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Elementary triple crown winner

- Texas Elementary Champion
- K-5 Blitz Champion
- K-5 Bughouse Co-Champion

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2003 Texas Scholastic Championship

The eighth annual Texas Scholastic Championship was held March 1-2 in Dallas. Attendance leapfrogged to 1,788 (a gain of 26% over last year's record-setter), but the Hyatt Regency still had plenty of space. Chief organizer Luis Salinas reported some traffic congestion was caused when team and family members encamped near wall charts and result sheets, but he said this problem tended to clear up as the tournament progressed.

TCA president Gary Gaiffe was chief TD, and he also directed the Collegiate section. Luis Salinas and Sharon Pernes were the computer pairing TDs. Luis Salinas and Brad Bradford of Southwest Chess were the organizers.

6	A. Palavajhala	6.0	Village School	Houston
7	Aaron Catlin	6.0	MacArthur Park	San Antonio
8	Antonio Hung	6.0	Villareal	Olmito
9	Samantha Quezada	6.0	Benavides	Brownsville
10	Jennifer Herrera	6.0	Waitz	Mission
11	Jackson Harwell	6.0	Carlisle	Brownsville
12	Antonio Leal	6.0	Hudson	Brownsville
13	Danny Dominguez	6.0	Cromack	Brownsville
14	Garrett Larimer	6.0	Permian Basin	Odessa

Kindergarten

(82 players, rounds. TD: Brenda Hardesty)

1	Fernando Mendez	5.0	Victoria Heights	Brownsville
2	Jonathan Chin	5.0	Denton Creek	Coppel
3	Oscar Olivares	4.0	Garden Park	Brownsville
4	Daniel Sweeney	4.0	Trinity Episcopal	Austin
5	Luis Munoz	4.0	Cromack	Brownsville
6	Javier Ortiz	4.0	Garza	Brownsville
7	Fernando Spada	4.0	Hudson	Brownsville
8	Rich Tarpey	4.0	Paredes	Brownsville
9	Mario Gomez	4.0	Paredes	Brownsville
10	Alejandro Flores	4.0	Paredes	Brownsville
11	Christo McIntyre	4.0	NETCACHE	Fort Worth
12	Elliott Chaney	4.0	Episcopal Day	Brownsville

Kindergarten Team

1	Paredes Elementary	Brownsville	15.0
2	Garden Park Elementary	Brownsville	13.5
3	Hudson Elementary	Brownsville	11.5
4	Garza Elementary	San Benito	11.0
5	Victoria Heights	Brownsville	10.5
6	Landrum Elementary	San Benito	8.0
7	Episcopal Day	Brownsville	7.5
8	First Baptist Academy	Dallas	7.5

Primary Championship

(players, rounds. TD: George John)

1	Jason Jia	7.0	Dartmouth	Richardson
2	Christian Lay	7.0	Spicewood	Austin
3	Eric Lu	6.0	Laurel Mountain	Austin
4	Roel Cantu	6.0	Russell	Brownsville
5	Viswan Sundaresan	6.0	Meadowcreek	Fort Worth
6	Ian Santos	6.0	Paredes	Brownsville
7	Hailey Winston	5.5	Hockaday	Dallas
8	Kathleen Prebble	5.5	Russell	Brownsville

Primary U700

(284 players, 7 rounds.)

1	Courtney Chin	7.0	DDenton	Denton
2	Enrique Garcia	7.0	Waitz	Mission
3	Spencer Morris	6.0	John Cooper	The Woodlands
4	Johnny Longoria	6.0	Sacred Heart	Uvalde
5	Daniel Maves	6.0	La Encantada	San Benito



Primary co-champion Jason Jia

Primary Team

1	Greenhill School	Dallas	20.0
2	Russell Elementary	Brownsville	20.0

3 Paredes Elementary	Brownsville	19.0
4 John Cooper School	The Woodlands	17.5
5 Hudson Elementary	Brownsville	16.0
6 Laurel Mountain	Austin	13.5
7 Keystone School	San Antonio	13.0

Primary U700 Team

1 Waitz Elementary	Mission	22.0
2 John Cooper School	The Woodlands	21.0
3 Hudson Elementary	Brownsville	20.5
4 First Baptist Academy	Dallas	19.5
5 La Encantada	San Benito	19.5
6 Raul Garza Jr. Elementary	San Benito	19.5
7 Americo Paredes Elem.	Brownsville	19.0
8 The Village School	Houston	19.0
9 Benavides Elementary	Brownsville	19.0

Elementary Championship

(238 players, 7 rounds. TD: Bob James)

1 Courtney Jamison	7.0	A.H. Meadows	Plano
2 John Lasley	6.5	Brock Elementary	Brock
3 Francisco Hamaiz	6.5	Luther Jones	Corpus Christi
4 William Ong	6.0	Village School	Houston
5 Angel Bohannon	6.0	Windsor Park	Corpus Christi
6 Kenny Lea	6.0	Brinker	Plano
7 Ryan Kuffel	6.0	Luther Jones	Corpus Christi
8 Andrew Ortiz	6.0	Hudson	Brownsville

Elementary U800

(292 players, 7 rounds.)

1 Andy Maldonado	7.0	Benavides	Brownsville
2 Abhishek Mallela	7.0	Coppell	Coppell
3 Juan Millan	6.0	La Encantada	San Benito
4 Jonny Kalmeyer	6.0	Wyatt	Plano
5 Liliana Ortiz	6.0	Waitz	Mission
6 Ruchit Nagar	6.0	Village School	Houston
7 Daniel Hung	6.0	Villareal	Olmito
8 Louis De La Cruz	6.0	Salinas	Mission
9 Miguel Gonzalez	6.0	Hudson	Brownsville
10 Ian Szumila	6.0	Richardson	Richardson
11 Christian Soto	6.0	Victoria Hts.	Brownsville
12 Shame Kyra	6.0	Villareal	Olmito
13 Reign Sparks	6.0	Harker Hts.	Harker Heights
14 Justin Zhao	6.0	Mathews	Plano

Elementary Team

1 Village School	Houston	21.0
2 Hudson	Brownsville	20.5
3 Paredes	Brownsville	20.0
4 Gullede	Plano	19.0
5 Russell	Brownsville	19.0
6 Northern Oaks	Austin	18.5
7 N.L. Trevino	Edinburg	17.5

Elementary U800 Team

1 La Encantada	San Benito	21.5
2 Waitz	Mission	21.0
3 Villareal	Olmito	20.5

4 Esteban Salinas	Mission	20.0
5 Raul Garza	San Benito	19.5
6 Hudson	Brownsville	19.5
7 Ed Downs	San Benito	19.5

Middle School Championship

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

1 Peter Yeh	7.0	Apollo JHS	Richardson
2 Stephen Rugh	7.0	Kingsville	Kingsville
3 David Wang	6.0	Lanier	Houston
4 Nate Findley	6.0	Schimelpfenig	Plano
5 Michael Jennings	6.0	Episcopal School	Dallas
6 Clayton Swafford	6.0	H.F. Stevens	Crowley
7 Connor Haley	6.0	Cistercian	Irving
8 Guillermo Pallares	6.0	Ysleta	El Paso

Middle School U900

(242 players, 7 rounds.)

1 Jerry Perez	7.0	Cordova	El Paso
2 Ryan Henson	6.5	Glenview	Fort Worth
3 Thuong Le	6.0	Wm. Adams	Alice
4 Gustavo Estrada	6.0	Cordova	El Paso
5 Dan Cardenas	6.0	Garza	Edinburg
6 Matthew Esparza	6.0	Cordova	El Paso
7 Tapiwa Gwaze	6.0	Jane Long	Bryan
8 Alexander Ryan	6.0	Doerre	Spring
9 Armando Romo	6.0	Perkins	Brownsville
10 Leonel Moran	6.0	Lucio	Brownsville
11 Justin Babin	6.0	Judson	San Antonio

Middle School Team

1 Vela	Brownsville	21.0
2 Lanier	Houston	19.5
3 Oliveira	Brownsville	19.5
4 Schimelpfenig	Plano	18.5
5 Lucio	Brownsville	16.0
6 Apollo	Richardson	15.5
7 Sharpstown	Houston	15.5

Middle School U900 Team

1 Carlos Cordova	El Paso	24.0
2 Ysleta	El Paso	21.5
3 Perkins	Brownsville	21.0
4 B.L. Garza	Edinburg	21.0
5 Vela	Brownsville	20.0
6 Central	Brownsville	20.0
7 William Adams	Alice	20.0

High School Championship

(175 players, 7 rounds. TD: Fred Roper)

1 Alex Chua	7.0	Vines	Plano
2 Daniel Nelson	6.0	Homeschooled	Plano
3 Albert Yeh	6.0	Berkner	Richardson
4 Bo Githoro	6.0	Lamar	Houston
5 Peter Tull	6.0	Westwood	Austin
6 Bryan Pernes	5.5	Arlington Hts.	Fort Worth
7 John Sneed	5.5	Grace Prep.	Arlington
8 Vicente Flores	5.5	Pertter	Brownsville
9 Brad Munoz	5.5	Klein	Spring
10 Curtis Brooks	5.5	Westside	Houston



High school champion Alex Chua

11 Arturo Gracia	5.5 Hanna	Brownsville
12 Jeffrey Sneden	5.5 LBJ	Austin
13 Nate Conrad	5.5 St. Mark's	Dallas

High School U1000
(138 players, 7 rounds.)

1 Nellie Leo	7.0 La Joya	La Joya
2 Winston Thompson	6.0 R.L. Turner	Carrollton
3 Henry Leo	6.0 Jimmy Carter	La Joya
4 Ryan Sanchez	6.0 JFK	San Antonio
5 Manuel Ibarra	6.0 Hanna	Brownsville
6 Arthur Dunbar	5.5 Cypress Creek	Houston
7 Rafael Garcia	5.5 Hanna	Brownsville
8 Steven Flores	5.5 Livingway	Brownsville
9 Shane Senft	5.5 S.A. Christian	San Antonio
10 Jose Munoz	5.5 Alice	Alice

High School Team

1 Bellaire	Bellaire	19.5
2 Porter	Brownsville	18.5
3 Hanna	Brownsville	18.5
4 Klein	Spring	18.0
5 St. Mark's	Dallas	18.0

High School U1000Team

1 Hanna	Brownsville	21.5
2 R.L. Turner	Carrollton	20.0
3 La Joya	Mission	19.5
4 Stephen F. Austin	Houston	18.0
5 Lamar	Arlington	18.0

Collegiate Championship
(25 players, 7 rounds. TD: Gary Gaiffe)

1 Mage Panchanathan	6.5 UT-Dallas	Dallas
2 John W. Cole	5.5 UT-Dallas	Dallas
3 William Molina	5.0 St. Edward's	Austin
4 Trung Nguyen	5.0 St. Edward's	Austin
5 Erick Vallarino	4.5 UT-Brownsville	Brownsville
6 Victor A. Flores	4.5 UT-Brownsville	Brownsville

Collegiate Team

1 UT-Dallas	Dallas	19.5
2 UT-Brownsville	Brownsville	16.5
3 Tx. State Tech.	Harlingen	12.0
4 St. Edward's	Austin	10.0
5 U. of North Texas	Denton	9.0

K-5 Blitz Championship

1 Courtney Jamison	5.0
2 William Ong	4.0
3 Aaron Solivas	4.0
4 Andrew Beeli	4.0

K-12 Blitz Championship

1 Peter Yeh	6.0
2 Curtis Brooks	5.0
3 Chris Hobart	5.0
4 Brad Sawyer	5.0
5 Laura Lindzey	5.0



Nice outfit! First grader Marisa Salatino played the National Anthem on violin for the opening ceremonies.

Courtney's Clean Sweep

by Nina Martin

Fifth grader Courtney Jamison, current Texas Elementary Champion, added a page to state chess history books at the 2003 State Scholastic tournament held March 1-2 in Dallas. The eleven year old won not only the Elementary Championship title, but also finished first in K-5 Blitz and K-5 Bughouse (with longtime partner Melinda Shokler.)

Courtney's "triple crown" success at the 2003 Texas State Scholastic was the result of much hard work and a determined, enthusiastic attitude. Since her first official tournament, played at the Dallas Chess Club in July, 1998, she has been dedicated, focused, and highly motivated to advance her chess game.

At A.H. Meadows Elementary in Plano, Courtney is a straight-A student who also studies piano and was selected to participate in the Plano Children's Chorale Choir. She is humble about her accomplishments and is an outstanding role model for girls starting out in chess.

"It's great for a female to win a title, especially in this male-dominated game," adds her mother, Helen, a familiar fixture herself in the local chess scene. "I hope it will encourage other girls to take up chess. I see a couple of girls playing in the lower sections on Friday nights at the Dallas Chess Club that possess the same qualities Courtney had at their ages."

Over the years, Courtney has studied with many Texas chess legends, including the late Steven Grubbs, IM Rade Milovanovic, Jason Doss, DCC President Luis Salinas, Andrei Dokuchaev and currently, GM Babakuli Annakov. On the lighter side, Courtney loves to compete in blitz and bughouse and excels in both. Melinda Shokler has been her bughouse partner for over three years, and a deep enduring friendship has formed in the process. They love to win, particularly against the boys, and have many trophies to prove it!

Courtney's efforts have won the respect and admiration of many leaders in the Texas chess community. Dr. Alexey Root of the UTD Chess Program, describes her best in the following statement:

"Courtney shows a maturity at the chess board that is rare for her age. She is serious, careful, dedicated and her chess moves reflect her thoughtful approach to the game."

A fitting tribute to this rising star in Texas chess. ♣



Courtney Jamison flanked by TD Bob James and Southwest Chess organizer Brad Bradford



Bughouse co-champion Melinda Shokler

Puzzlist and chess problem composer Sam Loyd (1841-1911) created stalemate from the starting position in an incredible ten moves: 1.e3 a5 2.Qh5 Ra6 3.Qxa5 h5 4.Qxc7 Ra6 5.h4 f6 6.Qxd7+ Kf7 7.Qxb7 Qd3 8.Qxb8 Qh7 9.Qxc8 Kg6 10.Qe6 stalemate!

He also determined the shortest way to a perpetual check: 1.f4 e5 2.Kf2 Qf6 3.Kg3 Qxf4+ 4.Kh3 Qh6+, etc.

And he discovered a discovered mate in four: 1.f3 e5 2.Kf2 h5 3.Kg3 h4+ 4.Kg4 d5#.

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Games from the Texas Team

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Ruy Lopez Berlin C67

Selby Anderson 2283

Future Senior Champions

Sonny Kamberi 2334

MSU-Dallas

Texas Team 2003 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6

The Berlin Defense, made popular in recent times by World Champion Vladimir Kramnik.

4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6

7. dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3

Ke8 10.h3 a5 11.b3 Ne7

Knowing Sonny, this is the latest theory. Sutovsky-Timoschenko, Valle d'Aosta 2002, continued 11...Bb4 12.Bb2 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Be6 14.g4 Ne7 15.Nd4 c5 16. Nxe6 fxe6 17.f4 g6 18.a4 b6 19.Rad1 Rb8 20. Kg2 Nd5 21.Bd2 Rd8 22.Kg3 Nb4 23.Bxb4 cxb4 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25. Kf3 Ke7 26.Ke3, and was eventually drawn.

12.Ba3 Ng6 13.Bxf8 Nxf8 14.Rad1

Ne6 15.Rd2 Ke7 16.Rfd1 Rd8 17.

Rxd8 Nxd8 18.Nd4 g6 19.a3 Ne6

20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.g4 c5 22.Nd5+?

(22.Nb5) Bxd5 23.Rxd5 b6 24.a4

Ke6 25.c4 g5 26.h4?



Selby may have been afraid of 26.Kg2 c6!? 27.Rd6+ Kxe5 28.Rxc6

Rb8 and the Black king attacks White's queenside pawns, but I believe White's more active rook gives him the advantage. For example, 29.Rh6! Kd4 30.Rxh7 Kc3 (30...Rb7 31.h4 gxh4 32.Rxh4 Kc3 33.Rh3+-) 31.Rxf7 Kxb3 32.f4 Kxa4 (Or 32...gxf4 33.g5 Kxa4 34.h4 Kb3 35.g6 a4 36.g7 Rg8 37.h5 a3 38.h6 a2 39.Ra7+-) 33.fxg5 Kb3 34.h4 a4 (not 34...Ra8?? 35.g6 a4 36.g7+-) 35.h5 a3 (35...Ra8 fails again, this time to 36.g6 a3 37.g7 a2 38.Rf1+-) 36.Ra7 a2 37.g6 Rg8 38.g5 Kb2 39.Kf3 a1(Q) 40.Rxa1 Kxa1 41.Kg4 b5 42.h6 b4 43.h7 Rxg6 44.h8Q+-.

26.Kf1 (Kamberi) prepares to cover the center squares against rook entry: 26.Kf1 Rc8 27.Ke2 c6 28.Rd6+ Ke5 29.Rh6 Rc7 30. Rxh7 Kf4 =. Or 26...h5 27.Kg2 hxg4 28. hxg4 Rc8 29.f3 c6 30.Rd6+ Kxe5 31.Rd7 and the active rook is worth the pawn.

26...h5! 27.Kg2 hxg4 28.hxg5 Rg8

29.Kg3 Rgx5 30.Kf4?

Wozy, White hastens the end. 30.Rd8 was necessary, with a thankless defensive chore ahead.

30...Rf5+ 31.Kxg4 Rxf2 32.Kg3

Rb2 33.Rd3 Ke5 34.Kf3 c6 0-1

Sicilian Alapin B22

Keith Hayward 2281

MSU-Dallas

Jim Gallagher 2204

Future Senior Champions

Texas Team 2003 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Qa5

The earliest record of this move that I can find is Alapin-Tarrasch, 1898. So much for Tarrasch's reputation for being completely dogmatic concerning his opening play!

3.Na3

A good reaction; the knight will get to the center with tempo after hitting the Black queen (Nc4).

3...e6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc4 Qc7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4

Planning on using the half-open d-file at some point. 7.cxd4 d5 8. exd5 exd5 9.Nce5 Nf6 doesn't seem to cause any problems for Black.

7...Nxd4 8.Qxd4 b5 9.Ne3 Rb8 10. Be2 Nf6 11.e5 Bc5 12.Qf4 0-0 13. 0-0 d5 14.exd6

14.Nf5 Ne4 15.Ng3 f5 is better for Black.

14...Bxd6 15.Qh4 Bb7 16.Bd2

Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Ba8 18.Rac1 Ne4

19.Be1 Bc5 20.Bd3 Be7 21. Qh3

Ng5 22.Qg3 Qxg3 23.hxg3 Ne4 24. Be2 Bc5

Aggressive, but probably not the best. This position is much easier for White to play once he gets his queenside majority rolling. Better is 24...a6.

25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.Bxb5 Nxd3



27.b4 Bb6 28.a4 Bc6 29.Rd1 Rxd1

30.Nxd1 Bxb5 31.axb5 Nf5 32.c4

Bc7 33.Bc3 h5 34.Kf1 g5 35.Ne3

Nd6 36.Bd4 Nc8 37.c5 Kf8 38. Ne4 Ke7?

Black's last move was a subtle mistake, giving White a quick forced win. Necessary was 38...Ke8.

39.b6 +- axb6 40.cxb6 Bb8 41. Bc5+?

Missing 41.Ne5 (threatening 42. Nc6+) 41...Kd6 (41...Bxe5 42.b7 Nb6 43.Bxe5+; 41...Ke8 42.Nc6+) 42.Nxf7+ Kd5 43.Be5! Nd6 (43... Bxe5 44.b7 Nb6 45.Nxe5 covers d7 and the b-pawn queens) 44.Bxd6 Bxd6 45.b7 Bb8 46.Nxg5+-.

41...Kd7 42.b5?

2.b7 Ne7 43.Bd6 Bxd6 44.Nxd6 Kc7 45.Nxf7 +/-.

42...Nd6?

42...Ne7! and I'm having trouble finding a win for White anymore.

43.Ne5+ Kc8 44.Bxd6 Bxd6 45. Nxf7 Be7 46.Ne5 Kb7 47.Nc4 Bc5 48.f3 Bxb6 49.Ke2 Bc7 50.Kd3 Bf4 51.Kd4 Bg3 52.Kc5 h4

The only way to fight on is 52... Bf2+ 53.Kd6 g4 54.fxg4 hxg4 55. Kxe6 g3. Now White finishes things quickly.

53.Nd6+ Kc7 54.b6+ Kd7 55.Ne4 Bf4 56.Kb5 Kc8 57.Kc6 Kb8 58.Nc5 1-0

Catalan Opening E01

Timo Paakkonen 2358

Space City Chess Club

Richard Ketcham 2232

Mikhail Isn't Holding Us Back . . .

Texas Team 2003 (2)

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.Nf3 Nbd7 4. d4 e6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4

A more aggressive treatment for Black is 8...Nxe4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10. Ng5 Nf6 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 f5! 13.Bg2 f4 14.Qe2 Qf6 15.gxf4 Bd7 16.Be3 Qh4 as in Opocensky-Augustin, Jablonec 1962 (eventually drawn).

8...dxe4 9.Ng5 e5

Another idea is 9...Re8 10.Ngxe4 Bf8 with an eventual ...e5 break.

10.Ngxe4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12. d5 cxd5 13.cxd5 f5 14.d6 fxe4 15. dxe7 Qxe7 16.Bxe4 Nf6 17.Bg2 e4 18.Bg5 Bf5 19.Qb3+ Kh8 20.Rfe1 h6 21.Bd2 Rfd8 22.Bb4 Qc7 23. Rac1 Qb6 24.Qa3 Rd3 25.Qa5

Qe6

25...Qxa5 26.Bxa5 b6 27.Bc3 Re8 28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.Rc6 looks joyless for Black.

26.Bf1 b6 27.Qb5 Rd5 28.Qc6 Qxc6 29.Rxc6 a5?

I think Richard was already under some time pressure here. 29... Rad8 looks roughly level.

30.Bc3



30...Nd7??

30...Rb8 with advantage to White.

31.Rxh6+ Bh7 32.Rxe4 Kg8 33. Rg4 Ne5 34.Bc4 Nxg4 35.Bxd5+ Kf8 36.Rxh7 1-0

Stonewall Attack D00

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Texas Team 2003 (2)

1.e3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nd2

Looks like John has been going over some old games. Marshall has played this in 1912, Reti in 1919, Breyer and Tartakower in 1921, etc. 3...b6

Chris replies with a novelty. To think that there are people who complain that there's no room for innovations in the opening anymore! Other moves played here before include: (a) 3...c5 4.c3 Nc6 5. f4 Bg4 6.Qa4 e6 7.Ng3 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.Bb5 Qb6 11.c4

0-0 was Marshall-Teichmann, Breslau 1912 (which I'll helpfully assess as "unclear"); (b) 3...g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Ng3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 (Hartman-Pritchett, Stockholm 1988) gives us a traditional Dutch Stonewall in reverse; (c) 3...Bg4!? 4. Be2 Bxe2 5.Qxe2 c6 6. Ngf3 Nbd7 7.b3 e6 8.Bb2 Be7 9.0-0 10.c4 c5 Essa-Tayeb,Dubai 1999.

4.Bd3 Bb7 5.c3 e6 6.f4 Nbd7 7. Ngf3 Ne4 8.0-0 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10. Qh5 f5 11. Ndf3 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bd6 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Bd2

Better is 14.b3. The difference in the activity of each side's queen bishop is a significant factor in Black's favor.

14...Ba6 15.Rf2 Qe8 16.Qh3?!

Attempting to keep an aggressive stance on the kingside, but it doesn't work. Better is 16.Qxe8 Rfxe8 17.b3 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Bd3.

16...Bxe5

Playing it safe (after all, this is a team competition). Fritz 8 suggests the rook lift 16...Rf6!? giving Black a definite advantage. Chris plans to probe White's queenside, using the light squares as targets.

17.fxe5 Qb5 18.b3 c5 19.c4 Qd7 20.Bc3 b5 21.cxb5 Qxb5 22.Rd1 cxd4 23.exd4 Rad8 24. Qe3 Rd5 25.h3 Rd7 26.Kh2 Bb7 27.Bb2 Qa5 28.Rdf1 Bd5

28...Qxa2?? 29.Ra1 f4 30.Qc3 and Black's queen is trapped.

29.Bc3 Qb5 30.g4 g6 31.Qg3 Rdf7 32.Bd2 Qd3 33.Bb4



33...Rc8

33...e3!? is another interesting try: 34.gxf5 (34.Rf4 Rc8 and the weakness of White's second rank settles matters in Black's favor) 34...Qxd4 35.Rf4 Rxf5! 36.Rxd4 Rxf1 37.Qxe3 R8f2+ 38.Qxf2 (38.Kg3? Rg2+ 39.Kh4 Rf5 and the threat of ...Rh5# wins material) 38...Rxf2+ 39.Kg3 Rxa2.

34.gxf5 exf5 35.Qxd3 exd3 36.Rd1 Rc2 37.Rdd2 Be4 38.Kg3 Rc1 39.Kf4

Giving up the Exchange to kill the d-pawn may be needed at this point: 39.Rf3!? Bxf3 40.Kxf3 Rb7 41.Bd6 and White's connected passed center pawns compensate for the material deficit. John was attracted to the plan of pushing his e-pawn and bring his king to e5, but Chris prevents this with a nice pawn sacrifice.

39...g5+! 40. Kxg5 f4!

Cutting off the king's retreat.

41.Rxf4??

Losing immediately, but the alternative is not pleasant: 41.Kh4 Rg1 42.Bd6 f3 43.e6 (forced) 43...Rf6 44.Bg3 Rxe6 and White's all tied up.

41...h6+ 42.Kxh6 Rxf4 43.Kg5 Rf5+ 44.Kh4 Rg1 45.e6 Rf4+ 0-1

Bishop's Opening C24

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Texas Team 2003 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 d5?! (4...Be7) 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0

(Diagram next column)

6...Bg4

This move has had pretty bad results over the years. More solid is 6...Nb6 7.Bb3 Bd6. Remizov-Kuzmina, Decin Open 1998 continued 6...Bc5 7.Re1 0-0 8. Nxe5 Qh4 9.Nf3 Qxf2+ 10.Kh1 Nf6 11.Rf1 Ng4 12. Nc3 Qxf1+ 13.Qxf1 Nf2+ 14.Kg1 Nh3+ 15.Kh1 Nf2 ±.



Position after 6.0-0

7.Re1 f6?

7...Be7 was necessary. [7...Be7 8.h3 (a) 8...Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nf6 10.Bb5 ± (b) 8...Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nxe5 ± Leonhardt-Marshall, Barmen 1905.]

8.Nxe5! Bxd1?

Dropping a piece. Necessary was 8...f6 9.Qxg4 Nf6, but White is still winning.

9.Nxc6+ Be7 10.Nxd8 Rxd8 11. Rxd1 1-0

KI Attack A08

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Texas Team 2003 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Nbd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c3 f6

Uncommon, but it doesn't look bad. Other choices include: (a) 8...d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.a3 e5 Anagnostopoulos-Johannessen, Bergen 2002; (b) 8...Qc7 9.Qc2 b6 10.Re1 Bb7, drawn in Ristic-Kirov, Dieren 1990; (c) 8...Rb8 9.Qe2 Bc7 10.a3 a5 11. Rd1 a4. Yermolinsky-Luther, New York 1998 continued 12.d4 cxd4 13. cxd4 Na5 14.Ne5 Nec6 15.Ndf3 Nb3 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Rb1 Rb6 18. Qc2 Ba6 19.Be3 Bb5 20.h4 Rb7 21. Ng5 h6 22.exd5 hxg5 23.dxc6 with a complicated struggle that White eventually won.

9.Nh4 Kh8 10.f4 d4 11.c4 Bd7 12. Ndf3 a6 13.Qe2 e5 14.f5 b5 15.b3 bxc4 16.bxc4 Rb8 17.g4 Bc7 18.g5 Be8 19.Ne1 Ng8 20.Qg4 ffg5 21. Bxg5 Nf6 22.Qh3 Kg8 23.Bf3 Qd6 24.Kh1 Bd8 25.Rg1 Nh5

Black might want to start thinking about getting more active with 25...Rb2. [Black's plan of simplification runs into a clearance sac to prepare Nf5. No better is 25...Bh5 26.Bxh5 Nxh5 27.f6 g6 28.Nf5 gxf5 29. Bh6+ Kh8 30.Qxh5 +- SKA.]



26.f6!? Bd7

26...Bxf6? 27.Nf5 +- hitting Black's queen on d6 and knight on h5. 26...Nxf6 doesn't look very good after 27.Nf5 Bd7 [27...Qc7 28.Nxg7 +-] 28.Qg2 Bxf5 29.exf5 with the edge to White.

27.Bg4?!

Thematic in that King's Indian players typically strive to trade off the king's bishop (the one hemmed in by the pawn chain). Better for White was 27.Qg2 Nxf6 28.Bh6! forcing Black into 28...Ng4 29.Bxg4 Bxg4 30.Nf5 Rxf5 31.exf5 Qxh6 32.Qd5+ Kh8 33.Rxg4 ±.

27...Nxf6 28.Bf5 g6?

A tempting move, but too weakening. 28...Rf7 appears to be an improvement: 29.Bxd7 Qxd7 30.Nf5 Kh8.

29.Bh6 Bxf5?

Black needs to jettison material to slow down White's attack. 29...

Ne7 30.Bxf8 Kxf8 31.Bxd7 Qxd7
 ±. [On 29...Rf7, 30.Nxg6! is crush-
 ing, e.g. 30...Bxf5 31.exf5 hxg6 32.
 Rxc6+ Kh8 33.Bg7+ Kg8 34.Qh8#.]
 30.Nxf5



“Good is the enemy of best.” In
 this case, 30.exf5! is a much simpler
 way to win. Now Black manages to
 whip up counterplay.

30...Qd7 31.Bxf8 Kxf8 32.Qh6+
 Ke8 33.Ng7+ Ke7 34.Nf3 Kd6 35.
 Rab1 Rxb1 36.Rxb1 Nb4 37.Nxe5!
 Kxe5

The last chance to continue the
 struggle was 37...Qe7! 38.Rxb4 (not
 38.Nf3 Nxd3 39.e5+ Nxe5 40.Qf4
 Nfg4 41.h3 Nf2+ 42.Kg2 Nfd3 =)
 38...cxb4 ±. The White knight on g7
 is looking rather silly.
 38.Qg5+ Kd6 39.e5+ Kc7 40.exf6
 Qc6+ 41.Kg1 1-0

Trompovsky Attack A45

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Dallas Squares

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Texas Team 2003 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c3 d5 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.
 Nd2 e6 5.e3 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.f4 c5
 8.Ngf3 Ng4 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.
 Bxh7+ Kh8

10...Kxh7 11.Ng5+ Kg8 12.
 Qxg4.

11.Bd3

Bad is 11.Ng5 Nxe3 12.Qe2 f6
 13.Qxe3 fxg5 14.Qh3 g4 15.Qh5

Nf6 16.Qh4 g5 +- as in Schultze-
 Hartmann, Mainz Open 1995.

11...Nxe3 12.Qe2 Ng4 13.b3 Ngf6
 14.g4 cxd4 15.cxd4 b5?!

15...Nxg4!?! 16.Qg2 Nh6 and
 White has definite compensation for
 the pawn investment.

16.0-0-0

16.g5!?! Nh5 17.Qe3 is another
 way that seems to give White the
 advantage: 17...a6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.
 fxe5 g6.

16...Bb7 17.Kb1 a5 18.Ne5 b4?!

This seems too slow. 18...a4 19.
 Ra1 Rfc8 20.g5 Nxe5 21.fxe5 axb3
 22.a3 Ne4 looked like the way to
 go.

19.g5 Ne4?



Black can no longer tolerate the
 White knight on e5; he needed to
 interpose 19...Nxe5 20.fxe5 (20.
 gxf6? Nxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Qxf6+) and
 only then play 20...Ne4 21.Nxe4
 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Qxg5.

Of course, it would take nerves
 of steel (or the “nerves” of a com-
 puter) to play the Black side of 24.
 Rhg1 Qh6 25.Rg4 f5 (forced) 26.
 exf6 Qxf6 27.Rh4+ Kg8 28.Qh7+
 Kf7 29.Rg4 Ra7! 30.Rdg1 and
 White’s attack endures.

20.g6

Or 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qh5+ Kg8
 22.g6 Nf6 23.Qh3 and White is win-
 ning.

20...Ndf6?

Better is 20...Kg8 21.Qh5 Ndf6

22.Qh4 but White’s attack will
 crash through.

21.gxf7 Kh7 22.Ndf3

Sufficient, but quicker is 22.Qg2
 Rxf7 23.Qh3+ Kg8 24.Ng6.

22...g6 23.Rhg1 (23.Qg2) Rf7 24.
 Ng5+ Nxg5 25.Bxg6+ Kg7 26.
 Bxf7 1-0

QGD Semi-Tarrasch D41

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Texas Team 2003 (3)

1.Nf3 e5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
 Nxd5 5.d4 e6 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3
 Be7

Much more common is 7...cxd4
 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2
 0-0 11.Bc4 Nc6 12.0-0, with an edge
 for White.

8.Bc4

8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6
 11.a3 Na5 12.Rb1 Rc8 13.Ne5 Be8
 14.Qg4 Kh8 15.Bb2 ± Khurtsidze-
 Kuzmin, Moscow 2002.

8...0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Bf4
 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6 13.Rfd1 Na5
 14.Ba6 Bxa6 15.Qxa6 Qc8 16.Qd3
 Qc4 17.Rac1 Qxa2



18.d5 (18.Rc7!?) Bc5 19.Rc2 Qb3
 20.Rc3 Qa2 21.Rc2 Qb3 22.Rc3
 Qa2 23.Rc2

Draw

Dutch Stonewall D85

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Texas Team 2003 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bf4 f5 5.e3 Nf6 6.h3

6.Qc2 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0-0 Miton-Speck, Biel 1997; 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Nge2 Qe7 8.0-0 0-0 Lesiege-Belorusov, Bermuda 2002.

6...Be7 7.g4 0-0 8.gxf5 exf5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bc4 Be6 11.Qb3



11...b5!

Also in the spirit of this crazy opening is 11...Bb4!? 12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.Qxb4 Bxh1 14.Qxb7 Nd7 and I think that Black is a bit better. As played, it appears that Black keeps a pull.

12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 cxd5 15.Nf3 Rc8 16.Kd2 Nd7 17.Ne5 Nb6!

White is going to have some difficulties on the queenside since his dark-squared bishop is hanging around on the kingside.

18.Rhc1

18.Kd3 a5 19.b3 looks weaker.

18...Nc4+ 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.Rc2 a5 21. f3 a4 22.e4 fxe4 23.fxe4 a3 24.b3?

The quiet 24.Ke2 looks worth a try here. 24.Rb1 forces White to sacrifice the Exchange: 24...axb2 25.

Rbxb2 c3+! 26.Rxc3 Bb4! 27.Rxb4 Rxa2+ 28.Kd3 dxe4+ 29.Kxe4 Rxc3. Even after 30.Rb8+ Kf7 31.Rb7+ Kg6 32.Be5 Re2+ 33.Kd5 Rxb3 34.Rxg7+ Kf5 I don't believe White has enough compensation for the material deficit.

24...Bb4+

Or 24...cxb3 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.axb3 Bb4+ 27.Kd1 Rf8 and White's weak first rank decides.

25.Kd1

25.Ke2 doesn't really change things: 25...cxb3 26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.axb3 Rc2+ 28.Kf3 a2+

25...cxb3

Quicker is 25...Rf8: 26.Rf2 Bc3 27.Rb1 Bxd4 28.Rd2 Bb2 +.

26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.axb3 dxe4

Again, 27...Rf8 appears strong: 28.Bc1 Rf1+ 29.Ke2 Re1+ 30.Kf2 dxe4 and White's all tied up.

28.Bd2 Bd6 29.b4 Rc4 30. Rxa3 Rxd4 31.Ke2??

Overlooking Black's next. 31. Ke1 Bxb4 32.Bxb4 Rxb4 33.Ke2 should win for Black, though it's going to take quite a while.

31...Rxd2+! 0-1

Sicilian Alapin B22

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Texas Team 2003 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 d5 9.h3 Bf5 10.Nc3 e6 11.Bg5 Be7

More popular is 11...Qd7 as in Schmitz-Thorfinnsson, Rejkjavik 2000: 12.Bc2 Bg6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Rc1 Nc4 15.Qe2 a6 16.0-0 b5 17.b3 N4a5 18.Nb1 Be7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Rc2 0-0 21.Rfc1 Rfc8 and Black was fine.

12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rc1 a6 15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Bxa4 Nb4 17.a3 Nd3 18.Rc2 Nf4

18...b5!? 19.Bb3 a5 =+.

19.Rc3 Rac8 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Qd2 g5 22.h4 h6 23.g3 Nh3+ 24.Kh2 Kg7

24...Qc7 25.Bb3 (25.hxg5 Qc4 26.Qd1 hxg5) 25...g4 26.Ng1 looks level.

25.Rc1

Stronger is 25.Bd1! with ideas of 26.Ne1 and 27.g4, embarrassing the Black knight on h3. Black probably has to bail out with 25...gxh4 26.Nxh4 Ng5 27.Nxf5+ exf5+=.

25...Rxc1 26.Qxc1 g4 27.Ng1

27.Ne1!? Nxf2 28.Qe3 Ne4 29.Nd3 Qc7 30.Nf4, but Black is still better.

27...Nxf2 28.Ne2 b5 29.Bd1 Qa7 30.Qd2

30.Nf4 Qxd4? 31.Nh5+ Kg6 32.Nf4+ Kh7 33.Qc7! and White has perpetual check coming up.

30...Qc7 31.Kg1 Ne4 32.Qe3 Qa5 33.b4 Qc7 34.Qb3 Bg6



35.Qc2!!

A clever trap. Richard "drops" a second pawn . . .

35...Qxc2?

. . . and Igor falls for it! The ensuing endgame is unwinnable for Black, as his king cannot penetrate on any of the dark squares. Stronger is 35...Qc4!, allowing Black to continue to probe.

36.Bxc2 Nxg3 37.Nxg3 Bxc2 38.Kf2 Kg6 39.Ke3 f6 40.Kf4 Bd1 41.exf6 Kxf6 42.Nh5+ Kg6 43.Ng3 Bc2 44.Ke5

Now or later, 44.Kxg4 doesn't affect the outcome. Black can't get in.

44...Bf5 45.Kf4 Kf6 46.Nh5+ Ke7 47.Ke5 Bg6 48.Ng3 Be8 49.Nf1 Bd7 50.Ng3 Kf7 51.Ne2 Kg7 52.Ng3 Kg6 53.Kf4 Be8 54.Kxg4 Kf6 55.Kf4 Bg6 56.Nf1 Bc2 57.Ng3 Bg6 58.Nf1 **Draw**

Benko Gambit A58

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Texas Team 2003 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 d6 8.b3 Bg7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Nc3

Extremely rare. White has scored very well with 10.Nh3 Nbd7 11.0-0 (11.Nf4 Nb6 12.h4 is also possible) 11...Qb6 12.Bc3 Rfb8 13.Re1.

10...Nbd7 11. Nf3 Qb6 12.0-0 Rfb8 13.Rb1 c4 14. Nd2 cxb3 15.Nxb3 Bc4 16.Ba1 Qc7 17.Qd2 Ra3 18. Nd4 Rxb1 19.Rxb1 Qa5?!

Allowing White's next with tempo, no less. I'd prefer either 19...Ra6! or 19...Qc5. White is better in either case.

20.Nc6 Qa8 21.Bb2

21.Nxe7+ Kh8 22.Rb4 Bxa2 23. Nb5 Rb3 24.Nxd6 appears decisive.

Ra6 22.a4 Kf8 23.Qe3 Qe8



24.Qd4

The time is ripe for 24.Nb5!, leaving Black dead in the water: 24...Bxb5 (24...Rb6 25.Nc7 Qc8 26. Qxe7+ Kg8 27.a5! Rb3 28.Qxd6+-) 25.axb5 Rb6 26.Bd4 Rb7 27.Na5 Rb8 28.Ba7 Rc8 29.Nc6 and Black will eventually shed material to stop the b-pawn.

24...Nb6 (24...Bb3) 25.Nb5

White could try for a box full of pieces for his queen with 25.a5!? Nfxd5 26.Qxg7+! Kxg7 27.Nxd5+ e5 28.Nc7 Qc8 29.Nxa6 Na4 30. Nab8+-.

25...Bxd5 26.Nb4 Rxa4 27.Nc3?

White has given Black too much wiggling room (never mind material), and it's hard to see any clear way for White to maintain control. The queen sacrifice 27.Nc7 Qb8 28. Nbx5 Rxd4 29.Bxd4 Nfxd5 30. Bxg7+ Kxg7 31.Nxd5 Qa7! 32. Nxb6 Qa2 makes for a tough game ahead.

27...Bxg2 28.Qxb6 Be4 29.Rc1 Nd7 30.Qb5 Ra8 31.Nxe4 Bxb2 32.Rc2 Be5 33.Nc6?! Nb8 34.Qb7 Nxc6 35.Rxc6 Rb8 36.Qa6 Kg7 37. Ng5 Qd7 38.Kg2 h5 39.h4 Rb2 40. e3?? Bxg3

Wins a pawn (41.Kxg3 Qg4+ mates), but 40...Qg4! leaves White helpless against the threat of 41...Bxg3 and 42...Rxf2+ with a mating attack.

0-1

Torre Attack A48

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Texas Team 2003 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 0-0 5.c3 d6 6.e4 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Nh5 9.Be2 N

9.Bc4 e6 10.Qe2 a6 11.0-0 b5 with a sharp struggle in Szeles-Hazai, Keszthely 1981. Selby's choice looks reasonable as well.

9...e5 10.dxe5! Nxc3 11.hxc3 dxe5 12.Nh2 Qd6 13.Ng4 Nc6 14.Nc4 Qg6 15.Nce3 Ne7?!

As Selby pointed out, 15...Rd8 is a much better continuation. White doesn't get to tuck his king safely on the queenside (at least not as quickly) as in the game.

16.Bc4 c6 17. Qf3



17...h5?

An awful slip. Maybe 17...Bxg4!? 18.Nxc4 b5 19.Bb3 c5 ± is playable. If White castles queenside, Black's expansion there could prove useful.

18.Rxh5! Be6

18...Qxh5?? 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20. Qxh5+-.

19.0-0-0 b5 20.Bb3 Bxb3 21.axb3 f5 22.exf5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 Rxf5 24. Qe4

A cute line is 24.Rh6! Rxf3 (24...Bxh6? 25.Qxf5 Qxf5 26. Nxb6+ picks up a piece) 25.Rxg6 Rf5 26.Rxc6 and Black is toast.

24...Qxh5 25.Qxf5 Rf8 26.Qe6+ Qf7 27. Qxc6 Qxb3? 28.Nh6+

Good enough, but 28.Qg6! Rc8 29.Nf6+ Kf8 30.Ne4 and White covers c3 and threatens 31.Rd7 mating. Black has to pitch a rook with 30...Qf7 31.Qxf7+ Kxf7 32.Nd6+.

28...Bxh6

Or 28...Kh7 29.Rh1 Qc4 30.Nf5+ Kg8 31.Qg6 and Black has to give up the Exchange with 31...Rxf5 32. Qh7+ Kf8 33.Qxf5+.

29.Qxh6 Qf7 30.Rd6 Qf5 31.Rg6+ Kf7 32.Rg7+

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Sicilian B50

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Texas Team 2003 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2
Nc6 5.d4 Bg4 6.d5 Bxf3 7.gxf3
Nb8 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Nd2 g6 10.0-0
Bg7 11.f4 Qc7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bf3
c4 14.Qe2 Nb6 15.Rad1 Rae8 16.
Qf1 h6 17.Bh4 e6 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.
Qg2 Kh7 20.Bg3



20...e5 21.Nf1 Nbd7 22.Ne3 b5 23.
fxe5 Nxe5 24.Be2 Nh5 25.Bxh5
gxh5 26.f4 Nd3 27.Rf1 Qc5 28.
Rxd3 cxd3 29.Bf2 Rxf4 30.Nf5
Qc7 31.Nxg7 Rg8 32.Nh5 Rxg2+
33.Kxg2 Qf7 34.Nxf4 Qxf4 35.Bg3
Qxe4+ 36.Kg1 d2 37. Bf4 Qxf4 0-1

Reti Opening A12

Dale Dike 2156

Four Pawns

Trung Nguyen 1657

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Texas Team 2003 (3)

1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3
Bf5 5.b3 e6 6.Nc3 h6 7.0-0 Nbd7
8.d3 Bd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.e3 Nc5 11.
Ne1 a5 12.d4 Nce4 13.f3 Nxc3 14.
Bxc3 Re8 15.Nd3 Bg6 16.Qd2 (16.
a4) a4 17.Rae1 axb3 18.axb3 Ra3

19.e4 Bc7 20.Nc1 dxc4 21.bxc4
Bb6



22.Rd1?! (22.c5) e5 23.c5 Ba5 24.
Bxa5 Qxa5 25.dxe5 Qxc5+ 26.Kh1
Qxe5 27.Ne2 Rea8 28.Nf4 Bh7 29.
Qd4 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Ra1 31.Kg1
Kf8 32.Nd3 Ke7 33.Rxa1 Rxa1+
34.Kf2 Ra2+ 35.Kg1 Rd2 36.Bf1
c5 37.Rc4 b6 38.Rc1 Nd7 39.g4 f6
40.Nf4 Bg8 41.Ne2 Ne5 0-1

Giucoco Piano C50

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Texas Team 2003 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3
Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 h6 7.d4 Bb6



8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.
Nxe5 Nxe4 11.Nd2 Nd6 12.Bb3
Be6 13.Ndc4 Bc5 14.Nxd6+ Bxd6
15.Bxe6 Nxe6 16.Re1 Bxe5 17.

Rxe5 0-0 18.Be3 Rfe8 19.Kf1 Nf8
20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.a4 Ne6 22.Rd1
a6 23.c4 f5 24.b4 f4 25.Bc1 g5 26.
f3 c5 27.b5 Nd4 28.Re1 Rxe1+ 29.
Kxe1 Kf7 30.h4 Kg6 31.hxg5 hxg5
32.Bd2 Nf5 33.Ke2 axb5 34.axb5
Nh4 35.Kf2 Nf5 36.Ba5 Ne3 37.
Bb6 Nxc4 38.Bxc5 and Draw

Vienna Game C26

Keith Hayward 2281

MSU-Dallas

John Bell 2189

Mikhail Isn't Holding Us Back . . .

Texas Team 2003 (4)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 g6
3...Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4 is another way
to play it.
4.h3 Bg7 5.0-0 e5 6.Nc3 h6 7.d3
Nge7 8.Be3 0-0 9.d4 Kh7 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 Bg7
13.Rad1 Be6 14.Bd5 Nxd5 15.
Nxd5 a6

15...f5!?! 16.Bd4 Qd7 17.Rfe1
Rae8 looks interesting.

16.Bd4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 f5!?

From interesting to dubious.



18.Rfe1

White can weaken the Black
pawn structure with 18.e5!. Black
cannot play 18...dxe5 unless he's
willing to pitch a pawn after 19.
Qxe5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Qe8 21.Qxc7+.
18...fxe4 19.Rxe4 Bxd5 20.Qxd5
Qf6 21.f3 Rab8 22.c3 Qf7 23.Qxf7+
Rxf7 24.Rde1 Kg7 25.Kf2 b5 26.
Ke3 Rd8 27.Kd4 c6 28.Re8 Rf4+

29.Kd3 Rxe8 30.Rxe8 b4??

30...Kf7! holds: 31.Rc8 Ra4 32. a3 (32.Rxc6 Rxa2 33.Kc2 Ke6 34. Kb1 Ra4; the attempt to embarrass the Black rook with 35.b3?! Ra5 36.Kb2?? loses to 36...Kd7 37.Rb6 Kc7) 32...c5 =.

31.Rc8 c5 32.Rc6 bxc3 33.Kxc3 Rd4 34.Rxa6 Kf6 35.b4 Kf5?

Exchanging pawns with 35... Rxb4 36.Rxd6+ Kf7 was a better try.

36.bxc5 dxc5 37.Rc6 Ra4 38. Rxc5+ Kf4?

Hastens the end by allowing White to trade rooks.

39.Rc4+ Rxc4 40.Kxc4 Kg3 41.a4 Kxg2 42.a5 Kxf3 43.a6 Kg3 44.a7 Kxh3 45.a8(Q) h5 46.Qg8 h4 47. Kd3 Kh2 48.Ke2 h3 49.Kf2 Kh1 50.Qg7 g5 51.Qa1+ 1-0

QP Opening D00

Igor Shtern 2404

Dallas Squares

Selby Anderson 2283

Future Senior Champions

Texas Team 2003 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c3 d6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4. Nd2 h6 5.Bh4 e5 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Ne2 e4 9.Bc2 d5 10.0-0 0-0 11.c4 b5!?



An intriguing idea, trying to bottle up White's potential counterplay on the queenside.

12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Rc1 a5 14.Bb1 Ba6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Nb3 Qb6 17.

f3 exf3 18.Rxf3 Rac8 19.Ng3 a4

I don't think Black can afford this luxury. I prefer 19...Rxc1 20. Nxc1 Bc8 21.Nf5 (21.Qd3 Re8) 21...B xf5 22.Bxf5 Qc7.

20.Nf5 Bb4 21.a3 axb3?!

This ruins Black's pawn structure. 21...Rxc1 22.Nxc1 Bd6 looks equal.

22.axb4 Rc4 23.Bd3 Rxc1+ 24. Qxc1 Qe6 (24...Re8) 25.Qc5 Re8 26.Qc7 Ne4

Much weaker would be 26. Bxb5?! Bxb5 27.Qxb5 Rc8.

27. Bxe4 dxe4 28.Rf1 Kh8?

28...Kh7 avoids White's check on move 30.

29.Nd6 Re7 30.Nxf7+ Kh7 31.Qf4 Bc8 32.Ne5 Qd5 33.Rc1 Be6 34.h3 Qb7 35.Nc6

Winning the e-pawn, so... 1-0

QGD Tarrasch D32

Jim Gallagher 2204

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Alex Chua 2128

Dallas Squares

Texas Team 2003 (4)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nf3 d4 7.Ne4!?

Very provocative - White normally plays 7.Nd5. I prefer Black here.

7...f5 8.Ng3 Nc6

Not the best. 8...Nf6! 9.e3 (9. Nxe5?? Qa5+) 9...d3 looks quite uncomfortable for White.

9.e3 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 dxe3 11.Bxb4 exf2+ 12. Ke2 Qxd1+ 13.Rxd1

Worse is 13.Kxd1 Nxb4 14. Nxe5 Nf6 with advantage to Black. 13...Nb4 14.Nxe5 Nxa2

Quick development is more important than pawns here. 14...Nf6 15.Kxf2 f4 16.Ne2 0-0 17.Nc3 =.

15.Kxf2 Nb4 16.c5 Be6 17.Bb5+ Ke7 18.Rhe1 Nh6

Bad is 18...Nc2? 19.Nxf5+! Bxf5 20.Ng6+ Kf7 (20...Kf6 21.Rd6+ Kg5 22.h4+) 21.Nxh8+ Kf8 22. Re5+.. 19.Nh5

Black doesn't seem to have a good answer to 19.Rd6!?.

19...Rhd8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Nxg7 a6 22.Nxe6 Rd2+ 23.Kg1 axb5 24. Nf4



24...Kf6??

Overlooking a double attack. 24...Nc2 25.Re2 Rxe2 26.Nxe2 Ke6 =.

25.Nf3

To save his rook on d2, Black must give up his knight on h6.

25...Rb2 26.Re6+ Kg7 27.Nh5+ Kf7 28.Ng5+ Kf8 29. Rxb6 Nd3 30.h4 Nc5 31.Rxh7 Ne4 32.Rxb7

Fritz 8 spotted the amusing 32. Ne6+ Kg8 33.Rg7+ Kh8 34.Nhf4 and mate cannot be stopped.

32...Nd6 33.Ne6+ 1-0
36...Kg8 34.Nf6+ Kh8 35.Rh7#.

Scotch Game C45

Mikhail Langer 2294

Chess Clinic

William Molina 1868

We Are the Material Girls

Texas Team 2003 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7. Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.Nd2 f6 10. Qe4 Nb6 11.exf6 gxf6

A new move. Sax-Ivkov, Novi Sad 1976 continued 11...Qxe4+ 12. Nxe4 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 Nxc4 14.b3 Nd6 and the game was drawn.

12.b3 Qxe4+ 13.Nxe4 Kf7 14.c5

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Denker Tournament of High School Champions

by John Sneed

Last July 27-Aug. 4 I was privileged to represent Texas in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions held in Cherry Hill, NJ. Although Andres Suarez was the Texas High School Champion, he was unable to go, thus allowing me the privilege.

This tournament pits the state high school champions against one another over six days. The Denker is set up so that all of the high school representatives can also participate in the U.S. Open, which is held on the same days and location. Thus, we would play the Denker in the morning and the U.S. Open in the evening.

On the first day I played Kausubh Pimputkar from North Carolina, and won. The second day I played Bruci Lopez from Florida and played well until I passed up an opportunity to trade the bishop pair. It went downhill until the endgame, where I played a little more dangerously and eventually lost. Bruci pointed out afterwards that he felt I could have set up a blockade and drawn.

Of course I was disappointed with the result. However, Lopez turned out to be the big story of the tournament. He was rated USCF 2000 or so, but was FIDE rated at around 2400. He ended up winning his first eight games between the two tournaments, and eventually took first place at the Denker.

I did well the next two days, winning both my Denker games. However, I drew my fifth game and lost my sixth. It was a little bit of a disappointing finish, and in some ways I felt like the tournament lasted one day too long. I couldn't seem to fully concentrate, and I

lost both my last Denker game and my last U.S. Open game by playing poorly as Black against an irregular anti-Sicilian system. On the whole I did fairly well, winning 3.5 out of 6, and playing on the top five tables three times. [*He finished 5-4 in the Open.*]

Besides competing against the best of all the high school players from the 50 states, I found it an honor to also play in the Open. It was the biggest U.S. Open with the most grandmasters ever. You could watch the many demonstration boards from the top tables and see all the master versus master games. It was also fun to see several chess team members from the University of Texas-Dallas there, as that is where I plan to go to college next year.

All in all, I had a great time representing the state of Texas in the Denker, playing against the best and being able to participate in the U.S. Open.

Sicilian Dragon B73

Micharl Simmons (OH) 1826

John Sneed (TX) 1998

Denker Tournament 2002 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7. Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Qb6 10. Qd2? Nxe4 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12. Nxe4 Qxe4 13.Bd3 Qc6 14.f5 Bxb2 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Qf2 Bxa1 17.Rxa1 Qd5 18.Rf1 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20. Qh4 Qh5 21.Qd4 Rac8 22.Qxa7 Rxc2 23.Qxb7 Rxa2 24.Qxe7 Qe5 25.Bg5 Qxe7 26.Bxe7 Re8 27. Bxd6 Ree2 28.Rc1 Rxd2+ 29.Kh1 Rgc2 30.Re1 Ra6 31.Rd1 Kg7 32. Be7 f6 33.Bb4 Raa2 34.Bd6 Rd2 35.Rxd2 Rxd2 36.Bc5 Rc2 37.Be3 g5 38.Kg1 Kg6 39.Bf2 f5 40.Kg2 f4 41.Kf3 Rxf2+ 42.Kxf2 g4 43.Kg2 Kg5 44.Kf2 Kh4 45.Kg2 f3+ 46. Kg1 g3 47.Kh1 g2+ 48.Kg1 Kh3 and 0-1

A game from the Open:

Petroff's Defense C43

John Sneed 1998

Clark Harmon 2206

U.S. Open 2002 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4. dxe5 Be7 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.bxc3 d5 7. Bd3 Nc6 8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 f6 10.Re1 fxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 g6 13. Bh6 Rf7 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Rxd5 Bh4 16.Bc4 Kh8 17.Rad1 c6 18.Rxd7 Rxd7 19.Rxd7 Qxd7 20.Qe5+ 1-0

Taylor tops DACIS event, nets UTD scholarship

Griffin Taylor, a sixth grade student at Stonewall Jackson Elementary, won all five of his games in the eleventh annual Dallas Area Chess-in-the-Schools Tournament, held April 5. For topping the sixth grade section, Griffin was awarded a UTD Distinction Level scholarship. Valued at \$18,000, it covers four years of tuition and fees at UT-Dallas, and includes a housing allowance.

Griffin is a B student, enjoys building with Legos, and aspires to be a photographer. His USCF rating is 767, and he plans to continue competing in chess tournaments. He has taken chess lessons from UTD student Enrique Rios.

Here is Griffin's last round game:

Irregular KP A00

Lorne Reese

Griffin Taylor

DACIS Grade 6 (5)

1.e3 e5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bc5 5.Na4 d6 6.Nxc5 dxc5 7.c4 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Qa4 0-0 10.Qxc6 Bd7 11.Qxc5 Nxe4 12.Qxe5 Bc6 13.Nf3 Re8 14.Qf4 Nc3+ 15.Ne5 f6 16.bxc3 Rxe5+ 17.Kd1 Ba4 mate 0-1

Texas educators are on edge at the top

Ten years after an infusion of \$500 million into higher education in South Texas, the money has run out. What do schools do now?

By Matt Flores

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Editor's note: The story of J.J. Guajardo's success with chess in the classroom at Brownsville's Russell Elementary during the '90s was the lead-in for a feature news article on education finance, published Feb. 25.

In 1990, a teacher with a penchant for chess and a whim faced an unruly group of kids at an impoverished Brownsville elementary school.

They were the kind of children few would have pegged for academic success. They came mostly from families with little educational background and were among the poorest of the poor in the most economically depressed region of the state.

With the school running out of options on how to handle the undisciplined students, J.J. Guajardo, a chess enthusiast armed with time and tolerance, piqued their interest in the game, which is highly reliant on skill, strategy and critical thought.

The misbehavior stopped. And the children excelled in the classroom as much as they did on the chessboard.

In the students' first real test of ability, the school accepted a chess challenge from a crosstown elementary for gifted and talented students. Almost across the board, the Russell Elementary students outplayed their competitors, who had been studying the game far longer.

The triumph turned out to be a precursor for other unpredictable victories.

So adept had the children become at playing chess that their skills the following year took them to competitions at the regional, state and national levels. They placed – or took the top spot outright – every step of the way.

Over time, Guajardo, now a Mission educator, taught other teachers in Brownsville how to play chess, and they taught their students. It became a phenomenon, with success story after success story playing out in Brownsville classrooms from kindergarten to college.

Today, with more than 1,000 student players, the Rio Grande Valley constitutes the largest Texas Chess Association region in the state, even though it is the

smallest in geography. An average of 250 players make up each of the other seven geographic regions of the state.

It's a story many say merits the attention of Hollywood producers, and it's one that Juliet Garcia – the president at the University of Texas at Brownsville, herself a product of Valley schools – loves to tell.

To Garcia, it illustrates the capabilities of young Latinos given opportunities where none existed before. Moreover, she says, it shows what students in the Rio Grande Valley are capable of if given the equal higher education opportunities that their counterparts elsewhere in the state enjoy.

"Something wonderful is going on here," Garcia said. "This is counter to what most people think poor Hispanic children are capable of."

It is a message Garcia relays with great passion, and one which drives her point that the state must increase its college opportunities to South Texans. And it's a theme higher education leaders no doubt will rally around as they attempt to fend off proposals to reduce spending on colleges and universities. [. . .]

You can read the complete story at

<http://news.mysanantonio.com/story.cfm?xla=saen&xlb=320&xlc=954737>

OMOV wants you!

Be part of USCF history and cast your vote in June! The July issue of *Chess Life* (to be mailed before June 10) will contain ballots for the upcoming USCF Executive Board election. OMOV means One Member One Vote, and this will be the first OMOV election in USCF history. Any USCF member, who is age 16 or older at the time of the election and whose membership is current to the end of the month when the election is held, may vote. Eligible members who do not receive *Chess Life* must request a ballot by mail to the USCF office no later than May 20, and should include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Your ballot should be returned no later than July 5 to be assured that it will be counted. Why is your participation important in this election? The USCF needs the best Executive Board members possible. This group wields great power and influence over how well the USCF functions and what its future direction will be. In the past their selection was left to the state delegates and alternate delegates, but at the 2001 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting a motion was passed to transfer this voting power to our members age 16 and older. This election will not be inexpensive. If there is a very low percentage of ballots returned,

the Board of Delegates may decide that the expense of the election is not worthwhile. By voting, you can help assure that your right to vote will not be lost.

There are currently six certified candidates running for three available positions. You will be able to cast as many as three votes. How can you find out more about the candidates? Each candidate will have a 150 word message in the May *Chess Life*, followed by a one-half page statement in each of the June and July issues.

The OMOV motion also called for "reasonable and equitable" space on the USCF website (www.uschess.org) for the candidates to use. Additional information about the candidates can be found on the newsgroup rec.games.chess.politics and on other websites. Please also see the USCF Election section of the TCA website (www.texaschess.org) for links to websites that pertain to this upcoming election.

If you have any questions or comments about the election, please feel free to contact me at george@neosoft.com. I will be absolutely delighted if Texas has a large voter turnout. If you know of any USCF members who will be eligible to vote, who don't get *Texas Knights*, please share this information with them and encourage them to vote.

George John
USCF Delegate, Texas

George plans to post guidelines on bidding for TCA tournaments, as well as tournament rules and regulations, to the TCA website by May 1.

TCA nominations & tournament bids

Candidates for TCA office must have nominations in writing, received by June 15, 2003, at the *Texas Knights* address, POB 501, Helotes, TX 78023. Both nominator and nominee must be TCA members. Each candidate gets a free 100 word statement in the magazine, more at the ad rates posted on page 2. Candidates may pool their allotments of free space.

Bids are sought for the 2004 Texas Senior, Women's Armed Forces, Open, Junior Open, Action and Quick championships. Include name of sponsor, proposed date, number of rounds, time controls, site (city), prize fund, whether guaranteed or based on a given number of players, and entry fees. Using the format of *Chess Life* TLAs is helpful.

Ballots will be published in the July-August issue.

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Correction to last issue: In the report on the Many Springs Open (Mar.-Apr. *TK* p. 21), the colors in Fleming-Howell are switched. Kevin Fleming actually had Black, and won the game.

Solution: 1.Qg5 (1...Kxf3 2.Rxe3#; 1...exf3 2.Qxe3#; 1...Kxd3 2.Qb5#; 1...exd3 2.Qg2#).

Nigel Short won the Category XVII Hunguest Hotels tournament, held Apr. 11-20 in Budapest, Hungary. He finished 6.5/9 in the ten-player round robin, defeating Judit Polgar in Rd. 8. She finished second with 5.5, ahead of Leko (5), and Gelfand, Acs, and Lutz (4.5).



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Bxf1 15.Kxf1 Nd5 16.Bb2 Rg8 17. h4 a5 18.Rh3 Be7 19.Rd1 a4 20. b4!?

Aiming for complications, and Black picks up the challenge.

20...Nxb4 21.Rxd7 Nd5 22. Nxf6?!

The point of 20.b4, but ...



22...Ke6?

... Black is equal after 22...Nxf6 23.Bxf6 (23.Rf3? Ke8 24.Rxe7+ Kxe7 25.Rxf6 Rab8 26.Be5 Rg6! -/+) 23...Kxf6 24.Rxc7 Kf7 25.Rf3+ Ke8 26.Rxc6 Rb8 27.g3 Rf8 28. Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Ra6 Bxc5 30.Rxa4 Rb1+ 31.Kg2 Rb2 32.Re4+ Kd8 33. Rf4 Rxa2. (Sorry about the long line!) Instead, White gets a favorable ending.

23.Rxe7+ Kxe7 24.Nxg8+ Rxg8 25.Rd3 Rb8 26.Rd2 Rb4 27.g3 Rc4 28.Ke2 Kd7 29.Bd4 Ke6 30.g4 Rc1 31.h5 Nf4+

Driving the king where he wants to go. Maybe 31...Kf7.

32.Kf3 Nd5 33.Re2+ Kf7 34.Ke4 Rh1 35.Kf5 Rh3 36.Kg5 Rf3 37. Be5 Kg8 38.Kh6 Rf7

38...Nf6 39.Bxf6 Rxf6+ 40.Kg5 doesn't really help matters.

39.Rb2 Rf8 40.g5 a3 41.Rb3 Re8 42.f4 Ne7 43.g6 hxg6 44.hxg6 Nd5 45.Rxa3 Kf8 46.Kh7 1-0

Two by Chua

Here are two games by the new Texas High School Champion, from the Dallas Chess Club web site.

Sicilian Alapin B22

Alex Chua 2016

Mircea Grancea 1947

JCT Memorial 9/15/01

1 e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Nc6? 6.c4 Nb6 7.d5 exd5 8. cxd5 Nb4 9.d6 g6 10.Bg5 1-0

Notes by Alex Chua

Queen's Gambit D37

Alex Chua 2016

David W. Phillips 1908

DCC Grand Prix 8 1/20/2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Bxb8 Qa5+ 11.Nd2 Rxb8 12.Rd1 Bf6 13.Qf4 Be6 14.Bd3 Qxa2 15.0-0 Qxb2 16.Nf3 a5 17.g4 Qb4 18.e4 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Rbd8 20. Rb1 Qd6 21.Qxd6 Rxd6 22.g5 Keogh,E-Collins, Castle-connell IRL 2000/0-1 (107).

8.Bg3

8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.Qb3 Qxb3 10. axb3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bb4+ 12.Ke2 Bd7 13.f3 Nc6 14.Nb5 a6 15.Nc3 e5 16.Bg3 Be6 17.Kf2 Bxb3 18.Bd3 Rad8 19.Ke2 f5 20.Rhc1 Rd6 21.Be1 g6 22.Bc2 Bc4+ Gomes,L.-Toth, C/Americana 1996/0-1 (50).

8...cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Bd3 Bb7 11. 0-0 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Qe2 Nf6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.c4 Ba6 16.Rac1 Bd6 17.Ne5 Qe7

17...Ba3 18.Rb1 Bd6 19.Bh4 ±

18.f4

18.Bh4!? 18...Qd8 19.Qf3 ±

18...Bb7 = 19.Bh4 Qd8 20.Bb1 Be7 21.Rc3 b5?!

21...g6 22. Re3 =.

22.Rh3

22.Bxf6 and White takes home the point: 22...g6 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24. c5 +.

22...g6 ±



23.f5

23.Rb3!?! ± should be investigated more closely.

23...exf5

23...gxf5?? 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Qh5 +- 25.cxb5?! is a bad alternative because of 25...Qd5 =.

24.Bxf5 Rc7

24...gxf5?? capturing the bishop would seal Black's fate: 25.Bxf6 Bxf6 26.Qh5 +-.

25.Qe3 Bc8??

This allows the opponent back into the game. Much better was 25... bxc4 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 =+.

26.Qh6 +-

Threatening mate with Bxf6.

26...Ng4??

Black falls apart. 26...Re8 27. Bxc8 Qxc8 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Qxh7+ Kf8 +-.

27.Bxg4

27.Nxg4 Bxh4 28.Rxh4 f6 29. Bxg6 Qe7 30.Bxh7+ Qxh7 31. Nxf6+ Rxf6 32.Qxf6 Rf7 33.Qd8+ Rf8 34.Qxf8+ Kxf8 35.Rxh7 +-.

27...Bxg4

27...Bxh4 (no good, but what else?) 28.Rxh4 f5 +-.

28.Bf6!!

Giving up material to nicely decide the game: 28...Qxd4+ 29.Rxd4 Bxh3 30.Qg7 mate. 1-0

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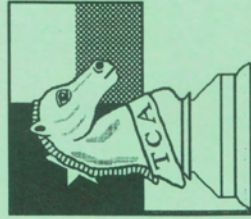
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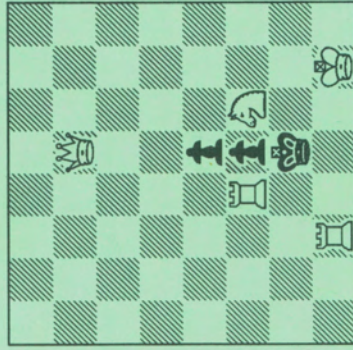


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