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Kramnik widens lead in World Championship

After winning Game 10 Vladimir Kramnik, 24, holds a two game lead against world champion Garry Kasparov, 37, in a best-of-sixteen title match being played in London. The event, which started Oct. 8, is being sponsored by Brain Games Network with a \$2,000,000 prize fund.

The champion lost Game 2 in an inferior endgame, but one which he probably could have held with best play. But Game 10 was a 25-move shocker, in which Kasparov crumbled after following 19 moves of theory. Instead of 23...Rf8?, Black would still have lost after 23...h5, 24.Ng5+ Kh8 25.Qf5!! followed by Re6 and Rxf6, or Re7 and Qg6.

The match runs through Nov. 4, and all 16 games will be played. For Internet coverage, go to www.chesscenter.com/wcc2000/

Game 1

Kasparov-Kramnik

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3 Bd7 10.b3 h6 11.Bb2 Kc8 12.h3 b6 13.Rad1 Ne7 14.Ne2 Ng6



15.Ne1 h5 16.Nd3 c5 17.c4 a5 18.a4 h4 19.Nc3 Be6 20.Nd5 Kb7 21.Ne3 Rh5 22.Bc3 Re8 23.Rd2 Kc8 24.f4 Ne7 25.Nf2 Nf5 Draw

Game 2

Kramnik-Kasparov

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Bg4 10.Rb1 a6 11.Rxb7 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nc6 13.Bc4 0-0 14.0-0 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bxd4 16.Bd5 Bc3 17.Qc1 Nd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Rxe7 Ra7 20.Rxa7 Bxa7 21.f4 Qd8 22.Qc3 Bb8 23.Qf3 Qh4 24.e5 g5 25.Re1 Qxf4 26.Qxf4 gxf4 27.e6 fxe6 28.Rxe6 Kg7 29.Rxa6 Rf5 30.Be4 Re5 31.f3 Re7 32.a4



32...Ra7?

A losing move in time pressure. Better is 32...Be5 when White cannot prevent ...Bd4 and ...Ra7.

33.Rb6 Be5 34.Rb4 Rd7 35.Kg2 Rd2+ 36.Kh3 h5 37.Rb5 Kf6 38.a5 Ra2 39.Rb6+ Ke7? 40.Bd5 1-0

Game 3

Kasparov-Kramnik

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3 Bd7 10.b3 h6 11.Bb2 Kc8 12.Rad1 b6 13.Ne2 c5 14.c4 Bc6 15.Nf4 Kb7 16.Nd5 Ne7 17.Rfe1 Rg8 18.Nf4 g5 19.Nh5 Rg6 20.Nf6 Bg7 21.Rd3 Bxf3 22.Rxf3 Bxf6 23.exf6 Nc6 24.Rd3 Rf8 25.Re4 Kc8 26.f4 gxf4 27.Rxf4 Re8 28.Bc3 Re2 29.

Rf2 Re4 30.Rh3 a5 31.Rh5 a4 32.bxa4 Rxc4 33.Bd2 Rxa4 34.Rxb6 Rg8 35.Rh7 Rxa2 36.Rxf7 Ne5 37.Rg7 Rf8 38.h3 c4 39.Re7 Nd3



40.f7 Nxf2 41.Re8+ Kd7 42.Rxf8 Ke7 43.Rc8 Kxf7 44.Rxc7+ Ke6 45.Be3 Nd1 46.Bxb6 c3 47.h4 Ra6 48.Bd4 Ra4 49.Bxc3 Nxc3 50.Rxc3 Rxh4 51.Rf3 Rh5 52.Kf2 Rg5 53.Rf8 Ke5 Draw

Game 4

Kramnik-Kasparov

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Bxc4 a6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.dxc5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Be2 b6 11.Nb3 Be7 12.Nfd4 Bb7 13.f3 0-0 14.e4 Rfc8 15.Be3 Kf8 16.Nd2 Ne5 17.N4b3 Rc6 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Rxc6 Rxc6 20.g4 h6 21.h4 Bc8 22.g5 hxg5 23.hxg5 Nfd7 24.f4 Ng6 25.Nf3 Rc2 26.Bxa6 Bxa6 27.Rd7 Rxb2 28.Ra7 Bb5 29.f5 exf5 30.exf5 Re2 31.Nfd4 Re1+ 32.Kf2 Rf1+ 33.Kg2 Nh4+ 34.Kh3 Rh1+ 35.Kg4 Be8 36.Bf2 Ng2 37.Ra8 Rf1 38.Kf3 Nh4+ 39.Ke2 Rh1 40.Nb5 Bxg5 41.Nc7 Ke7 42.Nxe8 Nxf5 43.Bxb6 Kd7 44.a4 Rh3 45.Nc5+ Kc6 46.a5 Re3+ 47.Kd1 Re7 48.Rc8+ Kb5 49.Ne4 Rxe4 50.Rc5+ Ka6 51.Nc7+ Kb7 52.Rxf5 Be3 53.Bxe3 Rxe3 54.Rxf7 Re5



55.a6+ Kb6 56.Rxg7 Ra5 57.Kd2 Ra1 58.Kc2 Rh1? (58...Ra5 =) 59. Kb2? (59.Rg8) Rh8 60.Kb3 Rc8 61.a7 Kxa7 62.Kb4 Kb6 63.Nd5+ Ka6 64.Rg6+ Kb7 65.Kb5 Rc1 66.Rg2 Kc8 67.Rg7 Kd8 68.Nf6 Rc7 69.Rg5 Rf7 70.Nd5 Kd7 71.Rg6 Rf1 72.Kc5 Rc1+ 73.Kd4 Rd1+ 74.Ke5 Draw

Game 5

Kasparov-Kramnik

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nc3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Qa4 Nb6 9.Qb5 Nd7 10.d3 0-0 11.Be3 Nd4 12.Bxd4 cxd4 13. Ne4



13...Qb6 14.a4 a6 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.a5 Nd5 17.Nc5 Rd8 18.Nd2 Rb8 19.Nc4 e6 20.Rfc1 Bh6 21. Rcb1 Bf8 22.Nb3 Bg7 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Nbd2 e5 Draw

Game 6

Kramnik-Kasparov

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Bxc4 a6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.a4 Nc6 8. Qe2 cxd4 9.Rd1 Be7 10.exd4 0-0 11.Nc3 Nd5 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h4 Ncb4 14.h5 b6 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.a5 b5 17.h6 g6 18.Ne4 Nc7 19.Nc5 Bd5 20.Ra3 Nc6 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Ncd7 Rad8 23.Nxc6 Rxd7 24. Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Rc3 f6 26.Be3 Kf7 27.Rdc1 Qb7 28.Rc5 Nd5 29. Qf3 Nb4 30.Qe2 Rc7 31.Bf4 Rxc5 32.dxc5 e5 33.Qd2 Nc6 34.Qd5+ Kf8 35.Be3 Qd7 36.Qf3 Kf7 37. Rd1 e4 38.Qe2 Qf5 39.Rd6 Re6 40. Rd7+ Re7 41. Rd6 Re6 42.Qd1 g5? 43.Qh5+ Ke7 44.Qd1 Kf7? 45. Rd7+ Kg6 46. Rg7+ Kxh6 47.Qd7 Re5 48.Qf7 Rd5 49.Kh1 Nd8 50. Rxh7+ Qxh7 51.Qxd5 Kg6 52.Kg1 Qc7 53.Qg8+ Kf5 54.Qd5+ Kg6 55.Qxe4+ Kg7 56.Qa8 Qd7 57.Kh2 Qd3 58.g3 Nf7 59.Qb7



59...Kg6 60.Qxa6 Ne5 61.Qa8 Ng4+ 62.Kh3 Qf5 63.Qg8+ Kh6 64.Qh8+ Kg6 65.Qe8+ Kh6 66.Qh8 Draw

Game 7

Kasparov-Kramnik

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Qd3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Bg2 e5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Na4 Draw

Game 8

Kramnik-Kasparov

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Bb7 8.f3 h6 9.Bh4 d5 10.e3 Nbd7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd8 Nxc3 13. Bh4 Nd5 14.Bf2 c5 15.Bb5 Rfd8 16.e4 Nc7 17.Bxd7 Rxd7 18.dxc5 f5 19.cxb6 axb6 20.Ne2 fxe4 21. fxe4 Bxe4 22.0-0 Rd2 23.Nc3 Bb7 24.b4 Rf8 25.Ra2 Rxa2 26.Nxa2 Nd5 27.Bd4 Ra8 28.Nc3 Nxc3 29. Bxc3 Rxa3 30.Bd4 b5 31.Rf4 Rd3 32.Rg4 g5 33.h4 Kf7 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Kf2 Rd2+ 36.Ke3 Rxd2 37. Rxd2 Bxd2 38.Be5 Draw

Game 9

Kasparov-Kramnik

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7. dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3 h6 10.Rd1+ Ke8 11.h3 a5 12.Bf4 Be6 13.g4 Ne7 14.Nd4 Nd5 15.Nce2 Bc5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.c4 Nb6 18.b3 a4 19.Bd2 Kf7 20.Bc3 Rhd8 21. Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Kg2 Rd3 23.Rc1 g5 24.Rc2 axb3 25.axb3 Nd7 26.Ra2 Be7 27.Ra7 Nc5 28.f3 Nxb3 29. Rxb7 Nc1 30.Nxc1 Rxc3 Draw

Game 10

Kramnik-Kasparov

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b6 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13. Qb3 Be7 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Bxe6! fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.Qxe7 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qxd4 19.Nb5 Qxb2 20. Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Nd6 Rb8 22.Nf7+ Kg8 23.Qe6 Rf8? (23...h5 24.Ng5+ Kh8 25.Qf5!! Δ Re6, Rxf6 +-) 24.Nd8+ Kh8 25.Qe7 1-0

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Steven Grubbs (1980-2000)

Steven Grubbs, three-time Texas High School champion from Grapevine, died Sept. 1 of cardiac arrest at the age of 20. The University of Texas at Dallas senior was believed to have had an epileptic seizure after taking an afternoon nap at four o' clock that Friday.

He was a leading Texas junior player for most of the 1990's, winning the state middle school championship in 1993 followed by the high school title in 1996, 1997 and 1999. But what distinguished him most, according to the many people who posted testimonials to the Dallas Chess Club website, was the humility of spirit that makes a true gentleman. His strong religious faith was evident in his unselfish deeds, and he was regarded as a role model for his many chess students.

I have selected from the personal remembrances on DallasChess.com. Some I have excerpted, and some I have quoted in entirety.

Donna Baker: We had great respect for Steven. I remember Steven teaching my students between matches. To me that is the character trait of a great chess player. The motto of Glen Rose was "Love the game more than the prize". Steven also lived by those words.

Judy Cornell: All of us who knew Steven thought he was pretty special! His honesty, integrity, and willingness to impart his knowledge of chess freely was most impressive.

Richard Driggers: Steven's actions were always consistent with who he was, and his faith shone through in the little things. He set an example, a standard, for our youth to aspire to.

Kenneth Artz: Although I only knew Steven peripherally, I had a great deal of respect for him. It's not often that you meet someone as kind, generous, dedicated and morally upright as Steven was. Whether it was going over a game with an opponent, giving advice to a junior player, stepping in at the last minute to direct a tournament, or sharing his faith, there was no one more devoted to the game – he will be sadly missed.

Alex Chua: Steven was a great coach. Here are some of the lessons that he taught me that I will always remember: (1) Play because you love the game and play as often as you can. (2) Never worry about your rating it will improve as you improve. (3) Almost every position is "interesting, very interesting." My goal was to be able to beat him someday in a tournament game. That was his goal for me, too. The best I ever did against him

was a draw at a Wednesday night tournament. He was proud of me when I did that.

Shivkumar Shivaji: Steven Grubbs was not only a great chess instructor as many have noted, he was also a great chess player. He was especially strong in tactics. He had an unrivaled ability in creating an attack from nowhere. I have played close to twenty games against Steven and each of those games was a hard fought battle. His interest in chess was remarkable. His passion for the game never seemed to decrease. However, unlike many of the chess players, he was equally interested in other activities too. Truly, he was a remarkable person. He will be missed by all.

Jason Doss: I couldn't breathe when Luis came into the Dallas Chess Club on Friday night and told Eric Wiggins, Martin Alexander, Kris Littlejohn and I that Steven had passed away just a few hours prior. I was expecting to see Steven that night, and play bughouse with him for a few hours as he often did with us on Friday nights. The shock of knowing we won't be doing that anymore still hasn't set in.

I knew Steven for six years and quite well. We've had our ups and downs, but it was always consistent that the next week we would usually end up having lunch together and or talk about something new in chess. He was the most sincere person I have ever met in my life. When he believed something, he stuck to it.

Steven was always young at heart. We often worked together teaching kids through the years. His greatest moments in my mind are those he spent making kids smile. His students' successes and true sportsmanlike conduct are a credit to his love for his kids, to help them inside and out of the chess arena with his lessons he taught. My memory of Steven will always be of him at the Dallas chess camp, with four or five little boys and girls hanging from him. I pray that his students left behind understand what he really gave them.

My deepest condolences to Steven's family, especially to his father, Larry Grubbs and "step-father" Luis Salinas. Steven's family taught him what it is to know God, and I have no doubt he is standing in heaven now watching all of us.

All of us that have known him and worked with him are fortunate to have met him. Your life was too brief Steven, but you touched us all.

I cannot remember who said something like "I dare any man to stand before God on the day of my judgment and declare to the Holy Father 'I was a better man than he!'" In Steven's case this applies . . . there are few to none as great an individual as he.

I will always remember you Steve.

Susan Breeding: Steven was a truly unique individual. He did not clamor for attention; he very much shied away from it. But he was very smart, very patient, quite fun-loving, especially with children, and very funny. He taught group lessons in our home last year. One evening there was a very bad storm outside (remember rain, anyone?). As Steven was standing at the demonstration board going through a game, all the power went off. He very calmly continued to talk about the game and asked questions of the children about the position on the board. They burst out laughing, the lights came back on, and he continued on without missing a beat!

Steven got to know a lot of Bethany Elementary students through teaching group lessons. At the end of the school year he came to do a simultaneous with the students. The first week he told them he would give \$5 to anyone who beat him and \$2.50 for a draw. He let them choose which color they would be. The next week, after observing that everyone wanted to be white, he announced that he would give \$10 to anyone who played black and beat him and \$5 to anyone who beat him as white. The confident little critters all turned their boards around so they could be black!! Of course, Steven never gave up a dime. We changed the day we met for chess club so he could coach the Bethany team this year. Our first club meeting was this past Wednesday.

Last Fall I was in a car wreck on the way to the Dallas Chess Club which totaled our car. A few weeks later, someone ran into Steven (as had happened to us) on his way to a chess lesson; his truck was totaled. This initiated many in-depth conversations between us. He told me about a girl he had met at the funeral of his cousin who had died in a car wreck. He talked about switching majors. We talked about our shared faith in Jesus Christ.

Steven was an individual who reinforced, through his actions and words, the concept that chess is a gentleman's sport. He was a wonderful role model for many children all throughout the Dallas area, including mine.

I took the attached picture [front cover] at the 2000 National Elementary Championships in Grapevine last May. I think it is a wonderful tribute to a very shy, hard-working, godly young man.

Luis Salinas: When Steven first came to the Dallas Chess Club, the DCC was not the best place for kids. It was full of tobacco smoke, and a lot of profanity was used. Soon Bob Smeltzer had smoking banned by bringing it up at the membership meeting. He said it was bad for health, and it was especially bad for the kids. I think

that the club members liked Steven (and the other kids) so much that we banned smoking at the club. There were not many kids playing at the club back then. Steven really hated profanity. He would give me a stare when I said anything improper. I remember him scolding several club members about their language. This was when Steven was around 13 or 14 and one of the club members was in his 60's. I think that Steven was responsible for much of the kid-friendliness of the Dallas Chess Club. My boss at work has commented on the fact that I do not use bad language. I may have been Steven's chess teacher, but he taught me a lot.

I remember Steven mowing lawns so that he could have enough money to buy and put a coke and candy machine at the club. I remember Steven reaching in the candy machine to get his entry fee for the Wednesday or Friday tournaments. I remember Steven stocking the coke and candy machine with what I liked; instead of what may have sold more.

I remember Steven having to earn money so he could go to private school. He wanted to go where kids did what they were supposed to do. He earned the money and went to Garland Christian Academy for four years.

I remember Steven having to earn the money for his trucks and his insurance. I never heard him complained about having to do it.

I remember Steven correcting his mother when she mispronounced my name. He wanted my name pronounced correctly.

I remember taking Steven to all scholastic tournaments in the area, many of which he was the number one seed by over 400 points. I remember on the way back from one of them, Steven said that one day he would score well enough to win a team trophy by himself. He would then take the trophy to school and be able to start a chess team. He would be able to convince his potential team mates that they would win trophies by being on his team. If he could win a team trophy by himself, then with their help, they could win an even better team trophy. Steven always wanted to be on a team. I am happy he got his wish by being on the UTD team. I remember telling Steven that he had scored well enough to win team trophies several times, but one person was not a team, so he never was awarded one. I remember the sheepish grin he had when I told him. He still went to the scholastic tournaments after that. He really enjoyed playing.

I remember him learning more about the rules after that. He became the Dallas Chess Club's tournament director on Wednesdays. He was very reliable and dependable. I remember him doing his college homework at the club while he directed.

I remember that all I had to do was to show him how to do something on the computer and he could then do it. All it would take was to show him once.

I remember his sense of humor. He loved puns and word play. I remember him liking the old radio comedies that I had on tape. We would listen to them on the way to tournaments. I remember the look Steven had when he heard a subtle joke. I especially remember Steven staring at the radio and then at me when Rodney Dangerfield said, "when I get directions, I can't help but get lost again. I get directions like . . . you go down this road and you turn left where the old church used to be."

I remember Steven volunteering to direct and do simulats at the state scholastic events. While former state high school champions had volunteered before, they all ended up at the high school section watching the games instead of doing what they were supposed to do. Not Steven, he was just as happy directing in the elementary or primary sections.

I remember Steven needing a draw in the last round to win \$1,000 at one of the Pinfork tournaments. He played it out to a win. When I asked him if he knew he needed a draw, he said, "Yes, but the position did not call for a draw offer. I had to play it out."

I remember the year Steven won The Dallas Chess Club Championship. He was upset in the first round. Steven saw that the turn-out was poor. He asked if he could re-enter the tournament with a half point bye, that way the club would get another entry fee. I asked all the players if it was okay, and all said yes except for the number one seed. I had to tell Steven that he could not re-enter. Going into the last round of the tournament, Steven was 1/2 point behind the leader. The leader was the number one seed. Steven was paired against him and reached a dead drawn ending. The number one seed kept asking for draws, but Steven kept declining. Steven kept applying pressure to the position and ended up winning. He later told me that he had to win so he could be club co-champion, a draw would have left him in fourth place. Steven said that if he had re-entered and played the same person under the same circumstances, he would have accepted the draw and then the number one seed and Steven would then have been co-champions.

I remember when Steven was in a wreck with his red truck. It was not his fault and the insurance of the other driver paid for Steven to have a car rental. I remember that Steven would put premium gas in the rental. When I asked him why, he said, "That is what I put in my truck, so that is what I put in the rental." Even though it was not his car, he would not put in the cheap stuff.

He followed the golden rule even when it applied to car rentals.

I remember how proud Steven was whenever his favorite students, The Chuas, would win a trophy. He really cared about Alex Chua and all his other students.

I remember some of the times Steven had seizures.

One time he had one at a tournament I was directing. I made sure he was okay and I bought him apple juice to drink. He drank the apple juice and I got him some more. I was really worried about him. I had remembered his dad telling me that there was nothing one could do after a seizure but to make sure he drank something. So I kept feeding him apple juice. I remember Miles Ardaman looking at me strangely when I said the apple juice was good for Steven. It turned out Miles was right. Steven was worried that I was worried, so he pretended that I was helping him by getting him apple juice. I remember the good sportsmanship that happened during the game when he had a seizure. His opponent, Burt Dennison, said that Steven made his chess move while having the seizure, and that Steven could take his move back if he wanted.

I remember taking Steven to the Oklahoma Junior Championships. The tournament was open, but an out-of-state player could not win the title. I took Steven to the tournament in hopes that he would win and thus have enough confidence to win the Texas High School title. Steven won the Oklahoma tournament. On the drive back, Steven had several violent seizures. A week later I was still worried about the seizures he had had, so I asked him if he was okay. He said about what. I said about the Oklahoma trip. He surprised me by saying that he was not. He felt that he affected the results of the tournament by playing and that the best Oklahoma player almost did not win the tiebreakers. He would not go to that tournament again. He did not want to feel that he affected the results.

One time when the club was still on Hampshire Lane in Richardson. I found Steven wandering around outside. I asked him how his game went. He said fine and that he won. Jonathan Walsh came out and told Steven, "aren't you going to finish your game?" Steven went back in with a puzzled looked and finish the game. Apparently, Steven had felt a seizure coming on and did not want anyone to worry, so he stepped outside and had one. He then did not remember that he had not finished the game or that he had had a seizure.

Steven did not play very well right before or after a seizure. But he did not ever allow me to tell anyone that he had had a seizure or that he had a seizure sometime after a loss game. He did not want his opponents

to know that he had one, and he never wanted to diminish an opponent's victory by claiming injury. He always said that the opponents won fair and square.

I remember that Steven liked to wear religious tee shirts. Steven was religious and had found the Lord. He would talk about Christ to many of the chess players that approached him because of the tee-shirts. Steven re-

ally loved his church group. For a couple of years, Fred Hurst and I were a little miffed at Steven. Instead of preparing for state by playing in the club's tough Friday night tournaments, Steven would play volleyball with his church group.

Steven was a great human being.

Grubbs was an avid team player, playing here in a sequel to *Search- ing for Cindy Crawford*.

English Opening A39

Mansour Bighamian 2320

Former Champs

Steven Grubbs 2062

Found Cindy Crawford

Texas Team 1996

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 cxd4 7. Nxd4 Qb6 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Ndb5 Qc5! N

This seems to be an improvement over ECO's line 9...d6 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Rc1 Ng4 12.Bd2 Qd8 ±. 10.b3 a6 11.Na4 Qh5 12.Nc7 Rb8 13.c5?

This loses the exchange and a pawn. Better is 13.Bb2 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15. Nc3 b4 16.Na4 Ng4 17.h3 with approximate equality. 13...Ng4 14.h3 Bxa1 15.hxg4 Qxg4 16.Bf4 Bg7(?)

While this does not turn out badly, Black can keep the material with 16...Be5! 17.Bxc6 Bxf4 18.Bf3 Qg5 (the pin is the point) 19.Nd5 Be5 20.Bg2 Bf6. 17.Bf3 Qh3 18.Nxa6 e5 19.Bg2 Qg4 20.Nxb8 exf4 21.Nxc6 dxc6 22.gxf4 Qxf4

Material is equal, but Black's strong bishops along with White's stranded knight and shaky king add up to a big positional imbalance.

23.e3 Qg5 24.f4 Qe7 25.Qc1 Rd8 25...Re8 26.Rf3 (26.Re1 Bd4) Bf5 holds back the e-pawn - and counterplay. 26.b4 Qe6 27.a3 Qb3 28.Nb6 Be6 29.e4 Bb2 30.Qe1 Qxa3 31.f5 Ba2

32.e5 Rd3 33.e6 Bd4+ 34.Kh2 fxe6 35.fxg6 hxg6 36.Nd7 Qc3 37. Qe4 Kg7 38.Qf4 Bg1+ 39.Kgl Rd7 40.Be4 Qd4+ 41.Rf2 Bd5 42.Qf8+ Kh7 43.Bxg6+ Kxg6 44.Qe8+ Kh6 45.Qxd7



45...Qg4+ 46.Kh2 Qh4+ 0-1

Later that year at the Southwest Open, Steven defeated a reigning state champion.

Sicilian Lowenthal B32

Steven Grubbs 2100

Igor Shtern 2444

62nd Southwest Open

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7. Nc3 h6 8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.Re1 Be6 11.Nd5 Rc8 12.b3 Bxd5 13. Bxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Nb8 15.Be3 Nd7 16.c4 f5 17. Re2 Qe8 18.Bd2 g5 19.Nh2 Qg6 20.f3 Nf6 21.Be1

White has dug in well. Black can achieve nothing with the immediate 21...g4 22.hxg4 fxg4 23.Bh4! gxf3 24.Nxf3, e.g. 24...Nh5? 25.Nxe5!

21...Nh5 22.Rc1 Nf4 23.Rec2 Rcd8 24.Bf2 a6 25.Qd2 Rf7 26. Rd1 h5 27.Be3 Rg7 28.Re1 Kh7 29.Kh1 Bf6 30.a4 g4 31.hxg4

Winning a pawn with 31.Bxf4 exf4 32.Qxf4 leads to a passive position after 32...Be5 33.Qc1 gxf3 (33...Bxh2 34.Re6!) 34. gxf3 Rdg8. 31...fxg4 32.Bxf4 exf4 33.Re6 Qg5 34.Qd3+ Kg8 35.Rce2 Be5 36.b4 g3 37.Nf1 h4 38.c5 h3 39.cxd6 Bxd6 40.Re8+ Rxe8 41.Rxe8+ Kf7 42.Qe4 hg2+ 43.Kxg2 Qf6 44. Nd2 Qh6??

With time control passed, Black allows a roundhouse blow. He stands a little better after 44...Bf8.



45.Rh8!

A beautiful conception, setting up a back row skewer if Black takes. If he declines with 45...Qg6 (45... Qf6?? 46.Qe8 mate), then 46.Qe8+ Kf6 47.Qe6+ Kg5 48.Ne4+ forces ...Qxe4, giving up the queen.

45...Qxh8 46.Qe6+ Kf8 47.Qc8+ Kf7 48. Qxh8 Kg6 49.Qe8+ Kh7 50.Ne4 1-0

Jason Doss wins Southwest Open

by NM Selby Anderson

Jason Doss of Dallas won the 66th annual Southwest Open, held Sept. 2-4 at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio. He scored 5.5 out of 6 in the 62-player Open section, defeating Mikhail Langer of Austin in the last round.

Veteran Amarillo master Gary Simms defeated UT-Dallas student Andrei Dokoutchaev in the last round, to finish with 5-1. Joining him in a tie for second were experts Mark Dejmek and Steve Hobart, both from Houston.

Notable was the participation of several foreign players: Claudio Gershau of Germany, Asher Alperovich of Israel, and Aidan Rawlinson of England..

Pedro Figueroa of San Marcos won the Reserve with 5.5, defeating Duane Solley in the last round.



I would have played if chief TD Greg Wren had not been so short-handed. One of the assistants we had lined up experienced brake failure Saturday morning, and the other had taken on a new weekend job without telling us.

A total of 170 players competed, about average for this event. After adjusting for half price junior entries, SACC paid out 90% of the advertized prizes.

Round 1

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

French Tarrasch C06

Mikhail Langer 2302

J.P. Hyltin 1919

66th Southwest Open (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13. Nxf4 0-0 14.Ng5



This foray is considered premature. After 14.Qd2 Kh8 15.Ng5, NCO has Black equalizing with 15...Nxd4! 16. Bxh7 Nxh7 17.Ng6+ Kg8 18.Ne7+ = (18.Nxh7 Re8 19. Ng5 e5! =+). 14...Nxd4 15.Nxh7

PRIZE WINNERS

OPEN: 1st: Jason Doss, 5.5. 2nd-3rd + 1st Expert: Gary Simms, Mark Dejmek, Steve Hobart, 5. 2nd Expert: Rudy Tia, Donald Flourmoy, 4. 1st-2nd A: Frank Brack, Aidan Rawlinson, 4.

RESERVE: 1st: Pedro Figueroa, 5.5. 2nd: Gary Zintgraff, 5. 3rd: Gary Carlson, Mario Chavez, Louis Hornor, Matthew Berki, Joaquin Fox, Bryan Wayt, Duane Solley, Victor Flores, Bradley Sawyer, Chris Hobart, Joseph Molina, Tyson Slesnick, 4.5. 1st-2nd C: Freddy Jones, Charles Neira, 5. 1st D/under: Morgan Williams, 4.5. 2nd D/under: Laura Lindzey, Joe Chapa, Jaime Estrada, James Pemberton, David Gorrell, 4. 1st-2nd Unrated: Israel Trevino, Michael Rocha, Richard Ciriello, McNeel Day, 1.

ECO gives only 15.Qh5 (playing for a cheapo mate) 15...h6! -/+. 15...Nxh7 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17. Qh5+ Kg8 18.Ng6 Rf5

Watson also gives 18...Rd8!? but no notes. White has plenty of ways to continue the attack. [19.Qh8+ Kf7 20.Ne5+ Kf6 21.Ng4+ Kg6 22. Ne5+ =; 19.Ne7+ Kf8 20.Ng6+ =.] 19.Ne7+ Kf8 20.Nxf5 Nxf5

"... and only Black has winning chances," John Watson, *Play the French*, 2 ed.

21. Qh8+ Kf7

Maybe 21...Ke7 with the idea of 22.g4 Qd4. [Or 22.Ra1 Qd8 - a move made possible by ...Ke7.]

22.Ra1 Ne7

22...Nd6 23.Rc6 Nd8 24.Rf3 Ke7 is another continuation, but Black's attack will again last a long time.

23.Rc3 Ng8 24.Rf3+ Nf6 25.Rc1 Bd7

This was a strange choice. Losing a full rook instead of just a a minor piece seemed more practical than 25...Qb2 26.Rc7 or 25...Qa5 26.b4 or any method of losing the B on c8. 26.Qxa8 Qxb2 27.Rf1 Bc6 28.Qb8!



28...Ke7 29.Qh8 Kf7 30.h4 Qxa2
Black's pawns are not to be feared if White presses precisely. 31.Rg3 Ne8 32.h5 Qd2 33.f4 Qd4+ 34.Rf2 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Qf6 36.Rg6 Qd4

Here I had intended 36...Qf5, but thought erroneously that 37.g4 was crushing. (It's not: 37...Qe4 would cause trouble.) Instead, 37.Rf3 and 38.Rfg3 will win. [37.Rf3 d4 38.Rfg3 Qxf4 39.h6 Qh4+ 40.Kg1 +-] 37. Rf3 Bd7 38.Qh7 Qc5 39.h6 Qf8 40.Rfg3 Nf6 41.Rxf6+ 1-0

Catalan Opening E04
Joseph Binder 1900
James Rohrbach 2205

66th Southwest Open (1)
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Qa4 cxd4 8.Rd1 Bc5 9.Qxc4 Qb6 10.a3 a5 11.Nbd2 e5 12.Ng5 0-0 13.Nge4 Be7 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Qd3 Be6 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 a4 19.Rac1 Na5 20.Be7 Rfc8 21.Bb4 Nb3 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Qe4 f6 24.Qxb7 Qxb7 25.Bxb7 Rc2 26.e3 Rxb2 27.Bc6 dxe3?? 28.Rd8+ Kf7 29.Be8+ Kg8 30.Bh5 mate 1-0

Round 2

Sicilian Najdorf B87
Don Flournoy 2059
Mikhail Langer 2302

66th Southwest Open (2)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Bb3 b4 9.Na4 Nxe4?
Recommended is 9...Bb7.
10.Nb6 Qxb6 11.Nxe6 Qa5 12.Nxf8 Bb7 13.f3 Nc5 14.Qxd6



Draw?

White is winning: 14...Nxb3 15.cxb3 (simplest) 15...Qd8 (15...Rxf8 16.Bc5 +-) 16.Qxb4 Qe7 17.Qxe7+ Kxe7 18.Bc5+ Ke8 19.0-0-0 +-.

Sicilian Dragon B76
Mark Dejmek 2119
Aidan Rawlinson 1865

66th Southwest Open (2)
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.h4 Rfc8 13.h5 Qa5 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.a3 Rab8 16.Bd3 b5
Better is 16...Bc4! 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5 Qxd2 19.Nxf6+ Kg7 = (Nunn's Chess Openings).
17.Qg5 Nh7
17...Qc7 18.e5 dxe5 19.Bxe5 Qc5 20.f4 ± van der Wiel-Sax, Plovdiv 1983.



18.Rxh7 Bxd4 19.Rdh1 Bg7 20.Rxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qh6+ Kf6 22.e5+ Kxe5
22...dxe5 23.Ne4+ Kf5 24.Qg5 mate.
23.Qg5+ Bf5
23...Kd4 24.Ne2 mate; 23...f5 24.Re1+ Kd4 25.Qe3 mate.
24.Re1+ Kd4 25.Qe3 mate 1-0

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

Englund Gambit A40
J.P. Hyltin 1919
Samuel Perez 1802
66th Southwest Open (2)

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qa5 9.a3 Bxa3 10.e4 Bb4 11.Rxb4 Qxb4
11...Nxb4 was much better. I intended 12.Nd5 c5 13.Nd4 and things get complex, but Black should hold with best play.
12.Bd3 Qe7
12... Qc5 13. Nd5 Nce7 Bb4 gets wild.
13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Bg5 Nce7
On 14...f6 15.exf6 gxf6, I was thinking about Nd4 or Bh4, neither of which are entirely adequate. 16.Qa1 keeps my attack going, 16...Kf7 17.Nf6 Nf6 18.e5 Re8 19.0-0 offers chances.
15.Nd4 c6
15...d6 16.Nb5 c6 17.exd6 cxd5 18.Nc7+ Kf8 19.dxe7+ Nxe7 20.Nxa8 Bd7 21. exd5 Qxa8 22. 0-0 ±.

16.Nf5 Qa5+

16...cxd5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qf3 f6
19.exf6 Qa5+ 20.Ke2 +-.

17.Bd2 Qa2 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Bc4
Qa4 20.Qf3 f6 21.Nxf6 Nxf6 22.
Qxf6+ 1-0

22...gxf6 23.Bh6 mate.

12.Bf4 Bxf4

12...Qc5 13.Nd5 Nce7 Bb4 gets
wild.

Round 3

Torre Attack A46

Steve Hobart 2119

Jason Doss 2336

66th Southwest Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4
c5 5.e3 Qb6 6.Qc1 Nc6 7.Bxf6 gxf6
8.c3 d5 9.Nbd2 Be7 10.g3 Bd7 11.
dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nb3 Be7 13.Qd2
Rc8 14.Bg2 Ne5 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.
0-0 e4 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4 e5
19.Nb3 Be6 20.Rfd1 f5 21.Bf1 h5
22.h4 Kf7 23.Be2 Rcg8 24.Rac1
Bxh4 25.c4 d4 26.exd4 f4 27.dxe5
fxg3 28.f4 Be7 29.c5 h4 30.f5 Bxf5
31.Bc4+ Ke8 32.Bb5+ Kf7 33.
Bc4+ Kg6 34.Bxg8 Rxg8 35.c6
Bg5 36.Rd6+ Kh5 37.Rcd1 h3 38.
Rf6 Bxf6 39.exf6 Bg4 40.Nd4 Bf3
41.Nxf3 exf3 42.f7 f2+



0-1

43.Kf1 Rf8 44.cxb7 Rxf7 45.
b8(Q) g2+ 46.Ke2 f1(Q)+ +-.

Notes by Steven D. Young

Dutch Defense A90

Angela Alston 2149

Steven D. Young 1905

66th Southwest Open (3)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c6
5.Nf3 d5 6.b3 b6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Ba3
0-0 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.
Nc3 Ne4 12.Rad1 Nxc3 13.Qxc3
Nd7 14.e3 Rac8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.
dxe5 Qe7 17.Rd2 b5 18.Rfd1 bxc4
19.bxc4 Qc5 20.Bf1 Ba6 21.Rd4
Rb8 22.Qc1 Qa5 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.
Qc6 Rb6 25.Ra4 Rxc6 26.Rxa5
Bxf1 27.Kxf1 Rb8!?



Angela and I both felt Black
was winning after 28.Rxa7. How-
ever, the Crafty computer program
established that White has all the
winning chances!

We both felt that the doubling
of the the Black Rooks on White's
second rank would give the second
player an overwhelming advantage.
Most tomes on rook endings warn
against the passive placement of
rooks, claiming that it's often
worth a pawn or two to activate
one's rooks. In this contest White
could afford to temporarily place
his king and rook passively due to
two major weaknesses in the Black
camp.

After 8.Rxa7 Rb2 29.Kg2! Rcc2
30.Rf1 Rxa2 31.Re7 Ra6, one can
see that that Black's weakness at e6

and his back rank give White all the
trumps.

Indeed, after 32.Rb1 h6 33.Rbb7
Raa2 34.Rxg7+ Kf8 35.Rgc7!
White's extra pawn should decide.
[35...Rxf2+?? runs out of checks
after White walks his king to c1,
leaving Black unable to tend both
his back row and his rook.]
28.Rd2 a6 29.Ke2 Kf7 30.Ra4 g5
31.h4 g4 32.Kd3 Ke7 33.Ke2 Rg8
34.f3 Draw

KI Attack A04

Gary Simms 2202

Mark Dejmek 2119

66th Southwest Open (3)

1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d6 4.d3 e5
5.Nbd2 Be7 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 Qe8
8.c4 e4

Either a speculative pawn sac, or
(more likely) an oversight.

9.dxe4 fxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.
Qd5+ Kh8 12.Qxe4 Nc6 13.Qc2
Bf5 14.Qd2 d5 15.cd5 Nb4 16.0-0
Rd8 17.Ne5?

After this White's pieces get
misplaced, and Black takes over.
Better is 17.Nd4 Nxd5 18.Nxf5!
(simpler than 18.e4 Nf6 19.exf5 c5)
18...Rxf5 19.e4, with an extra pawn
and the bishop pair.

17...Nxd5 18.Qa5

The game slips through White's
fingers as he gives up control of the
center.

18...b6 19. Qxa7 Bf6 20.Nc4 Bxb2
21.Nxb2 Qxe2 22.Nc4 Bd3 23.
Rae1 Qh5 24.Re5 Qf7 25.Bxd5
Rxd5 26.Rxd5 Qxd5 27.Qa3 Qf5
28.Qc1 Bxf1 29.Qxf1 Qc2 0-1

Round 4

Alekhine's Defense B02

Jason Doss 2336

Claudio Gershau 2229

66th Southwest Open (4)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4
b6 (4...d6) 5.Nxd5 exd5 6.Qf3 c6 7.
Nh3 d6 8.Bd3 dxe5 9.dxe5 Be7

10.0-0 Na6 11.Qg3 g6 12.c3 Nc5
13.Bc2 0-0 14.Ng5 Ne6 15.h4
Nxb5 16.Bxb5 Bxb5 17.hxg5 Qd7
18.f4 Qg4 19.Qe3 Bf5

Black has avoided, but now his
queen is getting trapped,
20. Bd1 Qh4 21.Rf3 h5 22.g3 Qh3



23.g4 Qxg4+ 24.Rg3 Qh4 25.Kg2
c5 26.e4 Rad8 27.Bf3 dxc4 28.Rh1
Rd3 29.Qc1 c3 30.Rxh4

30.bxc3 is also good. The text
gives Black some false hope, and he
resigns later than I would have
expected.

30...Rxd2 31.Qxd2 cxd2 32.Kf2
Rd8 33.Rg1 b5 34.Ke3 Rd3+ 35.
Ke2 Rd4 36.Rd1 Ra4 37.a3 b4 38.
axb4 cxb4 39. b3 Ra3 40.Bd5 Bg4+
41.Rxg4 hxg4 42.Kd2 a5 43.Rg1
Ra2+ 44.Kd3 g3 45.Rxg3 a4 46.
Kc4 axb3 47.Rxb3 Rf2 48. Bf3 Kf8
49.Kxb4 Ke7 50.Kc5 Ke6 51.
Bg4+ Ke7 52.Rb7+ Ke8 53.Rb4
Ke7 54.Kd5 Rg2 55.Bf3 Rg1 56.
Rb7+ Kf8 57.e6 fxe6 58.Kxe6 Rf1
59.Kf6 Kg8 60.Bd5+ Kh8 61.Rb8+
(Mate in three follows.) 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B97

Mark Dejmek 2119
Mikhail Langer 2302

66th Southwest Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4
Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4
b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.a3

Rb8 14.Bh3 b4 15.axb4 Qc4 16.b5
Rb6 17.Rhe1 0-0



18.Qg3

18.Nc6 wins the Exchange, since
besides the threat of 19.Nxe7+
there is also 19.Rd4 Qc5 20.b4 trap-
ping the queen. After 18.Nc6 Rxc6
19.bxc6 Qxc6 20. Kb1 Nc5 21.Rg1
Bb7 22.Rde1 Rc8 23. Rg2 (stopping
...Na4), White is ready to proceed
with f5-f6.

18...Re8 19.Re3 axb5 20.Bf1 Qc7
21.Bxb5 Ba6 22.g6! hxg6 23.Nxe6!

A nice shot – if 23...fxe6 24.
Qxg6 Black has no good defense, e.g.
24...Kf8 25.Rh3 +.
23...Qb7 24.Ba4!?

A simplifying approach is 24.
Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Nc5 Qa7 26.Nb3 Bc4
27.Nd5 Ra6 28.Rc3 Bxb3 29.cxb3!
±/±.

24...Rb8 25.Nd5 Bf6 26.e5 Rxb2
27.Bb3 dxe5 28.Nxf6+ Nxf6 29.
Kxb2 fxe6



30.Qxg6?

30.fxe5! Nd5 (30...Ne4 31.Qxg6
Nc5 32.Rd6 Δ Rxe6) 31.Rxd5 exd5
32.e6 ±.

30...exf4 31.Rxe6

31.Rh3 Bc4 32.Rg1 Qe7 33.Rh6
Bxb3 34.cxb3 Kf8 35.Rh8+ Ng8
36.Rh7 Rb7.

31...Bc4 32.Red6 Qe7



33.Qd3??

After Langer's reply, Dejmek's
jaw dropped. He later suggested
33.Qf5, which should still win.

33...Rxb3+ 34.Qxb3 Bxb3 35.
cxb3 Qe5+ 36.Ka2 Ne4 37.Rd8+
Kh7 38. R1d3 Nc3+ 39.Ka3 Nb5+
40.Kb4 Nc7 41.R8d6 Qb5+ 42.
Ka3 Qa5+ 43.Kb2 Qe5+ 44.Ka3
Nb5+ 0-1

Dale Coleman, who was the 1987
Texas Junior champion, now has a
business in Austin. He just returned
to tournament chess this year at the
U.S. Open in St. Paul.

Sicilian Najdorf B97

Mike Berki 1800
Dale Coleman 2110

66th Southwest Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4
Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.
Be2 Be7 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Bf3?!

Even in the quiet treatment of
the Poisoned Pawn that White has
chosen, he needs to break open the

center or else the time advantage (his only comp for the pawn) will be lost. NCO gives 12.e5 dxe5 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 (14... Bxf6 15.Rxf6) 15.Ne4 f5 16.Rb3 Qa4 17.Nxf5! exf5 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.Qxd6 Qe4 20.Re1 Nc6 21.Kf1 Be6 22.Bh5 Qc4+ 23.Rd3 Nd8 =. 12...Rb8 13.Kh1 Qc5 14.Rb3 b5 15.Rfb1 Nb6 16.Bh4 Nc4 17.Qd3 h5 18.Be1 Ng4 19.Nd1 Bf6 20.Ne2 Bb7 21.a4 Bc6 22.Bb4 Nf2+ 23.Nxf2 Qxf2 24. Bxd6 Rd8 25.e5



25...Bxf3 26.gxf3 Nxe5! 27.Qe3?

This loses a piece. Better is 27.fxe5 Bxe5 28.f4 Bxd6 29.Qe4, when Black has the shot 29...Ke7! answering 30.axb5 with 30...f5.

27...Qxe3 28.Rxe3 Nc4 0-1

Round 5

Sicilian Dragon B79

Mikhail Langer 2302

Claudio Gershau 2229

66th Southwest Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Be4 Qa5 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Kb1 Ne5 12.Bb3 Rfc8 13.h4 h5?!

This move is out of place with Black having played ...Qa5, although it is quite a solid defense in the ...Rac8 lines.

14.Bg5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Bxf6 exf6

Boleslavsky gives 16...Bxf6 17.Nd5 Qxd2 18.Nxf6+ Kg7 19.Nxh5+! winning a pawn, shows why ...Qa5 and ...h5 don't mix.

17.Nb3 Qa6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Be6 20.Rd4 Rac8 21.Rxc4 Rxc4 22.Nd5 b6 23.Rd1 Kf8 24.Nd4 f5 25.Nxe6+ fxe6 26.Nf4 fxe4 27.Nxe6+ Kg8 28.b3 Rc3 29.Nxg7 Kxg7 30.fxe4 Rg3 31.Rd7+ Kf6 32.Rxa7 Rxg2 33.Rb7 Rg4 34.Rxb6+ Kg7 35.a4 Rxh4 36.Rb7+ Kh6 37.a5 Rxe4 38.a6 Re8 39.a7 Ra8



40.b4 h4 41.Kb2 g5

On 41...h3 42.Rd7 h2 43.Rd1 Rxa7 44.Rh1 g5 45.Rxh2+ Kg6, White will sac his rook on the kingside and win with advanced queenside passers: 46.c4 g4 47.b5 Kg5 48.b6 Rb7 49.c5 g3 50.Rc2 Kf4 51.Kb3 Kf3 52.Kb4 g2 53.Rxg2 Kxg2 54.Kb5 +

42.b5 h3 43.Rd7 g4 44.b6 h2 45.Rd1 g3 46.b7 Rxa7 47. b8(Q) Rg7 48.Qf4+ Kh7 49.Qf5+ Rg6 50.Rd7+ Kh6 51.Qh3+ Kg5 52.Qxg3+ Kf5 53.Qxh2 Rb6+ 54. Kc1 1-0

Sicilian Moscow B51

Michael Simpson 1976

Mark Dejmek 2119

66th Southwest Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.c3 Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6 6.Ba4 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.d4 b5 9.Bc2 e5 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.a4 Rb8 12. axb5 axb5 13.Na3 c4

14.b3 cxb3 15. Bb3 0-0 16.Nxb5 Qc6 17.Nxd6 Rb3 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxc3 20.Bf4 Nh5 21.Nd3



21...Qxd3 22.Rxd3 Nf4 23.Qc2 Rxd3 24.Nxc8 Bxa1 25.g3 Rc3 26.Ne7+ Kg7 27.Qb1 Rcl+ 0-1

King's Indian E62

Joe Binder 1900

Doug Huddleston 2055

66th Southwest Open (5)

1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Qc2 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.e4 Nh5 11 b4 f5 12.Bb2 f4 13.c5 Kh8 14.a4 g5!?

A deep speculation, not exactly necessary and probably not sound.

15.Nxg5



15...Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Qxg5 17.Nxc7 f3 18.Bh1 Nf4 19.Bxf3 Nh3+ 20.Kg2 Rxf3 21.Kxf3 Bg4+ 22.Kg2 Nf4+ 23. gxf4



23...Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Qh5+ 25.Kg3 Rg8 26.f3??

White is winning with 26.Qc4 Bh6+ (26...exf4+ 27.Kxf4) 27. Qxg8+ Kxg8 28.Rg1 Bxf4+ 29.Kg2 Qxh2+ 30.Kf1+ Kf7 31.Ra3 +-.

26...Bf6+ 27.Kf2 Qxh2+ 0-1

Round 6

Catalan Opening E01

Jason Doss 2336

Mikhail Langer 2302

66th Southwest Open (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5

5...Bb4+ has a better reputation. 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nb3 d4 8.0-0 Nc6 9. Bg5 Be7 10.e3 Bg4

10...h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.exd4 exd4 13.Re1+ Be6 14.Nc5 ±.

11.Qd2 dxe3 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.Nc3 Qxd2 14.Bxd2 Rad8 15.Nd5 Nxd5

Better is to give up the bishop pair with 15...Be2 16.Nxe7+ Nxe7 17.Rfc1 b6 18.Bb4 Rfe8, with a slight edge to White.

16.cxd5 Nb4 17.Bxb4

The knight was too strong to be tolerated.

17...Bxb4 18.a3 Bd6 19.Na5 Rd7 20.Rfe1 Rc8 21.b3!

Assuring the knight of a prop either at c4 or (after ...b5) or c6.

21...Rc3 22.Nc4

22.Re3! Rxe3 23.fxe3 Bc5 24. Kf2 Δ 24...f5 25.b4 Bb6 26.Nc4.



22...f6

This is where Black starts to slide. Instead, 22..Rxb3 maintains good drawing chances.

23.Re3 Rxe3

Or 23...Rc2 24.Be4 Re2 25.Rxe2 Bxe2 26.Bf5 Rd8 27.Nxd6 Rxd6 28. Be6+ and Rc1 with a big plus to White.

24.Nxe3 Be2 25.Bh3 Rc7 26.Nf5 Bf8 27.d6 Rc2 28.Ne3 Rd2 29. Be6+ Kh8 30.Rc1 g6 31.Rc8 Rxd6

Worse is 31...Kg7 32.d7 Be7 33. Re8. Now Black makes heroic resistance, but Doss patiently squeezes out the full value of the extra piece. 32.Rxf8+ Kg7 33.Rg8+ Kh6 34. Bd5 f5 35.f4 exf4 36.gxf4 Rd7 37. Rb8 Ba6 38.Rc8 b6 39.Rc3 g5 40. Be6 Rd2 41.fgx5+ Kxg5 42.Bxf5 h5 43.Bh3 Ra2 44.a4 Kf4 45.Bf1 Bb7 46.Nc2 Rb2 47.Bc4 Be4 48. Ne1 Rb1 49.Kf2 Ke5 50.Bd3 Rb2+ 51.Ke3 Bd5 52.Bc2 1-0

Experience triumphs over youth:

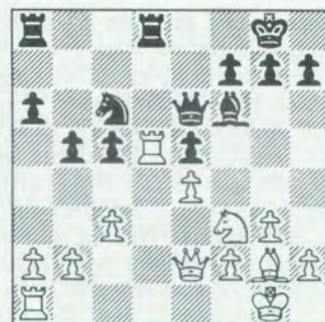
KI Attack A08

Gary Simms 2202

Andrey Dokoutchaev 2235

66th Southwest Open (6)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d3 c5 5.Nbd2 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.c3 Be6 11.Qe2 Qd7 (11...Qc7) 12.Nc4 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 a6 14.Bg5 b5 15. Qe2 Qe6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Red1 Rfd8 18.Rd5



18...Be7 19.Rad1 f6 20.h4 Na5 21. Kh2 Nc4 22.Bh3 Qc6 23.h5 Nb6 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rxd8+ Bxd8 26.Nh4 Nc4 27. Nf5 Nd6 28.Qd1 Nf7 29.Ne3 Qd6 30.Nd5 Ng5 31. Bf5 Kf7 32.Kg2 g6 33. hxg6+ hxg6 34.Bxg6+ Kg7 35.Qh5 Qe6 36.Bf5 Qg8 37.f4 exf4 38.gxf4 Nf7 39.Kf3 Kf8 40.Be6 Qg7 41.Ne3 c4 42.Nf5 Qg8 43.Bd5 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B34

Mark Dejmek 2119

Donald Flournoy 2059

66th Southwest Open (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f4 Ng4

Rather than try to refute the provocative move order, Black should play 7... d6.

8.Bg1 Qa5 9.Be2 Qb4? 10.a3

Flournoy said he had a hallucination, and missed the text. Now if 10...Qxb2?? 11.Na4 traps the queen.

10...Qc5 11.e5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Nf3 Qc7 14.Bd4 e5 15. Nb5 Qc6 16.Bc3 d5 17.Qxd5 0-0 18. Qxc6 bxc6 19.Nd6 Ne3 20.Kf2 Nxc2 21.Rad1 Be6 22.Bxe5 Bh6 23.Ne4 Be3+ 24.Kf1 Bb6 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Rd3 Bf5 27.Rd6 Rfd8 28. Rxd8 Ne3+ 29.Ke1 Nxg2+ 30.Kf1 Ne3+ 31.Kf2 Nc2+ 32.Rd4 Nxd4 33.Nxd4 Rd8 34.Nd7+ f6 35. Bxf6+ Kf7 36.Bc4+ Ke8 37.Nxb6 1-0

RESERVE GAMES



Reserve winner: Pedro Figueroa

Sicilian Defense B27

Israel Trevino (unrated)

Jeffrey Sneden 1401

SWO Reserve (1)

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 g6 3.Bb5?! a6 4.Bc4
b5 5.Bd5 Nc6? 6.Ne5 Bb7?? 7.
Bxf7 mate 1-0

Scotch Game C45

Chris Hobart 1483

Gary Zintgraff 1770

SWO Reserve (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.
Nxd4 Qh4 5.Nb5 Qxe4+ 6.Be2
Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qxg2 8.Bf3 Bxd2+ 9.
Nxd2 Qg5 10.Nxc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8
Nf6 12.Nc4 Re8+ 13.Ne3 Qh4 14.
Qd2 Nd4



15.Bg2?

Also bad is 15.Bd1 Ne4!. However, White is doing more than okay with 15.0-0-0 Nxf3 16.Qa5+.

15...Rxe3+! 16.Qxe3 Nxc2+ 17.
Ke2 Nxe3 18.fxex3 b6 19.Rhg1
Ba6+ 20.Kf3 Qg4+ 21.Kf2 Qe2+
22.Kg3 Qxe3+ 23.Bf3 Ne4+ 0-1

French Defense C02

James Pemberton 1294

Alex Echeverry 1448

SWO Reserve (6)

1.d4 c5 2.dxc5 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4
Bxc5 5.Nc3 Nge7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0
d5 8.e5

By a long-winded transposition we have an Advance French: 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bxc5 6.Bd3 Nge7 7.0-0-0 8.Nc3. 8...Ng6 9.Re1 Qb6 10.Qe2 Nge7?



11.Bxh7+! Kxh7 12.Ng5+ Kg6

The "whoopie sac" (Bxh7+) is not trivial when the king can escape to g6. In this case White's reserves are well placed for the second wave.

13.Qg4 Bxf2+ 14.Kf1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6

Or 15...Kxf6 16.Rxe6+ Bxe6 17. Qxe6 mate.

16.Nxe6+ Kf7 17.Qxg7+ Ke8 18. Qxf6 Bxe1 19.Ng7+ Kd8 20. Qf8+ Kd7 21.Qe8+ Kd6 22.Bf4+ Ne5 23.Bxe5+ Kxe5 24.Qxe7+ Kd4 25. Rxe1 Qb2 26.Qe3+ Kc4 27.Qd3+ Kb4 28.Rb1 d4 29.Qxd4+ Ka3 30. Qa4 mate 1-0

GM Shulman wins in Brownsville

Brownsville hosted the 1st Checkmate 2000 Labor Chess Tournament with \$1,400 in guaranteed prizes. GM Yuri Shulman flew down from Dallas and scooped up the \$800 first prize, defeating UTD teammate Shivkumar Shivaji in Rd. 3 and finishing 4-0. Chief TD Ray Duque came in second with 3.5, including a full point bye in Rd. 4 when he was due to play Shulman. Duque announced that there was a family health emergency, and he ended the tournament a round early.

Only 18 players competed in the Open section (advance entries were \$50), and the 16 player turnout in the Scholastic did little to offset the loss. George Villarreal organized the event, held Sept. 23-24.

Notes by GM Yuri Shulman

Gruenfeld Defense D85

GM Yuri Shulman 2614

Shivkumar Shivaji 2300

Checkmate Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3
0-0

7...c5 doesn't allow the line with 8.Be2, e.g. 8...Nc6 9.Be3 Bg4 and after 10.d5 Black takes a pawn with check.

8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Be3 Bg4 12.d5 Bxa1

If Black wants to take on a1, he has to do it after the exchange of White's dangerous knight. Even so, after 12...Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Bxa1 14. Qxa1 Na5 15.Bh6 f6 16.Bg4 Nc4 17. Be6+ Kh8 18.Rb1 White has got a dangerous initiative in the game Khalifman-Roos, Vilnius, 1995.

12...Bxa1 13.Qxa1 Na5?!

It wasn't late to exchange on f3. 14.Bh6 f6 15.Bxf8 Qxf8

In the game A. Ivanov-Voronov, Vladivostok 1995, White didn't use the chance to save his knight: 16.Qc3 Qd8 (stronger was the immediate 16...Bxf3) 17.Qe3 Bxf3 18. gxf3, and he lost the game after mutual mistakes.

16.Nd4! Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Qd8

I would prefer 17...b6 with the idea of bringing the knight to d6 or c5, and leaving the queen awhile to defend the king.

18.Nd4

White uses the e6-square for the knight, exploiting Black's mistake on the 13th move.

18...Rc8

18... Qd6 19.Qc1 Qe5 20.Ne6 and White's queen goes to h6 one step quicker than in the game.

19.Ne6 Qd6 20.Qd4 b6

White has a nice queen sacrifice after 20...Nc4 21.Qxa7 Nd2 22. Qxb7 Rb8 23.Rc1!! with checkmate. **21.Qe3 Qe5 22.Qh6 f5 23.exf5 gxf5?!**

The position is lost already, but 23...Qf6 left some resistance.

24.Ng5 Qf6 (24... Qg7? 25.Qe6+) 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.d6! exd6

26...Qxg5 27.dxe7+ Ke8 28. Qh8+ Kd7 29.Qxc8 +. **27. Qd7** **1-0**

North American Open

I thought *Texas Knights* readers might want to know what the Texas champion was doing Labor Day weekend. GM Yuri Shulman and IM Michael Brooks tied for first with 9-1 (\$450 each). Donaldson-Shulman in Rd. 4 was a twelve-move draw, and Donaldson-Brooks in Rd. 6 was a four-move draw. IM John Donaldson took third with 8.5-1.5 after a Rd. 9 draw with NM Mark Hulsey.

It was a very enjoyable tourney with a relaxed attitude, organized and directed by Jim Berry.

— Ron Deike

French Defense C19

IM Michael Brooks

GM Yuri Shulman

19th North American Open (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.Bd3 c4 9.Be2 Ba4 10.Rb1 b6 11. Ng5 h6 12.Nh3 Kd7 13.Nf4 Nbc6 14.h4 Qg8 15.g3 Qh7 16.Rb2 Kc7 17.Rh2 Raf8 18.Bg4 Ng6 19.h5 Nxf4 20.Bxf4 Kb7 21.f3 Re8 22. Re2 Re7 23.Kf2 Ka8 24.Qd2 Rb8 25.Rb1 a5 26.Be3 b5 27.f4 Rb6 28.Bf3 Reb7 29.Ra1 Ra7 30.Rb1 Rab7 31.Ra1 Ra7 32.Rb1 Draw

Team Waco skids past Huntsville, 9-7

by Mario Leal

The Waco Chess Club played host to the Huntsville Chess Club in a team match on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Lakeshore Baptist Church. Since December WCC has played in team matches with clubs from Fort Hood, Fort Worth and Huntsville. Team Waco's record is 2-0-1.

Saturday's event saw some of Waco's top players trade punches with the best from Huntsville, including Larry Young (1886), Raymond Vogt (1385), Forrest Marler (1320), and Jonathan Seeman (1166). Waco's team included Ken Henkelman (1796), Gary Lee Webb (1729), Jim Bradfield (1295) and John DeVries (1254).

In the first round, Huntsville's Seeman upset Waco's Board 1, Henkelman, putting Huntsville a point up at 2.5-1.5. Team Waco answered in round 2 as Vogt offered a draw to DeVries while in terrible time trouble. Waco's Henkelman and Webb won their games evening the score to 4-4. Upset number two occurred in Round 3 as Webb got

the point against Huntsville's Young. DeVries chalked up his second draw, catapulting Waco a full point ahead at 6.5-5.5.

Round 4 was the deciding round. DeVries put up his third straight draw against Seeman. Webb won against Vogt while Young gained a whole piece against Henkelman on his way to a 3 point day. Just when Waco needed it, Bradfield came through by beating Marler. Bradfield's only win of the day came in the nick of time, securing the match at 9-7.

The Waco Chess Club enjoys the friendship and competition created at these events. If your club is interested in team play, please contact us. Join the excitement!

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DFW Middle School

Peter Yeh (1578) won the DFW Middle School Championship, 5-0. Top-rated Alex Chua (1783) lost his Round 2 game to Nate Findley (1034) in a large upset, but rebounded to share second place with David Gorrell, Mason Harry and Michael Jennings, all with 4-1. Jeffrey Wu won the U900 section with 5-0.

St. Mark's School won the team competition by a wide margin in the championship division, with 10.5 points. Trailing with 7 were Mary Orr Intermediate and Wilson Middle School.

In the U900 division, Wilson Middle School won first with 10, ahead of Hockady (8) and Schimelpfenig (7).

Fifty-five young people played in the event, held Oct. 14 at the Dallas Chess Club.

Interview with George John

The TCA Treasurer/Webmaster is also a candidate for USCF Executive Board in 2001

by Selby Anderson

I first met George John at the 1996 Texas Scholastic Championships in Houston. With a disarming smile he said "I'm the computer fool!" He had taken on a 700-player event with a 52% jump in attendance over the previous year. He was immediately pressed into recovering data following a system crash, and reentering what could not be salvaged. The tournament stayed on schedule, frayed nerves notwithstanding. - SKA

TK: When did you learn to play chess?

JG: My father taught me to play while I was in elementary school, but the person who probably did the most to cement my love for the game was a 98 year old gentleman whom I met when I was in fifth grade. His son was a considerably stronger than he was and I remember well to this day how much pride he took in the fact that his son reached master status and won against Marshall in a simul when he was 16 years old. I strongly believe he was a significant influence on how I approached chess with my son.

TK: How did you get involved in organized chess?

JG: My son, David, began playing in USCF scholastic events in 1994. I likely would have never learned about the USCF had he not become a member.

TK: What is your line of work?

JG: I have been a computer programmer for over twenty years.

TK: How have you used your computer expertise in the chess world?

JG: Initially, I helped as a volunteer with computer pairings at large scholastic events and the Houston Chess Club with their computer problems/upgrades and with preparing their rating reports on diskette. Beginning in 1996, I began making chess Web sites in particular for the Houston Chess Club and the Texas Chess Association. In 1998 I was recruited to the USCF Internet/Computer Committee and as part of that committee assisted the office and the Board as a technical advisor which included a trip to New Windsor in November, 1999 to evaluate the USCF computing infrastructure and software upgrade. More recently, the committee was heavily involved for a time



with the USChessLive project. I'm particularly pleased with how well my USCF Politics Web site was received during the 1999 election.

TK: The USCF office has had some difficulties in upgrading its computer system over the last few years. Any observations? Are they out of the woods yet?

JG: I remain convinced that the USCF computing/software infrastructure and the Internet has never been a sufficiently high priority of either the various boards or the office and that this has been a problem for a very long time. Furthermore, when we do spend money in this area we don't use it anywhere as wisely as we should. We are nowhere close to where we should be today and are definitely not out of the woods at all. Although we have good people in the office who work hard and do their jobs well, they are simply not sufficient to adequately complete the task on their own. They will continue to need outside help to be most effective. This has been a strong motivating factor for my deciding to run for the Board.

TK: A "litmus test" issue for some in USCF politics has been One Member One Vote (OMOV). In Reno in 1999 you voted against it. Now that we have had a little experience with the Blue Ribbon Committee's so-called SOMOV system with state ballots, has your position on OMOV changed any?

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The Class of the Chessboard

by WIM Alexey Root

The University of Texas at Dallas Chess Program started the fall semester with crushing news: team member and UTD junior Steven Grubbs died September 1st. Many UTD Chess Program members attended Steven's funeral on September 5th. Steven's parents chose to bury him in his UTD team shirt. His mother told me that the shirt was Steven's favorite because the UTD Chess Program meant a great deal to Steven. All of us in the Program miss him very much. I hope that Steven's behavior, always polite and generous, inspires our Chess Program members to be winners on and off the chessboard.

The 2001 Texas Junior will be run as the Steven Grubbs Memorial tournament. UTD will give a scholarship prize to the top high school student in the event, in memory of Steven. More about Steven's memorials, including a link to the Dallas Chess Club's Steven Grubbs memorial website, can be found at our UTD chess program website www.utdallas.edu/orgs/chess/.

Many *Texas Knights* readers know that last academic year (1999-2000) was a successful one for the UTD Chess Program. Last winter, UTD came in second at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Tournament in Toronto behind University of Maryland Baltimore County, but then defeated the UMBC team 8.5-3.5 in an April match in Baltimore. UTD also won the National Collegiate Chess League's Internet championship in the spring.

This academic year (2000-2001) our Chess Program adds scholarship winners David John, Andrei Zaremba, Enrique Rios and Karen Birkedahl to our Chess Team roster. David has won five consecutive Texas Scholastic Championship titles (four of which were for first place), and for three consecutive years was a United States Chess Federation/Pressman All-American Team member. Andrei Zaremba won the 1999 Denker Tournament of High School Champions, participated in the 1999 and 2000 US Junior Championship and represented the United States in the World Youth Championships. Enrique Rios is a USCF master. As a high school player, his titles included the San Antonio Junior Champion, Region VI High School Champion, Texas Junior Blitz Champion, Texas Junior Quick Co-

Champion, two-time Texas Junior Bughouse Champion, and National Junior Blitz Champion. Karen Birkedahl was the top female finisher at the 1999 Denker High School tournament of chess champions. She is the top-rated U.S. born female player from Utah. Enrique and Karen serve as chess instructors for Dallas Area Chess in the Schools (www.dallaschess.com/dacis/). Through their work with DACIS, Enrique and Karen will instruct several classrooms of inner-city Dallas school children in chess each week.

Although the program has serious training sessions (led by IM Rade Milovanovic), there is also a ladder tournament featuring unrated through A-level players and casual games too. All these activities are in Multi-purpose Building room 3.226 on the UTD campus, Fridays 3-6 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

The UTD Chess Club also participates in campus events. On Saturday September 23, we had a booth at the fifth annual Sounds of Class Festival. [See photos, opposite.] UTD student organizations each had unique activities. My son "pinned the neuron on the brain" at the Neuroscience Students Association and threw a beanbag at the Black Students' Association booth. My daughter liked the Golden Key Association book walk (similar to a cake walk). Clarissa also played at the chess booth, offering a draw at a strategic point to Andrew Whatley in their game. (He graciously accepted.) My husband Doug spent much of the carnival at the chess booth as well, playing speed chess with Whatley and Andrei Dokoutchae. The chess booth was one of the busiest of the carnivals, with many grownups and children escaping from the sweaty moon bounces to play chess. Andrew Whatley, Andrei Dokoutchae, Clemente Rendon, Osvaldo Charles, Karen Birkedahl, Taras Odushkin, and Michael Ferguson contributed time to the chess club's booth. Next, on October 21st, we will be represented at homecoming by a king and queen. (Perhaps our king and queen should carry their chess piece counterparts!).

The UTD Chess Program awards full four-year scholarships at the Texas Grade in November, the Texas Scholastic in March, and the Super Nationals in April. Throughout the year, the Chess Program awards Academic Excellence scholarships that take chess into account to those students who meet the rigorous entrance requirements of UTD, have good grades, and attain high SAT scores. If you are interested in the Program, please visit our website www.utdallas.edu/orgs/chess/.

Alexey Root is the Associate Director of the University of Texas at Dallas Chess Program.



Seated at the far end of the table are (L-R) Alexey Root, Andrew Whatley and Clenente Rendon



IM Doug Root plays blitz with Andrei Dokoutchaev

Minutes of the TCA Fall 2000 Membership Meeting

by TCA Secretary Enrique Rios
and Past Secretary George C. John

The Fall 2000 Meeting of the Texas Chess Association was held Sunday, September 3rd, 2000, during the 66th Southwest Open at the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Vice-President Forrest Marler brought the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The reading of the old minutes was dispensed with by acclamation.

TCA Secretary George John announced the untimely passing of three-time Texas high school champion Steven Grubbs, who had died that Friday of an apparent heart attack during an unusually strong seizure. John spoke briefly about Steven's life and called for a moment of silence. Afterward he welcomed memorials to be posted to the TCA Website [Note: A memorial was created at the Dallas Chess Club Web site, www.dallaschess.com.]

TCA Treasurer Brad Bradford gave the Treasurer's report [Note: A copy will be posted to the TCA Web site.] There was a net increase in the cash balance of \$16.83 and an increase in equity of \$1,628.43 despite the fact that USCF's SASP (State Affiliate Special Program) budget was cut in half (about \$900.00) and we had a special one-time expense of \$500 in support of an Texas elementary age student's trip to a world event. [Sarkis Agaian finished third in the Pan Am Under 10 Youth Championships.]. The improvement was due in part to our share of National Elementary proceeds of \$2627.60. Approximately \$2,200 went to our chess set subsidy program (717 sets total). The current account balance is approximately \$15,000. The SASP funds for this year will be \$0.00. The report was passed by acclamation.

TCA Editor Selby Anderson gave a U.S. Open report. [This report can be found in the Sept-Oct, 2000 issue of Texas Knights]. USCF President Tim Redman added his comments, which included a brief discussion of USChessLive, financial write-offs, Internet Memberships, his not running for the Executive Board and leaving the board in October, value derived from individuals purchasing books and equipment from the USCF, the changes in Executive Director, the new business-oriented management team at the office, and the importance of attending US Open workshop and meetings to promote the interests of Texas.

Old Business

Anthony Garcia and Selby Anderson: "Amendment to Article V, Section 2. Nominations: After the first

sentence, insert: "Nominees must be members in good standing of the Association as well as residents of the state of Texas." Motion passed by acclamation.

Gary Gaiffe: "Create a new office. The Director of Procurement, an unpaid, volunteer position, would handle the purchase of chess sets for the TCA scholastic support program, and for other TCA approved projects such as equipment for the blind, etc." Motion passed by acclamation.

The expenditure of as much as \$200.00 for equipment for used by handicapped individuals (for example blind chess sets) passed unanimously.

George John: Bylaw change "An organizer of a TCA event may choose to charge an extra \$1.00 per TCA membership, that includes a magazine subscription, as a handling fee. This extra charge must be stated in pre-tournament publicity." Motion passed 12-1-0.

George John: Bylaw change "The TCA officers may authorize certain designated Webmasters to charge an extra \$1.00 per TCA membership, that includes a magazine subscription and where the payment is accepted on a secure Web server that accepts credit card purchases, as a handling fee." Motion passed 13-1-0.

George John: "That the TCA create an unpaid, volunteer Webmaster position." Motion passed by acclamation.

Greg Wren: "That Selby Anderson be designated a Life Patron of the TCA." Motion passed by acclamation.

Bylaw change: Require that Regional Directors have a Web site for their region. Motion passed by acclamation.

The issue of bonding the Treasurer came up. Gary suggested that an officer other than the Treasurer look into it. The need for liability insurance was raised. Per occurrence insurance probably makes the most sense. Michael Simpson volunteered to look into this and report back within sixty days.

Forrest Marler gave the results of the SOMOV election. The results were: **USCF Delegates (8)**: 1. Selby Anderson; 2. Luis Salinas; 3. Alexey Root; 4. Brad Bradford; 5. George John; 6. Forrest Marler; 7. Bill Snead; 8. Brenda Hardesty. **USCF Alternate Delegates (24)**: 1. John Jacobs; 2. Katie Stone; 3. Susan Strahan; 4. Gary Simms; 5. Michael Simpson; 6. Manuel Espino; 7. Mario Leal; 8. Jim Liptrap; 9. Greg Wren; 10. Lynne Babcock; 11. Clarence Callaway; 12. Enrique Rios; 13. Drew Sarkasian; 14. Bob James; 15. William Tompkins; 16. David Meier; 17. Andrew Thall; 18. Jose Juan Guajardo; 19. Mack Novosad; 20. John DeVries; 21. Jason Howell; 22. Bruce Donahue; 23. Frank Roberts; 24. Bill Manthei.

The list is subject to change due to the need for the TCA President to break ties and the striking of any non-USCF members (who choose not to renew) from the list. The results of the TCA election were announced. Gary Gaiffe was reelected as President defeating Matt Bradford 32-1; Forrest Marler was reelected as Vice-President, defeating Jonathan Walsh 32-1; NM Enrique Rios was elected Secretary defeating Anthony Garcia by twice the vote, 22-11; and George C. John was elected Treasurer defeating Dr. George L. John 32-1

New Business

Lynne Babcock and Tim Redman: "That the TCA endorse George John's candidacy for the USCF Executive Board." The motion passed by acclamation.

NM Mikhail Langer proposed a city chess league. The league would be both an adult and scholastic chess league to encourage participation in team events between Texas cities. Considerable discussion ensued on topics ranging from the feasibility of the plan, the location of matches, financial considerations, and actual specifics among other topics. Tim Redman observed that we could incorporate the chess league with U.S. Chess Live as a way to bridge the gap in Texas. NM Enrique Rios noted that such an idea had already been successfully attempted in the San Antonio vs. Tucson match played via ICC a couple of years ago. Cody Pemberton also noted that his 45 45 chess league on ICC had experienced considerable success. NM Enrique Rios and George John agreed to work with Mikhail Langer in formulating the league.

Brad Bradford requested that TCA award Southwest Chess Enterprises a bid to hold the Texas Junior Open, on January 6-7, 2001 in Dallas, with all the proceeds going to the Steven M. Grubbs Memorial Scholarship Fund. The bid was awarded by acclamation.

Bylaw change: Article IX Section K. [Texas Junior Open: This tournament shall be open to all players meeting the Association's definition of a Junior. This tournament will be held in the fall so as not to conflict with other major scholastic events.] Change the word "Association's" to "USCF's." Motion passed 13-1-0.

Bids awarded were announced.

2002 State Grade was awarded to Forth Worth.

2002 State Scholastic was awarded to Corpus Christi.

2002 Adult State was awarded to Southwest Chess Enterprises, with location and dates TBA.

Luis Salinas: "The advance agenda motions will be posted at the tournament before the meeting." George John noted that this was already in the Bylaws and apologized for dropping the ball. Motion was retracted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Appendix I: Financial Statements

Cash Flow Report

9/1/99 through 8/31/00
by TCA Treasurer George C. John

RECEIPTS	
Memberships	\$ 5,686.50
Interest	277.34
Donations	170.00
Texas Knights advertising	262.00
Back issues	8.00
National Elementary proceeds	2,627.60
School chess set program	<u>2,786.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,817.44
DISBURSEMENTS	
Texas Knights publishing costs	\$ 5,731.61
Denker stipend	400.00
Sarkis Agaian underwriting	500.00
Texas Junior Invitational	150.00
School chess set program	<u>5,019.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,800.61
NET INFLOW	<u>\$ 16.83</u>

Balance Sheet (as of 8/31/00)

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 15,581.35
LIABILITIES	
2000 Denker stipend	<u>400.00</u>
NET EQUITY	\$ 15,181.35
Net equity 8/31/99	<u>\$ 13,552.92</u>
Increase in equity	\$ 1,628.43

Appendix II: TCA Regional Directors

I	Panhandle	Gary Simms
II	North Central	Sharon Pernes
III	Northeast	Luis Salinas
IV	West	Gustavo Maas
V	Southeast	Bruce Donohoe
VI	South Central	Brenda Hardesty
VII	Gulf/Valley	Victor J. Flores

Appendix III: TCA Major Events

	2001	2002
Southwest Open	San Antonio	OPEN
Texas Championship	SW Chess	SW Chess
Texas Scholastic	Houston	Corpus Christi
Texas Grade	SW Chess	Fort Worth

70	Frederick Speck	1521	+95	-23	-48	=88	-55	+89	2.5
71	Mario Leal	1278	-6	+75	B	-13	-38	H	2.5
72	Brandon Moore	1177	=98	-42	-97	=87	+101	=64	2.5
73	Edward Salas	1260	-49	-81	+82	+107	=35	U	2.5
74	Martin Gonzalez	1196	-64	-59	+102	-79	+103	=68	2.5
75	Austin Henriksen	867	-14	-71	+95	-45	+91	H	2.5
76	Anthony Garcia	1395	+101	-12	-42	=67	=86	H	2.5
77	G. Castleberry	1516	+91	-50	X	-15	H	H	2.5
78	Michael LaBelle	1410	+89	-19	+88	-33	H	H	2.5
79	Glyn Ridge	1400	+107	-49	-30	+74	-23	-57	2.0
80	Dan Liu	1037	-13	-27	+101	+92	-26	-46	2.0
81	Alex Gonzalez	786	-25	+73	-14	-58	=95	=87	2.0
82	Angel Reyes	1031	-16	-37	-73	+110	+92	-54	2.0
83	George Evans	1251	-8	+106	-61	+60	F	-49	2.0
84	Michael Mayfield	1118	-36	-43	+106	-26	X	-56	2.0
85	Eugene Lopez	1245	-12	+101	-38	-96	+105	-60	2.0
86	James Owsley	1129	-41	H	X	-29	=76	-50	2.0
87	Richard P. Lopez	1085	-11	-55	-107	=72	+104	=81	2.0
88	Alfred S. Molina	1245	-60	+107	-78	=70	-63	H	2.0
89	Justin Polk	851	-78	-56	B	-68	+94	-70	2.0
90	Patrick MacKay	1541	+67	-15	+92	-40	F	U	2.0
91	Paul Woo	1146	-77	-26	+110	-27	-75	+106	2.0
92	P. Montgomery	1367	-32	+93	-90	-80	-82	+105	2.0
93	Aaron Reyes	1006	-3	-92	=57	+106	=56	+100	2.0
94	Anthony Guerra	1241	-65	-30	+100	-35	-89	+101	2.0
95	James Nielsen	1158	-70	-34	-75	H	=81	+102	2.0
96	Paul Ward	1483	+104	-9	-40	+85	U	U	2.0
97	Levent Kartaltepe	900	H	-98	+72	-52	-60	-66	1.5
98	D.W. Lobaugh	1537	=72	+97	-4	-24	U	U	1.5
99	Israel Trevino	unr.	-34	-36	-25	-54	F	U	1.0
100	Rheanna English	895	-20	-40	-94	+104	-57	-93	1.0
101	Day McNeel	unr.	-76	-85	-80	+102	-72	-94	1.0
102	Gabriel Guerra	934	-35	-68	-74	-101	+110	-95	1.0
103	David parry	872	-38	-46	-67	B	-74	-104	1.0
104	Michael Coyle	1036	-96	-66	-58	-100	-87	+103	1.0
105	Ethan Wilson	939	-28	H	-24	H	-85	-92	1.0
106	Michael Rocha	unr.	-51	-83	-84	-93	B	-91	1.0
107	Richard Ciriello	unr.	-79	-88	+87	-73	U	U	1.0
108	Altan Kartaltepe*	1711	U	U	U	U	U	+48	1.0
109	Gary P. Brown	1425	-69	H	F	U	U	U	0.5
110	Roel Gracia	unr.	-63	-54	-91	-82	-102	U	0.0

1st Checkmate 2000

Brownsville, Sept. 23-24

Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Yuri Shulman	2614	+9	+5	+3	+8	4.0
2 Raymond Duque	2511	+10	=8	+12	B	3.5
3 Shivkumar Shivaji	2300	X	+4	-1	+11	3.0
4 Sarkis Agaian	1554	+6	-3	+10	+9	3.0
5 Victor Flores	1542	+14	-1	=6	+16	2.5
6 Roy Attwood	1168	-4	X	=5	+12	2.5
7 Michael Haskins	1308	H	-11	+16	+13	2.5
8 Gilberto Ortiz	1410	+15	=2	=11	-1	2.0
9 James Pemberton	1305	-1	+15	+14	-4	2.0
10 Francisco Robledo	1300	-2	+13	-4	+17	2.0
11 Gilbert Davila	1202	=16	+11	=8	-3	2.0
12 Vicente Flores	1422	+17	+16	-2	-6	2.0
13 Ralf Haskins	1267	H	-10	+17	-7	1.5
14 Clint Williams	1097	-5	=17	-9	+15	1.5
15 Ind. Rojano	unr.	-8	-9	B	-14	1.0
16 Mariano Ayala	1977	=11	-12	-7	-5	0.5
17 Fred Buitron	1066	-12	=14	-13	-10	0.5
18 Juan Torres	unr.	F	F	U	U	0.0

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

Scholastic

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Abraham Marroquin	968	X	+6	=2	+3	3.5
2 Leroy Jasso	944	+15	+7	=1	+8	3.5
3 Jesus Guzman	961	+5	+4	+8	-1	3.0
4 Edward Rodriguez	827	+9	-3	+11	+7	3.0
5 Ruben J. Lopez	unr.	-3	+9	+6	+12	3.0
6 Juan Yu	728	+10	-1	-5	+11	2.0
7 Jimmy Lozano	586	+13	-2	+10	-4	2.0
8 Christian Yu	652	+14	+12	-3	-2	2.0
9 Noe Rivera	unr.	-4	-5	B	+14	2.0
10 Luis Munoz	unr.	-6	+15	-7	+13	2.0
11 Jaime Gonzalez	unr.	=12	+14	-4	-6	1.5
12 Jose Villarreal	842	=11	-8	+13	-5	1.5
13 Esteban Escobedo	unr.	-7	B	-12	-10	1.0
14 Chris Lueva	unr.	-8	-11	+15	-9	1.0
15 Nicanor Sepulveda	unr.	-2	-10	-14	B	1.0
16 Aaron Solivas	376	F	B	U	U	1.0

George John (continued from page 17)

JG: I am committed to voting in favor of OMOV in 2001. My fundamental inclination has always been in favor of it. The SOMOV process will complete its first cycle in 2001. That will be a very appropriate time to pass OMOV, which is a very logical extension of SOMOV. I truly think this is the right thing to do and may do much to help energize the membership into taking a much closer look at its governance structure and may increase membership involvement in general, particularly as volunteers.

TK: Sometimes we hear grumbling about the newsgroup "rgcp" (rec.games.chess.politics) – that it's too raucous, too negative or whatever. What's your assessment, on balance?

JG: This newsgroup has been very valuable for me. I do agree that at times some of what is posted is very off topic and very inappropriate, but that is a cost that I'm more than willing to accept. It's really a question of separating the wheat from the chaff. If one has the stomach for it and doesn't take what is said there too personally, it's an excellent forum for the discussion of the organized chess.

U.S. Championship a three-way tie

Joel Benjamin, Alex Shabalov and Yasser Seirawan tied for first in the U.S. Championship, held Sept. 25-Oct. 6 in Seattle. They each scored 6.5 out of 11, splitting the title and \$25,500. In the women's championship, Camilla Baginskaite and Elina Groberman shared first and a \$14,000 purse. Both events were sponsored by the Seattle Chess Foundation.

For complete standings and games, go to www.seattlechessfoundation.com/2000uschamp.html

Solution: 1.Qf8 (1...Nxe7 2.Qf4#; 1...Nxf8 2.exf8(B)#; 1...Bc6 2.exd8(R)#; 1...Bb6 2.e8(N)#).

As most tournament organizers out there already know, the cost of putting ads in *Chess Life* just went up an order of magnitude: \$20 now gets up to two lines, \$50 up to five lines, and \$95 up to ten lines. (Watch out for that sixth line!) As the news went out in the October *Chess Life*, a chorus of grumbles rose up in the land from organizers who depend heavily on *Chess Life* ads. Those without experience in direct mail and Internet/e-mail based promotion face a steep climb on the learning curve. Some will just get out of organizing.

USCF Executive Director George DeFeis recently put out a "White Paper" explaining the change, and it was posted to the newsgroup `rec.games.chess.politics` by George John.

Tournament Life Announcements (TLAs)

Prepared by G.L. De Feis,
USCF Executive Director

6 October 2000 (revised 17 October 2000)

Overview

I thought it would be a good idea to set forth the information and rationale used in the development and implementation of the recent changes in our Tournament Life Announcement (TLA) operation (format and pricing). Set forth herein I present our strategy, background information, objectives, TLA processing information, "who benefits (and who doesn't)," and other NEW benefits provided. This information was presented to the Executive Board during our recent meeting in Seattle on October 6-8, 2000. I hope you find this information helpful in understanding our reasoning.

Strategy

To provide an efficient, cost-effective method of announcing tournaments to USCF members, mutually considering the interests of the members, tournament organizers (Affiliates), USCF finances, and the Publisher.

(Core Issue: There is no desire to reduce the amount of tournament play that takes place, nor any opposition to publishing TLAs in *Chess Life* or *School Mates*, just that we can't afford to "do TLAs" the way we have been. Additionally, USCF is beginning to make it clear to its members, affiliates, customers, etc. that we need their help and support for our future, that all of their financial support goes to help USCF underwrite all the important activities it undertakes, and that as a not-for-profit organization with philanthropic goals,

USCF depends on the financial support derived from all its activities (books and equipment, products, tournaments, advertising/TLAs, membership/affiliate dues, etc. to enable it to achieve its important mission. USCF is not flush with resources at this time, and needs the financial support of all its constituencies to ensure its future success.)

Background

In the past, TLAs were provided free-of-charge to all Affiliates, as an "Affiliate Benefit." Some years later, processing fees were charged. With the print medium being the only vehicle available for reaching members, it was understandable that all TLAs, even the most "local," which would regularly attract a handful (usually the same handful) of entries, should go in *Chess Life*.

Given our current business model, financial situation, technologies now available for promoting events (e-mails, web postings, electronic bulletin boards), and our current, longer-term view, of our strategy for *Chess Life* (and *School Mates*), e.g., more reader-friendly, appealing to potential advertisers, etc., we find in necessary to rethink our TLA operation.

Currently, TLAs occupy about 1/4 to 1/3 of the magazine, about 18+ pages. Our objective is to reduce the TLA section (pages dedicated to TLAs), not the number of tournaments held each month. It is more economical for many small, local tournaments to be promoted in smaller, local vehicles – direct mail to the usual players, affiliate newsletters, USCF's FREE electronic bulletin board, etc.

Objectives of New TLA Strategy, Format and Pricing

- Revamping *Chess Life* (more reader friendly, new design underway, story-driven, Member Life section, etc.)
- Expand usage of USCF's FREE electronic bulletin board.
- Price TLAs, with consideration of the actual cost to process, produce, distribute, and manage.
- Price competitively with other similar vehicles – new pricing is in-line with other "membership-hobby" organizations, of comparable readership. Several boating, aerospace, [and] pet magazines were checked for comparison of what they charge for "affiliate event" listings.

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

Texas Team Championship

February 3-4

San Antonio

TNI Building, 4410 Medical Dr. at Ewing Halsell
First floor conference room. South Texas Medical Center, 1 mile north of N Loop 410.
Exit north on Fredricksburg Road, turn left on Medical Drive. Free parking. 210-575-6719.

Prizes: \$1,000 (based on 12 teams)

Overall

U1900

1st: \$450 + trophy

1st: \$200 + trophy

2nd: \$250

2nd: \$100

Open to four-player teams, U2200 average. Ratings based on December 2000 annual list.
One alternate permitted – must be the lowest rated.

Entry: \$100 per team if rec'd by 2/2, \$125 at site
TCA membership required (\$10 adult, \$7.50 junior under 19)

Registration: 11 a.m. - noon

Rounds: 12:30 - 6, 9:30 - 3

Time controls: 30/90, SD/1

Entries payable to SACC. Send to:

San Antonio Chess Club
P.O. Box 501
Helotes, TX 78023

Information: (210) 695-2324. e-mail: txchess@texas.net
SACC web site: <http://www.lonestar.texas.net/~txchess/>

Hotels nearby at IH 10-North and Wurzbach Rd. Motel 6: (210) 593-0013

No smoking. No computers. Wheelchair access.

Texas Junior Open

Jan. 6-7, 2001

6-SS. rds 1-2 G/60, rds 3-4 G/75, rds 5-6 G/90. Sheraton Dallas Brookhollow Hotel (Coral Ballroom), 1241 W Mockingbird Ln, Dallas TX 75247. Out-of-state players may win only trophies. All proceeds of this tournament go to the Steven M. Grubbs Memorial Scholarship Fund. Three sections by age: **U21, U15, U11**. All ages as of 1/1/2001. \$\$ trophies to top 15 in each section. Trophy to top class scores as follows: U21-class A, B, C, D, U1200, Unrated; U15-class D, E, F, G, U600, Unrated; U11-class D, E, F, G, U600, Unrated.

Winner of the U21 section receives two round trip Southwest Airline tickets to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies. These tickets are to be used to go to The 2001 U S Junior Open. (Ticket is for winner and one parent.)

Top High School finisher in U21 section receives a four-year, full-tuition-and-fees scholarship, *The University of Texas At Dallas Steven Grubbs Memorial Scholarship*. (Recipient must meet UTD entrance requirements.)

Highest Finishers in each section that do not qualify for the Texas Junior Invitation by other means, will receive an invitation.

Entry fee: \$21, if postmarked by Dec. 28. Late EF: \$36.

TCA members may deduct \$1 from entry fee.

Registration: 8-8:45 a.m. Sat.

Rounds: Sat. 9:30 a.m., 12:15, 2:45 p.m., 6:00, Sun. 9:30 a.m., 1:20 p.m.

Awards asap after round six.

Up to two 1/2 point byes if req. before round 2. Byes for both rd 5 AND 6 not permitted.

Side Event: Fri. Jan. 5, 4-SS G/30, open to all ages. Reg 6:30-7 p.m.. Round 1 at 7:20, rest asap. 2 sections, Open, U1400. EF: \$10, Jr/Sr/Hcap \$5. \$\$ 65% of Entry Fees.

Side Event: Sat. Jan 6, **Bughouse** tmt. Open to all Under 21 years old. Reg. 8:35 p.m.-8:55 pm. Rd. 1 at 9 p.m., rest asap. Number of rounds based on entries. EF: \$10 per team. \$\$ Trophies based on enties.

Hotel rates: \$62/62/62/62, res. by 12/28 or rate may increase, 214-630-7000, mention chess. Free parking, free hotel shuttle to/from Love Field.

Entries payable to:

Southwest Chess Enterprises, 4060 Old Town Rd., Addison, TX 75001-3518.

Info: bradb4@home.com, 972-231-2065 (recorder), www.texaschess.org or www.dallaschess.com NS. NC. W.

Texas Open

San Antonio
Dec. 30 - Jan. 1

6 round Swiss
30/90, SD/1

\$2,500 prize fund (based on 75 entries; 2/3 of all prizes guaranteed)

	Open Section (open to all)			Reserve Section (open to U1800)			
	U2200	U2000		U1600	U1400	Unr.	
First:	\$500	\$250	\$200	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100
Second:	\$250	\$125	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$75	

Unrated players limited to top two prizes in Open, or Unrated prize in Reserve.

San Antonio Airport Hilton
611 NW Loop 410 (at San Pedro Ave.)

Special room rates: \$79 single/double, \$89 triple, \$99 quad. Free airport shuttle.
Reservations: 800-445-8667 or 210-340-6060. Mention chess tournament, reserve by December 7.

Entry Fees: - \$40 if received by Dec. 28, \$50 at site. Checks to "SACC".
Junior (U19) entry: \$20 advance, \$25. Two junior entries count as one toward "based on".
TCA membership required: \$10 adult; juniors under 19, \$7.50/yr. or \$1 tmt. memb.; o.s.a.

Registration: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 30
Up to two half point byes available with notice before Round Rd. 3 pairings are posted.

Rounds: Sat. 12:30 - 6, Sun. 9 - 2:30, Mon. 9 - 2:30

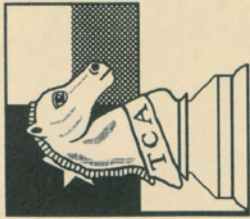
Blitz tourney Sun. 8:30 p.m. EF \$10, 90% of entries returned as prizes

Send entries to:

San Antonio Chess Club
P.O. Box 501
Helotes, TX 78023

Information: www.texaschess.org or 210-695-2324

No computers. No smoking. Wheelchair access.

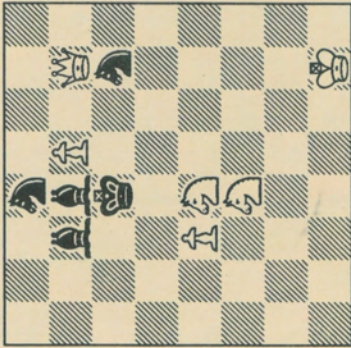
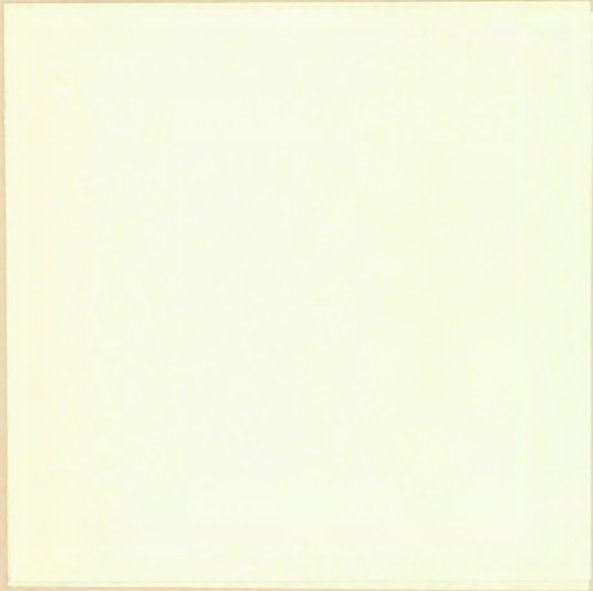


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See inside front cover for
 TCA membership information.

Paul Steiner
StrateGems, October/December 2000



Mate in two
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