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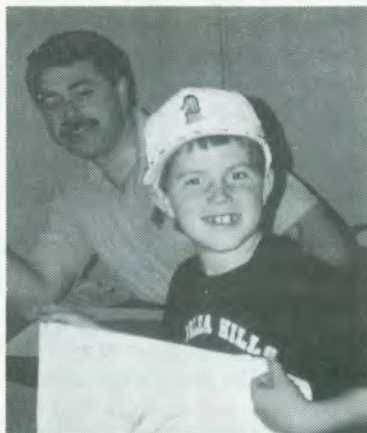
Texans win high honors at National Elementary



Sarkis Agaian

The Texas primary grade champion is now a national champion as well. Nine-year-old Sarkis Agaian of San Antonio tied for first in the Primary K-3 division of the National Elementary Championship, held May 14-16 in Phoenix, Arizona. A third grade student at San Antonio Academy, he scored 6.5 out of 7 to tie with Elliott Liu of San Diego, California and Arthur Wei of Woodhaven, New York.

Another San Antonio Academy student, six-year-old Ethan Wilson, tied for third place in the kindergarten section with a 6-1 score.



Taylor Martin and friend

Seven-year-old Taylor Martin of Ridglea Hills Elementary in Fort Worth scored 6-1 in K-3 Under 800 to finish in a 14-way tie for fifth and take home a 17th place trophy.

Two Texas school teams came back with trophies: Canterbury Elementary from Edinburg placed third in the K-3 Championship, and Morningside Elementary from Brownsville placed second in the K-3 U800 section.

By a happy coincidence Veronica Flores, a columnist for the *San Antonio Express-News*, happened to be at the event. She picked up the story in the May 23 Sunday editorial section with "This mind game good for children."

A total of 1,980 players, the largest field yet for the Elementary, competed at Phoenix Civic Plaza. Next year's National Elementary Championship will be held May 12-14 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas.

Torre Attack D03

Alex Curry 1148

Sarkis Agaian 1408

National Elementary K-3 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Bg4 4.Ne5 Bf5 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nxd7 Qxd7 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Bd3 h6 9.Bf4 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Nd2 Bd6 12.Be5 Ng4! 13.Bxg7? Rhg8 14.Be5 Nxe5

14...Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Qf1 c5! 17.0-0-0 c4 Δ ...Nd3+.

15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nf3 Bf6 17.Rg1 e5

A finesse is 17...Rg4! restraining e4. Then if 18.0-0-0 e5 Δ ...e4; or 18.h3 Ra4 19.b3 Ra3 -/+.

18.e4 d4 19.cxd4

19.c4! keeps more lines closed, and the follow-up 0-0-0 and Ne1-d3 would strongly favor the knight.

19...exd4 20.0-0-0 Rge8 21.Rge1 Be5 (21...Qg4) 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 23.f4

Rc5+ 24.Kb1 Qa4 25.Qb3 Qxb3 26.axb3 b6 27.Rc1 d3 (27...Rh5) 28.Rxc5 bxc5 29.Rd1 Rd4 30.g3 Rxe4 31.Rxd3 Rd4 32.Rxd4 cxd4 33.Kc2 Kd7 34.Kd3 c5



35. b4

An only move, else 35...a5 wins. 35...Kc6

Or 35...cxb4 36.Kxd4 Kc6 37.Kc4 a5 38.g4 +-.

36.Kc4?

36.bxc5 Kxc5 37.g4! is the thematic win with the outside passer.

36...cxb4 37.Kxd4 Kb5? (37...f5!) 38. Kd3??

38.g4! is the last chance to win. 38...a5 39.Kd2

It's too late to save the game with 39.b3 because of 39...f5! stopping the kingside, and Black's king will take care of business.

39...a4 40.Kd3 a3!?

There's no need to sac yet: 40...Kc5! removes all doubt. But Sarkis shows the technique his opponent lacked - sac outside and go deep.

41.bxa3 bxa3 42.Kc2 Kc4 43.Kb1 Kd3 44.Ka2 Ke3 45.Kxa3 Kf3 46.Kb4 Kg2 47.Kc5 Kxh2 48.Kd6 Kxg3 49.f5 Kg4!

49...h5? 50.Ke7 h4 51.Kxf7 h3 52.f6 h2 53.Kg8 h1(Q) 54.f7 Qd5 55.Kh8 =. (55...Qxf7 is stalemate!) 50.f6 Kg5! 51.Ke7 Kg6

... and Black won easily. 0-1

Milovanovic wins Texas Championship

by NM Selby Anderson

IM Rade Milovanovic, 44, won the Texas state championship in Dallas over Memorial weekend. The former Bosnian champion, who practiced law in Tusla when it was part of Yugoslavia, moved to Dallas last August. He scored 6.5 out of 7 to finish a point ahead of the field., defeating Ziane, Shtern and Langer before taking a last round draw with Kamberi.

Tied for second with 4.5 were four-time champion Igor Shtern of Dallas and Chris Land of Houston. Land, who gave me a trouncing in Round 5, continues a good chess year that began with winning the New Year Open in San Antonio.

The organizers guaranteed a \$5,000 prize fund, and were rewarded with an excellent turnout of 179 players – the second best in the history of the Texas state championship. (The record was set in 1991, when 206 players competed – also in Dallas, also with \$5,000 guaranteed!) The playing site was the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison, which some will remember from Pinfork #4 in 1996 when it was the Harvey.

Jason Howell of Waco won the Amateur title with 5.5 points. He had an early draw but finished by defeating the only player with a perfect score, last year's co-champion Ronnie Rubit. All four players on the next two boards were in contention for a share of first, but both Chalker-McCue and Binder-Rios ended in draws. Nine players finished with 5 to tie for second: Robert Chalker, Mark McCue, Enrique Rios, Patrick Bloom,

Ronnie Rubit, Joe Binder, James Wharton, Curtis Fukuchi and Chitturi Bhadrachalam.

The chief TD was George John, assisted by event organizers Luis Salinas and Brad Bradford of Southwest Chess Enterprises.

Ten players competed in the blitz tournament, which was won by Milovanovic with 6 points, ahead of Sonny Kamberi (5) and John Hendrick (4).

The state bughouse championship attracted seven teams. *Eric and Al* (Eric Wiggins and Al Sprague) won with 7-1, ahead of 67 (Jason Doss and Igor Shtern), who finished with 6. In third place with 6 was *Grubbs & Co.* (Steven Grubbs and Enrique Rios) Gene Tatom directed both side events, with Al Sprague lending his expertise on bughouse rules.

Prize Winners

CHAMPIONSHIP: 1st: Rade Milovanovic, 5.5 2nd-3rd: Igor Shtern, Chris Land, 4.5. 1st Expert: Robert Weinberg, 4. 2nd Expert: Mark Dejmek, Mark Kile, 3.5. **AMATEUR:** 1st: Jason Howell, 5.5. 2nd: Robert Chalker, Mark McCue, Enrique Rios, Ronnie Rubit, Joe Binder, James Wharton, Curtis Fukuchi, 5. 1st-2nd B: Patrick Bloom, Chitturi Bhadrachalam, 5. 1st C: Keith Schaub, 4.5. 2nd C: William Martz, Douglas Schwetke, Salvador Luna, Erik Hayward, Matthew Berki, William Tucker, 4. 1st D/under: Albert Yeh, 4. 2nd D/under: Aaron Weinberg, Jeffrey Brandt, Andy Ma, 3.5. *Unrated:* Ty Reynolds.

Round 1

Smith-Morra Declined B21

Shawn Noland 2115

Jason Doss 2303

Texas Chp. 1999 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.Bxd3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bf4 Nf6 8.e5 Nh5 9.Bg5 f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Nd4 Ng7 12.Bh6 d5 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Be2 Qb6 15.Nb5 Nf5 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.a4 a6 18.a5 Qc6 19.Bh5+ Ke7 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Ng6 22.Bg3 Qb5 23.Qe2 Rc8 24.Nc3 Qxe2+ 25.Bxe2 Bh6 26.0-0 Bd2 27.Ra3 h5 28.f3 h4 29.Be1 Bg5 30.Rb3 Bc6 31.Bf2 Nf4 32.g3



Probably better is 32.Re1 Δ Bf1. 32...Nh3+ 33.Kg2 Nxf2 34. Kxf2 hgx3+ 35.hgx3 Rh2+ 36.Kg1 Rh7 37.f4 Bh6 38.Na2 Kd6 39.Nb4 Ba4 40.Re3 Bf8 41.Nd3 Bd7 42. Nc5

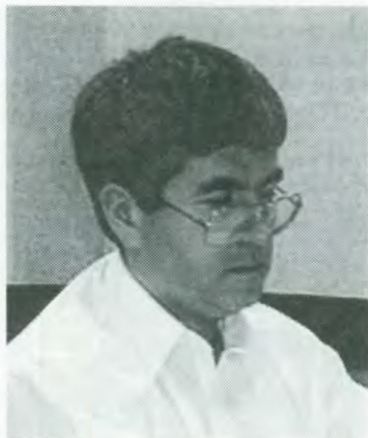
Rc7 43.b4 Bc8 44.Re1 Rce7 45. Bf1 Rh8 46.Bg2 Bg7 47.Nd3

47.f5!? Bh6! 48.R3e2 e5 49.dxe5 Rxe5 50.Rxe5 fxe5 51.Rd1 Be3+ 52.Kf1 d4 53.g4 Rh4 54.Ne4+ Ke7 55.Bf3 Rh2 =+ (Fritz5).

47...Rhe8 48.Bh3 f5 49.Ne5 Rc7 50.Bf1 Bd7 51.Bd3 Bxe5 52.Rxe5 Rg8 53.R1e3?

53.R5e3 is better, but is hard to hold out with Black dominating the open files.

53...Rc3 54.Kf2 Rb3 55.Bc2 Rxb4 56.Rb3 Rxd4 57.Rxb7 Rd2+ 58. Re2 Rxe2+ 59.Kxe2 Rxc3 60.Bd3 d4 61.Rb6+ Kc5 62.Bxa6 Ra3 63. Rb7 Bc6 64.Rc7 Kd6 65.Rh7 Rxa5 66.Bc4 Ra4 0-1



IM Rade Milovanovic

French Defense C15

Doug Huddleston 2099
David John 2289

Texas Chp. 1999 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2

A good way to get the part-time French Defense player out of book.
4...dxe4 5.Qg4 Nf6 6.Qxg7 Rg8
7.Qh6 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Nbd7 9.0-0-0
b6 10. Bb5 Rg6 11.Qf4 Bb7 12.Nh3
Rxc2 13.Rhg1 Rg6 14.Ng5 Bd5 15.
h4 h5



16.Nxf7?!

Huddleston writes: "David and I examined this one after the game, and later John Patty looked at it with me. The consensus was that 16.

Nxf7?! is unsound and unnecessary. Instead, 16.Bb4! leaves Black without counterplay. It's less flashy, but with the black king stuck in the center, White can build an attack at his leisure and the fireworks will come eventually. Somewhat ironic that the thirtysomething player's lack of patience seems to have cost him half a point over the mature teenager!"

16...Kxf7 17.Rxc6 Kxc6 18. Rg1+ Kf7 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Qh6 Rg8 21.Rxc6 Kxc6

21...Nxc6? 22.Qh7+ Ke8 23. Qxc6+ Ke7 24.Bb4+.

22.Qxf6 Qf7 23.Qg5+ Kh7 24.Bb4 Qg6 25.Qe7+ Qg7 26.b3 Qxe7 Draw

King's Indian E73

Marvin Huckaby 2063
Drew Sarkisian 2267

Texas Chp. 1999 (1)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 Na6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 d6 6.Qd2 Nf6 7.Be2 h5

7...0-0 8.h4 h5 9.Bh6 e5 10.Bg7 Kg7 11.Nf3 Qe7=.

8.h3 Nc7 (8...c5!?) 9.Nf3 a6 10.a4 a5 11.0-0 Na6 12. Ng5 h4 13.f4



13...Nh5 14.Bxb5 Rxb5 15.f5 f6?

Better is 15...gxf5 16.exf5 Nb4 17.Rae1 d5 with a solid position.

16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.fxe6 Nb4 18.Qe2 Kf8 19.Rad1 Bh6 20.Bxb6+ Rxb6 21.Qe3 Kg7 22.e5 d5 23.exf6+ exf6 24.e7 Qd7

On 24...Qh8 White wins with a flourish anyway: 25.Rxf6! Kxf6 26.Qe5+ Kf7 27.Rf1+ Ke8 28.Qd6! Δ 29.Rf8+, or 27...Kg8 28.e8(Q)+ Rxe8 29. Qxe8+ Kh7 30.Rf7+.

25.Rxf6 Kxf6 26.Qxh6 Kxe7 27. Re1+ 1-0

27...Kd6 28.Qf4 mate, or 27...Kd8 28.Qf8+ and 29.Qxa8.

Round 2

Sicilian Defense B50

Rade Milovanovic 2401
Shivkumar Shivaji 2242

Texas Chp. 1999 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bb3 0-0 7.c3 Nc6 8. Re1 e5 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nc4 h6 11. a4 Re8 12.Ne3 Qd7 13.Nd5 Bd8 14.h3 Bxd5 15.exd5 Ne7 16.a5 Qc7



17.Nh2 Nexd5 18.Qf3 Nf4

Not 18...Qc6?? 19.Ba4 +-. The text is also better than 18...Ne7 19. Bxb6, as now White does not keep the bishop pair.

19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8 21. Qxf4 Nf6 22.Nf3 d5 23.Qa4 Be7 24.Re1 Rd8 25.a6 b6 26.Ne5 Bd6 27.Ng4 Nxc4 28.Qxc4 Be7?

An oversight which costs a pawn. Better is 28...Bf8, with barely a sliver of advantage to White.

29.Qf3 c4 30.dxc4 dxc4 31.Bxc4 Bf6 32.Qe2 Bg5 33.g3 Rd2??

Probably played in time pressure.

34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.Bxf7 1-0
35...Rd8 36.Bg6 mate.

Sicilian Pelikan B33

Chris Land 2209

Noureddine Ziane 2336

Texas Chp. 1999 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.c3 0-0 13.Nc2 Bg5 14.a4 Rb8(?)

14...bxa4 is almost always played. The text makes more sense on the previous move, when it serves a preventative purpose.

15.axb5 axb5 16.h4?!

Either 16.Bd3 or 16.Ncb4 gives White a plus without the weakness. 16...Bh6 17.Bd3 Ne7 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Nb4 Bb7 20.Qe2 Ra8 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.0-0 Qxh4 23.g3 Qh3 24.Bxb5 Bc8 25.Qd1



25...Be3! 26.Qf3?

Perhaps Land was worried about this horrific (but unforced) finish: 26.fxe3 Qxg3+ 27.Kh1 Bg4! (27... Qh3+ =) 28.Be2? (28.Qe1 Bf3+ ∞) 28...Qh3+ 29.Kg1 Qxe3+ 30.Rf2 Bxe2 31.Qxe2 Ral+ 32.Kg2 Qg5+ 33.Kf3 Rg1 34.Qb5 Qg4+ 35.Ke3 Re1+ 36.Re2 (36.Kd3 Qxe4+ 37.Kd2 Qe3+) 36...Qf4+ 37.Kd3 Qf3+ and ...Qxe2+, winning for Black. 26...Bc5 27.Bc4 Bg4!

A nasty surprise, as Black will have the last laugh on the f-file.

28.Bxf7+ Kh8 29.Qg2 Rf8 30.Ra1 g6 31.Qxh3 Bxh3 32.Bd5 Rxf2 33.Nd3 Rf1+ 34.Kh2 Rxa1 35.Kxh3 Rd1 36.Bc4 Rd2 37.Kg4 Kg7 38.b4 h5+ 39.Kh3

Also bad is 39.Kg5 d5! Δ ...Be7 mate, or 39.Kf3 g5 40.g4 h4 -+.

39...Bg1 0-1

Center Counter B01

Al Sprague 2191

Steven Grubbs 2048

Texas Chp. 1999 (2)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.Bb5+ Bd7?!

5...Nbd7 6.c4 e6 7.dxe6 Bxe6 is a main line Portuguese Gambit.

6.Bc4

Or 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.c4 c6 8.dxc6 Nxc6 9.Ne2 0-0-0 10.Be3 ±.

6...c6 7.dxc6 Nxc6 8.Ne2 e5 9.c3 Rc8 10.Bb3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.cxd4

Worse is 12.Qxd4 Bc5 13.Qe5+ Be6 14.Bxe6 0-0!

12...Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Qe7+ 14.Qe2?

14.Kf2 0-0 15.Re1 Qd6 16.Bxb4 Qxb4 17.Nc3 ±.

14...Rc1+ 15.Kf2??

15.Bd1 Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 0-0 =/∞.

15...Qxe2+ 16.Kxe2 Bb5+ 17.Ke3 Rxh1 18.Bxb4 Bd7 19.Bd2 Bf5 20.g4 Rxb1 0-1

Round 3

Sicilian Closed B24

Noureddine Ziane 2236

Rade Milovanovic 2401

Texas Chp. 1999 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Rb8 6.Nh3 b5 7.a3 e6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Ne2?! Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 Bxb2 12.Rab1 Bd4 13.Bf4 Rb6 14.e5 f6 15. exf6 Bxf6 16.Ng5 Nd5 17.Be5 0-0 18.

Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Ne4 Qd4 20.c4 bxc4 21.dxc4 Ba6 22.Rbc1 Rb2 23.Qg4 Nf6 24.Nxf6+ Qxf6 25.h4 Rxf2 26.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 27.Kh1



27...Bb7! 28.Rg1 (28.Bxb7 Qb2) 28...Bxg2+ 29.Rxg2 Qe1+ 30.Rg1 Rf1 31.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 32.Kh2 Qf2+ 33.Kh1 Qf5 0-1

Nimzo-Indian E41

Igor Shtern 2354

Jason Doss 2303

Texas Chp. 1999 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nge2 d5 (6...cxd4; 6...0-0) 7.cxd5 cxd4?

7...Nxd5 8.a3 cxd4 9.axb4 dxc3 10.bxc3 Ne5! = Blumenfeld.

8.dxc6 dxc3 9.bxc3 Bd6 10.cxb7 Bxb7 11.Qa4+ Ke7 12.0-0 Nd5 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3+ Qd6 15.Qxd6+ Kxd6 16.Rab1 Rab8 17.Rfd1 Ke7 18.e4 Nb6 19.f3 Rhc8 20.Rb4 Rc5 21.Kf2 Ra5 22.Rd2 Rc8 23.Ke3 Bc6 24.Nd4 Ba4 25.Nb3 Bxb3 26.Rxb3 Rac5 27.Rc2 R8c7 28.Bb5 e5 29.Kd3 Nc8 30.Rb4 Nd6 31.Ba4 Rc8 32.Bb3 Nb5 33.a4! (33...Nxc3 34.Rb7+) Nd6 34.Bd5 g5 35.g3 f5 36.c4 fxe4+ 37.Bxe4 h6 38.Bd5 Rf8 39.Re2 e4+?

Hastening defeat; better is 39... Kf6 40.f4 gx4 41.gxf4 Re8.

40.fxe4 Rc7 41.e5 Nc8 42.a5 Kd8 43.Rb8 Rc5 44.e6 1-0

Center Counter B01

Gary Simms 2200
Lester Van Meter 2234

Texas Chp. 1999 (3)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.
d4 Nf6 5.Be2 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3
Bf5 8.Qd2 0-0-0 9.Bf4 Qb4 10.0-0-0
e6 11.h3 Qa5 12.Ne5 Nxd4 13.
Nxf7



13...Bb4 14.Bd3 Nd5 15.Bxf5
Bxc3 16.Qd3 Nxf4 17.Qc4 Qxf5
0-1

Pirc Defense B09

Alex Shaffer 2105
Al Sprague 2191

Texas Chp. 1999 (3)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4
Bg7 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 b5 8.
e5 Nfd7 9.Qe1 b4 10.Ne4 dxe5 11.
fxe5 a5 12.Qh4 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6
14.Bh6 f6



15.Nfg5!

This is also strong after a bishop
trade: 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nfg5 fxg5
17.Nxg5 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Nf8 19.
Rf7+ Kg8 20.Rxh7+.
15...Bh8

A pretty finish is 15...fxg5 16.
Nxg5 Rxf1+ 17.Rxf1 Bh8 18.Qh3!
c5 19.Qb3+ e6 20.Nxe6+.
16.Ne6 Qe8 17.Bxf8 Nxf8 18.Nc7
Qd8 19.Nxa6 Qxd4+ 20. Kh1 1-0

Round 4

King's Indian E91

Rade Milovanovic 2401
Igor Shtern 2354

Texas Chp. 1999 (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4
Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 Qc7
8.Re1 e5 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Bf1 Re8
11.Rb1 a5 12.d5 Nc5 13.Nd2 Nh5
14.Nb3 Nxb3 15. Qxb3 c5 16.Qd1
Bd7 17.a3 b6 18.b4 cxb4 19.axb4
f5 20.bxa5 bxa5 21.Ba3 Nf6 22.
exf5 gxf5 23.Nb5 Bxb5 24.Rxb5
Bf8 25.Qf3 Qd7 26.Reb1 Re7 27.
Rb8 Rxb8 28.Rxb8 a4 29.Qg3+ Kf7



30.Qg5 Ne4?

White's edge is kept to manag-
able proportions with 30...Re8.

31.Qh5+ Kg7 32.Bc1 f4 33.Bd3
Nf6 34.Qg5+ Kf7 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8
36.Qxf6+ Kg8 37.Bf5 1-0

Player chemistry: I'm 0-2 against
Doss, but Patty is 2-0.

Notes by NM John Patty

King's Indian E98

Jason Doss 2303
John Patty 2208

Texas Chp. 1999 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4
d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6
8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8

This was long considered incor-
rect, as ...Nd7 slows White's c4-c5
advance. But in the 90's no less an
authority than Kasparov has taken
up ...Ne8.

10.Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12.Bf2 h5

Many years ago (in my oppo-
nent's case, lifetimes ago) we all
avoided this move as it takes away
an important square for the knight.
Now I find it is book.

13.c5 g5 14.cxd6 cxd6

14...Nxd6 may make more sense
according to Nunn and Burgess in
The New Classical King's Indian.

15.Rc1

Jason has used only two minutes
and now plays this natural move at
once. 15.a4 may be better. [The Ne8
covers c7, so the alternative rook
deployment at a3 is often seen.]

15...Ng6

Preferred by Kasparov, though
Nunn thinks 15...Rf6 is a better bet.

16.Kh1

ECO gives 16.a4 Rf7 17.Nb5 a6
18.Na3 Rb8 19.Nc4 b5 20.Nb6 Rxb6
21.Rxc8 Qxc8 22.Bxb6 Nf6 23.Qc2
Qb8 24.a5 ± Farago-Szekely, Mag-
yarország 1987. Black may try to
improve with 18...Bd7 or 18...Nf6.

16...Rf7

16...Bd7 17.a4 Bh6 18.Nd3 g4!?
(18...Rf7) 19.fxg4 f3 20.gxf3 Bxc1
21.Qxc1 hxg4 22.Qh6 Qf6 23.fxg4
Qg7 24.Qxg7 25.Kxg2± Korchnoi-
J. Polgar, Vienna 1996.

17.a4 Bh6 18.Nb5 a6 19.Na3 g4
20.Nc4 g3 21.Bg1 gxh2

In my mind this is a game about the square g3, which I will occupy and vacate twice, and at the end win by threatening occupation again.

22.Bf2 h4 23.Nb6 Rb8 24.Qb3 [24. Nd3] 24...Nf6 25.Qc2 Bd7 26.Qc7 Qf8 27.Nxd7 Rxd7 28.Qb6?

Jason considered this a mistake and suggests 28.Qc2! Somehow he misread my next move.

28...Nh5



29.Kxh2!

After long deliberation Jason sacrifices material to make my task much more difficult.

29...Ng3 30.Bd3 Nxf1+

I really didn't want to do this but under some time pressure could not find a better plan. I had already resolved to sac my h-pawn a little later to again gain access to g3.

31.Bxf1 Rc8 32.Ra1 (32.Rc3) Bg5 33.b3 h3 34.gxh3 Bh4 35.Ra2 Rc1 36.Bxh4 Nxh4 37.Qf2



Setting a time pressure trap in the best tradition of tough defense: 37...Rxe1? 38.Qxh4 Rxf1 39.Rg2+ Rg7 40.Rxg7+ Qxg7 41.Qd8+ appears to be a perpetual check. [But it's not: 41... Qf8 42.Qg5+ Kf7 43. Qf5+ Ke7 44.Qe6+ Kd8 -+.]

37...Qh6 38.Ng2 Nxg2 39.Bxg2 Rdc7 40.Bf1 Kh7 41.b4 Qg5 42. Bg2 Rg7

Threatening 43...Qg3+ 44.Qxg3 fxg3 mate.

43.h4[?]

43.Bf1 was a better try.

43...Qf6

Now ...Rg3 cannot be stopped, so White resigned. Jason, a fine sportsman, said "You've got my number," and I replied, "But I'm getting older and you're getting better." We both smiled. 0-1

Gruenfeld D96

Selby Anderson 2269

Mark Kile 2028

Texas Chp. 1999 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 a6

An obvious move order flip, but all I can find starts with 6...0-0.

7.e4 b5 8.Qb3 c5!?

And here is the difference. 8...0-0 9.e5 Nfd7 is the gateway to a large body of modern practice. Maybe this is just a lemon, but he played it with conviction and it has a strong surface plausibility.

9.e5!?

I was thinking he must know something I don't, and "of course" Black gets good play after 9.dxc5.

But does he? Let's see: 9...Be6 10. Qc2 Nc6 11.a3 Bg4 12.Be2 Bxf3 13. Bxf3 Nd4 14.Qd1 Rc8 15.Be3 ±. Or 9...Bb7 10. Ne5! e6 (10...0-0 11.Bc4!) 11.f3 ±.

9...c4 10.Qa3 Nd5

I looked forward to 10...Ng4 11.Nxb5 Bb7 12.Nc3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nh6 14.Be3 Nf5 15.0-0-0 ±/+.

11.Nxb5 axb5!?

The best practical chance.

12.Qxa8 Ba6 13.Be2 0-0 14.Qa7

If I allow 14...Qd7, my queen is passively trapped even though there is no way for Black to go after her.

14...Qc8 15.Qc5 Qd7!?

Black gets some comp after 15... Qxc5 16.dxc5 Nd7 17.Bg5 - but is it enough?

16.Qa3 Nc6

Or 16...b4 17.Qa5 Qb7 18.a3 ±.

17.Bd2?

A computer showed me what I missed: 17.Bxc4! Δ 17...bxc4 18. Qxa6, at any rate ridding me of the c4 pawn wedge. Now I drift into a dangerously passive position.

17...Ra8 18.b4 Qg4 19.Qb2 Qxg2

20.Rg1 Qh3 21.0-0-0 Bb7 22.Rg3

Qf5 23.a3



I tried not to stare too obviously at the queenside as I saw what might unfold after the clearance sac 23...c3!, e.g. 24.Bxc3 Bh6+! 25.Bd2 Rc8 26.Rdg1 (26.Bxh6 Nxd4+ 27. Kd2 Rc2+ 28.Ke1 Rxe2+) 26... Nxd4+ 27.Kd1 Nxe2 28.Kxe2 Nf4+ 29.Bxf4 Rc2+.

In the post mortem Kile said he overlooked the finesse 24...Bh6+.

23...Nb8? 24.Qc2 Qe6 25.Ng5 Qb6 26.Qb2 Nc6 27.Nf3 Nd8 28.Kb1 Rc8 29.Bc3 Nf4 30.Bf1 Nh5 31. Rh3 Nf4 32.Rg3 Nh5 33.Rh3 Draw

Despite the physical count, I still liked Black's game and was relieved to get out alive.

Round 5

Sicilian B44

Mikhail Langer 2303

Rade Milovanovic 2401

Texas Chp. 1999 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7. N1c3 a6 8.Nd4

This is less popular than 8.Na3, which avoids exchanges and makes it easier to restrain the d-pawn. On the other hand, it White is comfortable with a draw and wants to avoid theory, the text makes sense.

8...Qa5!?

Inviting sharp play. Customary is 8...Be7.

9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Be2 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Rc1 Ne5 13.0-0 Bd7 14.f4?!

This offer of the c4 pawn is thematic, but the loose piece at e3 creates a tactical resource for Black. Better is 14.Nd2 with an edge.

14...Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Nd5 16.Qf3 Qb4, or 16.Bd4 Ba4!



16...Nxd5 17.Rxc4 Nxe3 18.Qd4 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Bb5

Leading to a "technical" win with two active rooks vs. queen. In fact, it snowballs into a mating net. 20.Qc7 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Bf6 22.Qxd6 Bxb2 23.Qb6 Rfd8 24.Qxb7 a5 25. Nc5 Rab8 26.Qc7 Bd4 27.Nd7 Rbc8 28.Qb7 Rc2 29.f5 exf5 30.e5 Bxe5 31.Qb5 Bd4 32.Ke1 Rc7 33. Nb8 Re7+ 34.Kf1 Ba7 0-1

King's Indian E61

Igor Shtern 2354

John Patty 2208

Texas Chp. 1999 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 d6 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.Be2 c6 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11. Qc2

11.Nd2 Nxc3 12.hxc3 Nf6 13.b4 e5 =.

11...Nxc3 12.hxc3 Nf6 (12...e6!?) 13.Bd3 Ng4 14.Rfe1 f5 15.e4 f4 16.gxf4 gxf4 17.e5 dxe5 18.dxe5 Be6 19. Rad1 Qc7 20.Nd4 Qc8 21.Nf3 Qc7 22.Rd2 Rad8 23.Rde2 Qd7?

23...b6 24.Nh4 Bf7 25.Bh7+ Kh8 26.Bg6 Be6 27.Bh5 Kg8 28.Re4 Rd7 29.Ng6 ±.

24.Bh7+ Kh8 25.Nh4 Qc8 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E32

Chris Land 2209

Selby Anderson 2269

Texas Chp. 1999 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 Ne4

A semi-respectable sideline to 6...b6; Nunn gives it second billing. 7.Qc2 f5 8.e3 b6 9.Ne2

9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Ne2 d6 11.f3 Ng5 (11...Nf6 12.0-0 ± Taimanov) 12.0-0 Nd7 = *Nunn's Chess Openings*;

9.Nh3 Bb7 10.f3 Qh4+ 11.Nf2 Nxf2 12.Qxf2 Qe7 13.Bd3 d6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Qc2 Qf7 16.b4 e5 17.Bb2 Rae8 18.c5 ± Vigorito-deFirmian, World Open 1997.

9...Bb7 10.f3 Nf6

10...Nd6 11.Bd2 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.Nf4 Qe7 15.Bc3 ± Beliavsky-Lobron, Dortmund 1995.

Black gains nothing by 10...Qh4+ 11.g3 Qe7 (11...Qh5? 12.Bg2 Ng5 13.Nf4 Nxf3+? 14.Kf2 +-) 12.Bg2 Ng5 13.0-0 ±.

11.Bd2

11.Nc3 c5 12.d5 Kh8 13.e4 fxe4 14.Bg5 exd5 15.cxd5 exf3 16.0-0-0 ∞ Azmaiparashvili-Adams, Madrid

1996. Let the reader not be deceived by all these citations into thinking that I had any preparation going into the game!

My next move is just clueless.

11...a5?

Since Black is in no position to base counterplay on ...e5, he must try 11...c5 as in the Adams game.

12.Nf4 Qe8 13.Bd3 d6 14.d5 exd5 15.Bxf5!

At the time I was more concerned about queenside erosion after 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17. Qxc7, but 17...Nc6! looks playable. 15...d4 16.0-0 dxe3 17.Rae1 Nc6 18.Rxe3 Qb8?

The general quails from the heat of battle, but after 18...Ne5 19.Ne6 Rf7 20.Ng5, or 19...g6 Black's game is just as toasty.

19.Bc3 Ne5 20.Rfe1 Re8 21.Nd3 Ned7?? 1-0

Center Counter B01

Alex Shaffer 2105

Robert Clark 2045

Texas Chp. 1999 (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Nf3 Qxd5 5.Be2 Nc6 6.0-0 0-0-0 7.c4 Qh5

Also good is 7...Qf5. However, if White plays 6.c4 ahead of 0-0 it's a different story: 6...Qf5 7.Be3 0-0-0 8.Nc3 e6 9.Qa4 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Rxd4 12.Qxa7 Qe5+ 13. Ne2 Rxc4 14.Qxb7+ Kd7 15.Rd1+ Bd6 16.Rxd6+! and White won in Ziatdinov-Shabalov, Toronto 1998. 8.N3!?

My book gives 8.Be3 e5 9.h3 e4 10.hxg4 Nxg4 =. The text is a logical but it wasn't in my database.

8...e5

8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxe2 (9...e5 10. Bxg4 Nxg4 11.h3) 10.Nce2 e5 11. Be3 exd4 12.Nxd4 ±.

9.d5 e4

A spirited response, but better is 9...Be5! 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qh4 12. b3 Nd4 =.

10.Ne1 (10.Nd2! ±) 10...Ne5
 10...Bxe2! 11.Qxe2 Qxe2 12.
 Nxe2 Ne5 =,
 11.Bxg4+ Nexg4 12.Bf4 Bd6 13.
 Bxd6 Rxd6 14.h3 Qe5 15.hxg4 h5
 16.f4 exf3 17.Qxf3 Qd4+ 18.Qf2
 Qxc4 19.g5 Ng4 20.Qxf7 Qd4+
 21.Kh1 Rdd8 22.Qxc7+ 1-0

Round 6

QGD Slav D23

Rade Milovanovic 2401

Sonny Kamberi 2337

Texas Chp. 1999 (6)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Qc2
 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Bf5 6.Nc3 e6 7.e3
 Nbd7 8.Be2 h6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Ne5
 0-0 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Bf3 Bg6 13.
 Rd1 Rac8 14.e4 Qc7 15.Qe2 Rfd8
 16.Be3 Bb4 17.Rac1 Qe7 18.Bf4
 Nd7 19.d5 e5 20.dxc6 Bxc3 21.
 Rxd7 Rxd7 22.cxd7 Qxd7 23.Bg4
 f5 24.exf5 Bxf5 25.Bxf5 Qxf5 26.
 Be3 Bd4 27.Rxc8+ Qxc8 28.h3
 Qc5 29.Bxd4 Qxd4 Draw

KI Attack A04

Noureddine Ziane 2336

Igor Shtern 2354

Texas Chp. 1999 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.g3
 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.c3 Bg4 7.Nbd2 e6
 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Nxf3 Nge7 10.Be3 0-0
 11.Qd2 Re8 12.Bh6 Ne5 13.Nxe5
 Bxe5 14.h4 b5 15.h5 b4 16.hxg6
 fxg6 17.d4 bxc3 18.bxc3 cxd4 19.
 cxd4 Bh8 20.Rc1 Qb6 21.d5 exd5



22.Bh3 Be5 23. Be6+ Kh8 24.exd5
 Qb2 25.Kf1 Qxd2 26.Bxd2 Rab8
 27.Rc7 Rb1+ 28.Kg2 Rxb1 29.
 Kxh1 Nf5 30.Rxa7 Rb8 31.Kg2
 Rb2 32. Bg5 h6 33.Ra8+ Kg7 34.
 Bc1 Rc2 35.Ra7+ Kh8 36.Ra8+
 Kh7 37.Ra7+ Kh8 38.Bf4 Bd4 39.
 Ra8+ Kg7 40.Bxf5 Rxf2+ 41.Kh3
 gxf5 42.Bxd6 Rc2 43.Ra4 Bg1 44.
 g4 Rd2 45.Be5+ Kg6 46.d6 Rd3+
 47.Kg2 Bc5 48.Ra6 Kg5 49.Ra5
 Bxd6 50.Bxd6 Rxd6 51.gxf5 Kg4
 52.Ra4+ Draw

Sicilian Najdorf B90

Doug Huddleston 2099

Mikhail Langer 2303

Texas Chp. 1999 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
 Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Rg1 g6 7.g4
 Bg7 8.g5 Nfd7 9.h4 Nc5 10.Be3 b5
 11.h5 b4 12.Nd5 e6 13.h6 Be5 14.
 Nxb4 0-0 15.f4 Bh8 16.e5 Bb7 17.
 Bg2 Bxg2 18.Rxg2 a5?
 18...Qb6 19.c3 dxe5 20.fxe5
 Bxe5 21.Qf3 Nbd7 22.0-0-0 ±.



19.Qf3! dxe5 20.Ndc6?

White is winning with 20.fxe5,
 as after 20...Nbd7 21.Nbc6 Qe8 22.
 Bf4, Black is without good moves.
 The exchange sac 20...Bxe5 21.Qxa8
 Bxd4 (21...axb4 22.0-0-0) 22.Rd1 e5
 23.Nd5 does not help either.
 20...e4! 21.Qf2 Nxc6 22.Nxc6 Qc7
 23.Bxc5 Qxc6 24.Bxf8 Bxb2 25.
 Bg7 (25.Rd1) 25...Bxg7 26.hxg7
 (26.Rd1) 26...Qc3+ 27.Ke2 Qxa1

28.Qe3 Rd8 29.Qxe4 Qc3 30.Kf1
 Qa1+ 31.Kf2 Qxa2 32.Kg3 Qd5
 33.Re2 Qxe4 34. Rxe4 Kxg7 35.c4
 h6 36.gxh6+ Kxh6 37.Re5 Rc8
 38.Rxa5 Rxc4 39.Ra7 Kg7 40.Ra5
 Rc7 0-1

French Defense C13

Mark Kile 2028

Alex Shaffer 2105

Texas Chp. 1999 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4
 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 Bxg5 7.hxg5
 Qxg5 8. Nh3 Qe7 9.Qg4 f5 10.Qh5+
 g6 11.Qh6 Nc6

Keres recommended 11...Nf8 12.
 Nf4 c6, with a solid position.
 12.0-0-0 Nf8 13.Nf4 Nd8



14.Nfxd5!

This sacrifice is known from
 Paoli-Sacconi, Florence 1948.

14...exd5 15.Nxd5 Qf7 16.Bc4
 Nde6 17.Nf6+ Kd8 18.d5 Nc5 19.
 Qh4 g5

Likewise toxic is 19...Qe7 20.d6
 cxd6 21.exd6 Qg7 22.Ne4+ g5 23.
 Nxg5 Ke8 24.Nf7 +.

Best (but still bad) is 19...h6 20.
 Ne4+ Qe7 (20...g5 21.Nxg5 hxg5
 22.Qxg5+ +-) 21.Nxc5 ±.

20.Qxg5 Qg6 21.Qh4 Ncd7 22.
 Ng8+ 1-0

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AMATEUR GAMES

Notes by Doug Schwetke

Alekin's Defense B04

Samuel Irby 1811

Douglas Schwetke 1590

Texas Amateur 1999 (3)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4
dxe5 5.Nxe5 g6 6.Qf3 Be6 7.c4
Nb6 8.d5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 Bxd5 10.
Qh3 Bg7 11.Bf4 Nc6 12.Bb5 0-0
13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.0-0 Rb8

At this point I actually saw the position at the end of Black's move 20. I didn't see all of the variations but I did see the one played. Don't expect me to do this often.

15.b3

Maybe better is 15.Nd2 Rxb2 16.Ndf3.

15...Rb4 16.Qg3[?]

16.Bg3? Be6 -+; 16.Nd3? Rxf4 17.Nxf4 Bxa1 -/+ [16.Rd1! ± -Ed.]

Now since I am busted, I thought I might find a place to develop my queen.



16...Bxg2 17.Kxg2[?]

17.Re1! Qd4 18.Nc3 Bd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Nd3 ±.

17...Qd5+ 18.Kg1

18.Qf3 Rxf4 19.Qxd5 cxd5 20.Re1 Re4 -/+; 18.f3 Rxf4 19.Nc4 Rxc4! 20.bxc4 Qd3 -/+.



Jason Howell

18...Rxf4 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxf4 Bxa1 21.Rc1 Qd6

21...Qe6! 22.Qxc7 Be5 23.Qxa7? (23.Qc6 -/+) 23...Bf4! -+.
22.Qxd6 cxd6 23.Rc7 Bd4 24.Rxe7

Okay, so I have gone from two pawns for a piece to plus a pawn.

24...Rd8 25.Nd2 d5

This is to keep the knight out of e4 and c4.

26.Kf1 Kg7 27.Nf3 Kf6[?]

This isn't necessary, as after 27...Bb6, 28.Ne5? runs into 28...

Kf6 29.Nc6 Rd6 -+.

28.Nxd4

I thought this series of exchanges left me with a winning king and pawn endgame.

28...Kxe7 29.Nc6+ Kd7 30.Nxd8 Kxd8 31.Ke2 g5

This restrains both the f- and h-pawns.

32.b4 h5 33.Ke3 Kd7 34.b5 f5 35.a4 Kd6 36.Kd4 g4 37.a5 h4 38.Ke3?

I think it was a draw until this. [38.a6 Kc7 39.Kd5 f4 40.Ke4 g3 41.fxg3 fxg3 42.hxg3 hxg3 43.Kf3

Kb6 44.Kxg3 Kb5 45.Kf3 Kxa6 46.Ke3 Kb5 47.Kd3 Kb4 48.Kc2 =.]
38...Kc5 39.b6 axb6 40.axb6 Kxb6 41.Kd4 Kc6 42.Ke5 Kc5 43.Kxf5 d4 44.Kxg4 d3 45.Kf3 Kd4 46.h3 Kc3 47.Ke3 Kc2 0-1

English Opening A36

Enrique Rios 1809

William Mac Devin 1962

Texas Amateur 1999 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.d3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 e6 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.Rb1 0-0 9.a3 Nd4 10.Be3 a6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.b4 Qc7 13.bxc5 dxc5 14.e5 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Bc6 16.f4 Nf5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 b6 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.g4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qc6+ 22.Kg1 Bxf6 23.exf6 h6



24.Qh3 Kh7 25.Rf3 h5

White had threatened 26.Qxh6+.

26.gxh5 Rg8

26...Rh8 27.hxg6+ Kg8 (27...Kg6 28.Qg4+ Kxf6 29.Qg5 mate) 28.Qxh8+! Kxh8 29.Rh3+ Kg8 30.g7. 27.hxg6+ Kxg6 28.Rg3+ Kf6 29.Qh4+ Kf5 30.Rg5+ Rxg5+ 31.Qxg5 mate 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B76

Jason Howell 1954

Ronnie Rubit 1831

Texas Amateur 1999 (6)

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

Against 9...d5 Howell used 10. Kb1!? to defeat Dejmek at the last Southwest Open.

10.Bxd4 Qa5 11.Kb1 e5 12.Be3 Be6 13.Nd5

ECO gives 13.a3! Rfd8 14.Nb5! Qxd2 15.Rxd2 d5 16.Nc7 Rac8 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Bxa7 dxe4 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Bc4 ±.

13...Qxd2 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Rxd2 Rfd8

15...Be7! defends more cheaply, with options for ...f5 or ...Rfc8.

16.c4 Rac8 17.b3 b5 18.Rc2 bxc4 19.Bxc4 d5 20.Bxd5 Rxc2 21.Kxc2 Bxd5 22.exd5 Rxd5



23.Rd1 Ra5?!

The bishop ending is not much better: 23...Rxd1 24.Kxd1 a6 25.Kd2 Kf8 26.Kc3 (a) 26...e4+ 27.Kb4 exf3 28.gxf3 Bd8 29.Kc5 Ke8 30.Kc6 +-; (b) 26...Ke8 (26...Ke7? 27.Kb4 and 28.Ka5 +-) 27.Kc4 Kd7 28.Kd5 ±. White wins by creating a passed b-pawn, forcing Black's king to stop it, and then using his own king to penetrate the kingside.

24.a4 Ra6 25.Rd7 Rc6+ 26.Kd3 Kg7

Awkward is 26...a6 27.Bh6 with the threat of 28.Ra7.

27.Bxa7 e4+ 28.Kxe4 Rc2 29.g4 Re2+ 30.Be3 Rxh2 31.g5 Rh4+ 32.Kd3 Be5 33.f4! Bxf4

Black seeks euthanasia.

34.Bd4+ Kf8 35.Bf6 Rh3+ 36.Ke4 1-0

English Opening A36

Enrique Rios 1809

Joe Binder 1900

Texas Amateur 1999 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.d3 e6 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.Rb1 Rb8

A better use of time is 8...b6 9.a3 Bb7 10.b4 Qd7.

9.a3 0-0 10.b4 b6 11.Be3 Bb7 12.0-0 Nd4 13.Qd2 Re8 14.f4 Nec6 15.g4 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.Ng3 Ne7 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.e5 Kh8 20.Qf2 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nec6 22.Rb2 Rg8 23.Rg1 Qh4 24.Rd2 Bh6 25.Kf1 Qg4 26.h3 Qxh3+ 27.Ke1 Qg4 28.Rh1 Nf3+ 29.Kf1 Nxd2+

Even better is 29...Bxf4 30.Bxf4 Qxf4.

30.Qxd2 Qxg3

30...Qf3+! 31.Qf2 Rxg3 32.Qxf3 Rxf3+ 33.Ke2 Nxe5!! Δ 34.Rxh6 Rxe3+!

31.Rxh6 Rg6 32.Rxg6 Qxg6 33.Ne2 Rg8 34.Ng1



34...Nd4

34...Qg3! Δ ...Rg4-h4 +.

35.Bxd4 cxd4 36.Nf3 h5?

36...Qh5 or even 36...h6 is better.

37.Ng5 h4 38.Qf2 Qh5 39.Qxd4 Qd1+ 40.Kg2??

This loses the knight, but on 40.Kf2 Black has 40...h3! 41.Qd7 (41.Nh3 Qd2+ and ...Qg2+ +) 41...Qd2+ 42.Kf3 Qg2+ 43.Ke3 Rxg5+ 44.fg5 Qxg5+ +-.

40...Qg4+ 41.Kf1 Rxg5 42.Qd8+ Kh7?

Of course, 42...Rg8 43.Qf6+ Kh7 is a simple win. After playing this move, Binder was beside himself and left the room in disgust.

I walked over to look at the position, and Enrique pointed to the ceiling. But the miracle is not complete.

43.fxg5 Qd1+ 44.Kf2 Qd2+ 45.Kf1 Draw??

Binder could have won \$450 by playing for mate: 45...Kg6!, and if 46.Qf6+ then 46...Kh5 followed by 47...Kg4! More prosaic is 46.Qh8 Qxd3+ 47.Kg1 Qg3+ and 48...Kxg5, but it's more than enough.

Modern Defense B06

Scott Griggs 1743

Antonio Schuyler 1861

Texas Amateur 1999 (6)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3 c6 4.Nc3 d6 5.Qd2 h5 6.0-0-0 b5 7.f4 b4 8.Nce2 a5 9.d5 c5 10.e5 Qd7 11.Nf3 Qa4 12.Kb1 Nh6 13.Nc1 Na6 14.Bd3 Nf5 15.Bf2 Nc7 16.exd6 exd6 17.Qe2+ Kf8 18.Rhe1 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Bh4 Ra8 21.h3 Nb5 22.Qc4



22...Qa3! 23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.axb3 Nxb4 25.Nxb4 Bf6 26.Nf3 Kg7 27.Re2 a4 28.bxa4 Rxa4 29.Re4 Rha8 30.Nb3 Nc3+ 0-1

Simuls

by WIM Alexey Root

On April 17th I was one of eight expert/master level chess stars at the Mansfield Chess Festival. The festival was wonderfully paced, with the chess stars giving lectures in the morning, simultaneous exhibitions mid-morning, and participating in a G/30 after lunch. In this article I focus on some of the many reasons to hold simultaneous exhibitions, "simuls" for short.

Simuls attract media attention. In Mansfield, Channel 11 (CBS) local news aired simul footage on its 10:00 p.m. newscast. The spectacle of many chessplayers taking on one exhibitor fascinates the public. The cameraman for Channel 11 said to me, several times, "I've never seen anything like this!"

Simuls have easy to follow rules and traditions. Generally, the exhibitor has a choice of white or black on each board. When the exhibitor returns to a player's board, the player either makes a reply move or uses a pass. Players usually are granted three passes. Once those passes are used up, the player must move every time the exhibitor appears. If there are only a few games left, clocks are added to each board. The remaining boards are bunched together, so that the exhibitor can easily reach from one game to another. At that point, simuls resemble side-by-side speed chess games. In most simuls I've played in, exhibitors and players are held to the touch move rule.

One tradition of simuls is that the exhibitor outranks the players by several hundred rating points. Even though the exhibitor plays many games at once, he or she is expected to win all of them. If a

player defeats or draws an exhibitor, the player gets a prize for the unexpected result.

Simuls are a good way for a club or charity to make money. Although a fee is paid to the exhibitor, charging per board player fees and/or spectator fees allows a chess club to make a profit. Simuls can also be held to help charities, as in the case of the Chessathon. In that event, masters donate their time. Profits from the players' entry fees are used to keep children into *School Mates* and off of drugs.

Simuls give chess players a chance to meet and support the stars of the chess world. When I played in simuls, I often played against grandmasters. Yet after 18 years of holding an expert's rating or higher, I've never been paired with a grandmaster in a regular tournament game. Thus simuls gave me my best chance to appreciate first-hand the skills of the world's finest chessplayers. Paying a fee to play in a simul helps support professional chessplayers. Many of them rely on simuls, teaching students, and writing articles to supplement their tournament earnings.

When I give a simul, I like the media attention, greeting each of my opponents, signing scoresheets, and shaking hands afterward. If my opponents want to talk, I enjoy chatting with them. At the Mansfield simul, one young player complained he did not like his position. Every time I came around, I tried to encourage him: "Your position is fine. You are doing great." He was, actually, doing pretty well. But he psyched himself into getting mated on the f-file, predicting it moves ahead and then letting it happen.

I understand his state of mind. When I used to play in simuls, I felt intimidated by being seated while the exhibitor got to stand.

Also, the rating difference between myself and the exhibitor was usually frighteningly great. If I played well in the beginning of my simul game, and outlasted my fellow players, the exhibitor always seemed to come back to my board too fast. I felt pressure to make a move because the exhibitor was waiting for one.

Here is an example of me as a simul player. This game with GM Larry Christiansen was played on April 11, 1979 in Tacoma, Washington. I was 13 years old at the time, rated about 1500, and had been playing in tournaments for four years.

Pirc Defense B06

**GM Larry Christiansen
Alexey Rudolph**

Tacoma simul, 1979

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.c3 Nf6

4...h6 5.Bh4 Nf6 6.Nd2 g5 7.Bg3 Nc6 8.Bb5 a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bc2 e5 11.d5 Ne7 12.f3 c6 = Bronstein-Christiansen, Tallinn 1979.

5.Nd2 0-0 6.f4 Nbd7

6...c5! 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Ngf3 Nc6 9.Be2 Be6 = Kasparov.

7.Ngf3 Qe8 8.Bc4 e5 9.0-0 h6 10.Bxf6 Nxf6? (10...Bxf6) 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.exd6? (12.Qe2 dxe5 13.h3 Nf6 14.Nxe5 +-) 12...Ne3 13.Qb3 Nxf1 14.Rxf1 cxd6 15.Bd5? (15. Nh4 Be6 16.Qxb7 ±) 15...Qe7 16. h3 Be6 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.d5 Qe7 19.a4 Qc7 20.Kh1 Rac8 21.Qb4 a5 22.Qb5 Qc5 23.Qe2 Rfe8 24.Ne1? (24.Qd3) 24...Qxd5 25.Qf2 Qe6 26. Nd3 Qd7 27.Qh4 Qa4 28.b3 Qd7 29.Nc4 Qd8 30.Qg3 Rxe4 (30... Re6) 31.Nxd6 Qg5?? (31...Bxe5 32. Qf3 Bxd6 33.Qxe4 Rxc3 -+) 32. Qxg5 hxg5 33.Nxe4 +- 1-0

I wrote one comment on the game at the time: "Move 32. I had only one pass left and I didn't want to use it."

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San Antonio hosts U.S. CHESSathon

by Selby Anderson

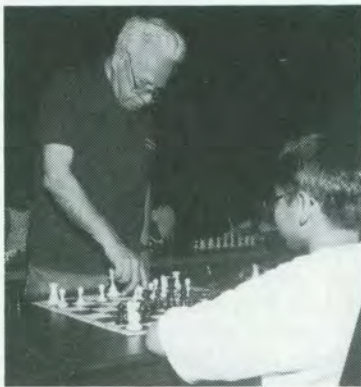
After seven seasons in New York City or neighboring Newark, the U.S. Chessathon moved west to the Alamo City. The annual fundraiser for the U.S. Chess Trust was held in the spacious North Banquet Hall of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio on June 5. To our good fortune the Spurs did not have a home game, and the Nicks would not arrive for another week.

We played host to a different New York sports star, GM Arthur Bisguier, the U.S. Senior champion and a five-time U.S. Open champion. A tireless promoter of the game, he has played in every U.S. Chessathon since the first one in 1992.

Over 150 young people got to play against the strongest lineup of chess talent this city has seen in many years. Texas was represented with its most decorated player, eleven-time state champion Joe Bradford. Others masters doing the "line dance" (as Lynne Babcock put it) were Eugene Curtin, three-time state champion; Haldun Unalmis, 1996 state champion; Mikhail Langer, 1999 state action champion; David John, three-time state high school champion and All America Team member; Alex Weinberg, 1990 Southwest Open champion; José Silva, 1995 U.S. Army champion; and also Raymond Duque, Don Sutherland and Jack Ligon.

A color guard from Randolph Air Force Base opened the event with a flag posting, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by yours truly. It was a first for me and also the event, I'm told.

USCF dignitaries in attendance included past president Denis Barry and his wife Doris (currently a candidate for Executive Committee),



Allan Kartaltepe

Arthur Bisguier

USCF secretary Rachel Lieberman and her husband Myron, executive director Mike Cavallo and scholastic director Beatriz Marinello. Guest speakers were State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon, Sweden's Karpov School director Jan Berglund, and local educators E.C. Chase and Paul Ugwokaegbe. The emcee was NM Jim Gallagher, a leading area chess teacher and host of *Chess Moves* on local cable TV.



Allan Kartaltepe

Joe Bradford

Jan Berglund revealed that he had wanted to visit San Antonio ever since he was a schoolboy in Sweden and saw *The Alamo* starring John Wayne in the early 60's.

Naturally I had to tell a chess story about John Wayne, who was on an aircraft carrier with a USO tour on when he played Greg Wren, then a jet pilot. After losing a hard fought match, Wayne's parting line was classic Duke: "Well, I enjoyed it . . . The hell I did!"

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped bring this event together, including John and Zita Ade, Tim Beszczynski, Liz Campbell, Enrique Cerde, Doug Huddleston, J.P. Hyltin, Altan Kartaltepe, Al Liu, Richard Lopez, Torey Neuzil, Enrique Rios, Peter Rowe, John Shannon, Andy Smith, Duane Solley and Greg Wren.

A seven year old boy from Austin, Daniel Raimi-Zlatic, won a game from Joe Bradford. Daniel received advice during play from his father and a neighboring player, but said that it didn't change his game plan.

Two Knights Defesne C57

Joe Bradford 2530

Daniel Raimi-Zlatic 801

1999 U.S. Chessathon

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxf7!?

The Fried Liver Attack, a staple of scholastic competitions.

6...Kxf7 7.Qf3+ Ke6 8.Nc3 Ncb4 9.a3 Nxc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1

ECO gives 10...Nd4! 11.Bxd5+ Kd6 12.Qf7 Qe7 13.Ne4+ Kd7 14. Nc5+ Kd6 15.Nxb7+ Bxb7 16. Qxe7+ Bxe7 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Be4 Nb3, and Black has compensation for the pawn.
11.Bxd5+?!



Daniel Raimi-Zlatic

Estrin gives 11.Nxd5 Kd7 12.d4! Bd6 13. dxe5 Bxe5 14.Qd3! with an attack.

11...Kd6 12.Qf7

With the mate threat 13.Ne4.

12...Qe7 13.Qf3 g6 14.Re1 Bg7 15. d4 h5 16.dxe5+ Bxe5 17.Rxe5?

Permitting a pin on the queen.

17...Bg4 18.Rxe7 Bxf3+ 19. gxf3 Kxe7 20.Bg5+ Kd6 21.Bf7 Raf8 22.Ne4+ Kd7 23.Nf6+ Ke7 24.Bxg6 Rxf6 0-1

Enrique Rios reportedly let Big Joe escape a crush, and he went down in flames. Here Rios engages the state high school champion in a sharp theoretical duel.

QGD Slav D17

David John 2289

Enrique Rios 1809

1999 U.S. Chessathon

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8. e4 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!? Nc5



Altan Kariallepe

S.J. Davis Middle School team, with coach J.H. Rios (in cap)
Winner of award for school with the most participants



In last year's Southwest Open, Mike Simpson tried 17...Qf5+ 17. Kb3 f6 18.Be2 (18.Qxa7?? Rd3+! +) 18...Kb8 19. Rad1 Nc5 20.Ka3 Qc2 21.Qxc5 Qxe2 22.Nd6 Qxg2 23.Rhg1 Qf3+ 24.b3 Rd7 25.a5 Rhd8, but David had an unpleasant surprise for him: 26.Nb5!! +-. 17.b3 Qf5+ 18.Kb2 Nd3+ 19.Bxd3 Rxd3 20.Qxa7 Qf6+ 21.Ka3 Qe7+ 22.Ka2

With no checks, Black is toast. 22...Rhd8 23.Qa8+ Kc7 24.Qa5+ Kb8 25.Qe5+ Ka7 26.Rab1 R8d5 27.Qxg7 Qb4 28.Rhc1 Rf5 29.Rb2 b5 30.Ne5 Rd6 1-0

Alexey Root

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Though the result of the Christiansen game was a disappointment to me, it was nonetheless exciting to play a grandmaster. At the time, Christiansen was one of many titled players touring the country as ambassadors of Church's Fried Chicken. Besides paying my entry fee to the Tacoma (WA state) chess club to play GM Christiansen, I ate at Church's on my way home from junior high school several times that Spring. I appreciated both my chess club, for inviting Christiansen, and Church's Fried Chicken, for its generous sponsorship of chess.

I encourage you to organize a simul at your local club. By hosting a simul, your club will be publicizing the game of chess, supporting master chess players, and giving your club players a chance to play a chess star.

Houston Absolute Championship: a five-way pileup

The Houston Absolute Championship ended in a five-way tie, with Larry Englebretson, Ali Morshedi, Steve Young, Lee Gaskill and Mark Dejmek each scoring 3.5 out of 5.

This was a huge result for Steve Young (1809), who is rated over 200 points below his co-champions. He finished with back-to-back wins against Bill Reuter (2282) and Clarence Yeung (2200). A former college math instructor, Steve said his result was "four standard deviations from the mean"!

The other big surprise was the poor showing of last year's champion Bill Reuter, who withdrew after consecutive losses to Morshedi, Suarez and Young.

Clarence Yeung lost his first round game to Andres Suarez and re-entered. He was leading the tournament after three rounds, recalling last year's scenario that worked so well for Reuter. However, his loss to Steve Young in Round 4 dashed this hope.

Andres Suarez (1901) was the star of the first day. The Klein High School student scored 2.5 out of 3 against masters, defeating Yeung and Reuter and drawing Moss.

The star on day two (and probably overall as well) was Ali Morshedi, a state high school co-champion. He beat Yeung, and drew Englebretson despite pressing hard and rejecting a draw offer.

Lee Gaskill also had a great performance. He had to beat the underdog, Suarez, and draw Moss to share in the five-way tie at top.

Mark Dejmek took half-point bytes in the last two rounds, but because of his fine result the first day it was enough to tie for first.

This was Englebretson's third Houston title, tying the lifetime records of Bighamian and Reuter.

Michael Williams won the Reserve (U2000) section with 4.5. Tied for second with 4 points were Robert Chalker, Tomas Suchy and Class B winners Chris Glaser and Patrick Bloom. The top players in Class C were Bradley Sawyer, Jose Bauri and Paul Ward with 3. Also scoring 3 were Class D winners Bo Githoro (a talented Kenyan boy in Lanier Middle School) and Joe Mims. The Class E prize winners were went Buo Zhang and Ted Ingram, also with 3. Buo (1164), one of two girls on the Lanier team, had a 1617 performance rating for this tournament and pulled off the biggest upset (821 points).

The lights went out for a couple of minutes, prompting Pete Gibson (a former U.S. blind champion) to repeat his famous line from a power outage during a Southwest Open: "Simul anybody?"

There was a record turnout of 48 players, 16 in the Championship section and 33 in the Reserve. Mick Bighamian directed for the Houston Chess Club.

Notes by Steven Young

QGD Tarrasch D34

Bill Reuter 2282

Steven Young 1809

Houston Chp. 1999 (4)

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Be3 Re8 13.Na4 Bf5 14.Rc1 Bd7 15.Bc5 Bxc5 16.Nxc5 Rb8 17.b3 Rb5 18.Qc2 Rb6 19.e3 Qe7 20.Rfd1 Qe5 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.e4 Nf6 23.f4 Qe7 24.e5 Nd7 25.Re1 Qb4 26.Rcd1 Ra6 27.Re2?! Nc5

White should have prevented this piece intrusion, as the "minor piece imbalance" now favors Black.

28.Qb2 Rb8

Reuter inexplicably ignored Black's threat and plays for a passed pawn in the center.

29.f5 Na4 30.Qa1 Nc3 31.Rde1 Nxe2+ 32.Rxe2 Qxb3 33.e6 Qb1+ 34.Qxb1 Rxb1+ 35.Kf2 fxe6 36.fxe6 Kf8 37.e7+ Ke8 38.Bh3 (38.Bf3 g6) 38...Rb7 (or 38...Rb8 39.Bf5 c5) 39.Bc8 Rab6 0-1

Sicilian Defense B50

Steven Young 1809

Clarence Yeung 2217

Houston Chp. 1999 (5)

1.Nf3 d6 2.e4 c5 3.Be2 Nf6 4.c3 Nc6 5.d4 Bd7 6.e5 dxe5 7.d5 Nb8 8.Nxe5 Bf5 9.Bf3 Bc8 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Bf4 g6 12.Re1 Bg7



Black has wasted too much time to get away with the slow deployment of his king bishop. So wham!! 13.Nc6!? bxc6 14.dxc6 Nb6 15.Qxd8+ Kxd8 16.c7+ Ke8 17.Bc6+ Bd7 18.Bxa8 Nxa8 19.Bd6 e6 20.Bxc5 a6 21.Na3 Nxc7 22.Nc4 Nfd5 23.Nd6+ Kf8 24.Rad1 Kg8 25.c4 Nf6 26.Nc8!? h5 27.Nb6 Be8? (27...Bc6) 28.Bd6 Nb5 29.cxb5 Bxb5 30.Be5 Kh7 31.a4 Bc6 32.a5 Nd5 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Rc1 Bb7 35.Red1 Nf4 36.Rc7 Bxg2 37.Rdd7 Rf8 38.Rc4 Bh3 39.Rxf4 e5 40.Re4 Bxd7 41.Nxd7 1-0

Two Upsets

by Billy Patteson

Here are two upsets from the Houston Chess Club, where every Saturday you can play in a rated tournament. Note in both games that the lower rated player met 1.d4 with a classical, not hyper-modern setup, and won with Black. GM Walter Browne can throw a hissy fit over color allocation, but let's face it, lower down the rating food chain whether you play White or Black has little or no effect on the outcome of the game.

Notes by B.L. Patteson

Colle System D02

B.L. Patteson 2046

Steve Young 1809

HCC G/60, 5/8/99

Steve gets some rating points revenge in this game. I do much better in our training games. By the way, how many of you out there can produce 390 score sheets of training games against the *same* opponent? We know each other like a book!

1.d4 e6 2.e3 d5 3.Bd3

Now that Steve has organized his opening repertoire, this quiet setup has less chance of success than say one or two years ago.

3...Bd6 4.Nf3 Ne7 5.Nbd2

Having got an e7 commitment out of his KN, I would do better now to forget about a Queen Pawn setup and instead switch to QGD positions by 5.c4. He now equalizes easily.

6...c5 6.b3 Nbc6 7.Bb2 Qc7?! 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0?!

Since I am a pawn snatcher by trade anyway, I should have played 9.Bxg7 Rg8 10.Bf6 Rxc7 11.Bxh7, which I missed.

9...e5 10.e4

Probably better was 10.c4.

10...f6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Ng3 Bg4 14.h3 Be6 15.Nf5 0-0 16.Nxe7+ Nxe7 17.Bc4 Kb8 18.Qe1 Qc6 19.Nxe5?!

There is no decent play for White in this position. Black stands much better and can easily start a kingside attack. So I decide to go down in flames. I get some comp, but clearly not enough.

19...fxe5 20.Qxe5+ Ka8 21.Rfe1 Bf7 22.Rad1

And this is as good as it is going to get. I don't dare take a third pawn at g7, as that would open the highway to heaven for Black. I have nothing more than to "attack" and the two extra pawns are sitting harmlessly on the second rank.

22...Ng6 23.Qxg7 Ndf4 24.Bf1 Be6 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bc1 Nxb3+!

Smashing open my king position. 27.Kh2

Taking the knight would also lose quickly on the g-file.

27...Qd6+ 28.g3 Nxf2 29.Qf6

Too late for question marks now.

29...Ng4+ 0-1

The previous week I had my fun.

QGD Exchange D31

Bill Reuter 2274

B.L. Patteson 2046

HCC G/60, 5/11/99

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ngf6 10.h3 Qa5 11.0-0-0?!

Reuter prefers sharp play to some slow moving minority attack. 11...b5 12.Kb1 b4 13.Ne2 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Qd2 Nce4 16.Qe1

Interesting was 16.Qc2 meeting my threat with a higher one.

16...Qb6 17.Nfd4 0-0 18.f3 Nd6 19.g4 Rfd8 20.Rg1 Nb5 21.Nxb5 Qxb5 22.Nd4 Qb6 23.Rc1

After long thought he decides against an immediate kingside push.

23...Rac8 24.Qd2 a5 25.h4 Bc5 26.h5 Bxd4 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.exd4 Re8 29.Rc1?!

Having restarted the kingside action he should definitely push on now with 29.h6, which weakens that area for sure.

29...h6

Happy to get a light square air hole.

30.Be3?!

With a dark square bishop, Qd3 covering some light squares would be useful. The text is just too passive.

30...a4 31.Re1 b3 32.a3 Re6!

What a turnaround. Not only did I avoid back rank problems, I have now given him those problems. And my last move threatens the *reverse chess strategy* of ...Ne8 heading for d6 and c4.

33.Qb4?! Qa6 34.Qd2 Ne8 35.Bf4?!

Fearing the coming knight move – but 35.Bf2 was better.

35...Rxe1+ 36.Qxe1 Qd3+ 37.Ka1 Nf6 38.Be5?

On move 30, Be3 was just a passive move, but now it was absolutely necessary to avoid immediate loss.

38...Qxf3 39.Bxf6 Qxf6?!

Actually 39...gxf6 is stronger, as after 40.Qg1 Qe4 White is out of moves. But far be it for me to claim the "Z" word (zugzwang) here. (Don't yank Brieger's chain.)

40.Qc1 Qe6 41.Qg1 Qe2 42.Kb1 Qc2 43.Ka1 Kh7 44.Qf1 Qe4 45.Qg1 g6 46.hxg6+ Kxg6 47.Qd1 Kg5 48.Qc1+ Qf4!

Avoiding the embarrassing 48...Kxg4?? 49.Qg5+! and draws.

49.Qh1 Kxg4 50.Qg2+ Qg3 51.Qe2+ Qf3 52.Qe1 h5 53.Qg1+ Kf4 54.Qc1+ Qe3 55.Qf1+ Ke4 56.Qh1+ Kxd4 57.Qh4+ Kd3 58.Qh1 Ke2 59.Qh2+ Ke1 60.Qh1+ Kf2 61.Qh2+ Kf1 62.Qh1+ Qg1 63.Qf3+ Ke1 0-1

SHORT REPORTS

Bisguier simul

Here is a simul game I played [June 4] against GM Bisguier, who was in town for the Chessathon. I played some miserable moves in the opening but he did not play very sharply and let me get developed only a pawn down. . . . I have been kicking myself all weekend for not following through with 15...Nxf2!, but he was back around so fast (there were only twelve players left) and I didn't think to ask for a pass. . . . Then on impulse when he was back again I developed a piece (16...Bg4?) instead of winning a pawn with 16...Qh4, which was my plan when I captured at f3. A final blunder was 22...Bh4?, which let him force off rooks a safe pawn up.

— Gary Zintgraff

Notes by Gary Zintgraff

Ruy Lopez Schliemann C63
GM Arthur Bisguier 2401
Gary Zintgraff 1861

SACS simul 6/4/99

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 Nf6

Marshall's line.

5.exf5! e4?!

5...Bc5 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nxe5 Nd4 8.Nf3! Nxf5! 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 c6 11.Bd3 d5 12.Ne2 h6 13.Bf6 Qf6 14.c3 Bc7 15.Bc2 ± Bobozow-Kostow, Bulgaria 1960.

6.Ng5 Nd4? (6...d5) 7.Ba4

7.Ne6! Nxe6 8.fxe6 Qe7 9.exd7+ Bxd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qe2 Qe7 +-.

7...Qe7

On 7...c6 8.d3 Black obtained no compensation in Aronin-Klaman, Leningrad 1947.

8.0-0 c6?

8...Qe5 9.Ngxe4 Nxe4 10.Re1 Qxf5 11.Rxe4+ Ne6 12.Qe1 c6.

9.Nxe4 d5 10.Nxf6+ Qxf6 11.Re1+

11.Qh5+ g6 12.Re1+ Be7 13.Nxh7 Qxf5 14.Qxf5 Bxf5 15.Nf6+ Kf7.

11...Be7 12.d3 Nxf5!? 13.c3 0-0 14.Nf3?

14.Qe2! Bd7 15.Ne6 Rf7 16.d4 Re8 17.Nc7 Rd8 18.Bd2 Bd6+-.

14...Nh4! 15.Qe2



15...Nxf3+?!

15...Nxf3+? 16.Kxg2 (16.Bg5 Qf5 17.Kxg2 Bxg5 +-) 16...Bg4 17.Kg1 Bxf3 18.Qe7 Rae8 19.Bg5 Qg6 20.Qc7 Qxg5+ 21.Qg3 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Qd2 +-.

16.Qxf3 Bg4?

16...Qh4 17.Qe2 Bd6 18.f4 Bxf4 19.Bxf4 Qxf4 20.Rf1 Bg4 (20...Qxa4 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Rf1+ Bf5 23.Rxf5+ Kg8 =) 21.Rxf4 Bxe2 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.d4 =.

17.Qxf6 Bxf6 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Bc2 b6 20.Re2 Rae8 21.d4 Be4 22.Rae1 Bh4?!

22...Bxc2 23.Rxc2.

23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.f3 Re7

24...Rxe3 25.Rxe3 Bxe1 26.Rxe1 Kf7.

25.Bf2 Rfe8?

25...Rxe2 26.Rxe2 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Kf7.

26.Rxe7 Bxe7 27.Bh4 Kf7 28.Rxe7+ Rxe7 29.Bxe7 Kxe7 30.g4 g5 31.Kf2 Kf6 32.Kg3 Kg6?! 33.f4 gxf4+ 34.Kxf4 Kf6 35.g5+ 1-0

Junior Team highlight

Notes by Gary GaiFFE

This was the deciding last round game for the first place Board 2 trophy in the Under 19 category of the Texas Junior Team Championship. [*The recipient of this upset, Clemente Rendon, tied for the Texas high school title in March.*]

Sicilian Defense B34

Dylan McKinnis 1177

Clemente Rendon 1451

Tx. Junior Team (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Bb5

An interesting but questionable move. The KB belongs either on e2 or c4. From these squares the bishop will aid in an attack on the Black kingside.

5...Bg7 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bc4

Black has an easy game at this point. The knight trade on c6 has strengthened Black's center, and White has wasted a move posting the bishop on c4. Black should simply play ...e6 and ...d5 to dominate the center. [*Possibly 7...Qc7 first is better, to avoid 7...e6 8.Qd6.*]

7...Qa5+

This is the beginning of an ill-conceived plan. If Black wants to take advantage of the dark square weaknesses on White's queenside, 7...Qb6 would be more effective.

8.Qd2 Qb6 9.Bb3 a5 10.Nc3 Ba6 11.Na4 Qb5 12.c4 Qe5 13.f3

White has improved his position during the last three moves at the expense of Black's queen. Black's idea of stopping White from castling kingside looks good. Why he lets White play c4 is unknown.

13...Bh6

The dragon bishop doesn't breathe any fire on h6.

14.Qd1 d5

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Patty wins Texas Senior

John Patty of San Antonio won his second Texas senior championship title, defeating last year's champion Bill Wheeler of Corpus Christi. Patty finished with 3.5 out of 4, a half-point ahead of the experts in the field (Bill Wheeler, Leon Poliakoff and Barry Endsley), who were tied with 3 points. Gary Carlson and Carmen Chairez tied for U1700 with 2.5 points. Twenty players competed at the University Hotel in Huntsville, June 12-13.

This year a "futura" section (under age 50) was added, and seven players competed. Top seed Larry Young (1919) of Huntsville won first with 3.5, and fourth-ranked Scott Griggs (1743) took second with a last round win over John Ade (1888).

TCA secretary Forrest Marler directed the event, held in Huntsville for the third consecutive year.

Notes by NM John Patty

Queen's Gambit D20

John Patty 2230

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Texas Senior 1999 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 c5 4.d5 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bxc4 exd5 7.Nxd5

7.exd5 may be better, e.g. 7...a6 8.a4 Bd6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Bf4 ±.

7...Nxd5 8.Bxd5 Bd6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7

So far Beliavsky-de la Villa, Szirak Interzonal 1987. Beliavsky now proposed 11. Be3! Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rc1 Nd7 14. b4 ±. 11.h3!?

A move I played reluctantly. Black must be equal now. 11...Nd7 12.Re1 Nb6?!

The beginning of a queenside advance that may be too double-edged. I thought that after 12...Ne5 Black stood well.

13.Bb3 a5

13...c4!? 14.Bc2 Bb4 15.Rf1 Rd8 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Qe2 ±/=.

14.e5 Be7 15.Bf4 c4 16.Rc1

Five moves ago, I could not have imagined reaching this good a position.

16...Be6 17.Qe2 a4 18.Bc2 Nd5

The knight centralization comes too late and allows a standard kingside attack.



19.Qe4 g6 20.Bg5 Bb4[?]

20...a3! (a) 21.b3 Bb4 22.Red1 Nc3 23.Qh4 Nxa2 24.Bf6 Rfe8 -+; (b) 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Bb1 b5 =+.

21.Red1 Ne7 22.Qh4 f5

Played after a very long think. If 22...Nf5, then 23.Bxf5 Bxf5 24.Rxc4 ±; or 22...Bf5 23.Bxf5 Nxf5 24.Qc6 24.Bf4! Qc8 25.Ng5 Rf7 26.Nxf7 Bxf7 27.Bd6 Bxd6 28.Rxd6 Nb4 29.Be4

I also considered 29.Rcd1 Nxc2 30.Qh6 Qf8 31.Rd8 Be8 32.Qxf8+ Kxf8 33.Rxa8.

29...Rb8 30.Rcd1 Qf8 31.Rd7 h6 32.Bxg6 1-0

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Hardesty wins women's title

Brenda Hardesty of Austin and Carol Mayer-Kleist of Seattle, Washington tied for first place in the Texas Women's Championship, held concurrently with the Texas Senior. They each scored 3.5 out of 4, having drawn each other in the first round. Brenda, who is also the TCA Region VI director, won the state title and trophy. Tied for 3rd-4th were Laura Lindzey and Zita Sanders with 3 points each. Eleven players competed.

Junior Team

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Generally the d5 break is very good for Black in Sicilian lines, but he usually has enough survival instinct to castle before opening up the center.

15.cxd5 Rd8 16.Bd2 Bxd2+

This is the only way to keep the pin active on the d-file. Something has definitely gone wrong if the dragon bishop meets such a meek and placid fate.

17.Qxd2 Nf6 18.0-0-0

This move gives Black some hope again. With the c-file about to open up, White's king doesn't look all that secure on the queenside.

18...cxd5 19.Qxa5 Bc8

Surely the bishop should not block the c-file from occupation by the Black rooks. Better would be 19...Rc8+ followed by Bb7.

20.Bxd5 0-0??

Overlooking the discovered attack set up by White's 20th move.

21.Bxf7+ Kxf7 22.Qxe5 Bd7 23.Nc5 Rc8 24.Kb1 Bb5 25.Ne6 Rfe8 26.Ng5+ Kg7 27.Qxb5 h6 28.Ne6+ Kf7 29.Qb3 Rb8 30.Qc4 [30.Ng5+ / Rec8 31.Nc7+ Kg7 32.Qc6 Rf8 1-0

Texas Action Championship

(part II)

Ruy Lopez C88

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Texas Action Ch. 1999 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
b5 5.Bb3 Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 0-0
8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.Nc3 b4 11.
Ne2 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.Ng3 Bc8
14.Nd2 Bg4 15.f3 Be6 16.Nc4 Rb8

Are Class D players supposed to
rattle off 15 moves of state-of-the-
art theory? Here 16...Nc6 17.f4 exf4
18.Bxf4 d5 19.Ne5 = is Matulovic-
Balashov, USSR 1979, but the text
isn't bad either.

17.Nf5 Nc6 18.f4 Qc7?!

18...Bxf5 19.exf5 exf4 20.Bxf4
Ne8 Δ ...Bf6 is reasonable.

19.Nxe7+ Qxe7

19...Nxe7 20.f5 Bc8 21.g4 or 20...
Bxc4 21.Bxc4 a5 22.Bg5 Ne8 23.f6!
is also promising for White.

20.f5 Bd7 21.Bg5 Nd4 22.c3?!

Better is 22.Ne3 Bxa4 23.Bc4.

22...b3! 23.Bb1 Nc6 24.Ne3 Qd8
25.Ng4

After 25.Nd5 Na5 Δ Bc6, Bxd5,
I wouldn't have time to apply more
pressure to the pinned knight at f6.

25...Kh8 26.Re3?



My original idea of 26.Qf3-h3-
h4 was best. The problem with the
text is 26...Nxg4! 27.Bxd8 Nxe3
28.Qe2 Rfxd8 29.Qe3 f6 30.d4
(what else?) ...exd4 31.cxd4 Nx4
32.a5 and White has a fight ahead.
26...Rg8? 27.Rh3 Qf8 28.Nxf6 gxf6
29.Rxh7+! Kxh7 30.Qh5+ 1-0

King's Indian E61

Mark McCue 1946
John Patty 2230

Texas Action Chp. 1999 (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nc3
0-0 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bf4 c5 7.d5 d6 8.h3
Na6 9.e4 Nc7 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.Bd3
a6 12.a4 Rb8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Rfe1
Nh5 15.Bh2 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.g4
bxc4 18.Bxc4 Nf6 19.e5 Nfe8
20.e6 fxe6 21.dxe6 Rxf3 22.exd7
Qxd7 23.Nd5



23...Rxh3 24.Rxe7 Qxg4+ 25.Bg3
Qxc4 26.Nxc7 Nxc7 27.Rxc7 Qe4
28.Bh2 Kg8

Better is 28...Rd3!, since 29.
Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Ra7+ Kg8 31.Qxh6
loses to 31...Rd1 mate.

29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Qxd6 Rbh3??

Forced but good is 30...Re8 31.
Ra7+ Kg8, e.g. 32.Qd7 Qe1+ 33.Kg2
Rxh2+! and it is Black who delivers
the mate.

31.Be5+ Kf7 32.Qf6+ Ke8 33.
Qe6+ Kf8 34.Bd6+ 1-0

Notes by NM Chris Land

QGD Tarrasch D34

Mark McCue 1946
Chris Land 2207

Texas Action Chp. 1999 (4)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3
d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 Nc6 7.Bg2
c4 8.0-0 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.f4!?
Bf5?

This prevents f4-f5 but allows
White a simple combination to se-
cure a large advantage. As it turns
out f4-f5 isn't as strong as it looks.



11.g4! Nxg4 12.Nxd5 Nf6!

I'm in real trouble here. I decid-
ed to thread the b-pawn on a little
fishhook and hope he bites. White
does best to ignore this pawn and
build a big center with 13.Nxf6+
Bxf6 14.e4! At this point both of
us had used of half of our precious
30 minutes.

13.Nxe7+? Qxe7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.
Bxc6 Rac8 16.Bg2 Rad8

I was happy to lose that pawn:
my position is now easier to play.
White's dark square bishop is perma-
nently bad, his center pawns are
horrible and he must constantly
watch his kingside. I knew that if I
went directly for the king he would
have time to shift every-thing over
and defend. So my substitute plan
was to fake to the queenside, lull
his pieces there and then switch
back with a mating attack.

17.e3 Bd3 18.Re1 Qb4 19.b3 cxb3!
20.axb3 Bc2 21.Qd2 Qb6 22.b4?!
Bf5

In time pressure the lullaby is irresistible: Go to sleep / Close your eyes / Grab the a-file / Forget the kingside.

23.Qa2 Qxb4 24.Bd2 Qd6 25.Qxa7 Rc2 26.Ba5 Re8 27.Bb6 Be4 28. Bxe4 Nxe4 29.Kf1 Qg6



Quick quiz #1: Why didn't Black play 29...Rf2+?

30.Re2 Nd2+ 31.Kf2 Ne4+

I intended 31.Qg4 32.Rae1 Ne4+ 33.Kf1 Qf3+ 34.Kg1 Rxc2 -/+, but I was worried about overlooking a defense other than 32.Rae1. In the time remaining I'm not certain I would have chosen the correct path after the wild try 32.Qa8?! Ne4+ 33.Qxe4! Both captures of the e2 rook are with check, but one of them allows White to prolong the game considerably. Quick quiz #2: In this analysis position, which capture is best? (Answers below.)

32.Kf1 Rxe2 33.Kxe2 Qg2+ 34. Kd3 Qd2+ 35.Kc4 Qc3+ 36.Kb5

36...Nd6+ 37.Ka6 Qxa1+ 0-1

Quick quiz answers: #1. Why not 29...Rf2+? Beats me. It's mate in three. #2. 33.Qxe2+! 34.Kg3 Qxh2+ 35.Kg4 h5+ leads to mate. The try 33.Rxe2+?? looks natural, but after 34.Kf1 Black has to give up two rooks for the Queen.

Notes by NM Chris Land

Modern Benoni A65

Chris Land 2207
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Texas Action Chp. 1999 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.h3 a6 11. a4 Nbd7 12. Ng3 Rb8 13.f4 Qc7 14.Qf3 c4 15.Bc2 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Be3



17...b4!? N

The position after 17...Nc5 comes up so frequently on my database that it may be considered a *tabia*, with Black holding his own nicely. 17...Nc5 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 Rxe5 20.Bd4 b4!? (or 20...Rg5) 21. Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Rae1 Qd4+ 23.Kh1 Bxh3! (23...bxc3? 24.Re8+) 24. Nce2 Qxb2 and Black stood better in Kasparov-Rachels, clock simul 1988.

18.Ra7 Qd8 19.Nce2 Bb7

The bishop on b7 and the knight on f6 restrain e4-e5 quite well. With a ten minute clock advantage, I quickly decided on Nd4-c6 to neutralize the b7 bishop. This involves sacrificing a pawn, but I thought that getting in e4-e5 right away would be worth a pawn. Turns out it's worth quite a bit less. After a few moves White is reduced to playing for tricks. Langer is up to the task and after solving the last

problem (41.Bd5!) he brings home a deserved victory.

20.Nd4?!

The main drawbacks of 20.Nd4 are (1) it interferes with the Be3 control of the c5 square, and (2) it loses a pawn (well, not until Nc6 technically, but without this follow-up Nd4 is pointless). Since the compensation appears insufficient I would look to moves that don't have these drawbacks - Rc1, Rd1, Ba4, Bd4, Qf2 or even Kh1/h2 - to maintain the balance.

20...Nc5

Black's b7 bishop has put a stop to the usual e4-e5 play, so White sacs a pawn to eliminate it.

21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.dxc6 Qb6



23.c7 Qxa7

Or 23...Rbc8 24.Rfal Rxc7 25. R7a6 followed by 26.Rxd6.

24.cxb8(Q) Qxb8 25.e5

Better is 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.e5 Nd7 27.Rd1 Rd8 (27...Nf8 28.Ne4) 28.Qc6, with counterplay.

25...Nfd7 26.Ne4

Or 26.Qd5 b3 27.Bb1 Nb6 -/+.

26...Nxe4 27.Bxe4 dxe5 28.f5 Nf6

29.Bc6 e4 30.Qe2 Rc8 31.Qxc4

Qd6 32.Rc1?! (32...fxg6) gxf5 33.

Qb5 f4 34.Qb7 Rb8 35.Bc5 Qd8 36.

Qa7 Bf8 37.Bd4 Rc8 38.Bb6 Qd2

39.Rc4 Qd1+ 40.Kh2 Qd6! 41.Bd5

f3+ 42. Kg1 Nxd5 43.Rxc8 Qxb6+

44. Qxb6 Nxb6 45.gxf3?? (45...Rd8

-/+) Nxc8 0-1

Tournament Crosstables

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| 69 Brian Backlund | 1603 | +134 | -14 | +103 | -39 | =93 | =76 | 3.0 |
| 70 Martin Alexander | 1607 | +123 | -3 | =87 | +101 | -38 | =80 | 3.0 |
| 71 Ratnasami Raman | 1662 | =92 | =85 | +98 | +87 | -45 | =62 | 3.0 |
| 72 Wallace Brady | 1625 | +108 | -22 | =89 | +107 | -24 | +105 | 3.0 |
| 73 Sergio Molina | 1357 | -29 | +135 | =66 | +111 | -50 | +108 | 3.0 |
| 74 Hugh West | 1800 | -103 | +81 | -56 | +129 | -40 | +93 | 3.0 |
| 75 Tommy Wornick | 964 | -51 | -48 | +144 | +116 | -83 | +106 | 3.0 |
| 76 Andres Alaniz | 1388 | -14 | =94 | +128 | -84 | +123 | =69 | 3.0 |
| 77 Paul Morgan | 1763 | -129 | +109 | =45 | =93 | -64 | +103 | 3.0 |
| 78 Wilson Neil | 1624 | =97 | =126 | -57 | -88 | +94 | +102 | 3.0 |
| 79 Donald Coburn | 1844 | +80 | +50 | +91 | -21 | U | U | 3.0 |
| 80 Curtis Felkner | 1400 | -79 | +134 | -117 | =124 | +101 | =70 | 3.0 |
| 81 Jacob Ramsey | 1246 | -60 | -74 | +133 | =64 | +137 | X | 3.0 |
| 82 Robert Kaminsky | 1687 | +119 | +129 | -4 | -15 | -30 | =90 | 2.5 |
| 83 Phillip Hallmark | 1640 | +141 | -11 | =93 | -68 | +75 | -48 | 2.5 |
| 84 Donald Pratt | 1786 | =68 | -67 | +130 | +76 | -47 | -46 | 2.5 |
| 85 Susan Strahan | 1176 | -117 | =71 | -46 | +98 | =67 | =95 | 2.5 |
| 86 Jeffrey Haseltine | 1474 | -9 | +112 | -44 | =96 | +126 | -52 | 2.5 |
| 87 Alton Blue | 1348 | -18 | +121 | =70 | -71 | -51 | +124 | 2.5 |
| 88 Sam Gutierrez | 1271 | -36 | +132 | -30 | +78 | =63 | =89 | 2.5 |
| 89 Robert Groover | 1369 | -42 | +136 | +72 | -5 | -58 | =88 | 2.5 |
| 90 Angelo Cuestas | 1312 | -20 | +120 | -110 | -32 | -111 | =82 | 2.5 |
| 91 Aizaz Shaikat | 1569 | +139 | +18 | -79 | -29 | =49 | U | 2.5 |
| 92 Bryan Pernes | 1185 | +71 | -60 | H | +125 | -34 | -51 | 2.5 |
| 93 M. Averbach | 1384 | -44 | +133 | =83 | =77 | =69 | -74 | 2.5 |
| 94 Joseph Godawski | 929 | -47 | =76 | +119 | -115 | -78 | +128 | 2.5 |
| 95 Alex Lewkowski | 1450 | -131 | +127 | -18 | +112 | -65 | =85 | 2.5 |

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|-----|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 96 | Frank Lawrence | 1182 | -61 | -30 | +136 | =86 | -99 | +123 | 2.5 |
| 97 | John Scott Hill | 1096 | =78 | -31 | -62 | -130 | +144 | +127 | 2.5 |
| 98 | Brian Young | 1293 | -41 | H | -71 | -85 | +143 | +113 | 2.5 |
| 99 | Ade Kujimiyu | 1581 | H | F | =102 | =126 | +96 | -49 | 2.5 |
| 100 | Dom. Gonzalez | 1571 | +137 | H | -1 | +123 | -42 | U | 2.5 |
| 101 | G. Sundaresan | 1065 | H | X | -8 | -70 | -80 | X | 2.5 |
| 102 | G. Middlebrook | 1263 | =43 | -16 | =99 | -33 | +133 | -78 | 2.0 |
| 103 | Anthony Garcia | 1349 | +74 | -23 | -69 | +127 | -54 | -77 | 2.0 |
| 104 | David O'Shell | 1494 | +145 | -17 | +126 | -20 | -32 | +109 | 2.0 |
| 105 | David Harry | 1167 | -37 | -35 | +137 | -48 | +132 | -72 | 2.0 |
| 106 | Jason Starnes | 1364 | -122 | +137 | -50 | +108 | -66 | -75 | 2.0 |
| 107 | Diana Henderson | 1276 | -17 | +144 | -19 | -72 | +134 | -55 | 2.0 |
| 108 | John Lasley | 1109 | -72 | -56 | +121 | -106 | +116 | -73 | 2.0 |
| 109 | Peter Yeh | 1226 | -140 | -77 | +113 | -35 | -120 | +104 | 2.0 |
| 110 | Michael Cathey | 1534 | +132 | -10 | +90 | -41 | -59 | F | 2.0 |
| 111 | Alexander Chua | 1081 | -125 | -27 | +120 | -73 | -90 | +139 | 2.0 |
| 112 | Wayne Sampson | 1169 | -55 | -86 | +135 | -95 | +118 | -67 | 2.0 |
| 113 | Lance Hampton | 920 | -65 | -57 | -109 | +138 | +119 | -98 | 2.0 |
| 114 | Phillip Chambers | 1324 | -10 | +138 | -40 | +118 | -33 | U | 2.0 |
| 115 | William P. Gibson | 1800 | =52 | =26 | -15 | +94 | U | U | 2.0 |
| 116 | Paul Renfro | 1345 | -13 | +139 | -63 | -75 | -108 | +135 | 2.0 |
| 117 | Frank Arizpe | 1646 | +85 | -21 | +80 | -26 | U | U | 2.0 |
| 118 | Michell Savage | 514 | -142 | -49 | B | -114 | -112 | +144 | 2.0 |
| 119 | Derrick Watson | 1248 | -82 | -59 | -94 | +143 | -113 | +137 | 2.0 |
| 120 | Ty Reynolds | unr. | -63 | -90 | -111 | +136 | -109 | +133 | 2.0 |
| 121 | Matt Taylor | 612 | -54 | -87 | -108 | -133 | +145 | +134 | 2.0 |
| 122 | Steven D. Young | 1809 | +106 | =25 | =47 | U | U | U | 2.0 |
| 123 | Daniel A. Nelson | 1063 | -70 | =46 | +52 | -100 | -76 | -96 | 1.5 |
| 124 | Mason Harry | 1071 | -50 | -24 | +138 | =80 | -62 | -87 | 1.5 |
| 125 | Hugh Strain | 1624 | +111 | =131 | -7 | -92 | -52 | U | 1.5 |
| 126 | Tim Brennan | 1246 | =31 | =78 | -104 | =99 | -86 | U | 1.5 |
| 127 | Ben Lewkowski | 1032 | -66 | -95 | +132 | -103 | =129 | -97 | 1.5 |
| 128 | S. Sundaresan | 1080 | H | -43 | -76 | -52 | +136 | -94 | 1.5 |
| 129 | Aaron Willard | 1299 | +77 | -82 | -65 | -74 | =127 | U | 1.5 |
| 130 | Juan Castaneda | 1257 | -23 | =143 | -84 | +97 | -46 | F | 1.5 |
| 131 | Chas. McLaughlin | 1919 | +95 | =125 | -37 | -45 | U | U | 1.5 |
| 132 | Kenneth LaRue | unr. | 911 | -110 | -88 | -127 | +135 | -105 | 1.5 |
| 133 | Jasmine DiLucci | 952 | -28 | -93 | -81 | +121 | -102 | -120 | 1.0 |
| 134 | Elvis Vest | 955 | -69 | -80 | +145 | -49 | -107 | -121 | 1.0 |
| 135 | Paul Richard Chua | 751 | -58 | -73 | -112 | -132 | +138 | -116 | 1.0 |
| 136 | David Jamison | 816 | -25 | -89 | -96 | -120 | -128 | +143 | 1.0 |
| 137 | Matthew Kaminsky | 674 | -100 | -106 | -105 | +145 | -81 | -119 | 1.0 |
| 138 | Courtney Jamison | 610 | -33 | -114 | -124 | -113 | -135 | +145 | 1.0 |
| 139 | James Huang | 670 | -91 | -116 | -141 | =144 | H | -111 | 1.0 |
| 140 | Archie Pace | 1666 | +109 | -12 | -27 | U | U | U | 1.0 |
| 141 | James Ruska | 1159 | -83 | -15 | +139 | U | U | U | 1.0 |
| 142 | Layne Hendrick | 1040 | +118 | U | U | U | U | U | 1.0 |
| 143 | Jeffrey Funchess | unr. | -64 | =130 | -68 | -119 | -98 | -136 | 0.5 |
| 144 | Joseph Warren | unr. | -40 | -107 | -75 | =139 | -97 | -118 | 0.5 |
| 145 | Samantha Savage | unr. | -104 | -39 | -134 | -137 | -121 | -138 | 0.0 |

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|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 17 | Dee Carter | 1403 | -6 | -16 | +20 | -10 | 1.0 |
| 18 | Wayne Sampson | 1169 | -15 | -9 | B | -13 | 1.0 |
| 19 | Alfredo Coleman | 1274 | =7 | -8 | -14 | U | 0.5 |
| 20 | Stillman Anderson | 1425 | -5 | -10 | -17 | U | 0.0 |

Futurity

| name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | total | |
|------|------------------|------|----|----|----|-------|-----|
| 1 | Larry J. Young | 1919 | +2 | +7 | +6 | =4 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Scott Griggs | 1743 | -1 | +3 | +7 | +6 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Charles E. Woods | 1405 | =5 | -2 | B | +7 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Govind Persad | 1335 | -6 | B | =5 | =1 | 2.0 |
| 5 | John W. Ade | 1888 | =3 | =6 | =4 | U | 1.5 |
| 6 | Mark McCue | 1847 | +4 | =5 | -1 | -2 | 1.5 |
| 7 | John Sanders | 978 | B | -1 | -2 | -3 | 1.0 |

Texas Women's Championship

Huntsville, June 12-13

| name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | total | |
|------|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 1 | Carol Mayer-Kleist | 1358 | =2 | +4 | +10 | +3 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Brenda Hardesty | 1111 | =1 | +8 | +5 | +6 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Lara Lindzey | 1122 | +9 | +5 | +6 | -1 | 3.0 |
| 4 | Zita Sanders | 724 | B | -1 | +7 | B | 3.0 |
| 5 | Barbara Sanders | 1133 | +8 | -3 | -2 | B | 2.0 |
| 6 | Martha Sanders | 1116 | +11 | +10 | -3 | -2 | 2.0 |
| 7 | Geeta Persad | 935 | -10 | B | +4 | +11 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Brenda Tantzen | unr. | -5 | -2 | +11 | =9 | 1.5 |
| 9 | Windy Iglehart | unr. | -3 | -11 | B | =8 | 1.5 |
| 10 | Susan Strahan | 1176 | +7 | -6 | -1 | U | 1.0 |
| 11 | Lindsey Leal | unr. | -6 | +9 | -8 | -7 | 1.0 |

Houston Absolute Championship

Houston, June 11-13

| name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | total | |
|------|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 1 | Larry Englebretson | 2214 | =5 | +3 | H | +9 | =2 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Ali Morshedi | 2167 | +10 | +13 | -5 | =8 | =1 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Steven D. Young | 1809 | +11 | -1 | =7 | +13 | +8 | 3.5 |
| 4 | Lee Gaskill | 2065 | -13 | +12 | +14 | =6 | +9 | 3.5 |
| 5 | Mark Dejmeck | 2132 | =1 | +11 | +2 | H | H | 3.5 |
| 6 | Larry Moss | 2200 | +15 | =9 | =8 | =4 | =7 | 3.0 |
| 7 | B.L. Patteson | 2145 | +14 | -8 | =3 | +10 | =6 | 3.0 |
| 8 | Clarence Yeung r/c | 2217 | +12 | +7 | =6 | -2 | -3 | 2.5 |
| 9 | Andres Suarez | 1901 | +16 | =6 | +13 | -1 | -4 | 2.5 |
| 10 | Mark Mayzenberg | 1850 | -2 | =15 | +12 | -7 | +11 | 2.5 |
| 11 | Richard Gonzales | 2147 | -3 | -5 | +15 | +14 | -10 | 2.0 |
| 12 | David Epstein | 1919 | -8 | -4 | -10 | +15 | +14 | 2.0 |
| 13 | William C. Reuter | 2282 | +4 | -2 | -9 | -3 | U | 1.0 |
| 14 | James Mulberry | 1508 | -7 | B | -4 | -11 | -12 | 1.0 |
| 15 | Rafael Zamora | 2000 | -6 | =10 | -11 | -12 | U | 0.5 |
| 16 | Clarence Yeung | 2217 | -9 | U | U | U | U | 0.0 |

Texas Senior Championship

Huntsville, June 12-13

| name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | total | |
|------|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 1 | John Patty | 2230 | +16 | +6 | +2 | =4 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Bill Wheeler | 2111 | +10 | +5 | -1 | +7 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Leon Poliakoff | 2028 | +9 | +15 | -4 | +11 | 3.0 |
| 4 | Barry Endsley | 2014 | +13 | +11 | +3 | =1 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Zach Coombes | 1908 | +20 | -2 | +16 | =6 | 2.5 |
| 6 | Robert F. McGregor | 1788 | +17 | -1 | +10 | =5 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Joe Gilbert | 1711 | =19 | +14 | +12 | -2 | 2.5 |
| 8 | Gary Carlson | 1677 | -11 | +19 | =9 | +14 | 2.5 |
| 9 | Carmen Chairez | 1511 | -3 | +18 | =8 | +16 | 2.5 |
| 10 | Frank Roberts | 1566 | -2 | +20 | -6 | +17 | 2.0 |
| 11 | Charles Dumond | 1234 | +8 | -4 | +13 | -3 | 2.0 |
| 12 | Allen Eckert | 1778 | =14 | +13 | -7 | U | 1.5 |
| 13 | Carl McClure | 1510 | +4 | -12 | -11 | +18 | 1.5 |
| 14 | Edward Tarte | 1380 | =12 | -7 | +19 | -8 | 1.5 |
| 15 | James MacArthur | 1618 | +18 | -3 | U | U | 1.0 |
| 16 | Duane Solley | 1573 | -1 | +17 | -5 | -9 | 1.0 |

Reserve

| name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | total | |
|------|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 1 | Michael Williams | 1876 | +23 | +8 | +7 | =2 | +6 | 4.5 |
| 2 | Robert Chalker | 1900 | +13 | +30 | +4 | =1 | =3 | 4.0 |
| 3 | Tomas Suchy | 1804 | =9 | +27 | +18 | +17 | =2 | 4.0 |
| 4 | Chris Glaser | 1602 | +22 | +14 | -2 | +20 | +7 | 4.0 |
| 5 | Patrick Bloom | 1759 | +25 | -20 | +23 | +22 | +8 | 4.0 |
| 6 | Ronnie Rubit | 1831 | +10 | +12 | +20 | H | -1 | 3.5 |
| 7 | David Mackey | 1800 | +16 | +21 | -1 | +12 | -4 | 3.0 |
| 8 | Bradley Sawyer | 1563 | +29 | -1 | +24 | +21 | -5 | 3.0 |
| 9 | Buo Zhang | 1164 | =3 | -11 | +33 | =15 | +21 | 3.0 |
| 10 | Bo Githoro | 1335 | =6 | +26 | =15 | +18 | =11 | 3.0 |
| 11 | Bradley Anderson | 1642 | H | +9 | =17 | =13 | =10 | 3.0 |
| 12 | Jose Baun | 1472 | +28 | -6 | +14 | -7 | +20 | 3.0 |
| 13 | Paul Ward | 1424 | -2 | +25 | +28 | =11 | =17 | 3.0 |
| 14 | Joe Mims | 1281 | +19 | -4 | -12 | +28 | +25 | 3.0 |
| 15 | Trong Nguyen | 1796 | -21 | +33 | =10 | =9 | +24 | 3.0 |
| 16 | Ted Ingram | 1111 | -7 | -23 | +31 | +32 | +22 | 3.0 |

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|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 17 | William P. Gibson | 1800 | +24 | =18 | =11 | -3 | =13 | 2.5 |
| 18 | Alfonso Velasquez | 1536 | +31 | =17 | -3 | -10 | B | 2.5 |
| 19 | Keith Hatch | 1399 | -14 | H | -27 | +33 | +32 | 2.5 |
| 20 | Peter Craney | 1220 | B | +5 | -6 | -4 | -12 | 2.0 |
| 21 | Anthony Garcia | 1349 | +15 | -7 | +32 | -8 | -9 | 2.0 |
| 22 | Neph Diaz | 1361 | -4 | +29 | +30 | -5 | -16 | 2.0 |
| 23 | George Grochocki | 1400 | -1 | +16 | -5 | +26 | U | 2.0 |
| 24 | Johnny Fox | 1249 | -17 | +31 | -8 | +30 | -15 | 2.0 |
| 25 | Anand Kesavaraju | 1062 | -5 | -13 | +29 | B | -14 | 2.0 |
| 26 | Stacy Tsang | 994 | -30 | -10 | B | -23 | +29 | 2.0 |
| 27 | Mike Elliott | 1156 | H | -3 | +19 | U | U | 1.5 |
| 28 | Lisa Tsang | 978 | -12 | B | -13 | -14 | -31 | 1.0 |
| 29 | Gary Cobb | unr. | -8 | -22 | -25 | +31 | -26 | 1.0 |
| 30 | David C. Ward | 1581 | +26 | -2 | -22 | -24 | U | 1.0 |
| 31 | Steven Koons | unr. | -18 | -24 | -16 | -29 | +28 | 1.0 |
| 32 | Ade Kujimiyo | 1581 | H | H | -21 | -16 | -19 | 1.0 |
| 33 | John Scott Hill | 1096 | H | -15 | -9 | -19 | U | 0.5 |

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|----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 13 | Kevin Lintz | 843 | -4 | -8 | +18 | +19 | 2.0 |
| 14 | Michael Godawski | unr. | -9 | -11 | +20 | +15 | 2.0 |
| 15 | John Maynard | 985 | +8 | -4 | -2 | -14 | 1.0 |
| 16 | Matthew Taylor | 612 | -5 | -10 | +17 | -11 | 1.0 |
| 17 | Adam Dickerson | unr. | -6 | -12 | -16 | B | 1.0 |
| 18 | Victor Hallock | unr. | +11 | -9 | -13 | -12 | 1.0 |
| 19 | Ivor Stankovic | unr. | +10 | -5 | -3 | -13 | 1.0 |
| 20 | Windy Iglehart | unr. | -1 | -7 | -14 | U | 0.0 |

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

Texas Junior Invitational Dallas, June 19-20

| | name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | total |
|----|-------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| 1 | David C. John | 2289 | +7 | +6 | +3 | +2 | +8 | 5.0 |
| 2 | Enrique Rios | 1809 | =5 | +8 | +6 | -1 | H | 3.0 |
| 3 | Matthew Bradford | 1796 | +10 | +9 | -1 | =7 | =6 | 3.0 |
| 4 | Patrick Bloom | 1759 | -6 | -5 | +10 | +9 | +7 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Martin Alexander | 1607 | =2 | +4 | -7 | =8 | +9 | 3.0 |
| 6 | John Sneed | 1903 | +4 | -1 | -2 | +10 | =3 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Jonathan Cearley | 1772 | -1 | +10 | +5 | =3 | -4 | 2.5 |
| 8 | Trong Nguyen | 1796 | H | -2 | +9 | =5 | -1 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Jonathan R. Walsh | 1810 | H | -3 | -8 | -4 | -5 | 0.5 |
| 10 | Anthony Garcia | 1349 | -3 | -7 | -4 | -6 | U | 0.0 |

Waco Open Waco, June 19

| | name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | total |
|----|------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | Selby Anderson | 2269 | +10 | +9 | =3 | +2 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Ronald Deike | 2130 | +7 | +14 | +4 | -1 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Jason Howell | 1954 | +8 | +12 | =1 | =6 | 3.0 |
| 4 | George Miller | 1601 | +5 | +11 | -2 | +12 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Antonio Schuyler | 1861 | -4 | =6 | +15 | +11 | 2.5 |
| 6 | George Elgin | 1800 | =13 | =5 | +10 | =3 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Brian Smith | 1633 | -2 | +16 | +9 | =8 | 2.5 |
| 8 | Wallace Brady | 1625 | -3 | +18 | +14 | =7 | 2.5 |
| 9 | Archie Pace | 1749 | +18 | -1 | -7 | +13 | 2.0 |
| 10 | Freddy Lim | 1641 | -1 | +13 | -6 | +17 | 2.0 |
| 11 | W.D. Veatch | 1857 | +15 | -4 | =12 | -5 | 1.5 |
| 12 | Gary Lee Webb | 1671 | +17 | -3 | =11 | -4 | 1.5 |
| 13 | Ricky Pierce | 1600 | =6 | -10 | +16 | -9 | 1.5 |
| 14 | Allen Eckert | 1766 | +16 | -2 | -8 | U | 1.0 |
| 15 | Bryan Wayt | 1601 | -11 | +17 | -5 | U | 1.0 |
| 16 | John Downing | 1503 | -14 | -7 | -13 | +18 | 1.0 |
| 17 | Taylor Hendrix | 1240 | -12 | -15 | +18 | -10 | 1.0 |
| 18 | Michael Irvin | 1408 | -9 | -8 | -17 | -16 | 0.0 |

Reserve

| | name | rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | total |
|----|------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | John Lasley | 1109 | +20 | +2 | +4 | +5 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Forrest Marler | 1339 | +7 | -1 | +15 | +6 | 3.0 |
| 3 | James Bradfield | 1328 | +12 | -6 | +19 | +9 | 3.0 |
| 4 | John DeVries | 1270 | +13 | +15 | -1 | +10 | 3.0 |
| 5 | David Harry | 1167 | +16 | +19 | +9 | -1 | 3.0 |
| 6 | Mason Harry | 1071 | +17 | +3 | =8 | -2 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Joey Godawski | 929 | -2 | +20 | +11 | =8 | 2.5 |
| 8 | Eddy Sammons | 1371 | -15 | +13 | =6 | =7 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Stuart Madsen | 1144 | +14 | +18 | -5 | -3 | 2.0 |
| 10 | David Gorrell | 1012 | -19 | +16 | +12 | -4 | 2.0 |
| 11 | Lisa DeVries | 1000 | -18 | +14 | -7 | +16 | 2.0 |
| 12 | Stephanie Ballom | 866 | -3 | +17 | -10 | +18 | 2.0 |

Bids awarded

2001 Texas Scholastic Championships. March 10-11, 2001. Submitted by Southwest Chess Enterprises. Site: Wyndham Hotel at Greenspoint, Houston. Playing area >19,000 square feet, plus additional 4,000 square feet for skittles or side events. Large lobby area outside playing hall, >23,000 square feet. EF: \$21 advance, \$35 late. Trophies: at least 25 team, 35 ind. for each section.

2001 State and Amateur Championships. Memorial Weekend. Submitted by Southwest Chess Enterprises. Prizes: \$5,000 based on 175 full entries. EF: \$40, \$25 for junior/senior/handicapped. (\$25 entries count as half toward based-on number.) Site to be determined. (Depends on hotel market in Dallas and Houston.)

2001 Southwest Open. Labor Day weekend. Submitted by San Antonio Chess Club. 6-SS, 40/2, 20/1, SD/30. \$\$ (5,500 b/200, 2/3 of all prizes gtd.) Two Sections: **Open:** \$1,000-500-250; Expert, Class A each \$500-250. **Reserve** (open to under 1800): \$500-300-100. Class C, D/E each \$400-200. Unr. \$100-50. Unrated players in Reserve section eligible for unr. prizes only. **Both:** EF \$45 in advance, \$55 at site. Jr EF \$30 adv./\$40 site, must play in Reserve section - 2 junior entries count as 1 towards "based on" prizes.) Reg., Rds. TBA. 1/2 pt. bye any one round, notice before Rd. 1. Hotel TBA. SACC, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023. 210-695-2324.

2001 Texas Grade Championships. (5th annual) Submitted by Southwest Chess Enterprises. Fall 2001, site to be determined by where 2002 state scholastic is held. 6-SS, G/45 Rds. 1-4, G/60 Rds. 5-6. Trophies to top 10 individuals in each grade. Awards for best novice ind. and teams, and best unrated ind.. Novice: Grade 4-5 U800; 6-8 U900; 9-12 U1000. Score of top 3 players added for team score. All members of team must be in same grade. No more than two teams/grade per school. Open to TX residents and schools. Rds. 10-12:30-2:30-4, 10-1. Parent-child tournament Sat. 6:30 p.m. Quick rated G/10 tmt. Fri. 8 p.m. Bughouse tmt. Sat. 8:30 p.m. 1/2 pt. bye avail. any round if requested before Rd. 2 Advance entry \$21. At-site reg. (\$36): 7-9 p.m. Fri. and 8-9:30 Sat. (Sat. reg. may require 1/2 pt. bye in Rd. 1.)

Tournament Calendar

Aug. 6-7 or 7-8: Ken Smith Memorial. See ad, p. 26.

Sept. 3: Texas Quick Championships. 6SS, G/15, Crowne Plaza Houston Medical Center, 6701 South Main Street, Houston TX 77030. \$\$75% of EF. 3 sections. Open, U2000, U1600/Unrated. Sections may be combined. EF: \$20, \$10 Jr/Sr/Hcapp. TCA memb req'd. OSA. Reg 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm. Rd 1 at 7:30 pm., rest a.s.a.p. 1/2 point for any one rd. if requested before rd. 2. HR: \$85, 713-797-1110, mention chess (room block held until 8/16). HR: \$85, 713-797-1110, mention chess (room block held until 8/16). Ent: Dallas Chess Club, 11836 Judd Ct, #304B, Dallas TX 75243. Info: Jason Doss, 972-231-2065, jrdoss@utdallas.edu, www.dallaschess.com NS NC W.

Sept. 4-6: 65th Annual Southwest Open. See ad, p. 27. TCA Business meeting 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5.

Sept. 18: UTD Fall Scholastic Championships. Galaxy Room, Student Union, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson. 5SS, Rds 1-3 G/30, Rds 4-5 G/45. 4 sections. HS, open to K-12; MS K-9; Elem. K-6; Pri. K-3. EF: \$5 for USCF members or new USCF members under age of 15; \$10 renewing USCF members under age 15; \$15 new or renewing USCF members ages 15-19. New and renewing members will receive a one year USCF membership with their entry. Entries limited to first 300 entries received. Advance registration recommended. Reg. 8-9 p.m., Rd 1 at 9:35 a.m. Rest a.s.a.p. with 1 hr. lunch break. \$\$ Trophies to top 15 individual, top 8 unrateds, and top 8 teams in each section. Ent: Dallas Chess Club, 11836 Judd Ct #304B, Dallas TX 75243. Info: Jason Doss, 972-231-2065, jrdoss@utdallas.edu, www.dallaschess.com NS NC W

Texas Postal Championship: Send \$10 entry to Jimmy Irvin, 10222 Outlaw Bend, Converse, TX 78109.

1999 U.S. CHESSathon tee shirts: \$12 (includes \$2 postage and handling), payable to U.S. Chess Trust. Send to TCA, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023.

WANTED: Nominations of players under 19 on 10/31/99 with USCF >1600 and CQ >100 for prizes in the year 2000. CQ or chess quotient is ratio of USCF rating to age. List consecutive three, five or seven years of chess achievement and USCF/FIDE. Paul Muljadi, P.O. Box 100393, San Antonio, TX 78201.

Back cover solution: 1.Rg5 (1...Nxc2 2.Rxd5#; 1...Nxc5 2.Rxb4#; 1...dxe4 2.Be3# or 2.Rxb4#).

David John sweeps first Texas Junior Invitational

The first ever Texas Junior Invitational Championship was held June 18-20 at the Dallas Chess Club. The winner was no surprise: David John, rated almost 400 points above the field, pulled a 5-0 sweep. In his dust were four players with 3 points: Enrique Rios, Matt Bradford, Patrick Bloom and Martin Alexander, who was the big point gainer with a 1607 rating going into the event. Ten players competed in the event, which was organized by Enrique Rios and Patrick Bloom. Invitations went out to players age 18 or under with ratings 1700 or higher, or who had won state titles or regional high school titles, or who had scored at least 6-1 in the state high school championship. Luis Salinas directed, and Anthony Garcia was assistant TD and house player.

Waco Open sets local record

by Selby Anderson

After setting a local attendance record in May, the Waco Chess Club organizers set a new one when 38 players turned out for the Waco Open. The four-round game/60 tournament was held June 19 at the Salvation Army Community Center.

In round two I defeated Archie Pace (1749), winner of the May Swiss, despite my dubious opening. I was in a tight race after being held to a draw by local favorite Jason Howell in Round 3, who was prepared for my Nimzo-Indian. An exciting game took place the next board down, when George Miller (1601) came back from a piece deficit to scare up chances with a passed pawn duo against Ron Deike (2130). But the expert held on, and his own passed pawns had the last word.

Deike gave me a good fight in the last round, but let me dominate the open file in the endgame. My rooks decided, getting me at least a share of first. Howell failed to win against George Elgin (1800), and tied for second with Deike and Miller, each with 3 points.

The big story was in the Reserve, where seven-year-old John Lasley defeated all comers including our TCA treasurer Forrest Marler and Mansfield mayor David Harry. The two finished in a tie for second with 3 points, along with James Bradfield and John DeVries.

Mario Leal does a great job as TD/organizer, and he puts out an excellent club newsletter, *Chess in Waco*. Over-the-board chess is alive and booming in this town!

Games from these events will appear in the next issue.



Aug. 6-8 or 7-8

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Texas

Ken Smith Memorial Open. 5SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day option rds 1-2 G/75). Doubletree Hotel at Lincoln Center, 5410 LBJ Freeway, Dallas TX 75240 Free Parking. \$\$18,000 b/260 full entries, else proportional. min. 75% guaranteed. 7 sections. **Open:** \$2000-1000-600-400, U2400/Unr \$1000 -500. **Under 2200:** \$1000-500-400-300. **Under 2000:** \$1000-500-400-300 **Under 1800:** \$1000-500-400-300. **Under 1600/Unr:** \$1000-500-400-300, Unrated \$500-200. Unr. eligible for Unr. prizes only; class pairings possible. **Under 1400:** \$800-500-300-200. **U1200:** \$600-300-200-100. EF: 3-day \$98, 2-day \$97 if check mailed by 7/30, all \$100 with MC or Visa by 8/4, \$110 at site. GM's over 2500 free if they complete the tournament, \$90 deducted from prize. GM's must register at site. Special EF: \$40 less to unrated, \$40 less to juniors under 18 who are rated below 1500, over 2199 or play up. Re-entry \$60; not available in open section. Special EF players count as 3/5 entries (may win full prize.) Credit cards accepted at site or by internet, www.dallaschess.com CCA minimum ratings will be used. Special prize for best Smith-Morra game played. 3-day schedule: Reg ends Fri 7 pm, rds Fri 8 pm, Sat 11-5:30, Sun 9-3:15. 2-day: Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11-2:15-5:30, Sun 9-3:15. HR:\$72-72-72-72, 972-934-8400, reserve by July 23 or rate may increase, mention chess. Ent: Dallas Chess Club, 4060 Old Town Rd, Addison, TX 75001-3518. Info: Jason Doss, 972-231-2065 (answering machine usually,) jrdoss@utdallas.edu NS, NC, W, FIDE

65th Annual Southwest Open

September 4-6, 1999

6 round Swiss 40/2, SD/1

Crowne Plaza Houston Medical Center

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Houston TX 77030

HR: \$85, 713-797-1110. Mention chess (room block held until 8/16).
No Smoking, no computers, Wheelchair accessible

3 sections: **Open** (open to all), **U2000** (open to U2000),
U1600 (open to U1600)

Prizes:

Open: \$1000-500-200, U2200 \$500-200.

U2000 \$600-200, U1800 \$400-200.

U1600 \$400-200, U1400 \$400-100.

All Entry Fees: \$40, \$25 Jr/Sr/Hcapp. Postmark by 8/24
else \$48, \$30 at site. TCA membership required. OSA.

Unrateds may only compete for top three prize in Open section
and may only win \$100 in lower two sections. Foreign unrated
must play in Open Section for top three prizes only.

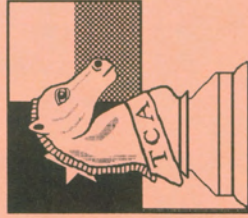
Registration 9-11 am Saturday

Rounds: 11:30-5:45, 11:15-5:30, 9-3:15.

½ point for any one round if requested before round 2.

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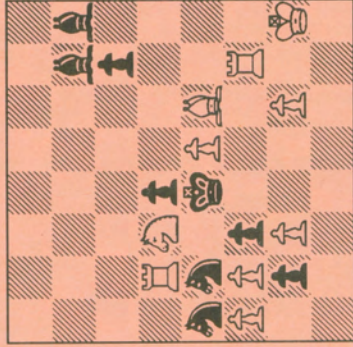


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