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Brad Sawyer**

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Sarkis Agaian

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Correction last issue: In "Test Your Tactics" # 3, Victor Flores had Black, not Kris Littlejohn..

1999 Texas Scholastic Championship

The 1999 Texas Scholastic Championship was held March 12-14 at the Omni Bayfront and Marina hotels in Corpus Christi. A total of 1,315 students from over 200 school programs vied for trophies and medals in the largest tournament ever held in Texas. Over 200 trophies and 300 medals were awarded.

With attendance up 30% from last year, one might have expected novice organizer Bob James, president of the Optimist Coastal Bend Chess Federation, to buckle. But he took good notes last year while shadowing Gary Gaiffe in Austin, and he gathered an outstanding staff.

I heard many comments about how smoothly the tournament was run. There were only a few grumbles about the security detail, which moved the crowd of parents and coaches downstairs after the rounds started. With a thousand kids playing in the third floor of the Bayfront, the throng of well-wishers would be a source of concern to any fire marshal.

Gary Gaiffe was the chief tournament director, with an able team of section chiefs: Brenda Hardesty and George John in Primary, Brad Bradford in Elementary, Forrest Marler in Middle School and Luis Salinas in High School. Bob James' wife Lucy was in charge of the computer pairings room, and handled pre-registration. John DuBois of the Optimists Coastal Bend Chess Federation was the chief administrator, and he had help from Ann Keehan and Cathy Baxter in coordinating an ample force of volunteers. Dr. Patrick Michaud lent technical support on the computers.

On Friday evening Jim Gallagher and I gave simul. He achieved an impressive result of 41 wins, two draws and no losses. I played 27 boards and won 26 games losing only to adult Class B player Alex Gorbounov.

Brenda Hardesty directed the ever-popular side tournaments, which were the biggest yet. Enrique Rios and Eric Wiggins topped a field of 106 players in the blitz event, both scoring 6-0. Tied at 5-1 were Chris Hobart, John Sneed, Erick Vallarino, Leica Tilton, Joseph Molina, Jaime Flores, Leah Driggers and the top U1000 players, William Molina and Colestino Abrego.

The bughouse tournament had 127 teams, requiring two sections. The winners in the top section were David John and Patrick Bloom with a 6-0 score. Five teams tied for second with 5-1, with Enrique Rios and Eric Wiggins second on tiebreaks, and Richard Lopez and Matt Bradford in third place.

Primary Championship

(263 players, 9 rds. TDs: Brenda Hardesty, George John)

1	Sarkis Agaian	9.0	S.A. Academy	San Antonio
2	Althorp Arandela	8.0	Schanen Estates	Corpus Christi
3	Michael Haskins	8.0	Canterbury	Edinburg
4	John Lasley	8.0	Hico	Hico
5	Adlai Arandela	7.5	Schanen Estates	Corpus Christi
6	Swami Sundaresan	7.0	Meadowcreek	Fort Worth
7	Ricky Villarreal	7.0	Canterbury	Edinburg
8	Anand Kesvaraju	7.0	Emmott	Houston
9	Todd Applebaum	7.0	Bethany	Plano
10	Nolan Slesnick	7.0	Hill	Austin
11	Joshua Davis	7.0	Medical Center	Houston
12	Preethi Kembaiyan	7.0	Galatas	The Woodlands
13	Eduardo J. Lopez	7.0	Egly	Brownsville
14	Mason Harry	7.0	Brown	Mansfield
15	Misha Rodin	7.0	Highland Park	Austin
16	Jasmine DiLucci	7.0	Hockaday	Dallas
17	Jonash Loh	7.0	North Ridge	N. Richland Hills
18	David L. Valdez	7.0	Episcopal Day S.	Brownsville
19	Langston Scott	7.0	West University	Houston
20	Garrett Trevino	7.0	Morningside	Brownsville
21	Daniel Ozuna	7.0	Roosevelt	El Paso
22	Ryan Dixon	7.0	Ridglea	Fort Worth



Canterbury Elementary team

Primary Team

1	Canterbury	Edinburg	27.5
2	Morningside	Brownsville	26.0
3	Roosevelt	El Paso	24.5
4	San Antonio Academy	San Antonio	24.5
5	Village School	Houston	24.0
6	Virgie-Lu Children's Ctr.	Houston	23.5
7	Episcopal Day School	Brownsville	23.5
8	W.J. Turner	Fort Worth	23.0
9	Cornelius	Houston	23.0
10	Bethany	Plano	22.5

Results and photos may be viewed online:

http://members.tripod.com/~bob_james/stateres.htm

Elementary Championship

(368 players, 9 rounds. TD: Brad Bradford)

1	Anthony Guerra	8.5	Canterbury	Edinburg
2	Brad Sawyer	8.5	Krahn	Spring
3	Alfred Molina	8.0	Russell	Brownsville
4	Johnny Fox	8.0	Village School	Houston
5	Peter Yeh	7.5	Dartmouth	Richardson
6	Andrew Esteva	7.5	Bethany	Plano
7	Mark Bayless	7.5	St. Mark's	Dallas
8	Benjamin Jaiyen	7.5	Jeanette Hays	Katy
9	Matthew Koller	7.0	Brookwood	Houston
10	Tyson Slesnick	7.0	Hill	Austin
11	Garrett Guzowski	7.0	St. Mary's	Brownsville
12	Efrain Rodriguez	7.0	Caraway	Houston
13	Oscar Venegas	7.0	Ysleta	El Paso
14	Bryant Ching	7.0	Krahn	Spring
15	Jose Cano	7.0	Russell	Brownsville
16	Ben Kunofsky	7.0	Preston Hollow	Dallas
17	Vivek Kembraiyen	7.0	Mitchell	The Woodlands
18	Omar Olivas	7.0	Ysleta	El Paso
19	Paul Montemayor	7.0	Notre Dame	Wichita Falls
20	Neil Baron	7.0	Casis	Austin
21	Domingo Martinez	7.0	Dorie Miller	San Antonio
22	Peter Tu	7.0	Dessau	Austin
23	Lauren Johnson	7.0	Highlands	Sugarland
24	John Maynard	7.0	Mary Orr	Mansfield
25	Arturo Gracia, Jr.	7.0	Morningside	Brownsville
26	Bryan Pernes	7.0	Como Montesorri	Fort Worth
27	William Ong	7.0	Village School	Houston



Russell Elementary team (coach Guajardo at left)

After coaching the Russell Chess Club for ten years, during which he led its team to seven consecutive state championships, **J.J. Guajardo** this year announced that he is stepping down as coach. In an emotional meeting following the awards ceremony, he acknowledged the contribution of his coaching assistants Cindy Del Castillo, Jill Swanson and Sandra Gracia. He especially gave credit to the players for their hard work and dedication that won those victories over the years.

TCA scholastic director Al Woolum has nominated J.J. Guajardo for the Coach of the Year award to be given by the USCF Scholastic Committee.

Elementary Team

1	Russell	Brownsville	27.5
2	Canterbury	Edinburg	27.0
3	Village School	Houston	27.0
4	Ysleta	El Paso	26.5
5	Mary Orr	Mansfield	25.0
6	Caraway	Houston	25.0
7	St. Mary's	Brownsville	25.0
8	North Ridge	North Richland Hills	24.5
9	Cornelius	Houston	24.5
10	Losoya	San Antonio	22.5
11	Egly	Brownsville	22.5
12	Morningside	Brownsville	22.5

Middle School Championship

(360 players, 8 rounds. TD: Forrest Marler)

1	John Sneed	8.0	PEACE Acad.	Fort Worth
2	Ignacio Flores	7.0	Guillen	El Paso
3	Kelvin Shih	7.0	Space Center	Houston
4	Christopher Hobart	7.0	Doerre	Spring
5	Martin Alexander	6.5	(Homeschooled)	Dallas
6	Amin Memon	6.5	Doerre	Spring
7	Alberto Espino	6.5	Oliveira	Brownsville
8	Doug Hardesty	6.5	AAH	Austin
9	Eli Rezinsky	6.5	Kealing Jr. High	Austin
10	Antonio Espino	6.5	Oliveira	Brownsville
11	Bo Githoro	6.5	Lanier	Houston
12	Dino Nguyen	6.5	Lanier	Houston
13	Boran Butorovich	6.5	Lanier	Houston
14	Buo Zhang	6.5	Lanier	Houston
15	Chris Arnold	6.5	Monmig	Fort Worth
16	Daniel Shen	6.0	Hendrick	Plano
17	Roman Villarreal	6.0	Edinburg	Edinburg
18	Gregory McNew	6.0	PEACE Acad.	Fort Worth
19	Daniel Little	6.0	Tom Brown	Corpus Christi
20	Jacob Berger	6.0	Floresville	Floresville
21	Enrique Fernandez	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
22	Kevin Sun	6.0	Robinson	Plano
23	Chun Chong	6.0	Armstrong	Plano
24	Pierce Tilton	6.0	Alamo Day Sch.	San Antonio
25	Jesus Arrendondo	6.0	J.P. Elder	Fort Worth
26	Javier Cal	6.0	Monmig	Fort Worth
27	Andrew Solomon	6.0	Lanier	Houston
28	Jorge Cano	6.0	Vela	Brownsville
29	Jeff McDowell	6.0	Monmig	Fort Worth
30	Andy Ma	6.0	Apollo Jr. High	Richardson
31	Jonathan Berrout	6.0	Vela	Brownsville
32	Alex Porras	6.0	Ysleta	El Paso
33	Daniel Lopez	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
34	Brian Young	6.0	Robinson	Plano
35	Robert Zamora	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
36	Ricardo Acevedo	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
37	Angelo Saco	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
38	Anuj Misra	6.0	Kealing	Austin
39	Ian Stephens	6.0	Kirby Jr. High	Wichita Falls
40	Scott Rubinsky	6.0	Lanier	Houston

This was John Sneed's third straight Middle School championship – and not one defeat in those 24 games!



Lanier Middle School team

Buo Zhang, Scott Rubinsky, Bo Githoro, Dino Nguyen, Boran Butorovic, Andrew Solomon, Elizababeth Mims

Middle School Team

1	Lanier	Houston	26.0
2	Oliveira	Brownsville	25.0
3	Doerre	Spring	24.0
4	Kealing	Austin	23.5
5	Monnig	Fort Worth	23.5
6	Vela	Brownsville	23.0
7	PEACE Academy	Fort Worth	23.0
8	Guillen	El Paso	22.0
9	Tom Browne	Corpus Christi	21.5
10	J.P. Elder	Fort Worth	21.0
11	Sharpstown	Houston	20.5
12	Apollo Junior High	Richardson	20.5
13	AAH	Austin	20.0
14	Edinburg 6th Grade	Edinburg	20.0
15	Hendrick	Plano	19.5
16	Fidel Tafolla	San Antonio	19.5
17	Ysleta	El Paso	19.0
18	Fondren	Houston	18.0

High School Championship

(324 players, 7 rounds. TD: Luis Salinas)

1	David John	6.5	Bellaire	Houston
2	Ali Morshedi	6.5	Tomball	Tomball
3	Clemente Rendon	6.5	Hanna	Brownsville
4	Justin Shih	6.0	Clear Lake	Houston
5	Matthew Bradford	6.0	St. Mark's	Dallas
6	Richard Lopez	6.0	Edison	San Antonio
7	Yining Ni	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
8	Patrick Bloom	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
9	Manuel Gonzalez	6.0	Porter	Brownsville
10	Ted Seilheimer	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
11	Frank Schindelmeiser	6.0	H.M. King	Kingsville
12	Ben Lehrer	5.5	Lamar	Houston
13	Andres Suarez	5.5	Lein	Spring
14	Matthew Willis	5.5	Bellaire	Houston

15	Erick Vallarino	5.5	Porter	Brownsville
16	Enrique Rios	5.5	Churchill	San Antonio
17	Aaron May	5.5	Bridgestone	Corpus Christi
18	Jonathan Cearley	5.5	PEACE Acad.	Fort Worth
19	Salvador Luna	5.5	North Side	Fort Worth
20	Vlad Rekhson	5.5	Bellaire	Houston
21	Kris Littlejohn	5.5	TAG	Dallas
22	Ajay Bangale	5.5	Country Day Sc.	Fort Worth
23	Jason Starnes	5.5	Dunbar	Fort Worth
24	Will Seilheimer	5.5	Bellaire	Houston

In a big upset, Erick Vallarino (1457, ranked 30th) defeated Eric Wiggins (2000, ranked fourth) in Rd. 4.

The lowest rated trophy winner in the High School section, Sean Rosario (1176), had played in only three rated tournaments before this event.



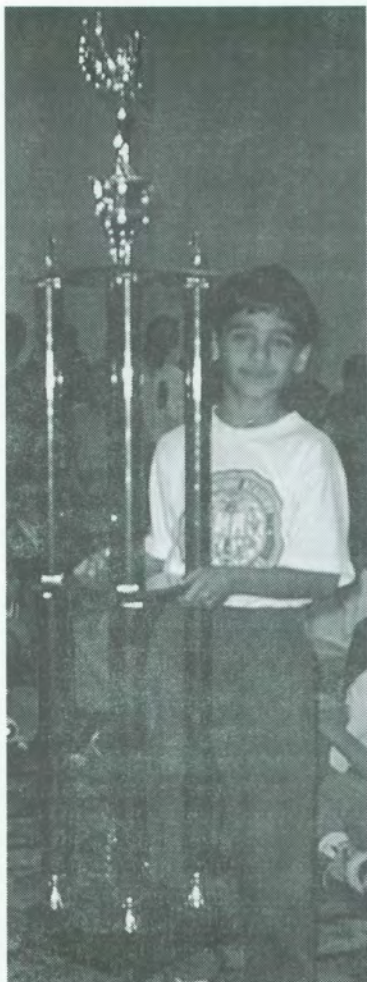
Bellaire High School team

Yining Ni, Ted Seilheimer, Patrick Bloom, David John

High School Team

1	Bellaire	Houston	24.5
2	Porter	Brownsville	21.5
3	North Side	Fort Worth	20.5
4	PEACE Academy	Fort Worth	20.0
5	Dunbar	Fort Worth	19.5
6	Klein	Klein	19.0
7	Carroll	Corpus Christi	18.5
8	Hanna	Brownsville	17.5
9	H.M. King	Kingsville	17.5
10	Pace	Kingsville	17.0
11	Sharpstown	Houston	17.0
12	Bowie	El Paso	17.0
13	MacArthur	Houston	17.0

This was Bellaire High School's third consecutive state championship.



Primary champion: Sarkis Agaian

Sarkis Agaian is the seventh ranked nine-year-old in the April USCF list. He came from Armenia (just northeast of Turkey) at the age of 3, and lived in Boston before moving to Texas in 1997. His father Sos, who was an acquaintance of the world champion Tigran Petrosian, is an engineering professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Sarkis' mother Gayane, who taught at the medical school in Yerevan, is still working on her English; but I can say her excellent cooking requires no translation!



Elementary co-champions: Anthony Guerra and Brad Sawyer

Corpus Christi impressions

Arriving Friday evening, we were greeted with a mild, fragrant Gulf breeze. The next day it shifted to a brisk north wind, rich with aromas suggestive of the oil refinery and the water treatment plant.

Shoreline Drive is lined with a gleaming white fence that matches the marina's yachts and fishing boats. One of the many gazebos along the seawall has a bronze statue in memory of Selena, the slain Tejano singer who grew up here. Across the bay one can see the vintage aircraft carrier *Lexington*.

— **GAMES** —

Sicilian Dragon B78

Kevin Sun 1268

John Sneed 1790

Tx. Middle School 1999 (5)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.Nc3
 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3
 Nc6 8.Bc4 Bd7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.h4
 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.0-0-0 h5 13.
 Bh6 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3 b5
 16.a3 Qc7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Kb1
 Rb8 19.Rhg1 b4 20.axb4 Rxb4
 21.Qg5 Be6 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.exd5



MS champion: John Sneed



Sneed finishes with flair.
 23...Rxb3! 24.Qc1
 24.cxb3 Bf5+ 25.Ka1 Qa5 mate.
 24...Bf5 25.Rd2 Qb6 0-1



HS co-champion: Ali Morshedi

English A30

Jonathan Dacannay 1135
 Ali Morshedi 2142

Tx. High School 1999 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.d3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.c4 g6
 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bd2 Nge7 7.g3 d5 8.
 exd5 exd5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Qb3
 Nde7 11.0-0 Be6!

This is the kind of position
 where Morshedi can strut his stuff.
 12.Qxb7 0-0 13. Qb5 Bg4 14.Be2
 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nd4 16.Qxb7 Rb8
 17.Qe4



17...Rxb2!! 18.Kxb2 Qb6+ 19.Kc1
 Rb8 20.Rde1

White survives just a few moves
 longer with 20.Rdgl Qb2+ 21.Kd1
 Qa1+ 22.Bc1 Qxc3.

20...Qb2+ 21.Kd1 Qc2 mate 0-1

Giuoco Piano C53

Clemente Rendon 1453
 Richard Lopez 1712

Tx. High School 1999 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb6 7.Nc3
 Bg4 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Bg5 Nge7 10.
 Nd5 Ba5+ 11.Nd2 Qc8 12.Bxe7
 Nxe7 13.Nxe7 Kxe7 14.Bc4 Bc6
 15.d5 Bd7 16.0-0 Re8 17.Nb3 Bb6
 18.Qh5 h6



19.e5! dxe5 20.d6+ cxd6 21.Qxf7+
 Kd8 22.Bd5 Rb8 23.Rac1 Bc7 24.
 Qxg7 Be6 25.Rfd1 Qd7 26.Qxh6
 Qf7 27.Be4 d5 28.Nc5 d4 29.
 Nxb7+ Rxb7 30.Bxb7 Bd5 31.
 Bxd5 Qxd5 32.Qf6+ Kd7 and 1-0

French Winawer C19

Ali Morshedi 2142
 David John 2264

Tx. High School 1999 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5
 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3
 Nbc6 8.Bd3 Bd7 9.a4 Qc7 10.Bd2

Usual is 10.0-0 leaving open the
 option of Ba3, e.g. 10...c4 11.Be2 f6
 12.Re1 Ng6 13.Ba3! fxe5 14.dxe5
 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16. Qd4! Ng6
 17.Bh5 Kf7 18.f4 ± Fischer-Larsen
 candidates match, 1971.

10...c4 11.Be2 f6 12.Bf4
 12.exf6 gxf6 13.0-0 0-0-0 re-
 sembles theory except for the mis-
 placed White bishop at d2. Mor-

shedi may have a lemon of a QB, but he manages to make lemonade.

12...Ng6 13.Bg3 fxe5

On 13...f5, simplest is 14.Nh4.

14.dxe5 Qa5 15.Qd2 b5 16.h4 Rb8

17.h5 Nge7 18.0-0 bxa4 19.Rfd1 Rb7

19...h6 20.Bxc4 0-0 21.Bd3 Δ c4.

20.h6 g6 21.Nh2! Nf5



Draw

Black's weakness on the dark squares is serious enough to merit concern: 22.Ng4 Nxc3 23.fxg3 and (a) 23...0-0? 24.Rf1 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Rxf1+ 26. Rxf1 Kh8 27.Qf4 +-, (b) David intended 23...Bc8, e.g. 24. Nf6+ Kf8 25.Qf4 Rf7; 24.Rf1!?! ∞.

Max Lange Attack C55

Clemente Rendon 1453

Justin Shih 2014

Tx. High School 1999 (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 Nf6 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4

At this point the well-known path is 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qd5 10. Nc3 Qf5 11.Nce4 =.

8.fxc7 Rg8 9.Bg5

This is an important modern offshoot of the Max Lange Attack.

Now a curiosity is 9...f6!? 10. Re1+ Kf7 11.Ne5+ Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Bd6 13.Qh5+ Kxg7 14.Qh6+ Kf7 15.Qxh7+ Rg7 16.Qh5+, drawn in Juarez-Bartis, Buenos Aires 1952.

Theory recommends 9...Be7! 10. Bxe7 Kxe7, which Tartakover used



Clemente Rendon recognized for UTD scholarship by Katie Stone

to defeat Fahrni in Baden 1914: 11. Re1+ Be6 12.Re4 f5 13.Rh4 Kf7 14. Rxh7 Rxc7 15.Rxc7+ Kxc7 16. Nbd2 Qf6, and Black stood better.

Since then White has tried:

11.Nbd2 Rxc7 12.Nxc4 Be6 13.

Re1 Kf8 =+ Foltys-Stulik 1940;

11.Qe2+ Be6 12.Nbd2 Qd5 13.

Rfe1 d3 14.Qe4 Qxe4 15.Rxe4 dxc2

16.Nxc4 Rxc7 17.Ne3 Kf8 18.Nxc2

= Gorodetsky-Gibentif, Moscow

1996 (White won the ending.)

9...Qd5 10.Nc3 Qf5 11.Re1+!?

This looks every bit as good as

11.Ne4: (a) 11...Be7 12.Bxe7 Kxe7

13.Nxd4 ± ECO; (b) 11...Rxc7 12.

Nh4! Qxe4 13.Re1 Qxe1+ 14.

Qxe1+ Be6 15.Nf3 ± Khurtidze-

Holoubkova, Duisburg 1992.

11...Be6 12.Ne4 Rxc7

Black can't be too happy with

the alternative, 12...Be7 13.Bxe7

Kxe7 14.Nxd4 ±.



13.Nh4!

Oops! Black must part with the lady for two minor pieces. Rendon has played the opening like a fiend.

13...Qxc5 14.Nxc5 Rxc5 15.Nf3

Rg6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bd6

18.Rxe6+!? Rxe6 19.Qxd4 0-0-0

19...Be5!?! 20.Qh4 ±.

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Two UTD scholarships awarded at State

These things get more exciting every year! This year's high school section in the 1999 Texas State Scholastic Championships had a three-way tie for first place compared to last year's two way tie for first place. And so again, at the last minute I was scrambling to find a phone to call Tim Redman to find out what to do this time. I was really anxious going into the final round because there was a six-way tie for first. And technically, there could have been six state champions if all three games were draws. And since we at UTD don't believe tiebreakers should decide who gets a scholarship and who doesn't – I don't even want to think about that!

Either way, we are very pleased with our two new University of Texas at Dallas scholarship recipients: Ali Morshedi and Clemente Rendon, and the defending state champion who won a scholarship last year, David John. I also heard the Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Kingsville offered scholarships to top finishers as well.

I will be very sad to see Ali Morshedi go to college elsewhere, although I don't blame him for having exceptional soccer talent. We were all pleasantly surprised with the performance of Clemente Rendon, who is USCF rated about 1600 – and is obviously much stronger. While Morshedi is only a sophomore in high school, and still has time to make his college plans, UTD will be fortunate enough to receive the benefits of Clemente Rendon's chess ability this fall, as he graduates from high school in May.

UTD wins first-ever national collegiate chess championship!

This past spring, UT Dallas competed in and won the first national collegiate chess championship of the newly formed National Collegiate Chess League (NCCL). The matches were played via the Internet against such schools as Cornell University, University of Illinois and Princeton University.

Expanded participation is expected next year, with USCF College Chess Committee chair Tim Redman spearheading this entire effort. ♣

David John ties for second in National HS championship

Patrick Hummel, 14, of Las Vegas, Nevada won the 1999 National High School Championship held April 9-11 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He scored 6.5 in the seven-round event, drawing his last round game with Steven Winer.

Top Texas junior David John, having just won his third state high school championship, finished in a nine-way tie for second place. In the last round he had a shot at first, but drew his game with Stanislav Ritvin (2288). David scored 6-1, with a performance rating of 2376. He placed fourth on tiebreaks, just ahead of last year's national high school champion Marcel Martinez.

Texas players with plus scores were Andres Suarez and Vlad Rekhson, both with 4.5; and Jonathan Cearley, Daniel Robbins, Enrique Rios, Chris Oakman, Ted Seilheimer, Matt Willis and Patrick Bloom (4 points each).

Houston's Bellaire High School placed fifth in the team competition with 18.5 points, equaling last year's fifth place finish while adding a half point to the total score. The hero of the hour was Vlad Rekhson, who turned around a lost position in time pressure to supply a needed point as the last round drew to a close. The top scorers were David John, Vlad Rekhson, Daniel Robbins, Ted Seilheimer, Matt Willis and Patrick Bloom. In addition to the team trophy, the top four players (on tiebreaks) and coach Ray Garza each received plaques.

A total of 340 players competed in the Open section, with 282 in the Junior Varsity (U1300) section and 307 in the Reserve (U1000) section.

Next year's tournament will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

163 compete in Texas Junior Team

The Texas Junior Team Championship was held April 17 at the Austin Elks Lodge. Forty fixed-roster teams, 163 individuals, competed in one section for prizes in four age categories. In Under 19 the top team had William Molina, Clemente Rendon, Joseph Molina and Alfred Molina from Brownsville. The U16 winners were Manuel Gonzalez, Antonio Espino, Robert Zamora and Alberto Espino from Fort Worth. In U13, Kevin Sun, Brian Young, Andrew Esteva and Gene Pershwitz from Plano won top honors. And the U10 winners were Althorp Arandela, Adlai Arandela, Jacob Lemons, and Adrian Rossi-Mastracci from Corpus Christi. Gary Gaiffe and Brenda Haresty directed.

How would you rule? TD quiz from the state scholastic

by Gary GaiFFE

Gary GaiFFE, an Assistant National Tournament Director who was Chief TD for the Texas Scholastic Championships in Corpus Christi, designed this test to help floor TD's prepare for situations that might arise in that event. (Note that in some cases a floor TD might be advised to bring in the Section Chief rather than make a ruling.) Although it was designed for tournament directors, I think coaches, players and parents might learn a lot from this quiz. If nothing else, you might get a fresh perspective on the often difficult diplomacy required to be a good tournament director. — SKA

DIRECTOR TEST

For floor TD's at the 1999 Texas Scholastic

1. After three minutes of play you walk by a board in the Elementary section and see that seven or eight moves have been completed, the board is rotated 90 degrees and no notation is being taken. What do you do?
2. You are in the Primary section and witness an illegal move being made by a player. What do you do?
3. You hear an argument from across the room, rush over to the two players, and find they have stopped their clock. Both White and Black claim the turn to move. There is approximately one minute left on each clock and both have stopped taking notation earlier in the game.
There are no witnesses. Each player recalls the previous two move pairs, but dispute the order in which the moves have occurred. The position is very closed and balanced, with both players regrouping their forces behind their own lines, so you can make no "safe assumptions" about the last moves based on the position. How should you rule?
4. A player is a rook behind in an endgame and extends his hand to end the game. His opponent accepts the resignation and stops the clock. When they go to fill out the results sheet they cannot agree on the result. The player who offered the handshake meant it as a draw offer while the opponent took it as a resignation. How do you rule?

5. A player's opponent's flag falls and a player sitting next to them exclaims that the flag has fallen. All

players agree this happened when you inquire. What do you rule?

6. You witness a player talking to and disturbing their opponent and the players around them. What action do you take?
7. You are one of three TD's left in the High School section and there are three games left and all are in time scrambles (i.e. less than five minutes on their clocks). You are watching one of the top board games and the players stop taking notation. What should you do?
8. A player with slightly less than one minute left on his clock stops the clock and claims insufficient losing chances. His opponent has six minutes on her clock. You look at the position and it is rather complex, and the girl is ahead in material. How should you rule?
9. A player arrives 20 minutes late for the round. You finish signing off on a game that has just finished and check on the players that have just started their game. You note that the arriving player has set his clock for the original starting time. What should you do?
10. You are a TD in the Middle School section. You are watching the last game to finish in the second round. Both players' flags have fallen, they are not aware of this fact, and the game has been going for an additional ten minutes. What should you do?
11. During the sixth round of the Elementary section, a player asks you if he can ask his coach if he can offer his opponent a draw for team considerations. What do you do?
12. While walking to your section at the beginning of a round you see two participants in an argument. As you get closer, you hear one of the players use abusive language and threaten the other person. What do you do?
13. Black has a USCF Quartz clock and White has a digital clock. Black demands that his clock be used since he is playing the black pieces. What do you rule?
14. You are overseeing the Middle School section and notice a player walking around the tournament hall observing various games. You approach the player and determine that s/he has a game in progress. What do you do?

Answers are on page 30.

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Career Day: *Let's talk chess*

by WIM Alexey Root

Many people would like to volunteer at their neighborhood school, but don't have much free time. Career Day is a great opportunity to volunteer for a few hours. Speakers from the community are welcome. Most speakers at my daughters school Career Day talked about their hobbies in addition to describing their careers. The lawn care specialist reminisced about his time in military service. He also displayed part of his huge collection of eagle memorabilia. The former pro football player did magic tricks for the children.

When I first volunteered to speak at Career Day, everyone reacted the same way: "What are you going to talk about?" Or, in more politically correct terms, "Which career are you going to talk about?" No one was sure whether I would talk about my former career as a high school teacher or my current melange of activities (mother, graduate student, and chess player/teacher).

I decided to speak about chess. To keep things lively, I put up my big chess demonstration board (without pieces) and asked lots of questions. For example, "How many green and white squares are on a chessboard?" Usually one student in the older classes was able to solve that problem by multiplying eight by eight. I always complimented the student (and the students proud teacher) on how well the student had applied math skills to the new situation. In the younger classes, I enjoyed hearing the thought processes behind students answers. Many students tried to count each square. Others counted only one color of squares and then estimated. After that exercise, I pointed out additional connections between math and the chessboard. For example, the ranks and files form ordered pairs on squares: h1, g1, etc.

I also asked students, "What is the first thing you think of about a person when you hear that person is a good chessplayer?" The 4th-5th grade classes gave the response I expected, "Smart." Then I mentioned how that smart reputation helped me enter college early and improved my chances for jobs. The question seemed an excellent tie-in to Career Day. The tie-in was not apparent with the younger classes. In response to the same question, the second-third grade classes replied, I think about how I could beat them. I guess the smart stereotype has not reached that age group. But the confidence of youth (thinking one could win against a good player) was there in spades.

One of the most popular parts of my presentation was the knight's tour. Using the demonstration board, I taught students how a knight moves. I explained that of the 900 or so chess students I've had in recreation centers, schools and private lessons, only a handful have solved the knights tour. The knight's tour, I explained, was made famous by George Koltanowski. It consists of trying to land on each chessboard square once and only once moving like a knight. I then asked students to volunteer knight moves. We tried to cover as many of the 64 squares as we could. Usually, time ran low or we got stuck with no moves. I then shared how one could create a greeting card on a blank chessboard. Write a message moving like a knight, one letter per square, and let the recipient decode it.

So that each class could pursue chess activities after Career Day, I gave each teacher a chess packet. Packets included *School Mates, Let's Play Chess, 10 Tips to Winning Chess*, and bumper stickers (all free from USCF, 1-800-388-KING), pencils from the University of Texas at Dallas chess program (thank you, Katie Stone), and extra-large blank diagrams to replicate the knights tour/greeting card exercise.

Since only nine people volunteered for Career Day, we each saw 9 groups of up to 60 children. The Career Day ran from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. – about 15 minutes per group. Thus I was able to introduce chess to over 450 people. It was a pleasant surprise to receive many thank you notes about my Career Day presentation.

Here are some of my favorites:

If I had to pick a career person who I had the best time with I would pick what you taught us about chess. I had never been taught chess or even tried to play. I have never been able to play chess, but I've been very interested in it. I can't wait until my class gets to play the game chess.
– Fifth grade girl

Thank you so much for coming to our school to share with our children your knowledge about chess. I feel sure we teachers can use the chess strategies to help us in our teaching. I do plan to incorporate some of the activities into our classroom plans.
– Third grade teacher

You know because of your interesting suggestions I'm playing chess with my brother more of the time. We hope you come again with more clever thoughts. The whole class loved it.
– Third grade girl

I learned chess in Florida a man taut [sic] me how to play but I want to play professional so I can get as good as you.
– Second grade boy

San Antonio Spring Open

by Selby Anderson

Whenever we go head to head with the Big One in Las Vegas we toy with calling our event "Not the National Open." It's hard to compete in terms of prizes and all the side attractions. Pre-entries came in at a glacial pace, but walk-ins brought the turnout up to 33, respectable for a local event. Adjusting for ten junior entries left 80% of the prize fund in place.

The Open section had four masters in the ten-player field. Dimazana was top-rated and favored based on our last few Fiesta Opens. However, he had just finished a work project and didn't know until Saturday morning if he would feel like playing. In Round 2 he exacted pay-back on Rohrbaugh for last year's city championship – but by the skin of his teeth. Outplayed in a King's Indian, Eric found a blazing swindle and a cooperative opponent, for a photo-finish that will continue the Ninja Weasel legend. In mid-April Eric moved to Las Vegas, where he reportedly plays a mean game of blackjack.

I was slowed by a solid Sutherland, whom I drew in Round 2. The next day I played Dimazana, and was ready for his Trompovsky Attack. I won a pawn soon after the opening, and then another – while getting my customary time deficit. It took on threatening dimensions in sudden death, where at one point I had to play five minute blitz to his half hour. After exchanges left us with opposite color bishops, I sacked mine for the flimsiest winning chances. But with the clocks down to a minute of two he allowed a helpmate – a reversal of our usual roles in a "weasel win." (See page 15.)

In our last round game Rohrbaugh did not play the expected Slav Defense, switching back to the Tarrasch. I used a rare system once favored by Bradford and got into a model rook and pawn ending where he had no play. It was like a textbook case, leading inexorably to *zugzwang* – I mean squeeze, Mr. Brieger!

Dimazana seemed to dominate Sutherland's Leningrad Dutch, but somehow the veteran escaped into a drawn bishop ending. It took multiple errors by Sutherland to lose it, giving Dimazana clear second with the only 3-1 score.

The 23-player Reserve section saw Sarkis Agaian simply outclassing his opposition, knocking over three Class C players in succession. Sarkis had originally planned to take a break after the state scholastic, but after a 9-0 win he was brimming with confidence and ready for another tournament. And how! His performance rating was 1782.

Top-rated Richard Lopez (1712) was held to a draw by Ryan Park (1472) in Round 2, and he never got to play Sarkis. A second draw with Patrick MacKay put Lopez in a five-way tie for second, along with Michael LaBelle, Freddy Jones, Juan Carrizales (all Agaian victims!) and Matthew Berki.

John Ade directed, with Greg Wren handling the pre-entries and round 4.

Prize Winners

OPEN: 1st: Selby Anderson, 3.5.
2nd: Eric Dimazana, 3. U2000: John Ade, Allen Eckert, 2.

RESERVE: 1st: Sarkis Agaian, 4.
U1600: Michael LaBelle, Freddy Jones, Juan Carrizales, Matthew Berki, 3. U1400: James Nielsen, 2.5.

Gary Zintgraff has assembled what may be the state's best database on the Blackmar-Diemar Gambit. He sent analytical notes on our game, which I have added with a few comments of my own in italics. I've played the same awful ninth move (9...Bd6!?) before, and got away with it then as well!

Diemar Gambit D00

Gary Zintgraff 1868
Selby Anderson 2265

Spring Open 1999 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3
exf3 5.Nxf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3
c6 8.Be3 e6 9.Bd3 Bd6?!

9...Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Rf2 (11.
Ne4 0-0! 12.c3!? Rasmussen ...Nd5
Gegner) 11...0-0 12.Raf1 Nd5!? 13.
Qe4 g6 14.Bh6 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nf6
16.Qf3 Qd5 17.Bxf8 Rxf8 18.Qxd5
Nxd5 19.c4+/- Sawyer.

10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne4

11.g4 Qe7 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4
0-0-0 14.c4 Nf6 15.Qf3 h5 16.g5
Nd7 17.c5 Bb8 18.Bf4 e5 19.Bh2
Qxg5+ 20.Kh1 exd4?? 21.Qxc6+!
(Boden's Mate) 21...bxc6 22.Ba6
mate 1-0, Sawyer-Gordon, Hatboro
1988.

11...Be7 12.Rf2

12.g4 0-0 13.c4 h6 14.Rae1 Nc5
15.Nxc5 Bxc5;

12.c4 Qa5 13.b4!? Qa3 (13...Bxb4
14. c5!; 13...Qxb4 14.Rfb1 Qa5 15.
Rxb7 0-0? 16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Rxe7
wins a piece - Lane) 14.Bc1 Qa4 15.
Rb1 0-0-0 (15...Qxa2? 16.Nc3 Qa6
17.c5 b5 18.Bxb5 + - Lane) 16.Nc3
Qa6 17.c5 Ne5!? 18.Qxf6! Qxd3 19.
Qxe7 Qxd4+ 20.Kh1 Qxc3 21.Bb2
Qg3 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Rxf7 1-0
Lane-Kennedy, Exeter 1995.

In the middlegame transition Zintgraff fails to take the bull by the horns (something you have to do in a gambit) and lets me consolidate.

12...Qc7 13.c3 0-0-0 14.Bf4 e5



15.Bh2 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 f6 17.Kh1 Bd6 18.Rd1

18.Qg3 Nb6 19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Qg4+ Kb8 21.g3 [-/+].

18...g6

18...exd4 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxd4 Qc7 21.Bf5 Kb8 22.Rfd2.

19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Bxe5

20.Bg1 Rhe8 21.Rfd2 Nb6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bc2 Rxd1 24.Qxd1 f5 25.Bf2 h5.

20...Qxe5 21.Re2 Qc7

21...Qa5 22.b4 Ne5 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Qf2 Kb8 25.a4.

22.Rde1 Rhf8?!

For some reason I chickened out on 22...f5 23.Bc2 Nf6, when 25.g5 Nh5 26.Re7 Rd7 is peachy, if you'll pardon the mixed metaphors. 23.Qf2 Qb6 24.Qh4 Rf7 25.Bc2! Ne5?

25...Qc5!? 26.Bb3 Rg7 27.Be6 f5 [-/+].

26.Bb3 Rff8 27.Be6+

27.Qxh7 Rfe8 28.Bc2 Rd7 29.Qh6 Rg8 30.Bb3 Re8 =.

27...Kb8 28.Qxh7 e5!?

28...Rfe8 29.Bb3 Qc5 30.Qh4 Qd6 31.Rd1 Qe7 32.Qe1 =.

29.Bb3 Qc6 30.Qh4 Rh8 31.Qg3 a6 32.Bc2 Ka7 33.Be4 Qd6 34.b4 g5 35.bxc5?!

35.Qf2!? Rc8 36.Bf5 Rc7 37.Rd2 Qf8 [37...Qb6! - SKA] 38.Rd5 b6 39.a4 cxb4 40.a5 Qb8 41.cxb4 Rc6 42.Rexe5! fxe5 43.Rd7+ Ka8 44.Be4

Rhh6 45.b5! axb5 46.Qa2 Qa7 47.Qf7 +.

35...Qxc5 36.Rb1 b6 37.Bf5 Rd6 38.Reb2 Nc4 39.Re2??

39.Rf2 =+.

39...Qxf5 0-1

French Winawer C18

Mike Berki 1800

Jim Rohrbaugh 2212

Spring Open 1999 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 Bd7 12.Qd3 dxc3 13.Nxc3 a6 14.Rb1 Na5 (14...0-0-0?? 15.Qxa6!) 15.Ne2

Nunn's Chess Openings gives 15.h4 Nf5 16.Rh3 0-0-0 17.h5 Nc4 (17...Rg4 18.Qf3!) 18.Rb4 Bc6 ∞. The text aims for Nd4, but that plan is best served by playing 13.Qxc3 instead of 13.Nxc3.



15...Bb5 16.Rxb5 axb5 17.Nd4 Nc4 18.Qb3 Qa5+ 19.c3 Nxa3 20.Bxb5+ Nxb5 21.Nxb5 Rxc2 22.Kf1 Qa2 0-1

King's Indian E99

Jim Rohrbaugh 2212

Eric Dimazana 2280

Spring Open 1999 (2)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12. f3 h5

A finesse in move order, avoiding the line 12...f4 13.g4.

13.c5 f4 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nf2 g5 16.h3 Ng6 17.Qc2 Rf7 18.Rfc1 Bf8

18...g4 19.fxg4 hxg4 20.hxg4 Ne8 21.a4 Bf6 22.Ra3 Bh4 23.Ncd1 Bg3 = Sosonko-Hellers, Wijk aan Zee 1986.

19.a4



Or 19.Nb5 Ne8 20.a4 Bd7 21.Qb3 Nh4 22.Rc3 a6 23.Na3 Rg7 24.Nc4 b5 25.axb5 Bxb5 26.Qd1 ± Neverov-Akopian, Minsk 1990.

Rohrbaugh has a logical plan with the text, and he proceeds to outplay his opponent thoroughly.

19...Rg7 20.Ra3! g4 21.fxg4 hxg4 22.hxg4 Nh4 23.Qd1 a6 24.a5 b5 25.axb6 Qxb6 26.Na4 Qa7 27.Kf1 a5 28.Rac3 Bd7 29.b3 Be7 30.Be1 Bd8 31.Rh3 Ng6 32.Nb2 Nh8 33.Nc4 Nf7 34.Ra1 Ng5 35.Nxd6! Nxb3 36.gxb3 Nh5!?

Without this sacrifice Black faces 37.Nc4, picking at his weak a5 and e5 pawns, without so much as a diversion.

37.gxb3 Rg3 38.Bg4 Qa6+ 39.Nc4 Bb5 40.Be6+ Kh8 41.d6 Bb6 42.Qd5 Bd4 43.Rxa5?

It is dangerous to open the a-file just now. Weinberg suggested 43.Rd1! to eliminate the bishop, e.g. 43...a4 44.Rxd4 exd4 45.Qxd4+ Kh7 46.Ng4 Rxc4 (46...axb3 47.Bf5+ Kg8 48.Nh6+, mating) 47.hxg4 axb3 48.Bc3 +.

Also good is 43.d7! Bxd7 44. Rxa5 Bc6 (forced) 45.Qd6 Qb7 46. Rxa8+ Qxa8 47.Nxe5 +-. If 43... Bxa1 then 44.d8(Q)+ Rxd8 45. Qxd8+ Kh7 46.Bf5+ Kg7 47.Qe7+ Kg8 48.Be6+ Kh8 49.Qf8+ Kh7 50. Bf5+ +-.
43...Qxa5 44.Bxa5 Rxa5 45.Bg4 f3!



46.Ke1??

A horrible oversight. After 46. Bxf3 Rxf3 the game is equal with best play:

(a) 47.Ke1 Rf2! 48.Nxa5 Rf1+ =;

(b) 47.Kg2 Rf2+ 48.Kg3 Ra1 49. Ne3 Rf8 50.Qb5 Rg1+ 51.Kh4 Be3 52.Qe5+ Rg7 53.h6 Bh6 54.Kh5 Kh7 55.h4 Bf4 56.Qe6 Kh8 57.e5 Rh7+ 58.Kg4 Rg7+ 59.Kh5 Rh7+ =.

46...Ra2! 0-1

Sarkis is a new convert to the Diemar, and he essays it with zeal. His sacrifice 15.Bxh5! is the kind of brinkmanship that gambit play often requires.

Diemar Gambit D00

Sarkis Agaian 1408
 Freddy Jones 1510

Spring Open 1999 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 dxe4 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 Bb4!?

The principal virtue of this move is that it discourages queen-side castling.

6.Bd3 Nc6

This move order gets White to put his QB on a passive square. On the other hand, 6...Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6 8. Bg5! can lead to brilliant attacking play: 8...Nxd4 9.Ne4 Be7 10.Ne5 Nf5 11.Nxf6+ gxf6 12.Nxf7! Kxf7 13.Qh5+ Kg8 14.Rxf5! Qd4+ 15. Rf2 Bd7 16.Raf1 Qc5 17.h4 Be8 18. Qh6 ffg5 19.Qxe6+ Kg7 20.Kh1 Qd6 21.Rf7+ Bxf7 22.Qxf7+ Kh6 23.hxg5+ Bxg5 24.Rf3 Raf8 25. Rh3+ 1-0 Capdevila-Brizzio, Argentina 1960 (G. Zintgraff).

7.Be3 (7.Bg5!?) 7...Nf6 8.0-0 b6(!?)

The right idea, but I don't like the timing compared to 8...0-0. With Black uncastled, a strong possibility is 9.Bb5! Bd7 10.d5! ±.

9.a3 Be7

Its purpose served, the bishop retires for a typical Euwe defense to the BDG.

10.Qe1 0-0 11.Qh4

The thematic lunge for the jugular! A more rounded approach is 11.Rd1 Bb7 12.Ne5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5?! 14.c4 Qd6 15.Be4 with compensation; but 13...exd5! would be a tough nut to crack.

11...g6 12.Ng5 h5 13.Be2 Nh7 14. Nce4 f5



15.Bxh5! fxe4?

Black is on top after 15...gxh5! 16.Qxh5 Bxg5 17.Qg6+ Kh8 18. Nng5 Nng5 19.Bxg5 Qxd4+ 20. Kh1 Qg7.

16.Bxg6 Nng5 17.Bxg5 Qxd4+ 18. Kh1 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Qg7 20.Qe4

Zintgraff pointed out 20.Bxe7! Nxe7 (20...Qxe7? 21.Rf8+! mating) 21.Bf7+ Qxf7 22.Rxf7 Kxf7 23. Qh7+ and 24.Qxe4 ±.

20...Bxg5 21.Qxc6 Qxg6 22.Qxa8 Qe8 23.Qxa7 Qc6 24.Qb8 Qb7 25. Qxb7 Bxb7 26.h3 Kg7 27.Kh2 e5 28.Kg3 Bf4+ 29.Kh4 Bxg2??

29...Be4 30.c3 Kg6 31.g3 Bg5+ 32.Kg4 Bd5 33.h4 Be6+ 34.Kf3 Bf6 =.

30.Rg1 Kf6 31.Rxg2 Kf5 32.Re2 e4 33.a4 e3 34.b4 Ke4 35.Kg4 Bd6 36.a5 bxa5 37.bxa5 1-0

Trompovsky Attack A45

Eric Dimazana 2280
 Selby Anderson 2265

Spring Open 1999 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d5 4.f3

A different approach is 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 Nf6 6.c4.

4...Nf6 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nc3 e3

6...exf3 7.Nxf3 is a Diemar Gambit with a free move (Bf4) for White.

7.Bxe3 Bf5!?

7...e6 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.Ng3 Be7 10.Qd3 0-0 11.0-0-0 a6 ∞ Milov-Gelfand, Biel 1995.

8.Bc4 e6 9.Nge2 Nc6 10.Qd2 Nb4 11.Bb3 Qd7 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nf4

Eric tossed this off a bit casually. More challenging is 13.h4 h6 14.Nf4 Bh7 15.g5 Nfd5 ∞.

13...Nbd5 14.h4

On 14.Nxg6 hxg6 White doesn't enjoy any advantage from his bishop pair.

14...Nxf4 15.Bxf4 h5 16.0-0-0 c6!

Of course I can't win a pawn at g4 because of Qg2 Δ Qxb7. The text improves on 16...0-0-0 17. d5!.

Now best is 17.Qe2 0-0-0 =.

17.Be5?! hxg4 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19. fxxg4 Bh6 20.g5 fxxg5 21.hxxg5 Bg7 22.Rxxh8+ Bxxh8 23.Qf4?

Better is 23.Ne2 0-0-0 24.c3 e5 25.dxe5 Qxd2+ 26.Rxd2 Bxe5 =+.

23...0-0 24.Ne4

It is hard to suggest a better move.

24...e5 25.Qf3 exd4 26.Nc5 Qe7 27.Qg4+ Kb8

27...Kc7 28.Nd3 Qe3+ 29.Kb1 Re8 30.a4 Re4 31.Qg2.

28.Nd3 Qe3+ 29.Kb1 Re8 30.a4 Qe2 31.Qxg3+

31...Qxe2 Rxe2 32.Nf4 Rh2 33.Nxg6 fxg6 34.Re1 d3

31...Be5 32.Qg1 Bh2 33.Qh1 Bg3 34.Qg1 Qe3 35.Qg2 Bh4 36.Rg1

Bxd3 37. Qh2+ Ka8 38.cxd3 Bxg5 39.Bxf7 Bf4 40.Qh1 Qxd3+ 41.Ka2

Rf8 42.Rd1 Qf5 43.Bc4 Qc5 44.Qf1 Qb4 45.Bb3 Be3 46.Qd3 a6 47.Rf1

Rh8 48.Qe4!



I now have to reconsider my intended 48...Rh2, in the light of 49. Qe8+ Ka7 50.Rf8, when Qb8+ . So the initiative passes to White, who meanwhile has a considerable time advantage on the clock.

48...Qd2 49.Qe7 Qa5 50.Rf7 Qb6 51.Rf5 Bd2 52.Qe5 Qd8 53.Bc4 Bb4 54.Qg3 Re8 55.Rf7 Qa5 56. Bb3 Qe5 57.Qg6 Qe4 58.Qg7 Re7 59.Rf8+ Ka7 60.Qh8 Kb6 61.Rd8 Bc5 62.Qh3 Qe3 63.Qf5 Qe5 64. Qd3 Ka5 65.Rf8 Kb6 66.Rf5 Qd6 67.Qc4 a5

White may take satisfaction in forcing this move, as Black's pawns cannot stay united in their advance. This means the opposite bishop ending would only be a draw.

68.Bc2 Bb4

To make a long story short (as the scores trail off at this point), the queens and rooks came off the board and I ended up sacking my bishop for the ghost of a winning chance. In the final stage of sudden death the following scene appeared:



1...Kb4 2.Bg6?? Ka3

0-1

QGD Tarrasch D30

Selby Anderson 2265

Jim Rohrbaugh 2212

Spring Open 1999 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3

An old Bradford specialty. One side effect is that by deferring my queen knight's development I avoid Rohrbaugh's favorite Taimanov system with ...c4, ...Bb4 and ...Nge7. 9...a6 10.b4 Ba7 11.Bb2 0-0 12. Nbd2 Re8 13.Nb3 Bg4

My database gives 13...Ne4 14. Rc1 Qd6 15.Nbd4 Bd7 16.Qb3? (16. Qd3) 16...Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18. Nxd4 Nd2 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20. Bxd5 Nxf1 21.Rxf1 Rad8 22.e4 b6 -/+ Romanishin-Rogers, Szirak Interzonal 1986.

14.Rc1 Qe7 15.e3 N

I discovered that 15.h3?! Bxf3 16.exf3 Rad8 17.Nc5 d4 18.Qd2 Bxc5 19. bxc5 h6 -/+ was played in Romanishin-McCambridge, Dortmund 1982.

15...Rad8 16.Qd3

This is almost always where the queen belongs when you are defending against the isolated queen pawn. 16...h6 17.Nbd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qd7 19.Rfe1 Bb8 20.b5 axb5 21. Qxb5 Be5

White welcomes an endgame, and I don't let I Jim reconsider. More testing is 21...Qe7.

22.Qxd7 Rxd7 23.f3 Bh5 24.Re2 Bg6 25.Kf2(?) Bd3

I should have taken a tempo to prevent this with 25.Rd2.

26.Rd2 Bc4 27.Bf1 Bxf1

Black should keep the c-file stopped with 27...Rc7 (27...Rc8?? 28.Bh3), when there might follow 28.Nb5 Rc5 29.Bxe5 Rxe5 30.Nd6 b5 31.Rb2 Rh5 32.h4 Rc6! 33.Bxc4 bxc4 34.Rb8+ Kh7 35.Nf7 Rf5!, with counterplay.

28.Kxf1 Ra8 29.Nb5 Bxb2 30. Rxb2 Kf8 31.Ke2 Ke7 32.Rc3 Ne8 33.Kd3 Ra4 34.Rb4 Rxb4 35.axb4 Nd6 36. Nxd6 Rxd6

No better is 36...Kd6 37.Kd4 b6 38. b5 Ke6 39.Rc6+ Rd6 40.Rc7 +-. 37.b5 Ke6 38.Kd4 h5



Rohrbaugh blamed his loss on this move, but I don't think Black can prevent a squeeze. The key feature of the position is that once my rook takes the seventh rank, Black's king will need to be able to shuttle between e6 and f6. My winning plan is to play g4-g5, taking away

the f6 square. The way to prevent this is 38...g5, when White wins as follows: 39.Rc7 b6 40.g4 Kf6 (40... f5 41.Rh7) 41.Rc8 Ke6 (41...Kg6 42.Rc6) 42.Rh8 Ke7 43.Ke5 Re6+ 44.Kxd5 Rxe3 45.Rxh6 Rxf3 46. Rxb6 Rh3 47.Rb7+ +-.

39.Rc7 b6 40.h4 g6 41.g4 Rd8 42. Rb7 Rd6 43.g5 f6 44.Rg7 Kf5 45. Rf7 Re6 46. Kxd5

46.Rxf6+?? Rxf6 47.gxf6 Kxf6 48.Kxd5 (48.f4 =) 48...g5 =.

46...Rd6+!?

A joke: 47.Kxd6?? is stalemate!

47.Kc4 Ke5 48.Rxf6 Rxf6 49.gxf6 Kxf6 50.f4 Ke6

50...Kf5 51.Kd5 Kg4 52.e4 +-.
51.e4 Kd6 52.Kd4 Ke6 53.e5 1-0

Dutch Leningrad A87

Eric Dimazana 2280
Don Sutherland 2230

Spring Open 1999 (4)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 f5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.d5 Na6 8. Be3 Qe8 9.0-0 Ng4 10.Bd4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 e5 12.dxe6 dxe6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Qe7 15.a3 Nc5 16. Rfd1 Nd7 17.Qc7

Only equal is 17.Qd6 Qxd6 18. Rxd6 Ne5 19.b3 Nf7 20.Rd2 e5 21. Rad1 Be6 and Black achieves ...Rad8.



see how adroitly Sutherland consolidated his position.
17...Re8 18.Rd2 Nb6

It seems that even if White had skipped 43.a3 – he'd have his rooks already doubled on the d-file – that the text would solve Black's problems.

19.Qxe7 Rxe7 20.Rd8+ Kf7 21.c5 Bd7 22.Rxa8 Nxa8 23.e4 e5 24. exf5 gxf5 25.Rd1 Nc7 26.Bh3 Ne8 27.Ne4 Kg6 28.Nd6 Be6 29.Nxe8 Rxe8 30.Rd6 Kg5 31.b4 Re7 32. Bg2 e4 33.f4+ exf3 34.Bxf3 Kf6 35.Kf2 Ke5 36.Ke3 Rd7 37.Rxd7 Bxd7 38.a4 a6 39.h4 Be8 40.Kd3 h6 41.Kc3 Bd7 42.b5 axb5 43. axb5 cxb5!?

Black draws easily with 43...f4 44.gxf4+ (44.g4? cxb5 45.Bxb7 Bxg4 -/+) 44...Kxf4 45.bxc6, and either 45...bxc6 46.Bd1 Bg4 47.Ba4 Bf3 =, or 45...Bxc6 46.Be2 Bf3 47. Bxf3 Kxf3 =. In these lines it is White who has to prove he does not lose the race.

44.Bxb7 f4 45.gxf4+ Kxf4 46.Kb4 Kg4 47.Ba6 Kxh4 48.Bxb5 Bc8 49. c6 Kg5? (49...Kg3) 50.Kc5 Kf6??

Black still draws with 50...h5, but now he is losing by one tempo.



51.Kd6 h5 52.c7 h4 53.Bd7 Ba6

Not a trivial consideration is 53...h3 54.Bxc8 h2 55.Bb7 +-.
54.Kc6 Ke7 55.Bh3 1-0

Soon Kb6 will crowd the bishop out of its surveillance post.

San Antonio Junior Championship

A total of 37 players turned out for the San Antonio Junior Championship, held Feb. 27-28 at the Chess Studio. Enrique Rios and Leica Tilton tied for first in the High School section, each scoring 4.5/5 with six players competing. Churchill High won the team trophy.

Edward Gonzales and Pierce Tilton tied for first in Middle School, each with 4.5. Tafolla, which supplied eight of the twelve players including co-champion Gonzales, won the team trophy.

The largest section was the Elementary, with 18 players. Sarkis Agaian won with 6-0, and Domingo Martinez was clear second with 5. Dorie Miller Elementary won the team trophy.

The was the last San Antonio Chess Studio event held at its location on Aero Street. It has moved to 7160 Oak Lawn, off Fredericksburg Road just north of Loop 410. The new phone number is 210-366-4008.

English Opening A23

Enrique Rios 1874
Leica Tilton 1594

S.A. Jr. 1999 - HS (2)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 c6 4.e4!?

The standard replies to Keres' 3...c6 defense are 4.Nf3, 4.Bg2 and 4.d4.

4...d5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Nf6?

Black should hold her ground with 7...Be6, not fearing the weakness of b7: if 8.Qb3? Nb4 9.Qa4+ N8c6, and Black stands much better. Other tries:

(a) 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.d4 (9.0-0 Bc5) 9...exd4 10.Nxd4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.cxd4 Bb4+ 14.Bd2 Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2 0-0-0 -/;

(b) 8.Nf3 (Rios) 8...Nc6 9.0-0 Bc5 10. Ne4 Bb6 11.Nfg5 Bf5 and Black

I thought Black's game looked like toxic sludge (must have been all the Exxon Valdez flashbacks in the news) – and I was surprised to

has a comfortable game with better pawns.

8.Nge2 Bc5 9.b4! Bb6 10.0-0 0-0 11.a4 Nc6 12.a5 Bc7 13.a6 Rb8 14. Nb5 bxa6 15.Nxc7 Qxc7 16.Qc2 Bd7 17.Rxa6?



Rios suggested 17.d4 as an improvement, e.g. 17...Rfc8 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Qxc7 Rxc7 20.Bf4 Re8 21.Rxa6 Rc2 22.Nd4 Rc4 23.Rd6 Rxb4 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Bc6 Re7 26.Bxd7 Rxd7 27.Rc1 g6 28.Rxd7 Nxd7 29.Nc6 Ra4 30.Rd1, with drawing chances. 17...Rfc8 18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.Qc5 Draw?

Leica was in the rare situation (for her) of being ahead on the clock against Enrique, with 22 minutes to his 14 thanks to his being half an hour late. She should have scrutinized his offer a bit longer!

Black wins a piece with 19...Bb5! 20.Rxa7 Qxc5 21.bxc5 Bxe2 22.Re1 Bf3 and White's chances are gone.

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20.Qxa7 b6 21.Qa8+ Kd7 22.Qa4+ Kc8 23.Qxc4 Bc5 24.Qf4 Re2 25. Qg4+ Re6 26.Re1

26.b4! Δ 26...Rd4 27.Qg8+ Rd8 28.Qxf7 +/- For most of this game Black is just toast. Only the G/75 time control and perhaps some ratings vertigo let Shih off the hook.

26...Rd4 27.Qh3 Rh4 28.Qc3 Rd6 29.Qg3 (29.Qf3! Δ Qa8-e8) +- 29... Rbh6 30.Qf3 Rc6 31.Qxf7 Rhf6 32.Qg8+ Kb7 33.Rf1 Rcd6 34. Qxh7 Rxf2 35.Qe4+ Ka7 36. Qa4+ Kb7 37.Qe4+ Ka7



38.Qa4+

38.b4! Re2+ 39.bxc5 Rxe4 40. cxd6 ±. I would expect the clock was playing a part during this stage. 38...Kb7 39.b4?? (39.Qa4+ =) 39... Be3??

39...Rdd2! forces mate.

40.Re1 Re2+?

40...Rdf6! 41.h4 Re2+ -. Draw

Sicilian B38

David John 2264

Enrique Rios 1834

Tx. High School 1999 (7)

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7. Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Nxd4 10. Bxd4 Be6 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.b3 Rc8? 14.Qd4+

After this slip-up Rios does his best to create attacking chances for the pawn, to no avail.

14...Nf6 15.Qxa7 Ra8 16.Qd4 Qa5 17.Rfd1 Qg5 18.Bf1 h5 19.a4 h4 20.Rd3 Rh8 21.Re1 Rh5 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Kf8 24.Rde3 Re8 25.Be2 Rh7 26.b4 Nh5 27.Bxh5 gxh5 28.c5 Rg7 29.g3 f5 30.cxd6 f4 31.Rf3 hxg3 32.fxg3 Qg6 33.Re6 Qb1+ 34.Rf1 Qc2 35.dxe7+ Rxe7 36. Qf6+ Ke8 37.Qxg7 1-0

PRISON CHESS

The Four Knights Chess Club, recently formed to promote chess among Texas prison inmates, claims 17 members in six TDCJ units. It has a newsletter, *The Whitaker Informant*, named to honor the chess achievements (not the crimes) of the late Norman Whitaker. FKCC has plans to incorporate next year and seek 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Its postal program is open to non-inmates. (Donations of 33¢ stamps are sought!) For more information please write FKCC, P.O. Box 2263, Wichita Falls, TX 76307.

Howell vs. Waco: 22-0-3

1997 Texas Amateur champ Jason Howell gave a free simul March 20 at the Salvation Army Community Center in Waco. He played 25 opponents age 5 to 50-something, offering chess sets as prizes (at his expense) to anyone who won or drew.

Howell, 24, learned chess in his senior year at Waco High School, and last fall he achieved an expert rating. He is currently a computer programming major at McLennan Community College.

After four hours he won 22 games, lost none and drew against three opponents: John Downing, Ricky Lindsey and Rick Hannah. Chess sets were awarded to two other players as well: to Joseph Warren for best game under age 10, and Kevin Litz for best adult game.

Bradfield Housewarming

Although ranked sixth in a field of eight players, Andy Alaniz (1325) tied for first with expert Jason Howell in the Bradfield Housewarming, held March 3 in Waco. A senior at Baylor University, Alaniz defeated Ken Henkelman (1775) and drew Howell (2050) en route to a 3.5/4 result. John DeVries directed for the Waco Chess Club.

Mansfield festival brings kids and masters together

A small town mayor in the DFW metro area helped put scholastic chess in the spotlight recently, while exposing youngsters to master level play and instruction. Mansfield is a semi-rural town of 30,000 just south of Arlington. Its young mayor David Harry, 35, is a chess dad (Mason, 7, placed 14th in the Texas Primary) and an 1167-rated pawnpusher as well. A contractor by trade, Harry teamed up with TCA scholastic director Al Woolum to create one-day event combining learning and play. On April 17 the local high school was host to 125 youths in the first Mansfield Chess Festival.

The day began with lectures by eight instructors: IM Rade Milovanovic, WIM Alexey Root, FM John Jacobs, NM's Nouredine Ziane, Jason Doss, Sam Quintanar and myself, and the current holder of both state and national twelfth grade titles, Jonathan Cearley. Each of us taught a group of 12 to 15 kids, mostly elementary school students, with a few adults sitting in as well. After a short break we gave simuls against our groups in the cafeteria. The teachers won all the games, despite my offer of TCA memberships for students who won or drew simul games.

Reporters came from the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and Channel 11 news. Alexey Root was interviewed as she made her simul rounds, and Sam Quintanar made a dashing impression in his suit and running shoes.

Mayor Harry not only turned out the media, but he obtained sponsorships from Northrup Grumman, Bank One, Mansfield Rotary Club and Texas Utilities. Volunteers were supplied by the event's organizer, PACE (Parents for ACademic Excellence).

After lunch a four-round tournament was held, with eight student sections mostly grouped by rating (unrateds being seeded throughout.) The instructors, with the exception of Nouredine Ziane, played in an action tournament. Fortunately NM Jim Rohrbaugh was visiting in the area, and his entry kept the number even. Other adults played in a reserve section.

Al Woolum made sure that the kids would be able to see the masters playing – that we use the same kind of sets they do (“not made of silver and gold,” as Harry said.) I found the spectators very well-behaved, and the noise factor was almost negligible. I recall letting out only one GM-class “shush!”

The scholastic section winners were Austin Page, Joey Godawski, Matthew Brennan, Alan Jones, Bryan Willard, Ellis Jones and Jonathan Glass, all with 4-0.

Winners in all sections received distinctive lucite (clear plastic) chessboard plaques.

The master section ended in the three-way tie for first, with Doss, Milovanovic and myself each scoring 3-1 to win \$142. Doss had the sole perfect score going into the last round, but Milovanovic (the first Bosnian national champion, as I learned) stopped him from walking away with the \$200 first prize. Sam Quintanar, who had defeated Milovanovic in Round 1, won the fourth prize of \$75, scoring 2-2. My last round game with Quintanar ended in a nice rook sac to force mate, but the one that excited the spectators was a scramble in Round 2 with John Jacobs – flags hanging, mutual queening and a mate in one that surprised us both! Doss *again* outplayed me, and I have vowed revenge!

Ellis Jones (1820) won the Reserve section, defeating top-rated Ricky Wallace (1923) and finishing 4-0.

The Harrys were excellent hosts, and I learned that David's wife Lisa has a surprising connection to my hometown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her Uncle Bill is known to children of the 60's and 70's there as the TV personality Buckskin Bill. He was equivalent to Krusty the Clown in *The Simpsons* – all the kids watched him.

After a very successful debut, the organizers plan to hold the Mansfield Chess Festival again next year.

Weinberg wins scholarship at 7th annual DACIS event

The seventh annual Dallas Area Chess-In-Schools tournament was held April 10 at Withers Elementary, with 193 youths competing in three sections. Sponsors included the University of Texas at Dallas, which once again awarded a scholarship worth up to \$15,000 in the 6th grade section, and All State Insurance, which made a \$4,000 contribution to DACIS.

Aaron Weinberg of Withers Elementary scored five wins and no losses to win the sixth grade section and the scholarship. Tied for second with 4.5 were Chi Hao and Kevin Lee. Aaron, rated 1254, is the regional elementary champion and the son of NM Robert Weinberg.

The 4th-5th grade division was won by Alex Marches and Roland Sudhof, who both had perfect 5-0 scores in the 77-player section.

The K-3 section was won by Mattia Flabiano and Drew Lenihan, both with 4.5.

Anne Frank Elementary had the top team in the 6th grade division, and Kramer Elementary won first place team in both 4th-5th grades and K-3.

Luis Salinas directed with help from DACIS staff.

Langer wins Texas Action

NM Mikhail Langer won the Texas Action championship, held Apr. 24 in San Antonio. In his third try at the title since moving to Texas in 1996 he scored 5-0, defeating Selby Anderson and Chris Land in the final rounds. They finished in a tie for second with Jim Rohrbaugh and Enrique Rios (first U2100) at 4-1.

A total of 31 players competed at the Methodist Hospital. Greg Wren directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

English Opening A36

Enrique Rios 1872

Mikhail Langer 2303

Texas Action Ch. 1999 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 Nge7 5.Bg2 g6 6.Nge2 Bg7 7.0-0 8.d3 b6!? 9.Be3 Bb7 10.Rb1

10.f4 d6 tends to transpose into theory, while 10.d4 looks like the critical test of Black's idea.

10...Ne5! 11.h3 d5 12.f4 d4 13.fxe5 dxe3 14.Qc1



14...Qxd3! 15.Rd1 Qxc4 16.Rd7 Bc6 17.Rd1?

Rios thought his rook was getting trapped after 17.Rxe7 Bxe5, but 18.Qd1 makes it hard to prove:

Prize Winners

1st: Mikhail Langer, 5. 2nd: Selby Anderson, Chris Land, James Rohrbaugh, 4. U2100: Enrique Rios, 4. U1900 + U1700 + U1500: Gary Zintgraff, Bruce Lewkowski, Ivan Wijetunge, Diego Gamboa, Dale Edwards, Victor Flores, Sarkis Agaian, 3. U1300: Adan Rivera, 3.

(a) 18...Rfd8 19.Qf1! Δ ...f6 20.b3; (b) 18...Rad8 19.Qb3 Qa6 20.Qa3; (c) 18...Qa6! 19.Bf1 Rfd8 20.Qb3 Qc8 -+; 19.Nf4 Rad8 20.Qg4 Bd6 21.Rxe6 Bd7! -+; 19.Rd7 Bxd7 20.Qxd7 Rad8 -/+.

17...Bxe5 18.Qxe3 Rad8 19.Kh2 Bb7 20.Rbc1 Qb4 21.Rd2 Rxd2 22.Qxd2 Nc6 23.Qd7 Ba8 24.Rf1 Qxb2 25.Rb1 Qa3

Langer came within a finger's release of playing 25...Qd2?? After giving Richard Lopez a mate in one in the Texas Action two years ago, that would have been too much!

26.Rb3 Qa6 27.Qd2 Rd8 28.Qg5 Rd3 29.h4 Qc8 30.h5 Qd8 31.Qg4 Bb8 32.Nf4 Rd2 33.Qf3 Ne5 34.Qf1 Ng4+ 35.Kh3 Nf2+ 36.Kh2 Bxf4 37.gxf4 Qh4+ 38.Kg1 Ng4 39.Qf3 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Rxxg2 41.Qxxg2 Ne3+ 42.Kf2 Nxxg2 and 0-1

Center Counter B01

Mikhail Langer 2303

Selby Anderson 2244

Texas Action Ch. 1999 (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 If White doesn't want to take on the Icelandic Gambit, there's the modern Exchange French (4.d4). 4...Bxe6 5.Be2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.0-0 Qd7 8.a3 Nd4?!

Having written a book on this, I'd be expected to remember some of my own material: 8...0-0-0 9.Nc3 Rhe8 10.b4 Bd4 11.Bb2 Bg4 12.Rb1 Bf5 13.Rc1 Ne4 14.b5 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.d3 Nxf2 17.Rxf2 Bxf2+! 18.Kxf2 Qd4+ 19.Kf1 Rxe2! -+ Daniluk-Ulko, Moscow Open 1995.

9.Nc3 0-0-0 10.b4?

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nb5 ±. 10...Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Bd4 12.Qb3 Bg4 13.Bxxg4 Nxxg4 14.Rb1 Bxf2+?

I had a fuzzy memory of this being a crush, and passed on my instinct to play 14...Qd6 15.g3 Qh6, e.g. 16.h4 Qg6 17.Ne2 Ne5 with a superior position for the pawn.

15.Rxf2 Qd4 16.Nd1 Rhe8 17.Ne3 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 Qh4+ 19.Kf1 Qxxh2 20.Qc2 Rd6?

Black has a draw if only he'd take it: 20...Qh1+ 21.Kf2 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Rxe3, etc.

21.Bb2 Rg6 22.Qf5+ Kb8 23.Qh3 Qf4+ 24.Qf3 Qh4 25.Re1 Re4 26.Ke2 Rf4 27.Qh3 Qf2+ 28.Kd1 Rd6 29.Bc3 and ... 1-0

I had a surprise in the first round when Dale Edwards (1398), playing in his second tournament, reeled off 15 moves of theory with Black in the Ruy Lopez Anti-Marshall! I'll bet more people know that stuff now than the old Chigorin lines.

Warning: the following contains graphic violence.

Selby Anderson 2244

Bruce Lewkowski 1793

Texas Action Ch. 1999 (5)



17.Rxe6 Kg7 18.d5 Na5 19.d6 Re8 20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Bxf6+ Kxf6 22.Qd4+ Ke6 23.Re1+ Kd7 24.dxe7+ 1-0

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— NATIONAL OPEN —
**Ehlvest wins big
 in Las Vegas**

GM Jan Ehlvest, of Estonia, took home the Edmondson Cup at the 1999 National Open by edging out fellow grandmasters Ilya Smirin and Gregory Kaidanov on tiebreak points. Each player scored 5.5 out of a possible 6 points to lead the event and earn a \$4,000 payday.

The 1999 National Open, held March 19-21 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, attracted a field of 993 players, including 264 in the Championship section.

Billed as the “chess vacation of the year,” the 1999 National Open featured special guest GM Judit Polgar. GM Polgar, the world’s highest-rated female player, was the keynote speaker for a pre-tournament brunch. She also gave a 30-board simultaneous exhibition, losing one game (to Joshua Riddell, of Illinois).

James Hammersmith, 48, of Littleton, Colo., and **George De La Rosa**, 32, of **San Antonio, Texas**, each scored 6 points to win the Reserve section. The two winners received \$2,500 apiece. A total of 347 players competed.

Andrey Gorlin, 12, of Skokie, Ill., and Stefan Noppenhuis, 22, of Berkeley, Calif., each posted 6-0 scores in a field of 340 players to win the Booster section. Each player received \$1,200.

Kairat Amir Khanov, 25, of **Richardson, Texas** won the Unrated section with 5.5 out of 6 points in a field of 40 players. Amir Khanov received a \$500 USCF gift certificate for the victory.

The 1999 National Open was co-sponsored by the U.S. Chess Federa-

tion, local organizers Al Losoff and Fred Gruenberg, and the Mid-America Chess Association.

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 by Eric C. Johnson

Texans in Vegas

Dallas player George Trammell had a moment of Internet fame when his loss to Shabalov was featured on GM Ron Henley’s web report (see www.64.com for this and other National Open links).



Shabalov-Trammell (Rd. 1)

1.Rxe6! Qg4

1...fxe6 2.Nxe6+ “and wins,” (Henley). To clarify for non-GM’s, the game might go 2...Ke7 3.Nxc8+ Bxc8 4.Ng5! Bg4 5.Re1+ Kd7 6. Qb8! Ne4 7.Ba4+ Ke7 8.Qe5+ Kd8 9. Nf7+, picking up a rook.

2.Rd6+! Bxd6

Other tries: (a) 2...Ke8 3.Ba4+ +-; (b) 2...Ke7 3.Qe5+ +-; (c) 2...Kc7 3.Rc6+ Kd8 4.Rxc8+ Bxc8 5.Nc6+ Ke8 6.Re1+ Δ 6...Ne4 7.Rxe4+!.
3.Qxd6+ Nd7 (3...Ke8 4.Ba4+) 4. Re1 Re8 5.Ne6+! 1-0

Having plundered Ron’s notes, let me hasten to plug his Chess Superstore site: www.smartchess.com. If you dig, you’ll find his annotated highlights from Dos Hermannas.

Texas was well represented, as usual – I counted 14 Texans in the Open as well as “expatriates” John Cline and Gregg Small, both former state champions. The top performance by a Texas player was turned in by Austin’s John Readey (2354), who scored 4.5 to win \$200.

Joe Bradford, a two-time winner of the event, was back in the fray after sitting out a couple of years. He withdrew after a Round 3 loss to GM Smirin, and no doubt headed for the poker tables.

David John finished with 4-2, drawing GM Anatoly Lein in the last round. Matt Goshen (2012) of Dallas scored 3.5 and tied for second under 2100 to win \$68.75. Also scoring 3.5 were Sam Quintanar and John Hendrick.

Congratulations to our winners in the Reserve and Unrated sections, noted earlier in bold type. George De La Rosa is a nice guy who has been playing in San Antonio events for many years. Lately he has been sparring with NM José Silva and Alfred Zerm, who just attained the master title this April.

Another San Antonio player, Enrique Rios of Churchill High School, won the \$100 under-2000 prize in the blitz tournament with a score of 7.5 out of 14.

The grand prize in the raffles, a round trip airline ticket and free entry to next year’s National Open, went to Mark McCue of San Antonio. It is one of life’s cruel jokes that Mark is a Southwest Airlines employee who frequently rides free anyway! ♠

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Kaidanov: 19.5 Dallas: 0.5

GM Gregory Kaidanov, the nation's fourth ranked player, gave a lecture-simul March 27 at the Dallas Chess Club. Twenty players matched wits with the grandmaster, and 13 more attended his lecture. Kaidanov won the Novag Grand Prix in 1992 and the Dallas Pinfork Grand Prix in 1996. His final tally against the Dallas players was 19 wins with one draw, to UTD student and DCC member John Hendrick.

Caro-Kann B17

Gregory Kaidanov 2682
Ivan Wijetunge 1664

Dallas simul 1999

1.d4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Ng5 Ngf6 6.Bd3 e6 7.N1f3 Be7 8.Qe2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.Ng5+ 1-0

Nimzovich Defense B00

Gregory Kaidanov 2682
Sid Pickard 2205

Dallas simul 1999

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Ng4 4.d4 d6 5.h3 Nh6 6.Bxh6 gxh6 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.d5 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Ne5 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Rb1 Nb6 15.c4 Nxc4 16.Qd4 Qxd5 17.Qxa7 Nd6 18.Rfd1 Qc6 19.Qa8+ 1-0

Gruenfeld Defense D87

Gregory Kaidanov 2682
Ivan Reyes 2226

Dallas simul 1999

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.f3 Na5 12.Bd3 c4?! (12... cxd4) 13.Bc2 Bd7 14.Qd2 f5 15.Bh6 fxe4 16.fxe4 Qb6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.e5 Nc6 19.Rab1 Rxf1+

20.Kxf1 Rf8+ 21.Kg1 Qc7 22.Ng3 Nd8 23.Qg5 Be8 24.Nf5+ Kh8 25.Qxe7 Qxe7 26.Nxe7 Rf7 27.Nc8 b6 28.Nd6 1-0

K1 Attack A08

Gregory Kaidanov 2682
Sam Quintanar 2208

Dallas simul 1999

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Bd6 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nh4 b6 9.f4 f5 10.exd5 exd5 11.Re1 Bd7 12.Ndf3 Qc7 13.c3 Rf6 14.Bd2 Rd8 15.Qe2 Bc8 16.Qf2 Ba6 17.Bf1 Ng6 18.Nxg6 Rxg6 19.Ng5 Qd7 20.Qe2 h6 21.Nf3 Qc7 22.Bg2 Rf6 23.Ne5 Ne7?

Black wins a pawn with 23... Bxe5 24.fxe5 Re6, e.g. 25.Bf4 g5. 24.Qh5 Bb7 25.Re2 Qb8 26.Rae1 Qc8 27.Nf3 Qd7 28.Nh4 Kh7 29.Bh3 Bc8 30.Nf3 Kg8 31.Ne5 Qc7 32.Bg2 Bb7 33.g4



33...fxg4 34.Nxg4 Rf7 35.Re6

Now both Rxh6 and Nxh6+ are possible threats.

35...Nf5 36.Ne5 Rff8 37.Bh3 Bc8?

Sam was probably trying to avoid being the victim of a brilliancy: 37...Ne7 38.Rxh6!! gxh6 39.Qxh6! Bc8 40.Be6+ Bxe6 41.Qxe6+ Kh7 42.Qh3+ Kg7 43.Qg4+ and now 43...Kh8 44.Re3 is getting mated. Best is 43...Kf6 44.Qg5+ Ke6 45.Qh6+ Rf6 (45...Kf5 46.Ng4! mates) 46.Ng4+ Kd7 47.Qxf6, and White has won two pawns.

38.Bxf5 Rxf5 39.Qxf5

1-0

Catalan Opening E01

Gregory Kaidanov 2682
John Hendrick 2085

Dallas simul 1999

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 c6 5.Qc2 Bd6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 c5 12.Be3 Rb8 13.Rad1 b6 14.Qd3 Bc7 15.Rfe1 Rd8 16.d5 Nf8 17.Bc1 f6 18.Nh4 Qf7 19.Qc2 e5 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Bd6 22.f4 Ng6 23.Bh3 Rb7 24.Qh5 Nf8 25.Qf3 Re7 26.fxe5 Bxe5 27.b3 Rde8 28.Kf1 Bd6 29.Rxe7 Qxe7 30.Bd2 Be5 31.Re1 Qd6 32.Bf5 Re7 33.Kg2 g6 34.Bc2 Nd7 35.h4 f5 36.h5 Bf6 37.Bf4 Be5 38.hxg6 hxg6 39.Bg5 Bf6 40.Bf4 Be5 41.Bd2 Bf6 42.Rh1 Rh7 43.Rxh7 Kxh7 44.g4 fxg4 45.Qxg4 Ne5 46.Qh5+ Kg7 47.Qh6+ Kf7 48.Bf4 Bg7 49.Qh3 Qd7 50.Qg3



50...Qd6

50...Qg4! 51.Bxe5 Qe2+ 52.Qf2+ Qxf2+ 53.Kxf2 Bxe5 = (JH).

51.Be4 Bh8 52.Qh3 Bg7 53.Qc8 Qd7 54.Qxd7+ Nxd7 55.Bc7 Be5 56.d6 Nf6 57.Bc6 Ke6 58.Bb8 Bxd6 59.Bxa7 Bc7 60.a4? (60.a3 =) 60...Kd6 61.Bf3 Ng8! 62.b4 cxb4 Draw!?

A courtesy offer by Hendrick! Black is winning after 63.Bd1 Ne7 64.a5 bxa5 65.Bf2 Nf5 66.Kf3 Ke5.

Minutes of the TCA Business Meeting

by TCA Secretary Forrest Marler

The Spring 1999 meeting of the Texas Chess Association was held Saturday, March 13th, at the Texas Scholastic Championships at Corpus Christi's Omni Bayfront Hotel. Attending were TCA members John Ade, Selby Anderson, John Daly, Manuel Espino, Gary Gaiffe, Jose J. Guajardo, Jim Liptrap, Forrest Marler, Enrique Rios, Luis Salinas and Zita Sanders. Also present was visitor Michael Martin. The meeting was brought to order by Selby Anderson at 8:10 p.m. and the reading of the old minutes was dispensed with by acclamation.

Selby Anderson read the Treasurer's Report as prepared by Greg Wren, who was unable to attend. There was nothing outstanding, although there was an artificial loss of approximately \$1,200 due to the printing of 4 issues of *Texas Knights* during the previous six months. Also, except for Region III and Region VI, revenues from the regional scholastics had not been received as of the date of preparation of the report. Final analysis: the TCA is well within the black. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read was made by Manuel Espino and seconded by Gary Gaiffe. Passed 9-0.

Selby Anderson presented the President's Report. He spoke on the U.S. Chessathon, a charity event to raise money for the U.S. Chess Trust to be held June 5 in San Antonio. He sketched out the history of the event, including its track record as a fundraiser. Selby mentioned the financial woes of USCF and mentioned that there are several persons running for the Executive Committee with good ideas for the future, mentioning specifically Tom Dorsch, Tim Redman, Helen Warren and Doris Berry. Selby mentioned the possibility of using the Scholastic Regionals as a qualifier for the state scholastics due to the size of the tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

There were three motions tabled during the Fall 1998 TCA meeting.

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

Selby Anderson stated that all that is required is to add a trophy in the High School section of the Scholastic Championship. Selby moved to discuss, John Ade seconded. Discussion primarily centered on how this

could help provide an incentive to keep girls involved in chess. Manuel Espino called the question. Selby seconded. The motion **passed**, 9-0-1.

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

[NOTE: The Denker Tournament is the Tournament of State High School Champions held in conjunction with the U.S. Open each summer. The Adams Tournament of Girls' High School Champions has been proposed but has yet to be approved. On March 22, barely a week after this meeting, it was reported that Fan Adams died. Fan Adams was president of Chess-in-the-Schools, treasurer of the Manhattan Chess Club, and a former USCF delegate to FIDE and member of the USCF Policy Board. Whether the Adams Tournament will come about is still up in the air. - FZM]

Discussion was divided on who may receive a stipend to go to which tournament. Luis Salinas made an argument that if a girl won the championship that she should not go to both the Denker and the Adams Tournaments. Nor should she go to the Denker and the second place girl go to the Adams. Luis was not opposed to a boy and a girl each receiving a stipend, just two girls or a girl receiving two stipends. Selby started to add a rider to the amendment "that if a girl wins she cannot receive a stipend for both the Denker and the Adams tournaments." Jim Liptrap pointed out that if a girl wins she might elect to go to the Adams tournament since she should have easier competition. Then would the second place boy receive a stipend for the Denker? Manuel Espino felt that if a girl wins, she should have to go to the Denker. A straw poll was taken on whether a girl should have a choice of the Denker or Adams. There were three votes for a choice, and four votes for no choice. Jim Liptrap said that this should be tabled to the Scholastic Committee. Selby called the question to table. John Ade seconded. The motion to **table** passed, 9-0-1.

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

Selby Anderson was not totally in favor of this motion and ultimately withdrew it. No one else wished to support it at this time. Luis Salinas pointed out that the Denker representatives split \$5,100 among the players adding an incentive for players to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Amendment by Selby Anderson: Section 2. Scholastic Committee. Add the following: "This shall be a standing committee consisting of seven Resident Members appointed by the President."

Selby Anderson called the question. Luis Salinas seconded. **Passed**, 9-0-1.

2) Amendment by Luis Salinas: Amend Article IX, Section 1.C (Texas State Championship) so that any junior rated between 1800 and 1999 can play in the Championship section of the Texas Championship, provided that (1) the junior is a full member in TCA (not the \$1 membership), and (2) the junior pays the full entry fee (not the junior entry fee.)

This does not apply to the co-champions of the High School section, who earn the right to play.

The old Bylaws wording is as follows:

C. Texas State Chess Championship: This tournament shall be held simultaneously with the Texas Amateur Championship in May. This tournament shall be restricted to players with a United States Chess Federation rating of at least 2000, with exception made for the Texas High School Champion or co-Champions. Only a Texas resident may win the title of Texas State Champion, or any other state title listed below. This is a Major Event.

The amended clause shall read:

C. Texas State Chess Championship: This tournament shall be held simultaneously with the Texas Amateur Championship in May. This tournament shall be restricted to: (1) players with a United States Chess Federation rating of at least 2000; (2) the Texas High School Champion or co-Champions; (3) any TCA Junior Member (not Junior Tournament Member) with a United States Chess Federation rating of at least 1800 who pays the adult entry fee. Only a Texas resident may win the title of Texas State Champion, or any other state title listed below. This is a Major Event.

Jim Liptrap asked whether juniors rated over 2000 could still pay the junior entry fee. Luis said that the idea was that junior "A" players could gain more experience by playing experts and masters but would not be a burden financially on the section. Juniors rated over 2000 were already eligible to play in the Championship section and could pay the junior entry fee. Selby called

the question, and Manuel Espino seconded. The motion **passed**, 9-0-1.

3) Motion by Greg Wren: "Half of the \$1.00 Junior Tournament Membership dues that are received by TCA shall be applied to the chess sets for schools program or other scholastic programs."

Forrest Marler asked if there was anything that prevented that from occurring now. Selby Anderson replied that to this point only SASP funds were used for purchasing chess sets for schools. This would allow scholastic monies to go to scholastic chess. The remaining monies can go to stipends, etc. Gary Gaiffe made a friendly amendment to add, "as designated by the Scholastic Committee." at the end. Selby accepted, Jim Liptrap called the question, and Selby seconded. The motion **passed**, 9-0-1.

4) Motion by Greg Wren: "Resolved that TCA shall provide \$500 towards the purchase of USCF \$7 first-time scholastic memberships for 1999 Chessathon entrants aged 14 or under."

Luis Salinas suggested that the amount be pared down to \$490 since that is divisible by \$7. Selby Anderson accepted this as a friendly amendment. Selby said that last year the TCA net inflow was \$2,885.06 and the TCA is not hurting financially. J.J. Guajardo called the question, and Selby seconded. The motion **passed**, 10-0.

5) George John had proposed creating a small commission as an incentive for organizers to collect TCA memberships, raising dues if necessary to support this. Anderson offered an amendment to raise Regular dues to \$11 and Junior dues to \$8.50, with the \$1 increase in each to be rebated to organizers who collect the memberships. Jim Liptrap called the question, and Selby seconded. The vote was 5-4-1 in favor. The amendment did **not pass**, as there was no two-thirds majority. [NOTE: Enrique Rios' motion was actually made prior to Item 3 of Old Business, as he was also participating in the Bughouse Championship and needed to return to the playing room as soon as possible. - FZM]

6) Motion by Enrique Rios: "Establish in the High School section a ten-player round robin Championship section to determine the High School Champion for the Denker Tournament."

Discussion ranged from the effect on team scores, how to select entrants, to the format (two days of G/30 versus three days of 25/1, SD/1.) Luis Salinas mentioned that next year they are planning a Championship section as well as a Varsity section so there should be fewer players in the Championship section. John Ade

brought up the idea of a Closed Championship. Manuel Espino mentioned an Interplay Championship via Internet or the like. Selby Anderson called that the motion be tabled to the Scholastic Committee to look into the possibility of a Closed or Invitational Championship. Manuel Espino seconded. The motion was **tabled** to the Scholastic Committee, 10-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

7) Amendment by Jim Liptrap, to Article IX, Section 1.E (Texas Scholastic Championship). After "This tournament shall be a four-section individual event with team prizes," add the following:

"High School, Middle School, Elementary and Primary sections may be divided into Open, Reserve, and/or Under X divisions at the discretion of the Tournament Organizer, provided notice of the rating divisions is given in all advance fliers and that team trophies are provided in each division."

Gary Gaiffe stated that the bylaws allowed subdividing already. Jim argued that the bylaws did not allow this. Working from a suggestion by Manuel Espino, after a ten minute recess Selby Anderson presented the following substitute amendment:

"These sections may be subdivided with the approval of the Scholastic Committee."

Jim accepted and called the question. Luis Salinas seconded. The motion **passed**, 8-0.

8) Motion by Gary Gaiffe: "The TCA shall purchase the TEA [Texas Education Association] databases in January, update the database and provide the database to the State Scholastic and the Regional Scholastic organizers. The Scholastic Committee will be in charge of this database."

Discussion focused on cost (\$20-\$30 annually), ability to track school classifications. Selby Anderson called the question, and Manuel Espino seconded. The motion **passed**, 8-0.

9) Amendment by Selby Anderson: Modify Article IX, Sections 3.F, so that the Scholastic Committee instead of the Board of Directors shall award bids on scholastic events. The new wording of that section is as follows:

F. The final approving authority for the comparability of bids and "somewhat equal lengths of time" for awarding a tournament to a bidding city shall be the Board of Directors, or in the case of major scholastic events, the Scholastic Committee. They should consider the following factors: geographic location, drawing power of the area, finances, organizers' experience, size

of the playing site, hotel contracts and other relevant criteria. G. The award of a bid is binding once it is made.

Luis Salinas seconded. The amendment **passed**, 9-0.

Selby Anderson called the meeting to a close. Jim Liptrap seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. 🍌

1999 Texas Regional Scholastic Champions

Region I. No regional was held.

Region II. Ft. Worth, 276 players. **High School:** Jonathan Cearley, Ajay Bangale. Team: Dunbar. **Middle School:** Rosario Molina, Jesus Arrendondo. Ian Stephens. Team: J.P. Elder. **Elementary:** Keegan DeArmond, Paul Montemayor, Justin Malmstrom, Jonathan Mayes. Team: North Ridge. **Primary:** Eric Cordova. Team: W.J. Turner.

Region III. Dallas, 243 players. **High School:** Kris Littlejohn. Team: R.L. Turner. **Middle School:** Martin Alexander. Team: Hendrick. **Elementary:** Aaron Weinberg. Team: St. Mark's. **Primary:** Mason Harry. Team: Bethany.

Region IV. El Paso, 128 players. **High School:** Gregory Vera, Robin Lerma, Giovanni Molina. Team: Bowie. **Middle School:** Eddie Hernandez, Ignacio Flores. Team: Guillen on tiebreaks over Ysleta. **Elementary:** Guillermo Pallares, Alfredo Olivas. Team: Ysleta. **Primary:** David Mora, Jesus Madrid. Team: Roosevelt.

Region V. Houston, 311 players. **High School:** David John. Team: Bellaire. **Middle School:** Boran Butorovic, Blake Schanzer. Team: Lanier. **Elementary:** Brad Sawyer, Johnny Fox. Team: Cornelius. **Primary:** Michael Mayfield, Vincent Cheung. Team: Grace Christian.

Region VI. Austin, 117 players. **High School:** Enrique Rios. Team: Holmes. **Middle School:** Eli Rezinski. Team: Tafolla. **Elementary:** Sarkis Agaian. Team: Losoya. **Primary:** Trevor Phillips. Team: Austin Area Homeschoolers.

Region VII. Brownsville, 378 players. **High School:** Clemente Rendon. Team: Porter. **Middle School:** Aldrin Arandela. Team: Oliveira. **Elementary:** Alfred Molina, José Cano. Team: Russell. **Primary:** Michael Haskins, David Lee Valdez. Team: Morningside.

Test Your Tactics!

Positions from 1999 events. Solutions: page 29



1. Black to move
Topalov-Ivanchuk, Linares 1999



2. White to move
Piket-Kramnik, Melody Amber



3. White to move
Shirov-Ljubojevic, Amber Blindfold



4. White to move
Topalov-Ljubojevic, Melody Amber



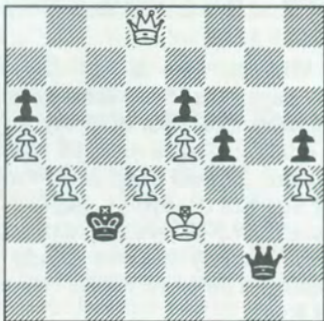
5. White to move
Kramnik-Adams, Linares 1999



6. White to move
Anand-Nikolic, Melody Amber



7. White to move
Anderson-Quintanar, Mansfield 1999



8. Black to move
Topalov-Kasparov, Linares 1999



9. White to move
Korchnoi-J. Polgar, Dos Hermanas

LETTERS

Waco chess on the rise

Things are going well here in Waco with 20 students strong in our home school chess club, ages from 5-12 years old. I don't know who is more excited, my wife and I, the Waco Chess Club (Jason Howell in particular, he hasn't missed a class yet), the parents of the children or the children, they are having a blast. As you witness yourself, kids play so naturally and effortlessly, they see things we have to look carefully for. Of course you being a master don't have to look as hard as I do. My ten year old boy beats me from time to time. He's probably the strongest player in the club so far but there is a girl named Tara (who might earn the nickname "Tara the Terrible" if she keeps up the improvements we've seen) that might rise up and beat him after a little more training.

Anyway with the support of people like you and all the excellent help of materials from the USCF, makes it a joy.

We are affiliate members of the USCF and would like to be members of *Texas Knights*. If I understand correctly the cost is \$10.00 for schools, so enclosed is \$10.00.

We let the children know about your Chessathon in June and they are excited about it. I hope to bring a lot of them down for that.

Let me know if there is anything you can think of to make the club better.

John Warren
Waco

Back cover solution: 1.Nf6 Kb5 2.Ne8 Kxa6 Nc7#; 2...Ka4 3.Bc6#; 2...Kxc4 Nd6#. *Strategems* is \$15/yr. bimonthly, 2613 Northshore Lane, Westlake Village, CA 91361.

Readers' showcase

Notes by Steven Young

English Opening A26

Steven Young 1805

Crash Dummies

Paul Muljadi 1701

Boogie Knights

Texas Team Ch. 1999 (2)

1.c4 d6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 e5 5.e4 Ne7 6.Nge2 Nbc6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 Bg4 9.h3

9.f3 Be6 10.Nd5 f5 11.Be3 ±
9...Be6 10.Bg5?! Qd7 11.Kh2 f5 12.Nd5 f4 13.Nxe7+ Nxe7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nc3 c6 16.Bf3 Qg5 17.Qe2 Rf7 18.Bg4 Bxg4 19.Qxg4 Qe7 20.Qe2 Raf8 21.g4 f3 22.Qe1 Qh4 23.Rg1

Clearing f1 for queen.

23...Bh6 24.Qf1 Bf4+ 25.Kh1 Kg7 26.Rd1



With the idea of Nb1-d2-f3. I was happy that I had time for this defensive idea; with best play maybe I didn't! [*You're right! 26...h5! is winning: 27.gxh5 Qxh5 28.Rg4 Rh8 29. Kg1 Kf8 Δ ...Rfh7, ...Qxg4+.*] 26...g5? 27.Nb1 Rf6 28.Nd2 Bxd2

A formerly inactive knight is exchanged for a hyperactive bishop! 29.Rxd2

Now this rook may support an eventual opening of the center – the prescribed remedy for countering a flank invasion.

29...Rh6 30.Rg3 Rf4 31.Kg1 Rh6 32.Qd1 h5 33.gxh5 Qxh5 34.d4 Rh4 35.dxe5 dxe5 (maybe 35...Kf7!?) 36.Rd8 Rxe4

36...Rh3 loses to Qd7; best was 36...Rf7.

37.Qd7+ Rf7 38.Qe8 g4 39.Qg8+ Kf6 40.Rd6+ Kf5



41.Rh6!?

I wanted to leave all the heavies on but was in time trouble!

41...Qxh6 42.Qxf7+ Qf6?

42...Kg5 may hold for Black.

43.hxg5+ Kxg5 44.Qh5+ Kf4 45.g5 1-0

Getting back into the game

Gary Zintgraff just got back into chess after severe business pressures occupied him for the last three years. He tied for first with Enrique Rios with 4-1 at the December SA Studio Swiss, and won the February Swiss with 3.5, defeating Rios in the last round.

Gary writes: "He wanted a draw right from the start as he had 3 points to my 2.5. He made about seven draw offers, but I believe this gives someone a mindset which hinders finding the best attacking moves. He still avoided taking on f3 and getting into my Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. He was better out of the opening in both games. That's two games in a row where Enrique has displayed excellent preparation."

Caro-Kann B15

Gary Zintgraff 1868

Enrique Rios 1874

SACS Tues. Swiss 2/23/99

1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.f3

Better is 4.Bc4! (Sawyer/Purser) to discourage ...e5.

4...e5!? 5.Nxe4

5.Nxe4 was the worst of the three choices in this position, but it would have been correct in my previous game with Rios: 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.f3 c6 5.fxe4?! e5! Instead, McGrew gives 5.Nxe4! Nxe4 6. fxe4 e5 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bc4.

In the present situation, Mineev likes 5.Be3!? with possibilities: 5... exd4 6.Bxd4 exf3 7.Nxf3 and 7... Nf6 or 7...Be6 but not 7...Bg4? 8.Bc4 Nd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ngf6 11. Ne4 Be7 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Ng5 0-0 14.Qb3 Ng4 15.Bxf7+ Kh8 16. Bxg7+ Kxg7 17.Ne6+ 1-0 Nievergelt-Hess, Lucerne 1957. Or 5...Bb4 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h5 =+ Kennedy-Sawyer, Hatboro 1989.

Almost equal is 5.dxe5 Qxd1 + 6. Nxd1 Nd7 7.Bf4 exf3 8.Nxf3 Ne7 9. Nf2 Ng6 10.Bg3 Nb6 11.0-0-0.

5...exd4 6.Bc4 Be7 7.Ne2 Nf6!? (7...c5) 8.Nxf6+

Ditto last comment. (8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxe4 10.fxe4 =.)

8...Bxf6 9.Qd3 0-0 10.Bf4

I pondered over 10.Bd2, but wanted more activity.

10...Qa5+ 11. Bd2 Qf5 12.Qb3 b5

12...Nd7 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bd3 Nc5.

13.Bd3 Qe6 14.0-0-0 Qxb3 15.axb3 a5 16.g4 g6 17.h4 Nd7 (17...Re8!?) 18.g5?

18.Bg5! Δ 18...Bg7 19.Be4 or 18...Bxg5 19.hxg5 c5 20.Bxb5.

18...Bg7 19.Be4 Bb7 20.h5

20.Be3! Nc5 21.Bxd4 Nxe4 22. fxe4 Rfe8 =+.

20...Nc5 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Rh2 (22. Rh4) 22...Nxe4

This seemed better than 22...d3 23.cxd3 Nxb3+ 24.Kb1 Nxd2+ 25. Rxd2 a4, or 22...d3 23. Bxd3 Nxd3+ 24.cxd3 Rxf3.

23.fxe4 Be5

Perhaps better is 23...Rae8 24. Rh4 c5 25.Re1 b4 26.Ng3 Be5 -/+.

24.Rh4 a4?!

Better is 24...c5 securing the d4 pawn and controlling b4.

25.Bb4

I looked hard at 25.bxa4 Rxa4 26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.Nxf4 c5, but this could have gone so many different ways. Besides, 25.Bb4 gave me my first counterplay of the game.

25...Rfd8

Maybe 25...Rf2 is better: 26. Nxd4 Bxd4 27.Rxd4 axb3 28.Ba3 Rxc2+ 29.Kd1 (29.Kb1 c5 30.Rd7 Rf8 +) 29...b4! with the point that 30.Rxb4 Rd8+ 31.Ke1 Ba6! gives Black a mating net (...Re2+, ...Rd1). On 30.Rd7 hoping to set up a perp with Rhxh7, Black wins with 30... Bc8! 31.Re7 Bg4+! 32.Ke1 Bh5! -+; or 31.Rd8+ Kg7 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 -+.

26.Be7

More counterplay, but 26.Rd3 axb3 27.Rxb3 Ra1+ 28.Kd2 was worth considering.

26...Rd7

26...Re8! and 27...axb3 -+.

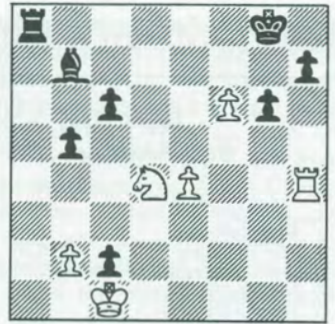
27.Bf6 Bxf6

This is one place where thinking to draw may have hurt Black. Better is 27...axb3! 28.Bxe5 Ra1+ 29.Kd2 Rxd1+ 30. Kxd1 bxc2+ 31.Kd2 (31. Kxc2? d3+) 31...c5 =+ with an imposing pawn mass.

28.gxf6 axb3 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30. Nxd4 bxc2

Or 30...Ra1+ 31.Kd2 bxc2 32. Kxc2 h5 33.Rf4 Kf7 34.e5 Bc8 35.e6+ Bxe6 36.Nxe6 Kxe6 37.f7 Ra8 38.f8(Q) Rxf8 39.Rxf8, and White's king gets over in time to stop the kingside pawns.

Probably best is 30...g5!? 31.Rh5 g4 32.Nxb3, when material is equal but the knight and center pawns are favored.



31.e5?

I saw 31.f7+! but only had three minutes left to reach the time control of 45/90 minutes. I mistakenly thought 31...Kf8 traded my knight and f-pawn for his bishop and h-pawn, so I played "safe" with 31. e5. What might have been!

A crispy win is 31.f7+ Kf8 (31... Kg7 32.Rf4 +-) 32.Rxh7 Bc8 33. Nxc6 Bb7, and now sufficient is 34. Rh8+ Kxf7 35.Rh7+, or 34.Ne5! Ra1+ 35.Kxc2 Bxe4+ 36.Kd2 Ke7 37.Nd7!, queening the pawn.

31...Bc8

Enrique burned a lot of time on this move, which gives me time to worry what to do if he played 31... h5! or 31...g5 [Nah - 32.Rh5!] with drawing chances.

32.Nxc6 Bf5 33.Ne7+ Kf8

Best is 33...Kf7 34.Nxf5 Ke6 35. Ne3 Kxe5 36.Rxh7 Kxf6 37.Rb7.

On 33...Kh8 White wins with 34.Nxf5 gxf5 35.e6 Kg8 36.f7+ Kg7 37.Rxh7+! Kf6 (37...Kxh7 38. e7) 38.Rh6+ Ke7 39.Rg6 +-.

34.Nxf5 gxf5 35.Rxh7 Ra6??

Black draws with 35...Ra1+ 36. Kxc2 Re1 37.Re7 f4 38.e6 (or 38. Kd2 Re4 39.Kd3 =) 38...f3 39.Rf7+ Ke8 40.Re7+ =.

36.Rh5 Rc6 37.Rxf5 b4 38.b3 Kf7 39.Rf4 Re6 40.Re4 Rb6 41.Kxc2 Ke6 42.Kd3 Rb5 43.Kc4 Rb7 44. Re3 Rc7+ 45.Kxb4 Rb7+ 46.Kc4

Tournament Crosstables

Spring Open

San Antonio, March 20-21

Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Selby Anderson	2265	+9	=3	+2	+5	3.5
2 Eric Dimazana	2280	+6	+5	-1	+3	3.0
3 Don C. Sutherland	2230	+7	=1	+4	-2	2.5
4 John Paul Hyltin	2015	+10	=6	-3	+9	2.5
5 James Rohrbaugh	2212	+8	-2	+9	-1	2.0
6 John W. Ade	1921	-2	+4	+7	=8	2.0
7 Alen Eckert	1818	-3	+8	-6	+10	2.0
8 Mike Berki	1800	-5	-7	+10	=6	1.5
9 Gary Zintgraff	1868	-1	+10	-5	-4	1.0
10 Charles Cunningham	1470	-4	-9	-8	-7	0.0

Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Sarkis Agaian	1408	+22	+3	+4	+2	4.0
2 Michael LaBelle	1504	+20	+8	+5	-1	3.0
3 Freddy R. Jones	1510	+9	-1	+13	+10	3.0
4 Juan Carrizales	1483	+13	+11	-1	+15	3.0
5 Matthew Berki	1458	+17	+7	-2	+11	3.0
6 Richard C. Lopez	1712	+10	=12	+16	=7	3.0
7 Patrick G. MacKay	1522	+18	-5	+12	=6	2.5
8 Dee Carter	1400	+21	-2	=9	+16	2.5
9 James Nielsen	1156	-3	+22	=8	+17	2.5
10 Joe G. Chapa	1399	-6	+14	+17	-3	2.0
11 Wallace B. Short	1274	+23	-4	+21	-5	2.0
12 Ryan C. Park	1472	+14	=6	-7	H	2.0
13 Barbara Ade-Sanders	1099	-4	+18	-3	+20	2.0
14 John Ade-Sanders	1088	-12	-10	+18	+19	2.0
15 Alfred Miller	1215	=16	H	+19	-4	2.0
16 Carlos Zamayoa	1529	=15	+19	-6	-8	1.5
17 Martha Ade-Sanders	1088	-5	+20	-10	-9	1.0
18 Jeffrey Contreras	1180	-7	-13	-14	+22	1.0
19 Anne Hyltin	811	B	-16	-15	-14	1.0
20 Benjamin Lewkowski	1112	-2	-17	+22	-13	1.0
21 Joeseeph Lopez	895	-8	B	-11	U	1.0
22 David Parr	896	-1	-9	-20	-18	0.0
23 Mario B. Chavez	1685	-11	U	U	U	0.0

Texas A&M Spring Open

College Station, April 4

name	rating	1	2	3	total
1 Armin Burghart	2162	+8	+6	=2	2.5
2 Ron Deike	2019	+9	+4	=1	2.5
3 Scott Griggs	1670	=7	+8	=5	2.0
4 John Downing	1466	+5	-2	+9	2.0
5 Andres Suarez	1897	-4	+7	=3	1.5
6 Robert F. McGregor	1789	+10	-1	=7	1.5
7 Jason Howell	2085	=3	-5	=6	1.0
8 Donnie Briggs	1717	-1	-3	+10	1.0
9 Charles E. Bell	1608	-2	+10	-4	1.0
10 Andres Alaniz	1283	-6	-9	-8	0.0

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Mansfield Chess Festival

Mansfield, April 17

Master

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Jason Doss	2324	+5	+4	+2	-3	3.0
2 Selby Anderson	2244	+6	+7	-1	+4	3.0
3 Rade Milovanovic	2401	-4	+5	+7	+1	3.0
4 Sam Quintanar	2208	+3	-1	+8	-2	2.0
5 Alexey Root	2046	-1	-3	+6	=8	1.5
6 Jonathan Cearley	1806	-2	=8	-5	+7	1.5
7 John Jacobs	2399	+8	-2	-3	-6	1.0
8 James Rohrbaugh	2200	-7	=6	-4	=5	1.0

Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Ellis Jones	1820	+8	+7	+5	+2	4.0
2 Wallace Brady	1600	+3	+6	+7	-1	3.0
3 Jose Trevino	1927	-2	+9	+8	+5	3.0
4 Dorman Purdy	1082	B	-5	+9	=7	2.5
5 Rick Wallace	1923	+6	+4	-1	-3	2.0
6 Tim Pernes	1534	-5	-2	B	+9	2.0
7 Phillip Hallmark	1600	+9	-1	-2	=4	1.5
8 Wayne Suite	1346	-1	B	-3	U	1.0
9 Kevin Vardaman	unr.	-7	-3	-4	-6	0.0

Texas Action Championship

San Antonio, April 24

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Mikhail Langer	2303	+19	+18	+4	+2	+3	5.0
2 Selby Anderson	2244	+12	+11	+5	-1	+10	4.0
3 Chris Land	2207	+13	+10	+8	+6	-1	4.0
4 Enrique Rios	1872	+30	+21	-1	+8	+7	4.0
5 James Rohrbaugh	2200	+31	+16	-2	+20	+9	4.0
6 Mark McCue	1946	+28	=9	+23	-3	+17	3.5
7 Victor Flores	1385	=23	=12	+11	+16	-4	3.0
8 Diego Gamboa	1603	+32	+15	-3	-4	+25	3.0
9 Ivan Wijetunge	1664	+24	=6	=15	+18	-5	3.0
10 Bruce Lewkowski	1793	+22	-3	+26	+19	-2	3.0
11 Gary Zintgraff	1861	+27	-2	-7	+15	+19	3.0
12 Dale Edwards	1398	-2	=7	=31	+22	+18	3.0
13 Sarkis Agaian	1382	-3	+22	-18	+24	+20	3.0
14 Adan Rivera	unr.	-20	+27	-19	+32	+21	3.0
15 John W. Ade	1912	+26	-8	=9	-11	+27	2.5
16 Alen Eckert	1763	+17	-5	+24	-7	H	2.5
17 Barb. Ade-Sanders	1072	-16	+31	+21	=23	-6	2.5
18 Gregory Wren	1808	+29	-1	+13	-9	-12	2.0
19 Joseph Molina	1428	-1	+29	+14	-10	-11	2.0
20 Brad Sawyer	1481	+14	+23	+25	-5	-13	2.0
21 Leica Tilton	1594	+25	-4	-17	+29	-14	2.0
22 John Ade-Sanders	1073	-10	-13	+30	-12	+28	2.0
23 John Patty	2230	=7	+20	-6	=17	U	2.0
24 Martha Ade-Sanders	1054	-9	+28	-16	-13	+31	2.0
25 Adit Wongsaroj	1034	-21	+30	-20	+26	-8	2.0
26 Jaime Flores	1236	-15	+32	-10	-25	X	2.0
27 Alfred Miller	1202	-11	-14	=32	+31	-15	2.0
28 James Nielsen	1239	-6	-24	-29	+30	-22	1.0
29 Ben Lewkowski	1112	-18	-19	+28	-21	F	1.0
30 Vicente Flores	1229	-4	-25	-22	-28	+32	1.0
31 David LaGrange	1259	-5	-17	=12	-27	+24	0.5
32 T. Blaine Webb	1039	-8	-26	=27	-14	-30	0.5

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

Inside Chess will be exclusively an online publication after next January, reports publisher Yasser Seirawan.

Encyclopedia of Chess Typos

A review by Billy Pattenon

Eric Schiller has another book out, and it is called *Encyclopedia of Chess Wisdom*. Schiller is a prolific writer of chess books. Some of his work is pretty good. He is a strong master and has some good ideas. But it really is a shame that he has let quantity rather than quality rule his output. Either he or his publisher, Cardoza Publishing, should slow down and actually look at each page before rushing into print another chess book. Typos in this latest work in many cases exceed anything I have ever seen. I am using the word "typo" here to also include any other goofy type of careless error which demonstrates the sloppy work that is my complaint here. Apparently pride for good work and shame for poor work does not exist with the Schiller-Cardoza team. The actual chess content of this book is decent, certainly no worse than other books of this genre. But I want to now show a few examples of what really has my dander up.

p. 59. The italics quote from a 19th century chess book gives 2...Be5 as a defense to the King's Gambit. Of course ...Bc5 was intended. But why repeat the same error in regular type in the *very next* sentence?

p. 63. The first sentence uses *your* instead of *you're* to mean "you are." I quit making this error in about the fifth grade.

p. 82. This sentence makes no sense: "White offered the initial gambit, but it is Black who holds the extra pawn." Say what?

p. 131. This page contains perhaps the most incredible goof that I have ever seen in print. Ever! In describing how to attack a Nf6 and a castled king, Schiller says: "There are of course slow ways of chasing denied away including the advance of the g-pawn but sacrificial means are also often employed." Apparently he used the word "denied" because it sounds like "the knight". Unbelievable.

p. 211. The Lucena Position. This page is really an insult to all of our beginners. Schiller describes the process as "building a bridge." But his example leaves off before the "bridge" idea is completely revealed, and the line ends with an unplayable typo of 5.Rb6. If someone does not know the Lucena method, I promise you, reading this page will not teach them how to do it.

p. 332. Englisch Stalemate. Schiller explains that the name is German, thus the odd spelling. But he immediately spells it "English" instead.

p. 395. Schiller attempts to tell the famous anecdote about Korchnoi in his 1974 match with Karpov. Korchnoi's king rook was attacked, and not knowing the castling rule he asked the arbiter if it was legal to castle in the position. Schiller says: "You can guess who almost fell victim to the castling rule – our friend Korchnoi! It cost him, perhaps, the World Championship title." But Korchnoi played the winning castling move. He *won* the game, but *lost* the match. The incident cost Korchnoi nothing (except, of course, a little embarrassment about the rule.) Again, Schiller makes no sense.

p. 408. The rating scale shown has two glaring typos. Editing this page only one time would have caught it easily.

I could go on with other errors in the book, but these are the most obvious, and in some cases they really insult the reader's intelligence. Mr. Schiller and Cardoza Publishing can do better, and in the future I hope that they do.

[Eric Schiller, *Encyclopedia of Chess Wisdom*. Paperback, 400 pages. Cardoza Pub., 1998, list price \$19.95.]

Solutions

("Test Your Tactics," p. 25)

- 1...Rxe4+! and White resigned, since 2.fxe4 Bg4+ 3. Kf2 Qxh2+ 4.Ke3 (4.Kf1 Bh3 mate) 4...Qg3 is mate.
2. 1.e5 (obvious, yes ...) 1...Qg6 2.Qf8+ Qg8 3.Qe7 (this is the interesting part) 3...Qg6 4.Qd8+ 1-0.
3. 1.Nxf6 Bxf6 (White had threatened 2.Rxh6+) 2. Rxh6+ gxh6 3.Qxh6+ Qh7 4.Qxf6+ Rg7 5.h6 Rag8 6. Rg6! 1-0. White could win the K+P ending also, but the last move seals the black queen's fate.
4. 1.Bg8+ Kh8 2.Rd7+ 1-0. If 1...Rxc8, then 2.Rd7+ Kh6 3.Qf4+ g5 4.Qd6+ Rg6 5.Qf8+ forces mate. Or 1...Kh6 2.Qf4+ g5 3.Qd6+ Rg6 4.Qf8+ Rg7 5.Rd6 mate.
5. After 1.Rd6 Black resigned, as he must lose the knight or get mated after 1...Rxd6 2.Rb8+.
6. White wins a piece with 1..Ng6+ Kh7 (1...Kg8 2. Qxd5+! Qxd5 3.Ne7+) 2.Qe4 Qc7 3.Ne7+ 1-0.
7. White forced mate with 1.Rxc7+ Kxc7 (or 1...Kh8 2.Rxh6+ Kxc7 3.Rg6+ Kf7 4.Qxb7+) 2.Qg2+! Kf7 (2... Kh7 3.Rxh6+! Kxh6 4.Qg6 mate) 3.Qxb7+ Ke8 (3...Kg8 4.Rg6+ Kh8 5.Qg7 mate) 4.Qd7 mate, 1-0. Not 2.Qc3+? Kh7 3.Qc7+ Rf7, or 2.Qg4+? Kf7 3.Qg6+ Ke7.
8. 1.f4! 0-1. After 2.Kxf4 Kd3! 3.Qg5 (to stop 3...Qg4 mate), 3...Qf2 is mate.
9. 1.d7 Rxd7 2.Bb5 Rc2+ (2...Nxb5 3.Rxd7+ Kh8 3.Rd8 Nd6 4.Nxf6 followed by Rg8 mate) 3.Kf1 Rf7 (or 3...Re7 4.Bxe8 Rxe8 5.Nxf6+) 4.Bxe8 1-0.

TD quiz answers ("How would you rule?" p. 10)

1. You stop the game and have them start over again. You also recommend that they take notation in case additional errors are made they will be able to reconstruct their position easier.

Prior to the beginning of each round, an assistant TD should be in charge of verifying the piece position and board placement while distributing the results sheets.

2. If neither player asks for the TD's intervention, do nothing. During large scholastic events it is impossible to keep track of even a small portion of the games, especially in the Primary and Elementary sections. Therefore Rule 11H1 is enforced, rather than the standard rule where a TD would correct the error.

3. Any time there are a number of rulings that would make sense and you are not sure which is being used in the event, *call over the section head to make the ruling!* One thing the players want from the TD staff is consistency. If two TD's make different rulings on the same issue, you will get complaints from the coaches, parents and players.

4. A handshake does not necessarily mean an offer of resignation. If the players have not disturbed the final position, which they are not supposed to do until a TD has signed off on their results sheet, then the game should be continued as if no draw/resignation offer has been made. Both players should be instructed on the proper way(s) to offer a draw and resignation.

5. Here again there may be extenuating circumstances. Is the player who called the flag inappropriately a team member of the player whose flag did not fall? Has the player who called the flag done this, or other inappropriate actions, earlier in the tournament? Call the Section Chief over, explain the situation, and let that person make the ruling. More than a forfeit of a game may be called for.

6. Stop the clock and warn the player that talking is not allowed and a second warning will end in a time penalty. If there is a third complaint, the player will forfeit the game in question. The name of the player should be recorded, the infraction noted and reported to immediately to the Section Chief. It is the Section Chief's duty to track the complaints and enforce penalties where more than one infraction has occurred.

7. Do not interfere in the game, and do not watch the clock. Take out your notebook and keep track of the moves played as well as you can. Remember that the scorebooks from the top five boards are collected each round for xeroxing. Most players are grateful if you

can provide them with a reasonably accurate scoresheet from where they stopped taking notation.

8. You should deny the claim and subtract one minute from the claimant's clock. When his flag falls, he automatically loses the game. In all situations where the ruling is not clear, call the Section Chief.

9. You should stop the game and adjust the clocks to read ten minutes elapsed for each player.

10. Let the game continue till the time when they are going to start holding up the beginning of the next round. Since there is an hour between the second and third round, you should let the game go until approximately 30 minutes have elapsed past the time control (around 1:15 p.m.) and then step in and declare the game a draw. Always give the computer personnel at least 30 minutes to print out and post the pairings for the next round.

11. Allow the player to talk with the coach in your presence. If one of his teammates is handy, the teammate should get the coach to come to the playing hall rather than let the player out of the playing hall.

12. Get the names, coaches and schools for both players. Alert the Section TD to the problem. You, the Section Chief and the coaches should decide an appropriate penalty for one or both of the students. Any student that is banned from playing a following round's game, or ejected from the tournament, should be brought to the attention of the Chief TD.

13. White gets to use the digital clock as long as it has an Allegro setting that will be used.

14. As long as no improprieties are noticed, any player may get up from a game in progress and walk around the tournament hall. Players should be politely warned that standing too close or for too long a time near a teammate's game may disturb the players and draw a penalty. ♠

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June 5: U.S. Chessathon. See ad, p. 33.

June 12-13: TX Senior Championship. See ad p. 34.

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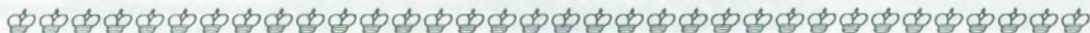
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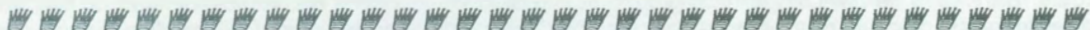
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The Huntsville Chess Club presents the 1999

Texas Senior Championship

June 12-13

4-SS (40/2 SD/1)

University Hotel, Avenue H at 16th Street, Huntsville

Rates: \$34 single \$39 double (mention chess). Phone: 409-291-2151

Registration: 8 - 9:45 a.m. **Rounds:** 10 - 4, 10 - 4

Entry fee: \$20 (\$25 at site) TCA membership required, o.s.a.

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SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (age 50 and over by June 12)

Prizes (b/25): 1st: \$100 2nd: \$75 3rd: \$50

1st U1700: \$60 2nd U1700: \$25

FUTURITY SECTION (under 50)

Prizes based on entries.

Send entries to:

Forrest Marler

2109 Ave. T

Huntsville, Texas 77340-4930

409-291-7625 fmarler@myriad.net

The Huntsville Chess Club presents the 1999

Texas Women's Championship

Prizes: \$500 (Distribution to be announced.)

Date, place, times, entry fee, etc. same as Texas Senior Championship above.

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+)

	Top	Expert
First:	\$800	\$600
Second:	\$500	\$300
Third:	\$200	

Amateur (open to U2000/unrated)

Top	B	C	D/under	Unr.
\$600	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$200
\$300	\$100	\$100	\$100	

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

Make checks payable to DCC. Send entries to:

Dallas Chess Club
11836 Judd Ct. #304B
Dallas, TX 75243

Information: Jason Doss, 972-231-2065

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

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