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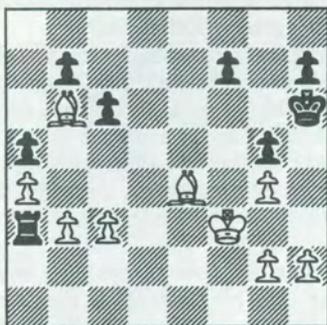
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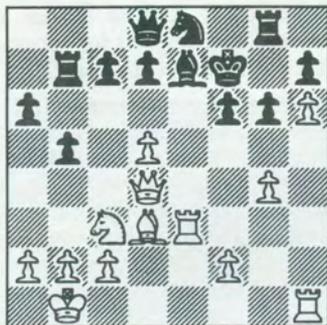
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**2. White to move**  
Curtin-Gaskill, SWO 1998



**3. White to move**  
Langer-Silva, SWO 1998



**4. White to move**  
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# 64th Southwest Open

by NM Selby Anderson

Eugene Curtin of San Marcos and Eric Dimazana of San Antonio tied for first place in the Southwest Open, held Sept. 5-7 in Austin. A combined field of 162 players competed at the Omni Austin Southpark Hotel (formerly the Wyndham). Gary Gaiffe directed for the ACE Chess Club.

They both went undefeated, drawing each other in the third round, to finish with 5-1 winning \$750 each. It was the first Southwest Open title for both players. John Patty of San Antonio and Drew Sarkisian of Austin tied for third with 4.5 points.

For top-rated Curtin the event was pretty smooth going except for round 5, when I had a chance to turn the tables in a time scramble. While Curtin coasted into first by drawing Sarkisian, Dimazana fought his way there by defeating talented UTD player Shivkumar Shivaji. Besides Shiv, five other players finished with 4 points: Mikhail Langer, David John, Don Sutherland, Rudy Tia (1st U2200) and Jason Howell (1st U2000). David John was considered one of the pre-tournament favorites, but he finished with a string of four draws.

The second-rated player, Omer Haldun Unalmis, had a promising start when he defeated Dimazana and me to take an early lead in the Texas Quick Championship on Friday night, but it was all downhill after that. He started the next day in trouble against Steven Grubbs' Scotch Gambit, and got a fortuitous draw. When an underrated Armin Burghart (1871 going on 2100) took him down that evening, Unalmis called it quits.

Sherif Ebady of Austin won the Reserve (U1900) section with 5.5. Five players tied for second with 5 points: one adult (Frank Roberts), three high school

students (Patrick Bloom, Matt Bradford and Matt Willis) and one eighth grader (Kelvin Shih).

The 64th Southwest Open probably topped all its predecessors for side events (three). The Texas Quick Championship was held Friday at G/15 time control, and was won by Mikhail Langer and John Bell. Omer Haldun Unalmis was leading the field with the only perfect score going into the last round, when he lost to Langer. Bell had a first round bye and defeated Sarkisian and Curtin in the final rounds.

Eric Dimazana won the five minute blitz tournament held Saturday. His blitz rating on the Internet Chess Cub, where he goes by the handle "ninja," has been as high as 2616.

On Sunday evening the sixth Texas Bughouse Championship was won by *Why Must I Play With This Idiot?* (Drew Sarkisian and Mike Simpson, aka *Fruity Pebbles* and *Portly Austinites*). They wish to express their thanks to Al Sprague and Tom Ruppert for not coming down from Dallas this year. (See article, page 25.)

## Prize Winners

**OPEN:** 1st-2nd: Eugene Curtin, Eric Dimazana, 5. 3rd: John Patty, Drew Sarkisian, 4.5. 1st Expert: Rudy Tia, 4. 2nd Expert: Robert Clark, Lorenzo Gaskill, 3.5. 1st Class A: Jason Howell, 4. 2nd Class A: Larry Young, Armin Burghart, 3.5. 1st U1800: Bruce Lewkowski, 3. **RESERVE:** 1st: Sherif Ebady, 5.5. 2nd-3rd + 1st-2nd Class C: Patrick Bloom, Matt Bradford, Kelvin Shih, Frank Roberts, Matt Willis, 5. 1st-2nd Class D/under: Alex Courtade, Daniel Rupley, James Moos, 3. 1st Unrated: David Abrams. 2nd Unrated: Chris Paek.

## Round 1

*King's Indian Saemisch E84*

Eugene Curtin 2392

Lorenzo Gaskill 2055

*Southwest Open 1998 (1)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.Nge2 a6 8. Qd2 Rb8 9.h4 h5 10.Bh6 e5!?

The book move is 10...b5, but the text usually gets played sometime. 11.d5 Na5 12.Nc1 c5 13.Be2

On 13.a3 Black has the prophylactic 13...Qc7! This is such an irri-

tating move to meet, I have to wonder where White went wrong!

13...Bd7 14.a3 b5

Not bad, but here again 14... Qc7(!) gives White a hard time, e.g. 15.Rg1 b5 16.cxb5 (16.b3 b4) 16... axb5 17.b4 cxb4 18.axb4 Nc4 19. Bxc4 Qxc4 -/-. 15.cxb5 axb5 16.b4 cxb4 17. axb4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Rb1 Bb5?!

The purpose of this move is not clear. Blockade and overprotection may have been considerations, but is the b-pawn advance such a threat?

What about king safety (removing a

piece that restrains g2-g4)?

Better is 19...Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Qb6 seizing vital dark squares, when White probably has to steer for an endgame just to get his pieces working: 22.Ke2 Ra8 23.Qe3 Qxe3+ 24. Kxe3 Ra3 25.N1e2 Rb8 and White's b-pawn is weak: 26.Rb2 Ba4! Δ 27... Bb3, or 26.Kd2 Rb3! 20.Be3! Nd7?!

Black plays as if g2-g4 were not worth preventing.

21.N1e2 Bf6 22.Ra1 Rb7

Black prepares to meet 23.Ra5 with ...Qb8. The blockading bishop

at b5 proves itself more of a liability with every move.

23.g4! Bxb4+ 24.Kd1 hxc4 25.fxc4



It takes a certain confidence for White to steer for such a position. How many readers would have played the meek 23.g3 earlier?

25...f5

If Black retreats with 25...Bf6 to unburden his queen (see last note) then 26.Bh6 cannot be answered with 26...Bg7 27.Bxc7 Kxc7 28.Qh6+ Kf6 because of 29.Qh4+! Kg7 30.g5 Rh8 31.Qxh8+ Qxh8 32.Rxh8 Kxh8 33.Ra5 trapping the bishop as in the game. But 26...Re8 27.Ng3 followed by g5 and Qh2 is also untenable. Could it be that Black is flat busted?

Of course, 25...g5 26.Ng1 Δ Nf3 is beyond the pale.

26.gxf5 gxf5 27.exf5 Rxf5 28.Ra5

Oops! The bishop is caught.

28...Ba6 29.Rxa6 Rxb4 30.Rxd6 Be7 31.Rg1+ 1-0

#### Scotch Gambit C44

Steven Grubbs 2044

Omer Haldun Umalmis 2377

Southwest Open 1998 (1)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.Nf3 exd4 4.Bc4 Bb4+

Theory prefers 4...Bc5 or 4...Nf6. 5.c3 dxc3 6.0-0 d6 7.a3 Ba5 8.b4 Bb6 9.Qb3 Qf6 10.Nxc3 Nge7 11.Nd5!?

Parma in ECO gives 11.Bb2 0-0

12.Nd5 Qg6 13.a4 ±

11...Nxd5!

Getting two rooks for the queen with 11...Qxa1 12.Bb2 Qxf1+ 13.Kxf1 is not as good as it looks: (a) 13...0-0?? 14.Nxe7+ Nxe7 15.Qc3+ or (b) 13...f6 14.Nf4 Nd8 15.Nh5 ±. 12.Bg5 Nd4 13.Bxf6 Nxb3 14.Bxc7 Rg8

On 14...Nxa1 15.Bxc8 Nxb4!? 16.Rxa1 Nc6 17.Ng5 White regains the pawn with at least equality.

15.exd5 Nxa1

In hindsight, Black should have opted for equality with 15...Rxc7 16.Rfe1+ Kf8 17.Bxb3 Bh3.

16.Re1+ Kd7 17.Bxa1



White is fully compensated for the sacrificed exchange.

17...c6 18.Bd3! cxd5 19.Bxc7 Rd8 20.Bf6 Kc6

20...Rf8 21.Bg7 Rd8 22.Ng5 ±.

21.Rc1+ Kb5 22.Bd3+ Ka4 23.Bc2+ Kb5

23...Kxa3?? 24.Bc3 and Ra1#.

24.Bxd8

A certain win is 24.a4+! Kxb4 (24...Ka6 25.Bd3 mate; 24...Kc4 25.Bxd8 Bxd8 26.Bf5+) 25.Rb1+ and now: (a) 25...Ka3 26.Bc3! and Ra1 mate; (b) 25...Ka5 26.Bc3+ Ka6 27.Bd3 mate; (c) 25...Kc5 26.Rb5+ Kc6 (26...Kc4 27.Nd2 mate) 27.Rxb6+ and 28.Bxd8 with two minors vs. rook, a secure blockade at d4 (Nd4 and Bf6) and a passed h-pawn that is practically impossible to stop.

24...Bxd8 25.Bb3 Be6 26.h4 Bf6 27.Rd1 Kc6 28.Ba4 b5 29.Bb3 a5 30.Nd4+ Kd7 31.Nxb5 axb4 32.axb4 Rb8 33.Ba4 Ke7 34.Nd4 Kf8 35.Nc6 Rb6 36.g3 Ra6 37.Bb5 (37.Na5 Bc3) Rb6 38.Ba4 Draw

#### Modern Defense A06

Jason Howell 1977

Don Sutherland 2241

Southwest Open 1998 (1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bc4 d6 5.Qf3 e6 6.Nge2 Nd7 7.a4 Ngf6 7...a5 8.h4 Ngf6 9.Ba2 h5 10.Bg5 e5 11.0-0 += Ljubojevic-Ciocaltca, Vrsac 1971.

8.Bb3 a5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qg3!? (10.Bg5) 10...e5 11.Bg5 exd4

An alternative is 11...Qb6 12.Bc3 Qa6 (Δ ...Nxe4.)

12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Rad1 Nfxe4!

This is the down side to 10.Qg3.

14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxd8 Nxc3 16.fxc3 Bg4?

Black overreaches. He has quite a good ending after 16...Rxd8 17.Bxf7+ (17.Rxf7 d5) 17...Kxh8, as he has the bishop pair and a viable queenside majority.

17.Be7 Bxd1 18.Rxd1 Rfe8 19.Bxd6 Rad8 20.Bc5 Re5 21.Bb6 Rd7 22.c3 Bh6 23.Kf2 Be3+ 24.Kf3 Bh6 25.g4 Rd6 26.Nf5 Rxd1 27.Nxh6+ Kg7 28.Bxd1 Kxh6 29.Be3+ g5 30.Bc2 Rd5 31.Be4 Rd1 32.Bb6 Ra1 33.b3 Ra3??



34.Bc5!

1-0

## Round 2

David John plays the brilliancy of the tournament on board 5, made more impressive because his opponent Mike Simpson is such a Slav Defense maven.

In a battle of age vs. youth, the state's top active senior demolishes one of UTD's best players:

### *Dutch Defense A80*

John Patty 2200

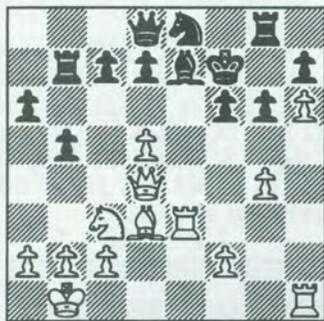
Jason Doss 2331

### *Southwest Open 1998 (2)*

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nc6?! (3...d5) 4.d5 Ne5 5.Qd4 Nf7 6.Bxf6 exf6 7.0-0-0 g6 8.h4 Bg7 9.e3 Nd6

On 9...h5 White can prepare g2-g4 with such moves as f3, Nh3-f4 and Bd3.

10.h5 a6 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.Bd3 Kf7 13.h6 Bf8 14. e4 fxe4 15.Bxe4 Kg8 16.Rde1 Qd8 17.Bd3 b5 18.Nd2 Bb7 19.Kb1 Be7 20.g4 Kf7 21. Nde4 Rg8 22.Nc5 Rb8 23.Re3 Ne8 24.Nxb7 Rxb7



25.d6! Nxd6 26.Qd5+ Kf8

The key to this little combination is that Black's bishop is now trapped.

27.Rhe1 c6 28.Qf3 Nc8 29.Rxe7!

There's the other point. On 29...Nxe7 30.Qxf6+ Ke8, White has a crush with the simple 31.Ne4 d5 32.Nd6+, or the flashy 31.Bxg6+ hxg6 32.h7.

29...Qxe7 30.Rxe7 Kxe7 31.Ne4 Rf8 32.Nc5 Ra7 33.Qe3+ Kd8 34. Qd4 Ke7 35.a3 d5 36.f4 Rf7 37.f5 g5 38.Ne6 Rd7 39.Qb4+ Ke8 40. Qa5 1-0

### *QGD Slav D17*

David John 2249

Michael Simpson 2086

### *Southwest Open 1998 (2)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.e4

Players of a more placid temperament might be drawn to 8.Bg5. 8...Bxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 12.Qe2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qd5+ 14.Kc2 Na6 15.Nxc4 0-0-0 16.Qe3!?

16.Qe5 f6 17.Qe3 is theory. Since Black plays ...f6 in the game anyway, one might wonder why White would spend a move provoking it.

16...Qf5+ 17.Kb3

17.Kc3 takes away one possible trap (see next note), but the king naturally gravitates toward cover.

17...f6 18.Be2

18.Qxa7?? Rd3+! leads to mate. 18...Kb8 19.Rad1 Nc5+ 20.Ka3 Qc2 21.Qxc5 Qxe2 22.Nd6 Qxg2 23.Rhg1 Qf3+ 24.b3 Rd7 25.a5!

On the immediate 25.Nb5, Black has 25...b6. The text has a hidden point, taking away b6 flight square from Black's king ...

25...Rhd8



26.Nb5!! cxb5

A beautiful variation that John saw at the board is 26...b6 27.Rxd7! bxc5 28.Rxd8+ Kb7 29.Rxg7+ Ka6 30.Rxa7+ Kxb5 31.Rb8 mate!

Also unplayable is 26...Rxd1 27. Qxa7+ Kc8 28.Qa8+ Kd7 29.Qxb7+ Ke8 30.Nc7+ Kd7 31.Nd5+ Kd6 32. Qc7+ Kc5 33.Qb6+ +-.

27.Rxd7 b4+ Simpson considered this a major if not decisive error. However, after 27...Rxd7 28.Qf8+ Kc7 29.Rc1+ Qc6 30.Rxc6+ bxc6 31.Qc5! Black must jettison a couple of queenside pawns anyway (31...Kb7? 32.a6+).

28.Qxb4 Rxd7 29.Qf8+ Kc7 30. Rc1+ Qc6 Forced as a result of 25.a5! 31.Rxc6+ bxc6 32.Qg8 (32.Qc5!?) e5 33.Qxh7 Re7 34.Qe4 Rd7 35. Qc4 Kb7 36.Qc5 Rc7 37. Kb2 Rc8 38.Kc2 Rh8 39.Qg1 Ka6 40.b4 Rh4 41.Kb3 Rh3+ 42.Ka4 e4 43.Qg4 Rh8 44.Qd7 1-0

### *Bogolyubov Defense A40*

Robert Clark 2067

Drew Sarkisian 2247

### *Southwest Open 1998 (2)*

1.d4 Nc6 2.d5 Ne5 3.f4 Ng6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.Be3 d5 7.e5 Nh6 8.Nh3 Bd7 9.Nd2 Bb4 10.c3 Ba5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Nd4 0-0 13.Bd3 c5 14.Nf3 Nf5 15.Bf2 c4 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Qd2 Raf8 19.g3 R5f7 20.Nhg5?

Better is 20.0-0-0 or 20.Nd4.



20...Nxf4! 21.gxf4

21.Nxf7 Nd3+ 22.Kf1 Rxf7 23. Kg2 d4! 24.cxd4 (24.Nd4 Bc6+ 25. Nxc6 Rf2+) 24...Bc6 25.Rhf1 Qxd4. 21...Rxf4 22.Nd4 h6 23.Nh3 Re4+ 24.Kd1 Rxe5 25. Kc2 Re4 26.Raf1 Rxf1 27.Rxf1 e5 28.Nf5 Bxf5 29.Rxf5 d4 30.cxd4 exd4 31.Nf2 d3+ 32.Nxd3 cxd3+ 33.Qxd3 Qc7+ 34.Kd1 Qe7 35. Rd5 Re1+ 36.Kd2 Qb4+ 37.Kc2 Qa4+ 38.b3 Qc6+ 39.Qc4 Re2+ 40. Rd2 Qxc4+ 41.bxc4 Rxd2+ 0-1

Grubbs commits capital crime in the opening, and Dejmek (originally from Chicago, now living in Sugar Land) metes out the punishment:

Notes by Mark Dejmek

*Center Counter B01*

Mark Dejmek 2160  
Steven Grubbs 2055

*Southwest Open 1998 (2)*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+

I play this move on occasion not necessarily because I think it's best, but because I think players of the Black pieces find it most annoying. 4...Bd7 4.Bc4 Bg4 5.f3 Bh5?

Grubbs played this instantly, but I believe this is the start of his trouble. I've normally seen 5...Bf5 here. [The other theoretical move is 5...Bc8. The text is just bad.]

6.Nc3 a6 7.Nge2 Nb7 8.Nf4 b5 9.Bb3 Nc5

Based on what follows, 9...Nb6!? may be better.

10.Qe2 Bg6 11.d4 Ncd7?!

Black is understandably reluctant to open up the a-file, but there's no way that he can get away with this loss of time.

12.h4 Nb6 13.h5

13.g4 is also quite strong.

13...Bf5 14.g4 Bc8 15.g5 b4 16. Na4!

Getting off a set of knights is the best way to take advantage of Black's backward development.

16...Nfxd5

An amusing line is 16...Nxa4 17. Bxa4+ Nd7 18.Ne6! fxe6 19.dxe6 Ra7 20.d5 and Black is completely out of moves. 17.Nxb6 Nxb6

I was hoping for 17...Nxf4 18. Ba4+ Bd7 19.Nxd7 Nxe2 20.Nf6 mate.



18.g6!

Crushing. The main point is that 18...hxg6 is answered by 19.Bxf7+! Kxf7 20.hxg6+ Kg8? 21.Rxh8+ Kxh8 22.Qh2+ Kg8 23.Qh7 mate.

18...Qxd4

Keeping the d-file closed with 18...Qd6 is probably an improvement, but Black has serious difficulties in any event.

19.gxf7+ Kd8 20.Be3 Qf6

Black thought a long time on this. I had expected 20...Qe5, on which I intended 21.0-0-0+ Bd7 22. Be6! and the threat of Bxb6 gaining a tempo on Black's queen wins a piece, e.g., 22...c5 23.Bxc5 Qxe2 (23...Qxc5 24.Bxd7 Nxd7 25.Ne6+ Kc8 26.Nxc5) 24.Bxb6+; or 22...Kc8 23.Bxb6 Qxe2 (23...Qxf4+ 24. Be3 Qe5 25.Bxd7+) 24.Bxd7+ Kb7 25.Nxe2.

21.0-0-0+ Bd7 22.Ne6+ Kc8 23. Bxb6 1-0

After 23...cxb6, 24.Qc4+ Kb7 25.Qc7 is mate.

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San Antonio, June 5

### Round 3

Peace breaks out among the tournament leaders, as Curtin draws Dimazana, Shivaji draws John and Sarkisian draws Patty. Only Silva on board 2 hasn't heard the news, and he defeats Langer in an amazing clock swindle to take the lead.

*Queen's Gambit D22*

Eugene Curtin 2392  
Eric Dimazana 2238

*Southwest Open 1998 (3)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 a6 4.e3 Bg4 5. Bxc4 e6

This unusual-looking setup was used by such solid players as Smyslov and Flohr. The point of ...a6 in conjunction with ...Bg4 is seen after 6.Qb3 Bxf3 7.gxf3 b5. Compare with the 3...Nf6 line, where Black is committed to a speculative b-pawn sacrifice.

6.Nc3 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be2 c5 10.Qb3 Qc7 11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Qxd5 Bxf3 14. Qxf3 0-0 15. Bd2 Bf6



16.Rac1 Nd7

Not 16...Bxb2? 17.Rb1. The parenthetical notes that follow are Eric's.

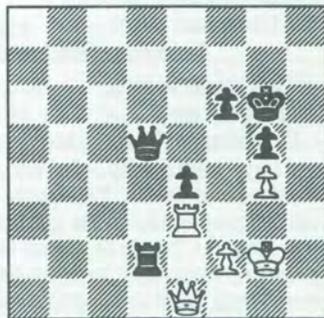
17.b4 Qd6?! (17...Rfd8) 18.bxc5? (18. Rfd1) Qxd2 19.Rcd1 Qxa2 20. Rxd7 Qc2 21.Rd5 Rfc8 (21...Rfd8) 22.Bd3 Qc3 23.Rb1 Rc7 24.Be4 a5 (24...Re8) 25.Rd3 Qxc5 26.Rxb7 Rxb7 27.Bxb7 Rd8 28.Rxd8+

Bxd8 29.Bd5 Qc1+ 30.Kh2 Qc7+ 31.g3 g6 32.Qe4 Bf6 33.Kg2 Qe5 34.Qc4 Qe7 35.e4 Be5 36.f4 Bc7 37.e5 Kg7 38.h4 Bb6 39.Bc6 Bd8 40. Kh3 h5 Draw

4.Bg2 Bb7 5.c3 Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.a4 b4 8.c4 a5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.b3 c5 11. Bb2 cxd4 12. Nxd4 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Na6 14.N2f3 Nc5 15.Ne5 Qc7 16. Nd3 Draw

Shivkumar Shivaji 2220  
David John 2249

*Southwest Open 1998 (3)*



48.Rxe4!?

The “?” is because the result is unintended, judging from the look on Shiv’s face. But never mind – he recovers his composure and finds a way to fortress his position and force a draw. That’s the “!!” part. 48...f5 49.gxf5+ Kxf5 50.Qxd2

On 50.Kf3?? either 50...Rd3+ or 50...g4+ is deadly.

50...Qxd2 51.Re3 = g4 52.Rg3 Kf4 53.Kg1 Qe2 54. Kg2 Qe4+ 55.Kg1 Qd5 56.Re3 Qb7 57.Rg3 Qa7 58. Kg2 Qh7 59. Kg1 Qh4 60.Re3 Qf6 61.Rg3 Qf5 62.Re3 Kg5 63.Kg2 Kf4 64.Kg1 Qd7 65.Rg3 Ke4 66. Kg2 Qf5 67. Kg1 Qf3 68.Rxf3 Kxf3 69.Kf1 g3 70.fxg3 Kxg3 Draw

*Dutch Defense A80*

Drew Sarkisian 2247  
John Patty 2200

*Southwest Open 1998 (3)*

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 b5!

Patty thanked me for pointing out this idea in TK. He used it again that evening to draw Dimazana!

*Sicilian Dragon B75*

Mikhail Langer 2256  
José Luis Silva 2203

*Southwest Open 1998 (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 Bd7 9.0-0-0!? (9.Bc4) Rc8 10.Bh6? (10.Kb1) 10...Bxh6? (10...Nxe4! -/+ ) 11.Qxh6 Ne5 12. Be2 b5 13.f4 Neg4 14.Bxg4 Nxg4 15.Qg7 Rf8 16.e5 Rxc3 17.bxc3 Qa5 18.exd6 e6 19.h3 Ne3 20.Kb1 Qa3



Here White has a crush with 21. Qf6 Nd5 22.Nxb5!, when the threat of Rxd5 forces queens off.

21.Nxb5? Bxb5 22.d7+!

Perhaps Langer’s original idea was 22.Qe5 Bc4 23.d7+ Ke7 24. d8(Q)+ Rxd8 25.Qc7+, but after 25...Kf8! 26.Rxd8+ Kg7 27.Qe5+ f6, White’s checks run out and he’s getting mated!

22...Bxd7 23.Qe5 Nxd1 24.Rxd1 Ke7 25.Qc7 Rd8 26.g4 Qa6 27. Qc5+ Ke8 28.Ka1 Qb6 29.Qe5 Ke7 30.g5 Rf8 31.Qf6+ Ke8 32. Qe5 f6!??

The finish is crazy (like the rest of the game!). I assume Silva was choosing moves to make Langer

think and use up time, so he couldn’t shuffle to a draw.

33.gxf6 Kf7 34.Rxd7+ 0-1 (time!)

Of course, White is winning the final position.

## Round 4

Silva is stopped cold when his brawling style makes no impression on Curtin. The state champ is in the driver’s seat after a flurry of draws among the other leaders on the next three boards. I overcome my own draw streak, defeating Tia to get a crack at top board.

*Nimzo-Indian E20*

José Luis Silva 2203  
Eugene Curtin 2392

*Southwest Open 1998 (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 c5 5.d5 Nh5 6.Nh3 f5!?

A logical enough move that is seen after 6.g3, yet here it is a novelty. ECO gives 6...Qh4+ 7.Nf2 Qxc4 8.e4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Bd2 Qd4 11.Qc1 exd5 12.Bc3 Qa4 13. Qg5 d4! 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Qxh5 c4 ∞ Flear-Franklin, London 1989.

7.dxe6

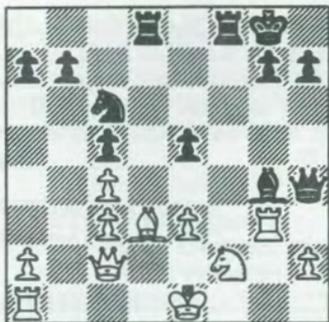
This is contrary to the spirit of 4.f3. After 7.e4 fxe4 8.fxe4 Qh4+ 9.Nf2 0-0 10.Be3 d6 11.Be2 the center holds, and White can castle.

7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 dxe6 9.Qc2?!

Now White shifts gears and declares he wants to attack after all. The endgame after 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Nf4 Nxf4 11.Bxf4 Nd7 12.Rd1 Ke8 is balanced. 9...0-0 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.e3 Nc6 12. g4?!

I am reminded of the expression, “This is going to hurt me more than it will hurt you.” At any rate, Black stands better in the center.

12...fxg4 13.fxg4 Nf6 14.Be2 e5 15.Nf2 Be6 16.Rg1 Qf7 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Ne4 Qh4+ 19.Rg3 Rad8 20.Bd3 Bxg4 21.Nf2



21...Rxf2!! 22.Qxf2

Or 22.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 23.Rg2 Rf8+ 24.Ke1 Qh1+ followed by ...Qxg2+. 22...Rxd3 23.h3 e4

The bishop can't move because of 24.Rxg7+ winning Black's queen. That's why 21...Rxf2 was "!!" 24.hxg4 Ne5 25.Ke2 Nxc4 26.Rd1 26...Qd8 27.Rgg1

Other tries: (a) 27.Rxd3 exd3+ 28.Kd1 d2 and 29...Nb2 +; (b) 27.Qe1 Qd6 28.Rh3 Nxe3! 29.Rxe3 (29.Rxd3 Qxd3+ 30.Kf2 Nxg4+ +) 29...Qh2+ 30.Kf1 Qf4+ +. 27...Rd2+ 0-1 28.Rxd2 Qxd2+ 29.Kf1 Nxe3+.

Shivkumar Shivaji 2220

Drew Sarkisian 2247

*Southwest Open 1998 (4)*



34...Re5!! 35.Qb7! h2+ 36.Kxh2 Qxf1 37.dxe5 Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Qf1+ Draw

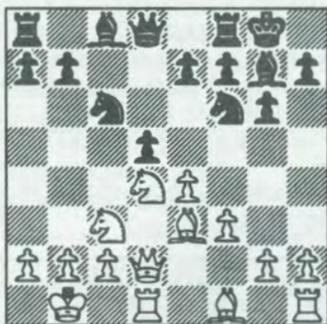
*Sicilian Dragon B76*

Jason Howell 1977

Mark Dejmek 2163

*Southwest Open 1998 (4)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0 d5 10.Kb1!?



This is a novelty, but I don't think it will stick. The main lines are 10.exd5, 10.Nxc6 and 10.Qe1.

After the text, Black's best seems to be 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 dxe4 12.Qe1!? Qa5 13.Nd5 Qxd5 14.Bxf6 Qc6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.fxc4 Bg4 with perhaps a sliver of an edge to Black.

10...Rb8

"Oh, please trade knights and win my a-pawn!" Actually, there's no clear refutation to 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxa7, but many strong human players would prefer Howell's risk free method, which plays on the main strengths of White's position. 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.b3! e5 14.Bc4 Qd6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Qd6! Qxd6 17.Rxd6

The verdict on Black's position from this opening: Yuck!

17...b6 18.Rhd1 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Rd7 Ra8 21.Re7 Rf7 22.Rdd7 Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Kf8 24.Rxe6 Rd8 25.Kc1 Kf7 26.Rc6 Rd7 27.c4 Bf8 28.Kc2 Bb4 29.Bg5 Be7 30.Bxe7 Kxe7 31.b4 Rd4 32.Rc7+ Kd6 33.Rxa7 Rxc4+ 34.Kb3 Rh4 35.h3 e4

36.fxe4 Rxe4 37.Rxh7 Re3+ 38.Ka4 Re2 39.a3 Rxg2 40.Kb5 Rg3 41.a4 Rb3 42.Rh6 Ke5 43.Rxg6 Rxh3 44.Kxb6 Kd4 45.a5 1-0

**Round 5**

Curtin and I play a closely contested game which goes wacko in time pressure. We both commit some fumbles, and I make the last one. Dimazana, Shivaji and Patty win their games to stay close on Curtin's heels, while David John gets his third draw in a row.

*Bogo-Indian E11*

Eugene Curtin 2392

Selby Anderson 2317

*Southwest Open 1998 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 c5 5.Bxb4 cxb4 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 d6 8.0-0 Nc6 (8...Re8!? =) 9.d5!?

This is apparently a novel alternative to 9.Nbd2 e5 =. The only precedent I know of is a blitz game I once played with Dimazana. 9...exd5

9...Ne7!?

9...Ne7!? - Sarkisian.

10.cxd5 Ne7 11.e4 Bg4 12. Nbd2 Ng6 13.Qb3

Dimazana played 13.h3, when I should have retreated 13...Bh5 with the point 14.g4?? Nf4 and Nxh3+. 13...Nf4?!

Curtin was anticipating 13...Bxf3 14. Nxf3 Qb6, when the desirable 14.Re1 courts trouble from ...Ng4.

I didn't even look at parting with the bishop, or I might have seen how diverting a knight enables ...Qb6 without the annoying reply Nc4.

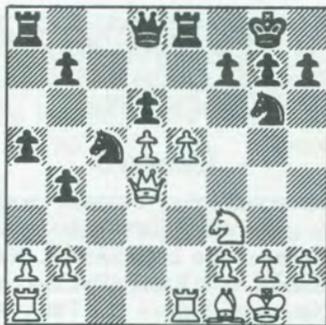
14.Rfe1 Nd7 15.Bf1 Nc5 16.Qe3

I saw this too late. Now it is clear that my idea of keeping pieces on the board ended up losing time.

16...Ng6 17.e5! Re8 18.Qd4 Bxf3

After all that!

19.Nxf3 a5



20.e6! fxe6 21.dxe6 Qe7

21...Nxe6 22.Rxe6! Rxe6 23.Bc4 Nf8 24.Re1 +.

22.Rad1 Rad8 23.Bc4 Kh8

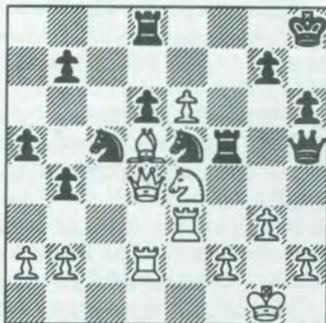
A choice of evils. On 23...h6, 24.Qg4 is awkward.

24.Bd5

I was worried about 24.Qg4, but Curtin thought 24...Rf8 25.Ng5 Rf4 26. Qh5 Rh4 was defending handily.

Not so! 27.Nf7+! Kg8 (27... Qxf7? 28.exf7 Rxh5 29.Re8+) 28. Qd5 picks off the d-pawn (28...Nf4 29.Qxc5!).

24...h6 25.Re3 (25.Qg4 Qf6) Rf8 26.g3 Rf5 27.Nd2 Qg5 28.Ne4 Qh5 29.Rd2 Ne5



30.Nxc5?

White is winning with 30.e7 Rd7 31.Nxd6 Rxd6 32.Qxc5, and there is no good defense against both Qxd6 and Qc8+. Both players were very short of time.

30...dxc5 31.Qh4 Qe8?

31...Qxh4! 32.gxh4 Ng6 33.e7 Nxe7 34.Rxe7 Rfxd5 -/+.

32.f4?

White stays on top with 32.Qe4 g6 33.h3! followed by 34.g4 +.

32...Nc4?

32...Ng6 almost wins flat out, but Curtin's 33.Bc6! keeps White alive for what looks like a worse ending: 33...Nxb4! (33...Rxd2? 34. Bxe8 Nxb4 35. gxh4 Rxf4 36.Bh5 +-)

33.Qxd8! Qxd8 34.e7 Qe8 35.Bc4 Rf7 36.Rd8 1-0

*QGD Slav D18*

Jim Rohrbaugh 2200

David John 2249

*Southwest Open 1998 (5)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.e4 0-0!?

The main line with 10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nxe4 12.Ba3 ∞/= was seen in Rohrbaugh-Rios at the 1998 San Antonio City Championship.

11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Be7 13.a5 b5 14.Bb3 a6 15.Rd1 Rc8 16.Bd2 h6 17.Rac1 Re8 18.Bc2 c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nxc5 Bxc2 21.Rxc2 Rxc5 22.Rxc5 Bxc5 23.Rc1 Bb4 24.Nd4



24...Nf4 25.Bxf4 Qxd4 26.Qe3 Qxb2 27.Qb6 Bd2 28.Bxd2 Qxd2

29.Rf1 Ra8 30.Qb7 Qd5 31.Qxd5 exd5 32. Rc1 Re8 33.f4 g5 34.g3 gxf4 35.gxf4 f6 36.Rc6 fxe5 37.fxe5 Rxe5 38.Rxb6 Re1+ 39.Kf2 Ra1 40. Rxa6 b4 41.Rb6 Rxa5 42.Rxb4 Kf7 Draw

*Gruenfeld Defense D80*

John Hendrick 1982

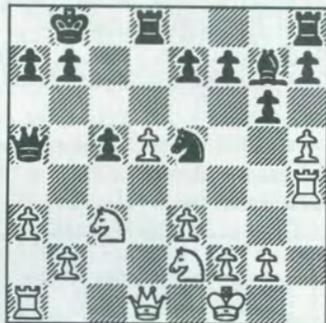
Barry Endsley 2091

*Southwest Open 1998 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.h4 Ne4 7. Nxe4 Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.e3 Bg7 10.Bc4 c5 11.Nge2

ECO ends here with "=+ ". So how does White get the upper hand in this game? My guess is that Black should have opened lines now with 11...cxd4, to maximize the effect of his bishops.

11...Nc6 12.d5 Ne5 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.h5 0-0-0 16. Kf1 Kb8 17.a3 Ne5 18.Rh4!



You don't often see such a cross-board rook maneuver. This one connects like a roundhouse punch.

18...Qc7 19.Ra4 a6 20.b4 Ng4

This knight gets hit with a discovered attack opening up the b-file. But on 20...c4 21.b5 a5 trying to keep lines closed, White has 22.b6 Qxb6 23.Rb1 and 24.Rb5 with a strong attack.

21.bxc5 gxh5 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.c6 Rb8 24.cxb7+ Rxb7 25.Rxa6+ Ra7 26.Nb5 1-0



f6, allowing the queen to support the rook at e8.

21.Nh5! Nf6 22.Nxf6+ gxf6 23.Rf3 Qf7 24.Rg3+

Possible is the materialistic 24. Re3 Rad8 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Qxe6 Qxe6 27.Rxe6, but White correctly plays for the attack.

24...Kf8

On 24...Kh8 comes the amusing riposte 25.Qe5!

25.b4! b6

Or 25...Nxb4 26.Qb2, attacking f6 as well as the knight.

26.Qb2 e5 27.fxe5 Qxc4 28.Rf1 Nxb4 29.Rxf5 Nd5 30.Qd2 Kf7 31. Qd1! Ke6 32.Qg4 Kd7 33.Rxf6+ Kd8 34.Qh4!? (34.e6!) 34...Nxf6?

Better is 34...Kc8, but White keeps the heat on with 35.Rf7 Qc1+ 36.Rf1 Qd2 37.Rg7 Δ d7+ +.

35.Bxb6+ axb6 36.Qxc4 Rxe5 37. Rg8+ Nxg8 38.Qxg8+ Kd7 39. Qxa8 Kxd6 40.Qb8+ 1-0

The next selection fits the more sanguine Anglo-American definition of brilliancy.

### Ruy Lopez Open C80

Patrick Bloom 1675

David Walls 1702

#### Southwest Open 1998 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Re1 b5?!

Simple and good is 6...Nc5 7. Nxe5 Be7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.d4 Ne6 =. Perhaps Black's idea with the text was 7.Rxe4 d5 8.Re1 bxa4 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Rxe5+ Be6 with active play despite the weak a4 pawn. 7.Bb3 Ng5?

Now 7...Nc5 is less effective than before: 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Rxe5+ Ne6 (6...Be7? loses to 10.Bxf7+! Kxf7 11.Qf3+ and 12.Qxa8). 8.Nxe5(?)

White can take full advantage of the precarious piece placement with 8.d4! Nxf3+ (8...Ne6? 9.d5; 8...Be7? 9.Nxg5 Bxg5 10.Qh5) 9.Qxf3 f6

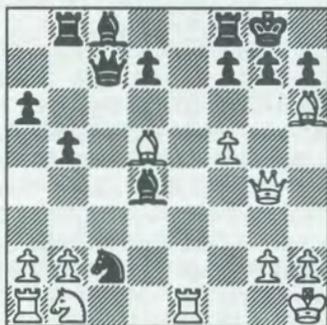
10.dxe5 Qe7 11.e6 ±, or 9...Qf6 10. Rxe5+! Be7 11.Rf5 Qxd4 12.Bxf7+ Kd8 13.c3 Qa4 14.Bb3 Qa5 15.Rf7 ±. 9...Nxe5 9.d4 Ne6 10.f4?!

White is no better after 10.Rxe5 Bd6! 11.Re1 0-0 = (or even 11... Bb7!? 12.d5 Qh4 ∞). 10...c5!?

After 10...Nc6 11.f5 Bb7 12.d5 Bc5+ 13.Kh1 Ncd4 14.dxe6 dxe6 15. fxe6 Nxb3! 16.exf7+ Kxf7, Black is better developed.

11.Rxe5 Bd6 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bd5 Rb8 14.dxc5 Bxc5+ 15.Kh1 Qc7!? (15...Bb7 =) 16.Qg4 Nd4?

Black's sense of danger deserts him. Prudent would be 16...f5! =. 17.f5! Nxc2 18.Bh6 Bd4



19.Bxg7! Ne3 20.Qg5

A grim joke on the impatient player would be 20.Rxe3?? Qc1+. But there is nothing wrong with 20. Qxd4(!), e.g. 20...Nxf5 21.Bxf7+! with forced mate.

20...Bxg7 21.f6 Nf5 22.Qxf5 Bxf6 23.Qxf6 Rb6? (23...Bb7 24.Nc3 +) 24.Bxf7+! 1-0

Bloom, a senior at Bellaire High School in Houston, won his first five games (!) to take a clear lead. Going into the last round, the only player trailing Bloom by half a point was Sherif Ebady of Austin. When the dust cleared from their game in round 6 – you guessed it – there was a new Sherif in town.

### Alekhine's Defense B03

Patrick Bloom 1675

Sherif Ebady 1789

#### Southwest Open 1998 (6)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.exd6 cxd6 5.Nf3 g6 6.c3 Bg7 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Ne4

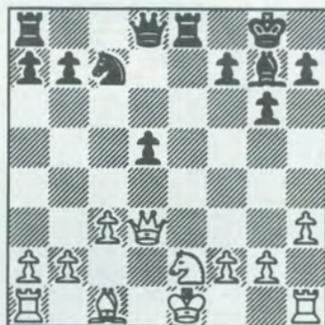
White has chosen a no-nonsense approach, but he starts getting off track and soon hands Black the advantage. Here, 8.Bc4 would be good as 8...Nf4 is not to be feared.

8...Nc6 9.Bc4 Nc7 10.Ng3

On 10.Be2 Black can try 10...f5!? 10...d5 11.Bd3?!

Better is 10.Be2, keeping it simple. Even played next move at the cost of a tempo, it is better than the game continuation.

11...Bg4 12.h3?! Bxf3 13.Qxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Qd1 Nxd3+ 16. Qxd3 Re8+ 17. Ne2



17...d4! 18.Bd2?

This gets White in trouble. Best is 18.0-0 dxc3 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20. Nxc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 with a disadvantage in pawn structure.

18...dxc3 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20.bxc3 Nb5 21.Rc1 Rd3! 22.c4 Nd4 23. Be3 Rdx3! 24.fxe3 Rxe3 +

White is getting slaughtered, and he still can't castle.

25.Kd1 Rxe2 26.Re1 Rxc2 27.Rb1 Bh6 28.Re8+ Kg7 29.Rxb7 Rxa2 30.Ke1 Nf3+ 31.Kd1 Rd2+ 0-1

## Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

by TCA Secretary Forrest Marler

The 1998 annual membership meeting of the Texas Chess Association was held Sunday, Sept. 6 at the Omni Southpark hotel in Austin. Attending were TCA members Selby Anderson, Lynne Babcock, Brad Bradford, Leigh Emrich, Gary Gaiffe, Danny Hardesty, George John, Jim Liptrap, Forrest Marler, Torey Neuzil, Mack Novosad, Tim Redman, Luis Salinas, Michael Simpson, Al Woolum, Greg Wren and Larry Young.

The meeting was brought to order by Selby Anderson at 8:05 a.m. The reading of the old minutes was dispensed with by acclamation.

Greg Wren gave the Treasurer's report (*see Appendix II*). Greg emphasized that TCA made just under \$1,600 during the past year. Brad Bradford made the motion that the report be accepted as offered. Anderson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Selby Anderson presented the President's report. He commented on the recent Delegates Meetings in Kona, Hawaii and the passage of a motion allowing home-school teams to compete in nationals. He noted that the clause about homeschoolers being assigned to public school teams in some districts did not apply to Texas. He reminded members that this was the last year for the write-in balloting of USCF Voting Members in *Texas Knights*. Next year all adult USCF members in Texas will be eligible to vote for the state's Voting Members. He confirmed that both he and Tim Redman are planning to run next year for USCF Policy Board (to be known under the new Bylaws as the Executive Committee).

Anderson announced that the 1999 U.S. Chessathon will be held next June 5 at the San Antonio Convention Center. He said the site is close to the Alamo and the Riverwalk, and that to the best of his knowledge the site at the North Banquet Hall is where Church's International Tournament was held in 1972.

In Old Business, Forrest Marler read the election results. Selby Anderson was reelected as President by a 51-1 vote over Katie Stone. Gary Gaiffe was reelected as Vice-President, Forrest Marler was reelected as Secretary, and Greg Wren was reelected as Treasurer. All three ran unopposed and received 51 votes with no write-ins.

Tournament bids were awarded to San Antonio for the Texas Open (Nov. 26-28, 1999), the Texas Team Championship (Feb. 1999), the Texas Action Championship (April 1999), and Texas Armed Forces Championship (June 1999). Huntsville was awarded the Texas Senior Championship (June 1999).

Here is the current schedule for major TCA events:

	1999	2000
Southwest Open:	Houston	San Antonio
Texas Championship:	Dallas	OPEN *
Texas Scholastic:	Corpus Christi	Fort Worth

Elected as USCF Delegates are Lynne Babcock, Luis Salinas, Gary Gaiffe, Selby Anderson, Forrest Marler and Greg Wren. The remaining Voting Members are Mack Novosad, George C. John, José J. Guajardo, Jim Liptrap, Brad Bradford, Brenda Hardesty, Al Woolum, Larry J. Young, John Jacobs, Manuel Espino, Clarence Callaway, Alexey Root, Katie Stone, Bob James, Gary Simms, Andrew S. Thall, Richard Driggers, Kenneth Ray Smith and Wilford E. Biggs. [NOTE: This list has been amended, as USCF has increased the number of Voting Members from Texas to 25 including 6 Delegates, up from 23 and 5. Greg Wren was added to the Delegates, and Kenneth Smith and Wilford Biggs were added as Voting Members. - FZM]

Under New Business, Anderson read a Bylaws amendment by Greg Wren. Currently TCA Bylaws Article III, Section 4 (Renewals) reads:

A. Membership renewals shall be dated from the previous expiration date, if renewed within 30 days following expiration.

B. All memberships will lapse, if not renewed, after 30 days following expiration.

C. Memberships shall expire one year from the last day of the month prior to the month in which payment was received.

Wren's motion replaces A through C with:

*Membership renewals shall be dated from the previous expiration date, if renewed within 30 days following expiration, or for a year from the date of renewal if necessary to ensure that the renewing member is scheduled to receive six issues of Texas Knights before the new expiration date.*

The justification for the change is to ensure that a year's dues schedules a member to receive six issues of *Texas Knights* - assuming that the editor meets the schedule of one issue every two months. Mike Simpson argued that 60 days would work better when preparing mailing lists for bulk mailouts. After brief discussion, Larry Young called for a vote, Selby Anderson seconded. The amendment passed, 12-1

Selby Anderson proposed a stipend for the Texas State Champion to play in the Governor's Cup equal to that awarded to the Denker candidate (currently \$400), to take effect in 1999. In discussion, Luis Salinas was

\* A tentative bid to hold it in Houston has been received.

concerned that the Governor's Cup is not an "official" tournament of state champions. Tim Redman said that attending increases the prestige of the Texas Champion. Mike Simpson that paying a stipend to a scholastic player makes more sense than for an adult. Larry Young called a question to vote; the question passed, 5-4. The motion **failed** on a 0-9 vote.

Anderson proposed adding a category in the Texas Scholastic for the Girls' High School Champion, to be seeded into the proposed Adams Tournament of Girls' High School Champions. After discussion, Larry Young asked to table the motion until the spring meeting at the Scholastic Championships. Al Woolum seconded. The motion was **tabled**, 10-3.

Tim Redman proposed a motion that if the Adams Tournament of Girls' High School Champions is formed that a stipend should be paid to a Texas girl. Selby seconded. After brief discussion, Brad Bradford made a motion to table until the Spring meeting at the Scholastic Championship. Al Woolum seconded. The motion was **tabled**, 9-3.

Anderson moved that stipends to play in such tournaments of state champions as those above shall be allocated for events which have in the last tournament drawn representatives from at least half the eligible state affiliates. Anderson moved to table until the spring meeting at the Scholastic Championship. Brad Bradford seconded. The motion was **tabled**, 9-0.

Anderson moved that John Charles Thompson (the founder of TCA) be made a Life Patron member. Brad Bradford seconded this motion. It **passed**, 14-0.

Anderson proposed to amend Bylaws Article III, Section 1.G (Special Membership) by adding: *G(1) Blind Membership. A blind person may become a Special Member of the Association upon payment of \$2.00 for one year without the magazine.* Lee Emrich offered a friendly amendment to add "or \$5.00 for one year with the magazine." Selby accepted the amendment, and called the question. Brad Bradford seconded. The amendment **passed**, 16-0.

Forrest Marler proposed the following amendment to Article IX, Section 1, adding: *Q. Texas Women's Championship: This tournament shall be open to all female players.* Selby Anderson called for vote. The amendment **passed**, 13-0.

Al Woolum announced that he has been appointed to the USCF's National Scholastic Committee.

Luis Salinas brought up an amendment discussed in e-mail, to Article IX, Section 1.E. (Texas Scholastic Championship) to add: "The Association shall pay the entry fees of the High School Champion or Co-Champi-

ons." Selby Anderson called the question, and Leigh Emrich seconded. The amendment **passed**, 10-0.

Mike Simpson made a motion for a one-time stipend for David John to play in the Governor's Cup. Luis Salinas asked for Greg Wren's opinion as Treasurer. Greg was in favor. Luis made a friendly amendment that payment of the stipend will be paid upon receipt of an article for *Texas Knights*. Mike accepted. Gary Gaiffe called the question, and Danny Hardesty seconded. The motion **passed**, 8-0.

Gary Gaiffe presented Selby Anderson with the 1998 Fred Cramer Award for the best state magazine.

Larry Young made a motion adjourn the meeting. Selby Anderson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

### Appendix I: TCA Regional Directors

I	Panhandle	Gary Simms
II	North Central	Manuel Espino
III	Northeast	Luis Salinas
IV	West	Gustavo Maas
V	Southeast	George C. John
VI	South Central	Brenda Hardesty
VII	Gulf/Valley	José J. Guajardo

### Appendix II: Cash Flow Report

9/1/97 through 8/31/98

by TCA Treasurer Gregory S. Wren

<b>INFLOWS</b>		
Chess set sales		\$ 1,999.60
Donations		35.00
Dues income		7,091.00
Interest		414.15
Sales of <i>Texas Knights</i>		62.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> ads		50.00
SASP (two years)		3,625.40
Postal chess		70.00
Deposit 2000 Scholastic		50.00
Miscellaneous		<u>80.76</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 13,477.91</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		
Bank charges		\$ 39.95
Chess sets (Chess in Education)		3,575.00
Denker representatives (Grubbs, John)		800.00
Postal chess		60.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> publishing		5,906.20
Postage not included above		<u>211.70</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 10,592.85</b>
<b>NET INFLOW</b>		<b><u>\$ 2,885.06</u></b>

**Note:** Of this amount, \$1,236.00 is SASP funding committed to the scholastic chess set program, \$50 is a refundable deposit and postal chess obligations another \$60 (estimated) Thus the surplus is \$1539.06. – GSW

### Balance Sheet (as of 8/31/98)

#### ASSETS

Cash and bank accounts	
Certificate of Deposit (USAA)	\$ 5,000.00
Savings Account (Compass Bank)	7,400.15
Cash and receivables	<u>12.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,412.15</b>

#### LIABILITIES

SASP funding (chess sets)	1,236.00
Fort Worth deposit (2000 Scholastic)	50.00
Postal chess (estimated)	<u>60.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,346.00</b>
<b>NET EQUITY 8/31/98</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,066.15</u></b>
<b>NET EQUITY 8/31/97</b>	<b>\$ 9,527.09</b>
<b>CHANGE SINCE 8/31/97</b>	<b>+ \$1,539.06</b>

### TCA Scholastic Committee

Forrest Marler (chair), Gary Gaiffe, José Guajardo, Brenda Hardesty, Bob James, George John, Luis Salinas.

### USCF committee members from Texas

*Chess in Education:* Jim Gallagher, Tim Redman. *College Chess:* Tim Redman (chair). *Ethics:* Andrew Thall (chair). *FIDE Advisory:* Tim Redman. *Grants:* Tim Redman, Al Woolum. *Internet:* George John, Tim Redman. *Master Affairs:* Selby Anderson. *Outreach:* Jamie Dunbar, Tim Redman. *Prison Chess:* James Gannaway. *Publications:* Selby Anderson. *Rules:* Bill Snead, Andrew Thall. *Scholastic:* Al Woolum. *Ex officio:* Tim Redman. *Women's Chess:* Alexey Root.

### Corrections to last issue

- The cover had the wrong year (1999) for the U.S. Open twice.
- In "Texas juniors who placed at Nationals" (p. 7), two players were omitted. **Bradley Sawyer**, who is from Spring, tied for 4th-13th place in the K-5 Elementary division. **Jasmine DiLucci**, from Irving, tied for second place in the Kindergarten section with 6 points out of 7. Her only loss was to the eventual winner, Michael Thaler, who at age six has an established rating of 1203! She also won a special trophy for second largest upset, defeating a player rated 300 points higher.
- In Kachieshvili-Polgar (p. 20) the final note repeats an error in Robert Byrne's *New York Times* column. After 40...Ne1! 41.Ne3 (note b), not 41...Re2? as given, when 42.Qd1! forces a perpetual; but 41...Rf1+! 42.Nxf1 e3+ 43.Kg1 Nf3+ 44.Kg2 Ng5+ and ...Nh3 mate.

## Solutions

- 1.Bc5 1-0 (1...Rxb3 2.Bf8 mate).
- 1.Ra5! traps a bishop (1...Qb8 2.RRxh4). The game ended 1...Ba6 2.Rxa6 Rxb4 3.Rxd6 Be7 4.Rg1+ 1-0.
- White missed 1.Qf6 Nd5 2.Nxb5! with threats of Nc7+, Rxd5 and Nxa3, forcing an exchange of queens with a decisive material advantage. (In the game White played 1.Nxb5? See page 8 for the outcome.)
- White wins material with 1.d6 Nxd6 2.Qd5+ Kf8 3.Rhe1 c6 4.Qf3 Nc8 (all Black's moves have been forced) 5.Rxe7! when 5...Nxe7 6.Qxf6+ Ke8 7.Ne4 (or 7.Bxg6+ hxg6 8.h7) and 8.Nd6+ is a crush. The game continued 5...Qxe7 6.Rxe7 Kxe7 7.Ne4, and Black soon resigned.
- 1...Qd8! (a) 2.Rxd3 exd3+! 3.K d1 d2 Δ Nb2+. (b) 2.Rgg1 Rd2+ and White resigned, as he loses his queen after 3.Rxd2 Qxd2+ 4.Kf1 Nxe3+. (c) Relatively best is 2.Qe1, but 2...Qd6 3.Rh3 Nxe3! ices it: 4.Rxe3 Qh2+ 5.Kf1 Qf4+ -, or 4.Rxd3 Qxd3+ 5.Kf2 Nxe4+ -.
- Instead of 1.Bxd8? = as in the game, White wins with 1.a4+! Kxb4 (1...Kc4 2.Bxd8 Bxd8 3.Bf5+ -) 2.Rb1+ Kc5 (2...Ka5 3.Bc3+ Ka6 4.Bd3 mate; 2...Ka3 3.Bc3! and Ra1 mate) 3.Rb5+ Kc6 (3...Kc4 4.Nd2 mate) 4.Rxb6+ and 5.Bxd8 with two minors vs. rook, a blockade at d4 (Nd4 and Bf6) and an unstoppable h-pawn.
- 1...Rc3! (a) 2.Nc4 Rxd3 3.Nxd6 Qd1! 4.Qxa7 Qf3+ 5.Kh2 Rd1 -. (b) The game continued 2.Qxa7 Qxd2 3.b6 Qxd3 4.b7 Qf3+ 5.Kh2 Rc1 6.b8(Q)+ Kh7 and White resigned because he cannot stop ...Rh1 mate. (c) 2.b6 axb6 3.Qxb6 Qxd2! 4.Ba6 Qe1 5.Qxd6 Rc1! 6.Kf3 Qd1+ 7.Be2 (or Ke3) 7...Rc3+ -.
- 1.Nf6+! (a) 1...Kh8 2.Qh5 h6 3.Nxf7+ Rxf7 4.Qxf7 Bb7 5.Qg6! gxf6 6.Qxh6+ Kg8 7.Bd5 mate; (b) 1...gxf6 2.Qg4+ Kh8 3.Be4 Ne7 (3...Bxd6 4.Qf5) 4.Qh4 and the game ended 4...Ng6 5...Qxf6+ Kg8 6.Nf5 d5 7.Nh6 mate. On 4...f5, simplest is 5.Nxf5 f6 6.Nxe7 Rf7 7.Bd5! +.
- Exsacs (Jim Gallagher, executive of the San Antonio Chess Studio [SACS] and a Dragon aficionado fond of ex[change] sacs on c3), played 1...Rb4! and wrapped up the game quickly after 2.b3? Qxa2+! 3.Kxa2 Ra4+ 4.Kb1 Ra1 mate. Other defenses: (a) 2.c3 Qxa2+ 3.Kc1 Qa1+ 4.Kc2 Rxb2+ 5.Kd3 Rxd2+ -; (b) 2.N(either)c3 Rxb2+! 3.Kxb2 (3.Kc1 Rxc3! -; 3.Ka1 Rxa2+ -) 3...Qxa2+ 4.Kc1 Qa1+ 5.Nb1 Bb2#; (c) 2.Qxb4(!) is "-."

There is an alternate win, a beautiful example of the "windmill" theme: 1...Rxc2! 2.Qxa5 (2.Qxc2 Qxa2+ 3.Kc1 Qxb2+ -) 2...Rxb2+ 3.Ka1 Rxa2+ 4.Kb1 Rb2+ 5.Ka1 Rxe2+ 6.Kb1 Rb2+ 7.Ka1 Rb4+, forcing mate.

**Back cover solution:** 1.N5xd4! Δ 2.Qa7#. 1...Ra1 or 1...N-any 2.Be7#; 1...Bxd4 2.cxd4#. Seasoned problem solvers may have been caught off guard, as problem keys are not "supposed" to be checks or captures!

# Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

by George C. John

Houston, Texas was the site of the second Texas K-12 Grade and Collegiate Championships. Representing over 90 Texas schools, 285 students from pre-school through college played six games of chess over a two day period, October 10th and 11th, 1998. Seniors competed for a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Texas at Dallas, a \$12,000 value. Each section had ten individual and five team trophies plus special "class" trophies for lower rated players.

Many of Texas' best chess players participated. The field included seven of the top ten USCF rated K-12 Texas students, ten students from the USCF National Top 50 lists, and a member of the 1998 Pressman/USCF All-American Team, NM David John. Several Houston schools came out in numbers, with at least 30 from the Village School, 32 from Lanier Middle School, and 25 from Bellaire Senior High School.

Scholastic tournaments are noted for the unexpected, and this event was no different. The first two rounds witnessed the upsets of kindergarten favorite and last year's champion Michelle Leon of the Village School, and freshman favorite Andres Suarez of Klein High School. Suarez' opponent, Chris Glasser of Strake Jesuit High School, was rated over 600 points below Suarez.

## TEXAS GRADE CHAMPIONS

K	Mohammad Samman	Houston	4.5 pts.
	Michelle Leon	Houston	4.5
1	Jasmine DiLucci	Irving	6
2	Misha Rodin	Austin	5
	Joshua Perkins	Houston	5
	Adlai Arandela	Corpus Christi	5
3	Althorp Arandela	Corpus Christi	6
4	Paul Montemayor	Wichita Falls	5
5	Bradley Sawyer	Spring	6
6	Christopher Hobart	Spring	5
	Mel Hainey	Houston	5
	Timothy Wheeler	Houston	5
7	Jeffrey Cornell	Plano	5.5
	Boran Butorovic	Houston	5.5
8	John Sneed	Fort Worth	5.5
9	Trong Nguyen	Houston	5
10	Matthew Bradford	Dallas	5
	Matt Willis	Houston	5
11	David John	Houston	6
12	Jonathan Cearley	Weatherford	5.5
C	Steven Grubbs	Garland	5

## TEAM WINNERS

K	Village School	Houston	12 pts.
1	Village School	Houston	6
2	Virgie Lu Elementary	Houston	9
3	Village School	Houston	9.5
4	Village School	Houston	11.5
5	Krahn Elementary	Spring	5.5
6	Village School	Houston	13.5
7	Lanier Middle School	Houston	13.5
8	Apollo Junior High	Richardson	10.5
9	Klein High School	Houston	10
10	Bellaire High School	Houston	13
11	Bellaire High School	Houston	13.5
12	Bellaire High School	Houston	12
Col.	Univ. of Texas at Dallas	Dallas	9 pts.

For complete standings on the Internet, go to [www.neosoft.com/~george/chess/bhsc.html](http://www.neosoft.com/~george/chess/bhsc.html)

The 10th grade section was without a doubt the strongest, with two Class A's and two experts - four of the top seven mentioned above. The A players, Jonathan Walsh and Matt Bradford, teammates from St. Mark's in Dallas, lost in round three to the two experts, Ali Morshedi of Tomball High School, and Justin Shih of Clear Lake High School. Morshedi and Shih drew in round four, and Morshedi was upset by Matt Bradford in round five. In round six Matt Willis of Bellaire HS, who had earlier lost to Walsh, upset Shih guaranteeing a share of first place. Nevertheless, Bradford had the better tiebreaks if he could win.

It all come down to the last game of the entire tournament to finish. Playing under incredible time pressure, Bradford pulled out a nice win to win the section on tiebreaks. Wow!

In the 11th grade section, the highest rated player of the tournament, NM David John, at times attracted the biggest crowds. In round five he calmly allowed his significantly lower rated opponent (over 1,000 points) to march a passed pawn three squares to queen with check while he proceeded to set up a forced mate. In round 6 John gave up two pawns to create a decisive, winning attack. John was one of the few players to go undefeated in the tournament. Others were first grader Jasmine DiLucci of Hockaday Elementary of Dallas, 3rd grader Althorp Arandela of Schanen Elementary, Corpus Christi, and University of Texas at Dallas sophomore Steven Grubbs.

The 12th grade section was surprisingly small with fourteen participants, given the fact that a \$12,000 col

lege scholarship was on the line. Jonathan Cearley of Weatherford, playing for the PEACE home-school association, took clear first and won the scholarship. Jonathan's younger brother Clint created some very nice artwork for the official tournament tee shirt.

The tournament had three side events: a parent/child quick, an individual quick, and bug house. Doug and Danny Hardesty won the parent/child event. Ali Morshedi won the quick event 5-0. Tied for second were Matt Bradford and Erick Valarino with 4. John Hendrick and John Sneed won the bughouse event.

Brad Bradford and Luis Salinas of Dallas were the primary organizers of the tournament. Section chiefs were George John (4th grade through college) and Brenda Hardesty (Kindergarten-3rd grade). The event had numerous assistants, among them Danny Hardesty, Jason Doss and Robert Weinberg.

*The Texas K-12 Grade and Collegiate Championships are scheduled to become a TCA event in 2001.*

*Nimzovich Defense B00*

Jonathan Walsh 1828

Ali Morshedi 2102

*Texas Grade 10 (3)*

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.f4!? Ng6 (4...exf4) 5.Ne2 Nf6 6.f5 Ne7 7.Nec3 g6?! (7...d6) 8.Bg5 Bg7 9.d6! Nc6 10.dxc7 Qxc7



**11.Nb5?**

White has a strong position, but he overreaches. With 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5 Qa5+ 13.Nbc3 Bd8 14.Bc4 he locks in a bind.

11...Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Nd6+ Kf8 14.Bc3

On 14.Na3!? Black escapes disaster with 14...Ng4! (not 14...Qxb2?? 15.Nac4 Qd4 16.c3 Qc5 17.Be3 + with a lovely queen trap!) 15.Qxg4 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qa3 -/+.

14...Nd4 15.Nc4 Qc6 16.Bb4+ Kg8 17.Bd3 Nxe4 18.0-0 Nxf5 19.Re1 d5 20.Bxe4 Qxc4 21.Bxf5 Bxf5 22.c3 h5 23.Nd2 Qc6 24.Nf3 Re8 0-1

Black has two extra pawns, two bishops, a mobile center and he has shut down any White attack. Walsh must have felt robbed!

*Alekin's Defense B03*

Matt Bradford 1807

Ali Morshedi 2102

*Texas Grade 10 (5)*

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Nge2 f5

Perhaps 10...Bg5 is better, since White could now prevent that maneuver with 11.Qd2.

11.Rc1 Bg5 12.Bxg5 Qxg5 13.0-0 Nd7?

Morshedi is not recognizable in this game. Black stands well after 13...f4 (Δ ...Bh3) 14.Kh1 Bf5 or even possibly 14...f3!?

14.Nd5 b6? (14...Qd8 15.Bxf5) 15.Nxc7 Bb7 16.f4 Qe7 17.Nxe8 Rxe8 18.Rf2 Nf6 19.h3 g6 20.d5 Nb4 21.Nc3 Qe3 22.Bf1 Na6 23.Qd2 Qc5 24.Na4 Qc7 25.Bd3 Bc8 26.Re2 Bd7 27.Nc3 Qc5+ 28.Kh2 Qd4 29.Rxe8+ Bxe8 30.Ne2 Qf2 31.Qe1 Qc5 32.Qg1 Qc8 33.Qe3 Nc5 34.Rc3 Qa6 35.a4 Qc8 36.Bc2 Qd8 37.b4 Nxa4 38.Bxa4 Bxa4 39.Qe6+ 1-0

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*Torre Attack A46*

Alvaro Guevalla 1209

David John 2265

*Texas Grade 11 (5)*

1.d4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bxf6 Qxf6 6.e4 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bd3 d6 10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 e5 12.h3 Nc6 13.d5 Na5 14.Qa4 b6 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.c4 Rac8 17.a4 Rc7 18.Nd2 Rfc8 19.Rc1 Qg5 20.g3 Qd8 21. Qa2 Rc5 22.Kf1 b5 23.axb5 Bxb5 24.Kg2



24...Qc7!!

"Make my day!" David must have had to repress a smile.

25.cxb5 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Qxc1 27.Qxa5 Rc3! 28.Qxa7

A similar fate awaits Black after 28.Nc4 Rxd3 29.Nxd6 Qd1! 30.Qxa7 Qf3+ 31.Kh2 Rd1 +, or 28.b6 axb6 29. Qxb6 Qxd2! 30.Ba6 Qe1 31.Qxd6 Rc1! 32.Kf3 Qd1+ -+.

A large crowd of young spectators reportedly followed the finish with great interest.

28...Qxd2 29.b6 Qxd3! 30.b7 Qf3+ 31.Kh2 Rc1 32.b8(Q)+ Kh7 0-1

White's two queens cannot stop mate.

# Dimazana wins San Antonio Fall Open

by NM Selby Anderson

Most of San Antonio's top players turned out for the Fall Open, held Oct. 10-11 at the Methodist Hospital. Out of the fifteen players in the Open section, five were masters, including Jim Gallagher, Don Sutherland, Eric Dimazana, John Patty and myself.

I was the first to fall, losing to Patty in a sharp Nimzo-Indian in round 2. At age 63 Patty has been making a comeback, with respectable showings in the U.S. Open and Southwest Open. He said he's started studying current theory again, instead of leaning on stuff published in the 1940s!

Gallagher had draw-itis for the first three rounds, and only stayed in to keep the number of players even. His sporting attitude was not rewarded though, and he lost his last round game to Doug Huddleston.

Patty and Dimazana drew their game in round 3 to emerge as the clear leaders. Then in an astounding act of *sangfroid*, Patty withdrew. By way of explanation he said, "I find it hard to maintain my level of interest."

In the last round I still had a shot at equal first, and essayed the Polish Opening to steer Dimazana into unfamiliar waters. It worked, and I was finding good moves in time pressure . . . right up to the time control move. I spurned an obvious capture with good winning chances, and played a transparent blunder.

In the Reserve section, almost half the 27 players were juniors. There was a vanload from Brownsville with the brothers Molina (William, Joseph and state elementary champion Alfred), the brothers Fores (Victor and Vicente) and Jaime Flores (no relation). Interest was whetted when Doug Huddleston donated \$100 in prizes to the top two juniors.

In the last round William Molina had the only perfect score, but he was defeated on top board by local veteran Mario Chavez. Board two saw a showdown between two local high school players, Richard Lopez and Leica Tilton. In a closely contested game, Richard won a piece in his opponent's time pressure and finished in a tie for first with Chavez.

Greg Wren directed a field of 40 players (not counting two housemen, himself and Enrique Rios).

Games can be downloaded at:  
[www.connecti.com/~txchess/sacc/98fall0p.pgn](http://www.connecti.com/~txchess/sacc/98fall0p.pgn)

## Prize Winners

**OPEN:** 1st: Eric Dimazana, 3.5. 2nd: Don Sutherland, 3. U2100: Mark McCue, 2.5. U1900: Allen Eckert, 2.  
**RESERVE:** 1st-2nd: Richard Lopez, Mario Chavez, 3.5. U1500: Juan Carrizalez, William Molina, 3. U1300: Joseph Molina, 2.5.

## QGD Tarrasch D32

J.P. Hyltin 2034

Jim Gallagher 2266

Fall Open 1998 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be2 b6

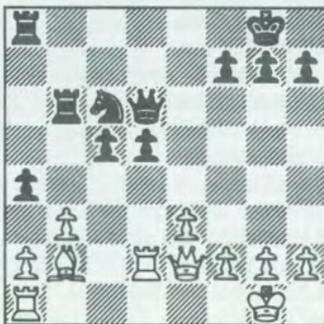
Black has many book choices including 7...Be7, 7...Bd6 and 7...a6, but this is not one of them.

8.0-0 Bd6 9.Bb5 Bb7 10.Qa4 Qc7 11.Ba6

After the game J.P. thought 11. Ne5 might be winning, but it's not clear: 11...Rc8 12.Qxa7 Bxe5! 13. dxe5 0-0! 14.Bxc6 Qxc6 15.Qa4 Qxa4 16.Nxa4 Nd7 17.Rd1 ±.

11...Bxa6 12.Qxa6 0-0 13.Nb5 Qd7 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.b3 Rfb8 17.Rd1 Rb6 18.Qe2 Ne4 19. Bb2 a5 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Rxd2 a4?

This is strategically thematic, but tactically flawed. The game is about equal after 21...Ne7.



22.bxa4 Rxa4 23.Qd1! Rh4 24.g3 Qg6 25.Rxd5

A back row threat permits this.

25...h5 26.Rd6 Qg5 27.Rd5 Qg4 28.Qxg4 Rxg4 29.Rxc5 h4 30.Bd4?

A time control blunder. White has a winning position after 30.a4 hxg3 31.hxg3 Ra6 32.Bc3.

30...Nxd4 31.exd4 Rxd4 Draw

White could play on, but you know the old Russian saying, "All rook endings are drawn." (Rubinstein didn't say it!) After 32.a4 Ra6 33.a5 hxg3 34.hxg3 Rb4! (stopping Rb4-b6) it is hard for White to make progress because the mutual rook positions favor the defender.

Some players will probably be skeptical and think J.P. chickened out. I suggest you plug the position into Chessmaster, Fritz or Chess Genius and take it ten or so moves deep; you'll confirm the fact that the position is drawn.

*Nimzo-Indian E20*

John Patty 2200  
Selby Anderson 2317

*Fall Open 1998 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3

A departure from Patty's usual Saemisch variation (4.a3).

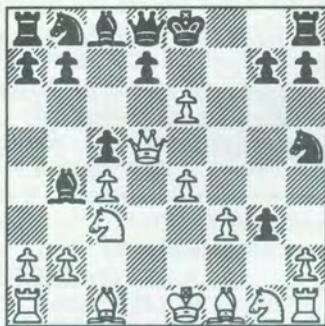
4...c5 5.d5 Nh5

I played 5...exd5!? N 6.cxd5 Nh5 in my only two tournament games with this variation, with good results. Maybe I shouldn't argue with success!

6.g3 f5 7.e4 f4 8.dxe6 fxg3?

Patty said this has been played, but safer has to be 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qf6! transposing into BCO: 10.Ne2 fxg3 11.Bg2 gxh2 12.Rxh2 g6 ∞ as in Arkhipov-Foisor, Tbilisi 1986.

9.Qd5!



9...Nf6

I determined that 9...Qh4 could not be played, which shot down my reason for playing 8...fxg3. There would follow 10.Bg5! g2+ 11.Bxh4 gxh1(Q) 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qe5 0-0 14.e7 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Re8 16.Bf6! Kf7 17.Bg7 with a forced mate.

10.exd7+ Bxd7 11.Qe5+

My best case scenario was 11. Qxb7? Bc6 12.Qxg7 Rg8 13.Qh6 g2. 11...Kf7 12.Qxg3 Nc6 13.Bd2 Nd4 14.0-0 Qa5 15.Nge2

I don't have enough for the pawn, and soon the pressure will be on my king. I could only wish for

15.e5? Bf5! Δ Nb3+  
15...Rac8 16.Rg1 g6 17.Qf4 Ne6  
18.Qh4 Ba4 19.e5 Nh5 20.Ng3  
Nef4 21.e6+ Kg8

After 21...Ke7 22.Nxa4, White's queen rook enters the seventh rank.  
22.Nxa4 Bxd2+ 23.Rxd2 Qxa4 24. Nxb5 1-0

*Trompovsky A45*

Eric Dimazana 2231  
Doug Huddleston 2109

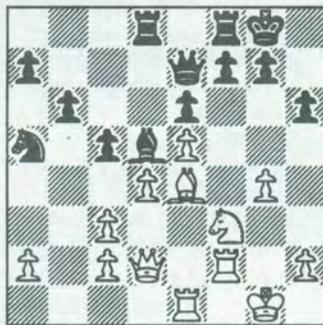
*Fall Open 1998 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.Bxf6  
Qxf6 5.Nc3 Bb4

The usual idea is 5...d6 followed by ...g5 and ...Bg7.

6.Qd2 0-0 (6...c5!?) 7.f4 Nc6 8.Nf3  
b6 9.e5 Bxc3 10. bxc3 Qe7 11.g4

A bold thrust to discourage ...f5.  
11...Bb7 12.Be2 d6 13.0-0 Rad8  
14.Bd3 dxe5 15.fxe5 Na5 16.Rae1  
c5 17.Be4 Bd5 (17...Nc4!? 18.Qe2  
b5) 18.Rf2



18...Qb7?

It seems that Black can snatch a pawn and live: 18...Bxa2 19.g5 h5 20.g6 fxg6 21.Bxg6 Nc6 22.Bxh5 cxd4 23.cxd4 Nxd4! 24.Nxd4 Rxf2 and a queen check will regain the piece with a clear advantage.

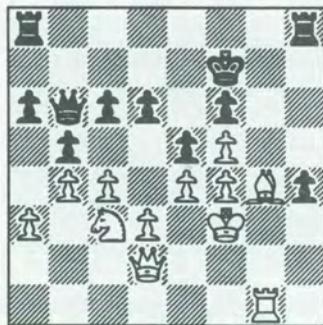
19.Qd3 Rc8 20.Nd2 Rfd8 21.Ref1  
Rc7 22.g5! hxg5?

It's less of a blowout after 22... Bxe4 23.Nxe4 cxd4 (23...h5 24. Nd6) 24.cxd4 Nc4 25.gxh6! Nxe5 26.Qg3 Ng6 27.hxg7 ±.

23.Bxh7+ Kf8 24.Bg6 Rdd7 25.  
Qh3 f6 (26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Qe8#) 1-0

Enrique Rios 1823  
Raymond H. Smith 1776

*Fall Open 1998 (2)*

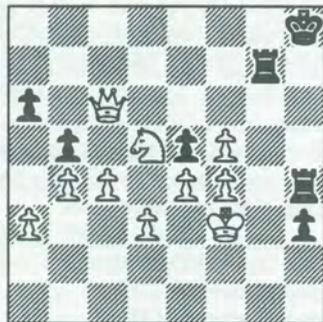


28.Bh5+?!!

There is no need for this, but Enrique was just a house player out to have some fun. 28...Rxh5 29.Qg2 Qxg1+?

Black overreacts, as he is not getting mated after 29...Rah8. In fact he has good winning chances, as he can squirm out of the checks.

30.Qxg1 Rg8 31.Qa7+ Kf8 32. Qb8+ Kg7 33.Qxd6 h3 34.Qe7+ Kh8 35.Qxf6+ Rg7 36.Qxc6 Rh4 37.Nd5



37...exf4??

Best is 37...h2 38.Qe8+ Rg8 (38... Kh7? 39.Nf6+ +) 39.Qe5+ Rg7 and

now if White wants more than a perpetual with 40.Qe8+, there is Enrique's idea of 40.Qa1! h1(Q) 41.Qxh1 Rxh1 42.e5 (diagram):



My computer gives White an edge. I think it's a forced win!!

38.Qe8+ Rg8 39.Qe5+ Rg7 40.f6 Rg3+ 41.Kf2 Rg2+ 42.Kf1 h2 43. f7+ Kh7 44.Qf5+ Rg6 45.f8(N)+ 1-0

There would follow 45...Kg7 46. Qxg6+ Kf8 47.Qf6+ and 48.Qxh4.

*Trompovsky A45*

Eric Dimazana 2231  
John Patty 2200

*Fall Open 1998 (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Qa5+ 5.c3 Nf6 6.d5 Qb6 7.b3 g6 8. e4 Bg7 9.Ne2 d6 10.Nd2 Qc7 11. Ng3 Nfd7 12.Qc2 Ne5 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0 e6 15.Rae1 exd5 16.exd5 f5 17.Nc4 Nbd7 18.Nxe5 Nxe5  
Draw

Some consolation for a bad tournament was a chance to play my best combination in years.

*English Opening A33*

Selby Anderson 2317  
Mitch Vergara 2138

*Fall Open 1998 (3)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 e6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qc7??

Or course, 8...d5 9.cxd5 exd5 is a QGD Tarrasch Defense. Korchnoi and Browne have tried 8...a6.

9.Bf4 e5

Or 9...Qb6 10.Ndb5 a6 11.Na4! Qa5 12.Bc7 Qb4 13.Nd6 Δ 14.a3, and Black's queen is in trouble.

10.Ndb5 Qb8 11.Bg5 a6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd6 Nd4

Black can also try this a move later: 13...Be7 14.Nce4!? Nd4 15.c5 f5 16.e3 fxe4 17.exd4 Bxd6 18.cxd6 Qxd6 19.Bxe4 exd4 20.Qd3. White regains the pawn with superior pawn structure and development.

14.Nde4 Bd8?

This is too long-winded, and leaves the kingside unattended. Relatively best is 14...Be7 15.Nd5 Nc6.

15.e3 Nc6 16.Nd6 Bc7 17.Nce4 b6

The answer to 17...f5 is 18.Qd5+.

18.Nf6+! gxf6

Declining the piece also comes in for rough treatment: 18...Kh8 19. Qh5 h6 20.Nxf7+ Rxf7 21.Qxf7 Bb7 22.Qg6! gxf6 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Bd5 mate.

19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Be4 Ne7

Or 20...Bxd6 21.Qf5 followed by 22.Qxh7 mate.

21.Qh4 Ng6

The only way to prolong the game is 21...f5 22.Nxf5 f6 23.Nxe7 Rf7, but 24.Bd5! is hard to answer. 22.Qxf6+ Kg8 23.Nf5 d5 24.Nh6 mate 1-0

*Sicilian Paulsen B42*

Doug Huddleston 2109  
Mark McCue 1837

*Fall Open 1998 (3)*

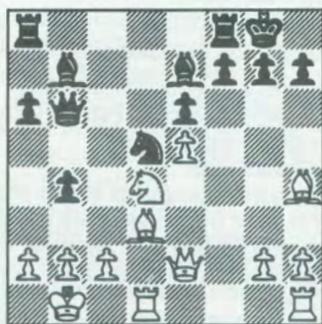
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Be3 Qc7

Also good is 6...Nf6 7.0-0 Ne5 8.h3 d5.

7.Nd2 b5 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Nb3 Nf6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.f3 d5 13.0-0 Be7

Black has nothing to fear from 13...dxe4 14.fxe4 Nxe4 – certainly 15.Bxb5+? doesn't work here.

14.Bf2 dxe4 15.fxe4 0-0 16.Bg3 Qb6 17.e5 Nd5 18.Kb1 b4 19.Bh4



19...Nf4

19...Bxh4 20.Qh5 h6 21.Qh4 Ne3 22.Rd2 Nxg2 23.Qg3 Rad8 =/+.

20.Qg4 Bxh4 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22. Qxh4+ Kg8 23.Qxf4 Bd5 24.Rd3 Rfc8 25.Rg3 Qa5 26.Nb3 Qc7 27. Qf6

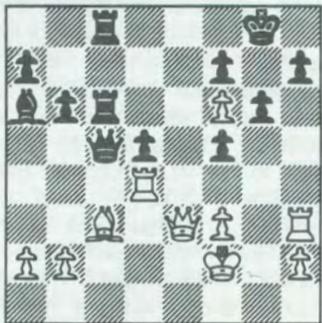
27.Rc1 f5 28.Qxb4 Qxe5 29.Qh4 ±

27...Qxc2+ 28.Ka1 Qh7 29.Rf1 Rc7 30.Qg5 Rac8 31.Rh3 Qc2 32. Rg3 Qh7 33.Rh3 Draw

*Derek Banks 2062*

Bruce Lewkowski 1785

*Fall Open 1998 (3)*



28.Rxh7!??

Too clever. A clean win is 28. Qh6! Rxf6 (what else?) 29.Qxh7+ Kf8 30.Bb4 pinning Black's queen.

### 28...Kxh7 29.Kg2

Black can now take advantage of the lull with 29...Kg8 30.Qh6 Qf8 31.Qh3 Rxf6, winning. Instead, he gets swindled.

29...Rxf6?? 30.Rh4+ Kg8 31.Qh6 Bf1+ 32.Kh1 1-0

#### English Opening A16

Alan Bast 1645

Richard Lopez 1572

#### Fall Open 1998 (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6!? 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4

5.d4 transposes to the Chigorin Defense to the Queen's Gambit: 5...Bg4 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e5 8.d5 with an edge for White, says ECO.

5...Nxc3

Possible is 5...Ndb4 6.d3 (6.d4? Nxd4!) Bg4 7.a3 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Na6 with a kind of reversed Sveshnikov Sicilian, except that Black can play ...g6! and dispense with ...e5.

6.bxc3 e5 7.Bb5 Qf6 8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 Bd7?!

This careless move gets Black in trouble. He needs to secure his development with 9...Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0.

10.0-0 a6 11.Bg5 Qg6 12.Bxc6

Not 12.Bd3? Nxd4!, but worth considering is 12.Bc4.

12...Bxc6 13.Qb3 h6 14.Ne5!?

White has an edge after 14.Bf4 because of his mobile pawn center. 14...Qxg5 15.Nxf7



### 15...Bd5!

A nice interference move which pulls Black out of the fire.

16.exd5 Kxf7 17.d6+ Kg6 18.dxc7 Bd6 19.Rac1!? (19.Qxb7) Rhe8 20.Qxb7 Qe7 21.c8(Q)??

A bad miscalculation. White is very much in the game with 21.Rc6, and even stands better after 21.Qb1+! Kf6 (21...Kf7?? 22.c8(Q)! +-) 22.Rc6 Qe6 (forced) 23.Rfc1 ±. 21...Raxc8 22.Qxe7 Bxe7 23.f3 Kf7 24.Kf2 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Bg5 26.Rc7+ Re7 27.Rxe7+ Kxe7 28.Ke2 Kd6 29.Kd3 Kd5 30.g3 Bf6 31.h4 Bxd4 32.h5 Bf2 33.g4 a5 34.f4 Bh4 35.Ke3 a4 36.Kd3 Bf6 37.Ke3 Kc4 38.Ke4 Kb4 39.Kf5 Ka3 40.g5 hxg5 41.fxg5 Bc3 42.h6 gxh6 43.gxh6 Kxa2 0-1

#### Polish Opening A06

Selby Anderson 2317

Eric Dimazana 2231

#### Fall Open 1998 (4)

1.Nf3 d5 2.b4

This move order is sometimes called Santasiere's Folly.

2...Bg4 3.Bb2 Bxf3 4. gxf3 e6 5.e3 Nf6 6.Rg1?

After I played this I noticed that Black can win a pawn with 6...Qd6! Then White gets dubious compensation with 7.f4 Qxb4 8.Ba3 Qa5 9.Bxf8 Kxf8 10.Nc3.

6...g6?! 7.a3 a5 8.b5 c5 9.f4 Bg7 10.d3 Nbd7 11.c4!?

A tough call - I also looked at 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Nf3 Nh5.

11...Qc7 12.Qf3 d4 13.Bg2 Rb8 14. Nd2 a4 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.Kb1 Rfe8 17.h4 Qd6 18.Bf1 Qe7 19.Be2 e5 20.f5 e4!?

Forcing a crisis.

21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxe4 23. dxe4 Rxe4 24.h5 Ne5 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.fxg6 hxg6 27.exd4 cxd4 28.f4! Rxe2 29.fxex5 Rc8!?

Or 29...Bxe5 30.Bxd4 Kh7 31.c5 Rd8 32.Bxe5 Rxd1+ 33.Rxd1 Rxe5 34.Rc1 intending Rc4, Kc2 and c6.

Black can liquidate pawns with g5-g4 making me capture, but there is a danger that his king will be imprisoned on the h-file. This may explain why Eric used up his 15 minute time advantage on 29...Rc8, so that we both had about a minute for the time control move.



### 30.Rxd4??

Of the three possible captures, I choose the one that loses. After the game we looked at 30.Rxg6 Kf7 31.Rb6 Bxe5 32.Rxb7+ Ke6 33. Bxd4 Rxc4 (33...Rd8? 34.Rb6+ and White breaks out of the pin with a check) 34.Bxe5 Rxe5 35.Rb6+ Kf5 36.Rf1+ Ke4! (he can't stray from the center, or the rooks will cast a mate net) 37.Re1+ Kd5 38.Rxe5+ Kxe5 =. White cannot use his extra pawn because his king is in a box.

30...Bxe5 31.Ba1 Bxd4 32.Bxd4 Rxc4 33.Rxg6+ Kf7 34.Rg7+ Kf8 35.Rd7 Ke8 36.Rd5 Ke7 37.Bb2 Rg2 38.Rh5 Kd6 39.Be5+ Ke6 40.Bb2 Rg1+ 41.Ka2 Rc2 42.Rh4 Rgg2 43.Rb4 Kd5 44.Kb1 Rc4 0-1

#### Modern Defense B06

Derek Banks 2062

Don Sutherland 2241

#### Fall Open 1998 (4)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Bg5 c6 5.Bc4 Qa5 6.Qd2 Nd7 7.Nge2 Ngf6 8.0-0 b5 9.Bd3 Qb6 10.Rae1 0-0 11.Kh1 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.h3

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# Tournament Crosstables

## Gulf Coast Open

Houston, Aug. 21-23

### Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 William Reuter	2322	-2	B	+9	+5	+4	=3 4.5
2 Ali Morshedi	2007	+13	U	+3	+8	+5	-4 4.0
3 Mark Dejmek	2126	+11	U	-2	+9	+8	=1 3.5
4 Clarence Yeung	2200	=8	U	=12	+6	-1	+2 3.0
5 Andy Olsen	1909	+12	U	+6	-1	-2	=7 2.5
6 B.L. Pateson	2124	+7	U	-5	-4	=11	+10 2.5
7 Andres Suarez	1721	-6	U	=10	+12	=9	=5 2.5
8 John Bregar	1965	=4	U	+11	-2	-3	=9 2.0
9 Bruce Delaney	2058	+10	U	-1	-3	=7	=8 2.0
10 James Mulberry	1581	-9	U	=7	-11	B	-6 1.5
11 Steven D. Young	1807	-3	U	-8	+10	=6	U 1.5
12 Richard Gonzales	2179	-5	U	=4	-7	U	U 0.5

### U2000

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Tijana Sarcev	unr.	+16	U	+3	+4	+2 4.0
2 Robert Chalker	1900	+3	U	+5	+7	-1 3.0
3 Trong Nguyen	1636	-2	+12	-1	+10	+8 3.0
4 Tomas Suchy	1758	+8	U	+10	-1	+7 3.0
5 Courtney Barnes	1569	B	U	-2	+15	+9 3.0
6 William O. Gibson	1800	+14	U	-7	=9	+13 2.5
7 Stormy Newton	1522	+11	U	+6	-2	-4 2.0
8 Alfonso Velasquez	1555	-4	U	+16	+12	-3 2.0
9 Jesse Arthur	1291	H	U	+13	=6	-5 2.0
10 Anthony Garcia	888	B	U	-4	-3	X 2.0
11 Alexander Reyes	1687	-7	U	-15	+14	=12 1.5
12 Inga Makhlaychuk	unr.	U	-3	+14	-8	=11 1.5
13 Jeri Oxford	1000	H	U	-9	B	-6 1.5
14 Ricardo Aparicio	1580	-6	U	-12	-11	B 1.0
15 George Grochocki	1426	U	U	+11	-5	U 1.0
16 Roger K. Martin	1677	-1	U	-8	H	F 0.5

## 64th Southwest Open

Austin, Sept. 5-7

### Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	total
1 Eugene Curtin	2392	+12	+36	=2	+23	+18	=4	5.0
2 Eric Dimazana	2238	+26	+40	=1	=3	+14	+5	5.0
3 John Patty	2200	+13	+28	=4	=2	+7	=6	4.5
4 Drew Sarkisian	2247	+17	+15	=3	=5	+12	=1	4.5
5 Shiv Shivaji	2240	+41	+38	=6	=4	+13	-2	4.0
6 David C. John	2249	+35	+16	=5	=14	=11	=3	4.0
7 Jason Howell	1977	+10	=19	=11	+32	-3	+24	4.0
8 Rudy Tia	2061	+29	-23	+37	-18	+20	+25	4.0
9 Mikhail Langer	2256	+45	+33	-23	-12	+35	+11	4.0
10 Don Sutherland	2241	-7	=27	+22	+16	=28	+17	4.0
11 James Rohrbaugh	2200	+20	=18	=7	+26	=6	-9	3.5
12 Lorenzo Gaskill	2055	-1	+39	+40	+9	-4	=13	3.5
13 Larry J. Young	1908	-3	+45	+33	+15	-5	=12	3.5
14 Armin Burghart	1871	=32	+44	+19	=6	-2	=16	3.5
15 Robert W. Clark	2067	+34	-4	+38	-13	=21	+26	3.5
16 Michael Simpson	2086	+31	=6	=20	-10	+30	=14	3.0
17 John Hendrick	1982	-4	+21	=28	=19	+33	-10	3.0
18 Selby Anderson	2317	+46	=17	=32	+8	-1	U	3.0
19 Mike Calogridis	2229	+27	=7	-14	=17	=26	=22	3.0
20 Robert Chalker	1900	-11	+46	=16	=36	-8	+34	3.0
21 Br. Lewkowski	1792	-33	-17	+29	+40	=15	=27	3.0

22 Steven Grubbs	2055	=44	-32	-10	+41	+37	=19	3.0
23 José Luis Silva	2203	+39	+8	+9	-1	U	U	3.0
24 Andr. Bar-Jona	2094	H	H	-26	+30	+27	-7	3.0
25 John Durston	1907	U	+29	U	+39	+32	-8	3.0
26 Peter Andreas	1968	-2	+34	+24	-11	=19	-15	2.5
27 Justin Shih	1955	-19	=10	+43	=28	-24	=21	2.5
28 Jason Doss	2331	+42	-3	=17	=27	=10	U	2.5
29 H. Flewelling	1593	-8	-25	-21	=31	+39	+40	2.5
30 Zach Coombes	1912	-36	+42	H	-24	-16	+37	2.5
31 Paulus Muljadi	1743	-16	-35	=39	=29	+40	H	2.5
32 Mark Dejmek	2163	=14	+22	=18	-7	-25	U	2.0
33 Barry Endsley	2091	+21	-9	-13	+34	-17	U	2.0
34 M. Gorodezky	1635	-15	-26	+45	-33	+41	-20	2.0
35 Tim Redman	2000	-6	+31	=36	H	-9	U	2.0
36 Larry Moss	2201	+30	-1	=35	=20	U	U	2.0
37 Daniel W. Ryan	1749	H	H	-8	=38	-22	-30	1.5
38 Steven D. Young	1807	+43	-5	-15	=37	U	U	1.5
39 John Kolts	1934	-23	-12	=31	-25	-29	=41	1.0
40 Frank Lawrence	1214	B	-2	-12	-21	-31	=29	1.0
41 Joseph Binder	1936	-5	=43	-42	-22	-34	=39	1.0
42 John Maynard	2016	-28	-30	+41	U	U	U	1.0
43 David Buhner	2095	-38	-41	-27	U	U	U	0.5
44 Omer Unalmis	2377	=22	-14	U	U	U	U	0.5
45 Th. Cunningham	2001	-9	-13	-34	U	U	U	0.0
46 Joshua Turin	2015	-18	-20	U	U	U	U	0.0

### Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	total
1 Sherif Ebady	1879	+6	+33	+23	=30	+35	+2	5.5
2 Patrick Bloom	1675	+51	+37	+17	+14	+30	-1	5.0
3 Matt Bradford	1836	+86	+100	+10	=4	=7	+20	5.0
4 Frank Roberts	1557	+68	+89	+32	=3	=8	+18	5.0
5 Kelvin Shih	1587	+101	=75	+98	=62	+16	+24	5.0
6 Matt Willis	1503	-1	+99	+36	+58	X	+21	5.0
7 Frederick Speck	1475	+26	+19	+64	+31	=3	=10	4.5
8 Chris Lin	1676	+48	=35	+11	+34	=4	=9	4.5
9 Richard Lopez	1552	+79	=21	+12	=16	+53	=8	4.5
10 Alex Gorbounov	1638	+91	+113	-3	+52	+46	=7	4.5
11 Eric Wiggins	1865	=38	+47	-8	+40	+73	+33	4.5
12 Robert Hughes	1695	=66	+38	-9	+41	+43	+35	4.5
13 Bryan Wayt	1522	+70	-64	+68	=19	+32	+31	4.5
14 Anontio Schuyler	1859	+71	+83	+58	-2	H	+39	4.5
15 John Sneed	1679	=96	+85	=22	+54	+17	H	4.5
16 Jonathan Walsh	1787	+78	+59	=27	=9	-5	+49	4.0
17 Jeremy Lovelace	1478	+24	+65	-2	+57	-15	+46	4.0
18 Allen Eckert	1749	+115	+80	+34	=20	+29	-4	4.0
19 Steven Capps	1667	+63	-7	+50	=13	=22	+60	4.0
20 Douglas Yee	1615	+105	+52	=31	=18	+45	-3	4.0
21 George Abood	1686	+92	=9	=54	+49	+37	-6	4.0
22 Raymond Doo	1522	+36	H	=15	=32	=19	+48	4.0
23 Robert Sanders	1660	+67	+56	-1	+84	-24	+55	4.0
24 Gary Erdal	1827	-17	+96	+66	+83	+23	-5	4.0
25 Wm. N. Stewart	1707	+50	-34	+55	H	=27	+51	4.0
26 Enrique Rios	1819	-7	-67	+114	+110	+66	+34	4.0
27 Louis Hornor	1622	+114	+46	=16	F	=25	+47	4.0
28 Phillip Hallmark	1600	+108	+30	+67	-53	+87	+56	4.0
29 Pierce Tilton	1541	+93	-32	+108	+72	-18	+50	4.0
30 David Walls	1702	+39	+28	+49	=1	-2	U	3.5
31 Wm. Pete Gibson	1800	+61	+42	=20	=7	=33	-13	3.5
32 Joaquin Fox	1688	+87	+29	=4	=22	-13	+70	3.5
33 Torey Neuzil	1647	+99	-1	+44	=51	=31	-11	3.5
34 Daniel Robbins	1597	+74	+25	=18	-8	+75	-26	3.5
35 Brad Bradford	1529	+106	=8	+75	X	-1	-12	3.5
36 David Abrams	unr.	=22	+48	-6	+102	+86	=37	3.5
37 Lawrence Coker	1535	+116	-2	+97	+89	-21	=36	3.5
38 Don LeFlore	1502	=11	-12	+96	=75	+85	+72	3.5
39 Jack Campbell	1413	-30	+79	X	=73	+77	-14	3.5
40 Leica Tilton	1596	+97	=98	-45	-11	+96	+66	3.5
41 Claudell Madison	1500	-113	+91	H	-12	+67	+73	3.5
42 Bret Lynn	1624	+90	-31	-51	=69	+92	+71	3.5
43 Ade Kujimiyo	1597	H	-66	+115	+92	-12	+69	3.5
44 Doyle Lobaugh	1400	-98	+101	-33	+109	+59	H	3.5

45	Joseph Aronovich	1695	+94	H	+40	H	-20	H	3.5
46	Robert Radmer	1753	+60	-27	+70	+59	-10	-17	3.0
47	Michael J. Cox	1437	+53	-11	-57	+97	+58	-27	3.0
48	Daniel Rupley	1314	-8	-36	+105	+65	+54	-22	3.0
49	Joel Saucedo	1522	+76	+57	-30	-21	+84	-16	3.0
50	John Downing	1421	-25	+74	-19	+108	+57	-29	3.0
51	James Moos	1312	-2	+76	+42	-33	+80	-25	3.0
52	Raul Rodriguez	1774	+55	-20	+61	-10	-60	+68	3.0
53	Robert G. Wright	1717	-47	+69	+71	+28	-9	U	3.0
54	Ted Seilheimer	1524	+111	=77	=21	-15	-48	+88	3.0
55	Ch. Cunningham	1444	-52	+105	-25	+93	+89	-23	3.0
56	Karen Birkendahl	1412	+72	-23	-89	+74	+83	-28	3.0
57	Wallace Brady	1651	+107	-49	+47	-17	-50	+91	3.0
58	John M. Baker	1649	+112	+84	-14	-6	-47	+86	3.0
59	Neal Aylor	1627	+88	-16	+110	-46	-44	+84	3.0
60	James Ciulik	1440	-46	-97	+90	+88	+52	-19	3.0
61	Ryan Park	1460	-31	+90	-52	+91	=72	H	3.0
62	Gregory Wren	1812	=85	+82	+77	=5	U	U	3.0
63	Alex Courtade	1300	-19	-70	-74	+116	+93	+83	3.0
64	Michael Kendrick	1680	+110	+13	-7	+86	F	U	3.0
65	Siegfried Erdmann	1649	+109	-17	F	-48	+90	+87	3.0
66	James Fleener	1366	=12	+43	-24	+100	-26	-40	2.5
67	Leigh Emrich	1284	-23	+26	-28	=70	-41	+97	2.5
68	Anthony Garcia	888	-4	+95	-13	+94	=71	-52	2.5
69	Govind Persad	1287	-77	-53	+79	=42	+100	-43	2.5
70	Michael LaBelle	1501	-13	+51	-46	=67	+101	-32	2.5
71	Alex Lewkowski	1489	-14	+88	-53	+103	=68	-42	2.5
72	Kevin Yang	1700	-56	+112	+94	-29	=61	-38	2.5
73	Daniel Schenkel	1641	-84	+103	+102	=39	-11	-41	2.5
74	Ben Lewkowski	1060	-34	-50	+63	-56	=102	+96	2.5
75	Larry Wessels	1692	+102	=5	-35	+38	-34	U	2.5
76	Chris Paek	unr.	-49	-51	+81	-87	=103	+99	2.5
77	John McBeth	1664	+69	=54	-62	+85	-39	U	2.5
78	Brad Sawyer	1449	-16	-108	-88	+104	=81	+101	2.5
79	Craig Mitchell	738	-9	-39	-69	B	+112	=85	2.5
80	Antonio Blanco	1592	+104	-18	-84	+99	-51	H	2.5
81	Joshua Lindloff	1186	-100	-86	-76	+111	=78	+104	2.5
82	Dom. Gonzalez	1530	H	-62	+109	+98	U	U	2.5
83	Diego Gamboa	1634	+103	-14	+87	-24	-56	-63	2.0
84	Andres Alaniz	1242	+73	-58	+80	-23	-49	-59	2.0
85	Jimbuk Nahidi	1470	=62	-15	+107	-77	-38	=79	2.0
86	Glyn Ridge	1479	-3	+81	B	-64	-36	-58	2.0
87	Ralph Hardy	1345	-32	+93	-83	+76	-28	-65	2.0
88	James Nielsen	1179	-59	-71	+78	-60	+95	-54	2.0
89	Daniel Salazar	1692	+95	-4	+56	-37	-55	U	2.0
90	Nacom Del Toro	1171	-42	-61	-60	+106	-65	+111	2.0
91	James Liptrap	1219	-10	-41	+111	-61	+109	-57	2.0
92	John Hurst	1344	-21	+111	=100	-43	-42	H	2.0
93	Coby Leftwich	719	-29	-87	B	-55	-63	+112	2.0
94	Robert Stryk	1386	-45	+104	-72	-68	+108	U	2.0
95	Forrest Marler	1359	-89	-68	H	=112	-88	+108	2.0
96	Balt. Rodriguez	1326	=15	-24	-38	+114	-40	-74	1.5
97	Gene Deal	1050	-40	+60	-37	-47	+99	-67	1.5
98	Rosendo Leal	1700	+44	=40	-5	-82	U	U	1.5
99	Jose Lopez	1244	-33	-6	+116	-80	=97	-76	1.5
100	Charles Casey	1627	+81	-3	-92	-66	-69	U	1.5
101	Laura Lindzey	969	-5	-44	H	+107	-70	-78	1.5
102	Robert Sturgeon	1354	-75	+116	-73	-36	=74	U	1.5
103	Douglas Hardesty	1209	-83	-73	+106	-71	=76	U	1.5
104	Chris Mudge	1025	-80	-94	H	-78	+114	-81	1.5
105	Brenda Hardesty	1099	-20	-55	-48	H	+107	U	1.5
106	Jonathan Paul	unr.	-35	-110	-103	-90	+116	H	1.5
107	John Fine	1284	-57	H	-85	-101	-105	X	1.5
108	Jeffrey Sneden	1095	-28	+78	-29	-50	-94	-95	1.0
109	Daniel Wessels	658	-65	B	-82	-44	-91	U	1.0
110	Sarkis Aгаian	1330	-64	+106	-59	-26	U	U	1.0
111	Vinny Schneider	unr.	-54	-92	-91	-81	B	-90	1.0
112	Stephen Mudge	1248	-58	-72	H	=95	-79	-93	1.0
113	Donald Coburn	1865	+41	-10	U	U	U	U	1.0
114	Jerry Frazee	1171	-27	H	-26	-96	-104	U	0.5
115	Gary Brown	1439	-18	H	-43	U	U	U	0.5
116	Eric Waelder	unr.	-37	-102	-99	-63	-106	F	0.0

## Texas Quick Championship

### Austin, Sept. 4

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	
1	Mikhail Langer	2127	X	+29	=6	+8	+3	4.5
2	John G. Bell	2127	H	+21	+16	+7	+10	4.5
3	Omer H. Unalmis	2310	+17	+22	+4	+6	-1	4.0
4	Eric Dimazana	2186	+30	+11	-3	+14	+9	4.0
5	David Naiser	2109	+20	-9	+13	+12	+11	4.0
6	Selby Anderson	2296	+13	+24	=1	-3	+15	3.5
7	Drew Sarkisian	2195	+35	+12	=15	-2	+16	3.5
8	James Rohrbaugh	2204	+25	=16	+9	-1	+19	3.5
9	Antonio Schuyler	1859	+10	+5	-8	+22	-4	3.0
10	Eugene Curtin	2384	-9	+20	+19	+15	-2	3.0
11	Armin Burghart	1871	+34	-4	+27	+24	-5	3.0
12	Zach Coombes	1919	+31	-7	+30	-5	+23	3.0
13	George Abood	1698	-6	+31	-5	+33	+22	3.0
14	Peter Andreas	1968	-18	+23	+25	-4	+26	3.0
15	John Patty	2113	+33	+18	=7	-10	-6	2.5
16	Rudy Tia	1954	+37	=8	-2	+32	-7	2.5
17	Joaquin Fox	1734	-3	+26	-24	+28	=18	2.5
18	Karen Birkendahl	1202	+14	=15	+29	-19	=17	2.5
19	Raymundo Garza	1608	H	+32	-10	-18	-8	2.5
20	Douglas Hardesty	1378	-5	-10	=31	+27	+29	2.5
21	Robert Sturgeon	1354	H	-2	-32	+31	+30	2.5
22	John Maynard	2016	+26	-3	+35	-9	-13	2.0
23	Ryan Park	1348	-24	-14	+34	+35	-12	2.0
24	Michael Simpson	2099	+23	-6	+17	-11	U	2.0
25	Diego Gamboa	1620	-8	+37	-14	-26	+32	2.0
26	Lawrence Coker	1341	-22	-17	+36	+25	-14	2.0
27	Mario Leal	unr.	-29	+33	-11	-20	+34	2.0
28	Forrest Marler	1416	+27	U	U	-17	+33	2.0
29	Ivan Wijetunge	1867	+27	-1	-18	=30	-20	1.5
30	Daniel Ryan	1537	-4	+34	-12	=29	-21	1.5
31	Laura Lindzey	1043	-12	-13	=20	-21	+36	1.5
32	Anthony Garcia	888	H	-19	+21	-16	-25	1.5
33	Vinny Schneider	1424	-15	-27	+37	-13	-28	1.0
34	Ryan Fleisch	986	-11	-30	-23	+36	-27	1.0
35	Frank M. Roberts	1609	-7	+36	-22	+23	U	1.0
36	Robert Connolly	669	-28	-35	-26	-34	-31	0.0
37	Jacob Berger	1128	-16	-25	-33	U	U	0.0
38	Richard Lopez	1453	F	U	U	U	U	0.0

## San Antonio Fall Open

### San Antonio, October 10-11

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total	
1	Eric Dimazana	2231	+15	+3	=5	+7	3.5
2	Don C. Sutherland	2241	+4	=6	=9	+10	3.0
3	Doug Huddleston	2109	+8	-1	=4	+9	2.5
4	Mark McCue	1837	-2	+11	=3	+12	2.5
5	John Patty	2200	+12	+7	=1	U	2.5
6	Mitchell Vergara	2138	+14	=2	-7	+11	2.5
7	Selby Anderson	2317	+10	-5	+6	-1	2.0
8	Allen Eckert	1767	-3	-12	B	+14	2.0
9	James J. Gallagher	2266	=11	=10	=2	-3	1.5
10	Derek Banks	2062	-7	=9	+12	-2	1.5
11	John Paul Hultin	2034	=9	-4	+14	-6	1.5
12	Bruce Lewkowski	1785	-5	+8	-10	-4	1.0
13	Enrique Rios (house)	1823	U	+14	U	U	1.0
14	Raymond H. Smith	1776	-6	-13	-11	-8	0.0
15	Greg Wren (house)	1812	-1	U	U	U	0.0

### Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total	
1	Richard C. Lopez	1572	+17	=12	+7	+6	3.5
2	Mario B. Chavez	1664	+19	H	+8	+3	3.5
3	William Molina	1457	+22	+26	+4	-2	3.0
4	Duane E. Solley	1615	+24	+9	-3	+10	3.0

5	Juan Carrizales	1490	+23	-6	+12	+16	3.0
6	Leica Tilton	1615	+11	+5	=10	-1	2.5
7	Alan J. Bast	1645	=14	+13	-1	+19	2.5
8	Diego Gamboa	1616	=15	+14	-2	+20	2.5
9	Gerald Castleberry	1500	+27	-4	+17	=11	2.5
10	Michael LaBelle	1501	+21	+16	=6	-4	2.5
11	Joseph Milina	1296	-6	+27	+13	=9	2.5
12	Freddy R. Jones	1466	+25	=1	-5	=15	2.0
13	Jaime Flores	1225	+18	-7	-11	+21	2.0
14	Victor A. Flores	1355	=7	-8	+23	=18	2.0
15	Sarkis Agaian	1333	=8	=19	=20	=12	2.0
16	Ryan P. Johnson	937	B	-10	+21	-5	2.0
17	Arthur D. Hanna	1213	-1	+25	-9	+22	2.0
18	Ty C. Elliott	1596	-13	H	+22	=14	2.0
19	Joe G. Chapa	1385	-2	=15	+24	-7	1.5
20	Vicente A. Flores	1210	-26	+23	=15	-8	1.5
21	Alfred S. Molina	1163	-10	+24	-16	-13	1.0
22	Ann Hyltin	943	-3	B	-18	-17	1.0
23	Benjamin Lewkowski	1090	-5	-20	-14	B	1.0
24	Wallace B. Short	1281	-4	-21	-19	+25	1.0
25	William A. Clement	971	-12	-17	B	-24	1.0
26	Bryan G. Wayt	1536	+20	-3	U	U	1.0
27	James Nielsen	1147	-9	-11	H	U	0.5

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.

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## Chess club earns grant money

by WIM Alexey Root

I'm always on the lookout for positive stories about chess. So a small article in the Sept. 23 *Denton Record-Chronicle* immediately caught my eye. It announced, "Pilot Point Chess Club, a part of Pilot Point Independent School District, has been recognized by The Today Foundation with its Innovative Public School Award. Senator Tom Haywood will present the award at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Pilot Point Elementary School cafeteria. The regular chess club meeting will follow the presentation."

Intrigued by the *Chronicle* blurb, I asked Luis Salinas to e-mail to all Texas Chess scholastic people: "Can anyone tell me more about this chess club or its award? I would like to write up the Pilot Point story for *Texas Knights*." No one responded with information about Pilot Point, so I decided to learn about the chess club program firsthand.

My children and I arrived in time for Senator Haywood's speech. He made several points about the value of chess for children. First, not everyone is into after school athletics. Chess thus provides a valuable alternative after-school program. Second, research shows that chess has positive effects on mental ability. Third, everyone needs a hobby and chess provides a lifetime of enjoyment. Personifying his words, Senator Haywood gamely accepted Audra Harden's challenge of a chess game after his speech. Young Audra, a wheelchair bound special education student, lost to the Senator. I talked with her after the game about the frustration of losing, and she issued a challenge to play me next!

I had my hands full with other student challenges, though. While Audra played the Senator, many of the thirty chess club regulars wanted to play me. Pilot Point chess club meets in the elementary school cafeteria, but attracts students from kindergarten through high school. I defeated one set of youngsters, but had to retire after that victory because my two year old son kept grabbing the pieces. William was making some legal moves, like Nc3 followed by R my (his?) turn to move. In the meantime, five and a half year old Clarissa drew against two fourth grade boys.

When it was clear that William was done with chess club, Pilot Point Elementary school counselor David McCall gave me and my family a tour of the school and answered my questions. Along with music teacher Mike Hollinshead, David sponsors the Pilot Point Elementary School Chess Club. I was curious

about how the chess club had snagged the \$1,000 dollars from the Today foundation. McCall had very useful tips for school chess clubs seeking money.

• First, ask your school where the anti-drug/drug free program money is being spent. Some of the \$5,000 to \$10,000 Pilot Point receives yearly from the Texas Education Agency has been spent on chess. This is entirely justified, for if children are playing chess after school they are staying away from drugs. The positive effect of chess on self-esteem also empowers youngsters to "Just Say No."

• Second, apply for grants. The Today Foundation Innovative School Award grant application is available from the Today Foundation at 1701 N. Hampton, DeSoto, Texas 75115, contact Rob Peebles at 972-298-1811. Both the Today Foundation's Innovative School Award and its Anti-Drug Awards are presented to innovative programs. After-school programs do qualify for these awards!

For further ideas on funding sources for your school chess program, contact David McCall. He may be reached at dam@cooke.net. My thanks to the Pilot Point Chess Club for generously sharing its fundraising wisdom and for making me and my children welcome. ♣

## Simpson captures bughouse title

*Local hero brings championship to Austin  
Sarkisian also on team*

by Michael Simpson

For the first time in the six-year history of the Texas State Bughouse Championship, the winners of the cherished double crown hailed from a city other than Dallas, Texas. After having been bridesmaids to various metroplex bug-whizzes several times, the well-loved team of Michael Simpson and Drew Sarkisian finally tasted sweet championship nectar at the altar of the bughouse gods. Although the record field of thirteen teams included other strong contenders, Simpson and Sarkisian, whose team name *Why Must I Play With This Idiot?* was a gentle homage to 19th century bughouse grandmaster Nimzovich, were undefeated on their way to the thrones.

As could be expected, the strongest competition for *Idiot?* came from Dallas, in the form of Stephen Grubbs and John Hendrick ("Bye"), both students in the bughouse department of the University of Texas at Dallas. Notable absences from the field, however, included Thomas Ruppert and Al Sprague. "It was only a matter of time before they realized that we had overtaken

them and quit coming to these tournaments," Simpson quipped between rounds. Jason Doss, who played in the Southwest Open, elected not to play in the tournament rather than suffer the ravages of defeat, lamenting the absence of his preferred partner Igor Shtern.

Another close call for the champions came at hands of *Whatever*, consisting of bug expert wannabe Mack Wynn Novosad and Danny Schenkel, computer guru for the pairing room of the Southwest Open. Unfortunately for Novosad, whose pieces circled hungrily around Simpson's king, Schenkel succumbed to a very attractive Sarkisian queen sac. (Sarkisian's play was uncharacteristically salient this year.)

The venue for the Sixth Annual Bughouse Championship was moved from the traditional state championship site to the site for the Southwest Open since the Faust Hotel in New Braunfels had no room for the event. The move allowed for more participants as thirteen teams, a record number, registered for the event. BTD Gary Gaiffe split these into two sections, with the two best teams from each section advancing to a championship round robin. The winner in each team received \$20, with the best U3200 team receiving \$15. The ultimate champs received an additional \$20 for winning the championship round robin over *Bye, Skank Chickens* and *The Unknown*.

Best team name went to *Team Beat Down*. No explanation was available why *Skank Chickens* was somehow overlooked for this prestigious prize.

### RESULTS

*Section A: Why Must I Play with this Idiot?* (Michael Simpson, Drew Sarkisian) 6-0; *Bye* (Stephen Grubbs, John Hendrick) 5-1; *Nessios* (Enrique Rios, Jack Campbell) 4-2; *Whatever* (Mack Novosad, Danny Schenkel) 3-3; *Flesh Eating Weasels* (Alex Courtade, Jinkuk Nahidi) 2-4; *The Swarm* (John Downing, Andres Alaniz) 1-5; *Team Beat Down* (Craig Mitchell, Coby Leftwich) 0-6.

*Section B: Skank Chickens* (John Sneed, Eric Wiggins) 4-1; *The Unknown* (Mike Cox, Leica Tilton) 4-1; *Bor-rachos* (Ryan Park, Richard Lopez) 3-2; *Taxi Drivers* (Pierce Tilton, Paulus Muljadi) 3-2; *Nez* (Bob Zhang, Nacom Del Toro) 1-4; *Chinese Connection* (Daniel Ruple, Chris Paek) 0-5. ♣

## Tournament Calendar

Nov. 14-15: **Brainstorm Houston.** See *Chess Life*.

Nov. 27-29: **Texas Open.** See ad, p. 30.

Dec. 26-29: **Pan Am Intercollegiate.** See back cover.

Feb. 20-21: **Texas Team Championship.** San Antonio.

# Gulf Coast Open

Twenty-eight players competed in the Gulf Coast Open, held Aug. 21-23 at the Houston Chess Club. Top-rated Bill Reuter (2322) lost his first round game to Tomball High School sophomore Ali Morshedi (2007), then re-entered with a half-point bye to win the five-round Open section with 4.5. Morshedi went on to defeat Mark Dejmek (2126) and a couple of Class A's before being stopped by Clarence Yeung (2200) to finish in second place with 4-1. The biggest upset in the Open was a round 3 loss by Richard Gonzales (2179) to Andres Suarez (1721), a freshman at Klein High School.

## Prize Winners

**OPEN:** 1st: Bill Reuter, 4.5. 2nd: Ali Morshedi, 4.  
**U2000:** Class A: Wm. Pete Gibson, 2.5. Class B: Tomas Suchy, 3. Class C: Courtney Barnes, 3. Class D: Anthony Garcia, Jeri Oxford, 1.5.  
*Class Unrated:* Tijana Sarcev, 4.

The U2000 section won by Tijana Sarcev, an eleventh grade foreign exchange student at Klein High School. Playing in her first USCF tournament, she went 4-0 for a provisional USCF rating of about 2028! Currently Tijana is representing Yugoslavia in the FIDE World Youth Festival in Spain. (Sadly, we learned that Tijana has no plans to return to Texas this school year.)

### King's Indian Saemisch E83

Andres Suarez 1721  
 Richard Gonzalez 2179

### Gulf Coast Open 1998 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be2 Nc6 7.a3 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Bd3 Ne8 10.g4 f5 11.gxf5 gxf5 12.Qc2 Ng6 13.exf5 Nh4 14.f6! Nxf6

If Black had seen what was coming, he might have tried 14... Qxf6 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Be4 Nf5 with good play for the pawn: 17. Bxf5 Bxf5 18.Ne4?! Qg6 Δ...Nf6. 15.Bg5 Ng6 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qxg6 Qd7 18.Nge2 Kh8 19.Rg1 Nh7 20.0-0-0 Qf5 21.Qxf5 Rxf5 22. Bd8 Rxf3 23.Bxc7 Bf5



24.Bxd6 Bh6+ 25.Rd2 Re8 26.Nb5 Rd3 27.Bb4 Rg8 28.Nd6 Rxd6 29.Nxd6 Bg6 30.Nxb7

The armada of pawns outweighs the loss of the exchange.

30...Nf6 31.Nc5 Rd4 32.b3 Rg4 33.Nf3 Bf4 34.d6 Bf5 35.Kd1 35.Kd1 Bxd2 36.Bxd2 e4 37.Nd4 Rg1+ 38.Kc2 Bg6 39.Kc3 Rg2 40. d7 Nxd7 41.Nxd7 Rxh2 42.Be3 Rh3 43.Nc2 Bh5 44.c5 Bg4 45.c6 Kg7 46.Ne5 Bf5 47.Nc4 1-0

### QGD Tarrasch D32

James Mulberry 1581  
 Steve Young 1807

### Gulf Coast Open 1998 (3)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be2 dxc4 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.exd4 Be7 9.0-0-0 10.a3 a6 11.Re1 b5 12.Ba2 Bb7 13.Be3

It's theory up to here. 13.Bg5 b4 14.Na4 bxa3 15.bxa3 Bxa3 16.d5! ∞/= is Boudy-Szilagyi, Varna 1979. 13...Rac8 (13...b4!) 14.Ng5

This is less dangerous for Black than one might suppose. A good alternative is 14.d5 =.

14...Na5! 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bxe6+ Kh8 17.Bxc8 Qxc8 18.Bg5 Qf5 19. Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Rac1



20...Bh4

... and Black eventually won.

In the post mortem, Morshedi pointed out the deflection sacrifice 20...Nb3!! After 21.Qxb3 Bxd4 White can resign, e.g. 22.Rf1 Bxf2+ 23.Kh1 Bxg2+ 24. Kxg2 Qf3 mate, or 22.Qc2 Bxf2+ 23.Kh1 Bg2+! 24.Kxg2 Qf3+ 25. Kf1 Be3+ 26.Qf2 Qxf2 mate.

Thanks to George John, Andres Suarez and Steve Young.

## Chess in the News

Scholastic chess has been a popular subject in Texas dailies this fall. The *Houston Chronicle* (Sept. 7) featured 5 year old Michelle Leon, a kindergarten student at the Village School, and also her coach Charles Stallings. A week later the *Dallas Morning News* featured the Eules Junior High program started by Steve Turco. The article quoted North Ridge Elementary chess club sponsor David Schild and TCA Scholastic Director Al Woolum. The *Dallas* paper on Oct. 17 touted 13-year-old Jeffrey Cornell of Wilson Middle School for winning the seventh grade division at the Texas Grade Championships.

# LETTERS

## That's why I'm not a SM

Maybe that *Bust the Editor* book is getting a little thicker. In the Rohrbaugh-Silva game from the S.A. City Championship, Jim chose 20. Qd4 and ended up drawing although he had a better ending.



Position after 19...exf4

But 20.Nb6 is a wipeout, winning at least one exchange and with the defensive point that d5 is now available for the h1 bishop with tempo, eliminating any fantasy mates among White's crowded kingside army. Thus 20...fxg3 21. Bd5+ Rf7 22.Qd4 and Black can resign. [True. Write enough letters and you're bound to score a hit!!]

But seriously, congratulations on the Fred Cramer Award. Long overdue!

Michael Simpson  
Austin

*The Cramer award for best state magazine comes with a \$200 check and a pretty green marble obelisk that looks like a dandy little grave marker. The award Joel Benjamin got looks like an Oscar, hence his quip "I'm king of the world!" (quoting the director of Titanic.)*

## GAMES FROM THE READERS

### ¡Ai Chihuahua!

This game was played in the Chihuahua State Rapid Championship, April 7, 1998. Adrian Rios lives in El Paso's sister city Juarez. Maas, now living in El Paso, is the new Region IV TCA Director.

*Ruy Lopez C77*

Adrian Rios 2316

Gustavo Maas 2250

*Chihuahua Rapid Ch. 1998*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d4 b5 6.dxe5 bxa4 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.0-0 a3 9.e5 axb2 10.Bxb2 Qe6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Nd5 Ra7 13. Re1 0-0 14.c4 Bc5 15.Bc3 Ne7 16. Bd4 d6 17.exd6 1-0

### A souvenir from Philly

In the last issue Mark Dejmek annotated his best games from the World Open. Here's one by Al Zerm of Potet, whom many of you know as "Mr. Spock" from the Internet Chess Club lectures.

Notes by Alfred Zerm

*QGD Semi-Slav D44*

Alfred Zerm 2140

Eric Cooke 2350

*World Open (1) 1998*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5

*The Anti-Meran Gambit is one of the most deeply analysed lines of the Queen's Gambit Semi-Slav.*

7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 11.g3 Bb7 12.Bg2 Qb6 13. exf6 0-0-0 14.0-0 c5 15.d5 b4 16.Rb1 Bh6

This is a natural-looking move, and it has been played before in grandmaster practice. However, it hasn't gotten the best of results for Black. The move 16...Qa6 is the recommended way to go, and here is one recent example: 16...Qa6 17.

dxe6 Bxg2 18.e7 Bxf1 19.Qd5 Bh6 20.Bxh6 Bh3 21.Qa8+ Nb8 22. exd8(Q)+ Rxd8 23.Re1 bxc3 24. Bf4 Qb6 25.bxc3 Bf5 26.Bxb8 (Filippov-Khalifma, Russian Club Cup, Maikop 1998).

17.Bxh6 Rxh6 18.b3 cxb3

Interestingly enough, the move 18...Qa6 has been tried here as well. Unfortunately it didn't work out so well here: 18...Qa6 19.bxc4 Qxc4 20.Ne4 Ne5 21.Rc1 Qxd5 22.Rxc5+ Qxc5 23.Nxc5 Bxg2 24.Qc1 Bxf1 25.Nd3+ Kb7 26.Nxe5 Rh5 27. Qc6+ Kb8 28.Nd7+ Rxd7 29.Qxd7 Bc4 30.Qe8+ 1-0 (Rogers-Solomon, Australian Championship 1998).

19.Na4 Qb5 20.Qxb3 N



This appears to be new. GM Jeroen Piket reached this position in one of his games a few years ago, and decided to play 20.axb3. It produced a fascinating game, and after a long and unclear struggle, ended in a win for Piket: 20.axb3 exd5 21. Rc1 Kb8 22.Re1 Rxf6 23.Re7 Qc6 24.h4 Qd6 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Nxc5 Rc7 27.Nxb7 Rxc1 28.Qxc1 Kxb7 29.Qg5 Kc7 (1-0/52, Piket-Illescas Cordoba, Dos Hermanas 1995). 20...exd5 ±

A thematic and natural move, and it worked well in the above game between Piket and Illescas. Here, though, it leads to some definite problems. The difference of

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# Third Annual Governor's Cup

by NM David John

The 1998 Governor's Cup in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (home of the 1999 National High School Championship) was overall a great experience for me. I was representing Texas because state champion Eugene Curtin was not able to go, so I had some big shoes to fill.

There were a few mishaps even before I got to the chess board. First of all, I had to deal with the disastrous Houston floods, and luckily enough for me I was able to escape most of the horrible traffic and make it to the airport on time. When I arrived at the Denver airport, to my surprise I had forgotten to get money from my parents before I left, so I had only a traveler's check with me, and to make things worse, my flight to Sioux Falls was also delayed. Finally, after arriving at the Ramada hotel in Sioux Falls, I discovered that the hotel employees were highly reluctant to give me a room, since I was not accompanied by an adult, and they claimed my room had not been paid for. Of course, they had made several organizational mistakes, and my dad finally worked everything out.

At this point, I was hoping things would take a turn for the better, as I had to play a round in two hours! I got something to eat and rushed over to the Sioux Falls Convention Center, which was conveniently located across the street. I was paired against an 1840 rated player with the Black pieces, and in his time scramble he ended up blundering what could have easily been a drawn game. This was obviously a good sign.

The next morning I was paired as White against the 1997 World

Junior Champion, Tal Shaked. At the Terre Haute Chess Camp this summer which I attended, Tal was an instructor of my group and analyzed a lot of my games, so of course I knew who had the upper hand here. Therefore I started out with the rarely seen 1.Nf3 c5 2.c3!?. Tal offered me a draw in a roughly equal position in the middle game, and of course I happily accepted. This too was a good sign.

In round three I had White again, this time against Mitch Weiss (2285). The game was a Two Knights Tango, which ended up being a King's Indian type position, and even though I had a very slight advantage, I accepted a draw just to get some rest.

The extra rest paid off, though, as the next morning I had Black against IM Enrico Sevillano, who is about as tough as they come with White. In time pressure I cleverly complicated matters and consolidated into a drawn R+3P vs. R+2P endgame, where my technique was good enough.

In the last round, I had black versus a 2134 rated player, Matt Cushing. Matt played a dubious attack, made a few slight mistakes, and the outcome was in my favor after a successful counterattack.

I ended up with a 3.5-5 score, which earned me a small share of some U2400 prize money.

The next day I traveled over to a local elementary school along with John Donaldson and a few other people to give a simul, which was very entertaining to say the least. This was a perfect way to end such a great tournament though, and I was pleased to have a smooth ending to the trip after such a rocky start!

Joel Benjamin won with 4.5, ahead of six players who tied with 4: Gregory Serper, Rashid Ziatdinov, Tal Shaked, Alex Ivanov, and a couple of U2400 NM's, Ron Luther and

Alex Betaneli. David's 3.5 score put him in company with IM's John Donaldson and Enrico Sevillano. There were 60 players in the Open section.

IM John Donaldson wrote in *Inside Chess* that David "looks to be the best Texas prospect since another Houston player by the name of Ron Henley."

Sicilian Alapin B22

IM Enrico Sevillano 2548

David John 2249

Governor's Cup 1998 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 e6 8.Nc3 Qd6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Nb5 Qd8 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nc3 0-0 13. Be3 Rc8 14.Bf3 Qa5 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Nde5 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Bxb7 Rb8 20. Be4 Rxb2 21.Qd6 N7g6 22.Qc5 Qa4 23.Bd4 Rd2 24.Bc3 Re2 25. Bd5



25...Qg4 26.Qxa7 Nf4 27.Bxe5 Nxd5 28.Qd4

A delicious trap is 28.Rfe1 Ne3! (a) 29.Qb7 Nc2 30.Rxe2 Qxe2 31. Qb2 Re8 +; (b) 29.Bg3! Qe4 30.Qe3 Rxe3 31.Rxe3 Qa4 =.

28...Qe6! 29.Bg3

29.Bxg7 allows a forced repetition with 29...Re4 30.Qb2 Re2 =.

White's winning chances are slight after 29.Rae1 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 f6 31.f3! (better than 31.Rd1 Rc8!)

31...fxe5 32.Rxe5 Qb6 33.Rxd5 Qb1+ 34.Qd1 Qxa2 ±. In theory this may be better than the game, but it is a pain to convert nevertheless. 29...f5 30.Rad1 f4 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.Rxd5 fxg3 33.hxg3 Rxa2

This is a book draw, doubled pawns or no.

34.Rd3 Rfa8 35.Kh2 Ra1 36.Rxa1 Rxa1 37.f4 h5 38.Rd5 g6 39.Rd7 Rf1 40.Rb7 Kh8 41.Rb4 Kg7 42.g4 hxg4 43.Kg3 Rg1 44.Rb2 Ra1 45.Rb7+ Kh6 46.Kxg4 Ra5 47.Rb6 Kg7 48.Re6 Kf7 49.Re5 Ra2 50.g3 Kf6 51.Rb5 Ra3 52.Kh4 Ra4 53.Rb6+ Kf7 54.Rb3 Kf6 55.Kg4 Ra6 56.Kf3 Rc6 57.Rd3 Ra6 58.Ke4 Ra4+ 59.Rd4

Now Black can reach an elementary K+P drawn ending.

59...Rxd4+ 60.Kxd4 Kf5 61.Ke3 (61...g5 =) **Draw**

*London System D02*

David John 2249

GM Tal Shaked 2561

*Governor's Cup 1998 (2)*

1.Nf3 c5 2.c3 d5 3.d4 e6 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.e3 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.h3 Bd7 13.Re1 Bc6 14.Qe2 Rfe8 15.Nf3 Qc7 16.Bb5 Rab8 17.Red1 Re7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.b3 a5 20.Qc2 a4 **Draw**

**Zerm** (cont'd from p. 27)

having the queen on b3 allows White to stir up some trouble right away. A better reply would be the more unusual 20...Bxd5.

Here are some interesting, but by no means exhaustive, possibilities: 20...Bxd5 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rfc1 c4 (22...Rxf6 23.Nxc5 Nxc5 24.Qxb4 Qxb4 25.Rxb4 Rc6 26.Rb5 ±) 23.Nc3 Qc5 (23...Qa5 24.Nxd5! Qxd5 25.Rxc4+ Nc5 26.Qxb4+-) 24.Ne4 (24.Qxb4 Qxb4 25.Rxb4 Nxf6 =) 24...Qc7 (24...Qb6 25.Rxc4+ dxc4 26.Qxc4+ Qc7 27.

Nd6+ Kb8 28.Qxc7+ Kxc7 29.Nxf7 Rh5 30.Nxd8 Kxd8 31.Rxb4 Nxf6 and White stands somewhat better) 25.Qxb4 Nxf6 26.Nc3 a6 (26...Ng4 27.Nxd5 Rxd5 28.Rxc4 Rc6 29.Rxc6 Qxc6 30. Qxg4+) 27.Rd1 ±.

**21.Rfc1 Kb8 22.Qe3**

22.Nxc5 is the sharpest way to play here, e.g. 22...Nxc5 23.Qe3 Nd3 24.Qxh6 Nxc1 25.Qxc1!?

**22...Qxa4**

22...Rxb2! is a little more stubborn. However, things don't necessarily turn out any better for Black: 23.Kxh2 Qxa4 and now: A) 24.a3 is interesting but after 24...Rh8+ (24...d4? 25.Qf4+; 24...a5 25.Qf4+) 25.Kg1 Qxa3 26.Qxa3 bxa3 27.Bxd5 Nb6 28.Bxb7 Kxb7 29.Rxc5 Rh6 30.Ra5 Rxf6 31.Rxa3 it looks like Black can hang on for a while; B) 24.Qe7 24...Rh8+ 25.Kg1 looks very strong, with threats of Qd6+ as well as Qxf7. For instance: 25...Ka8 (25...Rf8 26.Rxc5; 25...Rh7 26.Qd8+ Bc8 27.Bxd5; 25...Qc6 26.Rxb4) 26.Rd1 with continuing threats.

22...Rxf6 was almost played by Black after a long think, but 23.Nxc5 Nxc5 24.Rxc5 Qb6 25.Qd4 Rc6 26.Qf4+ Rcd6 (26...Ka8 27.Rxd5) 27.Qxb4 is the least of all the evils he could suffer after going down this path. Seeing his king becoming exposed in the middle-game and very good chances to lose the ending, he decided to speculate instead.

23.Qxh6 Qa6 24.Qf4+ Ka8 25.a3! Qb6

On ...bxa3 or ...Qxa3, White gets to play 26.Qc7, winning material. 26.axb4 c4 27.h4 Nxf6 28.Bf3 Rh8 29.Re1 c3 30.Rbc1 Rc8 31.Re7! Ne4 32.Bxe4 dxe4 33.Qe5! e3

33...f6 34.Qe6 Qd4 35.Qd7 Qxb4 36.Re8 +- (36.Rxc3!);

33...Qxb4 34.Re8 +-.

34.Qxe3 Qc6 35.f3 c2 36.Re5 Qd6 37.Kg2 Qc6 (time trouble)

37...Qxb4 38.Re8;  
37...Qd1 38.Re8! (38.Ra5!? a6 39.Rc5) 38...Qxf3+ 39.Qxf3 Bxf3+ 40.Kxf3 Rxe8 41.Rxc2.  
38.Rc5 Re8 39.Rxc6 Rxe3 40.R6xc2 Bxf3+  
40...Rxf3 41.Rc8+ +-.  
41.Kf2 Rd3 42.Rc3 **1-0**

**Fall Open** (cont'd from p. 21)

b4 14.Nd1 Nxd3 15.cxd3 Ba6 16.f4 Rae8 17.f5 d5 18.Ng3 dxe4 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Ne4 Bh8 21.f6 Re5 22.g4 Rfe8 23.Ndf2 Qd4 24.Qh6 Bxd3 25.Ng5 Qd5+! 26.Kg1 Bxf6 27.Qxh7+ Kf8 28.Rxe5 Rxe5 29.Nxd3 Qd4+ 30.Kh1 Rxe5 31.Nf4 Qe4+ 32.Kh2 Ke7 33.Ng2 Rd5 34.Re1 Be5+ 35.Kh1 Qf3 36.Qh4+ Kd7 37.Kg1 Rd2 38.Ne3 Bh2 mate **0-1**

*Tennison Gambit A06*

Richard Lopez 1572

Leica Tilton 1615

*Fall Open 1998 (4)*

1.Nf3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Ng5 e5 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nbc3 Bf5?! (5...Nxe4 6.Nxe4 f5 and 7...Be6) 6.Qf3! Bxe4 7.Nxe4 Nc6 8.Bb5 Nd7 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10. 0-0 Be7 11.d3 0-0 12.Nc3 (12.Ng3! c5 13.Nf5) c5 13.Be3 Nb6 14.Qc6 (14.b3) 14...Qd6 15.Qb5 a6 16.Qa5 c4 17.Rad1 cxd3 18.Rxd3 Qb4 19. Qxe5? (19.Qxb4) 19...Bd6 20.Qg5 Qxb2 21.Bd4 f6 22.Qg4 Qxc2 23. Rfd1 Rae8 24.g3 Re1+ 25.Rxe1 Qxd3 26.Re3 Qg6 27.Qf3 Re8?? (27...c5 28.Re6! cxd4 29. Rxd6 dxc3 30.Rxb6 Rc8 31.Qb7 Qe8! 32.Rb1 c2 33.Rc1 Qe6 -/+) 28.Bxb6 cxb6 29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Rxe8+ Qxe8 31.Qxd6 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 h6 33.Qd8+ Kh7 34.Qd3+ Kg8 35.Nd5 Qe6 36.Nc3 b5 37.Qd5 Qxd5+ 38.Nxd5 a5 39.Kf3 Kf7 40.Ke4 b4 41.Kd4 Ke6 42.f3 Kd6 43.Ne3 Kc6 44. Kc4 Kb6 45.Nf5 **1-0**



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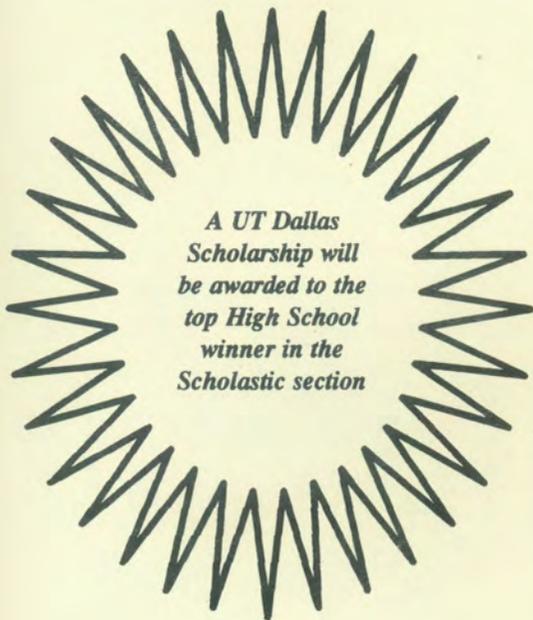
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