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Russell Elementary
threepeats!**

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Corrections last issue: (1) In "Test Your Tactics" problem #1, there is no queen trap after 2...Qg5! White only gets the bishop pair with 3.Ne6. (2) The Texas Team writeup (p. 4) should have read: "The pivotal penultimate saw *Simpson Defense Team* [not *JAWS*, which played *Fleet Wood Sac*] succumb to *Three Patzers and a Grandmaster*." Otherwise, Calogridis' 4-0 score on board one would have included a win against GM Lputian!



1. Black to move



2. White to move



3. White to move



4. Black to move



5. White to move



6. White to move



7. White to move



8. White to move



9. White to move

TCA Nominations and Tournament Bids

TCA election time is around the corner, with ballots to appear in the next issue of *Texas Knights*. For the four elected officers, both nominator and nominee must be TCA members. Each candidate gets 100 words free of ad charges to state their case. A slate of candidates may pool or divide their 400 word allotment as they see fit.

The Priority Rotation Schedule applies to major TCA tournaments, so that these events move around the state as long as there are bids of comparable quality to choose from (as judged by the TCA Board of Directors). Bids are accepted up to three years in advance for these events: the Southwest Open, Texas State/Amateur, and Texas Junior/Senior championships. That is, an affiliate may submit a bid on any or all of these events for 1996, 1997 and/or 1998.

If an advance bid is awarded, the organizer must put down a \$50 deposit within 30 to 60 days. The deposit is refundable 30-60 days before the event if it is held.

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.

The following bids on Major Events have already been awarded:

1996 Texas Junior	Houston (Klein CC)
1996 Texas State Chp.	Austin (ACE CC)
1996 Southwest Open	Austin (ACE CC)
1997 Texas Junior	Fort Worth (Dallas CC)

That leaves the 1997-8 Texas Championships and Southwest Opens, and the 1998 Texas Junior still open.

All other TCA tournaments for 1996 are open for bidding on a straight referendum under the old system.

Note: The 1995 Texas Armed Forces Championship is open to any organizer who wishes to hold it, as long as he informs the TCA Board. The San Antonio Chess Club, after working successfully for many years with the Skylark Recreation Center at Lackland AFB, found itself being asked to pay site rental at \$25/hour(!), or throw open the event to all service members without any chess membership requirements. Turnout for this event is normally under 20 players.

Send nominations or bids (postmarked by June 15) to:
TCA Election, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023

Report on the TCA Business Meeting

by Selby Anderson

Major items to come out of this meeting:

- Junior TCA dues no longer required at tournaments
- Karpov won't be back – at least this year
- Texas Junior Open proposed for fall semester, with Texas Scholastics (grade-based sections) in March

The Texas Chess Association held its second annual special business meeting on junior chess issues March 25 in Austin. President Mike Simpson convened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. with six other TCA members in attendance: vice president Luis Salinas, treasurer Gary Gaiffe, *Texas Knights* editor Selby Anderson, John Chapman, Jim Liptrap and Larry Young. (A few more members arrived later in the meeting, as shown by vote counts. They included Wilford Biggs, Rod Hatton, Jimmy Irvin, Dan Schenkel and William Tompkins.)

After briefly summarizing the agenda, Simpson opened by discussing the state of Lions Club and TCA negotiations for the return of Anatoly Karpov. He read from his February 15 letter to TCA board members:

"Here is the latest scoop on Karpov's return visit. The organization of the return simul has been hampered by a conflict between two Lions' organizations. The Austin Founders Lions Club contacted me last autumn (I believe it was November) about planning a match for Karpov. They envisioned a twenty board simul, with five boards reserved for visually impaired or otherwise disabled children with an interest in chess. The Founders club would locate sponsors for each of these boards at a price of \$2,500.00. The remaining fifteen boards would be sold at the rate of \$1,000.00. Although I still think this is a high rate, I thought that we could find that many players with national exposure, and starting in November we had enough time to run ads in *Chess Life* to publicize the event. [He added that we actually have run an ad in *Chess Life*, publicizing that event which, as it turns out, will not take place.] One advantage of this setup was that even if no one showed up for the fifteen public boards, the five sponsored boards would have covered all the expenses. All of these plans, as far as I can tell, are now moribund. The Lake Travis Lions Club wanted to participate in the event, and the Founders Club balked. [He added: "I was not aware last year that there were two Lions clubs involved in this thing. . . ."] Eventually, the Founders Club backed all the way out, allowing the Lake Travis group to run the entire event. Lake Travis envisions a much different set of events. Their contact claims that Karpov has proposed to give two simul, of twenty boards each, to raise \$10,000.00. After subtracting his

\$4,000.00 fee (he took no fee last year), the TCA, the Moscow Lions Club and the Lake Travis Lions Club would split the remainder. Of course, any other clubs that participate would want a piece of this pie too. In particular, if we hold two simulms in two different cities (and I think that is obviously the way to proceed) then there might be another city Lions Club involved. By now you have probably divided \$10,000.00 by 40 boards and come up with the much more reasonable rate of \$250.00 per board. Hopefully we can get this number of boards sold off between now and the simul date . . . However, none of this is definite . . . Karpov, as you know is in India [I wrote this in February] and is out of pocket for purposes of committing to or rejecting this arrangement. So, similar to what happened last year, we may not know until as late as May whether Karpov is coming or not. What is worse, we may not know until that date whether or not he agrees to appear until then. I do not believe that Karpov is going to make a trip over here for a "potential" \$4,000.00; he is going to want there to be some boards sold some time before the match. We need to shake the trees a little to see who is out there that would pay to play Karpov. I don't know when he will get back to us, so the sooner the better.'

"Since I have written this letter I have heard from the Lions Club guy one more time, and that was Monday. He says he still wants to do the simul and he had talked to Ron Henley. But he decided that instead of doing two simulms for \$250.00 a board, the second event could be a blitz tournament for a \$100.00 entry fee. I then talked to Ron Henley, and I told him I thought a \$100.00 entry fee would be way too high even to play Karpov. I have not heard a single person yet tell me yet that they'd be willing to play \$250.00 to play Karpov. None of the people who played him last year are interested in repeating – they say, well, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and so I'm going to do it once in my lifetime and that's it; and none of the directors has told me they know of some people that will be interested in doing this. More to the point, Ron Henley has told me that he was used to dealing with the president of the Austin Lions Club whose name is Sam Buford, who I was working with in November. He's an attorney, he's very professional. . . . And Ron and I both think that if something does not happen real soon on the Karpov thing, it may not be a good idea to hold it again in June, because it's going to be another fiasco. And he would just as soon try and hold something maybe later this year, or just shoot for next year, and work exclusively with the Austin Lions Club."

No one expressed a strong interest in having Karpov return this summer. Luis Salinas said that people he had

talked to in Dallas said they were willing to pay \$25-\$30 to attend a lecture, hardly anyone was willing to pay to actually play; Simpson said opinions in Austin ran the same way. Gaiffe suggested changing the event to a news conference plus chess lecture, and charging \$15-\$20 a ticket. Simpson said the Austin Lions Club had higher expectations of a return on the event than the Lake Travis Club (say, \$8,000 versus \$1,200); and also that they could find five corporate sponsors to pay \$2,500. In talking with Sam Buford he had opposed any auction of unsold boards, because if four boards sold at \$2,500 the event would still make money, and people would know that if you want to play you have to pay.

Simpson concluded by saying he would tell Ron Henley that at this late date a return engagement for Karpov this year is not feasible.

Treasurer Gary Gaiffe reported that TCA had recently transferred its account from Frost to Nations Bank in order to receive interest and improved service. He said the treasury was down because of fewer entries in TCA events and fewer donations. Also the SASP funds from USCF had not come through, TCA dues for the Southwest Class Championships had not been received from Bill Goichberg, and a large inventory of sets and boards was on hand.

Simpson moved to the junior agenda, starting with bids for the upcoming Texas Junior championships. He noted that since the 1996 bid from Houston's Klein Chess Club was uncontested (see "corrections", page 2 last issue) it would be awarded automatically. The 1997 bid by the Dallas Chess Club, also uncontested, was awarded by acclamation. Gaiffe, speaking as an officer of the ACE Chess Club, said Austin would be interested in seeking the 1998 bid.

The next item was a series of written resolutions submitted by Luis Salinas, as follows:

I. Problem of K-5 and K-6.

Resolved, that the *Texas Scholastic Elementary Championships* be open to grades K-6. The organizer will buy an extra trophy label that states: Texas Elementary K-5 Team Champions. If a K-5 team wins the tournament, then this label is not used. If a K-6 team wins the tournament, then the extra label is put on the trophy that the highest finishing K-5 team wins. That team will be the state's K-5 Elementary [Team] Champions.

Rationale: There are too many K-6 and K-5 schools. Making the tournament either K-6 or K-5 would be unfair to too many schools. This method would allow for a K-5 team to win a title even when overmatched by K-6 teams.

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1995 Texas Junior Championship

It is one of the fastest-growing events of spring break in Texas. This year a record field of 458 players from over 120 schools came to Austin's Holiday Inn South the weekend of March 24-25. They came by the busload from El Paso and Glen Rose, and by the vanload from Wichita Falls, Brownsville and Houston.

The elite Championship section was won by top-ranked Chad Bruns (rhymes with dunes), a senior at Clements High School in Sugar Land. (Two weeks later at the National High School Championships, he led the Texas contingent with a respectable 5-2; see page 24.) He has a few months to prepare for the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions this August.

Sergio Lopez of San Angelo Central won the top High School trophy on tiebreaks over Andy Zamora (a 10th grader!) and Shanteh Wang, each scoring 6-1. The top high school team was R.L. Turner of Carrollton, which edged out Houston's Bellaire on tiebreaks. It is small consolation for Bellaire that they were ahead on all tiebreak systems but the primary one - but the first one to determine a winner is the one that counts.

Nathaniel Ngo, a seventh grader at Dulles Middle School in Sugar Land, won clear first in the Middle School division with a score of 6.5 out of 7. The winning team was J.P. Elder of Fort Worth.

In the Elementary division, four players tied at 7-1. In tiebreak order, they were Matt Bradford, Jose Guajardo, Andres Suarez and Tyler Herschap.

The team result was another story: Brownsville Russell won its third straight title by an amazing 5.5, a point wider than last year's spread. The team came back as local celebrities, showered with attention from the mayor's office and courted by the media, from Dallas and Houston papers to CNN. (One Brownsville resident reportedly was amazed to see the team on TV while in Hawaii!) The April 16 Sunday *Houston Chronicle* featured interviews and photos of the Russell club and its mentor Jose J. Guajardo. "J.J." started the club as a way to keep kids out of trouble before school, and it took on a life its own. Ten-minute clock matches add interest and structure to the sessions.

Chief tournament director William Tompkins (as of February, an Assistant National TD) headed a staff that included Drew Sarkisian, Gary Gaiffe, Todd Thomas, Forrest Marler, Luis Salinas, Charles Hale, Leigh Emrich, Josh Newsham and Dan Schenkel.

On Saturday night state champion Joe Bradford gave a 28-board simul, with nine additional opponents added to replace those who lost early. Result: 37-0-0.

Championship Section

(12 players, 5 rounds)

1	Chad Bruns	4.5	Clements	Sugar Land
2	Grant Sitta	3.5	Canyon	New Braunfels
3	Stephen Kattner	3.5	Klein	Klein
4	Steven Grebbs	3	GCA	Garland
5	Jimmy Flaherty	3	Cistercian	Dallas

High School

(96 players, 7 rounds)

1	Sergio Lopez	6	Central	San Angelo
2	Andy Zamora	6	Hanna	Brownsville
3	Shanteh Wang	6	R.L. Turner	Houston
4	Glen Boudreaux	5.5	MacArthur	Houston
5	Dennis Lu	5.5	Bellaire	Houston
6	Josheph Sims	5.5	Klein	Houston
7	Jerry Lin	5.5	Bellaire	Houston
8	J. Friesenhahn	5.5	Alamo Hts.	San Antonio

Tied for 9th-17th with 5 points: Kevin Rains, Matt Grygar, Michael Ramer, Colin Harrington, Chris Scott, Mike Hsu, Marcelo Hinojosa, Jake Streibeck, Phillippe DeRouffignac.

There were 17 High School teams drawn from both top sections. Final standings:

1	R.L. Turner	Carrollton	20.5
2	Bellaire	Houston	20.5
3	MacArthur	Houston	19
4	Klein	Klein	19
5	Central	San Angelo	17



R.L. Turner team: front left to right, Matt Grygar (5), Mike Hsu (5), Shanteh Wang (6), Yang Yu (4.5).

Middle School Division

(212 players, 7 rounds)

1 Nathaniel Ngo	7	Dulles	Sugar Land
2 Roy Gonzalez	6.5	J.P. Elder	Fort Worth
3 Ira Schachar	6	S. Schechter	Dallas
4 Leica Tilton	6	Alamo	San Antonio
5 Miguel Guajardo	6	Central	Brownsville
6 Cliff Reynolds	6	Glen Rose	Glen Rose
7 Brad McKeithen	6	—	Wichita Falls
8 Mark Li	6	Lanier	Houston

Tied for 9th-16th with 5.5: David John, James Murphy, Jose Luna, Joshua Engwer, Alex Lewkowski, Jeremy Neill, Dennis Munguia, Ramsey Ashour.

Of the 21 MS teams, these finished with trophies:

1 J.P. Elder	Fort Worth	22.5
2 Lanier	Houston	22
3 Glen Rose	Glen Rose	21
4 Hartman	Houston	19
5 Tafolla	San Antonio	18.5



J.P. Elder team: Roy Gonzalez (6.5 – behind trophy, next to club sponsor Wilford Biggs), Jose Luna (5.5, “Big Dog”) Dennis Munguia (5.5, right of trophy), Salvador Luna (5, left of trophy).



Elementary Division

(138 players, 8 rounds)

1 Matt Bradford	7	St. Marks	Dallas
2 Jose Guajardo	7	Russell	Brownsville
3 Andres Suarez	7	Benfer	Klein
4 Tyler Herschap	7	Highl. Park	Austin
5 Vincent Pai	6.5	Fleming	Houston



Elementary co-champions in tiebreak order

Tied for 6th-15th with 6: John Sneed, Johnny Urbano, Jerome Greenspan, Boran Buturovic, Ascension Garcza, Joseph Molina, Ajay Bangale, Ryan Stephens, Mark Driggers, Kyle Drugan.

Out of 18 teams in Elementary, these were the winners:

1 Russell	Brownsville	25
2 Peace Academy	Fort Worth	19.5
3 Ridgelea Hills	Fort Worth	19.5
4 Brookwood	Houston	19
5 Mittelstadt	Klein	19



Russell team: l to r, Jose J. Guajardo, Jr. (7), Johnny Urbano (6), Ascension Garcza (6), Jerome Greenspan (6). Top right: club sponsor J.J. Guajardo.



MS champ: Nathaniel Ngo



HS champ: Sergio Lopez



26.Re1 Kf7 27.Be5 fe5 28.Re3
Rh8 29.Qe6 1:0

Ruy Lopez Classical C64
Stephen Kattner 1505
Steven Grubbs 1897
Texas Junior (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5
4.c3 d5!? N



17.g4!? Bg4 18.Ng5!?? hg5
19.hg5 Kg8?

Luckily for Bruns, Hendrick either misses 19...Bh5! or (more likely) he overestimates White's attack. After 20.Bh5 gh5 21.Rh5 Kg8 22.Qd3, he can tear out of the mate net with 22...f5 23.g6 Rf6.

20.Bg4 f5 21.gf6 ef6 22.Be6
Ne6 23.Qe6 Nf7 24.Qh3 Re8
25.Kf1 Ne5.



5.Ne5

(a) 5.d4 ed4 6.Nd4 Nge7 =;

(b) 5.0-0! de4 (5...Bg4 6.Qa4!)

6.Ne5 Qd5 7.d4 ed3 8.Re1 ±.

5...Qg5 6.d4

Or 6.Nc6 Qg2 7.Rf1 a6 8.Ba4
Qe4 9.Qe2 Qe2 10.Ke2 Bd7 – similar
to Campbell-Grubbs, below.

6...Qg2 7.Qf3

In this year's Texas Team, Matt
Campbell tried 7.Rf1 Qe4 8.Qe2
Qe2 9.Ke2 Bd6 10.Nc6 a6 11.Ne5

Benoni Georghiu E91
Chad Bruns 1932
John Hendrick 1669
Texas Junior (1)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5
d6 5.Nf3 Na6 6.e4 Nf6 7.Be2 Nc7
8.h3 0-0 9.Bg5

9.0-0 e5 10.Ne1 b6 11.Nd3 Ba6
12.b3 b5 13.cb5 Nb5 14.Nb5 Bb5
15.Nb2 a6 += Agdestein-Hickl,
Dortmund 1987.

Inferior is 9...a6 10.a4 b6 11.Bf4
Bd7 12.e5 Nfe8 13.Qd2 ± Sofrevski-
Velimirovic, Skopje 1976.

9...h6 10.Bf4 a6 11.a4 Rb8
12.Qd2 Kh7 13.e5 Nfe8 14.h4!?

Solid is 14.0-0 – similar to the
second game referenced above. But
Bruns has a plan . . .

15...Bf5 15.ed6 Nd6 16.Qe3 b5

ab5 12.Bf4 Bf5 and was unable to save himself in the endgame.

7...Qf3 8.Nf3 de4 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.Nc6 a6 11.Ba4 Bd7 12.Nd2 f5!

White must fight for equality.

13.Na5 Ba4 14.Nb7 Be7 15.Rg1 Bh4!? 16.Nb3 g6 17.N7c5 Bb5 18.Ne6 Kd7 19.Nbc5 Kc8 20.Bf4 Ra7 21.a4 Bc4 22.b3 Be6 23.Ne6 Ne7 24.Ke2 Nd5 25.Bd2 Re8 26.Nc5 Bf6 27.Rac1 Nb6 28.a5 Nd7 29.Nd7 Kd7 30.Rgd1 Rb7 31.b4 c6 32.f4 Kd6 and ... 0 : 1

French Tarrasch C06

Tsubasa Onozaki 1738
Chad Bruns 1932

Texas Junior (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cd4 8.cd4 f6 9.e6 Nf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Nc3 a6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Bh4 Nh5

The latest word from theory. Bradford introduced 14...g6 15.Bg3 Bg3 16.hg3 Qg7 at Lone Pine 1979, and Korchnoi brought it to the interzonal. The last word on that line was 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.Rfe1 Ng4 19.Bc2 Rf3 20.gf3 Nd4 21.Bd1 Ne5 22.Kg2 Nc4 23.Qg5 Bc6 24.b3 Nd6 25.Qe5 ± Velimirovic-Bronstein, Rio de Janeiro interzonal 1979.

15.Rc1

Also 15.Re1 has been tried.

15...g6! 16.Na4!?

(a) 16.Bb1 Qg7 and 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.Re1 Rf7=+ Marjanovic-Timman, Sara-jevo 1984; 17.Na4 Rf3!? 18.gf3 Bd7 += BCO-2;

(b) 16.Be2! (taking away the exchange sac at f3) ...Qg7 17.Na4 += Sznajik-Pokojowczyk, Poland 1986 or 16...Bf4 17.Rb1 Bh6 18.Na4 Bd7 19.Nc5 Rae8 20.Re1 += Tolnai-Bareev, Voronezh 1987.

16...Bd7

An interesting try is 16...b5!? 17.Nc5 Rf3! 18.Qf3 Bh2! (18...Nd4 19.Qe3 Bc5 20.Qd4! Bd4 21.Rc7 e5 22.b3 ±) 19.Kh1 Bf4! -/+ (SKA).

17.Nc5 Rae8 18.Ne5?

Better is 18.Bb1, although Black had good play after 18...Bc8 19.Rc3 Qg7 in Kuijff-Brenninkmeijer, Wijk aan Zee 1987.

18...Ne5 19.Ne6 Qc1 20.Qc1 Nd3 21.Qd2 Re6 22.Qd3 Bb5 23.Qb3 Bf1 24.Kf1 Rfe8 25.f3 Bh2?

Chad later pointed out a brilliant mate by 25...Ng3! 26.Bg3 Bg3 27.hg3 Re1 28.Kf2 R8e2#.

26.g4 Bg3 27.Bg3 Ng3 28.Kg2 Ne2 29.Qb7 Nf4 30.Kg3 g5 31.Qa7 Re2 0 : 1

King's Indian E90

Chad Bruns 1932
Steven Grubbs 1897

Texas Junior (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Qc7 7.Bf4 Nh5 8.Be3 Nd7 9.Qd2 Nhf6 10.h3 h6 11.Rc1 b6 12.b4 a5 13.a3 Bb7 14.Bd3 Bc8 15.Bf4 e5 16.Be3 Ng8 17.b5 Bb7 18.a4 ed4 19.Bd4 Bd4 20.Nd4 Nc5 21.Bc2 Rd8 22.0-0 Ne7 23.Qf4 h5 24.Rfd1 Qd7 25.bc6 Bc6 26.Ndb5 Nc8 27.e5 Bb5 28.Nb5 Nb7 29.ed6 0-0 30.Rd5 Rfe8



31.Rh5! Re6

(a) 31...gh5 32.Qg5 Kf8 33.Qh6 Kg8 34.Qh7 Kf8 35.Qh8 mate;

(b) 31...f5 32.Bf5! gf5 (32...Qf7 33.Qg4) 33.Rg5 Kf8 34.Rf5 Kg8 35.Rg5 +;

(c) 31...Ncd6 32.Qh6 gh5 33.Bh7 Kh8 34.Bf5 Kg8 35.Qh7 Kf8 36.Bd7 Rd7 37.Qh8 Ke7 38.Re1 +-.
32.Qh6 f5 33.Qh8 1 : 0

Bogo-Indian E11

Chad Bruns 1932
Grant Sitta 1761

Texas Junior (4)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 0-0 6.a3?! (6.Bg2) Bd2 7.Qd2 d5 (7...b6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.Bg2 Ne4 =) 8.Bg2 b6 9.cd5 ed5 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Rac1 c5 13.Rfd1 c4 14.Nh4! a6?

This loses a pawn by force. Black must play 14...g6 15.Qg5 Qe6 and the knight at h4, having done its job of inducing a weakness, will sooner or later have to take a u-turn.

15.Nf5 Qe6 16.Qg5 g6 17.Ne3



17...h6

Black cannot stop both Nxd5 and Nxc4, so he jettisons a flank pawn to save his center.

18.Qh6 b5 19.Qg5 Nb6 20.Bf3 Rad8 21.Ng4 Nh7 22.Qe5 Qe5 23.Ne5 Ng5 24.Bg2 Kg7 25.Re1 Rfe8 26.Rcd1 Na8 27.h4 f6 28.Ng6 Kg6 29.hg5 Kg5 30.e4 de4 31.Be4 Be4 32.Re4 Re4 33.Ne4 Kf5 34.Nc3 Nc7 35.f3 Ne6 36.d5 Nc7 37.Kf2 a5?

Speeds defeat; better is 37...Ne8.

38.d6 Ne8 39.Nb5 Ke6 40.Nc7 Kd7 41.Ne8 Re8 42.f4 f5 43.Rd2 Re6 44.Kf3 Rg6 45.Rd5 Rd6

46.Rd6 Kd6 47.g4 fg4 48.Kg4 Kd5
49.f5 Kd4 50.f6 Kd3 51.f7 Kc2
52.f8(Q) Kb2 53.a4 c3 54.Qb8 Kc1
55.Qb5 c2 56.Qa5 and 1:0

English Opening A30

John Hendrick 1669
Heather Flewelling 1480

Texas Junior (5)

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.b3
b6 5.Bb2 Bb7 6.Bf6 Bf3 7.Bh8 Bh1
8.Be5!?

Hoping to include 8...Nc6, blocking out Black's bishop. Black could just take the free tempo with 8...d6 and 9...Bb7, but she is now caught up in the artistic endeavor.

8...Be4!? 9.d3 Bb7 10.Qd2 d6
11.Bb2 Qd7 12.Nc3 Nc6 13.Bg2 Bg7



It will be 18 moves before symmetry returns.

14.Nd5 Bb2 15.Qb2 f6 16.Qd2 0-0-0 17.Qh6 Rh8 18.Bh3 f5 19.Qg7 Qe8 20.Nf4 Nd4 21.Kd2 Qf8 22.Qf8 Rf8 23.Bg2 Bg2 24.Ng2 e5 25.f4 Ne6 26.Rf1 Kd7 27.fe5 de5 28.e4 fe4 29.Rf8 Nf8 30.de4 Ne6 31.Ne3 (Surprise!) DRAW

Christopher Oakman (5.5 points in Elementary, 18th place) won first place in the K-6 U1000 division at the National Elementary Championship, held April 7-8 in Little Rock. He is a fifth grade student at Mittelstadt Elementary in Klein.

Ruy Lopez C66

Jimmy Flaherty 1800
Bobby Williams 1347

Texas Junior (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6
4.d4 Bd7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1

A rarely seen move compared to the simple and strong 6.Nc3.

6...a6!?
8...Be7 7.d5 Nb8 8.Bd7 Nbd7 9.c4 0-0 10.Nc3 += ECO.

7.Bc6 Bc6 8.de5!?
8.Nc3 is likely to transpose to a main line after 8...ed4 9.Nd4 Be7 10.Nc6 bc6, except that Black has lost a tempo with 6...a6.



8...de5

Instead of accepting a lost ending, Black can play 8...Ne4 9.ed6 Bd6, answering 10.Nfd2, Ng5, Nc3 or Nd4 with 10...0-0!, since winning the knight at e4 would cost White his queen (...Bh2+). Unfortunately for Black there is one problem with this scheme: 10.Qd4! either snags two minors for rook, or the g-pawn after 10...Qe7 11.Qg7 0-0-0 12.Bg5! f6 13.Qe7 Be7 14.Be3 ±.

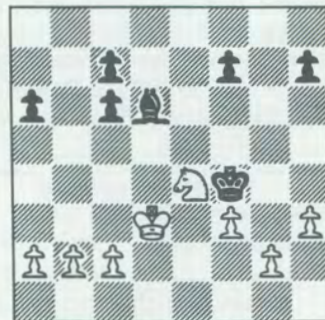
9.Qd8 Rd8 10.Ne5 Bc5 11.Nc6 bc6 12.Bg5 Rd7 13.h3 0-0 14.Nc3 Re8 15.Bf6 gf6 16.Rad1 Red8 17.Rd7 Rd7 18.Rd1 Rd1 19.Nd1 Kf8 20.Kf1 Ke7 21.Ke2 Ke6 22.f3

A trifle meek, this holds up the kingside mobilization. 22.f4 Δ Kf3, Ne3 is a more all-purpose approach,

conceding nothing in the center, e.g. 22.f4 f5 23.ef5 Kf5 24.Kf3 h5 25.g4 hg4 26.hg4 Ke6 27.Ke4 (or Ne3) ±.

22...f5 23.Nf2 Bd6 24.Kd3 Ke5 25.ef5 Kf5 26.Ne4 Kf4?

26...Be5 27.b3 h5 puts up better resistance.



27.Nd6! cd6 28.b4 Kg3

Alternatives also fail. Flaherty gives (a) 28...c5 29.c3 Δ a4, b5 +-; (b) 28...d5 29.c4 dc4 30.Kc4 Kg3 31.Kc5 Kg2 32.Kc6 Kh3 33.a4 +-.

29.c4 Kg2 30.a4 Kh3 31.b5 cb5 32.cb5 ab5 33.ab5 h5 34.b6 h4 35.b7 Kg3 36.b8(Q) h3 37.Qg8 Kf3 38.Qf7 Kg2 39.Qd5 Kg1 40.Qd4 Kg2 41.Qg4 Kh2 42.Ke2 d5 43.Kf2 d4 44.Qg1 mate 1:0

QGD Slav D11

Glen Boudreaux 1414
Andy Zamora 1385

Texas HS Chp. (7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bf3 6.Qf3 Nbd7 7.cd5 cd5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.Bd2 a6 11.Rc1 0-0 12.0-0 Bb4 13.a3 Bc3 14.Bc3 Re8 15.Rfd1 Rc8 16.Bb4 Rc1 17.Rc1 e5 18.de5 Ne5 19.Qe2 d4 20.ed4 Qd4 21.Rd1 Nd3 22.Rd3 Qc4 23.Qd2 Qe6 24.Qd1 h6 25.f3 Qb6 26.Kh1 Qf2 27.Rd2 Re1 28.Qe1 Qe1 29.Kh2 Qe5 30.Kg1 Nd5 31.Rc2 Nb4 32.ab4 Qd4 33.Kh2 Qb4 34.Re2 b5 35.Kg1 Qd4 36.Kf1 a5 37.g4 g5 38.h4 gh4 39.Rh2 Qd1 0:1

TEXAS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Robert McGregor of Houston won this event convincingly with 4.5-.5, a point ahead of second place finishers John Dietrich, Hugh West and Paul Fisher. TD Zachariah Coombes tried for a fourth consecutive title, but lost to Fisher and McGregor in the final rounds to finish with 2.5. There were nineteen players.

Two Knights C59

John Dietrich 2000
Robert McGregor 1876

Texas Senior 1995 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.ed5 Na5 6.Bb5 c6 7.dc6 bc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nf3 e4 10.Ne5 Qd4

10...Bd6 11.d4 Qc7 12.Bd2 0-0 13.0-0 Nb7 14.Na3 Be5 15.de5 Qe5 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.Qc1 Re8 = Nunn-Nikolic, Naestved 1985.

11.f4 Bd6!? N

11...g5 12.c3 Qd5 13.d4 ed3 14.Qd3 Qe6 15.Nf3 gf4 16.Bf4 Nd5 17.Bd2 ± Steinitz; 11...Bc5 12.Rf1 Bd6 13.c3 Qb6 14.Qa4 ∞.

12.c3 Qb6 13.b4 Nb7 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Nd6 Qd6 16.0-0 0-0 17.d3 Re8 18.de4 Ne4 19.Qc2?

19.Qd6 Nbd6 20.Bf3 is better, but Black has compensation for the pawn.

19...Bf5 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.Bd3



21...Qb6 22.Kf1 Rad8 23.Be4 Be4 24.Rd8 Qd8! (24...Bc2 25.Re8 Kh7 26.Be3) 25.Qd2 Bd3 26.Kg1 Qb6 27.Kh1 Re2 28.Qd1 Qf2 0:1

Sicilian Dragon B34

Robert McGregor 1876
Paul Fisher 2039

Texas Senior 1995 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2

8.0-0 d5 9.ed5 Nd5 10.Nd5 Qd5 11.Bf3 Qa5! = Euwe.

8...d5 9.0-0-0! N

ECO considers 9.Nc6 and 9.ed5, both with disappointing results for White. The text is a major find!



9...Ne4

Also problematic for Black is 9...Nd4 10.Qd4! Ne4 11.Qd5 Bf5 (11...Nc3 12.Qd8 +-) 12.Qe4! ±. The line-clearing gambit 9...e5!? 10.Nc6 bc6 11.ed5 Qa5! may offer chances.

10.Nc6 Nd2 11.Nd8 Rd8 12.Rd2?!

12.Bd2 ±/+

12...d4 13.Nb5 e5 14.c3?! (14.Bg5 ±) a6 15.Nc7 Rb8 16.cd4 ed4 17.Rhd1 Bf5 18.g4 Rdc8 19.gf5

Not 19.Bf4? Bh6!! 20.Rd4 Rc7! 21.Kd2 Rc2 -/+.

19...Rc7 20.Kb1 de3 21.Rd8 Rd8 22.Rd8 Bf8 23.fe3 gf5 24.Bd3 Kg7 25.Bf5 Bc5 26.e4 Be3 27.Rc8 DRAW

Robert says he drew another Fischer (okay, slightly different spelling!) in a 1958 Houston simul.

Sharing under-1800 honors with 3-2 were Larry Fulbright, Stillman Anderson and Freddy Lim.

Sicilian B44

George Kvakovsky 1917
Freddy Lim 1697

Texas Senior 1995 (5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 e6 6.e4 Bb4 7.Nc6 bc6 8.Bd3 d5 9.cd5 ed5 10.ed5 Nd5 11.Bd2 Nc3 12.Bc3 Bc3 13.bc3 0-0 14.0-0 f5 15.Qb3 Kh8 16.Rfd1 Qf6 17.Bc4 f4 18.Rd4?! (18.f3) f3 19.g3 Bh3 20.Rad1 Rfe8 21.Qb1 Rab8 22.Qc1 Re5 23.Qf4 Rbe8 24.Qd2



24...Qh6! 25.Qh6??

Forced is 25.Bf1! = (the reason this didn't get in the quiz section).

25...Re1 26.Bf1 gh6!

26...Bf1?? 27.Qc1 +-. Now White has no good answer to the threat of ...Bb1.

27.Rd8 Rf1!

0:1

Solution (back cover problem): 1.Kf6 cd6 2.Ke7 dc5 3.Nf6 mate. Composer: Zangger. From Chernev and Reinfeld, *The Fireside Book of Chess*.

Games from the Texas Team Championship

Selected and annotated by NM Drew Sarkisian

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QGD Tarrasch D32

Larry Young 2033

The Queen's Guard

Jim Rohrbaugh 2230

The Artists...Fleet Wood Sac

Texas Team 1995 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.dxc5?! (6.g3) d4 7.Ne4 Bf5 8.Nd6+ Bxd6 9.cxd6 Qxd6 10.Bd2 Rd8 11.g3 Nf6 12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0 h6!

The white queen's bishop is a problematic piece for the moment. It's not doing much except getting in the way of the other White pieces. Black has a nice game here.

14.Rc1 Rfe8 15.Re1 Be4

Getting rid of the isolani by 15...d3 would give up much of Black's space advantage. Jim aims for a direct assault on the white king.

16.a3

16.Qa4 might be better immediately; if 16...Qd5, 17.Qc4 looks playable.

16...Qd5 17.b4 b6 18.Qa4 Re6 19.b5 Ne5



20.Nh4?

Larry is reluctant to give up his light-squared bishop for Black's knight, but it can work out well if Black goes for too much: 20.Nxe5 Bxg2 21.Nd3! g5 (else 22.Nf4) 22.f3 Bh3 23.Nb4 Qd7 24.Nc6 and the Black d-pawn looks quite ill. Better for Black (after 20.Nxe5) is 20...Rxe5 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 with the advantage, but no immediate mate in sight. After Black's next move, White's king position collapses.

20...g5! 21.f3 gxh4 22.fxe4 Nxe4 23.Rf1 hxg3 24.hxg3 Ng4 25.Rf4 Qh5 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Qxa7 Qh2+ 28.Kf1 Qxg3 0:1

Sicilian Dragon B74

Peter Kappler 2091

Simpson Defense Team

Blair Burleson 1624

SACS Knights

Texas Team 1995 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6

Augh! The Dragon! I won't even pretend to know what's going on in these lines – I leave all that to NM Jim Gallagher!

6.Be3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Qd2 Ng4 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.f3 Bd7 12.Bh6 Rc8 13.h4 Ne5?!

I'd much prefer 13...Bxh6 14.Qxh6 f6.

14.h5 Nc4 15.Qc1 e6?

Both Chess Genius 3 and Fritz 3 are happy with 15...Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Re8 17.hxg6 fxg6, giving Black about a half pawn's worth of advantage in this position. I find it hard to believe that Black won't eventually succumb to dark-square anemia. Still, it would avoid what happens next.

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Qh6+ Kf6



19.e5!+

A cute clearance sacrifice. Black's (immediately losing) tries include: a) 19...Kxe5 20.Qg7+; b) 19...dxe5 20.Ne4+ Ke7 21.Qg5+; and the game continuation. The best practical chance was 19...Ke7! 20.Ne4 Bc6 21.Qh4+ g5 (keeping the Queen off of the Nc4) where White has the pleasant choice between 22.Nxg5 and 22.Qxg5+, with an extra pawn.

19...Nxe5?? 20.Ne4+ Ke7 21.Qg5+ f6 22.Rh7+ Rf7 23.Qxf6+ 1:0

QGD Slav D17

Bill Stouffer 2188

Hot Checks

Michael Simpson 2114

Simpson Defense Team

Texas Team 1995 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4

Mike jokingly called this a TN (theoretical novelty). Apparently Bill has never played the main line against Mike before.

5...Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.Nxc4

Sidestepping the topical line 8.e4 Bxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 12.Qe2

Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2. Karpov has had excellent results from the white side.

8...0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 c5 11.dxc5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1?!

Mixing systems. There are similar lines where White does capture with the king, but it's not a good idea here. Instead, after 12.Rxd1 there might follow:

a) 12...Nd5?! 13.e4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc3+ 15.Kf2 Bh7 16.Nd6 with advantage for White, Cvetkovic-Dragasevic, Yugoslavia 1973, or

b) 12...Bc2 13.Rc1 Bh7 14.e4 Nc6 15.Nd6 Na5 with a slight advantage for White, Beliavski-Portisch, Wijk aan Zee 1985.

12...Nc6 13.e4 Bg6 14.Bf2 Nd7 15.Kc2 Bxc5 16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.Rd1 f5! 18.Nd6 Nb4+ 19.Kc1 fxe4 20.Ndxe4 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Rac8 22.Kb1 Rf2 23.Rd4 Nc2 24.Rc4

24.Rd7 Ne3 25.Bd3 keeps matters a bit more unclear.

24...Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1



25...Na3+

25...Rxc4 26.Kxc2 Bxe4+ 27.Kb3 Bxg2 nets Black a second pawn.

26.bxa3 Rxc4 27.Kb2 Bxe4 28.Rf4 Bd3 29.Rf3 Bg6 30.Re3 Kf7 31.Kb3 Rh4 32.Rf3+ Ke7 33.Rg3 Kf7 **DRAW?!**

Yup, a draw! This was a team event, remember: John Ready on board one was beating Bill Reuter, Dave Naiser and I on board two were roughly level, and Peter

Kappler was winning against Joe Binder on board four. Winning this match gave us second place on tiebreaks, so Mike offered a draw rather than play it out.

French Steinitz C11

Bill Reuter 2361

Hot Checks

John Ready 2370

Simpson Defense Team

Texas Team 1995 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.g3 f6 10.Bh3 cxd4 11.cxd4 fxe5 12.fxe5 0-0!!



Now here's something you don't see everyday! John looked almost bored while playing the moves, and barely had consumed ten minutes on his clock, so I assumed this was some evil line that French players the world over knew about. Hah! I couldn't find this position in any of my general opening books, and I couldn't find my copy of *The French Defense* by Harding, so I went to my 350,000 game database.

I found one game with this position! Black is daring White to gobble up his central pawns, with tempo, no less! On the other hand, White's monarch is stranded in the center [13.0-0? Nde5] so this doesn't seem to be a really good idea. An example of the violence that can occur: Foigel-Monin, USSR 1977

continued 13. Bxe6+ Kh8 14.Bxd5 Ndx5! 15. dxe5 Nxe5! 16.Nfd4 Bb4+ 17.Nc3 (if 17.Bd2 Nd3 mate) Bg4 18. Qd2 Rae8 19.Nde2 Rf2 0:1. Ouch!

Bill looks for a safer way to get at Black's central pawns, to no avail.

13.Nf4 Kh8 14.Nxe6 Ndx5! 15.Nxf8

15.dxe5 Bb4+ 16.Ke2 Bxe6 17.Bxe6 Nxe5! leads to a ripping attack, e.g. 18.Nxe5 Rf2+ 19.Kd3 Qxe6 20.Qg4 Qxe5 21.Qxb4 Qe2+, or 18.Bxd5 Nxf3 19.Bxf3 Rae8+ 20.Kf1 Re1+.

15...Bxb3

This light-squared monster will decide matters, not the exchange.

16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bb4+!

At this point, almost all roads lead to Rome. Another cute line is 17...Qb4+ 18.Qd2 (18.Bd2 Qe4+ and Black mates soon) 18...Qe4+ 19.Qe2 20.Bb4+ 20.Kf2 Rxf8+ 21.Bf4 Bc5+ and White drops both rooks.

The move actually played leads to a forced mate if followed up correctly.

18.Bd2 Qe3+

Another sideline: Black can win the white queen with 18...Rxf8 19.Qe2 Bg4!

19.Qe2 Bxd2+ 20.Kd1



20...Qxe2+

Seeing a won endgame ahead, John doesn't try for more: 20...Qd4!

21.Qxd2 Bg4+ 22.Ke1 Qe4+ 23.Kf2 Rxf8+ 24.Kg1 Bh3! (Δ ...Qf3) and Black will mate on either g2 or f1.

21.Kxe2 Bg5 22.Nxh7 Kxh7 23.Kd3 Rc8 24.b3 b6 25.Rhe1 Bg2 26.h4 Be4+ 27.Rxe4

White wouldn't survive the two raking bishops in the ending. This is as good a try as any.

27...dxe4+ 28.Kxe4 Rc1 29. Rxc1 Bxc1 30.Kf5 Kg8 31.Ke6 Kf8 32.Kd7 Ba3 33.g4 Be7 34.g5 g6 35.a4 a5 36.Ke6 Ke8 37.Kd5 Kd7 38.e6+ Kd8 39.Ke5 Ke8 40.Kd5 Bb4 41.Ke5 Ke7 42.Kd5 Be1 43.h5 gxh5 44.g6 Bc3 45.Kc6 Kxe6 46.Kxb6 h4 47.g7 Kf7 0:1

Sicilian Dragon B76

Grant Sitta 1761

Searching for Cindy Crawford

Craig Holcomb 2062

Mighty Morphy Power Rangers

Texas Team 1995 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 a6

This looks too slow. Instead Black can try:

a) 9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 e5 13.Bc5 Be6, an ambitious exchange sacrifice that offers Black attacking chances;

b) 9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.g4 Qa5 12.a3 Rab8 13.h4 Rfc8. (I just dug this out of ECO-2.)

10.h4 Ne5 11.h5 Nxh5 12.g4 Nxf3?

It looks like Black was trying a bit too hard to mix things up against his lower-rated opponent. Black can try exchanging off White's dark-squared bishop with 12...Ng3 13.Rh2 Nxf1 14.Rxf1 Nc4 15.Qe2 Nxe3 16.Qxe3. Still, the open h-file is going to be a source of trouble for Black.

13.Nxf3 Bxg4 14.Qg2 f5 15. Bc4+ Kh8 16.Rde1 Rc8?

16...fxe4 17.Qxg4 exf3 18.Ne4 Qa5 might give Black better chances

to defend himself, though the piece is worth a lot more than the pawns in this middlegame.

17.Be6 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Bxf3 19. Qxf3 Bxc3 20.Bb6

Another try: 20.exf5 Bxe1 21. Bd4+ Rf6 22.fxg6 and if 22...hxg6 Chess Genius kindly pointed out the mate in seven: 23.Rxh5+ gxh5 24.Qxh5+ Kg7 25.Qg5+ Kh7 26. Bf5+ Kh8 27.Bxf6+ exf6 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Qg7 mate.

20...Qxb6 21.Qxc3+ Nf6 22. exf5 g5



23.Rxh7+!

A flashy way to finish the game.

23...Kxh7 24.Qh3+ Kg7 25.Rh1 1:0

If 25...Ng4 26.Qh7+ Kf6 27.Re1 Ne3 28.Qh6+ Ke5 29.Qxf8 Qc5 30.Bb3 and White mops up.

Sicilian Najdorf B98

Jim Gallagher 2215

The Artists . . . Fleet Wood Sac

Clarence Yeung 2230

JAWS

Texas Team 1995 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qe2

Unusual (or maybe currently hot with Sicilian fans, I really wouldn't know). It's a pretty flexible setup for White, that helps to avoid tons of theory that has built up around the main lines of the

Najdorf, while retaining reasonable attacking chances. All in all, I like this move.

7...Be7

A natural reaction, but 7...h6 a move earlier forces White to make some fundamental choices. If 8.Bh4 Be7 9.f4, Black can play the 9...Nxe4! line: 10.Bxe7 Nxc3 11.Qc4 Kxe7! 12.Qxc3 Re8 which appears to give Black a fine game.

8.f4 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.0-0-0 Qb6?

But this is wrong. Black needs to keep some control of e5, while allowing for an eventual expansion on the queenside based on b7-b5. Better is either 10...Qc7 or 10...Nd7. After this move, Jim makes it look like a forced loss for Black.

11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Be7 13.Qg4 Bg5+

I can understand Clarence's reluctance to castle kingside. White can amass his forces on that side of the board very quickly. Unfortunately, Clarence finds himself bound hand and foot executing the following queen and bishop maneuvers.

14.Kb1 Nd7 15.Nf3 Qe3 16.h4 Qf4 17.Qh3 Be7 18.Rd4 Qf5 19.g4 Qh7 20.Bd3 g6 21.h5 Nc5 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.Ne4 Nxd3 24.Rxd3 Bd7 25.g5 0-0-0 26.Nf6 Bxf6 27.exf6 e5 28.Rc3+ Kb8 29.Qg3 Bc6 30.Re1 Bxf3 31.Qxe5+ Ka8 32.Rxf3 hxg5 33.f7 g4 34.Rf6 Qh5 35.Qe4 g3? 36.Rxa6+ Kb8 37.Qf4+ Kc8 38. Ra8+ Kd7 39.Rxd8+ 1:0

Not bothering with the mate in four starting with 39.Qd4+.

Caro-Kann B10

Eric Dimazana 2163

The Artists . . . Fleet Wood Sac

Jeff Siebrandt 1957

Fort Hood Armored Knights

Texas Team 1995 (2)

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.exd5

The Two Pawns Attack in the Caro-Kann generally transposes to the Panov-Botvinnik Attack.

4...Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.d3

I prefer 8.d4, keeping some control over the central dark squares. White can look forward to activity down both the c- and e-files, while Black works to surround the exposed d5 pawn without making positional concessions.

8...Nbd7 9.Be3 b6 10.Qd2 Bb7 11.Bh6 Rc8 12.h4?!

This is way too optimistic. The White king has nowhere to go, and Black is well placed to counterattack in the center.

12...Ne5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Bb3 Nxd5 15.h5?

White had to eliminate the knight on d5. I think he overlooked Black's 16th move.

15...Nxc3 16.hxg6



16...h5! 17.Rxh5 Rh8

The open h-file is now White's nightmare, not Black's.

18.Qg5 Rxh5 19.Qxh5 Nxd3+ 20.Kf1 fxg6 21.Qg4 Nxe2 22.Qxe2 Bxg2+ 23.Kg1 Bb7 24.Rd1 Ba6 25.Bc2 Rc5 26.Rxd3 Bxd3 27.Bxd3 Rc1+ 28.Kg2 Qd5+ 29.Be4 Qg5+ 30.Kf3 Qh5+ 31.Ke3 Qxe2+ 32.Kxe2 Ra1 33.Bd5 Rb1 0 : 1

Reti Opening A12

Mansour Bighamian 2355

Three Patzers and a Grandmaster

Drew Sarkisian 2194

Simpson Defense Team

Texas Team 1995 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 h6 7.g3 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 a5

All standard stuff thus far. It's been over ten years since I've played this system with Black. Needless to say, Mick is a lot more familiar with the subtleties of the position.

10.a3 Nbd7 11.Qc2 Bh7 12.Bc3 Re8 13.b4 axb4 14.Bxb4

The first surprise for me. I expected him to recapture with the a-pawn. White's move exchanges off Black's better Bishop. At this point, I was happy to see the isolated a-pawn, and unhappy about the pressure White was going to get on the b-file.

14...e5

Planning the redeployment of my kingside pawns onto dark squares, as well as fighting for control of the d4 square.

15.cxd5 Nxd5

Mick said he was relieved to see this move, and thought Black would have a slight advantage after 15...cxd5. I thought Black could make good use of the half-open d-file at some point.

16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qb2 Nc5 18.Rfc1 f6?!

Played too dogmatically. I should get the Bh7 back into the game with 18...e4! After 19.dxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 Black is at least equal. After the text, Black's knights get all tangled up: any attempt to play Nc5-e6-d4 is met with White pushing a pawn to e4, winning Black's b-pawn.

19.Ne1 Kh8 20.Rc4 Bg8? 21.Rh4!? Rab8?! 22.Nf1 Bh7 23.Rc1 Ne6 24.Nc2 Red8 25.Nd2 Qf7 26.Nc4 g5!

Black has been drifting for the past eight moves, and is way behind on the clock. I looked at our other boards to assess the match situation. Peter was winning on board 4, but Mike failed to push his advantage in the opening against Englebretson and was getting outplayed. John's promising position against GM Lputian blew up in his face, so I needed to win to draw the match.

27.Rxh6 Kg7 28.Rh3 Ne7

Ugh. I didn't play 28...Bf5 due to 29.e4. Big deal: 29...Bxh3 30.exd5 cxd5 31.Nxe5 Qh5 still gets the Exchange for a pawn. The whole idea behind 26...g5.



29.Nxe5!?

Shrewdly taking advantage of my (now severe) time pressure, Mick takes a small chance.

29...fxe5 30.Qxe5+ Kf8??

And it pays off. 30...Kg8 31.Ne3 Ng6 32.Qb2 Nd4 is a game, at least.

31.Rxh7 Qxh7 32.Qxe6 Qf5 33.Qh6+ Ke8 34.Be4 Qe5 35.Ne3 Rd6 36.Qh5+ 1 : 0

Sicilian Scheveningen B80

Frank Adams 2030

Fort Hood Armored Knights

Mark Mueke 1960

The Queen's Guard

Texas Team 1995 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 a6 6.d4 cxd4 7.

Nxd4 Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Be3 Ne5
 10.Kh1 Rb8 11.f4 Nc4 12.Bc1 b5
 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.Nd1 h5 15.Nf2 Rc8
 16.c3 Be7 17.Nc2 Qb8 18.Ne3 Qa8
 19.Nxc4 Rxc4 20.Re1 h4 21.g4 h3
 22.Bf3 d5 23.e5 Nd7 24.Be3?? d4
 25.Bxb7 0:1

QGD Hennig-Schara D32

Clarence Yeung 2230

JAWS

Gary Zintgraff 1830

S.A. Express

Texas Team 1995 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.
 cxd5 cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4
 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.
 Qd1 Bc5 10.e3 Qe7 11.Bc4!? N
 0-0-0 12.Qe2 h6

After 12...Bg4 13.h3 Bf3 14.Qf3!
 Nd4 15.Qd1, Black cannot use the
 discovery on the d-file to effect.

13.a3 Rhe8 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bb2
 Bf5 16.Rc1 Kb8 17.0-0 g5 18.Rfd1



White has completed a logical
 deployment of forces, ergo Black is
 busted. That's the problem with a
 purely dynamical gambit like the
 Henning-Schara vis à vis one more
 positionally based like the Benko.

18...g4 19.Ne1 h5 20.Rxd8+
 Rxd8 21.Rd1 Rxd1 22.Qxd1 Ne5
 23.Be2 Bd7 24.Nd5 Nxd5 25.
 Qxd5 Nc6 26.Nc2 h4 27.Nd4
 Nxd4 28.Bxd4 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 h3?
 [29...f4 ±] 30.Bxg4 1:0

English Opening A37

William Tompkins 1610

Mighty Morphy Power Rangers

John Hendrick 1665

Searching for Cindy Crawford

Texas Team 1995 (3)

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Nc6
 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Nc3 Nge7
 7.a3 0-0 8.Rb1 d5 9.cxd5?!

White begins to get off track.
 Better is 9.d3 a5 (9...d4 10.Na4 Δ
 b2-b4) 10.Bf4 b6 =.

9...exd5 10.e3?! [10.d3] Bg4
 11.Qe1 Qd7 [Bf5!?!] 12.Ne2? Bf5?

Black wins a piece with 12...Bf3
 13.Qf3 Qf5.

13.Ra1 Rfe8 [Bd3!] 14.d4 cxd4
 15.Nfxd4 Nxd4 16.exd4 Nc6
 17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rd1 Rxe2!? 19.
 Qxe2 Nxd4 20.Qf1



20...Bc2!

After 20...Nb3 21.Rd5 Qe7
 22.Be3 Na1 23.Qa1 Rc2 24.Qd1!
 Black's edge evaporates.

21.Bh3?

The ensures defeat. Other tries:

(a) Of not 21.Re1? because of
 21...Nb3 22.Ra2 Bb1 -+;

(b) 21.Rd2 Bb3! and the threat of
 ...Bc4 and ...Nb3 is hard to meet;

(c) White is still very much in
 the game after 21.Be3! Bd1 22.Rd1,
 since 22...Rc4? loses to 23.b3! Nb3
 24.Qc4 +-. The game is equal after
 22...Nf5 23.Rd5 Qe7 24.Bc1.

21...f5 22.Rxd4

Now that White has taken his
 eye off d5, the aforementioned
 bailout with 22.Be3 doesn't work.

22...Bxd4 23.Qe2 Be4 24.Qd2
 Bb6 25.b4 Rc2 26.Qf4 Bxf2+
 27.Qxf2 Rxf2 28. Kxf2 Qa4 29.Ra2
 Qb3 30.Re2 Qf3+ 31.Ke1 Qc3+
 0:1

French Advance C02

Pete Gibson 1900

Grumpy and the Tripled Pawns

Bill Stouffer 2185

Hot Checks

Texas Team 1995 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3
 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.0-0 f6
 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Na3 a6 10.Nc2 Bd6
 11.Re1 0-0 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Be3
 Bd6 14.Ncd4 e5 15.Nxc6 bxc6
 16.Be2 Ng4 17.h3 Nxe3 18.fxe3
 Bc5 19.Qd2 e4 20.Nd4 Qg3 21.Rf1
 Bd6 0:1

Center Counter B01

Steven Grubbs 1877

Searching for Cindy Crawford

Mansour Bighamian 2355

Three Patzers and a Grandmaster

Texas Team 1995 (1)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5
 Nxd5 4.Nf3 g6 [4...Bg4] 5.Bc4 c6
 6.h3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 h6 9.Nxd5
 [9.Ne4!?!] cxd5 10.Bb3 Nc6 11.c3
 Qd6 12.Bc2 Re8 13. Re1 Qf6
 14.Ba4 Qd6 15.Ne5 Bd7 16.Nxd7
 Qxd7 17.Be3 a6 18. Qd2 b5 19.Bb3
 Kh7 20.Qe2 e5 21.dxe5 Rxe5 22.
 Qd2 Rd8 23.Bb6 Rb8 24.Be3 b4
 25. c4 d4 26.Bf4 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1
 Rd8 28.Ba4 a5 29. Rd1 Qb7
 30.Qe2 Qb6 31.b3 Qc5 32.Bxc6
 Qxc6 33.Qe7 Rd7 34.Qe2 f5 35.f3
 Qc5 36.Rd3 Re7 37.Qd2 a4
 38.Qd1 axb3 39.axb3 Bf6 40. Bg3
 g5 41.Bf2 Kg6 42.Kh1 Rd7 43.Qe2
 Kf7 44.Qd2 Rd6 45.Be1 Re6
 46.Bf2 Rd6 47.Be1 DRAW

Gallagher wins Fiesta Open

NM Jim Gallagher won his third major San Antonio event in a row, scoring 4-0 for clear first in a 20-player Open section that was marked by upsets. Round one saw David Gonzales (1789) pounce on an error to stun Jose Silva (2194 - actually a master since the New Year Open), while Aaron Golden (1691, age 12) gave a draw in a superior position to John Ade (1911).

John Hendrick (1669, age 15) served notice that he is a player to be reckoned with. He trapped a bishop to defeat Dimazana (2152) in round two, then conjured up a fine mating attack against NM Jim Rohrbough (2229). With such carnage going on, it may be lucky that I was assisting the TD instead of playing.

The 35-player Reserve might have produced two perfect scores in the four round event. But Jack Fox (3-0 on board two) was stopped by Joe Flaherty, who then tied for first when the top board contest between Jesse Vasquez and Bruce Lewkowski ended in a draw.

James Moos (1038) of New Braunfels finished a point ahead of the twelve other juniors in the Reserve.

He scored 3-1, defeating Duane Solley (1655) and Wallace Short (1477).

Greg Wren directed with assistance from Selby Anderson. The tournament was held March 11-12 at the Hampton Inn in San Antonio.

Open Section

1st:	Jim Gallagher	4 pts.	\$ 250.00
2nd-3rd:	Jim Rohrbough	3	62.50
	Eric Dimazana	3	62.50
U2000:	John Hendrick	3	120.00

Reserve Section

1st-3rd:	Bruce Lewkoswki	3.5	75.00
	Jesse Vasquez	3.5	75.00
	Joe Flaherty	3.5	75.00
U1600:	Rodrigo de los Reyes	3	75.00
U1400:	Rene Canales	2.5	75.00
Junior:	James Moos	3	Trophy

QGD Orthodox D60

Jose Silva 2194
David Gonzales 1789

Fiesta Open (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7
7.Bd3 h6!? 8.Bf4

Against Gallagher in the New Year Open, Silva retreated his bishop to h4.

8...dc4 9.Bc4 Nb6

9...Nh5 gets the bishop pair but loses central influence: 10.Bg3 Δ e4.

10.Bd3 Nbd5 11.Be5 b6 12.Rc1
Nc3 13.bc3 Bb7 14.0-0 Bd6

14...c5 is about equal.

15.c4 Be5 16.de5!? Ng4 17.e4
f6 18.ef6 Qf6 19.c5 c6 20.a4 Ne5
21.Ne5 Qe5 22.Qb3 Kh8 23.cb6
Qd4 24.Rc4!? Qd7 25.Rd1?!

25.ba7 Ba6 26.Rc3 Bd3 27.Rd3
Qa7 28.Qe6 Qa4 29.Rd7 ±.

25...ab6 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.Rcd4
Rad8 28.Qe6?? Rd4 29.Rd4 Qf4
0:1

King's Indian E81

Aaron Golden 1691
John Ade 1911

Fiesta Open (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c6 7.Qd2 a6
8.Nge2!? N

A novelty. ECO gives 8.0-0-0,
8.g4, 8.Bh6, 8.h4 and 8.a4.

8...b5 9.g4 e5

The critical test is to accept the offer with 9...bc4, but Aaron showed that White has dangerous attacking chances after 10.h4!

10.0-0-0 Nfd7

10...bc4? fails to 11.de5 because of the d-file pin. And after 10...b4 11.Na4 Qa5 12.b3, it is Black's dark squares that are weakest.

11.h4! bc4 12.h5 ed4 13.Bd4
Ne5

This knight looks impressive, but White can trade him off. Then the opening of lines in the center and kingside will favor his better developed forces.



14.hg6! fg6 15.Be5 Be5 16.Qh6
Qc7

Development is better served by 16...Ra7, but it is too late to make a difference. After 17.f4 . . .

(a) 17...Bh8 18.f5 Qf6 (or 18...g5 19.Rd6) 19.Nf4! Δ Bc4 is a rout.

(b) 17...Bc3 18.Nc3 Bg4 19.Bc4 Kh8 (19...d5 20.Nd5! cd5 21.Rd5 +-) 20.Rdg1 Bh5 21.f5 and Black's kingside buckles.

17.f4 Bc3

Of course, if 17...Bh8 then 18.Rd6!

18.Nc3 d5 19.ed5! ±

Sharpest. White has a modest edge after 19.f5 Qg7! 20.ed5 Qh6 21.Rh6 Kg7 22.Rh1 gf5 23.gf5 Bf5 24.Bc4 +-.

19...Qf4 20.Qf4 Rf4 21.dc6 Nc6

21...Kg7 22.Bg2 Rg4 23.Rd7!!

22.Bg2 Bg4

22...Bb7 23.Rd7 +-; 22...Rf6

23.Bd5 Kg7 24.Ne4 +-.

23.Bc6 Rc8?

23...Raf8 24.Rdel ±; 23...Raf8

24.Rd2 ±.

24.Bd7! Rb8 25.Bg4 Rg4

26.Rd7



DRAW?!

After 26...h5 we consider:

(a) 27.Nd5 Rf8! ± (not 27...Rg2 28.Nf6 Kf8 29.Re1 Rf2 30.Rh7 +-);
(b) 27.Re1 Rf8! 28.Ree7 Rf1 29.Kd2 Rg2 ±;

(c) 27.Rf1 Rf8! ± (not 27...Rg2 28.Nd5 Rbb2 29.Nf6 Kf8 30.Nh5 Ke8 31.Nf6 Kf8 32.Ne4 Ke8 33.Rff7 Rb6 34.Rc7 +-).

So it looks like the position still requires some technique as long as Black steers clear of mating nets with ...Rf8.

English Opening A35

Eric Dimazana 2152

John Hendrick 1669

Fiesta Open (2)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.Nf3 cd4 5.Nd4 Nc6 6.e3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.b3 Nd7

10.Bb2 Nd4 11.ed4 Qb6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Qd2 e6 14.Ne3 Nf6 15.Bf3 d5 16.c5 Bd7 17.b4 Bc6 18.a4 a6 19.Qd3 b5 20.a5 Ra7 21.Rael Rd7 22.Bd1 Re8 23.Ng4 Ng4 24.Bg4 Qg5 25.Bh3 Qf6 26.f4 Qd8 27.Re2 Rde7 28.Bc1 f6 29.Rfe1 f5 30.Bd2 Qc7 31.Rf1 Rf7 32.Be1 Qd8 33.Bg3 Qf6 34.Rd1 h6 35.Qe3



35...Qd8 36.Qf2??

36.Be1 g5 37.g3 =.

36...g5 +- 37.Rde1 Qd7 38.fg5 hg5 39.Be5 g4 40.Bg4 fg4 41.Qh4 Be5 42.Re5 Rh7 43.Qg4 Rg7 44. Qh3 Rg6 45.Rf1 Qg7 46.Rf4 Qh6 47.Qf3 Rf8 48.Rf8 Qf8 49.Qe3 Qh6 50.Qf2 Qc1 51.Re1 Qg5 52.Rf1 Qe7 53.g3 Kg7 54.Qf4 Rg5 55.g4

55.h4 Rf5 56.Qg4 Kf6 57.Rf5 ef5 58.Qg5 Ke6.

55...e5 56.de5 Re5 57.h4 Re4 58.Qg3 Bd7 59.Rf4 0:1

English Opening A20

Jim Gallagher 2245

Don Marcott 2213

Fiesta Open (3)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 Bb4

4...ed4 5.Qd4 d5 is considered equal.

5.Bd2 Bd2 6.Qd2 ed4 7.Qd4 0-0

7...d5 is better, although the exchange of bishops does not help Black's cause in a isolated pawn position.

8.Nc3 d5 9.cd5 cd5 10.Nd5 Nd5 11.Qd5 Qf6 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.0-0 Rfe8 15.Rfe1 Rad8 16.Qc3 Qd6 17.e3 Rc8 18.Qb3 Qe7 19.Rac1 Rcd8 20.h3 Be6 21.Qa4 Qf6 22.Nd4!

Gallagher seizes the opportunity to clarify the position, heading for a superior ending while temporarily relinquishing the pawn plus.

22...Nd4 23.ed4 Qd4 24.Qd4 Rd4 25.Rc7 Rb4 26.b3 Rd8 27.Re2 g6 28.h4 Rd7 29.Rec2 Rb5 30.Rd7 Bd7 31.Rc7 Be6

The expression "All rook endings are drawn" does not apply after 31...Bc6 32.Bc6 bc6 33.Ra7. Jim's technique is instructive throughout the final phase.

32.Rb7 Ra5 33.a4 Ra6 34.Kf1 Kg7 35.Ke2 Rb6 36.Rb6 ab6 37.b4 Kf6 38.f4 Ke7 39.Ke3 Kd6 40.Kd4 f6 41.Be4 Bc8 42.h5 f5 43.hg6 hg6 44.Bd5 Bd7 45.a5 ba5 46.ba5 1:0

French Defense C17

John Hendrick 1669

Jim Rohrbaugh 2229

Fiesta Open (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Qg4

Spassky revived this line in the 70's.

5...Ne7 6.Nf3 cd4 (6...Nbc6! =) 7.Nd4 Qc7 8.Qg3!?

8.Bb5 Nbc6 9.0-0 Bc3 10.bc3 Bd7 11. Bc6 bc6 12.Ba3 Qe5 13.Rfe1 h5 14.Qf3 ± Spassky-Uhlmann, Manila interzonal 1976.

8...a6 9.Bd2 Nd7 10.f4 g6 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.a3 Bc3 14.Bc3 0-0-0 15.Qe3 Nf5

Better is 15...Kb8 Δ Rc8.

16.Nf5 ef5!?

Or 16...gf5 17.Bd4 Na4 18.b3 ±.

17.Bb4?!

17.e6? Rhe8 18.ed7 Nd7; 17.Bd4!

±

17...Nd3?

17...d4 18.Qd2 (18.Qd4? Nb3! -/+) f6! =+/-.

18.cd3 Bc6 19.d4 Rde8 20.0-0 Qb6 21.Rc5 f6 22.Qc3 Kd7 23.Rc1

While watching the game I pondered 23.Ba5 Qa7 24.Rd5! Bd5 25.Qc7 Ke6 26.Qd6 Kf7 27.Qd5 and wondered if it led to a forced win.

I think so: 27...Kg7 28.Qd7 Kh6 29.Rf3 g5 (29...Kh5 30.Rh3 Kg4 31.Qd5 +/-) 30.fg5 fg5 31.Qd6 Kh5 32.Rh3 Kg4 33.Qd5 +.

23...fe5 24.fe5 Re6

A plausible try is 24...Rc8 25.e6! Ke6 26.Re1 Kf7 (26...Kd7 27.Re7! Kd8 28.Qe1!! +/-) 27.Re7! Kg8 28.Qe3! +.

25.Ba5 Qa7



26.Rd5 Ke7

26...Bd5? leads to forced mate after 27.Qc7 Ke8 28.Qd8 Kf7 29.Rc7. And on 26...Kc8, strong is 27.Qb3! (x b6, d5).

27.Qb4 Kf7 28.Bb6 Qb8 29.Rd6?!

Gallagher pointed out a quick crush with 29.Rc6! bc6 30.Rd7 +.

29...Rd6 30.ed6 Qe8?!

Black can slow down the attack with 30...Re8 31.Qb3 Kf8, e.g., 32.d5 Bd7 33.Rc7? Re1 34.Kf2 Qe8; but after 32.Qg3! (one point being 32...Re2 33.d7!) he is running out of good moves while White has h4-h5.

I braced for a fumble. Would the kid play 31.Re1? Be4 and spoil his labors?



John Hendrick

31.d5!

No! White's rook enters the seventh rank with deadly effect.

31...Bd7

Or 31...Bd5 32.Rc7 Kg8 33.Qc3 and Black cannot stop both Qg7# and Rc8.

32.Re1 Qc8 33.Re7 1:0

7...a6 8.Bc6 bc6 9.0-0 Be7

9...Bd6 and (a) 10.Qa4 Qc7 11.e4 cd4 12.Nd5 Nd5 13.ed5 0-0 14.Qc6 Bb7 15.Qc7 Bc7 16.Nd4 Bd5 ± Kasparov-Agzamov, USSR 1981; (b) 10.d5 Bc5 11.e4 0-0 12.Bg5 Be7 = Evans-Larsen, Dallas 1957.

10.Qc2 Qc7 11.Bd2

This looks like an unhappy square for the bishop. Other choices include 11.d5 Bc5 12.b3; 11.e4!? Bg4; and 11.Na4(!) c4 12.b3 with immediate pressure against c6.

11...0-0 12.Rac1 cd4 13.ed4 Be6 14.Na4 Rfc8 15.Ne5 (15.Bg5 Δ Bh4-g3) Bd6 16.f4 Ne4 17.Be1

17.f5 Bd7 18.Nd7 Bh2 19.Kh1 Ng3 20.Kh2 Nf1 21.Kg1 Nd2 22.Qd2 (22.Nab6 [or Ndb6] Qf4!) Qd7 23.Nb6 Qf5 24.Na8 Ra8 25.Rc6 Qb1 26.Qc1 ±.

QGD Tarrasch D32

John Hendrick 1669

Jim Gallagher 2245

Fiesta Open (4)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cd5 ed5 7.Bb5

This reverse Nimzo-Indian is a viable alternative to 7.Be2. The book recommendation now is 7...Bd6=.

17...f6 18.Nd3 Bf5 19.h3?!
19.b4 Qa7 20.Qb2 =+.
19...Qa7 20.Bc3 c5 21.de5 Nc5
22.Bd4

22.Nac5 Bc5 23.Kh2 Be3 24.Rcd1
d4 25.Qb3 Kh8 26.Bb4 Rab8 27.Qa4
Rc4 =+

22...Bd3 23.Qd3 Nd3 24.Rc8
Rc8 25.Ba7 Rc2 26.g3 Nb2 27.Nb2
Rb2 28.Rd1 Rb5

Black must retain the d-pawn for winning chances – a rook leading a rook pawn is almost certainly a draw.

29.a4 Bc5?

A slip in move order, made in time pressure. Correct is 29...Ra5 30.Bb6 Bc5 -/+; 30.Kg2! Kf7 (30...f5 31.Bb6! =+) 31.f5! Bc7! -/+.



James Moos

30.Bc5?

A blitzed reply returns the favor. A draw results from 30.Kf1 Ra5 31.Rd5 Bb6 32.Ra5 Ba5 =.

30...Rc5 31.Kf2 Kf7 32.f5 Ke7 33.Re1 Kd7 34.Re6 Ra5 35.Rb6 Kc7 36.Re6 Kd7 37.Rb6 Ra4 38.Rb7 Kd6 39.Rg7 Ke5 40.g4 h5 41.gh5 Rh4 42.Ra7 Rh3 43.Ra6 Rh5 44.Re6 Kf5 45.Re3 Rh4 46.Kg3 Re4 47.Rf3 Ke5 48.Rd3 d4 49.Rd2 Re3 50.Kf2 Ke4 51.Ra2 Rf3 52.Kg2 Rf5 53.Ra6 d3 54.Ra8 Ke3 55.Rd8 d2 56.Rd6 Rf4 0 : 1

QGD Tarrasch D32

Don Marcott 2213

Jim Rohrbaugh 2229

Fiesta Open (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cd5 ed5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bg5 f6!? 7.Bf4

Considering Black's reply, 7.Be3 also comes under consideration.

7...g5! N

ECO gives 7...c4 8.e4 Bb4 9.Nd2 Nge7 (Borisenko-Furman, USSR 1955) 10.ed5 Bc3 11.bc3 Nd5 12.Qf3 ±.

8.Be3 g4 9.Ng1

Forced. After 9.Nh4? f5! 10.g3 Bg7 White must drop the d-pawn.

9...c4 10.g3 Bb4 11.h3 Nge7 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.Qd2 h5 14.Bg2 Bf5 15.hg4 Bg4 16.Nf3 0-0-0 17.Nh4!

White must not castle into the h-pawn ram.



17...Rhe8

A big question in this game is this: What happens after 17...Nd4!? 18.Qd4 Nc6 19.Qf6 d4 20.Bc6!



(a) 20...Bc3 is a dead end: 21.bc3 Qc3 22.Kf1 Qa1 23.Kg2 ±;

(b) 20...Rhf8 21.Qe5! simplifies to a winning endgame after Black gets his two pieces back;

(c) 20...dc3 21.0-0! cb2 22.Rad1 Rdf8 (or 22...Qb6 23.Bd7!! Bd7 24.Qe5 +) 23.Qg6 Rf4!? 24.gf4 bc6 25.Qc6 Qc7 26.Qa6 and White gets the c-pawn, ±.

The text move creates a fourth reply, which would be ...Re6! But White's next move thwarts this plan.

18.e3 Bd6

Now 18...Nd4 19.ed4! Nf5 20.Kf1 leaves Black with no follow-up.

19.Bd6 Rd6 20.Ne2 Nb4 21.Nf4??

After 21.0-0 it is not clear that Black's active piece play compensates for his weakened pawns. One possibility is 21...Ra6!? 22.Nf4 Na2 23.Qa5 Ra5 24.Nd5! and White has good endgame prospects.

21...Nc2

0 : 1

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Texas Rapid Championship

The fifth annual Texas Rapid Championship attracted 28 players – the largest turnout in its brief history, sad to say. (The only other time it had over 20 was the first, also held in San Antonio.) We used G/29 time control this time so that only quick ratings would be at stake – a fact we might have pumped up more with a banner headline across the ad. But ratings aside, some players are turned off by the rough-and-tumble, unpredictable nature of action chess.

What the event lacked in quantity it made up in quality, with a quarter of the players rated expert or higher. A surprise guest from Dallas was SM Doug McClintock (2462), who was in town sightseeing with his family. But if he was expecting an easy lock on first prize he was mistaken, as Jose Silva (2128) plucked a proffered exchange to win in round three. NM Jim Gallagher found a way to stalemate Chris Pitts (1753) with his queen in a “no-brainer” ending with seconds to go. I saved a lost knight and pawn ending against Dimazana with some last minute razzle-dazzle that he would have refuted in a slow game.

But as Seirawan once said of a time-related swindle against Fedorowicz, “That’s action chess!”

Greg Wren directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.



Silva, Anderson, McClintock and Gallagher

PRIZE WINNERS

1st-4th	Doug McClintock	4	\$ 56.25
	Selby Anderson	4	56.25
	Jim Gallagher	4	56.25
	Jose L. Silva	4	56.25
Class A	John Durston	2	32.50
	David Nightingale	2	32.50
Class B	Malte Witte	3.5	60.00
Class C	Rodrigo De Los Reyes	3	35.00
D/E/Umr.	Virgil Aluyen	3.5	50.00

Nimzo-Indian E30

Jose Silva 2128

Doug McClintock 2462

Texas Rapid (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Bg5 Nc6!? 5.Nf3 Bc3 6.bc3 Qe7
7.e3 Qa3 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.Rc1 Ng5
10.Ng5 e5 11.Bd3 Qe7 12.Ne4 0-0
13.0-0 d6 14.d5 Nb8 15.Ng3 g6
16.f4 f5 17.Rce1 e4 18.Be2 Na6
19.Kf2 Nc5 20.Rh1 Qh4 21.Qd2
Bd7 22.Qd4 Rae8 23.Reg1 Re7
24.Ke1 Rg7 25.Kd2 g5!? 26.Nh5
Rg6 27.g3 Qh3 28.fg5 Rg5 29.Nf4
Qh6 30.h3 Qg7 31.h4 Rg4?

31...Rg3 32.Nh3! f4! 33.Qg7 Rg7
34.Nf4 =+.

32.Bg4 Qg4 33.h5 b5 34.Rh4
Qf3 35.h6 Qf2 36.Ne2 Rf7 37.Rf4
Qh2 38.Rh4 Qf2 39.Rh5 Kf8
40.Rg5 Qh2 41.g4 fg4 42.Rg7 Rf2
43.Rg8! 1:0

43...Ke7 44.Qg7 Rf7 45.Qg5 +.

Sicilian Scheveningen B85

Jim Gallagher 2192

Selby Anderson 2323

Texas Rapid (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6
7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 Be7 9.f4 d6
10.Qe1 0-0 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bd4 b5
13.a3 Bb7 14.Bd3

Usually White plays a waiting
move such as 14.Kh1 or 14.Rae1.
When the text occurs it is Black’s
cue for counterplay in the center,
using the paradoxical ...Nh5 as an
expedient.

14...Nh5!?

Both BCO and ECO give 14...e5
15.fe5 Nh5 16.Qe3 de5 17.Be5 Qe5
18.Rf5 Qe6 19.Rh5 g6 ∞. Black has
compensation for the pawn.

15.Qg4!?

15.Qh3 Nf4 16.Rf4 e5 17.Rg4
[17.Nd5!?] ed4 18.Qh6 g6 19.Rg3
dc3 20.Rh3 Bh4 21.Rh4 f6 ∞ ECO.

15...g6 16.f5 Bf6 17.Bf6 Nf6
18.Qh4 Kg7 19.Rf3 Qc5 20.Kh1
ef5 21.Raf1 Qe5
21...Qd4! saves a tempo.



22.Rf5! gf5 23.Rf5 Qd4 24.Ne2
Qb2 25.e5 Ne4! (or 25...Qa1 first)
26.Be4 Be4 27.Qg5! =
27.Qe4 Qa1 28.Ng1 h6! =+.
27...Kh8 28.Qf6 **DRAW**

Chess Center of Houston Spring Championship

FM Miles Ardaman won this event with four wins and a half point bye. Larry Englebretson came in second with 3.5, and tied for third were Mark Dejmek, Mansour Bighamian and Matt Campbell (top U2200).

In the Reserve three players tied for first with 4-1: Robert Sanders, Craig Smith and Lawrence White. Jeff Stoltzfus (3) was top Class B, and three players tied for Class C: Robert Hughes, William Steward and Mark Thogerson, each with 2.5.

The turnout of 27 was surprisingly poor given the advertised prize fund of \$3,350 b/50, with \$600-450-300-150 guaranteed at the top. In fact, all prizes were cut drastically. The event was held April 7-9 at the Bridge and Games Studio on 6640 Harwin, - also the new home of the Houston CC (no relation to CCH). Cliff White directed.

Notes by NM Mark Dejmek

French Advance C02

Mark Dejmek 2218

Mick Bighamian 2368

Houston Spring Ch. (3)

Mick has been beating up on me in G/15 recently, so it was nice to be able to exact some amount of revenge in a "real" game.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 b6

A bit unusual, but by no means bad.

4.Nf3 Ba6 5.Ba6 Na6 6.Qe2

To be considered is 6.c4!? with the idea of Qa4+.

6...Nb8 7.0-0 Qd7 8.c4!?

An unusual move to play in the French, but White has a slight lead in development, so it makes sense to try and crack open the center.

8...Ne7 9.Bg5!

This is the right idea. The game will revolve around a series of light squares (d5, e4, f5, e6, g6), and White correctly judges that the

knight is more important than the bishop.

9...Nbc6

9...Nf5?! 10.cd5 Qd5 11.Nc3! Qd7 (11...Nd4? 12.Nd4 Qd4 13.Rfd1 +-) 12.Rfd1 +=.

10.Be7

Or else Black will play 10...Nf5.

10...Ne7 11.Nc3 c6

11...c5 is another idea, though the opening up of the position should concern Black a bit.

12.Rac1

With the idea of 13.cd5 cd5 14.Nb5!

12...Rc8 13.Rc2

Not 13.cd5 Nd5 14.Nd5 cd5 15.Qa6 Rc7!, when White has no effective way to take control of the c-file.

13...f5!?

Black spent about 25 minutes on this. It is probably the most effective means for Black to activate his pieces, and it distracts White from his promising queenside play.

14.ef6

A difficult decision. White can continue on the queenside with 14.Rfc1, but then Black can think about a pawn storm on the other wing. Instead, White switches to an attack on the black king.

14...gf6 15.Re1 Kf7 16.Nh4 h5

This is a bit weakening. 16...Ng6 and 16...Bg7 also come under consideration.

17.cd5 ed5

This is the most active, but 17...cd5 should be preferred. After the text, White can exploit the open e-file and the weak f5 square.

18.Qd3 Qg4 19.g3

White must play very accurately, lest he allow Black to seize the initiative. For example, 19.Nf3 Rg8 20.g3 h4 +=.

19...Rh6?!

Better is 19...Rg8. Since 20...Qh4 is not a threat due to 21.Qh7 Rg7 22.Qg7, White can choose between 20.f3, 20.Rce2 and 20.Re7!? (Ke7!, unclear).



20.Re7! Be7

The odd-looking 20...Ke7!? may be safer, though White retains an edge with 21.Nf5 Kd8 22.Nh6 Bh6 23.Qh7 +=.

21.Nd5!

This is the most troublesome followup. 21.Nf5 would likely transpose to lines given below (e.g., 21...Rch8 22.Nd5!) The move order chosen in the game has the advantage of giving Black a number of unfavorable alternatives to choose among, causing him to take up valuable clock time.

21...Bf8

On 21...cd5 22.Nf5 Rch8 (22...Rhh8? 23.Rc8 Rc8 24.Nh6 +-) 23.Rc7 ±. White will recover his piece, leaving him with a pawn and a violent attack for the exchange, e.g. 23...R6h7 24.Re7 Kg8 25.Nh6! Rh6 26.Qb5 Qg7 27.Qd5 Kh7 28.Rg7 Kg7 29.Qb7 Kg6 30.Qa7 +-.

22.Nf5 Rh8 23.Nf4!+-

The two prize thoroughbreds carry White down the home stretch. The immediate threat is Qc4.

23...Rc7 24.Re2

Also winning is 24.Qc4 Ke8 25.Qe6 Be7 26.Nd6! Kd8 27.Nf7 Ke8 28.Qg4 hg4 29.Nh8 +-.

24...Kg8

On 24...Be7 25.Ne7 Re7 26.Qg6! Qg6 27.Re7 Ke7 28.Ng6 Kf7 29.Nh8 Kg7 30.Kg2 +-. More impressive is 25.Qe4! +-, when Black is starved for a move.

After the text move, White turns his attention to the other member of the royal family.

25.f3!

1:0

On 25...Qg5, 26.h4 is curtains.

French Advance C02

Larry Moss 2254

Billy Patteson 2180

Houston Spring Ch. (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Be3 Nh6 6.Bd3 cd4 7.cd4 Bb4 8.Nc3 Bc3 9.bc3 Nf5 10.Bf4 Qa5 11.Qd2 b6 12.Ne2 Ba6 13.0-0 Bd3 14.Qd3 Qa4 15.g4 Nfe7 16.Ng3 Na5 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Nh5 0-0 19.a4 Kb7 20.Qf3 Rhf8 21.Ng7 Rc8 22.Nh5 Ng8 23.Qd3 Rc4 24.Qh7 Rc3 25.Bd2 Rc4 26.Ba5 ba5 27.Rfb1 Ka8 28.Qd3 Rfc8 29.Rb5 Qd8 30.Rab1 Qg5 31.h3 Ne7 32.Qb3 Nc6 33.Nf6 Nb4 34.Nd7 Qf4 35.Qe3 Qd4 36.Ra5 Qe3 37.fe3 Rc1 38.Rc1 Rc1 39.Kf2 a6 40. Nc5?? (40.Kf3 Ka7 41.Rc5) Rc5 41.Rc5 Nd3 0:1 (time)

Patteson: "I was saved from having to play the following tricky ending when Larry's flag fell."



After 42.Kf3 Nc5 43.h4 Nd7 44.Kf4 Kb7 45.h5 Kc7!, he writes:

"I think 45...Kb6 would be an error. White queens first with at least a draw after 46.h6 Nf8 47.Kg5 Nh7 48.Kh5 Ka5 49.g5 Nf8 50.g6 Ng6 51.Kg5 Ka4 52.Kf6 Kb4 53.Kf7 Nh8 54.Kg7, etc.

"46.h6 (46.g5 Nf8 47.g6 fg6 48.h6 Nh7 -+) Nf8 47.Kg5 Nh7 48.Kh5 Kd7 49.g5 Nf8 50.g6 Ng6 51.Kg5 Ke7 +."

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

French Advance C02

Miles Ardaman 2448

Mark Dejmek 2218

Houston Spring Ch. (4)

1.f4 e5 2.fe5 d6 3.ed6 Bd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 Ng4 6.Qd3 0-0 6...f5!?; 6...c5!?

7.e4 Re8

7...Nh2? 8.e5 (8.Nh2? Qh4 ∞) Nf3 9.gf3 +.

8.Be2

It's eviction time.

8...c5 9.e5 Bf8

9...cd4 10.ed6 b6 11.Na3 Ba6 12.Nc4 Nc6 13.0-0 +.

10.h3 Nh6 11.Bh6 gh6 12.c3 Nc6 13.Nbd2 cd4 14.cd4 Nb4 15.Qe4 f6

15...f5 16.Qb1 Qc7 17.0-0 Nc2 18.Bc4 +.

16.Bc4 Kh8

16...Be6? 17.Qg4 Kf7 18.Be6 Re6 19.0-0 +.

17.0-0 ± Be6 18.Be6 Re6 19.a3 Nd5 20.Rae1 Rc8 21.Qg4

21...Re7

White has a strong attack after 21...Rb6 22.b4 Ra6 23.Ne4 Ra3 (23...fe5 24.Ne5) 24.Nf6 Nf6 25.ef6.

22.Qf5 Qd7 23.e6 Qd6 24.Re4

Before pressing with the attack, White must defend his stalwart.

24...Rce8 25.Rfe1 Rg7

25...Nc7 26.Nc4 Qc6 (26...Qa6 27.d5) 27.Ne3 Δ d5 +.

26.Nf1 Be7 27.Nh4

The decisive "changing of the guard" – the f5 square beckons.

27...Rg5 28.Qf2 Reg8 29.Nf5 Rg2 (29...Qc7 30.Nh6 +-) 30.Qg2 Rg2 31.Kg2 Qd8 32.N1g3

Black will not be able to withstand both an attack against the king and the undermining of his blockaders.

23...Qg8 33.Rg4 Qc8

33...Qf8 34.Rc1 is zugzwang.

34.Nh6 Qc2 35.Kh1 1:0

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

Nimzovich Defense B00

Mansour Bighamian 2368

Miles Ardaman 2448

Houston Spring Ch. (5)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd7 5.h4 N

5.Nce2! Nb6 6.Ng3 is my patent, as yet untested – Ed.

5...Nb6 6.h5 f6! 7.f4 fe5 8.fe5 Bf5 (8...Be6!) 9.g4 Be6

9...Be4 10.Ne4 de4 11.c3 e6 12.Bg2 Be5 (12...Qd5 13.Ne2) 13.Be4 Bh4 14.Ke2 0-0 15.Nf3 ±.

10.Nh3 Qd7 11.Be2 0-0-0 12.Nf4 Bf7 13.a4 a5 14.Nb5 e6 15.c3 Be7 16.Nd3 Rdf8

Black has fared well from the opening with his well-coordinated pieces. White, having burned his proverbial bridges on the kingside, makes matters worse by pursuing a tardy attack on the queenside. Best would be to attempt to neutralize Black's emerging threats on his now weakened king's wing.

16...17.b4 Qd8

17...ab4 is slightly daring but playable: 18.a5 Nc4 19.a6 b6 (19...ba6 is also good: 20.Ra6 Kb7 21.Qa4 Ra8) 20.a7 Kb7 21.Rf1 Ka8.

18.Nc5 g6!

18...Bh4 19.Kd2 Nc4 20.Kc2 ab4 21.Rb1 opens the position unnecessarily for White.

19.Qb3 gh5 20.gh5 Rhg8! -/+

White's rooks, behind their pushed but blocked pawns, now lament as their counterparts capture the only open files.



21.Na7??

A serious miscalculation, but there was no turning back the *torres* in any event: 21.Bh6 Rg2! (21...Re8? 22.0-0-0 loses a good bit of initiative) and now:

a) 22.Bf3 Bh5!! 23.Bf8 (23.Bg2 Bh4 24.Kd2 Rf2; 23.Bh5 Bh4 24.Kd1 Rf2 25.Ne6 Qg8) Bh4 24.Kd1 Qg5 and mates with pinly pressure;

b) 22.Bf8 Bf8 23.Rf1 (23.Ra2 Bh6 24.Rf1 Qg8! with attack: 25.Bf3 Qg3 26.Kd1 Rg1) Qh4 24.Kd1 Re2! 25.Ke2 Bh5 26.Kd2 Bh6 27.Kc2 Qh2 28.Kb1 Bg6 and mates with diagonal domination;

21...Na7 22.Nb7

22.ba5 Bc5! 23.dc5 Nc4 +.

22...Kb7 23.ba5 Be8

Mick says he missed this move. The black rooks, bishops and knights in pairs each take a task unobstructed by their fellow friends.

24.ab6 cb6 25.Be3

25.a5 b5 offers no inroads.

25...Rg3 26.c4

26.Kd2 Bg5, etc.

26...dc4 27.Bc4 Rff3

Still a pair.

28.Ke2 Re3 29.Qe3 Re3
30.Ke3 Bg5 31.Kd3 Nc6 0:1

Notes by NM Mark Dejmek

Alekin's Defense B03

Mark Dejmek 2218

Billy Patteson 2180

Houston Spring Ch. (5)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.ed6 cd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Nge2 0-0 10.0-0

I've had this position in three previous tournament games, and each time Black has chosen the following plan.

10...Nb4 11.b3 Nd3 12.Qd3 Bf5?!

Going after the d3 bishop is probably okay, but this move looks fishy. Black kicks the queen where she wants to go, and the bishop is left out where it can be harassed.

13.Qd2 d5 14.c5 Nc8 15.Rac1 a6

This creates a gaping hole on the queenside, but the knight needs to get into play. To be considered is 15...e6 16.h3 h5 17.Ng3 Ne7 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bh6 +=.

16.f3 Na7 17.Nf4 Be6 18.Na4 Nc6 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Rfd1

The point of this move is to overprotect the d-pawn, thereby preventing Black from trying to untangle himself with ...Qc7. Another try is 20.Ne2 Bf5 21.Bf4 e5 22.de5 Ne5 23.Nd5 +=. I thought Black was completely suffocated here, but my opponent finds an ingenious bid for counterplay.

20...g5! 21.Nh5

21.Ne2 g4 22.Bf4 gf3 23.gf3 Kh8 +=.

21...f6

21...h6?! 22.Bg5! Bd4 23.Kh1! hg5? 24.Qg5 Kh7 25.Rd4 Rg8 26.Nf6! ef6 27.Rh4 mate.

22.Bf2

White should first lop off the potentially dangerous bishop with 22.Ng7.

22...Bh8! 23.Bg3 Qe8 24.Qe3!

This clever *zwischenzug* forces Black to misplace his bishop.

24...Bf7 25.Bb8 Nb8 26.Ng3 e6 27.Re1 Qd8 28.Qd2 f5 29.Ne2 Nc6 30.f4?!

Had I foreseen Black's next two moves, I would have played 30.a4 or b4.

30...Bh5! 31.fg5?!

31.Qe3! Be2 32.Qe6 Rf7 33.Qe2 Bd4 34.Kh1 ±.

31...f4! 32.Nf4!

It was necessary to see the winning idea at this point. Interestingly, if this move is not available to White he has serious difficulties, due to Black's threat to push the f-pawn yet again.

32...Qg5 33.Rf1

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A&M Spring Open

The 1995 Texas A&M Spring Open was held April 9. Charles Bell (1742) won first place with 3-0. Mohd-Azlan Tumiran (unrated) took second with 2.5-.5. Richard Rush (1338) took the U1500 prize with 2-1. There were eleven players. Forrest Marler directed.

English Opening A34

Dusan Djuric 2001

Russell Gardner 1219

Texas A&M Spring Open (1)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Nd4 10.Bd4 b6 11.f4 Bb7 12.Bf3 Rc8 13.b3 Qc7 14.Rc1 a6 15.Qe2 e5 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Nd5 Bd5 18.cd5 Qb7 19.f5 b5 20.Bg4 Rc1 21.Rc1 Rc8 22.fg6 Rc1 23.Bc1 fg6 24.Qf2 Nf6 25.Be6 Kh8 26.Qc2 Qb6 27.Kf1 Qd8 28.Ke2 Nd7 29.Qc6 Nc5 30.Bh3 Ne4 31.Bb2 Qf8 32.Qc8 a5 33.g3 h5 34.Ke3 Ng5 35.Bd7 b4 36.Bc1 Kh7 37.Qf8 Bf8 38.h4 Nf7 39.Kd3 Nh6 40.Bh6 Bh6 41.Ke4 Kg7 42.Be6 Kf6 43.Bd7 DRAW

"You're from where?"

by Chad Bruns

That is what a master said to me at the national high school championships after I told him that I was from Texas. I had just given a player rated 300 points above me a scare and we were looking at the game. Okay, this state isn't exactly a stronghold for junior masters and experts like New York, New Jersey and California, but three plus scores for three players in the open section is certainly respectable!

The tournament was held April 7-9 in Rosemont, Illinois. Total attendance was an all-time record 1,285. In the 270-player open section I scored 5/7. Aaron Golden of San Antonio finished with 4.5, while "C" player Stephen Kattner of Spring scored 4, making a 200 and a 300 point upset in the process!

Special thanks goes to Jim Liptrap and Bruce Donohoe who organized the 16-player Houston contingent. Being responsible for so many teenagers must be nerve-racking, and I speak for all of us in appreciation of a great weekend.

Here is the aforementioned game which is of theoretical interest:

Notes by Chad Bruns

French Advance C02

Gregory Shahade 2268

Chad Bruns 1960

National HS Chp. (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cd4 7.cd4 Bd7 8.0-0

The Milner-Barry Gambit. White sacs a pawn for a space advantage and active play.

8...Nd4 9.Nd4 Qd4 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Nd3 15.Rd3 Qb6

15...Qc4?! failed in Shveshnikov-Razuvayev, Belgrade 1988: 16.b3! Qc7 17.Bb2 Bc6 18.Rc1 Rd8 19.Qf2!

Be7 20.Ne2! 0-0 21.Nd4 with a strong attack.

16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bc5 Qc5 18.f5 Bb5!?!N

18...d4, Qc6 and Bc6 have been played. My move seems okay as long as Black does not fall for 19.fe6 Bd3? 20.ef7 Kf7 ∞± [I'm not so sure about White's comp after 21.Qd3 Rad8 22.Rf1 Ke8 - Ed.]

19.Nb5 Qb5 20.fe6 fe6 21.Qh5 g6 22.Qh3 Qd7 23.Rf1 Rf8?!

I should castle long here, play Rhe8, Re7, Kb8 and carefully push the d-pawn. [23...0-0-0 24.Rdf3 Rde8 25.Rf7 Re7 26.R7f6 Rhe8 =+ - Ed.]

24.Rf6 Rf6 25.ef6 Rc8 26.Rd1 Rc2?

This rook is needed for defense.
27.Rf1 Qf7 28.Qh6



28...Rc7

28...Rb2?? 29.Qc1 +-. [A complex line is 28...e5!? 29.Qg5 e4 30.Qe5 Kd7 31.Rd1 Kc8 32.h3 e3 33.Rd5 Rc1 34.Kh2 e2 35.Rc5 Rc5 36.Qc5 Qc7 37.Qc7 Kc7 38.f7 e1(Q) 39.f8(Q) Qe5 40.Kh1 Qb2 -/+ - Ed.]

29.Qf4 Kd7 30.Qd4 [30.g4!?!] Kc8 31.Qa7 e5!?

The only way to play actively. However, the central pawns lack support because one of my heavy pieces is tied to the blockade.

32.Qe3 e4

The endgame after 32...Qe6 33.g4! Rf7 34.g5 is unclear.



33.Qf4 Kb8?

I wanted to remove my king from danger and then play Rc7-c7-e6 and push the e-pawn, but it's a rotten idea.

34.Qe5 Ka8??

But this loses immediately. I have to play back to c8 to prevent Rc1.

35.Qc7! Qc7 36.f7 d4 37.f8(Q) Ka7 38.Qb4 Qe5 39.Rf7 Qd5 40.Rf6 Qd8 41.Qc5 1:0

And here we have a classic example of Swiss System injustice: While 4.5/6, I was paired with the top-seeded senior master in the last round! However, a pleasant surprise caps off an excellent weekend for me.

QGD Tartakover D59

Chad Bruns 1960

Dean Ippolito 2414

National HS Chp. (7)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.cd5 Nd5 9.Be7 Qe7 10.Nd5 ed5 11.Rc1 Bg4?

Aaron Golden rightly advised me before the game that because my opponent is rated 2400, he must

make mistakes – otherwise he would be a grandmaster! This is not empty advice, as Black's eleventh gives him a dangerously cramped, passive position.

Two book lines are:

(a) 11...Be6 12.Qa4 c5 13.Qa3 Rc8 14.Be2 a5 15.0-0 Qa7 16.b3 Nd7 = Karpov-Kavalek, Linares 1981;

(b) 11...Bb7 12.Bd3 c5 13.0-0 Nd7 14.b3 Rfc8 15.Rc2 += Logirov-Gusev, USSR 1983.

12.Be2 a5

And now we see the problem with 11...Bg4: Black can't play ...c5 because the d-pawn would fall, and without ...c5, the QN and QR are immobilized.

13.0-0 Rc8 14.Qb3?!

Ippolito later told me that he had feared 14.Ne5! because of 14...Be2 15.Qe2 c5 16.Qb5! and Black's queenside is horribly weak. My goal was to blockade c6 and triple on the c-file.

14...Qe6 15.Rfd1 Nd7 16.h3 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bd3 18.Qd3 Ra7 19.Rc2 Rd8 20.Qb5 c5 21.dc5 Nc5 22.Nd4 Qg6 23.Rc5 bc5 24.Nc6 Qc2 25.Rf1 (25.Rd3!?) Rad7 26.Nd8 Rd8 27.Qa5 Rb8

I had assumed that 29.b3 would win, but of course it is strongly met by 29...c4!, winning for Black. A draw should result after 28.Qc3 Rb2 29.Qc2 Rc2 30.Ra1 c4 31.a4 c3 32.a5 Rb2 33.Rc1 c2 34.Kh2 =.

28.Qc7 Rb2 29.Qd8 Kh7 30.Qd5 c4

30...Ra2 31.Qf7 c4 32.g4 c3 33.g5 Qg6 34.Qg6 Kg6 35.Rc1 =.

31.a4 Qa4

DRAW

Of course it's a perp after 32.Qf5 and 33.Qc8. Dean had thought for 20 minutes on 30...Qa4, and we could not find a win for Black in the post-mortem – even analyzing a bizarre variation with two queens each!

After placing 2nd-3rd in the Texas Junior Championship, Stephen demonstrates his fine attacking style in this double-edged game. Look for his rating to skyrocket in the next few months!

Sicilian Dragon B78

Stephen Kattner 1497

Jennifer Shahade 1840

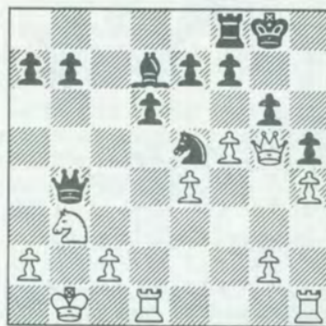
National HS Chp.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 h5 13.Bh6 Bh6 14.Qh6 Rc3 15.bc3 Qc8 16.f4?! [g4] Nfg4?!

This wastes time for a knight usefully directed at e4. Strong is 16...Qc3 17.fe5 (also difficult is 17.Kb1 Nc4 18.Bc4 Qc4 Δ Ne4) Qa1 18.Kd2 Qd4 -!+ Peters-Simpson, ACE Championship 1995.

17.Qg5 Qc3 18.Kb1 Nc4 19.Bc4 Qc4 20.f5 Qb4 21.Nb3 Ne5

It's also an uphill fight for Black after 21...Qe4 22.fg6 Qg6 (22...fg6 23.Rhe1 Δ Re7) 23.Qe7 Bf5 24.Rd6 Bc2 25.Kb2 ±.



22.g4! Qc3

There's no salvation in 22...Nc4 either: 23.fg6 Na3 24.Kc1 Rc8 25.gf7 Kf7 26.Rhf1 +-.

23.fg6 fg6 24.Rhf1 Nc4 25.Qg6 Qg7 26.Qg7 Kg7 27. Rf8 Kf8 28.gh5 Bg4 29.Rf1 Kg7 30. Rg1 Ne5

31.Nd4 Kh6 32.Nf5 Kh5 33.Ne7 Nf3 34.Rd1 Ng5 35.Rd5 Kh4 36.Nf5 Kh5 37.Nd6 1:0

As for prizes, MacArthur HS and Klein HS won 18th and 19th in the U1300 section, respectively. Glen Boudreaux won 25th U1600. George Rader won 2nd U1200 class prize in the U1300 section, and Stephen Kattner got 4th U1500 in the open section. These may not sound like many, but consider that there were 744 playing in the U1300 section – that's more than last year's Texas State Championship, Texas Junior and Southwest Open combined! Even with these few prizes, it was a fun tournament for all involved.

QGD D50

Aaron Golden 1730

Greg Friedman 1800

National HS Chp. (4)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 h6? 5.Bf6 Qf6 6.cd5 Bb4? 7.Qa4 Nc6 8.dc6 Qd4 9.cb7 Ke7 10.bc8(N!) Rhc8 11.Qc2 Rab8 12.Nf3 Qf6 13.e3 Ba5 [Δ Rb1] 14.Rc1! Rb7 15.Ba6 1:0

Houston (cont'd from p. 24)

The cunning of this move lies in its apparent defensive nature.

33...Bd4

I let out an audible sigh of relief here, as I sensed my opponent was unaware of my threat. Furthermore, I had not yet worked out how I would respond to 33...Nd4! It appears that White would have to give up the knight [e.g. 34.Kh1 Be5 – Ed.], though he still retains good winning chances in the ending with rook and two pawns for two pieces.

34.Kh1 e5

What is White to do?

35.Ne!!

1:0

It's a pity Black didn't allow the picturesque finish after 35...Rf1 36.Rf1 Qe7 37.Qg5!

Regional Scholastic Roundup

Note: Of the six regions that had tournaments, we have reports from only two. C' mon, guys!

Region VI

The region encompassing Austin and San Antonio held its first regional scholastic on March 4 at Canyon Middle School in New Braunfels. An unexpected conflict arose when regional UIL administrators changed the date of their academic competition, and word did not reach the organizers in time. As a result the high school division was canceled, and the middle school division was made an open section. Despite the setback, a total of 53 students competed.

Jack Campbell topped the 33-player Middle School division with 6-0, leading the way for Tafolla Middle School to win the first place team trophy ahead of Canyon. Also fueling the team's result was second place winner Enrique Rios, who scored 5-1. Close behind with 4.5 scores were Heather Flewelling (third on tiebreaks) and James Moos (fourth).

In the Elementary Division, Morgan Williams scored 5.5 out of 6 to win ahead of Tyler Herschap, who came in second with 5. Tied for third with 4-2 scores were Ben Lewkowski, Pierce Tilton, Daniel Gude and Barbara Ade. The winning team, Timberwilde, fielded John, Martha and Barbara Ade.

Greg Wren directed, with Duane Solley and Selby Anderson assisting. Layne Hendrick was invaluable as co-organizer, handling the mail-out and obtaining an excellent playing site complete with concessions. The event was jointly sponsored by the San Antonio Chess Club and the Canyon High School Chess Club.

The following game from the Elementary section was submitted by Justin Hellums, who writes:

"Going into this game, I had three out of four points. My opponent had a perfect score. If I could defeat him, I could perhaps win the tournament. My rating was 1023; Morgan Williams was unrated but had quite a strong reputation at his elementary school club. I felt good going into the game."

Notes by Justin Hellums

Three Knights C46

Justin Hellums (2nd grade)

Morgan Williams (6th grade)

Region VI Scholastic (5)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Nc3 Bc5
4.d3 d6 5.Bg5 Nge7 6.Be7

I took the knight hoping that his queen would be a target for my pieces.

6...Qe7 7.Be2 Bg4 8.h3 Bf3
9.Bf3 Qf6? 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.Bh5
Qh4 12.g3

At the time I didn't notice that castling also defended the f2 square.

12...Qd8 13.Bg4 Ne7 14.Ne7
Qe7 15.c3

I was hoping to play 15.d4, but saw that 15...ed4 16.cd4 Qe4 lost a pawn for me.

15...Qf6 16.Qf3 Qf3 17.Bf3 0-0
0 18.0-0 Bf2

I didn't see this move when I castled.

19.Rhf1 Bg3 20.Bg4 Kb8
21.Rf7 Bf4 22.Kc2 g5 23.d4 ed4
24.Rd4

I took with the rook because I wanted to try to win the pawn on c7 and attack his king.

24...a6 25.Rc4 c6 26.Rb4 b5
27.h4 Rdf8 28.Rf8 Rf8 29.hg5 Bg5
30.c4 Rf4 31.Be2 Re4 32.Bd3 Re7
33.cb5 ab5 34.a4

Continuing to put pressure on the pinned b-pawn.

34...h5 35.ab5 cb5

Better was 35...c5.
36.Rb5 Kc7 37.Rg5 Re5



38.Rg7

I was worried about trading rooks, as I wasn't sure whether I could draw with a bishop and pawn against two pawns. [Draw?! How about win! 38.Re5! de5 39.Kc3 Kc6 40.Be4 Kb5 41.b4 +-.]

38...Kc6 39.Rh7 Rc5 40.Kb3
Re5 41.Kc4 d5 42.Kd4 Kd6 43.b4
Rg5 44.Ke3 Rg3 45.Kd4 Rg4
46.Ke3 DRAW

Region VII

Ninety-one south Texas students converged on Russell Elementary in Brownsville March 4. The chief tournament director was National TD Andrew Thall of Laredo.

The three sections were fairly balanced in number. By city, on the other hand, Brownsville could account for 90% of the participants. And Russell Elementary won at least half the awards in the whole event!

In the 34-player High School section, Andy Zamora won first on tiebreaks over Ricardo Zapata. They both scored 4.5 in the five round event, and led their Hanna HS team to clear first. Placing 3rd-5th were Jason Reynolds (Porter HS) Jerome Greenspan (Russell Elementary!) and Omar Garcia (Hanna),

(continued on page 30)

Chess-in-learning project wins at regional science fair

That chess develops thinking skills is no surprise to anyone more than casually acquainted with the royal game. This common-sense conclusion has been confirmed by controlled studies going back over twenty years.

Recently two San Antonio youths demonstrated the value of chess in teaching students with learning disabilities. Aaron Golden and Nick Sosa, both sixth graders in Keystone School, shared top honors in the junior division (grades 6-8) in the Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair held March 1 with their project "Does chess help you think?"

In the experiment, twelve students at the Winston School for Students with Learning Differences were divided equally into groups of six, one as a control group and one to be taught chess by Golden. A clinical psychologist, Dr. Hedy Rutman of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, tested the subjects for critical thinking and spatial skills, before and after fifteen weeks of chess classes.

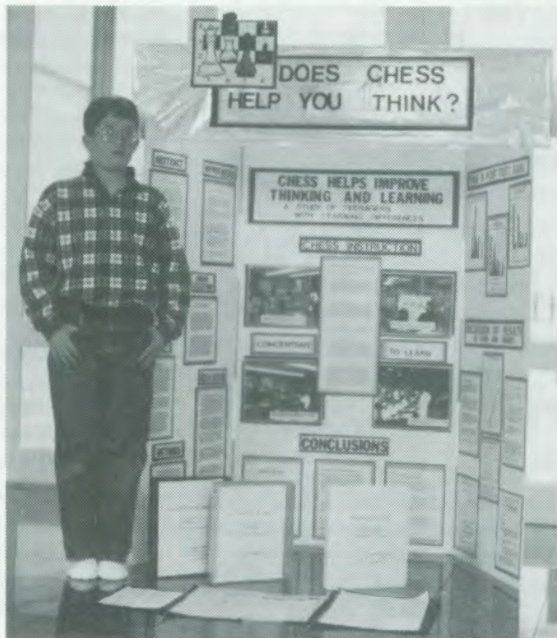
While results improved for both groups, the chess group showed a rate of improvement roughly twice that of the control group in both standardized tests. At the end of the project, the chess students and their parents reported in a subjective survey that chess had improved memory skills, concentration, social skills and motivation to succeed.

Aaron, age twelve, has a USCF rating of 1730 (April 1995 supplement) which ranks him 23rd among the nation's players aged 11-12. Nick, also twelve, is rated 1049. They competed with 400 other students in the junior division of the science fair.

The other First Grand Prize in that division was awarded to another Keystone student (and chess player!), Edward Vishnevetsky. By getting both grand prizes, Keystone School won the Roger Harvey Award for the top middle school in the fair.

Special awards for outstanding achievement were made by the Army and the Air Force to Golden and Sosa. Their project was the only one so honored by both branches of service.

The two students were also honored by Sigma Chi, the science honor society, in a presentation held April 11 at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.



Aaron Golden with science fair display

TCA checks misplaced

The following players paid TCA dues at the Southwest Open last September. Their checks were misplaced by the Treasurer and have never cleared. We are publishing this list in the hope of recovering the dues owed TCA.

George Abood	\$10	Pete Gibson	\$10
Joseph Aronovich	10	Willis Goodlett	10
Lynn Babcock	25	C. Knickerbocker	10
Brad Bradford	10	Hector Martinez	10
Cliff Brown	10	James Murphy	1
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II. Problem of K-8 and K-9.

Resolved, that 9th graders be excluded from the Texas Scholastic Middle School Championships.

Rationale: There are too few middle schools (junior high schools) that have 9th grade to justify letting 9th graders play.

III. Various problems discovered from talking to coaches.

A. Resolved, that the Texas Scholastic High School Championships be open only to Texas students from grades 9-12.

Rationale: This tournament determines the representative to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Our representative should not be affected by players in other grade levels. Also, it is difficult for some coaches to get money from their principals when they missed winning a trophy because they lost to elementary school kids. Lastly, one of the leading reasons that kids quit playing is that they lose to younger kids (or so the coaches told me.)

B. Resolved, that the Texas [Scholastic] Middle School Championships be open only to grades 5-8.

Rationale: See above, but mostly that if you are going to give the title of Middle School Champion, then the winner should be in middle school. Lastly, this mitigates the advantage that some private schools may have by being K-12 schools.

C. Resolved, that a new tournament called the *Texas Junior Open* be held sometime in the fall, with bidding procedures similar to the Texas Scholastics. This tournament should be open to what the TCA considers a Junior. The highest finishing Texas junior will be awarded the title of Texas Junior Champion.

Rationale: Every TCA junior should have the right to compete for the title of Texas Junior Champion.

Basically, my resolutions are to have Scholastic Championships in the spring, and a Texas Junior Open sometime in the fall (or in the Christmas break).

Section I of the Salinas resolutions **passed**, 7-1 with one abstention.

Simpson proposed a related resolution, adopted by Jim Liptrap and seconded by Wilford Biggs, that 6th graders who attend middle school must play in the Middle School section. The motion **passed** 3-2 with four abstentions. (A corollary, voiced by Biggs in discussion but not read into the motion, is that middle

school 6th graders who play in the Elementary section are disqualified from winning Elementary prizes.)

Section II was amended by Wilford Biggs (with Salinas' approval) so that 9th graders who attend middle school or junior high school may play for the team of the high school they would normally attend upon entering the 10th grade. Thus amended, the section **passed** 7-1 with one abstention.

Section III.A **passed**, 8-0-3.

Section III.B was amended by Simpson (with Salinas' approval) so that 5th graders must play in the division which reflects their schools' designation as elementary or middle school. The section **passed**, 9-1-1.

Wilford Biggs put forth a related resolution, which had been suggested by Simpson and was seconded by Salinas: that students in private K-12 schools or home schooled students shall play in the high school division if they are in grades 9-12, middle school if they are in grades 6-8, and elementary if they are in grades K-5. The motion **passed**, 8-0-2.

Simpson noted that Section III.C involves a change in the TCA Bylaws, requiring that the amendment be submitted in writing in advance. Jim Liptrap proposed that the Bylaws be amended to include both Scholastic (closed sectional) and Junior Open championships. Simpson allowed a vote on III.C, but only as a referendum on a Bylaws amendment to be presented in finished form at the Annual Membership Meeting at the Southwest Open. As such, Section III.C **passed** 11-0.

A discussion ensued on the best way to formulate the existing policy of a stipend for the Texas high school champion. Gary Gaiffe proposed a motion, seconded by Anderson, that the Texas high school champion be awarded a stipend toward reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, provided he satisfy reasonable conditions as deemed suitable by the TCA Board of Directors. Such conditions might include the furnishing of travel receipts, playing in the Denker tournament to its completion, and writing an article for *Texas Knights*. The motion **passed** 11-0.

Next Simpson shared his experience with the UIL (University Interscholastic League) Executive Committee, when the case he and others made for including chess in UIL academic competition seemed to fall on deaf ears. (TCA scholastic director Joe Binder has since confirmed that UIL's official answer to chess in its programs is "No.") In the discussion there was broad agreement that any further progress in this area will be made by school principals, club sponsors and parents rather than the further efforts of TCA representatives.

The next item was how the newly instituted Texas Regional Scholastics would be organized on a fair and uniform basis. Larry Young proposed that each TCA Regional Director be put in charge of organizing their respective Regional Scholastics; and that these would be open only to students residing in or attending school in their region. Liptrap added a friendly amendment, seconded by Biggs, giving the TCA Scholastic Director primary authority and supervisory capacity over the Regional Directors in this matter. Thus amended, the motion **passed** 9-0.

Gary Gaiffe discussed his misgivings about the fact that TCA juniors who paid \$1 memberships one year could play a year later without renewing. Anderson said that the "13 month membership" problem could be solved by making the expiration month the one previous to the month of signage.

Wilford Biggs proposed a Bylaws amendment making the \$1 Junior memberships good for one Texas Junior Championship only. Larry Young amended it to apply to \$1 Junior memberships at all TCA tournaments. Jimmy Irvin amended it to term such memberships "surcharges". The motion **failed**, 1-5-3.

Larry Young proposed to delete from the Bylaws the provision for \$1 Junior memberships in Article III, section 1, C.(1); and further, to remove the requirement for participants in TCA junior tournaments to be TCA members. [Editor's note: *There is in fact no explicit Bylaws clause that membership is required to play in any TCA tournament; see Article IX: Tournaments, as well as Article III: Memberships.*] Liptrap seconded. The amendment **passed** 8-1.

Simpson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Region VII Scholastics (continued from p. 27)

each with 4. The Russell Elementary "A" team showed why they three-peated at the Texas Junior, placing second ahead of McAllen.

In the 25-player Middle School section, five players scored 4-1. In tiebreak order, they were Kevin Petit, Amol Utturker (St. Joseph Academy), Clemente Randon (Central MS), Sergio Navarro and Ascension Garza. Those whose schools were not named were on the Brownsville Elementary "B" team, which easily won first ahead of Central.

In the 32-player Elementary division there were two players with perfect scores: Catherine Camarillo (first on tie-breaks) and Vanessa Sandoval. Tied for 3rd-4th with 4-1 scores were Alejandro Palacios and Allen Walk. All of the above were from - you guessed it: Russell Elementary. Their "C" team won ahead of Perez Elementary (top player: Chris Meier, 3.5).

Solutions

1. (Onozaki-Bruns, Texas Junior 1995) Black won easily enough with 1...Bh2, but missed a mating combo: 1...Ng3+! 2.Bg3 (2.hg3 Re1+ and 3...R8e2 mate) Bg3 3.hg3 (3.Qd5 Kh8 4.Qe6 -) Re1+ 4.Kf2 R8e2 mate.
2. (Silva-McClintock, Texas Rapid 1995) 1.Rg8+! 1:0 (1...Ke7 2.Qg7+ Rf7 3.Qg5+ Rf6 4.Rf1! Qe5 5.Rg7+.)
3. (Dejmek-Patteson, Chess Center of Houston Spring Championship) 1.Ne6! 1:0. Black must give up his queen to stop mate at f8: 1..Rf1+ 2.Rf1 Qe7 3.Qg5+! Kh8 4.Rf8+ Qf8 5.Nf8 +.
4. (Based on Browne-Glicksman, 1982) 1...Qg2+! 2.Kg2 Bh3+ 3.Kh2 Bf1+ 4.Qh6 Rh6 mate.
5. (Hendrick-Rohrbaugh, Fiesta Open) 1.d5! and (a) 1...Bd5 2.Rc7+ Kg8 3.Qc3 and Black cannot stop both Qg7# and Rc8+. (b) The game ended 1...Bd7 2.Re1 Qc8 3.Re7+ 1:0, since on 3...Kg8 (3...Kf6 4.Qh4+ g5 5.Qh6+) 4.Qd4 Qc1+ 5.Kf2 Qc2+ 6.Kg3 Black runs out of checks.
6. (Bruns-Maier, National HS Championships) 1.c5! dc5 2.bc5 (or 2.d6 Qd6 3.bc5) Nc5 3.d6! Qd6 4.Nb3 won a piece for two pawns with an overwhelming position.
7. (Bruns-Grubbs, Texas Junior 1995) 1.Rh5! (a) 1...gh5 2.Qg5+ Kf8 3.Qh6+ Kg8 4.Qh7+ Kf8 5.Qh8 mate; (b) 1...f5 2.Bf5! gf5 (2...Qf7 3.Qg4) 3.Rg5+ Kf8 4.Rf5+ Kg8 5.Rg5+ +-; (c) 1...Ncd6 2.Qh6! gh5 3.Bh7+ Kh8 4.Bf5+ Kg8 5.Qh7+ Kf8 6.Bd7 Rd7 7.Qh8+ Ke7 8.Re1+ +-; (d) the game ended 1...Re6 2.Qh6! f5 3.Qh8+ 1:0.
8. (Henley-Radulov, Indonesia 1982) 1.Qc2! (1.Nb7?? Qd1+) Ba8 2.e5 Bf3 3.gf3 Nfd7 4.Qh7+ Kf8 5.Ne6+! 1:0 (5...fe6 6.Qh8+ Ke7 7.Qg7+ Ke8 8.Bg6 mate.) In this tournament Houston native Ron Henley tied for first with Walter Browne ahead of Hort, Christiansen, Sosonko and Miles, and made his final GM norm.
9. (Ribli-Chandler, Indonesia 1982) 1.Rc6!! and (a) 1...Rc6 2.Qd5+ Re6 3.Qe6+ Kh8 4.Qe8+ Bf8 5.Qf8 mate; (b) 1...Bc6 2.Qc4+ Bd5 3.Qd5+ Kh8 4.Nf7+ Kg8 5.Nh6+ Kh8 6.Qg8+ Rg8 7.Nf7 mate; (c) 1...Qe5 2.Rc8+ Kf7 3.Bf4 +-; (d) The game ended 1...Rd8 2.Rc8!! 1:0.

Curious about the Moscow FIDE Congress?

The May *Chess Life* "report" on the PCA-FIDE unification took up two short paragraphs on page 3, with the barest reference to the FIDE proceedings ("alternately panned and praised in other publications and the electronic media.") Well, I haven't seen *any* praise in print. Both *Inside Chess* and *New in Chess* were scathing. There is a riveting account available from Don Schultz, who was assistant to USCF's delegate Fan Adams. (Fan resigned in protest over the Policy Board's decision on how to cast his vote.) For a reprint of "The Inside Story" by Don Schultz, send \$3.00 to *floridaCHESS*, 3201 S. Ocean Blvd. #703, Highland Beach, FL 33487.



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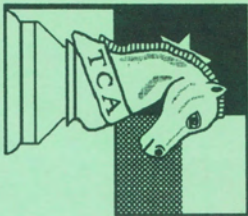
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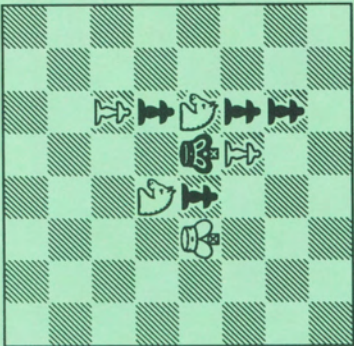


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White mates in three
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