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Steven Grubbs, Texas high school champ

GM's play for big bucks in Dallas

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Texas Scholastic draws 700 kids!

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Steven Grubbs

on tiebreaks over

John Hendrick

MIDDLE SCHOOL

David John

ELEMENTARY

Vincent Pai

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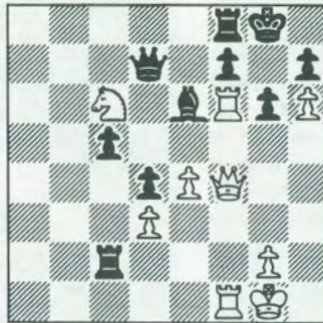
Correction last issue: In the New Year Open crosstable, player #56 is missing: David B. Richardson (unrated).

Test Your Tactics!

(solutions: p. 28)



1. White to move



2. White to move



3. White to move



4. White to move



5. Black to move



6. Black to move



7. Black to move



8. White to move



9. Black to move

Over 700 players attended the first Texas Scholastic Championship, held March 16-17 at the Houston Marriott Westside. Organizer Jim Liptrap of the Klein Chess Club said the rated games totaled 2,750!

Steven Grubbs of Garland won the High School championship on tiebreaks over John Hendrick of New Braunfels; both scored 6.5 points in the seven round event. Grubbs, who has won back-to-back \$1,000 first U2000 prizes in the Pinfork tournaments, qualifies to play in the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions this August in Alexandria, Virginia. By way of consolation, Hendrick won a brilliancy trophy for his fifth round win over Steven Kattner.

Houston players won in the lower sections: David John with 7.5-5 in Middle School, and Vincent Pai with 8-0 in Elementary. Brownsville's Russell Elementary won its fourth consecutive team title, and coach J.J. Guajardo deserves a large share of the credit. A throng of well-wishers with cameras somehow failed to produce a good picture for this magazine.

The first Texas Junior Bughouse Championship was held Friday and Saturday evenings. The upset winners were Enrique Rios and Jack Campbell, whose team name *Necios* translates as "Fools". Although in middle school, the two San Antonians finished first ahead of John Hendrick and Steve Heppler (Pawn Fiction). The first place Middle School trophy went to Andres Suarez and Patrick Archer. Michael Simpson directed.

Another first this year was the Primary tournament for grades K-2, which was held between rounds of the regular Elementary tournament. Benjamin Jaiyen of the Village School in Houston won with 5-0, ahead of Daniel Weatherall and Danny Huerta who tied at 4-1. Russell Smith directed a field of 26 players.

Three Texas champions were on hand in the skittles room to analyze games with youngsters: Joe Bradford, Miles Ardaman and Selby Anderson. That is, when the masters weren't locked in mortal blitz combat!

For the Saturday evening simul, Bradford and Ardaman divided the field and (mostly) conquered. Bradford lost one game, but we don't have the name or game score of the winner. Someone also drew Ardaman.

The chief TD was Gary Gaiffe, closely assisted by organizer Jim Liptrap. Computer pairings were run by George John (father of the middle school champion), assisted by Celia Von Mering. The sectional directors were Brad Bradford for High School, Forrest Marler for Middle School, and Luis Salinas for Elementary.

The phenomenal growth of junior chess in Texas has raised the possibility that this event will have to be split up into smaller tournaments. A motion to allow this was voted down at the TCA business meeting.



A small army of floor TD's kept results flowing to command central: Frank Adams, Selby Anderson, Jenny Arriola, Chad Bruns, Chris Coker, Rolando David, Steve Hobart, Drew Sarkisian, Michael Simpson, Russell Smith, Rick Swanson and Larry White. The publicity director was Lilibeth Andre.

A thoughtful touch was the tournament program each player received, which included a schedule, maps of the hotel and surrounding area, and scoresheets.

High School (190 players, 7 rounds)

1	Steven Grubbs	6.5	Garland Christian	Garland
2	John Hendrick	6.5	Canyon	New Braunfels
3	Suzanne Rivoire	6.0	Klein	Klein
4	Glen Boudreaux	6.0	MacArthur	Houston
5	Paul Carrizales	6.0	MacArthur	Houston
6	Steve Hoberman	6.0	L.B. Johnson	Austin

Tied for 7th-12th with 5.5 points (in tiebreak order): Alex Salas, Andy Zamora, Roy Gonzalez, Jaime Mora, Chris Reynolds, Steve Heppler.

Out of 24 high school teams with at least three players, these finished in the top quarter. Out of a possible 28 points:

1	MacArthur	Houston	22.0 pts.
2	Northside	Fort Worth	21.5
3	Klein	Klein	20.0
4	Glen Rose	Glen Rose	20.0
5	Bellaire	Houston	18.5
6	R.L. Turner	Carrollton	18.5



MacArthur High School team: Paul Carrizales, Abraham Kahlil, George Rader, Glen Boudreaux.



Lanier Middle School team: Tim Li, Ben Lehrer, David John, Zachary Rodriguez.

Middle School
(263 players, 8 rounds)

1 David John	7.5 Lanier	Houston
2 Tyler Herschap	7.0 Hyde Park Bap.	Austin
3 Miguel Guajardo	7.0 Central	Brownsville
4 Phong Truong	7.0 Hartman	Houston
5 Andres Suarez	7.0 Stack Intermed.	Kelin
6 Justin Shih	7.0 Space Center	Houston

Tied for 7th-13th with 6.5 points: Matt Bradford, Zachary Rodriguez, Jose Guajardo, Ali Morshedi, Nathaniel Ngo, Jonathan Walsh, Ira Schachar.

There were 26 middle school teams with at least three players. Out of a possible 32 points:

1 Lanier	Houston	26.0
2 St. Mark's	Dallas	25.5
3 Central	Brownsville	23.0
4 Albright	Houston	23.0
5 Space Center	Houston	22.5

Elementary
(251 players, 8 rounds)

1 Vincent Pai	8.0 Fleming	Houston
2 John Sneed	7.0 Peace Academy	Fort Worth
3 Joseph Molina	7.0 Russell	Brownsville
4 Devin Brockwell	7.0 Ehrhardt	Klein
5 Boran Butorovic	7.0 Sutton	Houston
6 Ian Stephens	7.0 W-J Math-Sci	Wichita Falls

Tied for 7th-10th with 6.5 points: Chris Hobart, Jason Kindred, Johnny Urbano, Daniel Flores.

There were 21 elementary teams with at least three players. Out of a possible 32 points:

1 Russell	Brownsville	24.5
2 Riddlea Hills	Fort Worth	23.5
3 Washington-Jackson	Wichita Falls	23.0
4 Huntsville	Huntsville	22.5
5 Peace Academy	Fort Worth	21.5

Petroff's Defense C41
Ryan Park 1234
Leah Driggers 1041
Texas HS 1996 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6
 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Qe2 Qe7 6.d3 Nf6
 7.Bg5 Qxe2+ 8.Bxe2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0
 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.Rfe1 Nc6 12.Bd1?!
 (12.Bf1; 12.a3) Rfe8 13.Nh4 Ng4??
 (13...Bd7) 14.Bxe7!?! (14.Nxf5 +-)
 Nxe7 15.Nb5?? (15.Nxf5 Nxf5 16.
 Bxg4 +-) Ng6 16.Rxe8+?

White repeatedly fails to cash in on his superior position. Here 16. Bxg4 Bxg4 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Nxc7 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Rc8 20.Re8+ wins.

16...Rxe8 17.g3? (17.Bxg4) Nxe4 18.gxh4 (18.Bxg4 Bxg4 19.gxh4 Bh3) Re1+ 19.Kg2 Ne5 20.f3 (20.Nd4 Bg4 21.f3 Bh5) Ng6 21.Nd4 Nxe4+ 22.Kg3

Leah submitted this game for a brilliancy prize based on the mating combination that now unfolds.



22...Rg1+! 23.Kxh4

White could decline the knight, but he would clearly be worse off.

23...g5+ 24.Kh5 Bg6+ 25.Kh6 f6

The attack is intriguing because of its slow-burning nature. The best defense now is 26.c3! (ΔBb3+) d5 27.Rc1! Rh1 28.Rc2 Rxd1 29.Re2 with some fighting chances.

26.f4 Rh1 27.Nf3 g4 28.h4

The last chance to dodge mate is 28.Be2 Rxa1 29.Nh4 Bf7 +, when Black's material advantage wins.

28...gxh3 29.Bxf3 Rxxh4+ 30. Bh5 Rxxh5 mate 0-1

"Warriors for the King"

Leah's parents, Richard and Lynette Driggers, had an article published in USCF's *Chess Club Network* newsletter recently, describing their success in developing a chess club for the PEACE (Parents Educating and Children Excelling) home school support group. Using the pitch that "chess makes kids smarter", and a bughouse demonstration to show that chess can be a fast-paced team event, they built up a club some 64 members strong. They use special computer software to run a club ladder with an internal rating system. The name of their club is "Warriors for the King". (Note: the software is sold by Tom Small, (609) 393-0652; call after 7 p.m.)

Sicilian Defense B20

Enrique Rios 1237

Tsubasa Onozaki 1820

Texas MS 1996 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.c4

White avoids Sicilian theory, and is actually playing a form of English. With the further moves Nc3, g3, Bg2 and Nge2 he would be in the Botvinnik system.

2...d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 e6

Since Black has already played ...d6, he would have an easier devel-

opment with a Dragon formation: 4...g6. I can't recommend 4...e5 very strongly because White has 5.f4.

5.f4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5?! 7.fxe5?!

There goes the kingside space advantage. After the more flexible 7.Be2 followed by 0-0 and Kh1, White could contemplate a kingside pawn storm. Rios' plan of trading off his dark square bishop to get a strong knight at d5 has a surface appeal, but that's all.

7...dxe5 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 0-0 11.Qd2 Be6 12.a3?!

Part of a good plan, but 12.Be2 and castling should come first.

12...Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Be2 Be5?!

Much stronger is 14...Bg5! followed by ...Bxd5 and ...Be3, when White's king is stuck in the center.

15.Bf3 a6 16.b4 Bd6 17.0-0 Qh4 18.g3 Qd8 19.Bg2 Re8 20.Rf2 Be7 21.Raf1 Bxd5 22.exd5 Bg5

Black cannot interpolate 22...cxb4 because of 23.Rxf7.

23.Qb2 Be3 24.bxc5 Bxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Re1+ 26.Bf1 Qd7 27.Re2 Rxe2 28.Bxe2 Re8 29.Kg2 Qe7 30. Bf3 Qxc5 31.Qxb7 Qxa3 32.Qd7 Qb2+ 33.Kh3 Qb8 34.Bg4 Rd8 35. Qc6 Rd6 36.Qc8+ Qxc8 37.Bxc8 a5



38.Bb7 a4?

Black has to look five moves ahead to see that he can't sacrifice his rook and force through his a-

pawn for a queen. There is a win, however: 38...Rb6! 39.Bc6 Kf8 40. Ba4 Rb4 41.Bd1 a4 42.c5 a3 43.c6 Ke7 44.c7 Kd7 45.d6 f5! +.

39.c5 Rd8?

After 39...a3 40.cxd6 Kf8 41.d7 Ke7 42.d6+ Kxd7 43.Bd5 f6 or ...f5, the win is much more problematic.

40.d6 a3 41.Bd5 Kf8 42.c6!

Cute, unless you have Black. Now 42...Rxd6 43.c7 is *finis*.

42...a2 43.c7 Rc8 44.d7 1-0

BRILLIANCY PRIZE GAME

Notes by John Hendrick



Sicilian Lasker B33

Steven Kattner 1665

John Hendrick 1892

Texas HS 1996 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4

This is a clever way to get Black in a Pelikan Defense when he plays 5...e6. [Black often seeks out the Pelikan by this move order to avoid the line 5...e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5. Note that after 5...e6 the game would become a Sicilian Four Knights after 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5, or 6.Ndb5 Bb4.]

7...e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10. Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Bd3 Rg8 13.c3?

This move is bad because now I can take his free g-pawn. Better was 13.Qf3!, when 13...Nd4? loses the exchange to 14.Nxf6+!

13...Rxc2 14.Qf3 Rg6 15.h4 Bg4 16.Qg2

Not 16.Qe3 Bh6! forcing 17.Qg3.

16...Be2 17.Qh3 Bg4

I did the repetition of moves not to gain time on the clock, but to give my opponent more confidence that I will allow a draw later on (psychology!)

18.Qg2 Bh6

Probably better is 18...h5!?, but in the meantime this stops him from castling queenside.

19.f3 Be6 20.Qe2 Rb8

I played this move with the idea of a later ...b4, and also to get my queen to d7 at some point without worrying about Nd6.

21.Nc2 Na5

This knight's role becomes problematic, but the thematic 21...Ne7 is met by 22.h5! – evidence that Black should have played 18...h5.

22.h5 Rg7 23.Nce3 Bxd5

I figured that the more I traded material, the more my extra pawn would make itself felt.

24.Nxd5 Nc4?! 25.b3?!

25.a4!? seems like a pretty tough move to meet, as it undermines my queenside and puts the question to me whether my weak pawns are strong enough to hold.

25...Nxb6

Getting rid of that pesky knight!

26.Ne3 Bxe3[?!]

Forced, because of 27.Nf5. [Not quite: 26...Qc7! 27.Nd1 d5! -+; 27.Nf5?! Qxc3+ 28.Kf2 Rg8 29.Nxh6? Qd4+ Δ 30.Qe3 Rg2+-+.]

27.Qxe3 Ke7

The king is safe in the center.

28.0-0-0 Qc7 29.Kb2 Rg2+

I was thinking of 29...Nc4+, but after he takes the knight I couldn't see a good way to continue the attack.

30.Bc2 Qb7



With the intention of 31...Nc4+! [White should now play 31.Qd3.]

31.Ka1 Rxc2

I decided to give up the exchange for positional reasons, namely that all my pieces are on the queenside and my knight is very strong.

32.Qd3 Rxa2+!

32...Rg2 33.Qxd6+ Ke8 34.Rhg1! seemed a little bit too risky for me. [Black would have to allow a perp after 34...Rg5! 35.Rxc2 fxg5 36.Qxe5+ Kf8 37.Qh8+ =.]

33.Kxa2 Qc7 34.Kb2 Nc4+! 35.Kc1 Na5 36.Qc2 Rb6

Bringing my rook into the game.

37.Rhg1?!

This move is a waste of time. 37.Rd3 was more to the point.

37...Rc6 38.Rd3 b4 39.Kb2 Qb6 40.Rgd1 Qc5 41.c4 [41.c4? Nxc4!] Qb6

To leave c5 open for my knight.

42.Rd5 Nb7 43. Qd2 Nc5 44.Qh6



44...a5 45.Qxh7 a4 46.h6

The queen should first attend to defense, but it's rough going in any event: 46.Qg8 Nxb3 47.Kb1 a3 48.Qg2 Rxc4 49.h6 Qc6! 50.Rxd6 a2+! 51.Kb2 Qxd6 -+.

46...Nxb3 47.Qg8 Qf2+ 48.Kb1

And here Steven's flag fell; but no matter, he would have been mated shortly. 0-1

English Opening A25

John Hendrick 1892

Steven Grubbs 1914

Texas HS 1996 (6)

1.c4 f5 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 Be7 6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Qe8 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Nd8 11.Qc2 c5 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Be3 Kh8 14.f4 Bd7 15.Qd2 Qg6 16.Nc3 Rac8 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.Kh1 Ne7 19.Nxe7 Bxe7 20.Bxa7 exf4 21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4 Qf7 23.Bd4 Bc6 24.a3 Bf6 25.e5 Be7 26.Rae1 Qe6 27.Bc3 Qh6 28.Bxc6 Rxc6 29.Re2 dxe5 30.Bxe5 Bf6 31.Bxf6 Qxf6 32.Rfe1 Rcc8 33.Re6 Qf5 34.Qd4 1/2

Sicilian Smith-Morra B21

Tsubasa Onozaki 1820

David John 1440

Texas MS 1996 (8)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 d6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.h3 e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 a6 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Rd1 b5 11.Bb3 0-0 12.e5 Ne8 13.exd6 Nxd6 14.Bf4 Ra7





MS champion David John

15.Bxd6?

Winning is 15.Ne4 Rd7 16.Nc5 Ra7 17.Nxe6! fxe6 18.Bxd6 Bxd6 19.Bxe6+ Kh8 20.Bxc8 ±. Winning your games in the notes is cold comfort! I wish Tsubasa a result more in line with his rating next year.

15...Bxd6 16.Kf1 Rd7 17.Rac1 Bb7 18.Ne4 Be7 19.Rxd7 Qxd7 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.Rc1 Qb6 22.Ne1 Nd4 23.Qe3 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Nxb3 25.axb3 Rd8 26.Nf3 Qd6 27.g3 Qd3 28.Qxd3 Rxd3 29.Ne5 Rd6 30.Rc2 f6 31.Nc6 Kf7 32.Ke2 e5 33.Nb4 Ke6 34.Nd3 g6 35.Nc5+ Kd5 36.Nd3 Rc6 37.Rd2 Ke6 38. Kf3 f5 39.Ke2 Kf6 40.Kd1 Rd6 41. Ke2 e4 42.Nf4 Rxd2 43.Kxd2 Ke5 44.Ng2 Bc5 45.Ke2 Bd4 46.Ne3 Bxe3 47.fxe3 h6 48.b4 Kd5 49.b3 g5 50.Kf2 Ke5 0-1

Caro-Kann Advance B12
Matt Bradford 1600
Tyler Herschap 1466
Texas MS 1996 (8)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 c5

The book line is 6...Qa5+ 7. Nbd2 Qa6 =, but the text can't be bad.

7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 Qb6 9.b3 Nge7

Also good is 9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Rc8 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 Nge7.

10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qa5 12. b4 Qc7 13.Bc5 a6

Not 13...Nxe5? 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Qb5+ and 16.Qxb7.

14.Bd6 Qd7 15.Nbd2 Ng6 16. Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Nb3(?)

The backward c-pawn is White's Achilles heel. He should try to eliminate it with 17.a3! preparing 18.c4. If Black plays 17...b5, White gets good play with Nb3-c5 and a4.

17...b6 18.Nbd4 Ng6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Rfe1 0-0 21.Nd4 Qc7 22. Qg3 Rac8 23. Rac1 Ne7 24.h4 Qc4 25.Rc2 Nc6 26.Nxc6 Rxc6 27.h5 h6 28.Rec1 Qe4 29.Kf1 d4!?

Also good is 29...Rfc8, which keeps up the pressure without risk. Then 30.Qe3 Qxe3 31.fxe3 Rc4 and ...Re4 is winning for Black.

30.Re2 Qd5

Slightly stronger is 30...Qf5! with the added threat of ...Qxh5.

31.Qd3 Rfc8 32.Qxa6 d3 33. Rd2 Rxc3?



Elementary champ Vincent Pai

Black maintains a slight pull with 33...Qxe5 or 33...b5(!) first. The text allows an "x-ray" tactic.

34.Qxc8+! Rxc8 35.Rxc8+ Kh7 36.Rb8??

Perhaps at a slower time control Matt would have found 36.Rc3! Qxe5 37.Rcxd3 Qxh5 38.Kg1 +=.

35...Qd4

Almost everything wins, but most incisive is 36...Qxe5! 37.Rxb6 Qa1+ 38.Rd1 Qxd1 mate.

37.f3 Qc3 38. Rd1 Qc2 39.Rxb6 Qxd1+ 40.Kf2 Qe2+ 41.Kg1 Qe3+

0-1

Regional Scholastic Roundup

Only regions which sent in reports are represented. Tie results are given in descending tiebreak order.

Region II

The Texas Region II Scholastic, held February 17 at Manuel Jara Elementary School in Fort Worth, attracted 149 players.

In the 22-player High School division, Oscar Carillo and Dennis Munguia won first and second respectively on tiebreaks, both scoring 5-1. Victor Valdez and Roy Gonzalez were 3rd-4th with 4.5. Andrea Duke (4) was top U1000, and Michael Stephens (2.5) was top unrated. Peace Academy won first high school team with 14 points, ahead of Wichita Falls (12.5) and Northside High School (10.5).

In Middle School (41 players), Ralph Carrillo won first with 5.5, ahead of Salvadore Luna and Oscar Ramirez (5). Top U1000 was Aaron Lockhart (4), and the top unrated was Tosha Griggs (4). The top team was J.P. Elder (19), ahead of Peace (15.5) and Northwest (13)..

In Elementary (86 players), John Sneed scored 6-0 to win first. Five players tied for second with 5: Chris Arnold, Jason Kindred, Rosario Molina, Jose Raga and Diego Gonzales. The winning team was Manuel Jara (19 points), ahead of Ridglea Hills (18.5) and Peace (18).

Manuel Espino organized the event. Luis Salinas, Wilford Biggs and Al Woolum directed.

Region V

The southeast Texas regional, held February 10 at MacArthur High School in Spring, drew 208 players.

Suzanne Rivoire and Glen Boudreaux turned in 4-2 scores to tie for first in the 51-player High School

section. Glen won a PCA playoff (White gives draw odds in blitz with six minutes to Black's five.) Tied for 3rd-4th with 3.5 were Joseph Sims and Abraham Mathew. Klein won first high school team ahead of MacArthur.

In Middle School (100 players) there was a three-way tie, with David John, Zachary Rodriguez and Jonathan Fong each scoring 5-1. In a PCA playoff John scored 2, Rodriguez 1, and Fong 0. Lanier was the top team, ahead of Space Center.

In Elementary (75 players) Boron Butorovic won first with 5.5. Five players tied for second with 5-1: Vincent Pai, Kelvin Shih, Devin Brockwell, Chris Hobart and Dino Nguyen. Virgi-Lu won first team, and Krahn was second.

Becky Jeanes of Lanier High School won the poster contest.

Forrest Marler directed for MacArthur Chess Club.

Region VI

Tafolla Middle School in San Antonio hosted the regional for south central Texas, attracting 94 kids.

In the nine-player High School section, Ryan Park won with 4.5-.5, a half point ahead of Tom Lay.

The 57-player Middle School section was won by Enrique Rios with 5-0. Tied for second were Leica Tilton and Morgan Williams (4.5). Tafolla had the winning team with 15.5 points over McNair (14).

Martha Ade won in Elementary with 5-0. Tied for second with 4-1 were Ben Lewkowski, Douglas Hardesty, Warren Terry and Carlos Rios. The Timberwilde team edged out Dorie Miller by 8 to 7.5.

The event was sponsored by Tafolla Middle School Chess Club (Pauline Salas, sponsor) and the San Antonio Chess Club. Greg Wren directed the event, held February 24. Selby Anderson and Duane Solley assisted.

Region VII

Russell Elementary in Brownsville hosted its second regional, drawing 113. Club sponsor J.J. Guajardo directed the event, held February 10.

Andy Zamora won the 26-player High School section, scoring 6-0. Clemente Rendon was second with 5, and tied for 3rd-4th were Ivan Escobar and Jose Carillo with 4.5. The winning team was Hanna with 18.5 points, ahead of Roma and Pace.

Miguel Guajardo scored 6-0 to win in Middle School (28 players). David Perez was second with 5-1, and seven players tied with 4-2. The top team was Brownsville Central.

In Elementary (59 players), Joseph Molino also scored 6-0 to win first. Six players were tied at 5-1: Johnny Urbano, Elliott Rosenberger, Alfred Molina, Elise Saenz, Jorge Cano and Jose Cano. The top elementary team was Russell with 21 points(!), way ahead of Kenmont and Gonzalez. Placing fifth was Instituto Franco Mexicano from Monterrey, Mexico.

Letter to the Editor

I was very, very pleased to see that *Texas Knights* made the top ten list of best state chess magazines (number two to be exact), second only to *floridaCHESS*. The review was an independent evaluation done by Charles Pote and J. Franklin Campbell, and appeared in the March 1996 issue of *floridaCHESS*. The review stated that "*Texas Knights* wreaks [*sic*] of professionalism." The review continued by proclaiming, "How this magazine doesn't garner more CJA awards is simply unfathomable." Way to go Selby!!! We are truly blessed to have you as our editor for *Texas Knights*!!!

J.J. Guajardo, Sr.
Russell Elementary CC

This letter was chosen at random!!!

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PINFORK GRAND PRIX

GM Schwartzman tops star-studded field in Dallas tourney, first of six

The first in a series of \$20,000 tournaments in Dallas drew seven grandmasters, an IM and fourteen other masters. It was the most impressive concentration of chess strength in Texas since Bill Church brought ten of the world's top GM's to San Antonio in 1972.

Heading the wall chart with a 2656 USCF rating was Gregory Kaidanov, 1992 winner of both the World Open and the National Open. Next on the list was GM Alexander Ivanov (2643), who has won three of the last five Novag Grand Prix titles. Also present was his namesake IM Igor Ivanov (2610), perennial U.S. Championship contender Dmitry Gurevich (2617), six-time champion Walter Browne (2604), leading chess trainer Semion Palatnik (2571), and Anatoly Lein (2498).

The winner was seventh-ranked Gabriel Schwartzman (2562), who scored 4.5 points in the five-round event to take the \$5,000 first prize. A sophomore at the University of Florida in Gainesville, he is at age 19 currently the youngest U.S. grandmaster.

"Big D" must agree with Schwartzman. A month earlier he won the Southwest Class Championships in Dallas - but there he was the lone GM. His Pinfork performance, with wins over Alex Ivanov and Anatoly Lein and a draw with Kaidanov, marks him as a likely U.S. Championship contender in coming years.

In a four-way tie for second place with 4-2 scores were GM's Kaidanov, Palatnik, A. Ivanov and Browne (\$875 each). Gurevich wound up a half point out of the money, but nevertheless finished in a blaze of glory with a brilliant last round win over NM Larry Moss.

Randall Swanson, the organizer of the Pinfork events, would like to make this series a model for corporate-sponsored chess on a par with tournaments in European countries. If McDonald's and IBM can sponsor chess over there, he reasons, why not here? The Pinfork committee also included Brad Bradford, Bill Harris, Jim Kerr, Dr. Larry Kersten and Luis Salinas.

In a survey of players, 96% thought the tournament was well managed, 93% thought the playing site was excellent, and 96% said they would recommend Pinfork tournaments to a friend. The hotel, the luxurious Wyndham Anatole near downtown Dallas, also got high marks (89% "excellent").

Lou Hays and Jim Kerr prepared free daily bulletins with ChessBase software. Each player was later sent a complete set of bulletins, final standings, and a snapshot of a smiling Schwartzman with his trophy.

Luis Salinas led a team of TD's that included Bill Snead, William Tompkins, Gary Gaiffe, Brad Bradford, Jim Kerr and Durrell Jones.

Future Pinfork tournaments will receive live coverage on the Internet Chess Club with broadcasts of top board games, according to ICC's Eric Peterson.

PRIZEWINNERS

OPEN: 1st: Gabriel Schwartzman, 4.5. 2nd-5th: Gregory Kaidanov, Semion Palatnik, Alexander Ivanov, Walter Browne, 4. **U2400:** 1st-3rd: Albert Chow, Renard Anderson, John Jacobs, 3. 4th-9th: Selby Anderson, Mark Dejneke, John Bick, Sid Pickard, Larry Moss, Jim Gallagher, 2.5.

U2200: 1st: Eric Dimazana, 4.5. 2nd: José Silva, 4. 3rd-5th: Errol Jensen, Todd Thomas, Douglas Cheng, 3.5.

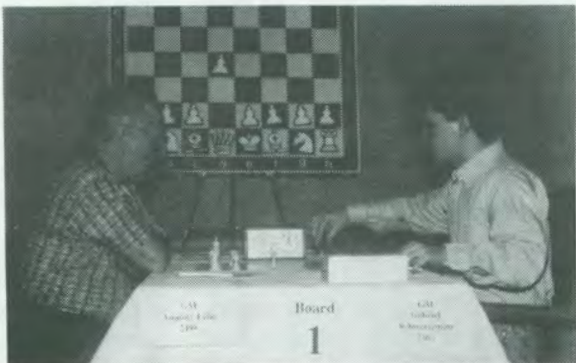
U2000: 1st: Steven Grubbs, 4.5. 2nd-3rd: Steve Young, Wellington Lee, 4. 4th-8th: Morgan Williams, James Murphy, Ferdinand Deluna, David Peters, Marvin Bolden, 3.5.

U1800: 1st: Varadhan Ravi, 4.5. 2nd-4th: Guido Leon, Kay Hale, Joseph Watson, 4.

U1600: 1st-2nd: Semir Imamovic, Joseph Stevens, 4.5. 3rd: Robert Jagger, 4. 4th-6th: Tres Roring, Dennis Munguia, Roy Gonzales, 3.5.

U1400: 1st-2nd: Jimmy Perry, Jason Kindred, 4.5. 3rd: John Cross, 4. 4th-5th: Curtis Felkner, Jonathan Walsh, 3.5.

UNRATED: 1st: Francisco Tort, 4.5. 2nd-3rd: Randall Bell, William Trowbridge, 3.5. 4th-7th: Anthony Vitullo, Marcus Hawkins, Himanshu Singh, Don Shea, 3.



Jung und alt: Lein plays Schwartzman in round four

Round 1

Sicilian Paulsen B44

NM George Trammell 2200
IM Igor Ivanov 2610

Pinfork I (1)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nb5 d6 6 Bf4 e5 7 Be3 Nf6 8 Bg5 Be6 9 N1c3 a6 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 Na3 d5! 12 exd5?! (12 Nxd5) Bxa3 13 bxa3 Qa5 14 Qd2 0-0-0 15 Bc4 Rhg8 16 Rd1

So far the game follows Fischer-Petrosian, Buenos Aires match 1971 (game one), where Black played 16...Bf5.

16...Rxc2 17 Qe3 Bg4

ECO gives 17...Nd4 18 Kf1 Nxc2 19 Qf3 Rxf2+! +.

18 Kf1 Nd4 19 Kxg2 Bf3+ 20 Kh3 Qc7



21 Rxd4 Bxh1 22 Rd1 Rg8 23 Be2 Bg2+ 24 Kh4 f5 25 d6 Qd8+ 26 Kh5 Kd7 27 Nd5 Bxd5 28 Rxd5 h6 29 f4 Rg2 30 h3 Qf6 31 Rxe5 Qg6+ 1/2

Round 2

An exciting battle transpired on board four as I made Walter Browne fight for survival. He got into his customary time pressure, and I soon joined him. When the smoke cleared I had reached what looked like a winning rook and

pawn ending, but "Old Six-Time" found the drawing resource.

Albert Chow extracted a peace agreement from fellow Chicagoan Dmitry Gurevich after getting slightly the better of the opening.

Torre Attack D03

SM Igor Shtern 2410
GM Gregory Kaidanov 2655

Pinfork I (2)

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5 Ne4 4 Bf4 c5 5 e3 Qb6 6 Nbd2?! (6 Qc1) Nxd2 7 Nxd2 cxd4 8 exd4 Qxd4 9 Bxb8 Rxb8 10 Bb5+ Kd8 11 0-0 e6 12 c3 Qf4 13 Be2 Bd7 14 g3 Qa4 15 b3 Qa5 16 c4 Bb4 17 Nf3 dxc4 18 bxc4 Ke7 19 Rb1 Rhd8 20 Qc2 Bc3 21 Rfc1 Bf6 22 c5 Bc6 23 Qxh7 Qxa2 24 Bc4 Qa3 25 Nh4 Rh8 26 Qd3 Qxd3 27 Bxd3 Bxh4 28 gxh4 Rxh4 29 Bb5 Rg4+ 30 Kf1 Bg2+ 31 Ke1 Re4+ 32 Kd2 Rd8+ 33 Kc3 Rh4 34 Rb2 Rdh8 35 Rd1 Bd5 36 Re2 Kf6 0-1

Sicilian Rauzer B64

FM Albert Chow 2365
GM Dmitry Gurevich 2615

Pinfork I (2)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nc6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 Be7 8 0-0-0 0-0 9 f4 h6 10 Bh4 e5 11 Nf5 Bxf5 12 exf5 exf4

Timman continues to play 12... Qa5 with indifferent results.

13 Kb1 d5 14 Bxf6 Bxf6 15 Nxd5 Be5 16 g3!?

16 Bc4 b5 17 Bxb5 Rb8 18 c4 Nd4 19 Rhe1! (Gufeld-Dorfman, USSR 1975) is supposed to favor White.

16...fxg3 17 hxg3 Nd4

17...Bxg3? 18 f6 would be asking too much of the position.

18 Qg2

White was not comfortable with 18 Bc4 b5 19 Bb3 a5.

18...Qd6 19 Bd3 Rad8 20 Be4 Rfe8 21 g4 f6 22 c3 Nb5 23 Bc2 1/2

White defers to his opponent's rating, while Black defers to his opponent's superior winning chances.

Torre Attack A46

NM Selby Anderson 2356
GM Walter Browne 2604

Pinfork I (2)

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bg5 h6 4 Bf6 Qf6 5 e4 d6 6 Nc3 Nd7 7 Bc4 a6 8 Qe2 b5?!

Browne later said he had seen 8... Qd8 played, and that our game showed him why!

9 e5 dxe5 10 dxe5 Qe7

Black's queen risks internment after 10...Qf4 11 Bd5! Rb8 12 Be4! h5 (forced) 13 g3 Qh6 14 h4 ±.

11 Bd3 g6

Browne screwed this pawn move into the board. I had expected 11... Nc5 12 0-0-0, when the bishop pair will be small consolation for Black's laggard development.

12 Be4 Rb8 13 Nd4! Nxe5 14 Bc6+ Nd7 15 Qe5



15... f6

White has a strong attack after 15...Rg8 16 Ne4!, e.g. 16...Kd8 17 0-0! Bg7 18 Bxd7! Bxd7 19 Nc6+ Ke8 20 Qxc7 +, or 16...Qb4+ 17 c3 Qxb2 18 0-0.

16 Qxc7 Qd6 17 Qxd6 Bxd6 18 Nxe6 Rb6 19 Bd5 Nc5 20 Nxc5 Bxc5 21 Ne4!?

A tactical crush is also elusive after 21 0-0 Bf5.

21...Be7 22 0-0-0 f5 23 Nc3 Bg5+ 24 Kb1 Rh7 25 Bg8 Rg7 26 Rhe1+ Kf8 27 f4! Bh4!

A forced move found in severe time pressure. Not 27...Rxc8? 28 fxc5, when 28...hxg5? loses a piece after 29 Rd8+ Kf7 30 Rxc8 Kxc8 31 Re8+.

28 g3 Kxc8?!

Somewhat better is 28...Rxc8 29 gxc4 Kf7.

29 Re8+ Kh7 30 Rxc8 Be7 31 Re1 (31 a4!) Bb4 32 Ree8 Rd7 33 Rh8+ Kg7 34 Rcg8+ Kf7 35 Rh7+ Kxc8 36 Rxd7 Re6 37 Kc1 Bxc3 38 bxc3 Re1+ 39 Kb2 Re2 40 Rd6 Kf7 41 h4 h5



The pieces were flying, with neither player keeping score.

42 Kb3?

There is a win after 42 Rxa6! Rg2 43 Rb6 Rxc3 44 Rxb5 Rg4, but it is truly a study.

(a) 45 Rb4? Rxh4 46 a4 Rh1 47 a5 Re1 48 a6 Re8 49 a7 Ra8;

(b) 45 a4? Rxh4! 46 a5 Rxf4 47 Rb4 Rxb4 48 cxb4 f4! 49 Kc3 h4 50 a6 f3! 51 Kd3 (two tempo moves have obstructed the diagonal) h3 52 a7 h2 53 a8(Q) h1(Q);

(c) 45 Rb7+!! was found by NM Bill Orton after his winning try in (b) was shot down. The check forces Black's king to a bad square, where he will either . . .

(c1) give White a back row check to help promote his pawn: 45...Kf8

46 Rb4 Rxh4 47 a4 Rh1 48 a5 Re1 49 Rb8+ Kf7 50 a6 Re7 51 Rb7 +-;

(c2) allow an f-file skewer after mutual queening: 45...Kf6 46 a4 Rxh4 47 a5 Rxf4 48 Rb4 Rxb4 49 cxb4 f4 50 a6 f3 51 a7 f2 52 a8(Q) f1(Q) 53 Qf8+ +-; or

(c3) obstruct the rooks's e-file retreat: 45...Ke6 46 Rb4 Rh4 47 a4 Rh1 [47...g5 48 a5 g4 49 a6 g3 50 a7 g2 51 a8(Q) g1(Q) 52 Qc6+ Kf7 53 Rb7+ and 54 Qc8 mate] 48 a5 Rd1 49 Rd4 Rxd4 50 cxd4 Kd6 51 a6 Kc7 52 d5 h4 53 d6+ +-.

42...Rg2 43 Rd3 Ke6 44 a3

At this point Walter asked that the clocks be stopped to allow the players to reconstruct the game. After doing so, we continued:

44...Ke7 45 Kb4 Rxc2 46 Ka5 Rb2! 47 Kxa6 Rb3! 48 Kb6

The point of Black's maneuver is seen after 48 Ka5 Ke6 49 a4? b4!

48...Ke6 49 Kc6 Ke7 50 Kc5 Ke6 1/2

Sicilian B50

GM Anatoly Lein 2495

NM Jim Gallagher 2270

Pinfork I (2)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 c3 Nf6 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 Bc2 Bg4 6 d3 e6 7 Nbd2 d5 8 h3 Bh5 9 Qe2 Be7 10 Nf1 0-0 11 g4 dxe4 12 dxe4 Bg6 13 h4 h5 14 g5 Ng4 15 N3h2 Nxe2 16 Rxh2 Qa5 17 Bd2 e5 18 Ng3 Rad8 19 Bb3 Rxd2! 20 Qxd2 Rd8 21 Bd5 c4 22 f3 Nb4 23 Rd1 Nd3 24 Kf1 b5 25 a3 Qc7 26 Qe3 Bc5 27 Rxd3 cxd3

Ouch. Later Jim realized he could have won White's queen for a rook with 27...Rxd5! 28 exd5 (28 Qxc5 Rxc5 -+) Bxd3+ (check!).

28 Qxd3 a6 29 Rd2 Bb6 30 Nh1 Qc5 31 Nf2 Qc8 32 Kg2 Kh7 33 Qe2 Qd7 34 Rd1 Qe7 35 a4 f6 36 Nh3 f5 37 axb5 axb5 38 exf5 Bxf5 39 Be4 Bxe4 40 Qxe4+ g6 41 Rxd8 Qxd8 42 Nf2 Bxf2 43 Kxf2 Qb6+ 44 Ke2 Qc5 45 Kd2 Kg7 46 Kc2

Kf7 47 Kb3 Qd6 48 Qb7+ Ke6 49 Kc2 Qc5 50 Qa6+ Kd5 51 Qa8+ 1-0

Notes by Al Zerm

Benoni Taimanov A67

Al Zerm 2135

NM Mark Dejmek 2205

Pinfork I (2)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 e4 g6 7 f4 Bg7 8 Bb5+ Nbd7 9 e5 dxe5 10 fxe5 Nh5 11 e6 Qh4+ 12 g3 Nxc3 13 hxg3 Qxh1 14 Be3 Bxc3+ 15 bxc3 a6 16 exd7+ Bxd7 17 Bxd7+ Kxd7 18 Qb3!

GM Alex Shabalov claimed that White has nothing better than 18 Qf3. [It was only good for a draw in Anderson-Dejmek, Rd. 5 - SA.]

18...b5 19 0-0-0 Qe4!?! N



The game I. Sokolov-V. Topolov, Wijk aan Zee 1996, continued in this fashion: 19...Rhe8 20 Bxc5 Rac8 21 Bd4 Qg2 22 Qa3! Qxc3 23 Qxa6 Rxc3+ 24 Kb2! Rcc8 25 Qxb5+ Kd6 26 Ka1! Qa3 27 Bb2 Qc5 28 Qa6+ Kd7 29 Qa4+ 1-0.

20 Bxc5 Qc4 21 Qxc4 bxc4 22 Nf3

In going out of his way to create an endgame, Black has incurred a weaker pawn structure. The task of holding back White's d-pawn, protecting his c-pawn, and making some counter-threats of his own is

not easy. Instead of the text move, White could also try the direct 22 Rd4!? Rhe8 23 Nf3 Re2 (23...Re3 24 Rf4 Rxc3+ 25 Kb2 Rd3 26 Ne5+ +-) 24 Rxc4 Rxa2 25 Ne5+ Ke8 26 d6 Rd8 27 Rd4 +-.

22...Rhe8 23 Ng5 (23 Rd4!?) Re2 24 Rd2 Re1+

24...Rxd2 is worse: 25 Kxd2 Rb8 (25...Re8 26 Nxb7 Kc7 27 Nf6 Rb8 28.Be7! +-) 26 Ke3! Rb2 27 Nxf7 Rg2 (27...Rxa2 28 Ne5+ Kd8 29 Nxc4; 29 d6!?) 28 Ne5+ Kd8 29 d6 Rxc3+ 30 Ke4 +-.

25 Kb2 Rb8+ 26 Ka3 Rb5 27 Bb4 Re3 28 Nxb7 Rxc3 29 Nf6+ Kd8



30 d6?

Most unfortunate. In time trouble White misses a very promising continuation: 30 Re2! It is difficult to say what Black may do after this, but here is one example: 30...Kc7 31 Re7+ Kb6 32 Nd7+ Kc7 33 Ne5+ Kc8 34 Bd6! (The queens are long gone, yet a brutal mating attack suddenly looms!) Rxc3+ 35 Ka4! Rb6 36 Re8+ Kb7 37 Rb8+ Ka7 38 Nc6+, and White wins.

30...Rf5 31 Rd4

White had been counting on the line 31 d7 Rxf6 32 Be7+ for many moves, but only now realized that 31...Rd3 stops all of it.

31...a5 32 Bxa5+?

The imaginative 32 Bc5 allows some chances after 32...Rxc5, but

after ..Rxf6 (33 d7 Re3) White's life is not so pleasant anymore. After 32 Bxa5+, whatever survival chances White may have had were nullified by the fact that there was no realistic chance of making time control. Therefore, White resigned.

0-1

This game clearly illustrates that White must be accurate and alert in these positions. However, it also indicates that a small structural weakness for Black in this line is enough to shift the assessment clearly toward White's favor.

Round 3

The GM's started to bump heads, and only two came out with perfect scores. On the top three boards, Kaidanov drew Palatnik, Schwartzman defeated Alexander Ivanov, and Lein delivered an effective counterpunch to an all-out attacking scheme of Gurevich in the King's Indian. I faced my second 2600+ opponent in one day, and won Igor Ivanov's queen for two minor pieces. Unfortunately, I lost my head in time pressure and handed over the game.

Dutch Stonewall A85

GM Gregory Kaidanov 2655

GM Semion Palatnik 2570

Pinfork I (3)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c6 4 Nc3 f5 5 Qc2 Nf6 6 Bg5 Be7 7 e3 0-0 8 Bxf6 Bxf6 9 Bd3 Na6 10 a3 Bd7 11 0-0 Nc7 12 Ra1 Ne8

The peripatetic rambling of this knight may strike one as slightly comical, but it's right on target.

13 Qb3 Rb8 14 Ne5 Qe7 15 cxd5 exd5 16 Nxd7 Qxd7 17 Qa4 b5 18 Qc2 Nd6 19 Ne2 Rfc8 20 Nf4 20 Rb6 21 Be2 a5

And the game ended in a draw a few moves later. 1/2



K. Hale

GM Gabriel Schwartzman

English Opening A30

GM Gabriel Schwartzman 2560

GM Alexander Ivanov 2640

Pinfork I (3)

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 b6 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 0-0 g6 6 d4 cxd4 7 Qxd4 Bg7 8 Nc3 d6 9 Be3 Nbd7 10 Rac1 a6 11 Rfd1 0-0 12 Qh4 b5 13 cxb5 axb5 14 a3 Qa5 15 Nd4 Bxg2 16 Kxg2 Rab8 17 Kg1 Ne5 18 Bf4 Qa6 19 Nc2 Rfc8 20 Nb4 Qb7 21 Ncd5 Rxc1 22 Bxc1 Rc8 23 Bg5 Rc4 24 Qh3 Nxd5 25 Nxd5 Nc6 26 Qg2 Qa7 27 b3 Rc5 28 Qe4 e6



29 Be3 exd5 30 Qe8+ Bf8 31 b4 Qa4 32 Bh6 1-0

King's Indian E90

GM Dmitry Gurevich 2615
GM Anatoly Lein 2515

Pinfork I (3)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4
d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 h3 e5 7 d5 Nbd7 8
Bg5 h6 9 Be3 Nc5 10 Nd2 a5 11 g4
Bd7 12 Be2!?

12.Qc2 h5 13.f3 Nh7 = Gheorghiu-Stein, Hastings 1967/68.

12...c6 13 h4 cxd5 14 cxd5 b5!
15 g5 hxg5 16 hxg5 Nh7 17 Nxb5
Qe7 18 Rg1

On 18.Rc1, not 18...Nxc5? 19
Nxd6! ± but 18...Rfc8.

18...a4 19 Bxc5 dxc5 20 d6 Qd8
21 Nc7 Ra7 22 Nd5 Bc6 23 Ne7+
Rxe7 24 dxe7 Qxe7 25 Bc4 Rb8 26
b3 Ng5 27 Qg4 Bh6 28 Rh1 Kg7 29
Ke2 Rh8 30 Rag1



30...Nh7 31 bxa4?

Overlooking the threat involved
in Black's last move. Necessary was
31 f3, although the weak dark
squares around White's king are a
source of concern.

31...Bxd2 32 Kxd2 Nf6 33 Qe2
Nxe4+ 34 Ke1 Rb8 35 Bb3

Or 35 Qd3 Ng5!

35...Qc7 36 Qe4

White cannot be saved by 36 Qe3
Qa5+ 37 Ke2 because 37...c4! clears
the b-file. Then 38 Qh6+ Kf6 39
Qh4+ g5! 40 Qh6+ Ke7 41 Qxc6
gets mated after 41...Qd2+ 42 Kf3
Qxf2+ 43 Kxe4 Qf4+ and ...Qd4,

while 41 Rd1 Qc5! 42 Rhf1 cxb3 is
hopeless.

36...Qa5+ 37 Ke2 Qd2+ 38
Kf3 Qxf2+ 39 Kg4 Bd7+ 0-1

Sicilian Paulsen B46

NM Selby Anderson 2355
IM Igor Ivanov 2610

Pinfork I (3)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4
Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Nxc6 bxc6 7
e5 Qc7 8 f4 d5 9 exd6 Bxd6 10 Ne4

This is based on the trap 10...
Bxf4 11 Bxf4 Qxf4 12 Qd4! ±.

10...Be7 11 Bd3 Nf6 12 0-0 0-0
13 Qe2 c5 14 Bd2 Bb7 15 Bc3 Nd5
16 Qh5 f5?

16...g6 17 Qe5 Qxe5 18 Bxe5 c4!
19 Bxc4 Ne3 -/+; 17.Ng5! Bxg5!
(17...gxh5 18 Bxh7 mate!) 18.Qxg5
Nxc3 =+.

17 Be5 Qc6 18 Ng5 h6 19 Qg6



19...Nf6 20 Be4!

Judging from the time Ivanov
took on his response, this move was
unexpected.

20...Qxe4 21 Nxe4 fxe4 22
Rae1!?

Better is 22 Rad1 Rad8 23 Rfe1,
or 22...e3 23 Rd7! Be4 24 Qg3.

22...Rad8 23 Re3 c4 24 Rg3 Rf7
25 h3 Rd2 26 f5 exf5 27 Rxf5 Rd1+
28 Kf2

28 Kh2 Bc5 is messy, e.g. 29 h4
Bgl+ 30 Kh3 Bc8.

28...e3+ 29 Kxe3?

A time pressure error; 29 Ke2!
with a tempo on the rook maintains
the advantage. After seeing the re-
ply I had overlooked, my confidence
was shattered.

29...Be4 30 Rxf6?

If simplicity was my aim, then
30.Bxf6 Bf5 31.Qxg7+!? Rxg7 32
Rxg7+ and Rxe7 was preferable.

30...Bxg6 31 Rfxg6 Bg5+ 32
Ke4 Re1+ 33 Kd5 Rf5 34 Re6 Kf7
35 Rf3??

35 Rxa6 and Kxc4 with three
pawns for the piece is still a fight.

35...Rd1+ 36 Ke4 Kxe6 0-1

Sicilian B32

NM Mark Dejmek 2205
SM Igor Shtern 2410

Pinfork I (3)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4
Nxd4 e5 5 Nb5 d6 6 Bg5 Nf6 7 c4
a6 8 N5c3 Be7 9 Bxf6 Bxf6 10 Nd5
0-0 11 Be2 Nd4 12 0-0 Be6 13
Nbc3 Rc8 14 b4 g6 15 a4 Bg7 16 a5
f5 17 f3 Qh4 18 g3 Qd8 19 b5 h5 20
b6 Rc5 21 Ra2 h4 22 Qe1 Qg5 23
Bd3 Qh5 24 Rg2 Bxd5 25 Nxd5
Nxf3+ 26 Rxf3 Qxf3 27 Be2 Qxe4
28 gxh4 Rxd5 29 cxd5 f4 30 Qd2 f3
31 Bd3 Qd4+ 32 Rf2 e4 0-1

Round 4

The sensation of this round was
the fracas between Igor Ivanov
and Kaidanov on board two, a theo-
retical discussion in the sharp Meran
variation of the Queen's Gambit.
Renard Anderson sprang new Benko
Gambit theory on Igor Shtern.

QGD Slav D12

GM Anatoly Lein 2495
GM Gabriel Schwartzman 2560

Pinfork I (4)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3
Bf5 5 Bd3 Bd3 6 Qd3 e6 7 0-0
Nbd7 8 Nc3 Be7 9 e4 de4 10 Ne4
Ne4 11 Qe4 0-0 12 Rd1 Nf6 13 Qe2

Qa5 14 Bf4 Rad8 15 h3 h6 16 c5 Rd5 17 a3 Rfd8 18 b4 Qa4 19 Rdc1 Ne8 20 Be5 Bf6 21 Bf6 Nf6 22 Qc2 Qc2 23 Rc2 Ne8 24 a4 Nc7 25 Rb1 a6 26 g4 g5 27 Kg2 f5 28 Re2 Rf8 29 Kg3 Rd7 30 Rb3 Rf6 31 Re1 Rd8 32 Rb2 fxg4 33 hxg4 Rf4 34 Rb3 Rdf8 35 Rd3



35...Nd5 36 Rxe6 Nf6 37 Nh2 Ne4+ 38 Rxe4 Rxe4 39 b5 Rff4 40 bxc6 bxc6 41 Rb3 Rxd4 42 Rb6 Rxa4 43 Rxc6 Kg7 44 Rb6 Ra3+ 45 f3 a5 46 c6 Rf7 47 Rb5 a4 48 Rc5 Rc7 49 Nf1 Rd3 50 Kf2 a3 51 Ne3 Rd2+ 0-1

QGD Semi-Slav D48

IM Igor Ivanov 2610
GM Gregory Kaidanov 2656

Pinfork I (4)

1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 Nf6 3 c4 e6 4 Nc3 c6 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3 dxc4 7 Bxc4 b5 8 Bd3 a6 9 e4 c5 10 d5 Qc7 11 0-0 Bb7 12 Re1 c4 13 dxe6 fxe6 14 e5 Ng4 15 Be4 Bc5 16 Nd4 Ndx5 17 Bxb7 0-0 18 Bxa8 Rxf2 19 Be3 Rxb2 20 Bf4 Qa7 21 Re4 Nd3 22 Nce2 Qxa8 23 Re3 Bxd4 0-1

Catalan E11

GM Semion Palatnik 2570
GM Walter Browne 2600

Pinfork I (4)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 Bb4 4 Bd2 Be7 5 Bg2 d5 6 Nf3 0-0 7 Qc2 c6 8 0-0 Nbd7 9 b3 b6 10 Rd1 1/2

Sicilian Dragon B76

GM Alexander Ivanov 2640
FM Albert Albert Chow 2365

Pinfork I (4)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 0-0 9 0-0-0 d5 10 exd5 Nxd5 11 Nxc6 bxc6 12 Bd4 e5 13 Bc5 Be6 14 Ne4 Re8 15 h4 h6 16 g4 Qc7 17 g5 h5 18 Rh2 Red8 19 Qe1 Bf8 20 Rhd2 Bf5 21 Bxf8 Kxf8 22 Bc4 Nf4 23 Nd6 Rxd6 24 Rxd6 Re8 25 Qb4 c5 26 Qd2 Be6 27 Bxe6 Nxe6 28 Rd7 Qc6 29 Qd5 1-0

Benko Gambit A57

SM Igor Shtern 2410
FM Renard Anderson 2330

Pinfork I (4)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 Nf3 g6 5 cxb5 a6 6 Nc3 axb5 7 d6 Qa5 8 e3 Ne4 9 Bd2 Nxd2
Fedorowicz gives only 9...Nd6 10 Nxb5 Qb6 11 Bc3+.
10 Nxd2 Bg7 11 dxe7
11 Nxb5 Na6 12 dxe7 Kxe7 13 Qf3?! (13 Bc4 d5!? ∞) d5! 14 Qxd5 Rd8 15 Qe4+ Be6 with killer comp.
11...Bb7 12 Nxb5 Kxe7 13 Qc2 Rc8



14 a3 Na6 15 Rc1 c4 16 Nc3 d5 17 e4?

Opening the position when one is behind in development is almost never a good idea. Necessary is 17

Be2, however daunting the problems posed by 17...d4 18 exd4 Bxg2 19 Rg1 Bb7 20 Nc4 Qc7.

17...d4 18 Qa4 Nc5 19 Qxa5 Rxa5 20 Nd5+

Trading queens has not reduced the danger to White. His position goes bust after 20 Nxc4 dxc3 21 Nxa5 cxb2 22 Rb1 Na4! +.

20...Bxd5 21 exd5 c3! 22 bxc3 Rxa3 23 d6+ Kd8 24 c4 Rb8 25 Be2 Rb2 26 Rb1 Raa2 27 Rxb2 Rxb2 28 g3

There's no saving move: 28 Nf3 d3 29 Bd1 Bc3+ 30 Kf1 Rb1 +.

28...d3 29 Bxd3 Nxd3+ 30 Ke2 Nxf2 0-1

Round 5

Schwartzman coasted into first with a brief draw. The next three boards saw pitched battles as GM's Alex Ivanov, Browne and Palatnik clawed their way to a share of second place, at the expense of Renard Anderson, Lein and Ardaman respectively. Unfortunately, complete and legible scores of those games are unavailable.

Reti Opening A13

GM Gabriel Schwartzman 2560
GM Gregory Kaidanov 2655

Pinfork I (5)

1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 e6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d4 Ne7 6 0-0 Nbc6 7 Nc3 0-0 8 e3 b6 9 Qa4 Bd7 10 Qc2 dxc4 11 Qe2 Na5 12 e4 b5 13 e5 Bc6 14 Ne4 Nf5 15 Rd1 1/2

Sicilian Rossolimo B51

NM Larry Moss 2200
GM Dmitry Gurevich 2615

Pinfork I (5)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5+ Nd7 4 0-0 Ngf6 5 Re1 g6 6 c3 Bg7 7 d4 a6 8 Ba4 cxd4 9 cxd4 d5 10 e5 Ne4 11 Ng5 Nxc3 12 Bxc3 b5 13 Bb3 Nb6 14 Nc3 0-0 15 Qf3 Be6 16 Rad1 Qd7 17 Qe3 b4 18 Ne2 a5 19 a4 f6

20 Bh6 Bxh6 21 Qxh6 fxe5 22 dxe5
Rf7 23 Nf4 Raf8 24 Nxd5 Nxd5 25
Bxd5 Rxf2

Of course not 25...Bxd5? 26 e6.

26 Be4

26.Bf3 Qa7 27.Kh1 Rxb2 -/+.



26...Re2!! 27 Bxg6?

This meets with a brilliant re-
joinder. Other tries:

(a) 27 Qxf8+ Kxf8 28 Rf1+ Kg7
29 Rxd7 Bxd7 30 B-any Rxb2 with
a huge endgame advantage.

(b) Relatively best is 27 Qc1!
Rxe1+ 28 Rxe1 Qxa4 29 Qh6 Qe8!
and Black's extra pawn should
eventually decide.

27...Rxc2+! 28 Kxg2

It's a prosaic win for Black after
28 Kh1 Rxc2 -/.

28...Bd5+ 29 Rxd5 Qg4+! 0-1

It's mate in seven: 30 Kh1 Qf3+
31 Kg1 Qf2+ 32 Kh1 Qxe1+ 33 Kg2
Qf2+ 34 Kh3 Rf3+ 35 Kg4 Qg2+
and 36...Rh3 mate.

A friendly last round draw
became a source of consterna-
tion for both players after they re-
alized there was serious money at
stake. Former roommates Jim Gal-
lagher and Sid Pickard each had two
points going into the last round,
and neither checked the wall chart
before sitting down to play on
board ten. Sid's wife Janet offered
to serve them dinner if the game

didn't take too long. A draw was
agreed to after twenty moves.

The next board up, I too stood at
2-2 and had no thought of a sub-
stantial prize. I played listlessly
against Dejmek and pulled out a
draw from a difficult ending.

It turned out that three points
would have been worth \$562.50 in
under-2400 prize money, or \$450 if
Jim and I had both won.

It is unlikely that either of us
will repeat our mistake!!

PINFORK II

GM Kaidanov wins, 6-1

Gregory Kaidanov of Lexington,
Kentucky won the second Pinfork
Grand Prix with 6-1, ahead of three
other grandmasters. GM Semion
Palatnik came in second with 5.5,
and Dallas master Igor Shtern was a
surprise third with 5. Shtern began
with a loss to John Bick (age 15,
rated 2112), but went on a tear to
win the next five rounds, defeating
Anderson and Ardaman before fi-
nally losing to Kaidanov. Tied at 4.5
were Anatoly Lein, Dmitry Gure-
vich and top U2400 John Jacobs.

QGD Exchange D36

GM Gregory Kaidanov 2660

NM Mike Calogridis 2310

Pinfork II (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5
4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 c6
7.e3 Be7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bd3 h6
10.Bf4 a6 11.g4 Ne4 12.h4 Bb4
13.g5 h5 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4
Nb6 16.Ne5 Nd5 17.Rc1 Be6 18.0-0
Nxf4 19.Qxf4 f6 20.gxf6 Rxf6
21.Qg3 Bxc3 22.Rxc3 Qe7 23.a3
Raf8 24.f3 Bf5 25.Qg5 Bg4
26.Rcc1 Bh3 27.Rf2 Qe6 28.Qg3
Bf5 29.Rg2 R8f7 30.Nxf7 Qxe3+
31.Kh2 Rxf7 32.Rcg1 Qxd4
33.Qg5 Qd6+ 34.Kh1 g6 35.Rd2
Qe5 36.Rd8+ Kg7 37.Qxh5 1-0



Gregory Kaidanov

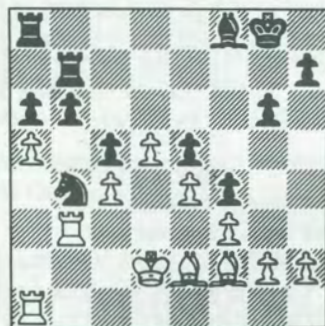
Grünfeld Exchange D85

IM Igor Ivanov 2540

NM George Trammell 2215

Pinfork II (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.
cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7
7.Be3 c5 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.
Qd2 b6 11.d5 e6 12.c4 Qxd2+ 13.
Nxd2 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 e5 16.a4
Na6 17.a5 Nb4 18.Nb3 Bd7 19.
Kd2 Ba4 20.Rb1 Rf7 21.Be2 Bf8
22.Rb2 Rb7 23.Ra1 Bxb3 24.Rxb3
a6



PRIZEWINNERS

OPEN: 1st: Gregory Kaidanov, 6. 2nd: Semion Palatnik, 5.5 3rd: Igor Shtern, 5. 4th-5th: Dmitry Gurevich, Anatoly Lein, 4.5. **U2400:** 1st: John Jacobs, 4.5. 2nd-4th: Albert Chow, Mike Calogridis, Sid Pickard, 4. **U2200:** 1st-2nd: Ivan Reyes, Eric Dimazana, 5.5. 3rd: B.L. Patteson, 5. 3rd-4th: Errol Jenson, Alex Shaffer, 4.5.

U2000: 1st: Steven Grubbs, 6.5. 2nd: Wellington Lee, 5.5. 3rd-4th: Marvin Bolden, James Murphy, 5.

U1800: 1st: Guido Leon, 5.5. 2nd-4th: Kevin Sierra, John Krue, Joseph M. Watson, 5.

U1600: 1st-2nd: Alex Salas, Dennis Munguia, 5.5. 3rd: Antonio Blanco, 5. 4th-5th: Tres Roring, Charlie Cunningham, 4.5.

U1400: 1st: Curtis Felkner, 6.5. 2nd: Jason Kindred, 6. 3rd-4th: John DeMott, Jaime Moran, 5.

UNRATED: 1st: Mustafa Tabanti, 6. 2nd-4th: Greg Utas, William R. Martz, Randall Bell, 5.

25.Rxb4 cxb4 26.axb6 Rc8 27. Rxa6 Bc5 28.Bxc5 Rxc5 29.Kc2 Kf7 30.Kb3 Ke7 31.Kxb4 Kd6 32.Bd1 g5 33.Ba4 g4 34.Ra7 gxf3 35.Rxb7 1-0

Pirc Defense B08

NM Selby Anderson 2334

IM Igor Ivanov 2540

Pinfork II (2)

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4. Nc3 Nf6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 a6 7.a4 Nbd7 8.Bc4 c6 9.Bb3 Qc7 10.Qe2 e6 11.Bf4 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Be3 Nh5 14.g3 Qa5 15.Qc4 h6 16.0-0-0 Ndf6 17.Qc5 Qxc5 18.Bxc5 Re8 19.a5 Bf8 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Rd6 Nd7 22.Ba2 Nhf6 23.Nd2 Ke7 24. Nc4 Nc5 25.f3 Be6 26.Rhd1 Ncd7 27.h4 Nh5 28.Ne3 Rad8 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30. Ng4 Rh8 31.Ne2 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5



33.R6d3?

Allowing the a5 pawn to be cut off from support. 33.b4! c5 34.c3 gives White all the winning chances in the ensuing endgame.

33...c5 34.c4 Ndf6 35.Nxf6 Nxf6 36.Rxd8 Rxd8 37.Rxd8 Kxd8 38.g4?

Just before time control I lose the a-pawn. Necessary is 38.Kc2, answering 38...g4 with 39.Ng1!

38...Nd7 39.Nc3 Ke7 40.Na4 Kd6 41.Kd2 Nb8 42.Nb6 Nc6 43. Kd3 Nxa5 44.Nc8+ Kd7 45.Nb6+ Kc7 46.Na4 Kd6 47.Nc3 Nc6 48. Ke3 Nd4 49.Nd1 Ke7 50.Nf2 Nc2+ 51.Kd2 Nb4 52.Nh3 Kf6 53. Nf2 b6 54.Ke3 Nc2+ 55.Kd2 Nd4 56.Ke3 b5 57.Nd3 Nb3 58.cxb5 axb5 59.Kf2 c4 60.Nb4 Nd4 0-1

Nimzovich Defense B00

FM John Jacobs 2365

Sid Pickard 2190

Pinfork II (2)

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.e4 Nf6 3.e5 Ng4!? 4.d4 d6 5.h3 Nh6 6.Bxh6 gxh6 7. e6!? fxe6 8.Bb5 Bg7 9.Qe2 a6 10. Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0-0 12.c3 Rb8 13.Na3 Kh8 14.Nc4 Qe8 15.Rfe1 Rg8 16. Kh1 Rb5 17.Rad1 Rh5 18. Ncd2 e5 19.Nf1 Bxh3! 20.gxh3 Rxb3+ 21. N3h2 exd4 22.Qg4 Rh5 23.cxd4 Rg5 24.Qe4 d5 25.Qe2 Bxd4 26.Ng3 Bxf2 27.Qxf2 Rxb3 28.Qd4+ R8g7 29.Rg1 Qg6 30. Rgf1 Kg8 31. Qb4?! (31.Qf4)



31...Qe8

31...Rb3! 32.Qg4 (forced) Qxg4 33.Nxg4 Rh3+ 34.Nh2 e5 35.Rf6 Rg6 36.Rg1 Rxb3+ 37.Kxb3 Rg3+ and ...Rg6 with a winning endgame.

32.Qf4 e5 33.Qh6 R7g6 34.Qh4 e4 35.Rc1 Qe5?!

Better is (well, almost anything, but...) 35...e3 36.Rf6 R6g5.

36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Qf8 mate 1-0

The Ardaman-Kaidanov game from round two was not in the bulletin.

King's Indian E73

GM Gregory Kaidanov 2662

IM Steven Odendahl 2517

Pinfork II (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.f4 Qe8 8.Bf3 e5 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.d5 h6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Qd2 Qb4? 13.a3 Qe7 (13...Qxc4 14.Be2 Qb3 15.Bd1 Qc4 16.b3) 14.b4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 f5 16.b5 Nc5 17.d6 cxd6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.Bd5+ Kh7 20.Nge2 h5 21.0-0 Rb8 22.Rae1 e4 23.Kh1 Rf6 24.Ng1 Bh6 25.Qf2 Rf8 26.Qg3 Bd7 27.Rd1 Kg7 28.Bxe4 fxe4 29. Nd5 Qe6 30.Qc3+ Kg8 31.Rf6 Bg7 32.Rxe6 Bxc3 33.Rxg6+ Kh7 34. Rd6 Bg4 35.Nxc3 Bxd1 36.Rxd1 Rf2 37.Nxe4 Rc2 38.Ng5+ Kg6 39. Nf3 Re8 40.Rd6+ Kf5 41.Rd5+ Kf6 42.h4 Rxc4 43.Rd6+ Kf5 44. Rd7 Re2 45.Rf7+ Kg4 46.Rg7 Kf4 47.Nh3+ Ke3 48.Rxb7 Rb2 49. Rxa7 Rxb5 50.Rb7 Rcl+ 51.Kh2 c4 52.Re7+ Kd3 53.Ne5+ 1-0

Queen's Indian E12

IM Igor Ivanov 2540
GM Dmitry Gurevich 2630

Pinfork II (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 b6 5.Nc3 cxd4 6.exd4 Bb7 7.a3 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bb5+ Bc6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bb1 Rc8 14.Qd3 g6 15.Ba2 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nc5 17.Qe3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Na4 19.Bd2 Bg5 20.Bxg5 Qxg5 21.c4 Rfd8 22.Bb3 Qa5 23.Qf6 Rd6?? 24.Qe5 Qxe5 25.dxe5 Nc5 26.exd6 Nxb3 27.Rad1 Kf8 28.Rc5 Nc5 29.g4 Nd7 30.Rd4 Rc5 31.f4 h5 32.Rh3 Ke8 33.gxh5 gxh5 34.Rg3 Nf6 35.Rg5 Rc6 36.Kg2 Kd7 37.Rg7 Ke8 38.Kh3 Rc5 39.Rg5 Rc6 40.Kh4 Kd7 41.Rg7 Ke8 42.h3 Rc5 43.Rg5 Rc6 44.a4 Kd7 45.Rg7 Ke8 46.a5 Rc5 47.Rg5 Rc6 48.axb6 axb6 1-0

Pirc Defense B08

SM Doug McClintock 2440
NM Alex Weinberg 2255

Pinfork II (3)

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.h3 0-0 6.Qd2 c6 7.Nf3 b5 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.e5 b4 10.Ne2 Nd5 11.Bh6 dxe5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.dxe5 Qc7 14.Qg5 h6 15.Qg3 Nc5 16.0-0 Nxd3 17.cxd3 c5 18.Nd2 Bf5 19.Rfc1 Qb6 20.Rc4 Nc7 21.d4 cxd4 22.Nxd4 Be6 23.Nxe6+ Nxe6 24.Qb3

Better seems to be 24.Qh4, when Black must weaken his position with 24...g5 to avoid losing a pawn.

24...Rab8 25.Rac1 Rfd8 26.Nf3 Qb5 27.h4 a5 28.Qe3 Qd7 29.Kh2 Rb5! 30.Rc6 Rd5 31.Ra6 Qa4 32.Ra1?!

I was handling the display board at this stage, and expected 32.Qb3 instead of the passive text. Both players were in time pressure, but McClintock's was worse.

32...Qc2 33.b3



33...Qb2

Weinberg considered 33...Rd3!, but did not have time to weigh all the consequences of a sac at f3.

(a) 34.Qa7 R8d7 35.Qb6 Rxf3! 36.gxf3 Nd4 37.Kg2 Qc3 38.R-any Qxf3+ with a crushing attack;

(b) 34.Ne1 Rxe3 35.Nxc2 Rxe5 nets Black a pawn;

(c) 34.Qe1 Rxf3! 35.gxf3 Rd4 36.Kg3 Qf5 37.Qe3 Nf4 38.Rh1 g5! 39.Qe1 (39.Rxa5? Rd1! -+) Ng6! and Black's attack continues.

34.Qe1 Nf4 35.Qc1 Qxc1 36.Rxc1 Nd3 37.Rc7 Nxe5 38.Rxe7 Nxf3+ 39.gxf3 Rf5 40.Rea7 Rd2 41.Rxa5 Rxf2+ 42.Kg1 R5xf3 43.Rb5 Rf4 44.h5 (44.Rxb4 Rxa2!) gxh5 45.Rxh5 Kg6 46.Rb5 Rd2

Alex later criticized this move, thinking that 46...Rc2 or 46...Rb2 would have forced mate. But White holds on with 47.Ra8! Rd4 (47... Kg7 48.Rbb8) 48.Rg8+ Kh7 49.Rg2.

47.Ra4 Rg4+ 48.Kf1 Rh4 49.Kg1 Rg4+ 50.Kf1 Rdd4 51.a3 bxa3 52.Rxa3 h5 53.Ra8 h4 54.Rh8 Rb4 55.Rbh5 Rxb3 56.R8h6+ Kg7 57.Rxh4 Rxh4 58.Rxh4 Rb2 1/2

Nimzovich Defense B00

NM Gary Simms 2328
FM Miles Ardaman 2443

Pinfork II (3)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Bg4 4.c3 Nf6 5.h3 Bh5 6.Nbd2 e6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 d5 9.e5 Nd7 10.Qc2 Bg6

11.Re1 b5 12.Nh2 Nb6 13.f4 Qd7 14.b3 a6 15.Bb2 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 h5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nhf3 h4 19.Nh2 g6 20.Ng4 Kf8 21.a4 bxa4 22.Ba3 Bxa3 23.Rxa3 Qb5 24.c4 Qb4 25.Rea1 Nxb3 26.Nxb3 axb3 27.cxd5 b2 28.Rb1 Nxd5 29.Rb3 Qe7 30.R3xb2 Kg7 31.Qd2 a5 32.Rb5 a4 33.Rxd5 exd5 34.Nf6 Qe6 35.f5 Qf5 36.Rf1 Qe6 37.Ng4 a3 38.Rf6 a2 39.Rxe6 a1(Q)+ 40.Kh2 fxe6 41.Qg5 Qf1 0-1

Nimzo-Indian E24

John Bick 2112
NM Selby Anderson 2334

Pinfork II (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Ne4 6.e3 b6? 7.Qg4! Nf6 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qh6 Bb7 10.f3 d6 11.e4 Nbd7 12.Qh4

I was concerned about 12.Bg5 Rg6 13.Qh4 Qe7 14.Ne2! (Δ Nf4) e5 15.Ng3 and 16.Nf5, but Bick's orderly plan also works.

12...Qe7 13.Qf2 e5 14.Bd3 ed4 15.cd4 c5 16.Ne2 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Be2 0-0-0 19.Be3 Kb8 20.a4 Rde8 21. a5?

The impending sac at e4 looks dangerous, but castling "into it" is actually best: 21.Nf5 Qe5 22.0-0 Nfxe4 23.fxe4 Qxe4 24.Bf3! ±, or 21.0-0 Nfxe4 22.fxe4 Nxe4 (22... Qxe4 23.Bf3! ±) 23.Qf4! Nd2 24.Bxd2 Rxg2+ 25.Kh1 Rxe2+ (25... Rg4+ 26.Bf3 ±) 26.Nf3 ±.

21...Nfxe4! 22.fxe4 Qxe4 23.axb6 axb6 24.Nf5 Rxg2 25.Qf1 Qc2!

Even better than 25...Rxe2+ 26.Qxe2 Qxh1+ 27.Qf1 Qxh2 -. Now there is no defense against mate: 26.Rd1 Qc3+ 27.Rd2 (27.Bd2 Nd3 mate) Nd3+ 28.Bxd3 (28.Kd1 Qc1 mate) Qxd2 mate.

26.Rg1 Nd3+ 27.Bxd3 Qd2 mate 0-1

Rounds 4-7 to appear next issue

Dimazana wins Fiesta Open

If Eric Dimazana again plays on a team named "sandbaggers" this year, it will be the height of irony. He picked up back-to-back U2200 prizes at the first two Dallas Pinfork tournaments, meanwhile winning the Fiesta Open (San Antonio, March 30-31). He outplayed NM Jim Gallagher in the last round to finish with a 4-0 score. With recent results sending his rating toward the 2300 mark, unless he slams on the brakes he'll earn a 2200 floor and *de facto* become Life Master – no more "easy" U2200 prizes!

Mitchell Vergara, just returning from a two-year stint with the Navy, came in second with 3-1, losing only to Dimazana and defeating Stephen Cheyney.

In round two, the two top-ranked players took hits. Jim Rohrbaugh lost to 15 year-old John Bick (2112) of New Orleans, who played the first day for practice and then had to leave. Gallagher might easily have lost to Cheyney, who fumbled a Q+2P vs. R+N endgame advantage and allowed a perpetual.

Bick's withdrawal made for odd pairings, as Rohrbaugh (1) then had to play Gallagher (1.5), losing a rook and pawn ending after he failed to refute a speculative pawn sac (if sac it was!) Thus put through the wringer, the dispirited Kerrville master finished with a draw to Danny Hardesty (1831).

Three players tied for the U2000 prize at 2.5 points each: John Ade and two Class B crossovers, J. Paul Myers and Guillermo Medina.

Bruce Eberhard won the Reserve section with 4-0, defeating two higher rated opponents. Twelve year-old Alex Lewkowski (1270) had a breakthrough 3.5 result (performance rating = 1913) to finish in second place. Alex won the junior

trophy, but he may want to play for money in the future!

James Robertson won U1600 with 3-1. The top U1400 player was James Nielson (1016) with 2.5 points, ahead of Brenda Hardesty, who won U1200 with 2.

Jim Gallagher, Sr. directed with help from Greg Wren and Duane Solley. With a total field of 42 players, the full prize fund of \$800 was paid out.

Caro-Kann B17

Stephen Cheyney 2093

Jim Gallagher 2278

Fiesta Open (2)

1.e4 d5 2.d4 c6

Jim is really getting eclectic these days. Maybe Cheyney's reputation as a theory hound accounts for this choice.

3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Ng3 e6 7.Bd3 c5 8.Qe2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Be7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.Bf4 Bb7 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Bc1 Qc7 15.a3 Rfd8 16.Ng5 Nf8 17.Qb5 g6 18.Qb6 Nf6 19.Rfe1 Rd7 20.Bd2 Bc5

Threat: 21...Bxf2+!

21.N3e4 Bd4 22.Bc3 Bxc3 23.Nxc3 Rad8 24.f3 Qf4



25.Nxf7!?! Qd4+ 26.Kh1 Kxf7 27.Bxg6+ hxg6 28.Rxd4 Rxd4

Very unclear! White has won a queen and two pawns but given up a rook and two minor pieces. His chances, based on Black's exposed king and weak dark squares, appear to vindicate the decision.

29.Qc1 N8d7 30.Rd1 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 Ke7 32.Qe1 Nf8 33.Kg1 Kf7 34.Qe5 Rd7 35.Nb5 Bc6 36.Nd4 Bd5 37.b3 Ba8 38.Nb5 Bc6 39.Nd4 Bd5 40.c4 Ba8 41.Nb5



41...a6

41...Ne8 42.Qf4+ Kg8 43.Qb8 Bc6 44.Nxa7 Rb7 45.Qc8 ±.

42.Nd6+ Ke7

42...Kg8!?! 43.Nc8 Rd1+ 44.Kf2 N6d7 45.Qc7 ±.

43.Nc8+ Kf7 44.Nxb6 Ra7 45.Qb8 Rb7 46.Qxa8

Also good is 46.Qd8 Rxb6 (forced) 47.Qxb6 +-. After the text, White's pawns are strong enough to win one of the knights.

46...Rxb6 47.Qa7+ N8d7 48.b4

More incisive is 48.c5! Rc6 49.b4 +- or 48...Rxb3 49.c6 Ke7 50.c7! +-.

48...Rd6 49.c5 Rd1+ 50.Kf2 Rd2+ 51. Ke3 Rc2 52.Kd3 Rc1 53.Qb7 Ke8 54.c6! Ne5+ 55.Kd2 Rxc6 56. Qb8+ Ke7 57.Qxe5 Rd6+ 58.Ke2 Rc6 59.Kf2 Kf7 60.h4

It's a good time to create a king shelter with 60.g4! Δ Kg3, h4-h5. Black does not have time to anchor a knight at f4 because of the queen's

activity: 60...Nd5 61.Qb8 Rc2+ 62. Kg3 g5 63.Qe5 +.

60...Rc2+ 61.Kg3 Rc4 62.Qa5 Nh5+ 63.Kf2 Nf4 64.g3 Rc2+ 65. Ke3 Nd5+ 66.Kd3 Rc3+ 67.Kd2?

The danger of getting mated after 67.Kd4 is pure illusion.

67...Rxf3 68. Qxa6 Kf6 69.g4 Rf2+ 70.Ke1 Rc2 71.g5 Ke5 72.Qb5 Ke4 73.Qe8 Nf4 74.Kd1 Rh2 75.b5 e5 76.b6?

This natural-looking move takes away White's last chance to win: 76.Qc6+ (or 76.a4) Ke3 (76...Kd3 77.Qf3+) 77.Qc5+ Kd3 78.Qd6+ (78.Qxe5? Rd2+! -+) Ke4 79.a4! Nd3 80. Qxg6+ Ke3 81.Qb6+ +.



76...Nd3! 77.b7

Not 77.Qg6+?? Ke3 78.Qxd3+ Kxd3 79.Kc1 Rxb4 -. Note that without a pawn on b6 White would break up the mate net with 78. Qb6+, and even win!

77...Ke3 78.Qxe5+ Nxe5 79. b8(Q) Rd2+ 80.Kc1

80.Ke1?? Nf3+ 81.Kf1 Rf2 mate.

80...Nd3+ 81.Kb1 Rd1+ 82. Ka2 Rd2+ 83.Kb1 1/2

Queen Pawn Game D02

Dee Carter 1526

Alex Lewkowski 1270

Fiesta Open (2)

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.e3 Bg4 4. Be2 Nf6 5.Ne5 Bxe2 6.Qxe2 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Nd7 8.f4 e6 9.0-0 Bc5 10. Nd2 0-0 11.Nf3 c6 12.b3 h6 13.Bb2

Qb6 14.Bd4 Bd4 15.Nd4 c5 16. Nf3 d4 17.Kh1 dxe3 18.Qxe3 Qb5 19.Nh4 c4 20.f5? Qxe5 21.Qh3 cxb3 22.cxb3 Nf6 23.Rae1 Qd6 24. fxe6 fxe6 25.Rxe6?



25...Ng4! 26.Rfe1 Nf2+ 27.Kg1 Nxb3+ 28.gxh3 Qd4+ 29.R6e3 Qxb4 0-1

English Opening A38

Eric Dimazana 2190

Mitchell Vergara 2141

Fiesta Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 0-0 8.Ne1 d6 9.Nc2 Be6 10.Ne3 Qd7 11.Ned5 Nh5 12.e3 Rab8 13.b3 Ne7 14.Bb2 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.d4 Rfd8 18.Qf3 Bg7 19.dxc5 dxc5 20.Rad1 Qc7 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Rd1 Qa5 23. Qe4 Qxa2 (23...f5 24.Qb1 Qc7 =) 24.Bxe5 Qxb3 25.Rb1 Qxb1+ 26. Qxb1 Bxe5 27.f4 Bf6 28.Qb5 b6 29.Bd5 Bxd5 30.cxd5 Rd8 31.Qc6 Kg7 32.e4 Bd4+ 33.Kg2 b5 34.e5 c4 1-0

Trompovsky A45

Al Fulton 1750

Bruce Eberhard 1638

Fiesta Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d6 4.f3 Nf6 5.e4 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.

Ne2 g6 11.Qd2 Bg7 12.Bh6 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nbc3 Qb6 15.b3 a5 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Kh1 Bc8 18. Rfd1 Ba6 19.Na4 Qb4 20.Nec3 Rac8 21.Qe3 Qb8 22.Rab1 Qa7 23. Qe1 Bb5 24.Nb2 Ba6 25.Rd2 Nd7 26.Rbd1 c5 27.dxc5 Qxc5 28.Nd5 Re8 29.Na4 Qa7 30.Rd4 Rc2 31. Qxa5 Rxa2 32.Nc7 Rc8 33. Qxa6



33...Qxd4 34.Qf1 Rd2 35.Rxd2 Qxd2 36.Qa1+ f6 0-1

Sicilian Scheveningen B80

Jim Gallagher 2278

Eric Dimazana 2190

Fiesta Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 a6 7. Bg2 d6 8.Be3 Bd7 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.f4 Be7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4

White plays the Keres Attack a tempo down.

12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.g5 14.f5 Nd7! 15.h4 b5 16.g5 b4 also suits Black well.

14...Nd7 15.Rd3 e5 16.Be3 exf4 17. Bxf4 Rfe8 18.Rhd1 Bb5! 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Kb1 Ne5 21.Rh3 b4 22.Qh5 h6 23.Bxe5 dxe5 24. gxh6 g6 25.Qe2?

25.Qf3! Δ Qb3 is better for attack and defense.

25...Rec8 26.Rd5 Ra6 27.b3 Rc6 28.c4 bxc3 29.Qc2 Bg5 30.Bf1 Bd2 31.Bb5 Rf6 32.Rxd2 cxd2 33. Qxd2 Qc5 34.Bc4 Qg1+ 35.Qc1 Qxc1+ 0-1

Ardaman Annotates

Although a winter storm, the worst in ten years, had descended upon the beautiful Appalachia, a sufficient number of diehard chess players came through to make the Land of the Sky Open another success for the ninth year in a row. The organizer, Wilder Wadford, again made the event comfortable, hospitable and exciting. Many Texas players perhaps remain unaware of this southern tournament treat in the mountain-ensconced Asheville, North Carolina due to the annual conflict with our Southwest Class Championship.

GM Gregory Kaidanov of Lexington, Kentucky emerged sole victor with 4.5 out of 5 after a quick last round draw against senior master Bill Wharton of

North Carolina (4-1), and a previous round endgame grind with White (from a Richter-Rauzer Sicilian) over fellow ex-Soviet GM Sergey Kudrin. Kudrin and I drew a rather uneventful last round game. Tying for 2nd-4th with 4-1 were myself, IM Jonathan Schroer of N.C. (lost to me in round 4), and Bill Wharton (two draws). IM Tim Taylor, also of N.C., finished out of the money along with Kudrin, with 3.5. Both Taylor and Schroer have found peace and quiet in N.C. after spending many years in bustling New York. Their move has proved fortunate for North Carolina chess.

The following are my last three games of the tournament.

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

Sicilian Closed B25

Miles Ardaman 2440

Jonathan Schroer 2520

Land of the Sky Open (4)

1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.e4 Nf6 4. Nc3 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nge2 d6 7.0-0

This system of the closed Sicilian was popularized by Spassky. It promises a flexible game on both wings.

7...0-0 8.h3 Rb8 9.Be3

A serious alternative is 9.a3 b5 10.Rb1.

9...b5 10.Qd2 b4 11.Nd1 Re8

Intending to avoid a trade of dark-square bishops in the interest of the king's defense.

12.f4 Nd7 13.g4 (13.c3!?) a5

Opposite wing attacks are in full swing.

14.Rb1 Nd4 15.Ng3 a4 16.Nf2 b3?!

16...a3 17.b3 Nb5 18.g5 Nc3 19. Ra1 Nb5 was an opportunity for perpetual that Jon said he avoided. However, I had intended to sacrifice the exchange here; with no open files the rook will not be sorely missed, but the loss of the bishop (defender of the kingside) will be.

17.axb3 axb3 18.c3 Nc2 19.g5 (+=)



The futility of Black's completed invasion lies in his lack of control over the dark squares, even if capturing on e3. White may also now choose to mobilize his center.

19...f6 20.h4

Better is 20.Ng4 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 fxf5 22.fxf5 Ne5 23.Nh6+ Bxh6 24.gxh6 +=.

20...e6!

Black has sensed his own play waning on the queenside, and keenly takes measures to prevent White from waxing on the kingside.

21.Nd1

A strange move, but by deduction it seems logical: 21.f5? exf5 22.gxf6 Qxf6 23.h5 Qh4; or 21.Ng4 f5 22.Nh2 Bb7.

21...Bb7

21...Nxe3 22.Nxe3 would rouse the knight wonderfully front and center.

22.Bf2 d5 23.Ne3 Nxe3 24. Bxe3 f5

Black has blunted some of White's initiative, but White's greater central presence combined with time pressure takes a toll.

25.Qf2 Qb6 26.h5 d4 27.Bd2 Ra8

27...dxc3 would prove dangerous given the nudity of Black's king, e.g. 28.Bxc3 Bxc3 29.bxc3 c4 30.d4 Ra8 31.Rb2 Ra3 32.Re1 Rea8 33.Bf1 Qc7 34.hxg6 hxg6 35.exf5 exf5 36.Re7 Δ Qh2.

28.c4!

This closure of the queenside and long diagonal ripens conditions for either a central/kingside assault or a favorable endgame.

28...Ra2 29.Rfe1 Rea8 30.Bf3

A key benefit of flexibility is that it allows troop preparations for battle.

30...Kf8?

30...Kf7?! 31.Qg2 R8a7 32.h6 Bf8 33.exf5 gxf5 (33...exf5 34. Bd5+) 34.Nxf5 exf5 35.Bd5+ Kg6 36.Qh3! Bxd5 37.cxd5 Kf7 38. Qxf5+ Kg8 39.Re6; 30...Bf8!?

31.Qg2 R2a7



32.h6! ± Bh8 33.Kf2 Qc7

33...fxe4 34.dxe4 d3 (34...e5 35.f5 ±) 35.e5 ±.

34.exf5 exf5 35.Ne2

The error of Black's 30th move equates to internment of the prelate; White will play with an extra piece.

35...Bxf3 36.Qxf3 Qb7 37.Qxb7 Rxb7 38.Ra1 Rba7

38...Ra2 39.Reb1! Rba7 40.Rxa2 Rxa2 (40...bxa2 41.Ra1 and 42.Nc1 +-) 41.Nc1.

39.Rxa7 Rxa7



40.Rb1! +-

40.Nc1 allows counterplay: 40...Rb7 41.Re6 Nb6 42.Nxb3 (42.Ba5 Na4) Nxc4 43.Nxc5 Rxb2.

40...Bf6

Black did not want to await fate with 40...Ke7 41.Nc1 Rb7 42.Ra1 and 43.Ra3.

41.gxf6 Nxf6 42.Nc1 Ng4+ 43.Kf3 Re7 44.Ra1 Nxb6 45.Ra8+ Better is 45.Ra5 Rc7 46.Rxc5!

45...Kg7 46.Rc8 Ng4 47.Rxc5 h5 48.Kg3 Ne3 49.Nxb3 h4+ 50.Kxh4 Kh6 51.Nxd4 Nf1 52.Bc3 Re3

52...Rh7 was the expected swindle attempt: 53.Ne6 (53.Nxf5+! gxf5 54.Rc6 mate) g5+ 54.fgx5+?? (54.Ng5) Kg6 mate.

53.Rc8 Rxd3 54.Ne6 Rxc3 55.Rh8 mate 1-0

Caro-Kann B15

Miles Ardaman 2440

Tim Brookshear 2108

Land of the Sky Open (3)

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 c6 3.d4 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Qd3 Nxe4 6.Qxe4 Nd7 [ECO gives 6...Qd5 =.] 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.Qh4 Bf5! 9.Bxf5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxf5

My opponent understandably looked smug after his facile development and liquidation of two sets of minors. But White can prevent further simplification, thus keeping the game alive.

11.Ne2 e6 12.f3! Be7 13.Qf2 0-0 14.0-0 Rfd8

14...c5 15.Ng3! Qd5 16.Be3 +=.

15.Re1 c5 (15...Rac8) 16.Ng3 Qd3

16...Qd5 17.Be3 Rac8 18.Red1 b5 =.

17.dxc5 += Qc4 18.Be3 Nd5 19.Bd4 Bf6 20.Ne4 Bxd4 21.cxd4

Nb4 22.Red1 Nd3 23.Qe3 Nxb2 23...Qxd4 24.Qxd4 Rxd4 25.Rd2

e5 26.a3 += (26.Rad1 Rad8 =).

24.Rd2 Na4 25.Nd6 Qd5 26.Qb3

An inaccuracy in time pressure – better is 26.Qe4!

26...Qc6 27.Rc2 Rd7 28.Rb1 Nb6 29.Kf2 Nd5 30.Nc4 Qc8 31.

a4 Rb8 32.a5 Nf4 33.Nd6 Qc6 34.g3 Ng6 35.h4 h5 36.Qd3! Qd5 37.Qe4 Ne7 38.Rcb2



The thematic position: White's warriors and forward foot soldiers lay siege to the backward b7 boy.

38...Qxe4

38...Nc6 39.Qxd5 exd5 40.a6... (a) 40...Nxd4 41.Rxb7 Rdx7 42.Rxb7 Rxb7 43.axb7 Nc6 44.Nb5 a5 45.Nd4 Nb8 46.c6 +-;

(b) 40...b6 41.cxb6 Rxd6 [41.axb6 42.Rxb6 Rxb6 43.Rxb6 Rxd6 44.a7 Rd8 45.Rxc6 Ra8 46.Rc7 +-] 42.bxa7 Ra8 43.Rb8+ Rd8 44.Rxd8 Rxd8 45.Rb8 Rxb8 46.axb8(Q) Nxb8 47.a7 +-.

39.fxe4 Nc6 40.Ke3 Nxa5 41.Rb5 Nc6

41...Rxd6 42.Rxa5 Rd7 43.Rxa7 Rc7 44.Rb5 Δ d5 +=.

42.Rxb7

The exchange of b7 for a5 pawns makes a menace of the remaining white duo on c5 and d4.

42...Rdx7 43.Rxb7 Ra8

Better is 43...Rxb7 44.Nxb7 Ne7! 45.Kd3 f5 46.exf5 exf5 (46...Nxf5 47.c6 Ne7 48.c7 Nc8 49.Kc4 Kf7 50.Kc5 Ke7 51.Kc6 a6 52.Na5 Ke8 53.Nc4 Ke7 54.Nb6 Nd6 55.c8(Q) Nxc8 56.Nxc8+ Kf6 57.Nd6 a5 58.Kb5 +-) 47.Kc4 g5 48.d5 f4 49.d6 fxd3 50.d7 Nc6 51.Kd5 g2 52.Kxc6 g1(Q) 53.d8(Q)+ ±.

44.d5 exd5 45.exd5 Nd8 46.Rd7

Knight paralysis bids good night.

Nimzovich B00

Sergey Kudrin 2620
Miles Ardaman 2440

Land of the Sky Open (5)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.h3

Sergey and I have had a long but painful (for me) discussion of this line.

3...Nf6

Two games I've lost to Sergey commenced with 3...f5 4.exf5 Bxf5 5.d4 Nb4 6.Na3 c6 7.c3 Nd5 8.Bd3 Qd7 9.0-0 +=.

4.Nc3 e5

4...g6 was an option for a Pirc transposition.

5.d4 Be7

5...Nd7 6.Bb5 f6 is a solid, yet passive line of play.

6.Bb5 exd4

6...Nd7 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.0-0 +=.

7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.0-0

8.Bxc6 is more standard, converting White's opening initiative into a long-term structural plus.

8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bxb5 10.Nxb5 0-0

Black will maneuver more easily after the exchange of two sets of minors.

11.Nc3 c6 12.Rd1 Qa5 13.Bf4 Rfd8 14.Qe3 Qc7

This assures the beneficial relocation of the black knight.

15.Rd2

15.Qg3 Nh5; 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Ng4!

15...Nd7 16.Rad1 Ne5 = 17.b3 b5 18.a4 a6 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 f6! 21.Qe3 Nf7

With the knight now comfortable defending d6, the majors may maneuver.

22.h4 Re8 23.Qf4 Qe7 24.Rd4 Qe5 25.Qxe5 Rxe5 (25...fxe5!?) 26. b4 c5 27.bxc5 Rxc5

Winning would tie Kaidanov, but losing would win nothing. Also, after many tournament losses

to my solid foe, I felt a strong need to first demonstrate some control over my more aggressive impulses. Thus I played first to limit my opponent's activity, albeit limiting my own simultaneously.

Unclear is 27...dxc5 28.Rd7 b4 29.Nd5 Rxe4 30.Ne7+ (30.Nb6 Rae8 31.Ra7 Re1+ 32.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 33.Kh2 Ne5 ∞) Kf8 31.Nf5 Rae8.

28.R1d3 Ne5 29.Rg3 Rac8 30. Nd5 Kf7

Although d6 remains weak, all Black's pieces are activated against White's own weakness at c2.

31.Ne3 R8c6 32.axb5 axb5 33. h5

33.Nf5 g6 34.Nxd6+ Ke7 35. Nb7 Rxc2 only favors Black.

33...Rc3 34.Rd5 Nc4

Forcing liquidation and an easy draw.

35.Nxc4 R3xc4 36.Rxb5 Rxc2 37.Rb7+ Rc7 38.Rgb3

In round four Kudrin lost a difficult double rook ending to Kaidanov; it seems likely he was having some memory of this with his draw offer. 1/2

Wren wins Texas Senior

Greg Wren won the Texas Senior Championship, held April 13-14 at the new San Antonio Chess Studio location on 9033 Aero. En route to a 4-0 score he defeated the previous two senior titleholders, Robert F. McGregor and Zachariah Coombes.

Tied for second with 3-0 scores were defending champion Robert McGregor, 1990 champ Raymond Smith (second and third place trophies respectively), and TD/organizer Duane Solley. There were 16 players in all.

This year's event had what may be a first for a senior open: a father-son entry. Al Kistler and his son Clay both scored 1.5, drawing each other in the last round.

Dutch Defense A80

Greg Wren 1800
Robert McGregor 1928

Texas Senior (3)

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4. Bxf6 exf6 5.e3 c6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Qf3 g6 8.h4

8.h3 Qe7 9.Nge2 0-0 10.h4 h5 += Christiansen-Gurevich, U.S. Chp. 1986.

8...Be6

8...h5 9.Nge2 Be6 10.Nf4 Bf7 11. g3 Nd7 12.0-0-0 0-0 +=/∞ Giplis-Luik, USSR 1965.

Greg was surprised to learn that he was in such a theoretical line!

9.h5 Kf7 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11. hxg6+ hg6 12.Nh3 Qa5 13.Nf4 b5 14.Nxe6 Kxe6



15.Bxb5!

Also strong is 15.g4!, because 15...b4 16.gxf5+ Ke7 is met with 17.Ne4!, and Black can't afford to capture the knight.

15...Ba3?

15...cxb5 16.Qxd5+ Ke7...

(a) 17.Nxb5 Bb4 18.a3 a6! =;

(b) 17.Qc6! (Δ Nd5-f4 +-) g5 (17...Nb6 18.Nxb5 Bb4 19.d5! Δ Qe6+) 18.Nxb5 Qb6 19.Qd5 ±.

16.Bxc6 Nb6 17.Bxd5+ Ke7 18.e4 Rac8 19.exf5 Rxb1 20.Rxb1 Bxb2+ 21.Kxb2 Rxc3 22.Qe4+ (22. Qxc3?? Na4+) Kd6 23.Qe6+ Kc7 24.Rh7+ Kb8 25.Qd6+ 1-0

CROSSTABLES

Dallas Pinfork Grand Prix #1

Dallas, March 1-3

Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Gabr. Schwartzman	2562	+35	+31	+4	+7	=2	4.5
2 Gregory Kaidanov	2656	+21	+11	=3	+12	=1	4.0
3 Semion Palatnik	2571	+18	+10	=2	=5	+8	4.0
4 Alexander Ivanov	2643	+15	+8	-1	+9	+10	4.0
5 Walter Browne	2604	+33	=14	+30	=3	+7	4.0
6 Dmitry Gurevich	2617	+22	=9	-7	+19	+18	3.5
7 Anatoly Lein	2498	+23	+19	+6	-1	-5	3.0
8 Miles Ardaman	2440	+17	-4	+21	+13	-3	3.0
9 Albert Chow	2368	+20	=6	+29	-4	=12	3.0
10 Renard Anderson	2330	+32	-3	+22	+11	-4	3.0
11 Igor Shtem	2413	+16	-2	+15	-10	+21	3.0
12 Igor Ivanov	2610	=27	+25	+14	-2	=9	3.0
13 John Jacobs	2368	=28	+27	H	-8	+16	3.0
14 Selby Anderson	2356	+24	=5	-12	=17	=15	2.5
15 Mark Dejmeck	2208	-4	+20	-11	+31	=14	2.5
16 John D. Bick	2066	-11	=17	+27	+30	-13	2.5
17 Sid Pickard r/e	2151	-8	=16	+28	=14	=19	2.5
18 Larry Moss	2204	-3	=32	+26	+29	-6	2.5
19 James Gallagher	2272	+26	-7	+31	-6	=17	2.5
20 Alfred Zerm	2139	-9	-15	+24	=23	+26	2.5
21 Drew Sarkisian	2210	-2	+23	-8	+25	-11	2.0
22 James Rohrbaugh	2203	-6	+24	-10	=26	=23	2.0
23 Robert Probasco	2147	-7	-21	+32	=20	=22	2.0
24 Alexander Shaffer	2088	-14	-22	-20	+28	+31	2.0
25 Shashank Dengle	1846	+34	-12	H	-21	H	2.0
26 Joseph Binder	2000	-19	B	-18	=22	-20	1.5
27 George Trammell	2000	=12	-13	-16	+32	U	1.5
28 John Hendrick	1892	=13	-30	-17	-24	B	1.5
29 A.J. Steigman	2017	=30	+34	-9	-18	U	1.5
30 Michael Calogridis	2312	=29	+28	-5	-16	U	1.5
31 Andy Zamora	1778	B	-1	-19	-15	-24	1.0
32 Peter Kappler	2085	-10	=18	-23	-27	U	0.5
33 Ivan Zuniga	2100	-5	H	U	U	U	0.5
34 Jerry Wheeler	2224	-25	-29	U	U	U	0.0
35 Sid Pickard	2151	-1	U	U	U	U	0.0

U2200

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Eric Dimazana	2175	+19	+10	+14	+2	=3	4.5
2 José Luis Silva	2190	+16	+4	+13	-1	+8	4.0
3 Errol Jenson	2175	=5	=9	+15	+7	=1	3.5
4 Todd Thomas	2153	+17	-2	+9	+13	=6	3.5
5 Douglas Cheng	2073	=3	-6	+22	+19	+13	3.5
6 Ivan Reyes	2196	-10	+5	+7	H	=4	3.0
7 George Rector	2152	+12	+8	-6	-3	+15	3.0
8 Al Sprague	2176	+22	-7	+21	+14	-2	3.0
9 Andrew Hood	2032	H	=3	-4	+20	+4	3.0
10 Thomas Cook	2118	+6	-1	+11	=18	U	2.5
11 Richard Weaver	2191	+21	-14	-10	=12	+19	2.5
12 Barrie Richmond	1888	-7	=23	+16	=11	H	2.5
13 Lewis McClary	2174	+23	+15	-2	-4	-5	2.0
14 Matthew Campbell	2166	+20	+11	-1	-8	-9	2.0
15 Robert Holyfield	2008	+18	-13	-3	+17	-7	2.0
16 B.L. Patteson	2100	-2	-17	-12	X	+20	2.0
17 Lee Williams	2000	-4	+16	-18	-15	B	2.0
18 Robert Weinberg	2166	-15	=22	+17	=10	U	2.0
19 William Hamilton	2000	-1	H	+23	-5	-11	1.5
20 Curtis Fukuchi	2000	-14	-21	B	-9	-16	1.0
21 David Buhner	2130	-11	+20	-8	U	U	1.0
22 Oz Ozden	2038	-8	=18	-5	F	U	0.5
23 Leon Poliakoff	2055	-13	=12	-19	U	U	0.5

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name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Steven Grubbs	1900	+26	+5	=2	+15	+4	4.5
2 Steven D. Young	1962	+31	+23	=1	=4	+6	4.0
3 Wellington Lee	1880	-15	+30	+24	+22	+9	4.0
4 William G. Morgan	1931	+17	+10	+20	=2	-1	3.5
5 James M. Murphy	1800	B	-1	+23	+12	=11	3.5
6 Ferdinand Deluna	1896	+32	+19	=9	+16	-2	3.5
7 David Peters	1842	+33	=9	-16	+18	+15	3.5
8 Marvin Bolden	1821	-14	=27	+29	+17	+16	3.5
9 Joe Drake	1938	+25	=7	=6	+20	-3	3.0
10 Joe Innocencio	1841	+13	-4	-12	+28	+20	3.0
11 Kelly Clover	1902	=16	=22	=17	+26	=5	3.0
12 David Sewell	1900	+30	-20	+10	-5	+21	3.0
13 Don Howard	1940	-10	-17	+30	+19	+24	3.0
14 Juan C. Yabraian	1910	+8	=18	-15	+25	H	3.0
15 Dwight Skinner	1800	+3	H	+14	-1	-7	2.5
16 Randall Swanson	1818	=11	+21	+7	-6	-8	2.5
17 John W. Bick r/e	1858	-4	+13	=11	-8	+26	2.5
18 Lloyd Uhler	1804	+27	=14	-22	-7	+25	2.5
19 Hector Martinez	1800	+29	-6	H	-13	+28	2.5
20 Fred Hurst	1823	+28	+12	-4	-9	-10	2.0
21 Robert Wisdom	1872	=22	-16	=28	+23	-12	2.0
22 Gary Hewitt	1966	=21	=11	+18	-3	U	2.0
23 B.G. Dennison	1875	+24	-2	-5	-21	+29	2.0
24 Jose Trevino	1790	-23	B	-3	+27	-13	2.0
25 Wilson Neil	1840	-9	=28	+27	-14	-18	1.5
26 William D. Collin	1816	-1	+29	H	-11	-17	1.5
27 William P. Gibson	1900	-18	=8	-25	-24	B	1.5
28 Hugh F. West	1920	-20	=25	=21	-10	-19	1.0
29 Jiang-Ming Wu	1897	-19	-26	-8	+30	-23	1.0
30 Allan Davidson	1802	-12	-3	-13	-29	H	0.5
31 John W. Bick	1858	-2	U	U	U	U	0.0
32 Bret F. Treadway	1800	-6	U	U	U	U	0.0
33 Mark R. Muecke	1942	-7	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1800

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Varadhan Ravi	1657	=6	+22	+16	+12	+2	4.5
2 Guido Leon	1640	+24	+14	+8	+3	-1	4.0
3 Kay Hale	1724	+18	+21	+7	-2	+6	4.0
4 Joseph M. Watson	1687	-17	+18	+21	+16	+7	4.0
5 John Krue	1702	=22	+15	-12	+17	+14	3.5
6 Kevin Sierra	1728	=1	H	+9	+8	-3	3.0
7 Steven R. Thompson	1770	+20	+10	-3	+14	-4	3.0
8 George Abood	1753	+13	+17	-2	-6	+12	3.0
9 Robert H. Sanders	1660	-10	+20	-6	+19	+21	3.0
10 Rodney Thomas	1731	+9	-7	H	=15	+16	3.0
11 Matthew Bradford	1600	-16	+23	=17	+21	H	3.0
12 Larry M. Deputy	1791	+23	=16	+5	-1	-8	2.5
13 Steve Welborn	1661	-8	+19	-14	=20	+18	2.5
14 Daniel M. DeVault	1747	+25	-2	+13	-7	-5	2.0
15 Raymond Doo	1675	H	-5	+22	-10	-19	2.0
16 Jeff Grimes	1743	+11	=12	-1	-4	-10	1.5
17 Joseph Aronovich	1740	+4	-8	=11	-5	U	1.5
18 Josef F. Ryglewicz	1647	-3	-4	=19	+22	-13	1.5
19 David C. Ward	1699	-21	-13	=18	-9	+15	1.5
20 Robert Hughes r/e	1687	-7	-9	+23	=13	U	1.5
21 Mastimar Mohamed	1773	+19	-3	-4	-11	-9	1.0
22 Doyle W. Lobaugh	1600	=5	-1	-15	-18	U	0.5
23 Leon Powers r/e	1697	-12	-11	-20	U	U	0.0
24 Robert Hughes	1687	-2	U	U	U	U	0.0
25 Leon Powers	1697	-14	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1600

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Semir Imamovic	1434	+22	+14	+7	=4	+8	4.5
2 Joseph M. Stephens	1441	+26	=12	+13	+17	+4	4.5
3 Robert L. Jagger	1536	-9	+19	+10	+7	+11	4.0
4 Tres Roring	1596	+16	+10	+11	=1	-2	3.5
5 Dennis Munguia	1407	B	=21	=8	=6	+14	3.5

6	Roy Gonzalez	1531	+15	-7	+18	=5	+12	3.5
7	Eugeni Piacentini	1462	+18	+6	-1	-3	+17	3.0
8	Jeff E. Carter r/e	1515	H	+24	=5	+9	-1	3.0
9	Michael Harvey	1458	+3	=13	=12	-8	+18	3.0
10	Bob Curtis	1475	+17	-4	-3	+22	+19	3.0
11	Gene Pool	1428	B	+20	-4	+21	-3	3.0
12	Oscar S. Carrillo	1486	+25	=2	=9	=14	-6	2.5
13	James R. McGee	1531	X	=9	-2	-19	+22	2.5
14	John Sneed	1547	+23	-1	+15	=12	-5	2.5
15	Wallace B. Short r/e	1444	-6	B	-14	X	=16	2.5
16	Donald C. Boyd	1500	-4	-17	B	+23	=15	2.5
17	Jerry R. Fisher	1548	-10	+16	+20	-2	-7	2.0
18	Antonio R. Blanco	1563	-7	+22	-6	+20	-9	2.0
19	Thomas E. Mings	1583	-20	-3	+24	+13	-10	2.0
20	John Beauduy	1484	+19	-11	-17	-18	X	2.0
21	Robert W. Dugas	1537	=24	=5	+23	-11	U	2.0
22	Tom Watts	1514	-1	-18	+25	-10	-13	1.0
23	Greg S. Mundy	1458	-14	+25	-21	-16	F	1.0
24	Chas. Cunningham	1464	=21	-8	-19	U	U	0.5
25	Fred D'Elena	1564	-12	-23	-22	F	U	0.0
26	Jeff E. Carter	1515	-2	U	U	U	U	0.0
27	Wallace B. Short	1444	F	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1400

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1	Jimmy D. Perry	1325	+11	+14	+4	+3	=2 4.5
2	Jason Kindred	1217	B	+10	+17	+9	=1 4.5
3	John A. Cross	1264	X	+6	+9	-1	+7 4.0
4	Curtis L. Felkner	1270	+20	+16	-1	+13	=5 3.5
5	Jonathan R. Walsh	1255	-16	+19	+8	+10	=4 3.5
6	Neil Davis	1314	+7	-3	-13	+15	+12 3.0
7	Ted Jacobson	1182	-6	+18	+14	+17	-3 3.0
8	Ralph Carrillo	1173	+18	-9	-5	+14	+13 3.0
9	William E. Cook	1294	+13	+8	-3	-2	=10 2.5
10	Troy T. Clough	1299	+19	-2	+11	-5	=9 2.5
11	Heston Bordelon	1184	-1	+15	-10	=16	X 2.5
12	Nino Zamora	1010	H	-17	+16	+18	-6 2.5
13	Jose Luna	1227	-9	+20	+6	-4	-8 2.0
14	Dan Pressnell	1257	+15	-1	-7	-8	+20 2.0
15	Christopher Billioux	1042	-14	-11	+20	-6	+19 2.0
16	Manuel A. Espino	1064	+5	-4	-12	=11	U 1.5
17	Willie Hampstead	1333	H	+12	-2	-7	U 1.5
18	Steve Bullock	1294	-8	-7	+19	-12	F 1.0
19	Elvis C. Vest	1100	-10	-5	-18	+20	-15 1.0
20	Tibbie Roring	959	-4	-13	-15	-19	-14 0.0
21	David M. Pruessner	1157	F	U	U	U	U 0.0

Unrated

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1	Francisco Tort	unr.	+6	=2	+5	+4	+3 4.5
2	Randall Bell	unr.	+12	=1	+10	+6	-4 3.5
3	William Trowbridge	unr.	+8	+10	+4	H	-1 3.5
4	Anthony Vitullo	unr.	+5	+7	-3	-1	+2 3.0
5	Marcus Hawkins	unr.	-4	+8	-1	+7	X 3.0
6	Himanshu Singh	unr.	-1	+9	+11	-2	X 3.0
7	Don Shea	unr.	+9	-4	+8	-5	+11 3.0
8	April Hieronymus	unr.	-3	-5	-7	+11	+10 2.0
9	Wendell Castle	unr.	-7	-6	+12	+10	F 2.0
10	Stephen Hawkins	unr.	+11	-3	-2	-9	-8 1.0
11	Audrey Pala	unr.	-10	+12	-6	-8	-7 1.0
12	Lambert Mathieu	unr.	-2	-11	-9	B	F 1.0

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Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1	Eric Dimazana	2190	+11	+5	+2	+3 4.0
2	Mitchell Vergara	2141	+12	+15	-1	+4 3.0
3	James J. Gallagher	2272	+9	=4	+13	-1 2.5
4	Stephen Cheyney	2093	+7	=3	+15	-2 2.5
5	John W. Ade	1900	+17	-1	=12	+14 2.5
6	J. Paul Myers	1748	-8	+14	+10	=7 2.5
7	Guillermo Medina	1694	-4	+9	+11	=6 2.5
8	John D. Bick	2112	+6	+13	U	U 2.0
9	John Hendrick	1872	-3	-7	+16	+18 2.0
10	Bruce E. Lewkowski	1863	-13	+16	-6	+17 2.0
11	Allen Eckert	1861	-1	+18	-7	+16 2.0
12	Danny Hardesty	1831	-2	+17	=5	=13 2.0
13	James V. Rohrbaugh	2192	+10	-8	-3	=12 1.5
14	Angel H. Soriano	1973	-16	-6	+18	-5 1.0
15	Gary D. Zintgraff	1926	+18	-2	-4	U 1.0
16	Blair Burleson	1660	+14	+10	-9	-11 1.0
17	Leigh H. Emrich	1357	-5	-12	B	-10 1.0
18	Wallace B. Short	1405	-15	-11	-14	-9 0.0

Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1	Bruce C. Eberhard	1638	+16	+12	+6	+3 4.0
2	Alexander Lewkowski	1270	+23	+10	+9	=6 3.5
3	Alfonso Torres	1699	+21	+11	+5	-1 3.0
4	Freddy R. Jones	1615	-14	+17	+15	+11 3.0
5	James R. Robertson	1472	+17	+14	-3	+12 3.0
6	Albert Fulton	1750	+15	+20	-1	=2 2.5
7	Andres Hernandez	1192	=9	+13	X	=15 2.5
8	James Nielsen	1016	-10	+23	=13	X 2.5
9	Duane E. Solley	1664	=7	+19	-2	=13 2.0
10	Dee Carter	1526	+8	-2	+21	U 2.0
11	David Quintero	1446	+18	-3	+16	-4 2.0
12	Matthew B. Rambo	1402	+24	-1	+14	-5 2.0
13	John H. Graw	1330	=19	=7	=8	=9 2.0
14	Brenda Hardesty	1022	+4	-5	-12	+22 2.0
15	Lyndal L. Webb	1202	-6	+22	-4	=7 1.5
16	Wayne Stallsworth	1041	-1	+24	-11	=18 1.5
17	Benjamin Lewkowski	1011	-5	-4	=19	+24 1.5
18	Douglas Hardesty	936	-11	-21	+24	=16 1.5
19	John M. Ade	811	=13	-9	=17	=23 1.5
20	Gustav Neumann	1470	+22	-6	F	U 1.0
21	John De Mott	1198	-3	+18	-10	F 1.0
22	Martha Ade	950	-20	-15	+23	-14 1.0
23	Alfred Kinsey	unr.	-2	-8	-22	=19 0.5
24	Barbara Ade	838	-12	-16	-18	-17 0.0

Dallas Pinfork Grand Prix #2

Dallas, April 4-7

Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total
1	Greg. Kaidanov	2662	+10	+12	+8	=7	+5	=2	+3 6.0
2	Semion Palatnik	2571	+6	+28	=5	+4	=7	=1	+12 5.5
3	Igor Shtem	2414	-24	+26	+16	+13	+12	+7	-1 5.0
4	Dmitry Gurevich	2630	+21	+23	-7	-2	+15	=12	+6 4.5
5	Anatoly Lein	2517	+11	+24	=2	=8	-1	=9	+7 4.5
6	John Jacobs	2368	-2	+11	H	+15	+22	+8	-4 4.5
7	Igor Ivanov	2540	+27	+13	+4	=1	=2	-3	-5 4.0
8	Steve Odendahl	2517	B	+9	-1	=5	+10	-6	=11 4.0
9	Albert Chow	2382	+25	-8	+18	-12	+21	=5	=13 4.0
10	Mike Calogridis	2312	-1	+19	=22	+17	-8	+13	H 4.0
11	Sid Pickard	2190	-5	-6	B	=14	+23	+22	=8 4.0
12	Miles Ardaman	2443	+16	-1	+14	+9	-3	=4	-2 3.5
13	Selby Anderson	2334	+20	-7	+24	-3	+18	-10	=9 3.5

14	Gary Simms	2328	=26	=22	-12	=11	=24	=17	+18	3.5
15	Alex Weinberg	2257	H	+17	=23	-6	-4	+27	=16	3.5
16	Richard Weaver	2205	-12	+25	-3	=24	=17	+21	=15	3.5
17	Alexey Root	2135	H	-15	-20	-10	=16	=14	+26	3.5
18	Mark Dejmek	2204	-23	+21	+9	+19	-13	+24	-14	3.0
19	Ivan Zuniga	2108	-28	-10	+27	-18	+25	=20	H	3.0
20	Lee V. Williams	2009	-13	+27	-17	-21	=26	=19	+22	3.0
21	Phillip Dorsey	2228	-4	-18	+26	+20	-9	-16	=25	2.5
22	Matt Campbell	2188	H	=14	=10	+23	-6	-11	-20	2.5
23	Doug McClintock	2440	+18	-4	=15	-22	-11	H	U	2.0
24	John D. Bick	2114	+3	-5	-13	=16	=14	-18	U	2.0
25	A.J. Steigman	2032	-9	-16	H	+26	-19	U	=21	2.0
26	Robert Lester	1775	=14	-3	-21	=25	=20	B	-17	2.0
27	Goerge Trammell	2219	-7	-20	-19	B	H	-15	U	1.5
28	John Dunning	2410	+19	-2	U	U	U	U	U	1.0

U2200

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total	
1	Ivan Reyes	2190	+11	+20	+3	=2	=6	+5	H	5.5
2	B.R. Dimazana	2190	+12	=6	+7	=1	+11	+8	=4	5.5
3	B.L. Patteson	2100	+16	+10	-1	+4	-5	X	+8	5.0
4	Errol Jensen	2174	-5	+13	+20	-3	+17	+6	=2	4.5
5	Alex Shaffer	2057	+4	=17	-6	+15	+3	-1	+10	4.5
6	David Buhner	2123	+15	=2	+5	+8	=1	-4	U	4.0
7	A. Bar-Jona	2000	B	+19	-2	=17	-8	=10	+13	4.0
8	Fred. Kleist r/e	2055	H	+18	+17	-6	+7	-2	-3	3.5
9	Robert Holyfield	2017	-20	+16	+19	-11	=12	-13	+18	3.5
10	Lewis McClary	2165	X	-3	-11	+20	=16	=7	-5	3.0
11	Al Sprague	2137	-1	+14	+10	+9	=2	F	U	3.0
12	P. Kaganovska	2129	-2	=15	-16	+13	=9	-18	=14	3.0
13	Bill Wheeler	2041	-17	-4	+14	-12	B	+9	-7	3.0
14	James Tuzun	2014	-19	-11	-13	B	+15	H	=12	3.0
15	Alex Edrenkin	2183	-6	=12	=18	-5	-14	=21	B	2.5
16	Shawn Noland	2152	-3	-9	+12	+18	=10	U	U	2.5
17	Todd Thomas	2153	+13	=5	=8	=7	-4	U	U	2.0
18	Aaron Golden	1855	H	-8	=15	-16	U	=12	-9	1.5
19	George Rector	2152	+14	-7	-9	U	U	U	U	1.0
20	Robert Epstein	2140	+9	-1	-4	-10	U	U	U	1.0
21	Robert Lester	1775	U	U	U	U	U	=15	U	0.5
22	Frederick Kleist	2055	F	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

U2000

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total	
1	Steven Grubbs	1969	+20	+25	+26	+4	=5	+14	+6	6.5
2	Wellington Lee	1814	=13	=7	+8	+19	=6	+9	+4	5.5
3	Marvin Bolden	1821	-5	-6	B	+18	+25	+19	+13	5.0
4	James Murphy	1800	+11	+23	+24	-1	+22	+5	-2	5.0
5	Joe Drake	1913	+3	H	+21	+14	=1	-4	=7	4.5
6	Fred Pennington	1903	-22	+3	+16	+25	=2	+10	-1	4.5
7	Douglas Cheng	1900	=12	=2	-17	-9	+20	+11	=5	4.5
8	David Sewell	1900	-24	=20	=2	+27	+21	+22	+14	4.5
9	Juan Yabraian	1910	=30	H	+11	+7	=10	-2	H	4.0
10	William Gibson	1900	H	+30	+13	=22	=9	-6	=12	4.0
11	Robert Wisdom	1850	-4	+28	-9	+17	+24	-7	+18	4.0
12	T. Samuel Irby	1813	=7	+18	-14	+15	-19	+25	=10	4.0
13	Vince Parsons	1965	=2	+27	-10	+21	-14	+16	-3	3.5
14	F. Deluna	1948	+31	=21	+12	-5	+13	-1	-8	3.5
15	John W. Bick	1849	+17	=24	-22	-12	-18	+23	+25	3.5
16	B.G. Dennison	1831	H	=19	-6	+23	H	-13	+22	3.5
17	James Wharton	1985	-15	+29	-7	-11	=23	+27	=21	3.0
18	Don Howard	1929	-26	-12	+29	-3	+15	+20	-11	3.0
19	Steven Young	1901	H	=16	X	-2	+12	-3	U	3.0
20	John Jackson	1834	-1	=8	+30	=24	-7	-18	+27	3.0
21	Dwight Skinner	1800	B	=14	-5	-13	-8	+29	=17	3.0
22	Roger Simond	1969	+6	-26	+15	=10	-4	-8	-16	2.5
23	Curtis Fukuchi	1940	+29	-4	-25	-16	=17	-17	B	2.5
24	Gary Hewitt	1966	+8	=15	-4	=20	-11	U	U	2.0
25	Randall Swanson	1854	+28	-1	+23	-6	-3	-12	-15	2.0
26	Ed Inghish	1829	+18	+22	-1	U	U	U	U	2.0
27	Jiang-Ming Wu	1800	B	-13	-19	-8	=29	-17	-20	2.0
28	William Collin	1800	-25	-11	U	+29	U	U	U	1.0

29	Wilson Neil	1840	-23	-17	-18	-28	=27	-21	U	0.5
30	David Peters	1817	=9	-10	-20	U	U	U	U	0.5
31	Randall Swanson	1854	-14	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1800

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total	
1	Guido R. Leon	1723	+25	+18	+12	+7	=2	=3	=4	5.5
2	Kevin Sierra	1728	=24	+22	=11	+5	=1	H	+13	5.0
3	John Krue	1713	+20	+23	-7	+15	=12	=1	+5	5.0
4	Joseph Watson	1687	-12	=21	+26	+13	+7	+11	=1	5.0
5	Jose Trevino	1783	-18	+26	+25	=2	+19	+17	-3	4.0
6	M. Mohamed	1767	H	H	H	H	B	+12	U	4.0
7	Varadhan Ravi	1759	=9	+8	+3	-1	-4	+18	=11	4.0
8	Rodney Thomas	1721	=19	-7	+20	=11	H	+21	=14	4.0
9	Robert Sanders	1688	=7	H	-15	+20	+23	-13	+16	4.0
10	Alan J. Bast	1669	-23	-20	+21	=25	+22	H	+17	4.0
11	Roy Gonzales	1617	+27	=13	=2	=8	+14	-4	=7	4.0
12	George Abood	1769	+4	+16	-1	+14	=3	-6	U	3.5
13	Leon Powers	1768	+17	=11	-14	-4	+25	+9	-2	3.5
14	S. Thompson	1747	=26	+24	+13	-12	-11	H	=8	3.5
15	J. Aronovich	1740	=22	=19	+9	-3	=18	U	+24	3.5
16	Robert Hughes	1720	+21	-12	=19	=18	-17	+23	-9	3.0
17	Paul Woerner	1701	-13	-25	B	+24	+16	-5	-10	3.0
18	R. Ratnasami	1693	+5	-1	=23	=16	=15	-7	=19	3.0
19	D. Schweike	1628	=8	=15	=16	=23	=5	=24	=18	3.0
20	Steve Welborn	1600	-3	+10	-8	-9	B	+22	U	3.0
21	Doyle Lobaugh	1600	-16	-4	-10	+26	+24	-8	U	2.5
22	M. Bradford	1600	=15	-2	-24	B	-10	-20	+23	2.5
23	J. Ryglewicz	1762	+10	-3	=18	=19	-9	-16	=22	2.0
24	Diego Gamboa	1677	=2	-14	+22	-17	-21	=19	-15	2.0
25	Byron Anthony	1663	-1	+17	-5	=10	-13	U	U	1.5
26	Ira Schacher	1616	=14	-5	-4	-21	U	U	U	0.5
27	Daniel DeVault	1751	=11	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1600

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total	
1	Alex Salas	1577	+4	+8	+6	=2	+5	-3	+9	5.5
2	Dennis Munguia	1577	+3	+7	+5	=1	=4	+9	+11	5.5
3	Antonio Blanco	1566	-2	+12	-8	+7	+6	+1	+4	5.0
4	Tres Roring r/e	1596	-1	+10	+7	+9	=2	+6	-3	4.5
5	C. Cunningham	1520	+12	H	-2	+11	-1	+10	+8	4.5
6	John Beauduy	1553	X	+9	-1	+8	-3	-4	+12	4.0
7	Gordon Nelson	1506	X	=2	-4	-3	-12	+11	+10	3.5
8	Gene Pool	1510	B	-1	+3	-6	-9	+12	-5	3.0
9	Tom Watts	1503	+11	-6	+10	-4	+8	=2	-1	3.0
10	Carol Kleist r/e	1443	H	-4	-9	+12	+11	-5	-7	2.5
11	Samir Zayyad	1586	-9	H	+12	-5	-10	-7	-2	1.5
12	Elvis C. Vest	1100	-5	-3	-11	-10	+7	-8	-6	1.0
13	Tres Roring	1596	F	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0
14	Carol Kleist	1443	F	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

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name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total	
1	Curtis Felkner	1270	+13	+22	=2	+20	+8	+3	+5	6.5
2	Jason Kindred	1305	+7	+12	=1	+5	+10	H	+6	6.0
3	John DeMott	1198	+29	=8	+14	+12	+4	-1	+7	5.0
4	Jaime Moran	1197	+25	-10	+15	+19	-3	+17	+12	5.0
5	James M. Kerr	1383	+14	=6	+9	-2	+21	+11	-1	4.5
6	Todd Douglas	1248	X	=5	-11	+14	+20	+8	-2	4.5
7	Heston Bordelon	1184	-2	+24	+18	+17	=11	+10	-3	4.5
8	Jonathan Walsh	1316	+15	+3	+17	=10	-1	-6	=11	4.0
9	Royce Reece r/e	1313	H	+19	-5	-21	+22	+20	=10	4.0
10	Troy T. Clough	1299	X	+4	+20	=8	-2	-7	=9	4.0
11	Jose Luna	1253	+24	-20	+6	+13	=7	-5	=8	4.0
12	W. Trowbridge	1162	+30	-2	+22	-3	+19	+15	-4	4.0
13	Wilford Biggs	1154	-1	+23	+27	-11	-15	X	+19	4.0
14	Ted Jacobson	1128	-5	+25	-3	-6	+23	+24	+17	4.0
15	Jorge Munguia	1048	-8	+26	-4	+25	+13	-12	=20	3.5
16	William Cook	1319	-22	-18	-19	-23	+25	+27	+24	3.0
17	John A. Cross r/e	1293	+23	+27	-8	-7	+18	-4	-14	3.0
18	Charles Woods	1105	-20	+16	-7	+27	-17	-19	+26	3.0

19	Todd Haberkorn	943	B	-9	+16	-4	-12	+18	-13	3.0
20	Saul Waranch	1328	+18	+11	-10	-1	-6	-9	=15	2.5
21	W. Hempstead	1312	H	H	H	+9	-5	F	U	2.5
22	Manuel Espino	1098	+16	-1	-12	+24	-9	U	U	2.0
23	D. Cardenas	1002	-17	-13	-25	+16	-14	-26	+27	2.0
24	Tibbie Roring r/e	959	-11	-7	B	-22	+27	-14	-16	2.0
25	Jose Raga	918	-4	-14	=23	-15	-16	H	H	1.5
26	Salvador Luna	1173	U	-15	U	U	U	+23	-18	1.0
27	Amos Waranch	1030	X	-17	-13	-18	-24	-16	-23	1.0
28	Royce Reece	1313	F	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0
29	Royce Reece	1313	-3	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0
30	John A. Cross	1293	-12	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0
31	D. Randolph	1179	F	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0
32	Tibbie Roring	959	F	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

Unrated

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total	
1	Mustafa Tabanli	unr.	+4	+10	+7	+2	+3	F	+9	6.0
2	Greg Utas	unr.	+8	+3	+6	-1	-4	+10	+7	5.0
3	William Martz	unr.	+11	-2	+9	+6	-1	+4	+10	5.0
4	Randall Bell	unr.	-1	B	+5	+7	+2	-3	+6	5.0
5	Michael Korrie	unr.	+9	-6	-4	+8	-7	+11	B	4.0
6	Robert Beatty	unr.	B	+5	-2	-3	+9	X	-4	4.0
7	Curtis Shumaker	unr.	=10	+11	-1	-4	+5	+8	-2	3.5
8	Marcus Hawkins	unr.	-2	-9	+10	-5	B	-7	+11	3.0
9	A. Hieronymus	unr.	-5	-8	-3	+11	-6	B	-1	3.0
10	Himanshu Singh	unr.	=7	-1	-8	B	+11	-2	-3	2.5
11	Stephen Hawkins	unr.	-3	-7	B	-9	-10	-5	-8	1.0

Texas Senior Championship

San Antonio, April 13-14

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total	
1	Greg Wren	1800	+12	+13	+2	+5	4.0
2	Robert F. McGregor	1928	+9	+7	-1	+6	3.0
3	Raymond Smith	1870	+14	+4	-5	+8	3.0
4	Duane Solley	1664	+16	-3	+10	+9	3.0
5	Zachariah Coombes	1900	+11	=6	+3	-1	2.5
6	Paul Burroughs	1647	+15	=5	+7	-2	2.5
7	Freddy Lim	1695	+10	-2	-6	+15	2.0
8	Gerald Castleberry	1630	-13	-12	+15	-3	2.0
9	Freddy Jones	1617	-2	+16	+13	-4	2.0
10	John C. Knoeppel	1430	-7	+11	-4	+14	2.0
11	Guillermo Lozano	1578	-5	-10	=14	+16	1.5
12	Allison Kistler	1475	-1	-8	+16	=13	1.5
13	Clay Kistler	unr.	+8	-1	-9	=12	1.5
14	Dee Carter	1526	-3	H	=11	-10	1.0
15	Jose A. Hernandez	1205	-6	B	-8	-7	1.0
16	Leigh Emrich	1357	-4	-9	-12	-11	0.0

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

Report on the TCA Business Meeting

The Texas Chess Association held its third business meeting on junior chess March 17 in Houston, at the site of the Texas Scholastic. TCA president Michael Simpson convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Other TCA officers present were vice-president Luis Salinas, secretary Layne Hendrick, treasurer Gary Gaiffe, and *Texas Knights* editor Selby Anderson.

In the president's report, Simpson said Luis Salinas will not be running for re-election as vice-president, and that Mack Novosad will be on the ballot for that post. In addition, he said Layne Hendrick will not be

running as secretary, but will replace Alexey Root as Region VI director. Alexey, who has moved to Denton, will replace Clarence Callaway as Region III director. In Region IV Todd Thomas has stepped down, and a new director is being sought. Simpson concluded by saying that he will run for re-election in 1996, but not in 1997.

On a motion by secretary Hendrick, the reading of last year's TCA minutes was waived, and the published version (*Texas Knights*, Nov.-Dec. 1995) was accepted. Simpson did however review the amendments passed in September that affect junior chess (numbered 1, 5, 26, 30, 31). The last item, creating a Texas Junior Team Championship, was the subject of much discussion. (Note: the 1996 bid has been accepted without a junior event provision.) The amendment's framer, Gary Gaiffe, stated that his intent was to have a junior-only section, and he thought once the event got started it would have the same explosive growth as the Texas Junior. Jim Liptrap argued that with this year's Texas Team date set late in June after school is out, it would be hard for coaches to round up school teams. Simpson pointed out that the usual Texas Team date is in February, but he expressed doubts as to whether coaches would warm up to a new item in their already busy spring semester schedule. He added that principals might well say, "I thought the team was already going to a tournament."

Under new business, Richard Driggers of Fort Worth proposed a new section in the Texas Scholastic, for children in primary grades K-2 (who would still have the option to play up in the Elementary section). Wilford Biggs seconded. After discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 and reconvened at 10:00. Simpson then outlined the amendment as follows:

Texas Scholastic Primary: Open to grades K-2 (who may play instead in the K-6 Elementary); team points count only toward Primary team trophies.

Simpson went on to another item, concerning the division of the Texas Scholastic into two tournaments. He noted the growth of the junior event in recent years, which may soon make it unmanageable as a single event: "The history is, every hotel we hold the tournament in, the tournament soaks up all the available space." As Texas is not a state that divides geographically very well (unlike California or Florida), several teachers had suggested to him a K-6 and 6-12 split.

A Bylaws amendment was proposed by Wilford Biggs and seconded by Gary Gaiffe to **split the Texas Scholastic into three separate tournaments**, the Texas High School, Middle School and Elementary championships. These could be combined completely or partially (HS/MS, or MS/EI.), or held separately. A friendly amendment by Larry Young gave preference in

awarding bids to those which combined tournaments. The amendment **failed**, 7-6.

The amendment to institute the Texas Primary K-2 (see above) was put to a vote, and it **passed** 14-0.

A motion was made by Wilford Biggs and seconded by J.J. Guajardo, requiring players in the High School and Middle School sections to record their games. Gary Gaiffe reminded the attendees that USCF rules already require notation, but that the penalties for not doing so only extend to forfeiting rights to claim threefold repetition or call flag on one's opponent. Anything beyond that, such as game forfeiture for failing to keep score, would be in conflict with the USCF rules. The motion **failed**, 5-6.

On a motion by the president, the meeting was adjourned.

ACU-I Region 12 Championships

The 1996 Association of College Unions International (ACU-I) Region 12 Games tournaments were held March 1-3 at North Texas State University in Denton. Region 12 encompasses Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. A total of 19 colleges and universities competed.

ACU-I is best known for its College Bowl tournaments. Over the years, the games and College Bowl championships have grown so large that they have been split into separate events. The games championships include bowling, billiards, bridge, spades, table tennis, darts, backgammon, chess, and several other events. [*Frisbee golf?* - SKA] There were approximately 250 entrants this year, bowling and billiards taking the lion's share with about two thirds of the field. Chess fans fared well this year having the third largest group with 22 players from eight universities.

USCF rates the chess event and kindly waives the rating and membership fees. They also send each participant a copy of the crosstable. — *Forrest Marler*

TCA founder **J.C. Thompson** is recovering from a stroke he suffered April 17 in Billings, Montana. He is reportedly lucid, but has a little trouble remembering lawyer jokes. He intends to return to chess soon.

Selby Anderson won his third straight San Antonio Chess Club championship in March, defeating José Luis Silva in the final match. In the semifinal round Selby won his first club match with Eric Dimazana, having lost their two previous encounters.

Tournament Calendar

May 25-27: Texas State Championship. See ad, page 30.

June 22-23: Texas Team Championship. See ad, back cover.

July 4-7: Pinfork Dallas Grand Prix. See *Chess Life*.

Aug. 16-18: Pinfork Dallas Grand Prix. " " "

Aug. 31-Sept. 2: 62nd Southwest Open. Austin.

Solutions

1. (Marshall-Treybal, Germany 1930) 1.Qxg7+ Rxg7 2.Rf8+ Rg8 3.Rfxg8 mate.

2. (Kuzheev-Gutnov, USSR 1990) 1.Rxg6+ hxg6 (1... fxc6 2.Qxf8 mate) 2.Qf6 1-0.

3. (I. Ivanov-Gurevich, Pinfork II) 1.Qe5 wins the exchange: 1...Qxe5 2.dxe5 Nc5 3.exd6 Nxb3 4.Rad1 ±.

The next four are from Pinfork I.

4. (Gallagher-Zamora, Rd. 3) 1.Qh6 Bxh6 2.Rh7 mate.

5. (I. Ivanov-Kaidanov, Rd. 4) 1...Nd3 2.Nce2 (2.Qxg4 Bxd4+ 3.Re3 Bxe3+ 4.Kh1 Nf2+) Qxa8 3.Re3 Bxd4 0-1.

6. (Lein-Gallagher, Rd. 2) Black could have claimed a GM scalp with 1...Rxd5! 2.exd5 (2.Qxc5 Rxc5 +-; 2.Qe1 Rxd3 -+) Bxd3+ winning with queen vs. rook. Instead he played 1...cd3? 2.Qxd3 eventually lost.

7. (Moss-Gurevich, Rd. 5) 1...Rxb2+ 2.Kxg2 (2.Kh1 Rxb2 -+) Bd5+ 3.Rxd5 (3.Kg3 Rf3+ 4.Kh4 Rh3+) Qg4+ and White resigned in view of forced mate: 4.Kh1 Qf3+ 5.Kg1 Qf2+ 6.Kh1 Qxe1+ 7.Kg2 Qf2+ 8.Kh3 Rf3+ 9.Kg4 Qg2+ and 10...Rh3 mate.

8. (Dunlap-Jenson, Oklahoma City 1995) 1.Bd6 sets up winning pins: 1...Rb7 2. Bxe7 Qxe7 3.Bxc6 and Black resigned. Not much better is 2...Nxe7 3.Bxb7 Bxb7 4.Qd6 +-. But 1...b4! would have required some finesse: 2.Bxb8 (not 2.Ne2? Qxa2 3.Qd3 Rb5 -/+) bxc3 3.Qd6! (forced but strong) Qxa2 4.bxc3 Nxb8 5.Qxe7! +-.

9. (Grimm-Schubert, corr. 1990) 1...Rxb2+ 2.Kxb2 e4+ 3.Kc1 (3.Kc2 Qxa2+ 4.Kc1 Qb2#) Qa3+ 0-1 (4.Kd2 Qxd3+ 5.Kel Qxe3+ 6.Kf1 Qxf3+ +-).

Back cover solution: 1.Nc3+ Ke5 2.Qb5+ Ke6 3. Qe8+! Kf5 So far all of Black's moves have been forced on pain of a knight check forking his king and queen. **4.Qc8+!** Now the only moves to prevent a knight fork allow a skewer: 4...Ke5 5. Qb8(c7)+, or 4...Kg6 5.Qg8+.

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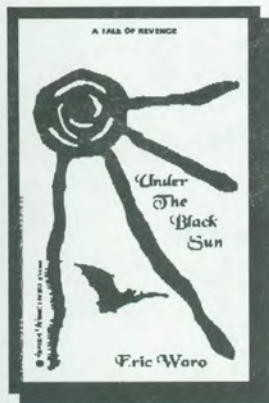
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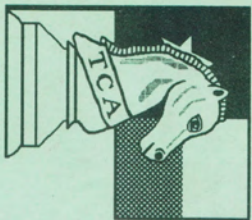
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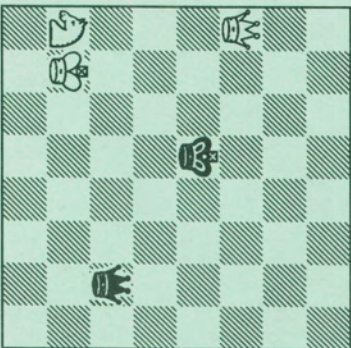
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