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Marvin Huckaby, first place winner on tiebreaks

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TCA Nominations and Tournament Bids

Tony Alston has announced he will *not* seek reelection this year, so the field is wide open. TCA offices up for nomination are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Both nominator and nominee must be TCA members. Each candidate is given 100 words (more at the ad rates on page 2) to state their case. A slate of four candidates may pool their 400 word allotment (e.g., for the presidential candidate) or divide as they see fit.

TCA tournaments for which bids are being solicited are the Southwest Open, Texas Open, Texas State and Amateur Championship, Texas Junior and Senior Championship, Texas Team Championship, Texas Class Championship, Texas Armed Forces Championship, and Texas Rapid (game/30) Championship.

Bids require name of sponsor, proposed date, number of rounds, time controls, site (city), prize fund (with amounts guaranteed or based on 'x' players) and entry fees. Using the format of *Chess Life* TLA's is helpful.

Send your nominations or bids to **P. O. Box 681687, San Antonio, TX 78268**. The deadline for receipt is **June 17, 1993 (Thursday)**, with box opening set for 4 p.m. at the Leon Valley post office, 6825 Huebner Rd.

Bob Montgomery—busiest player ever!

Bob Montgomery of Lubbock was once again the most active chess player in the nation, with **804** rated games played in 1992 (up from 590 in 1991). That tops the all-time record of 771 games set by Jesse Tuggle in 1988!

Southwest Class Championships

SM Curt Jones of Memphis, Tenn. topped the 26-player Master-Expert section with a perfect 5-0 performance, in which he took down top-ranked FM Miles Ardaman, Eric Peterson (2nd with 4-1) and Lester van Meter (tied for 3rd-5th with Adrian Rios and Robert Weinberg, all at 3.5). The top experts were George Trammell, Ivan Reyes and Robert Holyfield, each with 3-2.

Eligio Alvarado made a clean sweep of the Class A section with 5-0, ahead of Kelly Clover, Juan C. Yabraian and Victor Nocetti at 4-1.

The Class B division was won by J. P. Cerminaro with 5-0; James Murphy (the elder!) was second with 4-1. Three tied for third at 3.5: Joseph Flaherty, Richard Newcomb and David Ward.

Benjamin Tiller won Class C with 4.5, followed by Kevin Brown, David Walls and Paul Zinke, all tied at 4. A total of 123 players competed at the event, held Feb. 26-28 in Dallas. Larry King and Ralph Whitford directed for the Continental Chess Association.

Texas Rapid champs: Rios, Thomas

NM's Adrian Rios of El Paso and Todd Thomas of San Angelo tied for first at the Texas Rapid Championship, held April 18 in Lubbock. They each scored 5-1 and took home \$125. The Expert prize was split by Andrew Hanson of Hobbs and Craig Holcomb of San Angelo (4 points). Pat Ready of Sundown won the Class A prize with 3.5. The rest of the class winners all scored 3-3: Class B (Len Meinecke, Van Skidmore and Ronnie Teague), Class C (Maurice Stanley) and D/below (Bill Brooks and Roger Stevens). Bob Montgomery directed a field of nineteen players. *For games, turn to page 9.*

Move over, baby Fisherov



IM Doug Root with daughter Clarissa

Congratulations go out to Alexey and Doug Root on the birth March 9 of their first child, Clarissa Esther Root. The fact that she was born on Fischer's 50th birthday was not lost on the chess press - *Inside Chess* and *Northwest Chess* have already scooped *TK*. Doug and Alexey are the top-ranked chess players among men and women respectively in Texas. They are also the nation's third-ranked couple (after the Gulkos and A. Ivanovs; the Donaldsons have regrettably broken up.)

1993 Texas Junior Championship

It was another record turnout of young chess talent from around the state, matched with a record number of trophies. A whopping field of 279 juniors attended this year's Texas Junior Championship, held March 13-14 in San Antonio, topping last year's turnout by 53 players.

Marvin Huckaby, a senior at Highline High School in Dallas, won the first place trophy on tiebreaks over Texas A&M freshman Steve Fraley; each scored 5.5

points out of 6. Huckaby also won TCA's \$300 stipend for expenses when he plays in the Tournament of High School Champions this August in Philadelphia.

Fraley, who has shared the junior title twice before (in 1989 and 1991) is the first college player ever to use the "under 19" clause in the TCA Bylaws to play in this event - a fact which probably attests to the increased prestige the Texas Junior has gained in recent years.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION (90 players)

1st	Marvin Huckaby	Dallas	5.5 pts.
2nd	Steve Fraley	Houston	5.5
3rd	Marlon Natividad	Missouri City	5
4th	Thomas Cummins	San Antonio	5
5th	Chris Reynolds	Glen Rose	5
6th	Josh Newsham	Austin	5
7th	Bryan Miller	Bellaire	4.5
8th	David Reed	Houston	4.5
9th	Steve Thomason	Carrollton	4
10th	Jose Guerra	Houston	4
11th	David Miller	Bellaire	4
12th	Walter Makarwich	Glen Rose	4

High School Grade Prizes

G-12	Nathan Doughty	La Porte	4.5
G-11	Jonathan Allen	Carrollton	4
G-10	Jimmy Flaherty	Grapevine	4.5
G-9	Michael Williams	Houston	4.5

High School Team Championship

1st	Glen Rose	Glen Rose	16
2nd	Milby	Houston	15
3rd	R. L. Turner	Dallas	14
4th	MacArthur	Houston	14
5th	Cistercian Prep	Plano	13.5
6th	Reagan County	Big Lake	13.5

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8, 108 players)

1st	Steven Grubbs	Garland	6
2nd	Steve Heppler	Glen Rose	5.5
3rd	John Hendrick	New Braunfels	5
4th	Suzanne Rivoire	Spring	5
5th	Quang Tran	Houston	5
6th	Brian Watkins	Austin	5
7th	David Fleming	Pasadena	5
8th	Juan Cantu	Houston	5
9th	Ryan Brown	Grapevine	5
10th	Chris Dravis	Houston	5
11th	Joshua Sams	Houston	4.5
12th	Andy Zamora	Brownsville	4.5

Middle School Grade Prizes

G-8	William Hargis	Glen Rose	5
G-7	Adi Smith	Austin	5
G-6	Joey Friesenhahn	San Antonio	5

Middle School Team Prizes

1st	Hartman	Houston	19.5
2nd	Glen Rose	Glen Rose	18.5
3rd	Lanier	Houston	16.5
4th	Canyon	New Braunfels	16
5th	Harlandale	San Antonio	15.5
6th	Tafolla	San Antonio	13

ELEMENTARY (Grades 1-5, 81 players)

1st	James Murphy	Spring	5.5
2nd	Ira Schachar	Dallas	5.5
3rd	Tsubasa Onozaki	San Antonio	5.5
4th	Rusty Moss	Huntsville	5
5th	Alex Lewkowski	San Antonio	5
6th	Aaron Golden	San Antonio	4.5
7th	Carla Bernal	San Antonio	4.5
8th	Shannon Thompson	Huntsville	4
9th	Robert Harris	Spring	4
10th	Jay Elms	Huntsville	4
11th	Jonathan Wise	San Antonio	4
12th	McKay Dunn	Friendswood	4

Elementary Grade Prizes

G-5	Kyle Meerschmidt	San Antonio	4.5
G-4	Miguel Guajardo	Brownsville	5
G-3	Jose Guajardo	Brownsville	4
G-2	Stephen Brasseur	Friendswood	3.5
G-1	Myrick Dennis	San Antonio	2
Kind.	Tommy Mings	San Antonio	2

Elementary Team Prizes

1st	Russell	Eagle Pass	17.5
2nd	Huntsville	Huntsville	16
3rd	Pecan Valley	San Antonio	15.5
4th	Community Kts.	San Antonio	14

Steven Grubbs, an eighth grader at Obanion Middle School in Garland, won the largest section, the 108-player Texas Middle School Championship, with 6-0.

James Murphy, a 5th grader at Klein Elementary in Spring, won the Elementary trophy on tiebreaks over Ira Schachar of Dallas and Tsubasa Onozaki of San Antonio; each scored 5.5 out of 6. Top-ranked Aaron Golden was knocked out of contention by Murphy in one of the more exciting games of the tournament (see page 8).

The San Antonio Chess Club sponsored the event, which was held in the Alamo City for the first time

since 1979. SACC President Tony Alston was the principal organizer.

Jim Gallagher, Sr. led the TD staff of Jimmy Irvin, Tony Alston, Selby Anderson, Kevin Day, Jim Gallagher, Jr. and Aaron Minoo. Blair Burleson and Rudy Rubio helped with registration. The Seven Oaks Hotel staff provided valuable support.

As one might imagine, running a tournament of this size brings logistical problems worthy of a National Tournament Director. Thanks go therefore to the many long-suffering parents and coaches for bearing with the delays and uncertain round times.

Sicilian Sozin B88

Jose Guerra 1369
Josh Newsham 1909

Texas Junior Ch. (2)

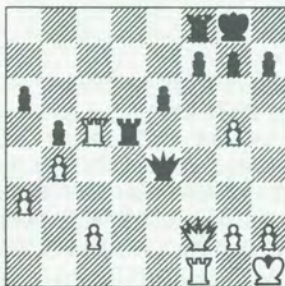
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 e6
4.Nf3 d6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d4 cd4 7.Nd4
Be7 8.f4 Qc7 9.Kh1 a6 10.a3 0-0
11.Be3 b5 12.Ba2 Bb7 13.Nf3

13.f5! is thematic and good. The Kingside diversion that follows the text is answered strongly in the center, and Black comes out on top.

13...Rac8 14.Qe2 Rfd8 15.Ng5
d5 16.e5 Ne8 17.Bg1 Bg5 18.fg5
Ne5 19.Bb6 Qb6 20.Qe5 Qd6
21.Qd4 Qc5 22.Qf4 Rc7 23.Rae1
Qd6 24.Re5 Rcd7 25.b4 Qc6
26.Nd5 Nc7?

26...ed5 27.Bd5 Qg6 +.

27.Ne3 Rf8 28.Rc5 Qe4 29.Qf2
Nd5 30.Nd5 Bd5 31.Bd5 Rd5??



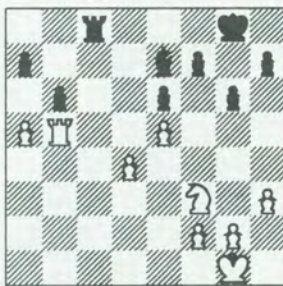
32.Qf7! Rf7 33.Rc8 1:0

Grünfeld D85

Michael Williams 1542
Marvin Huckabay 1930

Texas Junior Ch. (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cd5 Nd5
4.d4 g6 5.Nc3 Nc3 6.bc3 Bg7 7.e4
c5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bg4 10.e5 cd4
11.cd4 Nc6 12.Be3 Rc8 13.h3 Be6
14.Ng5 Bd5 15.Bf3 Bf3 16.Nf3
Qa5 17.Qd2 Qa6 18.Rfc1 Rfd8
19.Qb2 e6 20.a4 Ne7 21.Bg5 Bf8
22.Rc8 Rc8 23.Qb5 Qc6 24.Be7
Be7 25.Rb1 Qb5 26.Rb5 b6 27.a5



27...Bd8 28.ab6 Bb6 29.g4 Rc3
30.Kg2 Rd3 31.Rb4 h6 32.h4 Kf8
33.Rc4 Ke7 34.g5 hg5 35.hg5 Kd7
36.Kg3 a5 37.Kg2 Rb3 38.Nd2
Rb4 39.Kf3 Bd8 (39...Bd4) 40.Rb4
ab4 41.Kg4 Kc6 42.Kf4 Kd5
43.Nb3 Kc4 44.Na1 b3 45.Nb3
Kb3 46.Ke4 Kc4 47.f4 Bb6 48.Ke3
Bd4 49.Ke4 Bb6 50.Kf3 Kd3
51.Kg4 Ke4 0:1

Sicilian Dragon B78

Walter Makarwicz 1462
Nathan Doughty 1871

Texas Junior Ch. (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7
7.f3 0-0 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Qd2 Bd7
10.Bb3 Rc8 11.0-0-0 Na5 12.Kb1
Nc4 13.Bc4 Rc4 14.h4 h5 15.Qd3
Qc8 16.Rhg1 a6 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.g3
(18.Bf6) Rc8 19.Rg2 Qb6 20.Ka1
Nh7 21.Nde2 Ng5 22.hg5 Qa5
23.Nd5 Rc2 24.Ne7 Kh7 25.Kb1
Rb2 26.Ka1 Qa2 mate 0:1

Torre Attack A48

Jonathan Allen 1615
Steve Fraley 1992

Texas Junior Ch. (4)

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 g6
4.Nbd2 Bg7 5.e4 Nbd7

A bit committal. The commonly prescribed equalizer is 5...0-0 6.c3 e5 7.dc5 dc5 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.0-0 Qc7 =. Another try: 5...h6!? 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.c3 Nd7 9.Nc4 Ng3 10.hg3 e6 11.Bd3 Qe7 12.Qa4 a6 13.Ne3 c6 = Chernin-Short, Hilversum 1984.

6.Bd3

ECO gives 6.Bc4 (Δ e5-e6) h6 7.Bf4 Nh5 8.Be3 e5 9.de5 de5 10.g3 0-0 11.Nh4 Kh7 12.Nf5! ± Trifunovic-Reinhardt, Mar del Plata 1952.



Steve Fraley at board one (Nathan Doughty in background)

6...c5 7.d5!?

7.c3 is typical of the Torre, but Black would have good chances of using the c5 square for his QN after 7...cd4 8.cd4 0-0 9.0-0 e5.

7...0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.c4?!

If c2-c4 was White's intention, he should have played it early in the opening and put his QN on c3. Instead of the text, 9.a4! allows c2-c3 and keeps c4 open for the Knight at d2. Two plausible lines of play:

(a) 9...Rb8 10.Nc4! b5 11.ab5 ab5 12.Na5 Bb7 13.Nc6! Bc6 14.dc6 Ne5 (or 14...Nb6 15.Ra7 Ra8 16.Rb7) 15.Ne5 de5 16.Ra7 Qe8 17.c7 Rc8 18.b3 Δ 19.Qe2 ±.

(b) White also stands well after 9...Ng4 10.Nc4! Nde5 11.Nfe5 Ne5 12.Ne5 Be5 13.c3 Rb8 14.Bh6, planning to attack with h4-h5 and f4-f5.

9...Rb8 10.a4 Ng4 11.Rb1 Nge5 12.Ne5 Ne5 13.Be2 f5!? 14.f4 Nf7 15.Bh4 Bd7 16.b4?

This leaves the a-pawn vulnerable, and Fraley quickly seizes the opportunity.

16...cb4 17.Rb4 Bc3 18.Rb1 Nh6 19.ef5 Nf5 20.Bf2 Qe8 21.Ne4 Ba4 22.Qc1 Bd4 23.Bg4 Bd7 24.Re1 Bf2 25.Kf2 Qc8 26.Ng5 Qc5 27.Kf1 Rfc8 28.Bf5 Bf5 29.Rb3 h6 30.Nf3 b5 31.Re7 Qc4 32.Qc4 bc4 33.Rc3 Rb4 34.Ra7 Bd3 35.Kf2 Rb3 and 0:1

Ruy Lopez C62

**David Miller 1734
Natasha Quiroga 1373**

Texas Junior Ch. (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.0-0 Bd7 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Re1 a6 7.Ba4 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.h3 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Nd5 Nd5 12.Bd5 Rb8 13.Nh2 Bg5 14.Qh5 Bc1 15.Rac1 Nd4 16.Re3 c6 17.Bc4 Qe7? 18.c3 bc3 19.bc3 Ne6 20.Ba6 Nf4 21.Qd1 Ra8 22.Bc4 Be6 23.Bb3 Ra5 24.d4 Qf6 25.de5?! Qe5! 26.Qd4? Qg5 27.Nf3?? Qg2 mate 0:1

White had other ways to lose, such as 27.Rg3 Ne2 and 27.Ng4 h5;

but the most interesting is 27.g3 Nh3 and (a) 28.Kf1 Bb3 29.ab3 Ra2! when White cannot defend against ...Rf2; or (b) 28.Kg2 Nf4 29.Kh1 (29.Kf1 Bh3 30.Ke1 Ng2) 29...Ne2! 30.f4 Ng3 31.Kg2 Qf4 -/+.

Pirc Defense B09

**Jimmy Flaherty 1704
Steve Fraley 1992**

Texas Junior Ch. (6)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.e5 Ng4 8.e6 Bb5 9.ef7 Kd7 10.Nb5 Nc6

A novelty. Recent theory stems from either 12...Bd4 or 10...Qa5 11.Nc3 cd4 12.Nd4 h5.

11.d5 Qa5 12.Nc3 Nd8 13.Ng5 Nh6 14.Bd2 Qa6 15.Qe2?

White cannot hope for any end-game advantage, given his lankier pawn structure. A sterner test is 15.Qf3! and if 15...Nhf7 16.Ne6! Bf6 17.Qh3 and Black is in trouble.

15...Qe2 16.Ke2 Nhf7 17.Nf7 Nf7



18.Rae1 Rae8 19.b3 e6 20.Kd1 Nd8 21.Rhf1 Rhf8 22.g3 a6 23.de6 Ne6 24.Nd5 Nc7 25.c4? Nd5 26.cd5 Re1 27.Re1 Rf5 28.Kc2 Rd5 29.g4 Bf6 30.b4 Bd8 31.Re3 h5 32.Rh3 hg4 33.Rh7 Kc6 34.Rg7 Rh5 35.Rg6 Rh2 36.Rg4 cb4 37.f5 Rf2 38.Rb4 Ba5 39.Rd4 Bd2 40.Rd2 Rd2 41.Kd2 Kd5 42.Kd3 Ke5 43.Kc4 b5 44.Kb4 Kf5 45.Ka5 d5 46.Ka6 d4 47.Kb5 d3 48.a4 d2 49.a5 d1(Q) 50.Kb6 Qd7

(50...Qd5) 51.Ka6 (51.a6 Ke5 52.a7 Qc8) Qc7 52.Kb5 Qa7 0:1

Pirc Defense B09

Marvin Huckaby 1930

Nathan Doughty 1871

Texas Junior Ch. (6)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.e5

A trappy choice, and played less often than 6.Bb5 and 6.dc5. Both players employed the Pirc in their match last December, so this move may reflect some home preparation.

6...Ng4?

6...de5? 7.Bb5 Nfd7 8.de5 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Be4 ± Parma.

Best is 6...Nfd7 7.ed6 0-0 8.Be3 ed6 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.f5 Nf6 12.fg6 hg6 13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Bg7 Kg7 15.dc5 dc5 16.Be2 Nd4! = Sax-Sigurjonsson, London 1975.

7.dc5 de5 8.Qd8 Kd8 9.h3 Nh6 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Bb5 Ne5 12.fe5 Nf5 13.Bf4 Be6 14.0-0-0 Kc7 15.Nd5 Kc8 16.g4 Bd5 17.Rd5 Bh6 18.g5 Bg7 19.Bd7 Kc7 20.e6 Kd8 21.ef7 Nd4 22.Be6 mate



1:0

Sicilian Defense B31

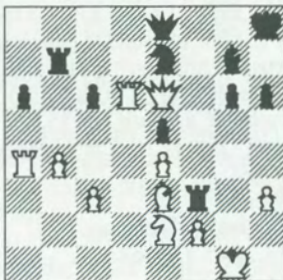
Natasha Quiroga 1373

Josh Newsham 1909

Texas Junior Ch. (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Nc3 e5 6.Re1 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.a3 a6 9.Bc6 bc6 10.b4 cb4

11.ab4 Rb8 12.Ra4 d6 13.Ne2 f5 14.h3 Kh8 15.c3 f4 16.d4 Qc7 17.de5 de5 18.Qc2 Rb6 19.Rd1 Ng8 20.Qb3 Bd7 21.Ng5 Bc8 22.Qc4 Qe7 23.Nf3 Qe8 24.Rd6 Ne7 25.Ng5 h6 26.Ne6 Be6 27.Qe6 f3 28.gf3 Rf3 29.Be3 Rb7



30.Ra6 Rf6 31.Qc4 Rd6 32.Bc5 Rd1 33.Kg2 Qg8 34.Qg8 Kg8 35.Be7 Re7 and 0:1

MIDDLE SCHOOL

No games were received from the winner, Steven Grubbs.

Pirc Defense B07

Suzanne Rivoire 1592

Javier Flores 1000

Tx. Middle School (3)

1.d4 d6 2.e4 e5 3.d5 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bc4 g6 6.Nge2 Bg4 7.h3 Be2 8.Qe2 b5 9.Bd3 b4 10.Nb1 cd5 11.Bg5!

Also playable is 11.ed5, and if 11...Nd5? 12.Be4 Qa5 13.Qd3 +.

11...Nbd7!

11...de4? 12.Be4 d5 13.Bf6 (or 13.Bd5) Qf6 14.Bd5 clearly favors White, as does 11...d4? 12.Bb5 Nbd7 13.Bd7 Kd7 14.Qb5.

12.ed5 Nc5?

This is a decisive loss of time.



Steven Grubbs receives Middle School trophy

Photo: Kevin Day

12...Bg7 gives reasonable play.

13.Bb5 Ncd7 14.Nd2 Qb6

It's too late for 14...Bg7 because of 15.Ne4! 0-0 16.Bd7 +-; that only leaves the ugly 14...Be7.

15.Bc6! (15.Bf6) Bg7 16.Ba8 0-0 17.0-0

White gallantly cuts her winnings. (Why not 17.Bc6?) At any rate, a kingside attack is on the way.

17...Ra8 18.h4 Nc5 19.Bf6 Bf6 20.h5 b3 21.Nb3 Na4 22.hg6 fg6 23.Qe4 Qf2 24.Rdf1 Bg5 25.Kb1 Qb6 26.Qf3! (26.Qa4) Qd8??

26...Qc7 27.Qg4! Bf4 28.g3 +-
27.Qf7 Kh8 28.Qh7 mate 1:0

Nimzo-Indian E30

Joey Friesenhahn 1370

John Hendrick (Unrated)

Tx. Middle School (4)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6

Black essays the "Two Knights Tango" (the title of Orlov's book), also known as the Kevitz-Trajkovich Defense. Black seems to be doing fine after 4.e4 Bb4 5.f3 e5, but 4.d5! is a bust according to MCO-10.

4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 Bb4

Now the game is clearly a Nimzo-Indian.

6.e3 g5 7.Bg3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Ng3

I would probably throw in 8...Bc3 first to make sure that

White's pawns are good and ruined; then ...Ng3, ...d6 and ...e5.

9.hg3 Qf6 10.0-0 d6 11.Nge2

I don't see the point: if 11...Qf2 12.Nb5 Qe3 13.Kb1 Ba5, Black is two pawns up for nothing. Instead, 11.Bd3, 11.f3 or 11.f4 is prudent.

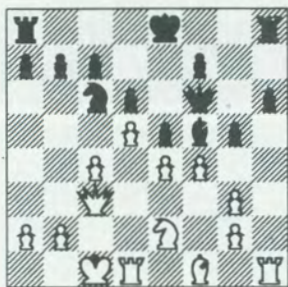
11...Bd7 12.f4 e5 13.d5 Bf5?

13...Ne7 14.Ne4 Qg7 is unclear, because White can't actually Noah's Ark the Bishop (it goes to c5), and the win of a pawn by 15.fg5 hg5 16.Rh8 Qh8 17.Ng5 is trumped by 17...Qh6!

14.e4

14.Qa4! +- is cleaner.

14...Bc3 15.Qc3



15...Be4 16.dc6 Bc6 17.b4

17.fe5! de5 18.Qe3 0-0 19.Nc3.

17...Qg7 18.c5 0-0-0 19.cd6 cd6 20.Kb1!

Joey must have gotten cold feet

over following through with 20.b5, since 20...Kb8 21.bc6 Rc8 22.Kb1 Rc6 23.Qd2 Rb6 24.Ka1 Rc8! makes it hard for White to get untangled. Looking at this variation may have gotten him in time pressure.

20...Kb8 21.Nc1 Rc8 22.Qd3 Rhd8 23.Qd2 Qf6 24.Be2 Qg6 25.Ka1 d5 26.Bc4?

This must be time pressure jitters. 26.fe5 is winning.

26...dc4 27.Qd8 Rd8 28.Rd8 Kc7 29.Rhd1 Bg2 0:1 (time)

ELEMENTARY

The choice for best game in the Elementary division is easy:

Sicilian Closed B23

Aaron Golden 1517

James Murphy 1318

Texas Elementary (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.d3

3.g3 is the main line of the Closed System, while 3.f4 planning Nf3 and Bc4 is known as the Grand Prix Attack (for some odd reason).

3...Nf6 4.g3 d5!

Murphy takes full advantage of White's move order, and achieves a break normally seen in the position with colors reversed (English 1.c4).

5.ed5 Nd5 6.Bg2 Nc3 7.bc3 Bf5

Black has an orderly, if modest plan of development: first let out the QB, then play e6.

An even stronger plan was 7...g6 and 8...Bg7, bearing down on the long diagonal. The other Bishop could come into play with such moves as Qc7, b6 and Bb7.

Also good is 7...e5 with pawn control of the center, developing with Be7, 0-0, Be6, and Qd7.

8.Rb1 Rb8

8...Qc7 is more accurate. Now White has the shot 9.Rb7! winning a pawn.

9.Be3 e6 10.Ne2 Be7



James Murphy (Tsubasa Onozaki in background)

10...Bd6 may be slightly better.

11.0-0

11.Rb7! still works.

11...0-0 12.Re1 Bg4(!)

Black sniffs a possible attack at f3, but neglects his development. A better move was 12...Qc7, helping both Rooks and preparing some "housekeeping" with ...b6.

13.Qd2 Ne5

This looks dangerous, but Aaron has matters well under control.

14.Bf4!

If Black had played 10...Bd6 this resource would not be available, and White would be in trouble. He would have had to break the pin earlier with 13.f3 instead of 13.Qd2.

14...Bd6 15.Be5 Be5 16.c4!

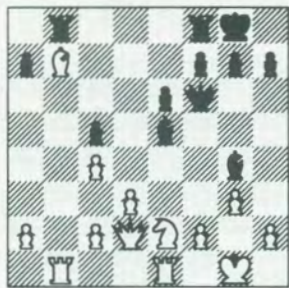
If White snatches a pawn with 16.Rb7 Rb7 17.Bb7, Black regains it by 17...Qa5! with a strong initiative. (I missed this point the first time I annotated the game for the SACC News.)

16...Qf6!?

After the simple 16...b6 17.Nc3 any advantage Black has from the Bishop pair is minimal. The text has devious intentions, and is potentially quite dangerous.

17.Bb7

White chooses this capture over 17.Rb7 Rb7 18.Bb7 Rb8 19.Bg2 Rb2 or 19...h5, with counterplay.



17...Rb7!

A profound conception at this level of competition. White must struggle on the edge of checkmate

for a long series of moves, in a 45 minute sudden death time control.

18.Rb7 Qf3 19.Nf4

White passes the first test by not falling into the trap: 19.Ra7?? Bh3 20.Nf4 Bf4 and mate next.

19.Qe3! is even better than the text: 19...Qb7 20.Qe5 Rc8 21.Nf4 Qf3 22.Rb1 f6 23.Qd6 e5 24.Qd5 ±.

19...f6!?

Murphy plays for mate. Perhaps his decision is not "objectively" best, but he keeps his opponent on the defensive. Alternatives were:

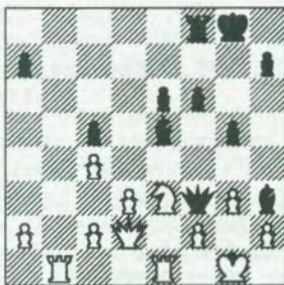
(a) 19...Bf4 20.Qf4 Qb7 21.Qg4 Qb2 ∞/= ;

(a) 19...Qb7 20.Re5 Qb1 21.Qe1 Qa2 22.Rc5 (22.c3) Qc2 23.Rg5!?? Bf5 24.Qa1 f6 25.Nh5 Bg6 26.Qa7 Qc1! 27.Kg2 Be4! -+.

20.Rbb1

20.Ra7 was okay, but Aaron is careful not to be greedy.

20...g5 21.Ng2 Bh3 22.Ne3



22...Bd4

22...f5! 23.Qe2 Qc6 is a tough nut to crack: White quickly succumbs after 24.f3? Bd4 25.Kh1 g4. Only 24.Nd5! pulls him out of the fire: 24...ed5 25.Qe5 dc4 26.Qe6 ±.

23.Qe2!?

White could have settled the issue simply with 23.c3! Be3 24.fe3.

23...Qc6 24.f3!?

White can still pull out a clear win with 24.Qh5! g4 25.Nd5!! Qd7 (25...ed5 26.Re7 +-) 26.Nf4 ±.

24...g4 25.fg4??

In a difficult position, White blunders. He still has good winning chances with 25.Kf2! gf3 26.Qf3, although 26...Qa4 could be messy.

25...Be3 26.Qe3 Qg2 mate 0 : 1

James said it matter-of-factly: "Checkmate. You're a good player." He extended his hand to Aaron, who deserves equal billing for helping to create a first-class game.

NOTE - We need addresses for the following juniors:

Abjar Aejaz, Mewish Aejaz, Valtine Aguilar, David Allbright, David Avalos, Aaron Bohne, Isaiah Boykins, Donald Coffen, Jose DeLeon, Darrell Donahoe, Jay Elms, Chase Hanna, Eddie Herrera, Reed Jackson, Derek Koger, Brian Lewis, Jose Palacios, Jonathan Proctor, Jose Rodriguez, Anthony Sato, Tony Yen.

TEXAS RAPID GAMES

English A21

Ken Wendling 2170

Andrew Hanson 2100

Texas Rapid 1993

1.c4 e5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 c6 6.Rb1 f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Qc7 9.Nge2 0-0 10.Qd2 Be6 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.b4 Rae8 13.b5 Nc5 14.Be3 Ncd7 15.h3 fe4 16.Ne4 Ne4 17.de4 Bc4 18.Rfc1 Be6 19.bc6 bc6 20.Qc3 c5 21.Qd2 Nb6 22.Qd3 Ba2 23.Ra1 Be6 24.Ra5 Rd8 25.Bf1 Nc4 26.Raa1 0 : 1

Ruy Lopez C82

Adrian Rios 2240

Todd Thomas 2235

Texas Rapid 1993

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Ne4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.de5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2

(continued on page 20)

Gurevich wins Houston Classic II

Last fall a novice organizer from Kingwood, Steve Young, hosted Houston's first mega-Grand Prix event in many years, bringing in IM Igor Ivanov. This year he topped himself, inviting a grandmaster and an International Arbiter (our own Bill Snead of Amarillo). Here are some comments Steve sent with his report:

The Houston Classic II was a blast. GM Dmitry Gurevich's presence injected a great deal of excitement into the tourney. His toughest game appeared to be his third round scrape with SM Bill Reuter. Both players felt that Bill missed some drawing opportunities in the Rook and pawn ending.

Dmitri went with several of us (Clarence Yeung, Bill Snead and myself) out to dinner and then to a country western place. Dmitry has a predilection for cowboys and country western dancing, although he never ventured out on the dance floor (!)

Dmitry, being the professional that he is (and more significantly a light traveller) gave his first place trophy to Mary Stidham of Beaumont. She blushed and then rushed back to Beaumont, forgetting her black Bishop.

PRIZEWINNERS

Open Section

1st	Dmitry Gurevich	5 pts.	\$750 + T
2nd	Miles Ardaman	4	300
3rd	Lewis McClary	3	175
Expert	Jan Keysper	3	262.50
	Chris Strong	3	262.50

Reserve Section

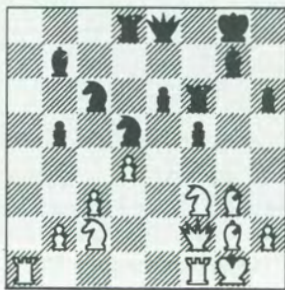
1st	Jose V. Jacob	5 pts.	\$500 + T
2nd	Dave Mackey	4	250
Class B	Ronnie Rubit	4	300 + T
	Allen Eckert	3.5	125
Class C	Larry Dunlap	2.5	300 + T
	Eric Abraham	2	31.25
	Patrick Lee	2	31.25
	Ade Kujimiyo	2	31.25
	Dale Harger	2	31.25
Class D/E	W. G. Walters	2	50 + T
	Sam Gutierrez	2	50
Unrated	Rex Caguioa	2.5	50 + T

Sicilian Closed B26

Robert Chalker 2104
Dmitry Gurevich 2653

Houston Classic II (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6
4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2
Rb8 8.Nf3 b5 9.0-0 Nd4 10.Nh4
Ne7 11.Nd1 h6 12.c3 Ndc6 13.f4
f5 14.Qf2 0-0 15.e5 de5 16.Bc5
Bb7 17.Ne3 Qe8 18.a4 a6 19.Nc2
ef4 20.gf4 g5 21.ab5 ab5 22.Nf3 gf4
23.d4 Rf6 24.Bd6 Rd8 25.Bf4 Nd5
26.Bg3



26...Qh5 27.Bh4 Rg6 28.Bd8
Nf4 0:1 (time)

See "Ardaman Annotates" (p. 13)
for his Rd. 2 game with Gurevich.

Pirc Defense B07

Bill Reuter 2411
Larry Moss 2200

Houston Classic II (2)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6
4.Be3 Nf6 5.Qd2 a6!?

5...Ng4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3
e5 9.d5 h5 10.h3 Nf6 11.Nf3 h4 ∞
Kuzmin-Chikovani, USSR 1976.

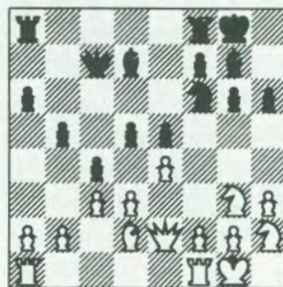
6.Bh6 Bh6 7.Qh6 Nbd7 8.0-0-0
b5 9.e5 b4 10.Nb1 Ng4 11.Qg7 Rf8
12.Nh3 e6 13.Be2 h5 14.Bf3 Rb8
15.Rhe1 Rb6 16.Nd2 d5 17.g3 Qe7
18.Bg4 hg4 19.Nf4 Bb7 20.Nf1 c5
21.Ne3 Kd8 22.Ng4 cd4 23.Rd4
Qc5 24.Red1 Kc8 25.Kb1 Rc6
26.R1d2 Nb6 27.b3 a5 28.Nf6 Rc7
29.h4 Nd7 30.Nh7 Rd8 31.Ng5
Qf8 32.Qf7 1:0

Sicilian B52

Bill Reuter 2411
Dmitry Gurevich 2653

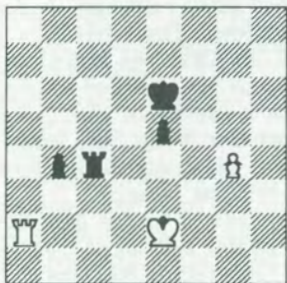
Houston Classic II (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5 Nd7
4.c3 Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6 6.Bd7 Bd7
7.d3 g6 8.Nbd2 Bg7 9.Nf1 b5
10.Ng3 0-0 11.0-0 e5 12.Bg5 Qc7
13.h3 h6 14.Bd2 d5 15.Nh2 c4



16.dc4 de4 17.Ng4 Ng4 18.hg4
Qc4 19.Qc4 bc4 20.Ne4 Rfd8

21.Be3 Rab8 22.b4 cb3 23.ab3 Bg4
 24.Bh6 Rb3 25.Bg5 Re8 26.Rfe1
 Rb6 27.c4 f6 28.Be3 Rc6 29.c5 Bf8
 30.Ra4 Bf5 31.Rea1 Be4 32.Re4 f5
 33.Rc4 f4 34.Bd2 Kf7 35.Kf1 g5
 36.Ke2 Ke6 37.Bc3 Ra8 38.g3 fg3
 39.fg3 Rc5 40.Rc5 Bc5 41.Ra5
 Bd6 42.g4 Rc8 43.Bd2 Rc6 44.Bg5
 Bb4 45.Ra2 a5 46.Bd2 Rc4 47.Bb4
 ab4



48.Ra6 Kd5 49.g5 Rc2 50.Kd3
 Rc3 51.Kd2 Rg3 52.g6 Kd4
 53.Rd6 Kc4 54.Kc2 Rg2 55.Kc1
 e4 56.Rc6 Kd5 57.Rb6 e3 58.Rb5
 Kc4 59.Re5 Kd4 60.Re6 b3
 61.Rd6 Ke5 62.Rd1 Rg6 63.Kb2
 Ke4 0:1

Bird's Opening A02
Miles Ardaman 2471
Lewis McClary 2248

Houston Classic II (3)

1.f4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 b6 4.Bb2
 Bb7 5.g3

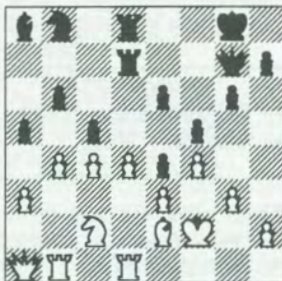
ECO gives 5.e3 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 Nc6 9.Ne5 Ne5 10.Be5 a5 = Rand-Pilnik, Buenos Aires 1971; or 5.Bf6 ef6 6.e3 Be7 7.Nc3 g6 8.h3 Bb4 9.Nb5 a6 10.Nbd4 Nc6 11.Nc6 Bc6 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.Qe2 a5 14.g4 fg4 15.hg4 0-0-0 = Larsen-Colon, San Juan 1969.

5...g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.e3 e6 8.Qe2
 Qe7 9.0-0 0-0

By now ripples of laughter must have spread down the table.

10.c4 Ne4 11.d3 Bb2 12.Qb2
 Nc5 13.Qc2 a5 14.Nc3 Nba6 15.a3

d6 16.d4 Ne4 17.Ne1 d5 18.Ne4
 de4 19.Qb2 Rad8 20.Nc2 c5
 21.Rab1 Bc6 22.Rfd1 Rd7 23.Bf1
 Rfd8 24.Be2 Qg7 25.Qa1 Nb8
 26.Kf2 Ba8 27.b4



27...Nc6 28.bc5 bc5 29.dc5
 Qa1 30.Ra1 Rd1 31.Rd1 Rd1
 32.Bd1 e5 33.Na1 Kf7 34.Ba4 ef4
 35.gf4 Na7 36.Bb5 a4 37.Nc2 Bc6
 38.Nd4 Bb7 and (illegible . . .) 1:0

Vienna Game C30

J. C. Yabraian 1902

Larry Young 1981

Houston Classic II (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.d3 Nf6
 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3
 Bf3 8.Qf3 Nd4

Seemingly the most natural, but best is the paradoxical 8...ef4! 9.Bf4 Nd4, with the point that 10.Qg3? loses to 10...Nh5.

9.Qg3 Qe7

The hoary 9...Nc2 got Pillsbury in trouble when he played Chigorin at Hastings 1895. But 9...0-0 holds White to a slight edge.

10.fe5 Nh5!?

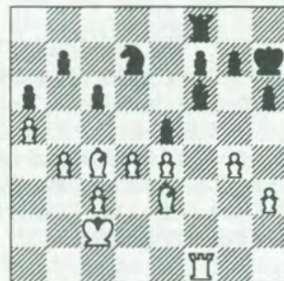
ECO gives 10...de5 with advantage to White after 11.Kd1 c6 12.a4 Rg8 13.Rf1 h6 14.Ne2 0-0-0 15.Nd4 Bd4 16.c3 Bb6 17.a5 Bc7 18.Be3 ± Rubinstein-Hromodka, Moravska Ostrava 1923. But the text move looks very reasonable.

11.Qg4 Qe5 12.Kd1 Nf6 13.Qg5
 0-0 14.Qe5 de5 15.Ne2 Rad8

16.Nd4 Bd4 17.c3 Bb6 18.Kc2 h6
 19.Rf1 Rd6 20.g4 c6 21.a4 Nd7?

Black surrenders a diagonal he should fight to hold with 21...a5.

22.a5 Bd8 23.Be3 a6 24.b4 Rf6
 25.Rf6 Bf6 26.Rf1 Kh7 27.d4



27...b5

The position is probably untenable, e.g., 27...g6 28.d5! ±, or 27...ed4 28.cd4 Be7 29.Kb3 Kg8 30.e5 ±.

28.ab6 Nb6 29.Bb3 ed4 30.cd4
 Nd7 31.e5 Be7 32.Rf7 Rf7 33.Bf7
 Bb4 34.Be8 Nb8 35.Kb3 a5
 36.Kc4 Kg8 37.d5 cd5 38.Kd5
 Kf8 39.Bb5 Kf7 40.e6 Ke7 41.Ba7
 Bd6 42.Bd4 g6 43.Bf6 Kf6 44.Kd6
 1:0

Diemer Gambit D00

Allen Eckert 1784

Eric Abraham 1518

Houston Classic II (3)

1.d4 d5 2.e4 de4 3.Nc3 Nf6
 4.f3 ef3 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bd3
 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Kh1 c5 10.Be3
 cd4 11.Bd4 Nc5 12.Bc5 Bc5
 13.Ng5 Bd4

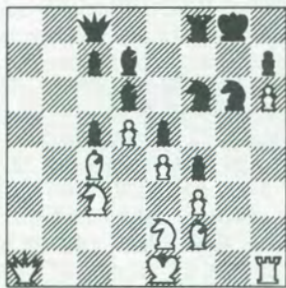


14.Rf6 Bf6 15.Qh5 h6 16.Nh7
Re8 17.Rf1 Bc3 18.Qf7 Kh8 19.bc3
Bd7 20.Qg6 Bc6 21.Nf6 Bg2
22.Kg2 1:0

Sicilian B33
Dmitry Gurevich 2653
Larry Moss 2200

Houston Classic II (4)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.Nc3
Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.g4 f5
8.f3 Nf6 9.Be2 Bd7 10.h4 Qc8
11.gf5 gf5 12.h5 f4 13.Bf2 b6 14.b4
a5 15.h6 Bf8 16.a3 Ng6 17.c5 ab4
18.ab4 Ra1 19.Qa1 bc5 20.bc5 dc5
21.Bc4 Bd6 22.Nge2 0-0



23.Kd2 Qa8 24.Qa8 Ra8
25.Nc1 Be8 26.Nd3 Nd7 27.Bb5
c4 28.Bc4 Nb6 29.Bb3 Ra5 30.Rb1
Bd7 31.Bb6 cb6 32.Bc4 Nh4
33.Rb6 Nf3 34.Kd1 1:0

Caro-Kann B13
Jan Keysper 2167
Lamar Bush 1747

Houston Classic II (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 cd5 4.c4
Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5

This is a novelty not likely to be
repeated. 6...Bg4 or 6...e6 is standard.

7.cd5 Nd5 8.Qb3 Nc3 9.bc3
Qc7 10.Bb5 0-0-0 11.Qf7 Nd4
12.cd4 Qa5

12...Qc3? 13.Ke2 Qa1 14.Qf5 Kb8
15.Bf4 +.

13.Bd2 Qb5 14.Rc1 Kb8
15.Qc4 Qc4 16.Rc4 e6

16...Bd3 17.Bf4 Ka8 18.Rc7 e6
19.Kd2 Bg6 20.Rhc1 ±.

17.Ne5 Rd5 18.Nf7 b5 19.Bf4
Kb7 20.Rc7 Kb6 21.0-0 Rg8
22.Rfc1 Rd4??

A blunder, but Black is under
considerable pressure.

23.Be3 Bc5 24.R7c5 1:0

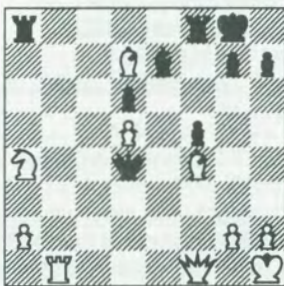
Sicilian B33
Larry Englebretson 2309
Peter Kappler 2022

Houston Classic II (4)

1.Nc3 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nc6 5.e4 e5 6.Ndb5 d6
7.Nd5 Nd5 8.ed5 Nb8

A vicious trap is Ne7 9.c4 a6??
10.Qa4 +.

9.c4 Be7 10.Be2 a6 11.Nc3 0-0
12.0-0 f5 13.f4 Nd7 14.Be3 ef4
15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Kh1 Qb2 17.Na4
Qf6 18.Rb1 b5 19.cb5 ab5 20.Bb5
Ba6 21.Bd7 Bf1 22.Qf1 Qd4



23.Re1 g5 24.Bc1 Qg7 25.Qe2
Bf6 26.Nb6 Ra7 27.Be6 Kh8
28.Nc4 Be5 29.Ne5 de5 30.Bb2
Ra2 31.Be5 Re2 32.Bg7 Kg7
33.Re2 Kf6 34.Bf5 1:0

Sicilian Dragon B34
Lewis McClary 2248
Dmitry Gurevich 2653

Houston Classic II (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6
4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6
7.f3(?)!

ECO gives this a full "?" The
popular choice is between 7.Bc4 and
7.Nc6, although 7.Be2, 7.f4 and
7.Nb3 are also playable.

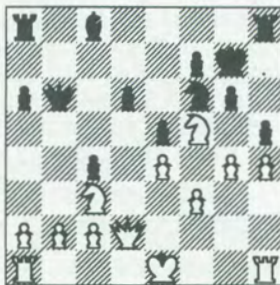
7...0-0 8.Bb5!?

8.Nb3 a5 9.Bb5 d5 10.ed5 Nb4
11.d6 Bf5 12.Rc1 a4 13.Nd4 Qd6
14.Nf5 Qd1 15.Rd1 gf5 16.Bc5 Nc2
17.Kf2 Rfc8 18.Be7 a3 +/- Rubel-
Aronson, USSR 1957; or 8.Qd2 d5
9.Nc6 bc6 10.ed5 Nd5 11.Bd4 e5
12.Bc5 Nc3 13.Bf8 Qf8 +/- Krnic-
Velimirovic, Yugoslavia 1971.

8...a6 9.Ba4 Ne5 10.Bb3 d6

White has sacrificed a tempo to
reach a branch of the Yugoslav
favorable to White. But a tempo is a
tempo, especially in this type of
fast-breaking variation.

11.Qd2 b5 12.Bh6 Nc4 13.Bc4
bc4 14.Bg7 Kg7 15.g4 Qb6 16.h4
e5 17.Nde2 h5 18.Ng3 Rh8 19.Nf5



19...Bf5 20.gf5 Rab8 21.Ke2
Qd4 22.Rad1 Rb2 23.Rhg1 d5
24.fg6 Qd2 25.Kd2 d4 26.gf7 Kf7
27.Na4 (27.Nd5) Rb4 28.Nc5 Rc8
29.a3 Rb6 30.Na4 Rb5 31.Rb1
Rcb8 32.Rb5 ab5 33.Rb1 Nd7
34.Ke2 ba4 0:1

Texas Postal Championship
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Martha #109, Euless, TX 76040.

Ardaman Annotates

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

Bird's Opening A02

Miles Ardaman 2471

Bill Reuter 2411

Houston Classic II (5)

1.f4

I was undone when Bill, faced with this move, leaned across the board and said, "You've been shooting the 'Bird' at everyone this tournament!"

1...c5

I suspect there are many good lines Black can adopt to secure an even game. Which one he chooses really becomes a matter of style and preference.

2.b3

This assures White of a strong diagonal for the QB.

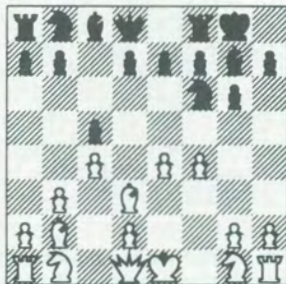
2...Nf6 3.Bb2 g6

Black intends to neutralize the strength of his counterpart.

4.e4

The game soon takes on an English/Sicilian character after this and the next move.

4...Bg7 5.c4 0-0 6.Bd3!?



This move may appear awkward, but it really is in harmony with White's intended development. Korchnoi has used this setup, frequently retreating the Bishop to c2 or b1 and advancing d4 *a la*

Siciliana aperta.

6...e6?

This will leave f6 weak and lead to the banishment of the f6 Knight to c7. Better is 6...d6.

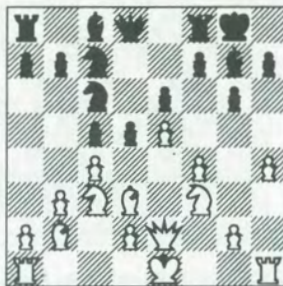
7.e5 Ne8

On 7...Nh5 the Knight faces a serious danger of becoming trapped or remaining displaced.

8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Nc3 d5 10.Qe2

Protecting e5 and d3. A bad positional error would be 10.cd5 because Black could later blunt the b2 Bishop with ...d4 and plant his e8 Knight on d5.

10...Nc7 11.h4!



With the center semi-closed White can launch a dangerous attack on the kingside.

11...f6

In an attempt to abet the King by opening the center, Black allows White's d3 Bishop to grow stronger.

12.h5 fe5 13.fe5

I rejected the sacrifice 13.hg6 e4 14.Rh7 because of 14...ed3! Besides, the attack can continue steadily without splashy complications.

13...Nd4

Exchanging an attacker, but another soon replaces it. Undermining e5 with 13...Rf3 brings only short-term relief: 14.gf3 Ne5 15.hg6 hg6 16.f4 with 0-0-0 soon to follow.

14.Nd4 cd4 15.Nd1

Beginning an exploration of the northeast territory.

15...Qg5

Black had to abandon his d-pawn or abandon his King.

16.Bd4 dc4

According some activity along the d-file and the long diagonal, but granting White's Knight a wonderful vacation spot on e4.

17.bc4

Much of Black's difficulty stems from the limited Knight on c7.

17...Bd7 18.Nf2 Ba4

Preventing 0-0-0, but either an endgame is to emerge shortly or the King can dwell comfortably in the center in the event of a retreat by the Black Queen. If 18...Bc6, 19.Ng4 Rad8 (19...gh5 20.Rh5!) 20.Be3 +.

19.Ne4



The tourist arrives.

19...Qf4

19...Qd8 was the only other serious option; however, 20.Bc3 Ne8 21.Nc5 leaves Black with too much hanging.

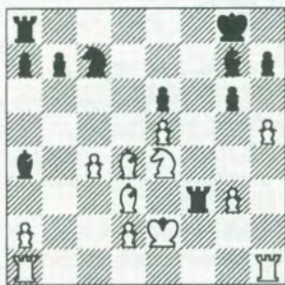
20.g3 +-

This forces Queens off, when White's extra pawn and centralized position will decide.

20...Qf3

20...Qf7 21.hg6 hg6 22.Qh2, etc.

21.Qf3 Rf3 22.Ke2



22...Rd8

A beautiful finish follows
22...Rf8 23.hg6 hg6 24.Nf6 Bf6
25.ef6 Be8 26.Rh8!! or 22...Raf8
23.hg6 hg6 24.Nf6 Bf6 25.ef6 Rg3
26.Rh8!!

**23.Kf3 Rd4 24.Ke3 Be5
25.Raf1**

The attack continues even with-
out Queens.

**25...Bc6 26.Rh4 Rd8 27.hg6
hg6 28.Nf6**

A key defensive piece is ex-
changed.

**28...Bf6 29.Rf6 Be8 30.g4 Kg7
31.g5 Bf7 32.Rd4**

Without Rooks, Black will be
further deprived of opportunities.

32...Rd4

32...Rf8 33.Rd7 Ne8 34.Rg6, etc.

33.Kd4 Na6

33...Ne8 would keep out the
White King, but Black would be
helpless against the advance of the
d-pawn.

**34.Be4 b6 35.Ke5 Nc5 36.Bc6
Nd3 37.Kd6 Nb2 38.Ke7**

Consistent to the very end,
White pursues the King with his
own.

**38...Bg8 39.Be4 Bh7 40.d3 Na4
41.Rf7 Kg8 42.Kf6 Nc5 43.Rc7
Kh8 44.Rc8 Bg8 45.Kg6 Nd7
46.d4**

Now nothing can prevent Kh6
and Bh7.

46...e5 47.Bd5

But this works well too.

1:0

Old Indian Defense A41
Dmitry Gurevich 2653
Miles Ardaman 2471
Houston Classic II (2)

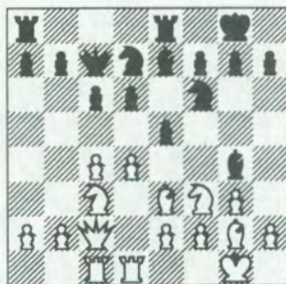
1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Bg4

This was experimental for me,
but it seems to be fashionable with
some Houston players.

**3.g3 Nd7 4.Bg2 c6 5.0-0 Ngf6
6.c4 e5 7.Nc3 Be7**

Thus we have an Old Indian
defense with Black's QB deployed
to the kingside.

**8.Be3 0-0 9.Qc2 Qc7 10.Rfd1
Rfe8 11.Rac1**



This position in hindsight
proves to be the turning point (for
the worse) for Black.

11...Bf3?!

This exchange gives Black a
superior pawn structure, but at the
cost of his very good Bishop. What
I didn't appreciate was how diffi-
cult it would be to advance ...d5
later.

12.ef3

**12.Bf3? ed4 13.Rd4 Ne5 14.Bg2
Nfg4**

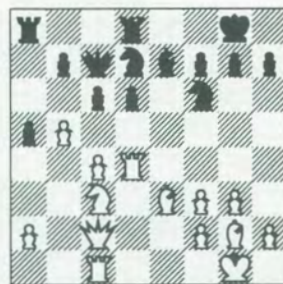
12...ed4 13.Rd4 Red8?!

Dmitri recommended 13...a5 to
forestall b4, but I didn't believe at
that time that it was something to
fear. Now I'm a believer.

14.b4 a5 15.b5

(Diagram). This surprised me.
Dmitri was willing to forego
control over c5, but the pressure

soon to bear on c6 will leave Black
passive or force him to compromise
his pawn structure.



15...Nc5 16.Rdd1 Nfd7 17.f4

In addition to opening the
diagonal, this pawn can serve to
open Black's kingside with f5 if
Black dare fianchetto.

17...a4

Here it became clear that I
would never be able to play ...d5;
therefore I rejected 17...Nb6 in
favor of this a-pawn advance.
Although it offers only nebulous
counterchances, I could find no
other plan.

18.Rb1 Rdc8 19.Ne2!



A very annoying move to meet,
especially with my time ticking
away in a 30/90 time control.

19...cb5?

Very ugly, given the numerous
weakened light squares that emerge.
The g2 Bishop has now doubled in
strength. In post mortem analysis I

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Root, Ardaman win Austin Spring Classic

IM Doug Root and FM Miles Ardaman scored 4-1 to win \$400 each at the Austin Spring Classic, held April 24-25. John Ready, a senior master from Missouri, tied for 3rd-6th at 3.5 along with Selby Anderson, Mike Calogridis and Eric Dimazana, who won first Expert.

The 26-player field in the Open section was small but select, boasting the three highest rated players in the state – at least for one round. FM Joe Bradford won his game against Mike Simpson, and then to everyone's surprise he withdrew, complaining that his dog's barking had kept him up the night before. (Honest!) SM John Hall was there, but he was selling books.

The Reserve section had an ample field of 59 players. Calvin Jones organized the event for CNCC (Calvin, Nicole, Chelsea, Chanel!), and Gary Gaiffe directed.

The Chariot Inn, the site of past Texas Team tournaments, is starting to show its age. The pool is still beautiful, but there were air conditioning problems Saturday afternoon, and restroom facilities are minimal in the playing area.

Open Section

1st-2nd	Doug Root	4 pts.	\$ 400.00
	Miles Ardaman	4	400.00
3rd-6th	John Ready	3.5	66.67
	Selby Anderson	3.5	66.67
	Mike Calogridis	3.5	66.67
1st Expert	Eric Dimazana	3.5	300.00
2nd Expert	Thomas Patton	3	200.00

Reserve Section

1st-2nd	Zack Coomes	4.5 pts.	250.00
	Robert Clard	4.5	250.00
Class B	Robert McLean	4	212.50
	James Regan	4	212.50
Class C	Ed Salas	3	187.50
	Jason Howell	3	187.50
Class D/E	Todd Salter	2	75.00
	Curtis Felkner	2	75.00
Unrated	Ashok Baweja	4	50.00

French Defense C02

Doug Root 2579

John Ready 2411

Austin Spring Classic (3)

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

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

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

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

10.h4 Nb4 11.h5 Ne7 12.Nd4 Nd3 13.cd3 Nc6 14.Nc6 Bc6 15.Be3 f6 16.Bd4 f5 17.a3 Qf7 18.Qh3 Rg8 19.Nc3 g5 20.hg6 hg6 21.b4 a6 22.Reb1 g5 23.a4 g4 24.Qh2 g3 25.fg3 Rg4 26.Ne2 b5 27.Rc1 Bd7 28.Rc7 ba4 29.Bc5 Bc5 30.bc5 Kd8 31.Rb7 Rc8 32.Rc1 Rc7 33.c6 Bc6 34.Qh8 Rg8 35.Qh4 Kc8 36.Rc7 Qc7 37.Nd4 Qe5 38.Rc6 Kb7 39.Qe7 1:0

French Defense C05

Mike Calogridis 2200

Doug Root 2579

Austin Spring Classic (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Qb6 8.0-0 Be7 9.dc5 Qc7 10.b4 Nde5 11.Bc2 Bf6 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Nd4 Ng6 14.N2f3 a6 15.Bg5 Qe7 16.Qd2 e5 17.Nf5 Bf5 18.Bf5 e4 19.Rfe1 Nce5 20.Ne5 Bg5 21.Ng6 hg6 22.f4 Bh4 23.g3 gf5 24.gh4 Qh4 25.Qf2 Qf2 26.Kf2 a5 27.Rb2 ab4 28.Rb4 Ra2 29.Ke3 Rc8 30.Rb5 Rh2 31.Kd4 Rd2 32.Ke5 g6 33.Kd6 d4 34.Kd7 Rc6 0:1

English Opening A25

Selby Anderson 2230

Miles Ardaman 2471

Austin Spring Classic (4)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Nge7 7.d3 a6 8.Rb1 Rb8 9.b4 0-0 10.0-0

Be6 11.Nd5 Qd7 12.Nec3 b5 13.Bd2 Rfc8 14.Re1 Nd8 15.Ne7 Qe7 16.Qe2 f5 17.a4 bc4 18.dc4 e4 19.Nd5 Qf7 20.Bf1 g5 21.a5 Nc6 22.f4 ef3 23.Qf3 Ne5 24.Qg2 c6 25.Nb6 Rc7 26.Rbc1 c5 27.Be2 Kh8 28.Rf1 Qg6 29.b5 Ra7 30.Nd5 Rbf8 31.b6 Raf7 32.Nc7 Bd7 33.Nd5 Bc6 34.Bc3 h5 35.h3 Qh6 36.Bd2 Ng6 37.Rf2 Be5 38.Bd3 Ne7 39.Rcf1 Qe6 40.e4 Bd4 41.Be3 Qe5 42.Bg5 fe4 43.Bf4 ed3 44.Be5 de5 45.Qe4 Rf2 46.Rf2 Rf2 47.Qd4 Rg2 48.Kg2 cd4 49.Kf2 Nd5 50.cd5 Bd5 0:1

Nimzovich B00

Doug Root 2579

Miles Ardaman 2471

Austin Spring Classic (5)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd7 5.f4 Nb6 6.Be3 h5 7.Be2 Bf5 8.Nf3 e6 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Rc1 Nc4 11.Bc4 dc4 12.Qe2 c6 13.Bf2 Be7 DRAW

A.C.E. Open, part 2

Here are some more games from the 1993 A.C.E. Open Championship, held January 15-17 in Austin. The winner was no surprise: IM Doug Root went 5-0 in the Open section.

Queen's Indian E14

Alexey Root 2211

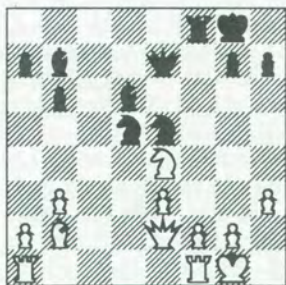
David Rubin 1945

A.C.E. Open 1993 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 d5 6.c4 dc4 7.Bc4 Bd6 8.Nbd2 c5 9.Qe2 cd4 10.Nd4 0-0 11.b3 Nbd7 12.Bb2 Ne5 13.Be6?

This is an error in evaluation, if only of a Class A player's ability to use the minor pieces. 13.Ba6 is level.

13...fe6 14.Ne6 Qe7 15.Nf8 Rf8 16.h3 Nd5 17.Ne4



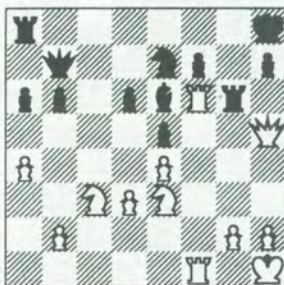
17...Nc3!! 18.Bc3
18.Nc3 Nf3 19.Kh1 Qe5 20.g3 Nd4 +.

18...Be4 19.Be5 Qe5 20.f4 Qf5 21.Qg4 Qg4 22.hg4 Bc5 23.Rae1 Bd3 24.Rf2 Re8 25.Rf3 Bb4 26.Ra1 Bc3 27.Raf1 (27.Rc1 Bd2) Bf1 28.Kf1 Rd8 29.e4 Bb4 30.g3 Rd4 31.e5 Rd1 32.Ke2 Rd2 33.Ke3 Ra2 34.Ke4 Rd2 35.Kf5 Kf7 36.Ke4 a5 37.f5 b5 38.g5 a4 39.e6 Ke8 40.f6 gf6 41.gf6 a3 42.e7 Be7 43.fe7 b4 44.Rf1 Rb2 45.Kd5 Rb3 0:1

Sicilian Najdorf B82

George Rector 2142
Omer Holdun 2273
A.C.E. Open 1993 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.a4 Nc5 (10...b6) 11.Kh1 Nd3 12.cd3 0-0 13.Be3 b6 14.Rac1 Qb7 15.f5 Bd7 16.Bg5 e5 17.Nc2 Nd5 18.Be7 Ne7 19.f6 gf6 20.Rf6 Be6 21.Ne3 Kh8 22.Rcf1 Rg8 23.Qh5 Rg6



24.Rf7! Bf7 25.Rf7 Rg7 26.Nf5 Rag8 27.Ne7 Qe7 28.Re7 Re7 29.Qf5 Kg7 30.g3 Rf7 31.Qe6 Rf1 32.Kg2 Rgf8 33.Qd6 R8f2 34.Kh3 Rh1 35.Qe5 Kg6 36.Qe6 Kg5 37.Qe5 Kg6 38.Qe6 Kg5 39.Qg4 Kh6 40.Qh4 Kg6 41.Qg4 Kf7 42.Qd7 Kg6 43.Qe8 Kg7 44.Nd5 Rhh2 45.Kg4 Rf7 46.Ne3 Rhf2 47.Nf5 R2f5 (47...Kg6 48.Qe6 Rf6 49.Qg8#, or 47...Kf6 48.e5, etc.) 48.ef5 1:0

Sicilian B22

Richard Ketcham 2269
Mike Simpson 2089
A.C.E. Open 1993 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e5!?

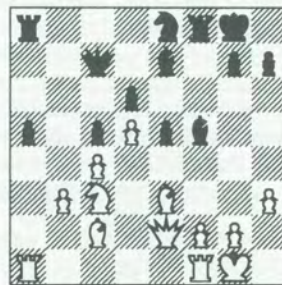
The closest thing I can find to this occurred with colors reversed

in a game I played with Jude Acers (who had Black): 1.e4 c6 2.c4 e5!?

with a sort of English Opening.
3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4
The Lopez-like 4.d4 d6 5.Bb5 Qc7 also plows new ground.
4...Be7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d4 d6 7.d5 Nb8 8.Bd3 0-0

And so we have a Czech Benoni.
9.h3 c4 10.Bc2 Nbd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Qe2 b6 13.b4 cb3 14.ab3 a5 15.c4 Nc5 16.Nc3 Bd7 17.Ne1 Ne8 18.Nd3 f5?!

The opening of the kingside only helps White. Better was 18...Qd8 Δ...Bg5, and if 19.Qh5 then 19...h6. 19.Nc5 bc5 20.ef5 Bf5



21.f4 Bc2 22.Qc2 ef4?
Ugly is 22...Bf6 23.f5, but it survives longer than the text.

23.Bf4 Rb8 24.Nb5 Qb6 25.Qe4 Rf7
Black doesn't have a good move. Unavailing is 25...Bf6 26.Qe6 Kh8 27.Bd6! Nd6 28.Nd6 +/-, or 25...Rb7 26.Qe6 Kh8 27.Bd6! Nd6 28.Qe7! +-. 26.Qe6 Nc7 27.Nc7 Qc7 28.Qf7 1:0

French Defense C11

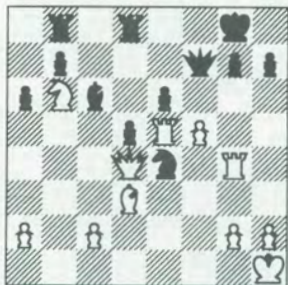
Richard Ketcham 2269
Doug Root 2570
A.C.E. Open 1993 (3)

1.e4 e6 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3

cd4 8.Nd4 Qb6 9.Qd2 Qb2 10.Rb1
Qa3 11.Be2 a6 12.0-0 Nd4 13.Bd4
Bc5 14.Kh1 Bd4 15.Qd4 0-0
16.Rf3 Qc5 17.Qd2 f6 18.ef6 Nf6
19.Na4



19...Ne4 20.Qe1 Qd6 21.Nb6
Rb8 22.Bd3 Nc5 23.Qb4 Rd8
24.Qd4 Bd7 25.Rg3 Qf8 26.Re1
Bc6 27.Re5 Ne4 28.Rg4 Qf7 29.f5



29...h5 30.fe6 Qf6 31.e7 Nf2
32.Kg1 Ng4 33.ed8(Q) Rd8
34.Bh7 Kh8 35.Nd7 Bd7 0:1

Pirc Defense B07

Omer Holdun 2273
John Bell 2152

A.C.E. Open 1993 (3)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6
4.Be2 Bg7 5.Be3

A sneaky move order, waiting for Black to castle before committing the kingside pawns to an attack. A circumspect reply would be 6...Nc6.

5...0-0?! 6.g4! e5 7.g5 Nfd7
8.h4 f5?

This rolls out the welcome mat.
8...Nc6 is preferable.

9.Bc4 Kh8 10.h5

Only ten moves have gone by, and Black can hang it up. 10...gh5 11.Qh5 h6 does not delay the crisis for long: 12.Qg6 Qe7 13.Nd5 +.

10...Nb6 11.Bb3 f4 12.hg6 h6
13.gh6 Qg5 14.hg7 Kg7 15.Nf3
Qg6 16.Rg1 Bg4 17.Nh4 fe3
18.Rg4 ef2 19.Kf1 1:0

Staunton Gambit A83

Mike Calogridis 2259
George Rector 2140

A.C.E. Open 1993 (3)

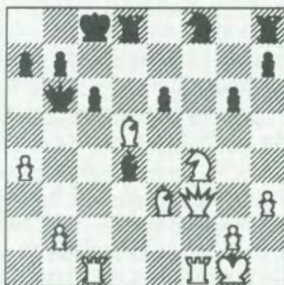
1.d4 f5 2.e4 fe4 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Bg5 c6 5.f3 ef3 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3
Bg4 8.0-0

8.h3 Bf3 9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.0-0-0
Qa5 11.Rhe1 0-0-0 12.Re6 ∞ is
Pillsbury-Lewin, Hannover 1902.

8...Nbd7 9.h3 Bf3 10.Qf3 Qb6
11.Be3 g6 12.Ne2 Bg7 13.Nf4 Nf8
14.c4 0-0-0 15.Rac1

Maybe the immediate 15.a4 offers better chances to junk it up.

15...e6 16.a4 dc4 17.Bc4 Nd5
18.Bd5 Bd4



19.Bf2 Bf2 20.Rf2 ed5 21.Nd5
Qd4 22.Ne7 Kb8 23.Qf7 Nd7
24.Rc4 Qd1 25.Rf1 Qd6 26.Re1
Qf6 27.Qf6 Nf6 28.Re6 Rhf8 29.g4
Ne8 30.a5 Rd6

Black's patience is paying off.

31.Re1 Nc7 32.Rb4 Ne6 33.a6
b6 34.Rc4 c5 35.b4 Rf7 36.bc5 bc5
37.Rb1 Rb6 38.Nc6 Kc7 39.Rb6

Kb6 40.Ne5 Re7 41.Re4 Kc7
42.Nc4 Kd7 43.Re1 Nd4 44.Rb1
Kc6 45.Na5 Kd6 46.Nb7 Kd5
47.Na5 Re6 48.Nb7 Ra6 49.Nd8
Ra2 50.Rb7 Ke4 0:1

White is in a mating net.

Dutch Defense A80

Doug Root 2570
George Rector 2140

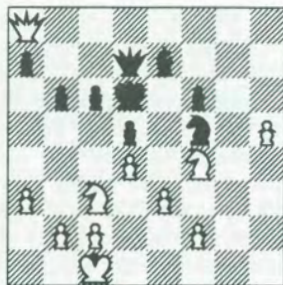
A.C.E. Open 1993 (4)

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5
4.Bf6 ef6 5.e3 c6 6.Qf3 Be6 7.Bd3
g6 8.Nge2 Nd7 9.h3 h5

This is actually given a "!" with no analysis or praxis in ECO, but I can't believe it's any good.



10.g4 Qb6 11.gf5 Bf5 12.Bf5
gf5 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Qf5 Bb4
15.Rhg1 Rdg8 16.Rg8 Rg8 17.Qh5
Qd8 18.a3 Be7 19.Nf4 Nb6 20.Qf7
Re8 21.Rg1 Nc4 22.Ne6 Qd7
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26.h4 Nd6 27.Qg8 Kc7 28.h5 Nf5
29.Qa8 Kd6



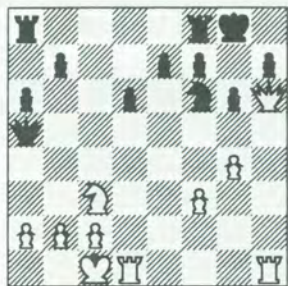
30.Nb5 cb5 31.Qd5 Kc7
32.Ne6 Kb8 33.Qd7 1:0

Pirc Defense B07

Andrew Hood 2092
Richard Ketcham 2269

A.C.E. Open 1993 (4)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 g6
4.Bg5 Bg7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.ed6 cd6
7.Qd2 0-0 8.0-0-0 Nf6 9.h4 Nc6
10.Be2 a6 11.Bh6 Nd4 12.Bg7
Ne2 13.Nge2 Kg7 14.h5 Kg8
15.Ng3 Qa5 16.Qe3 Bg4 17.f3 Bb5
18.Nh5 Nh5 19.g4 Nf6 20.Qh6



20...Rfe8 21.Ne4 Qa2 22.Nf6
ef6 23.Qh7 Kf8 24.Qh8 Ke7
25.Rhe1 Kd7 26.Qf6 Qa1 27.Kd2
Qa5 28.c3 **DRAW**

Canadian master wins A.C.E. Thursday Action

by Zack Coombes

Visiting French Canadian master Marc Cazalais (pronounced KAH-sell-eye) played in the Thursday action tournament held February 18th at the A.C.E. club. This was our strongest turnout yet for a Thursday: four full quads and an "A" player in the third quad down! The winners (in order of quad) were Cazalais, myself, Mark Muecke and Brian Watkins, all with 3-0 scores! Some games from that event:

French Defense C16
Marc Cazalais 2212
Bill Stouffer 2116
A.C.E. Action 2/18/93

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5
Qd7 5.Qg4 f5

5...Bf8 is possible, but if that is Black's intention there seems to be little point in playing 4...Qd7 instead of 4...b6. Nevertheless, ECO (1981) treats 5...Bf8 as the main move (+= after 6.Be3 or 6.h4). Batsford (1989) gives only 5...f5.

6.Qg3 b6 7.Nh3

Ljubojevic's move, and the most topical. Also played are 7.a3, 7.h4 and 7.Bd2.

7...Nc6!?

7...Ba6 8.Ba6 Na6 9.Nf4 0-0-0 10.a3 Bc3 11.Qc3 += Ljubojevic; 7...a5 8.Nf4 Qf7 9.a3 Bc3 10.Qc3 ± Ljubojevic-Seirawan, Tilburg 1983. Note that 7...c5?? loses material right away to 8.Bb5! Qb5 9.Qg7.

8.Bb5! Bb7

8...a6 loses to 9.Bc6 Qc6 10.Qg7 Bc3 11.Kd1! Qc4 (11...Bb7 12.Bg5!) 12.bc3, and Black comes out a piece down without perpetual check.

9.a3

9.Nf4! (Δ 10.Ne6!) 9...0-0-0 is also interesting.

9...Bf8 10.0-0 a6 11.Bc6 Bc6 12.Nf4 Ne7 13.Re1 Bb7 14.b4! a5?

Part of a faulty plan that opens lines while development lags, and exposes weak points to White. 14...c5 doesn't quite work either: 15.bc5 bc5 16.cd5 d4 (if 16...Nc6 17.Na4!) 17.Nce2 Nc6 18.Qb3! ±.

Best is 14...Nc6 15.Be3 g6 16.h4 Be7 Δ 17...0-0-0 with good chances to mobilize the kingside pawns.

15.b5 c5

If Black doesn't do something to break out, his QB will be entombed while White will play a4 and Ba3, with both a space advantage and superior pieces.

16.bc6 Nc6 17.Nb5!

The threat to hop into d6 makes good use of the "mysterious Rook move" 13.Re1. As of this point Black is busted, despite a stubborn defense.

17...Ba6 18.Nd6 Bd6 19.ed6 0-0 20.Ne6 Rae8



The other defensive try is 20...Rf6 21.Nc7 Ra7 22.Nd5 and ...

(a) 22...Rd6 23.Nb6 Qd8 (if 23...Qc7? 24.Bf4 +-) 24.Bg5 Qf8 25.Re8! Qe8 26.Qd6 ±;

(b) 22...Rg6 23.Qb3! (Δ Ne7 and Qg8#) 23...Kf8!? (23...Qf7 24.Re8! Qe8 25.Nf6 +-) 24.Ne7 +.

21.Bh6! Rf6 22.Ng7 Re1 23.Re1 Rg6 24.Qe3 Rg7 25.Bg7 Kg7

If 25...Qg7, 26.Qe8 and 27.Qc6.

26.Qg5 Kf8 27.Qf6 Kg8 28.Re3 Qf7?

Black holds out longer with 28...f4 29.Qf4 Qf7, but after 30.Rg3 Kf8 31.Qh6 Ke8 32.Rg7! Qf5 33.d7 he must give up his Queen to avoid mate (33...Kd8 34.Qh4!)

29.Rg3 1:0

29...Kf8 30.Qh8 and mate next.

Alekhine's Defense B05
Peter Kappler 2022
Jorge Barrios 2097
A.C.E. Action 2/18/93

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6
4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.c4 Nb6
7.Nc3 de5 8.Ne5 Be2 9.Ne2

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Coombes, Patteson share Texas Senior title

Zack Coombes and Billy Patteson tied for first in the Texas Senior Championship, each scoring 4-1. Coombes, who won last year's title, was first on tiebreaks. Top-ranked Ken Smith knocked himself out of contention when he let his time run out in a winning position against Coombes. Patteson beat Coombes soundly and drew two other Class A's, Robert Russell and Ray Smith. Seventeen players competed in the event, held March 13-14 in San Antonio with the Texas Junior.

Sicilian Defense B22

Zack Coombes 1969

Ken Smith 2191

Texas Senior (3)

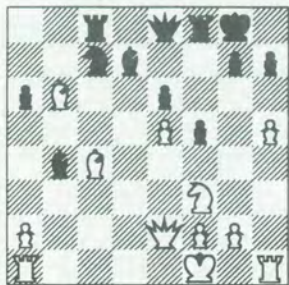
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Qd4 e6 6.Bc4

This move has been superseded by 6.Nf3; see next note.

6...Nc6 7.Qe4 f5

7...d6 =; 7...Nde7! 8.Nf3 Ng6 9.Bb5 Qc7 10.Bc6 Qc6 11.Qc6 bc6 12.0-0 f6 13.Re1 Bb7 =+ Semeniuk-Yuferov, USSR 1977.

8.Qe2 Nb6 9.Bb3 Be7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.h4 Qe8 12.h5 Na5 13.Bc2 d5 14.b3 Bd7 15.Bd3 Rc8 16.Bd2 a6 17.Be3 Na8 18.c4 dc4 19.bc4 b5 20.Nbd2 Nc7 21.Bb6 Nc4 22.Nc4 bc4 23.Bc4 Bb4 24.Kf1? (24.Nd2)



24...Na8 25.Ba6 (25.Bd4 Rc4) Rc6 26.Kg1 Rb6 27.Bc4 Nc7

28.Qe3 Rc6 29.Qb3 Qe7 30.Nd4 Rb6 31.Qd3 Kh8 32.a4 Ra8 33.h6 g6 34.a5 Ra5 35.Ra5 Ba5 36.Rh3

I saw Ken with a few minutes to make time control at move 40, and noticed that he was a piece up without even the ghost of an attack to worry about. Yet there was Zack Coombes grinning like a fox. Soon I found out why. 1:0 (time)

Smith's comment to me was "I'm getting old, Selby."

Billy Patteson made the following comment on his result: "When I was fifty-four, I just got good. Bobby said 'eleven', but some of us are slow learners."

K1 Attack A08

B. L. Patteson 2134

Zack Coombes 1969

Texas Senior (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 de4 7.de4 e5

Black sacrifices a tempo to enter an exchange King's Indian reversed. Theory ignores this treatment, but I knew a postal master in Louisiana who swore by it. ECO considers the idea two moves later: 6...Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 de4 9.de4 e5 10.c3 Qc7 11.Qc2 a6[?!] 12.Nc4 Be6 13.Ne3 Rad8 14.Ng5 Bc8 15.Nd5 ± Day-Pushkedra, Ontario 1975; but 11...h6 12.Nc4 Be6 13.Ne3 Rad8 looks perfectly playable to me.

8.0-0 Be7 9.c3 0-0 10.Qe2

10.Re1 or 10.Qc2 can transpose to the line given above.

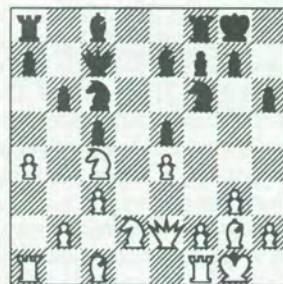
10...h6 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.a4 b6!?

Why play 10...h6 it not to follow it up with 12...Be6?

13.Nfd2?!

Perhaps this is why Black played 12...b6, but he fails to pounce on the error. Instead of the text, 13.Ne3! is possible, because 13...Ne4 gets

swatted by 14.Ne5! Qe5 (14...Ne5 15.Nd5!) 15.Nc4 Nc3!? 16.Qe5 Ne5 17.bc3! ±. Instead of 13...Ne4? Black should play 13...Be6 with equality.



13...g6?

It looks like Zack was not up to speed that morning, as this is not the move of a healthy 1900 player.

13...Ba6 is consistent and strong. White has little choice but to bail out of the pin with 14.Re1 Na5 15.Bf1 Rad8 16.Qf3, leaving his pieces in a something of a jumble.

14.Ne3 Bb7 15.Nd5 Qd6?

15...Qd8 is necessary. Now White pockets a pawn and cashes in.

16.Nc4 Qd8 17.Ne7 Qe7 18.Bh6 Rfe8 19.Bg5 Qe6 20.Rfd1 Rad8 21.Qf3 Kg7 22.Bf6 Qf6 23.Qf6 Kf6 24.Nd6 Re7 25.Nb7 Rb7 26.Rd8 Nd8 27.Rd1 Ke7 28.Bf1 Ne6 29.h4 Nc7 30.Be2 f6 31.Kg2 Ne8 32.Kf3 Nd6 33.Ke3 c4 34.Ra1 a5 35.f4 Ke6 36.g4 Rh7 37.h5 e4 38.Kf4 g5 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.Rf1 Rc7 41.Bf3 Nb7 42.Rd1 Nc5 43.Rd5 Ke6 44.Bd1 Nd3 45.b3 Nf4 46.Rb5 cb3 47.Rb6 Ke7 48.Rb3 Rc4 49.Bc2 Rc7 50.Bd3 Rd7 51.c4 Ne6 52.Rb5 Nf4 53.Be2 Ne2 54.Ke2 Rd4 55.Ke3 Rc4 56.Ra5 Rc3 57.Kd4 Rg3 58.Ra7 Ke6 59.h6 Rg4 60.h7 Rh4 61.Ke3 Rh3 62.Kf2 Ke5 63.a5 Ke4 64.a6 Kd5 65.Rc7 Kd6 66.Rg7 f5 67.a7 Ra3 68.h8(Q) Ra2 69.Ke3 Ra3 70.Kd4 Ra4 71.Kc3 1:0

Sidelnikov is 1993 National High School Champion

A field of 700 young chessplayers converged on the Sheraton Park Hotel in Dallas, April 2 to 4, for the 1993 National High School Chess Championship. Alexandr Sidelnikov of Brooklyn, N.Y. scored 6.5 in this seven-round event to capture clear first and the title of 1993 U.S. High School Chess Champion. Sidelnikov also led his team, Edward R. Murrow School of Brooklyn, to a repeat first-place finish among schools.

Following Sidelnikov in the Open section were Shearwood McClelland (Teaneck, N.J.), Paul Rohwer (Omaha, Neb.), Mikulas Manik (Bakersfield, Calif.) and Daniel Benjamin (Dresher, Pa.). Each finished with 6 points out of 7 for 2nd through 5th places.

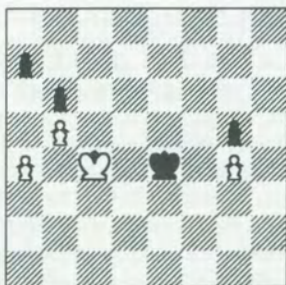
In the Under 1600 section, in tie-break order, Kimberly McClelland (Teaneck, N.J.), Nelson Yuen (Philadelphia, Pa.), Richard Robinson (Elkhart, Ind.), Chris Lund (Shaker Heights, Ohio) and Clay Smith (Roanoke, Va.) scored 6 out of 7 to tie for 1st to 5th. Shaker Heights School in Shaker Heights, Ohio received top team honors.

In the Under 1300 section, Bladimir Mercedes (Providence, R.I.) captured first place with an impressive perfect score of 7 points. Daniel Rivera (Bronx, N.Y.), Ryan Clark (Orem, Utah) and Bill Irwin (Indianapolis, Ind.) finished a close 2nd through 4th with 6.5 points. In tiebreak order, Parkway Central HS (Chesterfield, Mo.), Hope HS (Providence, R.I.) and Albuquerque Academy (Albuquerque, N.M.) took 1st through 3rd team.

The tournament was sponsored by the Dallas Chess Club and the U.S. Chess Federation. Luis Salinas and Steve Alden organized, and Bill Snead directed.

King's Indian E94
Josh Manion
Alexandr Sidelnikov
Nat'l HS Chp. 1993

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nbd7
 4.e4 e5 5.Nf3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0
 0-0 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2
 Nh6 11.Rc1 Nf7 12.de5 de5
 13.Qc2 c6 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.a3 Nc5
 16.b4 Ne6 17.Be3 Nfg5 18.Ng5 fg5
 19.Bg4 Nd4 20.Bd4 ed4 21.Bc8
 dc3 22.Bg4 Rad8 23.h3 Bd4
 24.Bf3 c5 25.b5 Qe5 26.Qe2 h5
 27.Rf1 Qf4 28.e5 g4 29.hg4 hg4
 30.Bg4 Bf2 31.Qf2 Qg4 32.Qc5 Rf1
 33.Rf1 Qd4 34.Qd4 Rd4 35.e6 Rc4
 36.Rc1 Kf8 37.Kf2 Ke7 38.Ke3
 Ke6 39.Kd3 Kd5 40.Rc3 Rc3
 41.Kc3 Ke4 42.Kc4 b6 43.g4 g5
 44.a4

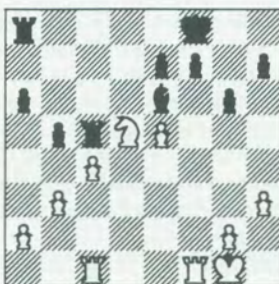


44...Ke5 45.a5 ba5 46.Kb3 Kf4
 47.Ka4 Kg4 48.Ka5 Kf5 49.Ka6
 g4 50.Ka7 g3 51.b6 g2 52.b7 g1(Q)
 0:1

Sicilian Dragon B36
Alex Kalikshteyn
Daniel Benjamin
Nat'l HS Chp. 1993

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6
 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 g6 6.e4 Nf6 7.Be2
 Nd4 8.Qd4 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qd1
 Be6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Rc1 Rfc8
 13.b3 a6 14.f4 Ng4 15.Bg4 Bg4
 16.Qd2 b5 17.h3 Bd7 18.Nd5 Qd2

19.Bd2 Bd4 20.Be3 Be3 21.Ne3
 Kf8 22.e5 de5 23.fe5 Rc5 24.Nd5
 Be6



25.b4 Rc6 26.Ne3 bc4 27.Rc3
 Rb6 28.a3 a5 29.ba5 Rb3 30.Rfc1
 Ra5 31.Nc4 Rc3 32.Rc3 Rc5 0:1

TEXAS RAPID GAMES

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10...0-0 11.Bc2 Nf2!? 12.Rf2 f6
 13.ef6 Qf6 14.Kf1 (14.Qf1!) Bf2
 15.Kf2 Ne5 16.Kg1 Bg4 17.Qf1
 Bf3 18.Nf3 Nf3 19.Qf3 Qf3 20.gf3
 Rf3 21.a4 Re8 22.Bd2 Rf6 23.Re1
 Re1 24.Be1 c6 25.Bf2 g6 26.Kf1
 Kf7 27.Ke2 Ke6 28.Bg3 Rf7
 29.Ke3 c5 30.ab5 ab5 31.b4
DRAW

Three Knights C42
Pat Ready 1900
Andrew Hanson 2100
Texas Rapid 1993

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5
 4.ed5 e4 5.Ng5 Bb4 6.Bc4 Bg4
 7.Be2 Bf5 8.Bc4 h6 9.Nh3 Bg4
 10.Be2 Bh3 11.gh3 Nbd7 12.a3
 Ba5 13.b4 Bb6 14.d4 ed3 15.Qd3
 Qe7 16.Be3 0-0-0 17.0-0-0 Rhe8
 18.Rhg1 Be3 19.fe3 Qe3 20.Kb2 g6
 21.Rg3 Qe5 22.Bf3 Nb6 23.Kb3
 Kb8 24.Bg2 Nh5 **DRAW**

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IM Hernandez retains Mexican title in Linares match

IM Gilberto Hernandez fended off his challenger, IM Roberto Martin del Campo, in a six-game match for the chess championship of Mexico. Hernandez, a 23 year-old native of San Luis Potosi, won by a score of 3.5-2.5, with two wins, three draws and one loss to Martin, a 26 year-old from Mexico city.

The match was played February 23 through March 1 in the Exposition Hall of Linares in Nuevo Leon. The "Linares battle" was a sharp duel of Sicilian defenses from start to finish. Fans in the analysis room were treated to closed circuit TV coverage and master commentary.

The match was supervised by International Arbiter Jorge Vega and NM José Joaquin Araiza.

Game notes that follow are by FM Ibrahim Martinez Salomon.

Sicilian B23

IM Roberto Martin
IM Gilberto Hernandez

Linares match (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6
7.Bd3 Nf8 8.0-0 Ne5 9.h3 Bc5
10.Na4

Better than 10.Qe2 and 10.Kh1, as played in other games.

10...Ba7 11.c4!

A very good idea. White has domination over the d5 square.

11...d6

Dangerous is 11...Nc4 because of 12.Bc4 Qc4 13.b3! Qb4 14.Nc2 Qe4 15.Ba7 Ra7 16.Qd6! and White has clear compensation for the pawns.

12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Nc3 0-0

Not good is 13...Nc4 because of 14.Bc4 Qc4 15.Nd5 Qa2 16.Nc7 winning an Exchange.

14.b3 Rac8?

Better is 14...Rfd8.

15.Bb1!

White is better.

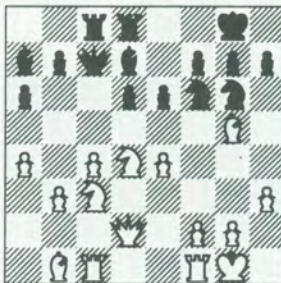
15...Qb8

Hernandez is not playing carefully. Better is 15...h6.

16.a4 Ng6

Maybe better is 16...Nc6 17.Nc6 Rc6 and Black's disadvantage is smaller than in the game.

17.Qd2 Rfd8 18.Bg5 Qc7



19.Nf5! Bc6

The best defense. After 19...ef5 20.Bf6 gf6 21.Nd5 Qc5 22.Qh6 Qd4 23.ef5, White has a winning game.

20.Nd5 Bd5

Black cannot capture the Knight with 20...ed5 because of 21.Bf6 gf6 22.Qh6 with checkmate to follow.

21.cd5 Qd7 22.Bf6 gf6 23.Ng3?

Martin could win with 23.Rc8 Rc8 (23...Qc8? 24.Nh6 Kg7 25.Ng4 followed by 26.Qh6 and 27.Nf6, winning) 24.de6 fe6 25.Qd6, but it is possible that he didn't see this variation.

23...Kh8 24.Nh5 Qe7 25.Kh1?

With 25.Qh6 Qf8 26.Qf8 Rf8 27.Nf6, White wins a pawn.

25...Rc1 26.Rc1 Rg8 27.Rc3 ed5 28.Qd5 Bf2 29.Qf5 Bd4 30.Rc8 Qe6 31.Qe6 fe6 32.Rc7 b5 33.ab5 ab5 34.Bd3 Be5

If 34...b4 35.Bc4 Re8 36.Be6 and the Black Rook cannot take the Bishop because of checkmate on c8.

35.Bb5 d5

Both players are now in *zeitnot* [German for "no time" - Ed.]

36.Rf7 Rc8 37.Kg1 de4 38.Nf6
Rc1 39.Kf2 Bd4 40.Kg3 Rc3
41.Kh2 Be5 42.Kg1 Bf6 43.Rf6
Rb3 44.Be8 Rb6 DRAW

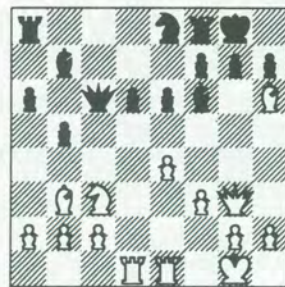
Sicilian B23

IM Gilberto Hernandez
IM Roberto Martin

Linares match (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6
7.Bb3 b5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7
10.Qg3 Nc6 11.Nc6 Qc6 12.Re1
Bb7 13.f3 0-0 14.Bh6 Ne8 15.Rad1
Bf6

This is a novelty; normal is 15...Kh8.



16.Bg5?

Better is 16.f4.

16...Bc3 17.bc3 a5 18.Be7?

Better was 18.a3 and if 18...a4 19.Ba2 Kh8 20.Be7 Rg8 21.Bd6 Nd6 22.Qd6 Qc3 and Black is better, but White may be able to defend.

18...a4 19.Be6 fe6 20.Bf8 Kf8
21.Qh3 Qc3

The win is easier with 21...Qc4.

22.Qh7

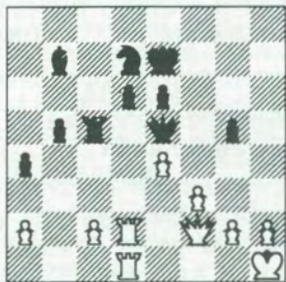
It was better to take the pawn at e6, when the open lines would require exact play by Black to maintain his advantage.

22...Nf6 23.Qh3 Qe5 24.Kh1

24.f4 is stronger, and if 24...Qf4 25.Qe6 Re8 (not 25...Rd8? 26.e5 and White has the initiative) 26.Qd6

Qd6 27.Rd6 Be4 28.Rb6, and White has good chances to draw.

24...Ke7 25.Qh4 Rc8 26.Qf2 Rc5 27.Re2 g5 28.Red2 Nd7



29.Rd4

It is better to complicate with 29.Rd6 Qd6 30.Rd6 Kd6, and Black has three pieces against a Queen, but the position is unclear.

29...Rc6 30.h3 Nb6 31.Rb4 Qc5 32.Qe1 Nc4 33.Rd3 Rb6 34.Rb1 b4 35.Qd1

As in the first game, both players are in *zeitnot*.

35...Qe5 36.Rd4 Ne3 37.Qd2 Nc2 38.Rc4 Na3 39.Rc7 Kf6?

Martin could win with 39...Kd8, and if 40.Rbc1 b3 +.

40.Rb4 Rb4??

This is a blunder which loses a piece. After 40...Nb5 Black is lost, but he is still in the fight.

41.Qb4 Nb5 42.Rb7 Qa1 43.Kh2 Qe5 44.Kg1 Nc3 45.Qb6 Kg6 46.Qc7 1:0

Sicilian B23

IM Roberto Martin
IM Gilberto Hernandez

Linares match (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 Nf6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Bb3 Na5!?

Perhaps better is the normal 10...h6.

11.Qe2 a6 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Nb3 14.ab3 Ne8 15.Be7

15.Nd5! and if 15...Bd5 16.Be7 Qe7 17.Rd5 and White is better.

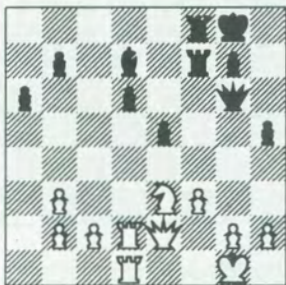
15...Qe7 16.Nd2 f5 17.ef5 Rf5 18.Nc4 Rf7 19.Nb6 Rd8 20.Ncd5

Better was 20.Nbd5, and if 20...Qg5 then 21.Ne4 with advantage to White.

20...Qg5 21.Ra4?

Better is 21.f3 with the idea of using both Rooks on the d-file.

21...Qg6 22.Rd3 Nf6 23.Nf6 Rf6 24.f3 Rdf8 25.Ra1 Bf5 26.Rd2 h5 27.Nd5 R6f7 28.Ne3 Bd7 29.Rad1



29...Rf3 30.Rd6 Qg5 31.Nc4?

As always in this match, both players get in *"zeitnot"*. Better than the text is 31.Rd7 with equality.

31...Rf2?

31...Bc6! and if 32.R6d2 e4! with a clear advantage to Black, or if 32.Ne5 then 32...Rf2! 33.Qc4 Kh7 34.Qd3 R8f5 and Black is winning.

32.Qf2 Rf2 33.Kf2 Bc6 34.Ne3 Qf4 35.Ke2 Qh2 36.Rf1?

36.Rg6! and White is better.

36...Kh7?

It is possible that Gilberto didn't see 36...Bg2! 37.Rd8 (if 37.Rf2 Bf3 and if 38.Kf3 e4 and 39...Qd6 and Black should win) 37...Kh7 38.Rf2 Qh4 39.Rd7 Be4 40.Rff7 Qg5 and Black has the advantage.

37.Rf2 Qh1 38.Rf1 Qh4 39.Rf7 Qe4 40.Rf5! h4?

Better is 40...g6 41.Rg5 Kh6 with a small advantage to Black.

41.Rg5 Bb5 42.c4 Bc6 43.Rg4 Qb1 44.Rh4 Kg8 45.Rd2 Qa2

46.Ng4 Bg2 47.Ne5 Qa5 48.c5?

48.Rh5! favors White.

48...Qc7 49.Rh5 Bc6 50.Kd1 Be8 51.Rg5 Qc5 52.Rdg2 Qd4 53.Kc1 Kf8 54.Kb1 Qd1 55.Ka2 Qe1 56.Nc4 b5 57.Rf5 Bf7 58.Rgf2 bc4 59.Rf7 Kg8 60.bc4 Qb4 61.b3

DRAW

Sicilian B23

IM Gilberto Hernandez
IM Roberto Martin

Linares match (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 e5 4.Nd5 g6 5.Nec3 Nd4

This move is not good. Better is 5...a6.

6.Bc4 Bg7?

Better is 6...Nf6 7.a4 Nd5 8.Nd5 Bg7 and White has only a small advantage.

7.d3!

Now Black develop his KN because Bg5 would win for White.

7...d6 8.0-0 Be6 9.f4

Continuing the plan to attack f7. 9...f5?

A "hara-kiri" move, opening a line Hernandez needs to strengthen his attack. A better defense is 9...f6.

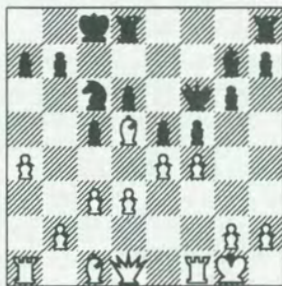
10.a4

Now Black has no counterplay on the queenside.

10...Nf6 11.Nf6 Qf6

No better is 11...Bf6 12.Nd5.

12.Nd5 Bd5 13.Bd5 0-0-0 14.c3 Nc6



15.a5 Kc7

There is no satisfactory defense, but 15...a6 is better than the text.

16.Qb3 Rb8 17.Qb5 a6 18.Qb6 Kd7 19.fe5 Qe5 20.Bf4 Qf6 21.ef5 gf5 22.Rae1 Ne5 23.d4 cd4 24.cd4 Nc6 25.Be6 Ke8

If 25...Qe6 26.Re6 Bd4 27.Qd4 Nd4 28.Rd6 and 29.Rd4, winning.

26.Qc7 Qd4 27.Kh1 1:0

Sicilian B23

IM Roberto Martin
IM Gilberto Hernandez

Linares match (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2

Martin didn't want to repeat the variation of the first match game, but better is 7.Bd3 as in the game Short-I. Rogers, Manila 1992.

7...Nf6 8.f3 b5 9.0-0-0 Ne5 10.Kb1?

Better is the normal 10.Bd3.

10...Bb7 11.g4

Here 11.Bd3 looks better, with the idea of 11...b4 12.Ne2.

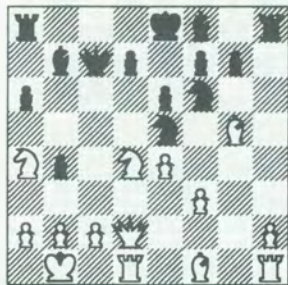
11...b4

Not 11...Bb4? 12.Ncb5! Qa5 13.Nd6 Ke7 14.Nb7 and White should win.

12.Na4 h6 13.g5

This move is forced because Black would like to play ...d5.

13...hg5 14.Bg5



14...Nf3!?

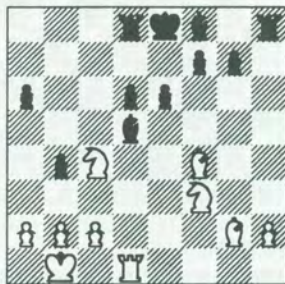
This is not a bad move, but 14...Be7 looks better.

15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Qf4 Qf4 17.Bf4 Nf2 18.Bg2 Nd1 19.Rd1 d6 20.Nb6

Not 20.Bd6 Bd6 21.Rd6 Ke7 and Black has no problems.

20...Rd8 21.Nc4 Bd5?

It looks like Hernandez didn't see White's next move. Better was 21...Bf3 22.Bf3 d5 23.Ne5 Bd6 and Black has compensation for the sacrificed material.

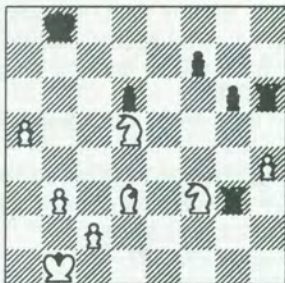


22.Rd5!

An excellent move, taking away Black's only active piece and winning a pawn.

22...ed5 23.Nb6 g6 24.Nd5 Bg7 Not 24...a5 because of 25.Nf6 Ke7 26.Bg5 and White should win.

25.Nb4 Be5 26.Bd2 Rb8 27.b3 Kd7 28.Na6 Rbe8 29.h3 Bg7 30.Bf1 Rh5 31.a4 Kc8 32.h4 Re4 33.Nb4 Bh6 34.Bh6 Rh6 35.Nd5 Kb8 36.Bd3 Rg4 37.a5 Rg3



38.Nd4 Rd3

If 38...Rh4 39.Nc6 Kb7 40.Bb5! and the a-pawn advance decides.

39.cd3 Rh4 40.Nb5 Kb7 41.Ndc7 g5 42.a6 Kb6 43.a7 Rh8 44.Kc2 g4 45.Kd2 f5 46.Ke3 1:0

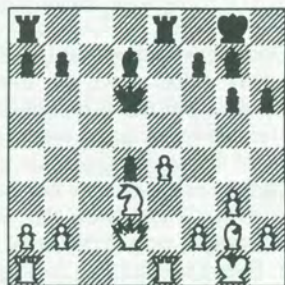
Sicilian B23

IM Gilberto Hernandez
IM Roberto Martin

Linares match (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 Nd4 Martin departs from the 3...e5 line of game four.

4.d3 g6 5.Nd4 cd4 6.Ne2 Bg7 7.g3 d5 8.Bg2 de4 9.de4 e5 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be7 Qe7 13.c3 0-0 14.cd4 ed4 15.Nf4 Qd6 16.Qd2 Bd7 17.Rfe1 Rfe8 18.Nd3



18...g5 19.Rac1 Qg6 20.Nb4 Rac8 21.Rc8 Bc8 22.Nd3

22.Nd5 looks interesting but it may be dangerous, and Hernandez only needs to draw.

22...Bd7?!

Better is 22...b6 with the idea of 23...Bb7 attacking the e4 pawn.

23.f3 Qa6?

What was Martin del Campo thinking? Better was 23...h5 intending ...h4, opening up the position.

24.Nc5

Now White has an equal position.

24...Qc6 25.Nd7 Qd7 26.Bf1 Rc8 27.Rc1 Rc1

Martin looked resigned to the draw.

28.Qc1 g4 29.Qd1 Qc6 30.Kg2 gf3 31.Kf3 Qf6 32.Kg2 Qe6 33.Qb1

(Continued on page 27)

Scenes from Team South

Two members of the Austin-based team Immortal Brilliancy Machine (led by Joe Bradford) sent in this material from their trip to Baton Rouge in February. The first game is from the match between IBM and the eventual winners, Gary Simm's The Revenge of the Carpetbaggers.

Notes by Mike Simpson

Caro-Kann B18

Mike Simpson 2087

Mark Bilenky 2149

U.S. Amateur Team South

Going into this round [6], IBM had draw odds, since we outdistanced the other teams on tiebreaks. But we had to sit on the wrong side of Board 1 (the first five rounds we had faced the room; now our backs were to it.) I had been the weak link, winning only 2.5 out of the first five rounds. By losing to Leonard Dickerson in Round 4, I cost our team a trip to Baltimore. So I was ready to win.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nh3

In my first Texas tournament in April 1987, Bill Reuter rooted Joel Hackbart with this move.

7...Nf6 8.c3 Nbd7

Here and subsequently, Black eschews ...e6 for unknown reasons. [Probably he feared the cheap shot based on Nf4, Bc4, Qe2 and Be6!, although Black can avoid it. - Ed.]

9.Nf4 Bh7 10.Bd3 Bd3 11.Qd3 Qc7 12.0-0

A bit reckless.

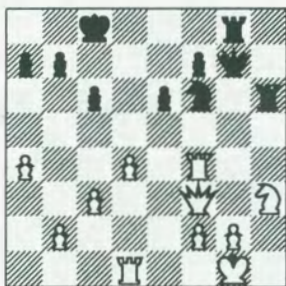
12...0-0-0 13.Re1 g5[?]

This has strong surface appeal, but 13...e6 Δ...Be6 is better. The text involves a pawn sacrifice.

14.hg5 hg5 15.Nh3 e6?

I don't think Black's attack is worth a pawn. Even subsequent mistakes by White don't seem to yield a mote. [So what is better?]

16.Bg5 Bh6 17.Qd2 Bg5 18.Qg5 Rdg8 19.Qf4 Qd8 20.Rad1 Qf8 21.a4 Qg7 22.Qf3 Nh5 23.Nh5 Rh5 24.Re4 Nf6 25.Rf4 Rh6



26.Kf1?

This costs two tempi and allows Black to nail a Knight in White's craw. [26.c4 Qh7!? 27.Rd3 {27.Kf1 Qc2} + = Chess Machine.]

26...Ng4 27.Kg1 f5 28.c4[?]

ChessMachine gives 28.Re1 Qc7 29.Qe2 Kb8 30.Qd2 Nf6 31.Rf3 Rhg6 32.Nf4 Ne4 33.Qc1 Rh6 34.Rh3 +=.

28...Rg6[?]

28...Qc7 (Δ...Rh3) 29.Kh1 Rgh8 30.Kg1 Rg8 = ChessMachine.

29.Qb3

Trying to attack on the Q-side before Black breaks through on the K-side. By this time, Kappler had resigned and Laverty was losing. This game was all the more crucial.

29...Nf6

I was more worried about 29...Rh8.

30.g3 Ne4 31.Rf3 Qh6 32.Nf4

It's crowded, but White's pieces are finding good squares.

32...Rg4 33.Kf1

Let's try this again!

33...Ng5 34.Re3 Ne4 35.c5 Qh2?!

Forces the issue, but the wrong way. After 35...R8g6 the issue is

still not clear. I should mention that time control was 45/2.

36.Qe6 Kb8 37.Rf3 a5 38.Qf5 Rg3?? 39.Qe5

Better is 39.Qe4.

39...Ka7 40.Qe4 Rg1 41.Ke2 R1g4 42.Qe3 Qh7 43.Kd2 Q7 44.Nd3 Qb3 45.Ra1 Qc4 46.Rf4?!

Time control "plus one". Had I spent a little more time I might have played 46.Rg3 to force some wood off the board.

46...Rg1 47.Rg1 Rg1 48.d5 Qd5 49.Qd4 Qb3 1:0

Now if 50.Rf8 Rd1 51.Ke3 Re1, White's King is still shaky. I did not have to reply, however, because Bilenky resigned when Bradford drew Simms, which assured the Baggers a return to the Final Four.

Alan Laverty sent in what follows:

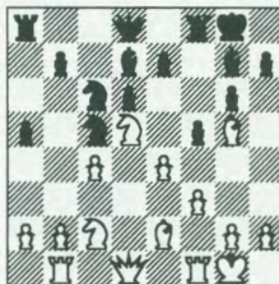
Sicilian Dragon B37

Alan Laverty 2132

Jerry Wheeler 2293

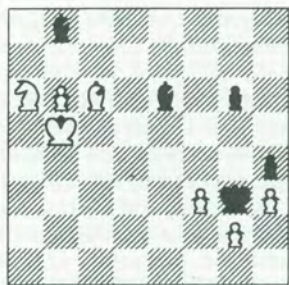
U.S. Amateur Team South

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 c5 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 cd4 6.Nd4 d6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nc2 Nd7 10.Nd5 Nc5 11.f3 Bd7 12.Rb1 a5 13.Bg5 f5??



14.Ne7! Ne7 15.Qd6 Re8 16.Qc5 Rc8 17.Qd6 Rc6 18.Qd2 Qc7 19.Rbd1 Be6 20.b3 b5 21.Ne3 bc4 22.Bc4 Bc4 23.Nc4 a4? 24.Nd6! Rd8 25.Be7 1:0

Alan Laverly - Rawlings Byrd



53...Bf4 54.b7 Kg2 55.Kb6 Be3
56.Kc7 Ba7 57.Nb4 Kh3 58.Be4
Bc4! 59.Nc6 Ba6

I had overlooked this round-about method of attacking my b-pawn. I had naively thought I could grope by force.

60.Na7 Bb7 61.Bb7

Suddenly White's pieces seem a long way from the kingside.

61...Kg3 62.Kd6 g5 63.Nb5

The cavalry gallops to the rescue.

63...h3 64.Nc3 h2 65.Ne4 Kg2
66.Ng5 and 1:0

'Chess Moves' on TV

Jim Gallagher used the following game in a recent taping of his cable TV show *Chess Moves*, shown Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on channel 20 in the San Antonio area.

Sicilian B80

Jim Gallagher 2269
Eric Dimazana 2163

SACS g/30, Feb. '93

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 d6
4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 e6 6.Be3

So far, the game has followed the slightly obscure move order of Fischer-Spassky II (1992), game 25, which continued 6...Nf6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.f3 a6 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g4 Nd4 11.Bd4 b5 12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 b4 14.Na4 ∞.

6...a6 7.Qd2

The Short attack has made many converts, including Kasparov.

7...Qc7

This digresses from the above game, but such a posting of the Queen cannot be out of place in a Scheveningen-type Sicilian.

8.0-0-0 Nf6 9.f3 Nd7 10.Kb1
Be7 11.g4 0-0 12.g5 b5 13.h4 Nde5
14.Qf2 Bb7

For defensive purposes, 14...Bd7 is a better placement to cover e6.

15.h5 b4 16.Nce2 Nd4

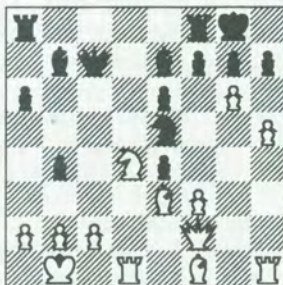
Gallagher suggested 16...Nc4!? 17.Bc1 as an improvement.

17.Nd4 d5 18.g6! de4

18...hg6 can be foiled by 19.Qg3! (19.hg6 Ng6; 19.Qh2 g5) 19...Rfc8 20.Bf4 Bf6 21.hg6 fg6 22.Be5! and ...

(a) 22...Be5 23.Qg6, answering 23...Bd4 with 24.Qe6 Qf7 25.Rh8!

(b) 22...Qe5 23.f4! when 23...Qe4 gets the Queen trapped by 24.Bg2, and retreating allows 25.e5 with a kingside avalanche.



19.h6!?

A thematic, if somewhat dicey shot to force open the h-file. A solid alternative is 19.Bh3 and now:

(a) 19...hg6 20.Ne6! fe6 21.Be6 Kh7 (21...Rf7 22.hg6 Ng6 23.Rd7!) 22.hg6 Kg6 23.Qg3 Kf6 24.Rd7! and White wins;

(b) 19...Bd5! (the best practical try) 20.gf7 Rf7 21.Ne6 Qa5 22.Rd5! Qd5 23.Nc7 Qb7 24.Na8 Rf3!? 25.Qh2 Nf7 (or 25...Bf6 26.Bd4) 26.Bf4 Qa8 27.Bg4±.

19...hg6

This loses at once. Better is 19...Ng6 20.hg7 (20.f4 gh6) Rfd8! 21.f4, and the game is still in doubt:

(a) 21...Rac8 22.Bh3! Bh4 23.Qh2 Bd5 24.f5! Bg3 25.Qg1 and Black is under serious pressure to give up an Exchange;

(b) 21...Bf6! (threatens to chop twice at d4 and push the e-pawn) 23.Qh2 Nh4 24.Bf2 h6!, when Black has good chances to keep his house and his extra marbles.

20.Qh2! Rfc8 21.hg7 f6

A neat mate is 21...Kg7 22.Qh6 Kf6 23.Bg5.

22.Qh7

1:0

QUICK WALK

Notes by Mike Simpson

Alekhine's Defense B04
Mike Simpson 2087
John Durston 1845

A.C.E. game/15

1.e4 Nf6?? 2.e5 +- Nd5 3.d4 d6
4.Nf3 g6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Nc6
Well, this really is bad.
7.e6! fe6 8.Ng5 h6?



9.Bd3!! hg5 10.Bg6 Kd7

This position looks more like bughouse than chess.

11.c5 Nd5

Better is 11...Nc4, which gives the piece back [how?], but Black is still busted. [Really?]

12.Nd5 ed5 13.Bg5!

13...Nb8

He had to meet the threat of Qg4. maybe 13...Na5!?

14.c6

Or, as Zack Coombes would say, 14.c6!!

14...Kc6 15.Rc1 Kb6 16.Qb3

Mate in three. Black's pieces are ready for the next game. 1:0

New Houston CC action

Notes by NM Robert Harrington

Nimzovich A00

Robert Harrington 2208

Miles Ardaman 2471

HCC Fri. Action 3/26/93

1.e4 Nc6

The Nimzovich Defense. Both IM Doug Root and SM Bill Reuter have employed this defense against me in five minute play.

2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd7

If 4...Ne4? 5.Nce2 ±.

5.Nf3

If 5.Nd5? then 5...Ndb8! =+.

5...Nb6 6.Bb5 Bg4 7.h3 Bf3 8.Qf3 e6 9.0-0 Qd7 10.Ne2

This move gives me many options – for example, 11.Qc3 to pressure the pinned Knight, 11.c3 to bolster my center. Also, the Knight might be utilized on the kingside.

10...a6 11.Bc6 Qc6

Also possible was 11...bc6 with the idea of 12...c5, but 12.Be3 should give White a solid advantage.

12.c3 a5 13.Be3 a4 14.b3 Ba3!

In chess you have to take turns. Here Miles induces me to make an anti-developing move.

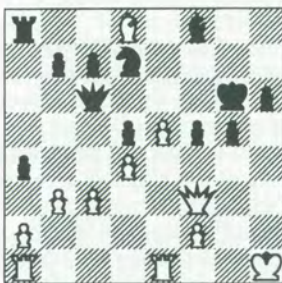
15.Bc1 Be7 (Δ 16...ab3) 16.Be3 f5 17.Bg5 Bf8

Well, it was my turn!

18.Rfe1 g6 19.Bf6 Rg8 20.h4 Kf7 21.Nf4 h6 22.Kh1 Ra6 (22...Nd7) 23.h5 g5 24.Ng6 Rg6?! (24...Nd7) 25.hg6 Kg6 26.g4 Nd7

If 26...fg4?? there is a mate in six starting with 27.Qd3.

27.gf5 ef5 28.Bd8 Ra8



29.e6!

Opening up lines for my Rooks.

29...Rd8 30.ed7 Qd7 31.Re5 c6

Miles has been in extreme time pressure the last few moves.

32.Rae1 ab3 33.ab3 Qf7 34.Kg1 Ra8 35.c4 Rd8 36.Re6 Kg7 37.cd5?!

37.c5! tightens the noose, e.g., Rd7 38.R1e5 Re7 39.Qe2 ± – Ed.

37...Rd5 38.Re8 Bb4 39.R1e2 Rd4 40.R2e6 Rg4 41.Kf1 Rf4 42.Qe3

43.Qe5 is looming.

42...Re4 43.Re4 fe4 44.Qe4 Bc3??

After 44...Bf8 White wins with a slow creep: 45.Re6 Bb4 46.Qe5 Kh7 47.Rf6 Qg7 (47...Qb3? 48.Qc7) 48.Qf5 Kh8 49.Qe6 Bf8 50.Rf7 Qg8 51.Qf5 Bg7 52.Rb7, etc.

45.Re7 and

1:0

The Ending That Was Not Played

by B. L. Patteson

King's Indian E73

J. P. Hyllin 2106

B. L. Patteson 2103

Texas Team '93 (1)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nf6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.Nf3

More typical of the Averbakh system is 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 c6 9.Bd3 Nc5 10.Bc2 a5 11.Nge2 += (ECO.)

7...c5

7...h6! 8.Be3 e5 9.0-0 Ng4 10.Bc1 c6! ∞ *Farago-Howell, Wildbad 1990.*

8.d5 Nc7 9.a4 h6 10.Bh4 b6 11.0-0 g5 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Nd2 Ng3 14.hg3 Bc3 15.bc3 e5 16.Bg4 Ne6 17.Bc8 Rc8 18.a5 ba5 19.Qa4 f6 20.Qa5 Qa5 21.Ra5 Rf7 22.Rfa1 a6

I try to deny use of b4, but it is only a matter of time before White invades the queenside. (22...Ra8 23.Nb1 Rb7 24.Ra6 Kf7 25.Na3 Ke7 26.Nb5 Nc7? 27.Nd6! – Ed.)

23.Ra6 Rb8 24.Nb1! Rb3

If Black doubles on the b-file with 24...Rfb7, White interferes with 25.Na3 and 26.Nb5.

25.Na3 Rc3 26.Nb5 Rc2

26...Rc4 loses a piece to 27.Ra8, e.g., 27...Rf8 28.Re8 Re8 29.Nd6 +.

27.Ra8 Rf8 28.Rd8 Ng7 29.Raa8 Rd8 30.Rd8 Kf7 31.Rd7 Kf8 32.Nd6 Rc1 33.Kh2 Nh5

White has played very well, and now 34.Rc7 wins easily.

34.g4?! Nf4 35.Rf7 Kg8 36.Rf6 Rc2 37.Nf5 Rf2 38.d6 Rg2 39.Kh1 Rd2 40.Ne3

After 41.Nd5 Black could give up, but ...

40...Kg7 41.Rf5 Rd6

After long thought I conclude that losing a piece is my best practical chance.

42.Rf4 ef4 43.Nf5 Kf6 44.Nd6 Ke5 45.Nf5 Ke4



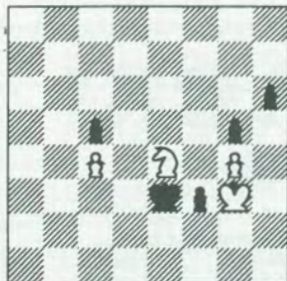
46.Kg2?

With Brieger's help, I've concluded that 46.Nh6 wins:

46...f3 47.Kg1 Ke3 (going for the c-pawn also fails) 48.Kf1 f2 49.Nf7 (a) 49...Kf3 50.Ng5 Kg4 51.Ne6 and 52.Nc5 Δ Nb3 or Nd3 +;

(b) 49...Kf4 50.Kf2 Kg4 51.Ke3 Kf5 52.Ng5 Kg5 53.Ke4 Kf6 54.Kd5 Ke7 55.Kc5 Kd7 56.Kb6 +.

46...Kd3 47.Nd6 Ke2 48.Ne4 f3 49.Kg3 Ke3 (sealed) **DRAW**



During the evening Hylltin offered a draw, since his team had already cinched a win in the match. My planned continuation would have lost: 50.Nf2 (forced) Kd4? 51.Kf3 Kc4 52.Ke4 Kc3 53.Nd3 c4 54.Ne5 Kb3 55.Kf5! (but not 55.Nc4? which only draws, as Black will answer Kg5 with Kg7) 55...c3 56.Nf3 and the Knight can play footsie with the c-pawn long enough to clear the underbrush off the h- and g-files.

But Black *can* draw the adjourned position since, according to Brieger, he has the clever waiting move (after 50.Nf2) 50...Ke2! Brieger gives 51.Nh1 Ke3! 52.Kh2 Kd4 53.Kg1 Kc4 54.Kf2 Kd3 55.Kf3 c4 56.Nf2 Kd4 57.Ke2 c3 =.

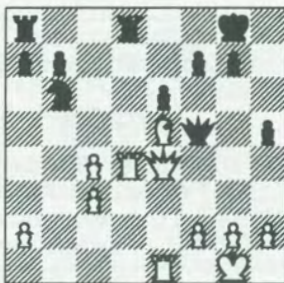
This game was a lot of fun.

A.C.E. Open (cont'd from p. 18)

Black has nothing to fear from the gambit try 9.Qe2 Qd4 10.0-0 N8d7 11.Nd7 Qd7 12.Rd1 Qc6.

9...N8d7 10.Bf4 Bb4 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Qe2 c5 13.Rad1 Ne5 14.Be5

Qg5 15.0-0 Bc3 16.bc3 cd4 17.Rd4 h5 18.Re1 Rfd8 19.Qe4 Qf5?



Black relies on a trap that will snap shut on him. But 19...Rd4 20.Bd4! Nc4 21.Qb7 (21.Bg7 Nd6!) Qd5 22.Qd5 ed5 23.Re7 yields Black a difficult, if not lost ending.

Best may be 20...Qe7, e.g., 21.Qe5 f6 22.Qe6 Qe6 23.Re6 Kf7 24.Rd6 Ke7 25.Bc5 Na4 26.Ba3 Rd8 =, but White need not steer for an ending.

20.Qb7 Nc4 21.g4!

21.Rc4? Qe5!

21...Na5 22.Qa8! Ra8 23.gf5 Nc6 24.Rd7 Re8 25.Rc7 1:0

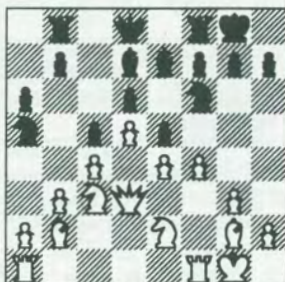
Larsen's Opening A01

David Rubin 1945

Zack Coombes 1969

A.C.E. Action 2/18/93

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 e6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.e4 e5 6.Ne2 Nc6 7.0-0 8.d4 Bg4 9.f3 Bd7 10.d5 Na5 11.Qd3 c5 12.c4 a6 13.Nbc3 Rb8 14.f4



14... b5! 15.fe5?

15.cb5 ef4! 16.gf4 ab5 17.e5 Ng4 18.Ne4 f5! 19.Nd6 Bd6 20.ed6 b4 ∞.

15...bc4! 16.bc4 Rb2 17.ef6 Bf6

Black now stands much better.

18.Rab1 Rb4! 19.Rb4 cb4

20.Nb1 Qc7

20...Qb6 is also good.

21.Nd2 Qc5 22.Kh1 Be5

Black operates on two fronts. Concentrating on c4 falls short of the goal after 22...Rc8 23.Rc1 Bg5 24.Nf4 Bf4 25.gf4 Bb5 26.Nb3!

23.Rc1 f5 24.Nb3 Nb3 25.ab3 g6 26.Rf1 a5 27.Qf3?

27.Nf4 Δ Ne6 may be tenable.

27...a4 28.ba4 Ba4 29.Bh3 Bc2 30.ef5 gf5 31.Bf5? Bf5

31...Rf5?? 32.Qg4 +.

32.Kg2

32.g4?? Be4! 33.Qe4 Rf1 34.Kg2 Qf2 35.Kh3 Qh2 mate - ZC.

32...Qc4 33.Nf4?? Be4 0:1

MATCH (cont'd. from p. 23)

33...h5 34.b3 h4 35.Qd3 Be5 36.Qf3 hg3 37.hg3 Qg6 38.Bc4 Kf8 39.a4 Ke7 40.Bd5 b6 41.g4

An easier way to draw is shutting the Bishop between c4 and d5.

41...Qh7 42.b4 Qh2 43.Kf1 Bf4 44.Qg2 Qh6 45.Qf3 f6 46.Bc4 Bd6 47.e5 fe5 48.Qf7 Kd8 49.Qd5 Qf4 50.Ke1 Kc7 51.b5 Bb4 52.Ke2 Qg4 53.Qf3 Qf3 54.Kf3 Kd6 55.Ke4 Be1 56.Be2 Bg3 57.Kd3 Kc5 58.Bf3 Kb4 59.Bd1 Bf2 60.Bc2 Bh4 61.Bd1 Bf6 62.Bc2 Bg7 63.Bd1 Bf6 64.Bc2 Be7 65.Bd1 Bc5 66.Bc2 e4 67.Ke4 Kc3 68.Bd3 Kb3 69.Kd5 Ka4 70.Kc4 Ka3 71.Be4 Kb2 72.Bf5 Kc1 73.Bg6 Kd2 74.Bf5 Ke3 75.Bg6 Bd6 76.Bf5 Bc5 77.Bg6 Kf4 78.Bh7 Ke5 79.Bd3 Kd6 80.Bc2 Kc7 81.Be4 d3 **DRAW**

Ardaman (Cont'd from p. 14)

discovered a solid, albeit passive defense: 19...Ne6! 20.f5 Nd8.

20.Rb5 a3

20...Bf6!?, with the intention of eliminating the White Knight should it cross the long diagonal, offered better chances to survive.

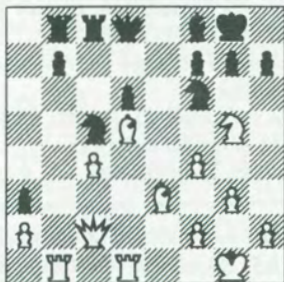
21.Nc3 Bf8 22.Rbb1 Qd8 23.Ne4!

With nothing new to attack from d5, the Knight merrily switcces coursè, immune from exchange due to the double attack against b7 and h7.

23...Rab8?

23...Rc7 resisted longer.

24.Ng5 Nf6 25.Bd5! +-



A beautiful final execution, with complete exploitation of the light square weaknesses.

25...Rc7 26.Bc5 dc5 27.Bf7 Rf7 28.Rd8 Rd8 29.Nf7 Kf7 30.Rb7

It was okay to resign here.

30...Kg8 31.Ra7 g6 32.Qe2 Re8 33.Qf3 Re4 34.Kg2 1:0

White will either mate along the seventh rank or get another Queen with his a-pawn.

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Solution: 1...Bh3! 2.gh3 Rf3 0:1. Black threatens to force mate with 3...Qg4, and if 3.Qg2 then 3...Rfh3! 4.Qh3 Rh3 5.Kh3 Qf5 and 6...Qb1 +.

TEXAS RAPID GAMES

(continued from page 20)

Dutch Defense A80

Tommy Groombridge 2070

Allen Eckert 1780

Texas Rapid 1993

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 d6 4.h3
e6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.Bc4 d5
8.Bd3 c6 9.0-0 Qe8 10.c4 Ne4

11.c5 Nd7 12.Ne5 Bf6 13.Ndf3
Kh8 14.Nd7 Bd7 15.Qb3 Bc8
16.Be4 fe4 17.Ne5 Qh5 18.Qd1
Qe8 19.Rb1 b6 20.b4 Ba6 21.Re1
Be5 22.Be5 Qg6 23.Bg3 Bd3
24.Rb2 b5 25.a4 a6 26.a5 Rf5
27.Bd6 Rh5 28.Kh2 Ra7 29.g4 Rg5
30.Bf4 Rf7 31.Rg1 Qh6 32.Bg5
Qg5 33.Rg3 Qh4 34.f4 ef3 35.Qd3
f2 36.Qf1 Qf6 37.Rg2 e5 38.Rbf2
Qe6 39.Rf7 Qf7 40.Qf7 1:0

IT'S BACK!



The Southern Arizona Chess Association

and the
United States Chess Federation
present the

1993 U.S. Amateur West Chess Championship

Tucson, Arizona - May 29-31, 1993

- 6 round Swiss USCF rated tournament, open to players rated under 2200
- **LOW EF** - \$30 regular, \$25 juniors (both \$5 late fee if received after 5/15)
- **FREE ENTRY** to new unrated players (full USCF membership required)
- Directed by NTD **Denis Barry**
- Played at the Holiday Inn Downtown

Prizes to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, best 1900-1999, 1800-1899, 1700-1799, 1600-1699, 1500-1599, 1400-1499, 1300-1399, 1200-1299, under 1200, unrated, best juniors under 19, under 14, under 12, best senior over 50, over 60 - upset prize each round!

- **FREE** lecture/simultaneous exhibition by **IM Jeremy Silman**
- WBCA blitz event on Friday, May 28
- For more information call (602) 323-3944

See Chess Life for full details!!!

LETTERS

To play you must pay, and pay!

Did you know that that out of the 279 entries in the Texas Junior this year, 146 juniors paid \$5 each in TCA dues just to play (in addition to the \$10-15 entry fee)? And that they will get a TCA membership card for their \$5, but no copies of *Texas Knights*? That's a \$730 good deal for TCA, but is it a rip-off for the juniors?

This situation is a result of a motion passed at the TCA business meeting in 1990, where a "no magazine" \$5 membership was created. (If you want to join TCA but don't want to receive *Texas Knights* the membership charge is \$5.) This year, 48% of the junior TCA dues paid were \$7.50 which include the magazine, 50% were \$5 which do not, and the other 2% were family memberships. By contrast, 98% of the TCA regular members subscribe to *TK* and pay \$10. Where do I get these numbers? The official TCA membership lists are kept on my computer by the editor of *TK*.

Why didn't 146 juniors pay the extra \$2.50 in dues to receive *Texas Knights* for a year? Entries to the Texas Junior (including TCA dues) are sent in by schools for many entrants. A sponsor may want to keep the costs down, a lack of information about *TK* may exist, or the magazine may not be of interest for some youngsters.

After thinking about this situation for a long time, I see several choices the TCA membership may follow:

(a) Radically reduce the \$5 "no magazine" TCA membership fee for juniors. For those who don't want *TK*, it should be \$1 or less. (Adult dues seem OK now.)

(b) Return to pre-1990 (the way it was), where all members get *TK* whether or not they want it or will read it – and make them pay for it.

(c) Do nothing. Keep the kids paying as presently.

I would like TCA to vote on this question as well as the following one:

"Who can vote in TCA elections?" At present, all TCA members including the "no magazine" juniors receive a ballot and can vote in all TCA elections! Should the ballot of a six-year old count the same as an adult? I think not, and that voting should be by adult members only.

See you at the annual membership meeting at the Southwest Open where we can vote on these items.

Greg Wren
Helotes

Dave's Chess Studio ends new Houston Chess Club carries on

by Perry Collins

The Houston Chess Studio, a.k.a. Houston Chess Express and Dave's Chess Studio, had its final tournament on February 26, 1993. Dave offered a draw to Clarence Yeung, winning the tournament and, in effect, transferring the intangible assets of the studio to the new Houston Chess Club.

The Houston Chess Studio was started up by Joe Donahue and Larry Rubenstein in 1982. Their notices in "Tournament Life" were in *Chess Life* of August, 1982, listing seven events starting August 2.

The Studio got airborne fast. In the April, 1985 yearbook section of *Chess Life*, Houston Chess Studio was ranked fourth on the list of top USCF affiliates, with 67 tournaments and 2,146 games rated in 1984. Gene Kohnitz, who directed many games at the studio for several years, was among the top directors.

The April 1986 *Chess Life* showed the Houston Chess Studio as the number one affiliate in 1985 with 130 tournaments and 3,580 games. Jesse Tuggle entered from the top as the busiest of the fifty most active players, with 388 games.

The April 1987 lists showed the Houston Chess Studio as number one again in 1986 with 97 tournaments and 3,762 games, with Jesse Tuggle as the busiest player of all with 617 games. Since then the Studio has been no lower than sixth among active affiliates, and Jesse Tuggle was the busiest player until his death in 1992.

In 1990 the Houston Chess Studio became the Houston Chess Express, with Todd Thomas running the show. Then in 1992 it became Dave's Chess Studio, with Dave Mackey directing. These were not hostile takeovers. It was the same organization started by Joe and Larry, but for banking reasons the name had to be changed when Larry and Joe left, and players who had been directing took over the Studio.

Dave Mackey is happy to go to the new Houston Chess Club and just play, without worrying about directing, making coffee, sending notices to *Chess Life*, reporting results, paying bills, working as janitor and handyman, and keeping the lawn mowed. We Houston plastic pushers are grateful to Dave for keeping things going for us, and expect Clarence Yeung and Richard Tse to do well also. Their facilities are great, with plenty of parking space, a new modern building and even security. It should also be easier for out-of-town players to find than the old Studio: the Houston Chess Club is out west on 8300 Bissonet, not far from Highway 59.

The San Antonio Chess Club presents the second annual

Pat Gannon Memorial

June 12-13

Four Round Swiss • Time control: 40/2, 20/1

– at the –

San Antonio Chess School

5311 Broadway (1 block south of Austin Hwy.)

San Antonio, Texas 78209

(210) 822-1616

\$500 in prizes (based on 32 players):

First: \$150

Second: \$100

Third: \$60

Class A, B, C – each: \$50

D/E/Unrated: \$40

ENTRY FEES:

\$25 if rec'd by 6/10, \$30 at site (checks payable to SACC)

Registration: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Saturday

Rounds: 11-4, 10-3 (no half point byes)

Entries: SACC, 7454 Stonehouse, San Antonio, TX 78227

Info: Tony Alston (above address), (210) 674-7563

No smoking, no computers. Wheelchair access.

A. C. E. Chess Club of Austin Presents

1993

Texas State Championship &

Texas State Amateur Championship

Sponsored by Texas Chess Association

◆◆ May 29 - 31 ◆◆ 6 Rounds ◆◆ 40/2, 25/1 ◆◆

Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel North, 7800 North IH-35, Austin

Hotel Rates: \$50 single, \$58 double. Phone (512) 836-8520 - You must mention CHESS tournament!

Hotel rates include full free breakfast if staying at hotel.



\$5,000.00

 IN PRIZES

30 USCF Grand Prix Points (\$1,500.00 guaranteed to top 2)

Championship Section

(Open to 2000 & above)

	<u>Top 3</u>	<u>Expert</u>
First	\$1,000	\$400
Second	\$ 500	\$250
Third	\$ 200	\$150

Amateur Championship Section

(Open to below 2000)

<u>Top 2</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D/below/Unr</u>
\$700	\$400	\$400	\$300
\$400	\$100	\$100	\$100

(Unr limit \$100)

Trophy to top Texas player in each class

Total prize fund based on 200 players. All class prizes are based on 25 players per class

Registration -- 9 AM to 11 AM on Sat. May 29

Entry Fee = \$45 if postmarked by May 22, \$55 at site;

Jrs. EF = \$30 by 5/22, \$40 at site (All EF \$10 more after 11 AM 5/29)

Rounds -- (5/29) 11:30 & 5:30; (5/30) 9 & 3:30; (5/31) 9 & 3:30

No Smoking ◆ No Computers ◆ 1/2 pt. bye for any one rd. if req. with adv. entry

Foreign unrated players must play in Championship section (2000+) for top 3 prizes only

Texas Chess Assoc. membership required for Texas players - \$10, (Jrs. \$7.50)

For more information call William

Tompkins (512)443-1160.

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"Bughouse" Tournament

Sunday, May 30

EF : \$10 per Team

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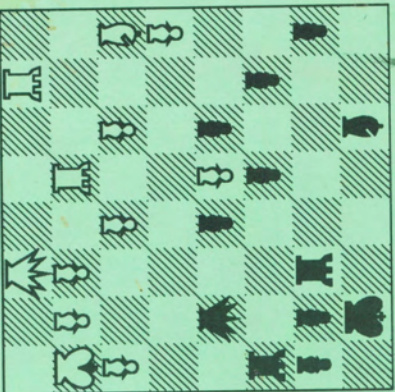
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See inside front cover for
TCA membership information.

COMBINATION

(Riedel-Levitina, USSR 1989)



Black to move and win

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