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# UTD triumphs at National Open

by **Dr. Alexey Root**  
UTD recruiter and associate director

University of Texas at Dallas first board GM Yuri Shulman and team trainer Texas State Champion IM Rade Milovanovic tied for first with eleven others in the National Open, held Mar. 17-19 in Las Vegas. The National Open featured fifty titled players. UTD team member Andrei Dokoutchaev had the chance to play a GM for the first time . . . and then played a second GM! Although he lost those two matches, he won all his other games to tie for first under 2300.

In the under 2000 section, UTD recruit Enrique Rios scored 5 out of 6 to win \$200. In addition, he won first under 2000 in both the speed chess tournament Thursday night and the G/10 championship on Monday. Playing up a section, Taras Odushkin scored 3.5 out of 6 in the under 2000 section.

Even though the National Open is an individual event, UTD-associated chess players acted as a team. National Open participants Shulman, Dokoutchaev, Milovanovic, Steven Grubbs, Taras Odushkin, Clemente Rendon, and Joshua Sams showed generous spirits along with their spirited chess play. UTD team members shared hotel rooms, offered consolation after losses, and celebrated wins. To help the UTD Chess Program, team members donated \$110 worth of chess books.

In addition to current UTD team members acting as university boosters, Rios, Jason Doss (former UTD student), and Miguel Suarez (father of future recruit Andres Suarez) publicized UTD to National Open participants. Eighty people, including several titled players and many



Left to right: Joshua Sams, Yuri Shulman, Andrei Dokoutchaev, Alexey Root, Clemente Rendon, Rade Milovanovic

youngsters, spoke with me about UTD. The vision of Dr. Tim Redman and UTD Undergraduate Dean Michael Coleman, as expressed in the Chess Program brochure, was a hot property at the event. The 300 brochures I brought with me disappeared quickly. Chess coaches wanted multiple copies of the brochure to share with their students. For National Open chess players, reading in the brochure about a university that recognizes the connection between chess excellence and academic achievement was truly exciting. If you would like a brochure, please e-mail your snail mail address and the number of brochures you want to Chess Pro-

gram assistant director Ken Elliott (kelliott@utdallas.edu).

Notes by IM Milovanovic

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*English Opening A30*  
**IM Rade Milovanovic 2435**  
**GM Alexander Shabalov 2623**  
*National Open 2000 (6)*

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In the last game of the tournament I decided to play a "peaceful" opening against a very sharp opponent.

**1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Ndb5 Nf6 7. a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e3 0-0 11.Be2 a6**

Shabalov played this quickly. *Nunn's Chess Openings* recom-

mends 11...Bf5 12.0-0 d4 13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Nb3 =, but I expected that Black would prefer a more interesting middle-game.

12.0-0 Be6 13.b4 Rc8 14.Na4 Ne4 15.Bb2 b5 16.Nc3 Qg5



17.f4!?

Typical is 17.Bf3, but I wanted to exchange the active knight.

17...Qg6 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Rc1 Bh3

On 19...Rfd8, White could even play 20.Rxc6 Rxd1 21. Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Rxd1 Qb6 23.Bd4, as his bishop pair could be very active.

20.Rf2 Rfd8 21.Qe1 Ne7 22.Bf1 h5 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rd2 Be6 25.Qd1 Nf5 26.Rd8+ Rxd8 27.Qxd8+ Kh7 28.Kf2 f6 29.Qb6 Qf7 30.Qc5 (30.Qxa6? Bc4) 30...Bd7 31.Be2 Qa2 32.Qc3 Kh6 33.h3 Nd6?! (33...h4) 34.Qd4! Qe6 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 Nf7? 37.g5+ Kg6 38.gxf6 gxf6



39.Bg4!

39...Qxg4 40.Qxf6+ Kh5 41. Qf7+ Kh6 42.Qf8+ Kh5 43.Qh8+ Kg6 44.Qg7+ Kf5 (44...Kh5 45.Qh7 mate) 45.Qf7 mate.

*King's Indian E60*

GM Alexander Goldin 2670

GM Yuri Shulman 2581

*National Open 2000 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nf3 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qc5 9.Ndb5 0-0 10. Qa4 a6 11.Nc7 Rb8 12.Be3 Qh5 13.Bb6 d6 14.N7d5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Ne5 16.f4 Nd7 17.Bd4 Nf6 18.e4 Bh3 19.Rae1 b5 20.Qd1 Qxd1 21. Nxd1 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rfc8 23.Re2 Rc4 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Nf2 Rbc8 26. Rd1 Bg7 27.Kf3 a5 28.Rdd2 a4 29. e5 dxe5 30.fxe5 Rd8 31.Re4 Rc5 32.d6 Kf8 33.dxe7+ Kxe7 34. Rxd8 Kxd8 35.Nd3 Rc6 36.Rb4 Rb6 37.Ke4 Bf8 38.Rd4+ Kc7 39. Kd5 f6 40.Rf4 Be7 41.b3 axb3 42. axb3 Kd7 43.Nc5+ Ke8 44.exf6 Bxf6 45.Re4+ Be7 46.Re6 Rb8 47. Ne4 b4 48.Ra6 Kf7 49. Nd6+ Kg8 50.Nc4 Bf8 51.Nd6 Bg7 52.Rc6 Bc3 53.Rc7 Rf8 54.g4 Rf3 55.Rc8+ Kg7 56.Rc7+ Kg8 57. Rc8+ Draw

*QGD Slav D19*

GM Yuri Shulman 2581

FM Marcel Martinez 2418

*National Open 2000 (6)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.e4 Bg6 11.Bd3 Qa5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxg6 fxd6 14.Ne4 h6

It is interesting that ECO gives this as equal, claiming that White would have done better to play 13.Ne4. Now Shulman shows what looks to be a forced win.

15.Nh4 g5 16.Ng6 Rf5

Or 16...Rfe8 17.Bxg5! hxg5 18. Nxc5 Nf8 19.Qh5 Nxc6 20.Qxg6, transposing to the game position after White's 22nd.

17.Ng3 Rf7



18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Qh5 Re7 20.Ne4 Nf8 21.Nxc5 Nxc6 22.Qxg6 Ree8 23.f4 Bd2 24.Qf7+ Kh8 25.Rf3 Nxf4 26.Rxf4

1-0  
26...Bxf4 27.Qxf4 Qb4 28.Rf1, and Qh4-h7 mate soon follows.

## Other Texas players at the National Open

As usual, Texas players turned out in droves to play in Las Vegas. Also as usual the chief TD was Bill Snead of Amarillo (ninth straight year!)

In the Open, Jason Doss and Arturo De La Garza tied with Dokoutchaev for the U2300 prize moeny (\$216.67 each) with 4-2. George Trammell, Josh Newsham and Andres Suarez tied for second U2100 with 3.5, each winning \$55.

In the Booster (U1600) section, Doyle Lobaugh and Cornelius Jones both scored 5-1 to tie for fifth place, winning \$100. Alex Echeverry tied for second U1200 with 4.5, winning \$200.

In the game/10 tournament three Texas players shared in the U2200 prize: Andres Suarez and Wellington Lee tied with Enrique Rios, scoring 5-2 to win \$166.67. Alex Echeverry tied for top U1200 with 3.5, winning \$115.

Mark McCue won a simul game against Anjelina Belakovskaia. ♣

# 2000 Texas Scholastic Championship

History was made when this year's Texas Scholastic Championship in Dallas failed to smash all previous attendance records – "only" 1,285 instead of over 1,300 as in Corpus Christi last year. That must come as a relief to future organizers – although I would caution that if the event should come to Brownsville it could easily top 2,000. Our southernmost city supplied a fifth of the largest division (Elementary) despite the 500 mile ride to Dallas. Think of all the doughnuts they must have sold!

The biggest story to come out of this tournament was the end of a seven-year run of Elementary team titles for Russell Elementary in Brownsville. Under the guidance and mentorship of coach J.J. Guajardo, the team had held the title since 1993. This year the mantle was passed – but not too far – to another Brownsville school, Morningside Elementary.

In High School the winner was David John, far and away the top-rated player. It was the fourth successive Texas high school title for the Bellaire senior, who plans to attend UT Dallas next year. There was no UTD scholarship winner this year. Most of the seven players who tied for second had already won scholarships either in this event or the Grade Championships.

Manuel Espino, Brad Bradford and Luis Salinas were the chief organizers. Section chiefs were Gary Gaiffe for High School, Jose J. Guajardo for Middle School, Forrest Marler for Elementary, and George John for Primary. The computer operators were Brenda Hards-ty for High School, and Luis Salinas and Sharon Pernes for the other sections.

The blitz championship was held Friday night. Enrique Rios won the K-12 section (44 players) with a 6-0 score. Aldrin Arandela won the K-9 section (41 players) with a 5-0 score. Gene Tatom directed.

The bughouse championship was held Saturday night. With 38 teams in the K-12 division, *Method* (Eric Wiggins and Evelyn Tadlock) won with a 6-0 score. The K-9 section had 27 teams, with the winners *Psycho* (names not given). Al Sprague directed.

See page 10 for selected games.

## Primary Championship

(87 players, 7 rounds. TD: George John)

1	William Ong	6.5	Village School	Houston
2	Swamin Sundaresan	6.0	Meadowcreek	Fort Worth
3	Michael Mayfield	6.0	WISE	Waco
4	Adlai Arandela	5.5	Schanen Estates	Corpus Christi
5	Jasmine DiLucci	5.5	Hockaday	Dallas
6	Daniel Raimi-Zlatic	5.5	Davis	Austin

7	Joshua Perkins	5.0	Virgie Lu	Houston
8	Emily Breeding	5.0	Bethany	Plano
9	Everardo Guajardo	5.0	Morningside	Brownsville
10	Eduardo Lopez	5.0	Morningside	Brownsville
11	Taylor Pernes	5.0	Como Montessori	Fort Worth
12	Jacob Lemons	5.0	Club Estates	Corpus Christi
13	Jennefer Tang	5.0	Bethany	Plano
14	Joseph Cavazos	5.0	Canterbury	Edinburg
15	Juan Calderon	5.0	Morningside	Brownsville

## Primary U700

(167 players, 7 rounds)

1	Edward Rodriguez	6.5	Egly	Brownsville
2	Eduardo Cerda	6.0	Egly	Brownsville
3	Karen Mendoza	6.0	Russell	Brownsville
4	Whit Shaw	6.0	St. Mark's	Dallas
5	Brandon Duffy	6.0	Harker Heights	Harker Heights
6	Emily Martin	6.0	Episcopal	Dallas
7	N. Anandasivam	6.0	Kenmont	Rancho Viejo



## Primary team winners: Morningside

Left to Right: Eduardo Lopez, Lorena Lopez, Esteban Flores, Everardo Guajardo, Edgar Garza, Federico Gu-tierrez, Garrett Trevino, Juan Calderon, Victoria Lopez

## Primary Team

1	Morningside	Brownsville	19.0
2	Village School	Houston	18.0
3	Canterbury	Edinburg	17.5
4	Bethany	Plano	17.5
5	Ridglea Hills	Fort Worth	14.5
6	NETCACHE	Fort Worth	14.0
7	San Antonio Academy	San Antonio	13.5
8	Roosevelt	El Paso	13.5

Results may be viewed online at [www.texaschess.org](http://www.texaschess.org)

## Primary U700 Team

1 Egly	Brownsville	23.0
2 Russell	Brownsville	21.0
3 St. Mark's School	Dallas	20.5
4 Morningside	Brownsville	20.0
5 Hockaday School	Dallas	19.0
6 Bethany	Plano	18.0
7 Harker Heights	Harker Heights	18.0
8 Austin Area Homeschoolers	Austin	17.0

## Elementary Championship

(161 players, 7 rounds. TD: Forrest Marler)

1 Peter Yeh	7.0	Dartmouth	Richardson
2 Todd Appelbaum	6.0	Bethany	Plano
3 Mason Harry	6.0	Willie Brown	Mansfield
4 Jonathan Mayes	6.0	NETCACHE	Fort Worth
5 Jeff Wilder	6.0	Wilkerson	The Woodlands
6 Javier Martinez	6.0	Morningside	Brownsville
7 Althorp Arandela	5.5	Schanen Estates	Corpus Christi
8 Vivek Kambaiyan	5.5	Galactus	The Woodlands
9 David Gorrell	5.5	Mary Orr	Mansfield
10 Michael Haskins	5.5	Canterbury	Edinburg
11 Preethi Kambaiyan	5.5	Galactus	The Woodlands
12 Nolan Slesnick	5.5	Hill	Austin
13 Sarkis Agaian	5.5	S.A. Academy	San Antonio

## Elementary U700

(256 players, 7 rounds)

1 Andre Huynh	7.0	Cornelius	Houston
2 Allen W. Garcia	7.0	Episcopal Day	Brownsville
3 Michael Trevino	6.0	Egly	Brownsville
4 Jacob Rice	6.0	Episcopal Day	Brownsville
5 Jose Velasquez	6.0	Clearwater	Brownsville
6 Mark Burler	6.0	Lamplighter	Dallas
7 Dennis Jones	6.0	Cornelius	Houston
8 Abiram Viswanath	6.0	Gutierrez	Laredo
9 Barnabas Lewis	6.0	Russell	Brownsville
10 Zack Morrison	6.0	St. Mark's	Dallas
11 Noel Hollingsworth	6.0	St. Mark's	Dallas
12 Justin Pike	6.0	Wash.-Jackson	Wichita Falls



### Elementary team winners: Morningside

Front, left to right: Francisco Saenz, Daniel Garcia, Dora Chavez, Russell Trevino, Emmanuel Guajardo. Back: Emmanuel Herrera, Alan Gracia, Christopher Kanuga, Javier Martinez, and parent Ramon Guajardo.

## Elementary Team

1 Morningside	Brownsville	20.0
2 Canterbury	Edinburg	18.5
3 Mary Orr	Mansfield	17.5
4 Ysleta	El Paso	17.5
5 North Ridge	North Richland Hills	17.0
6 Russell	Brownsville	16.0
7 Village School	Houston	16.0

## Elementary U700 Team

1 Episcopal Day	Brownsville	22.5
2 Cornelius	Houston	22.0
3 St. Mark's	Dallas	22.0
4 Clearwater	Brownsville	21.5
5 Russell	Brownsville	21.0
6 Morningside	Brownsville	20.0
7 Village School	Houston	19.5
8 Egly	Brownsville	19.5

## Middle School Championship

(156 players, 7 rounds. TD: Jose J. Guajardo)

1 Boran Butorovic	7.0	Lanier	Houston
2 Bo Githoro	6.0	Lanier	Houston
3 Bryan Pernes	6.0	William James	Fort Worth
4 Alberto Espino	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
5 Audy Arandela	5.5	Tom Brown	Corpus Christi
6 Aldrin Arandela	5.5	Tom Brown	Corpus Christi
7 Andy Ma	5.5	Apollo	Richardson
8 Chris Hobart	5.5	Homeschooled	Spring
9 Alex Echeverry	5.5	Tafolla	San Antonio
10 Cullen Hasbrook	5.5	Memorial	Edinburg
11 Javier Cal	5.5	Monnig	Fort Worth
12 Adit Wongsaraj	5.5	Tafolla	San Antonio

## Middle School U900

(165 players, 7 rounds)

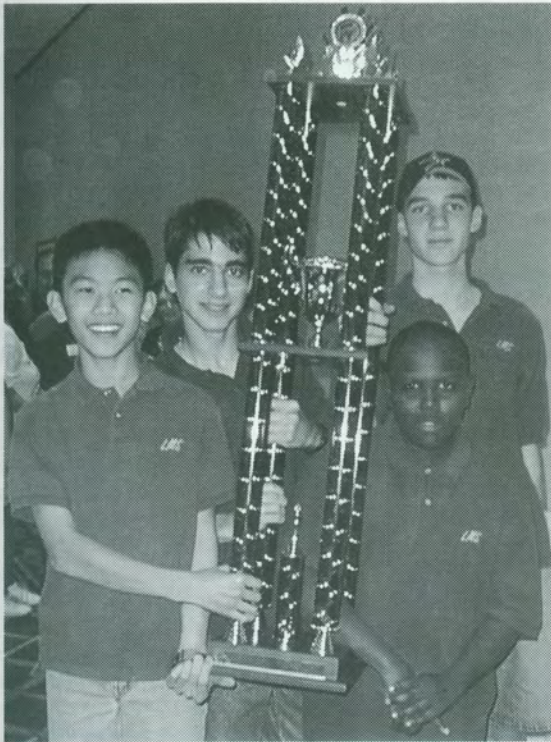
1 Charles Clymer	7.0	Fairway	Fort Hood
2 Sergio Jefferson	6.0		Brownsville
3 Francis Fernandez	6.0	Cordova	El Paso
4 Ray Castillo	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
5 Michael Morales	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
6 Justin Hackney	6.0	Huffines	Lewisville
7 Marvin Itzep	5.5	Sharpstown	Sharpstown
8 Austin Henriksen	5.5	Edinburg	Edinburg
9 Todd Henriksen	5.5	Edinburg	Edinburg
10 Timothy Thomspson	5.5	Fairway	Fort Hood
11 Hernan Hernandez	5.5	Ysleta	El Paso
12 Wm. Monterosso	5.5	Eastern Hills	Killeen
13 Robert Villarreal	5.5	Tafolla	San Antonio

## Middle School Team

1 Lanier	Houston	23.0
2 Vela	Brownsville	19.0
3 Oliveira	Brownsville	19.0
4 Apollo	Richardson	18.0
5 Edinburg South	Edinburg	17.0
6 Monnig	Fort Worth	16.0

7	St. Mark's	Dallas	15.5
8	J.P. Elder	Fort Worth	14.0
9	Guillen	El Paso	14.0

4	Jonathan Walsh	6.0	St. Mark's	Dallas
5	Chris Glaser	6.0	Strake Jesuit	Houston
6	John Sneed	6.0	WACHE	Fort Worth
7	Vlad Rekhson	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
8	Kelvin Shih	6.0	Clear Lake	Houston
9	Xiao Yu	5.5	Victoria	Victoria
10	Justin Shih	5.5	Clear Lake	Houston
11	Salvador Luna	5.5	North Side	Fort Worth
12	Yining Ni	5.5	Bellaire	Houston



**Middle School team winners: Lanier**  
L to R: Benjamin Fong, Andrew Solomon, Bo Githoro and Boran Buturovic (individual MS champion).

### High School U1000 (110 players, 7 rounds)

1	Long Tang	6.5	Sharpstown	Houston
2	Daniel Ho	6.0	Willowridge	Houston
3	Roman Saakov	6.0	R.L. Turner	Carrollton
4	Gabriel Carrion	6.0	MacArthur	Houston
5	Kennedy Cosby	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
6	Brandon Ware	5.5	Jasper	Plano
7	Shawn Harrison	5.5	R.L. Turner	Carrollton



**High School team champions: Bellaire**  
L to R: Vlad Rekhson, David John (individual champion), Matthew Willis, Yinning Ni.

### Middle School Team

1	Oliveira	Brownsville	22.0
2	Fairway	Fort Hood	21.5
3	Edinburg	Edinburg	21.0
4	Sharpstown	Sharpstown	19.5
5	Tafolla	San Antonio	19.0
6	Cordova	El Paso	18.5
7	Baytown	Baytown	18.0
8	St. Mark's	Dallas	17.5
9	Paul Revere	Houston	17.5

### High School Team

1	Bellaire	Houston	23.0
2	Porter	Brownsville	20.0
3	Bowie	El Paso	17.5
4	North Side	Fort Worth	17.0
5	WACHE	Fort Worth	16.5
6	MacArthur	Houston	15.5
7	St. Mark's	Dallas	15.5
8	Pharr	San Juan	15.0
9	Dunbar	Fort Worth	15.0

### High School Championship

(183 players, 7 rounds. TD: Gary Gaiffe)

1	David John	6.5	Bellaire	Houston
2	Enrique Rios	6.0	Churchill	San Antonio
3	Andres Suarez	6.0	Klein	Spring

### High School U1000Team

1	R.L. Turner	Carrollton	21.0
2	Bellaire	Houston	20.0
3	Pace	Brownsville	19.5

4	MacArthur	Houston	19.0
5	Willowridge	Houston	18.5
6	Calallen	Corpus Christi	17.5
7	Sharpstown	Houston	17.0
8	Fort Worth Polytechnic	Fort Worth	16.5
9	Killeen	Killeen	16.0

## Little Kids, Big Tournament

by Susan Strahan

On March 10 and 11th, 2000 the Texas State Scholastic was held in Dallas. It was the biggest tournament of any kind in this state, with 1,298 total players. A friend of mine who had worked a big scholastic tournament in his state some years back told me if I ever had a chance to work a big junior event to do it! So I did.

I didn't know what to expect and upon entering one of the two hotels where the tournament was being held, I felt like I'd stepped into a cyclone. Set aside all those images from the movie *Searching For Bobby Fischer*. This was the real deal, and that fictionalized account of a big scholastic tournament pales by comparison. First of all, it was too big for a single hotel, so high school was held in the comparative quiet of one hotel while across a side street at another hotel the madness known as Primary, Elementary and Middle School held full sway.

There were kids and parents everywhere. All the tables in the spacious atrium and much of the floor space was covered with boards, sets and players. Players and their parents were sitting, sprawling, standing and thronging everywhere. They controlled the two bottom floors – the second floor being where the ballrooms (tournament halls) were. The elevators were jam-packed and the escalators were periodically shut down due to overload, though I never saw them completely full. How much can a bunch of little kids weigh, anyway?

The hotel had an assortment of warning signs plastered all around the escalators. Given the number of shoelaces I saw dragging up and down the escalator, perhaps the warnings were justified. Since this event covered the whole state and rounds began at 9 or 9:30 a.m., most families had hotel rooms. Nevertheless, this did not keep them from camping out on the first and second floor. They made little (or not so little) campsites, augmenting the existing furniture with folding camp chairs, coolers, snacks, sets and boards . . . and goodness knows what all else. The only thing missing were the tents. After mealtimes the lower floor was

littered with the remains of fast food containers brought in from nearby. In the midst of all this seething chaos hundreds of children were quietly and calmly playing the world's most exacting game. It was loud and fast in the skittles rooms and on the floors, but in the tournament halls it was quiet and methodical. In the lower sections not all the kids knew all the rules and not all knew when they had gotten mate, but they played with all their heart.

I worked in the Primary section, which is kindergarten through third grade. We had two TDs and three assistants working the floor. Over the course of the weekend a sort of *esprit de corps* sprang up between us. The drill went like this: before each round announcements were made and questions were taken. On the second day, the trophies were brought in and lined up on a table on one side of the room. They had a profound effect on the young players. After that all pre-round questions for the remaining rounds concerned how to get a trophy or medal!

George John, aka "TD George" ran the Primary section in an exemplary fashion. After the questions he led the little kids in a couple of cheers. "Are we going to be real quiet?" "YES!!!" screamed the children. "Are we going to have fun?" Another reverberating, "YES!!!" The kids were all smiles as he said, "You may shake your opponent's hand and start your clocks." Then we walked around the floor, checking to see that clocks were set correctly. In the Primary section, most kids did not have clocks. The Primary was divided into Junior Varsity (U700) and Championship. There were 168 kids in the JV division and 88 in Championship. Most kids in the upper section had clocks and most in the lower section did not. The way we dealt with this was that if any games went long, then 10-15 minutes before the round was due to end we'd put a clock on the game and explain how to use it. Usually there were a handful of games that went long, though (not surprisingly) more in Championship than JV. The only problem we had regarding clocks was during one of the later rounds when the clock on board three died. The players agreed on the time and an analog clock was brought in. It was staggering how fast some of the games ended. Taking notation was optional. If a player took notation and his opponent did not, he or she got an extra five minutes on their clock. Five minutes was all some people needed for the game in some instances!

Each board had a blue result slip which had to be filled out and turned in. When the game was over the players raised their hands and someone would come over, check that they had filled out the result ("White won", circled, for instance) correctly, and that they'd



filled out their names and board number. One of us then initialed the slip, the players reset their pieces and turned in the slip at the table at the back where volunteers tabulated the results and then carried it across the hall to the TD room for the computer guru to input before the next round pairings. I whispered, "Reset your pieces and turn this in at the table in the back," so many times over the course of the weekend that I fear the sentence is permanently branded in my brain and someday may pop out again at an odd moment.

The first few minutes of the round were generally quiet except for an occasional question, then hands began popping up all over the room as games finished. We volunteers raced around the tournament hall, up and down the aisles as quickly as we could. Often two of us would bolt for the same board from two different directions, and arrive grinning simultaneously. Mate was often accomplished by the queen, right up against the opponent's king. One heart-breaking conversation I overheard was when one of my co-workers had to explain to a girl that it wasn't mate. She thought it was mate, but her queen was unsupported. When her opponent tried to capture it with the king she'd raised her hand protesting that a king couldn't take a queen!!

There were other disputed mates. Sometimes a player would claim mate and say to his opponent "Do you agree that it's mate?" while raising his hand. In one case the opponent was so flustered that he didn't realize that it wasn't mate and was sitting there looking distressed and panicky when I arrived. "Do you agree it's mate?" his opponent kept insisting to the hapless player. A quick glance at the board showed that it was not, so I simply asked, "Whose move is it?" At that moment the player with the white pieces seemed to suddenly come to. Pawn takes queen! Small wonder the other guy was eager for his opponent to resign!

There were some very workman-like mates in the Primary section. Kids doing rook or rook and queen rolls mating the king at the edge of the board. A few back-rank mates. Some complicated multipiece mates. One of the other volunteers saw a two bishop mate! Of course, for games concluded in 5-10 minutes, Qxf7 was a definite favorite! Despite the preponderance of ten-minute mates, there were some tough endgames played out, too. Usually there was a material advantage for one side, but converting that to a point was a challenge these K-3 kids rose to.

Three-quarters or more of the games were over before the rounds reached the halfway point. We sometimes had to sit at a board and count for the 50 move rule or rule on draws by repetition. One child claimed a draw by the 50 move rule when his opponent had mate

in one on the board. A TD had to go over the scoresheet to settle it.

These kids were tough competitors. So tough were they that we had to occasionally warn about harassing an opponent (saying "move, move" and making faces) and referee touch-move disputes. There was one instance where both opponents complained simultaneously that their opponent was harassing them!

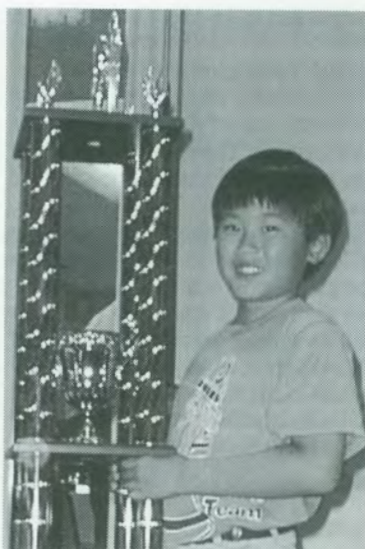
These were the exceptions, though. I watched kids shake hands and say "Good game," and leave the tournament hall together as friends – after one had destroyed the other over the board. I cautioned one little boy about talking and he explained that his opponent had made a bad move and he was trying to cheer him up. Indeed the little boy across the table from him looked on the verge of tears. I told the first player he had to be quiet for now – he could cheer his opponent up after the game. Toward the end of both days we saw more tears. Some of the kids were tired and frustrated by the end of the day – or the end of the tournament.

I saw no bad chess parents; no one chiding their child for failing. I saw a lot of hugs. I saw one father wrap his arm around his child's head and kiss her on the top of the head after a particularly brutal loss. Another child was so upset he was heaving with silent sobs. I went over to him and tried to console him, but he was inconsolable. A man appeared beside the board. The child's father. I'll never forget the words he said. "Do you know that I love you?" He repeated it and I left them. The child continued to cry as the father quietly talked to him with his arm around him. After a few minutes the father simply stepped back and leaned against the wall near the board and watched his son like some sort of guardian angel until the child had cried himself out.

Yet out of the ashes of defeat the phoenix of victory can arise. Nowhere is this more true than in the Primary section where won games can be lost, lost games can be won and every round is a fresh opportunity. I lost count of how many total reversals I saw on the boards and how many times the loser of one round would win in the next. If there is a golden age of chess it's ages 5-8.

I was privileged to watch some amazing games and meet some extraordinary players. You haven't lived until you've watched a seven-year-old calculate how best to proceed in a complex ending. (I doubt I could have done as well!) I will say to you what my friend said to me some years back: "If you ever get the chance to work at some big junior event, do it!"

For the complete results of the 2000 Texas State Scholastic and photos of some of the winners, go to [www.dallaschess.com/scholastics/2000champ/](http://www.dallaschess.com/scholastics/2000champ/)



Primary Champion: William Ong

## — GAMES —

### *Sicilian Defense B50*

Garrett Trevino 744  
Taylor Martin 973

*Tx. Primary 2000 (7)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.Nc3  
Nf6 5.d3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.  
Ng5 e6 9.Re1 Bd7 10.a3 h6 11.Nf3  
Ng4 12.h3 Nxe3 13.Rxe3 Nd4 14.  
Re1 a6 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Ne2 Rc8  
17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.c3 Bg7 19.Bb3  
Bc6 20.Ba4 Bxa4 21.Qxa4 d5 22.  
Rad1 Qe8 23.Qxe8 Rfxe8 24.exd5  
exd5 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rb1 Be5  
27.d4 Bc7 28.Rf1 Kg7 29.g3 b5 30.  
b4 a5 31.Kg2 axb4 32.axb4 Bb6 33.  
Rd1 Rc8 34.Rc1 Bxd4 35.Rd1  
Bxc3 36.Rxd5 Bxb4 37.Rxb5 Bd6  
38.Rb2 Be5 39.Ra2 Rb8 40.f4 Bd6  
41.Rd2 Rb6 42.Rc2 Kf6 43.h4 g5  
44.hxg5+ hxg5 45.fxg5+ Kxg5 46.  
Rc4 Rb2+ 47.Kh3 Rb4 48.Rxb4  
Bxb4 49.Kg2 Bd6 50.g4 Kxg4 51.  
Kf1 f5 52.Kf2 Kf4 53.Kg2 Ke3 54.  
Kg1 Kf3 55.Kf1 f4 56.Ke1 Kg2 57.  
Ke2 f3+ 58.Ke3 f2 59.Ke2 f1Q+

60.Ke3 Qf3+ 61.Kd4 Bc5+ 62.Kc4  
Qe2+ 63.Kd5 Qd3+ 64.Kc6 Bf2  
65.Kc7 Qd5 66.Kc8 Bh4 67.Kb8  
Qd7 68.Ka8 Qb5 69.Ka7 Kf3 70.  
Ka8 Ke4 71.Ka7 Kd5 72.Ka8 Kc6  
73.Ka7 Qb7 mate 0-1

### *Nimzo-Indian E30*

Sarkis Agaian 1645  
Jason Gallardo 941

*Tx. Elementary 2000 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5  
h6 5.Bxf6 gxf6 6.Qc2 d5 7.e3 Nc6  
8.0-0-0 Bxc3 9.Qxc3 b6 10.Nf3  
Qd7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bb5 Bb7 13.  
Rhe1 0-0-0 14.Kb1 a6 15.Ba4 b5  
16.Bb3 b4 17.Qc2 Na5 18.Ba4 Qd6  
19.Re1 Nc4 20.b3?? Na3+ 21.Kb2  
Nxc2 22.Rxc2 Kb8 23.Rec1 Rc8  
24.h3 Qb6 25.Nh4 a5 26.Nf5 Qe6  
27.g4 c6 and 0-1



Elementary Champion: Peter Yeh

### *Sicilian Sozin B88*

Peter Yeh 1402  
Jeffrey Reynolds 1032

*Tx. Elementary 2000 (3)*

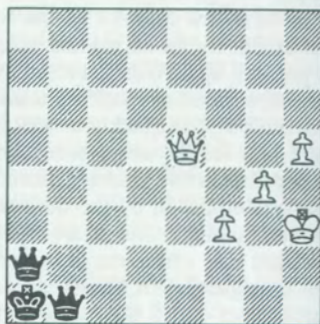
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3  
Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Be7 7.0-0  
Nf6 8.f4 Bd7 9.Kh1 Qb6 10.Nb3  
Rc8 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Nxa5 Qxa5 13.  
Bb3 Qb6 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nd5  
16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Bxd5 Bb5 18.  
Bxf7+ Kd8 19.Rd1+ Bd7 20.e6

Rc7 21.Bf4 Kc8 22.Bxc7 Kxc7 23.  
Rxd7+ and 1-0

Vivek Kambayan 1104  
Johnny Fox 1222

*Tx. Elementary 2000 (5)*

Position after 1...Qe5+



Black to move – drawn!

Kambayan (White), a queen down under unusual circumstances, has achieved a model “perp”: 1...Qab2 2. Qa5+ Q1a2 3. Qe1+ Qb1 4.Qe5+, etc.

### *King's Indian Saemisch E83*

Andres Suarez 2015  
David John 2348

*Tx. High School 2000 (6)*

1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4  
Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.f3 a6  
8.Qd2 Bd7 9.d5 Ne7 10.Ng3 h5  
11.h4 Neg8 12.Bd3 Bh6 13.Nf1  
Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Qb8 15.Qe2 Ne7 16.  
a4 a5 17.Rd1 Bc8 18.Bc2 Nd7 19.  
Nb5 Nc5 20.g4 Bd7 21.Nf1 Ng8  
22.gxh5 Rxh5 23.Ng3 Rh8 24.h5  
Bxb5 25.cxb5 Qd8 26.Qe3 Qf6 27.  
Ke2 g5 28.Rhg1 Nh6 29.Nf1 Rg8  
30.Nh2 0-0-0 31.Ng4 Qg7 32.Qc3  
b6 33.b4 axb4 34.Qxb4 Kb7 35.Qc4  
Ra8 36.Rg2 Ra5 37.Ke3 Rga8 38.  
Ra1 f5 39.exf5 e4 40.Qd4

Or 40.Ra2 Nxf5+ 41.Kf2 exf3  
42.Kxf3 Nh4+.  
40...Nxf5+ 0-1



High School Champion:  
David John

*Scholar's Mate Attack C20*  
Enrique Rios 2022  
Chris Glaser 1879

*Tx. High School 2000 (6)*

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5!?

Would you ever have expected to see an expert play this? Enrique assures me that there is theory on this line.

2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6

The customary reply. For 3...Nh6!? see Rios-Hill, p. ---

Kasparov played 3...Qe7 against actor Woody Harrelson in a Prague exhibition game last year, with equality after 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 d6 6.d3 h6 7.h3 Be6 8.Nc3 Bxc4 9.dxc4 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 c5 12.f3 d5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 =. Harrelson, who had coaching from the audience and moderator Yasser Seirawan, drew the game in 17 more moves.

4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 0-0 7. d3 d6 8. h3 Na5

8...Nd7 and 8...h6 suggest themselves, to avoid the following pin.  
9.Bg5 Nxc4?

Necessary is 9...c6, although the pin remains difficult to shake.  
10.Nd5 Nb6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12. Bxf6 Qe8 13.Nc3 Be6 14.g4

On 14.Qe3 Black has 14...Nd7.  
14...h6 15.h4 Kh7 16.h5 g5 17.d4 exd4 18.Bxd4 c5 19.Bf6 Qd7 20. Rg1 d5 21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Qd3+ Kg8 23.0-0-0 Be6 24.Qe3 Qc7 25. Be5 Qc8



26.Ne4 Nc4 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.Qe4 Bf5 29.gxf5 Nxe5 30.Qxe5 Qb8 31. Rd6 a5 32.Nd7+ f6 33.Qd5 Qc7 34.Nxf8 Rxf8 35.Rd1 c4 36.Rd8 Qf4+ 37.Kb1 c3 38.Rxf8+ Kg7 39. Qg8 mate 1-0

*Torre Attack D03*

David John 2348  
Enrique Rios 2022

*Tx. High School 2000 (7)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Bg5 Bb7 4. Nbd2 d5 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 e6 7.c3 Be7 8.Qe2 Ne4 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10. Ba6 Bxa6 11. Qxa6 0-0 12.Qe2 e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15. Nxe4 Qxe4 16.0-0 c5 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.Qd3 f5 19.Qxe4 dxe4 20. Kf1 Kf7 21.Ke2 Ke6 22.c4 g5 23.Rxd8 Draw

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## Regional Champions 1999-2000 school year

**Region I.** No regional was held.

**Region II.** Trophy Club, 249 players. **High School:** Sergio Molina. Team: Dunbar. **Middle School:** Bryan Pernes. Team: J.P. Elder. **Elementary:** David Gorrell Team: Mary Orr. **Primary:** Eric Curry. Team: NETCACHE.

**Region III.** Dallas, 317 players. **High School:** Matt Bradford, Kris Littlejohn, Osvaldo Ramirez. Team: Plano East. **Middle School:** Alex Chua, Andy Ma. Team: Apollo. **Elementary:** Todd Appelbaum. Team: Wm. M. Anderson. **Primary:** Jasmine DiLucci, Peter Galbraith, Emily Breeding, Jennifer Tang. Team: Bethany.

**Region IV.** No regional was held.

**Region V.** Houston, 303 players. **High School:** Andres Suarez, David John. Team: Bellaire. **Middle School:** Boran Butorovic. Team: Lanier. **Elementary:** Johnny Fox. Team: Cornelius. **Primary:** Michael Mayfield. Team: Village School.

**Region VI.** San Antonio, 188 players. **High School:** Enrique Rios. Team: Austin Area Home-schoolers. **Middle School:** Laura Lindzey. Team: Tafolla. **Elementary:** Sarkis Agaian, Ryan Fleisch. Team: Losoya. **Primary:** Austin Moore. Team: San Antonio Academy.

**Region VII.** Edinburg, 445 players. **High School:** Manuel Gonzales, William Molina, Joseph Molina. Team: Porter. **Middle School:** Aldrin Arandela. Team: Oliveira. **Elementary:** Allan Gracia, Russell Trevino. Team: Morningside. **Primary:** Eduardo Lopez. Team: Morningside.

# My third state scholastic

by Bob James

Dallas 2000 was my third state scholastic championship and I must admit that I enjoyed this one more than either of the others. Of course, the fact that I spent my first scholastic tournament in Austin following Gary Gaiffe around to prepare for Corpus Christi, and I spent most of my time in Corpus Christi dealing with all the administrative details an organizer must cope with, and that this was my first time attending without major responsibilities might have something to do with that!

Knowing the time and effort that goes into organizing and running this event, I can say without a doubt that organizers Manuel Espino, Luis Salinas and Brad Bradford did an outstanding job!

Two particular moments stand out. The first is the following position from the game Garrett Trevino vs. Taylor Martin in Rd. 7 of the primary championship division after Black's 50th move:



This position stands out because Taylor Martin worked to reach the position that almost all teachers

use for their first lesson on the endgame. Taylor has an extra bishop, but he plays the ending as if it wasn't there because he knows he has a win with the king and the queen. While later analysis showed a number of missed mates, he methodically drove the king to the side of the board and marched his king up to deliver the mate. What a great example of finding a plan and staying with it, especially for a Primary player.

**51.Kf1 f5 52.Kf2 Kf4 53.Kg2 Ke3 54.Kg1 Kf3**

54...Ke2 controls the queening square earlier, but then we would be deprived of the "Dream Position." Also, 54...f4 leads to mate in eight, but how many of you can show that one! (54...f4 55.Kf1 f3 56.Ke1 f2+ 57.Kf1 Be7 58.Kg2 Ke2 59.Kh2 Kf3 60.Kh3 f1(Q)+ 61.Kh2 Bd6 mate.)

**55.Kf1 f4**

The "Dream Position".



**56.Ke1 Kg2 57.Ke2 f3+ 58.Ke3 f2 59.Ke2 f1Q+ 60.Ke3 Qf3+**

**60...Qc4 61.Kd2 Bf4+ 62.Kd1 Qd3+ 63.Ke1 Bg3 mate.**

**61.Kd4 Bc5+ 62.Kc4 Qe2+ 63.Kd5 Qd3+ 64.Kc6 Bf2 65.Kc7 Qd5 66.Kc8 Bh4 67.Kb8 Qd7 68.Ka8 Qb5 69.Ka7 Kf3 70.Ka8 Ke4 71.Ka7 Kd5 72.Ka8 Kc6 73.Ka7 Qb7 mate** 0-1

The final moment involved the elementary section. TD Forrester Marler announced it this way: "If you have been around Texas Scholastic Chess for any length of time, this will come as a surprise." He then announced that Russell Elementary, seven-time defending state champion, had won sixth place. They received a well deserved standing ovation from most of the crowd. Then, when their Region VII "rival," Morningside Elementary, was announced as the new elementary champion (completing their primary/elementary championship double header) the parents, kids and coaches from Russell led the cheers.

For seven years Russell has defended their title with grace and sportsmanship. When we experienced problems last year in Corpus Christi, the Russell parents approached me and asked if they could help. I have been fortunate to work with the people from Russell in Region VII events in the past and I know that the Russell team will come back strong and fight to regain their title. But as they led the cheers for the team from Morningside, I realized just why it is that I love scholastic chess.

## Corrections to last issue

1) On page 3 Matt Bradford was referred to as a "threepeat Texas middle school champion". That honor actually belongs to John Sneed.

2) In David John's game with Sergey Kudrin (p. 6) the final move of the game score, 53...Qf3 (0-1), allows 54.Qg5 mate! John suggests that the scoresheet probably left out 53...e4 54.Kg1? Qf3.

# Texas Action Championship

NM Mikhail Langer repeats as state game/30 champion

by Selby Anderson

The Texas Action Championship was held Apr.1 at the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Center in San Antonio. The 47-player field, including 19 juniors, was the largest yet for the event.

NM Mikhail Langer of Austin repeated his 5-0 sweep of last year to retain the state's game/30 chess title. The affable ex-Muscovite defeated Bill Reuter of Houston in the last round, after Reuter had knocked me off in Rd. 4.

Chris Pitts (1860) upset high school star Ali Morshedi (2138) in Rd. 3, and finished in elite company at 4 points. The biggest upset, with a near-800 point spread, occurred in Rd. 1 when Bill Hill (1236) outplayed Enrique Rios (2022).

Greg Wren directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

## PRIZE WINNERS

1st: Mikhail Langer, 5. 2nd: Bill Reuter, Selby Anderson, Ali Morshedi, 4. U2100+U1900: Chris Pitts, Jesse Buentello, Alan Rodenstein, 4. U1700: Tyson Slesnick, 3.5. U1500+U1300: Adit Wongsaroj, Anthony Guerra, Bill Hill, 3.

Although it was April Fool's Day, Rios' 2.Qh5!? was no joke. It worked for him at the state high school championship, but not today.

### Scholar's Mate Attack C20

Enrique Rios 2022

Bill C. Hill 1236

### 2000 Texas Action (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5!? Nc6 3.Bc4 Nh6!?

At the state high school championship in Dallas, Chris Glaser

played the normal 3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6. Nbc3 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.h3 Na5?! (8...Nd7!) 9.Bg5 Nxc4? and after 10.Nd5! found himself in a losing position (see page 11).

The text invites the caveman response 4.d4? g6 5.Qf3 Nxd4.

4.Ne2 d6 5.h3 g6 6.Qf3 Bg7 7.g4 Be6 8.d3 Bxc4 9.dxc4 Ng8?!

9...0-0 10.Nbc3 f5! is a sound pawn sacrifice.

10.Nbc3 Nb4 11.Kd1 Ne7 12.a3 Na6 13.Bg5 c6 14.Ke1 Nc7 15. Rd1 b6 16. b4 Na6 17.b5 Nc7 18. bxc6 Rc8 19.Nd5 Ncx5 20.cxd5 0-0 21.Bf6?

21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Ng3 ±.

21...Bxf6 22.Qxf6 Nxc6 23.Qf3 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Qd3 Re8 26.Kf1 Qf6 27.Kg2 Rc3 28.Qxd4 Qf3+ 29.Kg1 Rxe4 30.Qd2 Re2 31. Qxe2 Qxe2 32. Rf1 Rxc2 and 0-1

### Diemer Gambit D00

Allen Eckert 1774

Selby Anderson 2261

### 2000 Texas Action (2)

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

The main line is 8.Be3, into which I transpose. After 8.Bd3, Sawyer gives 8... Qxd4 9.Be3 Qb4 10.0-0-0 e6 -/+. Newer tries for White are 8.Qf2 and 8.g4.

8...e6 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qc7!?

Gary Lane's book on the Diemer only gives 10...Bd6 and 10...Be7. San Antonio BDG maven Gary Zintgraff commented:

*Diemer says 0-0-0 is nearly always unsuccessful for Black, as White can proceed more rapidly with his mating attack.*

*After 10...Qc7, Sawyer says 11. g4 is probably best, but he also likes 11.Ne4:*

A) 11.g4 h6 12.Ne4 0-0-0 13.Bf4 (13.c4 - Sawyer) 13...Qb6 14.Nf2 Qxd4?? 15.Qxc6+ 1-0 Blaauw-Roosendaal, Holland 1987.

B) 11.Ne4 0-0-0 (11...Be7 12.g4 0-0-0 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.Nxf6 Qxd4+ 15.Kh2 Qxf6?? 16.Qxc6+) 12.Bf4 Qb6 13. c3 e5 (13...Qxb2 14.Rfb1 Qa3 15.Bh2!? Δ Qg3 - Zintgraff) 14.Bg3 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 f6 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.b4 Qc7 18.b5 exd4 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Bxc6 Ne5 22.Qf5+ Kc7 23.Ba4 d3 was Zintgraff-Wren, SACS 3/94 (1-0 in 42 with errors on both sides.)

11.g4 h6 12.Ne4 0-0-0 13.Bf4 Qb6



14.Be3

On 14.Nf2 (as in variation A above), I would try 14...c5 15.c3 Bd6.

14...Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Nf6 16.c4 16.d5? Bc5 only helps Black.

16...Qc7

Zintgraff suggested 16...Rxd4! 17.Rad1 (17.Bxd4? Qxd4+ 18.Kh1 Nxe4 +) 17...Bc5 18.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 19.Kh1 Qxb2 20.a4 e5 +.

17.Bd3?

The self-pin of the d-pawn leads to the loss of a second pawn.

17...c5 18.d5 exd5 19.Bf5+ Kb8 20.Bf4 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Rxd6 22. cxd5 Rxd5 23.Rad1 Rhd8 24.

Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Kg2 Rd2+ 26.Rf2  
Rxf2+ 27.Qxf2 Qe5 28.Qc2 Nd5  
29.Qf2 Nf4+ 30.Kf1 Nxb3 31.Qf3  
Qf4 32.Qxf4 Nxf4 33.Bh7 Kc7 34.  
Bg8 f6 35.a3 Kd6 36.b4 cxb4 37.  
axb4 Nd3 38.b5 Ne5 0-1

*Sicilian Defense B82*

Mikhail Langer 2258

Pedro Figueroa 1742

*2000 Texas Action! (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bd3 Nc6  
7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4 0-0



10.e5?! Nd5

Black wins a pawn with 10...  
dxe5 11.fxe5 Qd4+ 12.Kh1 Qxe5,  
and I don't see much compensation  
for White after 13.Bf4 Qh5 14.Be2  
Qa5, or 13.Qf3 Nd5.

11.Ne4 f5 12.Nxd6 Bxd6 13.exd6  
Qxd6 14.Qe2 Bb7 15.c4 Nf6 16.b3  
c5 17.Bb2 Ne4 18.Rad1 Qc6 19.  
Bxe4 Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Bxe4 21.Rd7  
Rf7 22.Rfd1 Raf8 23.Be5 Rxd7  
24.Rxd7 Rf7 25.Rd8+ Rf8 26.Rd6  
Bb1 27.Ra6 Rf7 28.Bd6 Rd7 29.  
Bxc5 Rd1+ 30.Kf2 Rd2+ 31.Kf3  
and 1-0

*King's Indian E88*

Selby Anderson 2261.

Jesse Buentello 2016

*2000 Texas Action! (3)*

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 g6 4.c4 Bg7  
5.Nc3 c6 6.Be3 0-0 7.Qd2 Re8?! 8.

Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nge2 e5 10.d5 cxd5  
11.cxd5 a6 12.g4 h5 13.h3 b5 14.  
Bg5 Qb6 15.Ng3 Nc5 16.gxh5 gxh5  
17.0-0-0 Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 Bd7 19.  
Rdg1 Kf8 20.Qd2 Ke7 21.Nxb5  
Rg8 22.Nxg7 Rxg7 23.Bxf6+ Kxf6  
24.Qh6+ Rg6 25.Rxg6+

White now wins a piece.

25...fxg6 26.Qh4+ Kf7 27.Qh7+  
Kf6 28.Qxd7 b4 29.Na4 Qe3+ 30.  
Kb1 Qxf3 31.Qxd6+ and 1-0

*English Opening A34*

Steven Young 1906

Mikhail Langer 2258

*2000 Texas Action! (3)*

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5  
Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nc7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d3  
e5 8. 0-0 Be7 9.Ne1 Bd7 10.Nc2  
0-0 11.Ne3 Re8 12.Ned5 Bd6 13.  
Be3 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Nd4 15.Bd2  
Qc7 16.Bg2 Bc6 17.Rc1 Bxg2 18.  
Kxg2 Qd7 19.e4 Rac8 20.Nd5 Qb5  
21.Bc3 Ne6 22.f4 exf4 23. gxf4



23...f5 24.exf5 Nd4 25.Bxd4 cxd4  
26.Qb3 Qxb3 27.axb3 Rxc1 28.  
Rxc1 Re2+ 29.Kg3 Rxb2 30.Rc8+  
Kf7 31.Rd8 Bc5 32.Rd7+ and 0-1

*King's Indian E68*

Bill Reuter 2200

Alan Rodentein 1864

*2000 Texas Action! (3)*

1.c4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2  
Nf6 5.d4 0-0 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5  
8.e4 Re8 9.h3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5

11.Re1 a5 12.Ndb5 Be6 13.b3  
Nfd7 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Be3



15...Bxh3 16.Bxh3 Nf3+ 17.Kh1  
Nxe1 18.Rxe1 c6 19.Nd4 Qe7 20.  
Bg2 h5 21. Nf3 Qf6 22.Bd4 Qe7 23.  
Bxc5 dxc5 24.e5 Rad8 25.Qe4  
Qd7 26.Qf4 Qg4 27. Qe3 Re7 28.  
Kh2 h4 29.Bh3 hxg3+ 30.fxg3 Qh5  
31.g4 Qh8 and 1-0

*KI Attack A00*

Steven Young 1906

Mikhail Langer 2258

*2000 Texas Action (3)*

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5  
Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nc7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d3  
e5 8. 0-0 Be7 9.Ne1 Bd7 10.Nc2  
0-0 11.Ne3 Re8 12.Ned5 Bd6 13.  
Be3 Nxd5 14. Bxd5 Nd4 15.Bd2  
Qc7 16.Bg2 Bc6 17.Rc1 Bxg2 18.  
Kxg2 Qd7 19.e4 Rac8 20.Nd5 Qb5  
21.Bc3 Ne6 22.f4 exf4 23.gxf4



23...f5 24.exf5 Nd4 25.Bxd4 cxd4  
26.Qb3 Qxb3 27.axb3 Rxc1 28.  
Rxc1 Re2+ 29.Kg3 Rxb2 30.Rc8+  
Kf7 31.Rd8 Bc5 32.Rd7+ and 0-1

*KI Attack A00*

Chris Pitts 1860

Ali Morshedi 2138

*2000 Texas Action (3)*

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3  
f6 5.Nbd2 Be6 6.0-0 Qd7 7.Re1  
Bc5 8.c3 Nge7 9.b4 Bb6 10.a4 a5  
11.b5 Nd8 12. Ba3 g5 13.c4 g4 14.  
Nh4 Bd4 15.Rc1 Ng6



Rc4 Nb6 20.Rc5 Qd7 21.Nf3 Rad8  
22.Qd3 Rfe8 23.Rd1



23...Re3 24.Qxe3 dxe3 25.Rxd7  
Rxd7 26.Rc3 Re7 27.Ne5 f6 28.  
Ng4 Nd5 29.Rd3 Nb4 30.Nxf6+  
Kf7 31.Nd5 Nxd3 32.Nxe7 Nc1  
33.Nd5 Nxe2 34.Nxe3 Nc1 35.  
Nc4 Ke6 and Draw

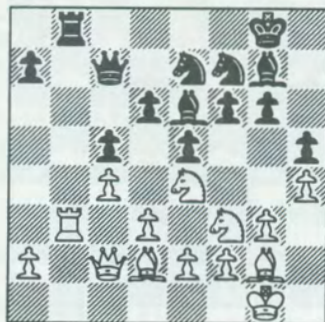
*English Opening A26*

Bill Reuter 2200

Selby Anderson 2261

*2000 Texas Action (4)*

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2  
Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Rb1 Be6 7.b4 Qd7  
8.h4 h5 9.Nf3 f6 10.b5 Nd8 11.Bd2  
Ne7 12.Qc1 Nf7 13.Ne4 0-0 14.  
Qc2 c5 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.0-0 Rab8  
17.Rxb8 Rxb8 18. Rb1 Qc7 19.Rb3  
c5



20.Qb1 Nc6 21.Nc3 Rxb3 22.Qxb3  
Bh6 23.Bxh6 Nxh6 24.e3 Nf5 25.

Nd2 Nce7 26.Qb5 Bd7 27.Qa6  
Bc8 28.Qa4 Bd7 29.Qb3 Qb6 30.  
Nde4 Kf7 31.Kh2 Qxb3 32.axb3  
Ke6 33.Bh3 Bc6 34.Nd2 Kf7

I later lost in time trouble after  
failing to stop a passed f-pawn. 1-0

*Philidor's Defense C41*

Mikhail Langer 2258

Chris Pitts 1860

*2000 Texas Action (4)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nd7 4.Bc4  
Be7? 5.dxe5!

In Anderson-Gallagher at the  
Texas Team I played 5.Nc3?.

5...dxe5?  
Not much better is 5...Nxe5 6.  
Nxe5 dxe5 7.Qh5! g6 8.Qxe5.  
6.Qd5 Nb6 7.Qxf7+ Kd7 8.Nxe5+  
Kd6 9.0-0! Kxe5 10.f4+ Kd6 11.  
Rd1+ Kc6 12.Rxd8 Bxd8 13.Bd5+  
Nxd5 14.Qxd5+ 1-0

*French Defense C18*

Zach Coombes 1851

Ali Morshedi 2138

*2000 Texas Action (4)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5  
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Bd3 c4  
8.Be2 Qa5 9.Bd2 Bd7 10.Nf3 Ba4  
11.0-0 Nbc6 12.Qb1 0-0 13.Ng5  
Nxd4 14.Bd1 Ndc6 15.f4 h6 16.  
Nf3 b5 17.Rf2 Rad8 18.Qb2 f6 19.  
Be3 d4 20.Bxd4 Nd5 21.exf6 gxf6  
22.Bc5 Rf7 23.Bb4 Qb6 24.Nd4  
Nb8 25.f5 exf5 26.Qc1 f4 27.Bh5  
Rg7 28.Rxf4 Nxf4 29.Qxf4 a5 30.  
Bxa5 Qxa5 31.Ne6 Qb6+ 32.Nd4  
Bxc2 33.Re1 Rf8 34.Bf3 Bd3 35.  
Qxh6 Qc5 36.Kh1 Qg5 37.Qh3 Bh7  
38.Bd5+ Qxd5 39.Qe6+ Qxe6 40.  
Nxe6 and 0-1

*Sicilian Rauzer B61*

Mikhail Langer 2258

Bill Reuter 2200

*2000 Texas Action (5)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Bd7  
7.Qd2 Rc8 8.0-0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4

(Continued on page 19)

16.e3 Nxb4 17.exd4 Nxb2 18.  
Kxg2 Nf7 19.dxe5 f5?

Better is 19...fxe5 20.cxd5 (20.  
d4 0-0-0! 21.dxe5 dxc4) 20...Bxd5+  
21.Kg1 0-0-0.

20.Nb3 b6 21.Nd4 Ng5 22.c5 Qf7  
23.cxb6 cxb6 24.Rc6 Qh5 25.  
Rxe6+ Nxe6 26.Nxe6 Kf7 27.Nf4  
Qh6 28.e6+ Ke8 29.Qc2 Ra7 30.  
Qc6+ Kd8 31.e7+ Rxe7 32.Bxe7+  
1-0

*Gruenfeld Defense D77*

Doug Huddleston 2105

Zach Coombes 1851

*2000 Texas Action (4)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0  
0-0 5.d4 d5 6.c4 Bf5 7.Nc3 c6 8.b3  
Ne4 9.Bb2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Be4 11.  
Rc1 e6 12.Nd2 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nd7  
14.f3 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.cxd5  
cxd5 17.f4 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 d4 19.

# Games from the Texas Team Championship

The previous issue featured the four games from the last round match between *Underpromoted Forever* and the winners, *Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*. Here are some other highlights from the event.

## Dutch Defense A88

Jesse Buentello 1997

*Stainless Steel Rats*

John Bell 2217

*Underpromoted Forever*

*Texas Team 2000 (1)*

1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 g6  
5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Re1  
Qc7 9.d5 e5 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Bf4  
Qb6 12.Bxd6 Rd8 13.c5 Qxb2 14.  
Na4 Qa3 15.Ng5 Bd5 16.Qc2 Na6  
17.Rab1 b5 18.Nc3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2  
Ne8 20.Rb3 Qa5 21.Ne6 Nxd6 22.  
Nxd8 Nxc5 23.Nxc6 Qa6 24.Ne7+  
Kf8 25.Ned5 Nxb3 26.Qxb3 Rc8  
27.f3 Qb7 28.e4 b4 29.Ne2 fxe4 30.  
fxe4 Rc4 31.Nef4 Be5 32.Ne6+  
Kg8



33.Rf1 h6 34.Rf8+

34.Qf3 Rxe4 35.Qf8+ Kh7 ∞.

34...Kh7 35.Qf3 Rxe4 36.Nec7  
Rc4 37. Ne6 Rc2+ 38.Kh3 Rd2 39.  
Qf6!!

39.Nf6+ Bxf6 40.Qxf6 Qg2+ 41.  
Kg4 h5+ would cost White's queen.



Now 39...Bxf6?? 40.Nxf6 is a  
picturesque mate.

39...Qg7?! 40.Qd8 Nf7 41.Qa8?

As NM Jack Ligon pointed out,  
41.Qd7! wins: 41...Ng5+ 42.Nxg5+  
hgx5 43.Rf7, or 41...Rxd5 42.Qxd5  
Qf6 43.Rxf7+! Qxf7 44. Ng5+.  
41...Ng5+ 42.Nxg5 hgx5 43.Kg4  
Qd7+ 44.Kxg5 Rxd5 0-1

Careless technique costs me a point:

Mark Harrington 1789

*The Blanks*

Selby Anderson 2244

*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*

*Texas Team 2000 (1)*



47...Re2 48.Nc7+ Kd6??

48...Kd7! Δ 49.Nxa6 bxa6 50.  
Ra1 Rxe4+ 51.Kg3 Re6 +, or 49.

Nd5 Rxe4+ 50.Kg3 Rd4 +. The  
text closes off the sixth rank to my  
rook.

49.Nxa6 Rxe4+ 50.Kg3 bxa6 51.  
Ra1 Bxb4 52.Rxa6+ Draw

I could play the R+B vs. R end-  
ing for practical winning chances,  
but after my lapse had no heart to  
pursue it.

Some of the team names (*Blanks*,  
*Later*, *Unknown*) may strike you as  
odd. When Greg Wren took regis-  
tration and asked what the teams  
were named, he got answers like  
"Leave it blank." or "I'll let you  
know later." His creative license in  
filling out the wall chart accord-  
ingly met with no objections!

## Pirc Defense B09

José Silva 2226

*Later*

Alan Rodenstein 1864

*Methodist Hospital Chess*

*Texas Team 2000 (1)*

1.d4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f4  
Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e5 dxe5 7.fxe5  
Nd5 8.Be2 Bg4 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.  
bxc3 c5 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Qe1 cxd4  
13.cxd4 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nc6 15.Qh4  
Rad8 16.c3 b6 17.Ba3 Rfe8 18.  
Bxc6 Qxc6 19.Bxe7 Rd7 20.Bb4  
Qc4 21.a3 Rxe5 22.Qh3 Red5 23.  
Rbe1 Qc8





24.Rxf7! Bxd4+ 25.cxd4 Kxf7 26. Qxh7+ Kf6 27.Be7+ Rxe7 28. Qxe7+ Kf5 29.Rf1+ Kg4 30.Qe4+ 1-0

*Scotch Game C45*

**Mikhail Langer 2300**  
*Underpromoted Forever*  
**José Silva 2226**  
*Later*

*Texas Team 2000 (2)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.Nb5?!

6.c3 followed by Nc2 is safer.  
6...Bxe3 7.fxe3 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qxe4 9. Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 Qxh1 11. Qd6 Nf6 12.Nc3 Qf3

This is old theory, with Keres giving Black the nod (-/+).  
13.Kd2 Re8 14.Re1 Qf2+ 15.Kd1



15...Re6!! 16.Qc7+ Ke7 17.Qxc8 Ne5!

This fine move sets up the immediate threat of 18...Nf3 as well as preparing ...Rd6+ or ...Rc6.

18.Nc7

Or 18.Nb5 Rc6!, and the mate threat at c2 wins White's queen..

17...Rd6+!

White was ready for 18...Nf3?  
19.N7d5+ Nxd5 20.Nxd5+ Kd6 21. Qc7+ Kd5 22.Bc4+ Ke4 23.Qf4#. After the text it is a technical win.  
19.Bd3 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Rxd3+ 21. Kc1 Qxe1+ 22.Kc2 Qd2+ 23.Kb3 Qxe3 24.a3 Qb6+ 25.Kc2 Rd6 26. Qb8 Rc6 27.N7d5+ Nxd5 28.

Qe5+ Kf8 29.Qxd5 Rd6 30.Qe5 Qc6 31.Qa5 Qg2+ 32.Kb1 Rb6 33. b4 Qg1+ 34.Kc2 Qxh2+ 35.Kb3 Qxg3 36.Qc5+ Qd6 37.Qc8+ Ke7 38.Qc4 Rc6 39.Qh4+ f6 40.b5 Rc5 41.Qf2 Qe6+ 42.Kb2 Qe5 0-1

*Benko Gambit A58*

**John Patty 2205**  
*Celtic Gambit*  
**Ali Morshedi 2160**  
*Underpromoted Forever*

*Texas Team 2000 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 e5 6.e4 c4 7.Bxc4 Bc5 8.Nc3 Nh5 9.g3 d6 10.Kf1 f5



11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Kg2 0-0 13.Qe2 Qc8 14.Bd3 Ra7 15.Be3 Raf7 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18. bxa6 Nd7 19.Nh3 Rxf3 20.Rhf1 Rxf1 21.Rxf1 Rxf1 22.Qxf1 Nh6 23.Ng5 Qe3 24.Qf2 Qd3 25.a7 Qa6 26.Qf5 Nf8 27.Ne6 Qxa7 28.Nxf8 Kxf8 29.Ne4 Qxa2 30.Qc8+ Ne8 31.Qf5+ Ke7 32.Qe6+ Kd8 33. Nxd6 Qxb2+ 34.Kh3 Nxd6 35. Qxd6+ Ke8 36.Qe6+ Kf8 37. d6 Qf2 38.Qe7+ Kg8 39.Qe8+ 1-0

*Philidor's Defense C41*

**Selby Anderson 2244**  
*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*  
**Jim Gallagher 2215**  
*Celtic Gambit*

*Texas Team 2000 (2)*

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nd7 3.Nf3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7? 5.Nc3?

Arf! This is a trap from my second chess book, *The Complete Chessplayer* by Reinfeld: 5.dxe5 Nxe5 (5...dxe5?? 6.Qd5 +-) 6.Nxe5 dxe5 7.Qh5 (the move I forgot/overlooked) +-. Strangely enough, this trap also appeared (and was pounced on) in Langer-Pitts in the Action Championship - see page 15. 5...Ngf6 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Bxf7+!? Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Kg6 9.h4 h5 10.f4 exf4 11.Ne2 Ne5!?

11...Bd6 12.e5 Nxe5 13.Nf4+ Kh6 14.Nf7+ Nxf7 15.Ne6+ Kh7 16.Nxd8 Rxd8 ∞ Keres.  
12.Nf4+ Kh6 13.Nd5 Bg4 14.Qd4 Nc6 15.Qd3 Nb4 16.Qb3 Qd7 17. Nf7+ Kh7 18.Ng5+ Kh6 19.Nf7+ Kh7 20.Ng5+ Draw

Juan Carrizales, who defeated me last summer at the city championship, adds another master notch to his board:

*French Advance C02*

**Juan Carrizales 1562**  
*The Unknown*  
**James Rohrbach 2232**  
*Stainless Steel Rats*

*Texas Team 2000 (2)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Nh6 7.Bxh6 Qxb2 8.Be3! Qxa1 9.Qc2 cxd4 10.Nxd4!



10...Ba3

ECO maintains that 6...Nh6 is an error, but offers no improvement

for White in the line 10...Bd7 11.0-0 (what about 11.Nb3!?) 11...Nxe5 12.Qb3 Nc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Qxb7 Rd8 15.Nc6 Bxc6 16.Qxc6+ Rd7 17.Rd1 Bd6! +/- Kupreichik-Alburt, USSR 1970.

11.Nb5 Qb2 12.Qxb2 Bxb2 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Nxa8 b6 15.f4 Bb7 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Bxb6+ Kd7 18.Kd1 d4 19. Kc2 dxc3 20.Rd1+ Kc8 21.Nxc3 Bxc3 22.Kxc3 Ne7 23.Kb2 Nd5 24.Rc1+ Kb8 25.Ba5 Nxf4 26.Bc7+ Ka7 27.Bf1 Bxg2 28.Rc4 g5 29.Bxg2 Nxb2 30.Rg4 Ne3 31.Rxg5 Rc8 32.Bd6 Nf5 (32...Rc2+) 33.Bb4 Kb6 34.Rh5 h6 35.Bd2 Kc6 36.a4 Kd5 37.Bc3 Kc4 38.Kc2 Rg8 39.Rh3 Rg2+ 40.Kd1 Ra2 41.a5 h5 42.Kc1 Re2 43.Kb1 h4 44.a6 Rg2 45.a7 Rg8 46.Be1 Ra8 47.Rc3+ Kd5 48.Rc7 Kxe5 49.Rxf7 Nd6 50. Rh7 Kd5 51.Bxh4 e5 52.Bg3 Ne4 53.Kc2 Nxb3 54.hxb3 Ke4 55.Kd2 Rd8+ 56.Ke2 Rc8 57.Rh4+ Kf5 58.Ra4 Ra8 59.Kf3 Ke6 60.Ke4 Kf6 61.Ra6+ 1-0

*King's Indian E99*

David John 2280

*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*

José Silva 2226

*Later*

*Texas Team 2000 (3)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.g4 fxb3 14.hxg3 Ng6

14...h5 15.Be3 Ng6 16.Qd2 Bf6 Δ ...h4 = Nunn.

15.Ng2 Nf6 16.Ne3 Bh3 17.Re1 Nh5 (17...h5) 18.Ng4 Bxg4 19.fxb4 Qf6?

Silva has his heart set on a knight sac at f4, and this forces his hand.

20.Rf1 Nhf4 21.gxf4 exf4 22.Bf3 Ne5 23.Nb5 Rf7 24.Bd4 h5 25. Bxe5 Qxe5 26.Nc3 h4 27.Kh2 Bf6 28.Kh3 Kg7 29.Rf2 c5 30.Rd2 Qe7 31.Qc2 Bd4 32.Rf1 Qe5 33.Ne2

Be3 34.Rd3 a6 35.Rb3 Re7 36.Rb6 Rc8? (37...Rd8) 37.Qc3 Kf6 38. Rxd6+ 1-0

*Bogo-Indian E11*

Alfred Zerm 2145

*Later*

Selby Anderson 2244

*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*

*Texas Team 2000 (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Bd2 c5 5.Bxb4 cxb4 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Nc6 9.a3 bxa3 10.Rxa3 e5 11.d5

It is better to retain central tension with 11.Nc3.

11...Nb4 12.Qd2 a5 13.Nc3 Nd7 14.Ng5 Nc5 15.Nge4 Nxe4 16. Nxe4 Bf5 17.Nc3 Bd7 18.f4 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 exf4 20.gxf4 f5 21.e4 Rae8 22.Qd1?

22.Re1 holds the balance: 22... fxe4 23.Nxe4 Bf5 24.Rae3 Kh8 =. 22...Qc5 23.b3

Also problematic is 23.Re1 Qxc4 24. Rxa5 Nd3.



23...Nc2 24.Qxc2 Qxa3 25.Re1 fxe4

Better is 25...a4! opening up a possible check at f3: 26.bxa4 fxe4 27.Bxe4 Bf5 28.Rg1 Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Qf3+.

26.Bxe4 Bf5 27.Rg1 Rxe4?

After 27...Bxe4 28.Nxe4 Rxf4 29. Ng5 (or 29.Qc3 Re7) I saw only 29...g6? 30.Nxh7! The resource I missed is 29... Rh4! +/-.

28.Nxe4 a4?

Just some trash in time pressure. 29.Qg2 g6 30.b4?? (30.bxa4) 30... Qxb4 31.h4 Qxc4 32.Nd6 Qxf4 0-1

*Ruy Lopez C60*

Jim Gallagher 2215

*Celtic Gambit*

Don Flournoy 2069

*Stainless Steel Rats*

*Texas Team 2000 (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.d3 d5 8.e5 Bg4 9.Nbd2 h5 10.h3 Bf5 11. Nf1 Nh6 12.Be3 d4 13.Bf4 Be6 14. b3 Nf5 15.Ng5 Qd7 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.Qd2 0-0 18.Nh2 Qd5



19.e6 fxe6 20.Nf3 Bf6 21.Re2 Nh4 22.Nxh4 Bxh4 23.Re5 Qd6 24. Rae1 Rf6 25.g3 Raf8 26.Rxe6 Qd7 27.Qe2 Rxe6 28.Qxe6+ Qxe6 29. Rxe6 Rf6 30.Re4 Rxf4 31.Rxf4 Bf6 32.Re4 Kf7 33.f4 e6 34.Kf1 Be7 35.Ke2 Bd6 36.c3 dxc3 37.Ra4 Kf6 38.Rxa6 h4 39.gxh4 Bxf4 40. Kd1 Ke5 41.Rxc6 Kd4 42.Kc2 Kd5 43.Rc8 Bd2 44.Rg8 Be1 45. Rxb6 Bxh4 46.a4 1-0

*Center Counter B01*

George De La Rosa 1902

*Later*

Enrique Rios 1884

*Tell Your Mom I Want a Refund*

*Texas Team 2000 (3)*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4. Bc4 Nb6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.d3 Bf5 7.

Nf3 e6 8. Bf4 Bd6 9.Qd2 0-0 10. 0-0-0 Na5 11.h3 Nxb3+ 12.cxb3? a5 13.g4 Bg6 14.h4 h5 15.Rdgl Bxf4 16.Qxf4 Qxd3 17.Nd4 Rfd8 18.Rd1 Rxd4 19.Rxd3 Rxf4 20. Rg3 Rxf2 21.gxh5 Rc2+ ... and 1-0

*King's Indian E99*

J.P. Hyltin 1902

*Later*

John Patty 2205

*Celtic Gambit*

*Texas Team 2000 (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.a4 h5 14.h3 Ng6 15.a5 Rf7 16.b4 Nf6 17.c5 g4 18. fxc4 hxg4 19.hxc4 Bf8 20.c6 Rg7 21.cxb7 Bxb7 22.a6 Bc8 23.Bf3 Bd7 24.Qe2 Nh8



25.Nb5 Nxc4 26.Nxa7 Nxf2 27. Qxf2 Be7

27...Qb8! 28.Nc6 Bxc6 29.a7 Qxb4 30.dxc6 Qc4 31.Qa2 ± 28.Nc6 Qe8 29.Nxe7+ Qxe7 30. Qc2 1-0 (time)

*French Defense C18*

Jim Gallagher 2215

*Celtic Gambit*

Alfred Zerm 2145

*Later*

*Texas Team 2000 (4)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.a4 Bxb5 10.axb5 a5

11.bxa6 Ra6 12.Rxa6 Na6 13.Qe2 Nb8 14.0-0 Ne7 15.Bg5 Nec6 16. Ra1 0-0 17.Qe3 Nd7 18.Ra3 Rc8 19.Bf6 Nxf6 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Qh6 Qe7 22.dxc5



22...Na5 23.Ra4 Nc4 24.cxb6 Rb8 25.Ra7?? Qxa7 26.h4 Qa1+ 27. Kh2 Qxc3 28.Qf4 Ne5 29.Kh3 Qc4 30.Qxf6 Qg4+ 31.Kh2 Nxf3+ 32. gxf3 Qf5 33.Qe7 Qf4+ 34.Kg2 Kh8 35.h5 Rg8+ 36.Kf1 Qc1+ 37.Ke2 Qxc2+ 38.Ke3 Qc3+ 39. Ke2 Qe5+ 40.Kd2 Qg5+ 41.Qxg5 Rxc5 0-1

**Action** (cont'd from page 15)

9...Qa5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Kb1 Qc5 12. Qd2 e6 13.f4 b5 14.Bd3 h5 15. Qe1 b4 16.Ne2 a5 17.Qh4 Be7 18. f5 a4 19.Qg3 e5 20.Qg7 Rf8 21.Qh6 b3 22.cxb3 axb3 23.a3 d5 24.exd5 Qxd5 25.Nc3 Rxc3 26.bxc3 Qxc3 27.Qd2 Qa8 28.Rhf1 Qa4 29.Bc4 Bc6 30. Bd5 Bb5 31.c4 Bd7 32.Rf3 Bxa3



33.Be6! fxe6 34.fxe6 Bd6 35. exd7+ Kd8 36.Qb2 and ... 1-0

*K1 Attack A07*

Doug Huddleston 2105

Selby Anderson 2261

*2000 Texas Action (5)*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.b3 Nd7 5.Bb2 Ngf6 6.d3 e6 7.Nbd2 Bc5 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 0-0 12.c4 Qb6 13. 0-0 Nd7 14.Bb2



14...f5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nf3 fxc4 17.hxc4 Rf4 18.e3 Rxc4 19.Nd4 Bh5 20.Qc2 Bd6 21.Nf5 Be5 22. Kh1 Rf8 23.f3 Rg5 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.f4 Bxb2 26.Qxb2 Rg4 27.Qf2 Qd8 28.Bf3 Qxe7 29.Bxc4 Bxc4 30.Qg3 Nf6?! and 0-1

**Waco games**

(Chess in Waco, Feb-Mar. 2000)

*Danish Gambit Declined C44*

Jason Howell 2010

Antonio Schuyler 1825

*Waco-Ft. Hood match 1999*

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.cxd4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Nf6 7. Nf3 0-0 8.Be2 Ne4 9.Bd2 Nxc3?

This wastes the bishop's time. Better is 9....Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nxd2 11. Qxd2 Nc6, with easy development. 10.bxc3 Ba5 11.0-0 c6 12.Ne5 b5?!

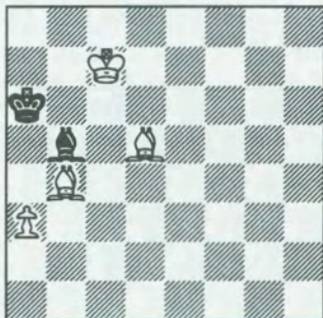
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# The Art of the Endgame

by Robert Brierger

## Kohnitz - Yeung

Houston Absolute Champ. 2000



With seconds left on his clock, Kohnitz played **1.Bb7+ Ka7 2.Bc5 mate**. With the force of mate, Kohnitz defeated sudden death and became Houston Absolute Champion for the year 2000. I'm proud of Kohnitz for creating this artistic endgame. Hail to the champ!

Compare this study to the game finish above.

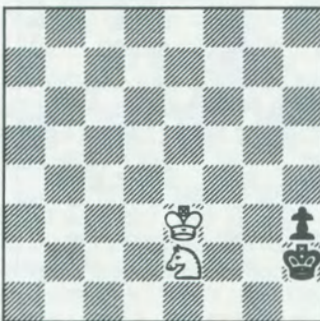
## J. Berger, 1890



White to move and win

1.Bf1+ Ka7 (1...Kxa5 2.Bb5!) 2.a6 Bh5 3.Kb5 Be8+ 4.Ka5 Bc6 5.Bg1+ Ka8 6.Kb6 Bf3 7.Bh3 Be4 8.Bh2 Bf3 9.Bc8 Be4 10.Bb7+ Bxb7 11.axb7 mate

## A.A. Troitsky, 1906



White to move and win

If you take the *false opposition* with **1.Kf2??** then Black moves **1... Kh1** and puts White in zugzwang! The White king cannot lose the move by triangulation (**2.Ke1? Kg2!**), so **2.Kf1 Kh2** (deny help-mate) **3.Kf2 Kh1** leads to a draw by repetition, or perpetual check by the knight, e.g. **4.Ng3+ Kh2 5.Nf1+**, etc. and White can *never* win!

See page 23 for the correct solution.

## Waco (cont'd from p. 18)

The new weakness, combined with Black's lack of development, leads to trouble. Prudent is **12...Bf5. 13.Bf3 Qe6 14.Re1 Qf6 15.a4 a6 16.axb5 axb5 17.c4 Bxd2 18.Rxa8 Bxe1 19.Rxb8 Bb4 20.Nxc6 Bd6 21.Rxb5 Ba6 22.Rb6 Bxc4 23.Ne5 Rc8 24.Bb7 Rc7 25.Bc6 Rc8?**

Losing a piece, but White's extra pawn should win after **25...Be6 26.Rb8+ Rc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Be4 ±. 26.Nxc4 Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Bxh2+ 28.Kxh2 Qxc6 29.Qf3 Qxc4 30.Qa8+ 1-0**

## Caro-Kann B10

Jason Howell 2010

W.D. Veatch 1818

## Waco Thanksgiving Open 1999

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 h6!? 5.Nf3

5.c3 Bf5 6.Bd3 e6 7.Qc2 Bxe4 8.Bxe4 Nf6 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Re1 ± Anderson-Sarkisian, Texas Team 2000.

5...Bg4 6.Bc4 e6 7.c3 Nf6 8.Qd3 Nbd7 9.Bf4 Bf5 10.Nxf6+ Nxf6 11.Qe2 Bd6 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.f3 0-0 14.g4 Bh7 15.Bd3?

Unclear is 15.0-0-0 Nd5 16.Bg3 f6 17.Nd3 Rae8.

15...Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Nd5 17.Bg3 f6 18.Ng6 Bxg3+ 19.hxg3 Qxg3+ 20.Kf1



## 20...Nf4

Better is **20...f5!** (Veatch).

## 21.Nxf4 Qxf4 22.Re1 Rae8

Black can still seize the attack with **22...f5!**

**23.Re4 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Qxb2+ 25.Re2 Qb5 26.c4 Qa5? (26...Qg5) 27.Rxh6! gxh6 28.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Kh1 Qh5+ 32.Qxh5+**

**32.gxh5!** forces mate: **32...Re7 (or 32...Rd8 33.Rg2 etc.) 33.Qh6+ Kg8 34.Rg2+ Kf7 35.Qg6 mate.**

**32...Kg7 33.Qc5 Rh8+ 34.Rh2 Rxh2+ 35.Kxh2 Kg6 36.f4 Rh8+ 37.Kg3 a6 38.Qe7 Rh7 39.Qxe6 Rh1 40.Qe4+ 1-0**

# LETTERS

## Notes to the notes

I enjoyed Lopez's move 18.Qxf7+. After Huddleston declined to trade queens with 18...Kd7?!, why doesn't White continue 19.Qxg7?

### Lopez-Huddleston Y2K Open, Rd. 3



Position after 18.Qxf7+

It can't be because he was afraid of getting mated after 19...Qxc2 (19...Qc4 20.Kd2) 20.Nd2 Qd3 21.Kd1 Qe2+ 22.Kc1, where Black doesn't even have a perpetual and the White queen will hurry back to the defense with either Qg7-f7-b3 or d5, as circumstances allow. Am I missing something?

Re: the game of my life - hmm. I would have reserved that title for Reuter-Simpson, 1993 Southwest Open Rd. 2. Also, after your suggestion (Rios-Simpson) 21.Rc1 [see diagram next page] I might have been a little more eager to trade a pair of rooks than follow your suggested line, since without a Rook White's defense of f2 is all the more problematic. But 21.Rc1 Rb2 22.Rc2 Rfb8 is still probably better than the game continuation.

Michael M. Simpson  
Austin, Texas

### Rios-Simpson Texas Team Championship, Rd. 4



Position after 20...Bxd4

*You're not missing anything. I appreciate the fact that someone out there is paying enough attention to my notes to bust them.* - SKA

### Waco-Fort Worth match

Two teams from the Waco Chess Club traveled to Fort Worth on Saturday, March 4 to compete in a team match with the Fort Worth Chess Club.

The Waco A-team was comprised of Ken Henkelman, John DeVries, Jim Bradfield, and Joe Helton. The Waco B-team was comprised of Mario Leal, Adam Dickerson and Joseph Warren.

The Fort Worth A-team was comprised of Tim Pernes (1600+), Bryan Pernes (son of Tim Pernes 1495), Tony Blanco (1425) and Swami Sundaresan, an eight year old chess playing phenom of unknown rating (1250?) who plays like 1500. (He beat me in a Fort Worth tournament game in January)

Waco's A-team tried hard, but our aggregate rating was significantly below Fort Worth's. The Waco A-team won 4, lost 8, and drew 4. Ken Henkelman and Jim Bradfield each won two games, and I surprised myself by drawing three

games (against 1425, 1495, and 1695 players) and losing one (to Swami).

Waco's B-team did extremely well. Mario Leal was 3-0, Adam Dickerson was 2-1, and Joseph Warren was 1-1-1. So Waco's B-team won their match 6.5-2.5. This means that the aggregate match was a tie, 12.5-12.5.

Tim and Sharon Pernes are outstanding chess organizers/promoters. Their efforts led to a wonderful site (a nice YMCA in western Fort Worth). I had a really good experience.

- John DeVries

## TCA nominations & tournament bids

Candidates for TCA office must have nominations in writing, received by June 15, 2000, at the *Texas Knights* address, POB 501, Helotes, TX 78023. Both nominator and nominee must be TCA members. Each candidate gets a free 100 word statement in the magazine, more at the ad rates posted on page 2. Candidates may pool their allotments of free space.

Bids are sought for the 2001 Texas Senior, Women's Armed Forces, Open, Junior Open, Action and Quick championships. Include name of sponsor, proposed date, number of rounds, time controls, site (city), prize fund, whether guaranteed or based on a given number of players, and entry fees. Using the format of *Chess Life* TLA's is helpful.

Ballots will be published in the July-August issue.

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

# Tournament Crosstabes

## Waco March Swiss

Waco, March 25

### Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Jason Howell	2006	+4	+9	+6	=3	3.5
2 Gary Lee Webb	1659	+10	+8	-3	+6	3.0
3 Ken Henkelman	1759	+10	+8	-3	+6	3.0
4 Carmen Chairez	1638	-1	+7	=5	+8	2.5
5 Ricky Pierce	1606	+8	-6	=4	+9	2.5
6 Allen Eckert	1750	+7	+5	-1	-2	2.0
7 Antonio Blanco	1425	-6	-4	+9	+10	2.0
8 W.D. Veatch	1805	-5	-2	+10	-4	1.0
9 Daniel Salinas	1549	+3	-1	-7	-5	1.0
10 John DeVries	1297	-2	-3	-8	-7	0.0

### Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 James Bradfield	1205	+15	+7	+4	H	3.5
2 Mason Harry	1121	+12	+8	+5	-3	3.0
3 Brad McDow	1121	+13	-4	+15	+2	3.0
4 Paul Gibson	971	+16	+3	-1	+9	3.0
5 Patrick Smithson	unr.	+6	+11	-2	+7	3.0
6 John Harris	1201	-5	+17	-9	+11	2.0
7 David Gorrell	1042	+9	-1	+8	-5	2.0
8 Kevin Lintz	998	+17	-2	-7	+15	2.0
9 Matthew Keil	unr.	-7	+10	+6	-4	2.0
10 Eric Washington	unr.	-11	-9	+16	+13	2.0
11 Adam Dickerson	1115	+10	-5	=13	-6	1.5
12 Ted Penner	unr.	-2	-13	+17	=16	1.5
13 Craig Thornton	unr.	-3	+12	=11	-10	1.5
14 David Harry *	1042	U	U	U	+17	1.0
15 Joe Norman	960	-1	+16	-3	-8	1.0
16 Matthew Reynolds	unr.	-4	-15	-10	=12	0.5
17 April Lamers	unr.	-8	-6	-12	-14	0.0

## Texas Action Championship

San Antonio, April 1

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Mikhail Langer	2258	+42	+27	+36	+3	+2	5.0
2 William Reuter	2200	+15	+29	+7	+4	-1	4.0
3 Chris L. Pits	1860	+28	+25	+5	-1	+11	4.0
4 Selby Anderson	2261	+38	+14	+6	-2	+8	4.0
5 Ali Morshed	2138	+30	+13	-3	+9	+14	4.0
6 Jesse Buentello	2016	+17	+12	-4	+18	+13	4.0
7 Alan Rodenstein	1864	+32	+18	-2	+12	+15	4.0
8 Doug Huddleston	2015	+24	+11	=9	+22	-4	3.5
9 Zachariah Coombes	1851	+37	+23	=8	-5	+21	3.5
10 Tyson Slesnick	1274	=22	-16	+40	+27	+20	3.5
11 Heather Flewelling	1665	+41	-8	+17	+16	-3	3.0
12 Sarkis Agaian	1594	+35	-6	+19	-7	+28	3.0
13 Ivan Wijetunge	1682	+39	-5	+24	+28	-6	3.0
14 Allen Eckert	1774	+34	-4	+42	+25	-5	3.0
15 Adit Wongsaraj	1296	-2	+44	+27	+29	-7	3.0
16 Enrique Rios	2022	-19	+10	+38	-11	+30	3.0
17 Anthony Guerra	1180	-6	+39	-11	+33	+29	3.0
18 Prabhakar Gopalan	1505	+47	-7	+43	-6	+31	3.0
19 Bill C. Hill	1236	+16	-20	-12	+34	+35	3.0
20 Bruce Lewkowski	1796	+31	+19	-22	=21	-10	2.5
21 Gerald Castleberry	1504	+46	-36	+32	=20	-9	2.5
22 Stephen Tidwell	2027	=10	+40	+20	-8	U	2.5
23 Carlos Graupera	1452	+33	-9	-28	+32	=26	2.5
24 Alex Echeverry	1283	-8	+41	-13	=37	+40	2.5

25 Charles R. Davis	1400	+45	-3	+37	-14	H	2.5
26 Dennis Sustare	unr.	-27	-30	+46	+42	=23	2.5
27 Pedro Figueroa	1742	+26	-1	-15	-10	+37	2.0
28 Benjamin Lewkowski	1040	-3	+45	+23	-13	-12	2.0
29 James Scalise	1690	+44	-2	+30	-15	-17	2.0
30 Patrick Montgomery	1285	-5	+26	-29	+39	-16	2.0
31 Gabriel Guerra	813	-20	-42	+41	+38	-18	2.0
32 Calvin Furlong	1070	-7	+47	-21	-23	+45	2.0
33 Brandon Moore	unr.	-23	-37	+44	-17	+42	2.0
34 Joel Pena	unr.	-14	-38	+47	-19	+43	2.0
35 Gregory S. Wren *	1700	-12	H	H	+43	-19	2.0
36 Steven D. Young	1906	+43	+21	-1	U	U	2.0
37 Ryan Greenfield	938	-9	+33	-25	=24	-27	1.5
38 George True	1378	-4	+34	-16	-31	=39	1.5
39 Juan Lopez	unr.	-13	-17	+45	-30	=38	1.5
40 Leica Tilton	1505	H	-22	-10	+44	-24	1.5
41 Catalina Limon	unr.	-11	-24	-31	=46	+47	1.5
42 Cullen J. Hesbrook	1305	-1	+31	-14	-26	-33	1.0
43 James Nielsen	1179	-36	+46	-18	-35	-34	1.0
44 Nicolas Roth	unr.	-29	-15	-33	-40	+46	1.0
45 Cassidy Ferrel	unr.	-25	-28	-39	+47	-32	1.0
46 Brandon Marr	unr.	-21	-43	-26	=41	-44	0.5
47 Clinton Marr	unr.	-18	-32	-34	-45	-41	0.0

## Houston Absolute Championship

Houston, April 8-9

### Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Eugene Kohnitz	1970	+18	=6	=5	+12	+4	4.0
2 Michael Williams	1983	+17	+23	-4	+7	+8	4.0
3 William C. Reuter	2200	+20	=11	+13	+4	H	4.0
4 Clarence Yeung	2200	+22	+19	+2	-3	-1	3.0
5 Larry Moss	2201	+7	=13	=1	=8	=6	3.0
6 Matthew Willis	1774	+15	=1	=9	=10	=5	3.0
7 Chris Glaser	1879	-5	+16	+19	-2	+15	3.0
8 B.L. Patteson	2025	H	=12	=6	+11	=10	3.0
9 Arthur Mitchell	2112	H	=12	=6	+11	=10	3.0
10 Larry J. Young	1914	-23	+17	+25	=6	=9	3.0
11 Lawrence E. White	1895	+21	=3	-8	-9	+18	2.5
12 Ronnie Rubit	1902	H	=9	+15	-1	=14	2.5
13 Robert Bistany	1927	+16	=5	-3	+22	U	2.5
14 Ronald Pohle	1734	H	-25	=21	+16	=12	2.5
15 Lorenzo Gaskill	2045	-6	+18	-12	+20	-7	2.0
16 Walt Wright	1655	-13	-7	+17	-14	+23	2.0
17 Courtney Barnes	1731	-2	-10	-16	+24	+20	2.0
18 Jimmy Dyches	1700	-1	-15	+24	+21	-11	2.0
19 John M. Jarrett	1962	+24	-4	-7	+23	U	2.0
20 William P. Gibson	1807	-3	=21	+23	-15	-17	1.5
21 James Mulberry	1500	-11	=20	=14	-18	H	1.5
22 Alan Rodenstein	1864	-4	+24	H	-13	U	1.5
23 Bradley Sawyer	1613	+10	-2	-20	-19	-16	1.0
24 Heather Flewelling	1665	-19	-22	-18	-17	B	1.0
25 Mark Dejmeck	2143	+26	+14	-19	U	U	1.0
26 Mansour Bighamian*	2355	+25	U	U	U	U	1.0
27 Larry Duke	1815	H	-8	U	U	U	0.0

### U1800

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Bo Githoro	1630	+12	+16	+13	=5	=2	4.0
2 Michael J. Cox	1501	H	+18	+9	+6	=1	4.0
3 Tomas Suchy	1749	+4	-13	+12	+14	+5	4.0
4 David Kurjan	1500	-3	+11	+10	+13	=6	3.5
5 Mastimar Mohamed	1708	+7	+14	=6	=1	-3	3.0
6 Alfonso Velasquez	1605	+8	+10	=5	-2	=4	3.0
7 Paul M. Ward	1400	-5	=8	+19	=9	+12	3.0
8 T. Blaine Webb	1271	-6	=7	=11	+16	+14	3.0
9 Bud Bearce	1638	H	+20	-2	=7	+15	3.0
10 Manuel Guajardo	unr.	+15	-6	-4	=11	+19	2.5
11 John Scott Hill	1029	H	-4	=8	=10	+18	2.5
12 Sam Murcurio	1276	-1	+17	-3	+19	-7	2.0

13	Cornelius Jones	1536	+17	+3	-1	-4	U	2.0
14	Gary R. Joe	1575	+19	-5	+16	-3	-8	2.0
15	Neph Diaz	1349	-10	-19	+17	+18	-9	2.0
16	Alberto Rodriguez	938	B	-1	-14	-8	+20	2.0
17	Jacob Dyches	unr.	H	-2	+20	-15	-11	1.5
18	Sam Dillon	1062	H	-2	+20	-15	-11	1.5
19	David Wisecup	953	-14	+15	-7	-12	-10	1.0
20	Mike Smiley	1138	H	-9	-18	-17	-16	0.5

B=bye H=1/2 pt. bye U=unplayed X=forfeit win F=forfeit loss  
Z=zero pt. bye \* =house player r/e = re-entered

**Back cover solution:** 1.Ra4 with the threat of 2.Re4#.  
If 1...Bf5 2.Qxf4#; 1...Nc4+ 2.Nxc4#; 1...Rf5 2.Ng4#;  
1...Nb4 2.Qc3#; 1...Nd4 2.Qxd4#.

**Endgame solution:** 1.Kf3 Kh1 2. Kf2 Kh2 3.Nd4! Kh1  
4.Nf5 Kh2 5. Ne3 Kh1 6.Nf1 h2 7.Ng3 mate.

**WANTED:** Nominations of players under 19 on 10/31/2000 with ELO > 1600 and CQ > 100 for prizes in 2001. CQ or chess quotient is ratio of ELO rating (e.g. USCF) to Age. List consecutive three, five or seven years of chess achievement and ELO ratings. Paul Muljadi, paul@muljadi.com.

## Chris Martin wins DACIS tourney, UTD scholarship

Over 130 students in grades K-6 competed in the eighth annual Dallas Area Chess-In-Schools tournament, held April 15 at the UT-Dallas campus.

Chris Martin, a sixth grader who attends classes at both J.L. Long Middle School and Lakewood Elementary, won the sixth grade section with a 5-0 score. Besides the trophy, he won something far more valuable: a full four-year scholarship to the University of Texas at Dallas, worth about \$17,000.

UT-Dallas works with DACIS by enlisting its chess program members as chess teachers in area schools. Recently Steven Grubbs, a former state high school champion now in his sophomore year at UTD, received an award from Anderson Elementary in Dallas for his dedication and teaching skills.

Check the DACIS page for standings and photo. Go to [www.dallaschess.com/dacis](http://www.dallaschess.com/dacis).

The event was sponsored by UT-Dallas, DACIS and All State Insurance. Luis Salinas was the chief TD, with Susan Breeding as chief assistant.

## Texas Chess Club Directory

This list includes only clubs open to the public. See [www.texaschess.org](http://www.texaschess.org) for links to club sites.

### Region I (Panhandle)

**Amarillo CC.** Gary Simms, (806) 355-8608 h (call before 9 p.m.), 337-3525 w. Paramount Terrace Christian Church, 4000 Mays St.; Wed. 7 p.m. **Dalhart CC.** J. Hudson/Max Moore, 8500 North FM 3053, Overton 75684. **Lubbock CC.** Bowmer Smitherman, (806) 745-3880. Precinct One Clubhouse, 5012 50th St.; Thurs. 7 p.m. **Pampa CC.** James Shook, (806) 669-0227 h, 669-7558 w. Place and time: to be determined.

### Region II (North Central)

**Abilene CC.** First United Methodist Church, S. 2nd at Butternut; Thurs. 7:30 p.m. **Arlington CC.** Al Pruitt, (817) 293-8197, rama99@netscape.net. 5721 1F East Rosedale St., Fort Worth; Tues. 7 p.m. <http://users.tucnet.com/rrwebsite>. **Brownwood CC.** Bryan Smith, 4301 Brookdale Dr., Brownwood 76801. (915) 646-2892. **Fort Hood CC.** Bud Branderhorst, (254) 680-3496. Sports Dome, Battalion Ave. at 76th St., Building 42000, Fort Hood. Tuesdays 7-10:30 p.m. [bbranderhorst@juno.com](mailto:bbranderhorst@juno.com) **Greater Fort Worth CC.** Manuel Espino, (817) 926-4556, e-mail: [manuel\\_espino@juno.com](mailto:manuel_espino@juno.com). Borders Books & Music, 4613 Hulen St., Mondays 7-10 p.m., <http://members.aol.com/ChessFortW/index.html> **Hillsboro CC.** Buddy Lawson, (254) 694-4433. Arby's, I-35, exit 368 A., Tuesday 6 p.m. [Buddy@castit.com](mailto:Buddy@castit.com). **Lewisville-Flower Mound CC.** Keith Hayward, (972) 539-0621, [drawyah@onramp.net](mailto:drawyah@onramp.net). Borders Books, IH-35 at Hebron Pkwy. (3040); Thurs. 7-10 p.m. **Texoma CC.** John Chapman, (817) 592-4952. Iowa Park Optimists Gym, 804 N. 3rd St., Iowa Park; Mon. 7 p.m. **Waco CC.** Mario Leal, Jr., (254) 799-1164, [grider@eramp.net](mailto:grider@eramp.net). Jack-in-the-Box, I-35 at Univ. Parks Dr., Thurs. 7 p.m. [www.baylor.edu/~Taylor\\_Hendrix/wacocc.html](http://www.baylor.edu/~Taylor_Hendrix/wacocc.html).

### Region III (Northeast)

**Dallas CC.** Luis Salinas, (972) 390-9767 h, 516-1766 w, [lsalinas@iadfw.net](mailto:lsalinas@iadfw.net). 11836 Judd Ct., suite 304B; M-F 6:30 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 2:15 p.m. (972) 231-2065. [www.dallaschess.com/](http://www.dallaschess.com/). **TAMU-Commerce Chess.** James Wharton, (903) 886-8770, [awharton@webwide.net](mailto:awharton@webwide.net). MSC, Wednesday 6-9 p.m. [www.tamu-commerce.edu/orgs/chess/index/html](http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/orgs/chess/index/html)

### Region IV (West)

**CC of El Paso.** David Meier, (915) 751-9617, [ab264@rgfn.epcc.edu](mailto:ab264@rgfn.epcc.edu). Downtown Library, 501 N. Oregon. Sat. 1-5:30 p.m. **Midland CC.** Bill Brooks, (915) 699-6660 h, 688-2567 w, [billdbrooks@juno.com](mailto:billdbrooks@juno.com) / [midland\\_chess](http://midland_chess)

\_club@juno.com. Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, Loop 250 at Thomason Dr.; Tues. 7-10 p.m. **Paladin Chess.** Charles E. Connaly, Jr., 10177 Caribou Trail, San Angelo 76901. (915) 648-5509.

### Region V (Southeast)

**Baytown CC.** Junior Lopez, JLoBcc@aol.com 108 Lazy Ln., Baytown 77520. Sterling Municipal Library, Thurs-day 6-9 p.m. **Beaumont Chess Fellowship.** William Tucker, (409) 769-6042 h, 769-6267 w. New Life Tabernacle, 6655 Hwy. 105; Mondays, 7 p.m. **Houston CC.** Mick Bighamian, (281) 589-2846, tta.com@worldnet.att.net. 9000 Southwest Fwy, Ste. 290, (713) 773-2437 [CHES]. Tues.-Fri. 6:30-11:30 p.m., Sat. 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. www.neosoft.com/~george/chess/hcc.html **Huntsville CC.** Forrest Marler, (409) 291-7625. fmarler@myriad.net. Sam Houston State Univ., Student Ctr., rm. 312; Fri. 6 p.m.. <http://personalwebs.myriad.net/fmarler/fzm/hcc.html> **Mid-County CC.** David Kent, 517 34th St., Nederland 77627. **San Jacinto CC.** William Manthei, (281) 485-1465. Stardust Ctr. 2nd floor, San Jacinto College, 8060 Spencer Pkwy., Pasadena; "teenth" Saturday each month, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. **Texas A&M Univ. CC.** Dusan Djuric, (409) 696-5504 h, 845-5522 w. Rudder Tower, Rm. 308, 1018 Holt St., College Station; Sundays 1-5 pm. **Triangle Chess Set.** W.W. Chamberlain, (409) 892-7730; 3545 French Rd., Beaumont 77703. **The Woodlands CC.** Phil Smith, (281) 367-0654. Ran-dall's, 502 Sawdust Rd., Tues. 7 p.m. **Univ. of Houston Clear Lake CC.** James Trask, (281) 486-6855. 1433 Bayou Bldg., UHCL; Fri. 7-11 p.m. Barnes & Noble, I-45 at Bay Area Blvd.; Wed. 7-11, 1st Sat. rated, Reg. 9 a.m. **1960 CC.** James Liptrap (281) 251-2659. WalMart, FM1960 at Cutten Rd, Fridays 7 p.m. 4SS G/30 \$1. Elks Lodge, 17111 Old Louetta Rd., Sundays 2 p.m., 4SS G/30 \$2.

### Region VI (South Central)

**A.C.E. CC.** Mack Wynn Novosad, (512) 373-9836, e-mail: mackwynn@aol.com Intelcom Bldg., 1300 W. Koenig Ln. Sun. 3 p.m.-midnight, Tue. & Thu. 6 p.m.-midnight. [www.austinchess.org/](http://www.austinchess.org/). **San Antonio CC.** Selby Anderson, (210) 695-2324, txchess@texas.net. Lions Field, 2809 Broadway, (210) 826-9041; Thursday 6-10 p.m. [www.lonestar.texas.net/~txchess/](http://www.lonestar.texas.net/~txchess/). **San Antonio Chess Studio.** Jim Gallagher, (210) 366-4008, e-mail: chesslessons@freewwweb.com 7160 Oak Lawn. [www.lonestar.texas.net/~txchess/sacc/sacs.htm](http://www.lonestar.texas.net/~txchess/sacc/sacs.htm)

### Region VII (Gulf/Valley)

**CC of Victoria.** Gilbert Rucker (512) 575-2708. 104 Nantucket, Victoria 77904. **Corpus Christi CC.** (512) 776-7239 c/o Jack Reeves, RR 1, Box 1084, Ingleside 78362. **Juan's Notary Public CC.** Francisco Ramirez, (956) 262-4558 h 9721509 w. 221 S. 17th St., McAllen 78501. **Laredo CC.** Rey Ortiz, (956) 724-8123 w, Dan Navarro (956) 722-4600 h, dan209@laredo.globalpc.net. NE Hillside Rec. Center, McPherson at Wyoming, Sat 1-6; Cigarroa Rec Center, 2201 Zacatecas, Wed. 7-9:30. **South Padre Island CC.** Nancy Patterson, (956) 761-2626 or 761-2626. Aquarius Condominiums, 2000 Gulf Blvd.; Wed. 7 p.m. (call first). **Tamuk CC.** Bruce Payne, (512) 592-6298. Texas A&M Univ. at Kingsville Student Union, Rm. 219A; Thurs. 7 p.m.

## Second Texas Junior Invitational slated

The second annual Texas Junior Invitational will be held June 23-25 at the Dallas Chess Club. The organizers are Enrique Rios of San Antonio and Anthony Garcia of Houston.

Invitations will go out to people who satisfy the following criteria:

- 1) All TCA juniors rated over 1600 as of the April supplement.
- 2) All regional high school champions (tiebreak winners only.)
- 3) All reigning State Scholastic Champions, i.e., State Primary, Elementary, Middle School and High School Champions (co-champions included.)
- 4) Top ten finishers at the Texas high school championship (tiebreak only).
- 5) State grade champions in grades 6-12 (tiebreak winners only).

The tournament offers over \$750 in cash prizes to the top five finishers. This is made possible through the generous sponsorship of TCA, which is donating \$10 per competitor, and the Dallas Chess Club, which has donated a free playing site.

The organizers are currently seeking additional private and public sponsors. Donors may contact Enrique Rios by phone at 479-0153, e-mail at CasaRios@aol.com, or mail to 1902 Woodseer, San Antonio 78248.





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### Attendance Options:

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Afternoon Session: July 17-21; 1pm-4pm

All-Day Session: July 17-21; 9am-4pm

### Cost:

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All Walk-ins, add \$50.



To register, complete below.  
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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle which session you will be attending: Morning Afternoon All-Day

# Texas Senior Championship

June 10-11

4-SS (40/2 SD/1)

University Hotel, Avenue H at 16th Street, Huntsville

Rates: \$34 single \$39 double (mention chess). Phone: 936-291-2151

Registration: 8 - 9:45 a.m.

Rounds: 10 - 4, 10 - 4

Entry fee: \$20 (\$25 at site)

TCA membership required, o.s.a.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (age 50 and over by June 10)

Prizes (\$500 gtd):

1st: \$200

2nd: \$100

3rd: \$75

1st U1700: \$75

2nd U1700: \$50

FUTURITY SECTION (under 50): Prizes based on entries.

Send entries (payable to Huntsville Chess Club) to **Forrest Marler, 2109 Ave. T, Huntsville, TX 77340-4930**. Information: 936-291-7625 ; fmarler@tca.net.

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## Texas & Region X Women's Championship

**\$700 in prizes, guaranteed. First: \$300 + trophy**, others TBA.

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

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## ★ Texas Armed Forces Championship ★

**June 17-18**

**Lackland AFB, San Antonio**

Skylark Community Center, Bldg. 6576 Luke Blvd., phone 210-671-2021.

Open to all active & reitred military, reservist and ANG.

USCF rated, 4-round Swiss System. Time control: 30/90, SD/1

Prizes: \$600

1st: \$250

1st U2000: \$100

based on 30 players

2nd: \$150

1st U1600: \$100

Trophies to First Place and Top Active Duty.

Entry fee: \$25 if rec'd by 6/15, \$30 if late, incomplete or at site.

USCF and TCA membership required, o.s.a.

Send entries to: SACC, 8003 Swindow Circle, Converse, TX 77809.

Information: Mark Harrington, 210-566-2596 ; mdhjmh@earthlink.net

# 55th Annual Texas State and Amateur Championships

May 27 -29. Sheraton Dallas Brookhollow Hotel, 1241 W Mockingbird Ln, Dallas TX 75247. HR: \$60/60/60/60 reserve by 5/12 or rate may increase, call 214-630-7000 for reservations, mention Chess. Free parking, Free hotel shuttle to/from Love Field.

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## Championship (Open to 2000/above)

1<sup>st</sup> \$800

2<sup>nd</sup> \$500

3<sup>rd</sup> \$200

1<sup>st</sup> 'X' \$600

2<sup>nd</sup> 'X' \$300

## Amateur (Open to U2000 and unr.)

1<sup>st</sup> \$600 , 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300

1<sup>st</sup> 'B' \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> 'B' \$100

1<sup>st</sup> 'C' \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> 'C' \$100

1<sup>st</sup> 'D/under' \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> 'D/under' \$100

Unrated \$200

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Prizes based on 175 full entries. Junior/Senior/College/Handicap count as 1/2 toward based on. June Supplement will be used. Foreign Unrated must play in Championship section.

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6-SS, 40/2,SD/1. TCA mem req'd. OSA. EF: \$40 if received by 5/24, \$49 at site. \$20 Junior/Senior/College/Handicap if rec'd by 5/22, \$29 at site. TCA mem required. Other States Accepted. Registration 5/27 at 9-11am. Rounds 12-6:15, 9:30-4, 8:30-3:15. Up to two 1/2 point byes available if requested before round 2, but byes for both rd 5 AND 6 is not permitted. Highest finishing Texan in Championship section is the Texas State Champion. Highest finishing Texan in the Amateur section is the Texas State Amateur Champion.

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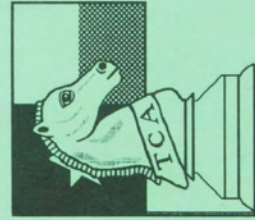
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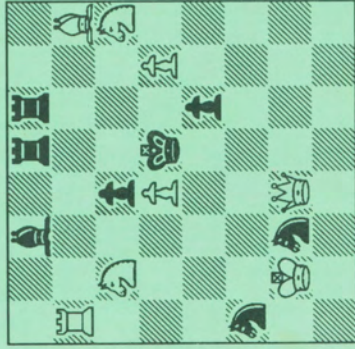
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