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Team UTD at the Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

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Texas K-12 Grade and Collegiate Championships

The fifth annual Texas K-12 Grade and Collegiate Championships were held Nov. 2-4 at Houston's Marriott West Loop, with a record 611 players competing. Southwest Chess Enterprises organized the event.

The twelfth grade co-champions, Marc Fuhrmann of Seguin and Anh Tuan Nguyen of Fort Worth, won full four-year scholarships to the University of Texas at Dallas. (See Alexey Root's article next page.)

TEXAS GRADE CHAMPIONS

K	Ian Santos	Brownsville	5.5 pts.
1	Chester Wang	The Woodlands	5
	Jyron Walls	Houston	5
2	Julian Mejia	Laredo	5
	Edward Garza	Corpus Christi	5
	Ivana Santos	Brownsville	5
	Austin Wiley	Dallas	5
	Sterling Potts	Austin	5
3	Arnold Liao	Plano	6
4	William Ong	Houston	5.5
	Kevin Wang	The Woodlands	5.5
5	Adlai Arandela	Corpus Christi	6
6	Todd Appelbaum	Fort Worth	5
	Althorp Arandela	Corpus Christi	5
	Michael Haskins	Edinburg	5
	Ivan Santos	Corpus Christi	5
7	Peter Yeh	Richardson	6
8	Alex Chua	Plano	5.5
9	Paul Haney	Corpus Christi	5
	Chris Hobart	Spring	5
10	Aldrin Arandela	Corpus Christi	5
	Kevin Sun	Plano	5
11	Vikram Vijayan	Austin	5.5
12	Marc Fuhrman	Seguin	5
	Anh Tuan Nguyen	Fort Worth	5
C	Balazs Szuk	Germany	5.5
	Dennis Rylander	Sweden	5.5

The bughouse tourney was won by the team of Dennis Rylander and Katie Roberts-Hoffman, who placed first on tiebreaks over Andrew Whatley and Arthur Morris. Both teams scored 5 out of 5.

The quick (G/10) event was won by Curtis Brooks, with 5-0. Tied for second with 4 were Jeff Sneden, Peter Pinkelbauer, Laura Lindzey, and Bo Githoro.

The parent-child tournament was won by The Wares (7) ahead of The Foresters (6).

TEAM WINNERS

1	Village School	Houston	13.5
2	Village School	Houston	12.5
3	Bethany Elementary	Plano	12
4	Village School	Houston	13
5	Village School	Houston	11
6	Village School	Houston	13.5
7	Mary Orr Intermediate	Mansfield	11
8	Lanier Middle School	Houston	14
9	Bellaire High School	Houston	11
10	Porter High School	Brownsville	11
11	Bellaire High School	Houston	11.5
12	Bellaire High School	Houston	13.5
Col.	Univ. of Texas at Dallas	Dallas	10 pts.

For complete standings go to www.dallaschess.com

National K-12 Championships

1,454 play in Dallas – top Texas players noted

The National K-12 Grade Championships were held Dec. 14-16 at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas. USCF organized the event, and Dallas supplied the volunteers. Texas supplied many of the players, but this year none of the national champions was from the hosting state. For honorable mention, we start with those who placed second or equal second.

Texas kindergarten champion Ian Santos of Brownsville placed second in the K section, with 42 competing. With an excellent 5-1 score, he was half a point behind the winner and had the best tiebreaks of a three-way tie.

In seventh grade, Eric Dong of Houston was clear second with 5.5. Peter Yeh (3rd) and Nate Findley (7th) were part of an eight-way tie at 5 points.

In ninth grade, Paul Haney and Daniel Nelson scored 4.5 to tie for third, taking home fifth and seventh place trophies respectively.

In tenth grade, Bo Githoro was in an eight-way tie for third, and took home the tenth place trophy.

In eleventh grade, John Sneed (4th) and Albert Yeh (5th) were in a five-way tie for third with 4.5 points. Berkner High School of Richardson won the third place team trophy.

In twelfth grade, Andres Suarez (4th) and Marc Fuhrmann (6th) were tied for equal fourth with 4.5. Fuhrmann's team from Seguin (with Laziz Alidjanov and Alejandro Cacace) placed third with 10.5, on tiebreaks over McCollum HS of San Antonio (Steven Castilleja, Angel Hernandez, and Aaron Guadiano).

The grade 12 winner, Yelena Gorlin of Illinois, won a full four-year scholarship to UT-Dallas.

UTD scholarship winners, bughouse at Texas Grade

by Chess Program Associate Director Alexey Root

UTD took top honors at the Texas Collegiate Championship, held Nov. 3-4 in Houston by Southwest Chess Enterprises. The UTD A team (Balazs Szuk, Dennis Rylander, Clemente Rendon) took first in the college championship. The UTD B team (Karen Birkedahl, Katya Ushakova, Morgan Feeney, and Katie Roberts-Hoffman) took second place. UTD college students took the top five trophies for individual places, the top two team trophies, and the top three bughouse team trophies.

On behalf of UTD, I awarded four-year, full-tuition and fees scholarships to two excellent students. Marc Andre Fuhrmann and Anh Tuan Nguyen tied for first and second in the 12th grade section. Marc Andre Fuhrmann is a foreign exchange student from Germany studying in Seguin, Texas. His grade average this year is 95.6%. When Marc returns to Germany, he plans to complete his Abitur. His special interests are politics and history. Marc hopes to study economics or law in college. His hobby is horseback riding. He told me that one time in Germany he had a 2098 FIDE performance. Anh Tuan Nguyen is a foreign exchange student from Vietnam studying in Fort Worth, Texas. On a recent practice SAT, he scored 800 on the math section of the exam. Anh maintains a 96% average and takes AP courses. He plans to study computers or business in college. His hobby is soccer.

One fun part of the Texas Grade for me is competing in the bughouse tournament. This year, I was fortunate to have Clemente Rendon as a partner. Clemente Rendon is an outstanding student. For the last two years (1999, 2000), Clemente has been on the Dean's List at UTD. Clemente was instrumental in organizing the governance structure of the UTD chess club. Thanks in a large part to Clemente, UTD students are active in every aspect of the UTD Chess Program. Clemente served as the first president of the UTD chess club, and is also its current president. Clemente is also generous, paying our team entry fee to the bughouse event.

Fortunately for Clemente, I was a competent partner. We stayed on first board for two rounds. Then we were paired against the top team, comprised of UTD Chess Program members Dennis Rylander and Katie Roberts-Hoffman. While we were waiting to play our third match (round 4) on top board, I asked Dennis if there was bughouse in Sweden (his home country). Dennis said, "Yes, but it has different rules." George

John told me that UTD freshman Katie Roberts-Hoffman had been his son David's partner for a second place finish at a National High School bughouse championship. (David is now a sophomore and a UTD Chess Program member.)

The fourth round started. I had Black against Dennis. I lost very quickly. So much for my hope that Dennis might be confused by American bughouse rules. Clemente asked if Dennis and Katie would like to play again before the final bughouse round. During this practice game, Clemente and I again lost quickly. Then Dennis and Katie traded seats, and Katie checkmated me. At this point, even optimists like me and Clemente conceded that Dennis and Katie were the better team. Besides, it was time for our fifth and final round.

Here are the final results for the top spots in the bughouse tournament (1st, 2nd, 3rd place out of 39 teams)

Place	Team	Score
1st	Dennis Rylander/Katie Roberts-Hoffman	5.0
2nd	Andrew Whatley/Arthur Morris	5.0
3rd	Alexey Root/ Clemente Rendon	4.0

Note: Arthur Morris is a high school student. Andrew Whatley is a UTD senior.

Looking ahead to the rest of the academic year 01-02, UTD scholarships will be awarded at the National Grade K-12 (Dallas, December 14-16, 2001), the Pan-American Scholastic (Providence, Rhode Island, December 26-29, 2001), the Texas State Scholastic (Corpus Christi, March 15-17, 2002), and the DACIS Spring Championship (Dallas, April, 2002). Interested high school and college transfer students with good academic records may also contact me directly, <aroot@utdallas.edu>, for information about UTD.

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UTD Chess Program featured on National Public Radio's *Only a Game*

A nationally syndicated radio show normally devoted to athletics ran a segment last month on the chess program at the University of Texas-Dallas. The phenomenon of a star UTD player ducking the big match to keep his grades up was wryly appreciated. Among those who supplied sound bytes were Dr. Tim Redman, Noureddine Ziane, and Andrey Zaremba. For an audio file on the Internet, surf to www.npr.org and look under "Programs" for *Only a Game*, show date 12/22/01.

San Antonio Fall Open

Thirty-seven players turned out for the San Antonio Fall Open, held 24-25 at the Texas Neuroscieces Institute. The Open section had 17 players, including five masters. Four of those finished in a tie for first with 3-1: John Patty, Jim Rohrbaugh, Selby Anderson, and Jim Gallagher (back in the arena after a hiatus).

In the 20-player Reserve section it was Ron Krebs who came out of mothballs, racking up a 4-0 score. His last round game with Andres Hernandez was full of tactical pitfalls and pratfalls.

The number of entries only made about 80% of the quota, but because many paid the higher on-site entry fees, 90% of the advertised \$800 prize fund was paid out.

Angela Alston directed.

PRIZE WINNERS

OPEN: 1st-2nd: John Patty, Jim Rohrbaugh, Selby Anderson, Jim Gallagher, 3. *U2100:* Randall Schwarz, 2.5. *U1900:* Victor A. Flores, 2.5.

RESERVE: 1st: Ronald Krebs, 4. 2nd: Andres Hernandez, Anthony Guerra, 3. *U1500:* James Fleener, 3. *U1300:* Matthew Ciment, 3.

Bogo-Indian E11

Steve Young 1903

Selby Anderson 2290

Fall Open 2001 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Nd2 Nc6!?

4...c5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 cxd4 7.Nf3 b5 8.cxb5 Bb7 9.Qxd4 Qa5+ 10.Qb4 Qxb4+ 11.axb4 a6 = ECO 5.Ngf3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Bxd2 8.Bxd2 a5 9.Qc2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.Bg5

Or 12.Bc3 Qc5 13.b3 Re8 =. 13...h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qc3 Bg4 15.Rd2 Rad8 16.Rad1 Rxd2 17.

Rxd2 Rd8 18.Rxd8+ Qxd8 19.h3 Qd1+ 20.Kh2 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Nd4 22.Qxa5 Nxf3+

22...Nxe2 23.Bxe2 Qxe2 24.Qa8+ Kh7 25.Qxb7 Qxf2+ 26.Qg2 ±.

23.exf3 Qxf3 24.Kg1 Qc6 Draw 25.Qb5! Qe4! 26.Qe8+ Kh7 27.Qxf7 Qb1+ 28.Kg2 Qxb2 29.Qxc7 Qxa2 =.

QGD Tarasch D32

John Patty 2202

Pete Gibson 1800

Fall Open 2001 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.dxc5!?

A rarely used sideline. One try for Black is the unclear gambit 5...d4 6.Na4 b5 7.cxb6 axb6 8.b3 Nf6. 5...Nf6 6.Nf3(?)

Going into a QGA reversed, almost certainly not what Patty had in mind. (He punishes this move with a "?" on the scoresheet.) White can hold onto the c5 pawn with 6.Be3, although Black has counterplay: 6...Nc6 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.a3 Ne4 9.Rc1 Be6 10.Qa4 Qxa4 11.Nxa4 Na5 12.b4 Nc4 13.Bd4 b5 = (ECO).

6...Bxc5 7.e3 Nc6 8.a3 a6 9.Be2

Since White's intention with 8.a3 is clear, he should follow through before it is too late: 9.b4! Δ 9...Ba7 10.b5! axb5 11.Nxb5 Bb6 12.Bb2 ±. Or 9...Bb6 10.Na4 Ba7 11.Bb2 b5!? 12.Rc1! Nxb4 13.axb4 bxa4 14.Qxa4 Qd7 15.b5! ±. 9...0-0 10.0-0 d4!

The 1800 player removes all danger from the position. Note how 8...a6 prepared this move, by allowing ...Ba7 in response to 9.Na4. 11.exd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bf3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Bg4

A draw offer would be no surprise.

16.Bxg4 Nxg4 17.Bf4 Rac8 18.Rd7 Rxc3 19.Rxb7?

On his way to equalizing the pawn structure, White overlooks the need for a *zwischenzug*: 19.h3! Nf6 20.Rxb7 =.

19...Rd8



20.Rb6

Now 20.h3 is too late because of 20...Rxa3!

Rxa3 21.Re1 h6

Better is 21...Ra8 22.h3 Nf6 23.Rb7 Nd5! 24.Bg3 Rd3! The knight's position prevents White from doubling on the seventh rank, and the a-pawn is ready to roll. 22.h3 Nf6 23.Rc6 Rd7 24.Bxb6 gxb6 25.Rxf6 Rb7?? (25...Kg7)

Black's discouragement at the turn of affairs is evident, and he loses a game that even now should be drawn. Besides fumbling a pawn, the choice of square for this rook is wrongheaded. As in the previous note, Black needs to get behind his passed a-pawn. Instead, he pushes it to an untimely death.

26.Rxb6 a5?? 27.Ra6 a4 28.Re4 Ra1+ 29.Kh2 a3 30.Rea4 Rb2 31.Rxa3 Rxa3 32.Rxa3 Rxf2 33.Rg3+ Kh7 34.Rf3 Rxf3 35.gxf3 Kg6 36.Kg3 Kf5



37.h4 Kg6

37...f6 38.Kg2! (a) 38...Kg6 39. Kh3 Kf5 40.Kg3 Kg6 41.Kg4 +-; (b) 38...Kf4 39.Kf2 f5 40.Kg2 Ke5 41. Kg3 +-.

38.Kg4 Kh6 39.h5 Kg7 40.Kg5 Kh7 41.f4 1-0

Dutch Leningrad A89

James Rohrbaugh 2202

Larry Moss 2200

Fall Open 2001 (2)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 f5 3.d4 Bg7 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Qb3 e6 11. Rd1 Qe7

11...exd5 12.Nxd5 c6 13.Bg5 cxd5 14.Bxd5+ Kh8 15.Bxb7 Qxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Rb8 17.Qa3! Bxb7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qxa7 ± Ribli-Barbero, Lugano 1983.

12.Bd2 Rd8 13.Rac1 Bf8 14.Be1 Bh6 15.e3 f4 16.exf4 exf4 17.Bd2 Qf7 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Rb8 20. Qf3 c6



21.Bxf4 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Qxf4 23.gxf4 exd5 24.cxd5 Bf5 25.dxc6 Rxd1+ (25...Bxe4?? 26.c7) 26.Rxd1 bxc6 27.Bxf5 gxf5 28.b3 Rb7

Or 28...a5 29.Rc1 a4 30.bxa4 Rb2 32. Ra6 Kg7 33.Kg2 Kf7 34.a5 Kg7 35.Ra8 Ra3 36.a6 h6 37.a7 Kh7 38.Kf1 Ra2 39.Ke1 Kg7 40.Kd1 +-.

29.Rd8+ Kg7 30.Rc8 Rd7 31.Rxc6 1-0

Black might have played on longer, but he is certainly stuck with a passive position and lots of targets.

Alekhine's Defense B03

Jim Gallagher 2200

John Patty 2202

Fall Open 2001 (2)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4 Bf5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 dxe5 8.fxe5 Bb4 9.Bd3?!

9.Nf3 c5 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc2 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.Rf4 Bg6 16.b3 0-0 17.Qe3 Be7 18.Ne4 ± (Nunn's Chess Openings).

9...Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.d5!?

11.Nf3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 (12. Bxd4!?) Nc6 +=.

11...Qh4+ 12.Ke2 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc4

"And wins." But Gallagher can put up quite a fight with rooks on the board.



14.Qxc4 Nxc4 15.dxe6 fxe6 16. Nf3 Nxe3 17.Kxe3 Nc6 18.Rhd1

Ke7 19.Rab1 b6 20.Ke4 Rad8 21. Rf1 Rhf8 22. h4 Rd5

Possible is the more enterprising 22...c4, but White still has lots of play: 23.h5 Rd3 24.Ng5 Rxf1 25.Rxf1 h6 26.Rf7+ Ke8 27.Rc7 hxg5 28.Rxc6 Rxc3 29.Rxe6+ Kf7 30.Rc6 =.

23.h5 h6

One point of 22...Rd5 was to play this without the reply 23.Nh4, which now would lose the e-pawn.

24.a4 Rf7 25.Rg1 Rf8 26.Rbf1 c4 27.g4 Ra5



28.g5 Rf5

It is hard to keep White out. Another possibility is 28...Rf7 29. gxf6 gxf6 30.Rg6 Nxe5 31.Nxe5 Rxf1 32. Nc6+ Kf7 33.Nxa5 bxa5 34.Rxh6 Ra1 35.Rh7+ Kf6 36.Rxa7 Rxa4 37.h6 Ra1 38.Kd4 =.

29.gxh6 gxh6 30.Rg7+ Kf8 31.Rfg1 Nxe5 32.Nd4! Rf6 33.Rb7 Nd3

Threatens ...Nc5+, but it leaves c6 open to White's knight. What else can White do? Not much!

34.Rb8+ Kf7

Black's king is in a box (34... Ke7? 35.Nc6+).

35.Rb7+ Kf8 36.Rb8+ Draw

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Selby Anderson 2290

Erick Vallarino 1546

Fall Open 2001 (2)

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



13...Bb7

Fischer played this early in his career but switched to 13...Rb8, preparing ...b4 while the bishop keeps an eye on e6.

14.Bh3 Rc8?

Overlooking one of White's shots in this line. Better is 14...0-0-0, although White can play much as in the game.

15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Nxe6 Qc4 17.Nxg7+ Kf7 18.Nf5 Qe6 19.Qh3 Qg6?

19...Kf8 20.Rhe1 preparing 21.Nd5 ±.

20.Nxd6+

1-0

Torre Attack A46

Mark McCue 1928

Selby Anderson 2290

Fall Open 2001 (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4. Bxf6!?

An unexplored alternative to 4.e3 and 4.c3. The text would seem to be like playing the 3...h6 4.Bxf6 line a tempo down, but ...c5 is not such a useful move in that line. For instance, Black often plays ...d6 and ...e5 setting up a strong point, but here that means leaving d5 weak.

4...Qxf6 5.e3 Nc6 6.c3 d5 7.Bd3 Qh6

Maybe 7...e5!? 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9. Nxe5 Qxe5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Kxd7 is not so bad after all. That is a classical choice (Steinitzian king, no less), while the text puts all the chips on a Stonewall attacking formation – a romantic gamble.

8.Nbd2 c4

Otherwise White can break up the stucture with c3-c4.

9.Bc2 f5 10.a4(?)

Two other moves suggest themselves: 10.b3, when 10...cxb3 is best, and 10.Ba4(!) leading to a good knight vs. bad bishop scenario after White follows with Bxc6 and Ne5.

10...Bd6 11.b3 cxb3 12.Bxb3 g5!



13.c4 g4 14.Ng1 Nb4 15.Qb1 0-0 16.Ne2 b6 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nc3 Be6 19. g3?

White's defensive task is difficult in any event.

19...Bxg3! 20.Nxd5

20.fxg3 Qxe3+ 21.Kd1 Qxc3 +- or 21.Ne2 Nd3+ 22.Kd1 Nf2+ +-.

20...Nxd5 21.Qa2 Qxe3+ 22.Kd1 Qxd4 0-1

Sicilian Closed B2

Don Sutherland 2208

Jim Gallagher 2200

Fall Open 2001 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e5 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.f4 0-0 9.Nf3 Nd4 10.0-0 f5 11. Rae1 Nec6 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Bh6 Qf6 15.Bg5 Qf7 16.

Nxd4 cxd4 17.Nb5 Be6 18.b3 Qd7 19.a4 Rae8 20.Na3 Bf7 21.Nc4 Bg6 22.Bh6



22...e4 23.dxe4 fxe4 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Qg5

White misses 25.Qf4+ Kg8 26. Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qd6! Qg4! 28.h3 =.

25...Bxh6 26.Qxh6+ Kg8 27.Bh3 Qe7 28.Qf4 e3 29.Bg2 Be4 30. Qg4+ Kh8 31.Bxe4 Qxe4 32.Qxe4 Rxe4 33.Re2 Re6 34.Kf1 Nb4 35.Ke1 Nd5 36.Rg2



36...b6 37.Nb2 Nb4 38.Nd3 Nxd3+ 39.cxd3 Rc6 40.Rb2 Kg7 41.b4 Kf6 42.Ke2 Ke5 0-1

Torre Attack A48

Andres Hortillosa 1900

John Patty 2202

Fall Open 2001 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 c5 5.e3 Qb6 6.Nc4 Qc7 7.c3

d6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Ncd2
Bd7 11.Rc1 Qb6 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.
Ne5 Rd8 14.Bf3 Nc6 15.Nxd7
Rxd7 16.Qc2 Rad8 17.Rcd1 Ne5
18.Be2 c4 19.e4 Nd3 20.Be3 Qe6
21.f3 Nd5 0-1 (time)



22.Bf2 Nxb2!! (22...N5f4 -/+)
23.exd5 (23.Qxb2 Nxc3 +) 23...
Qxe2 24. Qxb2 Rxd5 25.Rfe1 Qd3
+.

Sicilian Defesne B22

Tyson Slesnick 1560
Larry Moss 2200

Fall Open 2001 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 g6 4.d4
cxd4 5.cxd4 Bg7 6.Nc3 d6 7.Bb5
Bd7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 a6
11.Ba4 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.Bg5 h6
14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.e5 Bg7 16.Bd5
Rc8 17.exd6 exd6 18.Ne4 Bc6 19.
Bxc6 Nxc6 20.Qd2



20...Qb6 21.Rad1 d5 22.Nc3

After this White has nothing to counterbalance Black's control of the c-file. Better is 22.Nc5, not fearing 22...Nxd4!? (22...Rfd8 23.b4!) 23.Nd7 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3. Black cannot pursue an attack given his piece placement, but that he can get the b2 pawn if he allows a queen trade: 24...Qb7 25. Nxf8 Kxf8 26. Qxd5 Qxd5 27. Rxd5 Bxb2. Now 28.Rd7! (Δ Ree7) looks dangerous, but perhaps Black can hold: 28...Bf6 29.Ra7 Rc6 30.Rd1 Be7! 31.Rdd7 Re6. 22...Rfd8 23.Qf4 Qc7 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 25.Ne5 Na5 26.Re2 Nc4 27. Nxc4 Rxc4 28.Red2 Kf8 29.f3 Ke7 30.Kf2 Kd6 31.Ne2 Rdc8 32.Ng3 h5 33.Ne2 h4 34.Nc3 Re8 35.Ne2 Bh6 36.f4 g5 37.Rc1?? Rxe2+ 0-1

Ruy Lopez C66

Selby Anderson 2290
Jim Rohrbaug 2202

Fall Open 2001 (4)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 e5 4.Ne2

The variation 4.d5 Nh5!? 5.Be3 Be7 6. Qd2 h6! Δ ...Bg5 shows how different this is from a Saemisch King's Indian.
4...exd4 5.Nxd4



5...Nc6

5...d5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nb6 looks more than playable. Joe Bradford once had the same pawn skeleton with Black against me, and he took me apart.

6.Bb5!?

I couldn't resist transposing into a Ruy Lopez line I've played many times. Objectively however, my first impulse of 6.c4 was probably correct.

After 6.c4, we may dispose of the bugaboo 6...Nxe4 7.fxe4 Qh4+ with 8. g3! Qe4+ 9.Qe2 +-. And 6...g6 is the kind of KID that got IM Ron Burnett a cramped position against me in the 2000 U.S. Open..

6...Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.c4 0-0 11.Nc3 Nd7 12.Be3

12.b3 is a "bid for equality" leading to a bishop trade soon after 12...Bf6 13.Bb2. But it's also correct. The text uses the idea of c4-c5 to "force" ...c5 at some point. Big deal!

12...Bf6 13.Rc1 Qb8 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Rfd1 a5 16.Na4 Qb4!

16...c5 is also good.

17.b3 Qxd2 18.Rxd2 c5



The knights are in a standoff. First, if White plays 19.Nc3 it allows 19...Bxc3 20.Rxc3 a4.

19.Kf2

But if Black plays 19...Ne5 I have 20.Nc3 Nc6 21.Nb5, keeping control over d4 while harassing Black's pawns.

19...Kf8 20.Re2?

I allow Black to take over d4.

20...Ne5 21.Rd2 Nc6 Draw

Pirc Defense B07

John Patty 2202
Don Sutherland 2200

Fall Open 2001 (4)

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3
c6 5. Qd2 Qa5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Bd3
Nbd7 8. Nh4 Nb6 9.0-0 Be6 10.b3
Ng4 11.Bf4 Bg7 12.Nf3 c5 13.Nb5



Draw

Benko Gambit A57

Randall Schwarz 1956
Mark McCue 1928

Fall Open 2001 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.f3 e6 6.e4 Nxe4?

Nice try, but White's position is not going to be refuted. This is a sharp, well-analyzed position with a lot of give and take. After 6...Bb7 7.Nc3 exd5: (a) 8.exd5 Qa5 9.Qe2+ Kd8 10.Bd2 axb5 11.Nh3 h6 12. Qxb5 Qxb5 13.Bxb5 Nxd5 =; (b) 8.e5 Nh5 9.Nxd5 Qh4+ 10. g3 Nxg3

11.hxg3 Qxg3+ 12.Ke2 Qe5+ 13. Ne3 axb5 =.
7.fxg4 Qh4+ 8.Kd2 Qxe4 9.Nc3 Qg6 10.Qf3 Bb7 11.Bd3

In return for the piece, Black gets to be on the receiving end of a White initiative.

11...Qg5+ 12.Kc2 Qd8 13.Be4 f5 14.dxe6 Bxe4+ 15.Nxe4 dxe6 16. Nf6+ Qxf6 17.Qxa8 Bd6 18.Bd2 0-0 19.Ne2 f4 20.Qe4 axb5 21. Rad1 b4 22.Bxb4 1-0

Center Counter B01

Andres Hernandez 1537
Ronald Krebs 1535

Fall Open 2001 (4)

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 Qd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd2 Qb6?!

There is no immediate threat to the queen, although 5...c6 is prudent. Also good is 5...Bg4, as in Karpov-Larsen, Montreal 1979 (won by Black). The motivation for the text move seems to have been aggressive, rather than defensive, which means Black had no clue to the danger he was in for.

6.Nf3 Qxb2?? 7.Bc4??

7.Nb5! wins, with threats of Bc3 and Nxc7+. But wait! There's more. 7...Bf5 8.Bb3 c6 9.0-0?

9.a4! sets up another queen trap that Black can only postpone: 9... Nd5 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.Ra2 +-.

Black needs to get his queen out pronto with 9...Qa3 – a move White eventually forces!

9...e6? 10.Re1? Bd6? 11.d5? 0-0? 12.Rb1?

Even at this late date, 12.a4 followed by Ra2 wins. That makes it five chances White had to trap the queen! If not for the text move, which chases her out of the trap zone, it could have been more.

12...Qa3 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Rxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxe6+ Kh8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Nf7+ Kh7 18.Rxb7

At last White is flexing his muscles and appears to be in charge.

18...Nbd7 19.Bxd7 Rxf7 20.Bf5+ Kg8 21.Be6 Raf8 22.Qf3!? (22.h3 ±) Bxh2+ 23.Kh1 Qd6 24.Bxf7+ Rxf7 25.Rxf7 Kxf7



26.Ne4! Qe5 27.Bc3??

27.Nxf6 gxf6 28.g3 +-.

27...Qe4! 28.Bxf6??

A common endgame mistake with less experienced players is to go into a K+P ending when it means forfeiting the last drawing chances. (28.Kh2 Qxf3 =+.)

28...Qxf3 29.gxf3 Kxf6 30.Kh2 Ke6 31. Kg3 Kd5 32.Kg4 g6 0-1

Insanity at Dallas Chess Club

The DCC Insanity tournament was held Dec. 21-23 at the Dallas Chess Club. The format: ten double rounds of Swiss system pairings, with no sleep time allotted.

The clear winner was GM Babakouly Annakov, with 18-2. (He gave up a point by taking a one point bye, and later gave up draws to Alex Chua and Richard Weaver.) Alex Chua was second with 16.5, and Alex Echeverry was third with 15. There were 32 players.

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FIDE World Championship

The finalists in the FIDE knockout world championship are Vassily Ivanchuk and Ruslan Ponomariov, both from Ukraine. They emerged from a field of 128 players after six elimination rounds, played Nov. 25-Dec. 14 at the Kremlin in Moscow.

Ivanchuk, considered a top contender through the 90s but dogged by inconsistency, defeated reigning champion Viswanathan Anand in the semifinals. Ponomariov, who is 18, defeated Bareev to become the youngest title contender in history.

The final match will be played Jan. 16-26 in Moscow.

Round 1 saw American hopefuls Gulko, Christiansen, Yermolinsky, A. Ivanov and Kaidanov eliminated. Only Alexander Shabalov advanced, having dispatched his countryman Kaidanov. In Rd. 2 Shabba lost to 1999 champ Alexander Khalifman.

In the women's championship, Zhu Chen of China defeated Alexandra Kosteniuk of Russia, 3-1.

QUARTERFINALS

A rematch of last year's finalists:

Petroff's Defense C42

Viswanathan Anand 2770

Alexei Shirov 2706

FIDE WC quarterfinals (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 Nb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Ne5 c5 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.d5 Be8 14.a3 Na6 15.Qc2 f6 16.Ng4 Qd6 17.f3 f5 18.Nf2 Bf6 19.fxe4 Be5 20.h3 Bd4 21.e5 Qxe5 22.Kh1 Bd7 23.Nd3 Ba4 24.Qxa4 Qxe2 25.Rf3 Rae8 26.Bf4 h6 27.Bd6 Rf6 28.Nf4 Qe4 29.Ne6 Rxe6 30.dxe6 Qxe6 31.Bg3 Bxb2

32.Re1 Qf7 33.Bh4 Re6 34.Rxe6 Qxe6 35.Qc2 Bd4 36.Qxf5 Qxc4 37.Kh2 Qe2 38.Bg3 Qd1 39.Rf1 Qb3 40.Qe4 Qb5 41.Qe6+ Kh7 42.Qf5+ Kg8 43.Qc8+ Kh7 44.Rf8 1-0



44...Qb1 45.Rh8+ Kg6 46.Qe8+ Kg5 47.h4+ Kg4 48.Qe2+ Kf5 49.Rf8+ Bf6 (49...Kg6 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.Rh8 mate) 50.Qh5+ Ke6 (50...Ke4 51.Qg6+) 51.Re8 Kd7 52.Qf7+ Kc6 53.Re6+ Kb5 54.Qxb7+ +.

Queen's Gambit D27

Evgeny Bareev 2719

Ruslan Ponomariov 2684

FIDE WC quarterfinals (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 a6 6.0-0 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Be2 Ke7 10.Nbd2 Rd8 11.Ne5 b5 12.a4 Bd6 13.Nef3 bxa4 14.Nc4 Bc7 15.Nfe5 Bb7 16.Rxa4 Nc6 17.Nd3 Nd7 18.b3 Nb6 19.Ba3+ Ke8 20.Nc5 Nxa4 21.Nxb7 Nc3 22.Bf3



22...Rd5 23.Ncd6+ Bxd6 24.Nxd6+ Kd7 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Nxf7 Rb8 27.Ra1 Rxb3 28.Bf8? Ke8 29.Ne5 Nxe5 30.Bxg7 Nc4 31.Kf1 a5 32.g4 Kf7 33.Bh8 Ne4 34.Ke2 Ke6 35.Bd4 Nc3+ 36.Ke1 Nb5 37.Bh8 d4 38.exd4 Kd5 39.Ke2 a4 0-1

Modern Defense B06

Ruslan Ponomariov 2684

Evgeny Bareev 2719

FIDE WC quarterfinals (4)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.e5 e6 8.0-0 Ne7 9.Qe1 Bb7 10.a4 b4 11.Ne4 d5 12.Nc5 Nxc5 13.dxc5 a5 14.Be3 0-0 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.Qh4 f6 17.Qh3 Nf5 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Bd4 fxe5 20.fxe5 Rae8 21.Qg3 Re6 22.Rfe1 Qe7 23.c3 bxc3 24.bxc3 f4 25.Qg4 Bxe5



26.Qxe6+ Qxe6 27.Rxe5 Qg4 28.Re7 Rf7 29.Re8+ Rf8 30.Re7 Rb8 31.Rf1 Bc6 32.g3 g5 33.Rg7+ Kf8 34.Rxf4+ 1-0

French Defense C02

Peter Svidler 2686

Boris Gelfand 2701

FIDE WC quarterfinals (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 Bb5 7.c4 dxc4 8.Nc3 cxd4 9.Nxb5 Qxb5 10.Qxd4 Nc6 11.Qf4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Bb4 13.Bxc4 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Qc5 15.Qc3

Nge7 16.b4 Qb6 17.0-0 0-0 18.
Rad1 Rad8 19.Bd3 h6 20.h4 Rd5
21 Be4 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rd6
Rc8 24.Qd3 a6 25.h5 Rd8 26.Nh2
Nc8 27.Rd7 N8e7 28.Ng4



28...Rxd7 29.Qxd7 Qd8 30.Qxb7
Nxe5 31.Ne3 f5 32.Bc2 Qd6 33.
Bb3 f4 34.Nc4 Nxc4 35.Bxc4
Qd1+ 36.Bf1 Nf5 37.Qxa6 Nd4 38.
Qd3 Qa1 39.b5 e5 40.b6 f3 41.gxf3
Qb2 42.Qc4+ Kf8 43.Qc5+ Kf7 44.
Bc4+ Kf6 45.Qf8+ Kg5 46.Qxg7+
Kf5 47.Bd3+ Ke6 48.Bc4+ Kf5
49.Qg6+ 1-0

Queen's Indian E15

Vassily Ivanchuk 2731
Joel Lautier 2653

FIDE WC quarterfinals (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6
5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.
Qc2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bh3 c5 11.
0-0 Nc6 12.Be3 Re8 13.Rfd1 h6
14.Rac1 c4 15.Ne5 Na5



16.bxc4 Nxc4 17.Qa4 Nxe3 18.
fxe3 Bb7 19.Nb5 Bd6 20.Nd7 Qe7
21.Rd3 Nxd7 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.
Qxd7 Qxd7 24.Bxd7 Re7 25.Bb5
Rd8 26.Rdc3



26...Rd6 27.Rc7 Rde6 28.Bd7
Rd6 29.Bf5 Rxc7 30.Rxc7 g6 31.
Bd3 Bc6 32.Rxa7 Bd7 33.Kf2 Kg7
34.Ke1 Bh3 35.Kd2 Rf6 36.Rb7 h5
37.a4 g5 38.e4 dxe4 39.Bxe4 h4
40.gxh4 gxh4 41.Bf3 Kg6 42.Ke3
Bf5 43.Rc7 Re6+ 44.Kd2 Be4 45.
Bxe4+ Rxe4 46.Kd3 Rg4 47.Rc6+
Kg5 48.Rxb6 Rg2 49.a5 Rxh2 50.
a6 Rh3+ 51.e3 Rh2 52.Rb5+ 1-0

Rc7 29.Bxa6 Ra7 30.Bc8 Bd5 31.
a6 Kf8 32.Ra5 Nc4 33.Nxc4 Bxc4
34.Kf2 Ke7 35.Ke3



35...Bd5 36.Rxb5 Rc7 37.Bb7
Rxc3+ 38.Kd4 Rc4+ 39.Kd3 Ra4
40.Kc3 Kd6 41.Bxd5 exd5 42.
Rb6+ Ke5 43.Kb3 Ra1 Draw

Sicilian B30

Viswanathan Anand 2770
Vassily Ivanchuk 2731

FIDE WC semifinals (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.
Bb5 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6. d3 a6 7.Bc4
e6 8.Nxd4 cxd4 9.Ne2 Nxe4 10.
dxe4 Qxc4 11.Nxd4 e5 12.Nf5
Qxe4 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Qxd6 f6
15.f4

SEMIFINALS

Ivanchuk 2.5 - Anand 1.5

French Rubinstein C10

Vassily Ivanchuk 2731
Viswanathan Anand 2770

FIDE WC semifinals (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.
Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+
Nxf6 7.Bc4 a6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 c5
10.Bb3 b5 11.c3 Bb7 12.0-0 Be7
13.dxc5 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Bxc5 15.
Ne5 g5 16.Bg3 0-0 17.Nd3 Be7 18.
Be5 Rfc8 19.Bd4 Nd7 20.f3 Bf6
21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.a4 Bd5 23.Bc2
Bc4 24.a5 Nd5 25.Ne5 Ne3 26.
Be4 Nxd1 27.Bxa8 Nxb2 28.Bb7



15...b5 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.Rf2 Qc6
18.Qxc6 Draw

French Rubinstein C10

Vassily Ivanchuk 2731
Viswanathan Anand 2770

FIDE WC semifinals (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Bd2 e5 11.0-0-0 e4 12.Bxe4 Qe7 13.Rhe1 Qe6 14.a3 Nxe4 15. Qxe4 Bxf2 16.Re2 Qxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Re7 Bxe3+ 20. Rxe3 Rfe8 21.Rd1 Rxe3 22.Rxe3 Kf8 23.Nd4 Bd7 24.Kd2 f6 25.c4 Rc8 26.Kd3 Kf7 27.g3 Draw

Sicilian B30

Viswanathan Anand 2770
Vassily Ivanchuk 2731

FIDE WC semifinals (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 d6 5.d3 Be7 6.Nd2 Nf6 7.Nf1 Nd7 8.Nd5 Nb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.c3 0-0 11.Ne3 Bg5 12.0-0 Kh8 13.Bd2 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qe7 15.Bd5 Be6 16. Qb3 Na5 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.h3 h6 19. c4 Nc6 20.Qd1 Bxd5 21.exd5 Ne7 22.a4 f5 23.Bc3 Rf7 24.Qb3 Ng6 25.Rf2 Raf8 26.Raf1 f4 27.Bd2



27...f3 28.Rxf3 Rxf3 29.gxf3 Qc8 30.Kh2 Rf5 31.f4 Rh5 32.f5 Rxf5 33.Qd1 Qf8 34.Rxf5 Qxf5 35.Qe2 e4 36.Qg4 Qxg4 37.hxg4 Ne5 38. Kg3 exd3 39.b3 g6 40.e4 h5 41. gxh5 gxh5 42.Kf2 h4 0-1

Ponomariov 2.5 - Svidler 1.5

Peteroff's Defense C42

Peter Svidler 2686
Ruslan Ponomariov 2684

FIDE WC semifinals (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 Nb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.a3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nc6 13. Re1 Be6 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Be3 Na5 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.c4 Be6 18. Qc2 c5 19.Bd3 h6 20.Rad1 Qc7 21. Qc3 Rfd8 22.h3 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Rd7 24.Bf1 b6 25.Bf4 Rad8 26.Rd6 Nb7 27.Qg3 Kf8 28.Qd3 Kg8 29. Qg3 Kh8 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Qe3 Qd8 32.Bxh6 Rd1 33.Bf4 Na5 34. Rxd1 Qxd1 35.Qd2 Draw

Sicilian B80

Ruslan Ponomariov 2684
Peter Svidler 2686

FIDE WC semifinals (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.g4 Nfd7 9.Qd2 Nb6 10.0-0-0 N8d7 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Ndxb5 axb5 13.Nxb5 Qc6 14.Nxd6+ Bxd6 15. Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.a3 h5 19.gxh5 Ra5 20.h4 Nc4 21.Rc6 Rc5 22.Rxc5 Nxc5 23. b3 Nxa3 24.h6 gxh6 25.Be3 Nb7 26.Kb2 Nb5 27.e5 Rg8 28.Bxh6 Nd4 29.h5 Rg2 30.Kc3 Nxf3 31. Bf4 Kf8 32.Rf1 Ng5 33.Kb4 Ne4 34.c4 Nbc5 35.Rf3 Ra2 36.h6 Kg8 37.Bc1 Ra7 38.Kb5 Nxb3 39.Kb6 Ra8 40.Be3 Rb8+ 41.Kc7 Rb4 42. Kd8 Rxc4 43.Rf4 Na5 44.Rg4+ Kh8 45.Ke7 Nc6+ 46.Kf8 Draw

Petreoff's Defense C43

Peter Svidler 2686
Ruslan Ponomariov 2684

FIDE WC semifinals (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4. Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.Nxd7 Bxd7 7.0-0 Bd6 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10. Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.Qh5 f5

13.Re1 Qc7 14.Bd2 Rae8 15.Bc2 g6 16.Qf3



16...Re4 17.g3 Bb5 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qd6 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Qg3 Rxf4 22.Rab1 Bd7 23.f3 b6 24.Re3 Qf6 25.Rf1 Bg4 26.Qxg4 Rxg4+ 27. fxf4 Qg5 28.Rg3 b5 29.Rf2 Kg7 30. Kg2 a5 31.Rb2 b4 32.cxb4 axb4 33. h3 Qc1 34.Rgb3 Kh6 35.Rxb4 Qd1 36.Kf2



36...Kg5 37.Re2 Kf4 38.Rb3 Qxd4+ 39.Kg2 Qc4 40.Rf2+ Kg5 41.Rf7 d4 42.h4+ Kxh4 43.Rxh7+ Kxg4 44.Rg3+ Kf5 0-1

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1 Clarence Yeung	2200	+7	=3	=4	+5	+6	4.0
2 Larry Englebretson	2229	+11	+10	H	+3	H	4.0
3 Mansour Bighamian	2324	+9	=1	+6	-2	+4	3.5
4 Larry Moss	2200	+13	=6	=1	+8	-3	3.0
5 Mark Dejmek	2133	-6	+13	+7	-1	+8	3.0
6 Mike C. Curtis	1786	+5	=4	-3	B	-1	2.5
7 Curtis J. Brooks	1816	-1	B	-5	+9	=11	2.5
8 Bradley J. Anderson	1632	H	=12	+10	-4	-5	2.0
9 Lorenzo Gaskill	2030	-3	=11	+13	-7	=10	2.0
10 Mbugua Bo Githoro	1874	B	-2	-8	=11	=9	2.0
11 Markus Boettcher	1946	-2	=9	H	+10	=7	2.0
12 Robert Chalker	1900	H	=8	U	U	U	1.0
13 Alan Rodenstein	1838	-4	-5	-9	U	U	0.0

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name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	total
1 Jose Bauri	1604	+9	+11	U	+6	+4	-2	4.0
2 Robert Spiess	1782	-4	+16	U	+10	+7	B	4.0
3 Gary R. Joe	1596	+16	+7	U	H	X	H	4.0
4 Jeff Henninger	1560	+2	H	U	+8	-1	+6	3.5
5 John R. Lowe	1700	-7	H	H	+11	F	+9	3.0
6 Marc Sherman	1650	+12	=8	U	-1	+10	-4	2.5
7 A. Velasquez	1550	+5	-3	U	+15	-2	=8	2.5
8 Mark Thogersen	1587	+13	=6	U	-4	=12	=7	2.5
9 Ade Kujimyo	1401	-1	+14	U	H	+11	-5	2.5
10 Kevin Wang	1458	H	+15	U	-2	-6	+12	2.5
11 C. Knickerbocker	1571	+14	-1	U	-5	-9	+13	2.0
12 Stephen Melton	1439	-6	+13	U	H	=8	-10	2.0
13 Ted Ingram	1162	-8	-12	U	+16	+14	-11	2.0
14 Jacob Kowalski	981	-11	-9	U	B	-13	+15	2.0
15 Bogen Velaarde	1330	H	-10	U	-7	+16	-14	1.5
16 V. Kowalski	1169	-3	-2	U	-13	-15	B	1.0

Waco Thanksgiving Open

Waco, Nov. 10

Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Gary Lee Webb	1842	-3	+9	+5	+2	3.0
2 Larry Young	1832	+4	+3	+6	-1	3.0
3 Ricky Pierce	1661	+1	-2	+10	+7	3.0
4 Govind Persad	1634	-2	+13	+11	+12	3.0
5 Carmen Chairez	1744	+7	+12	-1	=6	2.5
6 Ken Henkelman	1681	+8	+10	-2	=5	2.5
7 Larry G. Gilbert	1362	-5	B	+12	-3	2.0
8 Larry Kocian	1339	-6	-11	+9	B	2.0
9 Elroy Williams	1119	B	-1	-8	+13	2.0
10 Patrick Smithson	1514	+11	-6	-3	H	1.5
11 Herbert Baumann	1748	-10	+8	-4	U	1.0
12 Paul Guthrie	1650	+13	-5	-7	-4	1.0
13 John DeVries	1271	-2	-4	B	-9	1.0

Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Stuart Madsen	1114	+4	=2	+6	+5	3.5
2 Calvin Furlong	1180	+7	=1	+4	=3	3.0
3 Marvin Wells	907	=5	=8	+7	=2	2.5
4 Gordon Bina	1300	-1	+7	-2	+8	2.0
5 Brandon Wells	unr.	=3	=6	+8	-1	2.0

6 Matthew Wells	1022	=8	=5	-1	-7	1.0
7 Ted Penner	766	-2	-4	-3	+6	1.0
8 Kevin Costello	unr.	=6	=3	-5	-4	1.0

San Antonio Fall Open

San Antonio, Nov. 24-25

Open

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 John Patty	2202	+14	=4	+8	=7	3.0
2 James Rohrbaugh	2202	+15	+10	H	=3	3.0
3 Selby Anderson	2290	=17	+9	+11	=2	3.0
4 James J. Gallagher	2200	+13	=1	+7	H	3.0
5 Randall Schwarz	1956	=6	-8	+9	+11	2.5
6 Victor A. Flores	1589	=5	-11	B	+12	2.5
7 Don Sutherland	2208	=8	+17	-4	=1	2.0
8 Andres Hortillosa	1900	=7	+5	-1	H	2.0
9 Erick Vallarino	1546	B	-3	-5	+16	2.0
10 Larry Moss	2200	+12	-2	+16	U	2.0
11 Mark McCue	1928	=16	+6	-3	-5	1.5
12 Vicente Flores	1724	-10	=15	+13	-6	1.5
13 Guillermo Medina	1768	-4	=14	-12	B	1.5
14 William P. Gibson	1800	-1	=13	+15	U	1.5
15 John M. Jackson	1865	-2	=12	-14	H	1.0
16 Tyson Slesnick	1560	=11	H	-10	-9	1.0
17 Steven D. Young	1903	=3	-7	U	U	0.5

Reserve

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Ronald Krebs	1535	X	+4	+3	+2	4.0
2 Andres Hernandez	1537	+10	+8	+11	-1	3.0
3 Matthew Ciment	830	B	+14	-1	+11	3.0
4 James Fleener	1316	+20	-1	+19	+14	3.0
5 Manuel Gonzalez	1672	-7	+10	+13	+9	3.0
6 Anthony Guerra	1500	-13	+20	+17	+7	3.0
7 Nolan Slesnick	1313	+5	H	+15	-6	2.5
8 Charles R. Davis	1400	+9	-2	H	+13	2.5
9 James Nielsen	1076	-8	B	+12	-5	2.0
10 Carlos Ortiz	1286	-2	-5	+20	+17	2.0
11 Gerardo Elizalde	1433	+16	+17	-2	-3	2.0
12 Michael LaBelle	1375	-17	+16	-9	+15	2.0
13 Daniel Slesnick	1188	+6	H	-5	-8	1.5
14 Gerald Castleberry	1533	=15	-3	+18	-4	1.5
15 Ricardo Flores, Jr.	1222	=14	+18	-7	-12	1.5
16 Day McNeel	1145	-11	-12	B	=18	1.5
17 Jonathan Rea	1007	+12	-11	-6	-10	1.0
18 Marc Sherman	1200	=19	-15	-14	=16	1.0
19 Claudell Madison	1500	=18	H	-4	U	1.0
20 John Massey	unr.	-4	-6	-10	H	0.5
21 David Quintero	1245	F	U	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

SOLUTIONS

Back cover: 1.Qf5 Δ Qxd7#; 1...Rxe2 2.Qd3#; 1...Rb4
2. Qxe5#; 1...Rd4 2.Nc3#; 1...Re3 2.Nf4#; 1...Rd8
2.Bxf7#; 1...Rd6 2.cxd6# or 2.c6#.

Test Your Tactics (p. 16): 1.Bf4+ Ka7 2.Rxa6+! bxa6
3.Ral and mate follows.

LETTERS

SWO revisited

Selby,

Congratulations on winning the open. I was just going over our game after I got my *Texas Knights* and I certainly agree with your analysis. One thing I did notice that you missed (and I certainly missed during the game) was 29...d3! [See *Nov.-Dec. TK, p. 11.*]

Anderson-Endsley Southwest Open 2001



Black to move (after 29.bxc4)

Unless I'm really missing something, I think this wins for Black. I don't think I even looked at it because I was playing the combination that I started on the previous move with c4. Anyway, it was a very interesting game.

Congratulations again on the tournament and another fine *Texas Knights* issue.

Barry Endsley
Houston

I expected ...d3 at some point but did not see a crush: 29...d3 30. Nc3 d2 31.Rc2 Nxc4 32.Nd5 Bd4+ 33.Kh2 Rc5 34.Bf1 Ne3 35.Nxe3 Bxe3 36.Rxc5 Bxc5 =+ SKA.

Another loose end

In Newsham-Guerra (p. 14) there was a note by Mitch White containing a ChessBase code which eluded my editing, and there was a substantive error as well.

Newsham-Guerra, Rd. 3 Southwest Open 2001



Here Black lost quickly after 10...Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne8 12.Qg4 Kg7 13.Bf4 Rg8 14.Nxh7! Kxh7 15. Qh5+ Kg7 16.Qh6 mate.

As an improvement for Black, Mitch White gives 10...c5 11.Qe2 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd5 13.Qg4 ± (I failed to translate the ChessBase code "\$14" in the article.)

However, instead of 13.Qg4 White still wins with the knight sac: 13.Nxh7! Kxh7 (or 13...Re8 14. Qg4!) 14.Qh5+ Kg8 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Re4 Δ 19.Rg4+. If 18...Nf6 then 19. Qg6+ Kh8 20.Rh4+, etc. – SKA

Readers' Showcase

Douglas Schwetke sends this game, played last July in Dallas. For analytical help, he enlisted Junior and Fritz programs. He writes:

"I am 48 and live in Arlington. I have played tournaments in two spurts first from 1977-1980 (1727 rating then wife and kids); and then since 1995. My rating has dropped steadily until the last few months.

I split (3-way) the under 1600 section at the J.C. Thompson Memorial recently, so I must be getting better.

"This game was my first against Tim Pernes and am sure he can't wait for revenge. I have played his son Bryan 4 times and am 1-3 against him. I am honored you feel it is of some value and was shocked when Kasparov Chess published it in their newsletter (*ChessWire* #312). It was exciting when I played it, but players are fonder of their games than they deserve."

Notes by Douglas Schwetke

QGD Slav D10

Douglas Schwetke 1516
Tim Pernes 1837

DCC Grand Prix 3 Open (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 dxc4

Slightly unusual. Now 4.e3 b5 5. a4 e6 6.axb5 cxb5 7.b3 ± is a line better known from the QGA.

4.a4 b5 5.Nc3 b4 6.Na2?! e6 7.e4

7.e3 Nf6 8.Bxc4 = is Alekhine's Variation by transposition.

7...Ba6 8.Be2 Nf6 9.Bg5 h6

9...Qa5! saves a tempo: 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.0-0 Nd7 Δ ...Nb6, and Black is in control of the c4 pawn and d5.

10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Rc1 b3?! 13.Nc3 Qa5 14.d5 Bc5 15. dxe6 fxe6

The less said for my atrocious opening play the better. At this point I am developed, whereas my opponent is not well-developed and his king is in the center. I want to keep him there.

16.Nd4

I played this move knowing full well I would probably end up with the knight pinned against my queen. I had a surprise in store but had no idea how good it really was or how bad it could be.

{.023 Junior 6.0:} 16.Nd2 Ke7 17.e5 f5 18.Bxc4 Rd8 19.Bxa6 Nxa6

20.Kh1 Qb4 (0.94/15).

16...Ke7 17.Bg4

(-0.86 Junior 6.0:) 17.Qd2 Qb6 18.Nf3 Nd7 19. Rcd1 Rad8 20.Qf4 Qb8 21.Qxb8 Nxb8 22.Nd2 Rd4 (0.23/14).

17...Rd8

And now for my suprise. This is the first time in a serious game I have sacrificed a piece for "unclear compensation" in a serious game.



18.Nd5+

I am suprised to see that both Junior 7 and Fritz 6 see this as the best move at 16 and 13 ply respectively (about 5 min.). Junior 7 gives a value of = (-0.25) while Fritz 6 gives a value of + (-1.91).

Fritz 6: 18.Nd5+ exd5 19.Re1 Kd6 20. exd5 cxd5 21.Qe2 Kc7 22. Ne6+ Kb7 (-1.91/13).

Junior 7: 18.Nd5+ (-0.25/16).

18...cxd5 19.exd5

(-3.58 Junior 6.0:) 19.Nxe6 Rd6 20.exd5 Nd7 21.Qe1 Bb4 22.Qe4 Ne5 23.f4 Nf7 24.Nd4+ (-1.16/12).

19...Rxd5

I also thought this best as Black doesn't want to open the e-file.

20.Nf5+?!

Neither computer rates this as best. [Junior 7:] 20.Bxe6 Rxd4 21. Qf3 Kxe6 22.Qxa8 Qc7 23.Qf3 Rh4 24.h3 Bb7 25.Rce1+ Kf7 26.Qf5 Kg7 27.Re6 Rf4 28. Qh5 c3 29.bxc3 (-2.89/16);

[Fritz 6:] 20.Qe2 Re5 (20...

Rxd4; 20...Bxd4) 21.Qf3 Bxd4 22. Qxa8 Qc7 23.Qf3 Bxb2 24.Rb1 c3 (-4.37/14).

20...Kd8?

20...exf5 21.Qxd5 Bxf2+! -. This was the move both of us missed. It was pointed out to us by a friend after the game.

21.Qf3

Junior 7.0 rates this as about -/ (-1.20). I still have play for my piece.

21...Bb7?!

(-1.01 Junior 6.0:) 21...h5 22.Bh3 c3 23.Ne3 Bxe3 24.Qxf6+ Kc7 25. Rxc3+ Bc5 26.Bxe6 Rd3 27.Qf7+ Kb6 28.Rxd3 Bxd3 29.Bd5 Nc6 30. Bxc6 Kxc6 [-1.64/14]).

22.Ne3

(-2.31 Junior 6.0:) 22.Ng7 Nd7 23.Bxe6 Kc7 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25. Ne6+ Kb6 26.Qh3 Qxa4 27.Rfe1 Bb4 28.Re2 Rh8 [-1.01/13].

22...Qb6?!

The good points of this move are that it protects both Bb7 and e6. It also drops the f6 pawn with check. ([0.15 Junior 6.0:] 22... f5 23. Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Rcd1 Kc7 25.Rxd5 exd5 26.Qxf5 Nc6 27.Qd7+ Kb6 28.Rd1 d4 29.Ra1 [-2.31/14])

23.Qxf6+ Kc7 24.Nxc4!

This continues the attack instead of trying to regain material. Now I think I actually have an advantage. (24.Nxd5+ Bxd5 and now Junior 7.0 likes 25.Rxc4!?) (25.Qxh6) 25... Bxc4 26. Qf4+ Qd6.

24...Qc6 25.Qf4+ Kc8 26.Na5 Qd7?! ±

[5.64 Junior 6.0:] 26...Qb6 27. Nxb7 (27.Nc4) 27...Kxb7 (27... Qxb7 28.Qf8+) 28.Qf7+ [2.37/15].

27.Qf8+

This check regains my piece and continues the attack.

27...Kc7 28.Rxc5+ Nc6 29.Qf4+ Kb6 [5.84 Junior 6.0:] **29...Qd6 30. Qf7+ Qd7 31.Qxd7+ Rxd7 32.Rfc1 Rd6 33.Bf3 Rad8 34.Nxc6 Bxc6 35.Rxc6+ Kb8 36.Kf1 Rxc6 37. Rxc6 Re8 38.Ke2** [4.40/16])



30.Nxb7?!

Now I get the bishop vs knight and am a pawn up.

[Fritz 6:] 30.Rxd5 [5.66/11]. [On the forced sequence 30...Qxd5 31.Nxb7 Kxb7, crushing is 32.Rd1 followed by 33.Rd7+ - SKA.]

30...Qxb7

30...Kxb7 31.Rxd5 Qxd5 32. Qf7+ (32. Bf3) 32...Kb6 (32...Ka6 33.Bxe6) 33.Bxe6

31.Rxd5 exd5 32.Qxh6 Rd8 33.Bf3 Qe7 34.Qe3+?!

[1.65 Junior 6.0:] 34.Rc1 Rd6 35.Qd2 Qe5 36.Bd1 a5 37. Bxb3 Nd4 38.Bd1 Re6 39.Kf1 Nf5 [2.64/16]

34...d4?!

[2.84 Junior 6.0:] 34...Qxe3 35. fxe3 Ne5 36.Be2 Rc8 37.Rf6+ Ka5 38.Rf5 Re8 39.Rf4 Nc4 40.Bxc4 dxc4 41.g4 [1.65/16].

35.Qxb3+

I am now confident I am winning and not recognizing the danger of the d-pawn. (35.Qxe7 Nxe7)

35...Nb4

I hadn't seen this - all I saw was winning a pawn with check. The pawn is getting dangerous.

36.Rc1?!

This is not very good in my opinion; the pawn needs to be stopped. Better is 36.Rd1 a5 37.Qc4 (37.Kf1) 37...Qc5 38.Qxc5+ Kxc5 39.b3 d3; ([Fritz 6:] 36.Rd1 d3 37. Qc3 a5 38.Re1 Qc5 39.Qd2 Ka7 40. Rc1 Nc2 [3.09/15]; [Junior 7:] 36. Qc4 a6 37.Ra1 d3 38.a5+ Ka7 39.Rc1 Nc2 40.Qc6 Rb8 41.b3 d2 [2.63/18].

36...Ka5

{3.15 Junior 6.0:} 36...Rc8 {now he has mate threats.} 37.a5+ Kxa5 38.Ra1+ Kb6 39.Bg4 Rd8 40.Be6 a5 41.Qa4 Qc5 42.Bd7 Kb7 {2.29/16}

37.Qc4 a6

37...Kxa4 38.Ra1 mate.

38.Qc5+

When ahead, exchange pieces.

38...Qxc5 39.Rxc5+ Kb6

39...Kxa4? 40.Bd1+.

40.Rc4 Ka5 41.b3 d3

I now realize I will probably have to give up my bishop for the pawn. Maybe keeping the queens was better.

42.g4

I must get my pawns moving. 42. h4 transposes to the game.

42...d2 43.Kg2 d1(Q) 44.Bxd1 Rxd1 45.h4 Rd3?!

I think the knight should be brought into play, as the king is tied to its defence. 45... Nd3 46.f4 {the king prevents the rook from getting behind the pawns.} 46...Rd2+ {46... Kb6 47.h5 Nc5 48.h6} 47.Kg3. [This only seems to prove that Black is busted no matter what - SKA.]

46.h5 Nd5 47.Rc5+

Now I think the three pawns can win against the rook. I didn't know for sure, so why play it? ({1.32 Junior 6.0:} 47.h6 Ne7 48.h7 Ng6 49.Rc5+ Kb4 50.Rg5 Nf4+ 51.Kg1 Nh3+ 52.Kh2 Nxc5 53.h8(Q) Nf3+ 54.Kg3 Rxb3 55.Qb8+ Ka3 56.Qd6+ {2.91/19}.

47...Kb4

47...Kb6 48.Rxd5 Rxd5 49.h6 Rd7 50.g5 Rh7 51.f4 Kc5 52.f5 Rf7 53.f6 Rh7 54.Kf3 Kd5 55.g6 Rxb6 56. f7 Rh8 57.g7 +-.

48.Rxd5 Rxd5 49.h6 Rg5?!

49...Rd7 50.g5 50.f4 Kxb3 51.g5 Rh7 52.f5 Rf7 53.g6 Rxf5 54.h7 +-.

50.h7 Rxc4+ 51.Kh3 Rg1 52.Kh2, Black Resigns.

The British SAS have a motto, "Who dares, wins." I think my motto should be "Fools sometimes get lucky".

1-0

TEST YOUR TACTICS!

The following position occurred in DrStrangemove (Alan Laverty) vs. DanQuigley, ICC Halloween Gambit Thematic Tournament, Oct. 11, 2001. Can you find the quick crush? (Solution: page 13.)



White to move and win

Kasparov defeats Kramnik in non-title, \$1 million match

Garry Kasparov gave world champion Vladimir Kramnik some payback for taking his title last year, winning a non-title match for a \$1 million purse. The Botvinnik Memorial Match was held Dec. 1-9 in Moscow in three parts: a four-game "classic chess" match at 40 moves in two hours; a six-game rapid play match at game/30 with ten seconds added for each move played; and a ten-game blitz match at game/5 with two-second increments.

The first segment was a tie, with all games drawn. The second was also a tie, with each player winning a game. The blitz segment was won decisively by Kasparov, 6.5-3.5, with Kramnik winning only the last game.

For a full report, see www.kasparovchess.com

Yeung wins Houston title

The Houston Absolute Championship was held Oct. 27-28 at the Houston Chess Club. Larry Englebretsen and Clarence Yeung came out of seclusion and tied for first with 4-1, splitting \$200. Yeung won the title on tiebreaks.

The expert prize of \$75 plus trophy went to Mark Dejmek

Curtis Brooks had a fine performance (2.5 to win the Class A prize of \$80 plus trophy).

The Class B prize of \$70 was split between Jose Bauri and Robert Spiess, with the trophy to Bauri.

The Class C prize went to Gary Joe (\$60.00 plus trophy), who had a strategic last round bye.

The Class D prize (\$50 plus trophy) was won by Bogen Velarde, as he was the only player in that section.

The Class E prize and trophy was won by Ted Ingram (\$50.00 plus trophy).

In the U1800 section, one player re-entered (showing as an extra round for him in Rd. 3); though it proved not too helpful.

- Mansour Bighamian

Kramnik-Kasparov (blitz game 7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 a6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Bb3 Nc6 8. Nc3 cxd4 9.exd4 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bf4 Na5 12.d5 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Nxd5 14.Rad1 Nxf4 15.Rxd8 Rxd8 16.Rd1 Nd5 17.Ne5 Bf6 18.Nc4 Rb8 19.Na5 Bd7 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Nc4 Bb5 22.Ne5 Be8 23.h3 b5 24.Qg3 Rbc8 25.Kh1 a5 26.h4 a4 27.Ng5 h6 28.Ngf3 Nf6 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Qf4 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Bd6 32.g3 Bc6 33.g4 Rd3 34.Kg1 Bxf3 0-1

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Unfortunately, many coaches still do not make this meeting. In the past, one of the concerns mentioned was that coaches had to worry about getting themselves and their kids fed in time for the bughouse tournament on Saturday night.

OCBCF recognizes that concern. In response, we are making this TCA meeting a dinner meeting. We will have dinner available for all who want to take part in the TCA meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2002.

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Bob James

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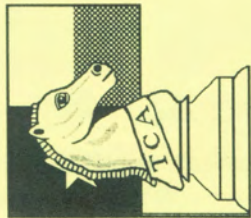
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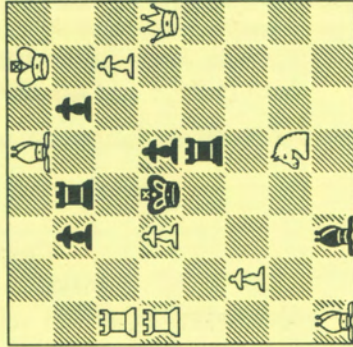


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