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Cover: Pete Gibson of Houston poses with Governor Ann Richards after she declared May 14 and 15 "National Blind Chess Championship Days" in Texas. Photo credit: Texas State Senate photographer.

# Ardaman wins 1993 Texas Championship

Miles Ardaman took a fourth round bye and defeated five opponents to win his fourth Texas Championship title. This time nobody tied him, and Miles became only the second player in TCA history to win *outright* both the Southwest Open and the Texas Championship in succession. (Joe Bradford did it in 1987.) Bradford, who was Ardaman's nemesis in the last round of last year's event, this year was routed in 29 moves from the same opening. Ardaman had retooled his Tarrasch Defense to the Queen's Gambit, and pulled an exchange sacrifice which must have had the effect of stunning Bradford.

The 44-player field in the Championship section lacked IM Doug Root, but was strengthened by the presence of strong foreign masters. Jukka Pakkanen of Finland tied for second place with FM Florentino Garmendez, who had come from Linares, Mexico.

Sixty-two year-old Fred Payne of Arlington (2030) played some 30 years younger than his years and 300 points higher. He went on a tear against masters at the outset, defeating Moss, Simms and Curtin before getting stopped by Florentino Garmendez. He mated Simms with King, Knight and Bishop versus King on move 113!

Matt Campbell was unstoppable in the 175-player Amateur event, racking up a perfect 6-0 score for \$700.

Gary Zintgraff, C.E.O. of Environmental Management Corporation, donated a \$50 brilliancy prize for the best game in each section. A committee of Doug Root, Jim Gallagher and myself selected Bradford-Ardaman and Davis-Wren, both games won by Black.

William Tompkins, assisted by Gary Gaiffe, directed a record field of 219 players. The event was held May 29-31 at the Howard Johnson Plaza North in Austin.

## PRIZEWINNERS

### Open Section

1st	Miles Ardaman	5.5 pts.	\$1,000 + T
2nd-3rd	Jukka Pakkanen	5	340
	F. Garmendez	5	340
Expert	Drew Sarkisian	4	266.66
	Mark Kislingbury	4	266.66
	Fred Payne	4	266.66

### Reserve Section

1st	Matt Campbell	6 pts.	\$700 + T
2nd-9th(!)	John Dunlap	5	80
	Cliff White	5	80
	Joseph Dinan	5	80
	Scottson White	5	80
	Max Warshauer	5	80
(1st C)	Anthony Schleizer	5	384 + T
(1st-2nd U1400)	Fernando Hermosa	5	100 + T
	Jon Maniccia	5	100
Class B	Allen Eckert	4.5	250 + T
	Gary Gibich	4.5	250
2nd-3rd C	Blair Burleson	4	48
	Daniel Coffman	4	48
3rd U1400	Chris Mabry	3	100
4th U1400	Chris Saucedo	2.5	100

### Environmental Mgt. "Evergreen" Brilliancies

Championship	Miles Ardaman	\$50
Amateur	George Wren	50

## Round 1

### Sicilian Dragon B37

Drew Sarkisian 2182

Joe Bradford 2539

Texas Chp. 1993 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 c5  
4.Nc3 cd4 5.Nd4 Nc6 6.e4 Bg7  
7.Be2? Ne4! 8.Nc6 Nc3 9.Nd8  
Nd1 10.Nf7 Kf7 11.Bd1 d6 12.Bf3  
Rb8 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bd5 Bd5  
15.cd5 Rbc8 16.Rb1 Rc2 17.a4  
Rhc8 18.b4 R8c4 19.Be3 Bd4  
20.Rb3 Ke8 21.Re1 b6 22.h3 Bc3  
23.Reb1 Bd2 24.a5



24...Rc1 25.Rc1 Rc1 26.Kh2  
Be3 27.fe3 ba5 28.ba5 Ra1 29.Rb8  
Kf7 30.Kg3 Ra5 31.Rb7 Ra1  
32.Kf3 a5 33.Ra7 a4 34.e4 Kf6

35.h4 h5 36.Kf2 a3 37.Ke2 a2  
38.Kf2 g5 39.hg5 Kg5 40.Kg3 h4  
41.Kh2 Kf4 42.Ra4 Ke5 0:1

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

### Dutch Defense A04

Miles Ardaman 2459

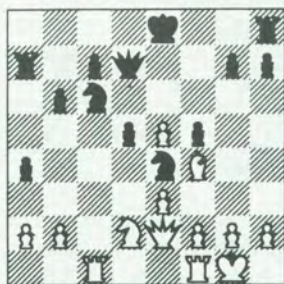
George Rector 2180

Texas Chp. 1993 (1)

1.Nf3 f5 2.d3 d5 3.Nbd2 Nc6?!  
4.d4! += e6 5.Nb3 a5?! 6.Bf4 b6?!  
7.e3 Ba6 8.Ba6 Ra6 9.Qe2 Ra7  
10.0-0 Bd6 11.c4 a4 12.Nbd2 Nf6  
13.Rac1 Qd7

White's task is to open up the position.

14.Ne5! Be5 15.de5 Ne4  
16.cd5 ed5



17.Ne4

17.e6! Qe6 18.Qb5 Nd2 (18...Kd7  
19.Nf3 Ra5 20.Qc6! +-; 18...Nc5  
19.Bc7! Rc7 20.Qb6 +-) 19.Rc6 Qd7  
20.Re6 Kd8 21.Bg5 Kc8 22.Qd7 Kd7  
23.Re7 Kd6 24.Rc1 h6 25.Re7 Rc7  
26.Bf4 Ke6 27.Rc7 ±, e.g., 27...g5  
28.Bg3 d4? 29.Rc6! Ke7 (29...Kd5  
30.Rd6 +-) 30.Be5 +-.

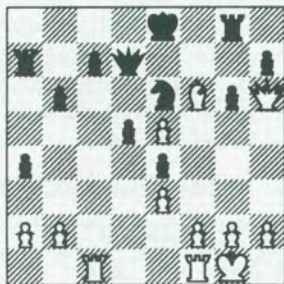
17...fe4

17...de4 18.Rfd1 Qe6 19.Qb5 +-.

18.Qh5

18.e6?! Qe6 19.Qh5 Kd7 20.Rfd1  
Ra5!

18...g6 19.Qh6 Nd8 20.Bg5  
Ne6 21.Bf6 Rg8



The basic defect for Black is his unsafe King; therefore White's task is the same as before – to open lines.

22.f4 ef3 23.gf3 c5 24.Rcd1 Qc6  
25.Qh3 Rf7 26.f4 Kd7 27.Qg2 ± d4  
28.e4

Now White's pawns are mobile and threaten to crash through.

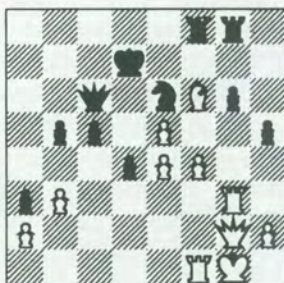
28...Rff8 29.b3!

Gaining time in preparation for a strong Rook lift, and forcing Black to expose his King again if he desires counterplay.

29...a3 30.Rd3 b5

A double-edged sword: active but weakening.

31.Rh3 h5 32.Rg3

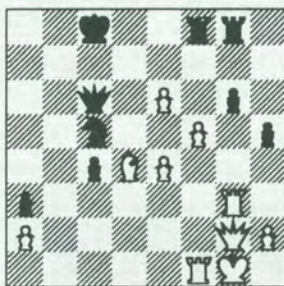


So far so fabulous.

32...c4 33.bc4 bc4 34.f5

Ouch!

34...Nc5 35.e6 Kc8 36.Bd4



White has completely destroyed his opponent's position, leaving him with weak pawns, an exposed King, pinned men, and a raging dynamic duo of pawns to contemplate. What happens now however is tragicomic.

36...Ne4?

This should simply lose a piece. 36...Nd3 held out the best chance of resistance.

37.Rf4 +- h4!?

Why not? It certainly confused me at the time!

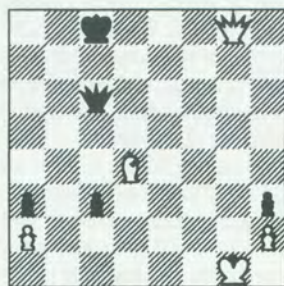
38.Rgg4?? [38.Rg5] h3!

Wow! I really had a cow when I realized that all my pressure was soon to vanish: 39.Qe4? Qe4 40.Re4 gf5! +-; and 39.Qh3 gives nothing after 39...gf5 and ...Qe6 =. I kept my cool though and played ...

39.Qf3 (forced) gf5 40.Rf5 Rg4  
41.Qg4 Rf5 42.Qf5 c3

Although White can win a piece, it's unclear whether he can win the game.

43.e7 Kb7 44.Qf7 Nd6 45.e8(Q)  
Nf7 46.Qf7 Kc8 47.Qg8



47...Kd7

0 : 1 ??

To my pleasant surprise Rector resigned here, fearing 48.Qg7 Kc8 49.Bc3, but after 49...Qb6 White has no good moves. I intended 48.Qh7, but 48...Ke8! 49.Qc2 Qf3 50.Bc3 Qg4 =. Caissa smiles on Miles!

*Sicilian Closed B25*

**Steve Owen 2107**

**Jim Gallagher 2302**

*Texas Chp. 1993 (1)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6  
4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Nge2 e5

This is neither better nor worse than 6...e6 or 6...Nf6, but it has the virtue of being straight-forward in execution (i.e., hard to botch).

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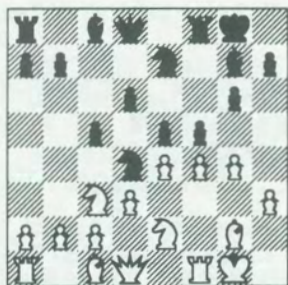
Playable is 7.Nd5 Nge7 8.Nec3  
Rb8 9.h4 h6 ∞ Spassky-Suba, Reggio  
Emilia 1986-87.



Fred Payne

7...Nge7 8.h3?!

Owen starts frittering away his time on kingside pawn moves, when Black's setup is ideal for meeting a pawn storm halfway. Two better plans: (a) 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 Be6 10.f4 Nd4 11.Rae1 Qd7 12.Nc1 Rad8 13.Nd1 b6 14.c3 Ndc6 = Kholmov-Tal, USSR 1962; (b) 8.a3 0-0 9.Rb1 f5 10.Bd2 a5 11.a4 Be6 12.Nd5 h6 = Spassky-Hort, W. Germany 1986-6. 8...Nd4 9.f4 0-0 10.g4?! f5



As lines get opened, Black's lead in mobilization will tell.

11.gf5 gf5 12.fe5 Be5 13.Nd4?

The losing move; one suspects that Black's method of recapture came as a surprise. After 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Nf4 Kh8! Black is clearly more comfortable, but there is still a fight ahead.

13...cd4! 14.Nd5 Nd5 15.ed5 Qh4

What a change a few tempi make. 16.Qf3 f4 17.Bd2 Kh8 18.Be1 Qh6 19.Kf2 Bd7!

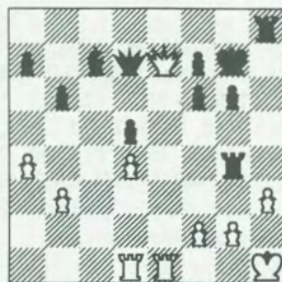
White's King is not permitted to escape. Likewise crunchy is 19...Bf5 followed by ...Bg6-h5.

20.Ke2 Be8 21.Qf2 f3! 22.Bf3 Bh5 23.Bd2 Qg6 24.Rg1 Rf3! 25.Rg6 Rf2 26.Kf2 Rf8 27.Kg2 Bf3 28.Kg1 hg6 and 0:1

Queen's Indian A47  
Larry Moss 2207  
Fred Payne 2030  
Texas Chp. 1993 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 d5 6.Bb5 c6 7.Bd3 e5

8.c3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qb1 Nbd7 11.h3 Re8 12.a4 Nf8 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Bg5 Qc7 15.Bf6 gf6 16.Ng4 Kg7 17.e4 Ng6 18.ed5 Bd5 19.Ne3 Rg8 20.Nd5 ed5 21.Bg6 hg6 22.Re1 Bh2 23.Kh1 Bf4 24.Nf1 Rge8 25.Qd3 Qd7 26.Qf3 Bc7 27.Ne3 Rad8 28.b3 cd4 29.cd4 Re4 30.Rad1 Rf4 31.Qe2 Rh8 32.Ng4 Rg4 33.Qe7



33...Qf5 34.Qc7 Rg2! 0:1

## Round 2

English Hedgehog A31  
Joe Bradford 2539  
Mark Dejmek 2182  
Texas Chp. 1993 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cd4 4.Nd4 b6 5.Nc3 a6 6.e4 Bb7 7.Qe2 Qc7 8.Nc2 Nc6 9.g3 e6 10.Bf4 d6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.b3 Qb8 13.Bg2 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfd1 h6 16.h3 Rfe8 17.g4 Nd7 18.Qd2 Nce5 19.Be3 Qa8 20.f4 Ng6



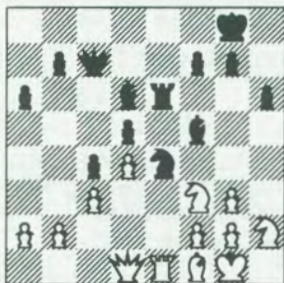
21.e5! Nh4 22.Bb7 Qb7 23.Ne1  
Red8 24.ed6 Nf6 25.Qf2 Bd6  
26.Qh4 Bb4 27.Ne2 Rd1 28.Rd1  
Qe4 29.Qf2 b5 30.Ng3 Qg6 31.f5  
1:0

*French Defense C03*

Mike Calogridis 2200  
Eugene Curtin 2413

*Texas Chp. 1993 (2)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6  
4.Ngf3 c5 5.ed5 ed5 6.Be2 c4 7.0-0  
Bd6 8.Re1 Ne7 9.Nf1 0-0 10.Bg5  
Qc7 11.Bh4 Nf5 12.Bg3 Ng3  
13.hg3 Re8 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.Qg5  
Nf6 16.Qh4 Re4 17.Qg5 Bg4  
18.N1h2 Rae8 19.Bf1 h6 20.Qd2  
Bf5 21.c3 R8e6 22.Rad1 Re1  
23.Re1 Ne4 24.Qd1



24...Nf2 25.Kf2 Bg3 26.Kg1  
Re1 27.Ne1 Bh2 28.Kh1 Bg3  
29.Nf3 Be4 30.Qa4 Qe7 0:1

*French Defense C04*

Gary Simms 2292  
Fred Payne 2030

*Texas Chp. 1993 (2)*

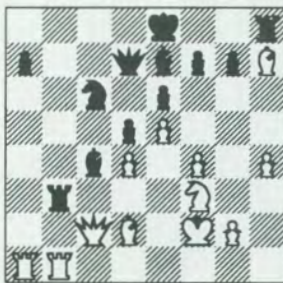
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5  
Ne4 5.Bd3 Nd2 6.Bd2 b6!? 7.c3  
Qd7 8.f4 Ba6 9.Bc2 Nc6

Why not 9...c5? Black will play  
the time-consuming 12...Nd8 to  
enforce it later.

10.b4 Bc4 11.a4 Be7 12.Nf3  
Nd8 13.Kf2 Rc8 14.h4 c5 15.bc5  
bc5 16.Qb1!

There is no doubt as to who has  
won the opening debate. Both Bxh7  
and f4-f5 are threatened.

16...cd4 17.cd4 Rc7 18.Bh7  
Rb7 19.Qc2 Bb3 20.Qb1 Ba4  
21.Qd3 Rb3 22.Qa6 Bb5 23.Qa2  
Bc4 24.Qc2 Nc6 25.Rhb1



Black has dug himself in a hole,  
so he digs deeper with speculative  
sacrifices amounting to a Rook.

25...Rf3 26.gf3 Bh4 27.Ke3 g5  
28.fg5 Bg5 29.f4 Qe7 30.Rh1 Bf4  
31.Kf4 Kd7 32.Rag1

32.Qb2! seizes the initiative:

(a) 32...Kd8 33.Qa3 Qb7 34.Bg6!  
Rg8 35.Qd6 +/-;

(b) 32...Kc8 33.Qa3 Qb7 34.Bc2  
Rg8 35.Rag1 Rd8 36.Qc5 +/-.

32...f6 33.Qg6 fe5 34.de5 Rf8  
35.Kg3 Ne5 36.Qg5?

36.Qh5! Nf3 37.Qf3 +=

36...Rf3?

36...Qa3! 37.Be3 (37.Kg2 Rf2!  
38.Kf2 Qf3 39.Ke1 Qe2#) Rf3 +/-.

37.Kg2 Qc5 38.Rh6

38.Be1! +/-

38...Rf2 39.Kh1 Qd4? 40.Qg7?

White makes time control but  
misses 40.Be3 +/-.

40...Rf7 41.Qg2 Nd3 42.Bg6?

Either 42.Qg5 or 42.Be1 would  
have held things together.

42...Nf2 43.Kh2 Qd2 44.Rh4  
Rf4 45.Be8!? Kd6! 46.Rf4 Qf4  
47.Qg3 Qg3 48.Kg3 Ne4

At last the tables have turned.

49.Kf4 Nc5 50.Rg7 a6 51.Ke3  
Bb5 52.Bh5 a5 53.Ra7 e5 54.Ra5  
d4 55.Kf2 Bc6 56.Bd1 Be4 57.Ke2

Bd5 58.Kd2 e4 59.Ra3 Bc4  
60.Rh3 Nd7 61.Rh4 Nf6 62.Bc2  
Ke5 63.Rh3 Be6 64.Rh6 Bf5  
65.Ba4 Nd5 66.Bb5 e3 67.Ke1 d3  
68.Rh2 Kd4 69.Rh4 Be4 70.Rh2  
Kc3 71.Bd3 Kd3 72.Rh3 Ng4  
73.Rg3 Ne2 74.Rg8 Nf4 75.Rg3  
Ng2 76.Kd1 Nh4 77.Re3 Ke3

The last capture – time to start  
counting moves!



78.Kc1 Nf5 79.Kb2 Nd4  
80.Kc3 Bd5 81.Kb4 Ne6 82.Kc3  
Nc5 83.Kb4 Kd4 84.Kb5 Nd7  
85.Kb4 Bc4 86.Ka3 Kc3 87.Ka4  
Ne5 88.Ka5 Bb3 89.Kb5 Nd3  
90.Kc6 Kd4 91.Kd6 Bd5 92.Kd7  
Ke5 93.Ke7 Nc5 94.Ke8 Ke6  
95.Kf8 Kf6 96.Ke8 Bf7 97.Kd8  
Ke6 98.Kc7 Kd5 99.Kb6 Be8  
100.Kc7 Bc6 101.Kb6 Nb3  
102.Kc7 Ba4 103.Kb7 Kd6  
104.Kc8 Na5 105.Kd8 Bc6  
106.Kc8 Bd7 107.Kb8 Kc6  
108.Ka7 Kc7 109.Ka6 Nc4  
110.Ka7 Bc8 111.Ka8 Ne5  
112.Ka7 Nc6 113.Ka8 Bb7 mate  
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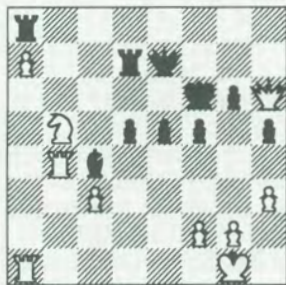
*French Defense C02*

Cliff Bunch 2074  
Tony Alston 2159

*Texas Chp. 1993 (2)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3  
Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 Bd7 7.0-0 f6  
8.Bd3 f5 9.Bc2 Rc8 10.dc5 Bc5  
11.b4 Be7 12.Be3 Qc7 13.a4 g6  
14.Na3 a6 15.Rc1 h5 16.Nb1 b5  
17.a5 Rh7 18.Ng5 Bg5 19.Bg5 Qe5

20.Re1 Qd6 21.Bb3 Nge7 22.Be7  
 Re7 23.Qd2 Kf7 24.Qh6 Rg8  
 25.Rcd1 Ne5 26.h3 Kf6 27.Qf4  
 Nc4 28.Qd4 Kf7 29.Bc4 bc4  
 30.Qc4 Rc8 31.Qd4 Ba4 32.Rd2  
 Rec7 33.Qe3 Bd7 34.Qh6 Rc4  
 35.Rd3 Qf8 36.Qg5 Qd8 37.Qd2  
 Qf6 38.Rc1 R4c7 39.Na3 Ba4  
 40.Rd4 Bb3 41.b5 ab5 42.Nb5 Rd7  
 43.Rb4 Bc4 44.a6 Qe7 45.Qh6 Ra8  
 46.Ra1 e5 47.a7 Kf6



48.Nc7 Rc7 49.Rb6 1:0  
 49...Kf7 50.Qh7 Ke8 51.Rb8 Rc8  
 52.Rc8 Rc8 53.Qe7 Ke7 54.a8(Q).

### Round 3

*French Defense C18*

**Jukka Pakkanen 2337**

**Joseph Bradford 2539**

*Texas Chp. 1993 (3)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5  
 c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0  
 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3  
 Qc7 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nf7 Qf7 13.Qg6



13...Qg6 14.Bg6 cd4 15.cd4  
 Nd4 16.Be3 Nc6 17.f4 b6 18.0-0  
 Bd7 19.Bd3 DRAW

*Bird's Opening A03*

**Miles Ardaman 2459**

**Jim Gallagher 2302**

*Texas Chp. 1993 (4)*

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.b3  
 Nbd7 5.Bb2 e6

More efficient is 5...c6 6.Be2 Qc7  
 7.0-0 Bf3 8.Bf3 e5 = Romanishin-  
 Kasparov, USSR 1976.

6.h3 Bf3 7.Qf3 Bd6 8.Nc3 c6  
 9.g4 Ne4?

9...h6 holds White to a manage-  
 able edge.

10.Ne4 de4 11.Qe4 Qh4 12.Ke2  
 0-0-0 13.Bg2 Rhe8 14.Raf1 Nc5  
 15.Qc4 f5 16.Bd4 Ne4 17.Be4 fe4  
 18.Ba7 h5 19.Rfg1 e5 20.f5 Ba3  
 21.Qe4 Bb2 22.Bb6 Rd7 23.d3 Ba3  
 24.Qa4 Bd6 25.e4 Bb8 26.Bf2 Qe7  
 27.gh5 1:0

*Sicilian B80*

**Florentino Garmendez 2468**

**Selby Anderson 2239**

*Texas Chp. 1993 (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4  
 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 a6  
 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a3 0-0 10.h3  
 d6 11.Re1 Bd7 12.Bg5 Rac8  
 13.Nc6 Bc6 14.Qe2 h6 15.Be3 b5  
 16.Rad1 Qb7 17.Bf4 e5 18.Bc1 a5  
 19.Nd5 Nd5 20.ed5 Bd7 21.c3



White has played the opening  
 lackadaisically, and should have  
 gotten punished at this point.

21...f5?!

21...b4! 22.ab4 ab4 23.c4 b3! -/+  
 F. Garmendez. The c4 pawn is far  
 more vulnerable than the one on b3.

22.Bd2 a4 23.f4 Bf6 24.Be3  
 Rce8 25.Qf2 Qc8 26.Qd2 Kh7  
 27.Re2 Rg8 28.Rde1 g5?!

I play wrongheadedly to the end.  
 29.fe5 Be5 30.Bf2 h5 31.Bd4  
 Bg3 32.Re8 Be8 33.Re7 Kh6  
 34.Qd3 h4 35.Re6 1:0 (time)

### Round 4

After three rounds, the only perfect  
 scores belong to Miles Ardaman  
 and ... Fred Payne! Ardaman takes a  
 bye, so it is up to the senior master  
 from Linares to stop the rampage of  
 the former *Texas Knights* editor.

*Czech Benoni A56*

**Fred Payne 2030**

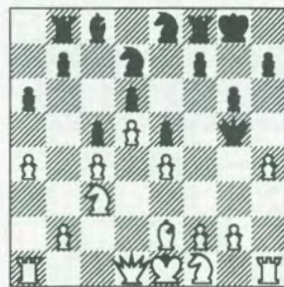
**Florentino Garmendez 2468**

*Texas Chp. 1993 (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3  
 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.Be3 Nbd7  
 8.h3 Rb8 9.a4 Ne8 10.Nf3 a6  
 11.Nd2 (11.Qd2!?) Bg5

Black has a pleasant game.

12.Nf1 g6 13.Bg5 Qg5 14.h4



14...Qe7 15.h5 Qg5 16.Ng3  
 Ndf6 17.Qd2 Qd2 18.Kd2 Kg7  
 19.Raf1 h6 20.f4 Bg4 21.fe5 de5  
 22.Bg4 Ng4 23.Rf3 Nd6 24.Kd3

b5 25.cb5 ab5 26.a5 c4 27.Kc2 b4  
28.Nce2 Rfc8 29.a6 Rb6 30.Ra1  
Ra8 31.hg6 fg6 32.Ra5 Rba6  
33.Rc5 Rc8 34.Rc8 Nc8 35.Nf1  
Nd6 36.Ne3 Nf6 37.Rf6 Kf6  
38.Ng4 Kg7 39.Ne5 Ra1 40.Nf4  
Rf1 41.Nc4 Nc4 42.Ne6 Kf6  
43.Nc5 Ke5 44.Kb3 Nd2 0 : 1

*Queen's Indian E18*  
**Joe Bradford 2539**  
**Omer Haldun Unalmis 2328**  
*Texas Chp. 1993 (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3  
Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.cd5 ed5  
8.Nc3 Bb7

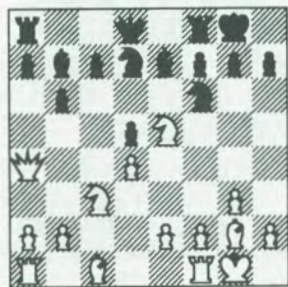
8...c5 has been played with impunity: 9.Qc2 (9.cd5 bc5 10.Qa4 is more Bradford-like) Nc6 10.Bf4 Bg4 11.cd5 bc5 12.Ne5 Ne5 13.Be5 d4 14.Ba8 Qa8 15.Bf6 Bf6 16.Ne4 Bh3 17.Rfd1 Bg5 18.f3 += Razuvaev-Vaganian, Sochi 1983.

Another sideline is 8...c6 9.Ne5 Bf5 10.Bf4 Nfd7 11.e4 de4 12.Ne4 Be6 13.Nc6 Nc6 14.d5 Bd5 15.Qd5 Nde5 16.Nc3 ± Grünfeld-Nowak, Warsaw 1969.

9.Ne5 Nbd7?!

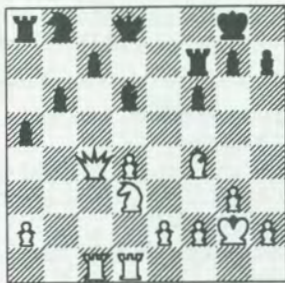
9...Na6 transposes to the ECO line: 10.Qa4 Qe8 11.Qe8 (11.Qb3!?) Rfe8 12.e3 c5 13.Rd1 Nc7 14.cd5 bc5 15.b3 Rab8 16.Ba3 += Neckar-Abramovic, Praha 1983.

10.Qa4 ±

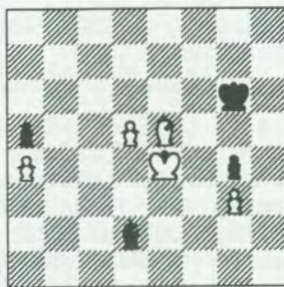


White is already much better. This position occurred in Dvoretzky-Beliavsky, USSR 1974.

10...Nb8 11.Bf4 Ne4 12.Rac1  
f6 13.Nd3 Bd6 14.Rfd1 Nc3  
15.bc3 Rf7 16.c4 Bc6 17.Qb3 dc4  
18.Qc4 Bg2 19.Kg2 a5



20.Qd5 Ra7 21.e4 g5 22.Be3 c6  
23.Qf5 Qd7 24.Qd7 Rfd7 25.d5  
cd5 26.Rc8 Kf7 27.ed5 Rab7  
28.Rb1 Na6 29.Rb6 Rb6 30.Bb6  
Nb4 31.Nb4 Bb4 32.Rc7 Rc7  
33.Bc7 g4 34.f3 h5 35.h3 f5 36.a4  
Ke7 37.hg4 Kd7 38.Bf4 hg4 39.fg4  
fg4 40.Kf2 Ke7 41.Ke3 Kf6  
42.Ke4 Bc3 43.Bc7 Bd2 44.Be5  
Kg6



45.Bf4 Bc3 46.Bc7 1 : 0

Notes by Bighamian

*Torre Attack A48*  
**Igor Shtern 2425**  
**Mansour Bighamian 2329**  
*Texas Chp. 1993 (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7  
3...h6 and 3...Ne4 are also playable.

4.Nbd2 d5

4...c5 is a major alternative, while 4...d6 maintains a King's Indian formation.

5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5

(a) 6...b6 7.Qe2 Bb7 8.e4 de4 9.Ne4 Nbd7 10.0-0-0! h6 11.Bd2 (11.Bh4!) Ne4?! (11...c5!? 12.dc5 (12.Nf6 ef6! =+) Ne4 13.Be4 Be4 14.Qe4 Nc5 15.Qh4 e6! ∞) 12.Be4 Be4 13.Qe4 Nf6 14.Qe2 Qd5 (14...c6!?) 15.c4 Qe4 16.Rhe1 Qe2 17.Re2 e6 18.Ne5 Rfd8 19.Bc3 Ne8 20.a4! Nd6 21.b3 Nb7 22.Kc2 Rd6 23.f4 Rad8 24.Red2 c6 25.b4! ± Mariotti-Tatai, Rome 1977;

(b) 6...Nc6 7.0-0 Nb4 8.Be2 Bf5 9.a3 Nc6 10.c4 Ne4 11.Ne4 (11.Bh4!?) de4 12.Nd2 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bg6 15.d5 Ne5 16.Qc2 f5 17.Be5 Be5 18.Rad1 Kh7 19.f4 gf4 20.ef4 Bg7 21.Kh1 Qd7 22.b4 e5 =+ Trifunovic-Malich, Halle 1963;

(c) 6...c6 7.c3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Re8 (Qb6 9.b4!) 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Bg5 Nhf6 11.Qb3! e5 12.e4! ed4 13.cd4 de4 14.Ne4 Qb6 15.Nd6! Petrosian-Krogus, USSR 1960;

(d) 6...Nbd7 7.h3 Re8 8.c4 c5 9.0-0 b6?! 10.cd5 cd4 11.Nd4 Nd5 12.Bb5 Bd4 13.ed4 Bb7 14.Qg4 a6? 15.Qd7! (15.Bd7? h5!) ab5 16.Qb7 1 : 0 Szabo-Kirov, Budapest 1975.

7.c3 b6 8.h4

This move came as a mild surprise to me, but it does reveal my opponent's aggressive intentions.

8...Nc6

8...Ba6 is perfectly playable too.

9.Qa4 Qe8 10.Qa3

White seems to lack a sound plan. Though striking at undefended squares is usually a tactical necessity, in this case it is strategically poor due to the serious misplacement of the Queen.

10...c4

A difficult decision.

11.Bc2 h6 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Bh2 e5 14.de5 Ne5 15.Ne5 Be5 16.Be5 Qe5 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Rd1 Re8 19.Rd4



The last opportunity for White to castle.

19...Ng3!

The first turning point of the game. White's reply is forced.

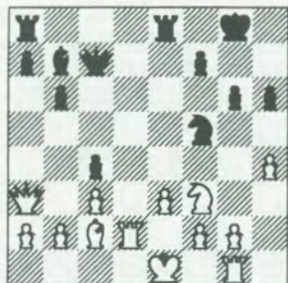
20.Rg1 Nf5 21.Rd5??

After 21.Rd2 Qf4 Black is favored.

21...Bb7

This simple and winning move was probably overlooked by my opponent. Black now wins in all variations.

22.Rd2



22...Ne3!! 23.fe3 (forced) Qg3 24.Kf1 Bf3 25.gf3 Qf3 26.Rf2 Qh3 27.Rgg2 Re3 28.Bd1?

28.Bf5 Rae8! +-; 28.Qd6 Rae8 29.Qd2 Qh1 30.Rg1 Re1! +

28...Qh1 29.Rg1 Qh3 30.Rgg2 Rae8 31.Kg1 Re1 32.Rf1 Qe3 33.Rgf2 Qg3 34.Rg2 Rf1 0:1

*French Defense C05*

David Naiser 2134

John Readey 2411

*Texas Chp. 1993 (4)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 Be7

8...cd4 9.cd4 Bb4 10.Kf2 g5!? is the line most frequently seen.

9.Kf2

9.Bh3! 0-0 10.Ne2 Qa6 11.0-0 cd4 12.cd4 Nb6 13.Ne1 += Dely-Farago, Hungary 1968.

9...cd4 10.cd4 g5 11.fg5!?

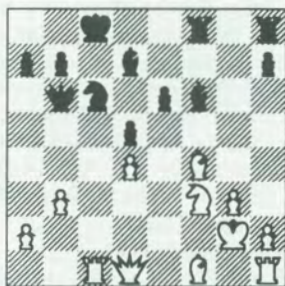
11.h3 gf4 12.gf4 f6 13.Qb3 Qb3 14.ab3 Nb6 15.Bd2 Bd7 = Eremenkov-Despotovic, Smederevska Palanka 1979.

11...Nde5 12.Ne5 Ne5 13.Kg2 Nc6 14.Nf3 Bd7 15.b3 0-0-0?!

This looks natural, but it quickly gets Black in hot water. Better is 15...f6 16.gf6 Bf6, and I would rather be playing the Black side.

16.Bf4 f6 17.gf6 Bf6 18.Rc1 Rdf8?

18...Rdg8 is the only try.



19.Bd6! Rf7 20.b4 Kd8 21.b5 Ne7 22.Bc7 Qc7 23.Rc7 Kc7 24.Qc1 Kb8 25.Qf4 Ka8 26.Ne5 Ng6 27.Qf2 1:0

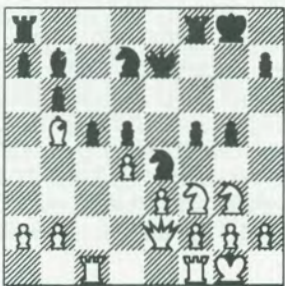
*QGD Tartakover D63*

Tony Alston 2159

Richard Ketcham 2276

*Texas Chp. 1993 (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 b6 8.cd5 ed5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Be7 Qe7 12.Ne2 c5 13.Ng3 f5 14.Qe2 g5 15.Bb5



15...f4 16.ef4 gf4 17.Bd7 fg3 18.Bh3 a5 19.hg3 Ba6 20.Qe3 Bf1 21.Rf1 Rae8 22.Nh4 Nf2 0:1

*King's Indian E97*

Bill Stouffer 2080

Eric Dimazana 2186

*Texas Chp. 1993 (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 h6!?

I know Kasparov has played this, but it requires that Black be ready to face an old main line (8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Be3) a tempo down.

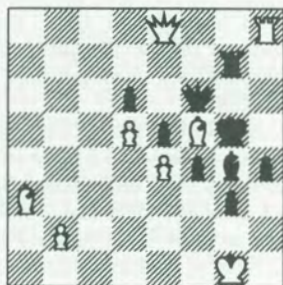
9.d5 Ne7 10.Ne1

10.Nd2 has also been played.

10...Nd7 11.Nd3 f5 12.f3 f4 13.Bf2 g5 14.c5 Nf6 15.Qb3 Rf7 16.Rac1 Ng6 17.Rc2 h5 18.Rfc1 Bf8 19.cd6 Bd6 20.Nb5 a6

20...g4 21.Nd6 cd6 22.Ba7!

21.Nd6 cd6 22.Bb6 Qf8 23.Qa3 g4 24.Bc7 Ne8 25.Ba5 Bd7 26.Ne1 Rg7 27.Qb3 b5 28.a4! Nh4 29.ab5 ab5 30.Bb4 Qf6 31.Ba3 g3 32.h3 Ng2 33.Ng2 Bh3 34.Bb5 Rb8 35.Qa4 h4 36.Be8 Bg2 37.Bd7 Bf3 38.Rc8 Rc8 39.Rc8 Kh7 40.Bf5 Kh6 41.Rh8 Kg5 42.Qe8 Bg4



43.Bb4! Rf7

If 43...f3 then 44.Bd2 mate.

44.Ba5!

1:0

**Round 5**

Ardaman accomplishes what is normally expected only of a 2600+ (FIDE!) grandmaster on a good day:

He defeats Bradford with the Black pieces in less than thirty moves!

### First Brilliancy Prize

Notes by NM Jim Gallagher

QGD Tarrasch D34

Joe Bradford 2539

Miles Ardaman 2459

Texas Chp. 1993 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 cd4

6...Be7 was Ardaman's response last year in round 6 of the same tournament. In that game he needed only a draw to ensure clear first, and achieved a pawn-down drawn ending only to succumb to Bradford's Troitsky-like endgame play. No doubt, despite his endgame skills, Miles yearned for some middlegame complications.

[The text is a back door entry to main lines, avoiding Bradford's pet 6...Be7 7.cd5 ed5 8.a3 Δ b4.]

7.Nd4 Be7

ECO cites only 7...Bb4, 7...Bc5 and 7...Qb6.

8.cd5 ed5 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3

A deliberate sidestep from the theoretical circus that surrounds the main line 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3. The vacancy on the h6 square will have far-reaching consequences!

10...Re8

10...Be6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Na4 Qd7 13.Nc6 bc6 14.Nc5 Bc5 15.Bc5 Rfe8 16.Qa4 Bh3 17.Qa7 Rc7 18.Qa6 Bg2 19.Kg2 Re6 20.f3! ± and Black's kingside assault never balanced his pawn deficit, Dzindzichashvili-Gallagher, U.S. Open 1989.

10...Ng4 11.Nc6 bc6 12.Bd4 Be6 13.Na4 Re8 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.Nc5 += Shamkovich-Petursson, Raykjavic 1984.

11.Rc1 Bf8 12.Qa4

12.Bg5! Be6 13.e3 Be7 14.Ncb5 += I. Ivanov-Hodgson, Brighton 1983.

12...Bd7 13.Rfd1



13...Re3!!

A bona fide brilliancy – a true sacrifice by Spielmann's definition, and by all appearances completely sound. With a pawn on h6 (in the main line 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3), ECO gives 13...Nb4 14.Qb3 a5 15.a4 Bc6 = (Kasparov), or 13...Na5 14.Qc2 Rc8 DRAW, Velikov-Fernandez Garcia, Lucerne 1982 =.

14.fe3 Qe8! 15.Kh1

15.e4?? Bc5 16.e3 Nd4 → shows the reasoning behind 14...Qe8.

15...Ne5 16.Qb3

On c2 the Queen would be exposed to Knight forks at e3 and a pin along the c-file.

16...Neg4 17.Rf1 Qe3 18.Nc2

18.Nf3 Rc8 Δ ...d4 leaves White in a straitjacket, e.g., 19.Qd1 [19.Rce1] Ne4 20.Ne4 de4 21.Rc8 Bc8 and White will have to return the exchange on 22...Nf2 since his Knight will no longer protect g1.

18.Qb7! is surprisingly playable as the Chess Machine relentlessly showed. Black has plenty of ways to leverage himself into the poorhouse, but a sensible line is 18...Rc8 19.Nb3 d4 20.Nd5 Nf2 21.Rf2 Rc1 22.Nc1 Qf2 23.Nf6 gf6 24.Qf3 = (SKA, JIG, CM).

Another try is 18...Re8 19.Rcd1 Bc8 20.Qa7 Nh2 21.Rf6 gf6 22.Kh2 Bd6 23.Rd3! (23.Nd5? Qg3 24.Kg1 Bh3 25.Nf6 Kh8 26.Qb7 Qh2 27.Kf1 Qh1 28.Kf2 Qd1 29.Ne8 Qd4 30.e3 Qd2 31.Kf1 Bg3 and mate soon) Bg3

24.Kh1 Qh6 25.Kg1 Qh2 26.Kf1 Bh3 27.Rg3 Qg3 28.Bh3 ±.

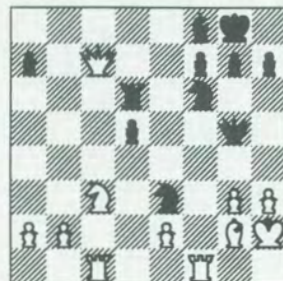
18...Qh6!

Ardaman finds a use for the h6 square which is usually occupied by a black pawn!

19.h3 Bc6 20.Nd4 Ne3 21.Nc6 bc6 22.Qb7

Does Joe underestimate the situation on the queenside, or is there simply nothing better? I suspect the latter; Black has a wonderful position.

22...Rd8 23.Qc6 Qg5 24.Qc7 Rd6 25.Kh2



25...Nfg4 26.Kg1

26.hg4 Ng4 27.Kg1 Qe3 and mate with ...Rh6. I would be willing to place a large sum on the wager that Bradford plays 10.Bg5 the next time he faces this variation of the Tarrasch!!

26...Ne5 27.Nb5 Qg3 28.Rf2 Rf6 29.Rcf1 a6!

A fine finish to an outstanding game. If 30.Nd4 then 30...Nf3 snags the Queen. 0:1

Petroff's C43

Florentino Garmendez 2468

Jukka Pakkanen 2337

Texas Chp. 1993 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Ne4 4.Bd3 d5 5.Ne5 Nd7 6.Nd7 Bd7 7.0-0 Qh4 8.c4 Nf6 9.Re1 Be7 10.g3 Qd4 11.cd5 Ng4 12.Be3 (12.Qc2) Qd5 13.Nc3 Qh5 14.h4 0-0 15.Bh7 Kh7 16.Qd7 Bd6 17.Qb5

Ne5 18.Red1 Rfe8 19.Bf4 c6  
 20.Qa4 Nf3 21.Kg2 Qg4 22.Bg5  
 (22.Bd6 Nh4 23.Kg1 Nf3 =) Qa4  
 23.Na4 Ng5 24.Rd6 Ne4 25.Rd7  
 b5 26.Nc3 Kg8 27.Ne4 Re4  
 28.Rc1 Rc4 29.Rc4 bc4 30.Rc7  
 Rb8 31.Ra7 Rb2 32.Ra6 c3 33.Rc6  
 Ra2 34.Rc3 g6 35.Rc8 Kg7 36.h5  
 Rb2 37.hg6 fg6 38.Rc6 Ra2 39.Kf3  
 Rb2 40.Re6 Kf7 41.Re2 Rb4  
 42.Re4 Rb2 43.Rf4 Kg7 44.Kg4  
 Ra2 45.f3 Ra5 46.Rb4 Rc5 47.Rb7  
 Kf6 48.f4 Ra5 49.Rb3 Rc5 50.Ra3  
 Rb5 51.Ra6 Kf7 52.Rd6 Ra5  
 53.Rd1 Kf6 54.Rh1 Rb5 55.Rh7  
 Rb1 56.Rh8 Rb5 57.Re8 Ra5  
 58.Rb8 Rc5 59.Rb6 Kf7 60.Kh3 g5  
 61.Kg4 gf4 62.gf4 Ra5 63.Rb7 Kf6  
 64.Rb8 Kf7 65.Rb6 Rc5 66.Kf3  
 Ra5 67.Rd6 Rb5 68.Ke4 Ra5  
 69.Rb6 Ra4 70.Kf5 Ra5 71.Kg4  
 Rc5 72.Rb4 Ra5 73.f5 Ra1 74.Re4  
 Kf6  
**DRAW**

Notes by Bighamian .

*Reti Opening A14*  
**Mansour Bighamian 2329**  
**Eugene Curfin 2413**

*Texas Chp. 1993 (5)*

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6  
 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4  
 dc4

Though playable, I prefer more complex variations arising after 7...b6 followed by Bb7, 0-0, Qc7, Rfd8, etc.; or even 7...d4 which can transpose to a reversed Benoni after 8.e3 0-0 9.ed4 cd4, when White's extra tempo is not easily noticable.

8.bc4 Qc7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rb1

The immediate 10.e3 intending Qe2 and Rfd1 was better.

10...a6 11.d3 Rb8 12.a4

Despite creating a weakness at b4, it is vital to hinder Black's queenside expansion since White's strength is really on the kingside.

12...Rd8 13.Qd2

White must now lose a tempo in order to implement the above setup

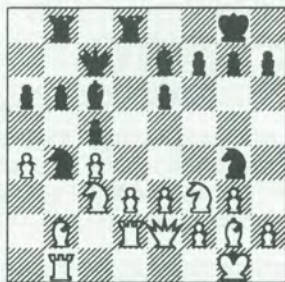
- a minor point due to the semi-closed nature of the position.

13...Bd7!? 14.e3 Nb4?

14...Na7! Δ b5-b4 was certainly preferable.

15.Qe2 Bc6 16.Rfd1 b6 17.Rd2 Ng4!?

Black intends 18...Bf3! and Nge5.



18.Ne1!

Refuting Black's plan.

18...Ne5 19.Bc6 Nec6 20.f4

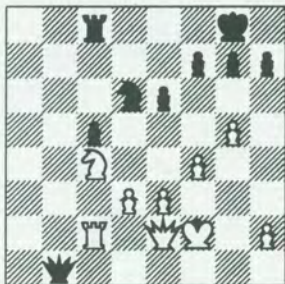
Bf6 21.g4! Ne7

21...e5 22.f5 Δ 23.Ne4 ±.

22.g5 Bc3 23.Bc3 Nf5 24.Be5 Nd6 25.Qh5 Nc6 26.Nf3 (26.Bc3) Ne5 27.Ne5 b5 28.ab5 ab5 29.cb5 Rb5 30.Rb5 Nb5

White must now regroup his pieces to capitalize on Black's only weakness, the isolani at c5.

31.Rc2 Nd6 32.Qf3 Qb6 33.Kf2 (33.Kg2!) Rc8 34.Nc4 Qb1 35.Qe2



35...Nf5?!

A critical decision. Black is obviously hoping for more than a

draw, which would have been easier to achieve after trading Knights.

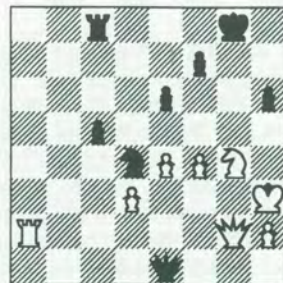
36.Kg2 Qb7 37.Kh3 Qh1 38.Ne5 Qg1 39.Ng4 h5

Black is trying to make the position as un-drawish as possible, and it works!

40.gh6 gh6 41.e4 Nd4 42.Qg2! Qe1?

Last chance for a hard draw after exchanging Queens.

43.Ra2!



And now it is clear that Black is completely hopeless.

43...Kh7 44.Nf6 Kh8 45.Qg4

A straightforward yet difficult move to find, given the possibility of the white King's precarious walk and/or a Queen exchange.

45...Qf1 46.Rg2 Qf3 47.Qf3 Nf3 48.Rg3 Nd4 49.Kh4 1:0

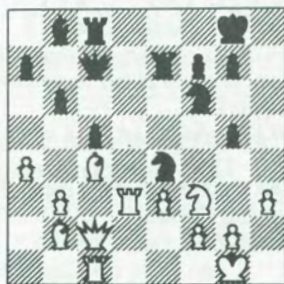
There is no defense against His Majesty's march to h6 followed by Rg7 and Rh7 mate.

*Queen's Gambit D25*  
**Drew Sarkisian 2182**  
**Igor Shtem 2425**

*Texas Chp. 1993 (5)*

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dc4  
 4.e3 Bg4 5.Bc4 e6 6.Nc3 Nbd7  
 7.h3 Bh5 8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 Be7 10.a3  
 Rc8 11.d5 ed5 12.Nd5 0-0 13.Nf4  
 Bg6 14.Ng6 hg6 15.Qc2 Bd6 16.b3  
 Qe7 17.Bb2 Bb8 18.a4 Ne4  
 19.Rfd1 Ndf6 20.Bc4 Nd6 21.Qc3  
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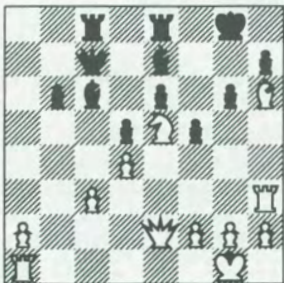
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29.Bc4 Re7 30.Rd3 g5



31.Bf6 Nf6 32.Rcd1 g4 33.hg4  
Ng4 34.Rd6 Rce8 35.Qf5 Qc8  
36.Qc8 Rc8 37.Rd8 Re8 38.Rc8  
Rc8 39.Rd7 Rf8 40.Rb7 g6 41.Ng5  
Ne5 42.Bd5 Rc8 43.Nf7 Nf7  
44.Bf7 Kf8 45.Bg6 Rd8 46.g4 Rd1  
47.Kg2 Bd6 48.Rf7 Ke8 49.Ra7  
Kd8 50.Rh7 Be7 51.Bf5 Rd2  
52.Kg3 Rb2 53.Be6 Rb1 54.f4 Rf1  
55.Bc4 Rg1 56.Kf3 Kd7 57.e4  
Kd6 58.e5 Kd7 59.f5 Kd8 60.f6  
1:0

*Caro-Kann B14*  
**George Rector 2180**  
**Brian Richardson 2093**  
*Texas Chp. 1993 (5)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 cd5 4.c4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.c5 Ne4  
8.Bb5 Bd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Re1 Nc3  
11.bc3 b6 12.Bc6 Bc6 13.Ne5 Rc8  
14.cb6 ab6 15.Qh5 0-0 16.Re3 g6  
17.Qg4 f5 18.Qe2 Rf6 19.Rh3 Qc7  
20.Bg5 Rff8 21.Bh6 Rfe8



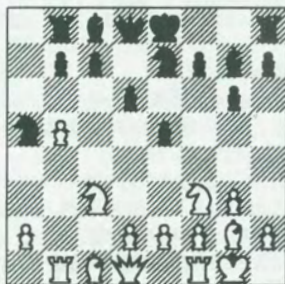
22.Ng6 Bf6 23.Ne5 Be5 24.de5  
Re7 25.Rg3 Kh8 26.Bg5 Rg7  
27.Bf6 Rcg8 28.Qh5 Be8 29.Rg7  
Bh5 30.Rc7 1:0

## Round 6

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

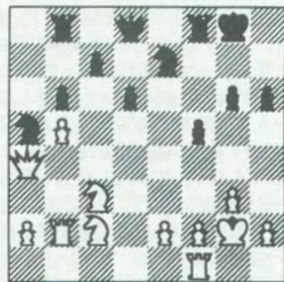
*English Opening A27*  
**Mansour Bighamian 2329**  
**Miles Ardaman 2459**  
*Texas Chp. 1993 (6)*

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6  
4.g3 e5 5.Bg2 [5.d4!?!] Nc6 6.0-0  
Nge7 7.Rb1 a6 8.b4 Rb8 9.b5?! ab5  
10.cb5 Na5



White's poor pawn structure  
will tell in the end.

11.Qa4 b6 12.d4 ed4 13.Nd4 h6  
14.Bb2 Bb7 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Nc2  
Bb2 17.Rb2 f5 18.Nc3 Bg2 19.Kg2



With each trade Black gets  
closer to his ideal endgame.

19...Qe8 20.Ne3 Qf7 21.Qd4  
Nb7! -/+

Here Black's strategic advantage  
manifests itself: frontal attacks  
against his c-pawn are impossible  
with the Knight on c5, whereas  
White's a-pawn is vulnerable.

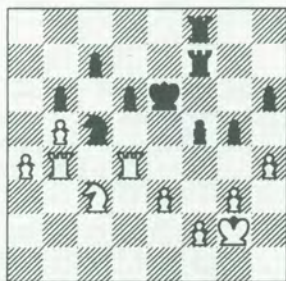
22.Ned5 Nd5 23.Qd5 Nc5  
24.Rb4 Ra8 25.Qf7 Kf7 26.a4 Ke6  
27.Rd1 Rf7 28.Rdd4?!



Bighamian and Ardaman

A strange deployment for the Rooks. This must be condemned because Black will outflank them as he invades via the kingside.

28...g5 29.h4 Raf8 30.e3



Although White has temporarily restrained a favorable opening of the kingside, Black overcomes the barrier with a patient preventative measure.

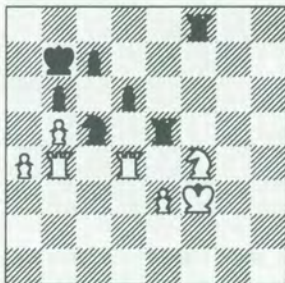
30...Kd7! 31.Nd5 Kc8! 32.Kf3 Kb7 33.Kg2 Ne4

The reason for Black's King walk now become clear: Rc4 now would threaten nothing. Now White must allow a fatal opening of the kingside.

34.hg5 hg5 35.g4 Nc5 36.gf5 Rf5 37.f4 gf4 38.Nf4

38.ef4!?

38...Re5 39.Kf3



Black uses finesses to gain entry behind the lines.

39...Rh5 40.Kg4 Rh1 41.Kg3 Rg8 42.Kf2 Ra1

A hind attack supersedes the head-one one, presenting the additional targets of White's King and e-pawn. The epaulet of Rooks offer further tactical opportunities to the presiding war-horse.

43.Nd5 Rh8 44.Rbc4 Rh2 45.Kg3 Rha2 46.Nc3

46.Rf4 Ra4 47.Ra4 Na4 48.Rf7 Rcl -+

46...Ra3 47.Kf3 Nb3!

The defense is very clumsy and crumbles quickly.

48.Rd3 Rcl 49.Rc6

Apt to annoy with one last ploy ...

49...Nc5 50.Rc7



50...Kb8!

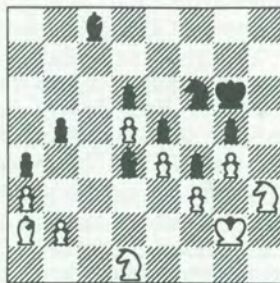
... the glutton who grabs the decoy!

51.Rc5 dc5 52.Ne2 Rf1 53.Kg2 Rd3 54.Kf1 Re3 55.Ke1 Ra3 56.Kd2 Ra4 57.Nc3 Rd4 58.Ke3 Kc7 59.Ke2 Kd6 60.Ke3 Ke5 61.Na2 Rh4 62.Kd3 Rh3 63.Kc4 Ra3 64.Nc1 Ra4 65.Kc3 Kd5 66.Ne2 Rh4 67.Kb3 Rb4 68.Kc3 Rb5 69.Nf4 Kd6 70.Nd3 Rb1 71.Nf2 b5 72.Ne4 Kc6 73.Kc2 Rh1 0:1

*King's Indian E98*  
Drew Sarkisian 2182  
Florentino Garmendez 2468  
*Texas Chp. 1993 (6)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.Nd3 f5

11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.g4 g5 14.Rc1 h5 15.h3 Kf7 16.c5 a6 17.Be1 Rh8 18.Kg2 Ng6 19.cd6 cd6 20.Bf2 hg4 21.hg4 Nh4 22.Bh4 Rh4 23.Rh1 Rh1 24.Qh1 Qb6 25.Qg1 Qg1 26.Rg1 Bd7 27.Rc1 Bf8 28.Bd1 Be7 29.Ba4 b5 30.Bb3 Bd8 31.Ne2 Bb6 32.Nf2 Kg6 33.Ng1 Bd4 34.Rc2 a5 35.a3 Rh8 36.Ngh3 a4 37.Ba2 Rc8 38.Rc8 Bc8 39.Nd1



39...Ng4! 40.fg4 Bg4 41.Nhf2 Be2 42.Bb1 g4 43.Bd3 Bf3 0:1

*QGD Slav D14*  
Fred Payne 2030  
Jukka Pakkanen 2337  
*Texas Chp. 1993 (6)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cd5 cd5 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.e3 e6 8.Bb5 Nd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Ne5 Nde5 11.Be5 0-0 12.Bg3 Qb6 13.Rc1 Rfc8 14.a3 Na5 15.b4 Nc4 16.Bc4 Rc4 17.Qb3 Rac8 18.h3 h5 19.Qb2 h4 20.Be5 f6 21.Bh2 Qc6 22.b5 Qb6 23.Rfe1 Qa5 24.Nb1 Rc2 0:1

*French Defense C11*  
Selby Anderson 2239  
Eugene Curtin 2413  
*Texas Chp. 1993 (6)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.dc5 Nc5 10.Qf2!?

10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Qf2 Nd3 12.cd3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nd4 Nd4 15.Bd4

f5 16.ef6 Bf6 17.Rae1 ± Gheorghiu-Belkai, Skopje 1972.

10...Na4 11.Na4 ba4 12.c3 Rb8 13.Bd3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qc2!? g6

I spent almost half an hour on my last move, so Curtin steers clear. Actually, 15...a3 16.Bh7 Kh8 17.b3 g6 18.Bg6 fg6 19.Qg6 Rb7! is only good for a draw.

16.Qa4 d4! 17.cd4 Nb4 18.Be4 Nd5 19.Bc1?

19.Bd5 Qd5 20.Rf2 ± (not that it's a piece of cake!)

19...Bb7 20.Qc2 Qb6 21.Bd2 Rfc8 22.Qb1 Bc6 23.Rc1 Qb2 24.Qb2 Rb2 25.Bd5 ed5 26.Rab1 Rb1 27.Rb1 Bb5 28.Rc1 Rc4 29.Rc4 Bc4 30.a4 Bb3 31.a5 Kf8 32.Kf2 Ke8 33.Ke3 h5 34.Kd3 Kd7 35.Ng5 DRAW

*QGD Exchange D35*

Jim Gallagher 2302

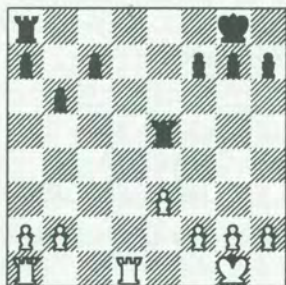
Richard Ketcham 2276

*Texas Chp. 1993 (6)*

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.cd5 ed5 7.e3 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0

10.h4! c5 11.0-0-0 cd4 12.Nd4 Re8 13.Kb1 a6 14.g4 b5 15.Bf6 Nf6 16.g5 ± Alekine-Yates, Hamburg 1910.

10...Re8 11.Ne5 Ne5 12.de5 Ne4 13.Be7 Qe7 14.Ne4 de4 15.Be4 Be4 16.Qe4 Qe5 17.Qe5 Re5 18.Rfd1



18...Kf8

18...Re7 19.Rac1 c5 20.Rd6 is similar to the game continuation.

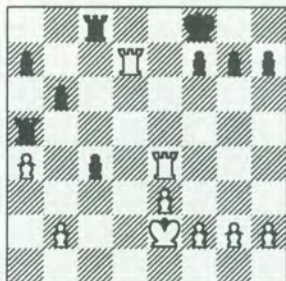
19.Rac1 c5

19...Rc8 20.Rc6 Ke7 21.b4 a5 (21...Re6 22.Rc2 c5 23.Rdc1 Rec6 24.Kf1 c4 (24...Kd6 25.b5 R6c7 26.Ke2) 25.b5 Rc5 26.a4 ±) 22.ba5 Ra5 23.Rd2 = JG.

20.Rd7 Ke8 21.Rcd1 Re7 22.R7d5 Rc8 23.Kf1 Rec7 24.Ke2 c4 25.a4 Rc5 26.R5d4 Ra5?!

26...a6 27.Re4 (27.Rd6 b5) Kf8 28.Rd7 R5c7 29.Ree7 Rd7 30.Rd7 c3 31.bc3 Rc3 32.Ra7 a5 = Ed.

27.Re4 Kf8 28.Rd7



28...Re8

28...Ra4 29.Ree7 Ra2 30.Rf7 Ke8 31.Ra7 Rb2 32.Kf3 c3 33.Rg7 Kf8 34.Rh7 Kg8 35.Rhc7 Rc7 36.Rc7 c2 37.Ke4 c1(Q) 38.Rc1 Rf2 39.Rg1 +-.

29.Rc4 Rc5 30.Rc5 bc5 31.Kd3 a5 32.b3 Rb8 33.Kc3 Rb4 34.Rc7 1:0

*Sicilian B32*

Mark Kislinsky 2151

Gary Simms 2292

*Texas Chp. 1993 (6)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nge7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bb5 ab5 11.Nb5 Ra7 12.Na7 Qa5 13.Qd2 Qa7 14.Be3 Qb7 15.c4 f5 16.f3 Nd5 17.cd5 Nb8 18.0-0 Be7 19.b4 0-0 20.Rfb1 fe4 21.fe4 Bd8 22.a4 Bb6 23.Rb2 Na6 24.Kh1 Bd7 25.Bb6 Qb6 26.b5

Nc5 27.a5 Ra8 28.Raa2 Qd8 29.b6 Qc8



30.a6 Ra6 31.b7 Qb8 32.Ra6 Na6 33.Qa5 Nc7 34.Qb6 Ne8 35.Qa6 Nc7 36.Qd6 Bg4 37.Qe5 Kh8 38.Qc7 1:0

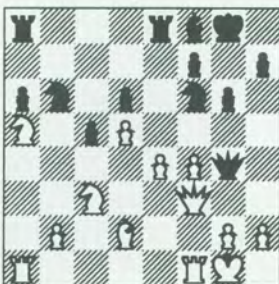
*Benoni A65*

Bill Stouffer 2080

Carlos Garmendez 2350

*Texas Chp. 1993 (6)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 ed5 5.cd5 d6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.e4 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Bg4 11.Nd2 Be2 12.Qe2 Nbd7 13.a5 Bf8 14.f3 Ne5 15.f4 Ned7 16.Qf3 b5 17.ab6 Nb6 18.Nb3 Qd7 19.Na5 Qg4 20.Bd2 g6



21.Na4! Nbd7 22.Rfe1 Qf3 23.gf3 Nh5 24.Nc4 f6 25.Nc3 Reb8 26.Ne2 Nb6 27.Na5 f5 28.Ng3 Ng3 29.hg3 fe4 30.fe4 Re8 31.Bc3 Bg7 32.Bg7 Kg7 33.Nb7 Nc4 34.b3 Nd2 35.Nd6 Red8 36.Nb7 Rdb8 37.Nc5 Nf3 38.Kf2 Ne1 39.Re1 Rb5 40.Ne6 1:0

## AMATEUR GAMES

*Sicilian Defense B21*

**Altan Kartaltepe 1764**

**Jack Hunt 1900**

*1993 Texas Amateur (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.f4

Larsen's line, which had a brief vogue in the late 1970's. The Tal Gambit, 2...d5 3.ed5 Nf6 (or 3...Qd5 4.Nc3 Qd8) is good for equality.

2...Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Bb5 Qc7

4...Nge7 5.0-0 a6 6.Be2 g6 7.d3 Bg7 8.c3 0-0 9.Be3 b6 10.d4 f5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bd2 cd4 13.Nd4 += Miles-Reshevsky, Amsterdam 1977.

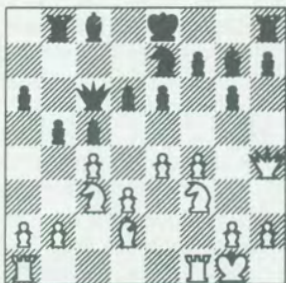
5.d3

5.Bc6!? Qc6 6.d3 d6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Nc3 g6 9.a4 += Buela-J. L. Fernandez, Havana 1967

5...a6?! (5...Nge7) 6.Bc6 Qc6 7.c4 d6 8.Nc3 g6 9.0-0!?

9.d4! Bg7 10.Qd3 +=; 10.Be3 b5!

9...Bg7 10.Qe1 Ne7 11.Qh4 b5 12.Bd2 (12.f5!?) Rb8



13.f5!? ef5?

This "safe" looking recapture gets quickly derailed. The real test of White's last move comes after 13...gf5. Then on 14.ef5 (for 14.Qh5 see b) 14...Nf5 15.Qh5 we have:

(a1) 15...0-0? 16.Ng5 h6 17.Rf5! ef5 18.Nd5 Rb7 19.Nh7!! Kh7 20.Nf6 Bf6 21.Qh6 Kg8 22.Qf6 +;

(a2) 15...bc4 16.Ng5 Rb7 17.Rf5!? ef5 18.Re1 Kf8 19.dc4 h6 20.Nf3 Rb2 21.Nd5 Be6 22.Nf4 Qd7! -/+.

(b) 14.Qh5 bc4 15.Ng5 Rf8 16.Rae1 Rb2 17.ef5!? Rd2 18.Nce4 Bd4 19.Kh1 Ra2 20.fe6 Kd8 21.ef7 d5 22.Nh7 Rf7 23.Qf7 de4 24.Re4 Nf5 25.Qc4 Rd2 26.Qg8 Kc7 27.Re8 Bb7 28.Qf7 Qd7 + (JJG and SKA).

14.Nd5! Nd5 15.ed5 Qc7 16.Rae1 Be5

16...Kf8 17.Bh6 Rb7 18.Qf6 Rg8 19.Ng5 +- (A.K.)

17.Qf6 Qe7

17...0-0 18.Ne5 Qd8 19.Qd8 Rd8 20.Nc6 +- (A.K.)

18.Re5 de5 19.Qh8 Kd7 20.Bg5 1:0

### First Amateur Brilliancy Prize

*Sokolsky's A00*

**Charles R. Davis 1456**

**Greg Wren 1843**

*1993 Texas Amateur (4)*

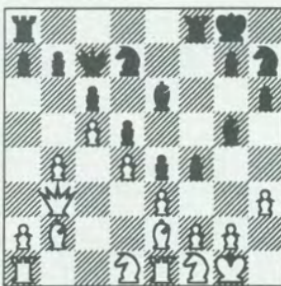
1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Bf5

This is an easy equalizer, which Wren once used to defeat Larry Christiansen in a simul game.

3.e3 Nd7 4.c4 c6 5.c5?

A typical Class C error which relieves tension and gives Black a free hand in the center. Correct is 5.Nf3.

5...e5 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.Be2 Ngf6 8.Nc3 h6 9.d4 e4 10.Nd2 Be7 11.h3 0-0 12.0-0 Nh7 13.Qb3 Bg5 14.Nd1 Be6 15.Re1 f5 16.Nf1 f4



Black's buildup has been orderly and logical, and his opponent is already against the ropes.

17.Bg4 Bg4 18.hg4 Ndf6 19.f3 Bh4 20.Re2 ef3 21.gf3 Rae8 22.e4 Ng5 23.Nf2 Bf2 24.Kf2 Nfe4!

This sac, played intuitively by Wren, is both sound and deep.

25.fe4 Ne4 26.Kf3

White drops the g-pawn after 26.Kg1 f3 27.Rh2 Qf4, or 26.Ke1 f3 27.Re3 f2 28.Kd1 Qf4, in both cases exposing him to further attack.

26...Ng5 27.Kf2 Re2 28.Ke2 Qe7 29.Kd2 Qe4!

Stronger than 29...Re8?! 30.Qd3.

30.Qd3 Qg2 31.Kc3

Or 31.Qe2 f3! 32.Qg2 fg2 33.Ne3 Nf3 +.

31...Re8 32.a3 Re2 33.Rb1 Rf2 34.Kb3

If 34.Nd2 then 34...Rd2! 35.Qd2 Ne4 with a royal fork.

34...Rf3 35.Ne3 Re3 36.Qc3 Ne4 37.Re1 Nc3 38.Bc3 Qd2 39.Re3 Qe3 0:1

*Dutch Defense A85*

**Rudy Pena 1858**

**James Regan 1692**

*1993 Texas Amateur (5)*

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 d6 6.h3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 0-0 8.g4 fg4 9.hg4 Qe8 10.e3 Qf7 11.Bd3 g6 12.Bh6 Rd8 13.Ng5 Qe8



14.Nh7! Kh7 15.Bg6! Qg6 16.Bf8 Nh5 17.Rh5 1:0

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## Barasso, Gibson win 1993 U.S. Blind Championship

A festive atmosphere greeted the participants at the Friday afternoon reception, held under the shade of pecan trees behind the Lighthouse for the Blind in San Antonio. A blind disk jockey played country and Tejano music while fajitas sizzled on the grill, and chess players did what they always do – play chess.

Two-time U.S. Blind Champion Pete Gibson of Houston engaged me in a five-minute blitz game, his nimble fingers feeling his way through a Smith-Morra Gambit on his special peg-in set. The last time we played he had trapped my queen; now he was outplaying me again! I was lucky, as before, to get the hollow satisfaction of a swindle.

"Spectating" this action (by ear, as we announced our moves) was Pete's roommate for this year's event, twenty year-old Alex Barasso of Staten Island, New York. A student at the University of Pennsylvania, Alex had placed second last year in his first trip to the U.S. Blind. His seeing-eye dog, a beautiful black Labrador retriever named Clipper, exuded calm strength.

As we devoured the Tex-Mex feast, a series of speakers welcomed the blind players. L. M. Gale, Chairman of the Board for the Lighthouse, acknowledged the corporate sponsor for the 1993 U.S. Blind Championship, Secure Horizons. Bexar County Commissioner Helen Dutmer read a proclamation for Blind Chess Day, which she had presented earlier that week in Commissioners Court. Mr. Gale then welcomed each of the participating blind chess players:

Virginia Alverston	Kingsport, Tennessee
Alex Barrasso	Staten Island, New York
Allen Betts	Columbus, Ohio
Robert Dougherty	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Pete Gibson	Houston, Texas
James Hart	Indianapolis, Indiana
Larry and Martha Honaker	Columbus, Ohio
Joe McMullen	San Antonio, Texas
Richard McStraw *	Findlay, Ohio
Rick Miller	El Cerrito, California
Henry Olynik	Brooklyn, New York
Al Pietrolungo	Baltimore, Maryland
Henry Schmit	Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
Ted Schudel	Murrell Hills, California
Jeff Siebrandt	Copperas Cove, Texas
James Thoun	Alexandria, Virginia

\* President of the U.S. Braille Chess Association.

Significantly absent from this list is last year's winner Joseph Kennedy, who was not able to compete this year due to costs. The five-time champion from Fort Wayne, Indiana is not only blind, but deaf and paralyzed with a disease similar to ALS. In honor of his achievements, the first place trophy has been named the Joseph Kennedy Trophy.

Tony Alston, President of the San Antonio Chess Club as well as the Texas Chess Association, made the announcement concerning Kennedy.

Mr. Gale then acknowledged the artist who designed the logo for this year's event, Tammy Fisher. Legally blind with only ten degrees of vision in one eye, she captured the fiesta feeling of her native San Antonio and a sense of movement on the chess board.

Mr. Gale acknowledged others who had donated their time and resources: **Arnold Vera** of the **Texas Commission for the Blind**; **Gilbert Meyer**, the aforementioned radio DJ and **1993 Blind Worker of the Year**; **David Olfers** of **Mama's Hofbrau**, who provided the fajita taco dinner (Gale: "Our friends from New York and other places left last year thinking fajitas were made from armadillo meat. That is not true. David tells me he uses wild javelinas."); **Big Red Bottling**, which provided free drinks for the entire weekend; **H-E-B Food Stores**, which provided two breakfasts and Sunday lunch; **Fargo's Pizza**, which provided dinner Saturday; **Texas State Senator Gregory Luna**, who arranged for **Governor Ann Richards** to proclaim May 14-16 as **National Blind Chess Days in Texas** (see insert); and **VIATrans**, which provided transportation to and from the airport.

**Secure Horizons** merits special mention as this year's corporate sponsor. The company, which offers health care plans for seniors, provided the tournament prize fund, t-shirts, a reception for the unveiling of Tammy Fisher's design, and much more. In particular, sales manager **Bill Dubois** and marketing coordinator **Rita Avala** helped bring this event together.

Nancy Dunn, director of community relations for the San Antonio Lighthouse, was the indispensable hands-on coordinator of the event from start to finish. The Lighthouse, which is celebrating 60 years of service this year, employs 135 blind individuals and operates on profits from its industries.

Jim Gallagher, Sr. of the San Antonio Chess Club directed the seventeen-player field. Assisting were club president Tony Alston and a host of volunteers who wrote down moves and helped guide traffic: Mario



Chavez, Wendy Dunn, Sue Ann Fulton, Martin Gordon, Aaron Minoo, Rudy Rubio, Duane Solley, Andy Smith, Raymond Smith, Steve Smollen, Alfred Zerm, Joyce Zerm and myself.

Besides Martha Honaker, who competed alongside her husband, the other players' wives deserve mention for their moral support: Sally Hart, Georgia McStraw, Theresa Thoun, Debbie Schmidt and Judy Siebrandt.

When the weekend was done, Alex Barasso and Pete Gibson shared first place, each scoring four points in five rounds and winning \$200. Alex won the first place trophy on tiebreaks, as well as the Class B trophy. They have vowed to be roommates again at next year's event!

Here is a complete list of prize winners:

1st-2nd	Alex Barasso	4 pts.	\$200 + 1st, B trophies
	Pete Gibson	4	\$200 + trophy
3rd-5th	James Thoun	3.5	\$50 + trophy
	Jeff Siebrandt	3.5	\$50 + Class A trophy
	Larry Honaker	3.5	\$50 + E/Unr. trophy
Class C	Henry Schmit	3	\$12.50 + trophy
	Henry Olynik	3	\$12.50
Class D	Al Pietrolungo	3	\$25 + trophy
Class E	Virginia Alverson	3	\$25

The 1993 U.S. Blind Championship was heralded with a flurry of official proclamations, from the city of San Antonio to the state of Texas.

On Tuesday, May 11, the Commissioners Court of Bexar County proclaimed Blind Chess Championship Day in Bexar County. On Thursday morning San Antonio mayor Nelson Wolff issued a similar proclamation in city council. On hand to receive the document were Bob Petit and Jack Costello of the Lighthouse, 1992 Blind Worker of the Year David Christian, Rita Ayala of Secure Horizons, and Selby Anderson of the San Antonio Chess Club.

Meanwhile in Austin, Governor Ann Richards issued an official memorandum declaring May 14 and 15 "National Blind Chess Championship Days" in Texas. She sat down and talked for half an hour with two-time U.S. Blind Champion Pete Gibson, San Antonio Lighthouse director Nancy Dunn, Texas Chess Association President Tony Alston and tournament director James Gallagher. Governor Richards was especially interested in how blind people are able to play chess, which is usually regarded as a visually oriented game.

— Selby Anderson



Photo: Kevin Day

Alex Barasso

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*Four Knights C47*  
**Pete Gibson 1955**  
**Alex Barasso 1602**  


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*1993 U.S. Blind (3)*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 ed4 5.Nd5!? Nd5**

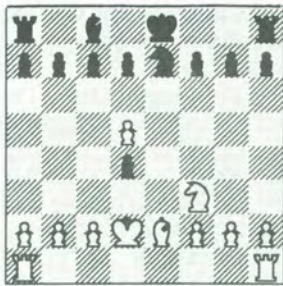
5...Be7 is the most popular way to decline the Belgrade, and Pete is well versed in its subtleties.

Taking the pawn with 5...Ne4 is all right for postal players, but it would be foolish to try to improvise one's way through such a theoretical jungle.

**6.ed5 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qe7+ 8.Qe2 Bd2+ 9.Kd2! Qe2+!?**

Black opts for a solid, if somewhat passive setup. The alternative 9...Nb4 wins a pawn but gives White the initiative after 10.d6 Qe2 11.Be2 c5 12.Bc4 0-0 13.Rhe1 b6 14.Re7 with compensation (Martinov-Gusev, USSR 1959).

**10.Be2 Ne7**



### 11.Rae1(!)

The "monkey wrench gambit" 11.d6! is the only serious chance for White to play for a win. Black's next move prevents this plan, even at the cost of castling.

11...d6! 12.Bc4 Bd7 13.Nd4 a6 14.Re3 Kf8 15.Rhe1 Re8 16.Bb3 g6

Also possible is the immediate 16...Nc8, since 17.Re8 Be8 18.Nf5 g6 offers White nothing.

### 17.c4

If 17.a4!? (intending to cut off ...Nc8-b6 with 18.a5) Black has an ample rejoinder in 17...a5.

17...Nc8 18.Bc2 Nb6 19.b3 Kg7 20.Re7 Re7 21.Re7 Re8 22.Re8 Be8 23.f4 Bd7 24.f5 Kf6 25.fg6 fg6 26.Kc3(!) Ke5 27.Kd3 a5

Or 27...Kf4 28.Ne2+ and 29.Ke3 =.

28.a3 c6 29.dc6 bc6 30.Ke3 c5 31.Nf3 Kf6 32.Be4 h6 33.Bb7 Bf5  
**DRAW**

*French Defense C02*  
**Alex Barasso 1602**  
**James Thouné 1627**  
*1993 U.S. Blind (5)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cd4 7.cd4 Nge7

7...Nh6 is considered more accurate, since the text allows the advantageous 8.Na3! Nf5 9.Nc2. Alex sticks to the main line.

8.Nc3 Bd7(?)

A bit slow. 8...Nf5 equalizes: 9.Na4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Qa5 11.Bc3 b5! 12.a3 Bc3+ 13.Nc3 b4 14.ab4 Qb4 15.Bb5 Bd7 16.Bc6 Bc6 = (Dünhaupt-Rittner, corr. 1974).

### 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Na4 Qc7

Not a happy place for the queen. 11...Qd8 or 11...Qa5 is better, but probably not good enough for equality.

### 11.a3

White prepares to claim a space advantage on both sides of the board. In view of Black's energetic response, the simple 11.Bf4 comes under consideration.

### 11...b5!

Without this shot Black would be getting pushed off the board.

12.Bb5 Ne5 13.Ne5 Bb5 14.Re1 Nd6!?

Black eyes the c4 square in case White should push b2-b4.

### 15.Bf4

Here Alex offered a draw, thinking that it would be sufficient to corner the national title as well as first place trophy. He later said that if he had known he would only be co-champion, he would have surely played on!

As Jim considered the offer, his German shepherd Gazelle (a novice at being a seeing-eye dog) began moaning with impatience (or bladder pressure?) He tried repeatedly to calm the dog down by scratching her neck; then he would resume feeling the position on his velcro-secured set, and the dog would begin moaning again. Alex was moved to burst out laughing, and Jim had to take Gazelle outside for counselling. About 45 minutes after the offer was made, Jim finally accepted. **DRAW**

Play might have continued 15...Be7 16.Rc1 Qa5 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Rc3 or 18.Re3, and White can pursue a Kingside attack with Rh3 and Qh5, as well as expand on the Queenside with with b2-b4.

## AMATEUR GAMES

(continued from page 15)

Dunlap pulls one out of the fire:

*Caro-Kann B16*

**John Dunlap 1914**

**Robert Wisdom 1828**

*1993 Texas Amateur (6)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Nf6 5.Nf6 gf6 6.c3 Bf5 7.Bd3

7.Ne2 and 7.Nf3 are more ambitious.

7...Bg6 8.Ne2 Nd7 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Bf4 e5 11.Bg3 Bd6 12.de5 fe5 13.Bc4 0-0-0 14.b4 Nb6 15.Qb3 Nc4 16.Qc4 f5 17.Bh4 Be7 18.Qe6 Rd7 19.Be7 Re8 20.a4 Ree7 21.Qb3 Bf7 22.Qb2 Bc4 23.Rf1 Rg7 24.Ng3 Qd8 25.Nf5 Rd2 26.Qc1 Rf7 27.Re5 Qd3 28.Re3 Qd7 29.g4 Be2?

29...h5 30.h3 hg4 31.hg4 Rh7 -/+



30.Qe1! Bg4 31.Re8 Kc7 32.Qe5 Rd6

32...Kb6 33.Qa5#

33.Qa5

1:0

## SOLUTION

You'll kick yourself if you missed this one: 1...a6! and White resigned. If the Knight at b5 moves then ...Nf3+ wins the Queen. It's not difficult so much as a trick question: everyone looks for a violent kingside breakthrough.

# Austin Spring Classic (part 2)

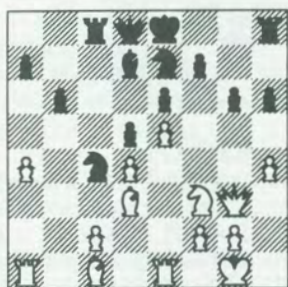
## French Defense C19

Mike Simpson 2087

Joe Bradford 2539

### Austin Spring Classic (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5  
Ne7 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 c5 7.Nf3 Qc7  
8.Qd2 b6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.a4 Nbc6  
11.0-0 Na5 12.Re1 h6 13.Bd3 Rc8  
14.h4 cd4 15.cd4 Nc4 16.Qf4 Qd8  
17.Qg3 g6



18.Nd2 Bc6 19.Bc4

Here, 19.h5 g5 20.Qf3 looks promising.

19...Nf5 20.Qf4 dc4 21.Ne4  
Be4 22.Re4 h5 (22...g5!?) 23.c3  
Rc7 24.g3 Rd7 25.Qf3 Rd5 26.Bg5  
Qc7 27.Re2 Kd7 28.Rb2 Rb8  
29.Qe2 Qc6 30.Rb4 Rc8 31.Qb2

A more adventurous course is 31.Kh2 with the idea of f3 and g4.

31...Ke8 32.Rb1 Kf8 33.Rb5  
Kg8 34.Qa3 Qd7 35.Rd5 Qd5  
36.Rb5 Qf3 37.Qb2??

Black has made progress on the light squares, but 37.Qc1 should hold the balance.

37...Qd1 38.Kh2 Qa4 39.Rb4  
Qc6 40.Qa2 Qf3 41.Qc2 Kh7  
42.Rb2 Qc6 43.Qb1 Rb8 44.Ra2  
Rb7 45.Ra6 Qf3 46.Qa2 Rd7  
47.Kg1 Nd4 48.cd4 Rd4 49.Bd2  
Qd1 50.Kg2 Qd2 51.Qa3 Qd3  
52.Qf8 Qe4 53.Kh2 Qf3 0:1

## Bird's Opening A02

Miles Ardaman 2471

David Naiser 2125

### Austin Spring Classic (1)

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.b3 Nf6  
4.Bb2 e6 5.e3 Be7 6.Bb5 Qc7  
7.Ne5 Ne5 8.fe5 Nd5 9.Qg4 0-0  
10.0-0 f5 11.ef6 Bf6 12.Bf6 Nf6  
13.Qh4 b6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Nc3 Qc6  
16.Rf3 Rf7 17.Raf1 Raf8 18.R1f2  
g6 19.Rg3 Nh5 20.Rf7 Kf7 21.Rf3  
Kg8 22.Rf8 Kf8 23.Qd8 Kf7  
24.Be4 d5 25.Bd3 Nf6 26.Nb5 d4  
27.Nd6 Kg7 28.Qe7 Kh6 29.e4  
Ne4 30.Be4 1:0

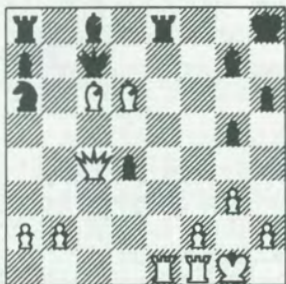
## Dutch Defense A87

John Bell 2148

John Readey 2411

### Austin Spring Classic (1)

1.Nf3 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4  
Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Qe8  
8.Bf4 h6 9.Qb3 Na6 10.e4 Ne4  
11.Ne4 fe4 12.Nd2 c5 13.Ne4 g5  
14.Nd6 ed6 15.Bd6 cd4 16.Rae1  
Qd8 17.c5 Kh8 18.Be7 Qd7  
19.Qc4 Re8 20.c6 bc6 21.Bc6 Qc7  
22.Bd6



22...Re1 23.Re1 Qd6 24.Re8  
Bf8 25.Qf7 Bb7 26.Re6 Qc7 0:1

## Sicilian Dragon B34

George Rector 2180

Josh Newsham 1909

### Austin Spring Classic (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4  
4.Nd4 g6 5.Bc4 Bg7 6.Nc6 bc6  
7.Qf3

ECO gives 7.0-0 e6 8.Nc3 Qc7 =.  
7...Nf6

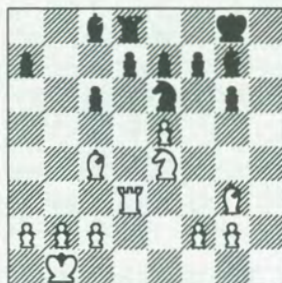
Possible is 7...e6 8.Nc3 d5, since 9.ed5 cd5 10.Nd5!?? ed5 11.Bd5 is smartly answered with 11...Qe7!

8.Nc3 0-0 9.e5 Ne8 10.Bf4 Nc7  
11.0-0-0 Ne6 12.Bg3 Qb6 13.h4  
Qc5 14.Qe4 Rb8 15.Bb3 Bh6  
16.Kb1 Rb4

Newsham has defended well.

17.Qe1 Rd4 18.h5 Bg7 19.hg6  
hg6 20.Ne4 Rd1 21.Qd1 Qd4  
22.Qd4 Nd4 23.Bc4 Ne6 24.Rd1  
Rd8 25.Rd3

25.Bb3! would have maintained the pressure.



25...Be5! 26.Be6 Bg3 27.Bf7  
Kf7 28.Rg3 Ba6 29.Nd2 Rh8 30.c4  
Rh1 31.Kc2 Rh4 32.Ra3 Bc4 33.g3  
Rd4 34.Ra7 Be6 35.Kc3 Rd5  
36.Ra4 Bf5 37.Rd4 Rc5 38.Rc4  
Rd5 39.Rd4 Rc5 DRAW

Steve Young described this next game as his "lone bright spot" in the event (he lost all his other games.) "After an insipid opening, I reached an ending which was a likely win

for Black." Comments in quotation marks are Young's.

*Reti Opening A07*

**Eric Dimazana 2186**

**Steve Young 1940**

*Austin Spring Classic (1)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Bf5 5.b3 e6 6.c4 Be7 7.Ba3 0-0 8.d3 h6 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.Nh4 Bh7 11.Be7 Qe7 12.Nc3 Rfe8 13.e4 de4 14.de4 Ne5 15.Qe2 Rad8 16.Rad1 Rd1 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.h3 Rd1 19.Qd1 Qd7 20.Qd7 Nfd7 21.f4 Ng6 22.Nf3 e5!

"Fixing the e4 pawn."

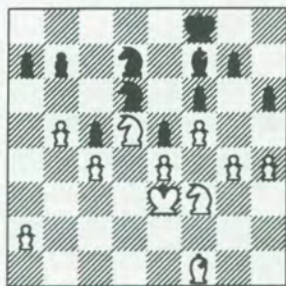
23.f5 Ne7 24.Kf2 f6 25.Ke3 Kf8 26.g4 Bg8 27.Bf1 Bf7 28.b4 c5!

"Familiar?"

29.b5 Nc8

"Vacating e7 for the King, intending redeployment at d6. After 29.b5, Black's minors are indisputably better than White's."

30.h4 Nd6 31.Nd5



31...Bd5 32.ed5 h5 33.Bd3 hg4

Steve rightly suspected that Black wins after 33...e4! 34.Be4 Nc4 35.Kf4 (35.Kd3? Nce5! is easy) hg4 36.Kg4 Nd6 37.Bd3 Nb6 (or 37...c4 first) and at least one of White's loose pawns will fall.

34.Nd2 Nb6 35.Kf2 Nd7 36.Kg3 Nb6 37.Kg4 Nbc8 38.Kf3 Kf7 39.Nb3 b6 40.Nd2 Ne7 41.Kg4 Kf8 42.a4 Kf7 43.h5 Kf8

**DRAW**

*Ruy Lopez C65*

**Selby Anderson 2230**

**Doug Root 2579**

*Austin Spring Classic (2)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 d6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2?

Curiously, Reshevesky made the same mistake against O'Kelly (a move earlier) in Dubrovnik 1950. Black can win a pawn with 10...ed4 11.Bc6 dc3 12.bc3 =+ (but not 12.Bb7 Bb7 13.bc3 g5! 14.Ng5!?! hg5 15.Bg5, which fails to 15...Re8!)

If 11.Nc4 dc3 12.Nb6 (hoping for 12...cb2), simply 12...cb6! 13.bc3 Bg4 leaves Black clearly on top.

Instead of the text, 10.Re1 is the main line. ECO also gives 10.Na3!?

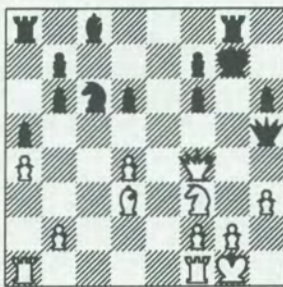
10...Qe7? 11.Nc4 ed4 12.cd4 Qe4 13.Bf6 gf6 14.Nb6 cb6

Black's extra b-pawn is of little consequence.

15.Qd2 Kg7 16.Bd3

Gallagher suggested 16.Re1 Qg4 17.Ra3.

16...Qg4 17.h3 Qh5 18.Qf4 Rg8!



19.Rfe1?

19.Ra3! Δ 19...Bh3? 20.gh3 Qh3 21.Nh4! Kf8 22.Bg6 +-. Instead of 19...Bh3, Black should play 19...d5.

19...Bh3! 20.Nh4

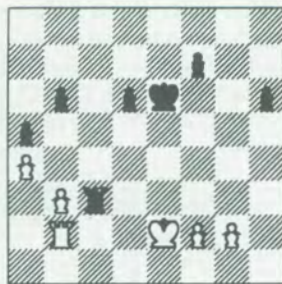
The Chess Machine found 20.gh3 Qh3 21.Re3!! and ...

(a) 21...Kh8 22.Ng5 Qh5 23.Qf6 Rg7 24.Rg3 hg5 25.Kg2 +

(b) 21...Kf8! 22.Ng5 Qd7 23.Qf6

Rg5 (23...hg5 24.Bf5 Qd8 25.Qh6 =) 24.Rg3 Rg3 25.fg3 =.

20...Qg5 21.Qe4 f5 22.Nf5 Bf5 23.Qf5 Qf5 24.Bf5 Nd4 25.Be4 Nb3 26.Bb7 Na1 27.Ba8 Ra8 28.Ra1 Rc8 29.Rd1 Rc6 30.Kf1 (30.Rd5!?! - Gallagher) Kf6 31.Rd2 Ke6 32.Ke2 Rc4 33.b3 Rc3 34.Rb2



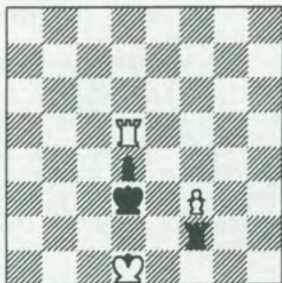
34...Kd5?!

I was surprised to see this move, which lets me set up a fork. I had expected 34...d5 35.Kd2 d4, when the threat of Kd5-c5-f4 forces 36.b4 Ra3 37.ba5 ba5 38.Rb6 Ke5! 39.Rh6 Rh4 and Black is winning

35.b4

Passive play with 35.Kd2 Kd4 36.Rb1 lets Black push d5, f5-f4, h5-h4 and break with f3 or h3.

35...Ra3 36.ba5 ba5 37.Rb5 Ke4 38.Ra5 Ra2 39.Ke1 d5 40.Rb5 Ra4 41.Rb3 Ra1 42.Ke2 Ra2 43.Ke1 d4 44.Rh3 f5 45.Rb3 Rc2 46.Rh3 f4 47.Rh4 h5 48.Rh3 Rc3 49.Rh5 (49.Rh4!?) f3 50.gf3 Kd3 51.Kd1 Ra3 52.Kc1 Ra1 53.Kb2 Re1 54.Rd5 Re2 55.Kc1 Rc2 56.Kd1 Rf2



### 57.Ke1?

White's King should stay on the short side of the pawn: 57.Kc1! Rf1 58.Kb2 Ke3 59.Kc2 =. The text is a borderline case where Black just barely fails to win. (With a pawn on the sixth rank, a King on the wrong side loses every time.)

57...Ra2 58.Rd8 Ra1 59.Kf2 Rh1 60.f4 Rh4 61.f5 Rf4 62.Ke1 Rf5 63.Rd7 ...

The final moves are lost to posterity, but even with White's King on the wrong side this is a book draw: 63...Ra5 64.Rd8 Ra1 65.Kf2 Rd1 66.Ra8! Rcl 67.Rd8 Rc7 68.Ke1 = (Levenfish, Smyslov and Gallagher.)

In mutual time pressure (about two minutes apiece in sudden death) Doug ended up pushing his d-pawn to reach the Philidor position, whereupon he soon offered a draw.

**DRAW**

On board two, Ardaman faced an uphill battle against Calogridis, who went into the ending a pawn ahead. After a see-saw affair in which Ardaman may have missed a win, a draw was agreed. Neither player turned in his scoresheet.

### Sicilian B50

Thomas Patton 2100

Eric Dimazana 2187

*Austin Spring Classic (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Nge7

The ECO line is 5...Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 Bd7 9.Bf4 Rc8 10.g4 Qc7 = Tal-Vogt, Riga 1981.

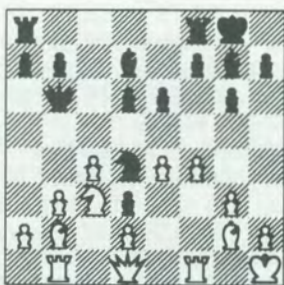
6.0-0 Nd4 7.Nd4 cd4 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.f4 g6 10.c4

Better is 10.d3 first.

10...d3! 11.Nc3 Qb6 12.Kh1 Nd4 13.b3

If 13.Rg1 intending 14.Qf1, then 13...Qa6!

13...Bg7 14.Bb2 Bd7 15.Rb1 0-0



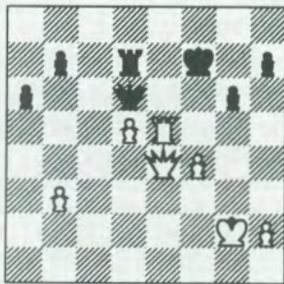
### 16.Na4

On 16.Rg1, Black gets ample counterplay with 16...a5! 17.Qf1 a4.

16...Qa6!? 17.e5 Ne2

White was hoping for 17...de5 18.Nc5 Qd6 19.Nb7.

18.Rf3 Ba4 19.Rd3 Nf4 20.gf4 Bc6 21.Rd6 Rfd8 22.Rd8 Rd8 23.d4 Bg2 24.Kg2 Qa2 25.Qc2 Qa6 26.Qe4 f5 27.ef6 Bf6 28.Re1 Kf7 29.Re2 Qb6 30.d5 ed5 31.cd5 Qd6 32.Bf6 Kf6 33.Qd4 Kf7 34.Re5 a6 35.Qe4 Rd7



### 36.h4?

This gives Black time to develop a dangerous initiative.

Better is 36.Re8!? Qd5 37.Re7 Kf6 38.Qd5 Rd5 39.Rb7 - drawish, as is 36...Re7 37.Re7 Qe7 38.Qd3.

Even cleaner is 36.f5! and it is Black who must be careful: 36...Kg7 37.fg6 Qg6 38.Qg6 hg6 39.Kf3.

36...Qa3 37.Qc2 Qa5 38.Qd3 Qa2 39.Kg3 Qa1 40.Kh2 Qb2 41.Kh3 Re7 42.Re3 Rc2 43.Qe4?? 43.Qf1 is forced.

43...Rh2 44.Kg4 Rg2!? 45.Rg3 45.Kh3 Rh2 46.Kg4 h5! 47.Kg5 Qf6 48.Kh6 g5 49.Kh5 Rh4 mate. 45...h5 0:1

### Dutch Defense A89

Steve Young 1940

George Rector 2180

*Austin Spring Classic (2)*

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Re1(?)

This works against the fluid line with ...e6, ...d6 and ...Be7, but in the Leningrad it meets with a smart reply. Better is 8.d5, 8.b3 or 8.Qc2.

8...Ne4!

White dare not exchange at e4, because his d-pawn would hang.

9.e3

The c-pawn will get doubled in any case, e.g., 9.Qd3!? Nb4.

9...Nc3 10.bc3 e5 11.Rb1 e4 12.Nd2 Na5 13.Ba3 b6 14.Bf1 c5 15.Nb3 Nc6 16.Bb2 Qf6

An optimistic move, with ideas of ...g5 and ...f4, or Qf7 pressuring the c4 pawn. But since Black will have to play ...a5 anyway, he might as well do it now and let the Queen guard b6: 16...a5 17.a4 Ba6 18.Ba3

17.a4 a5 18.Ba3 Ba6 19.dc5??

19.Nd2 Rab8 20.Rb3 ...

19...dc5 20.Qc2 Qc3 21.Qc3 Bc3 22.Red1 Rfd8 23.Be2 Rd1 24.Rd1 Rd8 25.Rd8 Nd8 26.Bc1 Nc6 27.Bd2 Bg7 0:1

### K1 Attack A07

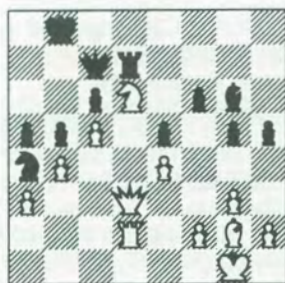
Josh Newsham 1909

Drew Sarkisian 2174

*Austin Spring Classic (2)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Qe1 Qc7 8.e4 de4 9.de4 Bg6 10.Qe2 Nfd7 11.Ne1 e5 12.Nd3 f6 13.Nc4 Bf7 14.Ne3 Na6 15.Bd2 Nac5 16.Nc5 Nc5 17.Rad1 0-0-0 18.Bc1 g5 19.Nf5 h5 20.Be3 Kb8 21.Rd8 Rd8 22.a3 Ne6 23.Rd1 Bc5 24.c3

Be3 25.Ne3 Nc5 26.b4 Na4  
27.Qc2 b5 28.c4 Nb6 29.c5 Na4  
30.Rd2 a5 31.Nf5 Bg6 32.Nd6  
Rd7 33.Qd3 DRAW



Sarkisian said the only reason for the draw was that Newsham had less than half an hour left in sudden death, adding that Josh probably could have played the position with 5 minutes on the clock and be in absolutely no danger of losing.

Here's what happens when you brag on a swindle to the editor:

*Basmaniac B00*  
**Wallace Brady 1836**  
**Steve Welborn 1631**  
*Austin Spring Classic (2)*

1.e4 g5!?

The Basmaniac Defense, named for British IM Michael Basman. A sample line: 2.d4 h6 3.Bd3 d6 4.Ne2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nd2 += Nunn-Basman, British Chp. 1980. Note the care Black takes to prepare ...Nf6, which guards the weakness at h5 against incursion by a Knight.

2.Bc4 e6 3.d3 h6

Why play this unless you have to? The move order d6, c5, Nc6, Nf6 seems to be more in Mr. Basman's scheme, but interesting is 3...d5!?

4.Nd2 Bg7 5.Ne2 Ne7 6.c3 Nbc6 7.Qc2

The direct Ng3-h5 looks good.

7...b6 8.d4 Bb7 9.Nf1 Na5 10.Bd3 d5 11.e5 c5 12.Neg3 cd4

13.cd4 Rc8 14.Qe2 Nac6 15.Be3 Nb4

Or 15...Ng8 16.Nh5 Bf8 17.a3! and Black can only squirm in the face of the coming f4. If 17...f5 then 18.ef6 Nf6 19.Bg5!

16.Nh5 Nd3 17.Qd3 Rg8

Of course not 17...Bf8?? 18.Nf6 mate; and 17...Nf5 18.g4 Ne3 19.Ne3 Bf8 20.Nf6 Ke7 is not much better after 21.Qa3 +.

18.Qh7 Kd7 19.Ng7 Ng6 20.Nh5 Kc7 21.Qf7 Kb8 22.Qe6 Rc6 23.Qg4 Ba6 24.Kd2?!

After 24.Qd1! there is little Black can do about f3, Kf2, Nd2, Re1 and Kgl +.

24...Qe7 25.a3 Rgc8 26.Qd1 Nh4 27.Nfg3 Qh7 28.Nf6??

28.Rg1 is forced, and winning. I see no good continuation for Black after 28...Rc2 29.Ke1 Rb2 30.Nf6.

28...Qd3 0:1  
29.Ke1 Ng2 mate would follow.

*French Defense C02*  
**Doug Roof 2579**  
**John Readey 2411**  
*Austin Spring Classic (3)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Qg4

The radical Nimzovich line, used by Smyslov in his youth.

4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nge7 7.0-0 cd4 8.Re1 Ng6 9.Qg3 Bd7

9...f6 10.Bg6 hg6 11.Qg6 (11.c3 d3 12.Qg6 Qf7 13.Qd3 fe5 14.Ne5 Ne5 15.Re5 Bd6 16.Qe2 Be5 17.Qe5 (Yutman-Matulovic, Yugo. 1959) Qh5 =+) 11...Qf7 12.Qg3 Rh5 =+ Marich-Antoshin, Uppsala 1956.

10.h4 Nb4 11.h5 Ne7 12.Nd4 Nd3 13.cd3 Nc6 14.Nc6 Bc6 15.Be3 f6 16.Bd4 f5 17.a3 Qf7 18.Qh3 Rg8 19.Nc3 g5 20.hg6 hg6 21.b4 a6 22.Reb1 g5 23.a4 g4 24.Qh2 g3 25.fg3 Rg4 26.Ne2 b5 27.Rc1 Bd7 28.Rc7 ba4 29.Bc5 Bc5 30.bc5 Kd8 31.Rb7 Rc8 32.Rc1 Rc7 33.c6 Bc6 34.Qh8 Rg8

Or 34...Kd7 35.Rc7 Kc7 36.Qa8 Qd7 37.Qa7 and 38.Qb6 +.

35.Qh4 Kc8 36.Rc7 Qc7  
37.Nd4 Qe5 38.Rc6 Kb7 39.Qe7  
1:0

*English Opening A26*  
**Jim Gallagher 2269**  
**Mike Calogridis 2200**  
*Austin Spring Classic (3)*

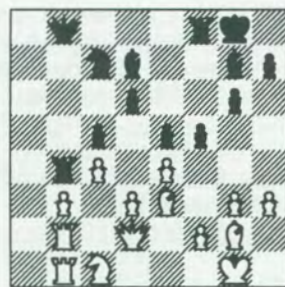
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.e4 0-0 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 a6 9.h3 Rb8 10.a4 Bd7 11.Be3 Nb4 12.Qd2 b5?

12...c5 13.f4 Bh6 14.g4 ef4 Δ ...b5 +=.

13.ab5 ab5 14.Nb5 Bb5 15.Qb4 Bd7 16.Qd2 Rb3?

Gallagher had dismissed this because of 17.Nc1 and 18.b4 ±, so he moved on other ideas and promptly forgot about it! The correct move order, 16...c5 17.Rfb1 Rb4 18.Nc1 Qb8 19.b3 Ne8 20.Ra2 Nc7 21.Rab2 f5, transposes to the game.

17.Qc2? Qb8 18.Rfb1 c5 19.Nc1 Rb7 20.Qd2 Ne8 21.b3 Nc7 22.Ra2 Rb4 23.Rab2 f5



24.Bg5?

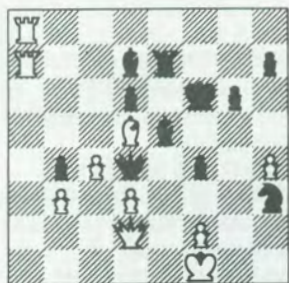
White was well on the way to breaking the blockade at b4 when he fell into this self-trap. The simplest path to a clear advantage is 24.ef5! g5 25.Bh6 and ...

25...f4 26.Bg7 Kg7 27.Na2 Rb6 28.b4 ±;

25...Bh6 26.Qh6 Rb6 27.Na2 f4 28.Qg5 Kh8 29.Qe7 Bf5 30.Be4 ±.

24...Ne6 25.Na2 f4 26.Nb4 cb4 27.gf4 ef4 28.Be7 Rf7 29.e5 Re7

30.Ra2 Kf7 31.Ra8 Qb6 32.Rba1  
Be5 33.R1a6 Qd4 34.Bd5 Kf6  
35.R6a7 Ng5 36.h4 Nh3 37.Kf1



37...Nf2! 38.Rd7 Rd7 39.Qf2  
Qd3 40.Qe2 Qb3 41.Qg4 Qd3  
42.Kg2 Qg3 43.Qg3 fg3 44.Rb8  
Ra7 45.Rb4 Ra2 46.Kf3 Rf2

46...g2 47.Rb7 Bc3! 48.Rf7 (or  
48.Rb1 Bd4) 48...Ke5 49.Re7 Kf5  
50.Rf7 Bf6 +.

47.Ke3 Bf4 48.Ke4 g5 49.Rb7  
Re2

49...g2 50.h5 g4 or 50...Re2 +.

50.Kf3 Re3 51.Kg4 h6 52.Rf7  
Ke5 53.Rf5 Kd4 54.Kh5 Re5  
55.Re5 de5 0:1

*Caro-Kann B14*

**George Rector 2180**

**Drew Sarkisian 2174**

*Austin Spring Classic (3)*

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.ed5 cd5 4.d4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.cd5 Bg7 7.Bb5  
Nbd7 8.d6 0-0 9.de7 Qe7 10.Nge2  
Rd8 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Re1 a6 13.Bc4  
Ng4 14.h3 Nf2 15.Kf2 Bd4 16.Nd4  
Qf6 17.Kg1 Rd4 18.Re8 Kg7  
19.Qe2 1:0

*French Defense C05*

**Mike Calogridis 2200**

**Doug Root 2579**

*Austin Spring Classic (4)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5  
Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3  
Qb6 8.0-0 Be7 9.dc5 Qc7 10.b4  
Nde5 11.Bc2 Bf6 12.Rb1 0-0

13.Nd4 Ng6 14.N2f3 a6 15.Bg5  
Qe7 16.Qd2 e5 17.Nf5 Bf5 18.Bf5  
e4 19.Rfe1 Nce5 20.Ne5 Bg5  
21.Ng6 hg6 22.f4 Bh4 23.g3 gf5  
24.gh4 Qh4 25.Qf2 Qf2 26.Kf2 a5  
27.Rb2 ab4 28.Rb4 Ra2 29.Ke3  
Rc8 30.Rb5 Rh2 31.Kd4 Rd2  
32.Ke5 g6 33.Kd6 d4 34.Kd7 Rc6  
0:1

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

*English Opening A25*

**Selby Anderson 2230**

**Miles Ardaman 2471**

*Austin Spring Classic (4)*

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6  
4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Nge7

I debated a bit about whether to  
assay 6...h5. But as I have played this  
against Selby before, it has lost  
much of its surprise value.

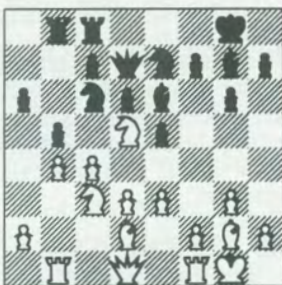
7.d3 a6 8.Rb1 Rb8

This setup, made popular by  
Spassky, proves to be a reliable  
antidote to any venom from this  
line of the English.

9.b4 0-0 10.0-0

For 10.b5?! see Bighamian-  
Ardaman, Tx. State Championship  
1993 [see page 12].

10...Be6 11.Nd5 Qd7 12.Nec3  
b5 13.Bd2 Rfc8



This is designed to (1) protect c7  
and allow Bh3 to exchange White's  
"rat" Bishop; and (2) coordinate the  
Rooks before retreating the Knight  
from c6 and advancing the c-pawn.

14.Re1

Anticipating 14...Bh3 with plans  
to play 15.Bh1, avoiding the ex-  
change. [In the post mortem we  
agreed that my first instinct, to play  
14.a4, was more to the point - Ed.]

14...Nd8

So Black proceeds with plan #2.

15.Ne7

15e4!? with the idea of avoiding  
exchanges after 15...e6 16.Ne3  
makes some sense given Black's  
congested minors.

15...Qe7 16.Qe2[?!]

[A bit strange. 16.Nd5 Qd7  
17.e4 c6 18.Ne3 is better - Ed.]

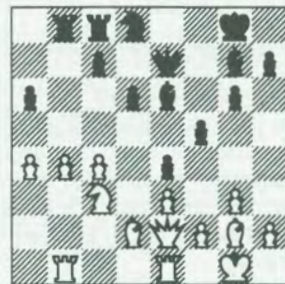
16...f5

Planning a favorable resolution  
of the g-file tension which White  
fails to counter.

17.a4?!

17.e4!? Qf7 18.c5 ∞.

17...bc4! 18.dc4 e4



Black's plan takes form: shut  
out the White KB, open his own KB,  
and race to maneuver the Knight  
into e5.

19.Nd5

19.f3 (or 19.f4!?, but neither this  
nor the text really solve White's  
basic problem of a weak c-pawn and  
poorly placed pieces) Qf7 20.fe4  
(20.Nd5? c6 +; 20.c5 Bc4! 21.Qf2  
d5 Δ Ne6 or Nc6) 20...Bc4 21.Qf3  
Nc6 =+.

19...Qf7 20.Bf1

20.f3? c6 +.

20...g5

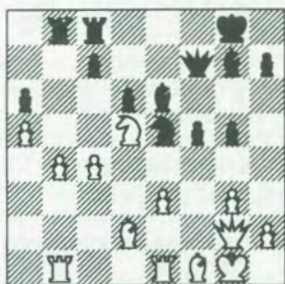
This keeps the Knight from  
defending at f4. Also reasonable  
seems 20...Nc6!? 21.Nf4 Bd7 22.h4

Ne5 23.Rec1 h6 =+, but not 20...Bd5? 21.cd5 Qd5 22.Qc4!

21.a5 Nc6 22.f4

Perhaps the only way to alleviate the uncomfortable message of his precarious light squares c4, d3 and f3. Allowing ...Ne5 with a Black soldier intact on e4 invites disaster, e.g., 22.Rec1? (22.Bc3? allows the same action after 22...Bc3 23.Nc3 Ne5) 22...Ne5 23.Bc3 Nf3 24.Kg2 Qh5 25.h3 f4 +.

22...ef3 23.Qf3 Ne5 24.Qg2



24...c6 25.Nb6 Rc7

In the few minutes I analyzed this position on move 25, I decided (intuitively) that White had no promising queenside breaks here. Only at home did I discover the refutations.

26.Rbc1

26.b5? cb5 27.cb5 Rc2 28.Red1 Rb6 29.ab6 Bd5 +;

26.c5 dc5 27.bc5 Rcb7! 28.Ba6 Rb6 29.Rb6 Rd8 30.Bc3 Bd5 +.

26...c5!

This effectively shuts out White's KB from the queenside and fixes the White c-pawn. Although it does relinquish some control over d5, White cannot use this square much to his advantage.

27.Be2 Kh8

The Rook may want to come to the g-file before or after the possible break ...f4.

28.Rf1 Qg6 29.b5 Ra7?!

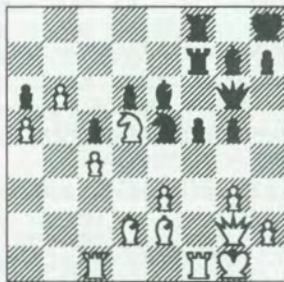
Not necessary, as the pawn after ba6 can easily be picked off with the same move. Better was 29...Rf7.

30.Nd5 Rbf8 31.b6?!

More flexibility came from 31.Rb1, in which case White might decide to open the file instead.

31...Ra7 32.Nc7

This was White's intended follow-up to 31.b6.



32...Bd7! -/+

But he must have overlooked this move. [Yup; otherwise I would have played 32.Bc3.] Inferior is 32...Rc7 33.bc7 Bd7 (or 33...Rc8 34.Qb7 Qf7 35.Qa6) 34.Qb7! ±.

33.Nd5

White retreats as he must stuff the "hole" anyway on the next move. Not 33.Na6? Bc6 34.Qf2 (34.Qh3 g4 35.Qh4 Bf6) 34...f4! +, when the horse must regret having fed at the trough. [Less convincing is 34...Ng4!? 35.Qe1 Nh2 36.Rf2 Ng4 37.Bg4 fg4 - Ed.]

33...Bc6

This Bishop has been something of a star this game. His threat earlier to occupy the long diagonal is realized here, where his role in prophylaxis and pinning maximize his potential.

34.Bc3 h5

The final assault is against the King. First Black intends to weaken further the White pawns.

35.h3 Qh6

A flexible move which can support either ...f4, ...g4 or ...h4. This array of options constitutes a large part of Black's advantage.

36.Bd2

Protecting against the first two of the aforementioned breaks.

36...Ng6!

A multifaceted move, supporting both the ...f4 and ...h4 breaks, preparing the more active deployment of the KB, and (more insidiously) plotting to capitalize on the pinned Knight.

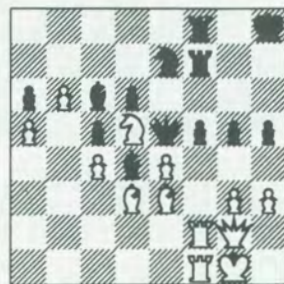
37.Rf2 Be5 38.Bd3 Ne7

This augments the advantage as White will be forced to weaken his dark squares with e4.

39.Rc1 Qe6 40.e4 Bd4

Here the other Bishop joins the pinning party.

41.Be3 Qe5



The Queen waits to take over for the Bishop on d4 whence she would irritate other spots. But 41...Be3! 42.Ne3 f4 (42...fe4? 43.Rf7 Rf7 44.Rf7 Qf7 45.Be4) 43.Nd5 Ng6 -/+ was simpler and stronger.

"Only" moves have saved White from sudden defeat thus far, but "sudden death" now overcomes him.

42.Bg5?

With several minutes left, White offers the exchange to appease the hungry monster, but the behemoth be voracious. 42.Bd4!? (Although 41...Qe5 allowed the following Queen activation, Black still achieves the ...f4 wedge and with it a decisive kingside intrusion. 42.Qf3 could transpose.) 42...Qd4 43.Qf3! (a strange resource which temporarily defends everything) 43...f4! (but not 43...fe4?)

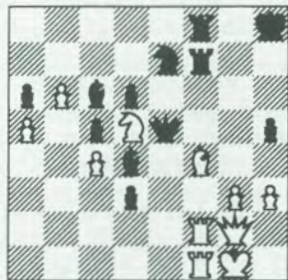


44.Qe4! =) 44.Kg2 (44.Kh1 g4! Δ ...fg3; 44.gf4 gf4 45.Qh5 Rh7 46.Qf3 Ng6 →) 44...Kg8! threatening ...Ng6, with the attack.

42...fe4!

Intending to gobble both B's and both R's. First the B's...

43.Bf4 ed3!!



44.Be5 de5

... and now the Rooks.

45.Qe4 Rf2 46.Rf2 Rf2 47.Qd4

47.Kh1 d2 and a Q for dessert!

47...Rg2

Only a trifling decoration.

48.Kg2 cd4 49.Kf2 Nd5 50.cd5

Bd5

Take a bow, Queen's Bishop!

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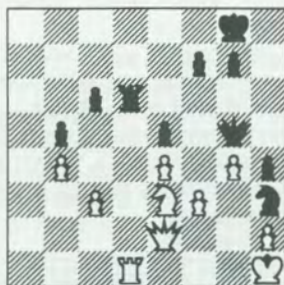
*Gioco Piano C50*

B. L. Patteson 2134

Jim Gallagher 2269

*Austin Spring Classic (4)*

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38...Rd1 39.Nd1 Qc1

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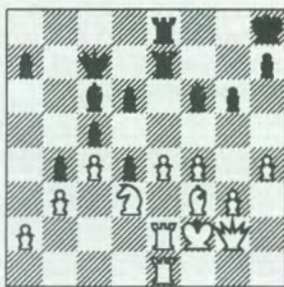
*English A10*

Jim Gallagher 2269

John Readey 2411

*Austin Spring Classic (5)*

1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 0-0 6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 e5 9.Rb1 Nd4 10.Nd4! ed4 11.Ne2 fe4 12.de4 c5 13.Bg5 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Qc2 b5 16.b3 Rb8 17.Nf4 Bd7 18.Nd3 b4 19.f4 Qc7 20.Bf6 Bf6 21.h4 Rbe8 22.Bf3 Bc6 23.Qg2 Qb7 24.Rbe1 Re7 25.Re2 Rfe8 26.Rfe1 Kh8 27.Kf2 Qc7



28.e5 Bf3 29.Qf3 de5 30.fe5 Bg7 (30...Be5 31.Re5 Rf7 32.Re8 Kg7 33.Qf7 +- JG) 31.Kg2 Bh6 (31...Be5 32.Re5 Re5 33.Re5 Re5 34.Qf8# JG) 32.Qf6 Kg8 (32...Bg7 33.Qf4; 32...Rg7 33.Qd6 Qb7 34.Qd5 JG) 33.h5 Qb7 34.Qf3 Qf3 35.Kf3 Rf7 36.Ke4 Bf8 37.hg6 hg6 38.Rf2 Rf2 39.Nf2 Rd8 40.Nd3 Rd7 41.Re2 (41.Rf1 Be7 (41...Rf7 42.Rf7 Kf7 43.Kd5 Be7 44.Kc6 Ke6

45.g4 Bf8 46.Kb7 a5 47.Kb6 Bg7 48.Ka5 Be5 49.Nc5 Kf6 50.Nd3 Bc7 51.Kb4 Kg5 52.c5 Kg4 53.a4 Kf3 54.a5 g5 55.a6 Bb8 56.c6 g4 57.a7 +- ) 42.Ra1 ± JG) Rd8 42.Rf2 Be7 43.Rf3? (43.a3 a5 44.ab4 ab4 45.Ra2 ± JG) Rf8 44.Nf4 (44.Rf8 JG) g5 45.Nd5? (45.Nd3 JG) Rf3 46.Kf3 Kf7 47.Ke4 Ke6 DRAW

George Rector had a horrible game against me: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 Bd7 5.d4 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bb5 7.0-0 Bd3 8.dc5?? Qa6 and 0:1 in 20.

*Caro-Kann B11*

David Naiser 2125

Mike Calogridis 2200

*Austin Spring Classic (5)*

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bf3 5.Qf3 e6 6.Be2 Qf6 7.d3 Nd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Be3 a6 10.a4 Ne7 11.a5 Ng6 12.g3 h5 13.Qf6 gf6 14.Na4 0-0-0 15.Nb6 Nb6 16.Bb6 Rdg8 17.Kh1 h4 18.Bg4 Ne5 19.f3 hg3 20.Kg2 Ng6 21.Be3 Nh4 22.Kg1 f5 23.e5 Be5 24.f4 fg4 0:1

*Sicilian Closed B23*

John Bell 2148

Hud Dunlap 1814

*Austin Spring Classic (5)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.d3 a6 4.g3 b5 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.Be3 d6 7.f4 e6 8.Bf2 Be7 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Kh1 0-0 12.a3 Rad8 13.f5 ef5 14.Nh4 fe4 15.de4 Ne5 16.h3 Rfe8 17.g4 g6 18.Qe2 d5 19.ed5 Nd5 20.Nd5 Bd5 21.Rae1 Bg2 22.Ng2 Nc6 23.c4 Bf8 24.Qe8 Re8 25.Re8 Nd4 26.Bh4 Ne6 27.cb5 ab5 28.Kg1 g5 29.Be1 b4 30.Ne3 Nf4 31.Rf4 Qf4 32.ab4 cb4 33.Nf5 f6 34.b3 Kf7 35.Re2 Bc5 36.Kg2 h5 37.Bd2 Qb8 38.gh5 Bf8 39.Ne3 Qb7 40.Kg1 Bc5 41.Kf2 f5 42.Ke1 Qh1 43.Nf1 f4 44.Re5 Be7 45.h4 Qh4 46.Kd1 Qh5 47.Kc2 Qf3 48.Rf5 Ke6 49.Ne3 Qe3 50.Be3 Kf5 0:1

# Dimazana, Smith win Pat Gannon Memorial

Eric Dimazana and Andy Smith took a friendly last round draw to share first at the second annual Pat Gannon Memorial, held June 12-13 in San Antonio. They scored 3.5-.5 each, topping a field of 18 players.

The first round had its share of upsets: Julian Hernandez (1808) drew Aaron Golden (1502) in a probably lost position; Charles R. Davis (1494) beat Steve Smollen (1800); and John Hendrick (1339) defeated Allen Eckert (1773) when Allen pushed one pawn too many.

In round 2 Eric Dimazana won when David Gonzales missed a draw in a Rook and pawn ending. Aaron Golden drew Steve Smollen.

Only the top four players were left with perfect scores, and they collided in round 3. Dimazana defeated Charles Minsky (1973) and Andy Smith wore down Jesse Buentello (2004).

In round 4 Dimazana and Smith drew very quickly, settling first and second place. Julian Hernandez scratched and clawed his way past Buentello for a share of third. Charles Minsky and Allen Eckert fought for six hours before Minsky emerged the victor.

Here is a list of prize winners:

1st-2nd	Eric Dimazana	3.5
	Andy Smith	3.5
3rd	Charles Minsky	3.0
Class A	Julian Hernandez	3.0
Class B	David Gonzales	2.5
	Freddie Jones	2.5
Class C	Charles R. Davis	1.5
	Aaron Golden	1.5
D/E/Unr.	Grant Sitta	2.5

Many thanks to the Lexington Hotel Suites for a terrific job, discounted site rental and free lemonade. The tournament was sponsored by the San Antonio Chess Club, and Tony Alston directed.

Smollen-Davis was a brief bout:  
 1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 e5  
 5.Nb3?! (5.Nb5 d5 6.cd5 Bc5 ∞) d5  
 6.cd5 Qd5 7.Qc2 Bb4 8.N3d2 Nc6  
 9.a3?? (9.Nc3) Nd4! → 10.Qd1 Bf5  
 11.Qa4 b5 12.Qa6 Bc8 13.ab4 Ba6  
 14.Ra6 Ne4 0:1.

## Two Knights C57

**Allen Eckert 1773**

**John Hendrick 1339**

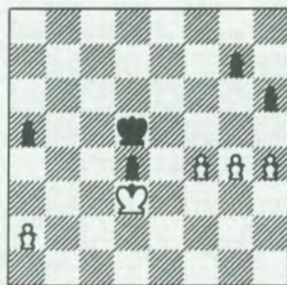
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6  
 4.Ng5 d5 5.ed5 Nd5 6.d4 ed4 7.0  
 0 f6! 8.Re1 Be7 9.Qf3

9.Nf7!? Kf7 10.Qh5 g6 11.Bd5  
 Ke8 12.Qf3 Qd6 13.Bf4 Ne5 14.Be5  
 fe5 15.Bb7 Bb7 16.Qb7 +=.

9...fg5 (9...Ncb4!?) 10.Bd5 Rf8  
 11.Bc6 bc6 12.Qc6 Bd7 13.Qe4?!  
 13.Qd5 h6 (13...Bf5? 14.Re7! →)  
 14.Qd4 ±.

13...Bf5 14.Qe5 Rf6 15.Qb5 c6  
 16.Qc4 Qd5 17.Qd5 cd5 18.Bg5  
 Re6 19.Re6 Be6 20.Be7 Ke7  
 21.Nd2 Rc8 22.Nb3 Rc2 23.Nd4  
 Rb2 24.Re1 Rb6 25.Kf1 Kf6 26.f4  
 Bf5 27.Nf5 Kf5 28.g3 Re6 29.Re6  
 Ke6 30.g4 d4 31.Ke2 Kd5 32.Kd3  
 h6 33.h4 a5?? (33...g6 =)



34.a4??  
 34.h5! wins by force: 34...a4  
 35.a3 Kc5 36.f5! Kd5 37.g5 hg5  
 (37...Ke5 38.f6 →) 38.f6! +.  
 34...g6 35.g5??

35.h5 gh5 36.g5 Kc5 37.f5  
 (37.Ke4?? Kc4 →) Kd5 38.f6 Ke6  
 39.Kd4 Kf6 40.Kc5 Ke5 =.

35...h5 → 36.f5 gf5 37.g6 Ke6  
 38.g7 Kf7 39.Kd4 Kg7 40.Ke5  
 Kg6 41.Kf4 Kf6 42.Kf3 Ke5  
 43.Ke3 f4 44.Kf3 Kf5 45.Kg2 Kg4  
 46.Kf2 Kh4 47.Kf3 Kg5 0:1

## QGD Slav D10

**Jesse Buentello 2004**

**Andy Smith 2004**

## Gannon Memorial (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e5 4.cd5  
 cd5 5.e3 ed4 6.ed4 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7  
 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 h6  
 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Bd6 Qd6 13.Re1  
 Ne4 14.Rc1 Be6 15.Bb5 Qf4  
 16.Bc6 bc6 17.Ne4 de4 18.Ne5  
 Ba2 19.Nc6 Rfe8 20.Rc5 e3 21.fe3  
 Re3 22.Re3 Qe3 23.Kh1 f6 24.h3  
 Re8 25.Rc3 Qf2 26.Qf3 Qb2  
 27.Na7 Qb1 28.Kh2 Qb8 29.Qg3



29...Qg3 30.Kg3 Re2 31.Kf3  
 Rd2 32.Nb5 Bd5 33.Ke3 Rg2  
 34.Rc5 Be6 35.d5 Bh3 36.Nd4  
 Rg3 37.Kf4 Rg5 38.Ke4 Re5  
 39.Kd3 Bf1 40.Kd2 Bg2 41.Nc6  
 Rg5 42.Ke3 Kf8 43.Kd4 Ke8  
 44.Nb4 Rg4 45.Kc3 h5 46.d6 Kd7  
 47.Rh5 Kd6 48.Ra5 Ke6 49.Nd3  
 g5 50.Nc5 Kf7 51.Ra7 Kg6 52.Ne6  
 Re4 53.Nf8 Kf5 54.Rf7 g4 55.Ra7  
 g3 56.Ra5 Kg4 57.Nh7 Rf4 58.Ra6  
 f5 59.Ra2 Be4 60.Nf6 Kh3 61.Nh5  
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# LETTERS

## Reduce TCA dues for Junior non-subs

Let me be the first to publicly support Greg Wren's initiative to reduce the annual dues for non-subscription junior TCA members. The fee should be a nominal one such as \$1 per year – not the current \$5 per year charge.

There are two overwhelming reasons in favor of such a reduction:

1. Many participants at the Texas Junior are financially strapped to come up with the entry fee, USCF dues, transportation and accommodation costs required to attend this tournament. Some school systems support players on a limited basis due to this fact. \$5 per student can quickly become a restrictive cost in terms of the number of players a school can send. \$1 per student is far less likely to discourage participation.

2. For this annual membership fee the juniors receive a membership card. No TK, no voting rights, nothing but a small piece of cardboard with their name on it. The present cost is exorbitant. It was initiated when TCA was not as fiscally fit as it is today. It has outlived its purpose.

Furthermore, with the price difference between voting and non-voting junior memberships being \$6.50, there would be less likelihood that these juniors would become "voting pawns" in the organizers' tournament bidding process. This change would not eliminate such activities, but it would make the cost of such shenanigans greater.

If possible, could my letter along with Greg's serve as a de facto motion to reduce non-voting junior TCA memberships to \$1 per year at the next TCA business meeting at this year's Southwest Open? I am not always in attendance at such functions.

NM Jim Gallagher  
San Antonio

*Actually, TCA Junior members (\$5 non-subs) have voted in the last TCA election, and it is one of the items I would like to see addressed at the business meeting. Your metaphor of "voting pawns" is an apt description of the bloc voting that tends to occur when a school club sponsor hands out ballots and makes a pitch for, say, certain tournament bids. Often addresses are not available for non-subscribers, so the franchise is likely to be spotty at any rate. I will see that some proposal is made on this issue, as well as regarding restrictions on entreis (e.g., junior teams must come from the same school).*

–SKA

## Chess teachers needed in Dallas schools

I am writing to tell you about a pilot scholastic chess program in Dallas that has some very exciting possibilities: Last fall, under the sponsorship of the American Chess Foundation and a \$40 million local foundation, we began a "Chess-in-the-Schools" program at a single elementary school, William Lipscomb School, in the Dallas Independent School District. Our three instructors introduced chess to one hundred fifty students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, giving them one hour per week of instruction. Most of these kids are considered "at risk" of dropping out of school, becoming involved in gangs, crime and drugs. The ACF paid for all chess equipment, books, trophies, etc. and compensated our instructors at the rate of \$15 per classroom hour.

Chess fever really took off when a team from our school entered the National High School tournament in Dallas and took home a trophy for fifth place in the novice division. A story on their exploits appeared in the *Dallas Morning News*, and the next thing you know they were being recognized with a special resolution at a DISD board meeting. To cap off the school year, a 14-board team match was arranged against a team from Highland Park, Dallas' most affluent suburb, which the Lipscomb kids won 25.5-2.5 (the 2.5 coming from some Lipscomb students who played for the other side.) One of our chess instructors almost got recruited on the spot to teach chess at Highland Park next year!

For this coming school year, which begins in mid-August, we have been invited into seven additional DISD schools. While chess interest is growing exponentially among the DISD administration, and while our funding resources are substantial, we need more chess instructors. If any Dallas area TCA members would be interested in teaching chess to some very enthusiastic youngsters, we need to know who you are! Please contact John Jacobs, Project Director for DISD/ACF Chess-in-the-Schools, 9446 Brentgate, Dallas, Texas 75238, or at (214) 272-7551 or 503-6601.

John Jacobs  
Dallas

Eighteen players attended the Juneteenth Non-rated Beginner's Open, held June 19 at the A.C.E. Chess Club in Austin. Susan Zong won the first place trophy after winning a blitz tiebreak match with Isaac Dimayuga; both received free USCF memberships. Tied for 3rd-9th were Ryan Scott, Joey Huemoller, Phillip Watkins, Douglas Yee, Layne Hendrick, Thomas Brown and Tom Lay. Each received either a book donated by John Fine or Robert Clark, or \$5.

– Alexey Root

## Editorial: This Year's Agenda

Several of this year's tournament bids have introduced new restrictions on entries to TCA tournaments, beyond what the Bylaws spell out. Whether organizers have such power to add restrictions is problematic even if their bids win. It would seem more proper to propose appropriate Bylaws amendments at the TCA business meeting, and put them to a vote.

Article IX, Section 1.D (Texas Junior Championship) currently reads: "*Entries shall be restricted to players who have not reached the age of nineteen as of the day of registration.*"

I would propose the following to replace it: "Entries shall be restricted to players who have not yet graduated from high school, and who have not reached the age of nineteen as of the day of registration."

This is sufficient to keep out college players, and it does not get tangled in details over home schooling or the rarely considered matter of dropouts. (Let us not forget, Bobby Fischer was one!) But there is a possible exception: What do we say to the sixteen year-old – or younger – college freshman who wishes to play? It may be necessary to tack on a "Doogey Hauser" clause.

The Bylaws sentence preceding the one just mentioned reads: "*This tournament shall normally be held during the summer between school terms.*" This is now roundly ignored, and I believe it should be stricken from the Bylaws.

I would also tack on the following: "A scholastic team shall consist of any four students from the same school, and [optional] may be designated at the conclusion of the tournament to include the top scorers from that school." The first part is only common sense, but you may be surprised to find out that at least one team in recent years has consisted of children from different schools.

The fiscal year as defined in Article V, Section 5.D.3 (duties of the Treasurer) needs to be redefined in accordance with TCA's pending application for tax-free status. The Bylaws currently read: "*The fiscal year of the Association shall begin and end at the Annual Business Meeting after the close of old business in the order of business items.*" This is unacceptable to the IRS, because of the variation in length from one Labor Day weekend to the next. Therefore, we propose that this sentence be stricken, and a new one inserted as follows: "The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on September 1, and end on August 31."

I endorse Gallagher's motion for a \$1/year junior non-subscription membership. The existing \$5 non-subscription membership could remain in effect for adults pending

another vote for a one-year extension. (This would be the third and last year for that item's continuance without amending the Bylaws by two-thirds vote. Worth mentioning is the fact that virtually no adults utilize the \$5 non-subscription membership.)

As for restricting the Senior to Texas residents (as in the S.A. Chess School bid), I don't think many of our seniors would mind if Arnold Denker or Art Bisguier were to show up (fat chance!!) But then I could be wrong. If you're curious, the Bylaws now read: "*This shall be open to players aged 50 and over, and held concurrently with the Texas Junior Championship.*"

If you have anything to say regarding these proposals, you should attend the TCA business meeting Sunday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m., at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio.

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## "Patzers" win Texas Bughouse title

by Michael Simpson

Eleven teams attended the 1993 Texas Bughouse Championship, held May 30 in Austin. While most of the players were participants in the Texas Amateur or State Championship, two teams came down from Arlington and Dallas specifically for this event. Their travels were rewarded as The Patzers (David Thomas and Al Sprague, 4300) walked away from the single round-robin event undefeated as the 1993 Texas Bughouse Champions, while the Amateurs (Thomas Ruppert and Cliff White, 3940) at 7-3 took the under-4000 prize. Tied for second at 8-2 were the Roadies (Richard Ketcham and John Bell, 4408) and No Name 2 (Mansour Bighamian and Miles Ardaman, 4833).

Carlos Lau substituted for Miles in the first round, when No Name 2 lost to The Patzers. Another possible factor was the absence of well-known buggers Doug and Alexey Root, who were out of town that weekend. Lucky break? Well, after the tournament the Amateurs were more than holding their own against Bighamian and Ardaman, who played in round six of the Texas chess championship for the title.

Best team name, and a warm handshake from the TD, went to Bugs 'R' Us. Michael Simpson brilliantly organized, directed and not-so-brilliantly participated.

Other team results: The Buggy T's (Mike Simpson and Gary Gaiffe, 4150): 6-4; No Name 1 (Igor Shtern and Jukka Pakkanen, 4765): 5-5; Bugs 'R' Us (Tony Alston and Andy Smith, 4163): 5-5; Oh! No! (Reynold Starnes and Randy Hess, 3940): 3-7; Raging Rooks (Grant Sitta and John Hendrick, 3600): 1-9; Rockin' Rooks (Joey Hamilton and Ryan Scott, 2136): 0-10.

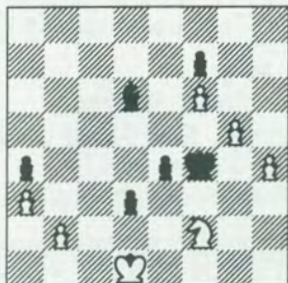
## Onozaki wins Alamo City's junior title

Nine year-old Tsubasa Onozaki scored 3.5 out of 4 to win the San Antonio City Junior Championship, held June 5 at the Chess School. Tsubasa, who tied for the title of 1993 Texas Elementary Champion, has developed rapidly in recent months. Ranked fourth with a USCF rating of 1261, he defeated top-ranked Jessica Friesenhahn (1632) in a nicely played endgame, and drew Aaron Golden (1480).

In a tough break for his coach Jim Gallagher, Tsubasa will soon be seeking a new chess teacher - in Dallas. A farewell party for Tsubasa was held June 21 at the Chess School, with pizza and silly party caps for all!

## The letter *Inside Chess* won't dare publish

Dear *IC*: After having my own analysis in *Texas Knights* busted so often by readers, it does my heart good to see Yasser pull a blooper. In *IC* vol. 6 No. 10, he comments on Zarnicki-Granda, Buenos Aires 1993:



"Thus far, Julio has played splendidly and should crown his previous play with 42...Ke3 43.Ng4+ Kf3 and wins." In the game Granda played 42...Bc5, allowing the drawing combination 43.Ne4! Ke4 44.h5 Kf5 45.g6 fg6 46.hg6 Kg6 47.Kd2 DRAW.

It is surprising that Yaz does not consider the same idea against his move, since the position of the Bishop at d6 or c5 is irrelevant to the drawing combination. In fact, 42...Ke3? 43.Ne4! is still a draw.

At first it seems that 42...Be5! is winning for Black, since it saves a crucial tempo if White reacts with 43.Ne4? But ChessMachine found 43.h5!! Kg5 44.Ne4+ Kh5 45.Nc3 and Black must accept a drawn King and pawn ending with 45...Bc3 46.bc3 Kg5, etc.

Selby Anderson

## New Orleans Chess Academy opens

Alfred Carlin, who has been Louisiana's pre-eminent master for many years, has a new chess studio in New Orleans. Casual woodpushers may play for \$2/hour, or take private lessons for \$25/hour (\$5 less for students and seniors). Also offered are Tuesday classes, Friday speed tournaments and USCF rated Swisses. Hours: 1-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri., all day Saturday. The Chess Academy of New Orleans is on 3301A Tulane Ave., a mile off IH-10 with plenty of easy parking. Phone: (504) 822-8166.

## Crosstable - Texas State Championship

	USCF	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
1 Miles Ardaman	2459	+35	+32	+7	H	+12	+4	5.5
2 Jukka Pakkanen	2337	+33	+34	=12	+14	=3	+5	5.0
3 Flor. Garmendez	2468	=14	+18	+9	+5	=2	+10	5.0
4 Mick Bighamian	2329	=21	+16	+37	+22	+13	-1	4.5
5 Fred Payne	2030	+41	+25	+13	-3	+11	-2	4.0
6 O. Haldun Unalmis	2309	+15	+23	=22	-12	+17	=8	4.0
7 Jim Gallagher	2302	+17	+35	-1	-10	+31	+19	4.0
8 John Readey	2411	=20	+21	-14	+23	+15	=6	4.0
9 Selby Anderson	2239	=37	+42	-3	+36	+14	=13	4.0
10 Drew Sarkisian	2182	-12	+43	X25	+7	+22	-3	4.0
11 Mark Kislingbury	2151	-13	+27	+24	+29	-5	+25	4.0
12 Joseph Bradford	2539	+22	+31	=2	+6	-1	U	3.5
13 Eugene Curtin	2413	+11	+29	-5	+18	-4	=9	3.5
14 David Naiser	2134	=3	+24	+8	-2	-9	+23	3.5
15 Frank Brack	2116	-6	=19	+20	+37	-8	+27	3.5
16 Bill Stouffer	2080	=30	-4	=19	+34	=25	+24	3.5
17 Steven Owen	2107	-7	+41	+34	+30	-6	U	3.0
18 Errol Jensen	2126	+26	-3	+32	-5	-19	+35	3.0
19 Richard Ketcham	2276	-39	=15	=16	+40	+18	-7	3.0
20 Richard Fabiano	2150	=8	-22	-15	+38	=26	+31	3.0
21 B. L. Patteson	2122	=4	-8	=28	-31	+41	+32	3.0
22 Igor Shtern	2425	+40	+20	=6	-4	-10	U	2.5
23 Matt Goshen	2100	X44	-6	+31	-8	=24	-14	2.5
24 Carlos Garmendez	2350	+42	-14	-11	+35	=23	-16	2.5
25 Gary Simms	2292	+43	-5	F10	+39	-16	-11	2.5
26 David Phillips	2000	-18	=30	=41	+28	=20	U	2.5
27 David Chong	2027	-29	-11	+38	=41	+37	=15	2.5
28 John Detrich	2065	-32	=35	=21	-26	=34	H	2.5
29 Mike Calogridis	2200	+27	-13	+33	-11	U	U	2.0
30 T. Gregory Rugel	2262	=15	=26	+39	-17	U	U	2.0
31 Mark Dejmeck	2182	+36	-1	-23	+21	-7	-20	2.0
32 Lewis McClary	2235	+28	-1	-18	-33	+36	-21	2.0
33 David Buhner	2125	-2	+38	-29	+32	U	U	2.0
34 Eric Dimazana	2186	+38	-2	-17	-16	=28	=36	2.0
35 George Rector	2180	-1	=28	=36	-24	+39	-18	2.0
36 Andy Smith	2004	-31	B	=35	-9	-32	=34	2.0
37 Cliff Bunch	2074	=9	+40	-4	-15	-27	U	1.5
38 Marvin Huckaby	2008	-34	-33	-27	-20	B	H	1.5
39 Brian Richardson	2093	+19	-7	-30	-25	-35	U	1.0
40 Tony Alston	2159	-22	-37	+42	-19	U	U	1.0
41 Larry Moss	2207	-5	-17	=26	=27	-21	U	1.0
42 Joe Binder	2011	-24	-9	40	U	U	U	0.0
43 Luis Salinas	2094	-25	-10	U	U	U	U	0.0
44 Maria Ivanka	2297	F23	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

B=bye H=1/2 pt. bye U=unplayed X=forfeit win  
F=forfeit loss Players are listed by tiebreaks.

## Bradford at the National Open

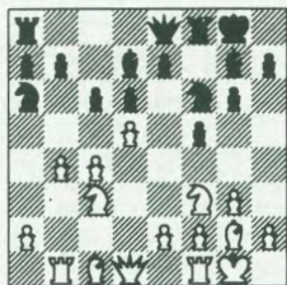
Joe Bradford didn't win this year's National Open, but he did come back with a grandmaster scalp.

*Dutch Defense A87*

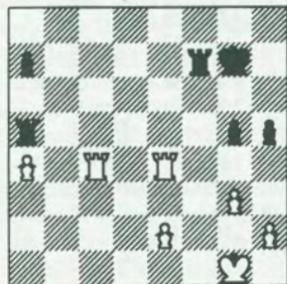
**Joe Bradford**  
**Dmitry Gurevich**

*National Open (4)*

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8.d5 c6 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.b4 Na6



11.d6 bc6 12.Qa4 Qc8 13.Qa5  
Nh5 14.Bb2 f4 15.Ne4 Nc7 16.Bg7  
Kg7 17.Qa3 Bh3 18.Qc3 Kg8  
19.Bh3 Qh3 20.c5 Nd5 21.Qc4 fg3  
22.fg3 Qe6 23.cd6 ed6 24.b5 cb5  
25.Rb5 Ndf4 26.Qe6 Ne6 27.Nd6  
Rad8 28.Nb7 Rd7 29.Nc5 Nc5  
30.Rc5 Re8 31.Rc2 Nf6 32.Ne5  
Re5 33.Rf6 Ra5 34.Rf4 Kg7 35.a4  
h5 36.Re4 Rf7 37.Rcc4 g5



38.g4 hg4 39.Rg4 Kh6 40.h4  
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61.Ke3 Rh7 62.Rb5 Rh1 63.Ra5  
Rh7 64.Kd4 Rd7 65.Rd5 Rb7  
66.Re5 Kd6 67.Rb5 Rc7 68.Ra5  
Rb7 69.Ra6 Ke7 70.Ke5 Rc7  
71.Kf5 Kf7 72.e5 Rb7 73.Rh6 Kg7  
74.Rd6 Kf7 75.Rd8 Rc7 76.Rb8 a6  
77.Rb6 Ra7 78.a5 Ke7 79.Rh6 Kf8  
80.Ke4 Kg7 81.Rf6 Ra8 82.Kd5  
Ra7 83.Rc6 Ra8 84.Rd6 Kf7  
85.Rd7 Kg6 86.Ke4 Kg5 87.Rd6  
Ra7 88.Kd5 Ra8 89.Rd7 Rb8  
90.Rg7 Kf5 91.Rf7 Kg5 92.e6 Kg6  
93.Rf4 Rb1 94.e7 Rd1 95.Kc6 Re1  
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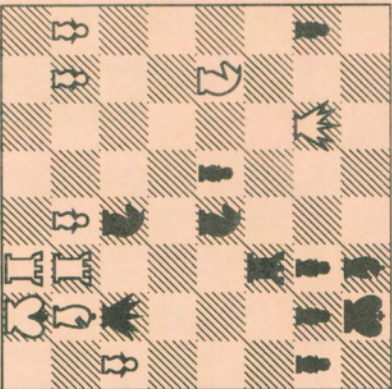
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Black to move and win

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