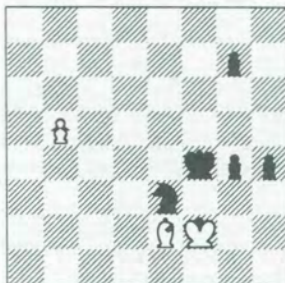
Meredith Willis 1831

Gary Simms 2239

Spring Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 d5
4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7
7.0-0 0-0 8.c3 b6 9.Re1 Qc7
10.Nh4 Ba6 11.Qc2 Rad8 12.f4
Qc8 13.Ndf3 Bb8 14.f5 de4 15.de4
Bd3 16.Qf2 e5 17.ef5 Bf5 18.Nf5
Qf5 19.Qe2 Qd3 20.Bg5 Qe2

21.Re2 f6 22.Be3 Ne5 23.Ne5 Be5
24.Rae1 Rd6 25.a4 Rfd8 26.a5 Nf5
27.Bg5 Bg3 28.hg3 fg5 29.Re8 Re8
30.Re8 Kf7 31.Ra8 Rd7 32.Bc6
Re7 33.ab6 ab6 34.Rb8 Ng3
35.Rb6 Ne2 36.Kf2 Nf4 37.Bb5 h5
38.Rc6 Re5 39.Bc4 Ke7 40.Rc7
Kf6 41.Rf7 Kg6 42.Rb7 g4 43.Rb5
h4 44.b4 Rf5 45.Kg1 Nh3 46.Kh1
cb4 47.Rf5 Kf5 48.cb4 Nf2 49.Kg2
Nd1 50.Be2 Ne3 51.Kf2 Kf4 52.b5



52...h3?

52...g3! 53.Kg1 Nd5 54.Kg2 g5
55.Kh3 g4 56.Bg4 g2 57.Kg2 Kg4
58.Kh2 h3 59.Kh1 Kg3 60.Kg1 h2
61.Kh1 Nf6 62.b6 Ng4 63.b7 Nf2#

53.Kg1 g3??

53...Nd5 =

54.b6 h2 55.Kh1 Ng4 56.Bg4
Kg4 57.Kg2 1:0

DRRQ

A new format, a Double Round
Rated Quad in two sections, was
tried at the club during May and
June. The upper section was won by
Gary Simms with 5.5-.5, and the
lower section was won by James
Farren with a perfect score of 6-0.

Notes by NM Gary Simms

Sicilian B45

Brad Webster 2111

Gary Simms 2239

Amarillo DRRQ

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nc6 bc6

7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6
10.Qf3

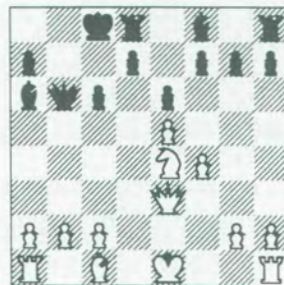
Here book is 10.c4 or 10.Bd3.

10...Nb4

This is suspect, though, and
certainly doesn't refute 10.Qf3.
Better is 10...Ba6.

11.Bd3 Nd3 12.Qd3 Ba6
13.Qe3 0-0-0??

Played after twenty minutes
thought, totally overlooking the
threat to f7.



14.Qb6 ab6 15.Ng5 Re8 16.Nf7
Rg8 17.Be3 Kc7 18.0-0 Ra8

Black's outlook is bleak indeed.

19.a3 Bc4 20.Rhg1 Ra5 21.g4
g6 22.Ng5 Bd5

Again, played after much consid-
eration, inexplicably planning after
23.Nh7 to regain the pawn with
23...Rh8, which fails to the obvious
24.Nf8.

23.Nh7 Be7

Now besides being two pawns
down, Black cannot even retain the
Bishop pair.

24.Nf6 Rh8 25.c4?!

25.Nd5 trades off the central
Black Bishop and leaves White a
healthy two pawns up. Perhaps the
thought of opposite colored Bish-
ops dissuaded White.

25...Bc5!

Now White must work a little.

26.Bd4 Bf3!?

Perhaps 26...Bc4 is better, but
Black is busted either way.

27.Bc5 Rc5 28.Rd7 Kc8

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San Antonio

Curtin wins Fiesta Open

Eugene Curtin won the San Antonio Fiesta Open with 3.5-.5. David Phillips, Andy Smith and J. P. Hyltin tied for the expert prize with 3-1 each. Lynn Brown also scored 3-1 to win the Class A prize.

Bruce Lewkowski won the reserve section with 3-1. Tied for Class B were Freddy Jones, Gary Zintgraff and Fred Speck (2.5). Jimmy Irvin and Robert Bradley split the Class C prize (2.5).

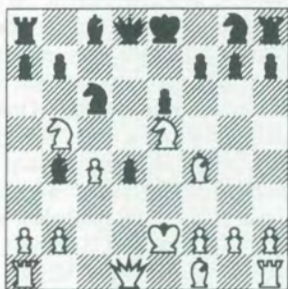
Jim Gallagher, Sr. and Jimmy Irvin directed the 32-player event, held June 1-2 at the UTSA campus. Our thanks to Tim Trogon and UTSA for finding and providing the playing site for free!

English A19

Eric Dimazana 2009
Eugene Curtin 2416

Fiesta Open (1)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 c5 4.e5 Ng8 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Nb5 d6 7.d4 cd4 8.Bf4?! de5 9.Ne5 Bb4 10.Ke2



10...Nge7 11.a3

Or 11.Nc6 Nc6 12.Nc7 Kf8 13.Na8 e5 Δ e4, d3 with a blistering attack.

11...Ba5 12.b4 Ne5 13.Be5 Nc6

14.Bg3 e5!

Black's counterthreat is 15...a6.

15.c5 Bc7 16.Nc7 Qc7 17.b5 Ne7 18.Qd4 Ng6 19.Qc3 0-0 20.f3 f5 21.Qc4 Kh8 22.Be1 Be6! 23.Qb4

White just can't get coordinated.

23...Rad8 24.Rc1 Rd4 25.Qb2 Bc4 26.Rc4 Rc4 27.Bb4 Rd8 28.Kf2 Qc5 29.Kg3 Qe3 30.Be2 Nf4 31.Rd1 Rd1 0:1

QGD Slav D91

Eugene Curtin 2416
Andy Smith 2135

Fiesta Open (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 Bg4 8.Bf6 Bf6 9.cd5 cd5 10.Qb3 Bf3 11.gf3 e6 12.Qb7 Nd7 13.Bb5 Nb6 14.f4 Bh4 15.Ne2 Nc4 16.Bc4 Rb8 17.Qa6 dc4 18.Rc2 Qd5 19.0-0 Qf5 20.Qc4 e5



21.Rfc1 ef4 22.Nf4 Qg4 23.Kf1 g5 24.Qe2 Qf5 25.Ng2 Qh3 26.Kg1 Kh8 27.e4 Rg8 28.Rc3 Qd7 29.d5 Rge8 30.Ne3 Re4 31.Rc7 Qh3 32.Rf7 Bf2 33.Qf2 Qe3 34.Qe3 Re3 35.Ra7 Rd3 36.Rd7 1:0 (time)

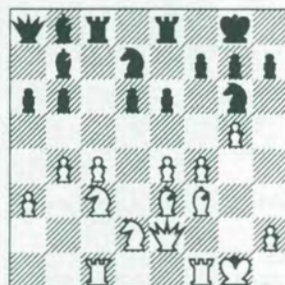
Queen's Indian E12

Selby Anderson 2272
Eugene Curtin 2416

Fiesta Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.a3 Ba6 5.Qa4 c5 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.dc5 Bc5 8.Bg5 0-0 9.e3 Be7 10.Be2 d6 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.b4 a6 13.Rac1 Qc7

14.Qb3 Rac8 15.Qb2 Rfd8 16.Nd2 Nf8 17.e4 Qb8 18.Be3 N8d7 19.f3 Re8 20.f4? Bd8 21.Bf3 Bc7 22.g3 Qa8 23.g4 Nf8 24.g5 N6d7 25.Nb3 Bb8 26.Qe2 Ng6 27.Nd2



27...d5 28.e5 dc4 29.Bb7 Qb7 30.Nc4 Nh4 31.Rf2 Nf5 32.Bd2 b5 33.Na5 Qa8 34.Kf1??

34.Rg2 Ba7 35.Kf1 Nh4 -/+

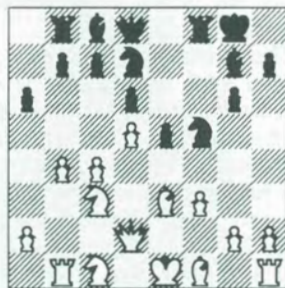
34...Qh1 mate 0:1

King's Indian E83

Eugene Curtin 2416
David Philips 2106

Fiesta Open (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 a6 8.Rb1 Rb8 9.b4 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Nc1 f5 13.ef5 Nf5



14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bg5 16.Qg5 Nf6 17.Nf6 Qf6 18.Qf6 Rf6 19.Kd2 c6 20.Bd3 cd5 21.cd5 Ne7 22.Be4 Bf5 23.Nd3 Rc8 24.Rbc1 Rff8 25.Ke3 Bd7 26.Rc8 Rc8 27.Rc1 Rc1 28.Nc1 Bb5 DRAW



The University of Texas at San Antonio provided an excellent playing site for the scholastic tournament.

Roadrunner Scholastic draws 76 to UTSA

On June 1-2, the UTSA Roadrunner Chess Club sponsored this six round junior team tournament. Eighteen elementary, middle school and high school teams competed for 20 trophies, 20 medals, 8 blue ribbons and 8 award books. 68 player ribbons were awarded.

The winning team was not decided until the final game was over. Jessica Friesenhahn kept all in suspense during her last round game with Geraldo Elizalde. With both flags hanging, it was Elizalde's flag that fell first. Thus the sixth-ranked J³T team (Thomas Cummins, Jessica Friesenhahn, John Kimbrough and Joey Friesenhahn) defeated the top seeded Four Horsemen to tie with the Freedom Force A team (Leo Holguin, Robert Gonzales, Mark Solis and Raymond Esparza) at 5.5-.5 match points apiece. J³T won the top trophy by only one tiebreak point.

The board winners were as follows: Bd. 1: Thomas Cummins, Keystone, 5.5 pts; Bd. 2: Robert Gonzales, Edgewood, 5.5; Bd. 3: John Kimbrough, Garner, 6.0; Bd. 4: Raymond Espinoza, Edgewood, 6.0.

Tim Trogdon, President of the UTSA Roadrunner Chess Club directed.

Seirawan simul kicks off nation's first chess school

Yasser Seirawan made a clean sweep of the thirty-one opponents who played him in his May 18 simul at the new San Antonio Chess School. Two local television stations carried the story on the evening news, with KMOL-4 interviewing the school's co-founder, Jim Gallagher, Jr.

The newly minted setting on 5311 Broadway in Alamo Heights is as classy as its neighborhood. Gallagher designed the lighting and the display of chess giants who

look down from the walls, from Morphy and Marshall to Fischer and Kasparov. One of the oversize photos now boasts a signature - that of Seirawan.

The prime mover in the new enterprise is master builder and financial consultant Vernon Friesenhahn, whose children's chess accomplishments at the 1991 Texas Junior are already known to the readers. Vernon deserves the thanks of all San Antonio chess players for making available one of the best playing sites in the whole country.

Yasser's lecture was an entertaining glimpse into the life of a world class grandmaster. One of the best anecdotes, from the 1976 U.S. Junior Championship in Memphis, starred our own Jim Gallagher, Jr. in the punchline role. Videotapes of the lecture are available from Mike Moore for \$20; (512) 923-7882.

Mike Moore had the honor of losing one of the more artistic games of the simul. Yasser's continuing attack with Queens off the board is impressive.

Ardaman annotates

FM Miles Ardaman

Below are two of my games from two recent tournaments where I won first place. Both were last round encounters with the second highest rated player in each event. Also, both share an opening theme, i.e. of an early h-pawn advance against a fianchettoed pawn formation. Both my opponents made the same error on allowing my h-pawn's advance to the fifth rank, thereby giving me a powerful option to open or block the Rook's file on that flank according to circumstances.

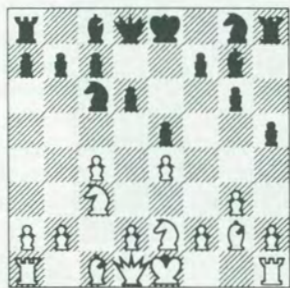
The games, however, are very different in character in most other respects, e.g., my opponent's King position and the status of the center. I hope you enjoy them.

English A25

Bob Persante 2278
Miles Ardaman 2471

Plant City, Fla. 1991

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.e4 g6 4.g3
Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nge2
6.d3 seems better so as to
postpone committing the Knight.
6...h5



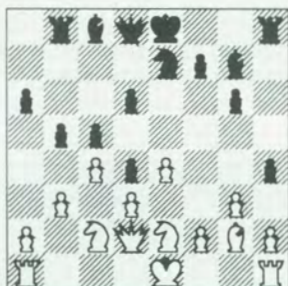
7.d3?!

7.h3 or 7.h4 was better.
7...h4 8.Be3
Intending 9.d4.
8...Nd4 9.Bd4
9.0-0 was another way to meet
the threat of h3 and Nf3, and it has
the advantage of retaining White's
fine e3 Bishop.

9...ed4 10.Nb5?!
10.Nb1 to redeploy it on d2
would avoid furthering Black's
advance on the Queenside.

10...a6! 11.Na3
11.Nbd4 is answered by 11...c5.
11...Rb8
Intending to open a second front
on the Queenside; such a strategem
will spread White's defenses thin.

12.Nc2 Ne7 13.Qd2 e5
Now White was threatening to
take on d5.
14.b3 b5



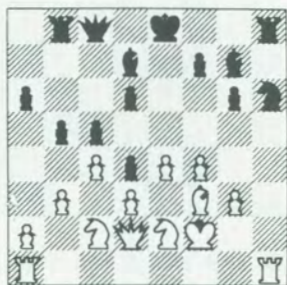
15.0-0 hg3
Thus White has ceded the h-file,
at least temporarily.
16.hg3
16.fg3 Nc6 would leave Black
firmly in control of e5.

16...Bd7
Intending a "Yugo" attack.
17.f4
17.f3!?
17...Qc8 18.Kf2
Otherwise 18...Bh3 will win.
18...Ng8!

The bad side of 17.f4 becomes
apparent: g4 has been weakened, and
the Black stallion is beckoned there.
19.Rh1

As we shall see, moving the
Rook off a1 should have taken a
higher priority, so as to allow the
recapture dc4 without fear of ...d3;
this alternate capture would effec-
tively close down the "other front"
for several more moves, and free d3
for a Nimzovichian blockade by a
Knight. Therefore, 19.Rae1!?

19...Nh6 20.Bf3



20...bc4 21.bc4 Ke7 22.Kg2
Rb2

This invasion should have
proven rapidly decisive.

23.Qc1 Qb7 24.a4
If 24.e5 Bc6.

24...Qb3 25.Ne1 Ng4 26.Rh8
Bh8 27.f5 Ne3 28.Kh1 g5

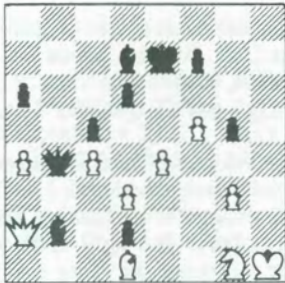
28...gf5 would win a pawn for
almost nothing, but I was in time
pressure and didn't want to allow
any activity such as Nf4.

29.Ng2 Rc2?
A quick win is 29...Ba4 30.Ne3
de3 31.Qe3 Re2 +.

30.Qa3 Qb8 31.Ne3 de3 32.Rd1
Bb2?! 33.Qa2 Rd2?! 34.Rd2 ed2
35.Ng1! Qb4

Time control.
36.Bd1

Lackadaisical play by Black and
solid defensive play by White has
kept the damage to a minimum, and
a win now seems problematic.
After considerable thought, I
selected the one of two plans that
kept my King centralized and
offered the prospect of opening the
position for my Bishops.



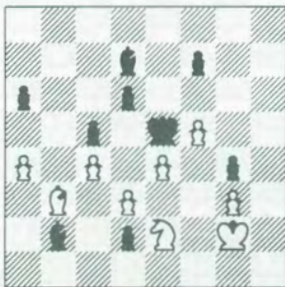
36...g4

The other plan was to play against the a-pawn, but the chance of penetrating successfully on the Queen flank seemed very slight because of its closed nature: 36...Kd8 37.Nf3 f6 38.Kg2 Kc7 39.Kf2 Kb6 40.Ke2 Bc3 41.Nd2 Bd2 42.Qd2 Ka5 43.Qa2 Ba4 44.Bc2 =.

37.Ne2 Kf6 38.Qb3

38.Kg2 Ke5 39.Kf2 d5!! 40.cd5 c4 41.dc4 Ke4 42.Bc2 Ke5 is similar to the game.

38...Qb3 39.Bb3 Ke5 40.Kg2



40...d5!!

Clearing the way for escorts of the d-pawn.

41.cd5 c4 42.dc4 Ke4 43.c5 Ke3 44.Nf4 Bf5 45.d6 Bd4 46.Nd5 Ke2 47.Ne7 Be4 48.Kh2 Bc5 0 : 1

Closed Sicilian B23

Miles Ardaman 2471

Alfred Carlin 2418

SWLa. Open 1991

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.h4!? Bg7?
3...h5!? ; 3...h6!? ; 3...Nf6? 4.e5

4.h5 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.g3

6.f4!?

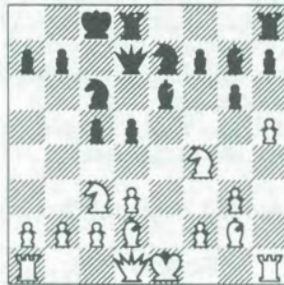
6...d5 7.ed5 ed5 8.Bg2 Be6

8...d4 9.Ne4

9.Nh3 Qd7 10.Nf4 Nge7

10...Bg4 11.Qd2 d4 12.Ne4

11.Bd2 0-0-0



12.a3

Intending b4.

12...Rhe8 13.Kf1

The King is rather safe here, and the Rook is left on a potentially important file.

13...c4!?

Attempting to open the file for his centrally posted pieces.

14.a4

Seeing that Black is planning to exchange pawns, which will open a diagonal for my Queen, I decided to activate my Rook by advancing the a-pawn, also intending to loosen Black's King position along the long diagonal. 14.b4 therefore is no longer necessary, and also runs the risk of allowing d4 and c3 by Black.

14...cd3 15.cd3

15.Nd3!

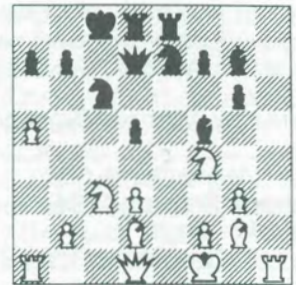
15...Bf5 16.hg6

Not only to open the h-file, but also to free the h5 square, as we shall see.

16...hg6 17.a5

My opponent remarked to me after the game how angry he was during this portion of play. I asked him what had I done??!! He laughed and said, "No, not at you, but at your position! Here you are with

your King in the center, merrily pushing your wing pawns up the board, while I'm building up in the center with every move. I could just taste your King! But . . ." He had realized too late that the semi-closed character of the position permits White to play as he has.



17...g5? 18.Nh5!

18.Nfd5? opens the center for all Black's pieces.

18...Bd3 19.Kg1 Bd4 20.Bg5

Black's pieces prove to be uncoordinated and vulnerable, and his King more exposed than White's.

20...Bf5

20...Ba6 would leave Black vulnerable along the h3-c8 diagonal.

21.a6 Bg4

21...b6 22.Rh4 Bh8 23.Rc1 Kb8 is perhaps somewhat better.

22.ab7 Kb7 23.Qb3 Ka8 24.Be7 Ne7 25.Nf4



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READERS' SHOWCASE

How many of us get to play Legal's mate, even if only in the notes? Simpson's opponent turns down the picturesque offer of a Queen for mate in two, but he does accept a Bishop sac to allow a "Morphy vs. Amateur" type finish.

Notes by Michael Simpson

Vienna Game C30

Michael Simpson 2026

Somedra Singh

UT Law School Tnt. 1991

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6

A very passive continuation.

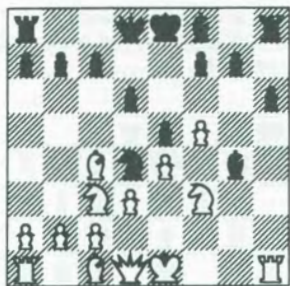
4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 h6?

Black ignores his development and weakens his Kingside. Better is 5...Be7, and if 6.Ng5?! 0-0.

6.d3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.f5 Nd4?

Absolutely required was 8...Bf3 9.Qf3 Na5, though White is well on top with his better Bishop and greater board space. The text loses a piece, but Black seeks complications

... 9.g4 Ng4 10.hg4 Bg4



11.Ne5!! de5

Or 11...Bd1 12.Bf7 Ke7 13.Nd5 mate.

12.Qg4 Nc2

Otherwise White is a piece up for nothing.

13.Kd1 Na1 14.Bf7!!

Please pardon my annotations, but I'm proud of this game.

14...Kf7

Black's best move was 14...Ke7 (14...Kd7 15.f6 decides) 15.Nd5 Kd6 16.Qg6 Kc5 17.Be3 Kb5 18.Nc3 Ka5 19.Kd2, where Black's King is misplaced. Now White forces a pretty mate.

15.Qg6 Kg8 16.Qe6 Kh7 17.Rh6! gh6 18.Qg6 mate 1:0

Notes by Michael Simpson

Sicilian B22

Michael Simpson 2002

Peter Kappler 2029

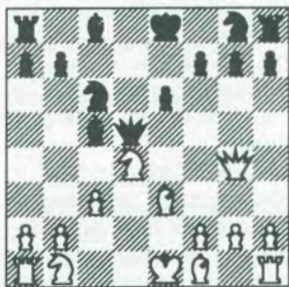
ACE Ladder 5/91

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 =

Novosad claims that this gains the advantage for Black(!)

4.ed5 Qd5 5.d4 e6!? 6.Be3 cd4 7.Nd4 Bc5 8.Qg4?!

Psychologically speaking, this is probably not a good idea. White's third move indicates a desire to steer the opening to quieter channels; with this move he undertakes a sharp line in which he wins the Exchange but misplays the complications badly. I also looked at 8.Nb5, which wins the Exchange but in another position that seems to favor Black.



8...e5

Kappler is not averse to "playing chess." If White's move is an invitation, Black's is an R.S.V.P.

9.Qg7 ed4 10.Qh8 de3 11.Qg8 Ke7 12.f3

So White is ahead in material but badly underdeveloped. I did not spend enough time thinking about choices here. The ugly 12.f4 was better, allowing the King a flight square if ever it should have to recapture Black's Bishop on e2, and threatening 13.Qg5 trading Queens. Now, as I expected, Peter played . . .

12...Bf5 13.Qg5 f6 14.Qg7 Ke6 15.Be2?

Loses by force. Much better was an immediate 15.Qb7, with the idea of Qb3 and Bc4 pinning Black's Queen. One line is 15...Bb1 16.Bc4 Qc4 17.Qc6 with play on both sides. I think this line may favor Black in the long run, but it would not lead to the immediate catastrophe that now occurs.



15...Bd3 16.Bd3 Qd3 17.Qb7

A more stubborn try is 17.Qg4 Kf7 18.Qe4, but 18...Ne5! keeps the attack coming: if 19.Qb7 Kg6 20.Qe4 (20.Qa8?? Qc2 -+) 19...f5! 20.Qd3 Nd3 and Black's passed e-pawn is more than a nuisance - Ed.

17...Rd8 18.Qc6 Kf7 19.Qb7 Kf8 20.Qb3 e2 21.c4 Qd4

I had expected 21...Bb4 22.Qb4 and completely overlooked just how helpless my King really was.

0:1

Sicilian Smith-Morra B21
Zack Coombes 1951
Dale Coleman 2117

A.C.E. Quads 10/7/90

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3
 4.Nc3 d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Nf6?
 7.0-0?

Better is 7.e5! as played in Coombes (1846) - Craig Anderson (2106), A.C.E. Summer Microswiss 1983. That game continued 7...de5 8.Qd8 Kd8 9.Ng5 Na5 10.Bb5 Be6 11.Ne6 fe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Bc6 bc6 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Ne4 h6 16.Bc5 g6 17.0-0-0 Kc7 18.Rhe1 Bg7 19.Kc2 a5 20.a3 ab4 21.Bb4 Nb4 22.ab4 Rhf8 23.Kb3 Rad8 24.f3 Kb6 25.Nc5 Rd1 26.Rd1 Rf5 27.Rd7 (28.Rb8#) 1 : 0

In my seven year absence from the chess wars I had forgotten how to play this position.

7...a6 8.e5?

Now the move is bad. Black controls the b5 square, and after 8...de5 9.Qd8 Nd8 10.Ne5 Be6! White's initiative fizzles and Black keeps the extra pawn.

8...de5 9.Ne5??

This just loses a piece. White is lost in fantasy, thinking 9...Qd1?? 10.Bf7 Kd8 11.Rd1 with advantage. But...

9...Ne5! 10.Qa4 Bd7 11.Qb3 Nc4 12.Qc4 Rc8 13.Qb3 b5 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Rac1 Qc4

With an extra piece, Black seeks exchanges to increase his material advantage. White tries to avoid exchanges while completing his development.

16.Qa3 Qe6?!

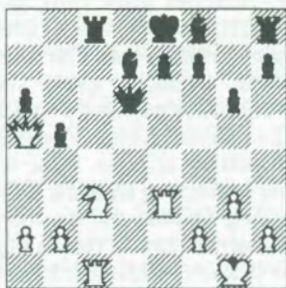
Coleman must have seen ghosts, or he would have played 16...b4 17.Qa5 bc3 18.Rc3 Qb5 with a fully convincing position, e.g. 19.Rc8 Bc8 20.Qc7 Qd7 21.Qb8 Qb7 - Ed.

17.Rfe1 Qd6 18.Qa5 Ng4

Black threatens 19...Qh2 mate and forces another exchange.

19.g3 Ne3 20.Re3 g6?

Black has no time for this, which leaves d6 weak and probably is the losing move. 20...e6 is still winning after 21.Rd1 Qc6 22.Nd5 Bc5 - Ed.



21.Rd1 Qc6

Coleman deprives us of the artistic finish 21...Qc7 22.Ne4! (22.Nd5 Qd6!) and if 22...Qa4?? 23.Nf6 Kd8 24.Rd7 mate! 22...Kd8 23.Qa6 is also surely busted - Ed.

22.Ne4!

Black is a piece up and has succeeded in trading off his active pieces. But his Queen is in the center of the board, and his remaining pieces are undeveloped. White has meanwhile completed his development, and now seizes the initiative with the threat of 23.Nd6!

22...e5

Hopeless is 22...Bg7 23.Nd6 Kf8 24.Nc8 Qc8 25.Red3 - Ed.

23.Rc3 Qb7?

Black also loses after 23...Qe6 24.Rc8 Bc8 25.Qd8 mate. Relatively best is 23...Qa8, but after 24.Rc8 Qc8 25.Nf6 Ke7 26.Nd7 White gets his piece back with an attack.

24.Nf6 Ke7 25.Rd7 Qd7
 26.Nd7 Kd7 27.Rc8 Kc8 28.Qa6
 1 : 0

Black must lose another piece after 28...Kd7 29.Qf6 Rg8 30.Qf7.

Chess on the High Plains

Tommy Groombridge of Lubbock sent in the next two games.

Ruy Lopez Marshall C89
Mehred Pedram 2114
Tommy Groombridge 1787
Lubbock 1991

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.Bd5 cd5
 16.Qf3!?

16.Be3 or 16.Qd3 can transpose into normal lines.

16...Bg4?!

16...Bf5 17.Qd5 Rae8 18.Bd2 Re6
 19.Re6 fe6 20.Qg2 Qh5 ∞ Marshall.

17.Qd5 Rad8

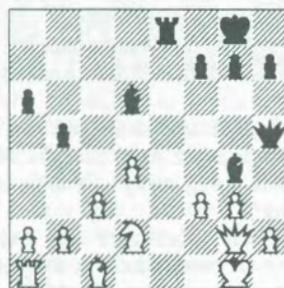
Or 17...Rae8 18.Re8 Re8 19.Be3 ± Harding.

18.Qg2 Qh5 19.Nd2?

19.f4 Rde8 20.Be3 ± Harding.

19...Rfe8 20.Re8 Re8 21.f3

This saves the King, but now the Queen gets "mated."



21...Re1 22.Kf2 Bh3 23.Qh3
 Qh3 24.Ke1 Qh2 25.Nf1 Bg3
 26.Ng3 Qg3 27.Ke2 Qg2 0 : 1

French Defense C07
Leo Linsky 1767
Pat Ready 1760
Lubbock 1991

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.e5?!
 cd4 5.Nb3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Bd3
 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bc5

Greed is no excuse for weakening the dark squares; the extra pawn

at d4 is going nowhere. 8...Nge7 is better.

9.0-0 Nge7 10.a3 Ng6 11.Re1 Bd7 12.Nc5 Qc5 13.Rb1 a6 14.b4 Qa7 15.a4 0-0 16.b5 ab5 17.ab5 Nce7 18.b6 Qb8 19.Bb4 Re8 20.Bd6 Qc8 21.Nd4 Nf5 22.Nf5 ef5 23.g3?

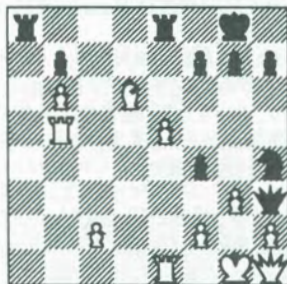
23.Qd2 prepares f2-f4 while preventing f5-f4, without all the mess.

23...f4! 24.Bb5

24.Bg6 hg6 25.gf4 Bg4 26.f3 is safe and solid, but it is clear that White cannot use his extra pawn.

24...Bb5 25.Rb5 Qh3 26.Qd5 Nh4! 27.Qh1

Of course not 27.g4?? f3.



27...Re6 28.Rbb1 Rg6?

Black must have thought f4-f3 "wasn't going away". Was he ever wrong!

28...f3! illustrates the "Aida" theme, or honeymoon in a crypt. If White does nothing, Black's plan is g5, Ng2, g4, h5-h4, Rh6, Kg7, Rah8, hg3 and - well, you get the picture.

The best White can hope for is to give up the Exchange at f3 before g5-g4, but 29.Rb3 Qf5! 30.h3 (air!) Rg6 (Δ Rg3 or Qc2) is no fun at all.

29.e6! fe6 30.Be7!

This move must have been deeply disturbing to Ready.

30...Nf5 31.Qb7 Re8 32.Qg2 Qg2 33.Kg2 Ne7 34.b7 Rb8 35.Re4 fg3 36.hg3 Rf6 37.Rd4 Rff8

1:0 (time)

A Lesson Well Learned

by George True

On a Thursday night in the San Antonio chess club, senior master Miles Ardaman (rated 2509) gave a lecture/simul in which sixteen people participated. The lecture centered around a game played between Miles and Selby Anderson at the World Chess Festival in 1988. Miles brought forth many points concerning dynamic tension, hedgehog defense and the counterplay that sometimes results after a piece is taken. With these lessons in mind, Mr. Ardaman proceeded to play the following game:

London System A48

Miles Ardaman 2474

George True 1406

SACC simul 1991

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3

Here I saw that the struggle would be for e4 rather than e5, and since I had not committed my queenside pawns I played ...

4...b6 5.Nbd2

I now expected Bd3 and e3-e4.

5...Bb7 6.Bc4

I guess I was wrong.

6...Nbd7 7.Qe2

If e4 is what this is all about, then the only weakness I could see is d4.

7...c5 8.c3 Bg7 9.e4 d5 10.Bb3 0-0

If 10...de4 then 11.Ng5.

11.e5 Ne8 12.h4

Believe it or not, I saw this move and feared 0-0-0 would follow, with a real weakness at g6.

12...h5 13.Bc2 e6 14.Bg5 Qc8

I will lose the Exchange to Be7, but can win a center pawn because of the pin along the c-file.

15.Be7 cd4 16.Nd4 Ne5

I took advantage of a lecture theme - that counterplay often follows the loss of material.

17.Bf8 Kf8 18.0-0 Ng4

My concern is now f5.

19.a4 Nd6 20.N2f3 e5 21.Nb5 Nb5 22.ab5 Qc7

Holding onto e5, linking up the Rooks and creating a little threat.

23.Rfd1 e4 24.Nd4 Qh2# 0:1

Ardaman (cont'd. from p. 21)

The Knight returns with a vengeance.

25...Bc3 26.bc3 Qb7

There is no way to avoid catastrophe with the d-pawn.

27.Qb7 Kb7 28.c4 Be6 29.Rh5 Rd6 30.cd5 Bd7 31.Rh7 Rf8



32.Ne6!

Wins another pawn and breaks down Black's feeble defense.

32...Be6 33.de6 Kb6 34.Re1 Ng6 35.e7 Re8 36.Rf7 Kc7 37.f4

It was not hard to calculate that Black cannot win the e-pawn for free.

37...Rd7 38.f5 Ree7

Or 38...Ne7 39.f6 Ng6 40.Rd7 Kd7 41.Bc6.

39.Rc1 Kb6 40.Rf6 Ka5 41.fg6 Rd2 42.Rf7 Ree2 43.Ra7 Kb4 44.Rb7 Ka3 45.Ra1 (45...Ra2 46.Ra7 Kb3 47.Bd5) 1:0

Texas Junior co-champion Steve Fraley won the blitz tourney at the National High School Championship in Atlanta (May 3-5), scoring 18.5 points out of 20.

LETTERS

Senior Forum

Your interview with Ken Smith brought a laugh from some old Houston CC cronies. But I think my son David summed it up the best: "If someone were to give me one hundred adjectives and told me to pick the ones most applicable to Ron Henley . . . the 99th pick would be 'lazy'."

Right. All of us at the 1970's HCC knew Ron studied three hours a day, then played five hours a day. At least. And the club was open six days a week.

Lazy he was NOT. Determined, driven, aware of his talents, he pushed on and on. By the time he had a leg up on GM, he was studying day and night. He stayed with me in Austin for a short time before his final push to the title, and his days were study, eat, exercise, study, study, exercise, more study.

This same drive, ambition carried him to great success at the American Stock Exchange. No one is in doubt about that.

Ummm. I quickly asked David what the 100th adjective was. I'll tell you at the Southwest Open.

Meanwhile, I saw Don Renshaw's name on your patron list. Do you have his collection of Texas games from the 1970's? David has a copy, but I'm sure Renshaw does, too. I'm getting a feeling of *deja-senescent-vu* here . . . may have asked you this before. But in case I didn't, and you've still got that book on the front burner . . . his collection is worth a peek.

I've mailed my copy of TK to New York . . . you might get a rise out of Henley . . . we'll see.

Lynne Babcock
Austin

The interview with Ken Smith in your May/June 1991 issue was very interesting, but I remember some things a little differently than Ken does.

For example, he refers to his friend Richard Harrell (not Harrow) as a chess genius. Richard and Ken were both pupils of mine in those days, and Ken showed a lot of talent, but Richard did not. In fact, since the age of sixteen I have taught thousands to play chess and Ken is the No. 1 star of all time.

In the 1947 Southwest Open Ken achieved an equal score, even though he had been playing only a couple of months. Furthermore, he won his game with Harold McKee, one of the strongest players in the state. The 1947 Southwest Open was won by R. G. Wade, I was second, a half point behind, and Blake Stevens was third. Harrell was nowhere near the top players.

J. C. Thompson
Billings, Montana

Unless my memory failed me, there is a misprint in the May-June *Texas Knights*. In "An Interview with Ken Smith", Ken Smith's mentor from Fort Worth was Richard Harrell, not Harrow. Long ago I worked at the Ft. Worth post office. My chess match with Harrell ended in a 5-5 tie. Years later, he died while chasing a pickpocket in the noonday sun in Cairo, where the heat is intents [sic]. But seriously, he was a genius.

I'm happy that Ken Smith won the Texas Senior Championship. However, the tmt organizers with Sudden Death time limit are driving me out of chess competition! At the Texas Championship (in Dallas) Miles Ardaman used eight hours to win the last round game, and tie for the title with a 5-1 score. I think that it is Unfair that the senior

players are not given equal time for their tmt chess games.

I used to play in the U.S. Senior tmt in San Diego, but not anymore! The first time limit is 40 moves in 100 minutes, then one hour Sudden Death! This limits every game to less than five hours and twenty minutes total.

By contrast the U.S. Open [is] 50/150 plus 20/60 plus 20/60. (One game per day tournament.) [The] first session is five hours, then adjournment (sealed move envelope not obsolete.) Second session is another two hours, and third session is additional two hours, etc., etc. Why make us older players? move faster and faster! It's discrimination, pure and simple. I'm mad as Hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!

Robert Brieger
Houston

First, I should mention that the Texas Championship and the Texas Senior tournaments were held in different cities by different organizers on different weekends. The organizers set the agenda, including time controls for their tournaments. The U.S. Open and the U.S. Senior are also run separately. It does seem unfortunate that the seniors were allowed less time, however.

Next, in the U.S. Open which runs for two weeks, rounds start at 7 p.m. to encourage the participation of local players who work during the day. This results in the adjournment at midnight after the first time control has been reached.

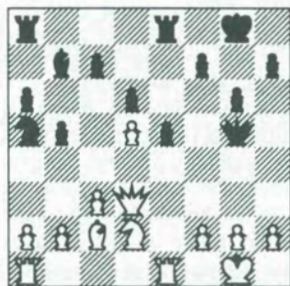
Finally, adjournments may be on the way out. Chess Life reported (July 1991 p. 37) that the Board of the GMA generally felt that adjournments would have to be eliminated eventually because of the increasing potential of computer programs to assist in analysis.

- SKA

Deeply laid error

Regarding Miller-Peterson, Rd. 6 in the Texas Jr. Championship: there's a problem with Peterson's "deeply laid combination".

Miller - Peterson



Position after 16.Nd2

After 16...e4? 17.Ne4 Re4 18.Re4 Bd5 19.Qe3! [instead of 19.Rg4?] White is up the exchange for a pawn, and Black's attack is parried. Black needs to improve on move sixteen. 16...c5?! is no good because 17.b4 is still strong. That means the only move to hold the pawn is 16...Bc8 Δ 17.b4?! Bf5 18.Ne4 Be4 19.Qe4 Nc4 etc.

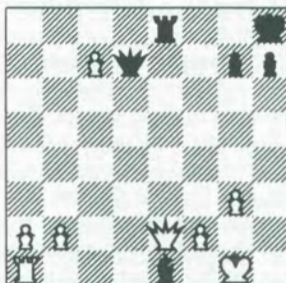
Michael Simpson
Austin

Thanks, Mike. I'm considering a book project, "Bust the Editor!" to be released as a multivolume set. Seriously though, I can still brag that my magazine is free from run-on sentences, articles "continued" in some other dimension, and game diagrams missing pieces. - SKA

An immortal position

The analysis to the "immortal" Miller-Friesenhahn game in the Texas Middle School Championship (May-June TK, pp. 6-7) drew comment from several readers. After 30.Qe2! (instead of 30.Qf1 as

played) 30...Qd7 the following position is reached:



Position after 30...Qd7

Both Bill Church and Mark Stephens suggested 31.Qe1!? Re1 32.Re1, which avoids the lines where Black sacs his Bishop on f2.

Black's defense is problematic, but apparently not impossible: 32...h5 33.Rc1 Qc8 34.b4 h4 35.b5 hg3 36.fg3 Kh7 37.Rc3 (37.b6 Qg4) 37...g5!! (Gallagher; not 37...Qe6 when Alex Weinberg's 38.Rc2!! runs Black out of checks) 38.b6 g4! 39.b7 Qe6 and Gallagher was able to sustain the flurry of checks against the best evasive maneuvers by myself and Weinberg. Once again to quote Gallagher's notes, the position "was analysed by three masters without coming to a definite conclusion."

Amarillo (cont'd. from p. 16)

29.Rd4 b5 30.b4?

30.Nd7! Rc4 31.Rc4 bc4 32.Nb6 and 33.Nc4, and White is still two pawns ahead.

30...Rc4 31.Rc4 bc4 32.Rg3 Be2 33.Rg2

Driving the Black Bishop to its optimum square. On d3 it protects both g6 and c4, and it can participate in an attack on the White King.

33...Bd3 34.a4 Rh3!
Activating the Rook.
35.Ne8?

In minor time trouble now, White begins to lose the thread. In the post mortem he commented that he didn't play 35.Kd2, fearing 35...c3 36.Kc3 Bf1 - but here 37.Rg3! saves the day.

35...Rf3 36.Ng7 c3 37.Rg1 Rf2
Threatening 38...Rb2 or 38...Ra2.
38.Rd1 Rc2 39.Kb1 Rb2
40.Ka1



40...c2!

And with White still two pawns ahead, he must strike the colors. A drastic turnaround! 0 : 1

Brad Webster (2125) won a time handicap tournament held April 10 with a 4-0 score. Brad Higby (1458) was second with 3-1, ahead of several higher rated players.

SOLUTION (back cover problem)
1.Na8! Kd6 2.Kd4 Kc6 3.Qd5#

In Memoriam: Paul Alexander, president of the Abilene Chess Club for five years, died May 16 at the age of 80. Paul was a familiar figure at tournaments, as he was always ready to go anywhere to play. He served in the South Pacific during World War II, taught school and coached basketball in Ohio until he retired in 1977 and moved to Abilene, TX. He brought enthusiasm and a human touch to the chess sport. - Duane Solley

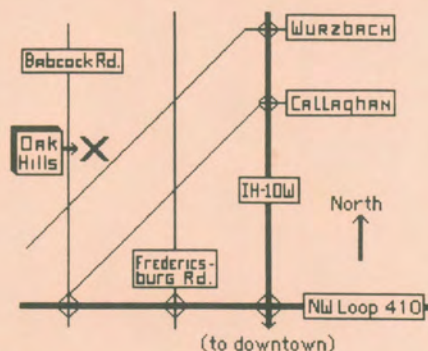
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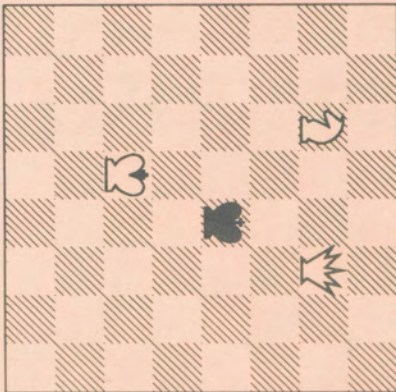
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This issue's problem:



White to mate in three

(William Shinkman, 1847-1933)
Solution: page 26

