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Ardaman Annotates

Editor's note: FM Miles Ardaman of Houston was a winner in both the U.S. 60- and 30-minute championships, held Oct. 3-4 in Metairie, Louisiana. He tied for first in the game/60 event (won by Tony Davis of Little Rock on tiebreaks), and he won the game/30 title outright.

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

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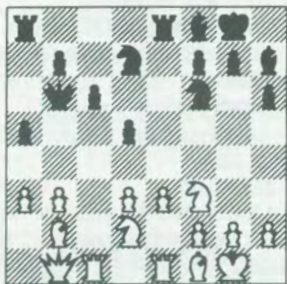
Miles Ardaman

A. J. Goldsby

U.S. G/60 Championship

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.b3 h6 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.cd5 ed5 7.d3 Nf6 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.Qc2 Bc5 13.Bf1 Qb6 14.a3 a5 15.Rac1 Bf8 16.Qb1 Bh7

The game resembles a Hedgehog in its long maneuvers and jockeying for position.



17.Qa1 Ng4

This reminded me of my first computer chess game.

18.h3 Ngf6 19.g3 Bd6 20.Rcd1 Rad8 21.Kg2

White continues to prepare e2-e4, which at this point have been met by 21...de4 22.de4 Bc5.

21...Bc5 22.Bc3

Black still successfully prevents White's central thrust, so White plans a flank one too.

22...Be7

Otherwise Qb2 and b4.

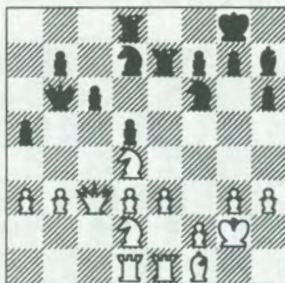
23.Bd4

23.Qb2 Nc5 24.Bd4!?

23...Bc5 24.Bc3 Be7 25.Bd4 Bc5

Black is content with a draw.

26.Qc3 Bd4 27.Nd4 Re7?

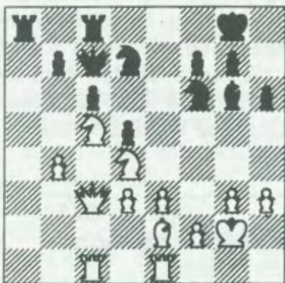


A serious mistake, as White now assumes an enduring initiative on the queenside similar to White's minority attack in the exchange line of the QGD. 27...c5 was required.

28.b4 ab4 29.ab4 Ra8 30.Ra1 Ree8 31.N2b3 Bg6 32.Be2

All White's pieces begin to find their optimum squares.

32...Rec8 33.Nc5 Qc7 34.Rac1



Perhaps it is better to exchange one pair of Rooks before playing a Rook to c1. I decided to avoid any exchanges, however, because I felt it would relieve Black's cramp.

34...Nb6 35.Rc2 Qe7 36.Rec1 Na4 37.Qb3 Nc5 38.bc5 Ra7 39.Rb1 Rca8 40.Qc3 Nd7 41.Rb4 Ne5 42.Rcb2

Now the game comes to a head. White threatens to triple with Qb3, forcing Black into a passive defense of b7. Black opts for a large liquidation instead. Although White will maintain an edge, I believe Black made the right choice.

42...Ra3 43.Rb7 Qb7 44.Qa3 Ra3 45.Rb7 Nd3?

This move, however, leads to disaster as the White Knight will have a classic dominating role over the Black Bishop. 45...Bd3 46.Bd3 Nd3 47.Nc6 Nc5 48.Rb2 leads to a superior ending for White, but a win is problematic.

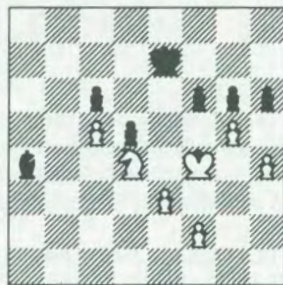
46.Bd3 Bd3 47.g4

Giving the King an extra square and anticipating the future need for a pawn battering ram.

47...Rc3 48.Rb3 Rb3 49.Nb3 Bc2 50.Nd4 Ba4 51.Kg3 g6 52.Kf3 Kf8 53.Kf4

This triangulation is only subtle insofar as it gives my opponent the chance to further weaken himself - a favorite method of Capa's!

53...f6 54.h4 Ke7 55.g5



Now an invasion along the dark squares will be possible.

55...fg5 56.hg5 h5 57.Ke5 Kf7 58.f3

This times the advance so that White can push through the f-pawn.
58...Ke7 59.f4 h4 60.f5 h3
60...gf5 61.Nf5.
61.f6 Kf7 62.Nf3 Bd1 63.Nh2
Be2 64.Kd6
 Zugzwang.
64...Bb5 65.Ng4 Be2 66.Ne5
Kf8 67.Ke6 h2 68.Nd7 Kg8 69.f7
Kh7 70.f8(Q) 1:0

Pirc Defense B07

Miles Ardaman
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Paul Morphy Memorial

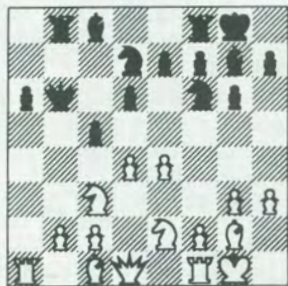
1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.e4
Nd7 5.Nc3 c5 6.Nge2 Ngf6 7.0-0
0-0 8.h3 a6

This will lead to a slight weakening of Black's pawn structure on the queenside. Perhaps 8...cd4!?

9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 b5

Black's redemption is some play along the file.

11.ab6 Qb6



12.Na4!

This Knight now exerts strong influence over the queenside both in attack and defense. It allows for Be3 and Nec3, harmonizing the minor pieces.

12...Qc7 13.Be3 cd4 14.Bd4
Bb7 15.Nec3 Nc5 16.Re1

Now White works with all his men.

16...e5?

A serious mistake that weakens d5 and forces White into an advan-

tageous exchange.

17.Bc5 dc5 18.Qc1 Rfd8
19.Qe3 Rbc8?

Essential was 19...c4 to avoid White's coming transformation of the pawn structure..

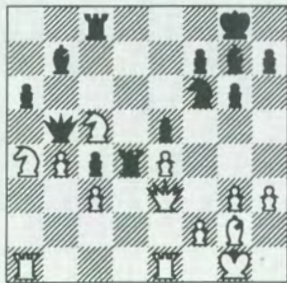
20.b3

Planning Nb2-c4.

20...c4 21.b4 Rd4 22.Nc5

Black has kept the Knight off c4, but now he faces a monster on c5.

22...Qb6 23.N3a4 Qb5 24.c3



The transformation is now complete. Black's queenside is a fatal liability, and he has no hope of generating play against White's. Notice also how poor the potential of Black's dark squared Bishop.

24...Rd6 25.Nb7 Qb7 26.Nc5
Qa7 27.Bf1

27.Na6 Qe3 28.Re3 Ra8 29.b5
Rb6 30.Ra5 Nd7 wins a pawn but leaves White uncoordinated and Black active.

27...Rcd8 28.Bc4 Nh5 29.Ba6
Rd2 30.Bc4 Qe7 31.Nb3 Rc2
32.Ra7 and White soon won. **1:0**

Sicilian B23

FM Miles Ardaman
Tony Davis

U.S. G/30 Championship

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6
4.Bg2 e6 5.d3 d5 6.ed5 ed5 7.Bg5

Fischer recently demonstrated that White can maintain a long initiative with this variation.

7...Be7 8.Nge2 Bg4?!

The better 8...d4 was played by Spassky. This game, however, was played before the match.

9.h3 Be6 10.Nf4

The coordinated work of White's minors brings the vulnerability of d5 to an apex.

10...Qa5

Attempting some counterplay against White's queenside. 10...0-0!? 11.0-0! leaves Black with the same problem to solve.

11.0-0 Rd8

11...d4 12.Bf6 Bf6 13.Nf4 commits Black to a static defense.

12.Bf6 Bf6 13.Ncd5 Bb2
14.Rb1 Bd4

Black hopes to escape with only a pawn minus.

15.Rb5!

The Democrats just increased the taxes.

15...Qa2

15...Qb5 16.Nc7.

16.Nc7 Kd7 17.Nce6 fe6
18.Rb7 Kd6

The tax per capita is decapita – for the Black monarch.

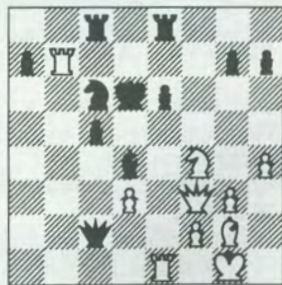
19.Re1 Rhe8 20.Qf3 Rc8

20...Qa6 would give White the same shot.

21.h4

Solidifying the Knight and preparing Bh3.

21...Qc2?



Greed trips the guillotine.

22.Re6!

1:0

Doug Root wins Corpus Christi Open

IM Doug Root of Austin won the Corpus Christi Open, held November 14-15 at the Sandy Shores Hotel, with a 4-0 score. His wife, WIM Alexey Root, took equal second with Barry Endsley of League City at 3-1 each.

In the reserve section, former U.S. Blind Champion Pete Gibson of Houston took first place with a perfect 4-0 score. Steve Young of Houston and Andrew Thall of Laredo shared equal second at 3.5. The top junior trophy went to Alex Anderson of Portland, with brothers Miguel and Jose Guajardo of Brownsville coming in second and third.

This was the first chess event to attract masters to Corpus Christi since the 1973 Texas Open. Lee Brandon, president of the Corpus Christi Chess Club, says they plan to hold two tournaments of this size each year, with the next one scheduled for the spring of 1993.

Among those not listed on the winners' table, Shawn Noland (2-2 in the Open) deserves special mention. Just a year ago he was a Class C player; now he is a near expert who occasionally plays like a strong master, as evidenced in his games with both the Roots. He took Alexey to the cleaners in round one, and against Doug he missed a draw at the end of a long and grueling minor piece ending. If there were a "player of the year" award in TCA, I would nominate him!

PRIZEWINNERS

Open Section

1st place:	IM Doug Root	4 pts.	\$300 + T
2nd-3rd:	WIM Alexey Root	3	150 + T
	Barry Endsley	3	150 + T
Expert:	Eric Dimazana	2	25 + T
	Lou Thuston	2	25
	Larry Crawford	2	25
	Andy Smith	2	25

Reserve Section

1st place:	Pete Gibson	4	100 + T
2nd-3rd	Steven Young	3.5	25 + T
	Andrew Thall	3.5	25 + T
Class A	Pete Gibson	4	trophy
Class B:	Bill Adin	3	16.66 + T
	Joe Medina	3	16.66
	Julian Hernandez	3	16.66
Class C:	Fred Brown	3	50 + T
Class D:	Lee Brandon	3	50 + T
Junior:	Alex Anderson	2	trophy
2nd-3rd	Miguel Guajardo	1	trophy
	José Guajardo	1	trophy

French Defense C10
Shawn Noland 1973
Alexey Root 2182
Corpus Christi Open (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4
 4.Ne4 Bd7

One of many offbeat ideas tried by Russian theorist Semyon Alapin (1856-1923). The French Defense line with 3...Nc6 bears his name.

5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7

6...Be4 7.Be4 c6 holds White to a slight edge, according to theory.

6...Nf6 7.Ng3 was played in Tarrasch-Alapin, Marseille 1903.

7.Qe2

7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Nf6 Qf6 9.Be2 Bd6 10.c4 Qf5 11.Re1 0-0 12.Ng5 Bf4 13.Bf4 Qf4 14.d5! ± Timman-Bukic, Bugojno 1978.

7...Ngf6 8.Bg5

8.Ng3 Bd5 9.0-0 c5 10.Be3 Qb6 11.c3 += Parma-Forintos, Maribor 1977. Noland selects a perfectly logical alternative not in ECO, and plays it like a young Tal.

8...Be7 9.Nf6 Nf6

The simplifying 9...Bf6 is safer.

10.c3 0-0 11.Ne5! Bg2 12.Rg1

Bh3

Black prepares to neutralize the main attacking Bishop. Not as good is 12...Bd5 13.Bf6 Bf6 14.Qh5 g6 15.Ng6! +- or 14...h6 15.Ng4! +-.

13.Bh6 Ne8 14.Bg7!?

Brilliant - and almost sound! For the record, 14.Qf3! is best: 14...Bf5 15.Bf5 ef5 16.Qb7 ±.

14...Ng7 15.Qh5 Bf5 16.Bf5 ef5 17.Qh6 Bf6 18.0-0

There are two threats: 19.Nd7! and 19.Rg7! Bg7 20.Rg1.

18...Kh8?

There is a narrow road to refutation: 18...Qd6! 19.Nd7 Be5 20.Qh4 Bf4! (20...Qd7 21.de5 Qe6 22.Qf6) 21.Kb1 Qh6 22.Qh6 Bh6 23.Nf8 -/+.

19.Rd3! Ne6 20.Rdg3

Both stopping ...Bg5 and threatening mate in two with 21.Rg8!



20...Qe7

20...Be5? is met with 21.Qh7! and 22.Rh3 with mate to follow.

21.Nd7! Bg5 22.Rg5 Ng5
23.Nf8 Rf8 24.Qg5 Qg5 25.Rg5 f6
26.Rf5

The Rook ending is easier than most because Black has none of the usual counterplay. Still, Noland's technique is impressively on target.

26...Kg7 27.Kd2 Re8 28.Rf3
Re7 29.Re3 Rd7 30.b4 Kf8 31.Ke2
Rd5 32.Rh3 h5 33.Ke3 Kg7 34.c4
Rg5

Worse is 34...Rf5? 35.f4 Δ Ke4 and the Rook is actually trapped! The position is fully resignable.

35.Rg3 Kg6 36.Kf4 c6 37.h4
Rg3 38.fg3 f5 39.Ke5 a6 40.d5 1 : 0

King's Indian E91

Doug Root 2570

Shawn Noland 1973

Corpus Christi Open (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7
4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Nc6

Refreshingly naive.

7.d5 Ne5?!

7...Nb8 8.0-0 Re8 9.Be3 e6 10.de6
Be6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.f3 Nc6 13.Qd2
+= Hort-Westerinen, Wijk aan Zee
1970.

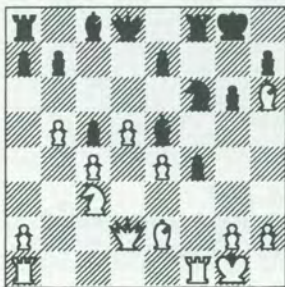
8.Ne5 de5 9.0-0 Nd7

9...e6 10.Be3 ed5 11.cd5 Ne8
12.Rc1 ± Wirthensohn-Kraidman,
Nice 1974.

10.Qc2 f5 11.f4 Nc5 12.fe5 Be5
13.Bh6 f4!

Black would be amply compensated for the Exchange, given the dark square blockade and mobile kingside pawns. Root declines.

14.b4 Nd7 15.Qd2 c5 16.b5 Nf6



17.Bf4

In the post mortem Root suggested 17.Rf4! Bf4 18.Qf4 Rf7 19.Qg3 Δ e5-e6, with a crushing advantage. Black does better to decline the Exchange with 17...Rf7, but he remains a pawn down.

17...Ne4! 18.Ne4 Rf4 19.Rf4
Ba1 20.Rf1 Bd4 21.Kh1 Bf5
22.Ng3 e6 23.Bf3 Be5

Root suggested 23...Qd7, but after 24.Ne2 Black is not entirely free of trouble: 24...e5 (24...Be5?? 25.g4) 25.Ng3 Rf8 26.Be4, and he is under strong pressure to go into the bad Bishop vs. good Knight ending.

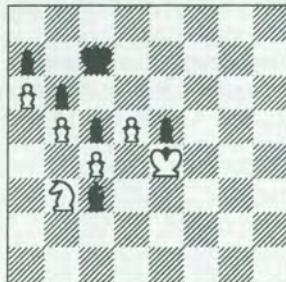
24.Qe3 Bd4 25.Qe2 e5 26.Bg4
Bg4 27.Qg4 Qc8 28.Qh4 Qd8
29.Qg4 Qc8 30.Qf3 Qf8 31.Qf8 Rf8
32.Rf8 Kf8 33.Ne4 Ke7 34.h3 Be3
35.Kh2 b6 36.Kg3 h6

This gives White a chance to play 37.g4! Δ h4-h5, creating an entry point at f5 while leaving Kingside pawns on the board. 36...h5 is better.

37.Kf3 Bf4 38.h4 h5 39.g4 hg4
40.Kg4 Bh6 41.h5 gh5 42.Kh5 Be3
43.Kg6 Bd4 44.Kf5 Bb2 45.a4 Bd4
46.Kg4 Be3 47.Kf3 Bd4 48.Ke2
Kd7 49.Kd3 Ke7 50.Kc2 Kd7
51.Kb3 Ke7 52.a5 Kd7 53.a6 Ke7
54.Kc2 Kd7 55.Kd3 Ke7 56.Nd2
Kd7 57.Nb3 Kc7

Not 57...Ke7?? 58.Na5! +.

58.Ke4 Bc3



59.Nc5 bc5 60.d6 Kb8 61.b6
Ba5 62.b7 Bd8 63.Kd5 Bb6
64.Ke5 Bc7??

Noland miscalculates the K+P ending and spoils a well-fought game. Either 64...Ba5 or 65...Bd8 is a draw, since after White wins the c-pawn and pushes his own to c5, the Bishop takes it for a stalemate.

65.dc7 Kc7 66.Kd5 Kb8
67.Kc5 Kc7 68.Kd5 Kb8 69.Ke6
Kc7 70.c5 Kb8 71.c6 Kc7
72.b8(Q) Kb8 73.Kd7 1 : 0

Sicilian Dragon B70

Lamar Bush 1664

Jim Gallagher 2263

Corpus Christi Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7
7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Nb3 Bd7?!

This is BCO's recommendation. 9...Be6, 9...a5 and 9...a6 have all been tried, with no guarantee of equality. The text intends to answer 10.f4 with 10...b5! (11.Bb5?! Ne4! 12.Ne4 Qb6). Black saves a big tempo over the line 9...a6 10.f4 b5 11.Bf3! +=.

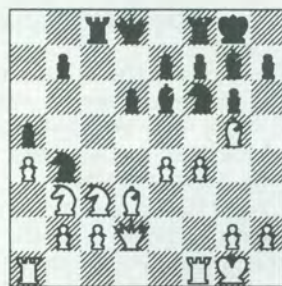
10.Qd2?!

10.Kh1 a6 11.f4 b5 12.a3 Rb8
13.Bf3 a5 14.Re1 Qc8 = A. Sokolov-
Ljubojevic, Bugojno 1986.

10...a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.f4 Rc8

Black threatens 13...Rc3!

13.Bd3 Be6!



14.Nd4?

Also bad is 14.Kh1? Nd3 15.Qd3
Bc4 -/.

Best is the tricky 14.Rf3!?, so that if Black tries to win a pawn with 14...Bb3 15.cb3 Nd3 16.Rd3

Qb6 17.Kh1 Qb3, he runs into the discovery 18.Nd5! (The same idea applies to the line with 14...Nc2.) The best reply is 14...Nd3! 15.Rd3 Rc3 (15...Bc4 16.Rh3 Be6 =) 16.Qc3 Ne4 17.Qa5 Ng5 18.Qg5 Qb6 with compensation for the Exchange.

14...Qb6 15.Ncb5 Bc4 16.Kh1 Bd3 17.cd3 e5 18.Nf3 Rc2

Hello!

19.Qd1 Ng4 20.Ne1

Or 20.Be7 Ne3 21.Qe1 Nd3 +.

20...Rf2 21.Rg1 Rf4 22.Bh4 Ne3 0:1

I took a first round bye and played a game to be proud of – for 32 moves.

Benoni A57

Selby Anderson 2247

Larry Crawford 2050

Corpus Christi Open (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5 a6 5.b6 Qb6

In the past Black has often tried 5...d6 d6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 (6...Qb6 transposes to the game) 7.e4 (7.a4!?) g6, but 8.a4! casts doubt on that line: 8...Nb6 9.a5 Nbd7 10.f4 Bg7 11.Bc4 0-0 12.Nf3 Ne8 13.0-0 Nc7 14.Qd3 Nb5 15.Bd2 Nd4 16.Na4, and White's space advantage translated into a decisive Kingside attack in Tukmakov-J. Polgar, Tilburg 1990.

A new idea is making the rounds with some success is 5...a5! 6.Nc3 Ba6, which Kaidanov says he first saw when Christiansen played it against him in a blitz game in 1990.

(a) 7.e4 Bf1 8.Kf1 d6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Nd2 g6 and Black stood well in Shaked-Renard Anderson, Reno 1992. In this line, 9.b7 Ra7 10.f4! Δ e5 merits testing.

(b) 7.Qb3 d6 8.e4 Bf1 9.Kf1 Nbd7 and...

(b1) 10.b7 Rb8 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.a4 Qb7 13.Qb7 Rb7 14.Nd2 Rb4 15.b3 g6 16.Ba3 Bg7! -/+ Basin-Kaidanov, 1992 U.S. Open;

(b2) 10.f3 Qb6 11.Qb6 Nb6 12.Bg5 g6 (Andrews-Kaidanov, Cleveland 1992) 13.Bf6 ef6 14.Nge2 Bg7 15.Kf2 h5 16.Rhd1 f5 17.ef5 gf5 18.f4 h4! =+ Kaidanov; 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.Nd2

8.e4 Bg4! didn't fit in with my plans.

9...Bg7 9.e4 0-0 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.a4

Fedorowicz closes with "+=", Mitielu-Gheorghiu, Tetschen 1975.

11...a5 12.Be2 Na6 13.0-0 Nb4 14.Bf4

Another try is 14.Bg5 Δ f4.

In the WRC Morphy I played 14.f3 against Leinbach, and after 14...Ba6 15.Na3 Black should have played 15...c4 with counterplay.

14...Nd7

Or 14...Ba6 15.Na3!?

15.Qd2 Nb6 16.Nb5

Clearing the third rank.

16...Nc4 17.Bc4 Qd7 18.Bh6 Ba6 19.Ra3 Bh6?

19...f6 was preferable, and if 20.Bg7 Kg7 21.Rh3 then 21...h5; or 20.Rh3 Rf7 21.Bg7 Rg7 22.f4 Rf8 23.Rhf3 Rgf7 and Black seems to have adequate defensive resources.

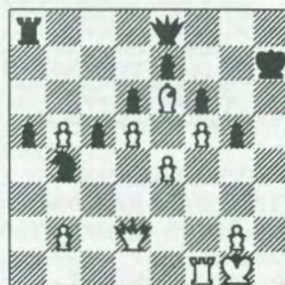
20.Qh6 f6 21.Rg3 Rf7 22.Be2!?

22.f4! Δ h4, f5 – Doug Root.

23...Qd8 23.Bg4 Qf8 24.Qd2 Rg7 25.Be6 Kh8 26.f4 Bb5 27.ab5 Qe8 28.h4 h6

28...Qb5 29.f5 Qe8 30.Qh6 Qf8 31.fg6 Rg6 32.Rg6 +.

29.f5 g5 30.hg5 hg5 31.Rh3 Rh7 32.Rh7 Kh7



33.Qe2?

Time pressure takes its toll. I felt better about this game (but not much better) after showing this position to two other people, who each came up with the text move as well as 33.Kf2? (...Qh5! -/+).

The winning move is 33.Rf3! Now 33...Kg7 34.Rh3 Qb5 loses to 35.Qd1 (Δ Rh7!) Qe8 36.Qg4 and Black cannot stop the plan of Rh5, Qh3 and Rh7, forcing mate.

I stumbled over 33...g4 34.Rg3 Qh5, overlooking 35.Qe2! (Δ Rh3; or 35.Qd1! but not 35.Qf4? Qg5) 35...Kh6 36.Rg4 Δ Rg6 +.

33...Kg7 34.Qg4 Qb5 35.Rf3 Rh8 36.Rh3 Rh3 37.Qh3 Qe2 38.Bg8?? Kg8 0:1

38.Qh5 Qe1 and 39...Qh4 +.

Sicilian B23

Andy Smith 2000

Eric Dimazana 2117

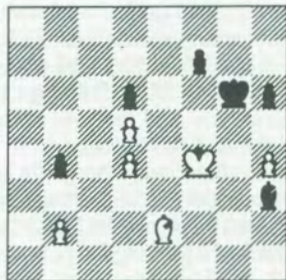
Corpus Christi Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 a6 5.a4 b6 6.Bc4 Bb7 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Qe2 Nd4 9.Nd4 cd4 10.Nd1 Nf6 11.d3 Rc8 12.e5 Nd5 13.f5 ef5 14.c3 g6 15.cd4 Bg7 16.Bg5 0-0 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.Ne3 Ne3 19.Qe3 Rfe8 20.Qf4 b5 21.ab5 ab5 22.Bb3 Rc1 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.Rf1 Qc7 25.g4



25...Qc6 26.d5 Qc5 27.d4 Qb4 28.Qe3 h6 29.Bf6 Bf6 30.ef6 Qd6 31.gf5 Qf6 32.fg6 Qg6 33.Kf2 Kf8 34.Re1 Qf5 35.Qf3 Qg5 36.Qe4 d6 37.h4 Qf6 38.Kg2 Rd8 39.Rf1 Qg7

40.Kh1 Re8 41.Qf4 Qg6 42.Qf6 Qf6
43.Rf6 Re1 44.Kg2 Re2 45.Rf2 Rf2
46.Kf2 Kg7 47.Kf3 Kg6 48.Kg3
Bc8 49.Bd1 Bf5 50.Be2 b4 51.Kf4
Bh3



52.h5?

Be cautious with pawns moves; they can't retreat! There is an easy draw with 52.Bf3 Bf1 53.Kg4 f5 54.Kf4 Bc4 55.Ke3.

52...Kf6 53.Bf3 Bf1 54.Kg4 Bd3 55.Kf4 Ke7 56.Bg4 Bc2 57.Bf3 f5 58.Be2 Kf6 59.Ba6 Bd1 60.Bc8 Bh5 61.Bf5 Bd1 62.Bh3 h5 63.Bg2 Bg4 64.Be4 Bc8 65.Bf3 h4 66.Bg2 h3 67.Be4 Bd7 68.Kg3 Kg5 69.Bd3 h2 70.Be4 Bg4 71.Bg2 Kf5 72.Bh1 Be2 73.Bg2 Bd3 74.Bh3 Ke4 75.Kh2 Kd4 0:1

English A10

Eric Dimazana 2117
Doug Root 2570

Corpus Christi Open (3)

1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.e4 Nf6!?
4.Qc2 c5 5.Nge2 Nc6 6.d3 e6
7.Bg5 Be7 8.g3 Nb4 9.Qd1 Ne4
10.Ne4 d5 11.Be7 Qe7 12.cd5 ed5
13.Nc5 Qc5 14.d4 Ne2 15.Kd2
Nd4 16.Qa4 Nc6 17.Rc1 Qa5
18.Qa5 Na5 19.Bh3 Nc4 20.Kc2 0-0
21.Nd4 Rfe8 22.Rhe1 Kf8
23.Nb5 a6 24.Nd4 Rad8 25.b3
Nd6 26.Kb2 Re1 27.Re1 Re8
28.Rc1 Re4 29.Kc3 Re5 30.Bg2
Ne4 31.Be4 de4 32.b4 Rd5 33.Rd1
g6 34.Rd2 Ke8 35.Kc2 Kd7
36.Kd1 Kd6 37.Ke2 Ke5 38.Ke3

g5 39.g4 Rd6 40.Rd1 Bc8 41.f3
Bb7 42.fe4 Be4 43.Rd2 Rh6
44.Ne2 Rh2 45.Rd8 Rh3 46.Kf2
Rf3 47.Ke1 Bd5 48.Re8 Be6
49.Rg8 Ra3 50.Nc1 Kf4 0:1

Sicilian Najdorf B97

Jim Gallagher 2263

Barry Endsley 2100

Corpus Christi Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4
Qb6 8.Qd2 Qb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.f5
Nc6 11.Nc6?!

A slip in move order. Normal is 11.fe6 fe6 12.Nc6.

11...bc6 12.fe6

ECO gives 12.Rb3 Qa5 13.Bd3
Be7 14.0-0 h6 15.Be3 Ng4 16.Bf4
Ne5 17.Kh1 ef5 18.Be5 Qe5 19.ef5
Bg5 20.Qd1 0-0 -/+ Barczay-
Marjanovic, Ruman 1978.

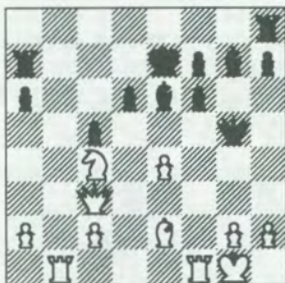
12...Be6 13.Bf6 gf6 14.Be2 Qc5
14...Bh6! nails an advantage. If
15.Qd4 then 15...Bf4! Δ ...Be5.

15.Na4 Qg5 16.Qc3 c5 17.0-0
Bg7?

17...Be7 is necessary, but who
would have guessed the danger?

18.Nb6 Ra7 19.Nc4 Ke7

19...Bc4 20.Bc4 f5 21.Rb8 Ke7
22.Qb3 is a wipeout.



20.h4!!

The key to the combination is to
deflect Black's Queen from the
defense of c5.

20...Qh4 21.Nd6! Rc7

On 21...Kd6 White forces mate

with 22.Rb6 - not 22.Rfd1? Kc6.

22.Qa5 Rc6

22...Kd6 23.Rfd1

23.Rb7 Kd6 24.Rd1?

24.Qd2 Ke5 25.Rf5! (25.Qc3 Ke4
26.Bf3 Kf5 27.Bc6 Kg6) 25...Bf5
(25...Ke4 26.Qd3 mate) 26.Qd5 Kf4
27.Qf5 Ke3 28.Rb3 leads to mate.

24...Ke5 25.Qc3 Kf4 26.Rd3
Kg5 27.Rg3 Kh6 28.Qe3 Qg5
29.Rg5 fg5 30.Qf3 Bd4 31.Kh1
Kg7 32.g3 Rd8 33.Qh5 h6 34.Qf3
Be5 35.Ra7 Ba2 36.c4 Rf6 37.Qe3
Rd4 38.Re7 Bd6?!

Releasing the blockade is Black's
first slip. He is much better after
38...Re6 39.Re6 fe6 40.Qa3 Bc4
41.Bc4 Rc4 42.Qa6 Rc1 43.Kg2 Kf6.

39.Re8 Re6 40.Re6 fe6 41.e5
Bc7

41...Be7 42.Qa3 Bc4 43.Bc4 Rc4
44.Qa6 Rc1 45.Kg2 Kf7, while not
as good as the last note, avoids the
mating net.

42.Qa3 Bc4 43.Qc5 Bd5
44.Kg1 Be5 45.Bh5 Bf6 46.Qc7
Kh8 47.Qf7 Bg7

47...Rd1 48.Kf2 Bd4 49.Ke2 +.

48.Qe8

1:0

Modern Defense A42

Larry Crawford 2050

Alexey Root 2182

Corpus Christi Open (3)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3
Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.Bd3
Nh6 8.f3 f5 9.g3 fe4 10.Be4 Nhf5
11.Bg5 h6 12.Bc1 Nd4 13.Nge2 0-0
14.Nd4 ed4 15.Ne2 c5 16.Qd3
Bf5 17.Nf4 Qd7 18.0-0



18...g5 19.Bf5 Qf5 20.Qf5 Rf5
 21.Ne6 Ng6 22.Ng7 Kg7 23.b3
 Raf8 24.Kg2 Ne5 25.f4 Ng6
 26.Bd2 gf4 27.gf4 Nf4 28.Bf4 Rf4
 29.Rf4 Rf4 30.Re1 Kf6 31.b4 cb4
 32.Kg3 Kf5 33.Re8 Rg4 34.Kf3
 Rg6 35.Re4 d3 36.Rd4 h5 37.Rd3
 Rg4 38.c5 dc5 39.d6 Rg8 40.d7
 Rd8 41.Rd5 Ke6 42.Rc5 Rd7
 43.Rb5 b6 44.Rb4 Rd2 45.Ra4 a5
 46.h4 Kd5 47.Kf4 Kc5 48.Kg5
 Rd5 49.Kg6 Kb5 50.Rf4 a4 51.Rf2
 Ka5 52.a3 b5 53.Rf4 Rd3 54.Kh5
 Ra3 55.Kg5 Rg3 56.Kf5 a3 57.Rf2
 b4 58.Re2 b3 59.Re5 Kb4 60.Re4
 Kc3 61.Ra4 a2 62.Kf4 Rd3 0 : 1

Benoni A43

George Kvakovsky 1944

Julian Hernandez 1795

Corpus Christi Open (3)

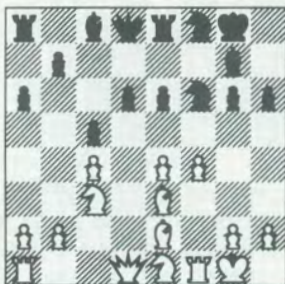
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.d4 Nbd7
 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 c5?! 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 8.d5 a6

Black is in a very inferior Benoni in which he is deprived of the usual freeing moves. 9.a4! or 9.h3! Δ Bf4 would keep it that way.

9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 Re8?!

10...e6 yields an acceptable game:
 11.de6 fe6 12.Ne1 Qc7 13.f4 b6.

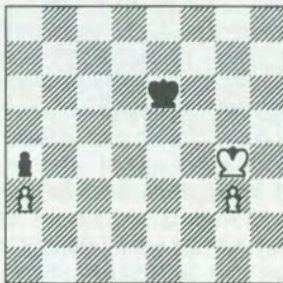
11.Ne1 e6 12.de6 fe6 13.f4 Nf8
 14.Be3



14...d5!?

A desperate pawn sac, but Black faced such woes as Nd3 Δ e5 and Qd2 Δ f5.

15.ed5 ed5 16.Bc5 dc4 17.Qd8
 Rd8 18.Bf8 Kf8 19.Bc4 Bg4 20.h3
 Rac8 21.Bb3 Bf5 22.Nf3 Ne4
 23.Ne4 Be4 24.Ne5 Rd2 25.Rf2
 Rcd8 26.Re1 Be5 27.fe5 Rf2
 28.Kf2 Bc6 29.Re2 Ke7 30.Ke3 g5
 31.g3 Rf8 32.Rf2 Rf2 33.Kf2 b6
 34.h4 Bd7 35.hg5 hg5 36.Ke3 Bf5
 37.Kd4 Kd7 38.Bg8 Bh3 39.b4
 Bg2 40.Bc4 Bb7 41.e6 Ke7 42.Bd5
 Bc8 43.Ke5 a5 44.ba5 ba5 45.a3 a4
 46.Kf5 g4 47.Kg4 Be6 48.Be6 Ke6



49.Kf4 Kd5

49...Kf6 50.Ke4 Kg5 51.Kd4 +- is also a borderline case. An exceptional endgame!

50.g4 Kc4 51.g5 Kb3 52.g6 Ka3
 53.g7 Kb2 54.g8(Q) a3 55.Qg2 Kb1
 56.Qf1 Kb2 57.Qe2 Kb1 58.Qd1
 Kb2 59.Qd2 Kb3

59...Kb1 60.Ke4 a2 61.Kd3 a1(Q)
 62.Qc2 mate, or 61...a1(N) 62.Kc3.
 60.Qc1 Ka2 61.Qc3 1 : 0

Benoni A43

Doug Root 2570

Jim Gallagher 2263

Corpus Christi Open (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5

Against 2...e6 Root has played
 3.Nbd2 with a Colle system.

3.d5 e6

3...b5 4.Bg5 Qb6 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.e4
 b4 7.Na4 Qa5 8.Bf6 ef6 9.b3 d6
 10.Bd3 g6 11.h4 += Dreev-Glek,
 Tallinn 1986.

4.Nc3 ed5 5.Nd5 Nd5 6.Qd5
 Be7 7.Bg5

7.e4 Nc6 8.c3 d6 9.Bc4 Be6
 10.Qd3 += Michel-Spielmann,
 Semmering 1926.

7...Bg5?!

Black hopes the Knight on g5 will be misplaced, but instead he becomes the basis of an attack.. Better is 7...0-0 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.a3 h6 (9...b5? 10.e3 Rb8 11.Bd3 c4 12.Bh7! 1:0 Sereshevsky-Gusev, USSR 1977) 10.Be3 += Ciocaltea.

8.Ng5 Qa5

Played to discourage queenside castling.

9.c3 0-0 10.e3

The superiority of this move to 10.e4 will soon become clear.

10...Nc6 11.Bc4 Nd8

11...d6 12.Nf7 Ne7 13.Qd6 offers no hope, and 11...Ne7 gets crushed by 12.Qe4 Ng6 13.Nf7!

12.Qe4 g6 13.Qh4 h5 14.g4 Kg7

Forced, as 14...d5 15.gh5 dc4 16.hg6 Kg7 17.Qh7 Kf6 18.g7 is not a serious option.

15.gh5 Rh8 16.Nf7! Rh5

On 16...Nf7 17.Qe7 Rf8, White should avoid 18.Rg1? and 18.hg6? which are smartly answered with 18...Qd8! He wins with the rather amusing march of his h-pawn: 18.h6 Kg8 19.h7 Kg7 20.h8(Q).



17.Qe7

Root opts to keep the attack brewing instead of playing an ending two pawns up, e.g., 17.Qd8 Qd8 18.Nd8 d5 19.Bb3 (19.0-0-0 dc4 20.Nb7? Rf5! +=) Rh8 20.Rd1 ±.

17...Nc6 18.Qd6 Rf5

The only defense against Rg1.

19.Rg1 Rf6 20.Qg3!?

Possible was 20.Qd5, hoping for 20...Ne7 21.Qe5 d5 (21...Nc6 22.Rg6 leads to mate) 22.Qe7 Rf7 23.Qe5 Rf6 24.Bd5 Qd8 25.0-0-0 +. Root probably wanted to leave d5 open for his Bishop in case of 20...b5. Actually, after 20.Qd5 b5 21.Ne5! Ne7 22.Rg6!! Black is busted, e.g., 22...Rg6 23.Qf7 Kh6 24.Qf8 with a mate net, or 21...Ne7 22.Rg6 Ng6 23.Qg8 Kh6 24.Ng4 Kg5 25.Nf6 bc4 26.Qf7!.

20...Ne7?!

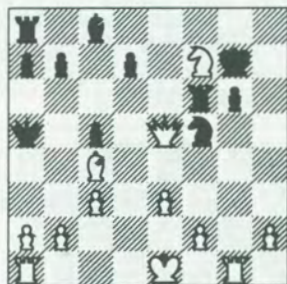
Black can hold out longer with 20...d5 21.Bd5 Ne7, when Root intended 22.Ne5!

(a) 22...Nd5 23.Ng6 Kf7 24.Ne5 Ke6 25.Rd1! Qa2 26.e4 Rf4 (26...Nf4 27.Qg8) 27.ed5 Ke5 28.Qg5, soon forcing mate;

(b) 22...Bf5! 23.Nc4 (23.Bb3 Rh8) Qa6 24.Qc7 Re8 25.Qb7 ±.

21.Qe5! Nf5

Or 21...Nc6 22.Rg6! Kg6 23.Qg5 Kh7 24.Bd3 and mate.



22.Nh8!

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A picturesque finish.

King's Indian E73

Barry Endsley 2100

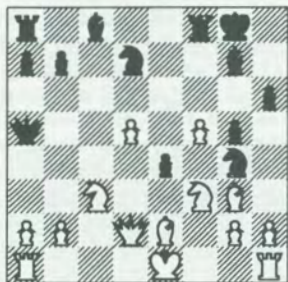
Shawn Noland 1973

Corpus Christi Open (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.f4 h6 ECO gives 7...c5 8.d5 b5 9.cb5 a6 10.Nf3 ab5 11.e5 b4 12.Nb5 Ne4

13.Bh4 Qb6 ∞ Rugman-Sakaev, USSR 1987, or 7...e5 8.de5 (8.fe5 ∞) de5 9.Nf3 h6 10.Bh4 ∞ Agzamov-Jurtaev, USSR 1982.

8.Bh4 c6 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.Qd2 e5 11.fe5 de5 12.d5 cd5 13.cd5 g5 14.Bf2 Ng4 15.Bg3 f5 16.ef5 e4



17.Ne4 Qd2 18.Kd2 Rf5 19.d6 Nc5 20.Nc5 Rc5 21.Ra1 Rd5 22.Ke1 Bf5 23.h3 e5 24.Ne5 Be5 25.Be5 Re5 26.Kf2 Rf8 27.Bf3 h5 28.Kg3 Re3 29.Rhe1 Rfe8 30.Kf2 Re1 31.Re1 Re1 32.Ke1 Kf7 33.Bb7 Bd7 34.Bf3 g4 35.hg4 hg4 36.Be2 Kf6 37.Kf2 Ke5 38.Kg3 Bc6 39.Bg4 Kd6 40.Bf3 Be8 41.Kf4 Kc5 42.Ke5 Bf7 43.a3 Bb3 44.g4 Kd3 48.g6 **1:0**

Caro-Kann B16

Pete Gibson 1900

George Vkvakovsky 1944

Corpus Christi Open (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Nf6 5.Nf6 gf6 6.c3 Bf5 7.Ne2 e6

(a) 7...h5 8.Ng3 Bg4 9.f3 Be6 10.Bf4 Qa5 11.Bd3 h4 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.0-0 Qh5 14.c4 Bh6 15.Qd2 Rd8 16.b3 Nb6 17.Bh6 Qh6 18.Qf2 += Estrin-Secko, USSR 1974;

(b) 7...Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.h4 h6 (9...h5 10.Be2) 10.h5 Bh7 11.Bd3 Bd3 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.Qf3! e6 14.Bf4 Qa5 15.0-0 Qd5 16.Qe2 ± Adorjan-Hübner, match 1980.

8.Ng3 Bg6 9.h4 Bd6?

9...h6 10.h5 Bh7 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Qd2 Qa5 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.Bh6 Bh6 15.Qh6 e5! ∞ Larsen; 15...Bd3 Mecking-Larsen, San Antonio 1972.

10.h5 Bg3 11.hg6 Bf2 12.Kf2 fg6 13.Bc4 Kf7 14.Qe2 Qd7 15.Bd2 b5 16.Bb3 Na6 17.Rae1 Nc7 18.Rh3 Nd5 19.Bd5 cd5 20.Reh1 Kg8 21.Qf3 e5 22.Bh6 Qe6 23.de5 fe5 24.Qe3 Kf7 25.Kg1 Ke8 26.Bg7 Rg8 27.Rh7 Qe7 28.Qh6 **1:0**

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Larry Crawford 2050

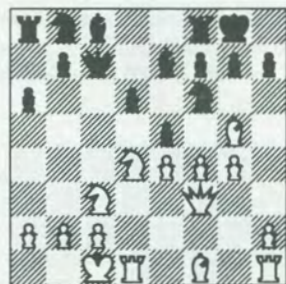
Lamar Bush 1664

Corpus Christi Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g4

10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Nc6 bc6 12.e5 de5 13.Qh3 h6 14.Bh6! gh6 15.Qh6 e4 16.Ne4 Ne4 (16...Ng4 17.Nf6! Nf6 18.Rde1 Rd8 19.Re3 Rd3 20.Rg3 Rg3 21.hg3 +-) 17.Be4 f5 18.Qg6! Kh8 19.Rd3 Qf4 20.Kb1 fe4 21.Qh5 Kg7 22.Rg3 ± with attack - Giplis.

10...e5



11.Nf5 Bf5 12.gf5 Nbd7 13.Rg1 Rfc8 14.Bd3 b5 15.h4 ef4 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Be5 de5 18.h5 h6 19.Rg2 Nh7 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Rdg1 Bg5 22.Kb1 Nf6 23.Nf6 Qf6 24.Rd1 b4 25.Qe2 Rd8 26.Rgg1 Rd6 27.Bc4 a5 28.Rd6 Qd6 29.Rd1 Qc7 30.Rd5 Rd8 31.Qd3 Kf8 32.Rd8 Qd8 33.Qd8 **DRAW**

Adi Smith equal first at National 7th grade

Adi Smith of Austin tied for first in the seventh grade division of the National Grade School Championship, held Nov. 13-15 in Gilbert, Arizona. (See the February issue of *Chess Life* for his picture, p. 46.) Here is the story in his own words:

"I was the ninth highest rated player in a field of 44. My game is kind of rusty, since I haven't really played much since last Texas Juniors, except for a trip down to San Antonio two weeks ago to play in the Saturday scholastic tournament at the Chess School (which I won). I lost my first game to an un-rated player, but I finished with five straight wins and tied for first. Going into the last round, I was in a five way tie for second place with 4 points, a half point behind the leader. Fortunately, my last game was relatively easy (I forked my opponent's king and queen), the leader drew, and the other two players with four points also drew, so I ended up in a two way tie for the national championship!

"The key game was in the fifth round, when I played my highest rated opponent (ranked third). I have included this game with my annotation."

Notes by Adi Smith

Giuoco Piano C54

Jeffrey Batis 1504

Adi Smith 1350

1992 Nat'l School Grade Championship (7th grade)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 ed4 6.cd4 Bb6

A better move might have been 6...Bb4+.

7.Bg5 0-0

6...h6 might have been better.

8.e5 Qe8

8...Re8 might have been better, but I got lucky.

9.0-0

He should have played 9.Bf6, destroying my kingside.

9...Ne4 10.Qd3 Na5 11.Bd5 Ng5 12.Ng5 g6

Forced; 12...f5 is not possible because of the Bishop pin.

13.Qh3

Threatening mate again.

13...h5 14.Ne4

Threatening 15.Nf6 forking my king and queen. [I prefer 14.Qd3! Δ 15.Qg6, e.g., 14...Kg7 15.Nc3 d6 16.Rae1 Bf5 17.Be4 ± - Ed.]

14...Kg7 15.Qg3

Threatening 16.Qg5 or 16.Nf6 and 17.Nh5.

15...Bd4! 16.Nbc3 Qe5

Hoping to trade off queens since I'm up two pawns.

17.Qe5 Be5 18.Rfe1 c6

Forcing a trade.

19.Bb3 Nb3 20.ab3 Bc3

This undoubles his pawns, but I want to trade down material, and this also eventually forces trading rooks.

21.bc3 Re8 22.Nd6 Re6

I can't exchange rooks because 22...Re1 23.Re1 loses the bishop to 24.Re8.

23.Ne8 Kf8

24.Nc7 is not a threat because of 24...Re1.

24.Re6 fe6

I spent a while deciding which pawn to capture with, and decided I would do better with a major queenside advantage.

25.Nc7?

Loses the knight.

25...Rb8 26.Ra7 Ke7

Attacking the knight.

27.Na8 b5!

Trapping the knight.

28.Nc7 Rb7 29.Rb7 Bb7

He shouldn't have traded rooks; the knight is still trapped.

30.Kf1 Kd8 31.Ne6 de6

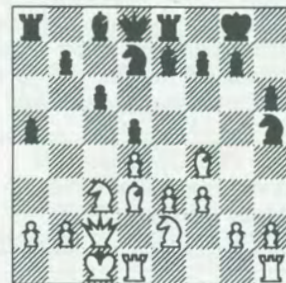
32.Ke2 Kd7 33.Ke3 c5 and 0 : 1

Joe Bradford gives simul

FM Joe Bradford gave a 15-board benefit simul November 8 for the A.C.E. Chess Club, raising \$145. He finished +13 =0 -2, losing to Mike Simpson and Mephisto (operated by NM Drew Sarkisian).

Black: David Peters

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.cd5 ed5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0-0 h6? 11.Bf4 a5 12.f3 Nh5



13.Nd5! Nf4 14.Ndf4 Nf6 15.e4 b5 16.Kb1 Bb7 17.h4 a4 18.g4 Nd7 19.e5 b4 20.e6 Nb6 21.Bh7 Kf8 22.Qg6! 1 : 0

Black: Mike Simpson

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.b3 Bd6? 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Re1 Bc5 10.e3 h6 11.h3 Re8 12.e4 de4 13.de4 Bg6 14.a3 Qc7 15.e5 Nh5 16.b4 Qb6 17.Rf1 Be7 18.Nc4 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rf8 20.Qd2 f5 21.c4 c5 22.Rfd1 Rad8 23.Qc3? (23.Nb7 Qb7 24.Nh4 +-) Ne5!? 24.Nb5 Nf3 25.Bf3 Qb6 26.Bh5 Bf6 27.Qe3 (27.Bg6 Bc3 28.Nc3) Bh5 28.bc5 Qc6 29.Rd8 Bd8 30.Re1 a6 31.Nd6 Bf7 32.Be5 b6 33.cb6 Bb6 34.Qc3 Bc5 35.Nf7? Rf7 36.Rd1 Qb6 37.Qf3 Qa5 38.Rd3? Bf2? (38...Qe1) 39.Kf2 Qe5 40.Qf4 Qc5 41.Qe3? Qc4 42.Rd4 Qc2 43.Rd2 Qc6 44.Qe5 Rb7 45.Qd6 Rb6 46.Qc6 Rc6 47.Rd3 Kf7 48.Rb3 Kf6 49.Kf3 a5 50.Rb5 Rc3 0 : 1

JUNIOR MATCH:
Huckaby on a roll!
- downs Doughty 3.5-5

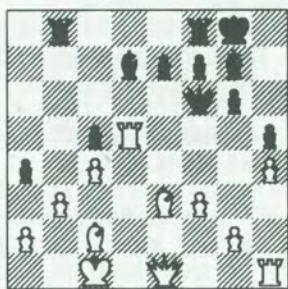
Marvin Huckaby defeated yet another top Texas junior, Nathan Doughty of La Porte, in a four-game match held December 19 and 20 in Dallas. Huckaby, who last fall defeated Texas Junior champ Amir Lehovat, chalked up the same 3.5-5 winning margin against Doughty.

The time control varied as the match progressed, from game/75 and game/60 the first day to 40/2, SD/1 for the last two games.

Pirc Defense B07
Marvin Huckaby 1910
Nathan Doughty 1960

Dallas match (1)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 c6 5.Qd2 h6 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.0-0 b5 8.e5 b4 9.ef6 bc3 10.Qc3 Nf6 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.Qe1 Bg7 13.h4 h5 14.Ne2 0-0 15.f3 Qb6 16.c4 Rab8 17.b3 a5 18.Nc3 c5 19.dc5 dc5 20.Bc2 a4 21.Nd5 Nd5 22.Rd5 Qf6

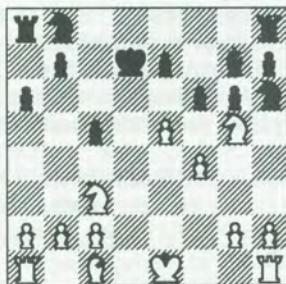


23.Qd1! Qb2 24.Kd2 Bc3 25.Ke2 ab3 26.ab3 Bf5 27.Rf5 gf5 28.Qd3 e6 29.Rb1 Rfd8 30.Rb2 Rd3 31.Kd3 Bb2 32.Bc5 Rd8 33.Ke2 Bf6 34.b4 Bh4 35.Bd3 Rd7 36.b5 Be7 37.Be7 Re7 38.c5 Kf8 39.c6? (39.b6 Rb7 40.Ba6 Rb8 41.c6

Rb6 42.c7 +-) 39...Rc7 40.Ke3 Ke7 41.f4 h4 42.Be2 Kd6 43.Kd4 Ra7 44.Kc4 Ra4 45.Kb3 Rf4 46.Bh5 e5 47.Bf7 and in the time scramble, which led to R vs. B . . . **DRAW**

Pirc Defense B09
Nathan Doughty 1960
Marvin Huckaby 1910
Dallas match (2)

1.Nc3 g6 2.f4 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.e5 Ng4 8.Ng5
 8.Bd7, 8.d6 and 8.h3 are better.
 8...Bb5 9.Nb5
 9.Qg4 Bd7 10.e6 Be6 11.Ne6 fe6 12.dc5 Bc3 13.bc3 Qa5 =+ Lec-Suttles, Havana 1966.
 9...Qa5 10.Nc3 Nh6 11.Qe2 de5 12.Qb5 Qb5 13.Nb5 Kd7 14.de5 a6 15.Nc3 f6



16.e6 Kc6 17.Nf3 Nf5 18.0-0 a5 19.Rd1 h5 20.a4 Na6 21.Nb5 Nc7 22.Nc7 Kc7 23.Rd7 Kc6 24.Bd2 b6 25.Bc3 Rad8 26.Rad1 Rd7 27.Rd7 Re8 28.Nd2 Ne3 29.Ne4 Nc2 30.Nd2 Ne3 31.Nb1 Nd5 32.Na3 Nc7 33.Nc4 Ne6 34.Ra7 Nf4 35.Na5 ba5 36.Ba5 f5 37.Ra6 and 0:1

Closed Sicilian B25
Marvin Huckaby 1910
Nathan Doughty 1960
Dallas match (3)

1.e4 d6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nge2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.h3 0-0

8.d3 e6?! 9.Be3 b5?? 10.e5 Ne5 11.Ba8 b4 12.Ne4 Nh5 13.f4 Nd7 14.Bc6 Nb8 15.Ba4 e5 16.Kh2 ef4 17.Nf4 d5 18.Nh5 gh5 19.Nc5 h4 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Kh3 Qc8 22.Qg4 Qc5 23.Bh6 Qc8 24.Rf5 1:0

Veresov Attack D01
Nathan Doughty 1960
Marvin Huckaby 1910
Dallas match (4)

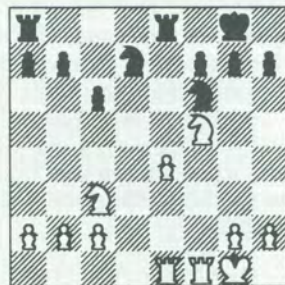
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bd3 6.Qd3 c6 7.Nge2 Nbd7 8.f3 Qc7 9.Bf4 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bd6 Qd6 12.e4 de4 13.fe4

As natural as this looks, it leads to trouble. 13.Ne4 Ne4 14.fe4 (or 14.Qe4) e5 15.c3 is about equal.

13...e5 14.Qg3 Qe7 15.Rae1 15.d5 cd5 16.ed5 Qc5 17.Qf2 Qf2 18.Rf2 Nb6 -/+.

15...ed4 16.Nd4 Qe5 17.Nf5 Qg3 18.Ng3 Rfe8 19.Nf5?!

White is playing for a win when he should be digging in for a siege.



19...Re6 20.Rd1 Nc5 21.Nd6 Rd8 22.b4 Red6 23.Rd6 Rd6 24.e5 Rd2 25.Rd1 Rd1 26.Nd1 Nfd7 27.bc5 Ne5 28.Nb2 Ng4 29.h3 Ne3 30.c3 Kf8 31.Kf2 Nd5 32.c4 Nf6 33.Ke3 Ke7 34.Nd3 Nd7 35.Kd4 Kf6 36.Nf2 Kf5 37.g3 Nf6 38.a4 h5 39.a5 g5 40.Nd3 Nd7 41.Nf2 Ne5 42.Ne4 Nc4 43.g4 hg4 44.Ng3 Kf4 45.Ne2 Kf3 46.Ng1 Kg2 47.hg4 Na5 0:1

(Report courtesy of Luis Salinas)

Suzanne Rivoire wins Sam Houston Scholastic

Eleven year old Suzanne Rivoire won the Sam Houston Scholastic Championship, held December 5 in Huntsville. Seventeen schools were represented, with 69 players competing (27 in the open section, 42 in the novice). Suzanne, a sixth grader from Houston, scored a perfect 5-0, beating three higher rated players including Jimmy Flaherty (1685) from Dallas. Joe Veloz of Fort Worth won the novice section, also scoring 5-0. Larry Young directed.

OPEN SECTION

Overall

1st	Suzanne Rivoire	Houston
2nd	Marlin Natividad	Dallas
3rd	Jonathan Allen	Dallas
4th	Mikal Fry	Houston

Under 1200

1st	Mike Neel	Bay City
2nd	Robert Raines	Bay City
3rd	Harold Navas	Bay City
4th	Charles Fox	Dallas
5th	Brandon Perkins	Ft. Worth

NOVICE SECTION

Overall

1st	Joe Veloz	Ft. Worth
2nd	Jason Schmoll	New Waverly
3rd	Navid Rezanejad	Houston
4th	John Finney	Huntsville

Unrated Grades 9-12

1st	Jo Jo Debose	Huntsville
2nd	Brett Acuff	Bay City
3rd	Patrick Proffit	Bay City
4th	Daniel Harrison	Huntsville

Unrated Grades 6-8

1st	Colin Harrington	Bay City
2nd	Jonathan Proctor	Huntsville
3rd	William Neel	Bay City
4th	Tony Briseno	Ft. Worth

Unrated Grades K-5

1st	Jay Elms	Huntsville
2nd	Andrew Nestor	Huntsville
3rd	Michael Smithy	Huntsville
4th	Joel Cole	Huntsville

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Sam Houston Scholastic

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4.cd5 Nd5 5.e4 Nc3 6.bc3 Bg7
7.Nf3 c5 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Bb5 0-0
10.0-0 Qc7

ECO gives 10...cd4 11.cd4 Bg4
12.Bc6 bc6 13.Rc1 Qa5 ∞.

11.Rc1 Rd8 12.Qb3 Na5
13.Qb2 a6 14.Ba4 b5 15.Bb3 cd4
16.cd4 Qd7 17.Rfd1 Nb3 18.Qb3
Bb7 19.d5 Rac8 20.Bf4 Qe8
21.Ne5 f6 22.d6 Kf8 23.d7 Rd7
24.Nd7 1:0

Joe Spencer wins Texas military title

Sgt. Joe Spencer of Fort Hood scored 3.5-.5 to win the Texas Armed Forces Championship, held December 12-13 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He topped a field of six players, winning \$50 and a trophy.

Larsen's A00

Maj. Bill Wall 2000

Sgt. Joe Spencer 1940

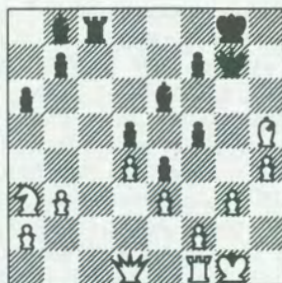
Tx. Armed Forces (2)

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.Nf3 e4
4.Nd4 Nd4 5.Bd4 c5 6.Bb2 d5
7.e3 Nf6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Bf6 gf6
10.Be2 f5 11.d4 Bg7 12.c3 cd4

13.cd4 Qg5 14.g3 Rc8 15.Qd2 0-0
16.0-0 Be6 17.Nc3 Rfd8 18.Rac1
Bf8 19.Rcd1?! Bd6

19...Bb4 20.Ne4 Qe7 21.Nf6 Kh8
22.Nd5 Bd5 23.Qd3 - Wall.

20.Nb5?! (20.f4) Bb8 21.Rc1 h5
22.h4 Qg6 23.Rc8 Rc8 24.Qd1?
(24.Kh1) a6 25.Bh5 Qg7 26.Na3



26...Bg3 27.Kh1

Wall gives this a "?", assuming that Black must take a perp after 27.fg3 Qg3 28.Kh1, but 28...Qh4! keeps the attack rolling: 29.Kg1 (29.Kg2 Kh7 30.Rg1 f4 -+) Kh7 30.Rf2 Rg8 31.Rg2 Rg2 32.Kg2 Qg5 33.Kf2 Qh4 34.Kf1 f4! -/+.

27...Bh4 28.Rg1 Bg5 29.Rg2 f6 30.Nc2 Qc7 31.f4 ef3 32.Qf3? (32.Bf3) Kg7 33.Nb4 Rh8 34.Rc2 Qd6 35.Nd3 Bf7 36.Rh2



36...Qh2! 37.Kh2 Bh5 38.Qg3
Be2 39.Kg2 Bd3 40.Qc7 Kg6
41.Kf2 Re8 42.Qb7 Be3 43.Kg3 f4
44.Kg2 Bd4 45.Qd7 Re2 46.Kf3
Rf2 47.Kg4 0:1
47...f5 48.Kh3 Bf1 49.Kh4 Rh2#.

Shtern wins Dallas Turkey Shoot

SM Igor Shtern won the Turkey Shoot, held November 27-29 at the new Dallas Chess Club quarters in Richardson. He scored 5-1 with four wins and two draws (against Robert Weinberg and Ivan Zuniga). Weinberg was second with 4.5, and there was a six-way tie for third: Ivan Zuniga, Matt Goshen, Jeff Mallett, Hugh West, Juan C. Yabraian and Bill Collin, all at 4-2.

The 29-player field reflected the fact that this event has gone from a Grand Prix to a local draw with 70% of entries being returned as prizes. Class prizes were structured creatively and paid in cash. (No list of prize winners is available.) Richard Weaver directed.

One class winner was surely Bill Collin (1821), who gained 72 rating points for his undefeated 4-2 performance. He sent in all four of his games (he took two half point byes on Monday), which we are pleased to present. Gaylen Waddell also sent in his best game.

Reti Opening A15

Bob Epstein 2114
Bill Collin 1821

Turkey Shoot (1)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.b4 Bg7
4.Bb2 0-0 5.d3

5.e3 and 5.g3 are also playable.

5...d6

5...c6 6.e3 a5! takes advantage of White's extended queenside: 7.b5 cb5 8.cb5 a4 9.Na3 d5 10.Be2 Bg4 11.0-0 Qd6 12.Qd2 Nbd7 = Benko-D. Byrne, Palma de Mallorca 1968.

6.Nbd2 Nbd7

6...e5 7.g3 Bd7 8.Bg2 Qc8 9.h3 Nc6 10.b5 Nd8 11.a4 a6 12.Nb3 Re8 13.Nfd2 Ra7 14.e3 Ne6 15.0-0 += Kagan-Benko, Netanya 1969.

7.e3 c5 8.a3 b6 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Nb3?!

White should operate with standard Hedgehog ideas, e.g., 11.Rc1 d5 12.cd5 Nd5 13.Bg7 Kg7 14.Qb3.

11...d5 12.Nfd2 Re8 13.Bf3 e6 14.bc5 Nc5 15.Nc5 Rc5 16.Rb1?!

Listless play - better is 16.cd5 Nd5 17.Bg7 Kg7 18.Ne4 Nc3 19.Nc3 Bf3 20.Qf3 Rc3 21.d4 =/+.

16...Ba6 17.Nb3?

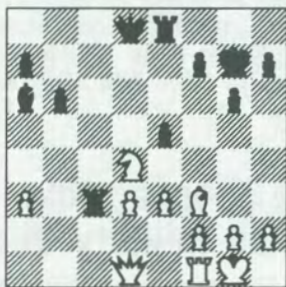
17.Qa4 Qc8 18.Rfc1 may fail to equalize, but it averts material loss.

17...Rc8 18.cd5 Nd5 19.Bg7

19.Be2 Bb2 20.Rb2 Nc3 and 21...Ne2 also loses material.

19...Kg7 20.Rc1 Nc3 21.Rc3 Rc3 22.Nd4 e5!

A mistake would be 22...Bd3?! 23.Qa1 Qc7 24.Nc6!, but 22...Rd3 23.Qa1 Qf6! is simple and strong (not 23...Rd4? 24.Rd1 or 23...e5? 24.Nc6 and 25.Nb4).



23.Qa4

On 23.Nc6 Qc7 24.Nb4 Bb7, White's still down the Exchange.

23...Bd3 24.Nb5 Rc4 25.Qd1 Bf1 26.Nd6 Kf8!

A nice touch by Collin. The rest is easy.

27.Qf1 Qd6 28.Qc4 Rd8 29.h4 Qa3 30.h5 Qc5 31.Qa6 Qc1 32.Kh2 Qc7 33.g3 Kg7 34.Kg2 Rd2 35.Qa1 a5 36.Qh1 Qc2 37.h6 Kf8 38.Qa1 Rf2 39.Kh3 Rf3 0:1

Cliff White outplays Collin until he allows decisive penetration with "one lucky move" (Collin): 33.Qa3.

French Defense C00

Bill Collin 1821
Cliff White 1954

Turkey Shoot (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 b5 3.Nf3

3.d4!? Bb7 4.Nd2 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5 6.Ngf3 a6 7.Nb3 Nc6 8.c3 Nb6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.Qe2 d6 11.0-0 de5 ∞ Ljubojevic-Larsen, Montreal 1979.

3...Bb7 4.Nbd2 c5 5.Be2 Nf6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.b3 d6 8.Bb2 e5 9.Ne1

White (I mean, Collin!) goes astray here. 9.c3 Δ Re1, Bf1, d4 is a much more promising idea.

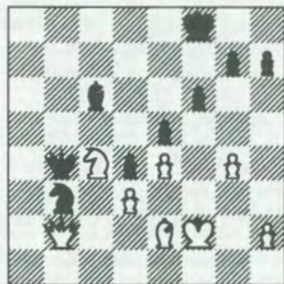
9...Nd4 10.Bd4 cd4 11.a4 a6 12.ab5 ab5 13.g4 Be7 14.f4 Ra1 15.Qa1 Nd7 16.c4 0-0 17.cb5 Qb6 18.Nef3 Ra8 19.Qb2 Qb5 20.fe5 de5 21.Ra1 Ra1 22.Qa1 f6 23.Qa2 Kf8 24.Nc4 Nc5 25.Nfd2 Na6 26.Qa5 Bc6 27.Qa1

The ending is hopeless: 27.Qb5 Bb5 28.Bd1 Bb4 29.Bc2 Bc3 30.Kg2 Nb4 31.Bb1 Bd2 32.Nd2 Bd3 -/.

27...Bb4 28.Qc1 Bd2 29.Qd2 Qb4

29...Qb3 allows 30.Qa5!

30.Qc1 Nc5 31.Kf2 Nb3 32.Qb2



32...Qc3?? 33.Qa3! Kg8 34.Qe7 Qc1 35.Qe6 Kf8 36.Qc6 Qf4 37.Kg2 Nd2 38.Qc8 Ke7 39.Qc7 Ke6 40.Qd6 Kf7 41.Qd7 Kg6

41...Kf8 42.Nd6 also gets mated.

42.Qe8 Kh6 43.Qh5 mate 1:0

French Defense C19
Robert Weinberg 2278
Bill Collin 1821

Turkey Shoot (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5
 Ne7 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 c5 7.Nf3 Nbc6
 8.a4 Bd7 9.Ba3 Qa5 10.Qd2 cd4
 11.cd4 Qd2 12.Kd2 Rc8

12...Nf5 13.Bb2 (13.c3 Na5) Na5
 = Shamkovich-Petrosian, USSR Ch.
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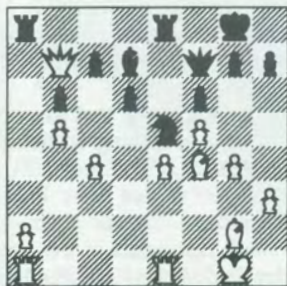
13.Bd3 Na5 14.Rhb1 f6 15.Bd6
 Kf7 16.g4 Bc6 17.g5 Nc4 18.Bc4
 dc4 19.gf6 gf6 20.ef6 Bf3 21.Be7
 Rhg8 22.Ke3 Bd5 23.Rg1 Rg1
 24.Rg1 Rg8 25.Rg8 Kg8 26.a5 b6
 27.ab6 ab6 28.c3 Kf7 29.Kf4 b5
 30.Ke5 Bf3 31.Kd6 b4 32.Ke5 b3
 33.Ba3 h5 34.Kf4 Bd5 35.Kg5 Bf3
 36.h4 Bg4 37.f4 Bf5 38.d5
 DRAW

39.Bb2! =; 39.Kf5?? d4 40.Bb2
 d3 41.Bc1 b2 42.Bb2 d2 +.

Vienna Game C25
Bill Collin 1821
Matt Goshen 2110

Turkey Shoot (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.g3 d6
 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nge2 Nge7 6.Na4
 Bb6 7.Nb6 ab6 8.d4 0-0 9.h3 Ng6
 10.0-0 Bd7 11.f4 f6 12.f5 Nh8
 13.g4 ed4 14.Nd4 Nd4 15.Qd4
 Nf7 16.Bf4 Bc6 17.Rfe1 Re8 18.c4
 Ne5 19.b4 Qe7 20.b5 Bd7 21.Qd5
 Qf7 22.Qb7



22...Bc6! 23.bc6 Reb8 24.Be5
 fe5 25.a4! Rb7 26.cb7 Rb8 27.a5
 Rb7 28.a6

28.ab6 h6
 Ra7 29.Bf1 Qf6 30.c5! dc5
 31.Bc4 Kh8 32.Red1 h5 33.Kg2 h4
 34.Rd7 Qc6 35.Rd8 Kh7 36.Bd5
 Qb5 37.g5! Qe2 38.Kh1 Qf3
 39.Kh2 Qg3 40.Kh1 Qh3 41.Kg1
 Qg3 42.Kh1 Qg5 43.Ra8 Ra8
 44.Ba8 Qg3 45.Bd5 h3 46.Ra2 c6!
 47.Bc6

47.a7 cd5 48.a8(Q) Qf3 49.Kh2
 Qe4 ∞

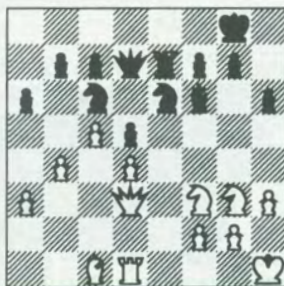
47...Qf3 48.Kh2 Qf4 DRAW

Finally, here is a game submitted by
 Gaylen Waddell.

Alekhine's Defense B03
Gaylen Waddell 1334
George Tolliver 1608

Turkey Shoot (5)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4
 Nb6 5.ed6 ed6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Be2 0-
 0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Bf5 10.a3 Bf6
 11.Be3 h6 12.b3 a6 13.0-0 Re8
 14.Re1 Bh7 15.Bd3 Bd3 16.Qd3
 d5 17.c5 Nd7 18.b4 Nf8 19.Rad1
 Qd7 20.Kh1 Re7 21.Bc1 Rae8
 22.Re7 Re7 23.Ne2 Ne6 24.Ng3!



24...Ned4?!

If Black wants to create imbalance,
 he should try 24...Bd4 25.Nf5
 Bf2 26.Ne7 Ne7 27.Ne5 Qe8 28.Rf1
 f6 29.Ng4 Bh4 ∞.

25.Nh5! Qf5?!

Possible is 26...Nf3 26.Nf6 gf6
 27.Qf3 Kg7, holding steady: 28.Rd5
 Re1 29.Kh2 Qe6 30.Bf4 Ne5 +=.

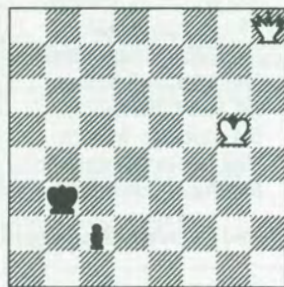
26.Nf6 Qf6??

26...gf6! 27.Nd4 Qd3 28.Rd3
 Nd4 29.Bb2! is += or ±.

27.Bb2 +- Re2 28.Bd4 Nd4
 29.Qd4 Qd4 30.Rd4 Rf2 31.Rd5
 Ra2 32.Rd3 (32.Rd7!) Kf8 33.Re3
 Rb2 34.Kh2 a5 35.ba5 Rb5 36.Rc3
 Ra5 37.Nd4 Ke7 38.Kg3 Kf6
 39.Kf4 Ra4 40.Ke4 c6 41.g4 g6
 42.Ke3 Ke5 43.Nf3 Kd5 44.Nd2
 h5 45.gh5 gh5 46.Kf3 Rd4 47.Ke2
 f5 48.Rd3 Rd3 49.Kd3 Kc5
 50.Ke3 Kb5 51.Kf4 Ka4 52.Kf5
 Ka3 53.Kg5 b5 54.Kh5 b4

Or 54...c5 55.Kg6 c4 56.h4 c3
 57.Nb1 Kb2 58.Nc3 Kc3 59.h5 b4
 60.h6 b3 61.h7 b2 62.h8(Q) +-.

55.Kg5 (55.Kg6) c5 56.h4 Kb2
 57.h5 Kc2 58.Nc4 Kc3 59.Na5 b3
 60.Nb3 Kb3 61.h6 c4 62.h7 c3
 63.h8(Q) c2



64.Qh3?? Kb2

DRAW

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Linares, Mexico International: GM's Zapata, Sunye equal 1st

GM's Alonzo Zapata of Columbia and Jaime Sunye Neto of Brazil tied for first at the "Copa Gobernador" International Tournament, held Sept. 27-Oct. 15 in Linares, Mexico. The event was a FIDE Category VIII, with 7 GM's and 6 IM's out of the sixteen participants, who competed for a \$15,000 prize fund.

The three U.S. players finished in the middle of the field, with Texas represented by Joe Bradford (7-8). Readers may remember Gilberto Hernandez, the top finisher from Mexico, from the 1987 Southwest Open.

The event was organized by the city government of Linares, N.L., which lies 78 miles south of Monterrey.

FINAL SCORES

1-2	GM Alonzo Zapata	2530	Columbia	10.5
1-2	GM Jaime Sunye Neto	2495	Brazil	10.5
3-4	GM Reynaldo Vera	2495	Cuba	9.5
3-4	IM Deen Hergott	2410	Canada	9.5
5-6	IM Gilberto Hernandez	2480	Mexico	9
5-6	GM Walter Arencibia	2530	Cuba	9
7	GM Alexander Ivanov	2545	USA	8.5
8	GM Walter Browne	2515	USA	8
9-10	IM Wilfredo Sariago	2435	Cuba	7
9-10	FM Joseph Bradford	2425	USA	7
11	IM Rafael Espinoza	2430	Mexico	6.5
12-13	GM Marcel Sisniega	2500	Mexico	6
12-13	IM Rene Alonso	2395	Cuba	6
14	IM Roberto Martin	2425	Mexico	5.5
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16	FM Flor. Garmendez	2325	Mexico	3.5

(Based on a report submitted by Romeo Solis.)

Ardaman is Houston champion

Miles Ardaman won the 1992 Houston Absolute City Championship, held November 21-22 at the Houston Chess Studio. He scored 3.5-.5 and won \$250.

Second and third prizes were divided among Mansour Bighamian, Larry Englebretson, Larry Moss, Lewis McClary and Arthur Mitchell, who each scored 2.5 and got \$34. McClary was second on tiebreaks, and Bighamian, who was last year's champion, came in third.

The twelve player field comprised masters, former masters and the five top scorers in the Under 2200 section of the Houston Absolute played November 7-8 at the Studio.

- Perry Collins

New chess club opens in Houston

The Houston Chess Club opened December 5 at the Park Green building, 8300 Bissonet in west Houston, headed up by Clarence Yeung and Richard Tse. A half dozen or more Houston masters have joined along with the pedestrians to play on Saturdays and Sundays. They plan to rent hotel accommodations for tournaments too large to hold in their quarters. They also plan to publish a bimonthly magazine, the *Houston Chess Report*. The magazine will be a benefit of membership, along with free coffee and a 20% discount on tournament entry fees. There is plenty of parking space, and the modern site accommodates a forty-player tournament.

Yeung, a life master, and Tse, a Ph.D. in mathematics and former associate professor of math at Texas Tech, offer Stimuthought, an integrated program of chess, computer science and mathematical reasoning for young people, calculated to stimulate their interest rather than have them see it as drudgery.

Sidelight: Tse (rated 2067) has been invited to represent the U.S. in the Chinese Chess Olympics - Chinese Chess, that is, not exactly what we play.

We at Dave's Studio wish the new enterprise success, although we might have mixed feelings about the competition.

- Perry Collins

The Rules of Speed Chess

by Kristan Lawson

Jolly Roger Press

P. O. Box 295, Berkeley, CA 94704

Paperback, 1992, 50 pages, indexed, \$5.95

Reviewed by NM Jim Gallagher

When *TK* editor Selby Anderson asked me to review this new "rulebook" from Jolly Roger Press, he probably counted on a fairly positive report - knowing my penchant for promoting chess in state and local publications. However, with the possible exception of *The Night I spent in a Pasadena Jailhouse*, this is absolutely the worst book about chess I have ever read! Here's why:

The author begins with an admission that this book is not sponsored by any of the governing bodies that rate speed chess (neither WBCA, FIDE nor USCF); what he omits to tell the reader is that there is good reason for this lack of endorsement. Lawson claims that his rules are a common sense consensus of the chess-playing community at large. If this claim is indeed true,

then some of the clubs must be located on the planets Mars and Venus.

Consider the following "rulings":

3. . . . *A player has not used up all his time until his digital clock has gone past 0:00 and moved on to the next display mode.* This rule conflicts with all the authorities and shows a complete ignorance of the workings of digital clocks. If a player has one second left at the 0:00 setting, then he must have three minutes and one second at the 3:00 setting, and five minutes and one second at the start of the game. . . . *No player shall be compelled to play with an unusual or nonstandard clock;* . . . I could not find a definition of unusual or nonstandard anywhere in the book; although, to be fair, Lawson did imply that digital clocks which did not count past 0:00 were such.

4. . . . *During the course of the game no one is allowed to touch or pick up the clock except for the two players.* Say what? Do what? Pick up a clock during the course of a game? Need I comment?

6. . . . *If a player wordlessly stops a clock, it will be assumed that the gesture indicates resignation;* . . . This overbearing attitude went out with rapid transit, didn't it? We all know what happens when you assume something.

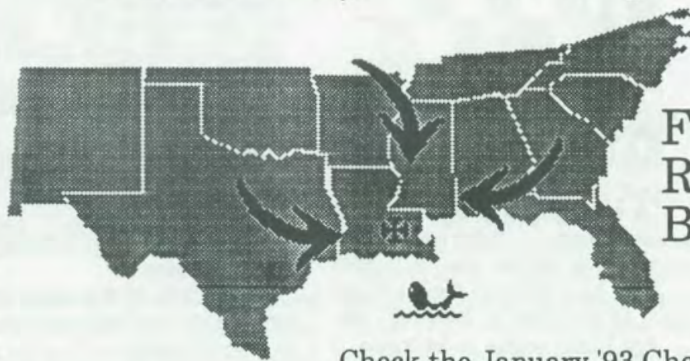
11. . . . *Sufficient mating material.* Here Lawson goes to considerable lengths to undo the excellent job that Walter Browne has done to equalize the relationship between the clock and the board. He allows the so-called "trick mates" which often punish the losing player for having more material. (Example: White has King and Rook pawn, Black has King and Bishop. White's flag falls. He loses, since his pawn could be promoted to a Knight and helpmate his King in the corner to the lone Bishop.)

I could cite other examples of poor rulings – in particular, the hedging of an initially good rule concerning checkmate/stalemate outweighing flag down considerations – but I believe that by now the reader has a good idea of why this book comes with my hearty condemnation. The one bright spot I find in the entire tome was the appendix, where both the FIDE and WBCA rules are given in their entirety. These rules are far from perfect themselves, but at least they serve to lessen the confusion rather than nourish it! Possibly ol' six-time [U.S. Champion Walter Browne] himself was being tautologically sardonic when he was quoted on the back cover saying, "Most comprehensive and well-thought-out book on speed chess ever published." Of course – this book is the only one on speed chess ever published.

The South's finest chess players will converge on Baton Rouge for the



1993 U.S. Amateur Team
Championship South



February 13-15
Ramada Hotel
Baton Rouge, LA

Check the January '93 Chess Life for complete details.

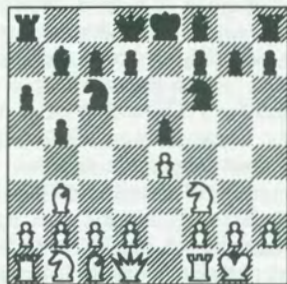
For more info or help in forming teams, call Robert Bistany at (504) 767-6336 after 6 PM.

The Ruy Lopez Archangelsk Variation (C78) with 7.Re1

by Greg Wren

The Archangelsk (or Archangel) variation of the Ruy Lopez with 5...b5 and 6...Bb7 is an aggressive gambit offering Black complex counterplay. Our basic starting position is reached by the moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7



(a) 7.Ng5?! d5 8.ed5 Nd4 9.Re1 (9.d6 Nb3 10.dc7 Qd5 +) Bd6 10.f4 0-0! 11.fe5 Bc5! 12.Kh1 Nb3 13.ab3 Qd5 14.Qf3 Rfe8 15.Qd5 Nd5 16.c3 Nf4 17.d4 Ng2 + (Robert Byrne).

(b) 7.d4 Nd4 8.Nd4 ed4 9.e5 Ne4 10.c3 dc3 11.Qf3 d5 12.ed6 Qf6 13.Re1 0-0-0 14.dc7 Kc7 15.Qf6 Nf6 16.Nc3 Bc5 = Vitolins-A. Mikhalchisin, USSR 1978.

(c) 7.c3, the sharpest line, will be in a separate article; but it seems that Black achieves equality.

(d) 7.d3 (a quiet move which blunts the effectiveness of Black's fianchettoed Bishop) 7...Bd6! (Δ Na5) 8.c3 0-0 9.Re1 Na5 10.Bc2 Re8 11.b4 Nc6 12.a4 Bf8 13.ab5 ab5 14.Ra8 Qa8 = Sax-Korchnoi, match game #4, 1991.

(e) 7.Re1, as in the game below. This is ECO's main line.

Robert Byrne's *New York Times* column cites Hübner-Beliavsky (Munich, 1990) where Black produced a new gambit with good play in the 7.Re1 line. GM Adrian Mikhalchisin analysed the game in

Inside Chess (Dec. 29, 1990, p. 33). The notes in quotation marks which follow are Mikhalchishin's.

7.Re1 Bc5 8.c3 0-0

Later in 1990 Beliaevsky played somewhat differently against IM Gildardo Garcia at the at the Novi Sad Olympiad: 8...d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 0-0! 13.de5 Ne5 14.Ne5 de5 15.Nd2 Qe7 16.Qe2 Rad8 17.a4 Rd6 18.ab5 ab5 19.Nf1 (19.Nf3!?) Bc6 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21. Rac1 h5 with a dominating position. Perhaps 10.Be3 will be preferred in the future?! - SKA

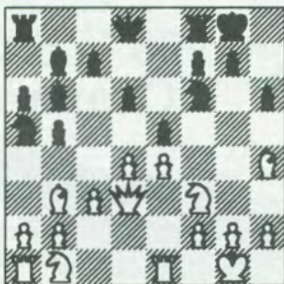
9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5

"(In) the other possible line, with 10.Be3 d6 . . . usual is 11.Nbd2 h6 12.h3 Nd7 with an unclear position, Khalifman-Malaniuk, Minsk 1985"

10...d6 11.Qd3

"11.a4 h6 12.Bh4 Re8 13.ab5 ab5 14.Ra8 Ba8 15.d5 Na5 gives Black sufficient counterplay."

11...h6 12.Bh4 Na5



"A novelty, but I believe it to be a dubious one. . . . In my opinion it is necessary to try the sharp 12...g5! 13.Ng5 hg5 14.Bg5 Kg7 15.Qg3 ed4! 16.h4! Rg8 17.Bf6 Kf6"....etc.

But Black seems to be losing if White plays 16.Bh4 Kh7 17.Qf4 Kg7 18.Qg5 Kh7 19.Qf6. [This may be why Beliaevsky changed his move

order against Garcia - see note to move 8. - SKA]

Another option for Black is 12...Rfe8 and after 13.Nbd2 Na5 14.Bc2 c5 15.d5 c4 16.Qe2 either 16...g5, 16...Rac8, 16...Qe7 or 16...g6 seem playable.

This brings us to Beliaevsky's new gambit line after

13.Bc2 c5!?

"ECO recommends 14. de5 de5 15.Ne5 with advantage to White, but after 15...Qd3 16.Bd3 g5 17.Bg3 Rad8 18.Bc2 Rfe8 Black has good compensation for the pawn."

14.d5 c4 15.Qe2 g5

Now this move is okay, as the White Queen can no longer go to g3.

16.Ng5

"The safer way would be 16.Bg3 Nh5 17.b4 cb3 18.ab3 Ng3 19.hg3 f5(?) 20.ef5 Bd5 21.Nbd2 Rc8 21.Qd3 and Black is in danger."

But Black can improve on this line with 19...Rac8 =∞.

16...hg5 17.Bg5 Kg7 18.Qf3 Rh8 19.Nd2 Bc8 20.Nf1

"This plan doesn't look logical. But even after 20.b4! cb3 21.ab3 Nb7 22.b4 Black is clearly better."

20...Nb7 21.a4?

"Again, better would be 21.b4 cb3 22.ab3 Nc5 23.Ng3."

21...Rb8 22.ab ab 23.Ng3 Kg6!! 24.Nf5

"If 24.h4 Bg4 25.Bf6 Qd7!!"

24...Kg5 25.Qg3

"25.h4 Rh4 26.Nh4 Kh4 27.Qg3 Kh5 28.Bd1 Bg4."

25...Ng4

"25...Kh5? 26.Qg4!! Kg4 27.Bd1 Kf4 28.g3 mate."

26.h4 Kf6 27.Qg4 Qg8 28.Qf3 Bf5 29.Qf5 Ke7 30.Qh3 Qg6 31.g3 Nc5 32.Kf1 Qf6 0:1

In summary, Black appears to hold his own in the 7.Re1 variation of the Archangelsk Ruy.

Gallagher, Dimazana win New Year Open in San Antonio

A record field of sixty-five players turned out for the New Year Open, held January 2-3 at the San Antonio Chess School. When it was over, two players had perfect 5-0 scores: school director NM Jim Gallagher, and up-and-coming expert Eric Dimazana, both of San Antonio. Trailing with 4-1 were NM Omer Holdun Unalmis and Ricardo Macias (both from Austin), along with locals NM Selby Anderson and Randall Schwarz.

The two winners had radically different pairing schedules: Gallagher had to fight off Anderson and Unalmis, while Dimazana played no masters and only faced one fellow expert. But no one is begrudging the "Ninja Weasel" his result - he has a plus score against both Gallagher and Anderson. It is no coincidence that Dimazana qualified for the final round of the San Antonio Chess Club Championship (Gallagher won.)

Tony Alston directed for the San Antonio Chess Club. A full report will appear next issue.

PRIZEWINNERS

1st-2nd:	Jim Gallagher	5 pts.	\$250
	Eric Dimazana	5	250
3rd-6th	Omer Holdun	4	55
+ expert:	Selby Anderson	4	55
	Randall Schwarz	4	55
	Ricardo Macias	4	55
Class A:	Larry Crawford	3.5	38.33
	Martin Gordon	3.5	38.33
	Raymond Smith	3.5	38.33
Class B:	Julian Hernandez	3.5	57.50
	Randall Hess	3.5	57.50
Class C:	Blair Burleson	3	57.50
	Duane Solley	3	57.50
D/E/Unr:	Michael Pytel	3	50
	Joey Friesenhahn	2.5	30

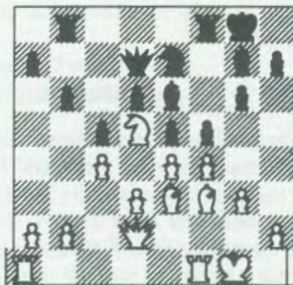
Sicilian B24

Omer Holdun 2273

Jim Gallagher 2275

New Year Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6
4.Nf3 Bg7 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 e5 7.d3
Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2
Rb8 11.Nd1 f5 12.c3 Nf3 13.Bf3 b6
14.c4 Be6 15.Nc3 Qd7 16.Nd5



16...fe4 17.de4 Nd5 18.cd5
Bh3 19.Bg2 ef4 20.Bf4 Bd4
21.Kh1 Bg2 22.Kg2 Rbe8 23.Rae1
Be5 24.b3 Qe7 25.Bh6 Rf1 26.Kf1
Bg7 27.Bf4 Rf8 28.Kg2 Bd4
29.Qd3 Re8 30.Qf3 Kg7 31.h4 Be5
32.Bg5 Bf6 33.Bf4 h5 34.Re2 Bd4

35.Kh3 Rf8 36.Rg2 Qd7 37.Kh2
Rf7 38.g4?? Rf4 39.Qf4 Be5
40.Qe5 de5 41.gh5 Qf7 42.Rg6
Kh7 43.d6 Qf4 44.Kh3 Qe4 45.Rg3
Qd4 46.Rg6 e4 47.Re6 e3 48.Re7
Kh6 49.d7 Kh5 50.Rh7 Kg6
51.Re7 Kf6 52.d8(Q) Qd8 53.Re3
Qd4 54.Rf3 Kg6 55.a4 Qe4 56.Rg3
Kh6 57.Rg1 Qe6 58.Kh2 Kh5
59.a5 Kh4 60.ab6 ab6 61.b4 Qe2
62.Rg2 Qg2 63.Kg2 cb4 0 : 1

Sicilian B33

Martin Gordon 1953

Eric Dimazana 2149

New Year Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6 8.Bf6 gf6 9.Na3 b5
10.Nab5 ab5 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Nd5
Bg7 13.b4 0-0 14.c4 Rb8 15.a4 Ne7
16.Bd7 Qd7 17.Ne7 Qe7 18.Qd5
Rb4 19.0-0 Qc7 20.a5 Rc4 21.a6
Rc5 22.Qb7 Rb8 23.Qc7 Rc7
24.Rfd1 Bf8 25.Kf1 Ra7 26.Rd5
Rb6 27.Rda5 Kg7 28.R1a2 Kg6
29.g4 Bh6 30.h4 Bc1 31.h5 Kg5
32.f3 Be3 33.Ke2 Be5 and 0 : 1

COMING EVENT

Mar. 28: San Jacinto Open. 3-SS, 30/60, SD/30. 701 Rudder Tower, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843. \$100 first gtd., others per entries. EF: \$20, TCA memb. req., o.s.a. Reg. 10-10:30 a.m., Rds. 10:30-1:30-4:30. Ent: Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt St., Colloge Station, TX 77840. (409) 696-5204 (h), 845-5522 (w). NS. NC. W.

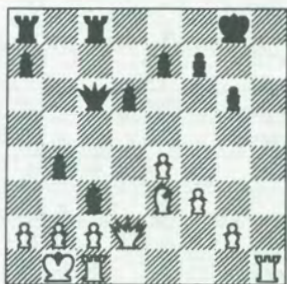
SOLUTION: 1.Rh3! g6 (1...fe5 2.Bh7 Kh8 3.Bg6 Kg8 4.Rh8; 1...f5 2.Qh5 h6 3.Bg7!; 1...h6 2.Rh6! gh6 (2...fe5 3.Rh8!) 3.Qg4 Kh8 4.Qg6) 2.Bg6 hg6 3.Qg4 Kg7 (3...g5 4.Qh5) 4.Rg3 1:0 (4...g5 5.Qg5)

Texas Postal Championship
EF: \$8 per seven player section, TCA membership (\$10) required. All money paid out either in prizes (\$10 / preliminary win, more for top three in finals), or rating fees (\$1/game). Ent: David Cofer, 306 Martha #109, Euless, TX 76040.

LETTERS

Oops!

I just got your Nov./Dec. TK. Excellent, as usual. In playing over some of the games, I looked at Crawford-Rodriguez on page 7.



Position after 19...Bc3

At the diagram position, I wondered if it's possible both players overlooked the White pawn at b2? Also, you made no comment at all. Doesn't 20.bc3 win a piece for White? Or, more probably, am I totally overlooking something?

NM Gary Simms
Amarillo

Your disarming, Class D way of posing the question belies the Class C subtlety I overlooked in preparing the article - that 20.bc3 bc3 21.Qd5! stops any mate in two. I would hope that the players saw that point (as I hope I would in a game!) but overestimated Black's play after 21...Qa4 22.Ka1 Rab8, when he threatens 23...Rb5 24.Qd4 Qa2! and 24...Ra5, mating.

The obvious reply 23.Qd4 Qd4 24.Bd4 e5 Δ...Rb2 is only unclear. The reason you're right is that 23.Rh7! e6 (23...Kh7 24.Qf7 Kh8 25.Rh1 mate) 24.Bd4! forces mate.

Thanks for helping to bring this position into better focus - SKA.

Why A&M quit Grand Prix

We switched to a one-day format with sudden death for a reason that is very important, but never mentioned in discussion. Most players in our university town have their principal ambition in scholarly work. This work keeps us busy evenings and weekends, besides full so-called office hours. Chess is used only as a diversion. We cannot afford playing in long tournaments. Even this one-day format goes without some players since they have to work on their dissertations or other tasks. They come to see the tournament, watch the games for fifteen minutes and then run back to work. Such people either do not come to the weekly chess club meeting or come and stay less than an hour. So, it is not just a convenience of TD and certainly not a spite against our friend Robert Brieger. It is a wish to offer some chess to people who cannot afford more time. Next tournament is on 28 March 1993; see the announcements in TK and CL.

Merry Christmas!

Dr. Dusan Djuric
College Station

Come to Baton Rouge

I am enclosing a flyer about the U.S. Amateur Team Championship South This team tournament will be held in Baton Rouge Saturday-through Monday, February 13-15.

As you no doubt know, four regional team tournaments are held over "President's Weekend" each February in various parts of the country. Past "Team South" tournaments have been held in Florida, and mid-south teams (and cities) have been under-represented because of the long travel. The Baton Rouge Chess Club, therefore, bid for the tournament so that it can be more

centrally located in the South. USCF awarded the tournament for 1993, and we are "on trial", so to speak. If the attendance is poor, the tournament will probably be returned to Florida for future years.

We are hoping that players throughout the South, and especially from Louisiana and Texas will support this tournament. As I recall, Miles Ardaman played on a team that won the "Team South" title in 1991. We hope his team's success will encourage others in Texas to form teams and come to Baton Rouge. Several members of the Baton Rouge Chess Club have played in this event in Florida and tell me it was the most fun they ever had at a chess tournament.

Baton Rouge players have already formed more than 15 four-man teams. We understand they are hoping to get Mark Diesen (2490) and Alfred Carlin (2360) to play boards 1 and 2 on their premiere team, with Jim Roussele also a possibility.

All in all, the Baton Rouge Chess Club under the leadership of President Robert Bistany is trying to make this a memorable event. I would appreciate any words of encouragement you could give to Texas players to attend this tournament.

John J. Musser
Baton Rouge, LA

Baton Rouge is my home town, so I cannot hide my personal bias for the great location. By the way, it will be Mardi Gras time, so bring your families! New Orleans is just 70 miles southeast on I-10, and B.R. has its own festivities. Don't miss Magnolia Mound plantation.

Note to travelers: To get to the tournament site, hook a right on the first exit after the Mississippi River bridge. You'll see the Ramada Inn before you get to L.S.U. - SKA.

The San Antonio Chess Club presents



The 1993 Texas Senior Championship



March 13, 14 • 5 Rounds, Swiss System
Open to Players 50 and Over
Time Control: 40/2, 20/1

Seven Oaks Hotel, 1400 Austin Hwy., San Antonio TX. 78209.
(210)-824-5371 or 800-346-5866.

Prizes (b/20):

1st: \$100 2nd: \$75 3rd: \$50

Under 1700:

1st: \$60 2nd: \$25

Registration: March 13, 8:30-9:30am.

Rounds: March 13 10am, 3pm, 8pm, March 14 9am, 2pm.

Entry: \$20 by March 6, \$25 on site.

TCA Membership Required (\$10/yr).

Hotel Rates: \$56 (1-2 per room), \$66 (up to 4 per room).



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The San Antonio Chess Club presents



The 1993 Texas Junior Championship



March 13, 14 • 6 Rounds, Swiss System

Seven Oaks Hotel, 1400 Austin Hwy., San Antonio TX. 78209.
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High School Section (K-12):

Time Control: Game 60 Rds. 1-4, Game 90 Rds. 5-6.
Rounds: 3/13 10am, 1pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 3/14 10am, 3pm.

Middle School Section (K-9):

Time Control: Game 45 Rds. 1-4, Game 60 Rds. 5-6.
Rounds: 3/13 10am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 3/14 10am, 2pm.

Elementary School Section (K-6):

Time Control: Game 45 Rds. 1-6.
Rounds: 3/13 10am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 3/14 10am, 2pm.

Registration (All Sections): 3/13 8:00-9:00am.

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Prizes (Each Section):

Trophies to Top 6 Teams
Trophies to Top 12 Players
Trophies to Top Each Grade (K-12)

All Profits

from this tournament will be returned to participating schools in the form of chess materials (books, sets, etc.). Scholastic sponsors should send suggestions with entries (be specific please).

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The 1993 Texas Team Championship



Feb. 20, 21 • 4 Rounds, Swiss System
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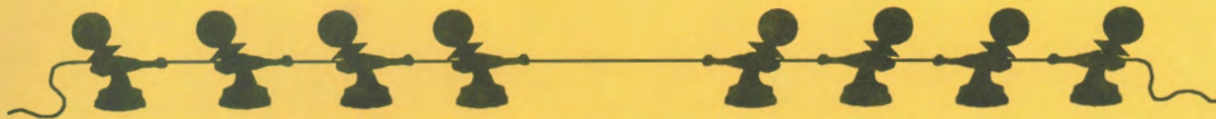
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Open to 4-player teams, team rating 8400 and below
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2nd: \$200	Feb. 21 10am/4pm
1st U1800 Team Avg:	Entry: \$100/team by Feb. 16,
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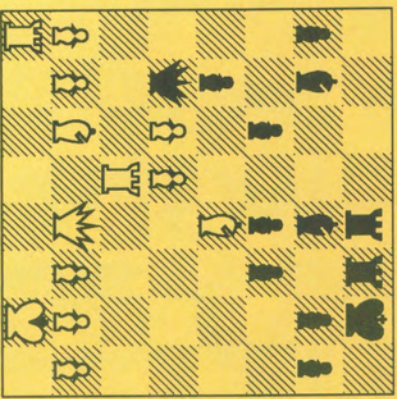
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COMBINATION

(Sax-Rewitz, West Berlin 1985)



Write to move and win

Solution: page 19

