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2003 Southwest Open



UTD Team Members Take Top 4 Honors by Clemente Rendon

This year, University of Texas at Dallas players decided to take a road trip down to Houston to face off against some of the best players in Texas. Members of the UTD team playing in the Open Section included IM Magesh Panchanathan, IM Amon Simutowe, FM Daniel Fernandez, FM Dennis Rylander and Andres Suarez. Other strong competitors in the open section included GM Babakouly Annakov, IM Mark Ginsburg and IM Mark C Diesen.

UTD players captured the top 4 honors. IM Magesh Panchanathan took first place with his incredible 6 wins and 1 draw performance. He was closely followed by IM Amon Simutowe who won 6 games and lost 1. Daniel and Dennis took third and fourth place with scored of 5 ½ and 5 respectively. Daniel took third place with a score of 5 ½. Dennis shared fourth place with IM Mark Ginsberg and Drew Sarkisian. Andres Suarez tied for 13th place with his score of 4. As for myself, I lost a crucial last round game and ended up with 5 points in the reserve section. The reserve section ended in a tie for first between Aurelio Gonzalez and Keith Cryan.

Of course, what would the Southwest Open be without some tournament misadventures? New comer Daniel Fernandez has had to adapt to the change of scenery from his hometown of Boca Raton, Florida. While we were driving down from Dallas, Dennis and I decided to take Daniel to a Dairy Queen. When we arrived, Daniel saw a Burger King across the street and said that he wanted to go there. Dennis and I asked him what was wrong with the Dairy Queen selection. Daniel responded that he wanted to eat a hamburger not yogurt and milk for lunch. Dennis and I quickly explained that Dairy Queen served hamburgers, so Daniel decided that our choice was satisfactory. Being seasoned carnivores, Dennis and I both ordered a Belt Buster; unfortunately Daniel decided to try a chicken burger. He immediately regretted his choice when Dennis and I were enjoying our thick juicy burgers, while he was stuck with a meal that he devoured in 15 seconds. He then decided to

make up for his poor selection by ordering a Belt Buster to go along with his meal and proclaimed that he would just order what Dennis and I ordered in the future, rather than experimenting.

Unfortunately, the address of the hotel on the flier was incorrect. We had typed the address into map quest and ended up at a rather humble neighborhood. According to the directions there was a Marriott due in about 2 blocks but we highly questioned the likelihood of finding the hotel in this neighborhood. We ended up at a box factory and a rather agitated security guard begins to shake his nightstick menacingly at us, so we decided to find the hotel by ourselves. Amazing, it worked and we made it in time for the round!

Despite initial setbacks, the team recovered and had a rather successful tournament. Be sure to look out for UTD Chess Team members at the 2003 State Grade Championships in South Padre Island this year. Also, feel free to ask about UTD and recruitment opportunities.

Notes by NM Drew Sarkisian

Modern Benoni A65

Steve Young 1910

Mark Dejmek 2169

2003 SW Open 2003 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6
7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.f4? 10.h3; 10.f3
10...Re8 11.Ng3 Ng4



12.Qf3??

The only hope was 12.e5 dxe5
13.Nge4 f5 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Nxc5
12...Bd4

12...Bd4+ 13.Kh1 Nxb2 fol-
lowed by ...Qh4 wins for Black.

0-1

Modern Benoni A62

Matthew Willis 1830

Roberto Rodriguez, R 2115

2003 SW Open 2003 (1)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c5 4.d5
exd5 5.exd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 Bg7
8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nd2 b6 10.0-0 Re8
11.Re1 a6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.h3 Rb8
14.Nc4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Qd3
Qd7 17.e4 b5 18.f4 Re7 19.axb5
axb5 20.Be3 b4 21.Na4 Ra8
22.Nb6 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Qb7
24.Nc4 Ne8



25.e5! Bf5 26.Qb3 h5?!

Fritz 8 suggests the following
amusing line: 26...Qb8 27.Ra6!
dxe5 28.fxe5 Bxe5 29.Bxc5 Qb5
30.Rxg6+ hxg6 31.Bxe7 Bxg3
32.Qxg3 Qxc4 33.Qb8 Qd4+
34.Kh1 Bd7+/-

27.exd6 Rxe3 28.Nxe3 Nxd6
29.Nxf5 Nxf5 30.Qa4 Bxb2 31.d6
Qb6 32.Qe8+ Kg7 33.Ra8 c4+
34.Kh2 Kh6 35.d7 Qf2 36.d8Q

Qxg3+ 37.Kh1 Qxf4 38.Qe1 Bd4
38...Ng3+ 39.Qxg3 Qxg3
40.Qd2+ Kh7 41.Qxb2 Qe1+
42.Kh2 c3 43.Qc2 Qe5+ 44.Kg1
Qe1+ 45.Bf1 Qg3+ 46.Kh1+-
39.Qb8?

Right idea, but one move early!
39.Qf8+! Kg5 40.Qb8 makes any
White capture on g3 with check.
39...Ng3+ 40.Qxg3 Qc1+ 41.Bf1
Qxf1+ 42.Kh2 Qe2+ 43.Qg2 Be5+
44.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 45.Qg3 Qe2+
DRAW

Caro-Kann:

Panov-Botvinnik Attack B13
Neph Diaz 1512

Ernesto Rodriguez 1854

2003 SW Open 2003 (1)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5
4.c4 Bf5

Not the best choice against the
Panov-Botvinnik attack (an inven-
tion of Aaron Nimzovitch, by the
way). 4...Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 is the most
popular choice by a far margin.
5.Nc3 e6 6.exd5 exd5 7.Qb3 Nc6
8.Nf3 Bb4 9.Be2 Bxc3+?

Why give up this fine bishop
without provocation? 9...Nge7
is more sensible.

10.bxc3 Nge7 11.Qxb7 0-0
12.Ba3! Re8 13.0-0 Rb8 14.Qa6
Rb6 15.Qa4 Qb8 16.Bc5 Rb2
17.Rfe1 Bc2 18.Qa6 Qb7



18...Be4 19.Qa3 h6
19.Qa3! Rb1 20.Raxb1 Bxb1
21.Ba6

Whoops! Black sheds a piece.

1-0

Bogo-Indian Defense E11

Curtis Brooks 1981

Mark Diesen 2472

2003 SW Open 2003 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+
4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Qc2 Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2
d6 7.e3 e5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 e4
10.Ne1 Bf5 11.Qb3 c6 12.Nc2 h5
13.Rac1 e5 14.f3 Nc6 15.fxe4 Bg6
16.Rf4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4
18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Rae8 20.a3
a5 21.Rf5 g6 22.Rd5 b6 23.Qb3
Qc7 24.Rf1 Re6



25.Rg5 Re4 26.Qd3 Rfe8 27.dxc5
bxc5 28.Rf6 R8e6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6
30.Qe2 Qb6 31.Ne1 Qb3 32.Rg3
Ne5 33.Qxh5 Qxb2 34.Qg5 Qe2
35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.h4 Qxe1+
37.Kh2 Qe2 38.Qg5 f6 39.Qf4
Qxc4 0-1



Smith-Morra Gambit B21
Angel Bohannon 1347
Victor Flores 1735
2003 SW Open 2003 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3
 Nc6 5.Bc4 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4



An old classic is about to make another appearance...

7.Bxf7+ Kd7

7...Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Qxg4 Nf6 10.Qe6 is also unpalatable from Black's point of view.

8.Bf4 Nf6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e6? 10...Kc8 11.e5! dxe5? 12.0-0+ Bd6 13.Nb5 Nd5 14.Rxd5! Qe8

Last chance to keep playing was 14...exd5 15.Qg4+ Ke7 16.Bg5+ Kxf7 17.Qf5+ Ke8 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 15.Rxd6+ Ke7 16.Bg5+ Kf8 17.Bh5+ 1-0

King's Gambit C35
Larry Moss 2200
Ayokun Aladeselu 1880
2003 SW Open 2003 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4 Bh4+ 5.Kf1 d6 6.d4 Bg5 7.Nc3 c6 8.Nxg5 Qxg5 9.Qf3 Bg4 10.Qxf4 Qxf4+ 11.Bxf4 Ke7 12.h3 Bd7 13.Kf2 a5 14.a4 Na6 15.Rhf1 Nb4 16.Bb3 f6 17.Kg1 g5 18.Bh2 h5

19.Rae1 Nh6 20.Nd1 Raf8
 21.c3 Na6



22.Ne3 Be6 23.Bxe6 Kxe6 24.Nc4 Nf7 25.Nxa5 g4 26.h4 Rhg8 27.Bf4 Rb8 28.Re2 c5 29.Nb3 b6 30.Be3 Rg6 31.Rf5 Rh8 32.g3 Nc7 33.Nd2 d5 34.Rf4 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Ne5 36.Bxb6 Na8 37.Bd4 Nc7 38.Bb6 Na8 39.exd5+ Kxd5 40.Bd4 Re8 41.Rf5 Rh6 42.Kg2 Nc7 43.b4 Re6 44.b5 Na8 45.Ne4 Kc4 46.Nxf6 Nd3 47.Ne4 Nc1 48.Re3 Rxe4 49.Rxe4 Rh7 50.Rc5+ Kd3 51.Ree5 Nb3 52.Rxh5 Rd7 53.Rc6 Nxd4 54.cxd4 Kxd4 55.Rg5 1-0

Notes by NM Chris Land

Pirc Defense B06
Mark Diesen 2476
Larry Moss 2200
2003 SW Open 2003 (2)

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6

Black's c-pawn is blocked and White's c3 pawn already prevents this Knight from coming to b4 or d4. But Nc6 also supports ...e5, and doesn't block Bg4 - in fact, it's the most common move here. Other reasonable moves are Nbd7 or c5. 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Nh5 9.Re1 Nf4

10.Bc2 g5



11.Nxg5?

A tempting but ultimately insufficient winning attempt.

11...hxg5 12.Bxg5 Ng6 13.Qh5

White appears to be doing well. The Bg5 pin prevents e5, and if Black goes to sleep White will play f4, f5 and Re3-h3.

13...Qd7!

Black's awake after all. This sidesteps the pin and plans a Queen exchange.

14.f4!

Planning to trap the bishop on g4 after the Queen exchange. 14.h3 e5 15.d5 Nce7 16.Nd2 f6! 17.Be3 Kf7!-/+

14...Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.f5 Nxd4!

By far the best move, and the ultimate justification for 6...Nc6. 17.cxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Be3?

Abandons the pressure on the e7 pawn. 18.Kf1! keeps control of the e2 square, maintaining the bishop trap. With fxg6 still threatened, White will only end up down one pawn: 18...Bxb2 19.Nd2 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 f6 21.Bh6 Ne5=/+ 18...Bxb2 19.Nd2 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Ne5 21.h3 Be2 22.Rb1 b6 23.Rb3 c5 24.Kf2 c4! 25.Kxe2!? cxb3 26.Bxb3 Rac8 27.Bg5 Rc7 28.Nf1

Nc4 29.g4 Rfc8 30.h4 b5 31.h5 a5
 32.Ne3 Nxe3 33.Bxe3 Rc2+!
 34.Kf3 R2c3 35.Bd5 Rd3 36.Ke2
 Rxd5! 37.exd5 Rc2+ 38.Kd3
 Rxa2 39.g5 Rh2 40.h6 Kh7
 41.Bf4 Rh3+ 42.Ke4 Rh4 0-1

Notes by NM Drew Sarkisian

Czech Benoni A56
Babakouly Annakov 2539
Nich Schoonmaker 2202
2003 SW Open 2003 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6
 5.e4 Be7 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.g4?!

Looks scary, but Czech Benoni players have no fear of such committal thrusts; Black gets an immediate hold on the kingside dark squares. 7.Nge2 or 7.a3 are more flexible choices.

7...h6! 8.Be3 Nf8 9.h3 Ng6 10.Nf3
 Nh7 11.Bc2 0-0 12.Qd2 Nh4
 13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.0-0 a6 15.f4 f6
 16.f5 b5 17.Qe2 Bd7 18.cxb5

Trying to keep some life in the position. 18.Bd3 looks dead even. Only Black has winning chances now.

18...axb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Qxb5
 Rxa2 21.Bb3 Ra5 22.Qd3 Qb8



22...Qb6 may be better; the Rf8 has immediate access to a8-c8.

23.Qc3 Rb5 24.Be4 Rb4 25.Kc2
 Ng5 26.Bxg5 Bxg5 27.b3 Bh4
 28.Rhf1 Rf7 29.Ra1 Rbb7
 30.Ra6 Ra7

Once both pairs of rooks come off, there's nothing left for either side. 31.Rfa1 Rxa6 32.Rxa6 Ra7
 33.Ra4 Qb6 34.Qa1 Rxa4 5.Qxa4
 Qd8 36.Qa7 Be1 37.Kb2 Qa5

DRAW

London System A46
Drew Sarkisian 2168
Magesh Panchanathan 2465
2003 SW Open 2003 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4

Robert Chalker made me a fan of the London System. It contains a bit of poison, and allows White players to avoid tons of theory.

3...b6 4.e3 e5 5.c3 Bb7 6.Nbd2
 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Qe2
 Rc8 10.0-0 Nd5?!

The beginning of a bad plan. After the game, Magesh told me he tried a similar idea a few years ago and found himself in trouble. Interposing 10...cxd4 11.exd4 makes 11...Nd5 a lot more palatable: 12.Bh2 f5 13.a3 Bg5 14.Nxg5 Qxg5 15.Nf3 Qh6 16.Qd2 Qh5 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.Nxg5 Nce7 Kovacevic-Wilder, Belgrade 1988.

11.Bh2 f5



12.Nc4! f4

Magesh spent 20 minutes on this move. Trying to gain some control of the h2-b8 diagonal with 12...d6? is bad, due to the weakness of e6; after 13.e4 Nc7 (13...Nf6?? 14.exf5 cxd4 15.Qxe6+ and Black is burned) 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.exf5 exf5 White's central control gives him a huge advantage.

13.Qc2

This looks strong, but 13.e4 Nc7 14.dxc5!? bxc5 15.e5 may be a better try for a long-term advantage. I was concerned that my Bh2 would be sidelined for the rest of the game.

13...h6?

Falling in with White's plans. Fritz 8 pointed out that Black has the surprising resource 13...cxd4! 14.Bxh7+ (14.exd4 Ncb4!! 15.cxb4 Nxb4 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Qb1 Bxf3! 18.Ne5 Bh5) 14...Kh8 15.Nfe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 dxe3 17.Ng6+ Kxh7 18.Nxe7+ Kh8 19.Ng6+ Kg8 20.Nxf8 Qxf8 and Black has definite compensation for the Exchange.

14.Bh7+ Kh8 15.Nce5 Nxe5
 16.Nxe5 Bf6

Played after a 44 minute think. Magesh now had 30 minutes to reach move 40.

17.Ng6+ Kxh7 18.Nxf8+ Kg8
 19.Ng6 cxd4 20.exd4 f3

This was followed by a draw offer. Of course, I couldn't accept!

21.g4 Bxd4?! (see Diagram, top of next column)

22.Qd3

I have no idea why I missed 22.Qe4 Bf6 23.c4 picking off the knight. White does need to untangle after 23...Qe8 24.cxd5 Bxd5 25.Qb1 e5, but 26.Re1 d6 27.Nf4 looks fine.

after 21...Bxd4?! from previous col.



22...Bc5 23.Qxf3 Qg5 24.Qe4 Ba8
25.Qd3 b5 26.Rfe1

Starting to drift...weakening f2 is not a good idea. I was concerned that I'd miss something on the h1-a8 diagonal and wanted to create some running room for my king. Just In Case. I should have played 26.Rae1

26...h5

This weakening helps White. 26...Qf6 27.Re2 d6 is a good way to keep the tension.

27.Re5 Qf6 28.Rf1 hgx4?

The attempt to take advantage of White's airy monarch after 28...Kf7 29.gxh5 d6 fails to 30.Re3!

29.hgx4??

Auuugh! A terrible, automatic reaction. Simply 29.Rh5! and White completely dominates the board: 29...Bc6 (29...Kf7 30.Ne5+ Ke8 31.Qxb5 Nb6 32.hgx4+-) 30.Be5 Qf3 31.Rh8+ Kf7 32.Qxf3+ gxf3 33.Rxc8 Kxg6

29...Kf7 30.Qxb5??

Letting my opponent's time pressure get to me (he had less than 2 minutes here). I saw 30.Rxd5 Bxd5 31.Ne5+ but I didn't like the looks of 31...Ke7 (31...Kg8 32.Nxd7=) 32.Qxb5 Rc7 33.Qe2 d6 30...Qxg6-/+ 31.Qxd7+ Ne7 32.g5

Last chance was 32.Qa4

32...Rh8 33.Rxc5 Qh5??

The comedy of errors begins! Magesh was down to mere seconds here, so he missed 33...Qe4 34.f3 Qe3+ 35.Rf2 Qxc5

34.Qd6??

White fares no better; after 34.Qc7! White pins the Ne7 and prepares to transfer the queen to the kingside. 34...Qf3 (what else?) 35.g6+! and Black cannot avoid trading queens after 35...Kxg6 36.Qg3+-

34...Qf3 35.Qf4+

35.g6+ wouldn't have changed matters; with a 5 second delay, Black has plenty of time to find forced moves. 35...Nxc6 36.Rc7+ Kf6 37.Qd4+ e5 38.Qd6+ Kg5 39.Qd2+ Nf4 40.Bxf4+ exf4 41.Rxg7+ Kh4

35...Qxf4

0-1

Sicilian Defense B50

Lorenzo Gaskill 2013

Jose Silva 2230

2003 SW Open 2003 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 Nc6 5.Qc2 Bg4 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Rc8 10.h3 Bh5 11.Rfe1 d5 12.e5 Nd7 13.d4 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Bg6 15.Qa4 Qc7 16.Bb5 a6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.b4 c5 19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxc5 Bxc5 21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qe2 Ba3 23.Nb1 Be5 24.Nbd2 Ra4 25.Nb3 Ba3 26.Qd2 Rc8 27.Nfd4 Qxc3? (See Diagram at top of next column) 27...Qc4=/+ 28.Ra1 Bxc1 29.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 30.Nxc1 Rxd4 31.Qxd4 Rxc1+ 32.Kh2 Rc4 33.Qb6 h5 34.Qb5 Rc2 35.a4 d4 36.a5 d3 37.a6 d2 38.a7

After 27...Qxc3? from previous col.



38...Be4 39.Qb1 Rc4??



39...Ra2!! 40.Qd1 (40.Qxa2 d1Q 41.a8Q+ Bxa8 42.Qxa8+ Kh7 43.Qe4+=)

40...Bd5= 40.Qxe4 Rxe4 41.a8Q+ 1-0

Sicilian Defense B79

Mark Gracey 1804

John Schulke 1612

2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Bh6 Rfc8



2.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h4 Ne5 14.Be2
Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Nb3 Qa6
17.g4 Rac8 18.h5 b5 19.hxg6 fxg6
20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.g5 Nh5 22.Rxh5
gxh5 23.g6 hxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kf8
25.Rg1 Bg4 26.fxg4 h4 27.Rf1#

1-0

Trompowsky A45

William Rhee 1895

Fred King 2125

2003 SW Open 2003 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e5 3.d5 Qb6 4.Be1
g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.e4 d6 7.f4 e4
8.Bxc4 0-0 9.Qe2 Bg4 10.Qe3
Qb4 11.Bd3 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bxc3+
13.Kf1 Bd4 14.Qg3 Bd7 15.c3
Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qxc3 17.Rb1 Re8
18.Ne2 Qa5 19.h4 Qxd5 20.h5
Bf5 21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Rxb7 Qd5
23.Qb3 Qe4 24.hxg6 Qxg6
25.Rxe7 Nc6 26.Re3 Nd4 27.Nxd4
Rxc1+ 28.Kf2 Rxh1 29.Rg3 Re8
30.f5 Qxg3+ 31.Qxg3+ Kf8
32.Qxd6+ Kg7 33.Ne6+ Kg8
34.Qg3+ 1-0

Sicilian B33

Mark W Dejmek 2169

Babakouly Annakov 2202

2003 SW Open 2003 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6
7.Qe2 d6 8.g4 Be7

8...a6 9.g5 Nd7 10.Be3 Qc7
11.0-0-0 b5 12.h4 Nb6 13.Nd4 Ne5
14.f4 Nec4 was Grischuk-Smirin,
New Delhi/ Theran 2000, with a
double-edged position.

9.g5 Nd7 10.f4 a6 11.Bg2 h6 12.h4
hxg5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.hxg5 Rxh1+
15.Bxh1 b5 16.0-0-0 b4 17.Na4 e5

18.f5 Nd8 19.Nd2 a5 20.Qf2

20.Qc4!? is an interesting try;
after 20...Qc6 21.Qxc6 Nxc6
22.Nc4 and White retains the
advantage. Dejmek tends to prefer
more dynamic play.

20...Ba6 21.Kb1 Re8 22.Rc1 Bb5
23.Nb6 Nxb6 24.Bxb6 Qb7 25.f6
gxf6 26.Bxd8 Bxd8 27.gxf6 Qb6
28.Qf5?

28.Qh4! keeps the advantage:
28...Rc6 29.Bf3 Kd7 30.Qh7 Kc8
31.Qxf7+/-
28...Bd7!

Interestingly enough, Black has
a draw in hand with 28...Rxc2
29.Kxc2 (29.Rxc2?? Qg1+ wins)
29...Qc5+ 30.Kd1 Qg1+ with per-
petual. 29.Qg5 Be6 30.Bf3 Qf2
31.Rf1 Bxf6



32.Qg8+ Ke7 33.Qxf7+ Bxf7
34.Rxf2 a4 35.Bg4? 35.Rg2!?
35...Rg8 36.Bf5 Rg1+ 37.Rf1 Rg2
38.Nf3 Bh5 39.Ne1 Rd2 40.Nd3
Be2 41.Re1 Bxd3 42.cxd3 b3?

42...Bg5 looks to be the only try
to offer any winning chances.
Annakov was definitely on a let-
down from his tie for first at this
years World Open.

43.axb3 axb3 44.Rc7+ Kf8 45.Be6
Rxd3 46.Rc3 Rd1+ 47.Rc1 Rd4
48.Rc4 Rd1+ 49.Rc1 Rd4 50.Rc4
Rd3 51.Rc3 Rd4 52.Rc4

I believe this is Dejmek's sec-
ond draw against Annakov. Nicely
done! **DRAW**

Modern Benoni A70

Andres Suarez 2093

Roberto Rodriguez 2113

2003 SW Open 2003 (3)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e5 4.d5
exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7
8.Bd3 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.0-0 b6
11.Re1 Ba6 12.Bf4 e4 13.Bc2 b5
14.Nd4 Nh5 15.Bh2 Qb6!?



15...b4

16.Ndxb5! Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Rd8
18.Nxd6 Rxd6 19.g4?!

Interposing 19.e5!? Rd8 and only
then 20.g4 keeps the advantage.

19...Rf6

Whoops! Look out, f2!

20.gxh5

Not 20.Qd2?? Rxf2! 21.Qxf2
Bd4+-

20...Rxf2 21.Kh1 Qxb2 22.Rb1

Major-league grovelling such as
22.Rc1!? Bc3 23.Rg1 appears
required, but not sufficient.

22...Qc3 23.Qg4 Nd7!

A pretty way to win. White is
helpless against the threat of ...Nf6.
24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Ba4 Be5 26.Re2
Nf6 27.Rxf2 Nxg4 28.hxg4 Bxh2
29.Kxh2 Qe5+ 30.Kh3 Qxe4

Or 30...Kg7 31.Bc2 Rh8+
32.Kg2 Qh2+ 33.Kf3 Qh3+ 34.Ke2
Qc3 35.Rc1 Rh3
31.Rbf1 Qxd5 32.Rf6 Kg7 33.Bc6
Rh8+ 34.Kg3 Qe5+ 0-1

QGD: Classical D61
Gilbert Davila 1724
Doyle Lobaugh 1440
2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5
Be7 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 c6 7.Qc2 0-0
8.0-0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.h4
Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Re8 12.g4 b5
13.Bb3 13...a5 14.Qd3

Refreshingly direct; White plans
to bludgeon the Black monarch to
death on the venerable b1-h7 diag-
onal.

14...Ba6 15.Bc2 g6?



No need to weaken the kingside
with pawn moves until absolutely
necessary. 15...Nf8 is preferable.
16.h5??

White gets carried away. First
exchange off the dark-squared bish-
ops with 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 and then
continue 17.h5

16...Bxg5 17.hxg6 fxd6?

Returning the favor. 17...hxg6
18.Qf1 Bf6 should be more than
enough to win.

18.Rxh7! Nf8 19.Rdh1 Bf6
The greedy 19...Nxh7?? loses
immediately to 20.Qxg6+ Kf8
21.Ne5
20.R7h6 Re7

Driving away the Rh6 and forc-
ing trades with 20...Bg7 21.Ne5
Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qxd3 23.Bxd3 Kg7
keeps Black on top.

21.g5
21.Nh4!? Bg7 22.Nxg6 Bxh6
23.Nxe7+ Qxe7 24.Rxh6 offered
better chances of survival.

21...Bg7 22.Rxg6 Nxg6?

The time is right for the move
that Black's been dying to play for a
long time: 22...b4 23.Qe4 Qd5 and
Black still has the advantage.
White's pieces now coordinate
beautifully.

23.Qxg6 Kf8 24.Ne5 Rc8??

Giving back some material with
24...Raa7 25.Rh3 Rf7 26.Nxf7
Rxf7 was necessary to break the
attack. 25.Rh4 Rcc7 26.Rf4+ Rf7
27.Rxf7+ Rxf7 28.Qxf7# 1-0

Notes by NM Chris Land

Queens Gambit Accepted D24
Amon Simutowe 2403
Mark Ginsburg 2425
2003 SW Open 2003 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nc3
a6 5.a4 Nc6 6.e4 Bg4 7.d5 Ne5
8.Bf4 Bxf3

Here Fritz prefers to hold the c-
pawn a while longer with 8...Nfd7
9.h3 Bxf3 10.gxf3-/+
9.gxf3 Qd6

Stepping into a pin for the sake
of quick development. Also possi-
ble is 9...Nfd7 10.Bxe5 Nxe5 11.f4
Nd3+ 12.Bxd3 cxd3 13.Qxd3=
10.Bg3 g5! 11.Bxc4 Nh5 12.Be2

Bg7 13.Qd2 h6 14.Rg1!? 0-0-0
15.f4 gxf4

15...Nxg3? falls short after
16.fxe5 (16.hxg3?! Nc6=)
16...Nxe4 17.exd6 (17.Nxe4?!
Qxe5 18.Nc3 Qxh2=) 17...Bxc3
18.Bg4+ Kb8 19.Qxc3 Nxc3
20.bxc3 Rxd6 21.0-0-0-

16.Bxh5 fxd6 17.Rxg3! Bf6

17...Ng6 18.Ne2 Be5 19.Rg4
Bxh2 20.0-0-0=/+

18.f4 Nc4?

18...Bh4 19.fxe5 Qxe5 holds the
balance

19.Qe2!/+ Qb4?!

Black's game is poor, but he'll
keep even material with 19...Bxc3+
20.bxc3 Na5 21.Bxf7 Qxf4
22.Qg4+ Qxg4 23.Rxg4+/- 20.e5!
White's center wins the game
20.Bxf7? e5! 21.f5 Bh4-/+

20...Bxe5

20...Bh4?? 21.Qg4+

21.fxe5 Rxd5 22.Rg4!

Now the game peters out to a
won ending. After 22.Bxf7 Rxe5
23.Be6+ Kb8 24.Bxc4 Rxe2+
25.Bxe2 White is slightly worse,
with R + N + B + exposed King vs.
Q + 2 P.

22...Rxe5 23.Qxe5! Nxe5 24.Rxb4
Nd3+ 25.Ke2 Nxb4 26.Bxf7 c6
27.Rd1 Rd8 28.Be6+ Kc7
29.Rxd8 Kxd8 30.Na2 Nd5
31.Bxd5 cxd5 32.Nb4 e6 33.Nd3
Kc7 34.Ke3 Kc6 35.Kd4 b6 36.h3
1-0

QGD: Lasker Defense D56
Jose Silva 2230
Tim Brookshear 2000
2003 SW Open 2003 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5
Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7
8.Be2 c6 9.0-0 Ne4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7

11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Nd2 f5 13.c5 Nf6
 14.Nc4 Nd5 15.Ne5 Rf6 16.Bc4
 Bd7 17.Qd2 Be8 18.b4 g5 19.f3
 exf3 20.Rxf3 Bh5 21.Rh3 Be8
 22.g4 Kg7 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Rf1
 fxg4 25.Rxf6 Qxf6 26.Nxg4 Qf5
 27.Nf2 Bd7 28.e4 dxe4 29.Re3
 Re8 30.Qe2 Qf4 31.Rxe4 Rxe4
 32.Qxe4 Qxe4 33.Nxe4 Kf7



34.Kf2 Ke6 35.Ke3 b6 36.exb6
 axb6 37.a4 Bc8 38.a5 bxa5
 39.bxa5 Kd5 40.Nc5 h5 41.a6
 Bxa6 42.Nxa6 Kc4 43.Nc5 g4
 44.Nd3 Kc3 45.Ne5 1-0

Notes by NM Drew Sarkisian

Grünfeld D90

Nich Schoonmaker 2202

William Reuter 2252

2003 SW Open 2003 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3
 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Qb3 Nb6 7.Bg5
 Bg4 8.e3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 0-0 10.Be2

N8d7 11.0-0-0 Qe8 12.e4 e5 13.d5
 f6 14.Be3

Black is in for a difficult time;
 White can open lines on the king-
 side at will, and light-squared
 weaknesses in the Black camp
 present juicy targets for the bishop
 on e2.

14...Qf7 15.h4 f5 16.h5! f4
 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bxb6 Nxb6

This steed might want to head
 toward d6, to blockade the White d-
 pawn.

19.Bf1! Bf6 20.Bh3 Kg7 21.a4
 Rab8 22.Be6 Qe8 23.Nb5 Qe7
 24.d6! exd6 25.Nxd6 Rfd8



26.Nf5+!

After this shot, the game is over.
 26...gxf5 27.Rdg1+ Bg5 28.Rh5
 Qe5+ 29.Kb1 Rd4 30.Rhxg5+
 Kf6 31.Rg7 1-0



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Kings Indian:

Four Pawns Attack E76

Peter Tu 1693

John Crawford 1974

2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4
 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 c5
 8.d5 a6 9.a4 Nh5 10.0-0 Nd7
 11.Kh1 Bxc3!? 12.bxc3 Ng7
 13.Qe1 Qa5 14.Ba3?

Misplacing the bishop and play-
 ing for a cheap trap (14...Qxa4
 15.Bxc5)?

14...Rab8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3
 Nb6??



Justifying White's 14th move!
 16...e6 is playable.

17.Bb4!

Surprise!

17...cxb4 18.cxb4 Qxa4 19.Rxa4
 Nxa4 20.Qa1 b5 21.cxb5 axb5
 22.Bxb5 Rxb5 23.Qxa4 Rfb8
 24.Rc3 Rxb4 25.Rc8+ Rxc8
 26.Qxb4 Ne8

With all of the pawns on the
 same side of the board, Black can
 really dig in.

27.Qb7 Rc7 28.Qb5 Kf8 29.Kh2
 Rc8 30.e5 Rc5 31.Qb2 dxe5

31...Rxd5!? may be playable:
 32.exd6 exd6 33.Qh8+ Ke7
 34.Qxh7 Nf6 and Black's passed d-
 pawn can cause White some worry.

32.Qxe5 Nf6 33.Qb8+ Ne8
 33...Kg7 34.Qb2 f6 35.Qd4 Rc8
 36.Qb6 Nd6 37.Qa6 Rd8 38.Qc6
 Ne8 39.Qe6 Rd6 White cannot
 save the d-pawn. **DRAW**

English Opening A17
Amon Simutowe 2403
Magesh Panchanathan 2465
2003 SW Open 2003 (4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 b6
 7.d4 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb7 9.g3 d6
 10.Bg2 f5 11.Ng5 Qf6 12.0-0 Qg6
 13.Nh3

13.h4 Nd7 14.h5 Qxh5 15.Nxe6
 Ndf6 16.Nf4 (16.Nxf8?? Ng4 and
 White gets mated) 16...Qf7 17.d5
 b5 18.b3 was Adianto-Cooper,
 1994, with a double-edged position.
 13...e5 14.f3 Nf6 15.dxe5 dxe5
 16.c5

Thematic; White seeks counter-
 play by opening lines on the queen-
 side and going after the open a2-g8
 diagonal.

16...Nc6 17.Be3

Covering d4, but Black keeps
 the initiative.

17...Nd5 18.Qc4 Na5 19.Qa2 b5
 20.c6

If White sits back and does
 nothing, Black will likely whip up a
 winning kingside initiative.
 20...Qxc6 21.Rac1 Nc4 22.Bf2
 Qd7 23.Rfd1 e4! 24.fxe4 fxe4
 25.Qb3 Kh8? Time pressure?
 25...e3! 26.Rxc4 exf2+ 27.Nxf2
 Qf7 28.Rc2! Qxf2+ 29.Kh1 keeps
 things interesting. 26.Rxc4 e3
 27.Be1 Qe6 28.Rh4 Nf4 (see dia-
 gram, top of next column)

Now the real interesting tale
 begins. Simutowe touched his

After 28...Nf4 from previous col.



queen, moved to capture Black's
 queen, then changed his mind and
 moved 29.Qc2 (note that 29.Qxe6?
 gets mated after 29...Nxe2+ 30.Kh1
 Rf1+ 31.Ng1 Rxc1#).
 Panchanathan called him on this,
 claiming Simutowe touched the
 Black queen. Simutowe denied that
 he did, though a witness (his room-
 mate for the tourney!) backed up
 Panachanathan. **0-1**

Grünfeld D82
Clarence Yeung 2200
Mike Sheaf 2061
2003 SW Open 2003 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4

Clarence is fond of this venera-
 ble system.

4...Bg7 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qb3 Bc6
 7.e4



7...dxc4?

Panic? 7...e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.e5 is
 certainly better for White, but
 there's still chess to be played.

8.Bxc4 Qxd4??

8...Nxe4 9.Bxf7+ Kf8
 9.Rd1+- Qb6 10.Bxf7+ Kf8
 11.Rd8+ Ne8 12.Bxe8 Bxe8
 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Bxc7 Kf7
 15.Rxb8 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Rxa2
 17.f3 Ke6 18.Bxb6 Rf8 19.Be3
 Rxc2 20.Rxb7 Bc6 21.Rb1 Ra2
 22.Ne2 Kd7 23.Nd4 Ba8 24.0-0 e5
 25.Nb3 Kc7 26.Nc5 Rf6 27.Rf2
 Ra5 28.Nd3 Rc6 29.Nxe5 Rxe5
 30.Bf4 Rcc5 31.Rd2 **1-0**

Semi-Slav Defense D44
Jose Silva 2230
Eric Dong 1838
2003 SW Open 2003 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6
 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4
 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7
 11.g3 Qb6 12.exf6 Bb7 13.Bg2 c5
 14.d5 0-0-0 15.0-0 Bh6 15...b4
 16.h4 Ne5 17.Qe2 Nd3 18.dxe6
 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 fxe6 20.Qe4 Kb8



21.Rfe1!? Rd4 22.Qxe6 Qb7+
 23.Ne4 Bxg5 24.hxg5 Nxe1+
 25.Rxe1 Qh7 26.f7 Qh2+ 27.Kf3
 Qh5+ 28.g4 Rd3+ 29.Ke2 Qh3

30.Qe8+ Rd8 31.Qxb5+ Ka8
 32.Qc6+ Kb8 33.Qb5+ Ka8
 34.Qc6+ Kb8 35.Nxc5 Qxg4+
 36.Kf1 Qh3+ 37.Qg2 Qc8
 38.Qg3+ Ka8 39.Qf3+ Kb8
 40.Re7 Rd1+ 41.Kg2 Rh2+
 42.Kxh2 Qh8+ 43.Kg3 Rg1+
 44.Qg2 Rxg2+ 45.Kxg2 1-0

Sicilian Defense B22

Keith Cryan 1656

Christopher Dooley 1919

2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4
 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7
 8.c4 Qd8 9.dxc5 0-0 10.Nc3 Qa5
 11.Bd2 Qxc5 12.Be3 Qa5 13.a3 a6
 14.b4 Qc7 15.Nd2 Rd8 16.Qc2 e5
 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Rxd5
 19.Bf3 Rd7 20.Rae1 Qd8 21.Bxc6
 bxc6 22.Nc4! Rd5 23.Nb6 Rb8
 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Ba7 Ra8 26.Qc6
 Be6 27.Bb6 Qf8 28.Bc5 d4
 29.Bxe7 1-0

Queen's Gambit Declined D37

Babakouly Annakov 2539

James Rohrbaugh 2252

2003 SW Open 2003 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 a6 7.c5 Nh5
 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 Nc6 10.Bd3 Bd7



Aurelio Gonzalez - Reserve Co-Champion
 Southwest Open 2003

11.Ng5!? ffg5 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qe2
 Bf6 14.0-0 Ne7 15.b4 Nf5 16.a4

Maybe 16.Be5 is a better try to
 keep winning chances. Somehow
 Black whips up a better ending...

16...Nxxg3 17.hxxg3 Qe7 18.b5
 axb5 19.axb5 c6 20.f4 Qg7
 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.bxc6 bxc6
 23.Qf2 Be8 24.Nd1 Ra3 25.Bb1
 Qb7 26.fxxg5 Bg7 27.e4 Ra7

27...Qxb1?? 28.Qf7+ Kh8
 29.Qe8+ Bf8 30.Qxf8#
 28.Nc3 Qb4 29.Ne2

Black seems to have a large
 advantage after 29...Ba6! **DRAW**

*Queen's Gambit:
 Chigorin Defence D07*
Fred King 2125
Brandon Moore 1645
2003 SW Open 2003 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.cxd5 Qxd5
 4.Nf3 e5 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.dxe5 Bxc3+
 7.bxc3 Qe4N

7...Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Bg4 is
 equal.; 7...Qa5 8.Qb3 Nxe5 9.Nxe5
 Qxe5 10.e3 Be6 11.Qb5+ Qxb5
 12.Bxb5+ c6 13.Be2 Nf6 also
 looks pretty even.

8.Qd3 Bf5 9.Qxe4 Bxe4 10.Bf4
 Nge7 11.Nd2 Bg6?!

The bishop may become shutout

here. 11...Bf5 12.e4 Be6
 12.e4 0-0-0 13.Be2 h5? 14.0-0

14.Bg5 Rhe8 15.f4 and Black is
 completely tied up.

14...Nxe5 15.Be3 Ng4 16.Bf4 Nf6
 16...Ne5 17.f3



17.Bc4 Nd7+/= (17...Nxe4?
 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Rae1+-)
 17...Rd7

Black can try the surprising
 17...Nfd5!?, playing against the
 Bf4: 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Be5 (19.Bg3
 Nxc3-/+) 19...Rhe8 20.f4 f6 looks
 even. Nice job, Fritz 8!

18.Nc4 Nc6 19.Rad1 Rhd8
 20.Rxd7 Nxd7 21.Rd1 Nc5
 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.Kf2 f6 24.Be3
 Na4 25.Bd2 Bf7 26.a3 a6 27.f4 b5
 28.Ne3 Na5 29.Nd5 f5 30.Nb4
 fxe4 31.Nxa6 c5??

Inexplicable. Simply 31...Nc4
 32.Bxc4 Bxc4 keeps matters under
 control.

32.Bxb5 Bc4 33.Bxa4 Bxa6
 34.Be3 Ke7 35.Bxc5+ Ke6 36.Be8
 h4 37.Bf8 Bd3 38.Bxg7 Nc4
 39.Bb5 e3+ 40.Ke1 Kf5 41.g3 Nb2
 42.Bxd3+ Nxd3+ 43.Kd1 Ke4
 44.Bd4 h3 45.f5 Nf2+?

The superior 45...Kf3 46.Bxe3
 Kxe3 leaves Black a piece up, but
 helpless against the spreadout
 White passers.

46.Ke2 1-0

Sicilian B40

Aurelio Gonzalez 1916

Joseph Drake 1939

2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nc6 6.Nb3 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.c3 Qd8?! 8...Be7 9.Qe2!? d5 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.N1d2 Be7 12.Qe4 Qxe4+ 13.Nxe4 0-0 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.0-0 e5 17.Rad1 Be6 18.Nec5 Bxb3 19.Nxb3 a5 20.Rd7 Rfe8 21.Rfd1 a4 22.Nd2 Rad8 23.Nc4 f6 24.Nb6 a3 25.b3 Rb8 26.Nc4 Kf8 27.Kf1 Ra8 28.Ke2 Reb8 29.Kd3 Ke8 30.Kc2 e4



30...Ra6!?!+/-

31.Rc7 Rc8 32.Rxc8+ Rxc8 33.b4 Ra8 34.Kb3 c5 35.Nxa3 cxb4 36.cxb4 f5 37.Nc2 g5 38.Rd5 f4 39.Re5 Kf7 40.Rxe4 Bf6 41.h4 Rb8 42.Nd4

42.hxg5!? hxg5 43.a4 looks pretty darn quick.

42...Rd8 43.Kc4 Ra8 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Kb3 Rh8

45...Rd8 46.Nf3+/-

46.b5 Bd8

46...Rd8 47.Nc6 Rd2 48.Rb4! is of no help to Black

47.Nc6 Bb6 48.f3 Rh2 49.Re2 g4 50.Ne5+ Kg7 51.Nxg4

1-0

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon B34

John Crawford 1974

Vincente Flores 1735

2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Nxc6 dxc6 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Bc4 e5?!

Black can play 8...Bg7 and White must avoid the greedy 9.Bxf7? e6. Instead, he gives White a pawn for nothing.

9.Bxf7 Bc5 10.Bg5 Ke7 11.Bxf6+ Kxf6 12.Bb3 Rf8 13.Nd1 Be6 14.Bxe6 Kxe6 15.f3 Rad8 16.Nc3 Bd4 17.0-0-0

With only one open file, it's not going to be easy for Black to avoid trading heavy pieces.

17...Rd6 18.Rd3 Rfd8 19.Rhd1 b5 20.a3 a5 21.Ne2 c5



22.c3 c4?

22...Be3+! 23.Kc2 c4 24.Rxd6+ Rxd6 25.Rxd6+ Kxd6 at least gives Black a bishop vs. a knight in an ending with pawns on both sides of the board.

23.Nxd4+

Oops. It's check.

23...Kf6 24.R3d2 exd4 25.Rxd4

1-0

Caro-Kann Defense B12

Peter Yeh 2030

Mittchel Vegea 2105

2003 SW Open 2003 (5)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 dxc4 6.Bxc4 e6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Nge2 Ne7 9.Nf4 Nb6 10.Bb3 Bg4 11.f3 Bf5 12.Be3 Ned5 13.Ncxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Rc1 Bb4+ 18.Bd2 Be7 19.g3 g6 20.Ke2 Rac8 21.Ke3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Re8 23.Rxc8 Kxc8



24.Ne2 Kd7 25.Nc3 Kc6 26.b3 g5 27.hxg5 Bxg5+ 28.Ke2 Be7 29.Kd1 b5 30.a4 Bd3 31.axb5+ Bxb5 32.Nxb5 Kxb5 33.Kc2 a5 34.Kd3 Bb4 35.Be3 Bxc3 36.Kxc3 a4 37.bxa4+ Kxa4 38.f4 Ka3 39.Kc2 Kb4 40.Kd3 Kb3 41.Kd2 Kc4 42.Ke3 Kc3 43.f5 Kc4 44.fx6 fx6 45.Kf4 Kxd4 46.Kg5 Kxe5 0-1

Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation D35

Mark McCue 1829

Jonathan Allen 1908

2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e3 Qb6 An "exciting" GM draw concluded

with 7...Bg4 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Qc2 Bh5 10.0-0 Bxf3 11.gxf3 draw Rajkovic-Ivkov, Stip 1977

8.Qc2 Na6!? 9.a3 Bf5 10.Qd2 Nc7 11.Be2 Ne6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.0-0 g5
Extremely aggressive, but where's the Black king to hide?
14.Rfd1 h5 15.b4 g4 16.Na4 Qc7 17.Ne1 h4 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 g3 20.f4 h3



21.hxg3 hxg2 22.Kxg2 Ke7 23.Nf3

White has a fine hold on the center. Black's dreams of attack will not be achieved easily.

23...Rhg8 24.Kf2 a5?! 24...Rg4 25.Nc5 Ng7 26.Rab1

26.b5!? appears strong, softening up the Black queenside.

26...b6 27.Nb3 axb4 28.axb4 Nh5 29.Rg1 Ra2+ 30.Nbd2 Bh8 31.Qh7?

White should eliminate one of Black's best posted pieces with 31.Ra1!? Qa7 (31...Rga8?? 32.Rxa2 Rxa2 33.Rh1+-) 32.Rxa2 Qxa2 33.Ne5+/-

31...Nf6= 32.Qh4 Qc8 33.Ra1 Rg4?

33...Qa6! 34.Rxa2 Qxa2+/-

34.Rxa2! Rxh4 35.Nxh4

The odd-looking 35.gxh4!? may be stronger

35...Ng4+ 36.Kf3 Qe6 37.Ra7+ Kd6



38.Ng2??

White gives up his advantage with this over-cautious move.

38.e4! leaves Black with insurmountable problems: 38...dxe4+ 39.Nxe4+ Kd5 40.Re1+- 38...Nh2+ 39.Kf2

39.Ke2 Bxd4

39...Ng4+ 40.Kf3 Nh2+ DRAW

Torre Attack A48

Nich Schoonmaker 2202

Amon Simutowe 2403

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d6 5.e4 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.c3 e6 9.Bd3 Nc6

9...0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Nc4 Bb7 12.a4 a6 13.Re1 Nd7 14.Nfd2 Nxc3 15.hxg3 Rb8+/- Chernin-Gavrikov, Moscow 1985

10.b4 Ne7 11.Nc4 Ng6 12.h4 12.e5!? 12...g4 13.Nh2 Ngf4 14.Bxf4 Nxf4 15.g3 Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 h5 17.f3?!

This doesn't feel right; the backward g-pawn will give White trouble. 17.Nf1 is better.

17...gxf3 18.Nxf3 Bh6 19.Ncd2 Bd7 20.0-0-0 Qe7 21.Kb2 0-0-0 22.b5

This move (along with 24.a4)

only server to soften up the White queenside.

22...Rdg8 23.Rhg1 Rg6 24.a4 Rhg8 25.Nf1 f5 26.Rh1 fxe4 27.Qxe4 Qf7 28.Rh2 e5 29.dxe5 Rg4 30.Qd3 Bf5 31.Qd5 Qxd5 32.Rxd5 Be4 0-1

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon B35

Mark Dejmek 2169

James Lank 2118

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be4 Qa5 8.0-0 d6 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Bg5 Na5

This allows White to destroy Black's pawn structure. 10...Qd7! avoids the game continuation.

11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Bb5+ Nc6

13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Nxf6+ exf6



15.Qd2

15.Qd5 0-0 16.Bxc6 doesn't win a pawn after 16...Be6 17.Qb5 bxc6 18.Qxc6 Rc8

15...0-0 16.Rad1 Bg4 17.Be2

The strange-looking 17.f3 doesn't seem to achieve much after 17...Qb6+ 18.Qf2 Qxb5 19.fxg4 Rae8 20.Rxd6 Rxe4 21.Qxf6 Rxg4 On the other hand, the game peters

out quickly...where did White go wrong?

17...Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Qe7 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Qd2 Rad8 21.f4 Qe6 22.a3 Qc4 23.Qd3 Qxd3 24.cxd3
DRAW

Scotch Gambit C44

Anthony Guerra 1650

Rickie Wallace 1910

2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 d6 5.cxd4 Bg4

Steinitz might have preferred 5...g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 Nh6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nd4 c6 12.Be2 Qb6

6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 Nf6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.h3 h6 11.Bf4 a6 12.Bd3 Nh7

Black probably plans on trading some pieces after ...Bg5 or ...Ng5... 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxh7+?!

I don't understand the idea here; White trades off an aggressively-posted piece for a passive Black piece.

14...Kxh7 15.Bxe5

White's playing to "gain" the two knights. Better is 15.Nxe5

15...Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bd6 17.Qb3 Bxe5 17...Rb8 18.dxe5 Bc6 19.Rad1 Qg5 20.Ne4

I'm not sure why White is offering his e-pawn up to Black. 20.Nd5 Rad8=

20...Qg6

Taking the freebie appears perfectly safe: 20...Qxe5 21.Ng3 Qf6-/+ 21.Ng3 Rad8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.e6 fxe6 24.Qxe6 Qxe6 25.Rxe6 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Rd2 27.Re2 Rxe2 28.Nxe2 b5?!

Don't push pawns without a

good reason.

29.Nf4 Bd7 30.Nd3 a5 31.a3 a4 32.f4 h5 33.Ne5 Be6 34.Kg3 g6 35.Kh4 Kg7 36.Kg5 Bf5 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Be6 39.f5 gxf5 40.gxf5 Ba2 41.f6+ Kf8 42.Kf5



42...Ke8

42...Bd5

43.Ke4

43.Kg6 Kf8 44.f7 Ke7 45.Kg7 Bxf7 46.Nxf7 Ke6 doesn't seem good enough for White.

43...c5 44.f7+

White can play on with 44.Kf5

44...Ke7

DRAW

Notes by NM Chris Land

The Veresov A45

Andrew Smith 2079

Bradley Sawyer 1916

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3

The Veresov is sort of a hybrid between Queen Pawn and King Pawn openings. White avoids Indian defenses and Queen's Gambit variations like the Slav, and invites transposition into a number of King pawn defenses. The most common response 2...d5 makes 3.e4 a gambit (Blackmar-Diemer).



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Black can also steer for a Pirc with d6/g6 or a French with e6/d5. Trying for a Caro-Kann with ...c6 runs into 3.e4 d5 4.e5 Ne4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.Ne2!

2...e6 3.e4 Bb4 4.Bg5

Transposing into a Trompowsky (1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5). 4.e5! Nd5 5.Qg4 Nxc3 6.Qxg7 Rf8 7.a3! Ba5 8.Bd2 takes advantage of 3...Bb4

4...h6 5.Bxf6 Qxf6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Nf3?!

White's plan of keeping his King in the center and smashing through on the kingside runs into trouble. 8.Bd3 Bxc3 9.Qa3 Ne2 protects c3 and the King. 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa3 10.Kd2 d6 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.h4 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6? Black's plan of opening the center to counteract the attack is working. However after 14...f6?, White can force the undoubling of his c-pawns with 15.Qb4 Qxb4 16.cxb4 fxe5 17.Ke3, and despite being a temporary pawn down can claim some advantage. Fritz 8 prefers any reasonable move that avoids the Queen exchange (...Qc5, ...Qa5, ...a5, or even ...c5)

15.Rh3?!

Keeping the big club on g4 and



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bringing in another. 15...fxe5
15...Qb2?? 16.Rg3+-

16.Rf3 Bd7 17.Qg6 Rf4?!

Exchanging rooks reduces the attacking force to an unwinnable level. Black survives the opening of the g-file: 17...Rxf3 18.gxf3 Qe7 19.Rg1 Kf8, or 19.Qh7+ Kf7 20.Rg1 Rg8

18.Rg3! Rxf2+ 19.Ke1 Rf7 20.Ke2?!

A good try, but even better is 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21. Bg6 and Black loses in all lines except the difficult to find 21.Qc5! 22.Bxf7 Qg1+ 23.Ke2 Bb5+ 24.Kf3! Qxa1 25. Qxg7+ Ke7 26.Bxe6! Kd6! (...Kxe6 27.Rg6+ #6). In this surreal position, both kings camp the center of the board in a MID-DLEGAME. After a long night of thought, Fritz 8 claims that best play is 27.Rg6 Kc5 28.Qxc7+ Bc6+ 29.Kf2 Qxc3 30.Kg1 Qd4+ 31.Kh2 Qxh4+ 32.Bh3 Qf4+ with a perpetual.

20...e4!

A good move, and not just

because all other moves lose. By returning one pawn, Black gains a tempo and opens the long diagonal for his queen to protect g7.

21.Qxe4

21.Bxe4? Bb5+

21...Qxc3

21...Qd6 hitting g3 is even better.

22.Rd1?!

The rook doesn't help defend the King on d1. Better to exchange it for its active counterpart with 22.Rf1 Rxf1 23.Qh7+! Kf8 24.Kxf1

22...Rf5! 23.Qg4 Bb5! 24.Bxb5 Qe5+ 25.Re3 Qxb5+ 26.c4 Qb2+ 27.Rd2 Qf6

There's no immediate mate, but White's attack is over, his King is exposed, two pawns are missing, and the remaining ones resemble hanging chads. Hulk THROW towel in. **0-1**

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Sicilian Taimanov B49

Magesh Panchanathan 2465

Mark Diesen 2472

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 Nf6 8.0-0 Bb4 9.Na4

The main line of the Sicilian Taimanov. The Knight aims for b6 winning the two bishops.

9...Bd6

The e-pawn can't be taken without giving White a huge initiative: 9...Nxe4? 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 (otherwise Qd4 wins a piece) 11.Qd4 Bf8! 12.Bf3 d5 13.c4+/-

10.g3

The most common reply to 9...Bd6. Other possibilities: 10.Nb6!? Bxh2+ 11.Kh1 Qxb6!? (11...Rb8) 12.Nxe6 Qxb2 13.Nxg7+ Kf8 14.Nf5 Fritz likes Black here but the uncastled King gives White better practical chances.; 10.Nxc6 bxc6 (10...dxc6 11.Nb6 Bxh2+ 12.Kh1 Rb8 13.g3 Bxg3 14.fxg3 Nxe4 15.Bf4! Qxb6 16.Bxb8 Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Qxf2+/-) 11.Nb6 Bxh2+ 12.Kh1 Rb8 13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.g3 Bxg3 15.fxg3 Nxe4 16.Rf3 Nxg3+ 17.Kg2 Nxe2 18.Qxe2+/-

10...b5 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Nb6 Bb7!

Gaining counterplay along the long diagonal. After a forced sequence, Black will have an extra center pawn and the bishop pair to compensate for the lost exchange. Also possible is 12...Rb8 13.Nxc8 Rxc8=

13.Nxa8 Qxe4 14.Bf3 Qxf3 15.Qxf3 Bxf3 16.Nb6 Ke7 17.c4

Working to get a passed pawn.

17...h5 18.a4 Ng4?

This nabs White's bishop and

damages White's pawn structure, but the loss of the Q-side pawns is too great a price. Black is soon forced to fall back and defend, and even the unopposed twin bishops can't prevent a breakthrough. 18...bxc4 19.Nxc4 Bb4= 19.axb5 axb5 20.exb5 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Be4?!

21...Bc5 22.Kf2+/-

22.Rfc1

Preventing Bc5. Black has no time to activate with 22...Rb8 because of Nc8+ winning a bishop. **22...Bb7?**

Walks into a combination. Alternatives are also no fun: 22...Bb8 23.Nc8+ Kd8 24.Ra6 intending Nd6

23.Ra7 Rb8 24.Rxb7! Rxb7 25.Nc8+ Kd8 26.Nxd6 Rb6 27.Nxf7+ Ke7 28.Ne5 Rxb5 29.Nd3 g5 30.Kf2 1-0

22.Nxd6 is better, but White has a big idea...

22...dxe5 23.Nxe5 Qh5 24.Nxc6?!

White plans on pushing the b-pawn through with b7 and Ra8. Only one thing is needed to make this plan work: an invisible king. **24...bxc6 25.b7 Qg5 26.g3 Nxb3+ 27.Kg2 Qg4 28.f3 Nf4+! 29.Kf2 Nxd3+ 30.Ke3**



30...Nd5+!

An elegant move. Many moves are also good, including Qg5+ and Qxg3. Fritz 8 found the beautiful queensac 30...Rbd8!! 31.fxg4 Nxb3+ 32.Kd2 Rf2+ 33.Kd1 Ne3# **31.Kxd3 Rxf3+ 32.Kd4 e5+!**

Other moves are objectively better but this gets points for style. **33.Ke5**



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33.Kxe5? Qxg3+ is a mate in six.

33...Kh7?

33...Rxc3+? 34.Qxc3 Nxc3 35.Ra8 Nxe4+ 36.Kb6 and White wins the rook with good chances to force a new queen; 33...Qxg3+ is the way to go.

34.exd5 exd5 35.Ra8



35...Rxb7!!

35...Rff8? 36.Rxb8 Rxb8 37.Ra8 and White's dream has come true.

36.Qxb7 Rxc3+?=

Tempting. Instead 36...Qc4+ 37.Kd6 Rf6+ is the winning line.

37.Kd6! Qg6+ 38.Kxd5?+

From here the game teeters between a draw and a win, until finally White steps too close to the precipice. 38.Ke7

38...Qd3+?=

38...Rd3+

39.Kxe5?+ 39.Ke6 39...Rc5+?

39...Qxg3+ 40.Ke6 Qf5+ 41.Kd6 Qe5+ 42.Kd7 Qd4+ 43.Ke7?

43.Ke8 Re5+ 44.Qe7 Rxe7+ 45.Kxe7 Qe5+ and Black's better but it's not over yet

43...Re5+ 44.Kf8 Qd6+ 45.Kf7 Qf6 0-1

Italian Game C50
David Christiansen 1092
Willie Scott 1263
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You don't need a high rating to play an epic chess battle. In this last-round encounter, two die-hard players duke it out until only one's left standing.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 h6 7.Be3 Bb6 8.c3 Qe7 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.b4 Rd8 11.Bxb6 axb6 12.Qb3 0-0 13.Bd5 b5 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Qf7

Now the plans are clear: White will attack on the queenside and Black on the kingside.

17.b5 Ne7 18.Ra7 Rb8 19.b6 c6 20.Rfa1 Ng6 21.Nc4 Nf4 22.Nxe5

Queen's Fianchetto Defence B00
Andrew Solomon 1744
Drew Sarkisian 2168
 2003 SW Open 2003 (7)

Going into the final round, Roberto Rodriguez and myself were tied for top Expert. Somebody cracked that I had gotten a "lucky" pairing... upon examining the tournament crosstable, one might note that my opponent had defeated three Experts in the previous three rounds. Never underestimate your opponent, especially if he or she is a junior player who has been beating opponents rated 300 points higher... 1.e4 Nc6 2.d3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.c3 d6 5.g3 [5.d4] 5...e5 6.Bg2 Nh6 7.Be3 f6 8.h3 Nf7 9.Nbd2 a6 10.a4 0-0 11.Nh2 f5



12.f3?

This move seriously compromises White's kingside. 12.0-0 looks even.

12...f4 13.Bf2

13.gxf4 would force Black into 13...Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qxf4 to keep the edge.

13...fxg3 14.Bxg3 Be6 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Ng4 h5 17.Ne3 Ng5 18.Bf1 Ne6 19.Ng2 Bh6 20.Nh4

20.Bh4!?! Qe8 21.a5 is interesting.

20...Kh7 21.Qf2 Qf6 22.Rg1 Rg8 23.b4 Raf8 24.b5?! 24.Nc4 24...axb5 25.axb5 Ne7?

White's desire to generate counterplay on the queenside has merely shown up his lack of development. Simply 25...Ra8 26.Nb3 Ne7 27.Rb1 gives Black the advantage on both sides of the board.

26.b6 c6

Again, 26...Ra8 is the right idea. **27.Nc4 Nf4 28.Ra7 Rb8 29.Na5 Bc8 30.d4 Rg7**

Caution, caution, caution. Sigh. 30...g5! 31.Nf5 Nxf5 32.exf5 Qxf5 is fine.

31.Nc4 Bg5 32.Ra5 Bxh3 33.dxe5 dxe5 34.Ng2 [34.Rh1] 34...Bxg2

35.Rxg2 Nxg2+ 36.Bxg2 Bf4 37.Nxe5 Rd8 38.Bh3 Nd5 39.Bxf4 Qxf4 40.Nd3 Nxc3

It's not often I get to play "cute" moves.

41.Bf1 Qc1+ 42.Nxc1 Rd1 0-1

Modern Defence:
Averbakh Variation A42
Clarence Yeung 2200
William Moore 2059
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1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 a6 5.f3 Nd7 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Bd3 f5 9.Nge2 0-0 10.Qd2 Nf6 11.0-0 0 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.fxe4 c6

An enterprising pawn sac. **14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Bc2 d5 16.cxd5**



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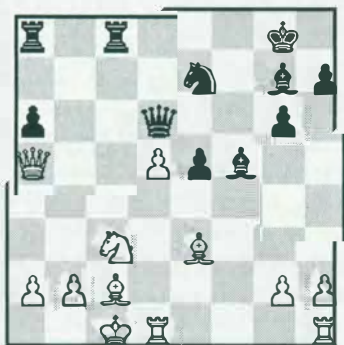
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cx d5 17.exd5 Qd6 18.Qa5 Bf5
19.Nc3 Rfc8



20.g4?!

Clarence was in a generous mood? I'd prefer 20.Rhf1

20...Bxg4 21.Ne4?

Missing Black's next. 21.Rd2 Bf3 22.Rf1 e4 leaves Black with the advantage, but the move played is much weaker.

21...Rxc2+! 22.Kxc2 Bf5 23.Qa4 Nxd5

23...Rc8+! first wins; 24.Kb1 Nxd5 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Kxc1 Bxe4 27.Qxe4 Nxe3 and White's loose rook on h1 (28.Qxe3?? Qc6+) gives Black a winning advantage.

24.Qc4

White cannot afford to trade queens; 24.Kd2 Qc7 25.Bf2-+

24...Qc7 25.Qxc7 Nxc7 26.Kd3 Rd8+ 27.Kc4 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Bxe4 29.Rd8+ Bf8 30.Bh6 Ne6 31.Rb8 Kf7 32.Bxf8 Nxf8 33.Rb6 Bf3 34.Kd3 Nd7 35.Rb4 e4+ 35...Bc6! 36.Ke3 Ne5 37.Rb7+ Kg8 38.h3 g5 39.b3 g4 40.hxg4 Nxg4+ 41.Kf4 Nf6 42.Ra7 Nd5+ 43.Kg3 Be2 44.Rd7 Nf6 45.Rb7 Bd3 46.a4 Nd5

46...e3! 47.Rc7 (47.b4?? Ne4+ 48.Kf3 e2) 47...Nd5 48.Rc8+ Kf7 49.Kf3 h5 50.Rc1 e2 51.Re1 h4 47.Rd7 Nb4 48.Kf4 Nc2 49.Kf5

Ne3+ 50.Kf4 Ng2+ 51.Kg3 Ne1
52.Kf4 h5 53.b4 Nc2

53...h4 is also a winner: 54.b5 Ng2+ 55.Kg4 e3 56.b6 Be2+ 57.Kg5 Bf3+ 54.b5 axb5 55.axb5 Bxb5 56.Rd8+ DRAW

King's Indian E81

Gilbert Davila 1724

Walt Wright 1827

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.f3 d6 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.d5 Na5 8.Ng3 c5 9.Be2 a6 10.0-0 h5

Black can play this a la Benko with 10...b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Bxb5 Qb6 . As the game continues, it appears as if the knight on a5 may be stranded.

11.Re1 Rb8 12.a4 Qb6 13.Ra3 Nd7 14.f4 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Nf6 16.Qc2 Qb4?! 16...Qc7 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Nd1 Bg4 19.Be3

19.Bxg4!? Nxg4 20.Rf3 19...Qb4 20.Bd2 Qb6 21.Bc3 Kg7 22.Bxd4

The immediate 22.e5!? looks even better.

22...cxd4 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5 Nd7



25.Nxh5+!? gxh5

Fortune favors the brave! White's impressive shot doesn't

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win, but it generates plenty of play. Black can give White ways to go wrong as well; 25...Bxh5 26.Bxh5 (26.g4 Nxc4! 27.Bxc4 Bxg4 28.Nf2 Bf5=+) 26...Qb4! (26...gxh5? 27.Rg3+ Kh8 28.Qf5+ 27.Qf2 Nxc4 28.Rg3 Rh8

26.Bxg4 hxg4 27.Qf5 Nxc4 28.Rg3 Ndx5 29.Rxe5 Nxe5 30.Qxe5+ Qf6 31.Rxg4+ Kh6 32.Qe1 Rg8??

32...Rfd8 33.Qd2+ Kh5= 33.Rh4+- Kg7 34.Qg3+ Qg6 35.Rg4 Rbc8 36.Rxg6+ fxg6 37.Qe5+ Kh7

37...Kf7 38.Qxd4 Rgd8 39.Qf4+ Kg8 40.Qg4+- 38.Qxe7+ Rg7 39.Qh4+ Kg8 40.Qxd4 Rc1 41.h3 g5 42.d6 1-0

Sicilian B50

Lorenzo Gaskill 2012

Mark Dejmek 2169

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 Nbd7 5.d3 b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Nbd2 g6 8.Qb3

8.Re1 Bg7 9.Bf1 Ne5 10.d4 Nxh3+ 11.Qxf3 0-0 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.Nb3 d5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.exd5 Ne5 16.Qe2 Qxd5 17.Be4 Qxe4 18.Qxe4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 f5 20.Re2 Nd3 Torre-Ftacnik, Biel 1988.

8...Bg7 9.Ng5

No, Lee doesn't expect Mark to

overlook mate at f7 (though I'm certain Lee wouldn't mind if he did!). Rather, he's making room for the advance of his f-pawn. 9...e6



9...0-0 may have been more precise.
10.f4

Interesting is 10.Nc4!? putting the question on the weak d-pawn. 10...Ne5 a) 10...Bf8 11.Bf4+/-; b) 10...Qe7? 11.Bf4 and Black sheds a pawn after 11...Ne5 (b) 11...e5?? 12.Nxd6+-) 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Bxe5; 11.Nxe5 dxe5+/-
10...0-0 11.Ndf3 d5

I'm not sure I like the idea of giving White the big pawn center. 11...Qe7!? retains flexibility. This virtually guarantees attacks on opposite wings.

12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Nc7 14.Qd1 h6 15.Nh3 Ba6 16.Kh1 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Rc8 18.Be3 Qe7 19.Bf2 f5 20.Rg1 h5?! 21.Nh4 Qe8 22.Ng5 Bh6 23.Nhf3 c4 24.Bh4 b5 25.h3 Kg7 26.Raf1 Rh8 27.Nh2 Rb8 28.a3 a5 29.g4 hxg4 30.hxg4 Bxg5

The cold-blooded 30...Kg8 is a hard move to play here.
31.Bxg5 b4 32.axb4 axb4 33.Bf6+ Nxf6 34.exf6+ Kf7

34...Kxf6?? 35.Qe5+ picks off the Nc7

35.g5 bxc3 36.bxc3 Qd7?

Things look tough; the White f-pawn is a monster, and it can be supported by a knight on e5. Maybe 36...Nb5 37.Ra1 Qd7

37.Kg2+- Rh4 38.Nf3 Rg4+ 39.Kf2 Rxf4

39...Kg8 40.Rh1 Qd6 doesn't hold out any hope.

40.Rh1 Kg8 41.Rh6 e5 42.Rfh1 e4

Or 42...Rxf3+ 43.Qxf3 Rb2+ 44.Ke1 Rb1+ 45.Kd2 Rb2+ 46.Kc1 Rc2+ 47.Kd1+-

43.Rh8+ Kf7 44.R8h7+

44.Rxb8! leaves Black helpless: 44...Qd6 45.Rh7+ Ke6 46.f7 Rxf3+ 47.Qxf3 exf3 48.Kxf3

44...Ke6 45.Rxd7 Kxd7 46.Rh7+ Kd6 47.Qa2 Rxf3+ 48.Ke1 Rxc3?

The only move to play on was 48...f4

49.Qh2+

49.Qh2+ Rg3 50.Qxg3+ f4 51.Qxf4+ Kc6 52.Qxc7+ Kb5 53.Qxb8+ Kc6 54.Qb7+ Kd6 55.Qb6# **1-0**

English Opening A12

John Hendrick 2106

Mike Simpson 1977

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Bg2



Drew Sarkisian
Southwest Open 2003

Bf5 5.0-0 e6 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 Be7 8.d3 h6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Qc2 Bh7 11.Rad1 Qb8 12.Qb1N

12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 a5 14.Rfe1 Nc5 15.Ne5 Rd8 16.Qc3 Ne8 17.Ba3 Qc7 looked level in Hort-Zuidema, Wijk aan Zee 1973.

12...a5 13.a3 Re8 14.Qa1 Bd6 15.Rfe1 e5 16.Bh3

John probably didn't like the look of 16.e4 d4, but he liked the look of Black's next move less.

16...e4 17.dxe4 dxe4 18.Nd4



18...e3

The Monkey Wrench!

19.Nf1

19.fxe3!? Rxe3 20.N4f3

19...exf2+ 20.Kxf2 Ne4+ 21.Kg2 Ndf6 22.Nf5 Be5 23.N1e3

White should be seeking exchanges; 23.Nd2!? may be playable.

23...Ng5 24.Rf1 Bxb2 25.Qxb2 Nxb3

Dragging the king out looks tempting, esp. with the added bonus of eliminating the light-squared bishop. Fritz 8 suggests the following fantasy variation instead: 25...Qe5!? 26.Rd2 (26.Qxe5 is no help after 26...Rxe5 27.Rd2 Rae8 28.Ng4 Rxe2+ 29.Rf2 Rxf2+ 30.Nxf2 Nxb3 31.Nd6 Nxf2 32.Nxe8 Nd3 33.Nxf6+ gxf6-+)

26...Bxf5 27.Nxf5 Qe4+ 28.Rf3
Nxf3 29.exf3-+

26.Kxh3 Qe8 27.Kg2 Qe6 28.Rd6
Qe4+ 29.Kg1 Re6 30.Rf4 Qe5
31.Qxe5 Rxe5 32.Rd3

32.Rxf6!? gxf6 33.Nxh6+ Kg7
34.Nef5+ Kf8 35.Kf2=

32...Rae8 33.Rf2 Ne4 34.Rf1 Nc5
35.Rc3 Bxf5 36.Rxf5 Rxf5
37.Nxf5 Rxe2 38.b4 axb4 39.axb4
Ne4 40.Rd3 Rb2 41.Rd8+ Kh7
42.Re8 Ng5

42...Nd2 43.c5 Nf3+ 44.Kf1
Nxh2+ 45.Ke1 Nf3+ 46.Kd1 Rxb4
is clear.

43.h4 Nf3+ 44.Kf1 Rxb4

44...Nd2+!? 45.Ke2 Nxc4+
46.Kd3 Rxb4 works too.

45.Ke2 Nh2 46.Nd6 Rb2+ 47.Ke3
Ng4+ 48.Kf4 Nf6 49.Re7 b5
50.Rxf7 bxc4 51.Ke3 Kg6 52.Ra7
Nd5+ 53.Kd4 c3 54.Ra6 Rd2+
55.Ke4 Nb4 0-1

French Unusual C00
James Pemberton 1520
James Kerens 1364
2003 SW Open Reserve 2003 (7)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.exd5
exd5 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.0-0 Nf6
7.Re1+

Lasker played 7.d4 against
Marshall in 1904 at Cambridge
Springs.

7...Be7 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Qf3

Again, I'd prefer 9.d4 to the
move played. Leaving Black's
broad pawn center intact gives the
second player some advantage.

9...Be6 10.d3 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6
12.Bf4 Bd6 13.Bg3 Qb7

(see Diagram, top of next column)

after 13...Qb7 from previous col.



14.Bh4?

Overlooking (or underestimating)
White's next. 14.Na4 (or 14.Rab1)
keeps matters under control.

14...Bxe5! 15.Rxe5 Ng4!

Avoiding the tempting
15...Qxb2?! 16.Rb1 Qxc3 17.Bxf6
and White gets a fine attack:
17...gxf6 18.Qxf6 Rfb8 19.Rbe1 Qb2
(19...Qxc2 20.Rg5+ Kf8 21.Qh6+
Ke7 22.Rxe6+! Kd7 (22...fxc6??
23.Rg7+ Kd6 24.Qf4+ and mate in
one) 23.Rd6+ Kc7 24.Rxc6+ Kb7
25.h4) 20.h4! and White appears to
have a winning attack.

16.Ree1 Qxb2 17.Ne2 Ne5 18.Qg3
Ng6 19.c3 Nxh4 20.Qxh4 Rfe8

Black's up a pawn; now it's time
to increase the activity of his
pieces. 20...Bf5 looks to be a good
start.

21.Qa4 Bd7 22.Qd1 Rab8 23.Kf1
h6 24.a4 Qb7

Her Majesty was not in any
immediate danger. Softening up the
White position with 24...Bg4!?
25.f3 Bf5 looks more promising.

25.Qc2 Bf5 26.Qd2

(see Diagram, top of next column)

26...Qc7

Again, passive play....if Black's
not careful, his opponent may get
some chances. 26...Qa6! 27.Nc1

after 26.Qd2 from previous col.



Rxe1+ 28.Kxe1 eliminate White's
only active rook, keeping the posi-
tion on a tight leash.

27.Ng3 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Bg6
29.Kg1 Qa5 30.Qf4

30.f4! f6 (30...Qxa4 31.f5 Bh7
32.Qe3 Rf8 (the threat was
33.Qe8+ followed by mate)
33.Qxc5 and White has play) 31.f5
Bf7 is still better for Black, but it's
a game.

30...Qd8? [30...Rd8] 31.Nf5 Bxf5

Following the old rule that
exchanges favor the side with a
material advantage; unfortunately,
every rule has its exception.
31...Rb3! keeps up the pressure.
Once Black drifts into a queen end-
ing, it becomes extremely difficult
(if not impossible) to make progress.
32.Qxf5 Rb7 33.g3 Rc7?! 34.Rb1
g6 35.Qf4 Kg7 36.Qe5+ f6 37.Qe1
Re7 38.Qd2 Qe8 39.Kf1 Qd7
40.Re1 Rxe1+ 41.Qxe1 d4 42.c4
Kf7 43.Qe2 Qh3+ 44.Kg1 Qf5
45.Kg2 h5 46.Qb2 Qc8 47.h3 Qc7
48.h4 Qc8 49.Qd2 Kg7 50.Qe2
Qd7 51.Qd2 Qd8 52.Qb2 DRAW

Thanks to Lee Gaskill and
Chris Land for the help
with games from the
Southwest Open 2003.

Did You Know?

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) embodied the Horatio Alger rise from Poor Richard's rags to the stature of eminent scientist and early American statesman. Less known, except among "the club," was his strong and sound game of chess. His treatise, *The Morals of Chess*, gave both educational and practical advice about chess conduct and drew parallels with life. These maxims, coming from his circles and drew the attention of players and laymen alike.

Franklin's influence was so profound that in 1791 a translation from the French reprint of *The Morals of Chess* was published in Russian in St. Petersburg under the title *Pravila dlia shashechnoi igry* (*Rules for the Game of Chess*). The title uses the word *shashechnoi* ("checkers") instead of *shakhmatnoi* ("chess"), a word coined later; but it is actually the first original book on chess published in Russia, and the title page and table of contents acknowledge Franklin's authorship.

NOTE: Taken from page 5 of
America's Chess Heritage,
by Walter Korn.

Solution:

Puzzle from
back cover:

Answer: 1.Ke3 c5
2.Na5 c4
3.dxc4++



Congratulations are in Order!

Special congratulations go to *Stephanie Ballom* of Mansfield who received a scholarship to University of Texas at Dallas for winning the 2003 Texas Girls Championships in South Padre Island.

Also winning a scholarship was *Roshni Patel* of Alice. She received a Texas A&M University at Kingsville scholarship.

Way to Go!

January 24, 2004

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Quick Report: Watauga Quads

by Tom Kusnierz

The Watauga Chess Club held its Many Springs Quad #4 on September 6, 2003. A total of 20 players participated in 5 quad sections. The top quad ended with a 4-way tie for 1st place between Kent Gordon (2047), Aurelio Gonzalez (1952), Jim Hollingsworth (1839), and Tom Kusnierz (1829). All 4 finished with 1 ½ - 1 ½ scores. The 2nd Quad was won by Mark Gracy (1758) with a perfect 3-0 score and Marvin Bolden (1710) finished second with a 1 ½ - 1 ½ score. The 3rd Quad

was won by David Pawlowski (1658) with a perfect 3-0 score and Antonio Blanco finished second with a 2-1 score. Robert L. Japper (1481) and Marvin Wells (1347) finished in a 2-way tie for 1st in the 4th Quad with 2 ½ - ½ scores. The 5th Quad was won by Chris McCaslin (UNR) and Jimmy Rogers (989), Justin McCaghren (UNR), and Andrew McCaghren (UNR) finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd with 1-0 scores. The tournament was directed by Tom Crane.

Notes by NM Drew Sarkisian

French Tarrasch C09

Kent Gordon 2047

Tom Kusnierz 1829

Watauga MSQ4 2003 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5
5.Ng3 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6

Not a popular move; Black's lack of development will lead to problems. Either 6...Bd6 or 6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 look stronger here.

7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.0-0 exd4 9.Nxd4 Qc7

9...Qb6 10.Re1+ Be7 11.N2b3 c5?!
12.Nf5! Bxf5 13.Qxd5 with a winning advantage in Kogan-Mansoor, Singapore 1990.

10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qf3 Nf6 12.Qe2 c5

12...Ra7 looks playable as well.

13.Nc6 Be6 14.Nxe7 Qxe7 15.Nf3 h6
16.b3 0-0 17.Bb2 Rfe8 18.h3 Qd8
19.Qd3 Nd7 20.Rad1 Qb6 21.Nh4
Qd6 22.Re3 Qf4 23.Nf3 d4 24.Re4
Qf6 25.Rde1 Kf8 26.Qe2 Qd8?

This queen misplacement vindicates White's pileup of heavy pieces on the e-file. Avoiding the pressure with 26...Red8 is better.

27.Qd2 Nf6 28.Re5 Bd5 29.Ba3

(see diagram, top of next column)

29...Ne4?

There are some interesting desperado tactics with 29...Rxe5! 30.Bxc5+

After 29.Ba3 from previous col.



Kg8 31.Nxe5 Bxg2 32.Bxd4 Bxh3 and Black stays in the game.

30.Bxc5+! Nxc5??

Horrible, but 30...Kg8 31.Qxd4 Rxe5 32.Qxe5 leaves Black down two pawns for nothing.

31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8
33.Qxd4 1-0

Notes by NM Drew Sarkisian

Veresov Opening D01

Jim Hollingsworth 1839

Kent Gordon 2047

Watauga MSQ4 2003 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.f3 h6
5.Bf4 Nh5!?

Players often feel the need to "punish" Veresov players, often engaging in speculative pawn sacrifices to compli-

cate matters. 5...e6 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 Bb4 8.Bd3 c5 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 bxa3+ 12.c3 0-0 13.Rxa3 a6 14.Nd6 Bc7 was Portisch, G-Szabo, Hungary 1998.

6.Nxd5 Nxf4 7.Nxf4 b6 8.e3 Bb7 9.Bd3 Nf6

Black might want to open things up a bit for his bishops with 9...e5!?

10.Qd2 e6 11.c3 Qd7 12.e4 Be7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Qc2 0-0 16.Be4 c5 17.Bxd5

White is too concerned with trading while up material, and neglects his development. 17.Ne2 is called for.

17...Qxd5 18.Qe4 Qc4 19.Qe2 Qa4 20.Qd1 Qc6 21.Ne2 Bh4+!?



Giving White a chance to go wrong... 22.Ng3?

...which he does. There's nothing wrong with 22.g3; instead, White gives

Black a juicy target in White's d-pawn.
 22...Rfd8 23.0-0 Bxg3 24.hxg3 exd4
 25.exd4 Qc4 26.b3 Qxd4+ 27.Qxd4
 Rxd4 28.Rad1 Rad8 29.Rxd4 Rxd4
 30.Rf2 Rd1+ 31.Rf1 Rd5 32.f4 f6
 33.exf6 gxf6 34.Re1 Kf7 35.Kf2 Rd2+
 + 36.Re2 Rxe2+ 37.Kxe2 h5 38.Kf3 f5
 39.Ke3 Ke7 40.Kd4 Kd7 41.b4 b5??

Preventing White from pushing his b-pawn further, but 41...a6 accomplished the same purpose without opening up the queenside to invasion. 42.b5 axb5 43.Kc3 Kd6 44.Kb4 Kc6 45.a3 Kd7 46.Kxb5 Kc7 leads to a draw.
42.Ke3??

Maybe White forgot about his pawn on g2, which prevents any pawn desperados from clearing a way for Black to queen a kingside pawn. 42.Kc5 is an easy win.

42...Kc6 43.Ke2 Kd6 44.Ke3 e5 45.fxe5+ Kxe5 46.Kf3 Kd4

46...Kf6 47.Ke3 Kg5 48.Kf3 fails to make any progress.

47.Kf4 Kc4 48.Kxf5 Kxb4 49.Kg5 Ka3 50.Kxh5 Kxa2 51.g4 b4 52.g5 b3 53.g6 b2 54.g7 b1Q 55.g8Q+ Qb3 56.Qxb3+ Kxb3 57.g4 a5 58.g5 a4 59.g6 a3 60.g7 a2 61.g8Q+ Kb2 62.Qb8+ Ka1 63.Qa7 Kb1 64.Qb6+ Ka1 65.Qd4+ Kb1 66.Qb4+ Ka1 67.Qa3 Kb1 68.Qb3+ Ka1 69.Kg4
DRAW

Bust the Editor:

Dear Mario:

In vol 45 #1 of Texas Knights, the solution to "Test Your Game" to #2 DeVries-Webb works but if the other rook goes to f8 (26...Rcf8) on the first move it is not so clean. When I picked up this test the move for white jumped right out, 26.Rf5! with the threat of Rxd5+. White wins in all lines.

Here is just one representative line with best play by black. Other 1st or 2nd moves by black lose much more quickly: 26.Rf5! Kd7 27.Qf7+ Kd8 28.Qg7+ Kc6 29.b5+ Qxb5 30.c4 and it's all downhill!

Sincerely,
 Gary D. Zintgraff
 San Antonio, TX

Original Puzzle:



White to Move
 DeVries-Webb
 Waco Open 2003

Thank you Gary!! Nice to know someone's keeping us on our toes!--ML

Original Solution:

26.Bxd5! Rhf8 [If 26...Kxd5 27.c4+ Kc6 28.b5+ Kc7 29.Qe5+ Kd7 30.Rxf7+ Ke8 31.Rcf1] The game should have continued 27.Bxe6! fxe6 28.Qe5+ Kc6 29.Rxf8 Rxf8 30.Qxe6+ Kc7 [30...Kb5 31.a4+ Ka6 (31...Kxa4 32.Ra1+ Kb5 33.Qd5+ mating) 32.Qc4+ mates] 31.Qe7+ Kc6 32.Qxf8 1-0

Minutes for the TCA Fall 2003 Meeting, Held on August 31, 2003 in Houston, Texas, submitted by Lorraine Widener, TCA Secretary

I. Meeting was called to order at 8:46 a.m.

Members in attendance included Gary Gaiffe-President, Mario Leal-Vice-President, Bob James-Secretary, Tom Crane, Luis Salinas, Clemente Rendon, Nancy Sawyer, George John, Frank Lawrence, and Wayne Kruemcke.

Frank Lawrence arrived at 10:00 a.m.

II. Reading of the minutes. George John moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the Spring Meeting. Mario Leal seconded. By a show of hands, the decision was unanimous.

III. Treasurer's Report. After discussion, George John motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Clemente Rendon seconded. By a show of hands, the decision was unanimous.

IV. President's Report. IRS is looking more at the income stream. If your organization is scholastic based, the IRS want to see the money going to the scholastic division. The President stated that the USCF was losing money each year. President's address included the discussion of possibly developing our own rating system for Texas should the USCF no longer rate events. The President concluded his farewell address.

V. Bidding Guidelines & Events Awarded.

a. Revisions of the bidding guidelines have been completed. Bylaws discussing bidding deadlines will be clarified and listed on the web site.

b. The following events were awarded: 2003 Texas Open - SACC, 2004 Texas State and Amateur - FWCC, 2004 Southwest Open - TBA

2005 State Scholastic - TCA, 2005 Texas Grade and Collegiate - FWCC

VI. New Officers. Ballots were counted in open session and the results for new officers is as follows: President - George John, 63 votes; Vice-President - Clemente Rendon, 36 votes; Secretary - Lorraine Widener, 11 votes; Treasurer- Nancy Sawyer, 63 votes; For the position of President, there were 5 additional write-in candidates. For the position of Vice-President, Rios came in second with 33 votes. For the position of Secretary, there were 11 additional write-in candidates with no more than three votes each. For the position of Treasurer, there were 4 additional write-in candidates.

Discussion on the following items was conducted:

1. Texas Knights Mario Leal, editor of Texas Knights, stated that the September issue went in last fiscal year. The Texas Knights mailed 394 pieces and 30 on Hall

of Honor. There are plans to increase the quality of the Texas Knights. This means there will be a cost increase. Last issue costs were at \$1,000.00. Mario is interested in improving the quality of the magazine by designing a 2 color cover and including more title players with annotated games. Mario is currently searching for annotators.

2. The President asked Mario to provide a break down of the chess set program and have post them to the web site.

3. The President asked George John to write a page notating the history of past tournaments.

4. George John is interested in tracking trends in members counts including the non-scholastic and scholastic.

Questions arose about making the Texas Junior Invitational Tournament a Texas Chess Association Event.

5. The Advance Motion made by Luis Salinas was referred to the Spring Meeting. "Move that the Denker Stipend be increased. Rationale: The Denker has increased in length by a day. There are less Texas players who compete, thereby harder to find someone to share expenses. There are more players and thus more stipend from USCF is smaller. Note that some states fully fund the Denker rep and conversely, some states do not fund the rep at all."

6. The following Advance Motion made by Luis Salinas was referred to the Spring Meeting. "Move that Texas' Polgar representative be given the same stipend as the Denker Stipend with the same conditions attached. Rationale: Susan Polgar is creating a girls k-12 tournament of high school champions. Does Texas want to have a representative?"

7. Luis Salinas discussed clearinghouse deadlines.

8. **Motion.** The Texas Chess Association membership confirms the following recommendation of the board members. Gary Gaiffe motioned and Luis Salinas seconded in recommending that Selby Anderson be honored at the next state Tournament for his many years of service to chess. By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

Motions Passed During the August 31, 2003 Texas Chess Association Meeting are as follows: Editor's note: unless otherwise stated, the following motions (all passed) are effective as of January 1, 2004.

Advance Motion. Bylaws Change: Article IX. Section 2. Policies of the Conduct of Tournaments. K. Changed To: If a money prize fund is guaranteed, no financial statement is required at any time. If the money prize fund is based on a number of players, it is required to post a financial statement during the tournament. This statement shall include the number of based on players and the new prizes. By a show of hands, the motion passed unanimously.

Advance Motion. Bylaws Change: Article IX. Section 2. Policies of the Conduct of Tournaments. O. Changed To: If an Association Officer is unable to collect Association dues and give receipts, the tournament organizer will assume these duties. The organizer will also submit all collected dues and data to the Treasurer within two weeks after the end of the tournament. By a show of hands, the decision was unanimous.

Advance Motion. Bylaws Change: Article IX. Tournaments. Section 3. Submission of Tournament Bids Add the following: In the case of an opportunity arising, the TCA may choose to run any of its events and/or accept a bid more than two years in advance and may organize the major tournament. The TCA may choose to hire an affiliate to run this event. By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

Advance Motion. Move that the above motion go into effect immediately. By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. Note: the rationale for this motion is there is an exceptionally good contract offer from the Dallas Adams Mark for the 2007 Texas Scholastic Championships. This contract must be signed by September 10th.

Advance Motion. Bylaws Change: Article IX. Tournaments. Section 1. Regular TCA Tournaments. C. Change to: Texas State Chess Championship: This tournament shall be held simultaneously with the Texas Amateur Championship in May. This tournament shall be restricted to players with a United States Chess Federation rating of at least 2000, with exception made for the Texas High School Champion or Co-Champions. Any player with a Fide rating of at least 2000 may also play in this tournament. Only a Texas resident may win the title of Texas State Champion, or any other state title listed below.

By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the defending Amateur Champion(s) can play in the championship

Advance Motion. Move that the procedure for picking the Polgar Representative will be as follows: The winner of each section of the Texas Girls and the highest finishing girl in each championship section of the Texas State Scholastic Championships play a tournament to decide the Polgar representative. The profits from this tournament go to the Polgar representative to help with expenses. By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. Rationale: In speaking to Susan Polgar and her agent Paul Troung, they prefer this method when a state has a closed tournament. (Closed such that only high school players play in the high school section etc etc.) The Polgar is a K-12 tournament and by having the strongest players in each section play in a tournament, then the Polgar representative should be our best player.

Advance Motion. Move that the just passed procedure for picking the Polgar Representative goes into effect immediately. By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. The rationale is to have the just passed procedure apply to the upcoming 2003 Texas Girls Championship.

Motion. Advance motions must be received at least three weeks prior to any meeting, and shall be posted to the TCA Website no later than two weeks prior to the same meeting. By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. George John motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10.43. Bob James seconded. By a show of hands, the motion to adjourn was unanimous.

New Chess Academy in Houston!!

By Katie Stone

USA Chess, Inc. has opened up a new chess academy in Houston's Galleria area.

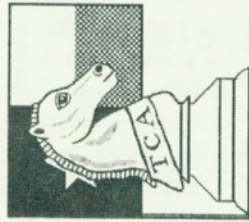
USA Chess, Inc. is a multi-faceted company offering national chess activities for children including a national summer chess camp tour, scholastic tournaments, private and group lessons. USA Chess, Inc. is based in Dallas and has operated out of Dallas since 1996. Their year-round chess academy teaches chess to approximately 1,500 children each week through their 2,000 sq ft academy and through various schools. Their national summer chess camp tour visits cities all over the U.S. This past summer the tour went to 20 cities exposing more than 2,000 campers to a fun filled week of chess. National Master Nouredine Ziane is the chief instructor for the academy and the national tour program.

The Dallas-based program employs 5 Masters who teach chess full-time. The summer program employs more than 30 instructors from all over the country for 12 weeks.

For the past three years USA Chess, Inc. has held a very successful and large (200 kids per camp!) chess camp at St. John's School in Houston. The response to the camp was so overwhelming for the past few years that they decided to open up a chess academy identical in style and purpose to the one in Dallas. USA Chess, Inc. is very excited to have finally accomplished this, as they have been working for several years to do so.

USA Chess, Inc. has relocated National Master Juan Sena from New York City to Houston to be the Houston-based instructor. Mr. Sena has over 25 years of teaching experience at some of New York City's finest schools. He also has numerous national and state titles to his credit with teams and individuals.

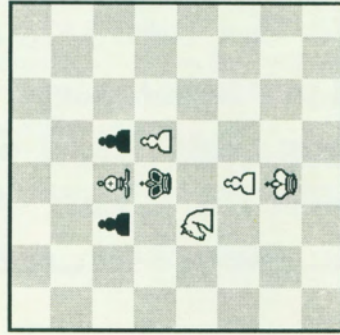
The Houston academy will offer school programs, weekly group and private lessons, club meetings, as well as tournaments. More specific information can be found by looking at www.chesscamp.com or by calling 888.65.CHESS.



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