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Texas State Championship

GM Babakouly Annakov and IM Mark Diesen tied for first with 5.5 out of 7 in the Texas State Championship, held May 25-28 in Houston. Diesen, who has lived in Houston the last eight years, is the new Texas champion. A former U.S. junior champion and world junior champion (both in 1976), Diesen has played little over-the-board chess in the last ten years. He is active in the Internet Chess Club, where his handle is Diesen.

Amarillo master Gary Simms complained midway through the tournament that he only had 2-2, but he went on a 3-0 tear to capture third prize with 5. Tied for fourth place with 4.5 were Mikhail Langer, Andrew Whatley, Mansour Bighamian and Bill Reuter.

The Amateur title was shared by Jason Howell of Waco (who also won in 1999) and Albert Yeh of Dallas, both with 6 out of 7. Yeh just finished his sophomore year in high school; he only placed 15th in this year's Texas high school championship, but is surely a favorite to win the high school title in the next two years.

George Yeh directed a combined field of 134 players for Southwest Chess Enterprises.

CHAMPIONSHIP: 1st: Babakouly Annakov, Mark Diesen, 5.5. 3rd: Gary Simms, 5. 1st expert: Lorenzo Gaskill, 4. 2nd expert: Andres Suarez, John Hendrick, Rudy Tia, 3.5.

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Thanks go to Drew Sarkisian, who annotated many of the games for this issue. (As usual, if there is no header with the annotator's name, or if notes are in italics, the notes are by the Editor.)

Round 1

Morshedi re-entered after losing to Langer in the Friday night (4-day schedule) round. He was rewarded with a shot at a GM, and lost to Annakov the next day. Also on Saturday, Diesen reportedly missed a brilliant win against Hendrick, who got a winning endgame of two minor pieces and pawn versus rook. Hendrick blundered the pawn, and a draw resulted. (Sorry, no score is available.) There was one decisive upset, due largely to the fact that Sonny Kamberi was unaware of the game in two hours time control until he was down to 15 minutes against Drew Sarkisian.

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Benoni A43

Andrew Whatley 2327

Mark Dejmek 2154

Texas Championship 2001 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Bg5 Qb6 5.Bxf6 Qxf6 6.c3 d6 7.Qb3

7.e4 a6 8.Nbd2 was Gruenfeld-Keres, Szcawno Zdroj 1950! Some folks might despair that there's nothing new under the sun. I prefer to think that there's so much in chess to discover and rediscover...

7...Nd7 8.e4 a6 9.a4 b4 10.cxb4 cxb4 11.Qxb4 Rb8 12.Qc3 g6!

Logical and strong. The initiative has gone over to Black.

13.Qxf6 Nxf6 14.Nc3 Rxb2 15. 0-0-0?!

Trying to mix things up.



15...Rb4?

... and Black immediately goes wrong. Instead, 15...Rxf2! gives Black a juicy pawn and keeps an active rook on the White 2nd rank.

16.Rd4 Bh6+ 17.Kc2 Rb8?

17...Rxd4 18.Nxd4 Ng4 makes more sense.

18.h3 Nd7 19.Rc4 Nc5 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.dxc6 Rc8?

Black must play 22...Rb6. Whatley now finds a cute Exchange-sacrifice. When the smoke clears, the White a-pawn decides.



23.Rxc5! dxc5 24.Bxa6 0-0 25. Bxc8 Rxc8 26.Nd5 Kg7 27.Nxe7 Rc7 28.Nd5 Rxc6 29.Ra1 Bg5 30. a5 Bd8 31.a6 Rc8 32.a7 Ra8 33. Kd3 1-0

King's Indian E97

Drew Sarkisian 2192

Sonny Kamberi 2347

Texas Championship 2001 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9.Bg5

This was my first tournament game in about eight months, so I decided to trot out an old favorite that's unfamiliar to a lot of King's Indian players.

9...Nh5

Played instantly – so much for surprising Sonny. I've never had the chance to play against this line in tournament play.

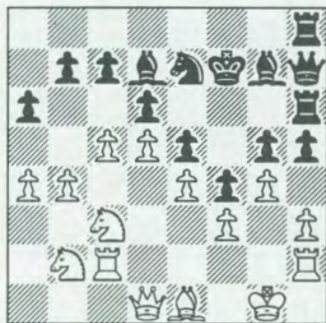
10.Ne1 Nf4 11.Nd3 Nxe2+ 12. Qxe2 h6 13.Bd2 f5 14. f3!?

All theory, up to my 14.f3. Normal is 14.f4 exf4 Nxf4 g5 with all sorts of fun in store.

14...Bd7 15. c5 f4 16.g4

An attempt to stifle Black's normal "cookbook-style" attacking scheme. As things turn out, not a great try for an advantage.

16...g5 17.Rac1 h5 18.h3 Rf6 19. Rf2 Rh6 20.Rh2 Kf7 21.a4 a6 22. b4 Qh8 23.Be1 Qh7 24.Nb2 Rh8 25.Rc2 Qg8 26.Qd1 Qh7



Uh-oh; Black can force a draw by repetition. If White gives up the h-file, it's going to be a massacre. While a draw is not necessarily a

bad result for the lower rated player, I liked my position and wanted to keep on playing.

27.Qe2 Qg8 28.Qd1 R8h7 29.Rcg2 Nc8 30.c6?!

Based on a miscalculation (see the note to move 32). At this point, I had around one hour and 15 minutes for the rest of the game, and Sonny was a bit below 40 minutes.

30...bxc6 31.dxc6 Bxc6 32.Nd5 Qh8?

Missing 32...hxg4! 33.hxg4 Qh8! forcing all the major pieces off the board. This won't be the first time I get lucky during this game!

33.gxh5! Rxb5 34.h4 Bxd5?

Giving White what he was looking for. Sonny was down to less than 15 minutes at this point. He looked over at my scoresheet to see how many moves left until move 40. I suddenly realized he thought the time limit was 40/2, instead of game/120! I felt bad as I pointed to the top of his scoresheet, which had the time controls pre-printed on it.

35. Qxd5+ Ke8 36.Rc2 Bf6 37. Rhg2! Bd8 38.Qc6+ Kf7 39.Qxa6 Ne7 40.Qc4+ Kf8 41.b5 gxh4 42. Rg4 h3 43.Kh2 Rg7 44.Qe6 Rh6

Sonny's about out of time; he had three minutes left as of move 40. Black still keeps things messy with 44...Rxb5 45.Qxb5 Kf7.

45.Qd7 Kf7 46.b6?



An instructive mistake. The right move order is 46.Rxb5 Kxb5 47.b6.

46...Rxb5! 47.fxb6 cxb6 48.Rc8 Qe8?

Bizarre as it may seem, White's mistake on move 46 allows Black the resource 48...Qh7!! After 49. Rxd8 Qxe4 White's forced to take a perpetual with 50.Qe8+ Ke6 51. Qd7+.

49.Rxd8 Qxd7 50.Rxd7 Ke8 51. Rb7 d5 52.Bb4 (52.Nd3) 52...Nc6 53.Rxb6 dxe4 54.g5 Rg6 55.Kxb3 Kd7 56.Kg4 e3 57.Nd3 Kc7 58.a5 Rg8 59.Rb5 e2 60.Bc3 f3 61. Bxe5+!

A quick way to get everything off the board.

61...Nxe5+ 62.Rxe5 Rd8 63.Kxf3 Rxd3+ 64.Kxe2 Rg3 65.Kf2 Rg4 66.Kf3 Rg1 67.Kf4 Kd6 68.Rb5 Kc6 69. Rb6+ Kc7 70. Rf6 Kd7 71. Kf5 Kc7 72.Kg6 Ra1 73.a6 Ra5

... and Black resigned after a few more moves. 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Ali Morshedi 2109

Mikhail Langer 2307

Texas Championship 2001 (1)

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

10.Bd3 is an alternative idea, which Morshedi later mixes in.

10...b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.Bd3

13.f5 is the overwhelming favorite here. The Bishop seems somewhat in the way on d3. One can try the unusual-looking 13.Bh3 (see Langer-Reuter from Round 5.)

13...Bb7 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.a4?!

I don't get the point of this move. Black is the only one who will benefit from the opening of the b-file.



15... bxa4 16.Nxa4 Nc5 17.Nc3
17.Nxc5? dxc5 and White loses
a piece.
17...Kb8 18.Bf1 Qb6 19.Qe3 Ka8
20.Kb1 Rb8 21.Nb3 Bc6 22.Bc4 a5
23.Qc1 Rhc8 24.Nd5??

24.Re3 is a try, though White's
position remains under serious
pressure.
24...exd5 25.exd5 Bb5 0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

English Opening A21

Selby Anderson 2315

Rudy Tia 2116

Texas Championship 2001 (1)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nc3 exd4 4.
Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qd2 g6 6.b3 Bg7 7.
Bb2 Nf6 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2

The move order with 9.Nh3 and
10.Nf4 first is more challenging.
9...Re8 10.Nh3 Bf5

A book equalizer is 10...d5!
11.cxd5 (11.Nxd5 Bxh3 12.Bxh3
Ne4 13.Qc1 Nd4 14.e3 c6 15.Nf4
Nd2 ∞=) 11... Bxh3 12.Bxh3 Nxd5
13.Nxd5 Bxb2 14. Rd1 Bg7 15.Bg2
Nd4 16.e3 c6 = ECO.

11.0-0 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3

Kovacevic-Popchev, Sarajevo
1988, continued 13.Bxg7 Bxg2 14.
Kxg2 Kxg7 15.Nf4 Qe7 and was
drawn after a long struggle. Selby
goes his own way, but White
shouldn't get much out of this.

13...Bf5 14.e4 Bxh3 15.Bxh3 Be5
16.Rae1?

An aggressive move which
threatens 17.f4, it also shows I'm
oblivious to what Black is up to.
Better is 16.Rad1 to avoid various
pin and fork setups.

16...Qf6 17.Rf2 Bxb2 18.Qxb2
Qxb2 19.Rxb2 Nd4?

Correct is 19...f5!, using the pin
on the e-file to force an isolated
pawn on White. If 20.Kf2 fxe4
21.Rbe2? then 21...Ne5! is hard to
answer.

20.Kf2 f5

After seeing the game continu-
ation, it appears that 20...a5 with
the idea of ...Ne6-c5 is safer.

21.Rd1 c5 22.exf5 gxf5



23.Rxd4 exd4 24.Bxf5

It's already difficult to make
constructive suggestions for Black.
White wins the d4 pawn, plants his
monster bishop onto e4 and can
mobilize his kingside pawn
majority at his leisure. Amazingly
enough, the d6-pawn falls as well,
giving White a queenside pawn
majority to play with.

24...Re5 25.Be4 Rb8 26.a4 Rh5
27.h4 Ra5 28.Rd2 Ra6 29.Rxd4
Rb6 30.Bc2 Re8 31.a5 Rc6 32.Be4
Rc5 33.b4 Rc7 34.Rxd6 Kf8 35.c5
Rf7 36.Ke3 Ree7 37.h5 Rd7 38.
Rxd7 Rxd7 39.h6 Re7 40.Kd4 Ke8
41. g4 Re6 42.g5 Re7 43.b5

43.g6 wins more quickly, but it
doesn't matter at this point.

43...Kf8 44.b6 axb6 45.axb6 Kg8
46.c6 bxc6 47.Kc5 Re5+ 48.Kxc6
Rxc5 49.b7 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Gruenfeld Exchange D87

Dennis Rylander 2296

Mike Sheaf 2072

Texas Championship 2001 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4
0-0 8.Ne2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3
Qc7 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.Bf4 Qd7 13.d5
Na5 14.Bd3 c4 [14...e5 ±] 15.Bc2

White's position is much easier
to play; the pawn center is far more
impressive than Black's queenside
pawn majority. [ECO gives 15...e6
16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Bg5 Rf8 18.f4 e5
19.f5 Qxd1 20.Rcxd1 b6 21.Be7 ±
Balashov-Kengis, USSR ch 1985.]

15...b6 16.Nd4 Ba6 17.Rb1 e5 18.
dxe6 fxe6 19.Bg5 Rf8 20.Qg4 Bc8
21.Rfd1 Qf7 22.Qg3 Bd7 23.Rd2
Rac8 24.Rbd1



24...Qe8?

Missing White's next. 24...Be8
was the only move.

25.Nf5! exf5 26.Rxd7 Qe5 27.Qxe5
Bxe5 28.exf5 Bxc3 29.fxg6 hxg6
30.Bxg6 Bf6 31.h4 Nc6 32.Bh7+
Kh8 33.Be4 c3 34.R1d6 Ne5 35.
Rh7+ Kg8 36.Rxf6 Rxf6 37.Bxf6
Nf7 38.Bg6 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian Paulsen B43

Lorenzo Gaskill 2000

Clairen Yeung 2200

Texas Championship 2001 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.0-0 Bc2
8.Nb3 Be7 9.Be3 d6 10.f4 Nbd7
11.Qf3 0-0 12.Nd4 b5 13.a3 Bb7
14.Rae1 Rfe8 15.Qg3 d5

Another possibility here is 15...
Nc5 with ...d5 to follow.

16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.
Qh3 g6 19.Nf3

19.f5!? exf5 20.Nxf5 is an interesting
attempt to complicate the
game.

19...Bxf3 20.Rxf3 Bc5 21.Qh6
Bxe3+ Draw

Round 2

Annakov plays a dubious novelty
against Rylander, but is reprieved
of punishment. Anderson botches a
nice game against Sarkisian, finding
a way to helpmate his own queen as
the final minutes tick down. After
this round, only two players have
perfect scores – surprise! – untitled
Texas players Langer and Sarkisian.

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

QGD Slav D15

Babakouly Annakov 2572

Dennis Rylander 2296

Texas Championship 2001 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 e6 8.
Ng5 h6 9.Nge4 b4 10.Ne2??

A novelty, but probably not a
good one. Normal is 10.Nb1.
10...a5

Instead, 10...b3! puts the ques-
tion to White's tenth move; the
immediate threat is ...Nd5-b4-c2+.
After 11.Bd2 Na6! followed by
...Ndb4, it's likely White will have
to shed the Exchange to survive.

11.N2g3 Ba6 12.Nh5 Nd7 13.Qf3
Rh7 14.b3 Qb6 15.Qd1 Draw

Definitely a gift for Annakov;
Black has to be a lot better here
after 15...c3.

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Reti Opening A14

Bill Reuter 2200

Andrew Whatley 2327

Texas Championship 2001 (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.g3 d5 4.b3 Bf5
5.Bg2 e6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.d3 h6 8.0-0
0-0 9.Nbd2 a5 10.a3 Na6 11.Qc2
Bh7 12.Ne5 Bc5 13.Kh1 Ne8 14.f4
f6 15.Nef3 d4



A premature blocking of the
center. White reacts vigorously.

16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Rxa8
Qxa8 19.Qb3 Qa5 20.Nxd4

The weakness of the a2-g8 dia-
gonal insures a White advantage.

20...Nc7 21.Ra1 Qb6 22.N4f3
Ra8??

Loses by force. 22...Be7 was re-
quired.

23.Rxa8+ Nxa8 24.d4 Be7 25.c5
Qb5 26.Qxe6+ Kf8 27.Qc8+ Kf7
28.Qxa8 Nd5 29.Ng1?

Better is 29.e4! Bxe4 30.Nxe4
Qxb2 31.Ng1 Ne3 32.Bf3 Nf1 33.
Be2 and White remains a piece up
(Chess Tiger).

29...Qxb2 30.Ndf3 Bf5 31.Nh4
Bg4 32.Be4 Bh5? (32...f5)



33.Bf3

Missing the crushing 33.Bh7!
Bf8 34.g4 Qxd4 (34...Bxg4 35.Bg6+
mates) 35.gxh5 +..)

33...Bxf3+ 34.Nhxf3 Nc3 35.f5
Nxe2 36.Qa4 Nxf1 37.Kxf1 Qb1+
38.Kf2 Qxf5 Draw

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Queen's Indian E16

Drew Sarkisian 2192

Selby Anderson 2315

Texas Championship 2001 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.
Nbd2 b6 5.g3 Bb7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0
a5!?

I couldn't find this in my books,
but it seems no worse than 7...Bxd2.

8.Qc2 Bxd2 9.Nxd2

Not terribly ambitious.

9...Bxg2 10. Kxg2 Nc6 11.e3 d6
12.b3 e5 13. Bb2 Qe7 14.d5

At this point, I realized I would
be giving Black what I hoped would
be temporary activity. [Based on
previous play, I expected something
placid like 14.a3.]

14...Nb4 15.Qd1 Nd7 16.f3 f5 17.
e4 Nc5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.a3 Nbd3
20.Bc3 Rh5!?

My first thought was 20...Qg5,
but I could not find better than the
repetition with 21.Ne4 Qe3 22.Bd2
Qd4 23.Bc3 =.

21.Qe2??

Quite consistent with my form
this tournament. The obvious 21.f4

was first in my thoughts, then I found myself moving my queen to this incredibly poor square. Selby replied instantly. [The game is equal after 21.f4 Rh6 22.fxe5 Nxe5 23.Qe2 Re8.] 21...Qg5 22.Qd1 Nf4+ 23.Kg1 Nh3+ 24.Kg2?

Disgusted by my 21st move, I continue down the path straight to hell. 24. Kh1 was the only try: 24... Qe3 25.f4 Rh6 26.Qf3 minimizes the damage. I realized after I played 24.Kg2? that Selby wins decisive material.



24...Qe3?

Selby missed 24...Qh6! and White has no satisfactory reply: a) 25. Rh1 Qe3 and Black wins a piece; b) 25.Kh1 Nf4! and White must pitch the Exchange after 26.Rf2 Ncd3. [It's mate soon after 26.gxf4 Rxh2+ 27.Kg1 Qh3!.] 25.f4

I had visions of 25.Bb2? Nd3 26. Rb1 Nh2 27.Qc2 Rxh2+! 28.Kxh2 Qh6+ and mate next move. Sarkisian keeps enough life in the position for me to find a way to panic in the sudden death (Rounds 1-3 were played at G/120.)

25...Nxf4+ 26.Rxf4 exf4 27.Qxh5 Qxc3

Not that this is so bad for Black; White's position is a smoking wreck. My only hope was the sudden death time control (G/120).

28.Qd1 fxd3 29.hxd3 Rf8 30. Rb1



30...Nd3?

This doesn't lose, but it was my first cause for hope since move 21. [30...Qe3 31.Nf3 Nd3 is unanswerable, e.g. 32.Qf1 Ne5 -+.] 31.Ne4 Qd4 32.Qe2 Ne5??

Horrible; Selby was already very short on time. Black can force a crushing Rook ending after 32... Rf4! 33.Rd1 Rxe4 34.Qxd3 Qxd3 35.Rxd3 a4.

33.Rd1 1-0

Drew was very apologetic about winning, and considered the game an argument against the G/120 time controls for this event.

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Scotch Game C45

Mikhail Langer 2307

Chris Glaser 1932

Texas Championship 2001 (2)

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

The Blumenfeld Variation. GM deFirmian in MCO-14 gives 6... Bxe3 7.fxe3 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qd8, citing 8...Qxe4 as "risky but perhaps playable." In my opinion, the "playability" comment is the understatement of the year.

6...Bxe3 7.fxe3 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qxe4 9. Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 Qxh1 11.Qd6 Nge7

ECO gives 11...Nf6 12.Nd2 (12. Nc3 Qf3 -/+ Keres) 12...Ne8 13. Qf4 Qd5 -/+. 12.Nc3 Qf3

Preventing White from castling queenside, and setting a little trap. 13.Kd2

... which White promptly falls into. 13.Qc7+!? first, followed by 14.Kd2, is interesting. 13...Qxe3+! 14. Kxe3 Nf5+ 15.Kf2 Nxd6 16.Nd5 Ne8

Personally, I don't see how White rescues his stranded steed on a8; this looks to be winning for Black.

17.Rd1 b6 18.Bh3 d6

18...Bb7! and Black has nothing to fear.

19.Bg2 Bb7 20.Nb4 Kd7 21.Bh3+ Kd8 22.Bg2 Na5 23.Bxb7 Nxb7 24.Rd3



24...Nc5??

24...Nf6! followed by 25...Kd7 and Black eventually trades his rook for both knights. [If 25.Ra3 then 25...Na5.] Instead, White gets to wreck Black's queenside. Black is effectively playing a rook down.

25.Ra3 a5 26.Nd5 Kd7 27.Naxb6+ Kc6 28.c4 Nb7 29.Re3 Nc7 30. Re7 Ne6 31.Na4

Chess Tiger found 31.b4! with a problem-like win: a) 31...axb4? 32. Na4 and Black cannot prevent Nxb4 mate next move; b) 31...Rd8? 32. Na4 again with mate; c) 31...Rb8

32.Nd7 threatening 33.b5 mate or winning the Rb8.
 31...Nbc5 32. Nxc5 Kxc5 33.b3 a4
 34.Rxf7 axb3 35.axb3 Kd4 36.Ke2
 Ra8 37.Re7 Ra2+ 38.Kf3 Ng5+ 39.
 Kf4 Nf7 40.Kf5 Nd8 41.Rd7 Rf2+
 42.Nf4 Nc6 43.Rxd6+ Kc5 44.
 Rd5+ Kb4 45.Rb5+ Kc3 46.Rb7
 g6+ 47.Kg5 Rxb2 and ... 1-0

Bogo-Indian E11

Andres Suarez 2119

Mark Diesen 2460

Texas Championship 2001 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bd2
 a5 5.a3(?)

White's cause is better served by development with Nf3, 0-0, Qc2 and Nc3.

5...Bxd2+ 6.Nxd2 d6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.
 Ngf3 Qe7 9.0-0 e5 10.e4 a4

This is one drawback of developing the QN to the inferior square d2. Black can now get complete control of c5.

11.Re1 Nc6 12.d5 Nb8 13.b4 axb3
 14.Nxb3 Bd7 15.Qd3 Ba4 16.Nfd2
 Na6 17.Bh3 Nd7 18.Qc3 Ndc5



Black has completed his blockade of the queenside, and can turn his attention to the other wing.

19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.f3 Qg5 21.Reb1
 g6 22.Rf1 Qh6 23.Kg2 Rae8 24.
 Rae1 Qg7 25.Rf2 f5 26.Ref1 b6 27.
 Kg1 Qh6 28.Kg2 f4 29.Rg1 Ra8

"Tacking," or shifting sides, is a luxury one can afford when dominating both wings.

30.Bg4 Ra7 31.Ra1 Rfa8 32.Rff1
 Qg5 33.Rh1 Qf6 34.Rhf1 Kg7 35.
 Rfb1 Rf8 36.Nf1 Raa8 37.Rb2 Qg5
 38.h4 Qf6 39.h5 Be8 40.gxf4 Qxf4
 41.Ng3?

Allowing a fork, but only marginally better was 41.Re2 gxh5 42.
 Bf5 h4 (Δ ...Bh5) 43.Bg4 -/+.
 41...Na4 42.Qc2 Nxb2 43.Qxb2

Qe3 44.Ra2 Rg8 45.Ra1 Kh8 46.h6
 Qxb6 47.Qc3 Qg5 48.Rh1 Rg7 49.
 Be6 Bd7 50.Bxd7 Rxd7 51.Kf2
 Rf8 52.Rf1 Rdf7 53.Kg2 Rf4 0-1

Round 3

Langer and Sarkisian draw on top board, while Annakov, Diesen, and Rylnder win to join them at 2.5. This was the last round with the G/120 time control.

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Modern Defense B06

Mikhail Langer 2307

Drew Sarkisian 2192

Texas Championship 2001 (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 Na6

Ah, this bit of garbage. GM Annakov thought that Mikhail and I had made some sort of deal before the game after he saw this move!

3.Nf3 g6 4.Be3 d6 5.Qd2 Nc7
 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.Nc3 b5

The beginnings of a very bad idea. Black should be attend to his development with 7...Nf6.

8.0-0-0 a5 9.d5!

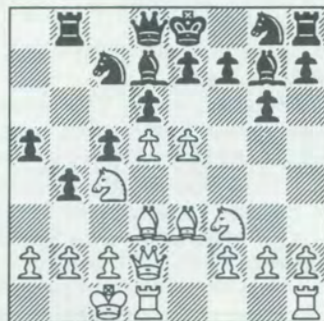
Simple and direct. Black's queen-side weaknesses are exposed with one move.

9...b4

Not 9...cxd5 10.Nxd5! and Black's even worse off than in the game.

10.Na4 c5 11.e5 Bd7?!

Underestimating the upcoming knight maneuver. 11...Rb8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Rhe1 was probably better. 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Nc4



13...Nxd5 14.exd6 Nxe3 15.Qxe3!

Correctly not fearing the pin on the c1-h6 diagonal.

15...Bh6 16.Ng5 e6

I really really REALLY wanted to win the piece with 16...f6, but Black is quickly smashed with 17.f4! fxd5?? 18.Qe5 with the threat of Qxh8 (18...Nf6? 19.dxe7 hitting the Nf6, Qd8 and Rb8 all at once). 17.f4 Nf6 18.Qh3 Nh5 19.Kb1 Bxg5 20.fxd5 Qxd5 21.Rhf1 0-0



Amazing; I actually managed to castle. Still, White's not through having fun yet.

22.Qf3 a4 23.g4 Ng7 24.h4 Qd8
 (24...Qd5!?) 25.h5 Qg5 26.Rh1 e5
 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Qg3 Rf4

Trying to keep things as messy as possible, but White's attack should win material.

29.Qh2 Re8

Rejecting 29...h6 30.Qxh6 with a queen swap. No need to enter some completely lost ending when I can continue on in a completely lost middlegame!

30.Qxh7+ Kf7 31.Nb6

Better was 31.Rhf1! and White wins material after 31...b3 32.Bxg6+ Qxg6 33.Nxe5+ Rxe5 34.Rxf4+.

31...Bxg4?!

This was a sudden-death time-control, so I wanted to keep things messy.

32.d7 Rd8



33.Rhg1?

33.Rdg1 followed by Rh6 and Black is about out of moves.

33...Qh5 34.Qxh5 gxh5 35.Rde1 Ke6 36.b3 axb3 37.axb3 Kd6 38.Bg6 Ne6 39.Nc4+ Rxc4 40.bxc4 Rxd7 41.Rg2 Nf4 42.Rd2+ Kc7 43.Rxd7+?

A time-trouble mistake; better is 43.Bd3.

43...Kxd7 44. Rxe5!?

Technically not the best, but this certainly had the power to confuse me in our mutual time trouble. 44...Nxc6 45.Rxc5 Ne7 46.Rg5 Nc6 47.Kc1

With about 2:30 on each of our clocks, Mikhail offered me a draw.

All I could picture was dropping one of my minor pieces, while Mikhail was worried about losing the rook to some nasty knight fork! Black is probably winning in the final position, but it'll take quite a bit of chessplaying to prove it, so ...

Draw

Dutch Defense A80

Mark Diesen 2460

Clarence Yeung 2200

Texas Championship 2001 (3)

1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bh4 g5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Bg3 e6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Bc4 Qe7 9.Nge2 a6 10.f3 b5 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.Qd3 b4 13.Na4 Nbd7 14.c3 bxc3 15.Naxc3 Nb6 16.Rc1 Rc8 17.0-0 Qf7



18.Na4 Nxa4 19.Bxa4+ Nd7 20.Bc6 Bxc6 21.Rxc6 Nb8 22.Rc2 0-0 23.Rfc1 Qd7 24.Qb3 Rf7 25.Qb7 c6 26.Qb6 Bf8 27.Qb3 Re8 28.Nc3 Qb7 29.Qc4 Nd7 30.Na4 c5 31.dxc5 dxc5 32.Rd1 Qb5 33.b3 Qxc4 34.Rxc4 Rc8 35. b4 f4 36.exf4 gxf4 37.Bxf4 1-0

Reti Opening A12

Gary Simms 2275

Babakouly Annakov 2572

Texas Championship 2001 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d3 Bg4 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.0-0 e6 7 h3 Bh5 8.c4 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 a5 11.a3 b5 12.Rc1 Qb6 13.Rc2 Rfc8

14.Qa1 h6 15.Rfc1 Qb7 16.e4 Bg6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5



18...a4 19.b4 bxc4 20.dxc4 dxe4 21.Ra2 c5 22.b5 Rd8 23.Nf1 Rd3 24.Rd1 Rad8 25.Rad2 Qb6 26.Bc3 Ne8 27.Rxd3 exd3 28.Ne3 Bf6 29.Ng4 Bxc3 30.Qxc3 f6 31.Bc6 h5 32.Ne3 Nd6 33.f3 Qc7 34.h4 Nc8 35.Kf2 Nb6 36.f4 Rd4 37.f5 exf5 38.Nd5 Nxd5 39.Bxd5+ Bf7 40.Rxd3 Bxd5 41.cxd5 Qe5 42.Rxd4 cxd4 43.Qc8+ Kf7 44.b6 Qe3+ 45.Kg2 Qe2+ 46.Kh1 d3 47.b7 d2 48.Qe6+ Qxe6 49.dxe6+ Kxe6 50.b8(Q) d1(Q)+ 0-1

QGD Baltic D07

Andrew Whatley 2327

Dennis Rylander 2296

Texas Championship 2001 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.Bd2 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 c6 9.Nh4 Be6 10.f4 Nb6 11.a4 Ne4 12.f5



12...Nxd2 13.Kxd2 Bxf5 14.a5 Nc4+ 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Qxc4 Be6 17.Qa4 Be7 18.Nf3 0-0 19.Ne5 Qc7 20.b4 Rad8 21.Ke2 Rfe8 22.Kf2 Bd6 23.Nf3 Qe7 24.Rab1 Bg4 25.e4 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Qh4+ 27.Ke2 f5 28.Qc2 fxe4 29.Nxe4 Bf4 30.Rbd1 Qh3 31.Rhf1 Qxh2+ 32.Rf2 Qh5 33. Kd3



33...Rxd4+ 34.Kc3
34.Kxd4 Qd5+ 35.Kc3 Be5+ +.
34...Rxd1 35.Qxd1 Qd5 0-1

Center Counter B01

John Hendrick 2101
Selby Anderson 2315

Texas Championship 2001 (3)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6

The Icelandic Gambit; 3...c6 is the Scandinavian Gambit.

4.Qa4!?

This works well against 3...c6, but it is relatively untested here. Most of my opponents go into an Exchange French with 4.d4.

4...Bd7 5.Qb3 Na6 6.d4

6.Nc3!? exd5 7.cxd5 Nc5 =/∞.

6...exd5 7.cxd5

My book on the Center Counter Portuguese Variation cites a game Navarro-C.P. Santos, Novi Sad Olympiad 1990: 7.Nf3 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 0-0 9.cxd5 Re8+ 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bxa6 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Rxe3+ 13.Be2 Qe7 14.0-0 Bxc3, leading to equality.

7...Nb4 8.Nc3?

8.a3 Nbd5 9.Qxb7 Bd6 =/∞.

8...Bf5 9.Qa4+ Nd7 10.Be3 Nc2+ 11.Kd2 Nxa1 12.g4 Bxg4 13.Nge2 Bf5 14.Ng3 Bg6 15.h4 h5 16.f4?

After this White is a rook down. Better is 16.Bd3.

16...Nc2 17.f5 Nxe3 18.Kxe3 Bd6 19.fxg6 Bxg3 20.gxf7+ Kxf7 21.Ne4 Re8 22.Bh3 Nf8 23.Qb3 Bxh4 24.d6+ Kg6 25.Bf5+!

A little joke: if Black accepts the piece he gets mated: 25...Kxf5?? 26.Qf7+ Bf6 (26...Kg4 27.Qf3 mate) 27.Rxh5+ Kg4 28.Qg6+, etc.
25...Kh6 26.Qg8 Qg5+ 27.Kd3 Qxf5 28.Rxh4 Ng6 29.Rxh5+ Qxh5 30.Qxg7+ Kxg7 31.Nf6 0-1

Sicilian Dragon B78

Barry Endsley 2000
Mark Dejmek 2154

Texas Championship 2001 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.Bb3 Rc8 11.h4 h5 12.0-0-0 Ne5 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Rxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Kb1 Rc8 (16...Qxc3?! 17.Ne2 ±)



17.Ne2

NCO gives 17.g4 Qxc3 18.gxh5 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Rd3 Qb4+ 21.Nb3 Nxh5 22.Rg1 ±.

17...a5 18.a4 b5 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Qd2 Rb8 22.Ka1 Qc5 23.Ba2 Nc4 24.Qc1 Rb2 25.Qxb2 Nxb2 26.Kxb2 a4 27.Rd3 e5 28.Ne2 Bb5 29.Rd2 Bxe2 30.Rxe2 Qb5+ 0-1

Round 4

Annakov and Diesen forge ahead to stake out the top position at 3.5. Bighamian, who had a slow start with two draws, moves into third place with the only 3. Tied with 2.5 are Kamberi, Whatley, Anderson, Langer, Rylander, and Sarkisian.

Notes by Mikhail Langer

Modern Benoni A70

Babakouli Annakov 2572

Mikhail Langer 2307

Texas Championship 2001 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 Nh5

Following John Watson's recommendation in his latest book *Guide to the Modern Benoni*.

10.0-0 Nd7 11.Bg5 Bf6 12.Be3 a6

Watson gives 12..Ne5 and 12..Re8. I have confused the variations and followed the one where White plays Be3 right away, without preliminary Bh6. The difference is that Black bishop is on f6, not on g7, which could be good for Black, but not in the variation I chose.

13.a4 b6 14.Rc1

14 Rb1 is maybe better (Annakov).

14...Qe7 15.Qd2 Ne5 16.Be2?!

16.Nxe5! Bxe5 17.f4 Bg7 18.g4 Nf6 gives White a very nice space advantage, while after 17..Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Ng3 19.Re1 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Qxe4 21.Bxc5 Qxf4 22.Be3 White has a decisive attack.

16...Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Ng7 18.b4 Be5

I believe Black has achieved at least equality. I played 18..Be5 intending ...f5 and also ...Qf6 or ...Qh4 depending on the situation. Annakov recommended 18...Bd7 instead.

19.Rfe1 f5 20.Bg5 Qe8?

20...Qf7 is the obvious move, but I didn't like the endgame after 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 fxe4 23.Qxf7+

Rxf7 24.Nxe4 and decided to "improve" on it.

21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Bf4 Bxf4 23.Qxf4

When playing 20...Qe8 I thought that here after 23...fxe4 White would have to play 24.Qxe4, but I missed 24.Qxd6. Now White gets in e4-e5 with a healthy advantage.

23...Qd8 24.e5 g5 25.Qd2

25.Qc4! (Annakov).

25...dxe5 26.Rxe5 Qd6 27.Rce1 h6 28.Nd1!

Annakov pointed out that this standard maneuver in the Benoni, swinging the knight from c3 to c4, was taught to him by Mark Dvoretsky.

28...a5!

Black has to prevent the White knight coming to c4 at all costs.

29.Nb2 Ba6 30.Qxa5 g4

Trying to mix it up.

31.Bd1

Also possible was 31.hxg4 fxe4 32.Be4.

31...gxh3 32.Qc3 Rae8!

The only move, according to Annakov. White's threat was Re6.

33.Rxe8 h2+ 34.Kh1 Rxe8 35.Rxe8+ Nxe8 36.Bf3 Qf6 37.Qe3 Nd6 38.Qxc5 Ne4 39.Bxe4 fxe4 40.d6!

I believe this is the only move that leads to White's advantage - otherwise he would have to give up the f2-pawn. This move was very unpleasant for me to meet in time trouble.

40...Qxb2 41.d7 Qb1+ 42.Kxh2 Qb8+ 43.g3 Qd8 44.Qc6 Kg7 45.Qxa6 Qxd7 46.Qb5 Qd4 47.Qb7+ Kg6 48.Qc6+ Kg7 49.Qc7+ Kg8 50.Qc8+ Kg7 51.Qg4+ Kh8

Black is careful not to allow Qf4 with check.

52.Qf4 Qxa4 53.Qxh6+ Kg8

Annakov told me that he has studied these kinds of queen and pawn endgames before the tournament. In the game, he demonstrates a winning plan of leading with the king and one pawn, while keeping

the other pawn back. White's goal is to utilize the queen trade and mating threats to drive the Black king away from the corner.

54.Qg6+ Kh8 55.Qf6+ Kg8 56.Qg5+ Kh8 57.Qf4 Qc6 58.g4 Kg8 59.Kg3 Qc3+ 60.Kh4 Qh8+ 61.Kg5 Qg7+ 62.Kh5 Qd4 63.Qf5 Qd3 64.Kh6 Qd4 65.Kg5 Qc4 66.Kg6 Qc6+ 67.Qf6 Qd7 68.Kg5 Qd2+ 69.Kh5 Qd3 70.Qf5 Qd4 71.Qc8+ Kg7 72.Qc7+ Kf8 73.Kg6 Qd5 74.Qg7+ Ke8 75.Qh8+ Kd7

White has achieved his goal. The rest is pretty easy. Having been driven away from the corner at h8, Black's king tries to reach the corner at a1, but in vain.

76.Qg7+ Ke8 77.Qf6 Qd3 78.Qe6+ Kd8 79.Kf7 Kc7 80.Qe5+ Kb6 81.g5 Qd2 82.Qf6+ Ka5 83.Qf5+ Ka6 84.g6 e3 (desperation) 85.fxe3 Qg2 86.e4 Qc2 87.Qe5 Qd2 88.g7 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E25

Dennis Rylander 2296

Mark Diesen 2460

Texas Championship 2001 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.e4 Ne7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qb3 Nd7!?

Current theory focuses on 11...Qc7: 12.a4 e5 13.Bc4 Nec6 14.Qa3 Na5 15.Bd5 Na6 16.Rb1 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qa2 Nc5 19.Bxc5 ∞/= Gelfand-deFirmian, Moscow 1990.

A similar idea to the text is 11...Na6 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.Bb5 ± (Bondarevsky-Smyslov, USSR 1941. If 12...Nxc5 then 13.Qb4 corrects the doubled pawns with a good two-bishop ending for White.

12.Qb4 Qc7 13.a4 Nc6 14.Qa3 Na5 15.Nh3 b6

A bold choice, but the awkward state of Black's bishop leaves little choice.

16.cxb6 axb6 17.Qb4 Nc5 18.Bb5 Ba6 19.0-0 Nab3 20.Ra3 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 Na5 22.Nf4 Rfd8 23.Rb1



23...Nd7 24.Rb4 Rac8 25.Qe2 Nc4 26.Ra1 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 Ne5 28.Ne2 Nc4 29.Qc1 Qc5+ 30.Kh1 e5 31.Ng3 Qf2 32.Nf5 Rd2 33.Qg1 Qxg1+ 34.Kxg1 Kf8 35.Rab1 g6 36.Nh6 Kg7 37.Ng4 h5 38.Nf2



38...Ne3 39.Rxb6

Or 39.Rc1 Nc2 40.Rb3 Nd4! and Black wins the Exchange with the fork at e2.

39...Rxc3 40.R6b3 Rcc2 41.Rxe3 Rxf2 0-1

Torre Attack D03

Selby Anderson 2315

Sonny Kamberi 2347

Texas Championship 2001 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.Bg5 0-0 5.Nbd2 d5 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Qb1 Nbd7 9.0-0 Re8 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 c5 12.Re1 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.Nxf6+ exf6 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Be3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 f5 18.f3 Rd8 19.Re1 Qd7 20.Bf2 Re8

21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Qb5 Qe7 23.h3 h6 24.a4 Kh7 25.Qe2 Qd7 26.Qb5 Qe7 27.Kf1 Qg5 28.Ne2 Qd2 29.a5? (29.Bd4) Qd1+ 30.Be1 Bf6 31.Kf2 Bh4+ 32.g3 Bxg3+ 33.Kxg3 Qxe1+ 34.Kg2 Qd2 35.axb6 axb6 36.Kf2 Qd6 37.Kg2 Qe6 38.Nd4 Qf6 39.Qd7 Ba6 40.Kg3 Bc4 (40...Qg5+ 41.Kf2 Qd2+ 42.Kg1 Bc4 -/+) 41.f4 Bd3 42.Nf3 Be4 43. Ne5 Kg7 44.Qd4 g5 45.Nc4 Qxd4 46.cxd4 b5 47.Nd6 Bd3 48.Ne8+ Kf8 Draw

QGD Slav D15

Clarence Yeung 2200

Andrew Whatley 2327

Texas Championship 2001 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.cxd5

6.b3 is the main continuation: 6...Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Bb2 Bd6 11.Ne5 ± (NCO).

6...cxd5 7.b4 e6 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.a4 d4



12.axb5 dxc3 13.Qxc3 Rb8 14.h3 Nxe5! 15.Qxe5 Bxb4+ 16.Ke2 Bd7 17.bxa6 Bb5+ 18.Kf3 Bc6+ 19.e4 Be7 20.Be3 0-0 21.Rc1 Bd6 22. Qd4 Rb4 23.Rxc6 Rxd4 24.Bxd4 f5 25.Bc4 Kh8 26.e5 Bb4 27.Bb6 Qh4 28.Bd3 f4 29.Rhc1 Qh5+ 30.Ke4 Qg6+ 31.Kd4 Qxg2 32.Be4 Qxf2+ 33.Kc4 Qb2 34.Rc2 Qa3 35.a7 Be1 36.Rd6 Qb4+ 37.Kd3 Qb5+ 38.Rc4 Qb3+ 39.Ke2 Qxc4+ 40.Bd3 Qb4 0-1



Annakov meets Diesen in Rd. 5. TD George John is in background.

Round 5

The titled players agree to a short draw for a 4-1 score. Bighamian is knocked down by Kamberi, who advances along with Whatley, Langer, and Rylander to a tie at 3.5.

Langer-Reuter ends quickly in a blaze of sacrificial tactics, the most notable combination of the event.

QGD Tarrasch D42

Mark Diesen 2460

Babakouly Annakov 2572

Texas Championship 2001 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 b6 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 h6 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Qe2 Draw

QGD Tchigorin D07

Drew Sarkisian 2192

Andrew Whatley 2327

Texas Championship 2001 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4. cxd5 Bxf3 5.dxc6 Bxc6 6.Nc3 e6 7.a3?! Draw

7.e4 Bb4 8.f3 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qf6 10.Be3 0-0-0 11.Bd3 Ba5 12.0-0 Bb6 13.e5 Qe7 14.Be4 ∞.

7...Qf6! 8.e4?

Consistent with 7.a3, but it was better to admit the mistake with 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qc2 =.

8...0-0-0 9.Be3 Bc5 10.d5 Bxe3 11. fxe3 exd5 12.exd5 Qe5 13.Qg4+ f5 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Bxd5 16. Nxd5 Rxd5 17.Bc4 Rd6 18.Rd1 Ne7 19.Rxd6 cxd6 20.Kd2 d5 21. Be2 Kd7 22.Bf3 Kd6 23.Re1 Rf8 24.Kd3 Rf6 25.Re2 Re6 26.Rc2 Re1 27.Rd2 h6 28.g3 g5 29.fxg5 hxg5 30.h3 f4 31.gxf4 Ng6 32.Bg4 Nxf4+ 33.Kc2 Rg1 34.Rh2 Rg2+ 35.Rxg2 Nxg2 36.Kd3 Ke5 37.Bc8 b6 38.Bd7 Nh4 39.b4 Ng6 40.a4 Nf4+ 41.Ke3 d4+ 42.Kf3 Nd3 0-1

Nimzo-Indian E20

Dennis Rylander 2296

Selby Anderson 2315

Texas Championship 2001 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 c5 5.d5 exd5

I have played this before with success, but there is a reason the book lines avoid this trade. Without a dark square "Benoni bishop," Black will want to plug up e5 with a pawn. (Note the powerful role played by White's QB on the long diagonal later in this game.)

6.cxd5 Nh5 7.Nh3 f5 8.g3 d6 9. Bg5 Qa5 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bd2 0-0 12. a3 e4 13.Rd1

I was worried about 13.0-0-0 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Qc7 15.g4! fxe4 16. fxe4, but if Black declines the pawn with 16...Nf4 he seems okay.

13...Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Qc7 15.Bg2 Na6 16.0-0 Nc5 17.Kh1!?

More straightforward is 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Bxh3 (19...Nd3 20.Nf4) 20.Bxh3 and the Nh5 is stranded, e.g. 20...Re8 21.e5! Δ 22.Qg6+-.

17...Bd7 18.Rd4

The rook lift looks risky and artificial, but I was not able to find a good defense.

18...Rae8

Now if 19.Rxc4? then 19...Bb5.

19.Rh4 Nf6 20.Nf4 Qd8

Better is 20...Rf7.

21.Bh3 Nh7

My idea in playing 20...Qd8 was to threaten 21...g5, but Black can't survive the opening of the g-file: 22.Rxh6 gxf4 23.Bxf5! (23.gxf4? Kg7) 23...Kg7 24.Rh7+ Kg8 25.gxf4 Rf7 26.Rg1+ Kf8 27.Rxf7+ Kxf7 28.Be6+ and 29.Qg6+ 22.Nh5



22...Re7

Or 22...g5 23.Rg1! (23.Qd2!?) gxh4? 24. gxh4+ Ng5 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Qd2! f4 27.Qd4 +-. If Black declines the rook, he will still be hard pressed to defend against Qd2-d4.

Another try is 22...g6 23.Qd2! gxh5 24.Qxh6 Rf7 25.Rxh5 and Black is helpless against 26.Qg6+. 23.Nxg7! Rxg7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25. Qxc4 Qf6?!

Black's position is difficult, and this doesn't help. (25...Na4!?)

26.b4 Na6

A horrible fate for the knight, but I can't afford 26...Na4? 27.Qc7. 27.Rf4 Ng5 28.Bxf5 Bxf5 29.e4 Qe5 30.Rxf5 Rxf5 31.exf5 Qxf5

Two bad knights vs. rook and two pawns is no contest.

32.f4 Nf7 33.Re1 Qd7 34.Qd4+ Kf8 35.Qxa7 Qb5 36.Qd4 Nc7 37. Rd1 Qa4 38.Rc1 Qb5 39.Rd1 Qa4 40.Qd3 Nb5 41.Ra1 Kg7 42.Re1 1-0

A pretty fireworks display:

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Mikhail Langer 2307

Bill Reuter 2200

Texas Championship 2001 (5)

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 gxf6 12.Bh3!?

12.f5 is the only line I have with more than a footnote.

12...Bb7

12...b4 is the most frequent choice on the database, and calls White's bluff on whether to sac his knight on d5.

13.g5

13.Rhe1 0-0-0 14.a3 Nb6 15.f5 e5 16.Nb3 Kb8 17.Kb1 ±= Kristensen-Heini, Taastrup 1997

13...b4

On 13...fxg5 the answer is the same. The critical lines seems to be either 13.Nc5 or 13...f5 14.Qh5 Nc5.

14.Bxe6!!

Now after 14...fxe6, even better than 13.Qh5+ is 13.Nxe6!



14...bxc3 15.Bxf7+! Kxf7 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.gxf6 Bxf6 18.Rhg1+ Bg7 19.Rxg7+ Kxg7 20.Ne6+ Kf6 21. Nxc7 cxb2+ 22.Kb1 Rac8 23.Qh6+ Ke7 24.Qxd6+ 1-0

KI Attack A07

Gary Simms 2275

Mike Sheaf 2072

Texas Championship 2001 (5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.d3 Nc6 4.Bg2 e5 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.h3 Be6 8.Ng5 Bc8 9.c4 h6 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nge4 Be6 12.Nb3 0-0 13.Bd2 b6 14.Kh2 Qd7 15.Rc1 Rac8 16.f4 f6 17.f5 Bf7 18.g4 Rfd8 19.Qe1 a5 20.Rd1 Bb4 21.Nc3 Nde7 22.Nc1 Nd4 23.Qh4 Bd6 24.Ne4 Nd5 25. Kh1 Bf8 26.Rg1 Nc2 27.Qg3 Bb4 28.Nc3 Bc5



Black has won the battle of the dark squares, and White must give up the Exchange.

29.Ne4 Bxg1 30.Rxg1 Kf8 31.h4 Nd4 32.Bh3 Ke7 33.e3 Nb5 34.g5 hxg5 35.Nxg5! Rg8 (35...fxg5 36.f6+) 36.Nxf7 Kxf7 37.Qg6+ Kf8 38.Qh7 Qf7 39.e4 Nf4?!

Giving White a chance to plant his knight on the sixth rank. The defense is much easier after 39...Ne7.

40.Bxf4 exf4 41.Ne2



41...g5?!

Black may just defend after 41...f3 42.Nf4 f2 43.Rf1 Nd4 44.Ne6+!? Nxc6 45.fxe6 Qe7 46.Qg6 (46.Rxf2 g6!) 46...Rd8 47.e5 Qe8 48.Qh7 fxe5 49.Rxf2+ Ke7 50. Rf7+ Kd6, and if 51.d4 then 51...exd4 52.Qe4 Qc6 +. 42.fxg6 Rxg6 43.Qxg6 Qxg6 44.Rxg6 Rd8 45.Nxf4 1-0

Round 6

Leaders Annakov and Diesen stretch their lead with wins against Kamberi and Whatley. They have 5.5, followed by Simms, Langer, Bighamian and Rylander with 4.

QGD Slav D19

Andrew Whatley 2327

Mark Diesen 2460

Texas Championship 2001 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nc3 c6 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Nh4 Bg4 11.f3 Bh5 12.g4 Nd5 13.Qf2

Bg6 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Bd2 Qa5 16.Qe1 N5b6 17.Bb3 c5 18.Ne4 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Qxd2 20.Nxd2 cxd4 21.exd4 Rfd8 22.a5 Nc8 23. Ne4 Nf6 24.Nxf6+ gxf6 25.Rac1 Rxd4 26.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Ne7 28.Rd7 Nc6 29.Rxb7 Nxa5 30.Rb5 Nc6 31.Kf2 Rd8 32.Ke3 g5 33.Rc5 Rd6 34.Bc4 Ne5 35.Be2 Rb6 36. Rb5 Rxb5 37.Bxb5 Kf8 38. Be2 Ke7 39.h4 gxh4 40.f4 Ng6 41. f5 Nf8 42.fxe6 fxe6 43.Bd3 0-1

French Tarrasch C06

Mikhail Langer 2307

Dennis Rylander 2296

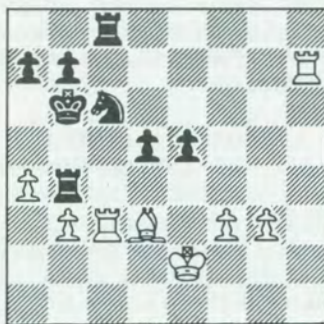
Texas Championship 2001 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4?!

Langer continues to stand by this line despite its bad reputation. In the 1999 Texas Open he got into trouble against Patty, who played into the critical line with 9...Nxd4. 9...Qe7 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.Nf3 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Bd6 13.Nh5

13.Nh3 Qe7 =+ Niephaus-Stahlberg, Wageningen 1957.

13...Qe7 14.Ng5 Nf6 15.Be3 g6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Qf3 Qxf3 18.Nxf3 Bd7 19.Bg5 Rf8 20.h4 Bf4 21.h5 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 gxh5 23.Rxh5 Rf4 24.Rxh7 0-0-0 25.g3 Rxd4 26.Ke2 Rf8 27.Nf7 Rb4 28.Nd6+ Kd8 29.Nf7+ Kc7 30.b3 e5 31.f3 Rd4 32.Rc1 Kb6 33.Nd6 Bc8 34.a4 Rb4 35.Rc3 Rd8 36.Nxc8+ Rxc8



37.a5+ Kxa5 38.Rc5+ Kb6 39.Rxd5 Rxb3 40.Rdd7 Rb8 41.Be4 a5 42.g4 a4 43.g5 a3 44.g6 a2 45.Rh1 Rb2+ 46.Ke3 Ra8 47.Ra1 Ra3+ 48.Rd3 Rxd3+ 49.Kxd3 Kc5 50.Bxc6 bxc6 51.Ke4 Kb4 52.Kxe5 Kb3 53.f4 c5 54.f5 Re2+ 55.Kd6 Rg2 56.Kxc5 Rg5 57.Kd6 Rxf5 58.Ke6 Rg5 59.Kf6 Rg2 60.Kf7 Draw

English Opening A21

Mansour Bighamian 2322

Rudy Tia 2116

Texas Championship 2001 (6)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.e3 c6 4. Nc3 Nd7 5.g3 f5 6.Bg2 Ngf6 7.Nge2 Be7 8.Qc2 g6 9.b3 Qa5 10.a3 0-0 11.0-0 Nh5 12.f4 Bf6 13.Rd1 exf4 14.exf4 Bg7 15.Be3 Re8 16.Bf2 Nf8 17.b4 Qc7 18.Rac1 a5 19.b5 Bd7 20.c5 d5



21.Bxd5+ cxd5 22.Nxd5 Qd8 23.Nb6 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.d5 gxf4 26.Nxf4 Nxf4 27.gxf4 Ng6 28.Nxd7 Nxf4 29.Qxf5 Ne2+ 30.Kh1 Nxc1 31.Rxc1 Re5 32.Nxe5 Qxd5+ 33.Qf3 Qxe5 34.Bg3 Qb2 35.Rf1 Rf8 36.Qd5+ Kh8 37.Rxf8+ Bxf8 38.Be5+ 1-0

Nimzovich QP A40

Chris Glaser 1932

Gary Simms 2275

Texas Championship 2001 (6)

1.d4 Nc6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.e4

Ng6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Nf3 a6 7.g3 d6 8. Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Nf6 10.Bg2 Bg4 11.Qd2 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Qd3 b4 14.Qb5+ Qd7 15.Qxb4 0-0 16.Qc4 Rfb8 17.b3 Qc8 18.0-0 Bd7 19. Rfc1 Qb7 20.h3 Qa7 21.Qd3 c5 22. dxc6 Bxc6 23.Nd2 Nh5 24.Kh2 Qe7 25.g4 Nf6 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27. exd5



27...e4 28.Nxe4 Qe5+ 29.Ng3 Rc8 30.Be4 h5 31.gxh5 Nxh5 32.Rg1 Nxb3 33.Rxb3 Qxa1 34.a4 Qb2+ 35.Rg2 Qe5+ 36.Kg1 Rc3 37.Qd2 Rac8 38.Bd3 Rxd3 39.Qxd3 Rc1+ 40.Kf2 Qf6+ 41. Kg3 Qe5+ 42.Kg4 f5+ 43.Kh5 Rh1 44.Rxg6 Rxh3+ 45.Kg5 Rg3+ 46.Kh5 Rxg6 47.Qd4 Rh6+ 48.Kg5 Qe7+ 49.Kxf5 Rh5+ 50.Kg4 Rh4+ 0-1

Round 7

The top two games are drawn, more smoothly on Board 1, where Bighamian plays a quiet Reti. Board 2 sees a sharp Torre Gambit, and at one point Langer allows a winning shot which would have netted Diesen clear first place. The IM returns the favor and later turns down a pawn, soon offering a draw.

Reti Opening A12

Mandour Bighamian 2322
Babakouly Annakov 2572

Texas Championship 2001 (7)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.b3

Bg4 5.Bb2 Nbd7 6.c4 e6 7.d3 Be7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Qc2 a5 10.a3 h6 11. Bc3 Bd6 12.Qb2 Qe7 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.Qxe5 Nd7 16. Qb2 b5 17.cxb5 cxb5 18.Nf3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 b4 20.0-0 Rfc8 21.Rfc1



21...Rab8 22.Kg2 Qd6 23.d4 Nf6 24.e3 g5 25.h3 Kg7 26.axb4 Qxb4 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Qa3 Rc3 29. Qxa5 Qxa5 30.Rxa5 Rxb3 31.Ra2 h5 32.h4 g4 33.Be2 Ne4 34.Bd1 Rc3 (34...Rb1 35.Bc2) 35.Bc2 Nd2!



36.Bd1! (36.Bg6?? Nf3! 37.Bxh5 f5 38.Ra1 Rc8 -) 36...Nc4 37.Bc2 Kf6 38.Kf1 Nd6 Draw

Torre Attack A46

Mark Diesen 2460
Mikhail Langer 2307

Texas Championship 2001 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Qb6 5.Nbd2 Qxb2 6.Bd3 d5

6...Qc3 was played in Benjamin-Yudasin, New York 1990: 7.0-0 d5 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.dxc5 with compensation for the pawn according to deFirmian.

7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.c4 cxd4 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Rb3 Qa5 11.Nxd4 dxc4 12. Bxc4 Bb4 13.Rd3 Nd7 14.0-0 Ne5

Not looking terribly good for Black; he has a pawn, but no safe haven for his king. Langer tries his best to use his central pawn mass as cover for his monarch.

15.Bb5+ Ke7 16.Nc4 Nxc4 17. Bxc4 Rd8 18.Qf3 Rb8 19.Rb1 Bd7 20.Rdb3



20...Bc6??

Forced was 20...Bc3!, e.g., 21. Rxb7 Rxb7 22.Rxb7 Bxd4 23.exd4 Rc8 with rough equality. 21.Nxc6+??

Langer mentioned after the game that Diesen missed a clear win here with 21.Qxc6! Rxd4 22.Qb5, winning the Exchange and the b7 pawn. This mistake cost Diesen clear first, 1/2 point ahead of GM Annakov.

21...bxc6 22.Qxc6 Rb6 23.Qe4 Bd6 24.Rxb6 axb6 25.Qb7+ Rd7 26.Qe4

What was wrong with 26.Qxb6 anyway? Now the game peters out to a draw.

26...Qh5 27.g3 Bc5 28.Qc2 h6 29. a4 Draw

Nimzovich QP A40

Dennis Rylander 2296
Gary Simms 2275

Texas Championship 2001 (7)

1.d4 Nc6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.Nf3
Ng6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.h4 d6 7.b4 Bb6
8.Na4 Nf6 9.h5 Ne7 10.h6 g6 11.
Bb2 c6



12.c5 is consistent with White's
buildup, but it doesn't work against
best play: (a) 12...dxc5? 13.Bxe5
Nexd5 14.e4 Nxb4 15.Nxb6 +; (b)
12...Bc7 13.Nxe5! Nexd5! 14.Nc4
dxc5 15.Nxc5 0-0 16.Qb3 a5 17.a3
axb4 18.axb4 Rxa1+ 19.Bxa1 Ng4
20.e3 Qg5 21. Ne4 Qf5 =+ (Chess
Tiger).

12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Nxb6 Qxb6 14.a3
0-0 15.e3 Rd8 16.Rh4 a5 17.b5
Ne7 18.Rc1 Nf5 19.Rh1 Ne4 20.
Qc2 Nc5 21.Be2 f6 22.g4 Ne7 23.
g5 Bf5 24.Qd1 Ne4 25.gxf6 Nxf6
26.Ng5 Rac8 27.Rg1



27...d5 28.c5 Rxc5 29.Bxe5 Rxc1
30.Qxc1 Rc8 31.Qa1 Ne8 32.Kf1
Rc2 33.Qd1 Qc5 34.Kg2 Qxa3 35.
Bg4 Qxe3 36.Bxf5 Qxf2+ 37.Kh1
Qxf5 38.Rf1 0-1

KI Attack A08

Rudy Tia 2116
Andres Suarez 2119

Texas Championship 2001 (7)

1.g3 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.d3
g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 e5
8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nb3 Qd6 10.Nfd2
b6 11.Nc4 Qd8 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4
0-0 14.Bd6 Ne3 15.Qf3



15...Nxc4 16.Qxc6 Qxd6 17.Qxd6
Nxd6 18.Bxa8 Be6 19.Bg2 Bxb2
20.Rab1 Bc3 21.a4 Nf5 22.Bf3 Re8
23.Kh1 Bd7 24.a5 Re3 25.Kg2
Re5 26.axb6 axb6 27.Rf2 g5 28.
Kh1 Re3 29.Bd5 Nd6 30.Rbf1 Bh3
31.Bg2 Be6 32.Nc1 Bb2 33.Ne2
Bg4 34.Rb1 Be5 35.Ng1 Nf5 Draw

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian B36

Ali Morshedi 2109
Joshua Newsham 2058

Texas Championship 2001 (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2
Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.
Qd2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.f3 Rfc8
13.b3 Qd8 ?!

Premature; 13...a6 looks more to
the point.

14.0-0 a6 15.Rfd1 Rab8 16.Qe1
Qa5

Look, she's back again!

17.Qf2 Ng4 18.fgx4 Bxc3 19.Bb6
Qe5



20.Rxc3?!

Such is Morshedi's approach to
chess; take lots of risks and have
lots of fun! I cannot believe that
Black's dark squares are going to be
vulnerable enough to provide
enough compensation here.

20...Qxc3 21.Bd4 Qa5 22.Qh4 f6
23.a4 Rf8 24.Qg3 Rbc8 25.h4 Rf7
26.g5 f5 27.h5 fxe4 28.Qh4 Bf5 29.
g4

White nets material with 29.
hgx6 Bxg6 30.Bg4 e5! 31. Bxc8 (not
31.Bxe5? Qxe5 32.Bxc8 Qc5+) 31...
exd4 32.Be6 d3, but Black's con-
nected passed center pawns appear
to be enough compensation.
29...e5 30.gxf5 exd4 31.hgx6 hgx6
32.fxg6 Rg7 33.Bg4 Re8 34.Rf1
Rxc6

(Diagram next page)

Better was 34...Qe5, getting the
queen into the thick of things. The
text allows an unexpected shot.

35.Bf5?

35.Rf7! Kxf7 36.Qh7+ Kf8 37.
Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qh7+ is a perpetual.

35...Rg7 36.Qh6 Qe5 37.Kg2 d3

37...e3 38.Bg6 e2 is a bit quicker.

38.g6 Rf8?

38...e3! again wins: 39.Rh1
Qb2+ 40.Kg3 Rc7 (the a1-h8 dia-



Position after 34...Rxc6

gonal is now covered) 41.Bxd3 Qf2+ and White has the miserable choice between: (a) 42.Kh3 e2 and White can safely resign, or (b) 42.Kg4 Qg2+ 43.Kf4 Rf8+ 44.Qxf8+ Kxf8 45.Rh8+ Kg7 46.Rh7+ Kg8 47.Rxc7 Qd2 48.Rc8+ Kg7 49.Rc7+ Kf8 and the threat of ...e2+ wins decisive material (Chess Tiger).

39. Rh1 Qb2+

Black now must take a perp.

40.Kg3 Qe5+ 41.Kg2

A fun tussle!

Draw

AMATEUR GAMES

Sicilian Najdorf B90

David Epstein 1959

Gray Bullis 1707

Texas Amateur 2001 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 h5 10.0-0 b5 11.Be2 b4 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 a5 14.Kb1 a4 15.Nc1 Qa5 16.g4 hxg4 17.fxg4 Rh3 18.Bf1 Ne4 19.Qe1 Rh8 20.Bg2 Nec5 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Nd3 Nxd3 23.Rxd3 Be7 24.h4 Qc5 25.g5 f5 26.gxf6 Bxf6 27.Qe4 Rxb4 28.Qg6+ Ke7 29.Rdd1 Rah8 30.Rxb4 Rxb4 31.Qf5 a3 32.Be4 Kd8 33.Bg2 Rf4 34.Qe6 Rf2 35.Be4 Kc7 36.Bf5 Kb6 37.Bd3 axb2 38.Qe8 Kc7 39.Qf7+ Kb6

Draw

Scotch Game C45

Matt Berki 1630

Jahangir Ahmed 1900

Texas Amateur 2001 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.b3 f6 10.Ba3



10...Qxa3! 11.Nxa3 Bb4+ 12.Qd2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Nf4 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Re1+ Kf7 16.g3 Ng6 17.Bd3? (17.Bg2) 18...d5 18.Re2? (18.cxd5) Ne5 19.h3? (19.Kc3) Rad8 20.Rc1 (20.Re3 dxc4 21.bxc4 Bxc4 22.Nxc4 Nxc4+ -) 20... dxc4 0-1

Scotch Game C47

Ronnie Rubit 1880

William Molina 1723

Texas Amateur 2001 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bc5 6.Be3 Nxd4

Such exchanges don't help Black in the Scotch. ECO gives 6...Bb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Nd5! 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.Qxd5 Qh4+ ∞/=.

6...7.Bxd4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.Bd3 10.e5! confers an immediate advantage: 10...dxe5 11.Qxe5+ Qe7 12.Qxc7 0-0 13.Bb5 Rac8 14.Qd6, and Black's counterplay is a chimera. 10...0-0 11.Rhe1 Re8 12.e5 dxe5 13.Rxe5 Bc6

Better is 13...Bg4 14.Rxe8+ Qxe8 15.f3 Bh5 =.

14.Qf4 Nd7 15.Rh5 g6



16.Qh6!

16.Rxh7!? looks even better if Black takes: 16...Kxh7? Qxf7+ Kh8 18.Qxg6 Nf6 19.Bc4+ -. The problem is, Black can crawl back into the game with 16...Qf6!

16...Qf6 17.Qh7+ Kf8 18.Qh8+ Qxh8 19.Rxh8+ Kg7 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Bb5 Nb6 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.b3 Re5 24.Rd2 Re1+ 25.Kb2 Rh1 26.h3 Rh2 27.f3 Nd5 28.Nxd5 cxd5 29.Kc3 Kf6 30.Kd4 Ke6 31.Kc5 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E32

Tony Sims 1744

Jason Howell 1929

Texas Amateur 2001 (4)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.Nf3 b6 6.e3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb7 9.Bd3 f5 10.0-0 a5 11.b3 d6 12.Bb2 Nc6 13.a3 Ng5 14.Nd2



14...Nh3+! 15.Kh1

15.gxh3?? Nxd4! Δ ...Qg5 mate.
15...Qh4 16.Nf3 Qg4 17.Be2 Ne7
18.Qd1 Ng5 19.Ne1 Qh4 20.f3 Rf6
21.g3 Qh5 22.Nd3 Rh6 23.Rf2 Nh3
24.Rg2



24...g5 25.Nf2 g4 26.e4 Nxf2+
27.Rxf2 fxe4 28.fxe4 Be4+ 29.Kg1
Bf5 30.Rc1 Rf8 31.Qe1 Be4 32.
Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Qf2+ Qf5 34.Qxf5+
exf5 35.Bf1 Ke8 36.Re1 d5 37.Bg2
Re6 38.Kf2 Kd7 39.cxd5 Nxd5 40.
Rc1 Bxg2 0-1

KGD C30

Michael Simpson 1987
Jahangir Ahmed 1900

Texas Amateur 2001 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3
Bc5 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 0-0

6...Bg4 is so automatic here that
almost anything else looks fishy.
Yet Black's move is sound.



7.f5?!

Rising to the bait. 7.Na4 Bb6 8.
Nxb6 axb6 9.0-0 Na5 10.fxe5 dxe5
11.Qe2 Nxc4 12.dxc4 Bg4 = Chi-
gorin-Vidmar, Nuremburg 1906.
7...Ng4 8.Ng5 Bf2+ 9.Kf1 Ne3+
10.Bxe3 Bxe3 11.Nxf7 Rxf7 12.
Qh5



12...d5!

A finesse to obstruct d5 – much
stronger than 12...Qf6 13.Nd5 Qh6
14.Qxh6 Bxh6 15.Nxc7 Rb8 16.
Nb5 followed by Nxd6.
13.Bxd5 Qf6 14.Bxf7+ Qxf7 15.
Qxf7+ Kxf7 16.Nd5 Bb6 17.c3
Bd7 18.Ke2 Ne7 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.
a3 Nc8! 21.g4 Nd6

Just the right square to support
the undermining c5-c4.

22.h4 c5 23.Ke3 Bc6 24.b3 b5 25.
g5

Unsatisfactory is 25.c4 bxc4 26.
bxc4 b5 27.cxb5 Nxb5 28.a4 Nd4
threatening ...Nc2+ or ...Rxa4.

25...c4 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.Rhe1 cxd3
28.Kxd3 Ra4! 29.f6 gxf6 30.gxf6
Bxe4+ 31.Ke2 Kxf6 32.Rg1 Bg6
33.Raf1+ Ke6 0-1

Sicilian Dragon B72

Gray Bullis 1707
Kelly Clover 1857

Texas Amateur 2001 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.
Qd2!? Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Nc6
10.Nb3 Be6 11.Be2 0-0 12.h3

Nge5 13.0-0 Qd7(?)

Now would have been a good
time to play 13...a5.

14.Nd5 g5 15.Bg3 a5?? (15...Rab8
16.c4) 16.Nb6 Qc7 17.Nxa8 Rxa8
18.c3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.Rfd1
Rd8 21.Nd4 e6 22.Nc2

With 22.b3 Ba6 23.f3, White is
ready to consolidate with Bf2 and
c3-c4 – a move Black can restrain
with ...b5, but that would prevent
his knight from visiting d3.

22...Ne5 23.Ne3 Ba6 24.Rac1
Nd3 25.Rc2 Qc6 26.f3 Qc5 27.Kh1



27...Nxb2! 28.Rxb2 Bxc3 29.Rc2
Bxd2 30.Rxc5 dxc5 31.Be1 Bxe1
32.Rxd8+ Kg7 33.Rd7 Bf2 34.Nc2
e5 35.g4 b6 36.Kg2 Bd4 37.Rd6
Bc4 38.Nxd4 exd4 39.Rxb6 Bxa2
40.Rb5 d3 41.Kf2 d2 0-1

Modern Defense B06

Jason Howell 1929
Ray Downs 1961

Texas Amateur 2001 (5)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bc4
d6 5.Qf3 e6 6.Bb3!?

A blunder or deep speculation?
6...Bxd4 7.Nge2 Bg7 8.Bf4 d5

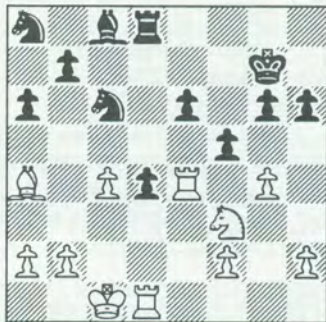
Also possible is 8...Qe7 9.0-0-0
e5 10.Be3, when Black must find a
way to defend the d6 pawn against
the coming Rd2 and Rhd1.

9.0-0-0 Nd7 10.exd5 cxd5

After 10...exd5 not 11.Rhe1 Ne7
but 11.Bxd5! cxd5 12.Nxd5 ±.
11.Nb5 Qf6 12.Nec3 Nb6 13.Nc7+

Kf8 14.Nxa8 Nxa8 15.Rhe1 Qf4+
16.Qxf4 Bh6 17.Qxh6+ Nxh6 18.
Nb5 a6 19.Nd6 Kg7 20.c4

Beguiling is 20.Bxd5? exd5 21.
Ne8+ Kf8 22.Rxd5 Be6 23.Rd8, but
23...Ke7 puts Black on top.
20...Rd8 21.Ne4 d4 22.Ng5 Nf5
23.g4 Ne7 24.Re4 Nc6 25.Ba4 h6
26.Nf3 f5



27.gxf5 gxf5 28.Bxc6 fxe4 29.Bxe4
Nc7 30.Nd4 Kf6 31.Nf3 Rg8 32.
Rg1 Rxf1+ 33.Nxg1 Ke5 34.Bg2
Kd4 35.b3 b5 36.cxb5 axb5 37.
Kd2 Nd5 38.Nf3+ Kc5 39.Ne5
Nf4 40.Bf3



40...Kd4

After 40...Kb4 White maintains
his advantage with 41.Bc6, e.g. 41...
Ba6 42.Nd3+ Ka3 43.Nc5.

41.Nc6+ Kc5 42.b4+ Kd6 43.Ke3
e5 44.Na5 Nd5+ 45.Bxd5 Kxd5
46.Kd3 Bf5+ 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.a3
Bf5 49.Nb7 Bd7 50.Nc5 Bf5 51.f3

Bg6 52.h4 Kc4 53.Nd7 Kd5 54.
Nf6+ Ke6 55.Ne4 Kd5 56.Nd2
Be8 57.f4 exf4 58.Kxf4 Bd7 59.
Ne4 Be6 60.Nc3+ Kc4 61.Ke5
Bg4 62.Ne4 Kb3 63.Kd4 Kxa3 64.
Kc5 Bf3 65.Nc3 Kb3 66.Nxb5 Bg2
67.Nd4+ Ka4 68.b5 Bf1 69.b6 Ba6
70.Kc6 Kb4 71.Nf5 Kc4 72.Nxh6
Kd4 73.Ng4 Ke4 74.h5 Kf5 75.h6
Kg6 76. b7 Bxb7 77.Kxb7 Kh7 78.
Kc7 Kg6 79.Kd7 Kh7 80.Ke7 Kh8
81.Kf8 Kh7 82.Kf7 Kh8 83.Kg6
Kg8 84. Ne5 Kh8 85.Nf7+ Kg8
86.h7+ 1-0

This sparkling brevity features the
best combination of the Amateur.

KI Attack A09

Bryan Pernes 1751

Patrick Bloom 1834

Texas Amateur 2001 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3
b6 5.g3 Bb7 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Bg2 c5 8.
0-0 Nc6 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Qe2 a5?!

Black should castle long and
strive for ...g7-g5.

11.Nf1 Ba6 12.Bf4 c4 13.Ne3 cxd3
14.cxd3 Nc5



15.Nxd5! exd5 16.e6 Bd6 17.
exf7+ Kxf7 18.Ng5+ Kf6??

Allowing a pretty mate, but
after 18...Kf8 19.Bxd6+ Qxd6 20.
Qf3+ Qf6 21.Qxd5 Bb7 (or 21...Rc8
22.Ne6+) 22.Ne6+ Nxe6 23.Rxe6
Qxb2 24.Rae1, Black's ship is sunk.
19.Qe6+! 1-0

English Opening A21

Ray Downs 1961

Brad Sawyer 1684

Texas Amateur 2001 (6)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6
5.e4 d6 6.d3 Be7 7.Qb3 Nbd7 8.
Nf3 Nc5 9.Qc2 fxe4 10.dxe4 Be6
11.b3 0-0 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Be3 Nfd7
14.Rad1 Bg4 15.Qe2 Qe8 16.h3
Bh5 17.g4 Bg6 18.Ne1 a6 19.f4
exf4 20.Bxf4 Ne5 21.Nc2 Ne6 22.
Bg3 Rxf1+ 23.Qxf1 Nf7 24.Ne3
Bf6 25.Ne2 Nc5 26.Nf5 Nxe4 27.
Bxe4 Qxe4 28.Nxd6 Nxd6 29.
Bxd6 Re8 30.Ng3 Bd4+ 31.Kh2
Qc2+ 32.Kh1 Bf2 33.Nf5 Bxf5 34.
gxf5 Qxf5 35.Kg2



35...Re3 36.Qf2 Qxh3+

0-1

Sicilian B32

Carmen Chairez 1610

Mike Curtis 1750

Texas Amateur 2001 (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 e5 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Bd3 d5 7.
Bg5 dxe4 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Bxe4
Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Bg4+ 11.f3 0-0-0+
12.Ke2 Be6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nc3
Bc4+ 15.Ke3 Bh6+ 16.Kf2 Bxb3
17.axb3 Rd2+ 18.Ne2 Kb7 19.Ra2
Bf8 20.Rc1 Bc5+ 21.Kf1 Rhd8 22.
Raa1 h5 23.Ke1 Kc7 24.Ra4 Be3
25.Rc4 Rxe2+ 26.Kxe2 Bxc1 and
0-1

Patty wins San Antonio Club Championship

John Patty won a playoff with Shawn Noland to win the San Antonio Chess Club Championship. The event was held April 12-May 3 at Lions Field Adult and Senior Citizen Center. This year the elimination format was replaced by an open Swiss, and ten players participated. Top-rated Selby Anderson was knocked out of the running with a draw to Angel Alston and a loss to Shawn Noland in what had looked like a promising Center Counter. Alston was put out of contention by Patty, who smoothly handled the white side of a QGD Exchange Variation.

QGD Exchange D35

John Patty 2202
Charles Neira 1566

2001 SACC Championship (1)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Qb3

ECO gives 7.Qf3, forcing Black to accept a doubled f-pawn.

7...b6 8. Nge2 Bd6 9.Ng3 Bxg3 10. hxg3 h6 11. Be2 Nbd7 12.Qa4?! b5 13.Qd1 Qa5 14.Qd2?? (14.f3 b4 15.Na4) b4 15.f3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Rb8 17.Bf4 Rb1+ 18.Kf2 Rxh1 19.Rxh1 Ke7 20. Re1 g5 21.Be5 Nxe5 22. dxe5 Nd7 23.e4 Qc5+ 24.Kf1 dxe4
Black wins more easily with 25...g4 followed by ...h5-h4.
25.f4 gxf4 26.gxf4 Qd5 27.Qe3 Qe6 28.Qg3 Kf8 29.Rd1 Qe7 30.Rd6 Rg8 31.Qh2 Rg6 32.Rd4 Nc5 33. Qh5

White's counterplay has reached a point where the ratings difference takes precedence over fundamentals. 33...Bd7 34.f5 and 1-0

The rest of the game was played in the last five minutes of sudden death.

French Winawer C17

Selby Anderson 2315
Angela Alston 2079

2001 SACC Championship (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5. Bd2 Ne7 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 b6 8. b4 Qc7 9.b5(?)

9.Nf3 cxb4 10.Bxb4 Ba6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nbc6 13.Bd6 Qd7 = Sanguinetti-Fuchs, Munich Olympiad 1958.

9...a6 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.bxa6 Bxa6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.Qd3 Ra7 14.0-0 h6 15.Bb2 c4 16.Qd2 0-0 17.Bc3 Nc6 18.Bb4 Nxb4 19.axb4 Rfa8 20.Qc3 b5 Draw

Alekhine's Defense B04

Shawn Noland 2095
John Patty 2202

2001 SACC Championship (2)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4 c6 6.Qe2 Bg7 7.Bg5 Be6 8.Bb3 h6 9.c4 Nb6 10.Bd2 dxe5 11.dxe5 N8d7 12.Nc3 Bg4 13.Bf4 Nc5 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Ne4 Ne6

15...Nbd7 16.Nf6+! (16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Nxf7 Ne6!) 16...Bxf6 17. exf6 Qd8 18.Bd6 Ne6 19.Bxe7 Qa5+ 20.Kf1 +-.



16.Bg3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Bxe5 18.c5 Nd7 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Qa5+
No better is 20...Bxf4 21.Qg4.

21.Kf1 Bc7 22.Qg4 Nf8 23.Kg2 Rd8 24.a3 Qa4? (24...Bb8) 25.f5! Qa5 26.b4 exf5 (26...Qxa3 27. Bxc7) 27.bxa5 fxe4 28.Bxc7 Rc8 29.Rhe1 Kf7 30.Bd6 Re8 31.Be5 Rg8 32.f3 (32.Rb1 Nd7 33.Bg3 Δ Rxb7 +-) gxf3+ 33.Kxf3 and Draw

QGD Tarrasch D30

Selby Anderson 2315
Randall Schwarz 2000

2001 SACC Championship (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 Bb6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Bb2 a6



13.Na4 Ba7 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qh5 Rad8 17.e4 Bc4 18.e5 Qe7 19.Rfe1 Nd4 20.Nxd4 Rxd4 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Ne4 Bd5 23.Re2 Bc4 24.Ree1 Bd5 25.Nd6 Rd2 26. Bxd5 Rxf2? (26...Rd5 27.Nf5 Qf8 [27...Qe6 28.Qg4] 28.Rad1 ±) 27. Kh1 1-0 (time)

QGD Exchange D31

John Patty 2202
Angela Alston 2079

2001 SACC Championship (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Qb6!? (6...Bf5) 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nge2 0-0 10.h3 c5 11.0-0 c4 12.Bc2 Bb4 13.

f3 Re8 14.Ng3 Nf8 15.e4 Be6 16. e5 N6d7 17.Be3 f6 18.f4 fxe5 19. fxe5 Rad8 20.Rad1 Ng6 21.a3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rf8 23.Nf5 Rf7 24. Ndc6 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Qc6 26.Qd1 Rf8



27.Qb1! Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 b6 29.Bxg6 hxg6 30.Qxg6 Nf8 31.Qe8 Qxe8 32. Nxe8 Kf7 33.Nd6+ Ke7 34.Kf2 a6 35. g4 Bd7 36.Bg5+ Ke6 37.Bd8 b5 38. Kg3 Bc6 39.h4 Ng6 40.h5 Nh8 41.Bh4 a5 42.Kf4 Bd7 43.g5 Kf7 44.g6+ Kf8 45.Nb7 1-0
45...a4 46.Nc5 Bc6 47.e6 +.

Center Counter B01

Shawn Noland 2095

Selby Anderson 2315

2001 SACC Championship (4)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7!?

An impulsive idea to escape the monotony of 3...Nxd5 4.Bc4, a line popular on ICC. Black equalizes, but gets a low-voltage position.

4.d4 Nb6 5.Be2 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7. Bg5 Nbx d5 8.Nxd5 Nxd5 9.c3 h6 10.Bd2 Qd6 11.Ne5!?! Bxe5 12. dxe5 Qxe5 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Re1 0-0-0 15.c4 Nf6 16.Qb3 Qd6 17.Bf3 b6 18.Rad1 Ng4 19.g3 Qc5 20.Re2 Ne5

White is still winning after 20... Qh5!?! 21.h4 (21.Qa3 a5! 22.Qxe7? [22. h4!] 22...Qxh2+ 23.Kf1 Ne5!) 21...g5 22. Qa3! Kb8 (22...a5 23. Bxa5!) 23.Qxe7:

(a) 23...Rhe8 24.Qxd7! +;

(b) 23...Ba4 24.Qe4 +- ;
(c) 23...gxh4 24.Qe4 c6 25.Bf4+ Kc8 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Qxc6+ Kd8 28.Qa8 mate.



21.Rxe5! Qxe5 22.Qa3 Kb8

What else? 22...a5 23.b4 a4 24.b5 +-.

23.Bf4 Qc5

Or 23...Qa5 24.Qxe7 and White wins, e.g. 24...Qa4 25.b3 or 24...Kc8 25.Bc6.

The ultimate indignity would be 23...Qf6 24.Bxc7+! forcing mate.

24.b4 Qxc4 25.Rc1 Qxc1+ 26.Qxc1 Rc8 27.Qc4 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E29

Randall Schwarz 2000

John Patty 2202

2001 SACC Championship (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.e4 Ne8 10.0-0 Ba6 11.f4 f5 12. Ng3 g6 13.Be3 Qe7!?



Approximately equal are: (a) 13...Nd6 14.exf5 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.fxg6 Bxf1 17.Qh5 Qe7 18. Rxf1 ∞/= Yusupov-Karpov, match 1989; and (b) 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.cxd5 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 fxe4 17. Qxe4 Qxd5 18.Qxd5 exd5 19.Rac1 Rc8 20.f5 Nd6 21.fxg6 hxg6 = Yusupov-Karpov, Linares 1993.

14.e5
Schwarz suggested 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Qa4 Nc7 (forced) 16.e5 Rfb8 17.Rab1 Rb6 18.Rfe1 with the plan of Nf1-d2-b3 winning the c5 pawn.. 14...d6 15.d5 Na5 16.Qe2 Rd8 17. Rae1 Ng7 18.Bc1 Rfe8 19.Bb2 Qd7 20.Rf3 Qa4 21.Bc2 Qd7 22. Bd3 Qb7 23. Nf1 exd5 24.cxd5 c4 25.Bc2 dxe5 26.fxe5 Qxd5 27.Bc1 Nc6 28.Bg5 Rd7 29. Bf6 b5 30.Re3 Qe6 31.h3 Bb7 32.Nh2 Ne7 33.Nf3 Nd5 34.Ng5 Qb6 35.Qf2 Nxe3 36.Rxe3 Ne6 37.Kh1 f4 0-1 (time)

Benko Gambit A57

John Patty 2202

Shawn Noland 2095

2001 SACC Chp. (final)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 ab5 6.e4 Qa5+ 7.Bd2 b4 8.Na3 g6? (8...d6) 9. Nc4 Qc7 10.d6 exd6 11.Bf4 Ra6 12.Nh3 Nh5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.f4



15...Nxf4 16.Nxf4 gxf4 17.Qg4 d5 18.exd5 Rg6? (18...d6) 19.Qe2+ Re6 20.dxe6 dxe6 21.Qe5 Qb7 22. Qxh8 Qe4+ 23.Be2 1-0

LETTERS

Texas masters event

I wanted to write you to urge you to support the tournament Luis Salinas and I are trying to organize, the Texas masters tournament. Our idea is to hold a tournament in November with a \$2,500 guaranteed prize fund for players rated over 2200 and six junior invitees. This would both add another top flight event to the Texas tournament schedule and allow some of our top juniors the opportunity to compete against strong opposition. Luis and I have been prospecting around the state, and we have come to the conclusion that we could raise about \$900 from individuals who are willing to sponsor the junior invitees, and about \$800 from entry fees. This, unfortunately, still leaves us about \$800 short of our goal.

We're hoping that we can work with the TCA to make this project a reality. If TCA could donate \$500 to the tournament, I will donate the last \$300 needed myself, as well as assuming any additional losses the project may incur if our projections don't work out.

I believe this project would enhance Texas chess in the following ways: (1) Top juniors would get one more chance to practice against tough opposition here in Texas without having to pay exorbitant travel costs. Currently, if you want your promising child to compete against top-flight opposition on a regular basis you have to send him or her to the World Open, Chicago Open, etc., and each such trip can easily cost \$1000 or more when all expenses are said and done. (2) Promising Texas masters would get another tournament to sharpen their skills in without having to

pay the sort of heavy travel expenses mentioned above. I think a good goal for a state like Texas is to have six top quality tournaments a year where players can get the tough competition they need to advance to master and beyond. Currently we have four – the state championship, the Southwest Open, the J.C. Thompson Memorial, and the Ken Smith Memorial. This would add a fifth to the schedule. (3) My past experience working with prestigious, closed tournaments (I used to organize the Michigan closed) convinces me that these tournaments help keep strong players involved in chess. Given that about 80% of Texas masters have more or less dropped out of chess (and the percentage would probably be higher if not for the UTD chess program!), I believe anything we could do to reverse this trend would be good. (4) Adding a tournament like this to the schedule would encourage excellence in chess. In my opinion, one of the best ways to promote any activity is to reward excellence at it. Thanks for your attention and please contact me with me any questions or feedback you may have.

Sonny Kamberi
Dallas

K-O at DCC

Third-rated Michael Jennings won the Dallas Chess Club March Saturday Swiss, held March 31, with a score of 2.5 out of 3.. In Round 2 he defeated Bryan Pernes, who came in second with 2.

KI Attack A08

Michael Jennings 1694

Bryan Pernes 1798

DCC March Saturday Swiss (2)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 c5 3.Nbd2 Nc6 4.e4 e6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Qe2 b5 11.

Nf1 a5 12.Bf4 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nb6 14.h4 c4 15.Rac1 Na7?

Black would not have time for this, even if had a point. Better is 15...d4 16.Ng4 Nd5.

16.Ng4 Qd7 17.Qe3 Rab8



18.Bh6 d4

18...gxh6 19.Qxh6 Kh8 20.Nf6 Bxf6 ...

(a) 21.exf6 Rg8 22.Ng5 Rxf6 23.hxg5 Rg8 24.Be4 dxe4 25.Rxe4 Rg6 26.Qf8+ Rg8 27.Qh6 =;

(b) 21.Qxf6+! Kg8 22.Ng5 Rb7 23.Qh6 f6 (23...Rc8?? 24.Nxh7 +-) 24.exf6, and Black does not have a good defense against 25.Bh3.

19.Nxd4 gxh6 20.Qxh6 f5 21.exf6 Bb4 22.c3 Rf7 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Nh6 Rbf8 25.cxb4 Qxd4



26.Qg8+!

A pretty textbook knockout.

1-0

Texas House honors Mansfield team

by Enrique Rios

The 2001 State Champion chess team from Mary Orr Intermediate in Mansfield, TX was honored at the Texas Capitol this Tuesday, May 22.

Initially, the team was honored by a House Resolution sponsored by Rep. Brimer. HR 1184 congratulated the team for being the first team outside the Brownsville area in nine years to capture the state elementary championship. Especially congratulated in the text of the bill were the team's top two players, Mason Harry and Stephanie Ballom, both of whom won six out of seven possible games in the individual competition to finish in a tie for third.

Mason's father, Mansfield mayor David Harry coaches the team along with Jason Doss, a National Master and former UT-Dallas student. Coincidentally, Stephanie Ballom's grandfather also happens to be Rep. Jesse Jones of Dallas.

UTD also brought some mention on the floor of the House in a moment of levity, when Rep. Brimer yielded for a few questions from Rep. Fred Hill of Richardson. Addressing the Mansfield champions, Rep. Hill pointed out that the University of Texas at Dallas has the national collegiate champion chess team, and with the enormous talent exhibited by the Mansfield players they could definitely look forward to a spot on the team. Rep. Brimer, whose district includes Arlington as well as Mansfield, quickly pointed out that such intellectually advanced children would surely prefer the University of Texas at Arlington, to which Rep. Hill quickly countered that the children would never want to play for the losing team!

Finally, the team was also recognized on the floor of the Texas Senate, via the same resolution sponsored by Senator Chris Harris of Arlington. A big congratulation goes out to the Mansfield chess team for their truly outstanding accomplishments.

By Brimer H.R. No. 1184 77R13071 MJS-D

— RESOLUTION —

WHEREAS, The 2001 chess team from Mary Orr Intermediate School in Mansfield captured first place at the Texas State Scholastic Chess Championships, and this significant accomplishment indeed merits special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Tarrant County chess club, which is the first state winner in nine years that is not from the Brownsville elementary schools, qualified for the national chess championships in Kansas City, where its members will be among 6,000 students competing; and

WHEREAS, Leading Mary Orr to the first-place triumph were Mason Harry and Stephanie Ballom, who each won six of their seven games and finished in a tie for third place overall; other talented team members include Ryan Morone, C.J. Hendricks, Matthew Ruble, and Brett Greig; and

WHEREAS, With their prodigious abilities and hard work, the students from the 2001 Mary Orr chess team have proven themselves to be formidable competitors and stellar all-around players; these admirable young Texans are developing valuable leadership and critical-thinking skills for the future, and it is indeed most appropriate to pay tribute to them on their most recent accolade at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 77th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the 2001 Mary Orr Intermediate School chess team for winning the Texas State Scholastic Chess Championships and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the team members from Mary Orr Intermediate School as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives. ♣

Chess is a twisted game for twisted minds. – Alex Yermolinsky

Chess is a form of mental illness. – David Bronstein

Chess is a sea in which the gnat may drink and the elephant may bathe. – Indian proverb

Chess is a world without lies. – Ljubomir Ljubojevic

Chess is brain food that goes crunch. – Selby Anderson

Tournament Crosstables

SACC Championship

April 12 - May 3

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 John Patty	2202	+9	=2	+4	+5	3.5
2 Shawn Noland	2095	+6	=1	+9	+3	3.5
3 Selby Anderson	2315	+8	=4	+5	-2	2.5
4 Angela Alston	2079	+7	=3	-1	+6	2.5
5 Randall Schwarz	2000	+10	+8	-3	-1	2.0
6 Juan Carrizales	1529	-2	+7	+8	-4	2.0
7 Jose DeLeon	1412	-4	-6	+10	+9	2.0
8 Gary Zintgraff	1752	-3	-5	-6	+10	1.0
9 Charles Neira	1566	-1	+10	-2	-7	1.0
10 Catalina Anderson	731	-5	-9	-7	-8	0.0

Playoff: Patty 1, Noland 0.

Texas State Championship

Houston, May 25-28

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total
1 B. Annakov	2572	+16	=8	+3	+4	=2	+10	=6	5.5
2 Mark Diesen	2460	=12	+11	+23	+8	=1	+5	=4	5.5
3 Gary Simms	2275	=17	+21	-1	=9	+22	+15	+8	5.0
4 Mikhail Langer	2307	+25	+15	=18	-1	+7	=8	=2	4.5
5 Andrew Whatley	2327	+14	=7	-8	+23	+18	-2	+10	4.5
6 M. Bighamian	2322	=11	=12	+22	+18	-10	+13	=1	4.5
7 William Reuter	2200	+24	=4	H	H	-4	+9	+14	4.5
8 Dennis Rylander	2296	+22	=1	+5	-2	+20	=4	-3	4.0
9 Lorenzo Gaskill	2000	=23	=19	=11	=3	+17	-7	+15	4.0
10 Sonny Kamberi	2347	-18	+13	+16	=20	+6	-1	-5	3.5
11 Andres Suarez	2119	=6	-2	=9	=12	+21	=14	=13	3.5
12 John Hendrick	2101	=2	=6	=20	=11	-14	B	+19	3.5
13 Rudy Tia	2116	-20	-10	B	+16	+19	-6	=11	3.5
14 Mark Dejmek	2154	-5	-16	+21	=15	+12	=11	-7	3.0
15 Chris Glaser	1932	B	-4	=19	+14	+23	-3	=9	3.0
16 Ali Morshedi r/e	2109	-1	+14	-10	-13	B	=19	=17	3.0
17 Joshua Newsham	2059	=3	-23	X	=19	=9	=21	=16	3.0
18 Drew Sarkisian	2192	+10	+20	=4	=6	-5	U	U	2.5
19 Larry Moss	2200	=21	=9	=15	=17	-13	=16	-12	2.5
20 Selby Anderson	2315	+13	-18	+12	=10	-8	U	U	2.5
21 Barry Endsley	2000	=19	-3	-14	B	=11	=17	U	2.0
22 Mike Sheaf	2072	-8	B	-6	X	-3	U	U	2.0
23 Clarence Yeung	2200	=9	+17	-2	-5	-15	U	U	1.5
24 Michael Williams	2013	-7	H	F	F	U	U	U	0.5
25 Ali Morshedi	2109	-4	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

Texas Amateur Championship

Houston, May 25-28

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total
1 Jason Howell	1929	+37	+70	+75	+12	+47	=3	=4	6.0
2 Albert Yeh	1859	+64	=53	+48	=44	+18	+11	+3	6.0
3 Jahangir Ahmed	1900	+45	+18	+32	+9	+19	=1	-2	5.5
4 Ronnie Rubit	1880	+40	+16	+5	+15	=31	+34	=1	5.5
5 Bradley Sawyer	1684	+96	=31	-4	+100	+46	+47	+12	5.5
6 Mike C. Curtis	1750	H	+74	+46	-31	+21	+23	+13	5.5
7 Brian Hansen	1533	+77	+38	-12	=72	+50	+33	+14	5.5
8 Bryan Pernes	1751	+87	+86	+59	-19	+41	+31	+10	5.5
9 Yining Ni	1568	+39	+28	+17	-3	=33	=15	+34	5.0
10 Robert Chalker	1924	+41	-75	+37	+24	=26	=48	=8	5.0
11 Vlad Rekhsen	1761	+54	+91	=15	H	+22	-2	+36	5.0
12 Tony Sims	1744	+88	+36	+7	-1	=14	+40	=5	4.5
13 Carmen Chairez	1610	+92	+25	+19	+35	+38	=29	-6	4.5
14 Jose DeLeon	1412	+93	+35	+34	-47	=12	+26	-7	4.5

15 William Molina	1723+109	+60	=11	-4	+42	=9	=25	=4.5	
16 Keith Cryan	1106 +26	-4	+43	=75	+24	-38	+48	4.5	
17 Peter Yeh	1760 +63	+43	-9	-22	+37	+59	=20	4.5	
18 Jonathan Allen	1662 +98	-3	+61	+60	-2	=45	+49	4.5	
19 Michael Simpson	1987 +21	+27	+13	+8	-3	H	U	4.5	
20 Doyle Lobaugh	1506 -47	+39	+84	-34	+60	+32	=17	4.5	
21 David Gorrell	1573 -19	+82	+51	=25	-6	+72	=52	4.5	
22 Victor A. Flores	1533 =52	=67	+62	+17	-11	+35	=33	4.5	
23 Roland Gonzales	1494 -94	=90	+77	+27	+75	-6	+58	4.5	
24 Michael J. Cox	1634 +51	H	+103	-10	-16	+55	+40	4.5	
25 Rodney Thomas	1810 +68	-13	+73	=21	H	+69	=15	4.5	
26 Frank Niro	1700 -16	+66	+88	+85	=10	-14	+45	4.5	
27 James Meadows	1722 +80	-19	=54	-23	+74	+83	+41	4.5	
28 John Lowe	1755 +79	-9	+63	-41	+73	=43	+42	4.5	
29 Kelly Clover	1857 +65	-59	+81	+32	+44	=13	U	4.5	
30 Eric Dong	1318 -35	-93	+96	+65	+95	=53	+43	4.5	
31 Patrick Bloom	1884 +83	=5	+53	+6	=4	-8	U	4.0	
32 Matthew Berki	1630 +62	+94	-3	-29	+68	-20	+61	4.0	
33 Mike Berki	1812+101	=42	=40	=45	=9	-7	=22	4.0	
34 Samuel Perez	1731 +78	+85	-14	+20	+36	-4	-9	4.0	
35 Pedro Figueroa	1734 +30	-14	+71	-13	+64	-22	+63	4.0	
36 Christian Leppert	1316+106	-12	+76	+70	-34	X	-11	4.0	
37 Tyson Slesnick	1441 -1	+96	-10	+82	-17	+87	+60	4.0	
38 Larry J. Young	1825 +81	-7	+67	+59	-13	+16	U	4.0	
39 Brandon Moore	1215 -9	=20	+101	+67	-45	+64	+59	4.0	
40 Doug Flanders	1472 =4	+52	=33	=50	+58	-12	=24	3.5	
41 Buddy Funderburg	1529 -10	+87	+105	+28	-8	=44	-27	3.5	
42 Laru Lindzey	1527+108	=33	-44	+55	-15	+50	-28	3.5	
43 Jeffrey Sneden	1598 +82	-17	-16	+78	+85	=28	-30	3.5	
44 Gray Bullis	1707 +61	=103	+42	=2	-29	=41	U	3.5	
45 Todd Appelbaum	1523	-3	+109	+99	-33	+39	=18	-26	3.5
46 Stormy Newton	1455 H	+55	-6	+56	-5	-58	+78	3.5	
47 Ray Downs	1961 +20	+50	H	+14	-1	-5	U	3.5	
48 Gary Joe	1589 +74	+100	-2	+93	+72	-10	-16	3.5	
49 Vicente Flores	1479 -103	=77	+52	=53	=84	+56	-18	3.5	
50 Jimmy Dychess	1721 +90	-47	+57	+40	-7	=42	+73	3.5	
51 Noah Cryan	1013 -24	+68	-21	=57	=76	=66	+91	3.5	
52 Daniel M. Brad	1058 =22	-40	=49	+90	+57	X	-21	3.5	
53 Bryan Wayt	1610 +97	=2	-31	=49	+86	=30	U	3.5	
54 David Abrams	1348 -11	+108	=27	-84	+56	+74	+76	3.5	
55 William P. Gibson	1819 =73	-46	+74	+42	+100	-24	+62	3.5	
56 Jeff Henninger	1718 =85	H	+90	+46	+54	-49	+80	3.5	
57 Ade Kujimiyo	1400 H	=76	-50	=51	-52	+96	+72	3.5	
58 Ira Horvitz	1676 H	=73	+79	H	+40	+46	-23	3.5	
59 Raymundo Garza	1565 +84	+29	-8	-38	+79	-17	-39	3.0	
60 Orangel Contreras	unr.	+69	-15	+83	-18	-20	+79	+37	3.0
61 Juan A. Lopez	1117 -44	+65	+18	-64	+67	+71	-32	3.0	
62 Chris Lee Bell	954	-32	+101	-22	-68	+90	+86	-55	3.0
63 Charles Tekippe	1335 -17	+92	-28	-69	+98	+89	-35	3.0	
64 Brad Munoz	1425 -2	+98	-72	+61	-35	-39	+85	3.0	
65 Brian Backlund	1470 -29	-61	+80	-30	=78	+99	=66	3.0	
66 Robert Mayberry	1277 -75	=26	+108	+91	-69	=51	=65	3.0	
67 John L. Mayes	1436 H	=22	-38	-39	-61	+105	+88	3.0	
68 Mark F. Ware	1389 -25	-51	+92	+62	-32	+85	U	3.0	
69 Leigh Harrington	1590 -60	-79	+109	+63	+66	-25	U	3.0	
70 Gregory S. Wren	1700 +89	-1	+86	-36	+71	U	U	3.0	
71 Jonathan Mayes	1384 H	H	-35	X	-70	-61	+87	3.0	
72 Gary Carlson	1758 -86	+78	+64	=7	-48	-21	=57	2.5	
73 Alfred Molina	1432 =55	=58	-25	+87	-28	=80	=50	2.5	
74 George G. Evans	1250 =48	-6	-55	+99	-22	=54	+89	2.5	
75 Bruce Lewkowski	1699 +66	+10	-1	=16	-23	U	U	2.5	
76 Robert Neal	1614 +99	=57	-36	-86	=51	+82	=54	2.5	
77 Nolan Slesnick	1117 -7	=49	-23	+102	-83	-78	+99	2.5	
78 Trevor Jackson	1284 -34	-72	+98	-43	=65	+77	-46	2.5	
79 Martin Gonzalez	1274 -28	+69	-58	+81	-59	-60	H	2.5	
80 Edward Tate	1228 -27	-83	+65	+108	+81	=73	=56	2.5	
81 T. Scariatto	1440 -38	+89	-29	-79	-80	=98	+96	2.5	
82 Stephanie Ballom	1269 -43	-21	+97	-37	H	-76	+98	2.5	
83 Frank M. Roberts	1508 -31	+80	-60	H	+77	-27	U	2.5	
84 Rafael Zafora	1957 -59	+102	=20	+54	=49	F	U	2.5	
85 Robert Edwards	1118 +56	-34	+95	-26	+43	-68	-64	2.0	
86 Brandon Ware	1326 +72	-8	-70	+76	-53	-62	U	2.0	

87	Jeffrey Miller	1239	-8	-41	+89	-73	+91	-37	-71	2.0
88	Robert Stryk	1318	-12	+97	-26	-95	-89	+92	-67	2.0
89	Jacob Dychess	1092	-70	-81	-87	+92	+88	-63	-74	2.0
90	Alex Gonzalez	1200	-50	=23	-56	-52	=62	+108	H	2.0
91	Manuel Guajardo	1450	X	-11	-94	-66	-87	+109	-51	2.0
92	Ted Shipper	unr.	-13	-63	-68	-89	+109	-88	+109	2.0
93	Matthew Willis	1850	-14	+30	H	-48	H	F	U	2.0
94	Scott Griggs	1884	+23	-32	+91	U	U	U	U	2.0
95	Robert Smeltzer	1600	H	H	-85	+88	-30	U	U	2.0
96	John Scott Hill	1034	-5	-37	-30	=97	+102	-57	-81	1.5
97	Tim Shipper	unr.	-53	-88	-82	=96	-101	+102	-104	1.5
98	Shawn Shahi	1018	-18	-64	-78	+109	-63	=81	-82	1.5
99	Matthew Clement	816	=76	H	-45	-74	H	-65	-77	1.5
100	Mario Leal	1303	H	-48	+102	-5	-55	U	U	1.5
101	Joe Mims	1390	-33	-62	-39	H	+97	U	U	1.5
102	Sarah Mayers	965	H	-84	-100	-77	-96	-97	+108	1.5
103	David Epstein	1959	+49	=44	-24	U	U	U	U	1.5
104	Adrian Ballom	1033	U	U	U	U	U	H	+97	1.5
105	Neal Meyer	unr.	H	H	-41	F	-106	-67	U	1.0
106	Miguel Suarez	1185	-36	U	U	U	+105	U	U	1.0
107	Chris Glaser*	1932	+110	U	U	U	U	U	U	1.0
108	Tecora Ballom	750	-42	-54	-66	-80	H	-90	-102	0.5
109	Bryan Fagan	1236	-15	-45	-69	-98	-92	-91	-92	0.0
110	Miguel Guajardo*	1450	-107	U	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

Ft. Worth Summer Tournament Grand Prairie, June 2

Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Jonathan Cearley	1772	+13	+5	+10	=2	3.5
2 Bryan Pernes	1751	+17	+6	+4	=1	3.5
3 Daniel M. Brown	1611	+23	-12	+14	+11	3.0
4 Carmen Chairez	1610	+8	+11	-2	+12	3.0
5 David Gorrell	1573	+19	-1	+12	+13	3.0
6 Douglas Schwetke	1516	+21	-2	+15	+10	3.0
7 Josef Ryglewicz	1519	+20	-10	+17	=8	2.5
8 David Harry	1140	-4	+22	+16	=7	2.5
9 Jose Trevino	1884	-12	+16	-13	+19	2.0
10 Robert Haskell	1710	+15	+7	-1	-6	2.0
11 Bobby Wineinger	1440	+22	-4	+21	-3	2.0
12 Mason Harry	1375	+9	+3	-5	-4	2.0
13 Benjamin Suite	1348	-1	+19	+9	-5	2.0
14 Thomas Morgan	1309	U	+18	-3	+20	2.0
15 Stephanie Ballom	1269	-10	+24	-6	+21	2.0
16 Ajay Bangale	1528	=18	-9	-8	+23	1.5
17 Michael Henderson	1302	-2	+20	-7	=18	1.5
18 Ganesa Sundaresan	895	=16	-14	=23	=17	1.5
19 Adrian Ballom	1033	-5	-13	+24	-9	1.0
20 Tom Crane	unr.	-7	-17	+22	-14	1.0
21 Myron Hatfield	unr.	-6	+23	-11	-15	1.0
22 Richard Hoover	unr.	-11	-8	-20	+24	1.0
23 Clayton Swafford	1241	-3	-21	=18	-16	0.5
24 Patrick Hurd	unr.	U	-15	-19	-22	0.0

Scholastic

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Matthew Lubrano	1043	+13	+7	+3	-5	+8	4.0
2 Hayley Mayfield	901	+12	+9	=5	=8	+7	4.0
3 Clinton Hendricks	868	+21	+4	-1	+6	+5	4.0
4 Michael Creasy	831	+22	-5	+13	+9	+12	4.0
5 Akshay Bangale	1080	+10	+4	=2	-1	-3	3.5
6 Jason Masoud	347	=8	+17	+16	-3	+15	3.5
7 Michael Crane	825	+24	-1	+11	+10	-2	3.0
8 Clarke Hurd	799	=6	+20	+15	=2	-1	3.0
9 Allison Hurd	746	+19	-2	+21	-4	+18	3.0

10 Wesley Hurd	723	-5	+22	+14	-7	+20	3.0
11 Trevor May	694	-15	+18	-7	+23	+16	3.0
12 Brendan McCready	648	-2	+19	+17	+16	-4	3.0
13 Stephanie Ruble	701	-1	+24	-4	=14	+17	2.5
14 Elisha Treadway	unr.	+20	-3	-10	=13	+21	2.5
15 David Cozby	985	+11	-16	-8	+21	-6	2.0
16 Evan Hurd	806	+18	+15	-6	-12	-11	2.0
17 Micah Hurd	735	+23	-6	-12	+19	-13	2.0
18 Rodney Hendricks	373	-16	-11	+20	+24	-9	2.0
19 Benjamin Pelton	unr.	-9	-12	+22	-17	+23	2.0
20 Josef Lubrano	743	-14	-8	-18	+22	-10	1.0
21 Courtney May	515	-3	+23	-9	-15	-14	1.0
22 Alissa Hendricks	403	-4	-10	-19	-20	+24	1.0
23 Jamie Treadway	unr.	-17	-21	+24	-11	-19	1.0
24 Tan May Bangale	402	-7	-13	-23	-18	-22	0.0

Texas Senior Championship Huntsville, June 9-10

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 John Patty	2205	+9	=3	+5	+4	3.5
2 Leon Poliakoff	2017	+10	-5	+7	=6	2.5
3 Mark E. McCue	1923	+6	=1	-4	+5	2.5
4 Zoltan Szaloky	1770	=7	+11	+3	-1	2.5
5 Allen Eckert	1701	+12	+2	-1	-3	2.0
6 Carmen Chairez	1610	-3	+9	=10	=2	2.0
7 Robert Richie	1481	=4	+8	-2	=11	2.0
8 Robert F. McGregor	1760	-11	-7	+12	=9	1.5
9 Joe T. Gilbert	1683	-1	-6	+11	=8	1.5
10 Duane E. Solley	1611	-2	+12	=6	U	1.5
11 Michael Love	1309	+8	-4	-9	=7	1.5
12 Charles Tekippe	1335	-5	-10	-8	B	1.0

Texas Women's/Futurity Huntsville, June 9-10

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Angela Alston	2079	+7	+3	+2	+10	4.0
2 Danny Hardesty	1828	+4	+5	-1	+6	3.0
3 Laura Lindzey	1527	+9	-1	+10	+7	3.0
4 Jonathan Seeman	1209	-2	+6	+7	+8	3.0
5 Michael Haskins	1325	+10	-2	+8	-9	2.0
6 Ralph Haskins	1241	+8	-4	+9	-2	2.0
7 Brenda Hardesty	1181	-1	+10	-4	-3	1.0
8 Adrian Ballom	1033	-6	+9	-5	-4	1.0
9 Jesse Bertron	936	-3	-8	-6	+5	1.0
10 Stephanie Ballom	1269	-5	-7	-3	-1	0.0

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Deluge damps senior and women's championships

The 2001 Texas Senior and Texas Women's Championships were held June 9-10 in Huntsville as the remnants of tropical storm Allison swirled overhead. Most of the Houston crowd had to cancel due to flooding and closed freeways. There were just twelve players this year.

In the Senior event, Mark McCue managed a draw with John Patty in Round 2, leaving only Allen Eckert with a perfect 2-0 score. John Patty eventually won the event with a 3.5-0.5 score. This is John's third senior title.

The Women's event had only four participants, and was merged with the Senior Futurity so that the women could get in four games. Angela Alston won the event for the second year. — *Forrest Marler*

Kasparov is hot at Kazakhstan SuperGM

A SuperGM tournament in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, was held May 19 to June 1. The event celebrated the tenth anniversary of the independence of Kazakhstan. The event saw Kasparov take first place after defeating and overtaking Kramnik in the final round.

Final Standings:

- 1st Kasparov, Garry RUS 2827 7.0
- 2nd Kramnik, Vladimir RUS 2797 6.5
- 3rd Gelfand, Boris ISR 2712 5.5
- 4th Shirov, Alexei ESP 2722 4.5
- 4th Morozevich, Alex RUS 2749 4.5
- 6th Sadvakasov, Darmen KAZ 2585 2.0

Kasparov finally found a way to beat the Berlin Defense to the Ruy Lopez, which Kramnik used so successfully in their world championship match.

Garry Kasparov (2827) - Vladimir Kramnik (2797)
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.
h3 Bd7 11.b3 Ke8 12.Bb2 Rd8 13.Rad1 Ne7 14.Rfe1
Ng6 15.Ne4 Nf4 16.e6 Nxe6 17.Nd4 c5 18.Nf5 Rh7
19.Bf6 Rc8 20.Bxg7 Bxg7 21.Nxg7+ Rxd1 22.Nf6+
Ke7 23.Nxd7 Rd8 24.Ne5 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Nf4 26.Kh1
Rg5 27.Ng4 Rd5 28.Re1+ Kf8 29.Nxh6 Rd2 30.Re5
Rxf2 31.Rf5 Kg7 32.Ng4 Rxd1 33.Rxf4 Rxc2 34.Rf2
Rc3 35.Kg2 b5 36.h4 c4 37.h5 cxb3 38.axb3 Rc5 39.
h6+ Kf8 40.Nf6 Rg5+ 41.Kh1 1-0

TCA candidates' statements

Enrique Rios: Texas chess is one of the strongest programs in the United States. Scholastic chess is booming in our state and I have the leadership and experience to facilitate greater growth and expansion. When I set goals, I get things done. For the last three years, I have organized the Texas Junior Invitational for the state's top scholastic players. Also, as a young, experienced leader, it has not been too long since I was a scholastic player myself, thus I believe I have the valuable insight to know what works.

Many times, people focus all their energy on scholastic chess while adult chess, a very important component of the formula for our success in Texas, gets forgotten. As your TCA President, I will be equally diligent in creating more tournaments and more opportunities for our adults. Under my support as TCA Secretary, the TCA will sponsor the upcoming Texas Masters tournament in the fall. Aside from this accomplishment, I will seek to create many more high quality events.

Elect Enrique Rios as TCA President, and I will lead Texas to a brighter future!

Gary Gaiffe: There are four items at the top of my agenda for TCA this coming year: 1) Form a partnership with ThinkLikeAKing to market their mentoring program within Texas schools, 2) Appoint or hire a marketing manager, 3) Increase membership, and 4) Actively encourage more participation on USCF committees to return solvency to the USCF and a return of the SASP program. Elect me and I promise to work maturely, diligently and responsibly toward organizational growth and improvement.

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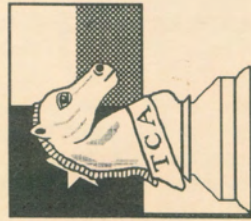
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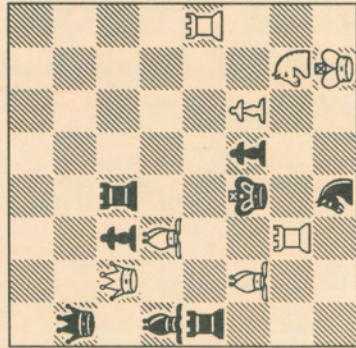


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