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# Test Your Tactics!

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Abbreviations used: NYO (New Year Open); ICC (Internet Chess Club.); PAI, PAO, PAS (Pan American Intercollegiate, Open, Scholastic).



1. White to move  
McClurg-Huddleston, NYO 1999



2. White to move  
Suarez-Silva, NYO 1999



3. White to move  
Rios-Littlejohn, PAS 1998



4. White to move  
Smith-Hernandez, San Francisco 1972



5. White to move  
Suarez-Rodriguez, NYO 1999



6. White to move  
Perelshteyn-Shivaji, PAI 1998



7. Black to move  
Gallagher-Patteson, NYO 1999



8. White to move  
Land-R. Smith, NYO 1999



9. White to move  
Cue-Ball - BermudaTriangle, ICC 1998

# Austinites repeat at Texas Team Championship

by NM Selby Anderson

Who says chess players aren't romantic? We scheduled the Texas Team Championship on Valentine's day and had the lowest turnout in memory – seven teams. It was so small that a team with three masters (*Pawnz*, with John Patty, Don Sutherland and Jim Rohrbaugh) got a bye in the last round.

One of the team names had a romantic flavor, in a sophomoric sort of way. With some of the best juniors in the state, sixth-ranked *Andrea's Harem* (David John, Jonathan Walsh, Enrique Rios and Patrick Bloom) placed third with 2.5 and won the prize for best under-1900 team. It was a repeat performance for David John of last year's top U1900 *Whiskey and Mystics*. This year David scored 3.5, with an impressive 2.5-.5 against masters, and won the board one prize.

Top honors went to an Austin juggernaut powered by Mikhail Langer, Richard Ketcham and John Bell, who successfully defended last year's title. *Return of the Underpromoted*, besides sporting a new prefix, had former TCA president Michael Simpson on board 4 replacing Gray Bullis. They scored 3.5 in the four-round event, drawing *Andrea's Harem* in the last round.

This time they didn't need tiebreaks to beat out a San Antonio team led by myself and Gallagher. With the recycled name of *Sandbaggers* (Gallagher's old team from the 80's) our team missed having Eric Dimazana – who would have been first board – because of a professional commitment. After much casting and flailing about we recruited Al Zerm, whose own team had come apart when José Silva had to work over the weekend. He turned out to be our stalwart, winning the board 3 prize with 3.5. Our team score of 3-1, with a loss to the winners, was good for second place overall.

Honorable mention for sheer courage goes to a band of Tafolla Middle School students with a 913 average rating – *Scorpions* (Edward Gonzales, Adit Wongsaroj, Alex Echeverry and Robert Villarreal). They lost all their games, but got back half of their entry fees for being the second place U1900 team.

The playing site at the Methodist Hospital had excellent lighting, and it was free. One aspect beyond our control is the fact that the conference floor frequently has classes next to the tournament, and the partitions do little to screen out the sound. During the first round we had a few laughs during tense moments as a Lamaze childbirth video was played next door.

George John directed for the San Antonio Chess Club, with Greg Wren assisting.



**Return of the Underpromoted: Mikhail Langer, Richard Ketcham, John Bell and Michael Simpson**



**Andrea's Harem: Patrick Bloom, Enrique Rios, David John and Jonathan Walsh**

*(Note: The portrait hanging next to the flag is of a Methodist bishop named J. Chess Lovern!)*

## BOARD PRIZES

1. David John (*Andrea's Harem*) 3.5
2. Richard Ketcham (*Return of the Underpromoted*) 3.5
3. Alfred Zerm (*Sandbaggers*) 3.5
4. Steven Young (*Crash Dummies*) 3.5

One of the attractions of team events is the fact that masters can clash in every round. On board one the Texas Open co-champions had it out, with Langer coming out on top.

*Reti Opening A09*

**Bill Reuter 2313**

*Crash Dummies*

**Mikhail Langer 2286**

*Return of the Underpromoted*

*Texas Team Ch. 1999 (1)*

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 d5 3.c4 Nf6 4.b3 d4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 Bd6 8.e4 Bg4 9.h3 Be6 10.Ne1 Qe7 11.f4 g6 12.f5 gxf5 13.exf5 Bd7 14.g4 h6 15.b4?

White is pushing his luck. Better is 15.Nd2.

15...e4! 16.dxe4

Clearly 16.b5 Ne5 17.Na3 e3 isa costly way to close lines.

16...Nxb4 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Nf3 Bg3 19.a3 Nc6 20.Qb3 Na5 21.Qd3 0-0-0 22.Bd2 Nc6 23.Ra2 Rde8 24.Bc1 Qe4



25.Ne1 Qxe1 26.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 27. Bf1 Rxc1 28.Qxg3 Rxb1 29.Re2 Re8 30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 31.Qf4 Re1 32.Qxh6 Ne4 33.Qh4 Ra1 34.Kg2 Ra2+ 35.Kg1 Ne5 36.Bg2 Nd2 37. Qe7 Ndf3+ 38.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 39.Kf1 Bc6 40.Qxc5 Kc7 41.Qa5+ Kd7 42.f6 Be4 43.Qb5+ Ke6 44.c5 Kf6 45.c6 bxc6 46.g5+ Kg7 47.Qa6 Rd2 48.h4 Bd3+ 49.Qxd3 Rxd3 0-1

*Polish Defense A46*

**David John 2264**

*Andrea's Harem*

**Selby Anderson 2265**

*Sandbaggers*

*Texas Team Ch. 1999 (1)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6

I used to go in for 2...c5 3.d5 b5!?

3.g3 b5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.Nbd2

The most popular move seems to be 6.c3, while 6.Bg5 may transpose.

6...cxd4!?

ECO gives 6...Na6 7.e4 cxd4 8.e5 Ng8 9.Nb3 Qb6 10.Qd4 ∞.

7.Nxd4

I was expecting 7.Nb3.

7...Bxg2 8.Kxg2 Qb6 9.N4f3 d5

10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.a4 b4 12.Be3 Qb7

13.Qd3 a6

Played to prevent 14.Qb5.



14.c4 Ne5!

Black gets nothing with 14... bxc3 15.Na5! Qc7 16.Qxc3 Qxc3 17. bxc3, when White can liquidate his weak c-pawn at will and gets a jump on rook mobilization.

The first point is that 15.Nxe5?? dxc4+ loses the queen, so forced is: 15.Na5 Nxd3 16.Nxb7 Nxb2 17. cxd5 Nc4?

Simply 17...exd5 18.Bd4 Nc4 is best, transposing to the game.

18.Bd4?

White's superior activity after 18.dxe6 Nxe3+ 19.fxe3 fxe6 20. Ng5 gives him a big pull.

18...exd5 19.Rac1

A horrible mistake would be 19.Bxf6?? gxf6, when White soon loses his b7 knight to ...Rb8. Oddly, I didn't notice this earlier when I chose 17...Nc4? instead of 17...exd5. 19...Ne4

Forcing White to give me connected passers in order to save his knight. On 19...Nd7 he squirms free with 20.e4.

20.Ne5 Rb8 21.Nxc4 dxc4 22.Na5 c3 23.f3 Ng5 24.Nb3 Ne6 25.Bf2 Be7 26.Rfd1 Bf6?

Handing White a tempo compared to 26...0-0 27.Rd7 Bf6 28.Rd6. My play in this game was alternately inspired and sloppy.

27.e4 g5 28.Rd6 0-0 29.Rxa6 Ra8 30.Rxa8 Rxa8 31.a5 Kf8 32.Kf1 Nc7 33.Ke2 Nb5 34.Bc5+ Be7 35. Bxe7+ Kxe7 36.Rd1 c2 37.Ra1 Na3



I thought the game was mine to put away, but here comes some escape artistry.

38.Nd4! Rc8 39.a6!

Forced but good. Not 39.Kd2? Rd8 40.Ke3 Rxd4 41.Kxd4 Nb1 +- . David was down to ten minutes to my twenty.

39...c1(Q)?

I did not fathom that I was anything but on the edge of victory. As it turns out, the alternative 39...Kd7 40.Kd2 is equally unsatisfying.

40.Rxc1 Rxc1 41.a7 Rc8 42.Nc6+

Now I woke up to what was happening. By sheer luck, I survive with some adroit moves.

42...Ke8 43.Nb8 b3 44.a8(Q) Nb5!

Not 44...b2?? 45.Qa4+ followed by Qd7 mate or Qxz3+ and Qxb2. The text has its own trap: 45.Qa4?? Rxb8 46.Qxb3?? Nd4+ and Nxb3.

45.Qb7 Rc2+ 46.Kf1

White could force Black to take a draw with 46.Kd3 Rc3+ 47.Kd2 Rc2+, etc.

46...b2 47.Qxb5+ Kf8 48.Nd7+ Ke7 49.Qe5+

David offered a draw, which I foolishly declined. I meant to reply 49...Kd8, but picked up the knight in a *fingerfehler*. Anyway, the result would be the same.

49...Kxd7? 50.Qd5+ and ... Draw

### Nimzo-Indian E20

John Patty 2246

Pawnz

Mitch Vergara 2155

Boogie Knights

Texas Team Ch. 1999 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 c5 5.d5 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 d6 7.e4 e5 8. Bd3 Nbd7 9.Ne2 0-0 10.g4 Re8 11. h4 Nf8 12.h5



12...h6 13.g5 hxg5 14. Bxg5 N8h7 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Kf2 Kh8 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.Rag1 Rg8 19.Ng3 Rae8 20. Bf1 Rb8 21.Bh3 Bxh3 22.Rxh3 Qd7 23.Kg2 b5 24.Kh2 b4 25.Nf5 bxc3 26.Qxc3 Ne8 27.Rg2 Qa4 28.

Ne7 Rf8 29.f4 Qd1 30.fxe5 Rb1 31. h6 dxe5 32.hxg7+ Nxg7 33.Bg1 f6 34.Qg3 1-0

### Sicilian Defense B53

Mitch Vergara 2155

Boogie Knights

Bill Reuter 2313

Crash Dummies

Texas Team Ch. 1999 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7. Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 e6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10. Rhe1 0-0 11.Kb1 Qa5 12.Qd2 Qc7

Score a tempo for White – this would have been better last move. Black also could have answered the threat of 13.Nd5 with 12...Kh8.

13.Nd4 a6 14.f4 Rfd8



15.Re3

The time was ripe for 15.f5! (a) 15...e5 16. Bxf6! Bxf6 17.Nf3 Δ g4-g5 ±; (b) 15...Bd7 16.g4 ±; (c) 15... d5 16.fxe6 dxe4 17.exf7+ Kxf7 18.Qe2 ±.

15...Rac8 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.f5 b5 18.Rde1 Rd7

18...b4! wins material, as the idea of 19.Nd5 was just a scare: 19...exd5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Bxe7 Nxe3 22. Bxd8? Nc4! If the knight retreats with 19.Ne2 or 19.Nd1, then 19... Nxe4! wins a pawn with initiative. 19.a3 Rdc7 20.Rg3 Kh8 21.Rh3 Qb7 22.e5??

White had an acceptable game, but it crumbles after Black's bishop

is unleashed. Better is 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Qxd6 Rc6 25.Qd2 Bxc3 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27. bxc3 Qe7 =. 22...dxe5 23.Rxe5 b4! 24.Na4

24.axb4 Bxb4 25.Kc1 Ne4! +.

24...Ne4?! -/+

24...Rxc2! Δ 25.Qxc2 Rxc2 26.

Kxc2 Qxg2+ and ...Qxh3 -+.

25.Rxe4 Qxe4 26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.

axb4 Rec7 28.Nc5 Qf5 29.Rf3 Qe5

30.Rd3 h6 31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.Rxc8

Rxc8 33.Nxa6 Ra8 34.h3 Qb5 0-1

### Modern Benoni A67

Selby Anderson 2265

Sandbaggers

Mikhail Langer 2286

Return of the Underpromoted

Texas Team Ch. 1999 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8. Bb5+ Nfd7 9.Bd3 Qh4+

I was hoping for a crack at what Langer had played against Doss in the state championship, 9...0-0 10. Nf3 a6, when I intended 11.h3.

10.g3 Qe7 11.Nf3 a6

11...0-0 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Kg2 Bg4

14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 N8d7 16.a4 c4

17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Be3 Nbd7 19.Rad1 a6

(Lukacs-Psakhis, Sarajevo 1981) 20.

Rfe1! ± Psakhis.

12.a4 0-0 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Kg2 c4

15.Bc2 Bg4 16.Be3 N8d7

Better seems 16...Qc7 first, to assure a future for this knight at c5.

17.h3

Also attractive is 17.Bd4, but I enjoyed depriving Black of ...Nc5 with my dark squared bishop. He had some trouble finding a plan for his queenside pieces.

17...Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Rab8 19.Rfe1 Qd8 20.a5 Na8 21.Qf2 Re8 22.Ba7 Rc8 23.Ba4 Re7

This is as good as it gets for White in this game. Since my plan is to trade dark square bishops, play e5 and penetrate with Ne4-f6, I should dispose of my light square bishop now with 24.Bxd7. A possible continuation is 24...Rxd7 25.Bd4 Nc7

26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qd4+ Kg8 28. Rad1 Nb5 29.Nxb5 axb5 30.e5 Qxa5 31.e6, with a breakthrough well worth the pawn.  
**24.Bd4(?) Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Nc5 26. Bc2 b5 27.axb6?**

I overlook a small detail. Best is 27.e5 b4 28.Ne4 Nxe4 29.Bxe4, but of course I am left with the wrong minor piece.

**27...Qxb6 28.Ra2 Nd3!**

That's the small detail. What is funny is that my position is so strong, based on king position and pawn structure, that the loss of the exchange is hardly noticed!

**29.Qxb6 Nxe1+ 30.Kf2 Nb6 31. Kxe1 Ra8 32.Kd2 f6 33.Ke3 Ree8 34.Kd4 Kf7 35.Bd1 h5 36.Be2-Rec8 37.h4 Kg7**

Langer offered a draw, which I would normally accept. However, as that would have clinched the match for his team I played on in "desperado" mode.

**38.Bf1 Rc7 39.Bh3 Raa7 40.Be6 Kf8 41.Nd1 Nd7 42.Bxd7 Rxd7 43.Ne3 Ke7 44.Nxc4 Rab7 45. Rxa6 Ra7 46.Rxa7 Rxa7 47.e5 fxe5+ 48.fxe5 dxe5+ 49.Kxe5 Rb7 50.d6+ Kd7 51.Kf6 Rb4 52.Ne5+ Kxd6 53.Nxg6 Rb3 54.Nf4**

White would like to hold onto his g3 pawn, but it's not going to happen: 54.Ne7 Rf3+ 55.Nf5+ Kd5 56.Kg5 Ke5 =.

**54...Rxc3 55.Nxh5 Rf3 56.Kg5 Rb3 57.Nf4 Rxb2 58.h5 Ke7 59. Kg6 Kf8 60.Nh3 . . . Draw**

It went down to king vs. king!

*Dutch Leningrad A87*

**Alfred Zerm 2165**

*Sandbaggers*

**John Bell 2199**

*Return of the Underpromoted*

*Texas Team Ch. 1999 (3)*

**1.d4 d6 2.c4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 c5!?**

Bell is known for his original opening play. Zerm, contrariwise, is very classical and by the book.

**5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.e4 Na6 10.exf5 gxf5 11.Re1 Nc5 12.b4 Nce4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Rc1 Qe8**



**16.Nf3!**

Black has no way to protect his weak pawns against both Qd5+ and Ng5, e.g. 16...Bc6 17.b5.

**16...Qf7 17.Ng5 Nxg5 18.Bxg5 e5 19.Qxd6 e4 20.Bf1 Rae8 21.Red1 Ba4 22.Rd2 Re6 23.Qc5 b6 24.Qe3 Be8 25.c5 b5 26.Be2 a6?**

This loses the exchange – better is 26...Kh8 27.Bd1 Ra6.

**27.Bd1 Kh8 28.Bb3 Qg6 29.Bxe6 Qxe6 30.Bf4 Bh5 31.c6 Bf3 32.c7 Bf6 33.Rd6 Qc8 34.Rxf6 Rxf6 35.Be5 f4 36.Qxf4 1-0**

*French Tarrasch C05*

**Mikhail Langer 2286**

*Return of the Underpromoted*

**David John 2264**

*Andrea's Harem*

*Texas Team Ch. 1999 (4)*

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 f6 8.Nf4!?**

8.exf6 Nxf6 tends to transpose to main lines. Also playable is 8.f4.

**8...Qe7 9.Qh5+?!?**

9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Nf3 . . .

(a) 10...Bd6 11.Nh5 Qe7 12.Qc2! g6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bg5 Qf7 15.Nf4 Nde5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.0-0-0 ± Stoljar-Sagalovich, USSR 1955;

(b) 10...cxd4 11.0-0 Nde5 (11... dxc3 12.Nxe6! cxb2 13.Bxb2 Qxb2 14.Re1 ±; 11...Nc5 12.Re1 ±) 12. Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 14.Re1 Be7 15.cxd4 0-0 16.Be3 ± (ECO).  
**9...Qf7!**

Even better than 9...Kd8 10.Qh3 f5 11.Ng6 hxg6 12.Qh8 cxd4.

**10.Bg6?**

White gives up the bishop pair and his proud center, while getting his queen stuck in a hole, all for the exchange. Somewhat better is 10. Qxf7+, but Black is more than comfortable with that ending.

**11...hxg6 11.Qxh8 cxd4 12.c4 fxe5 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.0-0 Bd7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nf3 Bg4!**

16...0-0-0 isn't bad, but the text provokes a crisis in the White ranks. **17.Nexd4 exd4 18.Re1+ Ne4 19. Qh4 Bxf3 20.Bf4 Bh5 21.f3 Be7 22. Qh3 Qxf4 23.fxe4 dxe4 24.Qe6 g5 25.Qg8+ Qf8 26.Qh7 Bf7 27.Rf1 0-0-0 28.Qxe4 Bf6 29.b4 Qxb4 30. Rab1 Qd6 31.Rb5 Bc4 0-1**

*Nimzo-Indian E41*

**Bill Reuter 2313**

*Crash Dummies*

**Selby Anderson 2265**

*Sandbaggers*

*Texas Team Ch. 1999 (4)*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Bxc3+**

The Huebner variation. Black surrenders a tempo (not waiting for a3) because Nf3 is not an optimal placement in these positions.

**6.bxc3 d6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.e4 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.h3**

10.Nh4 is sharpest, as played by Spassky against Fischer in 1972.

**10...Ng6**

10...h6!? Δ ...g5, ...Ng6.

**11.0-0 Nh5!**

The tactic 12.Nxe5 doesn't work because of the d3 bishop.

**12.Re1 Nh4 13.Bf1 h5!**

The advance patrol digs in.

**14.Kh2 h4 15.Rb1 Qe7 16.Ng1**

Reuter practices what he writes about in *Winning with Reverse Chess Strategy!* Seriously, this is the only way to oust the intruder. 16...f5 17.g3 hxg3+ 18.fxg3 Nh5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Qa4+ Kf8! 21.Rb2



21...Nxb3! 22.Rf2

22.Kxg3? Qh4+ and ...Qxe1.

22...Kg8 23.Re3!

Best, as 23.Kxg3 Qh4+ 24.Kf3 (or 24.Kg2 Bxh3+ mating) 24...Rf8 25.Ke3 Qxf2+ 26.Kxf3 Bd7+ is no contest. Now I must trade an advanced piece for some dead wood, and my initiative stalls out.

23...Nxf1+ 24.Rxf1 Qd7!

The threat of ...Nf4 (now that White can't play Rxf4) forces the queens off.

25.Qxd7 Bxd7 26.Rg3 Nh4 27.Bg5 Rf8 28.Rxf8+

On 28.Bf6? Rf7 Δ ...Kf8, White has only tied himself up.

28...Kxf8 29.Nf3 Nf5 30.Rg1 Ke8 31.Nd2 Ba4

I must not let White establish a knight on e4, so I prepare ...Bc2.

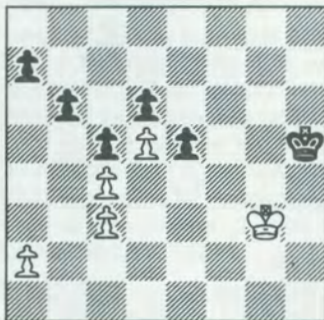
32.Nb3 b6 33.Rf1 Bd7 34.Kg2 Rh5

A mistake is 34...Rxb3?? 35. Kxb3 Ne3+ 36.Kh2 Nxf1+ 37.Kg2 and my knight is trapped. And after 34...Ne3+?! 35. Bxe3 Bxh3+ 36.Kg1 Bxf1 37.Kxf1 Rh2 38.Bf2 I have the dubious advantage of two pawns for the minor exchange instead of a simple pawn ahead.

35.Bc1 Nd4!

But three passed pawns for the minor exchange is different!

36.Rh1 Ne2 37.Bd2 g5! 38.Nc1 Nf4+ 39.Bxf4 gxf4 40.h4 Kf7 41. Nd3 Kf6 42.Nf2 Bf5 43.Kf3 Rh7 44.Ne4+ Bxe4+ 45.Kxe4 Rg7 46. Rh3 Rg1 47.h5 Rg3 48.Rxg3 fvg3 49.Kf3 Kg5 50.Kxg3 Kxh5



This may seem like a trivial ending, but if the queenside pawns were locked it would be a draw! (I don't mean to say it's obvious - three masters had to prove this to themselves after the game.) White could even play a sucker shot based on that: 51.a3!? a6? 52.a4 a5?? and the win would be gone.

51.Kf3 Kg5 52.Ke3 Kf5 53.Kf3 e4+ 54.Ke3 Ke5 55.Ke2 Kf4 56. Kf2 e3+ 57.Ke1 Kf3 58.Kf1 e2+ 59.Ke1 Ke3 0-1

#### Marienbad System A47

John Bell 2199

Return of the Underpromoted

Enrique Rios 1790

Andrea's Harem

#### Texas Team Ch. 1999 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4. Bh4 Bb7 5.e3 d5 (5...g6!) 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Bd3 f5 8.Ne5 g6 9.g4 fxg4 10.Qxg4 Bc8 11.Qg2 Bg7 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Bxg6+! Kf8 14.Nf7 Qd7 15.Nxb8 Bxb8 16.Bxb7 Qg4 17. Qxg4 Bxg4 18.Kxd2 Nd7 19.Rhg1 Be6 20.Rg3 Nf6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22. Rag1 Kf7 23.Bg8+ 1-0

## TexOhma Open

IM Rade Milovanovic and Jason Doss won the twelve-player Tex-Ohma Open, held Jan. 30-31 at the Dallas Chess Club. Doyle Lobaugh won the Amateur (U1800) section, and Juan Castaneda won the Novice (U1400) section. Luis Salinas directed a combined field of 39 players.

**OPEN:** 1st + 2nd: Rade Milovanovic, Jason Doss, 4. **Expert:** Derek Banks, 3. **U2000:** Andy Olsen, Jahangir Ahmed, 3.

**AMATEUR:** 1st: Doyle Lobaugh, 4.5. 2nd: Alexander Relyea, Kristofer Littlejohn, 3.5.

**NOVICE:** 1st: Juan Castaneda, 4. 2nd: Tim Brennan, 4.

#### Sicilian Rossolimo B30

IM Rade Milovanovic 2405

Jason Doss 2341

#### TexOhma Open 1999 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Na5! 4. 0-0 a6 5.Be2 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qc7 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Kh1 b5

Doss gives 9...Bb4!?, although after 10.Qd3 White would welcome 10...Bxc3? 11.bxc3 Δ Ba3.

10.Bf3 Bb7 11.Re1 d6

\* Better seems 11...b4, especially since some players would feel compelled to play 12.Nd5?!

12.a4 b4 13.Na2 e5 14.Nf5

From here on it's White's game. 14...Nc6 15.Bg5 Nd7 16.c3 h6 17. Bd2 g6 18.Ne3 bxc3 19.Nd5 Qb8 20.Naxc3 Bg7 21.Bg4 Nf6

21...Nc5 offers better resistance. 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Nd5 Bd8 24.f4 Kf8 25.Bc3 Kg7 26.Rf1 Ne7 27. Nf6!

Not too deep, but very striking. 27...Bc6 28.fxe5 dxe5 29.Qf3 Nf5 30.Bxf5 Bxf6 31.Bd7! 1-0

The last gasp would be 31...Qd6 32.Rad1 or 32.Bxc6! Qxc6 33.Bxe5.

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In Memoriam  
**Kenneth Ray Smith**

Sept. 13, 1930 – Feb. 4, 1999

by Lou Hays

FIDE Master Ken Smith, 68, owner of Chess Digest and a Texas chess legend died February 4, 1999 in Dallas. Smith was the dominant chess master of the southwest United States during the 1950s and 60s, earning him the nickname "Capablanca of the cattle country."

His chess career began by accident in the late 1940's. Ken was on a full football scholarship at Southern Methodist University in Dallas when a leg injury landed him in the hospital. He was bored in his hospital bed and decided to take up chess. He acquired some chess books and immediately became fascinated with the game. As soon as he was out of the hospital, Smith quickly made friendships with several strong players and began playing chess constantly. He joined the Dallas Chess Club and became a regular weekend Swiss player. He was indefatigable in his passion for the game, and the stories have it that within six months, he was already a master strength player. This was an amazing feat for a player learning chess at the age of nineteen. Over the next few years, he played in numerous Texas weekend tournaments, almost always winning or sharing first prize. He won more than 200 chess tournaments in his life, including eight times Texas Champion, seven times Southwest Open champion, four times Southern Open champion, and one time each winner of the British Major Open and the Mexican championship. Ken played in the great 1972 Church's International tournament in San Antonio against some of the world's strongest players. Although he fared poorly overall against these elites, he did score a win (vs. Kaplan) and draws against Campos-Lopez and the legendary super grandmaster, Paul Keres. Smith was a titled FIDE Master with a FIDE rating of 2360. He was a USCF Senior Master for many years.

In 1960 Ken and his father founded S&S construction company in Dallas and in 1962 Ken started Chess Digest. Both companies prospered, and soon Ken was flying to New York to play in Manhattan Chess club weekend blitz tournaments.

Smith was a benevolent teacher and player. As the years went by and he began publishing chess books, he provided employment as writers, proofreaders and editors to many strong Dallas-Fort Worth players. As late as the early 1980's he still willingly played in many Saturday Swiss tournaments at the Dallas Chess

Club, even though it occasionally meant drawing or losing to lower rated players. Everybody had a chance at the big guy, and those game scores were very meaningful to the average players. In those days Ken kept the Dallas Chess Club supplied with books and study materials even though he probably lost money on this consignment arrangement. Ken was a great believer in gambit play, and the Smith-Morra Gambit, (1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3) bears his name. Over thirty years Ken wrote nine books and forty-nine articles on this gambit. He advocated the Danish and Goring gambits as White, the Sicilian Scheveningen against 1.e4 and the Tarrasch Henning-Schara gambit as Black. Smith claimed he had never lost a tournament game on the Black side of the Scheveningen until his game with Karpov at San Antonio, 1972. Ken was also a very strong endgame player. His "Improving your Chess" course always stressed the importance of endgame study, even though most players found it boring. He wrote basic endgame books with a diagram every move, so players could study without a board.

Ken always said that chess players well versed in gambit play make good poker players. "Both are a calculated risk. As you play your gambit, you are projecting all the confidence in the world. You move all your poker chips to the middle of the table when you think you have the best hand."



Ken was a world-class poker player and during the 1980's finished third one year and fourth another year in the World Championship of Poker. His poker skills earned him an interview with Ted Koppel and mention in Newsweek magazine. In addition to the World Championship of Poker tournaments, Ken has won the "Stairway to Stars" poker tournament in Las Vegas, Amarillo Slim's "Omaha" tournament, "Eight or Better High-Low Split" tournament, and came in second in the "Low-Ball Draw" tournament, also sponsored by Amarillo Slim. He always played poker in a black silk top hat which came from Ford's theater in Washington, D.C.

In 1972 Ken was employed by Bobby Fischer as an assistant in the World Championship match with Boris Spassky. Ken went to Iceland and Chess Digest provided Fischer all the materials Bobby requested for his match preparation.

The last eleven years of Ken's life were marred by health problems. In 1988 his kidneys failed and he was forced to undergo dialysis three times a week. Despite this, he continued to work four and five day weeks at Chess Digest until late in January this year.

Ken was a brilliant man who could do virtually anything he set his mind to, whether it be chess, poker or simply living as normal a life as possible despite severe health problems. Ken Smith was certainly one of the most unforgettable and interesting persons one could know. He will be greatly missed by the chess community.

Smith is survived by his parents, his wife Elaine, four children, four stepchildren and three grandchildren.

*Shortly after the notice of Ken's death went out by e-mail, several people shared their reminiscences:*

**Robert Canright:** I remember when I was a teenager living in New Orleans, 26 years ago, that I had a Chess Digest catalog (small then) that I used to buy chess trophies for our big high school tournament. For a long time, his Chess Digest provided resources for chess players when no one else was interested. Just a couple of years ago I had a very minor quibble with an order at Chess Digest and he personally took care of it. I think he contributed to U.S. chess, and I'm very sorry to hear of his departure. I wanted to share my thoughts on Ken with everyone. I don't think I have ever replied-to-all before on this email list.

**Don Maddox:** I bought my first chess book from Ken Smith in 1972. Today, my shelves hold literally hundreds of books I purchased from Ken. Mark Twain once wrote, "Show me a good billiards player and I'll show you a misspent youth." From Ken's resume, I suspect he misspent several youths, and I'd like to thank him for helping me misspend mine. My condolences to his family and to the chess community. We will miss him.

**Michael Simpson:** I remember getting a BHB clock from Chess Digest at the 1990 Southwest Open, and one of the clocks quit working about four months later. I didn't have my receipt, and the 90 day guarantee was over, so I figured I was stuck. I sent it back to Chess Digest with a note saying I bought it at the Southwest Open and to "please fix and let me know how much it cost." Three days later I received a new BHB, no questions asked, not even a bill for shipping. It's rare to have that kind of service in any kind of business, and we were blessed for having a chess bookseller who took care of his customers that way.



I was playing with the great players in these days . . . guys like Bob Hooks, Kenny Smith, Dicky Carson, Bill Bond and Bill Smith.

Kenny (Ken Smith) was a big chess player in Texas and he just loved to play poker . . . played poker for years. He always wore a silk top hat that was supposed to have been from the theater where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated; he had certification on it, too. Kenny would wear that hat in all the big tournaments, and everytime he won a pot he would stand up on the table and yell, "What a player!" And that's how he got his nickname.

We were playing in a hand at the Am Vet one time when Bob Hooks limped in and Ken Smith raised the pot up a pretty good amount of money. It came back to Hooks and he moved in his whole stack with two kings. Ken put the stall on Hooks for about three minutes . . . he didn't look like was ever going to act on his hand. So Hooks looks over and grabs Ken's cards out of his hand and sees two aces in his hand . . . and he moved Ken's chips into the pot himself! So Ken never had to put his own money in - Hooks put it in for him. I'll bet that was the only time that Hooks ever lost a hand when he put the money in for both players.

(T.J. Cloutier with Tom McElvoy, *Championship No-Limit and Pot-Limit Hold'em*, Cardsmith Publishing, 4535 W. Sahara #105, Las Vegas, NV 89102)

## Notes by FM John Jacobs

Ken was especially proud of this game, as it featured a TN in his beloved Smith-Morra Gambit. Like so many of Ken's games, it featured a flurry of piece activity and tactics – and it ended quickly.

### *Smith-Morra Gambit B21*

Ken Smith  
Gil Ramirez

*San Francisco 1972*

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3

Ken was a risk-taker, and this gambit suited his style like no other. I still recall his invaluable advice to me as an aspiring teenage chessplayer, "John, learn the open games first because all closed games finally become open."

3...dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6. Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 e5

At the time, this was considered one of the most formidable defenses to the Smith-Morra Gambit. Black prevents e5, but use of the d5 square and his superior mobility give White good compensation for the pawn.

10.Be3!?

It was thought by some that 10.h3 was a necessary preventative to the annoying ...Bg4 pin. However, for his 1972 book *Smith-Morra Gambit Accepted*, Ken had commissioned some original analysis by GM Matulovic to help demonstrate that White need not waste a tempo on 10.h3.

10...0-0

10...Bg4 at once transposes after 11h3 Bh5 12Rac1 0-0.

11.Rac1 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5

Matulovic had analysed 12... Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Rac8 14.a3 Na5 15. Ba2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Bg5! h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd5 as giving White more than sufficient compensation, but this retreat went unmen-

tioned in the 1972 publication. Ken now unleashes his TN.

13.g4! Bg6 14.Bc5!

Sustaining the initiative by threatening 15.Bxd6 followed by 16.Nb5.

14...Nxg4?!

Interesting but unsound. 14...a6 was better as in a 1978 Conroy-Arkell game: 15.a4 Rc8 16.Ba3 h6 17.b4 Qb6 18.b5 axb5 19.axb5 Na5 20.Ba2 and White stood better.

15.hxg4 Qc8

The point - White's bishop and g-pawn are threatened.



16.Nxe5!?

An excellent counter-sacrifice. If 16.Bxd6? Qxg4+ 17.Kf1 (or 17. Kh1 Bxd6 18.Rxd6 Nd4! 19.Nxd4 Qh4+ 20.Kg1) 17...Qh3+! 18.Ke1 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 Bh5 and the pin wins.

However, subsequent analysis indicated that after 16.Be3! White has nothing to fear: 16...Qxg4+ 17. Kh1! Bh5 18.Nh2 Qh3 19.f3.

16...dxc5

White owns a nearly decisive mobility advantage after both 16... Nxe5 17.Nd5 and 16...dxe5 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5.

17.Nd5 Bg5 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.f4 Bd8

With every White piece more active than its counterpart, White has a sizeable advantage in mobility. If White can double heavy

pieces on the h-file, his attack will be unstoppable.

20.Qg2 Re8 21.Rd2

21Rc3 with Rh3 to follow was more efficient.

21...Nd4 22.Rc3 b5 23.Bf1 Qb7 24. e5!

Threatening 25Nf6+.

24...Rb8 25.Bd3!

Maneuvering the bishop to an aggressive post at e4.

25...Ba5 26.Be4 Qd7 27.Qh3

With the game-ending threat of 28Rh2.

27...f5 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Nf6+ gxf6 30.Rg3+ Kf7

30...Kf8 31.Qh6+ yields a similar result.

31.Qh7+

After 31...Ke6 32.Bxf5+ Black loses his queen and is soon mated.

1-0

## Tex-Ohma (cont'd from p. 8)

### *French Rubinstein C10*

Jason Doss 2341  
Alexey Root 2077

### *TexOhma Open 1999 (4)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bd7 5.Bd3 Bc6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Qe2 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 (8...Bd5 9. 0-0 c5 10.Be3 Qb6 11.c3 ± Parma-Forintos, Maribor 1977) 9.Bd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 b6 11.Rhe1 a5 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.f4 g6 14.f5! gxf5 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Qxe7 Qxe7 18.Rxe7 Nd5 19.Re5 Nb4 20.Bxf5 Nxa2+ 21.Kb1 Nb4 22.c3 Nc6 23. Re4 Bc8 24.Rf1 Bxf5 25.Rxf5 f6 26.Re6 Nd8 27.Rexf6 Ne6 28. Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.d5 Nc5 31.Bf4 Na6 32.Kc2 b5 33. Kd3 Ke7 34.Kd4 Kd7 35.g4 c5+ 36.dxc6+ Kxc6 37.h4 Nc5 38.g5 Ne6+ 39.Ke5 Ng7 40.Be3 b4 41. cxb4 axb4 42.Bd4 b3 43.Bc3 Kc5 44.Ke4 Ne6 45.Kf5 Nc7 46.h5 Nd5 47.Be5 Kc4 48.g6 hxg6+ 49. hxg6 Kd3 50.g7 Kc2 51.Ke6 1-0

# UMBC wins 1998 Pan American Intercollegiate

by NM Selby Anderson

The University of Maryland Baltimore County won its second Pan American Intercollegiate title, besting twelve other colleges that competed Dec. 26-29 in Dallas, Texas. The top-seeded UMBC A-team dominated the opposition to score a 6-0 victory, surpassing its earlier championship result in 1996.

The University of Pennsylvania placed second with 4.5. Four teams tied for third place with 4 points. In tiebreak order, they were Harvard University, the University of Chicago A-team, Stanford University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

UMBC had a powerful new lineup on the top boards, with 1997 world junior champion GM Tal Shaked (2556) on first, IM Florin Felecan (2580) on second and IM Eugene Perelshteyn (2496) on third. Taking turns on fourth board were William Morrison (2364), sole alum of the school's 1996 championship team, and another UMBC veteran, Erez Klein (2391).

Their 2477 average rating put them 100 points above their nearest "powerhouse" rival from the University of Toronto. Having a Russian trainer doesn't hurt either; Master Igor Epshteyn from Belarus, who once coached at the National Olympic Reserve School in Minsk, has been UMBC's coach since 1994.

Twenty-one teams competed in the event, sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas, the Dallas Chess Club and the United States Chess Federation. A total of 92 players represented 13 schools from as far as Toronto, Canada and Lima, Peru. (You would correctly deduce that eight of the 21 teams were B- and C-teams.)

Unexpectedly absent from the competition was last year's champion, Borough of Manhattan Community College. The organizers were disappointed by the turnout of 21 teams, down five from last year's modest-sized event in Kentucky.

During the Fischer boom of the 1970's, a typical Pan Am would have had anywhere from 50 to 100 teams. In the last decade a 30 to 40 team turnout has been the norm, at least when the event was held in driving distance of east coast schools. The depressed turnout of the last two years reflects the fact that relatively few colleges pay to fly their players to this event.

The lack of representation from any Texas college besides UT-Dallas is at odds with the phenomenal participation in K-12 scholastic chess here. College chess development at the state level clearly offers a big challenge – especially in such a far-flung state as ours.

Maybe the Internet will provide a more attractive setting for intercollegiate chess.

The chief tournament director was Gary Gaiffe, who had to pair teams by hand after learning his pairing program, Swiss-Sys version 2.04, had trouble with fixed roster teams plus alternates. (Swiss-Sys designer Thad Suits has since addressed the problem, and a fix can be downloaded at his website. TD's with version 2.06 need not worry.) The chief assistant TD was Geroge John. Manuel Espino and Celia von Mering also assisted.

The co-organizers were Luis Salinas of the Dallas Chess Club and UTD sophomore Katie Stone, a natural promoter who added a nice touch with flowers on the stage by the top boards. News coverage was excellent, with three local TV stations and two papers running features. The playing site at the Westin Park Central Hotel in Dallas was first-rate.

At a meeting of the USCF College Chess Committee on Dec. 28, a bid on the 1999 Pan Am by the University of Toronto was approved. The event will be held Dec. 26-29, and FIDE rules will be used.

Place	School	Score	
		Team	Individual
1	UMBC "A"	6.0	20.5
2	Univ. of Pennsylvania	4.5	15.0
3	Harvard University	4.0	18.0
4	Univ. of Chicago "A"	4.0	15.0
5	Stanford University	4.0	13.5
6	Worcester Polytechnic	4.0	13.0
7	Univ. of Toronto "A"	3.5	14.0
8	Univ. of Toronto "B"	3.5	13.5
9	UT-Dallas "A"	3.5	13.0
10	Univ. of Chicago "B"	3.0	15.0
11	UMBC "C"	3.0	12.0
12	New York University	3.0	11.5
13	Univ. of Toronto "C"	3.0	11.0

Board Prizes		
1	Jacob Chudnovsky	Harvard 6.0
2	Peter Minear	Worcester Polytechnic 5.0
3	Eugene Perelshteyn	UMBC "A" 6.0
4	Kit-Sun Ng	Univ. of Toronto "B" 5.0

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**Team UMBC** (left to right): Erez Klein, Florin Felecan, Igor Epshteyn, Eugene Perelshteyn, Alan Sherman, Tal Shaked, William Morrison.

Toronto's powerhouse "A" team (2368 average) got a jolt in Round 2 when it lost to fifth-ranked Stanford (2160). With draws on the lower boards, the result was decided when Adrian Keatinge-Clay (2257) upstaged Piotr Olszewski (2418) on board one.

*Snake Benoni A60*  
**Adrian Keatinge-Clay 2257**  
*Stanford University*  
**Piotr Olszewski 2418**  
*New York University*

*Pan Am 1998 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 Bd6 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 a6 8.a4 Re8 9.Nh3 Bc7

This form of Benoni, sometimes played by GM Joel Benjamin, gets its name from the way Black's king bishop snakes its way around to the queenside.

White has achieved some notable successes here with the full tilt 10.d6, when 10...Ba5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Ng5! ± resembles a game Knaak-Hector with the moves 7...a6 8.a4 thrown in.

10.0-0 d6 11.Qc2 Nbd7



12.Nf4

The mission of this knight is not clear. In Round 3 Dmitri Leykekhman (2206) of NYU created a pawn roller against Olszewski using f4 and Nf2 (by transposition): 12.b3 Rb8 13.f4 Nf8 14.Nf2 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.e4 Ng6 17.h3 Bd7 18.Kh2 Ba5 19.Bb2 Qc7 20.Na2 c4 21.b4 Bb6 22.Nc3 Ra8? 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.e5 Ne8 25.e6 Bc8? (25...fxe6 26.dxe6 Bc6 27.Bxc6! Qxc6 28.Qf5 ±) 26.Nxb5 Qb8 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.Ne4 Ba6 29.Ng5+ Kg8 30.Qf5 1-0. 12...Rb8 13.h4 b5 14.b3 Ne5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bb2 h6 17.Nd1 Nfg4 18.f3 Nf6 19.Ne3 Bb6 20.Nf5 g6 21.Nxh6+ Kg7



22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Bxe5 dxe5 24.Qxg6+ Ke7 25.d6+ Kd7

Black could offer a draw with 25...Kf8 26.Qh6+ Kd7, etc. Unclear is 25...Qxd6!? 26.Rfd1 c4+ 27.Kh1 Bd4 28.Ra7+ Bd7 29.e3. 26.Qf7+ Kc6 27.Nh5 Nxh5 28.Qxh5 c4+ 29.Kh2 Bd4 30.Rac1 Rh8 31.f4+ Kb6 32.Qg5 exf4?

The losing move. Black stands a little better after 32...Be3! 33.bxc4! Qxg5 (33...Bxc1 34.Qxe5! with a mate net) 34.c5+ Bxc5 (34...Ka7?? 35.Ra1+ Ba6 36.Rxa6! mating) 35.fxg5 Bd7, as White's kingside pawns do not pose much of a threat. 33.Qxf4 Bc5 34.bxc4 Qxd6

Worse is 34...Bxd6 35.c5+ Bxc5 36.Qxb8+ with forced mate. Black could try make a stand with 34...

Bb7, but the best he could hope for is an uphill ending with bishop against three pawns.

**35.Qxd6+ Bxd6 36.c5+!**

White recovers his material deficit with interest. The score soon runs out, but White is clearly on top.

**36...Bxc5 37.Rf6+ Ka5 38.Rxc5 Re8 39.Bf3 Bb7 40.Bg4 and 1-0**

### Take My Rooks!

UT-Dallas star Nouredine Ziane was proud of this miniature, which features a two-rook sacrifice theme.

#### *Trompovsky Attack A45*

**Nouredine Ziane 2319**

*University of Texas at Dallas "A"*

**Ben Dean-Kawamura 2139**

*Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

*Pan Am 1998 (4)*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bh4 g5 4.f3 gxf4 5.fxe4 e5!?**

Sharper than 5...c5 6.e3 Bh6 7. Kf2 cxd4 8.exd4 e5 9.Nf3 =, because now Black gets his queen out before White can play Nf3.

**6.e3**

Black got a nice lead in development after 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Qxd4 Rg8 8.Qe5+ Qe7 9.Qxc7 Na6 10.Qc4 b5 11.Qd5 Nc7 in Keitlinghaus-Knaak, Bundesliga 1991.

**6...Qg5 7.Kf2 Bh6 8.Qe1 exd4 9.exd4 Qc1 10.Nc3!?**

A less adventurous approach with 10.Qc3 looks promising: 10... Qf4+ 11.Nf3 Qxe4 12.Bc4 ±; 10... 0-0 11.Ne2 Qd1 12.g4! intending 13.Bg2 +.

**10...Qxb2!?**

Going for the whole hog. White may retain a slight edge after 10... Qxc2+ 11.Qe2 Qxe2+ 12.Bxe2 Nc6 13.Nf3 d6 14.Rhd1.

**11.Bd3 Bd2 12.Qxd2 Qxa1 13. Nf3! Qxh1 14.Nd5 d6?**

After this White forces mate. Black can keep the game alive with 14...h3! 15.gxh3 Nc6 16.Nxc7+ Kd8 17.Nxa8 Rg8 18.Bf1 – unclear.

**15.Qg5 Nc6 16.Bb5 Kf8 17.Qh6+ Ke8 18.Qf6 1-0**

In Round 4 UMBC faced its only rival left with a perfect score, the University of Chicago (2128 average), and blew them away in a 4-0 sweep. In Round 5 UMBC looked across an almost 500 point rating chasm as they played 14th-ranked NYU. To be sure, the unrated NYU anchor Marcos Capistran had a 4-0 score, including a win over the U. of Toronto's Chris Chu (2281). But reality set in, beginning on board three where Dimitry Karlin (1578) fell into a trap line in the Dragon Sicilian, losing to Perelshteyn in twelve moves. (See notes to the game below). Two more games were won by UMBC in less drastic manner, and on board one Shaked conceded a well-fought draw to Dmitri Leykekhman (2206).

In the sixth and final round UMBC dispatched the UT-Dallas A-team without much trouble, winning all its games except on top board, where Shaked drew Nouredine Ziane (2319). Team MVP Eugene Perelshteyn came through with his sixth straight win:

#### *Sicilian Dragon B71*

**Eugene Perelshteyn 2496**

*UMBC "A"*

**Shivkumar Shivaji 2230**

*University of Texas at Dallas "A"*

*Pan Am 1998 (6)*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4**

The Levenfish variation, which Perelshteyn played three times in this event. His second round opponent, Nicolas Garcia from Catholic University of Peru, played the conventional reply 6...Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.exd6 exd6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qd2 Nf6 12.0-0-0 Bf5 (12... Be6!) 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 d5 15. f5 0-0 16.h3 Nd7 17.fxg6 hxg6 18. h4 ±. Black managed to trade queens

but fell into a mating net from White's rooks.

**6...Bg7 7.e5 dxe5 8.fxe5 Nfd7**

8...Ng4?? 9.Bb5+ Kf8 10.Ne6+ is a trap which continues to catch the unwary.

In Round 5, Dimitri Karlin of NYU went down in short order with 8...Nd5 9.Bb5+ Kf8 10.0-0 e6 11.Qf3 Qe7 12.Bg5 1-0.

**9.e6 Ne5 10.exf7+!?**

Theory's main move is 10.Bb5+, when Black is supposed to equalize with 10...Nec6 11.exf7+ Kf8.

**10...Kxf7 11.Be2 Nbc6 12.0-0+ Bf6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bf4 Kg7 15. Qc1 h6 16.Kh1!?**

White is avoiding the exchange of queens that would follow 16. Qe3 Qb6, or 16.Ne4 Qd4+ 17.Qe3.



**16...Qb6?**

It was essential to stop White's next move by playing 16...Bf5, answering 17.Rd1 with 17...Qa5. Perhaps "Shiv" was concerned about 17.Qe3 Qb6 18.Qg3, but 18...Nf7 leaves Black with an easy game.

**17.Ne4! Be6 18.Be3**

Black is being utterly dominated on his weak squares – first c5, and then e5 and e6.

**18...Qc7 19.Nc5 Bf7 20.Bf4**

This repeated diagonal switching is most irritating to Black's queen!

**20...Qb6 21.Qe3 Nc4 22.Ne6+ Bxe6 23.Qxe6 Na5 24.Be5**

This final move of the restless dark square bishop is unanswerable. **24...Qb7 25.Ba6! 1-0**

My favorite pairing, Proudfoot-Shin, lived up to its billing. By the way, Proudfoot is not an American Indian name, but Scottish.

*Modern Benoni E91*

**Nick Proudfoot 2199**

*Harvard University*

**David Shin 1835**

*UMBC "B"*

*Pan Am 1998 (6)*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 e6 8.Be2**

Steering for quiet waters. 8.Bd3 exd5 9.cxd5 b5 is a topical line of the Benoni.

**8...exd5 9.exd5 Re8 10.Bf4 a6**

Probably best is 10...Ne4, a common idea in such positions to relieve Black's piece clutter.

**11.0-0 Nh5 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Rae1 Nf8 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.g4 Rxe1 17.Rxe1 Nf6 18.Qf4 Ne8 19.Ne4 f5 20.Ng3 fxg4?**

Better is 20...Qxb2 21.gxf5 b5!, with counterplay.



**21.Re7! gxf3?**

Overlooking a nice deflection. Best is 21...Qxb2 22.Qf7+ Kh8 23.Ne5!! Qa1+ 24.Bf1 Be6!?! (24...dxe5 25.Bf6!) 25.Nxg6+ hxg6 26.dxe6, but Black will lose the knight at e8. **22.Qf7+ Kh8 23.Bf6! 1-0**

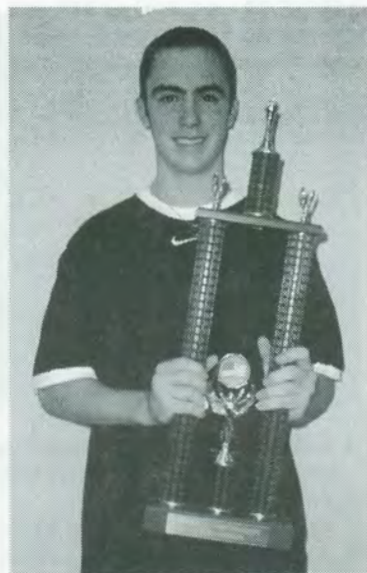
**Pan American Scholastic**

The Pan American Scholastic drew 64 players, including some prominent out-of-state high school students vying for scholarships. The surprise winner was seventh-ranked Jonathan Walsh (1791), a sophomore at St. Mark's School in Dallas. In the last round Walsh, 15, defeated top-ranked Andrew Whatley (2259) of Pike Road, Alabama to finish in clear first with 5.5 points out of 6.

Whatley placed second on tiebreaks over Andrei Dokoutchaev (2170) of Joplin, Missouri and Kris Littlejohn (1566) of Dallas, each scoring 5-1. All four of the top players were awarded full scholarships at the University of Texas at Dallas. Three of those scholarships were added midway through the tournament by the dean of undergraduate studies, Michael Coleman. Former USCF president Tim Redman has been an effective advocate for chess at UTD, where he teaches in the English department.

The top scholastic team was Porter High School from Brownsville. Team members Manuel Gonzalez (4.5 points), Victor Flores (3.5), Daniel Lopez (3.5) and Johnny Urbano (3) racked up a 14.5 point score, well ahead of local teams from Berkner High School (second on tiebreaks) and St. Mark's School (a power duo! - Jonathan Walsh and Matt Bradford), both of which scored 10 points. For the second year running, this event was run as a team-modified open Swiss.

The first place Primary trophy went to Timothy Tam of Toronto Montessori, who scored 3 points. The top Elementary prize went to Aaron Weinberg of Withers Elementary in Dallas with 4 points. The top Middle School player was Chun Chong of Armstrong Middle School in Richardson with 4 points.



**Jonathan Walsh**

*Reversed Gruenfeld D02*

**Andrew Whatley 2259**

**Jonathan Walsh 1791**

*Pan Am Scholastic (6)*

**1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3!?**

A signal that Whatley, who had the only perfect score, was content with a draw.

**3...d5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.b4 Bd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Nbd2 f5 11.Rc1 b5?! (11...e5) 12.a4 a6 13.Ra1 Rb8 14.axb5 axb5 15.Nb3 Ng6 16.Nfd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4?!**

17.Nxd4 Bd7 18.Ra6 Qc7 19.f4 +=. The misplacement of White's queen becomes a deciding factor as the game progresses.

**17...f4 18.Qa7?!**

18.Ra7 Be5 19.Qc5 Bd7 +=. **18...Rf7 19.Qa3 Ne5 20.Nd4 Qd7 21.Qb3 Nc4 22.Rfd1 Qc7 23.Bc1 fxg3 24.hxg3 Bxg3! 25.fxg3 Qxg3 26.Rd3**

No better is 26.Nf3 e5 27.Rf1 Bh3 28.Rf2 e4 -, or 26.Rf1 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 e5! Δ ...Bh3 +.

**26...Qf2+ 27.Kh1 e5! 28.Nf3**



L to R front: Kris Littlejohn, Andrei Dokouchaev, Andrew Whatley, Jonathan Walsh. Back: UTD dean Michael Coleman, Luis Salinas.

Or 28.Bxd5 Bb7! 29.Bxb7 Qf1+ 30.Kh2 Rf2+ 31.Kg3 Qg1+ 32.Kh4 Rh2+ 33.Rh3 Qf2+ 34.Kg4 h5+ 35. Rxh5 Qg1+ +.

28...e4 29.Be3 Nxe3 30.Rxe3 Qxe3 31.Ne5 Rf6 32. Qxd5+ Be6 33.Ng4 Rh6+ 0-1

The ratings tell only a small part of the story in this board two game. May holds his own in a theoretical KID line until move 23.



*King's Indian Bayonet E97*  
**Andrei Dokouchaev 2170**  
**Aaron May 1432**

*Pan Am Scholastic (6)*  
 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.b4 a5 10.bxa5

Similar to the game is 10.Ba3 Nd7 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.Bb4 Ra8 13. a4. The text allows Black an alternative line, 10...c5 11.dxc6 Nxc6 =. 10...Rxa5 11. a4 Nd7 12.Ba3 f5!? (12...Nc5 or 12...Bh6 ) 13.Bb4 Ra8 14.Nd2 b6 (14...Nc5!?) 15.a5 bxa5 16.Bxa5 Ba6 17.Qc2 Nc8 18.Nb5 Ncb6 19.Bd3 Nc5 20. Rfb1 Bh6? Black must first play 20...Bxb5 (not 20...Nxd3? 21.Nxc7!) when 21. Rxb5 Bh6 (or 21...Nxd3) is equal.

21.Nxc7 Qxc7 22.Bxb6 Qc8 23. Nb3?

Returning the pawn for nothing. Better is 23.Bxc5 Qxc5 24.Nb3 Qc8 25.exf5 gxf5 26.c5! Bxd3 27. Qxd3 Rxa1 28. Rxa1 dxc5 29.d6! with the idea of 29...c4 30.Qd5+ Kh8 31.Nc5 c3 32. d7 Qb8 33.Qc6! +-. 23...Nxe4?

Black stands a little better after 23...Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Bxc4 25.Qc2 (25.Rxa8? Bxd3 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 -/+) Bxb3 26.Qxb3 Rxa1 27.Rxa1 fxe4 28.Qb4 Qb8 29.Rb1 =+. 24.Bxe4 fxe4 25.Na5 Bb7 26.Qxe4 Rf4 27.Qe2 Rxa5? (27...Rf7 ±) 28. Bxa5 Rxc4? (28...Ba6 29.Bd2 Bxc4 30.Rc1 +-) 29.Rxb7 Rc2 30.Rb8 Qxb8 31. Qxc2 Qa8 32.Qc6 1-0

## Pan American Open

IM Rade Milovanovic, 44, moved to Dallas last August to become Texas' third International Master after Doug Root and Mark Diesen. The former Yugoslav from Tusla, Bosnia received a rocky welcome in his first major Texas tournament when he got tactically swindled by our high school co-champion Justin Shih in Round 2. Rade held on to defeat the tournament leader, Rudy Tia, in the final round to finish in a three-way tie for first with 5-1. The trophy winner on tiebreaks was Tia, 34, an expert from Fort Hood. The top-rated woman in the state, WIM Alexey Root, 33, of Denton, Texas, defeated Lewis McClary in the last round to share first place.

Sharing fourth prize were Ivan Zuniga of Dallas and Efren Iparra-guerre, a team alternate from Catholic University of Peru.

Three players tied for the Class A prize: Justin Shih, Mark Gracey and Jesus Flores Soriano. Sharing the B prize were John DiLucci and Paul Muljadi with 3.5 each. Tim Pernes was the top C player, also with 3.5. Brian R. Boyd won the D and under prize with 2.5, and Max Raymond was top unrated with 3.5.

Forty-eight players competed.

*K1 Attack A08*  
**Justin Shih 1997**  
**IM Rade Milovanovic 2530**

*Pan Am Open (2)*  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6 6.c3 Nge7 7.0-0 d5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Qe2 e5!?

Very provocative, moving the e-pawn twice with loss of tempo. The typical plan involves ...b6 and ...Ba6. However, I don't see how White can take advantage of the text. 10.Re1 d4 11.c4 a6 12.Rf1 f5 13. exf5 gxf5 14.b3 e4 15.Ng5 e3 16. Ndf3 f4 17.gxf4 Ng6 18.fxe3 dxe3 19.Nh4?



Better is 19.Rb1 Nxf4 20.Qxe3 Qxd3 21.Qxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3 =.



19...Nxf4?!

19...Bxa1? 20.Qh5 Rf7 21.Bd5 Kf8 22.Nxh7+! Rxh7 23.Qxh7 +-;

19...Nxh4! 20.Bd5+ Kh8 21.Rb1 Bf5 22.Bxe3 Nd4 23.Qh5 Qe8 -+.

20.Rxf4 Qxg5?

20...Rxf4! 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Qh5 Qxg5+! 23.Qxg5 Rg4+ 24.Qxg4 Bg4 25.Rb1 Re8 =+.

21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Bxe3 Qxh4 23.Bxc5+ Ne7 24.Rf1+ Kg8?

24...Ke8 25.Bd5! ...

(a) 25...Qg5+ 26.Kh1 Bf6 27.Bxe7 Bxe7 28.Rg1 Qf6 29.Qh5+ ∞;

(b) 25...Bf6 26.Bf7+! Kf8 (26...Kd8?? 27.Bb6+ Kd7 28.Qe6 mate) 27.Bh5! ...

(b1) 27...Kg7 28.Bxe7 Bxe7 29.Rf7+ Kh6 30.Rxe7! +-;

(b2) 27...Kg8 28.Rxf6 Qxf6 29.Qxe7 ±.

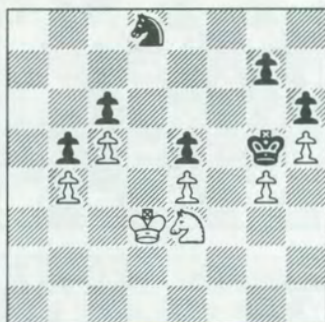


Rudy Tia

25.Qxe7 Qxe7 26.Bxe7 a5 27.Bd5+ Kh8 28.Bf6 a4 29.Bxg7+ Kxg7 30.Rf7+ Kg6 31.Rc7 axb3 32.axb3 Bf5 33.Be4 Bxe4 34.dxe4 b5 35.Rc6+ Kg7 36.Rc7+ Kg6 37.Rc6+ Kg7 38.cxb5 Ra3 39.b4 Ra4 40.Rc4 Kf6 41.b6 Ra8 42.b7 Rb8 43.Rc7 h5 44.Kf2 Ke5 45.Ke3 Kd6 46.Rh7 Kc6 47.Kf4 Re8 48.Kg5 Re5+ 49.Kf6 Rb5 50.e5 Rxb4 51.e6 Rf4+ 52.Ke5 Rb4 53.Rd7 h4 54.Kf6 h3 55.Ke7 Rb5 56.Kd8 1-0

Rudy Tia 2047  
David John 2264

*Pan Am Open (4)*



52.Nf5 Ne6 53.Ne7 Nd8 54.Nf5 Ne6 55.Ne7 Kxg4 56.Nxc6 Kxh5 57.Nxe5 Kh4 58.Nf3+ Kg4 59.Nd4 Nc7 60.Nxb5 Nxb5 61.Kc4 Na7 62.b5 h5 63.b6 Nc6 64.Kd5 h4 65.Kxc6 h3 66.b7 h2 67.b8(Q) h1(Q) 68.Qe5 Qh6+ 69.Kd7 Qd2+ 70.Qd6 Qb4 71.c6 Qb5 72.Kd8 Qg5+ 73.Qe7 Qa5+ 74.c7 Kf3 75.Qd7 Qa8+ 1-0

*QP Opening D00*

Mark Kile 2007  
Jim Gallagher 2236

*Pan Am Open (4)*

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Bf5 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4 g5 5.Bg3 Nf6 6.e3 Bg7 7.h4 g4 8.Bd3 Ne4 9.Nge2 Nc6 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bb5 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 e6 14.c3 Rb8 15.Rb1 Bf6 16.h5

Rb6 17.Qa4 Qb8 18.b4 Qb7 19.Qc2 Ra8 20.Nc1 Qc8 21.Nb3 Be7 22.a4 Qd8 23.Rfd1 Bd6 24.Be5 Qh4 25.Nc5 Rd8 26.a5 Rbb8



27.g3 Qxh5 28.Bf6 Re8 29.Nd7 Qg6 30.Bh4 h5 31.Nxb8 Rxb8 32.Qe2 Re8 33.Qa6 Be7 34.Bxe7 Rxe7 35.Qxa7 h4 36.Qa6 f6 37.Kg2 hxg3 38.Kxg3 e5 39.Rh1 Be6 40.Rh2 f5 41.dxe5 Qg7 42.Rbh1 Qxe5+ 43.Kg2 Rg7 44.Qa8+ Kf7 45.Rh8 Bd7 46.Qf8+ Ke6 47.R8h6+ 1-0

*KI Attack A08*

Rudy Tia 2047  
IM Rade Milovanovic 2530

*Pan Am Open (6)*

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.d3 d5 5.Nbd2 e5 6.e4 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 d4 9.Rf1 Rb8 10.Kh1 b5 11.



IM Rade Milovanovic

Ng1 Be6 12.f4 Ng4 13.Ndf3 exf4  
 14.gxf4 f5 15.e5 Nb4 16.h3 Ne3  
 17.Bxe3 dxe3 18.Ne2 h6 19.Nc3  
 g5 20.Rg1 Rf7 21.Qe2 gxf4



22.Nd4 cxd4 23.Bd5+ Kh8 24.  
 Bxe6 Rh7 25.Bxf5 dxc3 26.bxc3  
 Qd5+ 27.Be4 Qxe5 28.Bxh7 Kxh7  
 29.cxb4 Bh4 30.Qg4 Bg3 31.Rxg3  
 fvg3 32.Qe4+ Qxe4 33.dxe4 Re8  
 34.Kg2 Rxe4 35.Kxg3 Rxb4 36.  
 Kf3 Rc4 37.Kxe3 Rxc2 38.Rb1 a6  
 39.a4 Rc3+ 40.Kd2 Rc5 41.axb5  
 axb5 42.Rb4 Kg6 43.h4 Kf6 44.  
 Ke3 Ke5 45.Re4+ Kd5 46.Rf4  
 Rc3+ 47.Kd2 Rc6 48.Kd3 Kc5 49.  
 Kc3 Re6 50.Rf5+ Kb6 51.Rh5 Ka5  
 52.Kb3 Rf6 53.Ka3 Rf3+ 54.Kb2  
 Ka4 55.Rxh6 Rf2+ 56.Kc1 Kb3 57.  
 h5 b4 58.Rh8 Rc2+ 59.Kb1 Rh2 60.  
 Kc1 Rh1+ 61.Kd2 Kb2 62.h6 b3  
 63.h7 Rh6 64.Kd1 Rd6+ 65.Ke2  
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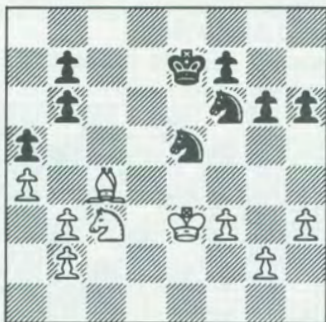


70.Kd1

No better is 70.Rb8 Rxh7 71.  
 Kc3 Kc1! 72.Rb2 Rh3+ +, or 70.  
 Kd3 Kc1 71.Rb8 Rd7+ 72.Ke2 Rxh7  
 73.Rc8+ Kb1 74.Kd2 Ra7 75.Rb8  
 Kal +  
 70...Rd7+ 71.Ke2 Ra7 72.Kd3  
 Ka2 73.Rb8 Rxh7 74.Ra8+ Kb1  
 75.Rc8 Rh3+ 76.Kd2 Ka2 0-1

Efren Iparraguirre 2150  
 Ivan Zuniga 2129

*Pan Am Open (6)*



30...Kd6 31.f4?

31.Kd4 =.

31...Nxc4 32.bxc4 Kc5 33.Kd3  
 Nd7 34.Ne4+ Kb4 35.Nd6 f5 36.  
 Nxb7 Ne5+ 37.Nxc5 bxc5 38.h4 h5  
 39.Kc2 Kxc4



40.b3+ Kd4 41.Kd2 Ke4?

You may be as incredulous as I  
 was that Black failed to win this

ending, e.g. 41...c4 42.bxc4 Kxc4 43.  
 Ke3 Kb4 44.Kd4 Kxa4 45.Kc4 Ka3  
 46.Kc3 a4 47.g3 Ka2 48.Kc2 a3 49.  
 Kc1 Kb3 50.Kb1 (This would be a  
 draw except for easy pickings on  
 the kingside...) 50...Kc3 +.  
 42.Kc3 Kxf4 43.Kc4 Kg3 44.Kxc5  
 Kxg2 45.b4 axb4 46.Kxb4 f4 47.a5  
 f3 48.a6 f2 49.a7 f1(Q) 50.a8(Q)+  
 Qf3 51.Qd8 Qg4 52.Kc5 Kh3 53.  
 Qe7 Qxh4 54.Qe3+ Qg3 55.Qe6+  
 Kh4 56.Qe4+ Qg4 57.Qe1+ Qg3  
 58.Qe4+ and ... Draw

*French Defense C00*

Lewis McClary 2079

WIM Alexey Root 2077

*Pan Am Open (6)*

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.g3  
 dxe4 5.dxe4 e5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.Ngf3  
 Bc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Bg4 10.c3 a5  
 11.h3 Bh5 12.Qb5 Bb6 13.Nxe5  
 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Qd3 15.Re1 Rfe8  
 16.Qf4 Bg6 17.Qf3 Rad8 18.Qxd3  
 Rxd3 19.Kf1 a4 20.a3 h5 21.f3 Bc5  
 22.Nc4 b5 23.Ne3 c6 24.Ke2 Red8



25.Rd1

Greed would get White in trouble:  
 25.Nd5? Nxd5 26.Kxd3 Nf4+  
 27.Kc2 Nxc2 28.Re2 f5! 29.Bg5  
 fxe4 30.fxe4 Re8 31.Kd3 Bb6! Δ c5-  
 c4, and the knight at g2 gets rescued.  
 25...Rxd1 26.Nxd1 Bd6 27.g4  
 hxg4 28.hxg4 Nd7 29.Be3 Ne5 30.  
 Nf2 Nc4 31.Nd3 Nxe3 32.Kxe3 f6  
 33.Nb4 Be8 34.Rd1 Bf4+ 35.Ke2

Rxd1 36.Kxd1 Bd7 37.Nd3 Bd6  
38.Ke2 Kf7 39.Ke3 Kg6



40.f4! c5

40...Bxg4?? 41.e5 would cost Black her c- and b- pawns.

41.e5 (41.Bf3!?) 41...fxe5 42.Be4+

Better is 42.fxe5 Be7 43.Nf4+, although proving the win after 43...Kg5! 44.e6 Be8 45.Nd5 Bd6 is another matter.

42...Kf6 43.g5+ Ke6 44.f5+ Ke7 45.Kf3 Bc8 46.Ne1 b4 47.c4 bxa3 48.bxa3 Bc7 49.Nd3 Kd6 50.g6 Bd8 51.Nb2 Bd7 52.Bc2 Bc6+ 53.Kg4 e4 54.Kf4 Bf6



55.Nd1

Adequate is 55.Nxa4 Bd4 56.Nb6 e3 57.Bd3=.

55...Be5+ 56.Kg4 Bd4 57.f6??

I can only guess that McClary would rather speculate on the hope of 57...gxf6?? than secure a draw with 57.Kf4 Be5+ 58.Ke3 Bd4+ 59.

Kf4, when the payoff for a 4.5 score is zilch. On 57...e3! 58.Nxe3 Bb2 59.Bd3, not 59...Bxa3?? 60.f6 +- but 59...Ke7 60.Nc2=.

57...Bxf6 58.Kf5 Bd4 59.Kf4

59.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 60.Kxe4 Ke6 +. 59...Ke6 60.Kg5 e3 61.Bf5+ Ke5 62.Bg4 Be4 63.Be2 Bc2 64.Kg4 Bxg6 65.Kg3 Ke4 66.Kg4 Bf5+ 67.Kg3 Be5+ 68.Kg2 g5 69.Bf1 Bg4 0-1

This game is a speculative marvel from another age.

*Pirc Defense A09*

Mark Gracey 1848

Kelvin Shih 1671

*Pan Am Open (1)*

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Bc4!?

This branch of the Austrian Attack is considered to be not quite correct. Other moves here are 7.exd6, 7.e6 and 7.dxc5.

7...cxd4 8.Ng5?! 0-0



9.e6?!!

This is surely what Gracey had in mind with 8.Ng5. The conception is at once brilliant and unsound, hence the my use of the rare "?!".

9...dxc3 10.exf7+ Kh8 11.h4!?

All part of the plan.

11...cxb2 12.h5 bxa1(Q) 13.hxg6 Qc3+?

When you get a shiny new queen, you naturally want to take her on

out the road. However, as you shall see she was doing something very useful parked in the "garage" at a1.

Black is winning with the artless 13...h6. But the text move, decisive error that it is, rescues this game from the trash bin.

14.Bd2 Qg3+ 15.Kf1 h6



16.Rxh6+!! Bxh6 17.Qh5

Clearly, this foray would not be possible with Black's new queen still unmoved. Her current plight is startling: having moved closer to the action she is quite helpless, a mere spectator at the crime scene!

17...Kg7 18.Ne6+ Kf6 19.Qxh6 Rh8

Or 19...Qxg6 20.Bc3+ Ne5 (20...Kf7 21.Ng5+) 21.fxe5+ Kf7 22.Nxf8+ e6 23.Nxg6 Qg8 24.Nf4 ±.

20.Bc3+ Ne5

20...Qxc3 21.Qg5 mate.

21.fxe5+ dxe5?

21...Kf5! 22.Nxd8 Qxc3 23.Bd3+ Qxd3+ (23...Kg4 24.Qxh8 +) 24.cxd3 Rxh6 25.f8(Q)+ Kxg6 26.Qg8+ Kf5 (26...Kh5 27.Nf7 +-) 27.g4+ Kf4 28.Qf8+ ±.

22.Nxd8 Nd7

22...Rh6 23.f8(Q)+ Kg5 (23...Kg6 24.Qg8+) 24.Bd2+ +-.

23.Qxh8+ Kf5 24.f8(Q)+ Nxf8 25.Qxf8+ Ke4 26.Qf3+ Qxf3+ 27.gxf3+ Kxf3 28.Ne6 Bxe6 29.Bxe6

The smoke, as they say, has cleared.

29...Rh8 30.Bd5+ e4 31.Bxh8 1-0

## SIDE EVENTS

### Pan Am Blitz

The blitz tournament held Dec. 27 drew 34 participants. IM Rade Milovanovic won all six of his games, defeating the top Texas player IM Doug Root in the last round to win the \$272 first prize. John Guzman from Rhode Island College won the Under 2000 prize of \$102, scoring 4-2. Enrique Rios scored 3-3 to win the Under 1600 prize of \$68. Gene Tatum directed.

### Pan Am Bughouse

Igor Shtern and Jason Doss won the bughouse tournament held Dec. 28, winning all eight of their games in the nine-team round robin to take the \$35 first prize. Jason Starnes and Salvador Luna won the U3000 prize (\$15) with a 3-5 score. Team names were dispensed with because of the difficulty in getting players to come up with printable names!

Placing second with 7-1 were Ben Dean-Kawamura and Peter Minear from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In third place with 6-2 were local favorites Al Sprague and Thomas Ruppert. The former Texas bughouse champs reportedly lost a won position when Al illegally dropped a pawn into his game with Doss, forfeiting because it wasn't his move.

Gary Gaiffe directed.

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## Observations of a first-time organizer

by Katie Stone

As a first time organizer, I guess I should have been nervous about taking on such a large task of organizing the 1998 Pan American Championships. In fact, my supervisor Tim Redman told me I should be. But for some reason I wasn't. I had the help of Luis Salinas, so I guess that is what calmed me along with the confidence that I personally had in myself. I had also attended the 1997 Pan American event in Kentucky, so this helped in my gauging of what needed to be done in order to host a successful event.

I think we had it pretty easy compared to other organizers. Back in October of 1997 we literally had hotels bidding to us for this event, so finding a location was not a problem. And any printing we needed was done compliments of Larry Grubbs at Forest Printing in Dallas. Mr. Grubbs' son Steven is a part of our chess program at UT Dallas. I can't tell you how thankful I am and what a relief it was to not have to worry about printing costs. Mr. Grubbs even printed beautiful stationery, which we used all year long, with the UTD and Dallas Chess Club logos for the Pan American Tournament.

I was very pleased with the media turnout. With the help of the UTD News and Publications department, we were able to have channels 4 (FOX), 5 (NBC), and 8 (ABC) shoot footage of the event that appeared on that week's news. Each channel ran the spot on several of their news shows, so we had ten (!) TV spots that weekend, plus one radio spot on WBAP-AM's show "AM Drive." We also had three articles appear in the *Dallas Morning News* and one in the *Plano Star*

*Courier*. It seems that the Dallas media are very supportive of chess, as articles often appear about local scholastic events too.

Of course, the participation of a former world junior champion, GM Tal Shaked, didn't hurt in getting the media's attention! I was pleasantly surprised, as was my husband, to learn what a humble and considerate young man GM Shaked is.

I was actually very surprised during the awards ceremony when UTD Dean of Undergraduate Studies Mike Coleman made a quick and unparalleled decision to give out four scholarships to UT Dallas to the winners of the scholastic section. As director of recruiting for UTD's chess program, I was very pleased to learn that two of the recipients are masters.

I am very proud of this year's Pan American in Dallas, but I am also glad that it is over! It took more than a year of work to ensure the success that we had. So while organizing this year's event was a wonderful experience, I think it will be some time before I think about organizing another national event. I think everyone who attended had a great time and thought it was very well organized. I look forward to next year's event in Toronto. Hopefully though, the Pan American can come back to Texas in the coming years!

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# Safety considerations for a young child's first chess tournament

by WIM Alexey Root

What are the ideal safety conditions for a young child's first chess tournament? I asked veteran chess parent John DiLucci, father of my six year-old chess student Jasmine. Not only have the two attended Texas chess events, they have traveled to several national tournaments. Here are John's recommendations:

1. Tournament directors need to tell parents to wait for their young children, as games finish quickly. Upon game completion, the young child should be reunited with the waiting parent.

2. Young children should play in a room with only one entrance/exit. If a child needs to go to the bathroom, the child should appear at the door for a parent to escort the child.

I should have talked with John about these tips before the Pan American Championships this past December. Our daughter Clarissa was a house player for the scholastic section. It was her first tournament. At age 5 and 3/4, she was the youngest player there.

We did not have a parent designated to watch Clarissa's games 100 percent of the time. When my husband Doug approached the tournament site holding our son William, the tot loudly demanded, "Play chess now!" or "See Mama and Casa in there!" As a two-year-old's shouting is unacceptable near chess, Doug and William spent the tournament rounds in our hotel room. That left me in charge of Clarissa.

Trying to play my own tournament games while being responsible for my daughter's safety was not an ideal situation. To compound my difficulty, all my chess games took longer than Clarissa's. Nonetheless, I did my best to monitor Clarissa. Whenever it was not my move, I walked over to her game. When at my board, I kept an eye on her across the large ballroom.

Despite my good intentions, there was still a lot that escaped me. The scariest moment came when I least expected it. I had asked another chess mom to watch our children's tournament game. The mom was to make sure Clarissa came to my board right after our children finished playing. I settled into concentrating on my own game. About a half hour into the round, Clarissa tapped me on the shoulder. I walked over to the other mom and thanked her for keeping an eye on Clarissa. The mom replied, "Oh, I did not notice they'd finished." The other mom had no idea where Clarissa

was. If you are a parent, you can empathize with the sinking feeling over what could have happened to Clarissa. Her good sense in finding me was fortunate.

Is there a way for a parent to play chess in the same event as his/her young child? Can safety concerns be alleviated? Although best (by far) is for another parent or trusted guardian to watch the very young chess-player 100 percent of the time, three other measures might allow a lone chess playing parent and chess playing child to have a safe tournament experience.

1) Tournament directors (TD's) should wear official apparel. A brightly colored hat, large badge, or eye-catching chess shirt allows even young children to know who the officials are. Young children could be taught to have an official help them find their parent.

2) Moms and dads could be recruited as assistant TD's. At the beginning of an event, parents who are already watching their own children could be asked if they would be willing to help supervise the other children. This would be a serious responsibility: assistant TD's would stay on the tournament floor until relieved by another assistant TD or a regular TD.

3) Allow the chessplaying parent and child to play their tournament games side by side.

The safety of our youngest chessplayers is a growing concern. Back when I started tournament chess (1975), one's first chess competition was likely at age nine or ten, not five or six. But these days there are many little ones at chess tournaments. As parents and tournament directors, we must make their first chess experiences safe ones. I hope this article spurs a lively dialogue about the issue of young children's safety at chess tournaments. ▶



The Roots: William, Alexey, Clarissa and Doug

# A wild, wooly New Year Open

Sutherland, Land and McClurg top a topsy-turvy tournament



by Selby Anderson

Seventy-four players turned out for the New Year Open, which has proved the most popular annual tournament in San Antonio. With one wide-open section, anything can happen and this time it did. After many shakeups (and shakeouts), three players ranked 5, 9 and 40(!) on the wall chart tied for first with 4.5 points in the five-round event.

For local master Don Sutherland, who so often finishes "near the top," it was a sweet new experience to win a major San Antonio event. In the last round Don accepted an early draw offer from Chris Land (2192), a sometime master from League City. On board 2 a Class C player from Dallas, Jerry McClurg, booted James Rohrbaugh out of the winners' circle and shared top prize money.

Master points flowed like blood on a pirate deck in this event, where large upsets were practically the norm. Check out these upsets, in point spread order:

Upstart	Victim	Spread
McClurg 1519	Rohrbaugh 2213	693
Bast 1624	Dimazana 2280	656
McClurg 1519	Huddleston 2113	594
J. Soriano 1800	Anderson 2265	465
Owens 1117	Elliott 1534	417
Suarez 1886	Dimazana 2280	394
Suarez 1886	Silva 2224	338
Lin 1721	Hyttin 2015	294

## Prize Winners

*1st-2nd + U2200:* Don C. Sutherland, Chris Land, Jerry McClurg, 4.5. *U2000:* Justin Shih, Andres Suarez, Mark McCue, Jesus Flores Soriano, 3.5. *U1800 + U1600:* Chris Lin, Richard Lopez, Kelvin Shih, Aliakbar Asar, Duane Solley, Diego Gamboa, Patrick MacKay, Juan Carrizales, Daniel Rupley, 3. *U1400/unr.* Altan Blue, Chris Paek, Carlos Zamayoa, 3. *Upset prize:* Jerry McClurg. *Brilliancy prize:* Jim Gallagher.

I started the trend when I turned down a draw and lost in sudden death to Jesus Soriano in Round 1. (I withdrew, correctly guessing that 4-1 would not win me anything in a 70-player field.) Eric Dimazana followed suit by losing to Suarez, and trumped me by losing his second game as well. He almost gave Alan Bast a lock on the \$25 upset prize, but that was not to be. A "C" player in rating only, it seems, McClurg defeated – and outplayed – Doug Huddleston (2113) and Jim Rohrbaugh (2213) in the last two rounds.

Greg Wren directed, with John Ade assisting. Accelerated pairings were used in the first two rounds to accommodate the large field. Prizes were increased by 34% for a total prize fund of \$1,340.

Bookseller Al Woolum came down from Fort Worth when a winter storm persuaded him against going to Kansas. He graciously put up two extra prizes,

\$25 for the biggest upset and \$25 for the brilliancy. Evidently his modest offer produced results!

The upset winner we've mentioned. There were many quality games to choose from, but Howell-Gallagher in Round 2 had real class.

The playing site was the Comfort Inn-Airport in San Antonio.

*QGD Semi-Slav D46*

Eric Dimazana 2280

Andres Suarez 1886

*New Year Open 1999 (1)*

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bd6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 Re8 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bb2 Qc7 11. e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Rfe1 Nf8 16. Rad1 Bd7 17.Qc3 f6 18.c5 Be7 19. Re3 b6 20.Ba3 b5 21.Bc1 Bc8 22. Nh4 f5 23.Nf3 Bf6? 24.Bxf5 Rd8 25.Bb1? (25.Bc2) e5 26.Be4 exd4 27.Nxd4 Ne6 28.Red3 Bxd4 29. Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Rxd4 Nxd4 31. Qxd4 Be6 32.Bf4 Rd8 33.Bd6 Qd7 34.h3 Bf5 35.Bf3 Re8 36.Qf4 g5 37. Qd4 Re6 38. Kh2 a5 39.a4 b4 40. Qc4 Kh7 41.g4 Bg6 42.Bxc6 Qf7 43.Kg2 Qf6 44.Bd5 Re1 45.Bg3 Qa1 46.c6 Rg1+ 47.Kh2 Rcl 48. c7? (48.Qb5 Qd4) Rc4 49.Bc4 (49. bxc4 Qh8 50.Be6 b3 -+) 49...Be4 50.f3 Bf3 0-1

*English Opening E00*

Jesus Flores Soriano 1806

Selby Anderson 2265

*New Year Open 1999 (1)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Bg5

I didn't take this move seriously, but in fact it has a pedigree; Seirawan tried it in the early 80's.

3...c5 4.Nf3

4.d5 is the critical line. The text transposes to an English where the Bg5 is not well placed at this stage. 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qa5+ 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Nb3 Ne4 8.e3 Nxd2 9.N1xd2

I thought 9.Qxd2 followed by Nc3 was better.

9...d6 10. Be2 Nd7 11.0-0 Be7 12. Qc2 0-0 13.a3 Nf6 14.Nd4 e5 15. Nb5 Bd7 16.Nc3 a5 17.b4 axb4 18. axb4 Qxb4 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rb1 Qc5 21.Rxb7 Bd8 22.Qb2 Bc6 23. Rb8 Qa7 24.Rxa8 Qxa8 25.Bf3 e4 26.Bd1 h6 27.Qa2 Ba5 28.Ncb1 Nd7 29.Nb3 Bb4 30.Qxa8+ Bxa8 31. N3d2 Nc5 32. Bc2 d5 33.cxd5 Bxd5 34.f3 f5 35.Kf2 Kf7

Here Flores said "Draw?" I was down to five minutes to his 40 or so, and despite my bishop pair, space advantage and zugzwang in sniffing distance, I was foolish to decline.

36.Ke2 Ke6 37.Kf2 Ke5 38.h4 Nd3+ 39.Ke2 Nb2 40.Bb3 Nd3 41. Bxd5 Kxd5 42.Nb3 Ne1 43.Kf2 Nc2 44. N1d2 Be7 45.g3 Bd8 46. Ke2 Bb6 47.Nf1 exf3+ 48.Kxf3 Kc4 49.Nbd2+ Kd3

I've reached my goal of winning the e-pawn, so I think. Now 50.e4?? loses to 50...fxe4+ 51.Nxe4 Nd4+ 52.Kf4 Bc7+. 50.Nb3! h5

Losing is 50...Nxe3? 51.Nc1+ Kc2 52.Nxe3+ Bxe3 53.Kxe3 Kxc1 54.Kf4 Kd2 55.Kxf5 Ke3 Kd2 (54... g6 55.Ke5 +-) 55.Kxf5 Ke3 56.Kg6 Kf3 57.Kxg7 Kxg3 58.h5 +- . But Black draws with 50...Bxe3 51. Nxe3 Nxe3 52.Nc5+ Kd4 53.Ne6+ Ke5 54.Nxg7 Nc4 =. 51.Nc1+ Kc3?

51...Kc4 52.Ne2 Ne1+ 53.Kf4 Kd3 54.Nc1+ Kc2 =. 52.Ne2+ Kc4 53.Nf4 Ne1+? (53... Ba5) 54.Ke2 Nc2 55.Nxh5 Kd5 56. Nxg7 Ke4 57.Nd2+ Ke5 58.Nc4+ and Black soon resigned, 1-0

*English Opening A26*

Mitch Vergara 2155

John Patty 2246

*New Year Open 1999 (2)*

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Be6 5.d3 Qd7 6.Rb1 g6 7.h4 Bg7 8.Nd5 h6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.b5 Nd8 12.Nf3 Bg7 13.a4 0-0 14.Qc2 f5 15.e3 c6 16.0-0 Nf7 17.

Ne1 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.f4 exf4 20. gxf4 gxf4 21.Rxf4 Ne5 22.Rh4 Rf6 23.Bb2 Rg6 24.Qf2 Bf6 25.Rh1 Qg7 26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.bxc6 bxc6 28.Kf1 d5 29.cxd5 cxd5 30.d4 Bg3 31.Qa2 Qf7 32.Qe2 f4 33.e4



33...Bg4?

Patty misses a win with 33...f3!, turning White's position into a pin-cushion: (a) 34.Bxf3 dxe4 35.Qxe4 Bc4+ 36.Nd3 Re8 -+; (b) 34.Nxf3 dxe4 35.Qxe4 Bc4+ 36.Kg1 Re8 37. Qb7 (37.Qc2 Re2) 37...Bf2+! 38. Kxf2 Re2+ -+.

34.Bf3 Qg7 35.Bxg4 Rxg4 36.Rb7! Qg6

36...Qxb7 37.Qxg4+ Qg7 38. Qe6+ Kf8 39.Rh5 +-.

37.Qb5! Qxe4 38.Rb8+ Rxb8 39. Qxb8+ Kf7 40.Qc7+ Kg8 41.Qb8+ Kf7 42.Qxa7+ Kg8 43.Qb8+ Kf7 44.Qc7+ Kg8 45.Qc8+ Kf7 46. Qd7+ Kf6

Forced: 46...Kg8 47.Qxg4 check. 47.Rh6+ Rg6

Or 47...Kg5 48.Qg7+, mating. 48.Qd6+ Kg5 49.Rxg6+ Qxg6 50. Qg6+!? Kxg6 51.Nf3 Kf5 52.a5 Ke4 53.Ke2 1-0 (time)

*Sicilian Dragon B75*

Jason Howell 2085

Jim Gallagher 2236

*New Year Open 1999 (2)*

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 Rc8 10.g4

0-0 11.h4 Ne5 12.h5 Qa5 13.Kb1  
Rxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 Nxf3



This is a Gallagher patent, which he originally played against NM Curt Jones in 1982. His draw with IM Timoschenko in the 1989 U.S. Open got into *Informant 50*.

16.h6 Bh8 17.Nxf3 Bxg4 18.Bg2 Nxe4 19.Rd3 Nxc3+ 20.Kb2!

The game has followed Minaiefard-Shafee, Teheran 1993. Gufeld in *The Complete Dragon* ends here with "... and Black does not achieve full compensation for the rook."

20...Rc8 21.Nd4 Na4+ 22.Ka3 Nc5 23.Rc3?!

This gets the rook in trouble, leading White to sac the exchange. Better is 23.Rd1 or 23.Rd2 (JG).

23...a6 24.Rc4 Bd7 25.Nb3 Be6 26.Rxc5 dxc5 27.Bxb7 Rb8 28.Rd1 Be5 29.Bxc5 f6 30.Na5 Kf7 31.Ba7 Rg8 32.Bxa6?

The losing move. Better is 32.c4 with a possible draw after 32...Bf4 33.c5 Bxh6 34.Rh1 Kg7 35.Re1 Kf7. 32...Ra8 33.Nc6 Bd6+ 34.Kb2 Bd7 35. Bb7 Bxc6 36.Bxa8 Bxa8

Now Black's bishop pair and mobile kingside outmatch White's rook, bishop and isolated passers.

37.c4 g5 38.c5 Be5+ 39.Kb3 g4 40.Rd8 Bc6 41.Bb8 Bxb8 42.Rxb8 g3 43.Kc3 f5 44.Rh8 f4 45.Kd3 Kg6 46.Rf8 e5 47. Ke2 Kg5 48.a3 e4 49.Rf7 f3+ 50.Ke3 f2 51.Rf8 Kxh6 52.Ke2 Bb5+ 0-1

Notes by NM Chris Land

*Sicilian Dragon B77*

Chris Land 2192

Raymond Smith 1737

*New Year Open 1999 (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6

Against the Accelerated Dragon White can play c4 before Nc3 if he so chooses – an option not available against the regular Dragon. What does Black get in return for granting White more flexibility? For one thing, he can generate a lot of dark square pressure with ...Qb6/b4 if White insists on the Yugoslav setup of Be3, Qd2, f3, Bc4 and 0-0-0. He can also strive to play d7-d5 with one move instead of two, and if this succeeds he should stand very well. In this game Black played an early ...d6 and the Accelerated Dragon slowed right back down into the Dragon proper.

3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.0-0-0

More usual is 9.Bc4. Now Black's best bid for equality is 9...d5!

9...a6?! 10.Bc4 Na5!?

I've been out of tournament chess for about five years. I started again a few months ago, and my first game back was in this very line (10...Ne5 11.Bb3 Qc7 12.h4 h5 13.Bh6 b5 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Rxh5! Bxh6 17.Qxh6! gxh5 18.Qg5+ Ng6 19.Qxg6+ Kh8 20.Qxh5+ Kg7 21.Qg5+ 1-0, Land-Tucker, San Jacinto October Swiss). Faced with the Dragon again I was primed to start sacrificing. A bit too primed, as it turned out.

11.Bd3 Bd7 12.h4 h5 13.g4 hxg4 14.h5 Nxh5 15.Rxh5?

Lively, but it isn't good with the Black queen still on d8. After Black plays ...e5 the White queen can't go to g5 without getting ex-

changed. 15.Bh6 or 15.Nf5 are less reckless.

15...gxh5 16.Bh6 e5

16...Bxd4 17.Qg5+

17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5



18...d5!

Meeting a flank attack with a reaction in the center – an excellent plan. It's also angling for returning the offside Knight via c4. Now 19.Nxd5 is possible because the Black queen still has to guard g5, but after 19...f6 it's hard for White to make any progress. The more I looked at the ...f6 response the more I didn't like it, so I finally settled on the only move that truly prevents it:

19.f6!

Now 19...Bxf6! is an excellent defense. 19...Qf6 20.Bg5 is also good although White has decent swindling chances, particularly if Black gets greedy with 20...Qxf3.

19...Nc4?

This works in the lines 20.Qg5 Qxf6 and 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Nd5 Bxf6! It doesn't work against 20.exg7, since in the ending after 20...Nxd2 21.exf8(Q)+ Qxf8 22.Bxf8 Nxf3, White's two extra bishops will beat the four connected passed pawns. However, there is a fourth reply which is strongest of all.

20.Bxg7!! Nxd2 21.Rh1!

If White plays 21.Kxd2 then Black has time to block the h-file



with Qb6-f2+ and ...h4. After 21. Rh1! Black will soon be checkmated. Note that even Qxf6 doesn't prevent mate at h8.

21...Qb6 22.Rxh5 Nb3+ 23.axb3 Qe3+ 24.Kb1 1-0

Notes by B.L. Patteson

*Dutch Defense A83*

B.L. Patteson 2015

Mark Dejmek 2162

*New Year Open 1999 (2)*

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nc6 5.d5 Ne5 6.Qd4 Nf7 7.Bxf6 exf6 8.0-0-0!?

To be honest, I forgot that you get your pawn back first here with 8.Nxe4 and then castle. But my move throws up an interesting question which both players now pondered over. Should Black try and hold the pawn with ...f5 now? Mark decides not to, as 9.f3!? looked dangerous.

8...g6 [8...Be7! =] 9.h4 Bg7

Again, 9.Qxe4+ regains the pawn, and again 9...f5 could make White prove his gambit is still good.

10.h5 0-0

Even now 10...Bh6+ followed by ...f5 is possible. Remember, the rook at h8 is guarded!

11.hxg6 hxg6 12.Qxe4 f5 13.Qd3 d6 14.f4 c5 15.g4 b5?

After the game Mark pointed out that after 15...Nh6 Black is in no danger at all. My computer even likes Black's game after the goofy-looking 15...g5! Only a computer would find such an idea, but it probably is a good move.

16.Qh3

Now the h-file attack is very serious.

16...Nh6

16...Nh8 allows 17.Qh7+ Kf7 18.Nf3 followed by Ng5+.

17.g5 Ng4 18.Qh7+ Kf7 19.Rh6 Ne5



After 19...Nxh6 20.gxh6 the coming Nf3-g5+ wins. [Now bad is 20.fxe5?? Qxg5+ and ...Qxh6.]

20.Nf3! Nxf3 21.Qxg6+ Ke7

21...Kg8 22.Qh7+ Kf7 23.Rf6+ Ke8 24.Qg6+ +-.

22.Rh7 Qe8 23.Rxg7+?

Hard to believe I overlooked 23. Qxg7+, which would have ended the game immediately (23...Kd8 24. Qc7 mate, or 23...Rf7 24.Qf6+, etc.) 23...Rf7 24.Qf6+?

Again not the best. After 24. Nxb5 Rxg7 25.Qf6+ Kd7 26.Qxd6 mate. One of these days I am going to surprise everyone and actually win a game cleanly!

24...Kf8 25.Rxf7+ Qxf7 26.Qxd6+ Kg8 27.Bxb5 Nd4 28.Rh1 Nxb5 29.Qd8+ Kg7 30. Qh8+ 1-0

*Caro-Kann B13*

Jim Gallagher 2236

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*New Year Open 1999 (3)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 g6 6.Bf4 Bh6!? 7.Ne2(?)

By getting a knight at f4, White hopes to force ...e6 or ...Be6, but Black has some unforeseen tactics based on the loose knight.

Better is 7.Qd2.

7...Bxf4 8.Nxf4 Qd6 9.Qf3 Nh6! 10.0-0

Or 10.h3 0-0 (10...e5? 11.Qxd5) 11.Nxd5 e5 12.Nf6+ Kg7 13.Ne4 Qe6, and Black regains the pawn.

Simply bad is 10.Nxd5? Bg4 11. Qf4 Qxd5 12.Qxh6 Qxg2.

10...Bg4 11.Qe3 Bf5 12.Bxf5 Nxf5 13. Qf3 Nfxd4! 14.cxd4

Of course not 14.Qxd5?? Ne2+! 14...Nxd4 15.Qd3 Qxf4 16.Nc3 e6 17.g3 Qf6 18.Nb5 Nxb5 19.Qxb5+ Kf8 20.Rac1 Kg7 21.Rc7 a6 22. Qb6 Rac8 23.Rxb7 Rc2 24.a4 Rhc8 25.Qxa6 Qf3!

White has regained his pawns, but his piece deployment suffered. Now Black threatens 26... Rxf2.

26.Qb6

On 26.Rb4 (Δ Rf4) Black wins with 26...e5 27.Qd6 Rxf2! 28. Qxe5+ Kg8 +-.

26...Rc1 27.Qd4+ Kg8 28.Qd2 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Rc1+ 30.Qxc1 Qh1+ 31.Ke2 Qxc1 32.a5 d4 33. Kd3 e5 34.Rb6 Qf1+ 0-1

*Modern Benoni A68*

Andres Suarez 1886

José Luis Silva 2224

*New Year Open 1999 (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.f4 0-0 7.Nf3 e6 8. Bd3 exd5 9. cxd5 b5 10.0-0 b4 11. Ne2 Re8 12.Ng3 c4 13.Bxc4 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16. Bd3 Re8 17.Re1 Qd8 18.Rb1 Bg4 19.Bd2 Rxe1+ 20.Bxe1 Qf6 21. Qa4 Nd7 22.Bxb4 Qxf4 23.Qc6 Re8 24.Bd2 Re3 25.Qc8+ Nf8 26. Bxe3 Qxe3 27.Qxg4 Qxd3 28.Re1 Bxb2 29.h3 Qxd5 30.Qh4 Qxa2 31. Qe7 Bc3 32.Rd1 d5 33.Rf1 Qc4??

33...d4 34. Ng5 f5! -/-. 34.Nd2! Qxf1+ 35.Nxf1 a5 36.Ne3 d4 37.Nd5 Bd2 38.Nf6+ Kg7 39. Ne8+ 1-0

*French Defense C05*

Ryan Park 1472

Jim Rohrbaugh 2212

*New Year Open 1999 (3)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Rb1?! cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Kf2 f6 11.Be3 0-0 12.h4 fxe5 13.fxe5



### 13...Ndx5!

This sac is as basic to the French as the ..Rxc3 exchange sac is to the Dragon Sicilian.

14.dxe5 d4 15.Bc1 Nxe5 16.Kg3 Nc6 17.Bd3 (17.Nh3 Bd6+ 18. Bf4 e5) 17...Bd6+ 18.Kh3 e5+ 19.g4 h5 20. Kg2 Bxg4 21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.Qd3 Bf5 23.Qd1 Bxb1 24.Ng5 Bg6 25. Bd3 e4 26.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 27.Nxe4 Qa5 28.Ng5 Qd5+ 29.N1f3 Qf5 30. Rf1 Qg4+ 31.Kh1 Ne5 32.Rg1 Qf5 33.Nxe5 Bxe5 34.Qxh5+ Kg8 35. Qe2 Rac8 36.h5 Rc2 37.Bd2 Bf4 38.Qe6+ Qxe6 39.Nxe6 Rxd2 40. Rxg7+ Kh8 0-1

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### New Year Open 1999 (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Na6!? 4.c3 Bf5 5.g4 Be4 6.f3 Bxb1 7.Rxb1 Nc7 8.Be3 e6 9.Ne2 f6 10.f4 fxe5 11.fxe5 Be7 12. Qd2 Bh4+ 13.Ng3 Qd7 14.Bd3 0-0-0 15.0-0 Bxg3 16. hxg3 Nh6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6 Rhg8 19.Rf4 Qg7 20.Qxg7 Rxg7 21.Kg2 Rdd7 22.Rh1 b5 23.Rf8+ Kb7 24.Rh8 Rxg4 25.R1xh7 Rgg7 26.Rxg7 Rxg7 27.Rf8 c5 28.Be2 b4 29.Rf6 bxc3 30.bxc3 cxd4 31.cxd4 Re7 32.Rf3 Ne8 33.Rb3+ Kc6 34. a4 Nc7 35.a5 Na8 36.Ba6 Rg7 37. Be2 Nc7 38.g4 Kd7 39.Rb7 Kc8 40.a6 Rf7 41.Kg3 Rh7 42.Bf3 Rh8 43.Rxa7 Kb8 44.Rb7+ Kc8 45.Rb6 1-0

Notes by NM Chris Land

### French Defense C13

Chris Land 2192

Andres Suarez 1886

### New Year Open 1999 (4)

My opponent had defeated master-level opposition in each of the first three rounds. He ended the tournament with by far the toughest schedule, facing no one lower than the 14th seed. In Round 3 on the board next to mine he beat Silva tactically in a wide-open game. I thought he'd be less comfortable defending gambit positions, so for the first time in a tournament game I trotted out the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit . . .

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 e6

Which he declined! Determined to play a gambit, I tried the Alekhine-Chatard attack, which I had also never played before.

4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 Bxg5 7.hxg5 a6?!

And he declined the pawn again! After the game he told me he was worried about 7...Qxg5 8.Nb5 Qd8 9.Qg4, but 9...Kf8 holds comfortably. By now I was quite upset that I wasn't down a pawn. This led me to continue with . . .

8.g6! fxc6 9.Qg4 Nf8 10.Bd3 Qe7

Or 10...Nc6 11.Bxg6+!

11.Nxd5 Qd7 12.Nc3 Nc6 13. Nge2 Ne7 14.0-0-0 b6 15.Be4 c6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Ne4 Nf5 18.Qf4 0-0-0 19.g4 Nh6 20.Nd6+ Kb8 21. Be4 Qc7 22.Rh3 Nd7 23.Rc3 Rhf8 24.Qg3 Nf7 25.Nxb7 Qxb7 26. Bxc6 Qa7 27.d5! Nc5 28.d6 Rc8 29.Nd4 Nd8 30.Bh1 Qd7 31.f4 h5 32.Qf3 Ka7 33.Qf1 Qa4 34.Kb1 Nd7 35.Nb5+! Kb8

35...Qxb5 36.Qxb5 axb5 37. Ra3+ Kb8 38.Ra8 mate.

36.Rd4!

1-0

The finish might have been 36... Qxb5 37.Qg2 Nc6 38.a4! Qa5 39. Rxc6 Qe1+ 40.Ka2 +-.

### Benoni A43

Kelvin Shih 1671

Jim Gallagher 2236

### New Year Open 1999 (4)

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 e5

Now there's a surprise: Jim chooses to play the Czech Benoni a tempo down. The younger Shih does not seem thrown off in the least, and achieves an edge.

5.Bd3 g6 6.Nge2 Bg7 7.0-0 Ne7 8. Be3 a6 9.a4 0-0 10.f3 f5 11.g3 Qc7 12.a5 Nd7 13.Na4 Rb8 14.c4 h6 15.Qc2 Kh7 16.Kg2 Nf6

Another surprise - Black abandons b6. I would have expected 16... b6 17.axb6 Nxb6, and if 18.exf5?! gxf5 19.g4 Kh8, with play on both wings.

17.h3 Nh5 18.g4 fxc4 19.fxc4 Nf6 20.Ng3 Bxg4?!

Without this sac it is hard to find any active plan for Black.

21.hxg4 Nxg4 22.Bg1 g5 23.Qe2 Nf6 24.Be3 Ng6 25.Nf5 Nf4+ 26. Bxf4 exf4 27.Nb6 Rbe8 28.Rae1 Re5 29.Qd2?! Rfe8 30.Qc2 Bf8 31. Qb1 h5 32.Qc2 Kg8 33.Kh1 Qh7 34.Qg2 Qg6!??

A bold offer, and White bites - the wrong way! The better 34... Ng4 has no followup, and White maneuvers his b6 knight over to f2.

35.Rxf4?

With 35.Nh4! followed by 36. Nf3, White wins either the exchange or the pawn at g5, turning his extra piece into a decisive advantage. Now Gallagher gets the opportunity to play a "fantasy" line. 35...Rxf5!! 36.Rxf5 Qxf5! 37.exf5 Rxe1+ 38.Bf1 Ng4 39.Kg1?

Jim showed this drawing line in the post mortem: 39.Nd7 Bh6 40.f6 Ne3 41. f7+ Kh8! 42.f8(Q)+ Bxf8 43.Qxg5! Rf1+ 44.Kh2 Rf2+ 45. Kh3 Rf3+ and White cannot escape the checks (46.Kh4?? Be7! 47.Qxe7 Nf5+ -+).

39.....Bg7 40.f6 Bxf6 0-1

Resignation may be a bit premature, but certainly Black is winning: 41.Qd2 Bd4+ 42.Kg2 Ne3+ 43. Kf2 Rxf1+ 44. Ke2 Rd1! with an easy ending.

Notes by NM Chris Land

*Pirc Defense B08*

Chris Land 2192

Don Sutherland 2244

*New Year Open 1999 (5)*

The last round game was a quick draw, but there is still a story to tell. As is typical in last round games between leaders, the player White gets a free swing for the win. I don't usually get to play against the Modern, so I ended up having to improvise on move three.

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 c6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.0-0 b5 7.Bd3 0-0 8.a3 a6

I wanted to play 9.Qe2, but I didn't like 9...c5. I decided to make room for the d3 Bishop with 9.e5, but that only succeeds in weakening the e-pawn. 9.Re1 or 9.Bg5! has to be better.

9.e5? dxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5!

Now Black may already have a slight advantage based on the weak e-pawn. I looked at quite a few continuations here, but the best I could find was 11.Ne4 Qc7 12.h3! which dares Black to give up his dark squared bishop for the e-pawn. Seeing this, and noticing that I had already used up 45 minutes, I promptly chickened out with a draw offer.

11.Ne4

Draw

*French Defense C00*

Jerry McClurg 1519

Jim Rohrbaugh 2212

*New Year Open 1999 (5)*

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.Be3 Rb8 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Nd1 e5

Each side has now wasted a tempo, so this must be a Closed Sicilian B26. The text does not seem as logical as 11... Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 e5 13.c3 Nc6, which saves time and avoids a clutter.

12.Nh4 f5 13.f4 Bd7 14.c3 Ne6

That's a clutter.

15.exf5 gxf5 16.fxex5 dxe5 17.Bh6 Bb5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7



19.c4! Bxc4 20.Qe3 Bxd3 21. Qxe5+ Rf6 22.Rf2 Ng6 23.Nxg6 Kxg6 24.Ne3 Nd4 25.g4?

25.Nd5 wins with threats of Nf4+ and Nxf6.

25...Qe8 26.gxf5+ Nxf5 27.Ng4 Re6 28.Qc3 Be2 29.Bh3 Bxg4 30. Bxg4 Re5 31.Bxf5+ Rxf5 32.Rxf5 Kxf5 33.Rf1+ Kg6 34.Rf6+?!

Black is so far gone it doesn't matter, but I was astonished that McClurg didn't pounce on 34.Qf6+ Kh5 35.Rf5+ Kg4 36.Qg5+ Kh3 37. Rf3 mate.

34...Kg5 35.h4+ Kxh4 36.Rf4+ Kg5 37.Qg3+ Kh6 38.Rh4+ 1-0

*English Opening A26*

Jim Gallagher 2236

Justin Shih 1997

*New Year Open 1999 (5)*

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.e4 Nf6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 h5 9.Bg5 Ne7 10.Nd5 Nexd5 11.cxd5 c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.d4 Qb6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qc2 Ba6 16. Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Nc3 Bb5 18.Rxd8+

Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Ng4 21.Qd8+ Qxd8 22.Bxd8 Bf6 23. Bc7 Bd3 24.Bb8 a6 25.Bd6 h4 26. h3 Nh6 27.Na4 hxg3 28.fxg3 Bb1 29.a3 Bc2 30.Nc5 Bg5 31.Nxa6 Be3+ 32. Kh2 f6 33.Nb4 Ba4 34. Bf1 Nf7 35.Bc4 Kg7 36.Be7??

36.Bc7 saves two tempi, and is a forced win.

Ng5 37.b3 Bb5 38.a4 Bxc4 39.bxc4 Nxe4 40.a5 Kf7 41.Bd8 Ke6 42. Bb6 Bxb6 43.axb6 Kd7 44.Kg2

44.h4 may have winning chances. c5 45.Nd5 Kc6 46.h4 Nd2 47.g4 Nxc4 48.Nxf6 Nxb6 49.h5 gxh5 50. gxh5 Nc8 51.h6 Ne7 52.Kf3 Kd6 53.h7 Draw

*Trompovsky A45*

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José Luis Silva 2224

*New Year Open 1999 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Nf6 5.d5 g6 6.e4 d6 7.c4 Bg7 8. Nc3 0-0 9.Qd2 e6 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Bxd6 Re8 12.Bxc5 Nbd7 13. Be3 Rc8 14.Nd5

Silva is two pawns down, so what does he do? Sac, of course!

14...Nxe4 15.fxe4 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 Qxe4 17.Bd3 Bg4+ 18.Ne2



18.Ke1!? Qe5 19.Ne2 Nc5 ∞. One thing to be said in favor of the sac: White faces chronic, practical problems which most of us do not have to solve in a typical chess game!

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## SHORT REPORTS

### David John repeats as Pressman All-American

For the second year running, Texas high school champion David John has qualified for the Pressman All-America Chess Team. A junior at Bellaire High School in Houston, John, now 16, was ranked second out of the seven team members in the age 15 and under group. The 38 players on this year's team have met age and rating criteria that place them in the top one percent of more than 41,000 of their fellow scholastic members.

### Agaian 'cream of the crop'

Sarkis Agaian, 8, a third grade student at San Antonio Academy, placed third in the USCF age 8 and under list for Dec. 1998. He was the only Texas junior listed in the USCF "Cream of the Crop" list in the January *Chess Life*, p. 81.

### Scholarships galore at Texas Scholastics

The Texas Scholastic Championship in Corpus Christi has become a magnet for scholarships offered to top-scoring players.

UT-Dallas will continue to offer a full scholarship to the High School champion who meets entrance requirements. Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi is awarding an "Excellence Scholarship" to a top-ranked high school player who graduates in the top 10% of his/her class. Texas A&M Kingsville is offering a housing scholarship.

A high school, Incarnate Word Academy in Corpus Christi, will award a \$2,000 tuition scholarship to the top scoring eighth grade contestant, who must be an honors student and meet normal entrance requirements.

### Tilton, John and Paragua win 1999 Muljadi awards

Leica Tilton of San Antonio is fifteen years old. Her median CQ in the seven-year self-improvement period (1992-1998) is about 110, and her highest USCF rating is 1615, achieved in October, 1998. She won the Texas Elementary Championship in 1994.

David John of Houston is sixteen years old. His median CQ in the five-year self-improvement period (1994-1998) is about 140, and his highest USCF rating is 2265, achieved in October, 1998. He won third place in 1998 U.S. Cadet Championship in Tennessee.

Mark Paragua of Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines, is thirteen years old. His median CQ in the three-year self-improvement period (1996-1998) is about 190, and his highest USCF rating is 2379, achieved in June, 1997. He won fourth place (Boys Under-12) in 1996 World Youth Festival, Spain.

The Muljadi prizes are awarded internationally each year to three winners selected from a pool of nominated chessplayers under the age of nineteen who have USCF rating over 1600 and CQ over 100 as of the previous October 31.

CQ or chess quotient is a ratio of the player's USCF rating to his/her age. Their chess achievement must include high median CQ and notable tournament performance in three-, five- or seven-year self-improvement period. Each winner receives a solid white gold ring in the spring.

- Paul Mulljadi

### Waco New Beginnings

The Waco Chess Club held the New Beginnings Open Jan. 10 at the Baylor student union. Jason Howell and unrated Baylor student Donald Briggs tied for first, each scoring 3.5 in the four round event.. Briggs,

a Baylor computer science major, defeated Ken Henkelman (1800) and John Downing (1460), and drew Jason Howell (2085). John DeVries directed a field of eleven players.

### New Year (cont'd from p. 27)



18...Qxg2 19.Rg1 Qf3 20.Rg3 Qf1+ 21.Qe1 Bxe2+ 22.Bxe2 Qf5 23. Qd2 Ne5 24.Rc1 b5 25.b3 bxc4 26. bxc4 Rb8 27.Qc2 Qd7 28.Rb1 Nc6 29.Rxb8?! Rxb8 30.Bc5?

This would have been good a move earlier, to answer 29...Rxb1 30.Qxb1 Rb8 with 31.Rb3. Maybe 30.Kb1 is best.

30...Rb2 31.Qd3 Qb7 32.Nb4

Hoping for 32...Nxb4?? Silva could now get equality plus with 32...Rxb4, but he seeks more.

32...Bh6?! 33.Bf3 Qb8 34.Bxc6 Rxb2 35.Rg2 Rh1+ 36.Ke2?

36.Kc2! Rc1+ 37.Kb3 a5 38.Bd6 Qb6 39.Re2 Kg7 40.Re8 Bg5 41. Bf8+ Kf6 42. Qe4 is a winner.

36...Qe5+ 37.Be3 Bxe3 38.Rxg6+ 38.Qxe3?? Re1+. Best is 38.Nc2 Bb6+ 39.Qe4, with equal chances.

38...hxg6 39.Bxb1 Bc5+ 40.Kd1 Bxb4 41.Be4 Qa1+ 42.Qb1 Qd4+ 43.Qd3 Qf2 44.Qe2 Qg1+ 45.Kc2 Qa1 0-1

I don't see a forced mate, but it's not a pretty sight after 46.Kb3 Qc3+ 47.Ka4 Bd6 48.c5 Bxc5 49. Kb5 Qb4+ 50.Kc6 Qb6+ 51.Kd7 Qd6+ 52.Kc8.

# LETTERS

## State champ defends honor

I refer to item 5 of Mr. Silva's letter in the last issue of *Texas Knights*, in particular the words "... I will call the state champ a liar if he says that he anticipated 23.h3."

I was surprised to see such confrontational language as I never made any claim that I saw it all in this position. Indeed while going over the game later at the SWO (with Sarkisian, Simpson and Hendrick if memory serves) I admitted that I had not seen in advance that 23.h3 won my bishop.

In retrospect I regret not having submitted notes for any of my games. In the January-February issue I see only three games with notes by someone other than you. Our excellent magazine is deserving of more support, so I hope my fellow players will join me in resolving to submit notes to any games of interest in the future. I am very appreciative of your efforts in supplying notes to so many games issue after issue, but you are spoiling us!

Congratulations on your recognition in the January issue of *Chess Life* as volunteer of the month.

Eugene Curtin  
San Marcos

## 10.Kb1 legit line in Dragon

[In] Howell-Dejmek (1998 Southwest Open, Nov.-Dec. *TK* p. 9) ... Howell's 10.Kb1 is quite a legitimate move, and one that is being played at the highest levels. The main point (aside from 10...dxe4? 11.Nxc6+), as Silva indicated, is to meet your 10...Nxd4 with the *zwischenzug* 11.e5!, after which White has been scoring respectably. I have given below an exciting super-GM

game in this line which you might enjoy. Ivanchuk gives up the queen for a rook and a piece and gets plenty of play.

However, I was a bit confused by Silva's assertion that I "wasn't aware of 10.Kb1." My 10...Rb8 is an attempt to improve on 10...Nxd4 and, indeed, is suggested in the source that Silva references (Gulfeld). My mistake in the game with Howell was 13...e5?; either 13...Rd8 or 13...Nxd4 should give roughly equal play. But kudos to Howell for a well played game throughout.

### Sicilian Dragon B76

Michael Adams 2670

Vassily Ivanchuk 2740

Dortmund 1998 (1)

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 9.0-0-0 d5 10.Kb1 Nxd4 11.e5 Nf5 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nxd5



13...Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Nxe3 15.Qd2 Nxd1 16.Qxd1 Be6 17.Bd3 Rfd8 18.Qe1 Rd6 19.Qa5 b6 20.Qe1 Rc8 21.a3 Rc5 22.g4 Rcd5 23.Qg3 h5 24.h3 h4 25.Qf2 Rxd3 26.cxd3 Rxd3 27.Qe2 Rb3 28.Rd1 g5 29.Rd2 Kg7 30.Qe4 a5 31.Kc1 b5 32.Kd1 a4 33.Ke1 Bc4 34.Kf2 e6 35.Qc2 Bd5 36.Qd1 b4 37.axb4 Rxb4 38.Qe2 Rb3 39.Kg2 Kg8 Draw

Mark Dejmek  
Sugar Land

## A Capablanca howler

I was studying this game with the aid of a chess computer, and the computer found a huge blunder that Alekhine himself doesn't even note in his comments in his book on the 1936 Nottingham tournament. Capa blunders on move 33; White can win a whole rook on his move 34, but instead errs and soon loses. Has anyone discovered this?

Mark Kislingbury  
Houston

*Almost certainly, but it will take a reader more knowledgeable than I to confirm it.*

### Queen's Indian A47

William Winter

José R. Capablanca

Nottingham 1936 (12)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 c5 5.0-0 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bxg2 7.Kxg2 g6 8.b3 Bg7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.c4 d5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.e4 Nb4 13.Qd2 N8a6 14.Rd1 Rc8 15.Na3 Rc7 16.Nab5 Rd7 17.Qe2 Nc5 18.a3 Nbd3 19.Nc6 Qa8 20.Bxg7 Qxc6 21.Nd4 Qb7 22.Bxf8 Rxd4 23.Bh6 Rxe4 24.Qf3 f6 25.Kg1 Ne5 26.Qg2 g5 27.Rd8+ Kf7 28.f4 Ne6 29.Rb8 Qd5 30.Rf1 Qd4+ 31.Kh1 Ng4 32.Qh3 Nxh6 33.Qxh6 Re2?? (Diagram) 34.Qxh7+?? (34.Qh5+) 34...Ng7 35.Qg8+ Kg6 36.f5+ Kh5 37.Qh7+ Kg4 0-1



# Chess Quotient

by Paul Muljadi

Suppose you just won your class prize in a big national tournament and decided to party with five chess players after watching some last-round games. Since you're in a talkative mood, you tell them a bit about yourself and your chess background.

In turn, your new friends talk about their chess background, too. And you find out James King is 60 years old, Kyle Brooks is 45, Diane Bishop is 30, Kenny Knight is 18, and Hope McQueen is only 8. "Hope is very young, and she has a great future in chess," you think.

You're already impressed by Hope. But after you find out all five are class A players, you're really impressed by her! This time you say in astonishment, "Wow, Hope, you could be the next Bobby Fischer!"

This "wow reaction" occurred after you knew Hope's age. Knowing her Class A rating alone did not impress you as much at first. Perhaps knowing her young age by itself would impress you somewhat. But knowing both her high rating and young age did impress you very much.

Now we can mathematically model this "wow reaction" using a simple ratio of the player's rating to his/her age. Let's call this ratio a player's "chess quotient" or CQ.

In our story we have five A players. An A player's rating is at least 1800 and at most 1999. Hope is eight years old. Therefore, her CQ is at least 225, which is 1800 divided by 8. And James', Kyle's, Diane's and Kenny's CQs are at least 30, 40, 60, and 100 respectively.

Let's see more examples of CQs. In the following table (next column) we have the names of twenty Texas junior players as listed on USCF Top 50 Lists, December 1998. The players are ranked by their ratings. Ratings and ages in the table are as of November 1, 1998.

We can calculate the CQs of these twenty outstanding juniors using their ratings and ages. Their CQs are shown in the last column. From the table we see that last year David had the highest rating and Sarkis the highest CQ among the twenty players.

Of the twenty, only David John has achieved chess mastery. He became a National Master (USCF 2200-2399) at the age of 15, giving him a CQ of about 150 last year. He was the only representative from Texas in 1998 U.S. Cadet Championship.

The table also shows Sarkis Agaian's CQ of 172 among the players. Last year he placed third on USCF's

"Top 50 List" in the "Eight and Under" category, and was the only player from Texas listed in "Cream of the 1998 Crop" in the January issue of *Chess Life*.

Talented young players like Hope McQueen would probably impress most of us. We know from their achievement they have spent much time and energy to learn and practice chess. And they have a great chance or potential to improve their chess skill even more in the future, and could be as great as or even better than famous grandmasters, such as the legendary Bobby Fischer.

Hope McQueen is fictional, but the Lone Star State now has at least two young chess stars for real - David John and Sarkis Agaian. We can see their impressive achievement not only in their ratings but also in their CQs.

## Texas juniors on USCF Top 50 lists, Dec 1998

Rank	Player	Rating	Age	CQ
1	John, Davic C.	2264	16	142
2	Morshedi, Ali	2135	15	142
3	Shih, Justin	1997	15	133
4	Suares, Andres	1886	14	135
5	Makhlaychuk, Inga	1610	13	124
6	Tilton, Leica	1591	15	106
7	Sawyer, Bradley J.	1438	10	144
8	Agaian, Sarkis	1378	8	172
9	Koller, Matthew	1250	10	125
10	Minsky, Danielle	1229	15	82
11	Arandela, Althorp	1140	8	143
12	Arandela, Adlai	1133	7	162
13	O'Rear, Rachel	1064	12	89
14	Haskins, Michael	1058	8	132
15	Balmer, David	1057	8	132
16	Phillips, Trevor	1048	8	131
17	Lindzey, Laura	1036	12	86
18	Molina, Rosario	1034	12	86
19	Cordova, Erick	1026	8	128
20	Johnson, Lauren	1021	9	113

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# Tournament Crosstabes

## New Year Open San Antonio, January 2-3

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Don C. Sutherland	2244	+40	+13	+6	+17	=2	4.5
2 Chris K. Land	2192	+21	+33	+26	+14	=1	4.5
3 Jerry McClurg	1519	+30	+31	H	+1	+9	4.5
4 José Luis Silva	2224	+42	+16	-14	+24	+17	4.0
5 Roberto Rodriguez	2161	+28	-14	+52	+23	+18	4.0
6 Mitch Vergara	2155	+63	+61	-1	+25	+19	4.0
7 William C. Reuter	2313	+18	=11	+45	=20	H	3.5
8 James J. Gallagher	2236	+71	+12	-17	+22	=13	3.5
9 James V. Rohrbough	2212	H	+62	+46	+34	-3	3.5
10 Mark W. Dejmek	2162	+22	-17	=48	+45	+20	3.5
11 Doug Huddleston	2113	+23	=7	+51	-3	+33	3.5
12 Jason Howell	2085	+43	-8	+50	+26	=14	3.5
13 Justin Shih	1997	+25	-1	+28	+35	=8	3.5
14 Andres Suarez	1886	+70	+5	+4	-2	=12	3.5
15 Mark E. McCue	1882	H	+44	=49	=27	+34	3.5
16 Jesus Flores Soriano	1806	+72	-4	+36	+31	H	3.5
17 B.L. Pattenon	2015	+24	+10	+8	-1	-4	3.0
18 Robert P. Chalker	1926	-7	+27	+29	+37	-5	3.0
19 Steven D. Young	1805	-61	+65	+53	+49	-6	3.0
20 Chris Lin	1721	H	+32	+54	=7	-10	3.0
21 Richard C. Lopez	1718	-2	=51	=62	+55	+49	3.0
22 Kelvin Shih	1671	-10	+29	+55	-8	+48	3.0
23 Aliakbar Asar	1659	-11	+55	+58	-5	+54	3.0
24 Duane E. Solley	1569	-17	+66	+68	-4	+56	3.0
25 Diego Gamboa	1550	-13	+30	+39	-6	+53	3.0
26 Patrick G. MacKay	1522	+73	+68	-2	-12	+58	3.0
27 Juan Carrizales	1499	+37	-18	+69	=15	=32	3.0
28 Daniel L. Rupley	1402	-5	+76	-13	+66	+42	3.0
29 Alton Blue	1336	+39	-22	-18	+68	+43	3.0
30 Chris Paek	1282	-3	-25	+76	+62	+44	3.0
31 Carlos Zamayoa	unr.	+76	-3	+65	-16	+47	3.0
32 John Paul Hyltin	2015	=34	-20	+71	=48	=27	2.5
33 Raymond H. Smith	1737	B	-2	+38	H	-11	2.5
34 Alan J. Bast	1624	=32	+70	+56	-9	-15	2.5
35 Gerald Castleberry	1500	-55	+59	+66	-13	=38	2.5
36 Victor A. Flores	1293	B	-63	-16	+69	H	2.5
37 Vicente A. Flores	1215	-27	+47	+42	-18	H	2.5
38 Angel D. Soriano	1175	+47	-43	-33	+50	=35	2.5
39 George Todd	848	-29	B	-25	+52	=40	2.5
40 William P. Gibson	1800	-1	=46	-44	+75	=39	2.0
41 Enrique Rios	1790	U	U	U	+46	+76	2.0
42 Frank M. Roberts	1755	-4	+48	-37	+57	-28	2.0
43 Allen Adams	1653	-12	+38	H	=54	-29	2.0
44 Blair Burleson	1644	H	-15	+40	=56	-30	2.0
45 Isaias R. Vargas	1476	=57	+69	-7	-10	=46	2.0
46 Ryan Curtis Park	1472	+58	=40	-9	-41	=45	2.0
47 Charles Cunningham	1445	-38	-37	+75	+59	-31	2.0
48 Bradley J. Sawyer	1438	+59	-42	=10	=32	-22	2.0
49 Dee Carter	1412	+75	=71	=15	-19	-21	2.0
50 David J. Quintero	1387	=66	+74	-12	-38	+68	2.0
51 Sarkis Agaian	1378	+67	=21	-11	-64	=62	2.0
52 Ralph Hardy	1335	-68	+67	-5	-39	+66	2.0
53 Derrick W. Watson	1333	-69	+75	-19	+60	-25	2.0
54 Leigh H. Emrich	1314	=60	+57	-20	+43	-23	2.0
55 Taylor Hendrix	1263	+35	-23	-22	-21	X	2.0
56 Wallace B. Short	1241	H	+60	-34	=44	-24	2.0
57 Alfred Miller	1215	=45	-54	H	=42	+67	2.0
58 Tim Owens	1177	-46	+73	-23	+65	-26	2.0
59 Earl Obringer	1127	-48	-35	+67	+47	+65	2.0
60 Jaime Vaquera	737	=54	-56	=70	-53	+75	2.0
61 John Patty	2246	+19	-6	H	U	U	1.5
62 Alvara Gomez	1819	H	-9	=21	-30	=51	1.5
63 Albert E. Woolum	1667	-6	+36	H	U	U	1.5

64 John W. Ade	1921	U	U	U	+51	U	1.0
65 Michael LaBelle	1473	+74	-19	-31	-58	-59	1.0
66 Joseph Lopez	895	+50	-24	-35	-28	-52	1.0
67 David Parr	888	-51	-52	-59	+76	-57	1.0
68 Adam Hunter	796	+52	-26	-24	-29	-50	1.0
69 Daniel Mansbach	742	+53	-45	-27	-36	F	1.0
70 Eric B. Dimazana	2280	-14	-34	=60	U	U	0.5
71 Albert Fulton	1793	-8	=49	-32	U	U	0.5
72 Selby K. Anderson	2265	-16	U	U	U	U	0.0
73 Ty C. Elliott	1534	-26	-58	U	U	U	0.0
74 James Nielsen	1188	-65	-50	U	U	U	0.0
75 Adit L. Wongsaraj	970	-49	-53	-47	-40	-60	0.0
76 Gilbert Ramos	935	-31	-28	-30	-67	-41	0.0

## Pan American Open Dallas, December 27-29

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	total
1 Rudy G. Tia	2047	X	+18	+14	+7	+13	-2	5.0
2 Rade Milanovic	2530	+24	-8	+23	+15	+14	+1	5.0
3 Alexey W. Root	2077	+35	=15	=22	+18	+10	+6	5.0
4 E. Iparraguirre	2150	+27	+17	-1	+11	+16	=5	4.5
5 Ivan Zuniga	2129	+48	+11	H	=6	+8	=4	4.5
6 Lewis McClary	2079	+25	+30	=9	=5	+17	-3	4.0
7 David C. John	2264	+26	=14	+8	-1	+19	=12	4.0
8 Justin Shih	1997	+39	+2	-7	+24	-5	+22	4.0
9 James Gallagher	2236	+41	+10	=6	-14	+15	=16	4.0
10 Mark Gracey	1848	+20	-9	+29	+35	-3	+26	4.0
11 Jesus Soriano	1806	+37	-5	+45	-4	+42	+14	4.0
12 William Moreno	2080	=23	+38	-14	+28	+27	=7	4.0
13 Matt Campbell	2103	X	+31	+16	H	-1	H	4.0
14 Mark Kile	2007	+28	=7	+12	+9	-2	-11	3.5
15 John DiLucci	1721	+36	-3	+19	-2	-9	+28	3.5
16 Curtis Fukuchi	2011	+21	+44	-13	+22	-4	=9	3.5
17 Wm. Nac Devin	1979	+32	-4	+25	+20	-6	=18	3.5
18 Paulus Muljadi	1701	+43	-1	+32	-3	+35	=17	3.5
19 Juan Alvarado	2050	+29	=22	-5	+41	-7	+23	3.5
20 Max Raymond	unr.	-10	+26	+44	-17	+24	H	3.5
21 Tim Pernes	1496	-16	=47	+38	-34	+44	+30	3.5
22 Wellington Lee	1714	+33	=19	=3	-16	+25	-8	3.0
23 D. Reddivari	1605	=12	+42	-2	+30	=34	-19	3.0
24 Jake Kleiman	1677	-2	+39	+37	-8	-20	+36	3.0
25 Doug Schwetke	1580	-6	+46	-17	+37	-22	+35	3.0
26 Kelvin Shih	1671	-7	-20	+46	X	+29	-10	3.0
27 Robert Sanders	1658	-4	+40	+34	H	-12	H	3.0
28 Alvin Vega	1478	-14	+43	=30	-12	+39	-15	2.5
29 Charles E. Woods	1558	-19	+33	-10	+43	-26	=31	2.5
30 Frank M. Roberts	1755	+46	-6	=28	-23	+36	-21	2.5
31 Alan T. Sherman	1836	+40	-13	-35	-36	+38	=29	2.5
32 Brian R. Boyd	1288	-17	B	-18	-42	=43	+37	2.5
33 G. Sundaresan	unr.	-22	-29	=39	-38	B	+43	2.5
34 David A. Hater	2082	H	H	-27	+21	=23	U	2.5
35 Robert Shearer	1567	-3	+36	+31	-10	-18	-25	2.0
36 Naxwell McKay	1495	-15	-35	+48	+31	-30	-24	2.0
37 Robert Groover	unr.	-11	+48	-24	+25	+40	-32	2.0
38 Jay Beale	1071	H	-12	-21	+33	-31	=39	2.0
39 Susan Strahan	1155	-8	-24	=33	+46	-28	=38	2.0
40 David Harry	unr.	-31	-27	-43	B	-37	+46	2.0
41 Al Woolum	1667	-9	H	+47	-19	H	U	2.0
42 Fred H. Hurst	1622	H	-23	H	+32	-11	U	2.0
43 Harlan Hopchik	unr.	-18	-28	+40	-29	=32	-33	1.5
44 Robert Hughes	1700	+47	-16	-20	H	-21	U	1.5
45 Todd Douglas	1485	H	H	-11	F	U	U	1.0
46 Walter C. May	unr.	-30	-25	-26	-39	H	-40	0.5
47 Antonio Reis	unr.	-44	=21	-41	U	U	U	0.5
48 John M. Baker	1625	-5	-37	-36	U	U	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.

# TexOhma Open

Dallas, January 30-31

## Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Rade Milovanovic	2405	H	+4	+2	=3	+6	4.0
2 Jason R. Doss	2341	+5	+3	-1	+8	+7	4.0
3 Derek J. Banks	2081	+11	-2	+9	=1	=5	3.0
4 Andy Olsen	1930	+12	-1	+11	-6	+8	3.0
5 Jahangir Ahmed	1900	-2	+10	H	+9	=3	3.0
6 Richard Weaver	2200	H	-9	+10	+4	-1	2.5
7 Wellington Lee	1714	=9	-8	+12	+11	-2	2.5
8 Alexey W. Root	2077	=10	+7	H	-2	-4	2.0
9 James A. Wharton	1957	=7	+6	-3	-5	=11	2.0
10 Samuel T. Irby	1823	=8	-5	-6	+12	H	2.0
11 Jonathan Cearley	1871	-3	+12	-4	-7	=9	1.5
12 Chas. Cunningham	1445	-4	-11	-7	-10	U	0.0

## Amateur

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Doyle W. Lobaugh	1527	+7	+12	H	+8	+6	4.5
2 Alexander Relyea	1587	+16	-8	+15	X	=4	3.5
3 Kristofer Littlejohn	1566	=8	+9	+5	H	H	3.5
4 Lloyd M. Uhler	1658	+10	+13	H	-6	=2	3.0
5 Josef Ryglewicz	1649	+11	-6	-3	+10	+14	3.0
6 John M. Baker	1625	+14	+5	-8	+4	-1	3.0
7 Jerry McClurg	1519	-1	+14	+13	H	H	3.0
8 Martin Alexander	1671	=3	+2	+6	-1	-11	2.5
9 Carmen A. Chairez	1572	-12	-3	+11	+15	H	2.5
10 Charles E. Woods	1558	-4	-11	+14	-5	+15	2.0
11 Antonio R. Blanco	1491	-5	+10	-9	-14	+8	2.0
12 Leon Powers	1680	+9	-1	H	F	U	1.5
13 Robert W. Smeltzer	1600	+15	-4	-7	U	U	1.0
14 Derrick W. Watson	1333	-6	-7	-10	+11	-5	1.0
15 Charles Tholen, Jr.	1155	-13	B	-2	-9	-10	1.0
16 Jerome Taylor	1782	-2	U	U	U	U	0.0

## Novice

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Juan Castaneda	1200	+6	+5	+2	+3	+7	5.0
2 Tim Brennan	1198	+7	+4	-1	X	+3	4.0
3 Susan F. Strahan	1155	+8	+9	+4	-1	-2	3.0
4 Lincoln F. Grahlf	1253	+9	-2	-3	+7	H	2.5
5 Willie G. Baldazo	120	+11	-1	+8	F	U	2.0
6 Nita Patel	964	-1	-7	-10	+11	+8	2.0
7 Daryl A. Williams	820	-2	+6	+11	-4	-1	2.0
8 Ganesan Sundaresan	unr.	-3	+11	-5	+9	-6	2.0
9 Andrew Esteva	1078	-4	-3	H	-8	H	1.0
10 Layne Hendrick	1027	U	U	+6	U	U	1.0
11 Phillip L. Woods	969	-5	-8	-7	-6	B	1.0

# Texas Team Championship

San Antonio, February 13-14

#	team name (game pts.)	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1	Return of the Underpromoted	2197	+5	+7	+2	=3	3.5
2	The Sandbaggers	2144	+3	+4	-1	+5	3.0
3	Andrea's Harem	1888	-2	B	+4	=1	2.5
4	Pawnz	2196	+6	-2	-3	B	2.0
5	Crash Dummies	2113	-1	+6	+7	-2	2.0
6	Boogie Knights	1911	-4	-5	B	+7	2.0
7	Scorpions	910	B	-1	-5	-6	1.0

Individuals are listed by ratings, not final standings.

name (team #)	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 William C. Reuter (5)	2313	-2	+13	+25	-3	2.0
2 Mikhail Langer (1)	2286	+1	+25	=3	-4	2.5
3 Selby K. Anderson (2)	2265	=4	=5	=2	+1	2.5
4 David C. John (3)	2264	=3	B	+5	+2	3.5
5 John Patty (4)	2246	+13	=3	-4	B	2.5

6 Don C. Sutherland (4)	2244	+17	-7	+21	B	3.0
7 James J. Gallagher (2)	2236	-21	+6	-8	+10	2.0
8 Richard A. Ketcham (1)	2229	=10	+26	+7	+21	3.5
9 James V. Rohrbaugh (4)	2212	+19	-12	=22	B	2.5
10 Larry L. Moss (5)	2200	=8	+17	+26	-7	2.5
11 John G. Bell (1)	2199	+14	+27	-12	+22	3.0
12 Alfred Zerm (2)	2165	+22	+9	+11	=14	3.5
13 Mitchell Vergara (6)	2155	-5	-1	B	+25	2.0
14 Ali Morshedi (5)	2135	-11	+19	+27	=12	2.5
15 Jason Howell (3)	2085	=24	=18	-23	B	2.0
16 Michael Simpson (1)	2072	=20	+28	+18	-23	2.5
17 John W. Ade (6)	1921	-6	-10	B	+26	2.0
18 Robert R. Barber (2)	1913	+23	=15	-16	-20	1.5
19 Gary D. Zintgraff (6)	1868	-9	-14	B	+27	2.0
20 Steven D. Young (5)	1805	=16	+24	+28	+18	3.5
21 Jonathan R. Walsh (3)	1791	+7	B	-6	-8	2.0
22 Enrique Rios (3)	1790	-12	B	=5	-11	1.5
23 Patrick R. Bloom (3)	1707	-18	B	+15	+16	3.0
24 Paulus Muljadi (6)	1701	=15	-20	B	+28	2.5
25 Edward Gonzales (7)	974	B	-2	-1	-13	1.0
26 Adit L. Wongsaroj (7)	970	B	-8	-10	-17	1.0
27 Alex M. Echeverry (7)	889	B	-11	-14	-19	1.0
28 Robert Villarreal (7)	807	B	-16	-20	-24	1.0

# Tournament Calendar

**Apr. 4: Texas A&M Spring Open.** 3-SS, 30/60, SD/30. 110 Koldus Bldg. (across from Rudder Tower), Texas A&M Univ., College Station. \$\$/ent. EF: \$20, TCA memb. req. Reg. 10-10:30 a.m., Rds. 10:30-1:30-4. Ent: Dusan Djuric, 1018 Holt St., College Station, TX 77840. 409-696-5504 h, 409-845-5522 w, djuric@ariel.tamu.edu. NS. NC. W.

**Apr. 24: Texas Action Championship.** See ad, p. 33.

**May 29-31: Texas State Championship.** See ad, p. 35.

**June 5: U.S. Chessathon.** See ad, p. 34.

**June 12-13: Texas Senior Championship.** 4-SS, 40/2, SD/1. University Hotel, Ave. H at 16th St., Huntsville. 2 sections: Senior (50 and over): \$\$(\$310b/25): \$100-75-50, U1700 \$60-25. Futurity (U50), \$\$ b/entries. Both: EF: \$20 adv., \$25 site. TCA req., OSA. Reg. 8-9:45 a.m., Rds. 10-4, 10-4. HR: \$34 sgl, \$30 dbl, 409-291-2151 mention chess. Ent: Forrest Marler, 2109 Ave. T, Huntsville, TX 77340-4930. 1-409-291-7625. fmarler@mail.tca.net. NS. NC. W.

**June 12-13: Texas Women's Championship.** \$\$(\$500), distribution TBA. Other info same as Tx. Senior above.

**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.Nh2! (1...Ke5 2.Nf3#; 1...Ke3 2.Nf5#).



## TCA Advance Agenda

The next TCA Business Meeting will be held Mar. 13, 8 p.m. at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi. Bids for Major Events in 2001 are due May 1, 1999.

1. (Anderson): Add the following to Article VII, Section 2 (Scholastic Committee): *This shall be a standing committee consisting of seven Resident Members appointed by the President.*

2. (Salinas): Any junior that is rated between 1700 and 1999 can play in the Championship section of the Texas Championship provided that:

(1) The Scholastic player is a member of TCA (not the \$1 membership);

(2) The Scholastic player pays the full entry fee (not the Junior entry fee).

This does not apply to Texas High School champion(s), who earn the right to play.

*Rationale: When we first passed the resolution that the Texas Junior Champion can play up, Texas had very few strong juniors. Now the story is different, but we should still try to develop our young players.*

3. George John proposes an organizer's commission of 50¢ to \$1 on TCA memberships (including Junior), to be subsidized if necessary by an increase in Junior dues.

## Solutions

1. Deflection plus discovered attack wins the queen: 1.Rf8+ Kxf8 2.Nxe6+ Ke7 3.Qxa7+ Kxe6 1-0.

2. 1.Nd2! threatens mate in two with 2.Qxf7+, and 1... Qb4 2.Qxf7+ Kh8 3.Qxf8+ leaves White a rook ahead. Black played 1..Qxf1+ and resigned after 2.Nxf1 a5 3. Ne3 d4 4.Nd5 Bd2 5.Nf6+ Kg7 6.Ne8+.

3. White liquidates the defender of d6: 1.Rxf5 Bxf5 2. Qd6+ Kc8 3.Re7 1-0. Or 1...gxf5 2.Qd6+ Kc8 3.Rxe6 Ne8 4.Qe5 Rg8 5.Re7 Qg6 (5...Qh5 6.Qe6+) 6.Bh3+.

4. 1.Nf6+! (deflection) 1...gxf6 2.Rg3+ Kf7 (2...Kf8 3.Qh6+ Ke6 4.Rg7+) 3.Qh7+ 1-0 (3...Ke6 4.Bxf5+, etc.).

5. 1.Rxg7+ (clearance) 1...Kxg7 2.Rg1+ Kh7 (2...Kf8 3.Bh6 mate; 2... Kf6 3.Bd4+ e5 4.Qg5 mate) 3.Qd1 1-0.

6. On 1.Ba6! (deflection) Black resigned, as 1...Qxa6 2. Bxf6+ (or 2.Qxe7+) 2...exf6 3.Qxf6+ and 4.Qf7 is mate. 7. Black sets up a skewer with 1...Rxf1+ 2.Kxf1 Rc1+!, forcing 3.Qxc1 Qh1+ 4.Ke2 Qxc1 and 0-1.

8. On 1.Bxg7! Nxd2 2.Rh1 (quiet maneuver), Black is curiously unable to stop mate at h8. The game ended 2... Qb6 3.Rxh5 Nb3+ 4.axb3 Qe3+ 4.Kb1 1-0.

9. 1.Bxe6 fxe6 (1...Rxe6 2.Rxd8 Qxd8 3.Qxf7+) 2.Bb6! (deflection) 2...Rxd1 (2...Qxb6 3.Qf7+ Kh8 4.Qxf8+; 2...Rxb6 3.Rxd8 Qxd8 4.Qf7+) 3.Bxc7 1-0.

# Texas Action Championship

April 24 • 5 Round Swiss • Game/30 Rated at 1/2 K

Methodist Hospital, 7700 Floyd Curl Dr., San Antonio

North tower, 5th floor conference room. South Texas Medical Center, 1 mile north of N Loop 410. Exit north on Fredricksburg Rd., turn left on Louis Pasteur, right on Floyd Curl. Parking validated. 692-4546.

**\$750 in prizes** (b/40) • **First prize: \$250**

Second: \$100	U1700: \$80
U2100: \$100	U1500: \$70
U1900: \$90	U1300: \$60

**Entry fees: \$25 if rec'd by 4/22, \$30 at site. TCA membership required.**  
**Junior entry: \$12.50 by 4/22, \$15 at site.** Age 18 or under. Counts as 1/2 toward "based on."

**TCA membership required: \$10, \$7.50 jr.** OSA. NS. NC. W.

**Registration: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Rounds: 12 - 1:15 - 2:30 - 3:45 - 5**  
1/2 point bye available any one round, notice with registration.

**Entries:** San Antonio Chess Club, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, Texas 78023

**Info:** (210) 695-2324; txchess@connecti.com; www.connecti.com/~txchess/tca/tca.htm



# Texas State Championship

May 29-31      6 round Swiss      40/2, SD/1

## Crowne Plaza North Dallas/Addison

14315 Midway Road, Addison, TX 75001

Hotel rates: \$75 reserved by May 14, phone 1-972-980-8877. Mention chess.

## \$5,000 guaranteed prizes

### Championship (2000+)

### Amateur (open to U2000/unrated)

	Top	Expert	Top	B	C	D/under	Unr.
First:	\$800	\$600	\$600	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$200
Second:	\$500	\$300	\$300	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Third:	\$200						

Foreign unrated must play in Championship section.  
June USCF rating supplement will be used.

**Entry Fees:** \$40 if received by May 24, \$48 at site.

\$25 entry for junior, senior or handicapped

USCF & TCA membership required, other states accepted.

**Registration:** 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 29

Half point bye available any one round with notice before Round 1.

**Rounds:** Sat. 12 - 6:15, Sun. 9:30 - 4, Mon. 8:30 - 3:15

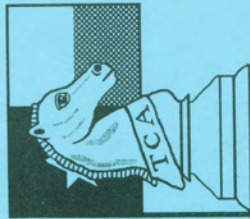
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**Dallas Chess Club**  
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Dallas, TX 75243

**Information:** Jason Doss, 972-231-2065

**TCA web site:** <http://www.connecti.com/~txchess/>

*No smoking, no computers. Wheelchair access.*



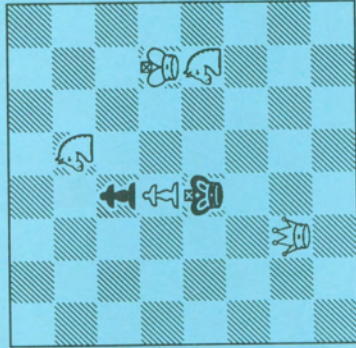
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**Bids deadline for TCA Major Events in 2001: May 1**

**Joshua Green**  
*StrateGems, 1999*



**Mate in two**  
Solution: page 32

