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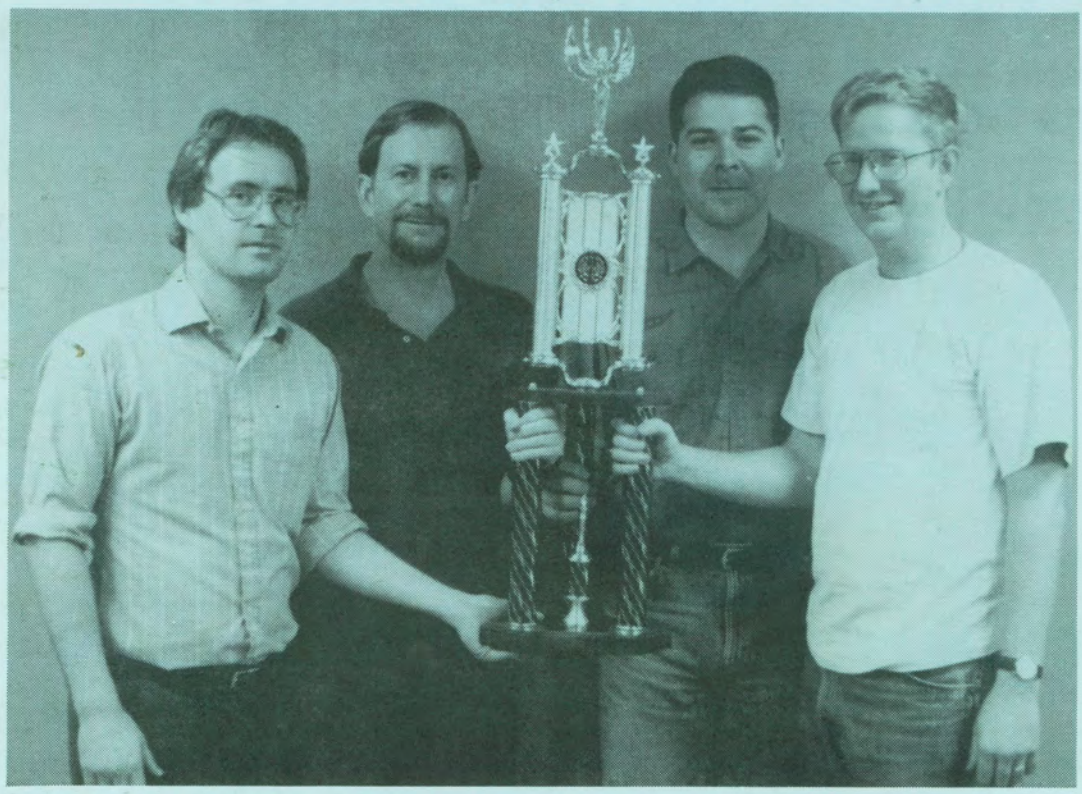
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A Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

First, I have an important announcement for those of you who don't normally read the *TK* masthead. Tony Alston's new address is 7454 Stonehouse, San Antonio, TX 78227-1034; phone (210) 674-7563. If you want information on the Texas Junior or other tournaments in San Antonio, that is the number to call. Don't worry if you sent an advance entry to the old address, because mail is being forwarded by the Post Office.

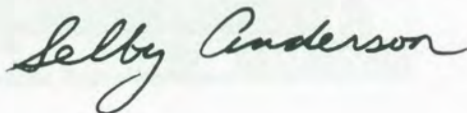
Congratulations go out once again to Amarillo master Gary Simms, whose team The Revenge of the Carpetbaggers won its second straight regional trophy at the 1993 Amateur Team South held February 13-15 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. True to their name, the Carpetbaggers went south after winning last year's Team Midwest title in Missouri. Team strategists take note: Like this year's winners at the Texas Team Championship (cover story), the Carpetbaggers had a close distribution of ratings.

Moving along to old business, let me remind organizers that you can get full reportage of your tournaments in *Texas Knights* with a minimum of care. First, when you go to make copies of the wall chart to send to USCF with your rating report, make a second copy and mail it to *TK*. A list of prize winners is helpful, although marks on the wall chart should suffice. Second: duplicate game scores are a wonderful invention. If you don't want to unload the whole bundle on me (to be returned after publication), then perhaps you have an avid analyst in your neighborhood who would like to cull through for the best or most interesting games. Any modicum of effort merits a "Contributors this issue" entry on page 2, and anyone who ventures into actually writing prose (split infinitives or not) requiring less than total rewrite will either get a byline in the header or a credit at the end of the piece.

From time to time I catch wind of someone feeling slighted by my choice of games. Let it be known that I don't have it in for anyone. Having only finite time to select games, I follow certain guidelines: (1) games by the winners and/or highest rated players, barring routine blowouts of much lower rated players; (2) upsets; (3) games with stars on the scoresheet and comments such as "This is the best game I ever played in my life!" It's no guarantee of publication, but it does mean that I'll look at the game. And needless to say, you are invited to send in your own games (with or without notes); the organizer won't always do it for you.

This issue's back cover problem comes courtesy of perennial contributor Bill Collin from his 1993 E-Systems Greenville Chess Club calendar, which features two vintage combination problems for each month of the year. If you would like a copy, \$5 should cover costs; send to William D. Collin, 3108 Chaparral, Greenville, TX 75401.

Yours truly,



Texas Team '93: Texas Nightmare

The numbers didn't lie. A point-heavy but well-balanced team from San Antonio, Texas Nightmare weighed in at *exactly* the team limit of 8400 points(!) Their edge was enough to win three "squeakers" by half point margins, and draw one match. They topped a field of ten four-man teams who competed in the Texas Team Championship, held February 20-21 at the Seven Oaks Hotel and Conference Center in San Antonio.

On board one, relative lightweight Don Marcott (2188) pulled out three draws against higher rated opposition. The rest of the team, delivering points right on schedule, consisted of J. P. Hyltin (2106), Don Flournoy (2086) and David Leinbach (2020).

Coming in second with 3-1 was Gallagher's team Sandbaggers V: Legacy Edition. A victim of bad timing, the team's only two losses occurred in the match with Texas Nightmare. The Baggers were the only team with plus scores on all boards, boasting two board prizes including the only player with a perfect score.

Board prize winners were as follows: #1. Mansour Bighamian of Houston (Carpe Pawn, 3.5 pts.); #2. Eric Dimazana of San Antonio (Sandbaggers V, 3 pts.); #3. Bill Stouffer of Austin (The Haze, 3 pts.); and #4. Robert Barber of San Antonio (Sandbaggers V, 4 pts.)

The winner of the Under 1800 team trophy was Kelly's Heroes (so named because the teammates all work at Kelly Air Force Base): Tom Patton, Bill Wall, Bruce Eberhard and Julio Reyes.

The best dressed team once again was Friendswood Chess Club (all of whom wore ties), led by NM Chris Land. The best team name was Blind Ambition, which fielded former U.S. Blind Champion Pete Gibson from Houston on board 3. The youngest team was "Three Future GM's and a Wannabe" from San Antonio, with Thomas Cummins (17), Aaron Minoo (21), Joey Friesenhahn (12) and Aaron Golden (9).

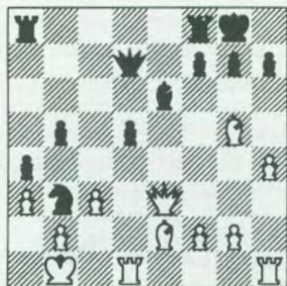
In one respect the tournament was like a bad dream: there was a baby pageant next door, with an emcee's amplified voice droning the numbers of contestants and "Mothers, take your babies to the stage and follow the photographers instructions," for hours on end. Jim Gallagher said, "The only worse conditions I've played under were when Donnie Gray organized a tournament in a bowling alley in Pine Bluff, Arkansas." Organizer and TD Tony Alston said the hotel staff gave him no warning of the event, which was sponsored by the Texas Wheelchair Bowlers Association. Like the point total of the winning team, fact was stranger than fiction.

Petroff's Defense C42

Larry Moss 2234
Don Marcott 2188

Tx. Team Chp. (1)

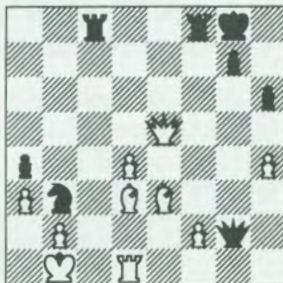
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Ne5 d6
4.Nf3 Ne4 5.Nc3 Nc3 6.dc3 Be7
7.Bf4 0-0 8.Qd2 Be6 9.0-0-0 a5
10.Kb1 Qd7 11.Nd4 a4 12.a3 Bf6
13.Bb5 c6 14.Be2 d5 15.h4 Na6
16.Bg5 Bd4 17.cd4 b5 18.c3 c5
19.dc5 Nc5 20.Qd4 Nb3 21.Qe3



21...d4 22.Qf3 f6 23.Bf4 Bf5
24.Bd3

24.Ka2? Qf7 Δ 25...Nc1 →. One wonders where (or whether) Black went wrong after winning the "ex".

24...Bg4 25.Qe4 f5 26.Qe5 Bd1
27.Bb5 Qa7 28.Rd1 Rad8 29.Bg5
Rc8 30.cd4 h6 31.Be3 f4 32.Bf4
Qf7 33.Be3 Qg6 34.Bd3 Qg2



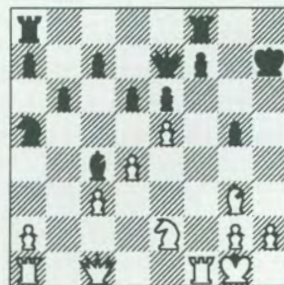
35.Qe6 Kh8 36.Be4 Qh2 37.Qg6
1:0

Nimzo-Indian E30

Duane Solley 1500
Larry White 1962

Tx. Team Chp. (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3
Bb7 8.f3 Bc3 9.bc3 d6 10.Ne2 Nc6
11.0-0 Ba6 12.e4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7
14.f4 Na5 15.fg5 hg5 16.Qc1 Nh7
17.e5 Bc4 18.Bh7 Kh7



19.Rf6 Rg8 20.Bh4 Be2 21.Bg5 Rg5? (21...Qf8 22.Rh6 Qh6 23.Bh6 Rg6) 22.Qg5 Qf8 23.Qh4 Kg8 24.Re1 Bd3 25.Re3 Bg6 26.Rg3 Kg7 27.Qh5 Qe8 28.Qg5 Nc6 29.Rh3 de5 30.de5 Ne5 31.Qe5 Kg8 32.Rg6 fg6 33.Qh8 1:0

QGD Slav D10

David Pham 2182
Blair Bureson 1512

Tx. Team Chp. (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Bd6? 5.e4 Ne7? 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nd7 8.e5 Bc7 9.Bh7! Kh8 10.Ng5? (10.Bd3 ±) g6

Blair moaned to his team captain Jimmy Irvin, "I'm busted!", and got the traditional pep talk: "Get your butt back in there and play chess!" Blair said, "Yes sir!"

11.Qg4 Kg7 (-/+) 12.Qh3 Rh8 13.Ne6 fe6 14.Qh6 Kf7 15.cd5 Nf8 16.Qf4 Nf5 17.d6 Bb6 18.g4 Rh7

19.gf5 ef5 20.d5 cd5 21.Nd5 Ne6 22.Qc4 Bd7 23.Bd2 Rc8 24.Qb3 Qh4 25.Qg3 Qg3 26.hg3 Rch8 (Bc6!) 27.Ne7 Nd4 28.g4 Nf3 29.Kg2 Nd2 30.Rfd1 Rh2 31.Kg3 R8h3 32.Kf4 Rf2 33.Kg5 Be3 mate 0:1

King's Indian E62

Eric Dimazana 2149
J. P. Hyflin 2106

Tx. Team Chp. (2)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 d6 8.de5

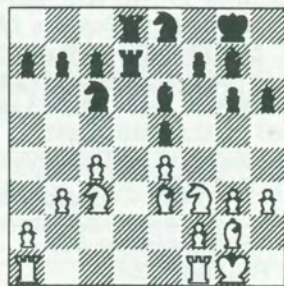
A quiet line which Eric's team captain once used to clinch a prize at the Southwest Open. 8.d5 Ne7 9.e4 or 9.c5 is supposed to favor White.

8...de5 9.Qd8
9.Nd5 Be6 10.Ng5 Bf5 11.h3 h6 12.g4 Bc8 13.Nf6 Qf6 14.Ne4 Qh4 ∞ Pachman-Fischer, Bled 1961. The main line with 9.Bg5 is about equal.

9...Rd8 10.Bg5 Be6 11.b3 11.Rac1 h6 12.Bf6 Bf6 13.b3 Rd7 14.Rfd1 Rad8 15.Rd7 Rd7 16.Ne1 Nd8 DRAW, Gallagher-Bradford, Southwest Open 1990.

11...Rd7 12.e4?!
This relinquishes pawn control of d4, obstructs the fianchettoed Bishop and presents a new target. 12.Rfd1 as above is equal.

12...h6 13.Be3 Rad8 14.h3 Ne8



15.Nd5?!



Kelly's Heroes: Julio Reyes, Bill Wall, Tom Patton, Bruce Eberhard

15.Rad1! Nd4 16.Kh2 is probably survivable.

15...Nd6 16.Rfe1

It is too late to apologise with 16.Nc3, because 16...Nd4 threatens either to win the h-pawn with ...Nf3 and ...Bh3, or to wreck White's pawns with ...Nc2.

16...Ne4 17.Nh2 Nd6 18.Bh6

This attempt to "prove" something only makes matters worse.

18...Bh6 19.Nf6 Kf8 20.Nd7 Bd7 21.Rad1 f6 22.Bc6 Bc6 23.f3 Rd7 24.Kf2 Nf5 25.Ng4 Bg7 26.Rd7 Bd7 27.Rd1 Ke7 28.f4 Ke6 29.Ne3 Ne3 30.Ke3 Bf8 31.Rd5 b6 32.fe5 fe5 33.g4??

Sparing us the textbook ending.
33...Bc5 34.Ke2 Bd4 0 : 1

Pirc Defense B07

Don Fournoy 2086

Blake Stevens 2017

Tx. Team Chp. (2)

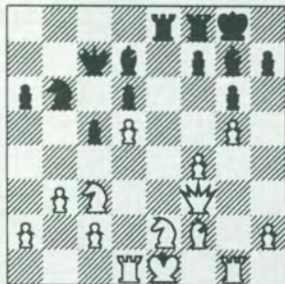
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.Be3 0-0 6.g4

6.h4 is the main line of the so-called Chinese Attack.

6...c5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.d5 b5!?

8...a6 9.h4 b5 10.h5 Qa5 ==+ Katalymov-Etruk, USSR 1966.

9.Bb5 Qb6 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bd7 Nd7 12.Rb1 Ne5 13.f4 Nc4 14.Qc1 Qc7 15.Bf2 Bh3 16.Rg1 Bd7 17.b3 Nb6 18.Qe3 e6 19.Rd1 ed5 20.ed5 Rae8 21.Qf3



21...Re7

21...f6! looks very promising.

22.Rd2 Rfe8 23.Kd1 a5 24.Ng3 a4 25.Nce4 ab3 26.cb3 Qc8 27.f5 Re4 28.Ne4 Re4 29.Qe4 Bf5 30.Qe2 Nd7 31.Qb5 Ne5 32.Rg3 Qd8 33.h4 h5 34.a4 Bg4 35.Kc1 Nf3 36.Re2 Ne5 37.Re1 f6 38.Be3 Bf5 39.gf6 Bf6 40.Bg5 Bg5 41.hg5 Bg4? (41...h4 42.Rge3 ±) 42.Re5 de5 43.Qc5 Qg5 44.Qe3 Qe7 45.Kb2 Qd6 46.Qe4 Bf5 47.Qf5 1 : 0

Pirc Defense B06

D. T. Area 1599

Bill Wall 2000

Tx. Team Chp. (2)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c6 8.Re1 Qc7 9.c3 b5 10.Qc2 Nb6 11.b3 a5 12.Bb2 Bg4 13.Rac1 Bh6 14.Qd3 a4 15.c4 b4 16.Rc2 Qb7 17.h3 Bd7 18.Nh2 d5 19.f3 dc4 DRAW

Budapest Defense A52

J. P. Hyllin 2106

David Naiser 2145

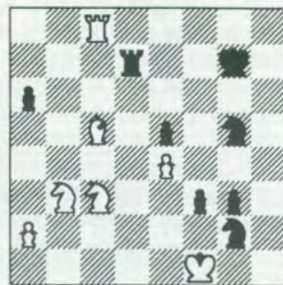
Tx. Team Chp. (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.de5 Ng4 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Bd2 Qe7?

After this Black is effectively busted. 6...a5 is correct.

7.Nc3 Nge5 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Ne5 Ne5 10.Bc3 d6 11.b4 Bb6 12.c5 c6 13.Nb6 ab6 14.cd6 f6 15.Be5 fe5 16.Qh5 Kf8 17.Qe5 Qf6 18.Qf6 gf6 19.Bc4 Ra4 20.a3 Bd7 21.Kd2 b5 22.Bb3 Ra7 23.Kc3 Kg7 24.e4 b6 25.f4 c5 26.Bd5 Re8 27.Rhe1 Ra4 28.Kb3 Kf8 29.Rac1 Be6 30.Be6 Re6 31.e5 c4 32.Kb2 Ra8 33.Rcd1 fe5 34.fe5 Rh6 35.e6 Ke8 36.Rd5 Rd8 37.d7 Ke7 38.Rb5 Rh2 39.Rg5 Ra8 40.Rg7 Kf6 41.e7 Kg7 42.e8(Q) Rg2 43.Kb1 Ra3 44.Qe5 Kh6 45.Rh1 Kg6 46.Qh5 Kg7 47.Qh7 Kf6 48.d8(Q) Ke5 49.Re1 Kf4 50.Re4 Kf3 51.Qf6 1 : 0

Jim Gallagher - Tom Patton



46...Ne4! 47.Rc7! (forced) Nc5 48.Rd7 Nd7 49.Nd2 Nh4 50.Nce4 g2 51.Kg1 Nf6 52.Nc5 e4! 53.Nc4!

With one pair of Knights, two extra pawns win. With two pairs of Knights, three pawns aren't so easy.

53...Kg6 54.Ne3 Kg5 55.Ne6 Kg6 56.Nc5 Kh5 57.Ne6 Ng4?

57...Nd7! and the King will circumnavigate with Kg6-f6-e5 +=. Now Black must accept a repetition or part with a Knight.

58.Nf4 (=) Kg5 59.Nh3 Kh5 60.Nf4 Kg5 61.Nh3 Kg6 62.Ng4 Nf5 63.Kf2 Kh5 64.Nf6 Kh4

Black imprisons a Knight, but not for long.

65.Ng1 Ng3 66.Ne4 Ne4 67.Kf3 Nc3 68.a3 Kg5 69.Kg2 Kf4 70.Kf2 Ke4 71.Nf3 Kd3 72.Ne5 Kd4 73.Nc6 Kc5 74.Nb4 a5 75.Nc2 Kc4 76.Ke3 Nb1 77.a4 Nc3 78.Nd4 Nd5 79.Ke4 Nb4 80.Nf5 Kb3 81.Nd6 DRAW!

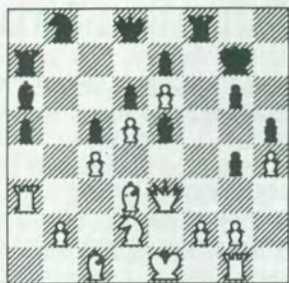
Benko Gambit A57

Bill Stouffer 2117

Donald Fournoy 2086

Tx. Team Chp. (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 b5 5.Qc2 Bg7 6.e4 b4 7.e5 Ng4 8.Qe4 f5 9.Qe2 d6 10.e6 a5 11.a4 ba3 12.Ra3 Ba6 13.h4 h6 14.Nbd2 Nf6 15.Qd3 0-0 16.Nh2 Ra7 17.Rg1 h5 18.Qg3 Ng4 19.Ng4 fg4 20.Bd3 Be5 21.Qe3 Kg7



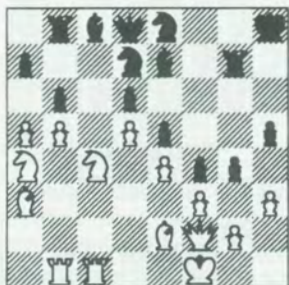
22.Nf3 Bf4 23.Qe4 Rf5 24.Bf4 Qf8 25.Ng5 Qf6 26.Bd2 Kh6 1:0

King's Indian E97

Chris Land 2230
Mick Bighamian 2344

Tx. Team Chp. (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Ne8 10.b4 f5 11.c5 Kh8 12.a4 Ng8 13.Ba3 Ngf6 14.f3 f4 15.a5 Rf7 16.b5 b6 17.cd6 cd6 18.Na4 g5 19.Nc4 Rb8 20.Qe1 Bf8 21.Qf2 Nd7 22.Rab1 h5 23.Rfc1 Rg7 24.h3 Be7 25.Kf1 g4



26.hg4 hg4 27.Rb3 Bh4 28.Qg1 Ndf6 29.ab6 ab6 30.Nab6 Nh5 31.Nc8 Rc8 32.fg4 Rc4 33.Rc4 Qa5 34.Rcb4 Ng3 35.Ke1 Ne4 36.Kd1 N8f6 37.Bc4 Ng4 38.b6 Rb7 39.Kc2 Bf2 40.Qd1 Nef6 41.Qf3 Bb6 42.Kb1 Kg8 43.Qe2 Ne3 44.Bb5 Bd4 45.Ra4 Qc7 46.Ra6 Nfd5 47.Rd6 Rb5 0:1

Dunst Opening A00
Larry Englebretson 2309
J. P. Hyttin 2106

Tx. Team Chp. (4)

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 d4 3.Nce2
This goes by the colorful name of the Wild Bull variation. A good alternative is 3.Nb1 Δ 4.Bc4.

3...e5 4.Nf3 Bd6

Here I like 4...f6 Δ 5...Be6.

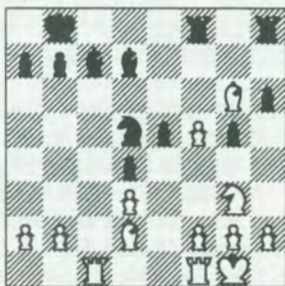
5.Ng3 Ne7(?)

Batsford gives 5...Be6 =. White gladly seizes the vacant diagonal.

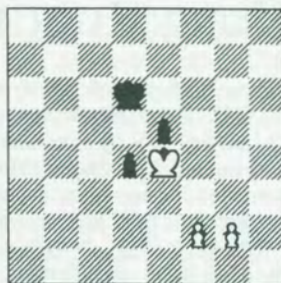
6.Bc4 h6 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Nh4 Nb6 9.Bb3 g5 10.Nhf5 Nf5 11.ef5 Qe7 12.c3

Perhaps 12.Qf3 first is stronger, and if 12...c6 (to prepare ...Bd7 and ...0-0) then 13.c3 has greater force.

12...c5 13.cd4 cd4 14.d3 Bd7 15.Qh5 0-0-0! 16.Qf7 Qf7 17.Bf7 Rdf8 18.Bg6 Bc7 19.Bd2 Nd5 20.Rac1 Kb8



21.Rfe1 Ne7 22.Ne4 Nf5 23.Bb4 Rd8 24.Nd2 Rhg8 25.Bh5 Be8 26.Be8 Rge8 27.Re4 Re6 28.a4 Nh4 29.Nc4 Ng6 30.Rce1 Nf4 31.Rd1 Nd5 32.Bd2 Nb6 33.b3 Nc4 34.dc4 Rb6 35.b4 Rc6 36.c5 b6 37.cb6 ab6 38.Rc1 Rc1 39.Bc1 Bd6 40.Bd2 Rc8 41.Kf1 Rc4 42.a5 ba5 43.ba5 Rc5 44.h4 Be7 45.Ke2 Rb5 46.hg5 Bg5 47.Bg5 hg5 48.Rg4 Ra5 49.Rg5 Kc7 50.Rg6 Kd7 51.Kd3 Rd5 52.Ke4 Rd6?? (52...Ra5 =) 53.Rd6 Kd6



54.f4 ef4 55.Kd4 Ke6 56.Ke4 Kf6 57.Kf4 Kg6 58.Kg4 Kf6 59.Kh5 Kf7 60.Kh6 Kf6 61.g4 Kf7 62.g5 1:0

Alekhine's Defense B03

Jim Gallagher 2275
Richard Ketcham 2269

Tx. Team Chp. (4)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4 de5 6.fe5 c5 7.d5 g6!?

Even Lev Alburt didn't know of this move when asked on the phone!

8.Bd3

Jim played 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Bf4 0-0 10.h3 against Hulburt in 1985.

8...Bg7 9.Bf4 e6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.d6 f6 12.Qe2 fe5 13.Be5 Be5 14.Qe5 Nc4 15.Bc4 Qh4 16.Qg3 Qc4 17.0-0-0 Bd7 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Nd2 Qf4 20.Rhf1 Qg3 21.hg3 b6 22.Nde4 Kg7 23.g4 h6 24.g5 hg5 25.Ng5 Rf5 26.Nce4 Rh8 27.g4 Rf1 28.Rf1 Rf8 29.Rh1 Rh8 30.Rh8 Kh8



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Doug Root wins A.C.E. Open Championship

IM Doug Root scored 5-0 to win the A.C.E. Open Championship, held January 15-17 in Austin. Second-ranked NM Omer Holdun Unalmis tied for second at 4-1 with the expert who beat him in round two, George Rector of Arlington. Rector went on to defeat NM Mike Calogridis before being stopped by Doug Root. Larry Crawford won the Under 2000 prize with 3-2.

A spate of upsets prompted four of the six masters to withdraw before the last round. Besides the aforementioned victims of Rector, Alexey Root (2211) lost to David Rubin (1945) in round one, and Drew Sarkisian (2239) lost to Jorge Barrios (2071) in round three.

Zack Coombes won the Reserve section (U2000) with 4.5. Trailing at 4 were Lincoln Njenga and Class C winner David Walls. Kevin Day won the Class B prize with 3.5, Darryl Tietjen was top D with 3.5, and Mike Taldo was top unrated with 2.

William Tompkins directed the event for Austin Chess Enterprises. A total of 60 players played in the tournament, held at the Austin Bridge Studio.

The game scores were retained by the editor of *Austin Chess News*, and only games from round five were sent to *TK* in time for publication. The next selection is courtesy of the winner.

Sicilian Defense B21

David Leinbach 2020

Josh Newsham 1853

A.C.E. Open 1993 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3
4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0
Be7 8.Qe2 a6 9.Rd1 Bd7 10.Be3
10.h3!? Nf6 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bg5

10...Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.a3 b5
13.Ba2 Qc7 14.Rac1 Qb7

Black has consolidated nicely.

15.b4 Rac8 16.Bf4 e5

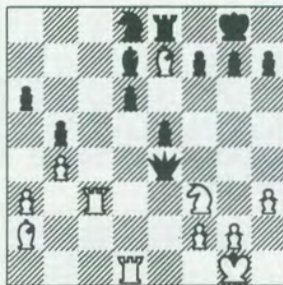
Or 16...Ne5 17.Bf4!

17.Be3?!

17.Bg5! Δ 18.Bf6, x d5, d6.

17...Nd8! 18.Bg5 Rc3! 19.Rc3
Ne4 20.Qe4 Qe4 21.Be7 Re8

21...Be6 was necessary - D.L.
After 21...Be6 22.Be6 Ne6 23.Bf8
Kf8 24.Rd6 Nf4 25.Re3 Qb1 26.Re1
Black still has an uphill fight.



22.Bd8! Rd8 23.Rd6 Qf5 24.g4
Qe4 25.Re3 Qa8 26.Red3 e4
27.Bd5 Bc6 28.Rd8 Qd8 29.Bf7
Kf7 30.Rd8 ef3 31.Rd6 Be4
32.Ra6 Bd3 33.Kh2 Be2 34.Kg3
g5 35.h4 gh4 36.Kh4 Kg7 37.Kg5
Bd3 38.Kf4 Be2 39.Ke5 Kf7
40.Kd4 Bc4 41.a4 Be6 1:0

King's Indian E97

Doug Root 2570

David Naiser 2145

A.C.E. Open 1993 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7
4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0
Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Nd7

The move order with 9...a5 first
is more topical.

10.b4 f5 11.f3

In ECO-1 this was the main
move, ending in "±", but Black has

improved in recent years. ECO-2
gives only 11.c5, 11.a4 and 11.Ba3.

11...a5

11...Nf6 12.c5 f4 13.Nc4 g5 14.a4
Ng6 15.Ba3 Rf7 16.b5 Bf8 17.a5 dc5
18.b6 cb6 19.ab6 g4! 20.fg4 ab6
21.g5 Ne8 22.Bg4 Qg5 23.Bc8 Rc8 ∞
Hlusevic-Arbakov, Uzgorod 1988;

Alternatives considered good
for White are 11...Bh6 and 11...f4.

12.ba5 Ra5 13.Nb3 Ra8 14.a4
Kh8

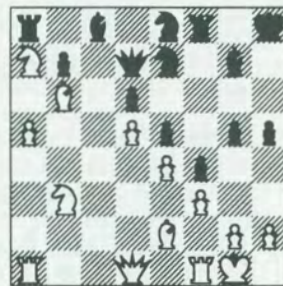
14...f4!? 15.Ba3 (or 15.a5 Nc5)
15...b6 16.Bb4 Nc5 17.a5 Na6 18.Ba3
ba5 19.Na5 +=.

15.Be3 f4 16.Bf2 g5?

16...b6 17.a5 ba5 18.c5!? +=.

Now Root shows what can hap-
pen when White is given a free hand
on the Queenside.

17.c5 Nf6 18.a5 h5 19.cd6 cd6
20.Nb5 Ne8 21.Bb6 Qd7 22.Na7



22...Ra7

White threatened 23.Bb5, trap-
ping the Queen. If 22...Ng6, then
23.Rc1! Δ Rc7 forces ...Ra7 anyway.

23.Ba7 g4 24.Qd3 Ng6 25.Rfc1
g3 26.h3 Nf6 27.Bb6 Qf7 28.Rc7
Qg8 29.Rac1 Nh4 30.Nd2 Nh7
31.Rc8!

Instantly quashing any plans for
a sacrifice on h3. White takes full
advantage of the weak d-pawn.

31...Rc8 32.Rc8 Qe8 33.Qc4!

Now 33...Qc4 34.Nc4 Bf8 35.Bc7
is a blowout.

33...Qd7 34.Qc7 Qa4 35.Qd8 Bf8 36.Qh4 Qc2 37.Bf1 Qd2 38.Qh5 Kg7 39.Qg4 Kf7 40.Qe6 Kf7 41.Qd7 Kg8 42.h4!

Black's only remaining hope was that he might get in ...Ng5 and sac on f3 or h3.

42...Nf6 43.Qc8 Kf7 44.Qb7 Be7 45.Qc8 Kg7 46.a6 Bd8 47.Qd8 Kg6 48.a7 Kh5 49.a8(Q) 1:0

Trompovsky A45

Jorge Barrios 2071

Omer Holdun 2273

A.C.E. Open 1993 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d5 4.f3 Nf6 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 c5 7.cd5 ed5 8.e3 cd4 9.Qd4 Nc6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Qd2 Bb4 12.Nge2 0-0 13.0-0 Bg6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 a6 16.Ba4 Ne5 17.Qd4 Bc3 18.Nc3 Nc6



19.Qd2?

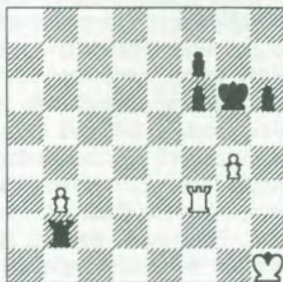
Failure to dump the KB leads to headaches later on. 19.Bc6 bc6 20.Bf6 Qf6 21.Qf6 gf6 22.Na4 with a dark square grip is the way to go.

19...d4 20.ed4 Qd4 21.Qd4 Nd4 22.Bf6 gf6 23.Rad1 Rfd8 24.Ra1 b5 25.Bd1 b4 26.Ne2 Bc4 27.Nd4 Rd4

Black declines the "merry chase" 27...Bf1 28.Nc6 Rd6 29.Ne7 Kf8 30.Nf5, which gains him nothing.

28.Re1 Rad8 29.Bb3 Bb3 30.ab3 Rd2 31.Ra4 a5 32.Ra5 Rb2 33.Rb5 Rdd2 34.Rb4 Rg2 35.Kh1 Rh2 36.Kg1 Rbg2 37.Kf1 Rf2

38.Kg1 Rfg2 39.Kf1 Rf2 40.Kg1 Rhg2 41.Kh1 Rg3 42.Rg4 Rg4 43.fg4 Rb2 44.Re3 Kg7 45.Rf3 Kg6



46.Kg1

White could make a bid for the drawn "impotent pawn pair" Rook ending (BP + RP): 46.Rf5!? Rb3? 47.Kg2 Re3 48.Kf2 Re5 49.Rf3 f5 (49...Kg5 50.Kg3 Re4 51.Rf5) 50.Kg3 Kg5 51.gf5 Rf5 52.Ra3 =. Unfortunately, Black can dodge this with 46...Rd2 (Δ ...Rd4) 47.Rf4 Kg5 48.Rf5 Kg4 49.Rf6 Kg3 +.

46...Rd2 47.Kf1 Rd4 48.Rg3 Kg5 49.Ke2 Rb4 50.Kd2 Rg4 51.Rd3 Rb4 52.Kc3 Rb7 53.b4 f5 54.Kc4 f4 55.Kc5 Kg4 56.b5 f5 57.Rd6 f3 58.Rh6 f2 59.Rh1 Kg3

It's not much of a race.

60.Kc6 Rb8

0:1

Alekhine's Defense B05

George Rector 2140

Larry Crawford 1992

A.C.E. Open 1993 (5)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.c4 Nb6 7.0-0 Be7 8.ed6 cd6 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bf4!? Nc6

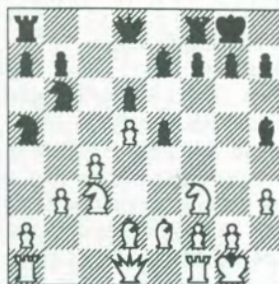
11...Bf6!?

12.d5 Na5?

The likely point of 11.Bf4 is in the line 12...Bf3 13.Bf3 Ne5 14.c5! Nf3 15.Qf3 Nd5! (15...dc5 16.d6!) 16.Nd5 ed5 17.Qd5 dc5 18.Qb7 Bf6, but it only looks equal.

13.b3 e5 14.Bd2

Black's Knights are like two bumbling Keystone Cops, neither of any use to the other. Although the next move is a blunder, it is hard to suggest a satisfactory continuation, e.g., 14...Bf3 15.gf3 Rc8 16.Nb5 or 15...Bg5 16.Ne4.



14...Nd7? 15.b4 Bf3 16.gf3 Nc4 17.Bc4 Rc8 18.Bd3 f5 19.Qc2 g6 20.Qb3 Kh8 21.Rac1 Nf6 22.Nb5 a6 23.Rc8 Qc8 24.Rc1 Qd7 25.Rc7 Qd8 26.Rb7 ab5 27.Bb5 f4 28.a4 Qc8 29.Re7 Qh3 30.Bf1 Qh4 31.Re6 Nh5 32.Bg2 Rd8 33.b5 Ng7 34.b6 Ne6 35.de6 Qe7 36.a5 d5 37.b7 Rb8 38.a6 1:0

Sicilian Defense B38

Mike Simpson 2089

Josh Newsham 1853

A.C.E. Open 1993 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.h3 0-0 9.Be2 Nd4

9...Bd7 10.0-0 a6 11.Qd2 b5!? 12.cb5 Nd4 13.Bd4 ab5 14.Rfd1 Bc6 15.Bb5 Ne4 16.Ne4 Bb5 17.Bg7 Kg7 ∞ Larsen-Kavalek, match 1970.

10.Bd4 b6

10...Bd7 11.0-0 Bc6 12.Qd3 a5 13.Rad1 += Olafsson-Bouaziz, Nice Olympiad 1974.

11.Bf3 Rb8 12.e5 Ne8 13.Qe2 de5 14.Be5 Be5 15.Qe5 Qd6 16.Qe2 Bb7 17.Rd1 Bf3 18.Qf3 Qe6 19.Qe2 Qe2 20.Ke2 Nd6

The ending is quite level.

21.b3 Rfd8 22.Rhe1 Nb7
23.Nd5 Kf8 24.Kf3 e6 25.Nf6 Rd1
26.Rd1 Kg7

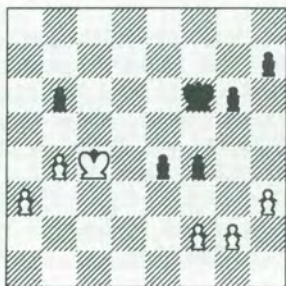
26...Ke7 was possible, since
27.Nh7 gets the Knight trapped
after 27...f6.

27.Ne4 Rd8 28.Rd8 Nd8
29.Ke3 f5 30.Ng5 e5 31.Nf3 Nc6

Or 32...Kf6 32.b4 e4 33.Nd4 Ke5
34.f4 ef3 35.Nf3 Kd6 =.

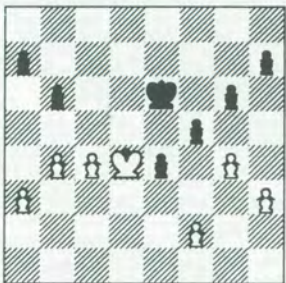
32.a3 e4

This allows White to assume a
dominant position in the center, but
it should still draw. 32...Kf6 is also
fully equal; an amusing line where
White presses too hard is 33.b4? e4
34.Nd4 Ne5 35.Nb5 Nc4 36.Kd4 a6!
37.Kc4 ab5 38.Kb5 f4 39.Kc4 ...



39...b5! -/+.

33.Nd4 Nd4 34.Kd4 Kf6 35.b4
Ke6 36.g4



36...fg4?? (36...Kd6 =) 37.hg4
h5 38.g5 gh5 39.Ke4 h4 40.Kf4 a5
41.Kg4 Ke5 42.Kh4 ab4 43.ab4
Kd4 44.c5 bc5 45.bc5 Kc5 46.Kg5
Kd5 47.f4 1:0

A.C.E. Non-Rated Championship

A nonrated beginners' tournament held Saturday, January 16 attracted 20 players to the Bridge Studio. The first place trophy went to thirteen year-old Nathan Warshaver of San Marcos, who won a five-minute playoff game with Gary Gibich after both had scored 3-0. Eight players scored 2-1 and received books donated by David Peters: Douglas Yee, Bill Hearst, Brian Moore, Malcom Pinkston, Aaron Hunter, Thomas E. Brown, James Miller and Wayland Chapman.

For most participants, this was their first chess competition and their first visit to the A.C.E. club. Eight of the twenty players are students of WIM Alexey Root, who teaches a Wednesday night chess class at the Northwest Recreation Center in Austin. Ms. Root organized and directed the event, and donated the trophies. William Tompkins and the A.C.E. board of directors provided assistance.

- Alexey Root

Games from A.C.E. Events

Sicilian Defense B22
Zack Coombes 1939
John Bell 2152

A.C.E. Quads 6/92

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 d5 4.ed5
Qd5 5.cd4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Nc3
Qh5?!

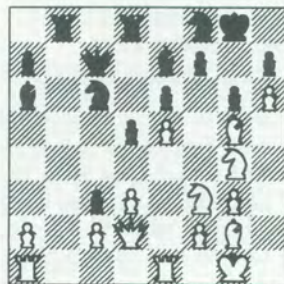
The main line is 7...Bf3 8.gf3
Qd4 9.Qd4 Nd4 10.Nb5 +=. ECO
also gives 7...Qa5? 8.d5 Ne5 9.Ne5
Bd1 10.Bb5 Kd8 11.Nf7 Kc8 12.Kd1
+ Kirilov-Skuja, USSR 1965.

8.Be2 (8.d5 0-0-0) Nf6 9.d5 0-0
0 10.0-0 Nd5 11.Nd5 Rd5 12.Qb3
e6 13.Be3? (13.Bf4) Bd6 14.h3
Bh3 15.g3 Qh3 16.Rfd1 Rh5
17.Nh4 Qh2 0:1

KI Attack A08
Josh Newsham 1746
Mike Simpson 2089

G/60 Swiss 11/15/92

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 e6 4.g3
d5 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0
8.Re1 Rb8 9.e5 Nd7 10.Nf1 b5
11.h4 Ba6 12.Bf4 Qc7 13.N1h2
Rfd8 14.h5 b4 15.h6 g6 16.Ng4 Nf8
17.Qd2 c4 18.Bg5 c3 19.bc3 bc3



20.Qc1?! (20.Qf4 (Δ Bf6-g7,
Nf6) 20...Rb4 21.d4 Bg5 22.Qg5
Qe7 23.Nf6 Kh8 24.Qe3 Rc8 ∞) Rb2
21.Bf6 Bf6 22.Nf6 Kh8 23.Qf4
Rdb8?? (23...Qe7 24.Rec1 Nb4 -/+)
24.Nd5 Qd8 25.Ng5 R8b7 26.Nf7
Rf7 27.Qf7 ed5 28.Qg7 mate 1:0

Sicilian Defense B21
Zack Coombes 1956
Peter Kappler 2000

A.C.E. Action 1/93

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3
4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Nf6
(6...Bb4! Δ Nge7) 7.Bf4? d6 8.Qe2
e5 (8...h6!?) 9.Bg5 Bg4 10.Nd5
Be7 11.Bf6 gf6 12.Qd3 Rc8 13.Bb5
Kf8 14.Bc6 bc6 15.Ne3 Bf3?
(15...Be6) 16.gf3 d5 17.a3 d4
18.Nf5 Qa5 19.Ke2 Ke8 20.Rac1
Kd7 21.Rc4 Rb8 22.b4 Qb5
23.Rhc1 Rhc8 24.f4 a5 25.Qh3 Ke8
26.Ng7 Kd8 27.Qh7 Kc7 28.Nf5
d3 29.Kd3 Rd8 30.Ke2 ef4
31.Ne7 1:0

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KC Scholastic draws 115

The first annual Knights of Columbus Scholastic Chess Tournament was held January 23 in San Antonio, at St. Leo's Catholic Church gym. This tournament, which drew 115 children from many local schools, was co-sponsored by Council #786 (Church of the Holy Spirit) and Council #7409 (St. Leo's Catholic Church) and was open to all students, K-12. Tony Alston directed the event, and Rudy Rubio organized. The San Antonio Chess School loaned chess equipment and donated chess lesson certificates to each of the nine trophy winners.

A chess book (*The New Chess* by Bruce Pandolfini) was awarded to the individual winner in the high school section. One year subscriptions to *Chess Mates* were awarded to each of the three trophy winners in the elementary section. Fifty honorable mention ribbons and fifty-six participation ribbons were mailed out.

Here is a list of the trophy winners:

High School

Individual:

- 1st Robert Gonzalez (Edgewood)
- 2nd Aaron Bohne (Central Catholic)
- 3rd John Robles (Central Catholic)

Team:

- 1st Central Catholic
- 2nd Harlandale
- 3rd Edgewood

Middle School

Individual:

- 1st Tiberio Garcza (Kingsborough)
- 2nd Christopher Gonzalez (Wren)
- 3rd Micahel Castillo (Harlandale)

Team:

- 1st Harlandale
- 2nd Palm Heights
- 3rd McNeer

Elementary

Individual:

- 1st Alex Lewkowski (Pecan Valley)
- 2nd Carla Bernal (Adams)
- 3rd (tie) Adam Perez (Northern Hills)
Tsubasa Onozaki (Judson Montessori)

Team:

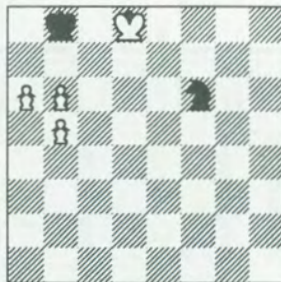
- 1st Pecan Valley
- 2nd Losoya
- 3rd Bonham

(Report by Rudy Rubio)

Rivoire sisters bust masters

Remember this back cover problem from the July/August 1992 *TK*? One more footnote to this study comes from Suzanne and Kelley Rivoire in Houston, courtesy of NM Todd Thomas in San Angelo:

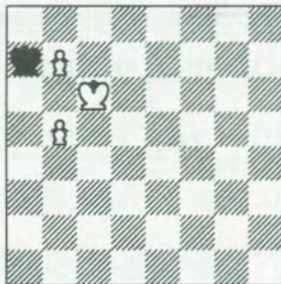
Robert Brieger, 1992



White to move and win

Brieger's solution is **1.a7! Kb7 2.a8(Q) Ka8 3.Kc8 Nd7! 4.b7! Ka7 5.Kc7** with zugzwang.

Thomas had considered **1.b7** as a possible cook, but after **1...Ne4 2.Kd7 Nc5 3.Kc6 Nb7 4.ab7 Ka7** (diagram) he could not find a win. Neither could I when I wrote up his letter in the Sept./Oct. *TK*.




It took a twelve year-old girl to point out the solution: **5.b8(Q)!** (Suzanne Rivoire) **Kb8 6.Kb6 +-.** As eight year-old Kelley Rivoire wrote in her letter to Todd Thomas, "I think the opposition is neat! Don't you?" Todd was gracious enough to share her letter rather than set it on fire and wash it down the sink.

By the way, I stand by my claim that Black is drawing after **1.b7 Nd5!**, so I don't think Brieger has been cooked. However, two national masters have definitely been embarrassed!

— Selby Anderson

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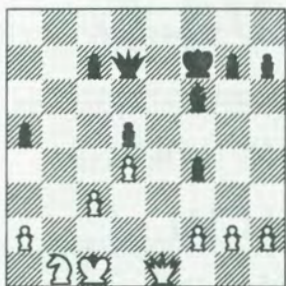
by Tim Trogdon

Big Lake Pepsi Challenge

(December 6, 1992)

Todd Thomas won the Big Lake Pepsi Challenge with 4-0, defeating Charlie Vetter in the last round. Tim Trogdon had 3-0 going into the last round, but he lost to Steven Dudley in a time scramble. Vetter, Trogdon and Dudley tied for second with 3-1. A good-sized field of 36 attended, including scholastic teams from San Antonio. Dianne Curry deserves credit for hosting the event, in which all participants received awards! NM Todd Thomas' tournament direction was flawless.

Charles Vetter - Todd Thomas



1.Qd2 (maybe 1.Nd2) 1...f3 2.g3 (2.gf3 Qf5 (2...Qh3 3.Qf4 Qf1 4.Kc2 Qf2 5.Nd2 +=) 3.f4 g5 4.Na3 gf4 5.f3 ∞) 2...Qf5 3.Kb2 Bg5 4.Qd1 h5 5.h4 Bh6 6.Qc2?! (6.Nd2 Bd2 7.Qd2 =) Qe6 7.Qd3? Qe2 8.Qc2 Qb5 9.Qb3 c6 10.Na3?? Qb3 11.Kb3 Be3! 12.Kc2 Bf2 13.Kd2 Bg3 14.Ke3 f2 15.Ke2 Bh4 and 0:1

(Analysis by NM Todd Thomas)

Midland January Swiss

(January 10, 1993)

Charles Vetter won with 3-0, followed by Tim Trogdon with 2.5. A competitive field warmed the V.F.W. hall on a cold and icy day. Vetter's games were the longest of the tournament, the first two going through adjournment. Vetter owes this to his style of play - locked pawn formations and long endings. Although this game didn't have a locked pawn formation, the ending at adjournment was interesting. Steve Dudley directed a smooth event.

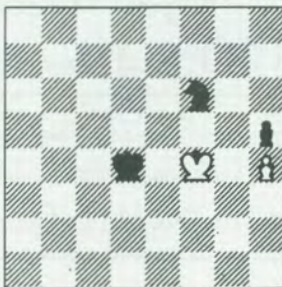
French Defense C17

Steven Dudley 1748

Charles Vetter 1960

Midland Jan. Swiss

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 cd4 6.ab4 dc3 7.Qg4 cb2 8.Bb2 Kf8 9.Bd4 b6 10.Ra3 Nh6 11.Qf3 Nc6 12.c3 Qg5 13.Qe3 Qe3 14.Be3 Ne5 15.Bb6 a6 16.b5 Nd7 17.Ba5 Ke8 18.Bb4 Nb8 19.Nf3 Bb7 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nc6 Nc6 22.bc6 Bc6 23.Ra6 Kd7 24.f3 Ra6 25.Ba6 Ra8 26.Be2 Ra1 27.Bd1 Ba4 28.Kd2 Rd1 29.Rd1 Bd1 30.Kd1 Nf5 31.Ke2 Nd6 32.g4 e5 33.Kd3 Ke6 34.Bc5 g6 35.Ba3 f5 36.gf5 gf5 37.Bc1 e4 38.fe4 fe4 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.Kf2 d4 41.cd4 Kd4 42.Ke2 Nc4 43.h4 Ke5 44.Bg5 Kf5 45.Bh6 Ne5 46.Bg5 Nf7 47.Be7 Kf4 48.Bf6 Nd6 49.Bg5 Kg4 50.Bf6 h5 (adj.) and eventually ...



Dudley played 1.Kf3? and lost to 1...Ke5! However, he missed an opportunity to draw with 1.Kg5 Ke5 2.Kg6 Ke6 3.Kg5 Kf7 4.Kh6, and Black cannot make any progress.

Goodfellow AFB "Action"

(January 24, 1993)

Tim Trogdon (1920) won first place on tiebreaks ahead of Allen Eckert (1779) and Paul Newbury (1978). All had 4-1 scores. Allen defeated Paul in round two, but Tim came up with a win over Allen in the final round. The "Hardest Player" award, titled The Tortoise and the Hare, went to Neal Aylor (1465) for his second round upset over Trogdon (whose flag fell in a time scramble). The playing hall was cold at first, but the games heated up. Steve Dudgey's last round game with Lee Appleberry ended in controversy as each made consecutive illegal moves with time about to expire. Dudley's being a mate, however, the game was agreed drawn! Newcomers, Lee and his son Taylor will be players to watch in the future. The top three winners received plaques showing King, Rook and Knight sketched in charcoal by local artist Frank Dubek. Robert Montgomery (1900) started strongly with 3-0, but lost his final two games to fall out of the running for prizes.

English Opening A21

Paul Newbury 1978

Allen Eckert 1779

Goodfellow AFB Action

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.d4 e4 7.Nd2 0-0 8.Nb3 c6 9.d5 Bd7 10.dc6 Bc6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.0-0 Nc6 13.e3 Ne5 14.b3 Nfg4 15.h3 Nf6 16.Qe2 Qa5 17.Nd1 d5 18.Bd2 Bb4 19.Bb4 Qb4 20.cd5 Nd5 21.g4? fg4 22.Be4 Nf6 23.Bb1 gh3 24.f3 Qe7 25.Nf2 h2 26.Kh2 and 0:1

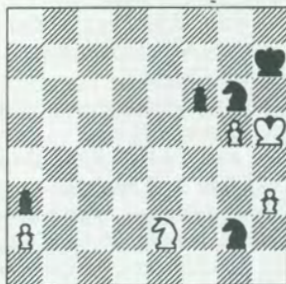
San Antonio New Year Open (part 2)

[This concludes the coverage of the 65-player event which was won by Jim Gallagher and Eric Dimazana, both scoring 5-0.]

The big upset of round one was the defeat of Alfred Zerm (1850) by twelve year-old Joey Friesenhahn (1370). Meanwhile Joey's big sister Jessica (1609) drew Luis Salinas (2106), who then had such a hard time beating twelve year-old Amber Zintgraff (1053!) that evening that he withdrew and went back to Dallas.

An eye-catching finish:

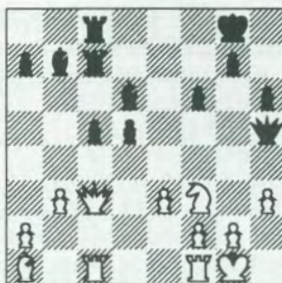
Jimmy Irvin - Ronny Rubit



1...f5! 0:1
White must assist a forced mate.

Queen's Indian E14
Jessica Friesenhahn 1609
Luis Salinas 2106
New Year Open (1)

1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.d4 Nf6
4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Bd3 d5 7.cd5
ed5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bd2 Nbd7 10.Rc1
c5 11.b3 Re8 12.Ne2 Bd6 13.Bc3
Ne4 14.Ba1 Qe7 15.Qc2 Rac8
16.Qb1 h6 17.Bb5 Red8 18.Bd7
Rd7 19.dc5 bc5 20.Qb2 f6 21.Nh4
Qf7 22.Nf3 Rdc7 23.Nc3 Qh5
24.h3 Nc3 25.Qc3



25...d4 26.Qc4 Bd5 27.Qe2 Re8
28.Nd4 Qe5 29.Nf3 Bf3 30.Be5
Be2 31.Bd6 Rc6 32.Rfe1 Bd3
33.Bc5 Rec8 34.Ba3 Rc2 35.Red1
Bf5 36.Rc2 Rc2 37.Rd5 Ra2
38.Rf5 Ra1 39.Kh2 Ra3 40.Rb5
DRAW

Ruy Lopez C84
Selby Anderson 2257
Raymond Smith 1842
New Year Open (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7

White has two attempts to turn this slightly unusual move order to his advantage. One is 6.a4 7.a4 Bb7 8.d3 d6 9.Nc3 b4 10.Nd5 Nd5 11.Bd5 Δ c3, d4, resembling an anti-Marshall where White saves a tempo normally spent on Re1.

7.d4
This entices Black into an inferior branch of the Rio variation: 7...ed4 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bd5 Nc5 10.Nd4 Bb7 11.Nf5 0-0 12.Qg4 g6 13.Re1 ±; or a suspect Open line with 7...Ne4 8.Ne5 Ne5 9.de5 Bb7 10.Qg4 0-0 11.Re1 Bg5 (11...d5!? or 11...Ng5!?) 11.. 12.Nc3 Bc1 13.Ne4 Be4 14.Rac1 Bc6 15.Re3 ± Ceitlin-Puksanski, USSR 1978.

7...d6! 8.c3 0-0
8...Bg4 9.h3 Bf3 10.Qf3 ed4
11.Qg3 0-0 12.Bh6 Ne8 13.Bd5 Qd7
14.Qg4 Qg4 15.hg4 gh6 16.Bc6 dc3

17.Nc3 Rb8 18.Nd5 Bd8 19.g3 +=
Gligoric-Rossetto, Potoroz 1958.

9.h3 Bb7
ECO considers only 9...h6 and 9...Nd7, but that was before the Flohr-Zaitsev line became a craze.

10.Nbd2!?
There is probably no advantage to be gained from postponing Re1.

10...ed4 11.cd4 Na5 12.Bc2 c5 13.Re1

A much different game results from 13.d5 with a Benoni-like pawn structure as in the last K-K match.

13...d5 14.e5 Ne4!?
I considered this thematic pawn sac when choosing 13.Re1, but I did not expect it from an A player!

I liked my Kingside attacking chances after 14...Nd7 15.Nf1.

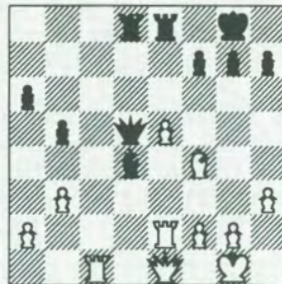
15.Ne4 de4 16.Be4 Be4 17.Re4 Qd5 18.Qe1!

To allow a consolidation with Re2 later on.

18...Nc6 19.dc5 Bc5 20.Bf4
20.a4!? was the ChessMachine's recommendation.

20...Rad8 21.Rc1 Nd4!?
Naturally White rejoices at any gratuitous piece exchanges.

22.Nd4 Bd4 23.b3 Rfe8 24.Re2



24...Re6 25.Kh1 h6 26.Rcc2 Bb6 27.Red2 Qb7 28.Rd8 Bd8 29.Bg3 Bb6 30.f4 f5 31.Bf2 Bd8 32.Qd1 Be7 33.Qd3 33.Qh5 Qe4 34.Qe8 Kh7 35.Rc8!

Qd5 36.Qg8 Kg6 37.Rc7 +-.

33...g6 34.Rd2 Kf7 35.Kh2 Qc6
36.Rc2 Qb7 37.g4! Qe4 38.Qe4 fe4
39.Bd4 Bd8 40.f5 gf5 41.gf5 Re8
42.e6 Ke7 43.Rc6 Kf8 44.f6 Bc7
45.Kg2! 1:0

K's Gambit Declined C30

Andy Smith 2007

Gary Zintgraff 1794

New Year Open (2)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6
4.Nc3 Nf6 5.a3 Nc6 6.b4 Bb6 7.d3
Ng4 8.Qe2 Nd4 9.Nd4 Bd4
10.Bd2 Nf2 11.Rg1 Bg4 12.Qf2
Bf2 13.Kf2 ef4 14.Bf4 Qf6 15.Nd5
Qa1 16.Nc7 Kd7 17.Na8 Ra8
18.Be2 Qg1 0:1

QGD Exchange D36

Randall Schwarz 2017

Greg Wren 1800

New Year Open (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5
4.cd5 ed5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6
7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Nge2 g6
10.Ng3 Ne8 11.Bh6 Ng7 12.0-0
Nf6 13.h3 Re8 14.Rab1 a5 15.Bg7
Kg7 16.f4 Qd6 17.Qf2 Ng8 18.f5
Nh6 19.e4 gf5 20.e5 Qg6 21.Nge2
Kh8 22.Nf4 Qg5 23.Rbe1 Be6
24.Nb1 Rg8 25.Qe3 Qh4 26.Nd2
Bg5 27.Rf2 Rg7 28.Nf1 Rag8 29.g3
Bf4 30.Rf4 Qh3 (30...Rg3! 31.Ng3
Rg3 32.Kf2 and either 32...Ng4 or
32...Rg4 is winning.) 31.Rf3 Ng4
32.Qf4 Nh2! 33.Kf2 Nf1 34.Rf1
Qh2 35.Ke1 Rg3 36.R3f2 Qh3
37.Bf5 Bf5 38.Qf5 Re3 39.Kd2
Qh6 40.Qf6 Qf6 41.Rf6 Rh3 42.Rf7
Rg2 43.Ke1 Re3 44.Kd1 Rd3
45.Kcl h5 **DRAW**

Sicilian Dragon B76

David Naiser 2145

Jim Gallagher 2275

New Year Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7

7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 d5
10.ed5 Nd5 11.Nc6 bc6 12.Bd4
Nc3!?

This move debuted in Tiviakov-
Alterman, USSR 1990. The older
12...e5 is supposed to give White a
small edge after 13.Bc5.

13.Qc3 Bh6 14.Be3

Not 14.Kb1?? e5 +.

14...Be3 15.Qe3 Qa5?!

Gallagher plops his Queen down
on her usual square out of habit. The
recent theory stems from 15...Qb6
16.Qe7 Be6, and now GM Margeir
Petursson of Iceland gives:

(a) 17.Qa3 a5! (17...Qf2 18.Qa5)
18.Kb1 Qf2 19.Qc3 Rad8 20.Bc4 Bc4
21.Qc4 Qg2 =;

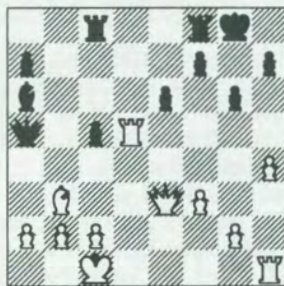
(b) 17.Bd3 Qe3 18.Rd2 c5
19.Qh4 c4 20.Bc4 Rad8 21.Bd3 Rd3!
22.cd3 Rc8 23.Kd1 Ba2 24.Qa4 Bd5!
(Δ ...Qe6) 25.Re1 Bf3! =;

(c) 17.Qf6 Rfd8 18.Bd3 Ba2
19.Rhe1 Rab8 20.h4 Rd4! 21.b3
Bb3! 22.cb3 Qb4 23.Qc6 Rd6 24.Qc4
Rd3 25.Qd3 Qa3 26.Kd2 Qb2 =!!

**16.Bc4 Ba6 17.Bb3 c5 18.Rd5!
Rac8 19.h4?!**

19.Qe7 should win, since Black
has no convenient way to prepare
...c5-c4: if 19...Qb6 then 20.Rd6.
19...Rfe8 is refuted by 20.Qf7! Kf7
21.Rc5, while 19...Rce8 runs into
20.Rc5! (20...Qb4 21.Bf7! +-).

19...e6



20.Re5

Does the Rook sac with 20.h5
win? After 20...ed5 21.hg6, Black
must defend heroically:

(a) 21...Rce8? 22.gf7 Kf7 23.Bd5
Kf6 (23...Kg7 24.Qh6 and 25.Qh7#)
24.Qf4 Ke7 25.Rh7 forces mate;

(b) 21...Qb6! 22.gf7 Rf7 23.Bd5
Rb8 24.Bf7 Kf7 25.Qf4 Kg8
26.Qg3! = (staying on the b8 Rook
prevents ...Qg6), and the Qg3-f4-e5
shuttle guarantees a perpetual.

In fact, Gallagher confessed he
was planning to play 21...Rce8, so
20.h5 was probably winning! (I say
probably, because Jim might have
changed his mind at crunch time.)

A quiet alternative to Naiser's
move is 20.Qd2, reaching a roughly
equal ending.

20...Qb6! 21.c3!

Played after 30 minutes of
thought. The tempting 21.h5 c4
22.Qh6 gets mated by force after
22...cb3 23.hg6 Rc2 24.Kb1 ba2!
25.Kc2 Rc8 26.Kd2 Qf2 27.Kd1
a1(Q). Also servicable is Jim's idea
of 24...Rb2! 25.Kb2 ba2 26.Ka3 Qd6
27.Ka2 Bc4 with a mating net.

21...c4 22.Qb6?!

This needlessly mends Black's
pawns. Better is 22.Bc2.

**22...ab6 23.Bc2 Rfd8 24.Rd1
Kg7 25.Re4 Rd1 26.Bd1?**

The losing move, which loses an
important tempo; 26.Kd1! allows
White to challenge the coming d-
file blockade with Be4. The Bishop
ending after 26.Kd1 Rd8 27.Ke2
Bb7 28.Rd4 Rd4 29.cd4 is equal.

26...Bb7 27.Rd4 Bd5 28.Kd2

There is no salvation in 28.Bc2
f5! 29.Kd2 Ra8! +/-.

28...Rc5?!

A finesse is 28...Ra8! 29.a3 Ra5.
Now 29.b4! is called for.

29.Ke3?! Ra5! 30.a3 Rc5

The fix is in. Black is virtually a
pawn ahead, with a winning game.

**31.Rd2 e5 32.g4 f5 33.f4 Kf6
34.g5**

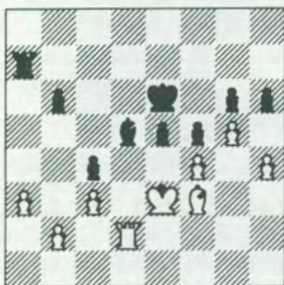
On 34.h5 ef4 35.Kf4 g5 36.Ke3
f4, White's King must retreat: if
37.Kd4?? Bc6 followed by ...Rd5 +.
After 37.Kf2 Be6 38.Bf3 h6 39.a4

Ke7, Black can dominate simply by offering piece exchanges.

34...Ke6 35.Be2 Rc7 36.Bd1 Ra7!

"Oh, no you don't!"

37.Be2 h6 38.Bf3



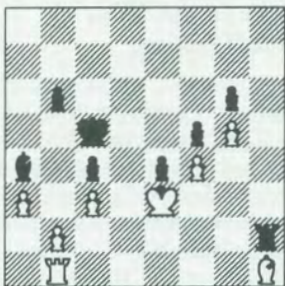
38...e4!

A paradoxical move, but one which denies White any counterplay. Did you ever see such a useless "good" Bishop? The alternative, 38...ef4 39.Kf4 Bf3 40.Kf3 hg5 41.hg5 Rh7 *probably* wins, but the text removes all doubt. Zugzwang (I mean, a squeeze!) is on the way.

39.Bg2 hg5 40.hg5 Rh7 41.Rf2 Kd6 42.Rd2 Kc5 43.Rf2 Bc6 44.Rd2 Rh8 45.Kf2 Rh4 46.Ke3 Rg4 47.Bh1 Rg3 48.Ke2 Rh3 49.Bg2 Rg3!

49...Rh2 50.Ke3 is a dead end.

50.Bh1 Rd3 51.Rd1 Rh3 52.Rb1 Rh2 53.Ke3 Ba4



White resigned, as he must commence dishing out material. A fine example of squeeze play. 0:1

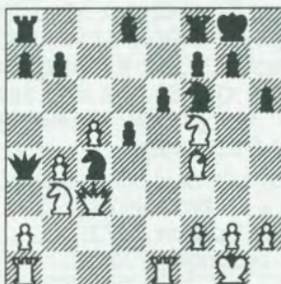
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New Year Open (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Bd3 Bd3 7.Qd3 Qa5 8.Nd2 Qa6 9.c4 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.dc5 Ne5 12.Qc3 Nc4 13.b4 Nf6 14.Nb3 Qa4 15.Bg5 Be7 16.Rfe1 h6 17.Bf4 0-0 18.Nf5 Bd8



19.Nh6 gh6 20.Bh6 Nh5 21.Bf8 Bf6 22.Qf3 Rf8 23.Qh5 Ba1 24.Ra1 Qb4 25.Qg5 Kh7 26.Qe7 Kg8 27.Qg5 Kh7 28.Qf6 Nd2 29.Rc1 Nb3 30.Rc3 Qg4 31.Rh3 Qh3 32.gh3 Nc5 33.Qh4 Kg8 34.Qg3 Kh7 35.Qc7 Ne4 36.f3 Rg8 37.Kf1 Nd2 38.Kf2 Nc4 39.Qf7 Rg7 40.Qe6 b6 41.Qd5 Rg2 42.Ke1 Rg1 43.Ke2 Rg2 44.Kd3 b5 1:0 (time)

Queen's Gambit D27

Jim Gallagher 2275

Selby Anderson 2257

New Year Open (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Nc3 dc4

After much second-guessing and artful dodging, the lines are drawn.

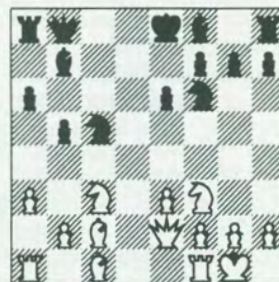
6.Bc4 a6 7.a3 b5 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 Qb8 11.dc5

I expected 11.Rd1.

11...Nc5

Murky is 11...Bf3 12.gf3 (12.Qf3 Ne5 =) Nc5 13.Bc2 Bd6 14.f4.

12.Bc2



12...Bd6

My original thought was 12...Nce4, but the possibility of a sac on b5 scared me off.

Besides the text, 12...Ng4 is also good, e.g., 13.e4! (13...Bf3 was threatened) 13...Bd6 14.h3 Nh2 15.Nh2 Bh2 16.Kh1 Be5 = (but not 16...Bf4? 17.Bf4 Qf4 18.Nb5!)

13.e4 e5?!

13...Ng4! – see the last note.

14.b4?!

On 14.Bg5! I was going bite the bullet with 14...Ne6 15.Bf6 gf6, but I prefer White after 16.Nh4.

14...Ne6 15.Bb3 0-0 16.Bg5 Ng5 17.Ng5 Ra7 18.Rfd1 h6 19.Nf3 Rc8 20.Rd3 Nh5

20...Bc6 21.Rad1 Rd7 22.Nh4 Bf8 23.Qa2 Rdc7 24.Ng6! ±.

21.Ng5?

21.Qd2 Be7 22.Qa2 Nf4 23.Bf7 Kh8 24.Re3 ±.

21...Nf4 22.Bf7 Kf8!

22...Kh8? 23.Qg4! (Δ 24.Qf5 +-) Be7! 24.Ne6 Bf6 25.Rf3 +/-.

23.Ne6 Kf7 24.Nf4 ef4 25.e5 Rc3?

I outsmart myself; after 25...Be5 26.Qa2 Kf8 27.Rd7 Bd5! 28.Rd5 Rc3 29.Rad1 Bf6, White has zilch.

26.Qa2 Rc4 27.Rd6 Bc8 28.Rad1 Be6 29.Qe2 g6 30.Qd3 Qc8 31.h4 Rc1 32.h5 Rd1 33.Qd1 Qg8??

33...Rd7 34.Qb1! ∞; 33...Kg7! 34.hg6 Rd7 35.Qd4 Rd6 36.ed6 Kg6 37.Qf4 Qc6 is =+ or +/-.

34.Re6 Ke6 35.Qb3

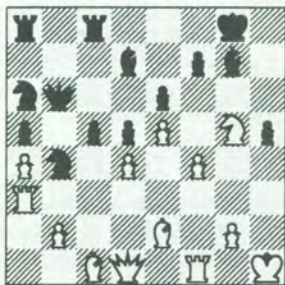
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King's Indian E76
Don Marcott 2188
Omer Holdun 2273
New Year Open (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c6 7.Be2

ECO gives 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.e5 Ne8
 9.Qe2 c5 10.d5 e6 11.de6 fe6 12.h4
 de5 13.h5 ef4 14.hg6 e5 15.gh7 Kh8
 16.Nh4 ± Padevski-Nikolic, Varna
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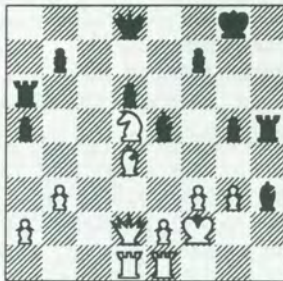
7...a6 8.a4 a5 9.0-0 Na6 10.e5
 Ne8 11.h3 Nb4 12.Kh1 Nc7
 13.Ne4 d5 14.Ng3 e6 15.c5 b6
 16.cb6 Nca6 17.Ra3 Qb6 18.h4
 Bd7 19.h5 Rfc8 20.Ng5 c5 21.hg6
 hg6 22.Nh5 gh5



23.Ba6 Qa6 24.Rg1 Be8 25.Qh5
 Ra7 26.Qh7 Kf8 27.Rg3 f5 28.ef6
 Bf6 29.Qh6 Ke7 30.dc5 Rc5 and
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English Opening A27
Eric Dimazana 2149
Don Flournoy 2086
New Year Open (4)

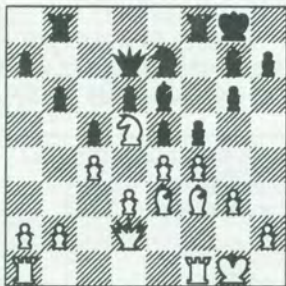
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 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4
 Re8 8.de5 Ne5 9.Ne5 Re5 10.Bf4
 Re8 11.Qd2 a5 12.Rad1 Ra6
 13.Nb5 d6 14.c5 Ne4 15.Be4 Re4
 16.cd6 cd6 17.Be3 Rb4 18.Nc3
 Bh3 19.Rfel h5 20.b3 h4 21.Nd5
 Re4 22.f3 Re5 23.Bf4 hg3 24.hg3
 Rh5 25.Kf2 g5 26.Be3 Be5 27.Bd4



27...g4 28.f4 Bg7 29.Bg7 Kg7
 30.Qd4 f6 31.Qe4 Kf7 32.Rd3 b5
 33.Re3 a4 34.Rc1 Ra7 35.Qe6 Kg7
 36.Rc8 Qc8 37.Qc8 Rd5 38.Re8
 Rc5 39.Rg8 Kh7 40.Rh8 Kg6
 41.Qe8 Rf7 42.Rg8 1:0

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

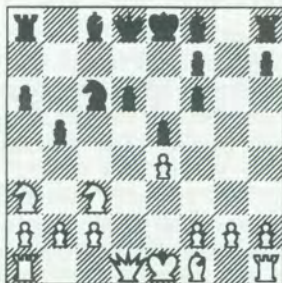


16...fe4 17.de4 Nd5 18.cd5
 Bh3 19.Bg2 ef4 20.Bf4 Bd4
 21.Kh1 Bg2 22.Kg2 Rbe8 23.Rae1
 Be5 24.b3 Qe7 25.Bh6 Rf1 26.Kf1
 Bg7 27.Bf4 Rf8 28.Kg2 Bd4
 29.Qd3 Re8 30.Qf3 Kg7 31.h4 Be5
 32.Bg5 Bf6 33.Bf4 h5 34.Re2 Bd4
 35.Kh3 Rf8 36.Rg2 Qd7 37.Kh2
 Rf7 38.g4?? Rf4 39.Qf4 Be5
 40.Qe5 de5 41.gh5 Qf7 42.Rg6

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 and 0:1

Solution: 1.Qf4 gf4 2.Bf4 Ka8
 3.Nb6 ab6 4.ab6 Na6 5.Rc8 Rc8
 6.Ra6 ba6 7.Bg2 Rc6 8.Bc6 mate.
 The composer, Philip Stamma, was
 a Syrian-born master who served as
 language interpreter in the court of
 King George II. He popularized
 algebraic notation and the Queen's
 Gambit, which he called the Aleppo
 after his home town. In 1739 he
 lost a match to Philidor by 8-2 at
 draw odds, drawing only one game.

Gallagher wins SACC Championship

Jim Gallagher beat Eric Dimazana in the final match for the 1992 San Antonio Chess Club championship.

Reti Opening A11

Eric Dimazana 2149

Jim Gallagher 2263

SACC Championship

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cd5 cd4 5.Qd4 Nc6 6.Qd1 ed5 7.Qd5 Bd7 8.Bg5

The main line with 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qd1 Bc5 10.e3 Qe7 11.a3 0-0-0 12.Qc2 is supposed to give White the edge.

8...Nf6 9.Bf6

9.Qd2 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Qa5 12.e3 0-0-0 13.Nb5 Qd2 14.Kd2 Bg4 15.Ke1 Bb4 16.Nc3 Ne4 17.Be2 Be6 18.a3 Ba5 = Taimonov-Zagorsky, USSR 1949.

9...Qf6 10.Qe4

A pretty footnote is 10.e3 0-0-0 11.Qb3 Be6 12.Qa4 Bb4 13.Rc1 Rd2!! 14.Kd2 Qf2 15.Nge2 Bf5! + Gaister-Zaitsev, USSR 1960. Dimazana's move is a big improvement.

10...Be6 11.Nf3 0-0-0 12.e3 Bb4 13.Rc1 Ba2 14.Qb4! Nb4 15.Nd5 Qc6 16.Ne7 Kb8 17.Nc6 Nc6 18.Bb5

18.Bc4 is convincingly level.

18...Bd5 19.Ke2 Rhe8 20.Rhd1 a6 21.Bc4

21.Bd3 is safer. The text allows Black to seize the initiative.

21...Bf3! 22.gf3

22.Kf3?? loses a piece to 22...Rd1 and 23...Ne5.

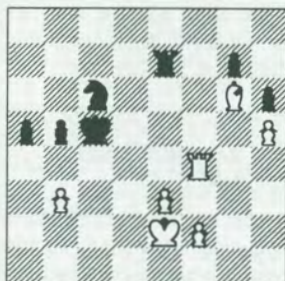
22...Nd4 23.Kf1 Nf3 24.Bf7 Rd1 25.Rd1 Re7

25...Rf8 26.Bh5 Nh2 gets the Knight trapped: 27.Kg2 Rf5 28.Be2 h5 29.f3 +.

26.Bh5 Ne5 27.Be2 b5

In this case the queenside majority is a clear and present danger.

28.Rd6 Kb7 29.b3 Nf7 30.Rd5 Kc7 31.Bd3 h6 32.h4 Kc6 33.Rd4 a5 34.Ke2 Ne5 35.Re4 Kc5 36.h5 Nc6 37.Rf4 Re5 38.Bg6 Re7



39.Rf5?

39.Kd2 would make a fight of it. One mistake leads to another . . .

39...Kb4 40.f4?? Nd4 0 : 1

S. A. Chess School games

Veresov A45

Gary Zintgraff 1794

Raymond Smith 1842

Tues. Night Swiss

Dec. 29, 1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 Bb4 4.Bd3 d5

Zintgraff-Escobedo (New Year Open) continued 4...c5 5.Nge2 Nc6?! (5...cd4!) 6.e5 Nd5 7.a3 Qa5 8.ab4!! Qa1 9.Nd5 ed5 10.bc5 b6 11.0-0 bc5 12.c3 cd4 13.cd4 Rb8 14.Qc2 Nb4 15.Qc7 Ra8 16.Bg5 Qa2 17.Qd8#. A post-mortem with IM Doug Root confirmed the soundness of the sac.

5.e5

This position can also be reached by a Winawer French: 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.e5. Kondratiev-Samaev, USSR 1964 continued 5...Nfd7 6.Qg4 g6 7.Nf3 c5 8.dc5 Nc6 9.Bd2 Bc5 10.Qg3 a6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.h4 ±.

5...Ne4 6.Nge2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne4 de4 9.Be4 Nd4

Black has better chance to hold the game if he jettisons a pawn with

9...cd4 10.Bc6 bc6 11.Qd4 Qd4 12.Nd4 Ba6.

10.c3!

White creates a crushing position by the simplest means. Black's dark square Bishop is unable to assist the defense.

10...Ne2 11.Qe2 Ba5 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Bg5! Bd7 14.Rd6 h6 15.Qh5! Qc8

15...g6 16.Bg6 fg6 17.Qg6 Kf8 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Qh6 Ke8 20.Qh7 +.

16.Rad1 Bb5 17.c4 Bc6 18.Bc6 bc6 19.Rd7 g6

19...Qd7 20.Rd7 Kd7 21.Qf7 Kc8 22.Qg7 Re8 23.Qf7 Rh8 24.Bf6 ±.

20.Qf3 Rh7 21.Re7 Kf8 22.Rdd7 Qd7 23.Rd7 hg5 24.Qc6 Re8 25.Qc5 Kg7 26.Qa5 Reh8 27.Qa7 1 : 0

Modern Defense B06

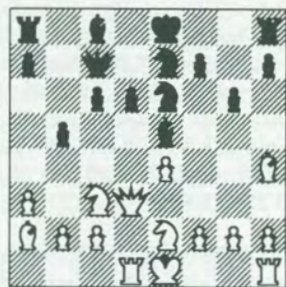
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Tues. Night Swiss

Feb. 23, 1993

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Bc4 d6 4.Bg5 c6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bb3 Qc7 7.Qf3 e5 8.de5 Be5 9.Rd1 Na6 10.a3 Nc5 11.Ba2 Ne6 12.Bh4 Nd4 13.Qd3 Ne7 14.Nge2 Ne6



15.f4 Bf4 16.Nf4 Nf4 17.Qf3 Ne6 18.Bf6 0-0 19.Qe3 d5 20.0-0 Bb7 21.Qh6 g5 22.Rd3 g4 23.Rg3 Ng6 24.Rg4 Qb6 25.Kh1 b4 26.Nd5 cd5 27.ed5 Qb5 28.Rf5 Qe2 29.h3 Qe1 30.Kh2 Bd5 31.Bd5 1 : 0 (time)

French Defense C17

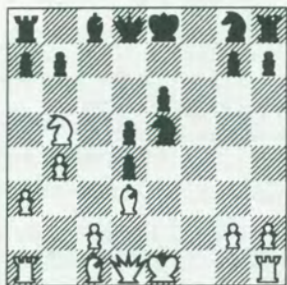
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1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Bb4 4.e5
c5 5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 cd4 7.Nb5 Bc7
8.f4 f6

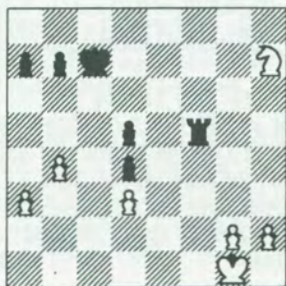
8...Ne7 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Nbd4 Nbc6
11.c3 Nd4 12.cd4 Nf5 13.Bd3
(13.Be2 Rc8 14.a4 a6 15.0-0 Bb6 =
Botvinnik) 13...Bb6 14.Bb2 Ne3
15.Qe2 Nc4 16.Bc4 dc4 17.Qc4 Rc8
∞ Klovans-Legky, USSR 1983.

9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 fe5 11.fe5
Be5 12.Ne5 Ne5



13.Bf4 gives White a solid plus
at no risk, e.g., 13...Nd3 14.cd3 Kf8
15.0-0 Nf6 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.Nd5 ±.

13.Qh5?! Nf7 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Rf6
gf6 16.Bh6 e5 17.Bg7 Rg8 18.Bf6
Qf6 19.Rf1 Qg7 20.Nd6 Kd8
21.Nf7 Kc7 22.Qe5 Qe5 23.Ne5
Bh3 24.Rf2 Rg7 25.Rf7 Rf7 26.Nf7
Rf8 (26...Rg8) 27.Ng5 Bf5 28.Nh7
Bd3 29.cd3 Rf5



30.g4 Rf3 31.g5 Kd6 32.g6 Rf4
33.h3 Ke7 34.Kg2 Rh4 35.g7 Kf7
36.Nf6 Kg7 37.Nd5 Rh6 38.a4 Rc6
39.Kf3 Re6 40.Kf4 Kh6 41.h4 Kh5
42.a5 Kh4 43.b5 Re1 44.a6 b6
45.Nb4 Rb1 46.Nc6 Rb5 47.Na7
Rc5 48.Ke4 Kg4 49.Kd4 Kf4
50.Nc8 Rc8 51.Kd5 Ra8 0 : 1

Sicilian Defense B22

Peter Kappler 2050
John Bell 2152

A.C.E. Quads 11/92

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5
4.c3 Nc6 5.d4 cd4 6.cd4 d6 7.Nc3
Nc3 8.bc3 de5 9.d5 e4 10.Ng5
Ne5 11.Ne4

"±" claims Sveshnikov in ECO,
but I think he may have gotten
carried away.

11...g6



12.f4 Nd7 13.Qd4 Rg8 14.Qa4
Neither is 14.Bb5 Bg7 15.Qe3 a6
fully convincing.

14...Bg7 15.Ba3 Qc7?

15...f5! 16.Nd2 Bc3 17.Rc1 Qa5
Nf6 20.Ke2 Bd2 21.Kd2 Ne4 22.Ke2
Bd7 and White's comp is unclear.

16.d6 Bc3 17.Kd1 Qa5 18.Nc3
Qc3 19.Rc1 Qe3 20.Bb5

White's active pieces make an
attractive impression. Unfortunately
Kappler has used too much time
getting this position, and blunders.

20...e6 21.Rc8 Rc8 22.Bd7
Kd8 23.Bc8 Kc8 24.Qc4 Kb8
25.d7?? (ouch) Qa3 26.Qd4 Rd8
0 : 1 (time)

Texas Team Championship

(continued from page 7)

Now a Knight rampage shifts
the material balance and almost
turns the tables.

31.Nf6 Ne5 32.Nf3 Nf3 33.Nd7
Kg7 34.Nc5!

Gallagher said his hand was
shaking as he made these moves.

34...Kf7 35.d7 Ke7 36.Ne6
Kd7 37.Nf8 Kd6 38.Ng6 Nh2
DRAW

Sicilian Paulsen B49

David Naiser 2145
Eric Dimazana 2149

Tx. Team Chp. (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Qc7
7.Be2 Nf6 8.Nc6 bc6 9.0-0 d5
10.Bd3 Bb4 11.Qf3 0-0 12.Rad1 e5
13.Bg5 d4 14.Ne2 Be7 15.Ng3??
Bg4 0 : 1

Sicilian Dragon B78

Kevin Day 1664
Chris Land 2230

Tx. Team Chp. (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6
4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6
7.Bc4 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Qd2 Bd7
10.h4 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.0-0-0
Nc4 13.Bc4 Rc4 14.h5 Nh5 15.g4
Nf6 16.Kb1

This is a bit slow when White
has sacked his h-pawn. If he doesn't
like the complications of 16.Bh6
Ne4 17.Qe3 Rc3, he may play
Karpov's solid 16.Nde2.

16...Re8 17.Nde2 b5 18.Bh6
Bh8 19.Ng3?

This misses the point of 17.Nde2
and invites an Exchange sac on c3.
Better is 19.e5 Ng4 (19...de5 20.e5)
20.fg4 Be5 21.Bf4! ∞.

19...Rc3 20.bc3 Qa5 21.Qg5
Qa3 22.Rd3 Ng4 23.fg4 Be6
24.Rd5 Bc3 25.Qc1 Qb4 0 : 1

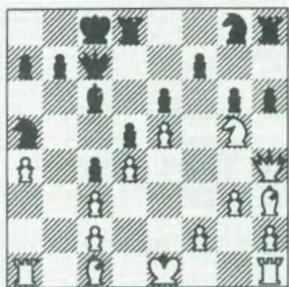
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French Defense C18
Don Flournoy 2086
Larry White 1963
Tx. Team Chp. (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5
 c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nc6
 8.a4 Na5?! 9.Bd3 c4

Black must be trying to win the
 a-pawn, but he is wasting time.

10.Bf1 Bd7 11.g3 Bc6 12.Ng5
 h6 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh4 0-0-0 15.Bh3



15...Qd7 16.0-0 Nf6?
 16...h5 and 17...Nh6 is the only
 possible try.

17.Ne6 fe6 18.Qf6 Rde8 19.Qg6
 Rhg8 20.Qh5 b6 21.f4 Nb7 22.f5
 Nd8 23.a5 b5 24.a6 Qh7 25.fe6
 Ne6 26.Rf6 Bd7 27.Bf5 Ng7
 28.Bd7 Kd7 29.Qf7 1:0

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Greenville Chess News

by William D. Collin

Four finalists are competing for the
 1992-93 Greenville Championship
 after the first four rounds. Leading
 with 4-0 is Tom Dropka, followed
 by Dave Kimbley, Tim Vitanza and
 Shawn Ingram, each with 3-1. A
 double elimination system is being
 used in this cycle, with each match
 consisting of two games at 40/90,
 20/1, with a G/30 tiebreak game if
 necessary. Special rules allow the
 players to change the time control
 if they both agree and the players
 pick the time and place for the
 games. The only constraint is that
 the match must be completed with-
 in about a month. The tournament is
 not USCF rated, and any disputes
 are resolved between the players.
 The event began last year with
 eleven entrants of varying ability,
 and the first four rounds were
 paired in a Swiss-like manner.

King's Gambit C30
Shawn Ingram 1515
Tim Vitanza (Unr.?)
Greenville Chp. (3)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Qh4
 I was flabbergasted to find that
 this move not only has no refuta-
 tion, but is given equality in ECO!

3.g3 Qe7 4.d3
 The main line is 4.fe5 d6! 5.Nc3
 de5 6.d3 c6 7.Qf3 Nf6 8.h3 Be6
 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.Be3 Qb4 11.0-0-0
 0-0-0 = Korchnoi.

4...d5! 5.Nc3 c6?!
 Korchnoi gives 5...de4 6.de4 Nf6
 7.fe5 Qe5 8.Nf3 Qa5 9.Bc4 ∞.

6.fe5 Qe5 7.Nf3 Qe7 8.e5?!
 I like White after 8.Qe2.

8...Bg4 9.d4 f6 10.Qd3 Bf3
 11.Qf3 fe5 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qe5 Qe5
 14.de5 Nd7 15.e6 Nc5 16.Bh3
 Ne7 17.0-0 Nf5 18.Bf5 gf5
 19.Re1?! Ne4 20.Rf1 Bc5 21.Kg2
 Rf8 22.Rf3 Ke7 23.Ne2 Ke6

24.Nf4 Kd6 25.Nd3 Rae8 26.Bf4
 Ke6 27.Re1 Bd6 28.Rfe3 Bf4
 29.Nf4 Kd6 30.a3 Nf6 31.Re8 Re8
 32.Re8 Ne8 33.Nd3 Nf6 34.Kf3
 Nh5 35.h3 a5 36.g4 fg4 37.hg4 Ng7
 38.Kf4 h6 39.c3 c5 40.Ne5 h5

Vitanza handles the technical
 stage of the game well.

41.Nf7 Ke7 42.Nh6 hg4 43.Ng4
 Kd6 44.Ne3 Ne6 45.Kf5 b5 46.Kf6
 d4 47.Nd1 d3 48.Kf5 c4 49.Ke4
 Nc5 50.Kd4 Nb3 51.Ke3 Kc5
 52.Nf2 Na1 53.Ne4 Kd5 54.Nd2
 Nc2 55.Kf2 b4 56.cb4 ab4 57.a4 c3
 58.bc3 bc3 59.Nb1 Kc4 60.a5 Nb4
 61.Ke3 c2 62.Nd2 Kc3 63.Ne4
 Kb2 0:1

COMING EVENTS

**Mar. 13-14: Texas Junior Champ-
 ionship and Texas Senior Champ-
 ionship.** See last issue of *Texas
 Knights or Chess Life* for details.

Mar. 19-21: Houston Classic 2.
 See full page ad, inside back cover.

Mar. 28: San Jacinto Open. 3-SS,
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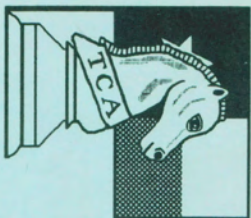
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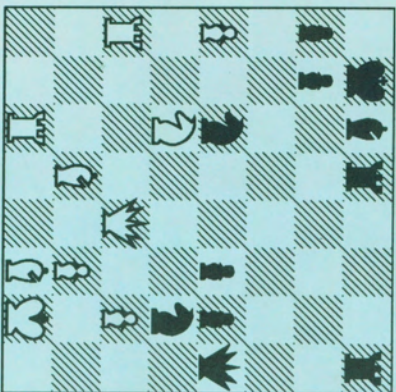
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COMBINATION

(Phillip Stamm, 1773)



White to move and win

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