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Sneed wins UTD scholarship

Tazmanian Devils top bughouse tourney

by Alexey Root

John Sneed's commanding 5.5 of 6 in the 12th grade section of the Texas K-12 Grade and Collegiate Championship earned him a UTD Academic Excellence Scholarship. This Distinction Scholarship covers tuition, fees, and \$500 per semester toward housing for four years at the University of Texas at Dallas. John plans to matriculate at UTD in the Fall of 2003. He is a top student at Grace Prep Academy in Fort Worth and an expert chess player.

In addition to awarding the UTD scholarship, I talked with parents, students, TDs, and coaches. And, as usual for me at the State Grade, I competed in the bughouse tournament. This year's event attracted 34 teams. The pre-tournament favorite (*Tazmanian Devils*) dominated the event, winning four rounds and a playoff game against Althorp and Adali Arandela. The *Tazmanian Devils* were Eric Wiggins (one of the top ten bughouse players in the world) and Meagan Pernes, daughter of State Grades chief organizer Sharon Pernes. Finishing just below the younger Arandela team with 3.5 of 4 was Flip Flame, Wilfredo and Cyril Manuel. The older Arandela brothers, Audy and Aldrin, were 4th on tiebreak in the 3 point group.

Also finishing with three points, in 5th, was my team *Girls Rule*. My partner was Stephanie Ballom, a good bug player who once tied for first in this event with partner Jason Doss. Our strategy, suggested by Wiggins, was for me to play White against the stronger player on the opposing team and Stephanie to defend solidly as Black. This worked until we met the younger Arandela brothers, who knew many more standard bughouse ploys (such as dropping a N on h5 to attack g7 once the Black bishop has left f8) than we did. Overall, though, Stephanie and I were quite pleased with our performance. Our most exciting game was in the last round, versus Kevin Foerster and Scott Patrick, who wore matching gray suits. In fact, they wanted to be called the "Suits" team, but on the wall chart their team name was Scott D. Patrick. The final move of the game came when I took my opponent's king, announcing "I'm taking your king!" a second before Stephanie was mated by her opponent. TD Enrique Rios ruled a win in our favor, a decision seconded later by Wiggins since an illegal move ends the game as soon as it is called.

Rounding out the top 10 teams were:

6. Nate Findley and Daniel Nelson
7. Bo Githoro and Curtis Brooks

8. Bryan Pernes and Alex Echeverry
9. Michael Rugh and Bradley Sawyer
10. Tim Henderson and Clayton Swafford

The next UTD chess scholarship award presentation will be at the State Scholastic in Dallas (to the winner of the championship section of the high school division) in March 2003.

Alexey Root is the Associate Director of the UTD Chess Program.

Texas teams win national titles!

Three Texas school teams came in first or equal first at the National K-12 Championships, held Dec. 13-15 in Atlanta, Georgia.

In the 1st grade division, Americo Paredes Elementary (Kyle Valdez, Ian Santos, and James Ukoli) of Brownsville took clear first with 11.5 points.

Another Brownsville team, from Oliveira Middle School, tied for first in the 6th grade division. Chris Pena, Eduardo Rodriguez, and Frederico De La Garza scored a total of 13 points, coming in second on tiebreaks to PS 118 from the Bronx, NY.

St. Mark's School from Dallas won the 9th grade division with 12.5. Team members were Nate Conrad, Christian Leppert, and Jared Forbus, coached by Nour-eddine Ziane.

Texas did not fare as well in the individual standings, although many players scored 5 out of 6.

In 1st grade, Viswanathan Sundaresan and Thomas Thongmee tied for third with 5-1.

In 3rd grade, Aaron Joe Solivas tied for 5th with 5.

In 4th grade, Arnold Liao tied for fifth with 5-1. He had a perfect score going into the last round.

In 5th grade, three players tied for fourth with 5-1: Kevin Wang, Adam Chu, and William Ong. Wang went into the last round with 5-0, and even won a piece. However, he ended up losing a rook and the game.

In 6th grade, Justin Polk tied for 4th (11th place on tiebreaks) with 5-1.

In 8th grade, Nate Findley placed fourth.

In 9th grade, Bryan Pernes tied for fourth.

Reports courtesy of Luis Salinas & Katie Stone

TK editor rides into the sunset

After 15 years as *Texas Knights* editor I am calling it quits to make room in my life for a full-time teaching job. I sincerely hope TCA can find an editor who will keep TK running, if only on a quarterly basis (which, I observe, has become the norm for state magazines.) I will continue to write up San Antonio events.

My last issue will be July-August 2003.

Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

by Sharon Pernes

The sixth Annual Texas State Grade and Collegiate Championship was held Oct. 25-27 at the Holiday Inn North in Fort Worth. It had a record attendance of 556 players. This year's event was the first state grade held in Fort Worth, and it was also the first major TCA event to be run by the Greater Fort Worth Chess Club.

Fort Worth native John Sneed won the 12th grade section and the UTD scholarship, awarded by Alexey Root (otherwise know as Alexey Rook, due to a name tag typo). Five champions had perfect scores; they were Viswanath Sundaresan (1st grade), Andrew Beeli (4th grade), Adlai Arandela (6th grade), Bryan Pernes (9th grade), and Daniel Nelson (10th grade). These players are to be commended for their nerves of steel in what was a very hard competition.

TEXAS GRADE CHAMPIONS

K	Alejandro Flores	Brownsville	5 pts.
	Austin Marckx	Fort Worth	5
1	Viswanath Sundaresan	Fort Worth	6
2	Hailey Winston	Dallas	5
	Jyron Walls	Houston	5
	Roel Cantu	Brownsville	5
3	Sean Choksi	The Woodlands	5.5
4	Andrew Beeli	Houston	6
5	Adam Chu	Tomball	5.5
	William Ong	Houston	5.5
6	Adlai Arandela	Corpus Christi	6
7	Ivan Santos	Brownsville	5
	Javier Martinez	Brownsville	5
	Timothy Henderson	Rowlett	5
8	Peter Yeh	Richardson	5.5
9	Bryan Pernes	Fort Worth	6
10	Daniel Nelson	Dallas	6
11	Aldrin Arandela	Corpus Christi	5
12	John Sneed	Fort Worth	5.5
C	John W. Cole	Goshen, Indiana	5

Paredes Elementary in Brownsville took home the most first place team trophies among the elementary schools, garnering top honors in kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades. Vela Middle School, also from Brownsville, won two out of the three middle school first place team trophies (7th and 8th grades), and Porter High School from Brownsville took home three out of the four high school first place team trophies (9th, 10th and 12th grades). Do we see any patterns here? The University of Texas at Dallas won the college section.

TEXAS GRADE TEAM CHAMPIONS

K	Paredes Elem.	Brownsville	12.5
1	Paredes Elem.	Brownsville	13
2	Greenhill School	Dallas	9.5
	Russell Elem.	Brownsville	9.5
	Paredes Elem.	Brownsville	9.5
3	John Cooper School	The Woodlands	13.5
4	Village School	Houston	11
	Gulledge Elem.	Plano	11
5	Hudson Elem.	Brownsville	11.5
6	Oliveira MS	Brownsville	13.5
7	Vela MS	Brownsville	14.5
8	Vela MS	Brownsville	11
9	Porter HS	Brownsville	11
10	Porter HS	Brownsville	11
11	Bellaire HS	Houston	11.5
12	Porter HS	Brownsville	11.5
Col.	U. of Texas at Dallas	Dallas	13.5

The fun began Friday night with the blitz championship, with 58 players almost double that of last year's quick chess championship at the state grades. Enrique Rios was the chief TD in the blitz and bughouse tournaments. Andrey Dokuchayev of UTD won the blitz tournament with a perfect score. Rounding out the top ten in blitz were: Josh Zillmer, Curtis Brooks, Peter Yeh, Bo Githoro, Trung Nguyen, Adlai Arandela, Brad Sawyer, Alex Echeverry, and Bryan Pernes.

Things started Saturday morning with a very smooth check-in and registration. The William James Middle School choir opened the event with a wonderful performance of "The Star Spangled Banner."

This year's main tournament had a slightly different format from that of past years. The last round on Saturday was changed to Game/60, since in several sections this has been the round where the top two boards play each other.

Chief TD George John read the rules, and the tournament began. For the most part, parents cooperated with the organizers and were quiet in the halls around the playing hall.

After the main tournament was over the staff took a short break, with a catered dinner, and then it was time for the fun evening events to begin. The parent/child tourney was first, directed by Eric Wiggins. After three rounds we had a clear championship team and so the event was ended, much to the delight of many parents (this one included). I did not want to embarrass myself or my family again by losing another game, al-

though my daughter was heard bragging on me for being up a minor piece for a short time. We all measure success in different ways, and being up a piece even for a short time is a major success for me. Of course, I gave that and other pieces away shortly after that.

All in all, everyone in the parent/child tourney seemed to be having fun. As a parent I strongly recommend that all of you other parents participate in this type of tournament so that you understand better what our kids go through when they play tournament chess. During the parent/child tourney the bughouse teams began showing up, and the lobby of the hotel was abuzz with bughouse banter. "Stalling on mate" and "queen mates" were heard frequently.

The fun continued with the bughouse tourney. This event had 34 teams, including the championship team *Tazmanian Devils* (Eric Wiggins and Meagan Pernes), which was named after the slippers I wore during the tournament. I personally learned a lot about bughouse this past weekend, including that it's fun to double mate your opponents, something that *Stud Boys* (Alex Echeverry and Bryan Pernes) did to three out of four of their opponents. Of course be sure if you try this to not get mated while your partner has mate on the board and is waiting for you to get mate on the board to double mate (did I lose anyone yet?). Four rounds were played, and one playoff game between the younger Arandela brothers and the Taz team, which was very exciting to watch.

Things got serious on Sunday again, with two rounds left to play in the main tournament. There were lots of smiles all around, but there were some tears, as the field of players tied for first dwindled down. The last games ended, trophies were given out, and the tournament hall was empty by 5 p.m.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who helped make this tournament run smoothly. Chief TD George John handled many disputes, and as always the tournament hall was quiet, giving the players good playing conditions. Chief Backroom TD Luis Salinas and his assistant Nancy Sawyer did a *great* job keeping the back room running smoothly and getting pairings to our staff whose job it was to post the pairings, standings and wall charts. Special kudos goes to Kathy Henderson who took over the postings and never complained when we said to pull pairings down, even after she just put them up. The staff who helped on the front lines in the halls and in the TD room were Kathy Lubrano, Windy Leal, Barb Swafford, Robert Shryoc, T.J. Ballom, Paula Morone and Sue Henderson . . . you all did a bang up job. The TD staff was one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of

working with. Thanks to Susan Breeding, Donna Szumila, Mario Leal, Carmen Chairvez, Barry Marble, Tom Crane, Lakshaman Viswanath, Tom Boone, Enrique Rios, Eric Wiggins, Tim Pernes and George John. And of course I would like to thank the Greater Fort Worth Chess Club State Grade committee who did all the planning for this event: Tim Pernes, Robert Shryoc, Barb Swafford, Luis Salinas and Kathy Lubrano. Thank you for all your hard work these past several months. Now that I have my first major TCA event under my belt and have slept a few hours, I am ready to begin planning more tournaments. Any suggestions?

Chess Principles

by Juan Carrizales

I. Success in chess is conditioned upon disciplined thinking, and demands persistent, patient, intense, and sufficiently wide-ranging attention.

II. Opening principles. The basic principle is that it is essential in the opening to develop all the pieces harmoniously and in such a manner as to get the most favorable position possible in the center. Break a principle when your reason to do so is more important than the reason behind the principle you are breaking.

A. Open with either the e-pawn or the d-pawn.

B. Whenever possible, make a developing move which threatens something.

C. Develop knights before bishops, because you usually know where your knights belong before you know where your bishops belong.

D. Avoid moving a piece more than once.

E. Make one or two pawn moves in the opening. Every pawn advance affects the position as a whole. Make sure you understand the consequences of your intended pawn advance. Avoid allowing the center to open with your king still in it.

F. Castle as soon as possible, but remember that castling isn't always a safe move. King safety has to be the number one priority.

G. Do not bring your queen out early. The queen should be the last piece to be developed.

H. Play to get control of the center. If the central pawns are strong and well-protected, then the pawn center is a positional advantage.

I. Do not sacrifice without a clear and adequate reason.

J. Remember that there are two questions which must be answered for each move played -

(1) How does it affect the center?

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Bughouse, Texas style

by Alexey Root and Eric Wiggins

Longtime readers of *Texas Knights* know that every fall I compete in the bughouse tournament held during the Texas Grade. Each year more and more teams enter that bug competition. Apparently, bughouse is booming in Texas.

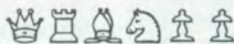
In this article, Eric Wiggins and I analyze an instructive bug position. Psychological and tactical themes that crop up in chess also occur in bug. So conquering one's weaknesses in bug may indeed help one's chess. More instruction and thoughts about bughouse, as well as places to play in person and online, can be found at

<http://bughouse.net/index.htm>.

On Friday nights the Dallas Chess Club hosts some of the best bughouse players in the U.S. Some of the Dallas bug players, like Igor Shtern and Andrew Whatley, are well known for their chess tournament victories. Others, like Arthur Morris, are stronger at bug than at chess. I like to partner with Eric Wiggins, who operates the bughouse group on ICC (handle GhostShell) and is my co-author for this article.

In bughouse your partner, who plays the opposite color as you, hands you pieces as he captures them on his board. You may drop one of the pieces from him onto your board as your move. Or you can move one of your pieces already present on your board.

On one bug night, Eric observed me in the following position. I am Black versus Arthur Morris. [See diagram next column.] My partner was Andrew Whatley. Andrew had a mate in one against his opponent, Kris Littlejohn. That meant that Kris had to "sit" (not move). Kris was ahead of me on time by twenty-



two seconds. If I could survive on my board for less than half a minute, Kris would then either lose on time or be mated. In bug, a mate or loss on time by one partner means a loss for the whole team.

In the diagrammed position, I made a common chess (and bug) psychological mistake. Instead of calculating what the position required, I searched my memory for a rule that might apply. I recalled Eric telling me that that often one should block the g7 square. I also remembered him saying that one should keep sacrificing pieces on g7 as needed for defense. In the diagrammed position, leaving g7 open allows Q@g7 (that is, Queen from Arthur's hand dropped in at g7) for mate. So, without much thought, I played 1...P@g7?? The game continued: 2.Q@h8+!! Kxh8 3.Bxg7+ Kg8 4.R@h8 mate!

All anyone could say about this brief denouement was, "Well, I guess it's better than falling asleep and losing on time."

What should have happened? In a post-mortem Eric observed, "This position is hard to hold. Can't be too careful. Probably you should defend on the diagonal."

With those hints, I tried 1... B@h8 2.P@g7 Bf6 3.Nxf6+ Qxf6 4.gxh8=Q+ Kxh8 5. P@g7+ Qxg7 6.Bxg7+ Kxg7 7.N@h5+ Kh6 8. Q@g5 mate.

Now I was getting frustrated. For many bug players, including myself, defending is the hardest part. As a convert to bug from chess, I often fail to use my pieces in hand. Instead, I tend to play with my pieces already on the board. For defense, though, dropping pieces from your hand to key squares on your board is important.

Eric said, "So now you know it's not that one, right? It's basically the same thing, though. Try another diagonal defending move, and don't forget to use your pieces."

The best defense is 1...B@f6 (note that this move is better than 1...Bf6 2.Nxf6 Qxf6 3.N@e7+, where the black queen cannot take the checking knight due to the queen drop mate on g7. After 3...Kh8 4. P@g7+ continues a strong attack for White). 2.P@g7 N@g6. Eric notes that by dropping in the Black bishop on f6 and the Black knight on g6, Black has defended her key squares. Had I played this line, I would likely have held on for 22 seconds and thus enabled Andrew to win on his board.

From this example, you can see the rich variety of tactical themes present in bughouse. In addition to deflection, forks, and pins, smothered and back rank mates are often threatened.

As Eric says, "Chess mates are bug mates, and can often only be avoided if you have time to get a blocker (piece) from your partner."

Through practice and study of bug games, your tactics in chess and bug are likely to improve. We hope this article has added to your knowledge of the great game of bug.

Texas Senior and Women's Championships

A total of 55 players turned out for the Texas Women's Championship and the Texas Senior Championship, held Nov. 16-17 at the TNI Building in San Antonio. A guaranteed prize fund of \$500 was paid out in each of the three sections, which included a Futurity (under 50) division in the Senior. (See page 11 for a report on the Futurity.) The triple header format and generous prize fund were based on the previous Senior/Women's event, held in Huntsville in 2000.

The Senior (25 players) was especially well contested and ended in a sharp last-round duel between two masters.

San Antonio Chess Club president Martin Gordon had an auspicious debut as tournament director.

Women's championship

Angela Alston won her third straight Texas women's chess title, again dominating the event with a 4-0 score. She did get a scare in the last round from Iva Davis, a college student from Spurger, and needed some help to survive a bad opening. Tied for second with 3 were Davis and Rheanna English of San Antonio. There were 13 players.

QGD Tarrasch D33

Angela Alston 2104

Kendra Crispin 1548

Texas Women's Chp. 2002 (3)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0
Be6 (7...Be7) 8.Nc3 Rc8 9.Bg5 h6
10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4
Qf5 13.Nh4 Qg4 14.d5 Qxd1
15.Rfxd1 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Nd4 17.
Re1 Ne6 18.Nf5 Rc6 19.Bh3 b6
20.f4 a5 21.Bf1 c4 22.Bxc4 Bc5+
23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Bb5+ Kf8 25.
Rd8+ Nxd8 26.Re8 mate 1-0

Dutch Leningrad A87

Iva Davis 1521

Angel Bohannon 1358

Texas Women's Chp. 2002 (3)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.b3 Bg7
5.Bb2 0-0 6.Nf3 d6 7.g3 Nc6 8.Bg2
e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Ng5
Bd7 12.Nd5 h6 13.Nf3 Be6 14.
Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rc8 16.Bxf6
Bxf6 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Bxb7 Rcd8
19.Qc2 Rd6 20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.
Rxd6 Rxd6 22.Rd1 Qd8 23.Rxd6
Qxd6 24.Qd3 Qa3 25.Qd8+ Kg7
26.Qxc7+ Kf6 27.Qd8+ Ke5 28.f4
mate 1-0

QGD Exchange D35

Iva Davis 1521

Angela Alston 2104

Texas Women's Chp. 2002 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Bd6!? N

A surprising choice. Alston evidently wants to throw Davis off any preparation. Book lines are 6... Be7, Ndb7, ...h7, ...Bf5, and ...Qb6.
7.Bd3 h6 8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Qe7
10.Qb3 b5 11.Rc1 Nb6?

Better is 11...g5 (Alston).



12.Bxf6! gxf6

Angela wrote down 12...Qf6 but crossed it out, because 13.e4! is strong. Even after the clever squirm

13...Bf4!?, White is crushing with 14.Rc2! Be6 15.e5 Qg5 16.g3 +; 14... dxe4 15.Nxe4 +-; or 14...Bb8 15. exd5 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Qe6 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.d5 +- . Nor can Black bite the bullet with 13...dxe4 and lose only a pawn: 14.Nxe4 Qe7 15. Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Rxc6! +-.
13.Ng3 Bxg3 14.hxg3 f5 15.Qc2 Qg5 16.Bxb5?

There is no need for this kind of crap shoot when White is comfortably ahead on positional grounds. With 16.Ne2 Bd7 17.Nf4 followed by Rh5 and Bxf5, White is winning handily without taking any chances.
16...cxb5 17.Nxb5 0-0 18.Qc7 Bd7 19.Nc3 Rfe8 20.Qf4 Qxf4 21.gxf4 Rc6 22.Ke2 Rac8 23.Rcd1 Kg7 24.Rd2 a6 25.Rh3 Nc4 26.Rg3+ Kf8 27.Rc2 Nxb2 28.Rxb2 Rxc3 29.Rb6 Rc2+ 30.Kf3 Rxa2 31. Rxb6 Rcc2 32.Rh8+ Ke7 33.Rgg8 Rxf2+ 34.Kg3 Rxc2+ 35.Kh3 Rh2+ 0-1

Senior championship

John Patty successfully defended his state senior title, finishing 4-0. In Round 4 he defeated Thomas Crispin, a master from Oregon who recently moved to Austin. Barry Endsley of League City came in second with 3.5, and Ernesto Rodriguez of Brownsville tied with Crispin for third with 3. Duane Solley (1631) had a banner performance, also scoring 3 to win first U1700. Juan Carrizales and James Landes tied for second U1700 with 2.

King's Indian Defense E67

Thomas Crispin 2201

Carmen Chairez 1709

Texas Senior 2002 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3
d6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5
8.e3

A baroque treatment. Now ECO gives 8...Re8 9.b3 c6 10.Bb2 e4 11. Nd2 d5 12.f3 exf3 13.Qxf3 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Nb6 15.Ne5 Be6 16.Rad1 Qe7 =+. 8...Qe7 9.b3 Ne8 10.Bb2 e4 11. Nd2 f5 12.Nd5 Qf7 13.f3 c6 14. Nc3 exf3 15.Nxf3 Bh6 16.Qd3 Ndf6 17.Rae1 Nc7 18.Ba3 Rd8 19. Bc1 g5 20.e4 Qg6



21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 dxe5 23.hxg4 e4 24.gxf5 Bxf5 25.Nxe4 Ne6 26.Ne5 Bxe4 27.Bxe4 Qg7 28.Rf7 Qxf7 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 30.Bxh7 Nf8 31. Qf5+ 1-0

Sicilian B90

Barry Endsley 2014
Raymond H. Smith 1700

Texas Senior 2002 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Bd7 7. Be2 Nc6 8.f4 e5 9.Nb3 Be7 10.0-0-0



11.f5 b5 12.Bf3 Rc8 13.a4 b4 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Nb8 16.Qd3 Bc6 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Rd2 Rfd8 19. Qe2 Bb7 20.Rc1 Nd7



21.c4 Nc5 22.Nxc5 dxc5 23.Rcd1 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Rd8 25.Qf2 Rxd2 26.Qxd2 Bc6 27.b3 a5 Draw

Nimzovich Defense A00

Ernesto Rodriguez 1802
Duane Solley 1633

Texas Senior 2002 (2)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c3 f6 5.f4 e6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 f5 8. Nf3



8...h6?!

Black's later difficulties stem from this move. Better is 8...Nh6 followed by Nf7 and Be7, with a good game. Also good is 8...Qd7. 9.Be3 Be7 10.Nbd2 Qd7 11.Nb3 b6 12.Qa6 Rb8 13.Qd3 a5 14.g4! g6

15.gxf5 gxf5 16.Rg1 a4 17.Nbd2 Qd8 18.Qf1 Kd7 19.Rg7 Kc8 20. Qb5 Kb7 21. Qxa4 Ra8 22.Qb5 Ra5 23.Qf1 Bh4+ 24.Bf2 Bxf2+ 25. Kxf2 Nge7 26.Nb3 Ra6 27.Qb5 Ka7 28.a4 Qf8 29.Rg3 Na5 30. Nxa5 Rxa5 31.Qd7 Kb7 32.Qxe6 Qe8 33.Rg7 Rxa4 34.Rxe7 Qxe7 35.Qxe7 Rxa1 36.Qf7 Rb1 37. Qxd5+ 1-0

Hodgson Attack A45

Gerald Guillot 1685
Barry Endsley 2014

Texas Senior 2002 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.d5 Qa5+ 5.Nd2 d6

5...e6 6.c3!? exd5 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8. Qd5 ∞ Hodgson.
6.f3 Nf6 7.e4 g6 8.c3 Bg7 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Ne2 a6 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.a4 0-0 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15. Be3 e6 16.c4 exd5 17.cxd5 Bd7 18.Qd2 Rfc8 19.Rfc1 Qd6 20.Rc3 b6



Black declined to push all the way with 20...b5 because it would cost the c-pawn. Now White should continue to contain the queenside with 21.b3.

21.a5? b5 22.Qc2?? c4

The bishop is Guillot-tined. 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Rxc4 Rxc4 25. Qxc4 Rc8 26.Qb3 Bf8 27.Nc3 Qb4 28.Qa2 Rb8 29.Bb6 Bc5+ 30.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 31.Kf1 Qb4 32.Na4 Qxa5 33.Nc3 Qxa2 34.Rxa2 Bc8 35.Ke2

Nd7 36.Na4 Kf8 37.Kd3 Ke7 38.
Kc4 Kd6 39.b4 Nb6 40.Nb6 Rxb6
41.Rxa5 Bd7 42.g3 Bb5+ 43.Kc3
Rb7 44.Ra3 Rc7+ 45.Kd2 Rc4 46.
Rb3 f5 47.exf5 gxf5 48.Rb2 Kd5
49.h4 Rd4+ 50. Ke1 0-1

Giuoco Piano C53

John Detrich 1928
Robert McGregor 1728

Texas Senior 2002 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3
Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 d5

Usual is 6...d6 =.

7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Bg4!?

ECO gives 8...Bb6 9.Nxe5 Nxe5
10. Rxe5 Bxf2+ 11.Kh1 Nf6 12.Bg5
±, Steinbuhler-Steinitz,
Manchester 1874. But the text
turns out well.

9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nxe5 Nxe5
12.Rxe5 c6 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re1 Qh4
15.Bf1



Black is well compensated for
the pawn, no less than in a
Marshall Gambit in the Ruy Lopez.
15...f5 16.g5 f4?

At the very least, 16...Nf4 re-
gains the pawn, e.g. 17.Bxf4 Qxf4
18.Bg2 Qxg5 and Black has an edge
with his bishop pair and attacking
chances. And after 17.Qf3? White
gets slaughtered: after 17...Bh5! 18.
Qh1 Qxg5+ 19.Bg2 Ne2+! 20.Rxe2
Qxc1+ 21.Bf1 Bxe2 +.

17.Qg4 Qxg4+ 18.hxg4 Rae8 19.
Bd2 Re7 20.Na3 Rfe8 21.Nc4

Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Rxe1 23.Bxe1 Be7
24.Na5 Bxg5 25.Nxb7 Bb1 26.Na5
Ne7 27.Bc4+ Kf8 28.Nb7 Be4?

An error which loses a piece.

29.Nc5 Bf3 30.Ne6+ 1-0

King's Indian Defense E61

Thomas Crispin 2201
John Detrich 1928

Texas Senior 2002 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 c5 4.e3
Bg7 5. Nc3 0-0 6.Be2 d6 7.0-0 Bf5
8.b3 Nc6 9.Bb2 Ne4 10.Nxe4
Bxe4 11. Qd2 e5 12.dxc5 dxc5
13.Qc3 Qe7 14.Nd2 Bf5 15.Bf3
Bd7 16.Rad1 Rab8 17.Bd5 Kh8
18.Nb1 f5 19. Rd2 f4 20.exf4 exf4
21.Qxg7+ Qxg7 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7
23.Nc3



23...Nd4?!

On the verge of equality, Black
goes astray. The text is superficially
attractive, but 23...Ne5 is more
sure-footed.

24.Ne4 f3

After 24...b6 25.b4! White is
still winning a pawn, but now 25...
f3 creates more play than in the
game: 26.bxc5 fxg2 27.Kxg2 Nf3
28.Rd3 Nh4+ 29.Kh1 bxc5 30.Nxc5
Bf5.

25.Nxc5 Ne2+ 26.Kh1 fxg2+?

This loses a piece, but only marginally
better is 26...Bg4 27.gxf3
Bh3 28.Re1 Nf4 29.Bxb7.

27.Bxg2 Bg4 28.f3 1-0

KI Attack A08

Charles Roach 1827
John Patty 2200

Texas Senior 2002 (3)

1.e4 Nf6 2.d3 d6 3.Nf3 c5 4.g3
Nc6 5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Nbd2
0-0 8.c3 e5 9.Re1 Re8 10.Nc4 h6
11.Be3 b6 12. Qc1 Kh7 13.Nh4 d5
14.exd5 Nxd5 15. Qd2 Qd7 0-1
(time)

French Winawer C18

Barry Endsley 2014
Ernesto Rodriguez 1802

Texas Senior 2002 (3)

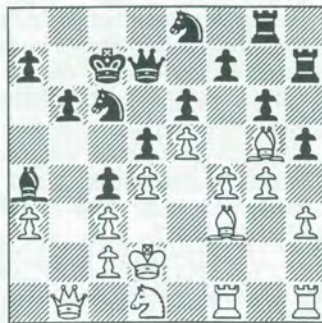
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Nf3 Bd7
8.Bd3

8.a4 saves a lot of time.

8...c4 9.Be2 Ba4 10.0-0 Ne7 11.
Bd2 Nbc6 12.Ne1 0-0-0 13.f4 g6
14.Nf3 h5 15.Ng5 Nf5 16.Ra2
Rdg8 17.Rb2 Qe7 18.Qb1 b6 19.
Bf3 Kc7 20.Re1 Nh6 21.Ra2 Ng4
22.Re2 Nh6 23.Be1 Nf5 24.Bf2
Rg7 25.Kf1 Rgg8 26.Ke1 Re8 27.
Kd2 Qf8 28.Ra1 Kc8 29.Re1 Qe7
30.Qb2 Qc7 31.g3 Qe7 32.Rh1 Kc7
33.Rae1 Kc8 34.Qc1 Ref8 35.h3

After much jockeying, White is
ready for a strategic thrust.

35...Qd7 36.g4 Ng7 37.Bg2 Rh6
38.Nf3 Rfh8 39.Bh4 Ne8 40.Bg5
R6h7 41.Ref1 Kc7 42.Qe1 Ne7 43.
Qb1 Nc6 44.Nh4 Rg8 45.Bf3 Ng7
46.Ng2 Kb8 47.Ne3 Kc7 48.Nd1
Ne8



49.Nb2 Bb5 50.a4

At last, the a4 blockade is lifted.

50...Ba6 51.Re1 Kc8 52.Qa2 Kc7 53.Qa3 Rgh8 54.gxh5

This is the first capture since move five!

54...gxh5 55.Nd1 Ng7 56.Bf6 Rc8 57.Ne3 Ne8 58.Bg5 Ng7 59.Rhg1 Bb7 60.Rg2 Kb8 61.Reg1 Ne8 62. Bh4 Rh8 63.Rg5 Ne7 64.Rxh5 Rxh5 65.Bh5 Nf5 66.Nxf5 exf5 67. Bg5 Ng7 68.Bf3 Ne6 69.h4 Rg8 70.Rh1 Nf8 71.h5 Nh7 72.h6 Qe6 73.Qb4 Re8 74.Bh5 and 1-0

QGD Hennig-Scharra D32

Duane Solley 1633

Gary Zintgraff 1766

Texas Senior 2002 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd1 exd5 7. Qxd5 Bd7 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qd1 Bc5 10.e3 Qe7 11. Be2 0-0-0 12.0-0 g5



13.Qa4!?

Fleeing from one hot square to another. The standard moves in this position are 13.Nd4 and 13.b4.

13...g4 14.Nh4 Nd4 15.Qc4 Be6 16.Qa4 Nxe2+?!

Black can force a draw with 16... Bd7(!), but he wants more.

17.Nxe2 Nd5 18.g3 Nb6 19.Qf4 Bd6 20.Nf5 Qe8??

20...Qd7 21.Nxd6+ Qxd6 22. Qxd6 Rxd6 23.Nd4 ±.

21.Nxd6+

1-0

QGD Hennig-Scharra D32

John Patty 2200

Thomas Crispin 2201

Texas Senior 2002 (4)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7. Qxd5 Nc6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qd1 Bc5 10.e3 Qe7 11.a3 0-0-0 12.Qc2 Kb8 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bb2 Bg4 15.Be2



15...Bxf3 16.gxf3!

16.Bxf3 invites a winning attack with 16...Nd4 17.Qb1 (or 17.Qa4) 17...Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Bxe3! 19.fxe3 Qxe3+ and 20...Rd2 +.

16...Rhe8 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Qxd1 Rd8 19.Qc2 Qe6 20.Ne4 Nd5 21. Nc5 Qh3 22.Qe4 h5 23. Bf1 Qc8 24.Qh4 g6 25. Bh3 f5 26.0-0 g5 27. Qxh5 Bc7 28.Qf7 g4 29.fxg4 fxg4 30.Bg2 Nb6 31.Rc1 Re8



32.Na6+

32.Bxc6! bxc6 33.Na6+ forces Black to cede the Exchange by 33... Qxa6 34. Qxe8+, since on 33...Kb7 34.Nxc7 Rf8 35.Qg7 Rg8 36.Qh7 he is down a piece.

32...bxa6 33.Rxc6 Rf8 34.Qg7 Re8 35.Bd4 Na8 36.a4 Qd8 37.Qxg4 Qe7 38. a5 Qh7 39.f4 Qb1+ 40.Kf2 Qa2+ 41.Qe2 Qxe2+ 42.Ke2 Bxf4 43.Rxa6 Nc7 44.Rxa7 Bxh2 45. Bb6 Rg8 46.Bf3 Rg5 47.Bxc7+ Kxa7 48.Bxh2 Ka6 49.Bd6 Rg6 50.Bc5 Rf6 51.e4 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B93

John Detrich 1928

Barry Endsley 2014

Texas Senior 2002 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Nbd7 7. Bc4

7.Be2, 7.Qf3, 7.Bd3, and 7.a4 have all been played here.

7...e6 8.0-0(?)

8.a4 Qa5 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.0-0 b6 12.Kh1 Bb7 ∞ Filipowicz-Ribli, Bath 1973.

8...b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.a3 Be7 11. Kh1 0-0 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Nf3 e5 14. h3?

A weakening move that should lose a pawn. It seems to go with a plan of f4-f5, but Black can then fight back effectively with ...d5.

Safe and solid is 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Bg5 b4 17.Bxf6 bxc3 18.Bxe7 cxb2 19.Rab1 Qxe7 20.Rxb2 =.



14...Rac8(?)

Black seems to be playing on autopilot. Better is 14...Nh5! 15. Qf2 exf4 16.Nc2 d5 +/-.

15.fxe5 dxe5 16.g4

White is probably now alert to the danger posed by ...Nh5.

16...Nc5 17.Be3?

17.Bg5 holds the fort.

17...Ncxe4

0-1

Ruy Lopez Closed C96

Ernesto Rodriguez 1802

Raymond H. Smith 1700

Texas Senior 2002 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qc7 13.Bg5 h6 14. Bh4 Nc4 15.b3 Nb6 16.Nbd2 Bb7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.Nf1 Nh7 19.Bg3 Ng5 20.Bb1 Qxc1 21.Qxc1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1



22...Nxf3+?

Black is about equal after 22... Bxe4! 23.Bxe4 (23.Nxg5 Bxb1 =) 23...Nxe4 24.dxe5 Nxg3 25.Nxg3 dxe5 26.Nxe5 Bd6 (or ...Rc8).

23.gxf3 exd4?? 24.Rc7 +- Bc8 25. Rxe7 Bxb3 26.Rc7 Nc8 27.Nd2 Re8 28.Kh2 Be6 29.f4 f5 30.f3 Ne7 31.Bf2 g6 32.Bxd4 Kf7 33.Bd3 Rc8 34.Rxc8 Nxc8 35.a4 Bd7 36. axb5 axb5 37.b4 Ne7 38.Nb1 Nc6 39.Bc3 Ne7 40.Na3 fxe4 41.fxe4 d5 42.Nxb5 Bxb5 43.Bxb5 dxe4 44.Bc4+ Ke8 45.Be6 e3 46.Kg3 h5

47.b5 Nf5+ 48.Bxf5 gxf5 49.Kh4 e2 50.Kxh5 1-0

Benko Gambit A58

Duane Solley 1633

Charles Roach 1827

Texas Senior 2002 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.h3 d6 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11. 0-0 Qb6 12.Re1 Rfd8 13.e4 Bc4 14. Nd2 Qa6 15.Nxc4 Qxc4 16.Bf1 Qb4 17.Qc2 Ne5 18.Kg2 Nfd7?? 19.a3 Qb7 20.f4 c4 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Rb1 Nd7 23.Bd2 1-0 (time)

Hortillosa wins futurity

Andres Hortillosa of San Antonio won his first local tournament, coasting to a 3.5 score with a last round draw against Dale Dike after passing up a likely win. Dike finished with 3, tying with Paul Haney and Pedro Figueroa for second. Andres Hernandez, who drew me in the first round, also scored 3 to win first U1700. Anthony Guerra, Michael LaBelle, and Jonathan Rea tied for second U1700 with 2 points each.

Bogo-Indian Defense E11

Andres Hernandez 1616

Selby Anderson 2283

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Nbd2 b6 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 Bb7 7.g3 0-0 8. Bg2 d6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10. b3 Ne4?! (10... Qe7) 11.Qc2 f5 12. Nd2 (12.Ng5!) Ndf6 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.f3 Nf6 16. Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Rad1 e5 19.dxe5? Qxe5 20.Qd2? Qc5+ 21. Qd4 Qxa3 22.Rd3 Qc5

If I delay this, White will force it anyway with Ra1 and Ra4.

23.Qxc5 bxc5 24.Ra1 a5 25.Rd2 Rfb8 26.Rda2 Rxb3 27.Rxa5 Rxa5 28.Rxa5 Rb4 29.Ra7 Rxc4 30.

Rxc7 d5 31.h4 h5 32.Kf2 d4 33. Ke1 Rc3 34.Kd2 Kf8 Draw

Black cannot make progress. Having taken a Round 2 bye, I withdrew rather than fight for a chance at some scraps.

Sicilian Grand Prix B23

Jose DeLeon 1723

Dale Dike 2176

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 Nge7 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe1 0-0 9.d3 d6 10.Bd2 b5 11.Ne2 g6 12.c3 f5 13.Ng3 Bf6 14. Rd1 a5 15.e5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Bg7 18.Be3 Qc7 19.d4 c4 20.Ne2 Bb7 21.Qh4 Qc6 22.Rf2 b4 23.Bh6 Qa4 24.Rdf1 Rf7

Black holds his fire, since 24... Qxa2 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.cxb4 axb4 27.Qe7+ Rf7 28.Qxb4 leaves him with weak pawns at c4 and e6 to cover.

25.Nf4 Qe8 26.Bxg7 Rxg7 27.Qf6 Ra6 28.Qg5 Qe7 29.Qg3 Qe8 30. Rd2 g5 31.Nh3 Qc6 32.d5 Qb6+ 33.Kh1 Bxd5 34.Rxd5 exd5 35. Rxf5 Qd8

Problematic is 35...h6 36.Rf6 Qb7 (or ...Qb5) 37.e6, with an attack on h6.

36.Qf2 bxc3 37.bxc3 Rb6



38.Rf8+ Qxf8 39.Qxb6 Rf7 40.Qe6 Kg7 41.Qxd5 Rf1+ 42.Ng1 Qf2 43. Qd7+ Qf7 44.Qd4 h6 45.e6+ Qf6

46.Qd7+ Kf8 47.Qc8+ Ke7 48.
Qd7+ Draw

QGD Exchange D35

John Hendrick 2107
Aldo Mendoza 1760

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (2)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Bf5? (6...c6)
7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Qb3 c6 9.Qxb7 Qb6
10.Qxb6 axb6

Much as in my game, the higher
rated player has won an easy pawn
and thinks he'll coast to a win
without a fight.

11.Kd2 0-0 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Kxd3
Nd7 14.Nge2 g6



15.Nf4(?)

Planless play. White should
work the queenside with 15.a4, fol-
lowed by Rhb1 and b4-b5, under-
mining d5.

15...Bg5 16.Nce2 Nf6 17.f3 Rfe8
18.h4 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 c5

Black has the initiative. Now on
20.b3, strong is 20...Ra3! None of
this would have happened if White
had played a4 and b4.

20.g4 c4+ 21.Kd2 Red8 22.Kc3
Ra5 23.g5 Ne8 24.e4

Played to anticipate ...Nd6-f5,
but now the game is out of hand.

24...dxe4 25.fxe4 Nd6 26.d5
Nxe4+ 27.Kc4 Ng3 28.Rhe1 Nf5
29.h5 Rc5+ 30.Kd3 gxf5 31.Re5

Ng7 32.Rh1 Ne6 33.Nxe6 fxe6 34.
Rxb5 Rxd5+ 35.Rxd5 Rxd5+ 36.
Ke3 Ra5 37.a3 Kg7 38.Kf4 Rb5
39.b4 Rf5+ 40.Ke4 b5 41.Rh6
Rxb5 42.Rxe6 Draw

Pirc Defense B07

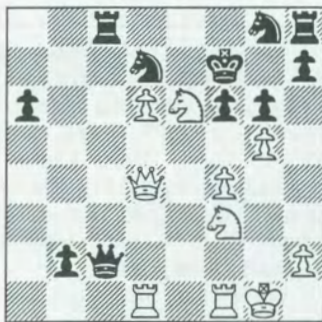
Andres Hortillosa 1935
Paul Haney 1891

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (3)

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2
Bg7 5.Be3 c6 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.g4



7...b5 8.a3 a6 9.g5 Ng8 10.f4 Bb7
11. Bf3 c5 12.e5 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Rc8
14.Rd1 Qc7 15.0-0 b4 16.Nd5 Qc6
17.dxc5 bxa3 18.exd6 exd6 19.
exd6 axb2 20.Bd4 Kf8 21.Bxg7+
Kxg7 22.Qd4+ f6 23.Nc7 Qxc2 24.
Ne6+ Kf7



25.Qd5 Qc4 26.Qb7 Qc6 27.Qxc6
Rxc6 28.Nd8+ 1-0

Reti Opening A13

Dale Dike 2176
Aldo Mendoza 1760

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (3)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3
g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7
8. e3 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.d4 Rc8
11.Qe2 c5



12.Nb5 Ra8 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5
Nd7 15.f4 f6 16.cxd5 exd5 17.e6
Nb8 18. Rfd1 Na6 19.e4 d4 20.f5
Nc7 21.g4 Nxb5 22.Qxb5 Qe8 23.
Qe2 g5 24.Qc4 Qe7 25.b4 Rac8 26.
bxc5 bxc5 27.Ba3 Rc7 28.Rab1
Ba8 29.Rb5 Rfc8 30.Rdb1 Bf8 31.
Bc1 Kg7 32.Bd2 Qd6 33.Rb8 Qe5
34.Be1 Qd6 35.e5 Qd8 36. Rxa8
Rxa8 37.exf6+ Kxf6 38.Bxa8 Qxa8
39.Bg3 Qe4 40.Re1 Qxg4 41.Qd5
Kg7 42.Qe5+ Kh6 43.Qxc7 d3 44.
e7 Bg7 45.Qd6+ 1-0

Sicilian Grand Prix B23

Jose DeLeon 1724
John Hendrick 2107

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3
Bg7 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0

6.f5! is the most energetic con-
tinuation. Now White gets pushed
back.

6...Nge7 7.a3 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.
Bb5 0-0 10.d3 Bg4 11.Qe1? (11.
Bxc6) Bxf3 12.Rxf3 Nd4 13.Rf2
Nxb5

Another way to win is 13...a6
 14.Ba4 c4 Δ ...b5.
 14.Nxb5 a6 15.Nc3 Bd4 16.Be3
 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 d4 18.Qe5 dxc3 19.
 Qxc3 Qd4 20.Qd2 Qxb2 21.Re1
 Nf5 22.Qd1 Rfe8 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8
 24.c4 Qd4 0-1

English Opening A36

Dale Dike 2176

Andres Hortillosa 1935

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (4)

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3
 Bg7 5.a3 e6 6.Rb1 Nf6!? (6...a5) 7.
 b4 cxb4 8.axb4 0-0 9.e3

Better is 9.d4 or 9.e4.

9...d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.d4 Bf5

White has clearly lost the
 thread.

12.Rb3 a5 13.Na2 axb4 14.Nxb4
 Nxb4 15.Rxb4 Ra1 16.Ne2 Qa5
 17.Qd2

(Diagram next column)

17...Ne4?

The attack needs more fuel:
 17...Rc8 18.0-0 Rc2 +.

18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.0-0 Rc8 20.Rb2
 Qc7 21.f3 Bc2 22.Qb4 Bd3 23.Bd2



Position after 17.Qd2

Rxf1+ 24. Kxf1 Qd7 25.g4 Ba6 26.
 Kf2 Bf8 27.Qb3 h5 28.Nf4 Rc4
 Draw

QGD Slav D43

John Hendrick 2107

Paul Haney 1891

Tx. Senior Futurity 2002 (4)

1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3
 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e4
 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bb4+ 9.Ke2

White has not exactly erred, but
 the variation with 7.e4 is not con-

sidered quite correct, either. Other
 moves are 7.Qc2, 7.e3, 7.g3, 7.Qb3,
 and 7.a3.

9...Qd8 10.g3 0-0 11.Bg2 Nd7 12.
 a3 Ba5 13.b4 Bc7 14.Re1 f5 15.
 Nc3 e5



16.d5 e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Kf1 Nd3
 19.Re3 Qf6 20.Rxd3 exd3 21.Qxd3
 Be5 22.Rd1 f4 23.Ne4 Qg6 24.Nf3
 Qh5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.dxc6 bxc6
 27.Nd6 Bg4 28.Re1 Qh5 29.gxf4
 Rxf4 30.Bxc6 Qxh2 31.Bd5+ Kh8
 32.Nf7+ Rxf7 33.Bxf7 Qh1 mate
 0-1

Chess Principles (cont'd from p. 5)

(2) How does it fit in with the development of my other pieces and pawns?

III. Middle game principles. Each of the players acts, or should act, according to some plan which has a definite goal. Strategy is the art of forming an overall plan, for example, regrouping pieces or occupying an open line. Other times it involves an attack on the king, queenside operations, or a breakthrough in the center. The words positional and strategic are used interchangeably.

The method for evaluating a middle game position was first developed by world champion Wilhelm Steinitz. GM Joseph Dorfman has fine-tuned this method and reduced it from ten steps to three.

A. Recognize the critical positions. These are two types: technical and critical. In a technical position, an experienced player will know what to do; for example, centralizing his king in an endgame. Critical positions are not so clear but are common in three types of positions:

(1) When you or your opponent initiate a voluntary exchange of pieces. The more valuable the pieces,

the more critical the position.

(2) When either player can make a change in pawn structure, especially in the center.

(3) If a player comes to the end of a more or less forced series of moves and is now confronted with a choice.

B. Before a player can logically find the proper move, he must separate the static (enduring, positional, strategic) positional elements from the dynamic (temporary, tactical) features. Finding out who is better statically is at the core of the system. When one side can improve his static position while the other side can't, the player who can improve is better statically. There four areas to consider:

- (1) The position of the king.
- (2) Material balance.
- (3) Pawn structure.
- (4) Who would be better after the exchange of queens.

C. Once the assessment is made of who is better statically, the kind of move that should be made can be derived. If you are better statically, look for candidate

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Tournament Crosstables

Houston Absolute Championship

Houston, November 2-3

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Bill Reuter	2230	+12	+3	H	+4	H	4.0
2 Larry Englebretson	2200	+10	-9	H	+7	+3	3.5
3 Curtis J. Brooks	2043	+8	-1	+11	+9	-2	3.0
4 Mbugua Bo Githoro	1949	+14	=5	+9	-1	=6	3.0
5 Arthur D. Mitchell	2083	H	=4	+8	=6	=9	3.0
6 Lorenzo Gaskill	2037	H	=15	+14	=5	=4	3.0
7 Mark Dixon	1917	H	=11	+13	-2	+10	3.0
8 Bradley J. Sawyer	1874	-3	+10	-5	+13	B	3.0
9 Alan Rodenstein	1963	+16	+2	-4	-3	=5	2.5
10 James Mulberry	1525	-2	-8	+16	B	-7	2.0
11 Ronnie Rubit	1884	H	=7	-3	+12	U	2.0
12 Michael Sharpe	1800	H	-14	-7	-8	H	1.0
13 David Mackey	1800	H	-14	-7	-8	H	1.0
14 Clarence Yeung	2200	-4	+13	-6	U	U	1.0
15 Robert Chalker	1900	H	=6	U	U	U	1.0
16 William P. Gibson	1800	-9	-12	-10	U	U	0.0

Reserve

1 Xi Zhang	1684	+19	+9	+11	+8	=2	4.5
2 Brian Farley	1646	+28	+4	=16	+3	=1	4.0
3 Andrew Beeli	1315	+5	+13	=8	-2	+12	3.5
4 Mastimar Mohamed	1712	+14	-2	+26	+9	=5	3.5
5 Jose Bauri	1658	-3	+22	+14	+18	=4	3.5
6 Alfonso Velasquez	1610	+27	-8	+19	=10	+13	3.5
7 Ira Horvitz	1640	H	+10	+17	H	=8	3.5
8 John R. Lowe	1700	+25	+6	=3	-1	=7	3.0
9 Charles Blair	1590	+23	-1	B	-4	+19	3.0
10 Jeff Henninger	1740	H	-7	+21	=6	+18	3.0
11 William Ong	1708	+26	+18	-1	H	H	3.0
12 Bogen Velarde	1409	-16	+28	=13	+15	-3	2.5
13 Steve Zarwulkoff	1655	+20	-3	=12	+25	-6	2.5
14 Quayle Johnson	1455	-4	+20	-5	+24	=17	2.5
15 Joseph Barnard	1629	+24	-16	H	-12	+20	2.5
16 Tomas Suchy	1700	+12	+15	=2	U	U	2.5
17 William Fink	1677	H	+21	-7	H	=14	2.5
18 Bradley Anderson	1644	+29	-11	+23	-5	-10	2.0
19 Willie Scott	1338	-1	+24	-6	X	-9	2.0
20 Peter Craney	1241	-13	-14	+22	+26	-15	2.0
21 Brian Chen	1230	=22	-17	-10	=23	+26	2.0
22 Alan Chipman	800	=21	-5	-20	X	=23	2.0
23 Aidin Ashoori	835	-9	B	-18	=21	=22	2.0
24 Joshua Ching Lee	1094	-15	-19	+29	-14	H	1.5
25 Joe Mims	1392	-8	+27	H	-13	U	1.5
26 James Kerens	1425	-11	+29	-4	-20	-21	1.0
27 Alan Dingus	1035	-6	-25	B	F	U	1.0
28 William Cowart	1200	-2	-12	H	F	U	0.5
29 Ted Ingram	1190	-18	-26	-24	U	U	0.0

Texas Senior Championship

San Antonio, Nov. 16-17

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 John Patty	2200	+14	+22	+7	+4	4.0
2 Barry Endsley	2014	=9	+21	+3	+8	3.5
3 Ernesto Rodriguez	1802	+18	+5	-2	+9	3.0
4 Thomas Crispin	2201	+20	+19	+8	-1	3.0
5 Duane Solley	1633	+23	-3	+19	+7	3.0
6 Bill Maier	1901	=21	=9	=15	+14	2.5
7 Charles Roach	1827	+11	+16	-1	-5	2.0
8 John Detrich	1928	+15	+13	-4	-2	2.0
9 Raymond H. Smith	1700	=2	=6	+22	-3	2.0
10 Scott Wendle	1800	-16	-11	+24	+15	2.0

11 Juan Carrizales	1631	-7	+10	U	+18	2.0
12 James Landes	1493	-19	=20	=21	+25	2.0
13 Robert McGregor	1728	+24	-8	+18	U	2.0
14 Hector Martinez	1702	-1	+25	=16	-6	1.5
15 Gary Carlson	1699	-8	+24	=6	-10	1.5
16 Mauro Gutierrez	1600	+10	-7	=14	U	1.5
17 Gerald Castleberry	1520	H	U	+20	U	1.5
18 Ratsanami Raman	1629	-3	+23	-13	-11	1.0
19 Gary Zintgraff	1766	+12	-4	-5	U	1.0
20 Carmen Chairez	1709	-4	=12	-17	=24	1.0
21 Gerald Guillot	1685	=6	-2	=12	U	1.0
22 W. Michael Bacon	1765	+25	-1	-9	U	1.0
23 Jesse Buentello	1880	-5	-18	+25	U	1.0
24 Alfred Miller	1329	-13	-15	-10	=20	0.5
25 Tony Olvera	1376	-22	-14	-23	-12	0.0

Futurity

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Andres Hortillosa	1935	+12	+8	+2	=3	3.5
2 Paul Haney	1891	+13	+4	-1	+6	3.0
3 Dale Dike	2176	+7	=9	+11	=1	3.0
4 Pedro Figueroa	1704	+14	-2	+12	+7	3.0
5 Andres Hernandez	1616	=16	H	+10	+8	3.0
6 John Hendrick	2107	+10	=11	+9	-2	2.5
7 Anthony Guerra	1537	-3	+13	+15	-4	2.0
8 Jonathan Rea	1015	B	-1	+14	-5	2.0
9 Jose DeLeon	1723	+17	=3	-6	H	2.0
10 Michael LaBelle	1351	-6	+14	-5	+13	2.0
11 Aldo Mendoza	1760	+15	=6	-3	U	1.5
12 James Fleener	1350	-1	+17	-4	U	1.0
13 Steven Houchin	1317	-2	-7	B	-10	1.0
14 Casey Jacobson	unr.	-4	-10	-8	B	1.0
15 James Nielsen	1089	-11	B	-7	U	1.0
16 Selby Anderson	2283	=5	H	U	U	1.0
17 Scott Moore	unr.	-9	-12	U	U	0.0

Texas Women's Championship

San Antonio, Nov. 16-17

name	rating	1	2	3	4	total
1 Angela Alston	2104	+5	+9	+4	+2	4.0
2 Iva Davis	1521	+12	+11	+6	-1	3.0
3 Rheanna English	1126	-4	+13	+10	+7	3.0
4 Kendra Crispin	1548	+3	+7	-1	=5	2.5
5 Brenda Hardesty	1189	-1	+8	=7	=4	2.0
6 Angel Bohannon	1358	-8	+12	-2	+10	2.0
7 Susan Breeding	1293	+13	-4	=5	-3	1.5
8 Amita Vempati	951	+6	-5	=9	U	1.5
9 Gayatri Vempati	1229	+10	-1	=8	U	1.5
10 Brenda Tantzén	791	-9	B	-3	-6	1.0
11 Sandhya Zadoo	618	B	-2	U	U	1.0
12 Serena Zadoo	952	-2	-6	U	U	0.0
13 Sanjna Zadoo	866	-7	-3	U	U	0.0

Ken Smith Memorial

Dallas, Nov. 29-Dec. 1

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1 Marcin Kaminski	2492	+15	+12	=2	+4	+9	4.5
2 Mark Diesen	2464	+22	+7	=1	=6	+8	4.0
3 Rade Milovanovic	2436	+11	H	=5	+12	+7	4.0
4 Mikhail Langer	2294	+29	+21	=9	-1	+6	3.5
5 James Rohrbaugh	2200	+27	=10	=3	=13	+14	3.5
6 Mark Dejmek	2164	+26	=13	+17	=2	-4	3.0
7 And. Dokuchayev	2222	+28	-2	+23	+11	-3	3.0
8 Albert Yeh	2018	=17	+14	+10	H	-2	3.0
9 Babakouly Annakov	2530	=19	+18	=4	+21	-1	3.0
10 Sonny Kamberi	2314	+20	=5	-8	+15	=13	3.0
11 Alexander Chua	2095	-3	+29	+16	-7	+18	3.0
12 Jeffrey Ashton	2192	+25	-1	+27	-3	+20	3.0

13	Nick Schoonmaker	2212	+30	=6	H	=5	=10	3.0
14	Larry Moss	2200	=16	-8	+18	+19	-5	2.5
15	Sergey Galant	2130	-1	=23	+24	=10	+22	2.5
16	Peter Yeh	1954	=14	=24	-11	=23	+28	2.5
17	Gary Simms	2235	=8	+19	-6	+22	U	2.5
18	Mircea Grancea	1902	+24	-9	-14	+27	-11	2.0
19	Enrique Rios	2106	=9	-17	+25	-14	H	2.0
20	Andres Suarez	2091	-10	-27	B	+26	-12	2.0
21	Michael Richards	2205	X	-4	+28	-9	U	2.0
22	Kevin Fleming	2020	-2	+25	=26	-17	-15	1.5
23	Alexey Root	2000	H	=15	-7	=16	U	1.5
24	Rugy G. Tia	2117	-18	=16	-15	+28	U	1.5
25	George Sathiyaraj	unr.	-12	-22	-19	B	H	1.5
26	Steven D. Young	1907	-6	B	=22	-20	U	1.5
27	Frank Brack	1970	=5	+20	-12	-18	U	1.0
28	Mark Lisle	2000	-7	B	-21	-24	-16	1.0
29	Ivan Zuniga	2058	-4	-11	U	U	U	0.0
30	Marvin Bolden	1719	-13	U	U	U	U	0.0

U2000

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	
1	Alex Shaffer	1979	+15	+12	=7	+4	=3	4.0
2	Scott Griggs	1927	-10	+16	+15	+13	+7	4.0
3	David W. Phillips	1984	=9	+17	=5	+14	=1	3.5
4	Aurelio Gonzalez	1852	+8	+14	=13	-1	+12	3.5
5	Remo Navales	1924	+19	=13	=3	+18	=6	3.5
6	Ross Carbonell	1901	=17	+9	+12	=7	=5	3.5
7	Joseph Drake	1876	+16	+10	=1	=6	-2	3.0
8	Rory Chambers	1936	-4	=11	+10	=9	+18	3.0
9	Michael Jennings	1855	=3	-6	+17	=8	=11	2.5
10	Jonathan F. Allen	1826	+2	-7	-8	=19	+17	2.5
11	Rodney Thomas	1817	-14	=8	H	+16	=9	2.5
12	Charles F. Davis	1944	+20	-1	-6	+15	-4	2.0
13	Eric Wiggins	1992	+21	=5	=4	-2	U	2.0
14	Christopher Dooley	1925	+11	-4	+18	-3	U	2.0
15	Gene Pershwitz	1806	-1	+20	-2	-12	B	2.0
16	David Pawlowski	1652	-7	-2	B	-11	X19	2.0
17	William P. Gibson	1800	=6	-3	-9	B	-10	1.5
18	V. Bazemore r/e	1888	H	+19	-14	-5	-8	1.5
19	Mark Gracey	1800	-5	-18	+20	=10	F16	1.5
20	Zoltan Szaloky	1803	-12	-15	-19	U	U	0.0
21	Vincent Bazemore	1888	-13	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1800

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	
1	J. Stephen Kattner	1794	+28	+2	=5	+3	+7	4.5
2	Kevin Wang	1725	+4	-1	+20	+8	+12	4.0
3	Benjamin Wheeler	1799	+24	+20	+22	-1	+5	4.0
4	David Gorrell	1611	-2	B	+11	+22	+14	4.0
5	Trung Nguyen	1662	+25	+18	=1	+6	-3	3.5
6	Michael Slepoy	1703	+21	=8	+9	-5	+18	3.5
7	Brian Farley	1646	+11	-22	+13	+10	-1	3.0
8	Ming T. Chin	1671	+23	=6	+27	-2	=9	3.0
9	H. Milton Strain	1660	+16	=29	-6	+27	=8	3.0
10	Daniel A. Nelson	1711	=13	+15	=26	-7	+21	3.0
11	Carmen Chairez	1709	-7	+23	-4	+31	+19	3.0
12	Josef Ryglewicz	1697	-27	+16	+21	+19	-2	3.0
13	Arnold Liao	1551	=10	=14	-7	+29	=25	2.5
14	Leon Powers r/e	1691	=19	=13	=15	+25	-4	2.5
15	R. Rosenborough	1432	B	-10	=14	=18	=17	2.5
16	Robert D. Blair	1724	-9	-12	=30	+20	+27	2.5
17	Todd Appelbaum	1691	-20	-19	B	+24	=15	2.5
18	Rosendo Leal	1765	+32	-5	=19	=15	-6	2.0
19	James Landes	1493	=14	+17	=18	-12	-11	2.0
20	Alan Chen	1529	+17	-3	-2	-16	B	2.0
21	Lloyd Uhler	1609	-6	B	-12	+23	-10	2.0
22	Gerald Dottery	1698	+30	+7	-3	-4	U	2.0
23	Martin Alexander	1763	-8	-11	+28	-21	+30	2.0
24	William G. Fink	1677	-3	=28	=29	-17	+31	2.0
25	Julie Ann O'Neil	1756	-5	+30	H	-14	=13	2.0
26	Thomas McCaslin	1692	+29	=27	=10	U	U	2.0
27	Timothy Banks	1726	+12	=26	-8	-9	-16	1.5

28	Robert Ladymon	1661	-1	=24	-23	B	U	1.5
29	Percy Galimberti	1791	-26	=9	=24	-13	U	1.0
30	Robert Smeltzer	1600	-22	-25	=16	H	-23	1.0
31	Courtney Jamison	1521	H	H	U	-11	-24	1.0
32	Leon Powers	1691	-18	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1600/unrated

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	
1	Aaron May	1550	+29	+25	=2	+5	+3	4.5
2	Yi Zhang	1482	+30	+16	=1	+15	+10	4.5
3	Christian Leppert	1480	B	+12	+4	+8	-1	4.0
4	Timothy Henderson	1537	+26	+20	-3	+18	+8	4.0
5	Michael Cathey	1501	=15	+24	+14	-1	+16	3.5
6	K. Ramachandran	1351	+19	-9	=23	+21	+14	3.5
7	Robert Abbott	unr.	-25	+28	+11	=16	+19	3.5
8	S. Sundaresan	1525	+22	+11	+10	-3	-4	3.0
9	William R. Martz r/e	1488	=17	+6	-15	+23	=12	3.0
10	Quayle Johnson	1455	+24	+18	-8	+20	-2	3.0
11	Fergal McArdle	1421	+27	-8	-7	+22	+18	3.0
12	Buji Vempati	unr.	+28	-3	+25	+14	=9	3.0
13	S. Ganesan	unr.	-14	-15	+28	+25	+20	3.0
14	Gilbert Saviter	1437	+13	+23	-5	=12	-6	2.5
15	Michael W. Harvey	1414	=5	+13	+9	-2	U	2.5
16	Joe Matt Alexander	1427	X	-2	+26	=7	-5	2.5
17	Chad Miculek	unr.	=9	-21	-19	+27	+24	2.5
18	Paul Richard Chua	1401	+31	-10	+21	-4	-11	2.0
19	Stephanie Ballom	1569	-6	-22	+17	+26	-7	2.0
20	Akshay Bangale	1406	+21	-4	X22	-10	-13	2.0
21	Clayton Swafford	1569	-20	+17	-18	-6	B	2.0
22	Tony Ning	unr.	-8	+19	F20	-11	+26	2.0
23	William Bralick	1501	+32	-14	=6	-9	U	1.5
24	Carlos DeNegri	unr.	-10	-5	=27	X28	-17	1.5
25	Doyle Lobaugh r/e	1421	+7	-1	-12	-13	U	1.0
26	Alan Chipman r/e	unr.	-4	+27	-16	-19	-22	1.0
27	Robert Sweeney	unr.	-11	-26	=24	-17	H	1.0
28	Byron Anthony	1542	-12	-7	-13	F24	U	0.0
29	Daniel Gomez Lopez	unr.	-1	U	U	U	U	0.0
30	Alan Chipman	unr.	-2	U	U	U	U	0.0
31	William R. Martz	1488	-18	U	U	U	U	0.0
32	Doyle Lobaugh	1421	-23	U	U	U	U	0.0

U1400

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	
1	Daniel L. Holmes	1263	+5	+6	-2	+8	+3	4.0
2	Kenny Alan Lee	1263	+10	+8	+1	-3	+4	4.0
3	Raymond Hung	1262	=7	+9	+8	+2	-1	3.5
4	Vadim Bean	1228	-6	+5	+7	+10	-2	3.0
5	T.E. Kolenda	1337	-1	-4	+9	+6	+8	3.0
6	Susan Breeding	1293	+4	-1	+10	-5	=9	2.5
7	Ajithr Sathiyaraj	1216	=3	-10	-4	=9	H	1.5
8	Harold Williams	1313	+9	-2	-3	-1	-5	1.0
9	Ankit Chanola	1235	-8	-3	-5	=7	=6	1.0
10	Gayatri Vempati	1229	-2	+7	-6	-4	U	1.0

U1200

name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	
1	David Dickson	1130	+12	+18	+5	+3	+2	5.0
2	Amita Vempati	951	+17	+6	+14	+5	-1	4.0
3	Jeffrey Santin	1056	+14	+12	+8	-1	+6	4.0
4	Justin Lyan	1129	-7	+13	=16	+10	+9	3.5
5	Peterson DeSouza	1094	+16	+7	-1	-2	+12	3.0
6	Conal McArdle	1135	+10	-2	+18	+8	-3	3.0
7	Nick J. Black	985	+4	-5	=9	=13	+15	3.0
8	Tommy Wornick	1112	+19	+9	-3	=6	+13	3.0
9	Reynaldo Huerta	1118	+15	-8	=7	+16	-4	2.5
10	Ganesa Sundaresan	1061	-6	+17	=13	-4	+16	2.5
11	David Failor	604	-18	-14	B	=17	+19	2.5
12	Marvin Bouldin	863	-1	-3	+19	+14	-5	2.0
13	Larry Gay	813	B	-4	=10	=7	-8	2.0
14	Carleton Furbush	1134	-3	+11	-2	-12	B	2.0
15	Kosti Parkhomenko	734	-9	+19	-17	+18	-7	2.0

16 Tommy Simpson	892	-5	B	=4	-9	-10	1.5
17 Thomas Madis	1119	-2	+15	=11	U	1.5	
18 Cleophes Lambert	1059	+11	-1	-6	-15	U	1.0
19 Timothy Helfrich	624	-8	-15	-12	B	-11	1.0

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

Chess Principles (cont'd from p. 13)

moves that are static (that is, retain the static elements the way they are), and that will maintain your advantage or improve your position. However, if you determine that you are worse off statically, look for moves that are dynamic in nature to change the static elements of the position. In either case, you should make a mental list of moves that fulfill the requirement, and then choose the one you find best in that situation.

IV. Other principles to follow.

A. If pawns are equal, two rooks beat a queen. If the queen has an extra pawn, it's a draw. If the queen has more than one extra pawn, it's a win for the queen.

B. Rooks should be connected as long as the opponent has a queen.

C. The more sets of knights and bishops on the board, the better they coordinate with a queen, rather than with the rooks.

D. Knights belong directly behind your furthest advanced pawns, either in the center or where the action is. (Remember, a knight on the rim is dim.)

E. Bishops are not necessarily better than knights; don't trade a good knight for a bad bishop!

F. Bishops are happiest directly behind a pawn, and saddest diagonally behind one.

G. Avoid taking pawns in ways that open lines for your opponent to give dangerous counterattacks.

H. Don't automatically assume that captures have to be answered by recaptures.

I. Don't play too routinely when you have pieces placed near the enemy king. Take time out and start looking for checkmate.

J. The more powerful a move is, the more important it is to time it correctly.

K. Be careful with relative pins. Unlike absolute pins, where the pinned piece is pinned to the king, relative pins can sometimes be ignored if the tactics justify it.

L. Beware of overwhelming your pieces with defensive chores.

M. When the position looks bleak, look for whatever counterplay you can – you just might find some.

V. Just because your opponent is higher rated doesn't mean he doesn't make mistakes. He might not make as

many as you do, but he will still make some, so be ready. In chess you need to guide the game your way with willpower, and the winner will be the one who is better at this. ♠



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Back cover solution: 1.Kf2 doesn't threaten mate, but each of Black's possible replies sets one up: 1...d3 2. Rf4#; 1...e5 2.Qc6#; 1...b5 2.Nxc5#; 1...c4 2.Qxd4#; 1...f5 2.Qce6#; 1...g5 or (1...g6) 2.Nf6#; 1...h5 2.Ng5#.

Tournament Calendar

Feb. 15-16. Texas Team Championship. See ad, p. 18

Feb. 28-Mar. 2. Texas Scholastic Championships. See back cover ad.

Polgar wins Bali Hotel event in Spain

Judit Polgar tied with FIDE world champion Ruslan Ponomarev for first place at a "Tournament of the Stars" held Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Benidorm, Spain. They both scored 9-2 in the twelve-player round robin, played at game/15 with 10 second increments. Polgar won the blitz playoff (3 min. +2 sec.), drawing the first game and winning the second. See next page for her win over Ponomarev in the main tournament.

A Chess Player Seven Feet Tall

by Jim Hollingsworth

Harmon D. Throneberry, Sr. is proof positive you don't have to be a grandmaster to be a grand chess player. On Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, Mr. Throneberry was honored by the United States Chess Federation with a Lifetime Achievement Award for a "lifetime of service to chess." Barry Marble, USCF Life Member and immediate past president of the Watauga Chess Club, presented the award before Mr. Throneberry's family, friends, and 30 chess players taking a break from one of the largest tournaments the club has ever sponsored.

Other honors included a mayoral proclamation by the honorable Henry J. Jeffries, declaring Nov. 10, 2002, Harmon D. Throneberry, Sr. Day in Watauga, Texas; and a basket containing chess shaped cookies presented by Tim Pernes, President of the Fort Worth Chess Club. Alicia Fish, Watauga Recreation Center Director, presented the proclamation for the city. Tom Crane, club president, awarded Throneberry a lifetime membership in the Watauga Chess Club. The most touching tribute came from the honoree's daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Benke. She recited the history of the Watauga Chess Club, which Mr. Throneberry founded, and the lasting impact her father has made on her son and other young chess players in North Central Texas.

Mr. Throneberry has been an active chess player and director for over forty years. He has organized chess clubs and directed tournaments throughout Europe, Texas, and Washington D.C. He has coached youth chess teams and continues to develop tournament directors. He also enjoyed a successful military career and rose through the ranks to Sergeant Major, the highest enlisted position in the U.S. Army. It is ironic that Sergeant Major Throneberry was once hand-picked to play on the NATO chess team, yet gracefully declined the honor by choosing duty over his lifetime passion for chess.

"The best way to describe Harmon would be to say, 'He is an honorable man,' His shoes have never been completely filled here in San Antonio." – Angela Alston

The ceremony's planning was one of the best-kept secrets in Texas chess circles and elsewhere. After receiving the nomination, Judy Misner, USCF Chief Business Officer, designed the certificate which Frank Niro, USCF Executive Director, readily signed. Nancy Meadows, Watauga City Secretary, developed the mayoral proclamation. Mrs. Sharon Throneberry, the honoree's wife, was stealthily notified by the organizers. Club members quietly informed each other, often with the unsuspecting honoree in the same room. Bob James and Selby Anderson of the Texas Chess Association assisted by passing the word and helping club officials contact Mr. Throneberry's old friends in San Antonio. Angela Alston e-mailed this tribute:

"I would consider Harmon to be one of the best chess organizers we had here in San Antonio. After Pete

Prattes retired from directing, Harmon immediately stepped up to fill that void. Not only did he direct tournaments for the San Antonio Chess Club, but [he] also ran tourna-

ments at Fort Sam Houston . . . His total dedication to chess was without peer. I remember one Southwest Open that a player was complaining about something to Harmon very aggressively (less than a foot away). This player was about 6' 5" and when he stepped very close, Harmon didn't even flinch. He pointed his finger up at him and sternly said 'That's the way it is.' At that point I realized that Harmon's principles were 7' tall. The player sheepishly backed down. The best way to describe Harmon would be to say, 'He is an honorable man.' His shoes have never been completely filled here in San Antonio."

Harmon D. Throneberry, Sr. developed and maintains the Watauga Chess Club's Internet web site. He welcomes visitors and plays chess every Tuesday evening at the Watauga Chess Club. He actively recruits and develops tournament directors so, when the time comes, his shoes won't be so hard to fill. When that happens, don't be surprised if the club members bronze and display Harmon's footwear.

Sicilian Najdorf B90

R. Ponomarev 2743

Judit Polgar 2685

Benidorm 2002 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.

Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.

Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Bg7 10.h3

Nf6 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.

e5 dxe5 14.Bxe5 0-0 15.h4 g4 16.

g3 Qb6 17.0-0-0 Be6 18.Bg2 Rfd8

19.Rhe1 h5 20.b3 Rac8 21.Na4

Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qb5 23.Bf1 Bc4!

Not deep, but very unexpected!

24.Qxc4 Qxe5 25.c3 Qf5 26.Qc5

Qf3 27.Bd3 Bh6+ 28.Kc2 Ne4 29.

Qe5 Nxf2 30.Be2 Qg2 31.Re1 Rd8

32.Qxe7 Rd2+ 33.Kb1 Qd5 34.

Ka1 Ne4 35.Qe8+ Kg7 36.Nb2

Rxb2 37.Kxb2 Qd2+ 38.Ka3 Nf6

0-1

Texas Team Championship

February 15-16 San Antonio

TNI Building, 4410 Medical Dr. at Ewing Halsell

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

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

1st overall: **\$450** + trophy

1st U1900: **\$200** + trophy

2nd overall: **\$250**

2nd U900: **\$100**

Open to four-player teams, U2200 based on December 2002 ratings. One alternate allowed, must be lowest rated.

Entry fees: \$100/team if rec'd by 2/13, \$125 at site. TCA memb. required

Reg. 11 a.m. - noon **Rounds:** 12:30-6, 9:30-3 **Time control:** 30/90, SD/1

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

Information: 210-695-2324 ; txchess@texas.net ; www.texaschess.org

Hotels nearby at IH 10-North and Wurzbach Rd.: Motel 6, (210) 593-0013 ; Holiday Inn (210)-561-9300

Karpov defeats old rival

A four-game match between Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov took place Dec. 19-20 at ABC Studios in New York's Times Square. There were two games each day, with the time control of game in 25 minutes with ten second increments. Karpov was the surprise winner, 2.5-1.5.

Petroff's Defense C43

Garry Kasparov 2838

Anatoly Karpov 2688

x3d world rapid NY (2)

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.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Bf4

This line came to the fore during this year's Linares tournament.

15...Rac8 16.c4 Qe4 17.Be3 Bf6 18.Rc1 b6 19.h3 Bg6 20.c5 Ne7 21.Ba6 Rcd8 22.Bg5! Qc6 23.cxb6 Qxb6 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Qa4!

Black's position is a mess already.

25...c6 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.Re3 Rb8 28.

g3 Red8 29.Bg2! Nf5 30.Rxc6 Qb2 31.Rec3 Kg7 32.Qxa7 Qa1+ 33.Rc1 Rb1 34.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 35.Kh2 Qa2 36.Qc7 Re8 37.Rc2 Qxa3 38.Rd2 Nd6 39.Qc5 Qa6 40.Nh4 Rc8 41.Qd5 Rc1 42.Rb2 Be4



43.Qxe4?!

43.Bxe4! Qf1 44.Nf5+ Nxf5 45.h4 Nh6 46.Bf3 ±.

43...Nxe4 44.Nf5+ Kf8

44.....Kg6 45.Ne7+ Kh5 46.Bf3+ Kh6 47.Nf5+ Kg6 48.Ne7+ Kg7 49.Nf5+ and Black may as well transpose to the game with 49...Kf8.

45.Bxe4 Rc8 46.d5?

46 g4! Qf1 47 f3 and it's not so easy for Black to do anything.

46...Qa4 47.Bf3 Qa3 0-1

Gruenfeld Defense D92

Anatoly Karpov 2688

Garry Kasparov 2838

x3d world rapid NY (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 dxc4 6.Rc1 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bxc4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 Nxe6 12.Be5 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 Rfd8 14.Kf1 Nd7? (This leads to a bad ending. Better is 14...Rac8.) 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nd5! Nb6 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.a3 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rc8 20.Ke2! Kf6 21.Ne1! Rc4 22.Rd7 Nc5 23.Rc7 b5 24.f3 e5 25.b4 Na4 26.Rxb7 Rc6 27.e4 Ke6 28.h4 h5 29.Nd3! Rc2+ 30.Ke3 f5 31.g3 fxe4 32.fxe4 Rg2 33.Rxb5 Rxc3+ 34.Kd2 Rg2+ 35.Ke1 Nc3 36.Rb6+ Ke7 37.Nxe5 Re2+ 38.Kf1 Rxe4 39.Nxg6+ Kf7 40.Kf2 Nd5 41.Rc6 Nxb4 42.axb4 Rxb4 43.Ne5+ Kg7 44.Rc4 Rb5 45.Nd3 Kf6 46.Rc5 1-0

2003 Texas Scholastic Chess Championships

March 1-2

Dallas

7 Round Swiss System

Hyatt Regency Dallas At Reunion, 300 Reunion Boulevard. **1-800-233-1234**. Special rates: \$89 sgl/dbl; \$94 triple; \$99 quad, mention chess. Tel: 1-214 651-1234. Fax: 1-214-742-8126.

Nine separate tournaments: High School, High School JV, Middle School, Middle School JV, Elementary School, Elementary School JV, Primary School, Primary JV, and a special Kindergarten event (Saturday only, with option to play in Primary on Sunday)

Advance registration: \$26 entry fee, **must be postmarked by Feb. 15.** (Do not mail later.) USCF membership required – add appropriate fees OR show proof of current membership.

On-site (late) registration: \$50 entry fee, Friday evening (Feb. 28), 7-9 p.m., or Saturday morning (Mar. 1) 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday entries will probably receive 1/2 point bye in Rd. 1.

Prizes: Kindergarten Section: trophies to all players. Primary, Elementary, Middle School and High School Championship and JV Sections: trophies to the top 25 in each section.

Medals for plus scores. Trophies to at least the top twenty teams in each section.

UT-Dallas will award a four-year scholarship to the winner of the High School Championship (winner must satisfy entrance requirements). Additional scholarships to both college and private secondary schools are being offered.

Special events: Blitz K-5, K-12, trophies top 10. Bughouse K-5, K-12, trophies top 10.

Southwest Collegiate Championship. \$200-100-50, U1600 \$150. Plaques top 10 ind./team.

2003 Texas State Scholastic Tournament Registration Form

Complete one form for each player and mail with check for entry fees and memberships payable to Southwest Chess Enterprises, 4060 Old Town Rd., Addison, TX 75001-3518. One check can be sent for multiple players.

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, TX Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ E-mail address: _____

USCF ID Number: _____ Expiration date: ____/____/____ Rating: _____

USCF membership is required to play. If you are not a USCF member, you may join by including the appropriate fee in the table below. If you have recently purchased or renewed your membership, but your renewal has not yet appeared in the rating supplement or USCF website, you MUST send a copy of your receipt of membership or renewal with this registration form.

School: _____ School city: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Requested bye rounds, if any: _____ (1/2 pt for 1st req. bye, 0 any addl)

Section (check one.) *Players without an official USCF rating may play in either a Championship or JV section.*

- High School (9-12), High School JV (9-12, Under 1000 Rating), Middle School (6-9),
 Middle School JV (6-9, Under 900 Rating), Elementary School (K-6), Elementary School JV (K-6, Under 800 Rating),
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 Kindergarten late entry into Primary section (Sunday only, 2 pt byes, start in round 5), College

Registration Fee (\$26 before Feb 15; \$50 thereafter.) Do not mail after 2/15/03. \$ _____

USCF membership (\$13* Scholastic [under 15], \$20* Youth [under 20], \$40*Adult) _____

* USCF membership rates subject to change. Check USCF website www.uschess.org for current rate.

TCA membership (optional, only if you want to receive *Texas Knights* magazine – \$7.50 student rate) _____

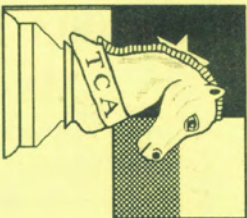
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Blitz tournament (\$5) Friday evening. Circle one: K-5 K-12 _____

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Partner's name: _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

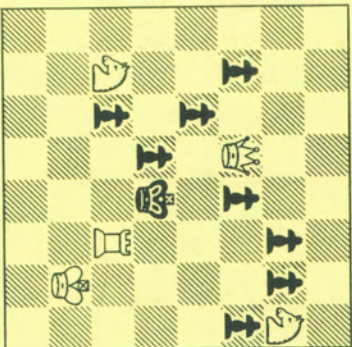


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