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# 2nd Annual Ken Smith Memorial

GMs Wojtkiewicz, Kudrin and Shulman share first in Dallas

## by Selby Anderson

The second annual Ken Smith Memorial drew an even larger attendance by titled players than the first event held last August. The Open section had four GMs and three IMs, and two thirds of the players were rated over 2200.

Last year's winner Aleksander Wojtkiewicz this time finished in a three-way tie with Sergey Kudrin and Yuri Shulman, each scoring 4-1 with three wins and two draws. Top-rated Alex Yermolinsky was held to three draws, and tied for fourth with IM Rade Milovanovic. The top-rated Texas player, IM Doug Root, withdrew after a first round upset by Mark Dejmek of Houston (see annotated game, p. 4).

A.J. Steigman of Florida, ranked third on USCF's age 13-14 list, tied with David John, Ed Formanek and myself for the U2400 prize money, with each scoring 3.5. John was in position to win more, but he lost to Shulman in the last round.

In U2200, Lewis McClary of Dallas, Steve Hobart of Houston, and Jason Howell of Waco tied for first with 4-1.

Enrique Rios, the top San Antonio high school player, won the U2000 section. He had the added satisfaction of seeing his student, Alex Echeverry of Tafolla Middle School, win the U1200 section.

Threepeat Texas middle school champion Matt Bradford won the U1800 section. In U1600/unrated, Todd Canary from Moore, Oklahoma tied with Clemente Rendon, a UT-Dallas student who won a scholarship last year. Angelo Cuestas of Fort Worth won the U1400 section with 4.5.

A total of 210 players competed in eight sections. George John was chief TD, with Brad Bradford, Luis Salinas and Brenda Hardesty assisting. Susan Breeding directed the scholastic section, with help from Sharon Pernes and Brenda Hardesty.

## PRIZE WINNERS

**OPEN:** *1st-3rd:* Alek Wojtkiewicz, Sergey Kudrin, Yuri Shulman, 4. *4th:* Alex Yermolinsky, Rade Milovanovic, 3.5. *U2300:* David John, Ed Formanek, Selby Anderson, A.J. Steigman, 3.

*U2200:* *1st-4th:* Lewis McClary, Steve Hobart, Jason Howell, 4.

*U2000:* *1st:* Enrique Rios, 4.5. *2nd:* Jahangir Ahmed, 4. *3rd-4th:* Oz Ozden, Curtis Fukuchi, Patrick Ramsey, 3.5.

*U1800:* *1st:* Matt Bradford, 4.5. *2nd-4th:* Matt Willis, Anthony Pugliese, Wellington Lee, 4.

*U1600/unr.:* *1st-2nd:* Todd Canary, Clemente Rendon, 4.5. *3rd-4th:* Leon Powers, Antonio Blanco, Josef Rylewicz, 4. *1st unr.:* Derrick Gatewood, 4. *2nd unr.:* Timothy Doke, 3.5.

*U1400:* *1st:* Angelo Cuestas, 4.5. *2nd-3rd:* Rory Chambers, Juan Castaneda, 4. *4th:* Jed Shen, Jason Starnes, Yining Ni, Tedrie Jacobsen, 3.5.

*U1200:* *1st:* Alex Echeverry, 5. *2nd:* Susan Strahan, 4. *3rd-4th:* Swaminathan Sundaresan, Tommy Wornick, David Gorrell, Peter Cohen, James Serpa, 3.5.

**Scholastic:** *1st-2nd:* Brian Young, Brian Studer, 4.5. *3rd-5th:* Bill Garvin, Richard Benson, Tyler Pernes, 4.

## Sicilian B50

Jason Doss 2285

Alex Yermolinsky 2693

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (1)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4!? Bg4

3...e5 4.Nc3 f5 5.d3 Nf6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.exf5 Bxf5 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Be7 = Grob-Rossolimo, 1939.

4.Be2 Nc6 5.0-0 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Rb1 e6 8.a3 Nge7 9.d3 0-0 10.Bd2 d5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Ne1 Be6 13.Na4 b6 14.Nf3 Qd7 15.Re1 Rad8 16.Bf4 h6 17.h3 dxe4 18.dxe4 Nd4 19.Nc3 g5 20.Bg3 Nec6 21.Nxd4 Nxd4 22.Bh5 Bb3 23.Qg4 Be6 24.Qd1



24...Qc6 25.Qa4 b5 26.Qa5 Rd7 27.Be2 Rb7 28.Bd1 Re8 29.a4 b4 30.Nb5 Nxb5 31.axb5 Rxb5 32.Qxa7 Ra8 33.Qe7 Ba2 34.Ra1 Bf6 35.Qd6 Qxd6 36.Bxd6 Bxb2 37.Be2 Rba5 38.Rad1 Bc3 39.Rf1 b3 0-1

## Queen's Indian E17

Alek Wojtkiewicz 2677

Selby Anderson 2272

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (1)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.d4 0-0 7.Re1 Qc8

I had never encountered White's last move, so I was playing by ear.

**8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nc3 d6 11.e4 Nd7**

I later learned that we had transposed to Piket-Salov, Wijk aan Zee 1993. That game continued 12.Rc1 c5 13.Nb5 Be7 14.d5 e5 15.h4 a6 16.Na3 Nf6 17.Nc2 g6 18.Nh2 Qd7 19.Ne3 Rae8 20.a3 Bc8 21.b4 Qc7 22.Kh1 Bd8 23.Rg1 Kg7 24.Qd3 h5 25.Bf3 Draw.

**12.Qd2 c5 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 a6 15.a4 c4 16.Bh3 Qc7 17.Qe2 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Qe3 Rfe8 20. Rac1 Bc8 21.Bg2 Bd7 22.f4 Bf6 23.e5 Rac8 24.Ne4 Be7 25.Qa3 b5 26.Kh1**



**26...Qb8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qc3 Bf8 29.Nd2 dxe5 30.fxe5 Bc5 31.Nf3 Qb6?**



Aleksander Wojtkiewicz

Too timid. With 31...b4 Black preserves counterplay.

**32.b4! cxb3 33.Qxb3 Ra8**

This is answered with a series of hammer blows, but it is hard to find an adequate plan.



**34.e6! fxe6 35.Ne5 Ra7 36.Qc2! Bb4 37.Qg6 Bxe1**

**37...Qd6 38.Be4! Qxe5 39.Rf1 +- 38.Nxd7 Qd8 39.Nf6+ Qxf6 40. Qxe8+ Qf8 41.Qxe6+ Qf7 42.Rxe1 1-0**

*Sicilian Dragon B34*

Lester Van Meter 2228

Sergey Kudrin 2602

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (1)*

**1.Nc3 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Nde2**

Don't laugh. The only lines ECO gives here both result in a "±"!

**6...Nf6 7.g3 b5 8.Bg2 Rb8 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bf4?!**

This is an awkward placement. Better is 10.Nd5, when 10...b4 11. Bg5! looks good for White, e.g. 11... Nxd5? 12.exd5 and 13.d6, or 11... Ne8 12.Qc1 Δ Bh6.

After 10.Nd5, Emms gives 10... d6 11.h3 Nd7 = (NCO, p. 179). **10...d6 11.Qd2 Re8 12.h3 b4 13. Nd5 Nh5 14.Bh6 Bxb2 15.Rab1 Bg7 16.Bxg7 Nxb7 17.Nxb4**

White restores material equality, but he has an ugly gash in his pawns and no hope of initiative. **17...Nxb4 18.Rxb4 Rxb4 19.Qxb4**



Sergey Kudrin

**19...Ba6 20.Re1 Bxe2 21.Rxe2 Qc7 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qb5 f6 24.Bd5+ Kf8 25.Bb3 Rd8 26.Re4 Nf5 27. Ra4 Rd1+ 28.Kg2 Rd2 29.Kf1 Nd4 30. Qa5**



**30...Qc8!**

The threat of mate in two with 31...Qxh3+ protects the rook.

**31.g4 Rd1+ 32.Kg2 Nxb3 0-1**

Notes by NM Mark Dejmek

*Benoni A43*

Doug Root 2585

Mark Dejmek 2136

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (1)*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 b5**

I had never played this move in a serious game before. I'm not sure what possessed me to play it here.

#### 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4

An interesting try is 5.Qd3 Nxc5 6.Nxc5 with the idea of 6...h6 7.Nh7 unclear.

5...Bb7 6.Qd3 Qa5+ 7.c3 f5 8. Nbd2 e6 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Qxe4 Bxd5 11.Qg4



I was amazed to find that this position has been reached before. Sands-Helbig, London 1988 continued 11...b4 12.c4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 b3+ 14.Kd1 Nc6 15.Qxb3 Rb8 16.Qc3 Qxc3 17.bxc3 Rb6 18.e3 Be7 19.Bg3 Bf6 20.Kc2 Ke7 21.Be2 d6 22.Rhb1 Rhb8 23.Rxb6 Rxb6 24.Rd1, draw. 11...Qa4 12.Qh5+

Root claimed only a slight edge for White after 12.Qxa4 bxa4 13. Nd2, but this was the line I was most concerned about. Sale-Zelic, Solin 1996 (which transposed after 11.Qf4) was equal after 13...Be7 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.e4 Bc6 16.a3 d6 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Bd3 Nd7, though White went on to win in 64 moves. 12...g6 13.Qg5

After the game, Root pointed out the superior 13.Qe5 Rg8 14.Qf6 Nc6 15.Ng5 e5 16.e4 Be7 17.Qf3 Bxg5 (18.exd5?! Rf8!).

13...Nc6 14.Qf6

Better is 14.Bg3.

14...Bxf3! 15.Qxb8?

After this, Black has all the play. White should play 15.exf3, but Black has an edge after 15...Rg8 16.Bg3 Qc2. Also 15.b3 Qa3! 16.

Qxh8 Qb2 17.Rd1 Nb4! leads to a Black attack.

15...Qxh4 16.exf3 0-0-0 17.c4

Trying to create a flight square for the queen. Of course not 17. Bxb5? Bh6 18.Qxh7 Bd2+ -.



17...b4 18.b3 Qe7!

Forcing the bishop to the long diagonal. Also strong is 18...Be7 or 18...Bd6 with the same idea.

19.Qb2 Bg7 20.Qc1 Bc3+ 21.Kd1 Qf6

Black can choose his way to win (21...Qd6+ and 21...d5 should also do the trick) as long as he avoids the materialistic 21...Bxa1? after which White can defend.

22.Rb1 d5

All of Black's pieces participate in the attack.

23.Qe3 dxc4+ 24.Kc2 Bd2!

The final blow. Black wins back material and forces a deadly penetration of the queen.

25.Qxd2 Rxd2+ 26.Kxd2 c3+ 0-1

A queen check follows, e.g. 27. Kc2 Qf5+ 28.Bd3 Nd4+ -+

#### Sicilian B40

David John 2288

Jeffrey Ashton 2220

2nd Ken Smith Memorial (1)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.e4 d6 4.Nge2 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Be3 b6 10.f4 Bb7 11.Bf3 Nbd7 12.Nde2 Qc7 13.Rc1 Bc6? (13...Nc5)



14.Nd5 exd5 15.cxd5 Nc5 16. dxc6 Nxc4 17.g4 Nc5 18.g5 Ne8 19.Nc3 b5 20.b4 Ne6 21.Nd5 Qd8 22.Bb6 N6c7 23.Qe1 Bxg5 24.fxg5 Qxg5+ 25.Qg3 Qd8 26.Rcd1 Qb8 27.Bxc7 Nxc7 28.Nxc7 Qxc7 29.Qxd6 1-0

#### Ragozin System D38

Alex Yermolinsky 2693

Rade Milovanovic 2435

2nd Ken Smith Memorial (2)

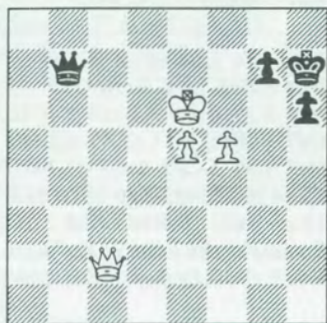
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.e3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 0-0 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13. Ne5 Be8 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 b6 16.a4 f6 17.Nd3 Bg6 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.a5 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Kh8 21.Rdd1 Rab8 22.axb6 axb6 23.Ra7 Qd6 24. Rda1 e5 25.Qc4 exd4 26.cxd4 Rd7



27.Rc1 c5

Passive defense fails to hold the pawn: 27...Rc8 28.Qc6! Qxc6 29.

Rxc6 leaves Black with no defense against 30.Rxb6, and no better is 28...Qe7 29.Rb7! Rd6 30. Qc4. 28.Rxd7 Qxd7 29.dxc5 bxc5 30. Qxc5 Qd3 31.h4 Rb1 32.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 33.Kh2 Qb8+ 34.Kh3 Qb1 35.Kh2 Qb8+ 36.f4 Qe8 37.Kg3 Qg6+ 38.Kf3 f5 39.g3 Qg4+ 40.Kf2 Qg6 41.Ke2 Qa6+ 42.Kd2 Qg6 43. Kd3 Qxg3 44.Qf8+ Kh7 45.Qxf5+ Kg8 46.h5 Qg1 47.Qc8+ Kf7 48. Qc4+ Kf8 49.Qc5+ Kf7 50.Qd5+ Kf8 51.Qf3 Qb1+ 52.Ke2 Qc2+ 53. Kf1 Ke7 54.Qe2 Qf5 55.Kg2 Qe4+ 56.Qf3 Qc2+ 57.Kg3 Qb1 58.e4 Qg1+ 59.Kh3 Kf6 60.Qg2 Qe3+ 61.Kg4 Qb3 62.e5+ Kf7 63.Qd2 Qe6+ 64.Kh4 Qf5 65.Qd5+ Kf8 66.Qf3 Kf7 67.Qg4 Qe4 68.Qd7+ Kf8 69.Qd2 Qh1+ 70.Kg4 Qg1+ 71.Kf5 Qb1+ 72.Ke6 Qb3+ 73.Qd5 Qh3+ 74.f5 Qh5 75.Qd6+ Kg8 76. Qd7 Qf3 77.Qc8+ Kh7 78.Qc2 Qb7



79.Qd3 Qc6+ 80.Qd6 Qe8+ 81.Qe7 Qg8+ 82.Qf7 Qc8+ Draw

*Sicilian B27*

Ed Formanek 2364

Alek Wojtkiewicz 2677

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (2)*

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.exd5 Nf6 7. Bb5+ Bd7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.h3 Nb6 12.Bb3 Bf5 13.Re1 Nbx d5 14.Nxd5

The idea of winning the e-pawn backfires – better is 14.Bg5.

14...Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.Rxe7



16...Be4 17.Qe2 f5 18.Bf4 Rfc8 19.Be5 Bf8 20.Rc7 Rxc7 21.Bxc7 Rc8 22.Be5 Rc2 23.Qe3 Rxb2 24. Qg5 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qxf3 26.Rf1 Rb6 27.Qd8 Kf7 28.d5 Qe4 29.Qd7+ Kg8 30.Bc7 Rf6 31.Qb5



31...f4! 32.Qxb7 Rf5 33.Bd8 Rxd5 34.Qb3 Qd3 35.Bc7 g5 36.Rc1 Qxb3 37.axb3 Bc5 38.h4 h6 39. hxc5 hxc5 40.Kg2 Kf7 41.Rc4 Kf6 42.b4 Bd4 43.Bb8 Rd8 44.Bc7 Rd7 45.Ba5 g4 46.f3 g3 47.Rc2 Kf5 0-1

*Dutch Defense A97*

Yuri Shulman 2581

Mark Dejmek 2136

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (2)*

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Qe8 8. Re1 Qh5 9.e4 fxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4

11.Rxe4 Nc6 12.Bf4 Qf5 13.Qe2 Bf6 14.Rd1 g5



15.Bxg5 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 e5 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.Rh4 Qg6 19.dxe5 Bg4 20. h3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Nxe5 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Be4 Qf6 24.Rxh7+ Kg8 25. Rxc7 1-0

*King's Indian E60*

Alek Wojtkiewicz 2677

Yuri Shulman 2581

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 c5 5.Nc3 Qa5 6.Bd2

Avoiding a theoretical debate. Critical is 6.Bg2 Ne4 7.Qd3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc5 9.Qd1 Nc6 10.e3 Ne6 11.0-0! 0-0 12.Nxe6 dxe6 13.Bd2 Qc5 14.Qe2 ± Dizdar-Vaganian, Sarajevo 1987.

6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qc5 8.e3 0-0 9. Rc1 Nc6 10.Nb3 Qf5 11.Be2 d5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.0-0 Nxc3 Draw

*Sicilian Alapin B22*

David John 2288

Sergey Kudrin 2602

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be2 Nh6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d5 Qc5 9.Na3 Nf5 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.Ne3 Nxe3 12.Bxe3 Nc6 13.Qc1 e5 14.Rd1 b6 15.Bh6 Bb7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qe3 Rfe8 18.Rd2 h6 19. Rad1 Re7 20.h4 h5 21.Ng5 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Nxd8 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.

**Qxf3 Rd7 25.Rd3 Nb7 26.Ne4 Rxd3 27.Qxd3 Qe7 28.Qd5 Nc5 29.Nxc5 bxc5**



**30.b4? (30.g3; 30.Kf1) 30...cxb4 31.c4**

After 31.cxb4 Qxb4 32.Qxe5+ Kh7 White will lose a pawn anyway, e.g. 33.Qf6 Qb1+ and ...Qxa2. 31...Qe6 32.Qb5 a5 33.c5 Qxa2 34. c6 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Qc3 36.Qxa5 Qxc6 37.Qxb4 Qd5 38.g3 Qd4 39. Qe1 f5 40.Qe2 f4 41.Qc2 Kf6 42. Qc6+ Kf5 43.Qc8+ Ke4 44.Qc6+ Kd3 45.Qf3+ Kd2 46.Kg2 fxg3 47. fxg3 Qd3 48.Qf6 Qe4+ 49.Kh2 Qf5 50.Qd6+ Ke2 51.Qa6+ Kf3 52. Qa3+ Kg4 53.Qe3 Qf3 0-1

*Sicilian Rauzer B66*

**Ed Formanek 2364**

**Alex Yermolinsky 2693**

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Be7 10.f4 b5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1 Qc7 13.Be2 Qe5 14.Qxc5 dxc5 15.Bh5 Ra7 16.a4 Bd7 17.b3 0-0 18.axb5 axb5 19.Kb2 c4 20.Ra1 Rc7 21. bxc4 bxc4 22.Rhb1 Bc5 23.Ne2 c3+ 24.Kxc3 Bf2+ 25.Kd2 Rd8 26. Nc1 Bc6+ 27.Ke2 Bd4 28.Ra2 Bxe4 29.Nd3 Bd5 30.Ra4 Bxg2 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 32.Rg1 Rxc2+ 33. Ke3

Or 33.Kd1 Ra2 34.Be2 Ra1+ +-.  
33...Re4 mate 0-1

*English A34*

**Rade Milovanovic 2435**

**Mikhail Langer 2296**

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (3)*

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nc7 7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 Bd7 10.Nc4 0-0 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Nxe5 Be8 13. Be3 Ne6 14.Qb3 Rb8!?

The theoretical line is 14...Bd6 15.f4 Bxe5 16.fx5 Bc6 =.

The text seems better than 14... b6 15.Qd5! Qc8 16.f4 Kh8 17.f5 Nc7 18.Qe4 Bf6 19.g4 Qd8 20.a4 ± Vadasz-Vaganian, Skara 1980. The difference is that in the present game Black gets counterplay with ...b5. 15.Qd5 Qc7 16.f4 b5 17.Rac1 Rd8 18.Qb3 Bd6 19.Nf3 c4 20.dxc4 bxc4 21.Qc2 Bc5 22.Bf2 Bc6 23. Ne4 Bxf2+ 24.Rxf2 Qb6 25.Neg5 Nng5 26.Nxg5 g6 27.Qxc4 Bd5 28. Qc5 Rc8!



White would rather trade queens than reap the rooks – defending against Q+B proves quite tricky. 29.Qxc8 Rxc8 30.Rxc8+ Kg7 31. e4 Bb7 32.Rc4 h6 33.Nf3 Qe3 34. Nd2 Kf8 35.f5 gxf5 36.exf5 f6 37. Rc7 Qe1+ 38.Nf1 Qe4 39.Rd2 Bd5 40.Rc3 Qh1+ 41.Kf2 Qg2+ 42.Ke1 Qe4+ 43.Re2 Qb1+ 44.Kf2 Qxf5+ 45.Kg1 Qg4 46.Rf2 Qd4 47.Ne3 Bxa2 48.Rc8+ Kf7 49.Rc7+ Kf8 50.Nf5 Qd1+ 51.Rf1 Qd2 52.Rc6 Qxb2 53.Rc8+ Kf7 54.Rc7+ Kf8

**55.Rc8+ Kf7 56.Nxh6+ Kg6 57. Nf5 Qb6+ 58.Rf2 Qb1+ 59.Rf1 Qb6+ 60.Rf2 Draw**

*Caro-Kann Exchange B13*

**Jason Doss 2285**

**John Jarrett 1910**

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (3)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.Nd2 e6 9.Ngf3 Bxf3 10. Nxf3 Bd6! 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qxb7 0-0

ECO gives 12...Rb8 13.Qa6 0-0 14.Bb5 Rb6 15.Qa4 Ne7 ∞ D. Ivanov-Sakharov, corr. 1978.

**13.Bb5?**

13.Qb3 e5!; 13.Qa6! Rab8 14.Bb5 transposes to the 12...Rb8 line.



**13...Nb4!!**

The threat of 14...Rfb8 affords White no choice.

14.cxb4 Qxb4+ 15.Ke2 Rab8 16. Qxa7 Qxb5+ 17.Ke3 Ng4+ 18.Kf4 Nxf2 19.Rhf1 Qe2 20.b3 Rbc8 21. Kg3 Rc2 22.Rg1 Ne4+ 23.Kf4 Nf2 24.Kg3 Ne4+ 25.Kf4 g5+ 26.Kg4 f5+ 27.Kh5 Qxf3+! 0-1

*King's Indian E71*

**Alex Yermolinsky 2693**

**Yuri Shulman 2581**

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.Bd3 Qe8 8.Nge2 e5 9.0-0 Nh5 10.d5 Draw

*QGD Slav D15*

Selby Anderson 2272

David John 2288

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (4)*

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 a6

John rightly guessed that I was not prepared for this line.

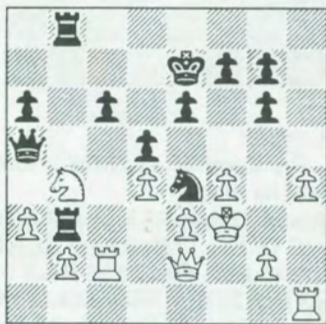
5.c5 Bf5 6.Bf4 Nbd7 7.e3 e6 8.h3 Be7 9.Qb3 Qc8 10.Be2 Bd8 11.Rc1 Be7 (11...h6!) 12.Nh4 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Bxc7 Qxc7 15.f4 Nh5 16.Bxh5 Rxh5 17.Qd1 Nf6 18.Qf3

Overcaution. White should proceed with 18.b4 – not fearing 18...g5?! 19.g4 Rh4 20.fxg5 Nxg4 (20...Qg3+ 21.Kd2), because 21.Qf3 Nh2 22.Qg2 traps the knight.

18...Ke7 (18...Qa5) 19.h4 (19.b4) Qa5

Now Black gets to call the shots on the queenside, although the outcome of the ...b6 break is not clear.

20.Kf2 Rb8 21.Rc2 Rhh8 22.a3 b6 23.cxb6 Rxb6 24.Qe2 Rb3 25.Na2 Ne4+ 26.Kf3 Rbh8 27.Nb4



27...R8xb4

A forced sacrifice.

28.axb4 Qxb4 29.Qxa6?

The losing move – an oversight in time pressure. Better is 29.Rd1 c5 30.dxc5 Nxc5 31.Kf2!, or if 30...d4!? 31.Rd3! and Black's compensation may not be enough.

29...Qxd4 30.Re1



Alex Yermolinsky and Yuri Shulman

30.Qb7+? Rxb7 31.exd4 loses to the counter tactic 31...Rb3+! and: (a) 32.Kg4 Rg3 mate!; (b) 32.Ke2 Ng3+ -+; (c) 32.Rc3 Nxc3 33.bxc3 Rxc3+ 34.Ke2 Rg3 -+.

30...c5 31.Qb7+ Rxb7 32.exd4 cxd4 33.Rd1 Rb3+ 34.Ke2 Ng3+ 35.Kf2 Nf5 36.Rh1 Kd6 37.Rd2 f6 38.Rh3 Rxh3 39.gxh3 e5 40.fxe5+ fxe5 41.b4 e4 42.Ra2 d3 43.Ra6+ Ke5 44.Rg6 e3+ 45.Ke1 Nd4 0-1

*Sicilian Dragon B36*

Alex Yermolinsky 2693

Sergey Kudrin 2602

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (5)*

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.e4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.f3 Rfc8 13.b3 a6 14.Na4

14.a4 is supposed to give Black more problems: 14...Qb4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Bd7 18.a5 ± Hort-Mecking, Petropolis Interzonal 1973 .

14...Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Nd7 16.g4 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.h3 Rf8 19.f4 Rad8 20.g5 Nc5 21.Nc3 Bxc3+ 22.Kxc3 Ne4+ 23.Kb2 Bd7 24.Rhd1 Bc6 25.c5 dxc5 26.Bxc5 Rxd1 27.Bxd1 Nxc5 28.Rxc5 h6 29.gxh6 Rf6 30.Be2 b6 31.Rc1 a5 32.Kc3 e6 33.Bc4 Bd7 and . . . Draw

*Benoni A56*

Yuri Shulman 2581

David John 2288

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 Na6 8.Bd3 Bd7 9.a3 Ne8 10.g4 g6 11.Bh6 Ng7 12.Qe2 f6 13.Nd2 Rf7 14.Rg1 Kh8 15.h4 Qb6 16.0-0-0 Rg8 17.Rdf1 Ne8 18.f4 Bf8 19.Bxf8 Rxf8



20.g5 fxg5 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.hxg5 Qc7 23.Qh2 Ng7 24.Be2 Be8 25.Nf3 Rf4 26.Nxe5 1-0

*Modern Defense B06*

A.J. Steigman 2208

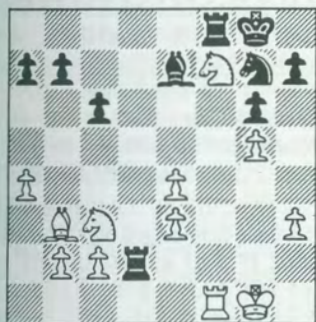
Alek Wojtkiewicz 2677

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (5)*

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 c6 3.d4 Bg7 4.h3 d6



5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Bf4 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5  
8.Bg5 Ngf6 9.a4 0-0 10.Bc4 Qb6  
11.Bb3 Nc5 12.Be3 Qb4 13.Bxc5  
Qxc5 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Qe2 Rad8  
16.Rad1 Nh5 17.Qe3 Qxe3 18.fxe3  
Bf6 19.g4 Ng7 20.g5 Be7 21.Rxd7  
Rxd7 22.Nxe5 Rd2 23.Nxf7



23...Nh5 24.e5 Ng3 25.Rf3 Nf5 26.  
Nd6+ Kg7 27.Nc4 Rg2+ 28.Kxg2  
Nh4+ 29.Kg3 Nxf3 30.h4 Nxe5  
31.Nxe5 Bd6 32.Kg4 Bxe5 33.Bc4  
Rf2 34.Bd3 Rg2+ 35.Kf3 Rg3+  
36.Ke4 Bd6 37.Kd4 Rg4+ 38.Ne4  
Rxb4 39.c4 b6 40.Kc3 Be5+ 41.  
Kc2 Rh2+ 42.Nd2 Bxb2 43.Be4  
Ba3 44.Kd3 Be7 45.Nf3 Rh5 46.  
Nd4 Bxg5 47.Nxc6 Rh3 48.Nxa7  
Rxe3+ 49.Kd4 Ra3 50.Bc6 Be7  
51.Nc8 Bc5+ 52.Kd5 h5 53.Bb5 h4  
54.Kc6 h3 55.Kc7 h2 56.Bc6 Rxa4  
57.Nxb6 Ra7+ 0-1

*QGD Exchange D35*

Jeffrey Ashton 2220

Rade Milovanovic 2435

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5  
Nbd7 5.e3 Be7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3  
c6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bxe7  
Qxe7 11.Qb1 Ndf6 12.b4 g6 13.b5  
c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Qb3 Be6  
16.Nd4 Ng7 17.Rac1 Qd6 18.h3  
Nd7 19.Be2 Rfc8 20.Na4 Nf5  
21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Rd1 Nxd4  
23.exd4 Qc7 24.Bd3 h6 25.Rd2  
Qf4 26.Qb2 Nf6 27.Rc2 Rxc2 28.  
Bxc2 g5 29.Bd1 Ne8 30.Bf3 Nd6

31.Qb4 Nf5 32.Bg4 Nxd4 33.Qe7  
b6 34.Qxa7 Bxg4 35.hxg4 Qc1+ 36.  
Kh2 Ne2 37.Qb8+ Kh7 38.Nxb6  
Qg1+ 39.Kh3 Nf4+ 0-1

*French Defense C17*

Selby Anderson 2272

Andrei Dokoutchaev 2238

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (5)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5  
5.Bd2 cxd4

The main line is 5...Ne7, but also  
good is 5...Nh6, keeping White's  
queen out of g4. My Round 2 game  
with Steve Young continued 5...  
Nh6 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 b6 8.Nf3 Ba6  
9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Qe2 c4!? (10...Nb8)  
11.Bd2 Nf5 12.Bg5! Qc7 13.g4 Ne7  
14.h4 b5 15.c3 Nb8 16.h5 h6 17.Nh4  
with a double-edged game.

6.Nb5 Bf8 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Ngf3 f6?!

Since White is under no obliga-  
tion to take, 8...f5 is better.

White keeps a space advantage  
after 8...Nge7 9.Bd3 Nxd4 10.Nxd4  
Nc6 11.Nf3!

9.Bc3 Bd7 10.Bd3 fxe5 11.Nxc6  
bxc6 12.Nxe5 Nf6

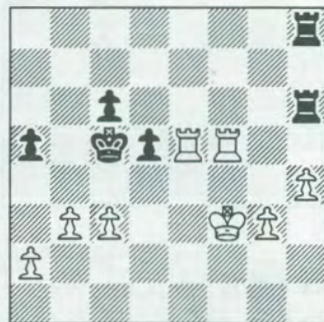


13.Ng6!

The knight is taboo due to forced  
mate by the bishop pair.

13...Rg8 14.Nxf8 Rxf8 15.Bxh7  
Qb6 16.Bg6+ Ke7 17.0-0 Rh8 18.  
Be5 Be8 19.Bd3 Qb4 20.Qe1 Qh4  
21.f3 g5 22.Qc3 Rh6 23.Bg3 Qa4  
24.Qc5+ Kf7 25.b3 Nd7 26.Qe3  
Qb4 27.Qxg5 Qf8 28.Bd6 Qg7 29.

Qe7+ Kg8 30.Qxg7+ Kxg7 31.  
Rae1 Bf7 32.Ba6 Re8 33.Be5+  
Nxe5 34.Rxe5 Kf6 35.f4 Reh8 36.  
h3 Rg6 37.Kh2 Rh4 38.g3 Rh8 39.  
Bd3 Rgh6 40.h4 Bh5 41.Kh3 Bf7  
42.Rfe1 Ke7 43.f5 Kd6 44.fxe6  
Bxe6+ 45.Bf5 Bxf5+ 46.Rxf5 Kc5  
47.c3 a5 48.Rf4 R8h7 49.Re5 Rh8  
50.Kg4 Rg8+ 51.Kf3 Rgh8 52.Rff5



52...a4 53.c4?

Sloppy technique makes the end-  
game entirely too exciting. Better  
is 53.h5 axb3 54.axb3 Rb8 55.b4+  
Kc4 56.Re3 d4 57.Rc5+.

53...Rd6 54.cxd5 cxd5 55.bxa4  
Rb8 56.h5 Rb2 57.Kg4 Rxa2 58.  
Kg5 Rxa4 59.g4 Raa6 60.Rf4 Rh6  
61.Kh4 Ra1 62.Rff5 Rd6 63.g5  
Kc6 64.h6 d4 65.Rc5+ Kd7 66.  
Rfd5 d3 67.Rxd6+ Kxd6 68.Rc3  
Rd1?!

White is also winning after 68...  
Ra4+ 69.Kh5 Rd4 70.Rc1 d2 71.Rd1  
Ke7 72.h7 Rd8 73.Kg6+.

69.Kh5 Ke5 70.Kg6 d2 71.Rd3  
Kf4 72.h7 Ra1 73.Rxd2 Ra6+ 74.  
Kh5 Ra8 75.g6 Kf5 76.Rf2+ Ke6  
77.g7 Ra5+ 78.Kg6 Ra6 79.g8(Q)  
Ke5+ 80.Kg5 and ... 1-0

I had to play it out to mate!

*French Defense C15*

Mark Dejmek 2136

Ed Formanek 2364

*2nd Ken Smith Memorial (5)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3  
Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.f3!? b6 7.

Nh3 Bb7 8.fxe4 Bxe4 9.Ng5 Bb7  
10. Qh5 Qd7 11.Nf3 Qd5 12.Ne5  
g6 13.Qh3 Nd7 14.Nf3 Qf5 15.Qxf5  
gxf5 16.Bf4 0-0-0 17.a4 a5 18.Bb5  
h6 19.0-0 Ngf6 20.Ne5



20...Nxe5! 21.Bxe5 Rhg8 22.g3  
Ne4 23.Bf4 h5 24.Bd3 Nxc3 25.  
Be5 Rg6 26.Ra3 Nd5 27.c4 Ne3  
28.Re1 Ng4 29.d5 Nxe5 30.Rxe5  
h4 31.Kf2 hxg3+ 32.hxg3 Kb8 33.  
dxe6 fxe6 34.c5 Rd5 35.Rxd5  
Bxd5 36.cxb6 cxb6 37.Rc3 Kb7  
38.Bb5 Rg4 39.Rc1 Rb4 40.Ke3  
Re4+ 41.Kf2 Rg4 42.Rc3 Rg7 43.  
Rc1 Rc7 44.Ba6+ Kb8 45.Re1 Rc3  
46.Bb5 Rf3+ 0-1

## U2200 GAMES

*King's Indian Saemisch E85*  
Andres Suarez 2015  
Alex Shaffer 2096

*2nd KSM U2200 (1)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4  
d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.Nge2 exd4  
8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be2 a6 10.0-0 Ne5  
11.Qd2 c5 12.Nc2 Be6 13.b3 Rb8  
14.Rad1 Qa5 15.Na4 Qxd2 16.  
Rxd2 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Nc3 b4  
19.Nb5 c4 20.Ncd4 d5 21.Nxe6  
fxe6 22.Nc7 c3 23.Rdd1 dxe4 24.  
Nxe6 exf3 25.Bxf3 Nfg4 26.Ba7  
Rbc8 27. Nxf8 c2 28.Rc1 Bxf8 29.  
Be4 Bh6 30.Rxc2 Rd8 31.Re2 Bd2  
32.h3 Nh6 33.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 34.  
Rxe3 Rd2 35.Bb1 Nh7 36.Re4

Nc6 37.Rc4 Nfe5 38.Rc5 Re2 39.  
Bd3 1-0 (time)

*Sicilian Najdorf B80*

Alex Shaffer 2096

Jason Howell 2066

*2nd KSM U2200 (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.  
Bb3 b5 8.f3 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2  
b4 11.Na4 e5 12.Ne2 Nbd7 13.0-0  
a5 14.g4 Bb7 15.Ng3 g6 16.g5  
Ne8 17.h4 Nc7 18.h5 Nc5 19.Nxc5  
dxc5 20.hxg6 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 a4  
22.Bxf7+ Rxf7 23.gxf7+ Kxf7 1-0

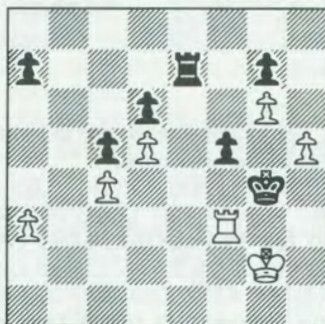
*Old Benoni A44*

Andres Suarez 2015

Steven Grubbs 2064

*2nd KSM U2200 (3)*

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Be7  
5.e4 Bg5 6.Nf3 Bc1 7.Rc1 Ne7 8.  
Bd3 Ng6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qc2 Nd7 11.  
Ne2 Nf6 12.Qd2 Bg4 13.Ne1 Bxe2  
14.Qxe2 Nd7 15.g3 Qg5 16.Ng2  
Qe7 17.Ne3 Nf6 18.Kg2 Qd7 19.  
Nf5 Ne7 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.f4  
exf4 22.Rxf4 Nd7 23.Rcf1 Ne5 24.  
Kh1 Qd7 25.g4 Rab8 26.Rg1 b5  
27.b3 bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rb4 29.g5 Qe7  
30.a3 Rb7 31.Qg2 Rfb8 32.Qh3  
Nxe4 33.bxc4 Qe5 34.Qf5 Qxf5 35.  
exf5 Re8 36.g6 hxg6 37.fxg6 f6 38.  
Rff1 Kf8 39.Rb1 Rbe7 40.Rb5 Re3  
41.Ra5 R8e7 42.Rb1 Rd7 43. Kg2  
f5 44.Rf1 Re5 45.h4 Ke7 46.h5 Kf6  
47.Rb5 Kg5 48.Rb3 Re4 49.Rg3+  
Rg4 50.Rff3 Re7 51.Rxg4+ Kxg4



52.h6 Re2+ 53.Rf2 Re8 54. hxg7  
Rg8 55.Re2 Rxc7 56.Re6 Kf4  
57.Rxd6 Ke5 58.Re6+ Kd4 59.Kf3  
Kxc4 60.Kf4 Kxd5 61.Kxf5 c4 62.  
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Kd2 68.Ke6 c2 69.Kd6 a5 70.a4  
Kd1 71.Re5 c1(Q) 72.Rxc1+ Kxc1  
73.Kc5 Kc2 74.Kb5 Kb3 75.Kxa5  
Kc4 76.Kb6 Kb4 77.a5 1-0

*KI Attack A08*

Lewis McClary 2064

Robert Shaffer 2096

*2nd KSM U2200 (5)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 d5 4.Nbd2  
Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Qe2 Nge7 7.h4 0-0  
8.Bg2 f5 9.c3 e5 10.e5 Nd5 11.  
Nc4 Nf6 12.0-0 Re8 13.Bg5 Bc7  
14.Rad1 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Rfe1  
Be6 17.Ncxe5 Bxa2 18.d4 cxd4  
19.cxd4 Bd5 20.Qb5 Be4 21.Qc4+  
Kh7 22.Nd7 Qd6 23.Nc5 Bd5 24.  
Qd3 Qg6



25.h5 Qxh5 26.Ng5+ Qxg5 27.  
Bxd5 Nb4 28.Qf3 Nxd5 29.Qxd5  
Qg4 30.Ne6 Bb6 31.Qd7 h5 32.  
Kg2 f4 33.Ng5+ Qxg5 34. Rxe8  
Rxe8 35.Qxe8 f3+ 36.Kh2 Qg4 37.  
Qe5 1-0

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# Y2K New Year Open is Y-OK for Chris Land

by Selby Anderson

Fears of societal meltdown, portending a bad chess day for the San Antonio annual New Year Open Jan. 1-2, failed to materialize. The 51 brave souls who competed found that SwisSys continued to make pairings as if nothing had happened.

NM Chris Land of Houston, who last year tied for first with NM Don Sutherland, was the clear winner with 4.5 out of 5. He started with a half-point bye, and won against experts Stephen Cheyney (who was back from Maryland for the holidays) and Andy Smith.

Top-rated NM Jim Rohrbaugh was held to a draw by Smith in Round 4. NM John Patty, who took a third round bye, defeated the redoubtable Houston junior Justin Shih with a tactical flourish in time pressure. Sutherland was out of the running after consecutive draws to Shih and Enrique Rios, who wound up undefeated to win the U2000 prize.

## PRIZE WINNERS

1st: Chris Land, 4.5. 2nd: Don Sutherland, James Rohrbaugh, John Patty, 4. U2200: Rudy Tia, 4. U2000: Enrique Rios, 4. U1800 + U1600: Ryan Park, Victor Flores, 3.5. U1400/unr.: Adit Wongsaraj, Alex Echeverry, Joseph Molina, 3.

In the last round there was a dead heat with four players tied at 3.5. Land played the Vienna Game and dispatched Smith with surprising speed on board 2. On top board, Rohrbaugh and Patty were locked in a difficult King's Indian. Rohrbaugh's advantage proved elusive in the endgame transition, and he had to concede a draw after 40 moves.

Tafolla teammates Adit Wongsaraj and Alex Echeverry had

watershed performances to tie with Joseph Molina of Brownsville for the U1400 prize. The biggest upset, with a 662 point difference, was Echeverry-Lin in Round 1.

Mark Harrington, a staff sergeant at Randolph AFB who first got involved locally with last year's U.S. Chessathon, did an excellent job of directing.

Alex Echeverry 1027

Chris Lin 1688

*Y2K New Year Open (1)*



39.Rf6+ Ke7 40.Ba3+ Kd8  
41.Rd6+ Kc8 42.Rxd2 and 1-0

*English Opening A31*

James Rohrbaugh 2232

Steven Young 1912

*Y2K New Year Open (3)*

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.f3 e6 7.e4 d6 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 Nc6  
The main book line is 10...Nbd7, but the text shouldn't be bad.  
11.Qd2 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc6  
Playable is 12...a6 13.Rfd1 Nd7 followed by Qc7, Rfd8 and Bf6.  
13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Rac1 Rac8?!

Black doesn't fear 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qh6 Kh8 17.f4 Rg8 18.Bh5 Rg7,

but there is another idea he didn't count on. Better was 14...Qb7.



15.Nd5! exd5

On 15...Qb7 White wins a pawn starting with 16.Bxf6.

16.cxd5 Qb7 17.dxc6 Rxc6 18.Rxc6 Qxc6 19.Rc1 Qb7

More stubborn is 19...Qa4.

20.Qc3 Rd8 21.Qc7 Rd7 22.Qxb7 Rxb7 23.Ba6 Rd7 24.Bb5 1-0

*Modern Defense A42*

Justin Shih 2057

Don Sutherland 2215

*Y2K New Year Open (3)*

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.Bd3 f5

7...Nh6 ended in a small disaster the last time these two players met. 8.f3 Nf6 9.Nge2 0-0 10.b4 c6 11.Rc1 fxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf5 13.Qd2 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Qh4+ 17.Qf2 Qe7 18.Qe3 Qh4+ 19.Qf2 Qe7 Draw

*Modern Defense B06*

Richard Lopez 1691

Doug Hueston 2105

*Y2K New Year Open (3)*

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg4 5.Be3 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Ba4

7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qd7 10.e5 Nh6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rhe1 ± Tal-Hort, Moscow 1975.

The text has its points too, as after chasing the bishop to b3 Black must deal with the threat of Bxf7+. 7...b5 8.Bb3 Nf6 9.h3 Bd7 10.a3 Na5 11.Ba2 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.Qe2 Qb8 14.Rb1 Qb7 15.Qxc4 Nxe4

16...Bb5 17.Qb3! is similar.  
16.Nxe4 Bb5 17.Qb3 Qxe4



18.Qxf7+! Kd7 19.Rc1 Rhf8!?

A gamble, but 19...Bh6 20.Qb3! (20.Kd2!?) Rab8 21.c4 Bc6 22.Qc3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 allows White to consolidate the extra pawn.

20.Qxg7 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Qxf3 22.c4! 22.Kd2? Qe2+ 23.Kc3 Qc4+ =.

22...Bxc4 23.Rxc4 Qxh1+ 24.Kd2 Rb8 25.Rc2 Qxh3 26.Bg5 Re8 27.Qf7 h6 28.Be3 g5 29.Qd5

29.Rxc7+ Kxc7 30.Qxe8 +-.  
29...Kd8 30. Rc1 Qd7 31.Rh1 e6 32.Qe4 Qb5 33.Kc1 h5 34.Rxh5 Qf1+ 35.Kd2



35...d5 36.Qc2 Rf8 37.Bxg5+?

Better is 37.Rh7!, when Black could immediately resign.

37...Kc8 38.Ke3?

Now Black is back in the game. After 38.Be3 the desperation shot 38...Rxf2+ doesn't work.

38...Qe1+ 39.Qe2 Qc1+ 40.Kd3 Qc4+ 41.Kd2 Qxd4+ 42.Ke1 Kb7 43.Be3 Qe4 44.Qd1 Rg8 45.Qd4 Rg1+ 46.Ke2 Qc2+ 47.Kf3 c5 48.Qh4 Rg7 49.Rg5 Rf7+ 50.Kg3 Qd1 51.Kh2 Qc2 52.Qh6 d4 53.Rg7 Qf5

53...Rxg7 54.Qxg7+ Kc6 55.Bxd4 cxd4 56.Qxd4 ±.

54.Qg5?

54.Bf4 maintains the advantage.

54...dxe3??

54...Rxg7! 55.Qxg7+ Kb6 56.Qg5 (56.Bxd4 Qf4+!) 56...dxe3 57.Qxf5 exf5 58.fxe3 Kc6 =.

55.Qxf5

1-0

### Sicilian Pelikan B33

Stephen Cheyney 2141

Chris Land 2221

### Y2K New Year Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.Qh5 Bg7 13.0-0 f4 14.Kh1 Ra7 15.c3 Ne7 16.Nxe7 Rxe7 17.Nc2 0-0 18.g3 Qd7 19.f3 fxd3 20.Rg1 f5 21.Rxg3 f4 22.Rg2 a5 23.Rag1 Rff7 24.Na3 b4 25.cxb4 axb4 26.Nc4 Qd8



Now Cheyney finds a combo to win material, but it bites back.

27.Qh6 Kh8 28.Rxg7 Rxg7 29.Rxg7 Rxg7 30.Qxe6 Qh4

White's sudden helplessness comes as an unpleasant surprise. If 31.Nd2 then 31...Qf2. 0-1

### French Defense C05

Andrew I. Smith 2108

James Rohrbaugh 2232

### Y2K New Year Open (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Ngf3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bb5

Theory gives the gambit line 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9. 0-0 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nf3 ∞/=.

7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 Be7

Maybe 10...a5 is more accurate. When I was a French Defense player I always had a healthy expectation of winning from these positions where White has traded his prize attacking bishop and reinforced Black's central influence.

11.Nb3 a5 12.Be3 a4 13.Nc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Qxb2

After this White gets a blockade on d4 which compensates for the lost pawn. The alternative is 14...Bxc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Qd4! Ra6 18.Rc5, also with a sticky dark square blockade.

15.Re1 0-0 16.Bd4 Qb5 17.Rc1 Ba6 18.Re3 Rfb8 19.h4 Qa5 20.Ng5 Qd8 21.Qh5 Bxg5 22.hxg5



22...g6 23.Qg4 Bc4 24.Rc2 Rb1+  
25.Kh2 Rab8 26.Rh3 Qf8 27.Qf3  
Qe7 28.Qg4 Qf8 29.Qf3 Qg7  
30.Qa3 Bb5 31.Rh4 Rd1 32.Rb2  
Ra8 33.Qb4 Rd3 Draw

*Nimzovich Defense C00*

Chris Land 2221

Richard Lopez 1691

*Y2K New Year Open (4)*

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 e5 4.d5  
Ne7 5.Qd3 Ng6 6.Bd2 Bc5 7.Na4  
b6 8.Nxc5 bxc5 9.f3 d6 10.g3 0-0  
11.h4 Bb7 12.h5 Ne7 13.Bg5 Nd7  
14.Bh3 Nb6 15.h6 g6 16.Bf6 Bc8  
17.f4 Bxh3 18.Nxh3 Nd7 19.Bg7  
Re8 20.0-0-0 Nc8 21.Rdf1 Ncb6  
22.Qf3 Nc4 23.b3 1-0

*Center Counter B01*

Don Sutherland 2215

Enrique Rios 1884

*Y2K New Year Open (4)*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bg4  
4.Be2 Qxd5 5.d4 Nc6 6.c4 Qf5  
7.d5(?) 0-0-0

My book gives 7...Bxf3 first, but  
the text is clearly playable.

8.Bd3 Qd7 9.Nc3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3  
Ne5 11.Qe2 Nxd3+ 12.Qxd3 e6  
13.Bg5 exd5 14.cxd5 Bb4 15.0-0-0  
Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Ne4(=+) Draw

*Grünfeld Defense D85*

John Patty 2205

Justin Shih 2057

*Y2K New Year Open (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5  
Nxd5 5.Bd2

Smyslov's idea, which has been  
adopted by Austin master Drew  
Sarkisian.

5...Bg7 6.e4 Nb6! 7.Be3 c6!?

Nunn gives 7...0-0 8.Be2 Nc6 9.  
Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Ne5  
12.Qb3 c6 13.f4 Ned7 14.dxc6  
bxc6=

8.Qd2 0-0 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bh6 Rd8  
11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Qe3  
N8d7 14.Be2 Nf6 15.0-0 Bxf3 16.  
Qxf3 e5 17.Qg3 Re8 18.f4?!

A scorched-earth attempt to  
wrest an advantage from the posi-  
tion.

18...exd4 19.e5

Or 19.Rxd4 c5 and 20...Nxe4 -/+.



19...Nh5?

Shih probably saw 19...dxc3 20.  
exf6+ Kh8 (20...Kxf6? 21.Qxc3+)  
21.Qg5!? Rxe2? 22.Qh6 Rg8 23.Rf3  
with the threat of Qxh7+!, when  
23...Qc8 fails to 24.Rd8!.

However, Black can improve  
with 21...Nd5! Now the Exchange  
sac 22.Rxd5? cxd5 gives Black the  
defense ...Qb6+ followed by ...Qxf6.  
If the bishop moves, 22...Ne3! sets  
up the defense ...Nf5.

According to Patty, he was  
short of time and Shih was "blitz-  
ing" him in the hope of winning on  
the clock. The younger player gets a  
hard lesson.

20.Bxh5 dxc3 21.bxc3 Nd5 22.  
Kh1 Ne7?

A stinker of a move, blitz or no.  
Once White gets the pawn wedge at  
f6, the outcome is not in doubt.

Alaternatives: 22...Kh8 23.c4  
Ne7 24.Bg4 ±, or 22...Qa5(!) 23.c4  
Nb6 with a fully playable game.

23.f5 Kh8 24.f6 Nd5 25.Rde1 Rg8  
26.Bg4 Rgf8 27.Qh4 Nxc3?

At any rate, there was no defense  
against the threat of Qh6 followed  
by Rf3, e.g. 27...Rae8 28.Qh6 Rg8  
29.Rf3 Δ Qxh7+, or 27...Rg8 28.Rf3  
h5 29.Bxh5 g5 30.Qh3, etc.

28. Re3 Nd5 29.Qh6 Rg8 30.Qh7+!  
1-0

*K1 Attack A05*

Rudy Tia 2121

Alan Rodenstein 1864

*Y2K New Year Open (4)*

1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.d3  
0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.e4 c5 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.  
c3 Rb8 9.Ne1 b5 10.f4 Qc7 11.Kh1  
b4 12.Qa4 Bd7 13.Qc2 bxc3 14.  
bxc3 Ng4 15.Nc4 Nb4 16.Qd2 Be6  
17.h3 Nh6 18.Ne3 Qd7 19.g4 f5  
20.exf5 gxf5 21.g5 Nf7 22.d4 cxd4  
23.cxd4 d5 24.Rb1 Nc6 25.Rxb8  
Rxb8 26.Nf3 Nd6 27.Ne5 Bxe5 28.  
dxe5 Ne4 29.Bxe4 fxe4 30.f5



30...d4 31.fxex6 Qxe6 32.Ng4 e3  
33.Qg2 Ne5 34.Nxe3 dxe3 35.  
Bxe3 a6 36.Bd4 Ng6 37.Ba1 Nh4  
38.Qg3 Qe4+ 39.Kh2 Rb1 40.Rxb1  
Qxb1 41.Qxb3+ Qxb3 42.axb3  
Nf3+ 43.Kg3 Nxf5 44.h4 Ne6 45.  
b4 Nc7 46.Bc3 Kf7 47.Kf3 Ke6  
48.Ke4 Nd5 49.Bd2 Nf6+ Draw

*Sicilian Dragon B74*

Doug Huddleston 2105

Ryan Park 1482

*Y2K New Year Open (4)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Nc6 7.  
Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nb3 Bd7 10.  
0-0 Rc8 11.g4 Be6 12.f5 Bxb3 13.  
axb3 a6 14.Qd2 Ne5 15.h3 Nfd7  
16.Bh6 e6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.g5

exf5 19.exf5 f6 20.fgx6 hxg6 21. Nd5 f5 22.h4 Rc5!?

Loss of tempo – or a sly inducement for White to weaken c4? If 22...Rh8 then 23.h5 as in the game. 23.b4 Rc8 24.c3 Rh8 25.h5 Nc4 26. h6+ Kh7 27.Qf4 Re8!!



28.Bd3

On 28.Bxc4 Rxc4! and:

(a) 29.Qxc4 Qxg5+ 30.Kf2 (30. Kh2 Re4 31.Nf6+ Nxf6 32.Qf7+ Kxh6 -) 30...Qd2+ 31.Kg3 Re4 32. Qxe4 Qg5+! (a *zwischenzug* which forces White to block a file) -.

(b) 29.Nf6+! Nxf6 30.Qc4 Nh5 31.Kh1! ± or 29...Qxf6! 30.gxf6 Rxf4 31.Rxf4 Nxf6 ±/∞.

28...Re5 29.Bxc4 Rxc4 30. Nf6+ 30.Qxc4 Qxg5+ 31.Kf2 Qd2+ 32.Kf3 Re4.

30...Nxf6!?

Playable is 30...Qxf6 31.gxf6 Rxf4 32.Rxf4 Nxf6, with an end-game tending to favor Black.

31.Qxc4 Nh5 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33. Qxb7!

At first 33.Qxg6 appears to win, but 33...f4! 34.Ra5 b5 35.Qc2 (35. Kh2 Re2+ or 35.Kh1 Qa8+) 35... Rxc4 36.Kh2 Rg4 37.Rf3 Qh4+ 38.Rh3 Qe1! turns the tables. 33...Qg5+ 34.Qg2 Qe3+ 35.Qf2 Qg5+

Draw

White must take the draw, as 36.Kh2?? Re4 would lose his queen.

Adit Wongsaroj, who recently won the Region VI middle school division, scored a big upset here against elementary star Sarkis Agaian.

Center Counter B01

Adit Wongsaroj 1075

Sarkis Agaian 1591

Y2K New Year Open (4)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4. Bc4 Nb6 5.Bb3 Bf5?!

A transposition of move order which White now exploits. Correct is 5...Nc6.

6.Qf3! Qc8 7.Nge2

Inconclusive is 7.Bxf7+!? Kxf7 8.g4 e6 (or 8...Nc6 9.Nge2) 9.gxf5 exf5 with an unclear position.

7...Nc6 8.d4 e6 9.Bf4 Qd7 10.0-0-0 Black is okay after 10.Nb5 Bd6 11.Nxd6+ cxd6 followed by ...Na5. 10...0-0-0?

Black needs to play 10...Na5! first, with an acceptable game.



11.d5! Na5?

Better is 11...exd5 12.Nxd5 Bd6! (the only move that doesn't lose a piece) 13.Nxc7 Bg4 14.Rxd6 Bxf3 15.Rxd7 Rxd7 16.gxf3 Rxc7 17. Bxc7 Kxc7, and White is a pawn up under less than perfect conditions. Also "±" is 13.Nxb6+ axb6 14. Bxd6 cxd6 15.Qc3 Kb8.

12.dxe6 Nxb3+ 13.axb3 Qxe6 14. Nd4 Qg6 15.Nxf5 Qxf5?

Similar to the game is 15... Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Qxf5 17.Rd8+!

16.Rxd8+ Kxd8 17.Rd1+?

17.Bxc7+ is lights out. It is rare to find a Class E player's game with only one such error.

17...Kc8 18.Rd8+! Kxd8 19. Bxc7+ Kxc7 20.Qxf5 f6 21.Qf4+ Bd6

Or 21...Kc6 22.Qe4+ +-.

22.Nb5+ Kc8 23.Nxd6+ 1-0

King's Indian E99

James Rohrbaugh 2232

John Patty 2205

Y2K New Year Open (5)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.Nd3 f5 11. Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.c5 h5 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nf2 g5 16.h3 Ng6 17.Qc2 Rf7 18.Rfc1



18...a6!?

This position came up in Rohrbaugh-Dimazana, Spring Open 1999. That game continued 18...Bf8 19.a4 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, with a White advantage.

ECO gives 18...g4 19.fxg4 hxg4 20.hxg4 Ne8 (this knight's fourth move!) 21.a4 Bf6 22.Ra3 Bh4 23. Ncd1 Bg3 24.Nh3 Qh4 25.Ndf2 Nf6 26.Qd1 Bd7 27.a5 Raf8 28.Be1, drawn in Sosonko-Hellers, Wijk aan Zee 1986.

19.a4 g4 20.fxg4 hxg4 21.hxg4 f3

Possible is 21...Ne8 as above, but White has already been induced to play the useful move a2-a4.  
 22.Bxf3 Nf4 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.e5 dxe5 25.g5 Ne8 26.Nce4 Bf5 27. Qb3 Nd6 28.Nxd6 Qxd6 29.Be4 Qg6



Qe7 16.g4 Nd8 17.a3 c6 18.Ba2 Re8 19.g5 d5!?



**20.Rh2**

A practical choice, consistent with White's buildup. Possible is 20.exd5 e4 21.dxe4 Qxe4+ 22.Qxe4 Rxe4+ 23.Kd1 (23.Kf1? Re5) 23... cxd5 24.Bxd5 Re5, and now 25.Re1! safely holds the extra pawn.

20...b6 21.Rg2 Ra7 22.Qh5 Qf8?

Better is 22...Rd7.

23.gxf6 1-0  
 23...gxf6 24.Bh6 Qf7 25.Bg7+ leads to a quick crush.

*KI Attack A05*

Justin Shih 2057

Doug Huddleston 2105

*Y2K New Year Open (5)*

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 Bf3 8.Bf3 e5 9.Nd2 Nc6 10.c3 Bh6 11.Nc4 Bxc1 12.Qxc1 Kg7 13.Kh2 Nd7 14.Bg2 h5 15.f4 f6 16.Ne3 h4 17.gxh4 Rh8 18.f5 Nc5 19.Qd2 Ne7 20.fxg6 Ne6 21.Nf5+ Nxf5 22.exf5 Nf4 23.Kg3 Qd7 24.Rxf4 exf4+ 25.Qxf4 Rh5 26.Qg4 Rah8 27.Re1 Rxb4 28.Qe2 Qxf5 29.Qe7+ Kh6 30.Be4 Qf4+

Black has a draw with 30... Rxb4+ 31.Kg2 Qg4+ 32.Kf1! (23. Kf3 Rh2+ gets mated) 32...Qf4+ 33.Kg1 Qh2+ 34.Kf1 Qf4+ =.  
 31.Kg2 Rxb4 32.Kxb3 Kg5+ 33. Qh7 Rxb7+ 34.gxh7 Qh4+ 35.Kg2 Qxe1 36.h8(Q) Qe2+ 37.Kg3 Qe3+

38.Bf3 Qf4+ 39.Kf2 Qd2+ 40.Be2 Qf4+ 41.Kg2 Kf5 42.Qh5+ Ke6 43. Qg4+ Qxg4 44.Bxg4+ f5 45.Bf3 b6 46.Kg3 Ke5 47.d4+ Ke6 48.Kf4 1-0

**Regional rivals**

Enrique Rios retained his Region VI high school title in San Antonio, putting away rival Richard Lopez with flair.

*QGD Exchange D35*

Richard Lopez 1690

Enrique Rios 1936

*Region VI High School (4)*

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4. c4 e6 5.Nc3 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Qb6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bf4 Bb4 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Na4 Qd8 13.Bf5 Qe7 14.Rac1 Nf8 15.a3 Bd6 16. Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Ne5 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 N8d7 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.Rxc5 Re6 22.Rfc1 Rae8 23.Qd3 Qd8 24.Qb3 R8e7 25.Qa4 a6 26.b4 f5 27.R5c3 f4 28.Re1 Qe8 29.Qb3 Qh5 30.Qc2 f3 31.Qd1 Rg6 32.g3



32...Re4 33.Kh1 Qf5 34.Rg1 h5 35. Qf1 Rh6 36.h4

36.h3 Rg4! 37.Qb1 Qe6 38.Qf1 h4 39.Rc1 hxc3 40.fxc3 Qxe3 -+.

36...Rg6 37.Kh2 Rgg4 38.Qh3 Qf6 39.Rcc1 Kh8 40.Qf1 Rxb4+ 41. gxh4 Rxb4+ 42.Kg3 Rg4+ 43.Kh2 Qh4+ 44.Qh3 Qxf2+ 45.Kh1 Rh4 0-1

White's trumps are clear: a blockade at e4, possession of the c-file, and a passed d-pawn.

30.Bxf5 Qxf5 31.d6?

This lets go of all the advantages just mentioned above. Better is 31.Rc4 Rd8 32.Rac1 Qxg5 33.Ne4 Qg4 34.d6 Rdf8 (34...f3?? 35.Nf6+ +- ) 35.Qf3 with a lasting, probably decisive edge.

31...Rd8 32.Rc7 Rxd6 33.Rxb7 e4 34.Rxf7 Qxf7 35.Qxf7+ Kxf7 36. Nxe4 Rb6

White's extra material is of no account, as the pawns keep evaporating.

37.Rf1 Rxb2 38.Rxf4+ Kg6 39.Nc5 Be5 40.Rc4 Bg3 41.Rc1 Ra2 Draw

*Vienna Game C28*

Chris Land 2221

Andrew I. Smith 2108

*Y2K New Year Open (5)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be5 5.f4 a6!?

5...d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 is an old main line of the King's Gambit Declined.  
 6.Nf3 d6 7.Nd5 Bg4 8.c3 0-0 9.f5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Kh8 11.h3 Bxf3 12. Qxf3 a5 13.h4 a4 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bd2

# Texas Team Championship

by Selby Anderson

"The two top high school players in Texas snatched victory from the jaws of defeat!"

That was the assessment of TD George John after his son David and fellow Texas high school co-champ Ali Morshedi performed back-to-back clutch wins to pull their team, *Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*, out of a 0-2 hole that had been dug by teammates Enrique Rios and me. The tie match sufficed to win clear first, as we had entered the last round a point ahead of the field.

We were facing defending two-time champs *Underpromoted Forever* from Austin, with Mikhail Langer and John Bell remaining from both earlier *Underpromoted* teams. The noted bughouse duo of Drew Sarkisian and Michael Simpson rounded out the other boards.

On fourth board Simpson played the game of his life to take Rios to the cleaners in a Botvinnik system that Rios specializes in.

On second board (a new position for me) I was in a messy game with Sarkisian, both on the board and the clock. I won a pawn, we both overlooked a winning fork just before time control, and then I failed to call flag (actually, electronic clock reset) and instead played move 31 in a piece down situation.

But Morshedi turned around what had looked like a hopeless game with Bell on board 3. Langer had an equal ending against David John on board 1, but incredibly he allowed a rook trade punctuated by the loss of his vital d4 pawn. Inevitable loss came 24 moves later.

The hero of the day, David John, finished 4-0 to repeat as Board One winner, this time with the only undefeated score in the field.



*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*

David John, Selby Anderson, Ali Morshedi and Enrique Rios

The second place team overall was *Later* from San Antonio (José Silva, Al Zerm, J.P. Hytlin and George De La Rosa), with 3 points.

The top U1900 team was *The Blanks* (Gregg Stanley, Mark Harrington, Richard Lopez and Sarkis Aгаian), with 2.5. The second place U1900 team was *Methodist Hospital Chess* (Alan Rodenstein, Freddy Jones, Duane Solley and Al Miller), with 2 points.

The event was held Feb. 19-20 at the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital in San Antonio. Nine teams with 36 players competed. (See page 23 for crosstable.)

## Board Prizes

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|-----------------|--------|
| 1. David John   | 4 pts. |
| 2. Alfred Zerm  | 3      |
| 3. John Bell    | 3      |
| 4. Enrique Rios | 3      |

Here are the four last round games from the top match, in order of completion. A roundup of other games will appear in the next issue.

Notes by Michael Simpson

*English Opening A36*

**Enrique Rios 1884**

*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*

**Michael Simpson 1994**

*Underpromoted Forever*

*Texas Team 2000 (4)*

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 g6  
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nge2 Nge7 7.d3 a6  
8.Be3 Nd4 9.0-0 Nec6 10.Rb1 d6  
11.a3 b5?!





Black was busted after 11...b5 if White played 12.e5! immediately. [12.e5 Rb8 13.exd6 Qxd6 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.Rc1 ±. The correct move order was 11...Rb8! 12.b4 b5, transposing to the game.

12.b4?! Rb8 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Qd2 0-0 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Rxb5

If White plays 18.Nxb5 Qa4 19.Nc3 Qa7, White's advantage is only visual. The a-pawn and the d-pawns are both gone, and Black's two bishops will rule the board similar to the game. [20.Rxb8 Qxb8 21.Rc1 Bd7 22.f4 Bd4+ 23.Kh1 Qa8 24.Qa2 Qa6 =+.]

18...Ba6 19.Ne2



19...Rxb5!!

I spent virtually no time calculating the queen sacrifice, but played it solely on instinct, since Black's pieces seem to fall on the right squares so quickly.

20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.h4?

White needs to defend the second rank: 21.Rc1 Rb2 22. Rc2 Rb1+ 23.Bf1 Rfb8 is still unclear.

21...Rb2 22.Qa5 Bd3 23.Rd1 Bxf2+ 24.Kh2 c4

I had intended to play 24... Bxe4, but wrongly chickened out because I was worried about 25. Rd8, which loses to 25...Bd4. Langer pointed out that after 25.Rd2, 25...Be1 wins. 25.Qc3 Rc2 26.Rxd3 cxd3 27. Qxd3 Rfc8 28.Bh3 R2c3 29.Qd7

Bxg3+ 30.Kg2 Bxh4 31.Bxe6 fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kg7 33.Qd7+ Kh6 34.e5 Rg3+ 35.Kf1 Rc1+ 36.Ke2 Rc2+ 37.Kf1 Rf2+ 38.Kxf2 Rd3+ 39. Ke2 Rxd7 ... and 0-1 in 15

*Caro-Kann B15*

**Selby Anderson 2244**

*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*

**Drew Sarkisian 2220**

*Underpromoted Forever*

*Texas Team 2000 (4)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 h6!?

Drew, an artful theory dodger, moves from 2...Na6 onto new turf – some ultra-subtlety designed to avoid 4...Nd7 5.Ng5.

5.c3!? Bf5 6.Bd3 e6 7.Qc2 Bxe4

White's last move was played to deter 7...Nf6, which would get a doubled f-pawn. Black responds by cutting the Gordian knot, ceding the bishop pair for easy development.

A good alternative to the text is 7...Qc7, when 8.Ne2 threatening Bf4 tends to prompt ...Bxe4 anyway.

8.Bxe4 Nf6 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Re1 0-0-0 13. Qe2!? (13.c4) 13...g5 14.Bc2 Rdg8 15.Bd2 Kb8 16.c4 h5!? 17.b4



There is no safety in 17.Ne5?! Bxe5 18.dxe5 Ng4 19.Bc3 f6 =+.

However, 17.Nxg5! stands up to computer scrutiny: 17...Bxh2+ 18. Kf1 Nb6 19.g3 Bxg3 20.fxg3 Qxg3

21.Qe3 ±, or 17...Rg7 18.Nf3 Rhg8 19.g3 ±.

17...Ng4 18.Nxg5 Bxh2+

On 18...Rxg5 19.Bxg5, neither 19...Bxb4 20.g3 nor 19...Be7 20.Qd2! is quite good enough. for Black 19.Kf1 Bg1!?

19...Bf4! (a) 20.Nxf7? Nh2+ 21. Kg1 Bxd2 22.Nxh8 Bxe1 -+; (b) 20.Nf3! Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Nh2+ 22. Nxh2 Qxh2 23.Be4 =.

20.Nh3

Only a computer would be brave enough to try 20.Nxf7!?? Bxf2 21. Nxh8 Bxd4 22.Qxe6. Common sense is borne out after 22...Rf8+! 23.Nf7 Nde5 24.Rab1 Qxf7+ 25. Qxf7 Rxf7+ 26.Ke2 Rf2+ 27.Kd1 Nxc4 28.Bc1 Nge3+ -+.

20...Bh2

The bishop was not directly threatened, but Bf4 had to be reckoned with.

21.Ra1

"Smiling" at Black's queen and preparing a center break d4-d5.

21...Ka8 22.d5 cxd5?

22...Be5! 23.dxe6 fxe6 24.Ng5 Rh6 Δ ...Rf6 keeps the balance.

23.cxd5 Qb6

Black must part with a pawn, or an Exchange after 23...exd5 24.Bh7.

24.dxe6 fxe6 25.Qxe6 Qb5+ 26. Qe2 Qb6 27.Bc3 Rh6 28.Bf5 Rd6



29.Qe7?? Nb8??

In mutual time pressure, both players overlook 29...Qb5+ fol-

lowed by ...Qxf5. A good idea for White would have been 29.a4 intending 30.a5.

**30.Re6?? Qb5+ 31.Re2??**

Correct was 1-0 (time). Simpson and Rios noticed that Sarkisian's Chronos clock had reset, but my shame at overlooking the fork overcame my senses.

31...Qxf5 32.Be1 Rdd8 33.Rc5 Qd3 34.Rc3 Qa6 35.b5 Qxb5 36.Rb3 Qa6 37.Ra3 Bd6 38.Rxa6 Bxe7 39.Ra5 Nc6 40.Rxh5 Nh2+ 41.Kg1 Nf3+ 42.Kf1 Nxe1 43.Rxe1 Bb4 44.Rb1 Rd2 45.Nf4 Rf8 46.g3 Rxa2 0-1

*French Defense C00*

**John Bell 2217**

*Underpromoted Forever*

**Ali Morshedi 2160**

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*Texas Team 2000 (4)*

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Bd6 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.f4 Ng6 7.Ne2 Bc7 8.c3 Nd7 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Qc2 Bd7 11.h3 h5 12.e5 Ng8 13.d4 Bb5

Safer is 13...cxd4 14.Nxd4 h4 15.g4 Bb6.

14.c4 dxc4 15.dxc5 Qd3 16.Qxd3 cxd3 17.Nd4 Ba6 18.b4 Rd8 19. Bb2 b6



**20.Nc6**

From where I sat, 20.b5 looked strong: 20...bxc5 (20...Bc8 21.Nc6) 21.bxa6 cxd4 22.Bc6+ Kf8 23. Ba3+ N8e7 24.Rab1 Kg8 25.Rb7 Ba5 26.

Bxe7 Nxe7 27.Rxe7 Bxd2 28.Rxa7, and White's passed a-pawn seems faster than Black's d-pawn.

**20...Ra8 21.Rad1 Nh6 22.b5 Bb7**

Not 22...Bxb5? 23.Nd4. White seems to have a crush somewhere, but is maddeningly elusive.

**23.Nb3 bxc5 24.Nxc5 Bb6 25.Ba3 a6 26.Rxd3 axb5 27.Bb4?**

27.Rc1! (forced) 27...h4 28.Nd4 Bxg2 29.Kxg2 ±.

27...Rxa2 28.Rfd1??

28.Bh1? Rc2 +; 28.Rf2! =.

28...Rxc2+ 29.Kxg2 Bxc6+

The game has turned over completely.

30.Kf1 Bd5 31.Ra3 Bd8! 32.Nb3 Ne7 33.Nd4 0-0 34.Kf2 Re8 35. Nxb5 Bb6+ 36.Ke1 Nef5 37.Nd6 Rb8 38.Nxf5 Nxf5 39.Bd2 Nd4 40.Kf1 Nf3 41.Be3 Bxe3 42.Rxe3 Rb2 43.Rc3 Nd2+ 44.Ke1 Ne4 45. Rc8+ Kh7 46.Rd3 Rg2 47.Rc7 Kg6 48. g4 hxg4 49.hxg4 Rxc4 50. f5+ Kxf5 51.Rf3+ Kxe5 52.Rfxf7 g5 53.Rc8? Nd6 54.Rg8 Nxf7 0-1

*Pirc Defense B07*

**Mikhail Langer 2300**

*Underpromoted Forever*

**David John 2280**

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*Texas Team 2000 (4)*

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 Qa5 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qf3 Nxc3 7.Bd2 Bf5



**8.Bxc3**

8.Bd3! (a) 8...e6 9.Bxc3 Qd5 10. Bxf5 exf5 11.Qxd5 cxd5 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Nf3 ± Nunn; (b) 8...Bxd3 9.cxd3 Qd5 10.bxc3 dxe5 11.fxex5 Qxf3 12.Nxf3 e6 13.Ke2 ± Motwani-Adams, Moscow Ol. 1994.

8...Qd5 9.Qxd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Ba4 e6 12.Nf3 Rc8 13.Kf2 dxe5 14.dxe5 a6 15.Rhd1 Bg4 16.Kg3 Bh5 17.Be1 Bc5 18.Bf2 Bxf2 19. Kxf2 Ke7 20.c3 Na5 21.Rd4 Bxf3 22.Kxf3 Rc4 23.Bc2 Rxd4 24.cxd4 Rc8 25.Bd3 Ne4 26.Ke2 Kd7 27. b3 Na5 28.Ke3 g6 29.Rb1 Rc3 30. Kd2 Rc7 31.Ke3 h5 32.g3 Rc8 33. h3 Ke7 34.Kd2 Kd8



**35.Rc1??**

This pitches the d-pawn and the game, trading rooks no less. It's not a time pressure error – first time control was at move 30.

35...Rxc1 36.Kxc1 Nc6 37.Kd2 Nxd4 38.Ke3 Nc6 39.Kf3 Kc7 40. g4 hxg4+ 41.Kxg4 Kd7 42.Kg5 Ke7 43.h4 Nb8 44.Be2 Nd7 45.Bf3 b5 46.Bg2 b4 47.Bf3 a5 48.Bg2 Nc5 49.Kh6 Nd3 50.Kg5 Ne1 51. Bh3 d4 52.Bg4 d3 53.Bd1 Ng2 54. h5 gxh5 55.Bxh5 d2 56.f5 exf5 57. Kxf5 Ne3+ 58.Ke4 d1(Q) 59.Bxd1 Nxd1 0-1

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# ChessDon

## Book review and quiz

by WIM Alexey Root

*ChessDon* gives readers an inside story of chess politics over the last 40 years. A motif of *ChessDon* is that political maneuvering was more important to many FIDE-member chess federations than the interests of their own grandmasters. In the 1980s, the Soviet Chess Federation blocked GM Kasparov's pursuit of the world championship. The Hungarian Chess Federation allowed international ratings discrimination against WGM Susan Polgar.

Under the presidency of Don Schultz in the 1990s, the USCF Policy Board followed the wishes of the grandmasters and the delegates by authorizing annual U.S. Championships. Don Schultz reformed the bidding process for the United States Chess Championships. The Championships were sponsored by Interplay. Don Schultz wrote in *ChessDon*:

It is my belief that FIDE is miles ahead of the USCF when it comes to pomp and ceremony for major chess events. . . . Certainly, the way potential sponsors view our events is affected by how we ourselves are perceived to view them. . . . [The United States Chess Championship] should be to the USCF what the World Championship is to FIDE. The World Championship is the most publicized of all chess events. It has a multi-million-dollar prize fund and FIDE receives substantial income from it. The U.S. Championship is under-publicized. [p. 253, p. 255]

I agree with Schultz. If current USCF leadership does not support the championships, sponsors likewise will ignore the championships. Gone will be an annual "intense competition for the players [and] a time and place where they share their experiences and enjoy their special camaraderie" (p. 255).

I played in the 1991 U.S. Women's Championship organized by Don Schultz in Highland Beach, Florida. The tournament lived up to Don's standards of pomp, great playing conditions, player camaraderie, and tightly contested games. My clearest personal memory of Don Schultz is when he was giving me, Liz Neely, Krystina Wieckiewicz, and Sharon Burtman a ride to the motel. Liz and Krystina would be the only com-

petitors sharing a room there because I had arranged for me and Sharon to stay at a condo belonging to a friend of my father's. (Schultz housed the remainder of the ten competitors in other condos).

Because I had arranged housing for Sharon and me, I felt more housing money should be freed up for other players. I launched into a long explanation about why Krystina should get \$20. (Liz had already received her "\$20 for sharing a room" payment).

Don listened patiently, and kept driving. When Don parked, he handed Krystina a \$20 bill from his wallet and said, "I'm not sure why I am doing this, but here you go."

Don Schultz wrote about me in *ChessDon*, "Alexey's requests, which at times seemed uncompromising and unrelenting, have successfully contributed to increased recognition and focus on Women's Chess."

No matter what your chess rating, you will enjoy the 28 chess games engagingly annotated by GM Gabriel Schwartzman. Nevertheless, you may want to avoid *ChessDon* (and the rest of this book review) if chess politics makes you nauseous. On the other hand, if you like the [rec.games.chess.politics.newsgroup](http://rec.games.chess.politics.newsgroup), you will love every page of *ChessDon*.

Reading *ChessDon* was like taking a bizarre multiple choice quiz. What chess politicians and players did may have been questionable for chess, but knowing what *ChessDon* said they did can be valuable for you. If you submit correct answers to these ten questions **before June 15, 2000**, you are eligible to win one of ten Texas Chess Association memberships. A random drawing of all correct quizzes submitted will be held 6/15/00. An adult membership normally would cost you \$10/year. With benefits of the award-winning *Texas Knights* magazine, supporting Texas chess, and allowing you to play in TCA-sanctioned events, this \$10 membership is a great bargain. Being one of the *ChessDon* contest winners gets you this great state membership for FREE.

To purchase *ChessDon* (which will help your chances of answering the quiz correctly), visit [www.chessdon.com](http://www.chessdon.com). **Submit answers to ChessDon Quiz at P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023, or e-mail your answers to [txchess@texas.net](mailto:txchess@texas.net).**

### Alexey's quiz on *ChessDon*

1. "For the good of chess," during the course of his Presidency, Campomanes believed FIDE should negotiate with

- Arab countries that would not allow Israel to participate in chess Olympiads
- Satan

- c) Kasparov  
d) all of the above
2. When Don Schultz ran for the FIDE post of Deputy President for the Americas, his opponent Dr. Rafael Tudela:
- passed out campaign literature for Schultz
  - encouraged Schultz to run for an at-large seat on the Executive council
  - was backed by both the Soviets and Spanish-speaking countries
  - all of the above
3. Don Schultz believed so strongly in the Elo system of chess ratings that he
- gave each of his friends a chess rating based on their political loyalty
  - bought stocks based on a variation of Elo's formula
  - used Elo's system to handicap and bet on thoroughbred horse races
  - all of the above
4. At the USCF Policy Board meeting in May, 1994, discussion got so heated that
- Don Schultz left the room
  - USCF President Denis Barry felt threatened
  - Jerry Hanken's pants were pulled down by USCF Vice-President Fred Gruenberg
  - all of the above
5. *ChessDon* compares WIM Alexey Root to
- WGM Nana Alexandria
  - WIM Sharon Burtman
  - Jerry Hanken
  - Tim Redman
6. The x-rays of Fischer's chair from the '72 World Championships:
- never existed
  - have never been released
  - showed a dead fly
  - were actually scans, not x-rays
7. Don Schultz was able to retire from IBM at age 51 because:
- he embezzled money from chess organizations
  - his Elo system of picking stocks paid off
  - he does not reveal his secrets to early retirement
  - his wife has a good job
8. In a 1978 private interview with FIDE Zonal President Gary Sperling, the three candidates for the FIDE Presidency answered questions by
- telling Sperling what they thought he wanted to hear
  - blank stares
  - admitting not having thought past election day
  - all of the above
9. In order not to disappoint a Tel Aviv restaurant owner, Don Schultz impersonated
- Florencio Campomanes
  - Anatoly Karpov
  - Gary Sperling
  - Bobby Fischer
10. Don Schultz caught a member of FIDE's Executive Council
- intercepting love notes between Elena Akhmilovskaya and John Donaldson
  - rummaging through Don Schultz's briefcase
  - writing down the specifications for the USCF time delay clock
  - encouraging Gata Kamsky to leave America and move to France

*Answers will be published in the July-August issue.*

## Morshedi and Sneed are 2000 Muljadi prize winners

**Ali Morshedi** of Tomball, Texas is sixteen years old. His median CQ in the five-year self-improvement period (1995-1999) is about 135, and his highest USCF rating is 2167, achieved in June, 1999. He tied for first in High School Section at the 1999 Texas Scholastic Championship in Corpus Christi, Texas.

**John Sneed** of Fort Worth, Texas is fourteen years old. His median CQ in the five-year self-improvement period (1995-1999) is about 145, and his highest USCF rating is 1956, achieved in August, 1999. He tied for first in K-8 Section at the 1999 National Junior High School Championship in Columbus, Ohio.

A Muljadi prize-winner is selected internationally each year from a pool of nominated chessplayers under the age of nineteen who have ELO rating (e.g. USCF) over 1600 and CQ over 100 as of the previous Oct 31. CQ or chess quotient is a ratio of the player's ELO rating to his/her age. Their chess achievement must include high median CQ and notable tournament performance in three-, five- or seven-year self-improvement period. Each winner receives a gold ring in the spring.

– Paul Muljadi







29 Don C. Sutherland (8)	2215	+14	-1	-18	=12	1.5
30 Don Flourmoy (5)	2069	-3	+33	-13	=16	1.5
31 Stephen E. Guerra (5)	1719	-7	+27	-21	=32	1.5
32 John DeVries (7)	1282	-21	-11	B	=31	1.5
33 Michael Labelle (9)	1425	B	-30	-15	-24	1.0
34 Julio C. Reyes (9)	1328	B	-6	-10	-25	1.0
35 James Bradfield (7)	1296	-19	-10	B	-6	1.0
36 Alfred Miller (6)	1280	-19	B	-7	-27	1.0

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**WANTED:** Simul site (100+ occupancy) in San Antonio/Austin, late April/early May. Paul Muljadi, paul@muljadi.com, 210-736-6623.

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## UTD places 2nd at Pan Am

The University of Texas at Dallas sent a strong team to the Pan Am Intercollegiate Championship in Toronto, Canada during Christmas break. With GM Shulman and other new talent the team average was up to 2362, and a serious challenge to the defending champion UMBC (2419) was a strong possibility. An important part of the new lineup was the trainer, IM Rade Milovanovic.

Team UTD	Pts./games played
1. Yuri Shulman 2581	5.0 6
2. Noureddine Ziane 2361 (captain)	2.5 5
3. Andrew Whatley 2282	4.0 5
4. Andrei Dokoutcaev 2224	5.5 6
5. Jeff Ashton 2221	2.0 3
6. Taras Odushkin 1555	0.0 0

UTD finished clear second with 5 out of 6, a half point behind repeat champion UMBC. The two teams met in Round 5, resulting in a tie match when Shulman and Dokoutchaev won, and Ziane and Whatley lost.

In Round 6 UMBC defeated Toronto but UTD only managed a tie match against Berkeley.

## USCF hires new Executive Director

George L. DeFeis was appointed Executive Director and CEO of the United States Chess Federation, effective Feb. 14, 2000. DeFeis has degrees in civil engineering and finance, and is pursuing a doctorate in business policy and strategy at the CUNY Graduate Center.

## George Koltanowski (1903-2000)

George Koltanowski, known as the "Dean of American Chess" died Feb. 5 at the age of 96. For the last sixty years "Kolty" was the most celebrated chess exhibitor in the U.S., delighting audiences at national tournaments with his blindfold chess and the knight's tour.

He was born Georges Koltanowski Sept. 19, 1903 in Antwerp, Belgium. He played in his first international tournament in Meran 1924, and drew Tarrasch. He later defeated Rubinstein and drew Alekine, and based on his prewar tournament record was awarded the title of International Master in 1950. He excelled at blindfold chess, and set a record by playing 37 boards at Edinburgh in 1937, with the result +24 = 10 in 13 1/2 hours.

The outbreak of World War II found him stranded at the Buenos Aires Olympiad, and he went north to tour the United States. In 1942 while in Dallas he persuaded J.C. Thompson to use the Swiss System to run the Southwest Open, the first time it had been used for a major tournament. In 1947 Kolty returned to Texas to direct the U.S. Open in Corpus Christi, and the Swiss made its debut in a national event. It has been a fixture in American tournaments ever since.

Koltanowski's last international tournament was the Helsinki Olympiad in 1952. He was increasingly active as a director, and in 1960 he became an International Arbiter. He served in this capacity at Church's International Tournament in San Antonio 1972, and he later returned in 1980 to direct the Southwest Open. He directed sixteen U.S. Opens as well as many National Opens and U.S. Championships.

In 1972 he became USCF vice-president, and in 1975 he became president. He served on the board until 1981. In 1986 he was installed in the chess Hall of Fame.

He helped start chess clubs in schools, community centers, and even San Quentin Prison. He established the Kolty Chess for Youth Foundation to support chess in the schools and among disadvantaged youth.

Anyone who has seen Kolty do his knight's tour at the National Open has an indelible impression of a remarkable mind. Each square of the chess board would get a name by random drawing or audience request – fair game included cities, driver's license and phone numbers, and ordinary objects. In an easy, bantering style Kolty would intersperse his stories or "chessecdotes" with a knight's move, e.g., "Paris goes to 344-9779," and not miss a beat with his presentation until all 64 squares had been visited.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Leah, along with seven nieces and nephews.



# Texas Action Championship

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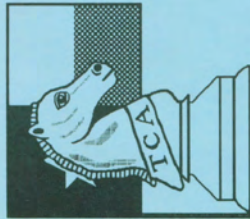
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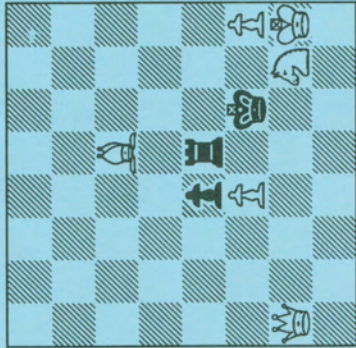


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