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Corrections last issue: (1) In Bighamian-Anderson (pp. 11-12), note to White's 45th: "White's best try" 45.Re3+ is quickly refuted by 45...Rxe2+ 46.Rxe2 f3+ (Stephen Cheyney); (2) See page 22 regarding tactics problem #1.

Cover: Hey, it was my best shot and I scooped the major publications. Gimme a break!

Test Your Tactics!

Solutions: page 25



1. White to move (#)



2. White to move (#)



3. Black to move (#)



4. White to move (+-)



5. White to move (+-)



6. White to move (+-)



7. White to move (+-)



8. Black to move (+-)



9. White to move (#)

Anderson repeats as San Antonio champion

Selby Anderson won his second straight San Antonio city championship with a 5-0 score, defeating top-ranked Bill Reuter of Austin in the last round. This was the fifth city title for Anderson, but the first he had won outright. Placing second with 4.5 points was Jim Gallagher, who drew Reuter after missing his way to a win.

Tied for 3rd-6th places with 4 points were last year's co-champion Bill Underwood, Martin Gordon, Gary Zintgraff (all =1st Class A) and Jim Rohrbaugh (1st expert). Bruce Lewkowski was top Class B with 3.5, and Michael LaBelle won Class C with 3. Out of the 22 players in Class D/E/ unrated, three juniors (including two girls) tied at 3: Leica Tilton, Tyler Herschap and Amber Zintgraff.

Notable upsets were Vasquez-Pierce Tilton (~800 points) and Minoo-Rohrbaugh (~500 points).

The event was held at Lions Field Adult and Senior Citizen Center, the regular meeting place of the San Antonio Chess Club. A special feature of the site was the spectacle of the Alamo Heights classic car enthusiasts who motor down Broadway every Saturday evening about 6 p.m. It's almost like a parade!

Round three was interrupted when an oak limb fell on a nearby power line. Players had just moved to the Chess Studio two miles away to resume play when power returned to Lions Field and they came right back. More than a few short draws were inspired by the chaos.

There was a typically healthy turnout of 56 players. Greg Wren directed the event, held July 22-23. Jim Gallagher, Sr. was the relief TD in round four.

A milestone game for nine-year-old Pierce Tilton, this features a long-range exchange sacrifice which the kid presses home with a veteran's touch.

Sicilian Defense B20

Pierce Tilton 994
Jesse Vasquez 1781

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4. d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qd2 a6 10.Rae1 Qc7 11.Re2 Nd4 12.Re3 Nxf3+?

"I just thought I'd help out your rook." Black has a splendid game after 12...b5 13.Bb3 Bb7 Δ Rad8, d5.

13.Rxf3 b5



14.Rxf6+!

While the sac is not hard to find, the justification is deep: 14...gxf6 15.Qxh6 Qe5 16.f4 Qd4+ 17.Kh1 f5 18.Rf3 Qg7 19.Rg3 Qxg3 20.hxg3 bxc4 21.exf5! f6 (or 21...exf5 22.Nd5 +-) 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Ne4 +-.

14...Qe5?!

The best reply is 14...bxc4 15.Rf3! =. I cannot quite justify 15.Rxh6!?

15.Qf4?

White can retreat and win a pawn with 15.Rf3 bxc4 16.dxc4 Δ Rd3, f4 ±.

15...gxf6?

15...Qxf6 takes all the fun out of White's position.

16.Qxh6 bxc4?

White has no better than a draw by repetition after 16...f5 17.f4 Qg7 18.Qh4 Qg4 19.Qh6 Qg6 =.

17.f4 Qd4+ 18.Kh1 Qe3 19.h3! Qg3 20.Rf3 Qg7?

20...Qg6 saves a tempo, but probably not the game after 21.Qh4 Kg7 22.f5! Qg5 23.Rg3 +-, or 21...f5 22.exf5 Qxf5 23.Rg3+ Qg6 24.f5! e5 25.Nd5 +-.

21.Qh4 Qh7 22.Rg3+ Qg6 23. Rxg6+ fxg6 24.Qh6 Kf7 25.Qh7+ Ke8 26. Qxg6+ Ke7 27.g4!

I cannot praise highly enough the persistence with which Pierce presses for the win. To be sure, Vasquez never offered a draw.

27...cxd3 28.cxd3 Bb7 29.f5 Rg8 30.Qh7+ Kd6 31.fxe6 Bc6

On 31...Kxe6 32.Qf5+ Black will lose a pawn with check.

32.Nd5 Rge8 33.exd7 Bxd7 34. Nxf6 Re7 35. e5+ Ke6 36.Qf5+ Kf7 37.Nxd7+ Ke8 38.Qf8+ 1-0

Leica Tilton, Pierce's sister and last year's Texas elementary champion, gave newcomer Merlin Bugtong fits. It took 78 moves, but he eventually managed to win.

Ruy Lopez C66

Merlin Bugtong 1925
Leica Tilton 1317

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 d6 5.Re1 Be7 6.h3!? 0-0 7.c3 Bd7 8.d4 Re8 9.d5 Nb8 10.Bxd7 Nbx7 11.Nbd2?! (11.c4). Nc5 12. b4 Nd3 13.Re3 Nf4 14.Nf1 Qd7 15.N3h2 c6 16.c4 cxd5 17.cxd5 Rac8 18.Ng3 Ng6 (18...Rc4!?) 19. Nf5?! (19.Ra3 =) Bf8?!

This bishop is not worth pre-

servicing, especially when 19...Rc4! (-/+) beckons.

20.Ng4 Nxe4! 21. Nfh6+! gxf6
22.Rxe4 Qf5 23. Bxh6! Kh8 24.Qe1
Better is 24.Qd3 Qh5 25.Bxf8
Rxf8 26.Rc4.

24...Be7
24...Bxh6! 25.Nxh6 Qd7 Δ f5.
25.Bd2??!
25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Bxc1 Δ ...Rc8?
27.Nh6 Qf6 28.Bg5! Qg7 29.Nf5 ±



25...Rc2

Also good is 25...Qd7 26.Nh6 f5
27.Re2 Bf6 and Black is slightly
better because of the vulnerable d5
pawn.

26.Re2 Rec8?

26...Qd3! (Δ Nf4) 27.Ne3 Nf4!
28.Nxc2 Nxe2+ 29.Kh1 Rc8 30.Ne3
Nf4 =+.

27.Ne3 Qd3 28.Nxc2 Rxc2
29.Kf1 Qd5 30.Rc1 Rxc1

30...Rxa2 31.Bh6! Bf8 32.Rc8
Kg8 ∞.

31.Qxc1 Nh4 32.Qc8+ Kg7 33.
Qg4+ Kf8 34.Bh6+ Ke8 35.Bd2
Qc6 36.Re1 Qc2 37.Qg8+ Kd7 38.
Rc1 Qd3+ 39.Kg1 Ke6 40.Qc8+
Kf6 41.Qg4 Nf5 42.Bg5+ Ke6 43.
Bxe7 Kxe7 44.Rc7+ Kf6 45.Rxb7
Qb1+ 46.Kh2 Qxa2 47.Qf3 Ke6 48.
Qh5 Kf6 49.Qxh7 a6 50.Qh8+ Ke6
51.Qe8+ Kf6 52.Qd8+ Ke6 53.
Qd7+ Kf6 54.f4 e4 55.Qd8+ Ke6
56.Qg8 Kf6 57.Qg5+ Ke6 58.Rxf7
Kxf7 59.Qxf5+ Ke7 60.Qxe4+ Kd7
61.f5 Qf7 62.Qb7+ and 1-0

Each generation must learn anew
the lessons of the old masters.
I was fortunate in that my first
chess book, Lasker's *Common Sense
in Chess*, opened with Legal's mate,
sparing me this sort of experience:

Giuoco Piano C50

Gary Zintgraff 1882

Alexander Lewkowski 1217

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 d6 4.
Bc4 Bg4 5.Nc3?!

5.h3 is the book move for a
modest edge, but Gary is fishing for
mate.

5...Nxd4 6.Nxe5! Bd1??

After the correct 6...dxe5 7.
Qxg4 Nc2+ 8.Ke2, there is still a
big pitfall: 7...Nxa1? (8...Nf6! -+)
9.Rd1 Qe7 (9...Qc8 10.Qh5) 10.Bg5
(10.Nd5? Nf6!) f6 11.Nd5 Qc5 12.
Nxc7+ Qxc7 13.Qe6+ Qe7 14.Bb5
mate!

7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Nd5 mate 1-0

Jim Rohrbaugh (2151) won a
pawn from Aaron Minoos (1638)
on move 16, missed the win of a
second pawn on move 19, then self-
destructed after time control.



46.f5 Be7 47.Kf4 f6

If 47...c3!? not 48.bxc3? b3 -+
but 48.b3!

48.g6 c3 49.b3 Nb6

49...Nb2 50.Ne3 Nd3+ 51.Kf3
Bd8 52.Nc2 is also a dead end.

50.Ke3 Bd6 51.Kd3 Nc8
52.Kc2 Be7 53.Ne3 Nd6??

The losing move. After 53...Ne7
54.Kd3 neither player can make pro-
gress, and a draw is inevitable.

54.Nf4! Nc4

Also losing are (a) 54...Nxf5 55.
Nxf5 Bxf4 56.Nxg7 Kxd7 57.Nh5!
+-, or (b) 54...Nb5 55.Ne6 Bg3 56.
Kd3 Bf2 57.Nc2! ±.

55.bxc4 Bxf4 56.Nxd5 Bd6 57.
Nxf6! Bf8 58. Nh7 Be7 59. f6 Bxf6
60.Nxf6 Kd6 61.Nd5 1-0

As if to show that his first game
was no fluke, Pierce Tilton
almost pulls another big upset.

Three Knights C42

Chuck Barbour 1829

Pierce Tilton 994

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.d3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 d5 6.Ba3 Bg4
7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Nc6 9.0-0

9.Rb1 dxe4!; 9.exd5!

9...Qd7 10.Re1 (11.cxd5) 0-0-0
(10...d4) 11.Rb1

Better chances are offered by
11.exd5 Nxd5 12.c4 Nf4 13.Rb1,
with the threat of Rxe5. Now an
important diagonal gets closed.

11...d4! 12.c4 h5! 13.Qd2 h4
14.h3 Rdg8!

I think someone has told Pierce
about pawn levers.

15.Rb5 g5 16.Reb1 b6 17.c5
bxc5

17...g4! poses grave dangers for
White, with almost none to Black.

18.Bxc5

Sharper is 18.Qa5! Qe6! 19.Qa6+
Kd7 20.Rxc5 Rb8! (20...g4 21.
Rd5+) 21.Rbb5! Rb5 22.Rb5 Rb8
23.Rb8 Nb8 24.Qa7 Nc6 25.Qc5 Qa2
26.Qf8 ±. The text turns out to be
too slow, since Black has a striking
force ready.

18...Qe6! 19.c3 g4 20.hxg4
Nxxg4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.Qf4

It is hard to recommend a good
move, since ...Nge5 and ...h3 will be

hard to meet: 22.Rb7 Nge5 23.Kf1 Qf6! 24.Ke2 h3 +.



22...h3 23.Bxd4

If White covers the f2 square against mate in two with 23.Qd2 or 23.R5b2, then 23...Nge5! is deadly.

23...h2+ 24.Kh1 Nxd4 25.Bxg4 Qxg4?

Black is winning with 25...Rxc4 26.Rb8+ Kd7 27.Qxg4 (27.Qe3 Qe5 +) Qxg4 28.Rxh8 Qe2 -/+.

26.Qxg4 Rxc4 27.Rb8+ Kd7 28.Rxh8 Ne6 29.Kxh2 Nf4 30.g3 Nxd3? 31.Rd1 Rxe4 32.Rxd3+ and 1-0 in 14

Pirc Defense B09

Gary Zintgraff 1882

Bill Reuter 2387

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (3)

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bc4!?

It isn't in ECO! Reuter was impressed with the play White obtains.

6...Nb6 7.Bb3 d5 8.Nf3

The position resembles a Modern Alekine's Defense (1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5. Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 Bg7 7.Ng5 d5 8.f4), except that White hasn't spent a tempo on Ng5.

Other options here are 8.Nce2 or 8.a4(!) to preserve the king bishop..

8...Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne2 Na5



11.Qe1!?

White ignores the dominant position Black's QB will take up on f5. Better is 11.Ng3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Bg4 (12...f6 meets the same reply) 13.f5! and ...

(a) 13...gxf5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 e6 16.Nh5 Kh8 17.Nxg7 Kxg7 18.Qh5 ±;

(b) 13...Bxf5 14.Nxf5 gxf5 15. Qe1 with good attacking prospects for the pawn.

It may be necessary for Black to play passively with 12...e6, but White can pursue a pawn storm with 13.h4 or 13.Ne2 Δ g4, Ng3.

11...Nxb3 12.axb3 Bf5 13.c3 f6 14.Qh4 Qd7 15.Rf2 Qb5 16.Ng3 e6 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Ra3

What a waste of a rook! To mobilize it will require throwing at least a pawn overboard.

18...a5 19.g4 fxc4 20.Qxc4 fxe5 21.fxe5

21.dxe5 keeps Black from storming down the f-file, but there is no question whose position is better.

21...Rf5 22.c4 dxc4 23.bxc4 Nxc4 24.Rc3 Raf8 25.b3 Nb6 26. Qh3 Qd7 27.Rg2 Nd5 28.Rd3 Qc6 29.Rd1??

But no matter: 29.Bd2 Nb4 30.Bxb4 Rxf3 31.Bxf8 Rxh3 +.

29...Rxf3 30.Qg4 R3f5 31.Qe2 Nc3 0-1

Modern Benoni A60

Raymond Smith 1835

Selby Anderson 2266

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 ed5 5.cd5 d6 6.Bg5!?

I can't find this move anywhere except after 6.Nf3 g6, when Black must spend an extra g-pawn move to expel the pinning bishop.

6...h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 b5! 9.a3!? 9.Nxb5? Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Ne4 -/+; 9.e4 a6! (9...b4 10.Nb5 a6 11.Nxd6+ Bxd6 12.e5 Qe7 13.Qe2 Nxd5 14.exd6 Qxe2+ 15.Bxe2 Bb7 +=) 10.Bd3 Bg7 ∞.

9...Bg7 10.e4 a6 11.Bd3 Qe7 12. Ng2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Ne5 14. Bc2?!

14.f4! Neg4! 15.e5 Nh5 (15... dxe5? 16.d6!) 16.exd6 Qe3+ 17.Bf2 Nxf2 18. Rxf2 c4 19.Bc2 Bg4 20.h3 Bd7 21.Qc1 Qxc1+ 22.Rxc1 0-0 ∞.

14...0-0 15.f4 Nc4 16.Qc1 Ng4 17.Rf3?!

The rook gets in trouble on the third rank; better is 17.Nd1.

17...b4 18.axb4 cxb4 19.Na4?! (19.Nd1) f5



20.h3 fxe4 21.Rb3 Qa7+ 22.Kh1 Nf2+ 23.Kh2 g4 24.Bxe4 Nxe4 25. Qxc4 Nd2 26.Qxb4 Nxb3 27.Qxb3 gxf3 28.gxf3 Rb8 29.Qc2 Qd7 30.Ng1 Rf5 31.Re1!?

31.Nc3 Rxd5 32.Nd5 Rxb2 -/+ 31...Rxd5 32.Qg6?

32.Nc3 is necessary.

32...Rd2+ 33.Bf2 Bb7

Also good is 33...Rxf2+ 34.Kg3 Rxf4! 35. Kxf4 Qxa4+ 36.Kg3 Qb3+ 37.Nf3 Bb7 +.

34.Kg3 Qxa4 35.Re7 Qb3+ 36. Kh4 Qxb2 37.Kh5 Qf6 0-1

Gallagher phoned in with car trouble half an hour after the round began. Somehow he more than overcame his time disadvantage until it was time to win a won game, with the big choke occurring on move 31. There is fodder for several endgame studies in the lines both players had to negotiate in the ten moves before time control.

Notes by NM Jim Gallagher

Sicilian Closed B25

Bill Reuter 2387

Jim Gallagher 2277

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (4)

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.0-0 e5 7.Nc3 Nge7 8.Nh4 0-0 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Be6

This is given a "?!" by Gufeld in ECO-2. He recommends "10...h6! ∞", but I have a different opinion.

11.Qd2 d5 12.Bh6 dxe4!

In my opinion, 12...d4 is the true "?!" played in Westerinen-Ivkov, Geneva 1977, when 13.Ne2 would have been "+=" according to Ivkov. But what about the continuation of the present game?

13.Nxe4 c4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b3?!

White keeps Black's center pawn on the board to serve as a mask for more kingside action. 15.dxc4 Bxc4 16.Rfd1 Qxd2 [16...Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Qxb2 18.Rab1 Qe5! is a wash.] 17.Rxd2 Rd8 18.Rad1 [18.Nd6! keeps some tension.] Rxd2 19. Rxd2 Rd8 is about as equal as it gets.

15...cxd3 16.c4 Qd4+ 17.Kh1 Nf5

But whose dark squares are weaker?

18.Nc3!?



18...Nxh4!!

This line clears the water in Black's favor.

19.Rf4 Qxf4 20.Qxf4 Nxe2 21. Kxe2 Rad8

Black has full development and complete centralization, while White's best pieces have left the board.

22.Qd2

22.Ne4! Rd4 [22...f5 23.Nd6!] 23. Qf6+ Kg8 24.Ng5 Bg4 25.h3 Be2 -/+ [24.Nd2! Rd6 25.Kg1 Rfd8 26.Ne4 Rd4 27.Ng5 d2 28.Rd1 R4d6 29.c5 ±; 24...h6! =]

22...Ne5 23.Re1 f6 24.Ne4 Bf5 24...Rd4? 25.Nf6 Kf6 26.Qf2 +. 25.c5 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rd5 27.b4 Rfd8 28.a4 Rd4 29.Rxe5

Forced: if 29.Re1? Nc4 +. 29...fxe5 30.b5



30...Re4!?

30...Re4! +

(a) 31.Qg5 Rf8 32.Qe7+ Rf7 33.Qd8 Re2+ 34.Kh3 h5! 35.Qd3 Rf2 36.Kh4 (36.g4 Rxh2+ 37.Kg3 Reg2+ 38.Kf3 Rh3+ +) Kh6 +.

(b) 31.Qa5 Rf8 32.Qxa7 Re2+ 33. Kh3 Rf7 34.Qb8 d2 35.Qd6 h5! and ...Rff2 with the same mate net as above.

31.Qe3 e4?

31...Rc2+! 32.Kh3 Re2 +.

32.Qg5 Rf8 33.Kh3 h5?

Better is 33...Rf2. [But 34.Qe7+ is as problematic as the game continuation, as is 33...Rf7 34.Qe5+. Best is 33...Rxa4 34.c6 bxc6 35. xc6 Rf5! (35...Rf7 36.Qc5 ∞) 36.Qc1 Rh5+ 37.Kg4 (37.Kg2 Ra2+ -) d2! 38.Qc3+ Kh6 39.Qe3+ g5 40.Qe2 Rc4! 41.c7 e3+ 42.Kf3 Rc7 -+. It sure was easier if Black has played 31...Rc2!]

34.Qe7+ Rf7 35.Qe5+ Kh7??

35...Kg8 =.

36.Qe6 Rf2 37.Qxc4 d2 38.Qd4 e3 39.c6?

39.Qd3! [I'd like to see how White makes progress after 39...Rf6!]

39...bxc6



40.Qxa7+?!

This loses a critical tempo. The queen is well-placed to prevent queening, so 40.bxc6! is in order:

(a) 40...Rf1 41.c7 d1(Q) 42.Qxd1 Rxd1 43.c8(Q) e2 44.Qc7+ Kh6

45.Qf4+ Kh7 (Gallagher) 46.Qf7+!
Kh6 47.Qf8+ Kh7 48.Qe7+ +-;

(b) 40...Rf7 41.Qd6! Kh6 42.c7
Rxc7 43.Qf4+ g5 44.Qd6+ and
Qxc7+, +-.

40...Kg8 41.Qxe3?

The last winning try is 41.Qb8+;
however, accurate defense seems
to hold: 41...Kg7 42.Qe5+ Rf6 43.
Qd4 cxb5 44.axb5 Kf7 (+/=).

41...d1(Q) 42.Qxf2 Qd7+ 43.
Kg2 cxb5 44.Qa2+ Kh7 45.axb5
Qxb5 1/2



White must sacrifice the ex-
change; the only question is how. If
32.Rfd1 there is a strong reply in
32...Nb3.

32.Bb4!? Rxa3

Safer is 32...Rd5, as White will
now get a tempo to establish two
connected passers.

33.Qc2 Bxf1 34.Rxf1 Ra4 35.
Bxc5 bxc5 36.f5 Qb5 37.Ne3 Rb4
38.e6! Rb3

38...Rxb2 39.Qc3+ Kg8 40.Rg1!
(40. f6 h6) h6 41.Ng4 Kh7 42.Nf6+
+-.

39.Nc4 Qb7 40.e7 Re8 41.Nd6
Qd5 42.Nxe8 Rxf3 43.Rxf3 Qxf3+
44.Kg1 Qg4+ 45.Kf1 Qf4+ 46.Qf2
Qc4+ 47.Qe2 Qf4+ 48.Kg2 Qf5
49.Nc7 1-0

Sicilian B20

David Gonzales 1824

Merlin Bugtong 1925

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6
4.Nc3 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 e5?!
7.d3 0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.a4 Na5 10.Ba2
a6 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Be6
13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Bd2 Nc6 15.c3 h6
16.b4 cxb4 17.cxb4 Qd7 18.Bc3
Bf6 19.Qb3 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4
21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5 23.Qxd5
exd5 24.Nd7 Rf7 25.Nxf6+ Rxf6
26. Re7 Rc8 27.Rxb7 Rc3 28.Rd1
Ra3 29.a5 Ra2 30.Rf1 Rb2 31.g4
Rc6 32.Re1 Rcc2 33.Re8+ Kh7
34.Rxf7 Rxb4 35.Ree7 Rb1 36.Kg2

Rb3 37.Rxg7+ Kh8 38.Rh7+ Kg8
39.Rxh6 Rxd3 40.Ra6



40...Kf8?!

40...Rc8 41.h4 Rdc3 42.Raa7 d3
43.h5 d2 44.h6 d1(Q) 45.Rg7+ Kf8
46.Raf7+ Ke8 and if 47.h7??
Qxg4+! +-.

41.Rd7 Ke8?? (41...Rc8) 42.
Rh7 Rc8 43.Raa7 1-0

English Opening A30

Bill Reuter 2387

Selby Anderson 2266

S.A. City Chp. 1995 (5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.b3 g6 4.Bb2
Bg7 5.g3 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0
8.e3 Nc6 9.Qe2 d5 10.d3 Qd7 11.
Nbd2 Rfd8 12.Rfd1 Rac8 13.Nf1
Qc7 14.Rac1 dxc4 15.bxc4

If White wants a draw he can
play 15.dxc4 and trade all the heavy
pieces. However, Reuter needed a
win to be assured of a prize.



Black gets good compensation
for the pawn after 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.
Qxe4 Re8 12.Qd3 Bg4 13.Bg5 Qd7
14.Nbd2 h6 15.Be3 f5 ∞ Kruppa-
Rozentalis, USSR 1985.

10...f5 11.Nc3 Nc7 12.Qb3?!

12.b4 Bd7 13.Bb2 Be8 14.Ne5 +=
BCO-2.

12...Kh8 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.
Kh1?

The attack on d5 is bogus because
Black can pin the knight with ...Be6,
and meet Bc4 with ...b5. Correct is
14.Ne5.

14...b6 15.Ne5 Be6(?)

15...Qh4 makes White go back to
g1 with his king, as 16.g3 Qh3 is
awkward.

16.Ne2 Qh4 17.g3 Qh5 18.Nf4
Qe8 19.f3?

19.Qd1 +=.

19...Bxe5! 20.dxe5 Nc5 21.Qc3
d4! 22.Qc2 (22.Qxd4?? Nb3) Bb3
23.Qe2 g5 24.Ng2 N7e6 25.Bd2
Nd3!?

Black has something of a bind
after 25...a5, preventing Bb4.

26.Qxd3 Nc5 27.Qxd4 Rd8
28.Qe3 f4 29.gxf4 Rd3 30.Qe2 Bc4
31.Rac1 Ba6

15...e5 16.e4 Nd4 17.Nxd4
17.Qe1!? Δ Ne3-d5 ∞.
17...cxd4 18.Nd2 Bh6 19.Rc2
Bc6 20.Rf1 Bd7 21.Bc1 Nh5 22.
Nb3 Bxc1 23.Rcxc1 Be6 24.Qd2 f6
25.f4 Qg7 26.Rf2

During the game I thought White should trade off his bad bishop with 26.Bf3, based on the favorable knight vs. bishop matchup after 26...Qh6?! 27.fxe5 Qxd2 28. Nxd2 fxe5 29.Bxh5 gxh5 30.Nf3 ±.

But a better try for Black is 26...Bh3! 27.Rf2 Rf8 28.Qe2 Qh6 ∞.

26...g5 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.Qb4 Qd7 29.Rcf1 Kg7 30.Qd2 Qe7 31.Qe2 g4 32.Qd2 h6 33.Na1

The beginning of a plan to counter the knight to d5 – but Black's counterplan strikes first.

33...Rf8 34.Rb1 Rxf2 35.Kxf2

35.Qxf2 Qa3!

35...Bd7! 36.Nc2



36...b5! 37.cxb5??

This loses a piece. If 37.Qb4, Qf7+! wins the c-pawn after all, so the best chance to junk it up is 37.Nb4! bxc4 38.dxc4 Rxc4 39. Nd5.

37...Qf7+ 38.Kg1 Qxa2 39.Ra1

Or 39.Rc1 Qb2! and Bb5-a4 +.

39...Qxc2 40.Qb4 Qc5 41.Qxc5 Rxc5 42.Rxa7 Nf6 43.b6 Rb5 44.b7 Kg6 45.Bf1 Bc6 46.Be2 Bxb7

White played on for 25 moves before resigning. Do you really want to see it?

47.Kf2 h5 48.Ke1 Nd7 49.Ra2 Nc5 50.Rc2 Kf6 51.Kd2 Ke6 52. Bd1 Kd6 53.Ra2 Ba6 54.Bc2 Rb8 55.Ke2 Bb5 56.Ra7 Bxd3+ 57. Bxd3 Rb2+ 58.Kf1 Nxd3 59.Rh7 Rxh2 60.Kg1 Re2 61.Rxh5 Rxe4 62.Rh8 Re1+ 63.Kg2 Re2+ 64.Kf1 Rf2+ 65.Kg1 Rf3 66.Kh2 Kd5 67.Rg8 Nf2 68.Kg2 d3 69.Rd8+ Ke4 70.Ra8 d2 71.Ra4+ Kf5 0-1

Philidor's Defense C62
Jim Gallagher 2277
David Gonzales 1824
S.A. City Chp. 1995 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4. d4 exd4 5.Qxd4 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Bg5 f6 Ne7 9.Nc3 Ng6 10.Bg3 Ne5 11.Nh4 g6 12.f4 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bh6 14.Kb1 0-0 15.Nf3 Bg7 16.h4 h5 17.f5 gxf5 18.exf5 Ne5 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Qc4+ Kh8 21.Ng5 Qf6 22.Qe2 Qh6 23.Rhf1 Bf6 24.Qd2 Kg8 25.Nd5 Rac8 26.Ne4 Qg7 27. Nxf6+ Rxf6 28.Nxf6+ Qxf6 29.g3 Kf7 30.Qe2 Rh8 31.Rf2 d5 32.Rg1 e4 33.g4 hxg4 34.Qxg4 Rxh4 35. Qg8+ Ke7 36. Rf1 Rh6 37.Rg7+ Kd6 38.Rf7 Qh4 39. Qf8+ Ke5 40. c3 Rh7 41.Qc8 Rh6 42. Qc7+ Rd6 43.Re7+ 1-0

USCF Delegates' Meeting

by Luis Salinas

The annual USCF Delegates' meetings were held August 12-13 in conjunction with the U.S. Open in Concord, California.

Faneuil Adams of New York became the new Member-At-Large on the Policy Board. He replaces Don Schultz of Florida, whose term ended at the close of the Delegates' meeting.

The USCF web page and U.S. Chess Online, the online service of the USCF, should be up by October 1, 1995.

The PCA world championship match between Kasparov and Anand will be played in New York at the

World Trade Center, with USCF as the sole concessionaire. ESPN will air a series of broadcasts and include the USCF logo and 800 number in each of them.

Chess Life has changed printers. This could affect delivery dates of *Chess Life* in some areas of the country.

Two new Interplay sponsorships were announced: one for the U.S. women's championship and the other for the U.S. Junior. In addition, Saitek will be giving away 700 chess computers to scholastic affiliates. Call Brian Bugbee at the USCF office for details.

The following motions related to FIDE policy passed overwhelmingly:

The Delegates support limiting the term of the FIDE officers chosen in 1994 to two years and call for new elections in 1996.

The Delegates direct the Policy Board to support the reunification of the world championship cycle by using all the means at their disposal to make certain that FIDE holds the Kamsky-Karpov match and that the winner plays the PCA champion.

The Delegates direct the Policy Board and our FIDE delegation to insist that FIDE follow its own rules, including the requirements that (1) nominations for the presidential ticket be made six months before the General Assembly opens and (2) changes in FIDE statutes to allow late nominations require a two-thirds vote.

The Delegates direct the Policy Board and our FIDE delegation to oppose in every possible legal way the election of any person as FIDE president who has already served in that office for two or more terms.

The Delegates direct the Policy Board not to give any binding instructions to our FIDE delegation after the start of FIDE meetings

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Firecracker Open crackles in Dallas

Igor Shtern scored 4-1 to win the Firecracker Open, a Grand Prix event held July 1-2 at the Dallas Chess Club. Although there were no other masters in the 18-player Open section, expert David Buhner gave Shtern a serious challenge; only by a miracle did he fail to win their round three game. Buhner might have tied for first if he had played in the last round – although in that case Shtern would have certainly made Weaver play more than 18 moves to earn a draw. When all the smoke cleared, six players tied for second with 3-2 scores: Richard Weaver, Lewis McClary, David Buhner, Andrew Hood, David Phillips and John Hendrick (first U2000).

The Reserve (U1800) section ended in a four-way tie, with Ming Chin, Joseph Flaherty, Douglas Schwetke and John M. Baker each scoring 5.5 points. Warren Vosper was the top C player with 3-2.

Luis Salinas directed a combined field of 32 players at the Dallas Chess Club.

A potential upset fizzles – see the note to move 13.

Ruy Lopez C63

David Phillips 2045

Phillip Hallmark 1802

Firecracker Open (1)

1.e4 e7-e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 fxe4 5.dxe4 Nf6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Nc3 d6 8.Bg5 Be6!?

8...0-0 9.Nd5 Kh8 10.Nh4 Nd4 11.Bd3 c6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne3 Ne6 14.Nef5 Ng7 = Grinberg-Parma, Buenos Aires 1978.

9.Re1(?)

This weakens f2. Instead, 9.Nd5 is indicated.

9...a6 10.Ba4 0-0 11.Bxc6?!

This gives up the bishop pair as well as control of d5. Better is 11.Bb3 or 11.Nd5.

11...bxc6 12.Qd3 Qe8 13.Ne2



13...Qh5?

Black has good attacking chances with 13...Qg6 14.Ng3 Nh5, e.g. 15.Nxh5? Qxh5 16.Be3 Rxf3! 17.gxf3 Bh3 -. White does better with 15.Be3 Nf4 16.Qc3 =/+.

14.Ng3 Qg6 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3

White enjoys a respite, but his winning chances depend on Black's abandonment of the queenside.

16...Rae8?! 17.Rad1 (17.Qa7) h6 18.Rd3 Rb8 19.b3 Rb7 20.c4 Ng4 21.Qd2 Rf4?

Black has a healthy position after 21...c5, and if 22.Qa5 Rb6.

22.Qa5 d5?!

22...Ra7 23.h3 Nf6 24.Ne5! ±. Desperation marks the final stage of the game.

23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Qxa6 Rb6 25.Qa8+ Rf8 26.Qa5 dxe4 27.Nxe4 Bf5 28.Qd5+ Kh7 29.Rd2 Be6 30.Qc5 Rxf3?

I can't blame Hallmark for trying.

31.gxf3 Nxh2+? 32.Kxh2 Qh5+ 33.Kg1 Bh3 34.Ng3 Qxf3 35.Qd5 Qc3 36.Qd3 1-0

King's Indian E94

Igor Shtern 2371

Lewis McClary 2147

Firecracker Open (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Na6 8.Bg5 Qe8

8...h6 9.Bh4 Qe8 10.Re1 ed4 11.Qd4 g5 12.Bg3 Nc5 13.e5 Nh5 14.Nd5 Ne6 15.Qe3 Ng3 16.hg3 de5 17.Bd3! with comp for the pawn in Lputian-Kovalev, Simferopol 1988.

9.d5 Nc5 10.Nd2 a5 11.Nb5 Na6 12.a3 b6?!

12...Bd7 slows down White's expansion.

13.b4 Bd7 14.Qb3 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Qe7 17.Rac1 Rfb8 18.Nc3 Qe8

18...h5!? 19.h4 g4 20.f4 would give White a second front.

19.Nd1 axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.c5 c6 22.Ne3 Bf8 23.Qb2 Rc8



24.dxc6 Bxc6 25.Nf5 dxc5 26.bxc5 Nxc5

Or 26...Nxe4 27.Nxe4 Bxe4 28.Nd6 Bxd6 29.cxd6 Rc5 30.Rc5 Nc5 31.Bxb5 Nd3 32.Qb1 ±.

27.Nxh6+ Bxh6 28.Rxc5 Nd7 29.Rc2 Qe6 30.h3 Ra2??

I presume McClary's flag was hanging as he made time control. At any rate his position is unpleasant.

31.Qxa2 Qxa2 32.Rxa2 f6
33.Rc1 Nb8 34.Bxb5 1-0

Albin Countergambit D09

David Buhner 2086

Richard Weaver 2199

Firecracker Open (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4
4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 Be6 6.Nbd2 Qd7
7.Bg2 0-0-0 8.0-0 Bh3 9.Qa4 Kb8
10.e6!

A thematic thrust to wrest the initiative, given by ECO after 9...h5: 10.e6! Bxe6 11.b4 Kb8 12.b5 Nce7 13.Nb3 Nf5 14.Nbx4! ± Dzalirov-Pikan, USSR 1984.

10...Bxe6 11.b4 Ne5

11...Nb4!? 12.Qb3 c5 ∞.

12.Qxd7 Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Rxd7

14.Ne5 Rd8 15.Bd5! f6 16.Nc6+
bxc6 17.Bxe6 Ne7 18.Bh3



18...Ng6

The knight also has a poor future after 18...Nc8 19.c5! when a direct attack is more likely than in the game. A drastic example is 19...d3 20.exd3 Rxd3 21.Be3 Ne7 22.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Nd5 24.Bg2! Nxe3 25.Rd8+ Kb7 26.fxe3 a6 (26...g6? 27.b5) 27.a4 g6 28.b5 +.

19.f4! c5 20.bxc5 c6

Black cannot recapture with 20...Bc5?? 21.Rb1+ Ka8 22.Bg2+ and mate, or 21...Bb6 22.c5 +.

21.Ba3 Ne7 22.Rab1+ Ka8
23.Rfd1 g6 24.e3 d3 25.Rb3 d2

26.Kf2 f5 27.Bb2 Rg8 28.Bf6 Rb8
29.Rxd2 Rxb3 30.axb3

The rest is a technical matter facilitated by White's bishop pair.

30...Nc8 31.Rd8 Kb7 32.e4
Bxc5+ 33.f3 Rxd8 34.Bxd8 fxe4+
35.Kxe4 Nd6+ 36.Kf3 Bd4 37.Be6
Bc3 38.g4 h6



39.c5 Nb5 40.Bf7 Kc8 41.Bh4
Kd7 42.Bxg6 Nd4+ 43.Ke3 Nxb3
44.Kd3 Bg7 45.Bf2 Bf8 46.Kc4
Na5 47.Kb4 Nb7 48.Bf5+ Kc7 49.
Bd4 a5+ 50.Kc4 a4 51.Bc2 a3 52.
Bb1 Kd8 53.g5 hxg5 54.fxg5 Ke7
55.h4 Kf7 56.h5 Nd8 57.h6 Ke6
58.h7 Nf7 59.g6 Bxc5 60.Kxc5 1-0

Sicilian B40

Andrew Hood 2051

John Hendrick 1764

Firecracker Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 d5!?
4.exd5 exd5 5.Bb5+ Bd7? 6.Qe2+

This is a beguiling trap with which I've caught a few victims in blitz. Black has reasonable play after 5...Nc6 6.Ne5 Bd7 7.Nxd7 (7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 =) Qxd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 c4 or ...Nf6.

6...Qe7 7.Nxd5! Qxe2+

Or 7...Bxb5 8.Nc7+, etc.

8.Bxe2 Bd6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4
Nf6 11.Nxf6+ gxf6 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.
Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Be3
Be5 16.0-0-0 Rb8 17.Bd4 0-0 18.
Bxe5 fxe5 19.Rd7 Rb4 20.Rxa7
Rfb8 21.b3 Re4 22.Rd1 Re2 23.

Rd2 Re1+ 24.Kb2 Rb4 25.g3 Rd4
26.Rxd4 exd4 27.Rd7 Re2 28.
Rxd4 Rxf2 29.h4 h5 30.a4 Rf5 31.
b4 Rf3 32.Rd3 Rf1 33.Rc3 Rf6
34.Rc5 Rg6 35.Rg5 1-0

Grünfeld Exchange D85

David Buhner 2086

Igor Shtern 2371

Firecracker Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.
cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7
7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be3 Nc6!?

My own experience with trying to play offbeat Grünfeld sidelines by ear has not been encouraging.

9.Nd2 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.Be2 f5
12.f3 fxe4 13. fxe4 c6 14.c4 b5



To a casual observer, it appears that White is suffering from the dissolution of his center and the fact that he can't castle.

15.Bc5!

A rude move, threatening to win a piece with d6.

15...Bd7?

Best is 15...cd5 16.cd5 a6, offering White the exchange for a pawn with 17.d6?! Nc6 18.d7 ∞; but 17.Nf3! keeps the positional plus.

16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.cxb5 Bb7 18.
Qb3+ Kh8 19.Qb4!

Now it is clear who's boss. 19...
Rf7?? meets with 20.Bc4 +.

19...Re8 20.0-0 a5 21.Qb2 Rc8
22.Be3 Qd6 23.Rc1 Rxc1 24. Rxc1
Ng8 25.Rc4 Nf6 26.Qc2 h6 27.Nb3



White has pressed his advantage with admirable economy.

27...Ba8 28.Nxa5 Qa3 29.Nb3 Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Nxe4 31.Qxe4 Qxa2 32.Nc1!?

Just after time control, this passive move is a bad sign. Black gets no play out of 32.Bc4! Rc8 33.h3 Δ Nc5, b6-b7, etc. But a mistake is 32.Qxg6? Qxe2! 33.Qxe8+ Kh7 34.Bd2 Qd1+ =. Buhner may have used some time on the last variation and fallen back on the text.

32...Qa5 33.g3 Rc8 34.b6 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Rxc1 36.Bxc1 Qxc1 37. Bc4 Qd2+ 38.Kh3 Qd7+ 39.g4 h5 40.b7 hxg4+



41.Qxf3??

Only after playing this move does White snap to the fact that 41...Qxb7 42.Qh4+ Bh6 43. Qxh6+ Qh7 leads to a drawn B+RP ending, while 43.Qd8+ Kg7 leads nowhere.

There is still a clear-cut win with 41.Kg3! Qd6 42.Qd5! Qb8 43.Qg8+. If Black's queen instead goes to d8, e8 or c7, then 42.Qxg4 threatening Qc8 or Qh4+ does the trick: 41...Qc7 42.Qxg4 e4+ 43.Kg2 Qxb7 44.Qh4+ Bh6 45. Qxh6+ Qh7 46.Qf8+ and mate next move.

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Bird's Opening A03

J.C. Yabraian 1914

Richard Weaver 2199

Firecracker Open (3)

1.b3 d5 2.f4 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bb2 Bg4 6.Bb5 Qb6 7.Bxc6+ Qxc6 8.0-0 e6 9.d3 Be7 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Qe1 Bf6 12.Ne5 Qc7 13. Qg3 h5 14.e4 Nb6



15.Rab1

White goes for the sure pawn up. 15.h3? fails to trap the bishop because of 15...Be2 16.Rfe1 h4 +=. But 15.Rae1!? leads to interesting play: 15...Qe7! 16.h3 Bh4 17.Qh2 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qh4! (18...0-0 19. hg4 hg4 20.Qg3 ±) 19.Rf1 dxe4 (19...Be2 20.g3!) 20.Nxe4! Bf5 21. Nf3 Qe7 22.Bxg7 ±.

15...Qe7 16.Ndf3!?

Why not 16.Nxg4? Now Black can redeem himself with 16...Bxf3.

16...0-0-0?! 17.Nxg4 Bxb2 18. Rxb2 hxg4 19.Qxg4 f6 20.a4(?)

I prefer 20.ed5 Nd5 21.Re1 with pressure on the e6 pawn (±).

20...dxe4 21.dxe4 Kb8 22.a5 Nd7 23.c4 f5 24.Qg5

Or 24.exf5 Nf6 25.Qg5 Rh5 26.Qg6 Rh6 27.Qg3 Ne4 +=.



24...Nf6! 25.e5

25.exf5 Rh5 transposes to the line above.

25...Rdg8! 26.Qg3

26.exf6? gxf6 27.Qxg8+ Rxc8 28.Re1 Rd8 29.Rbe2 Rd6 -/.

26...Ne4 27.Qe1 g5 =

Black's counterplay on outside files is like that of a Benko Gambit.

28.fxg5 Nxg5 29.Nxg5 Qxg5 30.Qf2 Qh6 31.g3

This is a weakening move White cannot avoid: after 31.Qf4 Qh5 the threat of ...Rg4 forces 32.g3.

31...Rg4! 32.Qf3!

32.Qxc5 Rxc3+! 33.hxg3 Qh1+ 34.Kf2 Rh2+ 35.Ke1 and one of the players will get a perpetual check.

32...Qg7

32...Re4 33.a6! bxa6? (33...Qg7!) 34.b4! cxb4 35.Rxb4+ Kc8 36.Qf2 Qe3 37.Qxe3 Rxe3 38.Rfb1 ±.

33.a6 Re4! 34.b4!?

A definitive plus is elusive:

34.axb7 Qxb7 35.Qc3 Qc7 ∞ or 34...Qe5 35.Rd2 Re3 36.Qc6 Rb3 37.Rfd1. +=.

34.Re2 Rxe2 35.Qxe2 bxa6 36. Qd2! (Δ ...Qxe5 37.Re1) +=.

34...Qxe5 35.Rbb1?

34.Qf2 +=/=.

34...cxb4 36.Rxb4?? Qc5+ 0-1

KI Attack A07

Lewis McClary 2147
John Hendrick 1764

Firecracker Open (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4. d3 f5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c3

6.c4 is better.

6...Bd6 7.a3 a5 8.Qc2 0-0 9. Nbd2 e4 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.cxd4 Be6 12.Nb3 b6 13.a4 Qd7 14.Bd2 Rae8 15.Qc1 h6 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17. Qxf4 g5 18.Qd2 Re7 19.f4 g4 20. Rfc1 h5 21.Qc3 Rh7 22.dxe4 dxe4 23.e3 Nd5 24.Qe1 Nb4 25. Qc3 Nd5 26.Qd2 Rf6 27.Bf1 Qf7 28. Bc4 h4 29.Kg2 Rh6 30.Rh1



Black could seal it up now with 30...hgx3 31.hgx3 Rh3 32.Rxh3 Rxh3 33.Rh1 Qh5 +.

30...Qh5?! 31.Bxd5 Bxd5 32. Qd1 Qf7 33.Nd2 hxg3 34.Nf1 gxh3 35.Qe1 Qh5 (35...Rh3 -/+) 36.Qg3 Qh3 37.Qxh3 Rxh3 38.Rxh2 Bc4 39.Rxh3 Bxf1 40.Rxf1 Rxh3 41. Re1 Kf8 42.Rc1 Rxe3 43.Rxc7 Re2 44.Kg3 Rxb2 45.Kh4 e3 46. Rc3 Rd2 47.Rxe3 Rxd4 48.Kg5 Rd5 49.Rb3 Rd4 50.Kxf5 Rxa4 51. Rxb6 g3 52.Rb2 Rb4 53.Ra2 a4 54.Kg4 g2 55.Rxg2 a3 56.Rg3 Ra4 57.Rgl a2 58. Ral 1/2

Another good position misfires for a Class A versus an expert:

Caro-Kann B12

David G. King 2169
Marvin Bolden 1862

Firecracker Open (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be2 Nd7!? 5.Nd2 e6 6.c3 c5 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Ne7 9.Nf1 Qb6 10.Ng3 Rc8 11.0-0-0!

11.Nf5 Nf5 12.0-0 =.

11...Bc2 12.Qd2 Nf5 13.Nh5? (13.Nxf5) Be4! 14.g4



14...Rc2!?

14...Bxf3 15.gxf5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Qxd4 -/+.

15.Qd1 Rxe2 16.Qxe2 Nxd4?!

16...Bxf3! 17.Qxf3 Nxd4 18.Qd1 Nxe5 19.Be3 Ndf3+ 20.Kg2 Qb4 -/+.

17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Be3!

Or 18.Rd1 Qb4 19.f3 Bg6 20.a3 +=. The text makes the e-pawn a little more enticing, but it is still toxic: 18...Qxe5 19.Bf4 Qd4 20. Rfc1 Kd8 21.Be3 ±.

18...Qd3 19.Qxd3 Bxd3 20. Rfc1 Bb5

On 20...Nxe5 21.Rc7 it will be hard for Black to finish developing.

21.Rc8+ Ke7 22.f4

Or 22.Rac1, since 22...Ne5?? gets mated by 23.R1c7+ Kd6 24.Bc5#.

22...g6 23.Ng3 f6 24.exf6+ Nxf6 25.Bc5+ Kf7 26.Rc7+ Bd7? (26...Nd7 ±) 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.g5 Rc8 29.Rxc8 Bxc8 30. gxf6 and 1-0

Queen's Indian E13

David Phillips 2045
Andrew Hood 2051

Firecracker Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4. Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 b6 6.Nf3 (6.f3!) Bb7 7.e3 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Qc2 a5!? (9...Bxc3+) 10.h3 (10.Bd3) Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Nxc3 12.fxg3 d6 13.Bd3 Nd7 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Qa4 0-0 16. Qc2 c5 17.Rde1 Rac8 18.Kb1 d5 19.Nd2 dxc4 20.Be4 Bxe4 21. Nxe4 b5 22.h4 g4



23.Ng5!?? (desperation) f5?!

The knight will not run away, but it doesn't get any sweeter than now: 23...hgx5 24.hgx5 f5 25.Rh5 Qg7 +.

24.e4! f4

24...hxg5 25.exf5 cxd4 26.Rxe6 Qh7 27.Rg6+ Kh8 28.Qc1 ±

25.e5 Rf5 (25...hxg5 26.hgx5!? Rf5! -) 26.Ne4 cxd4 27.cxd4 Rc6 28.Nd6 Rxd6 29.exd6 Qxd6 30. Qe4 Nf8 31.Re2 fxg3 32.Qe3 b4 33. Rhe1 a4 34.Qxh6 Qxd4 35.Rxe6 Qd3+ 36.Ka1 Qd4+ 37.Kb1 Nxe6 38.Qxe6+ Rf7 39.Qg6+ Qg7 40. Re8+ Rf8 41.Rxf8+ Kxf8 42.Qh5 Qd4 43.Qf5+ Ke7 44.Qg5+ Ke6 45.Qg6+ Kd7 46.Qf7+ Kd6 47. Qf8+ Kc7 48.Qf7+ Kb6 49.Qe6+ Kc5 50.Qc8+ Kd5 51.Qd7+ Ke5 52.Qg7+ Ke4 53.Qxg4+ Kd3 54. Qxg3+ Qe3 55.Qxe3+ Kxe3 56.h5 Kd2 0-1

A courtesy draw suffices for Shtern to take clear first place.

King's Indian E73

Richard Weaver 1999
Igor Shtern 2371

Firecracker Open (5)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Be3 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bc5 Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 Re8 11.f3 Na6 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 Bf8 14.c5 Nc7 15.Bc4 b5 16.Bb3 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.Bc1 Ne6 1/2

French Winawer C15

Andrew Hood 2051
Lewis McClary 2147

Firecracker Open (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Nf6?! 5.e5 Ng8 6.Qg4 Bf8

McClary must have had a twinkle in his eye as he sacrificed tempi right and left.

7.Bg5 Ne7?

But now the joke is on Black. 7...Qd7 must be played.



8.Bxe7! Qxe7

Anyone for 8...Kxe7? There is a psychological advantage to such a move: if Black were to win, who-ever played White would have a hard time living it down.

9.Nxd5 Qd8 10. Nc3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.f4 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qg3 Bf5 15.Bd3 Qd7 16.Qf2?!

The KISS rule (keep it simple, stupid) dictates that White play 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Ne2 Δ Qd3 ±.

16...Bg4 17.Rfe1 h6 18.Qh4 Be7 19.Qg3 g6 20.h3 Be6 21.Qf3 h5 22.Ne2 0-0-0 23. Rhf1 c5 24.c3 c4 25.Bc2 h4 26.f5 gxf5 27.Bxf5 Rhg8 28.g4 hxg3 29.Nxg3 Rf8 30. h4 Kb8 31.h5 Bg5+ 32.Kb1 Bh6 33.Ne2 Rg5 34. Bxe6 fxe6 35.Qh3 Rfg8 36.Nf4 Re8 37.a3 b5 1/2

White could play on, but it would take a certain amount of grit to face down the pawn storm.

KI Attack A05

Hugh West 1948
Phillip Hallmark 1802

Firecracker Open (5)

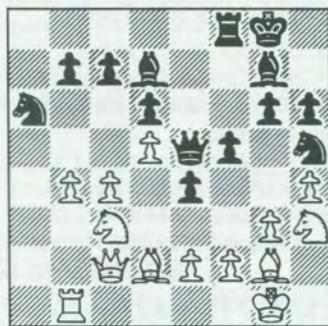
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4. 0-0 0-0 5.d3 d6 6.d4

Say what?!

6...Nd7 7.c4 e5 8. d5 a5 9.Nc3 Nc5 10.Nd2 Qe7 11. Qc2 Nh5 12.Nf3 e4 13.Ng5 f5 14. h4 Bd7 15.Nh3 h6 16.Bd2 a4 17. b4 axb3 18.axb3 Qe5 19.b4

A better try is 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.b4 Na6 21.Nd1, but 21...b5! still leaves Black on top.

19...Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Na6 21.Rb1



21...e5

White gets discombobulated.

22.fxe3 Qxg3 23.b5 Nc5 24. Nd1 Be5 25.Nf4 Nxf4 26.exf4 Bxf4 27.Nf2 Bxd2 28.Qxd2 f4 29. b6 c6 30.Nh1 Qe3 31.Qxe3 fxe3 32.

dx6 Bxc6 33.Rd1 Bxg2 34.Kxg2 Rff6 35.Ng3 Kf7 36.Rf1 Rxf1 37. Nxf1 Na4 38.Nxe3 Nxb6 39.Kf3 Ke6 40.Ke4 Nxc4 41.Ng4 h5 42. Nf2 Ne5 43.Nh3 d5 44.Kd4 Nc6 45.Kc5 Ke5 46.Ng5 d4 47.Kc4 Kf4 48.Kd3 b5 49.Ne6 Kg4 50. Ke4 Kxh4 51.Kf4 b4 52.Ng5 b3 53. Nf3 Kh3 54.Kg5 b2 55.Nd2 Ne7 56.Kf4 h4 57.Ke4 Nf5 58.Kd3 Kg2 59.Kc2 h3 60.Kxb2 Nh4 0-1

Action in Arkansas

NM Robert Harrington went 6-0 to win the Arkansas State Action Championship, held June 24, 1995 in Little Rock. Harrington, whose work recently transferred him to Pine Bluff, says he hopes to return to Texas in the near future.

Caro-Kann B12

Gary Huber 1955
Robert Harrington 2209

Arkansas Action Chp. (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bb5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 e6 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Bg5 Qb6 10. Qxb6 axb6 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Bh4 Nf5 13. Bg5 h6 14.g4 h:g5 15.gxf5 Be7 16.fxe6 B:e6 17.Nbd2 c5 18. Rfe1?? g4 0-1

He's not a millionaire – yet

The July 10 issue of *Inside Chess* wrongly gave Robert Harrington credit for winning the one million dollar first prize at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

"I do not know how they came up with that one. I never play cards for money," he told TK in his report by e-mail.

As the August 7 issue of *Inside Chess* revealed, the actual winner was NM Daniel Harrington. Meanwhile Robert, who has received phone calls of congratulations on his windfall as well as unwanted business opportunities, hopes to return to anonymity soon.

Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions

by Chad Bruns

The Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions was held August 14-18 in Concord, California as a side event to the U.S. Open. Twenty-six states were represented in the 28-player event (California got three). The event was five rounds in a 40/2, SD/1 time control, one game per day. Half of the players were rated over 2000.

As the Texas junior champion, I would like to say that I placed in this prestigious event. I can't. I could say that I beat everyone I played who was rated under 2100, but that would be like the old joke about the Americans beating the Russians in a contest and the Soviet headline reading: "Russia finishes second; U.S. comes in next to last."

Grünfeld Exchange D89

Chad Bruns 1952 (Tx.)

Adrian Keating-Clay (N. Cal.)

Denker HS Tmt. (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10. 0-0 Bg4 11.f3 Na5 12.Bd3 cxd4 13. cxd4 Be6 14.d5!?

A poor choice against a higher rated player, who is probably familiar with current theory on speculative lines like this.

14...Bxa1 15.Qxa1 f6 16.Rb1 Bd7 17.Bh6 Rf7 18.e5 e6

18...fxe5 19.Qxe5 Qb8 20.Qxb8 Rxb8 21.Bd2 += Haik-Chjiburdanidze, Montpellier 1986.

19.Nf4 fxe5 20.dxe6?!

20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.dxe6 Re7 = Polugaevsky-Chandler, Amsterdam 1984.

20...Bxe6 21.Qxe5?

21.Nxe6 Qxd3 22.Rd1 is better, but White probably doesn't have enough for the exchange.

21...Bxa2 22.Re1

I had been toying with ideas of a piece sac on g6, but moving the rook off the b-file lets ...Qb6+ prevent this. If I move it off the back rank, I have to watch out for mates. The text at least prevents immediate

consolidation on the e-file.

22...Bc4 23.Kh1

One little trap: 23...Bxd3 24. Nxd3 Qxd3?? 25.Qe8+!

23...Nc6 24.Qc3 Bxd3 25.Nxd3 Qd4!

Five moves of non-theory have gone by, and White is already busted.

26.Qb3 Rd8 27.Nf4 Qb4 28.Qe6 Qe7 29.Rb1 Qxe6 30.Nxe6 Rd5 31. h3 Re7 32.Nf4 Rde5 33.Kh2 Rd7 34.Kg3 Nd4 35.Rc1 Nf5+ 0-1

Ouch! At least this let me get paired down for round two.

The Maryland representative falls to a tactical shot after an insipid opening.

King's Indian E61

Ian Buchanan 1664 (Md.)

Chad Bruns 1952 (Tx.)

Denker HS Tmt. (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 0-0 5.Bg5 d6 6.h3?! Nbd7 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 c6 9. Bd3 Qe8 10.0-0 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Qc2 Qe7

My plan is to provoke e3-e4 and play ...Nh5-f4, ...Be6 and ...Rad8, completing my development and aiming for White's kingside.

My final score was a disappointing 2 out of 5, a full point below my pre-tournament goal. A performance rating around 2000 just wasn't enough to beat the two masters and one expert that I lost to. On a brighter note, I soundly defeated a B player and swindled an expert. It is interesting to note that Black won all five games!

After I registered for the tournament USCF sent me a partial list of participants. Checking the rating supplement I saw that in the first round I would get paired either way up or way down. Monday morning I was thrown onto board two to face the northern California representative, who placed third at the high school nationals . . .

14.Rad1 Re8 15.e4 [15.Nd2!/?] Nh5 16.Ne2 Be6 17.Nd2?

17.c5 is much better, planning an eventual bishop swap with Bc4. [17.c5 g5! 18.b4 g4 19.hxg4 Bxg4 -/+ - Ed.]

17...Qg5 18.Nf3?

My opponent offered a draw somewhere around here, and his play shows it! Why not simply 18.Kh1?

18...Qf6 19.Nd2 Rad8 20.Qb3?

20.c5 is still better. [20...g5 21. Bc4 Bc8! Δ ...g4 - Ed.]

20...Rd7 21.Bb1 Red8 22.Qc2



22...Bxh3! 23.Ng3

23.gxh3 Qg5+ 24.Kh2 Rxd2 += [Relatively best is 23.Nf3, and if 23...Bg4 then 24.Nh2.]

23...Bxg2!!
 23...Nf4!? is almost as good.
 24.Kg2
 24.Nxh5!? Qg5! 25.Ng3 Rxd2 26.
 Rxd2 Rxd2 27.Qb3 Bxf1 -+.
 24...Nf4+ 25.Kg1
 25.Kf3 Rd3+ and ...Nxd3+ -+.
 25...Qh4 26.Qc3 Qh3
 26...Rd3 is also strong.
 27.Qf3 Rxd2 28.Rxd2 Rxd2 29.
 Qh1 Qg4 30.Kh2 h5 0-1

My third round opponent was 15 year-old Jennie Frenklakh from southern California. After six rounds of the U.S. Open she was tied for the lead (!) with 5.5 points, including upset wins over Richard Koepcke (2310), Frank Say (2270), James Schuyler (2346) and a draw with IM Omar Cartagena (2455!) This accomplishment landed her on the front page of the *San Francisco Examiner*, above the O.J. trial! It read "Teen rocks chess kings" and pictured her at the board with her teddy bear Natasha (who was curiously absent in this game!)

King's Indian Averbakh E73
Jennie Frenklakh 2089 (Ca.)
Chad Bruns 1952 (Tx.)

Denker HS Tmt. (3)

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

This is the modern treatment, retaining options of hitting the center with ...e5 or ...c5.

7.Nf3

Other than the text, the following are also seen:

(a) 7.f4 Qe8 8.Qd2 e5!? 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.d5 Nc5 11.Qe3 with mutual chances, Tukmakov-Mortensen, Reykjavic 1990;

(b) 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 Qe8 9.Bd1 Nc5 10.Bc2 a5 11.Nge2 Nh5 12.Nb5 Qd7 ∞ Seierawan-Piket, Wijk aan Zee 1991;

(c) 7.h4!? h6 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 Nc5 10.Qc2 c6 11.h5 g5 12.f3 a5 13.g4

Bd7 14.Nh3 a4 ∞ Bareev-Kasparov, Linares 1992.

7...Qe8 8.0-0 e5 9.d5 Nc5 10.
 Bxf6!?

This gives White extra time, but she will miss her dark-squared bishop. [10.Nd2 a5 transposes to the Petrosian system.]

10...Bxf6 11.b4 Nd7 12.Ne1
 h5!?

I was afraid of 13.Bg4, since an exchange of light-squared bishops is a strategic victory for White. With the center closed, this is a useful move anyway.

13.Nd3 Be7 14.Qb3 f5 15.c5
 Nf6 16.f3

16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.d6+ Kg7 18.
 dxe7 looks attractive, but why trade the active knight for the big pawn on e7?

16...Kh7 17.a4 f4?

Over looking the following. 17...Bd8 was better.

18.Nb5 Qd8 19.Rfc1 a6 20.
 cxd6 Bxd6

Ugly, unthematic – and forced. 20...cxd6 21.Nc7 favors White, as does 20...axb5 21.dxe7 or even 21.dxc7!?

21.Nxd6?

This lets Black offer some resistance, as his problem piece is now gone and his pawn structure solidified. 21.Na3 Δ Nc4, Qc3 ties Black down to the defense of his e-pawn.

21...cxd6 22.Rc3 Rf7 23.Rac1
 Ne8 24.Nb2

24.a5! is murderous, followed by Nd3-b2-a4-b6. The text allows Black to set a tactical trap and slightly improve his position.

24...b5! 25.Kf1

Not falling for the trap 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bxb5?? Qb6+ 27.Kh1 Qxb5 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Rxc8 Qf1 mate.

25...Bd7 26.Ra1 g5 27.axb5
 axb5 28.Rxa8 Qxa8 29.Qa3 Qb8
 30.Rc1 g4 31.Nd1?

So far Black has been balanced on a tightrope, but after 31.Qa5! White is clearly better.



Bruns analyzes at post-mortem

31...Qd8 32.Qa7 Rg7 33.Nc3 g3
 34.Qg1

Here Jennie offered a draw, and I got into time pressure considering the offer. Psychologically it is difficult to adjust from dead busted to clearly winning in ten minutes.

34...Qh4 35.h3 Bxh3??

I had about a minute to reach move 40.



36.gh3??

36.Qh1 Bxg2+ 37.Kxg2 and the pawns are finally blockaded, while Black's b-pawn is doomed.

36...g2+ 37. Qxg2 Rxc2 38.
 Kxg2 Qg3+ 39.Kf1 Qxh3+ 40.Ke1
 h4 41.Nb5 Qg3+ 42.Kd2 h3

Imagine the surprise of Selby Anderson, who had last seen this

position around move 30 and came back to see this!

43.Nc7 Nxc7 44.Rxc7+ Kg8
45.b5 Qf2 46.Rc1 Qe3+ 47.Kc2
Qxe2+ 0-1

At this point I was very happy; I needed only one more win to reach my goal of three points! Unfortunately, the last point would prove to be elusive.

Round four found me misplaying the White side of a nightmare Dutch. I sacrificed a pawn to lunge at my opponent's throat, but it didn't work and I lost after five hours against Jim Dean of Indiana.

Round five was my last chance. Paired against a master from Missouri, I resist a fierce attack only to reach a position where I was better but curiously passive, and I tipped my king after 5 1/2 hours.

King's Indian E99

Chad Bruns 1952 (Tx.)

Ryan Porter 2227 (Mo.)

Denker HS Tmt. (5)

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

At least he's playing something I know! I've had this position against Mansour Bighamian about a dozen times. He's won every game so far, but they've been instructive!

9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2
Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.c5 g5 14.cxd6 cxd6
15.Nf2 h5 16.h3 Kh8!?

More usual is 16...Ng6, but the text is very thematic and interesting. It clears g8 for the e7 knight.

17.Qc2 a6!?

I was glad to see this, as it weakens Black's queenside.

18.a4 Qe8 19.a5 Qg6 20.Qd1
Neg8 21.Na4 Nh6 22.Nb6 Rb8
23.Nxc8

I thought that I was surely winning here - Black's monster bishop is gone.

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Grubbs scores 4-0 at Oklahoma Junior

Steven Grubbs of Garland went 4-0 to win the Oklahoma Junior Championship tournament held June 24-25 in Oklahoma City. Steven was not eligible for the title because he was not a resident of Oklahoma.

Giucco Piano C50

David Anderson 1332

Steven Grubbs 1825

Oklahoma Junior (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.
0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.d3 (6.h3) Bg4!

Early castling is no asset in this line. A book trap is 7.h3 h5! 8.hxg4? hxg4 9.Nh2 g3 10.Nf3 Ng4 +.

7.Be3 Nd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Rb1

White is already in a crisis to survive. ECO gives 9.h3 Bh5 10.Rb1 0-0 11.Nd5 Nd5 12.Bd5 c6 13.Bb3 a5 14.a4 Ba7 15.g4 Bg6 =+. But Black can improve with 10...c6! -/+.

9...c6! 10.a3 Qc8 11.Na2

Ugh! 11.Ne2 has to be tried.

11...0-0 12.c3 Bb6 13. Kh1 d5
14.exd5? cxd5 15.Bxd5

Even worse is 15.Bb3 e4 16.dxe4 dxe4 17.h3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qxh3+ 19.Kg1 exf3.

15...Nxd5 16.c4 Nf4 17.Re1
Rd8 18.Rxe5 Nxd3 19.Qe2 Nxf2+
20.Kg1 Nd3+ 21.Kh1 Nxe5 22.
Qxe5 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Qxc4 24.Rg1
Bxg1 0-1

Bishop's Opening C24

Steven Grubbs 1825

Joe Veal 1835

Oklahoma Junior (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.
Nd2 d5 5.Bb3 Bd6 6.h3 0-0 7.Ne2
Be6 8.Ng3 Nd7 9.Nf3 Nc5 10.Ng5
h6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.0-0
Nxb3 14.axb3 Bc5 15.Bd2 Rae8
16.Ra1 Qf7 17.Be3 d4 18.Bd2
Qg6 19.Ra1 a6 20.Ra5 Bb6 21.
Ra1 h5 22.Qe1 h4 23.Ne2 Nh5 24.
f3 Bd8 25.Bb4 Rf7 26.Bd6 Nf4 27.

Nxf4 exf4 28.Qb4 e5 29.Bc5 Re6
30.Rf2 Qg3?!

Black can trap the bishop with 30...b6! 31.Bxb6 Rb7 32.Rxa6 c5 33.Qxc5 Rbxb6! 34.Ra8 Qf6 35.Qd5 Rbd6 -/+. Getting his own bishop to a useful square is another matter!

31.Re2 Be7?

31...Qg6 is better.



32.Qxb7! Bxc5?!

32...Qg6 33.Bxe7 and 34.Qxa6.

33.Qc8+ Kh7 34.Qxe6 Rf6 35.
Qg4 Rg6 36.Qxg3 fvg3 37.Rxa6
Be7 38.Re1 Bg5 39. Rea1 Be3+
40.Kf1 Rf6 41.Ke2 g5 42.Rf1 Kg6
43.c4 Kf7 44.b4 Rf4 45.Rxc6 Ke7
46.Ra1 g4 47.Ra7+ Kd8 48.hxg4
h3 49.Rh6 Ke8 50.Rxh3 Bf2 51.
Rh8+ Rf8 52.Ra8+ Ke7 53.Rhxf8
1-0

Steven went 25-1 to tie for the Oklahoma Junior Speed Championship, but again he was not eligible.

Steven won the Dallas Chess Club Closed Junior, an eight-player round robin held July 8-9. He scored 7-0, ahead of Shanteh Wang (4.5) and Matthew Bradford (4).

Check out Dallas Chess Club's Internet home page: <http://www.iadfw.net/jkerr/chess/index.html>.

- Luis Salinas

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Top Texas Juniors

Compiled by USCF for Wilfred Biggs

List includes only current USCF members with established ratings. Includes all tournaments rated as of July 10, 1995.

Age 17 and 18

1	Chad Bruns	17	1944
2	Marlon Natividad	18	1848
3	James Flaherty	18	1802
4	Michael Williams	18	1698
5	J. Stephen Kattner	17	1686
6	Jessica Friesenhahn	18	1598
7	Chris Reynolds	18	1590
8	Dylan Carter	17	1560
9	John Riggs	18	1480
10	Isaac Dimayuga	18	1429

Age 11 and 12

1	Matthew Bradford	12	1723
2	Tsubasa Onozaki	11	1683
3	Erik Hayward	12	1397
4	Jose Guajardo, Jr.	11	1355
5	Leica Tilton	12	1343
6	Patrick Bloom	12	1337
7	Miguel Guajardo	12	1330
8	Ajay Bangale	12	1222
	Gideon Sapp	12	1222
10	Alexander Lewkowski	11	1221

Age 15 and 16

1	Steven Grubbs	16	1873
2	Grant Sitta	15	1844
3	John Hendrick	15	1839
4	Andy Zamora	16	1546
5	Glen Boudreaux	16	1525
6	Heather Flewelling	16	1510
7	Joseph Sims	16	1419
8	Kenny Salan	16	1392
9	Steve Hoberman	15	1386
10	Alex Salas	15	1380

Age 9 and 10

1	Vincent Pai	10	1318
2	John Sneed	10	1306
3	Joseph Molina	10	1233
4	Vanessa Sandoval	9	1027
5	Pierce Tilton	9	1023
6	Eli Schachar	10	1017
7	Dustin Edgeman	10	988
8	Amin Memon	10	976
9	Javier Cal	9	975
10	Kyle Drugan	10	965

Age 13 and 14

1	Aaron Golden	13	1769
2	Suzanne Rivoire	14	1585
3	Joshua Nash	14	1559
4	Nathaniel Ngo	13	1498
5	Bradley McKethan	13	1461
6	Ira Schachar	13	1458
7	James Murphy	13	1439
8	Matthew Rambo	14	1402
9	Jesse Matlock IV	14	1343
10	William Sawyer	14	1343

Age 8 and Under

1	Joel Swearingen	7	1156
2	Bill Ulmer	8	1102
3	Alfred Molina	8	1075
	Aaron Weinberg	8	1075
5	Jason Pai	7	1017
6	Christopher Hobart	8	1068
7	Alexandro Rodriguez	8	1000
8	Matthew Koller	7	963
9	Peter Chen	7	943
10	Justin Hellums	8	935

A rating report received July 17 from USCF has Tsubasa Onozaki at 1805. I believe this places him between David Peterson and Andras Erdei as among the youngest Texas A players in recent times.

A list of the top 25 USCF affiliate chess clubs shows Dallas Chess Club in third place behind Manhattan and Atlanta, with 74 events rated between Jan. 13 and June 2. Next was Houston Chess Club in fourth place, with 68 events. Lubbock Chess Club placed 11th (34 events), and the San Antonio Chess Studio came in 25th (15 events).

Source: *Chess Club Network*, vol. 4, no. 1.

Texas Amateur

Frank Dick of Dallas annotates his best game from the Texas Amateur Championship, which he won in May with a perfect score.

Notes by Frank Dick

Caro-Kann Advance B12

Frank Dick 1920

John Hendrick 1687

Tx. Amateur 1995 (5)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bg6

MCO-13 gives the following line: 4...Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Nge2 Qa6 8.Qh3 b5 9.Nf4 b4 10.Nce2 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 +=.

5.Nf3 e6 6.h4 Nd7 7.h5 Bd3 8.Qd3 c5 9.c3 Rc8 10.Be3

Planning to recapture on d4 with the bishop.

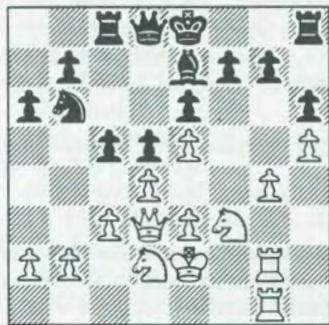
10...Ne7 11.Nbd2 Nf5 12.g4

Prompting Black to exchange the bad bishop, opening the f-file for White's heavy pieces.

12...Nxe3 13.fxe3 Be7 14.Ke2!

With the center closed the king finds safety there, and enables the rooks to conduct both attacking operations on the kingside and (if necessary) defensive operations on the queenside.

14...Nb6 15.Rag1! h6 16.Rh2 a6 17.Rhg2



17...cxd4

Black is better off playing 17...Bg5 accepting doubled pawns after 18.Nxg5 hxg5 but blockading White's dangerous pawn advance.

18.exd4 Nc4 19.Nxc4 Rxc4 20.g5 Bf8

If Black captures on g5, White's rooks will penetrate decisively: 20...hxg5 21.Nxg5 Bxg5 (21...Rg8? 22.Nxf7! +-) 22.Rxg5 Rg8 [better is 22...Qb6 23.b3 Rc8 24.Rxg7 Qa5 25.Rg8+ Ke7 =] 23.Rxg7 Rxg7 24.Rxg7 Kf8 25.Qh7 +=.

21.g6 (21.gxh6? Rxh6) f5 22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Ne5 Ra4?! (23...Rc7) 24.a3 Qh4 25.Qf3 Be7 26.Qf7+ Kd8 27.Rg4!

Or 27.Qxe6 Qe4+ 28.Kd2 Bg5+? 29.Rxg5 Qf4+ 30.Kd1 +=.

27...Qh2+ 28.R1g2 Qxe5+

Black gives up; but other queen moves allow 29.Qxe6 when Black must give up the bishop to forestall mate, e.g. 28...Qh1 29.Qxe6 Kc7 (29...Ke8 30.Qd7+ Kf8 31.Qc8+ Bd8 32.Qd8#) 30.Qxe7+ Kb8 31.Rf2 +=; or 28...Qxh5 29.Qxe6 Kc7 30.Qxe7+ Kb8 31.Rf2 Ra5 32.Rf7 Rb5 33.Nc6+ Ka8 34.Rf8+ Rxf8 35.Qxf8#.

29.de5 Rg4 30.Rg4 1-0

Dick - Stotzfus, Texas Am. (1)



18.e6 fxe6 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Bxg6 Red8 21.Qc2 Be8 22.Bxe8 Rxe8 23.Qg6 e5 24.Ne4 Nd5 25.Bh6 e6 26.Rhf1 Kh8 27.Rf7 and 1-0

Brownsville hosts Tip-O-Tex Open

Hugo Garcia of Pharr won the \$300 top prize in the Open section of the Tip-O-Tex "July" Game/60 Open Chess Tournament. He finished with 4.5 points in the five-round event, a point ahead second place finishers John Hendrick of New Braunfels and NM Noe De La Cruz Alvarez of Mexico (\$150 each). The top U1800 player was Eremer Santos with 3 points (\$100).

Luis Gomez of Mexico won the Reserve U1600 section with 4.5, good for \$300. Tied for 2nd-4th at 4 points (\$134 each) were J.J. Garza and Miguel Guajardo of Brownsville, and Nelson Valderrama (top Class E) of New Braunfels. The last two, like Open prizewinner John Hendrick, are junior players. Frank Salinas of Brownsville won in Class D with 3 points (\$100).

There were eleven players in the Open section and 28 in the Reserve. J.J. Guajardo and the Russell Elementary Chess Club sponsored the Grand Prix event, which paid out the full \$1,500 prize fund.

London System A48

Andrew Thall 1948

John Hendrick 1839

Tip-O-Tex Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.c3 d6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.Bc4 Re8?

7...Qe8 is the right move to prepare ...e5. Now White wins with 8.Bxf7+!, since 8...Kxf7? 9.Ng5+ Kg8 10.Ne6 drops the queen.

8.Qc2? e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Bg5 h6?

Equal (and boring) is 11...Be6.

12.Qxg6! hxg5

12...Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Bxf6 is the simple loss of a pawn.

13.Bxf7+ Kh8 14.Bxe8 Nxe8 15.Nf3!?

15.Ne4! wins a third pawn for the minor exchange after 15...Bf6 16.Nxf6 Nxf6 17.Qxg5, or 15...g4 16.Ng5 Kg8 17.Qf7+ Kh8 18.h3! g3 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.fxg3.

15...Bf6?

15...g4 16.Ng5 Kg8! 17.Rd1 Qe7 and White has no crushing blow, e.g. 18.h4!? a5! 19.h5 Ra6.

16.Rd1?

16.h4! gh4 (16...g4? 17.Ng5 +-) 17.Nh4 Bh4 18.Qh5 (or 18.g3) and Black is dark toast.

16...Qe7 17.0-0

17.h4 g4 18.Ng5 Be6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.e4!? Qxa2 21.Qh5+ +=.

17...Bg4!? 18.h3

Or 18.Qe4!? Bc8! and the tempo gained of remarkably little use.

18...Be6 19.b3 Ng7!?

The threat is 20...Bf5 putting White's queen in a cul-de-sac on h6. Now White should respond with 20.Qe4 forcing 20...Bc8. For this reason, perhaps best was 19...Nd6.

20.Qc2 Rg8

A finesse on 20...Nf5 21.e4 Nh4 22.Nxh4 gxh4 23.f4: with the addition of the text Black has 23...Bxh3.

21.g4

To stop ...Nf5 as well as ...g4.

21...c5 22.Qg6!?

22.Nd2 Δ Ne4 =; 22.c4 =.



22...Nf5!?! 23.Qh5+ Kg7 24.gxf5 Bxf5 25.Nxg5?

Best is 25.Nh4! Bh3 26.Qf3 gh4 27.Qh3 ± and Black's compensation for the exchange is rather shaky.

But 25.Nh2? gives Black the h-file attack he wants: 25...Rh8 26.Qe2 Bh3 27.Rfe1 e4 28.Qc2 Be5 29.Nf1 Bg4 30.Rd2 Bf3 31.Ng3 Kg6! and ...Qh7 +.

25...Bg5 26.Kh2 Rh8 27.Qe2 Rh3 28.Kg2 Qe6 29.f3 Bh4 30.Rg1 e4 31.Kf1 Kh6 32.fe4 Be4 33.Qg4 Rf3!

Or 33...Qf6+ 34.Qf4 Rf3+. Thall resigned because he loses his queen to a discovered check after 34.Kg2 Rf4+, or 34.Ke2 Rf2+ 35.Ke1 Rf4+.

A&M Spring Open

This is the game that decided the clear first place in our Texas A&M Spring Open tournament. The first prize was \$100. Solid game by Charles Bell succeeded against "must win" play of a much higher rated opponent. — Dusan Djuric

QGD Tarrasch D32

Charles Bell 1746

Rich Fabiano 2114

A&M Spring Open (3)

1. c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.d4 c5 5.e3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nb5 Re8 11.b3 a6 12.Nbd4 Ne4 13.Bb2 Qa5!?

The stock idea is 13...Qd6 intending Bb6-c7 and Bg4.

14.a3! Be7 15.b4 Qb6 16.Nb3

White cannot expect much from the endgame after 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4 Bf6, or 18.Bxd4 a5.

16...Be6 17.Rc1 Rad8 18.Rc2 a5 19.b5 a4 20.Nbd4 Na5 21.Qa1 Bf6 (21...Bg4!?) 22.Nxe6

On 22.Rfc1 Bg4! Black can try to rustle up some tactics based on Nb3 followed by Nxf2.

22...fxe6(?)

Move order matters: 22...Nb3! gets White's queen off the diagonal.

23.Be5 Nb3 24.Qb2 Rc8 25.Bd3 Bxe5 26.Nxe5 Rxc2 27.Qxc2 Nf6 28.g3 Qd6 29.Qb2 Rc8 30.Nf3 Qc5?!

The threat is 31...Qc3, but first White gets to respond. Better is 30...h6 Δ ...Nd7, since 31.Bc2 Qc5! 32.Bxb3 Qxb5 is fine for Black.

31.Qe5 Re8 32.Qb2 Rc8 33.Qe5 Qe7 34.Nd4!

Much better than 34.Ng5 Nc5 35.Bf5 Re8 36.Bh3 Nfd7 +=.

34...Nxd4 35.exd4 g6 36.Re1 Kf7



Black seems at last to have some initiative on the c-file, but in fact he cannot afford to cash in on it.

37.h3 Rc3

Or 37...Nd7 38.Qe3 (Δ ...Rc3?? 39.Bxg6+) followed by Rc1, and White cannot do worse than draw.

38.Bf1 Rxa3? 39.Rc1 Nd7 40.Qh8 Qd6 41.Qxh7+ Kf6 42.Qh8+ Kf5 43.Be2 Qf8 44.Qh4 e5 45.Qg4+ Kf6 46.Qxd7 Ra2 47.Bg4 exd4 48.Re1 Kg5 49.Qxd5+ 1-0

Oct. 8: Texas A&M Fall Open. 3-SS, 30/60, SD/30. 308 Rudder Tower, Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX 77843. \$\$ b/entries. EF: \$20, TCA memb. req. Reg. 10-10:30 a.m., Rds. 10:30-1:30-4:30. Entries: Dr. Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt St., College Station, TX 77840. Phone (409) 696-5504 (h), 845-5522 (w). NS. NC. W.

Soltis correction

In the July *Chess Life* Andy Soltis column, problem VI, he gives Black to move and win:

Nowell-Philidor, London 1788



Soltis gives 1...e2 2.Ne1 Rxd7 3.Kg1 Rf7 4.Nf3 Rxf3! and wins.

But instead of 2.Ne1 White can play 2.Kg1 intending Kf2. I have put in several hours trying to find a win for Black but keep getting a win for White.

Bill Church
Scottsdale, AZ

White is winning! -SKA

And TK, too

In "Test Your Tactics" problem #1 in the July-August *Texas Knights*:

Ardaman-Binder, Tx. Chp. 1995



After 1...Nf6 2.Bc5 Qe4, White can escape with 3.Rd4 (if 3...Qc6 4.Rc4). The best that I found was 2...Qc7. Then if 3.Rdd1 Ne4 4.Qc2 Nxc5 5.Rc1 Qa5 [5...Ne6!] 6.Nxc5 Bf8 and now both 7.Nb3 Qxe1+ and 7.b4 Qxb4 8.Nd3 Rxc2 9.Nxb4 Rxc1 10.Rxc1 Bxb4 win for Black. [But either 7.Qc4+ and 8.b4 or 7.Qb3+ and 8.Nb7 bails out the N.]

But after 2...Qc7 White can play 3.Bb6. Now if 3...Qc6 4.Ra5, White's position looks ridiculous, but how can Black get at it (if 4...Bf8 5.a3)? Or in reply to 3.Bb6, Black can play 3...Qc4 4.Rd4 [or 4.Ra5] Qb5. Now White can play 5.b3, giving up only the exchange and keeping his two extra pawns.

Alan Laverty
Austin

Oops! Based on what you show, Black's best may be 2...Qf7 3.Rdd1 Ne4 3.Qc2 Qxa2, regaining one pawn and keeping the other (the e-pawn) securely blockaded. After 4.Ra1 Qe6 5.Ra1 Red8, Black has adequate compensation. -SKA

Texas Postal Championship

Under new director - send \$10 entry to:

Steve Lynn
3503 Aspen Leaf
Round Rock, TX 78681

Dallas Open

Ivan Reyes and Josh Turin won this event, held July 28 at the Dallas Chess Club. James Kerr directed. No scores were collected, hence the brief report. Igor Shtern won the Friday night game/30 tournament.

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USCF (continued from page 9)

unless the delegation itself requests instructions. The Policy Board may send one or more of its members as members of our FIDE delegation and can authorize Policy Board members present in person to give directions to our FIDE delegation on any new issues that arise at the FIDE meetings.

The Delegates endorse and commend the efforts of our 1994 FIDE delegation to have FIDE follow its own statutes and to oppose adding the Campomanes ticket to the FIDE ballot without the required two-thirds vote.

The USCF should oppose any concentration of power in the hands of the FIDE president.

Reports from the USCF FIDE delegation should appear in *Chess Life* in an accurate, forthright, and timely manner as a service to USCF members and journalists.

The USCF Delegates support United States participation in the international chess conference being organized in France. The Delegates direct the Policy Board to work with like-minded federations and take any actions deemed necessary to restore the functionality and integrity of the world governing body of chess and the unity of the world championship.

The Delegates established and appointed a committee to manage USCF's Life Membership assets. This will replace the LMA investment committee on January 1, 1996. Three groups were established to advise the LMA Management Committee: an accounting, valuation, and reporting advisory group; a liquid asset advisory group; and a fixed asset advisory group.

Ernst and Young was selected as USCF's auditing firm. The proposed \$6.7 million budget was passed.

The Delegates established a blue ribbon committee charged with evaluating our governance structure. This committee will report back to the Delegates at the 1996 meeting in Alexandria, Virginia.

The USCF will pay all fees for FIDE international titles for American players.

The concept of an unrated draw was introduced. The Rules Committee has been charged with considering unrated draws as a new category in which players agree to a draw before the game begins. Such agreements happen frequently and rating points are currently exchanged without a serious contest. The Policy Board is authorized to implement this upon recommendation by the Rules Committee.

Time delay clocks, including the USCF clock, will be preferred equipment in sudden death time control events and standard equipment on non-sudden death time control events. The Rules Committee and the Policy Board are empowered to implement new rules to govern their use.

A series of bylaws changes were adopted, aimed at making the USCF more in compliance with rules governing the Olympics.

The definition of a school for team eligibility purposes was modified to read as follows: A school is defined as having one name under one principal, director, or equivalent, on one campus.

U.S. Open time controls shall be determined by the Executive Director in consultation with the organizer. This will include the possibility of sudden death time controls of 40/2, SD/1 or 50/2.5, SD/1.

Alexey Root's list of baby sitters at the U.S. Open was referred back to the Legal Committee.

The motion to eliminate rating floors was sent back to committee.

At a policy board meeting held on Monday, August 14 I learned that the University of Texas at Dallas will offer two chess scholarships for deserving students.

It was reported that the ballots from the following Texas members were not received: James Gallagher, Sr., Michael Simpson, Steve Smolten, William Tompkins.

I would like to thank Texas for letting me represent them at the U.S. Open Delegates Meeting.

I used Rachel Lieberman's notes on the Internet in writing this. -LS

The Chess Journalists of America award for best state magazine was won by *Chess Horizons* (MA) in the open division, and *Empire Chess* (NY) for circulation under 1000, in which category *Texas Knights* was entered. Honorable mentions went to *floridaCHESS*, *California Chess Journal* and *Illinois Chess Bulletin*.

Bruns (continued from page 18)

23...Rbxc8 24.Bb4 Rfd8 25. Qd2 g4 26.Rfc1 gxf3 27.Bxf3 Bf8



28.Rxc8?

28.Rc3!, planning to double or triple on the c-file, gives White some advantage.

28...Rxc8 29.Rc1 Qe8 30.Rxc8 Qxc8 31.Qc3 Qd7 32.b3 Nf7 33.Qc4

I sort of assumed that the position was a draw here and began to move aimlessly. However, the king-side comes back to haunt me.

33...Kg7 34.Bc3 Kg6 35.Qb4 Be7 36.Qc4 Ng5 37.Qd3 Nfh7 38. Qe2 Nxf3+ 39.Qxf3 Bh4 40.Qe2 Ng5 41.Bd2 Qc8 42.Nd3 Qc2 43. b4 f3 44.Qe3 f2+ 45.Nxf2 Bxf2+ 46.Kxf2 Ne4+ 47.Ke2 Qxd2+ 48. Qxd2 Nxd2 49.Kxd2 h4 50.Ke3 Kf5 51.g4+ hxg3 52.Kf3 g2 53. Kxg2 Ke4 54.Kg3 Kxd5 55.Kg4 Ke6 56.Kg5 Kf7 57.Kf5 Kg7 58. Ke4 Kg6 59.Kd5 Kf5 60.Kxd6 e4 61.Kc7 e3 62.Kxb7 e2 63.Kxa6 e1(Q) 64.b5 Ke6 65.b6 Kd7 66.h4 Kc8 67.h5 Kb8 0-1

Charles Gelman of Virginia won first with 4.5-.5, ahead Eugene Perelshiteyn, Adrian Keating-Clay and Michael Klein (4). Even though I didn't live up to personal expectations, I was glad to represent my state. Good luck to all future Texas participants!

Special thanks go to Mike Simpson, Selby Anderson and everyone else in TCA for making this trip possible, Mark Dejmek and Mansour Bighamian for all the instruction, Jim Liptrap for being a great organizer, my family for being supportive, Murvin Auzenne for teaching me my knight fork from dessert fork, Glen Boudreaux, Stephen Kattner and Durant Gipson for keeping my king and ego in check, Suzy Rivoire for letting me draw OTB and letting me win at bug-house, John Hendrick for the 200 or so blitz games, Tsubasa Onozaki for not publishing any of my losses to him, Clarence Yeung for letting me sandbag forever, Marlon Natividad for not bragging TOO much, Pete Gibson for the lack of karma, Chase Manning and Danielle Mills for the sunflower seeds, and everyone else.

Tournament Crosstables

Firecracker Open

Dallas, July 1-2

name	rating	post	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Igor Shtern	2371	2367	+11	+3	=4	+5	=2	4
2 Richard Weaver	2199	2191	+9	-4	+14	=6	=1	3
3 Lewis Mc Clary	2147	2136	+18	-1	=7	+10	=5	3
4 David Buhner	2086	2128	+16	+2	=1	=8	U	3
5 Andrew Hood	2051	2072	H	+7	+6	-1	=3	3
6 David Phillips,	2045	2054	+12	+8	-5	=2	=7	3
7 John Hendrick	1764	1829	+17	-5	=3	+14	=6	3
8 Ivan Reyes	2189	2176	+10	-6	+11	=4	U	2.5
9 Marvin Bolden	1862	1881	-2	=16	-13	+12	+11	2.5
10 B.G. Dennison	1860	1877	-8	+12	H	-3	+16	2.5
11 Les Wilson	1891	1893	-1	+18	-8	+16	-9	2
12 Philip Hallmark	1802	1807	-6	-10	+16	-9	+15	2
13 David G. King	2169	2173	U	H	+9	U	U	1.5
14 Juan C. Yabraian	1914	1904	H	+17	-2	-7	U	1.5
15 Hugh West	1948	1926	U	U	U	H	-12	.5
16 Lloyd Uhler	1802	1758	-4	=9	-12	-11	-10	.5
17 Gary Huber	1950	1909	-7	-14	U	U	U	0
18 Randall Swanson	1846	1827	-3	-11	U	U	U	0

Firecracker Reserve

name	rating	post	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Ming T. Chin	1765	1752	=9	-6	+14	+10	+7	3.5
2 Joseph Flaherty	1730	1739	+10	-7	+6	+4	=3	3.5
3 Douglas Schwetke	1708	1717	-6	+12	+5	+9	=2	3.5
4 John M. Baker	1700	1714	+12	+5	+7	-2	=6	3.5
5 Tsubasa Onozaki	1677	1665	+11	-4	-3	+13	+9	3
6 Warren Vosper	1492	1554	+3	+1	-2	=7	+4	3
7 Wallace Brady	1700	1681	+14	+2	-4	=6	-1	2.5
8 Henry L. Edwards	1597	1573	H	=9	=12	+14	=10	2.5
9 Robert Hughes	1631	1625	=1	+8	H	-3	-5	2
10 Donald Boyd	1500	1499	-2	+11	H	-1	=8	2
11 Jame Hall	unr.	1276	-5	-10	-13	+12	+14	2
12 Stephen Gutowski	1450	1425	-4	-3	=8	-11	+13	1.5
13 Layne Hendrick	1096	1097	U	-14	+11	-5	-12	1
14 N. Valderrama	1057	1065	-7	+13	-1	-8	-11	1

Tip-O-Tex Game July G/60 Open

Brownsville, July 15-16

name	rating	post	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Hugo Garcia	2067	2101	=3	+10	+5	+2	+8	4.5
2 Noe de la Cruz A.	2221	2162	=10	+7	+4	-1	+3	3.5
3 John Hendrick	1839	1899	=1	+9	+6	+4	-2	3.5
4 Eremir Santos	1604	1800	+6	+5	-2	-3	+10	3.0
5 Josue Astive	2024	1985	X	-4	-1	+9	=7	2.5
6 Andrew Thall	1948	1905	-4	+8	-3	=10	B	2.5
7 Andy Zamora, Jr.	1591	1619	B	-2	=9	=8	=5	2.5
8 Domingo Gonzalez	1668	1689	=9	-6	+10	=7	-1	2.0
9 Hector Lazcano	1970	1911	=8	-3	=7	-5	U	1.0
10 Adolfo Gonzalez	1811	1784	=2	-1	-8	=6	-4	1.0

Tip-O-Tex Reserve

name	rating	post	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Luis R. Gomez	unr.	1614	+11	+7	+3	+2	=4	4.5
2 J.J. Garza	1474	1454	+16	+9	+27	-25	+28	4.0
3 Miguel Guajardo	1330	1323	+18	+26	=28	+10	=25	4.0
4 N. Valderrama	1057	1113	-26	+20	+23	+7	+6	4.0
5 Herminio Gomez	unr.	1442	+13	+8	-2	+9	=1	3.5

6 Juan Berlanga	1154	1207	+24	=1	+5	-4	+6	3.5
7 William Molina	863	955	+5	-3	+11	=8	+9	3.5
8 Oscar Ramirez	unr.	1360	+14	+6	=4	=3	-2	3.0
9 Frank Salinas	1238	1223	+21	-25	+14	-12	+3	3.0
10 Renato Garcia	1241	1231	+20	-28	+1	+26	-12	3.0
11 Jose M. Gonzalez	1510	1465	+15	-10	=6	+5	=27	3.0
12 Alfred Molina	1075	1074	-25	+18	-19	+16	+14	3.0
13 Vanessa Sandoval	1027	1047	-27	+21	-8	+18	+15	3.0
14 Joseph H. Molina	1233	1193	+22	-27	+13	=19	-10	2.5
15 Jose J. Guajardo	1355	1300	+17	+19	=25	=28	-7	2.5
16 Jerome Greenspan	1165	1132	+23	-2	+15	-27	-19	2.0
17 Ramon Mancha	unr.	1097	+12	-4	+17	-6	-5	2.0
18 Nino Zamora	986	986	-28	+22	-7	+20	-11	2.0
19 Eloy Rodriguez	1256	1215	-19	+17	-10	-1	+26	2.0
20 Elise Saenz	821	851	-6	-12	+24	-14	+23	2.0
21 Catherino Camarillo	959	973	-1	+24	-9	+23	-13	2.0
22 Bobby Beltran	765	802	-7	-13	-16	+24	+18	2.0
23 Adrian Leal	734	774	-8	-14	-18	+17	+16	2.0
24 Aaron Trevino	870	863	-4	-11	+22	-13	+21	1.0
25 Henry Greenspan	909	895	-2	+23	+21	-11	-22	1.0
26 Gilbert Trevino	638	655	=9	+16	-12	-15	-20	1.0
27 Gabriel Saavedra	872	868	-3	-5	=26	=22	+24	1.0
28 Sergio Lopez	629	614	-10	-15	-20	-21	-17	0.0

San Antonio City Championship

San Antonio, July 22-23

name	rating	post	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Selby Anderson	2305	2330	+19	+17	+24	+11	+7	5.0
2 Jim Gallagher	2277	2286	+45	+3	+4	=7	+8	4.5
3 Bill Underwood	1800	1835	+21	-2	+40	+38	+15	4.0
4 Martin Gordon	1911	1923	+53	+22	-2	+27	+16	4.0
5 Gary Zintgraff	1954	1958	+32	+25	-7	+35	+18	4.0
6 Jim Rohrbaugh	2188	2172	+41	-27	+26	+20	+14	4.0
7 Bill Reuter	2387	2372	+40	+13	+5	=2	-1	3.5
8 David Gonzales	1824	1854	+49	+31	=10	=9	-2	3.5
9 Merlin Bugtong	1963	1951	+23	+20	=12	-8	+26	3.5
10 John W. Ade	1952	1942	+39	+38	=8	=14	=12	3.5
11 Don Marcott	2195	2191	H	+30	+27	-1	+24	3.5
12 Charles Barbour	1815	1835	+43	+36	=9	=15	=10	3.5
13 Bruce Lewkowski	1821	1841	+34	-7	+31	=25	+29	3.5
14 Mark Levin	1861	1870	+28	+33	=15	=10	-6	3.0
15 Randall Schwarz	2000	2000	+37	+54	=14	=12	-3	3.0
16 Jesse Vasquez	1771	1740	-36	+21	+19	+33	-4	3.0
17 Duane Solley	1639	1632	+42	-1	+41	-18	+25	3.0
18 Tyler Herschap	1170	1230	-24	+56	+22	+17	-5	3.0
19 Michael LaBelle	1450	1455	-1	+42	-16	+47	+34	3.0
20 Mark Brill	1598	1603	+52	-9	+28	-6	+37	3.0
21 Amber Zintgraff	1103	1152	-3	-16	+44	+41	+46	3.0
22 James R. Robertson	unr.	1374	+44	-4	-18	+49	+39	3.0
23 Leica Tilton	1362	1383	-9	+50	-38	+48	+35	3.0
24 Raymond H. Smith	1845	1844	+18	+35	-1	H	-11	2.5
25 Gerald Castleberry	1600	1600	+50	=5	+43	=13	-17	2.5
26 Ronnie Rubit	1839	1851	H	+29	-6	+45	-9	2.5
27 Aaron Minoo	1602	1627	+55	+6	-11	-4	H	2.5
28 Jose Lopez	1188	1208	-14	+44	-20	+51	=30	2.5
29 Tim Beszczynski	2025	1963	-30	-26	+32	+37	-13	2.5
30 Gray Bullis	1413	1416	=29	-11	=34	+36	=28	2.5
31 Dee Carter	1522	1517	+56	-8	-13	+43	H	2.5
32 Alex Lewkowski	1221	1216	=5	=48	-29	+50	X	2.5
33 David Quintero	1476	1469	+51	-14	+47	-16	H	2.5
34 Ryan C. Park	1153	1265	-13	=45	=30	+40	-19	2.0
35 Isias Vargas	1521	1500	+48	-24	+36	-5	-23	2.0
36 Pierce Tilton	1074	1113	+16	-12	-35	-30	+48	2.0
37 Julio Reyes	1373	1392	-15	+52	+54	-29	-20	2.0

38	Freddy R. Jones	1619	1613	+47	-10	+23	-3	U	2.0
39	Daniel Rupley	1319	1285	-10	=46	=48	+42	-22	2.0
40	W. Carl Peterson	1488	1475	-7	+49	-3	-34	+52	2.0
41	George Ed Aguilar	1446	1412	-6	+55	-17	-21	+47	2.0
42	Justin Howard	951	980	-17	-19	+53	-39	+51	2.0
43	James Moos	1171	1172	-12	+51	-25	-31	+50	2.0
44	Rafael Hernandez	unr.	1049	-22	-28	-21	+55	+49	2.0
45	Juan Carrizales	1473	1462	-2	=34	+46	-26	F	1.5
46	Ben Lewkowski	944	968	-54	=39	-45	+53	-21	1.5
47	Martha Ade	773	798	-38	+53	-33	-19	-41	1.0
48	Andreas Hernandez	unr.	1059	-35	=32	=39	-23	-36	1.0
49	Lyndall Webb	1112	1081	-8	-40	+52	-22	-44	1.0
50	Barbara Ade	756	750	-25	-23	B	-32	-43	1.0
51	Christopher Bush	unr.	895	-33	-43	+55	-28	-42	1.0
52	John M. Ade	817	809	-20	-37	-49	B	-40	1.0
53	Andre Alonso	1251	1109	-4	-47	-42	-46	+55	1.0
54	James K. Barbe	1645	1615	+46	-15	-37	U	U	1.0
55	Matthew Gonzales	935	873	-27	-41	-51	-44	-53	0.0
56	Mike L. Burton	unr.	946	-31	-18	U	U	U	0.0

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

Solutions

- Johnson-Solvay (1995 U.S. Open) 1.Rh5+ 1-0.
- (Ahmed-Stuart, U.S. Open) 1.Nf8+ Kh8 2.Qh7+ 1-0.
- (Argo-Grubbs, Okla. Junior 1995) 1...Rxb2+ 2. Kxb2 Qf2+ 3.Kh3 (3.Rg2 Rh5 mate) Rh5+ 4.Kg4 Qh4 mate.
- (Chin-Brady, Firecracker Open) 1.e5 wins a piece, since 1...Nh5 (1...b5 2.Nxb5) 2.e6 fxe6 3.Be6 is mate.
- (Thall-Hendrick, Tip-O-Tex July G/60 Open) Both players overlooked 1.Bxf7+! winning the exchange and a pawn. 1...Kxf7? loses the queen to 2.Ng5+ and 3.Ne6.
- (Hale-Brown, Texas Amateur 1995) Lavery points out that 1.c6! wins, e.g. 1...Rxc6 2.Rxc6 Rxc6 3.Qh8+ Ke7 4.Qd8 mate; or 1...g5 2.Bc5+ Re7 3.Rd7 +.
- (Amburn-Fun, Tulsa vs. Stillwater 1995) White wins queen for rook with 1.Nd8+! Rxb3 (other moves lead to mate, e.g. 1...Kc8 2.Qxa6+!, etc.) 2.Nxc6+ and Nxe7. Instead White went astray with 1.Rb4? Nd5! 2.Rxe6 Nxb4! 3.Qxb4 Qxb7 4.Qf4+ Ka7 5.Qe4 Rfd8 6.b3 Rxb3+! 0-1.
- (Based on Zintgraff-Reuter, San Antonio City Chp. 1995) 1...Rxf3! 2.Rxf3 Qc2+ nets a piece no matter how White squirms: (a) 3.Rd2 Qxc1 4.Qe6+ Kh8 5.Rxf8+ Bxf8 6.Rf2 Nf4+; (b) 3.Bd2 Qxd1 4.Qe6+ Kh8 5.Rxf8+ Bxf8 6.Bg5 Qxd4! 7.Bf6+ Nxf6 8.Qxf6+ Bg7 +.
- (Cisneros-Legend II) 1.Rxf7 Bxf7 2.Rg1+ Bg5 3.Rxg5+ Bg6 4.Rxg6+ (or 4.Qxg6+) Kf7 5.Qg7 mate.

Back cover problem

- 1.Be4! Kxe4 2.Qe6#; 1...Ne4 2.Nc4#; 1...Nd5 2.Nd3#.

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Grandmaster from Oregon The Life & Games of Arthur Dake by Casey Bush

Paperback, 130 pages. Portland Chess Press, 1991.
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The 1930's were a coming of age for American chess, and the tempestuous young life of Arthur Dake gives us a perfect lens for that era. Here was a local chess talent who left an adventurous stint in the merchant marine to earn a living as a New York chess pro at Coney Island, quickly became one of the top American players, and met his bride while returning from the U.S. Olympic team's third straight victory.

This book might have been titled *The Life and Times of Arthur Dake* because of the many glimpses it gives of the leading chess personalities of that time, such as Alekine, Kashdan, Marshall and Whitaker. Anecdotes include a chess "championship of the air" played in a blimp (aborted by motion sickness after encountering turbulence), the U.S. team's visit to the home of Sultan Khan (not to play chess, but to listen to his master tell stories while the Indian *savant* served drinks!) and blitz for blood with Alekine at the Manhattan Chess club. Dake had pocketed six pots in a row in front of spectators when the world champion became furious:

"We must play a speed match," Alekine announced angrily, shaking his fist, "No pot, no money, just to show these people who is the best."

Arthur felt that he was trapped and turned to the audience that had gathered and announced in an apologetic manner, "Certainly, Alekine is the better player. The World Champion is simply off form this evening."

In response to those words Alekine could not help but explode, "You know that, I know that, but these silly people, they don't know that."

The games, spanning almost sixty years, are mostly annotated by Dake himself. They include the famous win over Alekine at Pasadena 1932, highlights from the olympiads, and Dake's return to chess competition in 1973 after an absence of 14 years.

Casey Bush writes vivid and heartfelt, if sometimes rough-hewn prose. The book is diligently researched, with news clippings and numerous photos. One can only imagine how many hours were spent interviewing Dake to assemble such a well-rounded portrait of a great American chess master.

By the way, Dake is alive and well at 85; he recently visited his old friend Arnold Denker at the U.S. Open.

Yermolinsky wins U.S. Open

GM Alex Yermolinsky won the \$5,000 first prize at the U.S. Open, held August 6-18 in Concord, CA. He defeated IM Larry Kaufman in the last round to finish with 10.5 out of 12 rounds. (He gave up draws to IM's Walter Shipman and Vladislav Fedorov, having entered at round 3 with 1.5-.5.) Trailing by a point were four players who tied for 2nd-5th: FM Ron Burnett, SM David Gliksmann, IM Walter Shipman and NM Eugene Perelshteyn. The last-named, a junior who placed equal second in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, defeated Fedorov in the last round.

Top-ranked GM Walter Browne withdrew with 5.5 out of 8, after losses to SM David Gliksmann (2409) and Gabriel Sanchez (2302). Sanchez coaches young Jordy Mont-Reynaud, who won about \$800 in U.S. Open side events.

The leisurely pace of one round a day seemed to bring out the best in seniors. Arnold Denker (age 82) posted a fine 9-3 score for a share of U2400 master prize money. Walter Shipman (66), who tied for second, said: "Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

This was not exactly a star-studded event. IM John Donaldson (who was just visiting) quipped: "This is the weakest U.S. Open I've ever seen in my life." Other Seattle heavyweights absent from the fray were Seirawan, Orlov and Minev.

As for myself, I played in the Busy Player Special, entering in round 7 with a 3.5 score. I lost my second game to an expert, finishing 5-1 without ever getting paired up. That put me in a tie for 13th-29th at 8.5 points, netting me 1/12 of the fifth master prize (good for the price of a large deluxe pizza).

Modern Defense A41
Alex Yermolinsky 2606
Larry Kaufman 2528
U.S. Open 1995 (12)

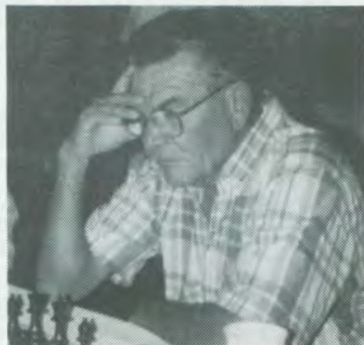
1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Bg4 3.e4 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.h3 Bh5 6.Qe2 c6 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h5 9.g5 Nfd7 10.Bh3 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 (Better is 11...d5 - Yermolinsky.) 12.Nd2 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nf1 b5 15.Ng3 b4 16.Nb1 c5 17.Nd2 Nc6 18.Nxh5 Nd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Nb3 a5 21.Ng3 a4 22. Nc1 Bh7 23.Nd3 a3 24.b3 Qc7 25. Rd1 Rfd8 26.Bf5 Nf8 27. Bxh7+ Nxh7 28.Nf5 Bf8 29.Rg1 Rac8 30. g6 fxg6 31.Rxg6 Nf6 32. Rd2 Re8 33.f3 Re6 34.Qg2 Rb8 35. h5 Kh7 36.Qg5 Qf7 37.Rg2 Ne8 38.Rxe6 Qxe6 39.Qg6+ Qxg6 40. hxg6+ Kg8 41.Nxe5 Nd6 42. Nxd6 Bxd6 43. Nf7 Bc7 44.e5 Kf8 45.f4 Ke7 46.f5 Rb5 47.f6+ gxf6 48.g7 Rb8 49.Nh6 1-0

QGD Semi-Slav D45
Larry Remlinger 2482
Walter Shipman 2380
U.S. Open 1995 (12)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.0-0-0 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Rg1 b6 11.Kb1 Bb7 12.Be1 Re8 13.g4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Rc8 15.Bd3 a6 16. g5 Ne4 17.Qe2 Ndc5 18.Bc2 Rc7 19.h4 Nxc3+ 20.Bxc3 Ne4 21. Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Nf5 Bf8 23.Bd4 Re6 24.h5 Bc8 25. Qf3 Qd7 26.Nh6+ gxh6 27.gxh6 Rxg6 28.hxg6 fxg6 29.Rc1 Rc6 30.Qf4 Qf5+ 31.Qxf5 Bxf5+ 32.Ka1 Rd6 33.Rc7 Bxh6 34.Rgc1 Bf8 35.Rb7 h5 36.Rcc7 g5 37.Bg7 Rd8 38.Bxf8 Rxf8 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rxg5 Bg4 41.Rxb6 Kh7 42. f4 d4 43.Rb7+ Kh8 44.Rb6 Kh7 45. Rb7+ Kh8 46.Rgg7 Rc8 47.Rh7+ Kg8 48.Rbg7+ Kf8 49.Rf7+ Kg8 50.Rfg7+ Kf8 51.b3 dxe3 52.Rf7+ Kg8 1/2

Ron Burnett won the U.S. Open Action Championship with 5-0, defeating Fedorov in the last round. Tied for second at 4-1 were IM David Strauss, Kenan Zildzic and Jordy Mont-Reynaud.

The U.S. Blitz Championship drew 83 players, and was won by IM Erico Sevillano and SM Rostisla Tsodikov, each with 12-2 scores. Walter Browne was third with 11, and Fedorov and Cusi scored 10.5.



Longtime chess patron Bill Church returned to competition this year.



George Aboud of Beaumont, one of the few Texas players at the Open.

I was reading Koltanowski's column in the *San Francisco Chronicle* over lunch when the game selection virtually leaped off the page: "Barbour-Simpson, San Antonio 1995" (TK March-April 1995, p. 11).

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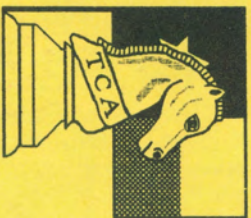
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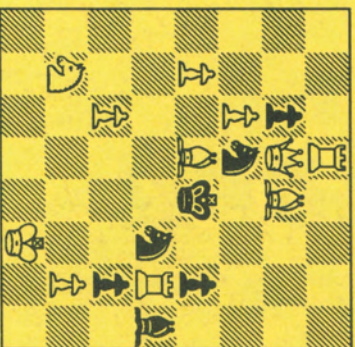


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