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# Texas Team Championship

## Austin Navy wins on Tiebreaks over Jimbo's Heroes and 4 Kicks by NM Selby Anderson

This year's Texas Team drew eleven teams, 46 players to the Texas Neuroscience Institute. A closely contested battle for the top ended in a dead heat, with three teams scoring 3 out of 4 match points. Fourth-ranked Austin Navy (John Bell, Cristian Carvajal, Karl Disher and Matt Willis, avg. 2031) finished first on tiebreak points to get the trophy.

Also tied was Austin Navy's Rd. 2 upset victim Jimbo's Heroes: The Legend of exsacs (Selby Anderson, James Rohrbough, John Patty, and J.P. Hyltin, avg. 2172), who pulled out a heroic effort on the lower boards to edge out Houston's Forking Geniuses (Ali Morshedi, Larry Moss, Marc Furhmann and Steve Young, avg. 2105) after Anderson lost to Morshedi.

The other team with 3-1 was fifth-ranked 4 Kicks in Your Rear Rank (Jose Silva, Andres Hortillosa, George De La Rosa and Steve Castilleja, avg. 1890), who with luckily timed drawn matches escaped ever being paired up. They won the trophy for the top U1900 team.

The three teams split \$900 (1st, 2nd, and 1st U1900).

The \$100 second prize for U1900 team was split by three teams with 2-2 scores: Lords of the Kings (Mitch Vergara, Gregg Stanley, Martin Gordon and Vince Ramirez), Huevos Rancheros and a Bagel Strike Back (Gilbert Davila, Leroy Jasso, Adrian Diaz, Cody Pemberton and Gilbert Dominguez, alternate), and Methodist Hospital Chess Team (Ray Smith, Duane Solley, Freddy Jones, Al Miller and David Murley, alternate).

I directed for the San Antonio Chess Club, with Martin Gordon assisting.

### Board Prizes

1. Ali Morshedi 3.5 pts.  
*Forking Geniuses*
2. Cristian Carvajal 4.0  
*Austin Navy*
3. Martin Gordon 3.5  
*Lords of the Kings*
4. J.P. Hyltin 3.5  
*Jimbo's Heroes*

*Notes by Drew Sarkisian*

Torre, London and Colle Systems A46  
**Mitch Vergara 2142**  
**Selby Anderson 2275**

*2004 Texas Team Chp.(1)*  
*San Antonio, Texas*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Qb6  
5.Qc1 Ne4 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.c3 d5 8.Nbd2 f5  
8...Nxd2 9.Qxd2 Be7 10.Bd3 Bd7  
11.0-0 0-0 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.e4 dxe4  
14.Bxe4 Rfd8 15.Qc2 h6 16.b4 Be7  
17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.Qb3 Bf6 19.Rac1 a6  
20.h3 1/2-1/2 Albur-Sosonko, Luzern  
1982  
9.Bd3 Be7 10.Ne5 0-0N 11.0-0 Nxe5  
12.Bxe5 Bd7 13.f3 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Bb5  
15.Rf2 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Bd6 17.Bxd6  
Qxd6 18.Re1 e5



19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.f4 Rae8

Not 20...e4 21.Qd2, leaving Black with the thankless task of defending his d-pawn for the rest of the game.

21.Rd1 Rf7 22.Qxd5 Qxe3 23.fxe5  
Rxe5 24.Qc4 g6 25.Rd7 Qe1+ 26.Rf1  
Qe3+ 27.Kh1 Ree7 28.Rxe7 Qxe7  
29.Rd1 Qe5 30.h3

30.Rd7?? Qe1++

30...Kg7 31.Rd5 Qe3 32.Rd8 f4  
33.Qd4+ Qxd4 34.Rxd4 g5 35.Kg1

1/2-1/2

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*Ruy Lopez C71*  
**Ali Morshedi 2296**  
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*2004 Texas Team Chp. (1)*  
*San Antonio, Texas*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6  
5.d4 b5 6.Bb3 Nxd4 7.Nxd4 exd4 8.c3  
d3 9.Qxd3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 0-0  
12.Bc2 g6 13.Nd2 Nd7N  
13...Re8 14.Rad1 Bb7 15.Rde1 d5  
16.e5 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxd8 Raxd8  
19.Bf4 Bd5 20.Bxe4 Bc4 21.Bc6 g5  
22.Bxe8 gxf4 23.Bc6 and a draw was  
agreed in Szily-Bronstein, Helsinki 1952.  
14.Bh6 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Bg5 Be7  
17.Nf3 Bb7 18.Qd2 Nc5 19.Rae1 Bxg5  
20.Nxg5 h6



21.Nxf7!?

A sacrifice typical of Morshedi's style. Oddly enough, there's no obvious way for Black to easily consolidate his extra piece.

21...Kxf7 22.e5 Kg7 23.Qf2 Bd5

Fritz suggests the bizarre-looking 23...Kh8!?. If White grabs the g-pawn with 24.b4 Nd7 25.Bxg6 Black has resources only a computer could love: 25...Rg8 26.Be4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 dxe5 28.fxe5 Qg5 29.e6 Raf8 30.Qd4+ Kh7! . Unfortunately for Black, he may not be winning after 31.Qxd7+ Rg7 32.g4 Rxd7 33.exd7 Rd8 34.Rf7+ Kg8 35.Rfe7 . The strength of White's e-pawn ties down Her Majesty.

24.Qd4 dxe5 25.Qxc5 Qd6 26.Qe3 exf4 27.Qd4+ Kh7 28.Rd1 Rad8 29.Rxf4 Qe5 30.Qf2 Qe3 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.Kf2 Ree8 33.Rfd4 c6 34.Bb3 Re5 35.Bxd5 cxd5 36.R1d3 g5 37.Re3 Rf8+ 38.Ke2 Ref5 39.Kd3 Rf1 40.Ke2 Kg6 41.Re6+ Kf5!

In this sort of ending, activity is more important than material.

42.Rxb6 Rf2+ 43.Rd2 Ke5 44.g4 Rxd2+ 45.Kxd2 Rf2+ 46.Kc1 Ke4 47.a3

Weaker is 47.Rxa6 Kd3 48.b3 Kxc3 49.Rc6+ Kd4 . In any case, Black's active Rook and King ensure that White has no serious winning chances.

47...Kd3 48.Kb1 a5 49.h4 Rg2 50.hxg5 Rvg4 51.Rh3+ Kc4

1/2-1/2

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*Tartakower System and Modern Defence A41*  
**James Rohrbaugh 2254**  
**Gregg Stanley 2086**  
2004 Texas Team Chp. (1)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Nc6

This continuation avoids an easy transposition to a normal King's Indian (4...Nf6) and invites obscure complications. Our own Alexey Root played this line against Elena Ahkmlilovskaya

in the 1994 U.S. Women's Championship.

5.d5 Na5 6.Bd2

Simple and good. Li Zunian-Quinteros, Luzern 1985 continued 6.e4 c5 7.h3 Nf6 ( 7...Bxc3+!?) 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 e5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nh5 12.Re1 Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Qd2 g5 15.e5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Re8 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.Rxe8+ Bxe8 19.Re1 b6 20.Qe2 Bd7 which Black managed to draw after 40 or so moves.

6...Nf6 7.e4 c5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a3 b6 11.Re1 e5 12.b4 cxb4 13.axb4 Nb7 14.h3 Bd7 15.c5

I don't understand the point of 14.h3, if it wasn't to allow White to continue 15.Be3 without fear of harassment from an eventual ...Ng4. 15...a5 16.Qb3 axb4 17.Qxb4 Nc5 18.Bc2 which looks better for White to me. Perhaps Jim didn't like the idea of the Nb7 getting into the action on c5. The knight finds its way into the fray in the game continuation regardless.

15...dxc5 16.Bxa6 Nd6 17.bxc5

Not 17.Nxe5? cxb4 18.Ne2 Nfxe4 19.f4 b3 20.Bb4 b2 (this pawn is proving to be quite annoying) 21.Ra3 b5 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 and White's Bishop on a6 will eventually be picked off.

17...bxc5 18.Bd3 Re8 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Qa1 c4! 21.Bc2 Qc8 22.Rb1



22...Bxb3!?

An enterprising sacrifice! Note that White's king bishop is away from his normal home on the f1-a8 diagonal, depriving him of an important defender. I suspect the sacrifice is sound.

23.gxh3 Qxh3 24.Nh2

24.Ng5 Qg4+ 25.Kf1 Bh6! 26.Bd1 Qh4 27.Nf3 Qh1+ 28.Ke2 Bxd2 29.Nxd2 Ndxh4! 30.Ncxe4 Nxe4 31.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 32.Kf1 Qxd5 gives Black four pawns for his piece investment along with an exposed White monarch.

24...Ng4



25.Nxg4

White doesn't really have a better choice here. Keeping material on with 25.Nf1 f5 26.Qa7 f4 27.f3! Qxf3 28.Be1 appears to give White more chances to go wrong than Black.

25...Qxg4+ 26.Kf1 f5

Black can see if White will go wrong with 26...Qh3+ 27.Ke1 Qh1+ 28.Ke2 Qh5+ and if White tries to avoid the checks with 29.f3? Qh2+ 30.Kd1 Qh1+ 31.Ke2 Qg2+ 32.Kd1 (32.Ke1 Bf6 33.Kd1 Qxf3+ 34.Ne2 Nxe4 35.Bxe4 Qxe4+) 32...Qxf3+ 33.Kc1 Qh1+ 34.Bd1 Nxe4-/ 27.Be3?!

Based upon the miscalculation that the Bishop has a future harassing the Knight on d6. White is right, the Knight does need harassing, but not until 27.Bd1 Qh3+ 28.Kg1 f4 29.Qa6! Bf8 30.Rb6 Rd8 31.Be2 f3 32.Bf1 Qg4+ 33.Kh2 . It appears that Black has no constructive way to increase the pressure, and White cannot avoid the checks without ruining his own position. 27...f4 28.Be5 f3?

Right idea, wrong move order. The subtle 28...Qh3+ 29.Ke1 Bh6! leaves White with two equally dismal possi-

bilities: 30.Kd2 (the ugly 30.f3 doesn't allow White to construct any sort of defence after 30...Qxf3 31.Bd1 Qh1+ 32.Kf2 f3! 33.Bxf3 Qh2+ 34.Ke1 Qd2+ 35.Kf1 Rf8) 30...f3+ 31.Be3 Bxe3+ 32.Kxe3 and after the quiet 32...Qh4! (threat: 33...Qf5 mate) White is quite lost.

### 29.Be3

White gets back to the critical c1-h6 diagonal just in time. Note that greed gets mated after 29.Bxd6?? Qg2+ 30.Ke1 Qh1+ 31.Kd2 Bh6# . Now the tide has turned.

### 29...Bh6 30.Nd1!

30.Bxb6 Qg2+ 31.Ke1 Qh1+ 32.Kd2 Qxh6+ is a draw.

### 30...Nxe4 31.Bxe4

31.Bxb6?? Qh3+ 32.Ke1 Qh1# 31...Bxe3 32.Nxe3 Qxe4 33.Rd1 Qh4 34.Ke1 Qh1+ 35.Nf1 e4 36.Qa4 Kf8 37.Qb4+ Kg7 38.Qxc4 e3 39.Qd4+ >=39.fxe3!?! Rxe3+ 40.Kd2+/- 39...Kg8 40.fxe3 f2+??

The move played should lose! 40...Rc8 41.Rb1 Qg2+/- seems to keep enough play alive.

1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

### Slav Defence D10

J.P. Hyltin 1956

Vicente Ramirez 1003

2004 Texas Team Chp.(1)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Bf5

Not a strong move (yet); the absence of the bishop from the queenside is immediately felt. Black has better tries here, including [3...e5 , the Winawer Countergambit, a fun line to play if you're well-prepared; 3...dxc4 another sharp response where play might continue 4.e4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4+/-; 3...Nf6 is the most solid; White can enter the Exchange Variation after 4.cxd5 or move back to the mainline after 4.Nf3.] 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3 Nd7 6.Nxd5 Be6

7.e4 Nb6 8.Nxb6 axb6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nf3 Ra5



11.Ne5 e6 12.Bxd7+ Ke7 13.Bg5+ f6 14.Qxe6# 1-0

Notes by NM Drew Sarkisian

### C00 French

Martin Gordon 1893

John Patty 2204

2004 Texas Team Chp. (1)  
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1.e4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.d4 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Be2 Be6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ne4 Nf6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bc3 Qd6 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.Rfd1 Rd7 16.Bb5 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Bd5 18.Ne5 Re7 19.f4 a6



The prosaic 19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd5+ 21.Qf3 Qxb5-/+ looks better here. 20.Be2 b5 21.Bf3?

### 21...Nb4?

The pin of the Ne5 on the e-file

allows Black to push White around after 21...b4! 22.Bxd5 (22.Be1 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Nxd4-+; 22.Bd2 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Nxd4 24.Qf1 c5-+) 22...Qxd5 23.Be1 Nxd4 24.Bxb4 c5-+

### 22.Qd2 Nc6 23.Qf2 Ree8 24.Bg4 b4

The best try for advantage. 24...Bxe5?! 25.dxe5 Qg6 26.Qg3 is probably level.

25.Be1 Be4 26.Rac1 Nxd4 27.Rc4 e5 28.Bxb4 Bxe5 29.Bxc5?



White had to try 29.fxe5 Qg6 30.h3 cxb4 31.Rcxd4 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 b3 33.axb3 h6= 29...Ne2+??

This wasn't John's day: 29...Nf3+! 30.Qxf3 (much worse is 30.Bxf3 Qxd1+ 31.Bxd1 Rxd1+ 32.Qf1 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Bd3+ winning a Rook) 30...Qxc5+ 31.Rxc5 Bxf3 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.fxe5 Bxg4 and Black's up a piece.

30.Qxe2 Qxd1+ 31.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 32.Bxd1 Bxb2 33.Ba4 Bd3

1/2-1/2

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### Tartakover System and Modern Defence A41

William Molina 1935

Don Marcott 2133

2004 Texas Team Chp. (1)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.e3 Nd7 4.h3 Bh5 5.Be2 e5

This move has been played four times in my database, resulting in three

draws and a win for White. Personally, I would prefer to play the White side up a pawn.

6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Nxe5 Bxe2 8.Qxd7+ Qxd7 9.Nxd7 Bb5 10.Nxf8 Kxf8 11.Nc3 Bc6 12.0-0 Rd8 13.e4 Nf6 14.Bg5 Re8 15.f3 h6 16.Bf4 Re7 17.Rad1 g5 18.Be3 Kg7 19.Bd4 Kg6 20.Bxf6 Kxf6 21.Nd5+ Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Re5 23.Rfd1 Rhe8 24.c4 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Re6 26.Rd7 Re6 27.b3 Ke6



28.Rd2

The more active-looking 28.Rd5 runs into 28...Ra6! 29.a4 Rb6 30.Rd3 (30.Rb5? Rxb5 31.axb5 Ke5 32.Kf2 Kd4 and Black wins) 30...Rd6! 31.Rxd6+ Kxd6 32.g3 Ke5 33.e5 Kd4 34.Kf2 Kxe5 35.Ke3= 28...a5 29.Kf2 a4 30.g3 axb3 31.axb3 Rb6 32.Rd3 Ra6 33.f4 gxf4 34.gxf4 Ra2+ 35.Ke3 Rh2 36.Kd4 Re2 37.f5+ Kf6 38.b4 Rb2 39.b5 Re2



40.b6! cxb6 41.Rb3 Rd2+ 42.Ke3 Rd6 43.Kf4 Ke7 44.e5?

Giving up the win. 44.Rb5 Rc6

45.Ke5 Rxc4 46.Rxb6 f6+ 47.Kd5 Rc7 48.e5 fxe5 49.h4! and Black has no constructive moves.

44...bxc5 45.Rxb7+ Rd7 46.Rxd7+ Kxd7 47.e5 Kc6 48.Ke4 e4 49.Kd4 c3 50.Kxc3 Kd5 51.e6 fxe6

1/2-1/2

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Kings Indian E90

John Bell 2184

Phillip Irwin 1729

2004 Texas Team Chp. (1)

San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg4

One of the earliest treatments of the King's Indian, played as early as 1919 by Richard Reti against Akiba Rubinstein. This plan is weaker than the modern treatments introduced by Soviet grandmasters in the 1950's.

6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 e5 9.Be3

Drifting. There's nothing wrong with keeping a slight space advantage with 9.d5

9...Qb6 10.Ne2 Qxb2 11.0-0 Qa3

12.Rfd1 0-0 13.Rd2 Nh5 14.g4 exd4

15.Nxd4 Ne5 16.Qe2 Nf6 17.f4 Nxd3

18.Rxd3 Qa4 19.Rb3 Nxe4 20.Rxb7

Nc5 21.Rxe7 Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8



23.Rd1??

Whoops...after this, the game ends quickly, though things look bleak after 23.Qd2 d5! 24.Re1 Qxc4 25.Rc1+

23...Rxe3!

0-1

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Benko/Volga Gambit A59

Gilbert Davila 1778

Jose Luis Silva 2217

2004 Texas Team Chp. (1)

San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 0-0 11.Nf3 Na6 12.Nd2 Nb4 13.h3 Nd7 14.Nc4 Nb6 15.Qe2 e6 16.Rd1 Nxe4 17.Qxc4 Nc2 18.Rb1 Nd4 19.b4!? cxb4 20.Rxb4 Rc8 21.Qd3 Qa5 22.a3



22...exd5?

Better is 22...Nc2 23.Qxc2 Bxc3 24.Rb7

23.Nxd5 Nc6 24.Rb5 Qd8 25.Bb2

Bxb2 26.Rxb2 Ne5 27.Qb1 Ra8

28.Qa1 f5 29.f4 fxe4?? 30.fxe5 Qa5

31.Nf6+ Rxf6 32.exf6 Qc3 33.Qa2+

Kf8 34.Rb7 Qf3+ 35.Kh2 d5 36.Rxd5

1-0

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*Scandinavian Defence B01*

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1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4  
Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nc4 Qc7  
8.g3

Most popular here is 8.Qf3 .  
8...b5N



8...Nd5 9.Ne4 N7f6 10.Nxf6+  
Nxf6 11.Bg2 Bf5 12.0-0 e6 13.Qe2  
Be7 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.Rad1 Nd5 16.Bc1  
0-0 17.g4 Bg6 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.c4 Nc7  
20.f4 f6 21.Nxg6 hxg6 with advantage  
to White in Petkovic-Jevtic, Nis 1994  
(though Black eventually won in 41  
moves).

9.Bf4 Qb7 10.Na5

Too ambitious, but hindsight is  
20/20 vision. White should settle for  
10.Ne5 b4 11.Ne2

10...Qb6 11.Bg2 g5

Weaker is 11...Qxa5 12.Bxc6 b4  
13.Ne2 Bb7 14.Bxb7 Rd8 15.0-0 and  
White's up a clean pawn.

12.Be5 b4 13.Ne2 Ba6! 14.Bxf6 exf6  
15.Nxc6

If 15.Bxc6 Black has 15...0-0-0

16.Bxd7+ Rxd7 17.Nb3 Re7 18.Nbc1  
and Black has play for the pawn.

15...Rc8 16.d5 Bc5 17.0-0 0-0 18.Qd2  
Rfe8 19.Rae1?

White is obligated to give up the  
Exchange with 19.Bf3 Ne5 20.Nxe5  
Rxe5 21.Rad1 Rce8 22.Nc1 Bxf1  
23.Kxf1 . As played, White remains  
tied up...

19...Ne5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 21.Bf3 Rce8  
22.Kg2 h6 23.h3 Qd6 24.Rh1 Qe7



25.Kf1

Not that it matters anymore: 25.d6  
Bxd6 26.Bc6 Bb7 27.Bxb7 Qxb7+  
28.Kh2 Qe7 is quite lost for White.

25...Rf5 0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

*French Tarrasch C06*

Cristian Carvajal 2046

James Rohrbaugh 2254

2004 Texas Team Chp. (2)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7  
5.Bd3 e5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3  
cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0  
Bd6 12.Bf4

A temporary pawn sacrifice.

12...Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Qxb2 14.Re1 0-0

15.Re3



15.Re2 Qb6 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Nxe6  
Bxe6 18.Rxe6 Rae8 19.Qe1 Nd8  
20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Ne5 Ne6 22.Bb5 Re7  
23.Rc1 Qd8 24.Qe3 Nc7 25.Bd3 Qd6  
was about equal in Miralles-Roos,  
France 2001.

15...Ne4?!

Better was 15...Ng4 . White gets a  
winning advantage.]

16.Bxe4 Rxf4 17.Rb3 Qxa1 18.Bxh7+  
Kxh7 19.Qxa1 Kg8 20.Qc1 Nxd4?

The last mistake, 20...Re4 had to  
be tried.

21.Nxd4 Rxd4 22.h4 Rg4 23.Qc7 b6?  
24.Qc6

White wins a Rook after 24.Qc6  
Rb8 25.Qe8+ Kh7 26.Qh5+

1-0

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*Modern Benoni A67*

John Patty 2204

Karl Disher 1958

2004 Texas Team Chp. (2)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5  
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+  
Nfd7 9.a4 a6 10.Bc4

An interesting try. 10.Bd3 is much

Quote from a Great...

"There are two types of sacrifices: correct ones and mine."

-Mikhail Tal

more common.

10...Qh4+N 11.g3 Qe7 12.Nf3 Bxc3+  
13.bxc3 Qxe4+ 14.Be2 Nf6 15.0-0



15...Qxd5 16.Nd2 0-0 17.Bf3 Qd3  
18.Ne4 Qxd1 19.Nxf6+ Kg7 20.Rxd1  
Kxf6 21.Rxd6+ Kg7 22.Be3 c4



For a pawn investment, White is fully developed, possesses the two Bishops, and appears to have a dominating position. On the other hand, no obvious knockout blow is available, and it's not going to take Black long to unlimber his queenside.

23.Rad1 Nc6 24.Bd5

This doesn't really do anything, but 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Rxc6 Be6 26.a5 Rfb8 27.Rb6 Kf8 doesn't seem to offer much of an advantage.

24...Bg4 25.Rd2 Rfe8 26.Kf2 Re7  
27.Bxc6 bxc6 28.Rxc6 Rae8 29.Bd4+  
Kh6 30.Be5 Re6 31.Rdd6 Rxd6  
32.Rxd6 Re6 33.Rxe6 Bxe6 34.a5  
Kh5 1/2-1/2

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*Queens Gambit Declined D59*

Matt Willis 1938

J.P. Hyltin 1956

2004 Texas Team Chp. (2)

San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7  
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.cxd5  
Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 c5 11.dxc5  
Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc5 13.Be4 Ne6

Not the careless 13...Qxc3+?  
14.Nd2 Nc6 15.Rc1 and White wins a piece.

14.0-0 Ba6 15.Re1 Rad8 16.Qc2 Na5  
17.Nd4 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Nxb7 19.Qa4  
Qa5

The c-pawn isn't running away. No need for the impatient 19...Qxc3?  
20.Qxa7

20.Qc4 Rc8 21.Nc6 Qg5 22.Qe4 Nd6  
23.Qf3 Rc7 24.Red1 Nf5 25.Nd4 Nh4  
26.Qg3 Rxc3 27.Qxg5 hxg5 28.Nb5  
Rc5 29.Nxa7 Ra8 30.Rd7 Ra5 31.Nc6  
Rxa2 32.Rad1 Ng6 33.h3 Rc2 34.Nb4  
Rc4 35.Nd3 Ra3 36.Rb1 Rcc3 37.Ne1  
Ne5 38.Rb7 Rcb3 39.Rd1 Ra2



40.f4?!

Trying to mix things up...Black's extra b-pawn is quite a danger.  
40...gxf4 41.exf4 Ng6 42.f5 exf5  
43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Rxf7 Rb1 45.Re8  
Nh4 The following sequence makes me wonder if the game score is accurate...

46.Rxf5?!

46.Kf1

46...Rxe1+! 47.Rxe1 Rb2??

48.Rd5?!

48.Rh5+ Kg6 49.Rxh4

48...Rb4 49.Rd8 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

*Slav Defence D13*

Don Marcott 2133

Ali Morshedi 2296

2004 Texas Team Chp. (2)

San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3  
Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 e6 7.e3 Bd6  
8.Ne5 0-0 9.Bb5 Qc7 10.Bxc6 bxc6  
11.0-0 Ba6 12.Re1 c5 13.Qa4 Qb6



14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bg5 Bc8 16.Bxf6  
gxf6 17.Qg4+ Kh8 18.Na4 Qd6  
19.Nd3 Bb6 20.Nxb6 axb6 21.Qh4 e5  
22.Nb4 Rg8 23.Nxd5?!

White forgets that g2 is vulnerable after this speculative sacrifice. 23.a3 makes more sense.

23...Qxd5 24.Qxf6+ Rg7 25.e4 Qe6  
26.Qd8+ Rg8 27.Qh4 Qg6

27...Rxa2 28.Rxa2 Qxa2 29.Qf6+  
Rg7 30.Rd1+/-

28.g3 Be6 29.Qe7 Rae8 30.Qc7 Bg4  
31.Re3 Qf6 32.Rb3 Re6 33.f3 Rc6  
34.Qb7

34.Rxb6 Rxb6 35.fgx4 Rxb2  
36.Rf1+/-

34...Bc8 35.Qa7 Rd8

Good, but quicker was 35...Qh6!  
36.Rc3 Rxc3 37.bxc3 Qe3+ with a mating attack.

36.a4 Rd2



Again, 36...Qh6! 37.f4 Rc2 38.h4 Qd6! finished matters quickly.  
**37.a5 Qh6 38.h4 Rg2+!?**

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*Closed Ruy Lopez C84*

**Ali Morshedi 2296**

**John Bell 2184**

*2004 Texas Team Chp. (3)  
 San Antonio, Texas*

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6  
 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d4 exd4 8.e5  
 Ne4 9.Nxd4 Bb7?!

Fusthy-Kovacs, Hungary 1994  
 continued 9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Bb7  
 11.Bd5 Bxd5 12.Qxd5 f5! 13.Nc3 c6  
 14.Qd3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 0-0=  
 10.Nf5 Nxe5

In for a penny, in for a pound.  
 10...0-0? loses after 11.Qg4  
 11.Nxg7+ Kf8 12.Bh6 Kg8 13.Qh5  
 Bf6 14.Nf5 Ng6 15.Nd2 Nc5 16.Rfe1  
 Ne6 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 d5 19.Rg4



19...e5??

Missing a cute tactic. 19...c6 was indicated.

**20.Bxd5!! Ng7**

Forced. 20...Qxd5?? 21.Ne7+ wins the Queen and White is threatening 22.Bxe6 followed by 23.Rxg6+, mating.

**21.Bxg7 Bxg7 22.Bxa8 Qxa8 23.Nxg7 Kxg7 24.Qe5+ Kh6 25.Qf6 Rd8 26.Rh4#**

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Notes by Drew Sarkisian

English Opening A26

**Mitch Vergara 2142**

**Jose Luis Silva 2217**

*2004 Texas Team Chp. (3)  
 San Antonio, Texas*

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0  
 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.d3 e5 8.Rb1  
 Nh5 9.b4 a6 10.a4 f5 11.Nd5 h6 12.b5  
 axb5 13.axb5 Ne7 14.Nd2 Kh7  
 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.Bb2 Nf6 17.Qc2  
 Ra2 18.Ra1 Rxb2!?

Ambitious and aggressive according to Sliva's style.

**19.Qxb2 e4 20.e3 f4!?**



21.d4?

The stoic 21.gxf4 exd3 22.Qb1 looks good for White.

**21...f3 22.Nxf3 exf3 23.Bxf3 Bh3 24.Bg2 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Ne4 26.Qc2 Qe6 27.h4**

White needs to relieve the pressure on the f-file: 27.f3!? Ng5 28.f4.

**27...Qf5 28.Qe2 Nc3 29.Qe1 Qf3+ 30.Kh2 Ne4 31.Kg1?**

White needed to exchange Queens with 31.Qd1 Qxd1 32.Raxd1 Rxf2+ 33.Rxf2 Nxf2=/+

**31...g5**

Stronger is 31...Qg4! threatening to punch through with 32...Rf3 and 33...Nxg3. Now White gets some breathing room.

**32.Qd1 Qf5 33.g4 Qe6 34.f3 Ng3 35.Qd3+ Kg8 36.Rf2 gxh4 37.Ra7 h5 38.g5 d5 39.c5 Rf5 40.f4 Rf8 41.Kh2**

**Ne4 42.Rg2??**

Right idea, wrong move order. 42.Rc2 Qg4 43.Rg2 Ng3 Black now wins the Exchange, leaving him a Bishop up.

**42...h3!-+ 43.Rg1**

43.Rc2 doesn't improve matters: 43...Qg4 44.Qe2 Qg3+ 45.Kh1 h2 46.Ra1 Qh3! 47.Qxh2 Qxe3 and White's position collapses.

**43...Nf2 44.Qd2 Ng4+ 45.Rxg4 Qxg4 46.Ra2 Re8 47.Qf2 h4 48.g6 Qxg6 49.Kxh3 Qf5+ 50.Kh2 Re6 51.Qf3 h3 52.Qg3 Rg6 53.Qf3 c6 54.bxc6 bxc6 55.Ra8+ Kf7 56.Ra7+ Kf6 57.Ra1 Rg2+ 58.Kh1 Ke6 59.Rg1**

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*Unusual A40*

**Andres Hortillosa 1900**

**Gregg Stanley 2086**

*2004 Texas Team Chp. (3)  
 San Antonio, Texas*

**1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 Nc6 4.Be3 e5 5.d5 Nee7 6.Bd3 d6 7.Ne2 f5 8.f3 Bh6 9.Qd2 Bxe3 10.Qxe3 f4?**

Too automatic. The flexible 10...Nf6 is better.

**11.Qd2**

White can pick up a pawn with 11.Nxf4! since 11...exf4 12.Qd4 wins back the piece.

**11...g5 12.Nbc3 Ng6 13.0-0-0 Nh4 14.Rhg1 Nf6 15.Rdf1 Nh5 16.g3 Ng6 17.Rf2 Qe7 18.Kb1 a6 19.Rc1 Bd7 20.Qc2 0-0**



21.Rg1 Kh8 22.Qd1 Rab8 23.Nc1 Nf6 24.g4 Kg7 25.h3 Rh8 26.Qf1 Kf7 27.Nb3 h5 28.Re2 Rh7 29.Na5

White should play the thematic 29.e5! . Though White's king lives in the neighborhood, White's play is on the Queenside here.

29...b6 30.Nc6 Bxc6 31.dxc6 hxc4 32.hxc4 Qe8 33.c5 bxc5 34.Bxa6 Qxc6 35.Bb5 Qb7 36.Qc4+ Kg7 37.Ba4 Qb4 38.Qe6 Qd4 39.Rd1 Qe3 40.Bb3



40...Rf8

40...Rxb3!? 41.Qxb3 Qxf3 42.Qb7 Kh6 43.Rh2+ Nh4 looks better for Black. 41.Nd5??

Whoops. 41.Rf1 keeps the balance. Now White goes beserk.

41...Qxf3+ 42.Rxc5?? dxc5 43.Nxf6 Rh1 44.Qd7+

44.Nh5+ Kh6 45.Qd5 doesn't make any difference.

44...Kxf6 45.a3 Rxd1+ 46.Bxd1 Qf1 47.Ka2 Rf7 48.Qc6+ Kg7 49.Bb3 Re7 50.Qxc5 Qd3 0-1

*Notes by Drew Sarkisian*

*Symmetrical English A31*

William Molina 1935

Selby Anderson 2275

2004 Texas Team Chp. (3)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e5 3.e4 exd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d5 6.cxd5 a6 7.N5c3 Be5 8.b4 Ba7 9.Qb3 0-0 10.g3 Ng4 11.Ne4 Bf5 12.Nbd2 Bxe4 13.Nxe4 f5 14.Bg5

Bxf2+ 15.Kd2 Ob6 16.Nxf2 Qxf2 17.Be3 Qxe3+ 18.Qxe3 Nxe3 19.Kxe3 Nd7 20.Rc1 Rac8 21.Bg2 Nb6

21...Nf6 keeps an eye on the d-pawn and doesn't block up the Queenside pawns.

22.d6

Is this pawn a strength or a weakness?

22...e4



23.Kd4?

23.Rxc8 Nxc8 24.d7 Nb6 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.Kf4 g6 27.g4 is advantageous for White.

23...Kf7?

Returning the favor. 23...Rcd8-/+

24.g4 g6 25.Rc7+

Not very good, since Black doesn't have to fall in with White's plans. 25.Rc5! Ke6 26.gxf5+ gxf5 27.Rf1 offered good chances to keep the advantage.

25...Ke6 26.Rxb7?

Best try was 26.Bh3!? Rxc7 27.dxc7 but Black is certainly better.

26...Rc4+

Crunch!

27.Ke3 f4+ 28.Kf2 e3+ 29.Kf3 Nd7! 30.Bh3?

White needed to jettison the Exchange, though his cause is lost in

any case. 30.Rxd7 Kxd7 31.g5 30...Ne5+ 31.Kg2



31...f3+ 32.exf3

White's lost in any case after 32.Kg3 fxe2 33.g5+ Kxd6 34.Rb6+ Kc7 32...Rc2+ 33.Kg3 Rxf3+ 34.Kh4 g5+ 35.Kxg5 Rxh3 36.Re7

36.Re7+ Kxd6 37.Ra7+

36...Rf2

0-1

*Notes by Drew Sarkisian*

*Sicilian Dragon B75*

Steven Castilleja 1568

Vicente Ramirez 1003

2004 Texas Team Chp. (3)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.f3 Bd7 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.g4 Rc8 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bh6 0-0

Castling into it. Interesting is 12...Bxh6!? 13.Qxh6 Ne5.

13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.h4 Ne5 15.Be2 b5 16.h5

16.g5!? Nh5 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.f4 Nc4 19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.Bxh5 gxh5.

16...b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Rh8 19.hxc6 hxc6 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.Qxb4 Rh2 22.Qe4 Bb5??

*see diagram top of next column*

**TCA Nominations Due by June 15th**

TCA Nominations

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after 22.Qe4 Bb5??



Forgetting that the Qe4 covers c2.  
 23.Bxb5 Nxf3 24.Bc6 Rf2 25.Qe3  
 Qb6 26.Qxb6 axb6 27.Nd2 Ne5 28.b4  
 Nxc4 29.Nc4 f5 30.Nxb6 Ne3 31.Rd2  
 Rf1+ 32.Kb2 Nd1+ 33.Kb3 f4 34.Bb5  
 Re1 35.a4 Ne3 36.a5 Rb1+ 37.Ka3  
 Ra1+ 38.Kb2 Rh1 39.a6 Nd1+  
 40.Rxd1! Rxd1 41.a7 f3 42.Bd3?!  
 42.a8Q  
 42...Kf8  
 White prevents Black from queen-  
 ing in any case after 42...Rxd3 43.a8Q  
 f2 44.Qa1  
 43.Nd7+

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Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Slav Defence D10

John Patty 2204

Marc Fuhrmann 1993

2004 Texas Team Chp. (4)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxc4  
 5.e4 b5 6.f3 Qa5 7.Bd2 Qb6 8.Nge2  
 Nbd7 9.a4 e5 10.Be3 b4 11.a5 Qc7  
 12.Nb1 Bd6 13.Nd2 exd4 14.Nxd4 c3  
 15.bxc3 Bxh2  
 Why not throw in 15...bxc3  
 16.Nc4 before 16...Bxh2  
 16.cxb4 Bg3+ 17.Bf2 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2

Qf4 19.Nc4

Not 19.Nxc6?? Ng4+! 20.Ke1  
 Qg3+ 21.Ke2 Ba6+ 22.Nc4 Rc8 and  
 White is busted.  
 19...Nxe4+ 20.Kg1 Ng3 21.Qe1+ Kf8  
 22.Nxc6 Bb7?

Black needs to create luft and grab  
 more kingside space with 22...g5!?  
 23.Rh2 Bb7  
 23.Qe7+ Kg8 24.Rh4

Fritz 8 suggests the odd-looking  
 24.Nd8!? Bc8 25.Re1 h6 26.Nd6 Nxb1  
 27.N8xf7+  
 24...Qf6 25.Qxf6 Nxf6 26.b5 Nxf1  
 27.Rxf1 Bxc6 28.bxc6 Rc8



29.Rb1

Overlooking Black's next?  
 Keeping the c-pawn looks better:  
 29.Ne5 Ne8 30.Rc1 f6 31.Nd3  
 29...g5 30.Rd4 Rxc6 31.Rb7 Kg7  
 32.Rxa7 Rhc8 33.Ne5 R6c7 34.Rxc7  
 Rxc7 35.Ra4 Nd7 36.Nxd7 Rxd7  
 37.a6 Ra7 38.Kf2 Kf6 39.Ke3 Ke6  
 40.g4! 40...f5 41.Ra5 fxc4 42.fxc4  
 Kf6 43.Kd4 Kg6 44.Kc5 h5 45.Kb6  
 Ra8 46.Kb7 Rg8 47.gxh5+

White gives away the win with  
 47.a7? hxc4 48.a8Q Rxa8 49.Kxa8  
 Kh5=  
 47...Kxh5 48.a7 Kh4 49.Kc6 Kh3??  
 Black's last hope was 49...g4  
 50.a8Q Rxa8 51.Rxa8 g3 52.Rg8 Kh3

53.Kd5 g2 54.Ke4 Kh2 55.Kf3 g1N+  
50.Kd5?

White can enter a Queen vs. Rook  
ending with 50.Rxg5! Rxg5 51.a8Q  
50...Kh2??

I don't see a win for White after  
50...Ra8.

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Notes by Drew Sarkisian

French C00

Larry Moss 2214

James Rohrbaugh 2254

2004 Texas Team Chp. (4)  
San Antonio, Texas

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2

An old favorite of Chigorin.  
 2...c5 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.g3 g6 6.Bg2  
 Bg7 7.c3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d3 e5  
 10.Be3 b6 11.Nbd2 f5 12.Nh4 Ba6  
 13.Nc4 Rc8 14.exf5 gxf5 15.fxe5 dxe5  
 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Nxe5  
 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Bxd3 20.Rad1 e4  
 21.Rfe1 Rfe8 22.b4 Rcd8 23.Bf3



23...Ng6? 24.Qf6?

Missing a cute shot: 24.Bd5+! and  
Black has to drop the Exchange to  
avoid mate. 24...Qxd5 25.Qxd5+ Rxd5  
26.Rxe8+.

24...Qg7 25.Bd5+ Kh8 26.Nxc6+  
hxc6 27.Qh4+ Qh7 28.Qd4+ Qg7  
29.Qh4+ Qh7 30.Qd4+

White might try to play on with  
30.Qg5!?

30...Qg7

1/2-1/2

# Tournament Bids Due by June 15th

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## Summer Chess Camps



Parents across the country are recognizing the benefits of chess instruction for their children. Chess develops reading and math ability, critical and analytical thinking, and character and self-esteem. If these values are important to you, send your child off to college to this summer -- literally!

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The University of Texas at Dallas

# 2004 Texas Scholastic Championship

by Clemente Rendon

The 2004 Texas Scholastic Championship was held March 27-28 at the Hilton Americas in Houston. A total of 1,657 students, ranging from primary to college, vied for trophies and medals. This year, there were a total of twelve sections and two side events!

Gary Gaiffe once again served as the chief tournament director; section chiefs included Susan Breeding in Primary, Victor Bailey in K-1, Forrest Marler in Elementary, Fred Roper in Middle School, George John in High School and Gary Gaiffe in College. Luis Salinas, Victor Jon Flores, Nancy Sawyer and Charles Justice handled the computer pairings room.

The side tournaments continued to be an attractive pastime. The blitz tournament was split into a K-6 section and a K-12 section. Gary Gaiffe and Andrew Whatley served as the TDs, while Julie King was the pairing chief. Curtis Brooks captured first in the K-12 section with 6 points, followed closely by Peter Yeh, Brad Sawyer, Todd Applebaum, Clayton Swafford, Bo Githoro and Kevin Foerester each with 5 points. In the K-6 section, Paul Franke managed to capture first with a flawless 6 points and was followed by Theodore Jamison and Matthew Liu each with 5 points.

Due to a strong demand by college students and adults to participate, the bug-house tournament had an open section this year, along with a K-12 section and a K-6 section. Jeff Sneden served as both the main TD and the pairing chief. The team of Peter Yeh and John Sneed took first place in the Open Section. In the K-12 section, the team of Kevin Foerester and David Wisecup took first. In the K-6 section, the team of Courtney Jamison and Melinda Shokler took first place honors. All results may be viewed at [www.swchess.com/sce/tourney/tsc2004/results.htm](http://www.swchess.com/sce/tourney/tsc2004/results.htm)

The JV Primary section had an amazing 194 players. Trevor T. Laity captured first place honors with 6 ½ points. Houston- T. H. Rogers took first place team honors with a



JV Primary Champion  
Trevor Laity, being congratulated  
by his dad Alan Laity

combined team score of 21 points.

The Primary Championship section had 108 players this year. Fernando Mendez and Jason Jia tied for first, each with 6 ½ points. Brownsville- Paredes Elementary managed to take first place honors with a combined team score of 20 points.

In the K-1 Championship section, Fernando Spada captured first with a 7.0 score.

Brownsville- Hudson Elementary captured first with a combined team score of 22 ½ points.

In the Elementary novice section, Noah Morrison had a very successful first tournament and managed a perfect 7.0 score. Houston- Village School captured first with a combined team score of 20.0 points.

In the Elementary JV section, Meredith Gleitz managed to win first with a 7.0 score. Houston- Village School managed to capture first with a score of 20 points.

In the Elementary Championship section, Arnold Liao and Ross Hendrickson shared first place honors with a score of 6 ½ points each. Houston- Village School managed to capture first with a combined team score of 22 ½ points.

The Middle School novice section had a four way tie for first place. Deal Ebanks, Ulisses Hernandez, Bobby Putz and Jeremy Zdunkewicz all tied for first with 6.0 points.



Primary Individual Co-Champions  
(L) Jason Jia from Dartmouth Elementary  
and (R) Fernando Mendez from  
Castaneda Elementary



Kinder-First Champion  
Fernando Spada,  
Hudson Elementary

Huffman- Huffman Middle School took first place with a combined team score of 22 points.

In the Middle School JV section, Rafael Espinoza took first place with 7.0 points. El Paso-Cordova Middle School took first place with a combined team score of 21 points.

In the Middle School Championship section, Ivan V Santos managed to capture first with a score of 6 ½ points. Brownsville- Vela Middle School dominated the section with a combined team score of 23 ½ points; breaking the previous middle school record (held by Lanier MS who scored 23 points in 2001) in a 7 round Texas Scholastic State tournament.

In the High School JV section, Ezequiel Verdugo took first place with a score of 6 ½ points. Brownsville- Hanna High School was able to capture first place honors with a score of 20 ½ points.

The competition in the High School Championship section was extremely intense this year. The benefits of becoming the Texas High School Champion 2004 included a large trophy, a four year scholarship to the University of Texas at Dallas (net worth estimated at \$16,000 dollars), and the right to represent Texas at the annual Denker tournament with a traveling stipend from the Texas Chess Association (recently increased to \$800). During the last round, the pressure was boiling; Alex Chua was playing Arturo Gracia and Bo

Githoro was playing Brad Sawyer, all tied with 5 ½ points. Theoretically, if there had been two draws on the top board, then there would have been a seven way tie for first place! In two very close games, Alex Chua and Bo Githoro managed to win their games and tie for first place with 6 ½ points each (Alex won on tie breakers and will therefore assumingly be the Texas Denker representative). Both Alex and Bo had previously won UTD scholarships; however, due to the strong competition in this year's state tourney, UTD representative Marc



Middle School Championship Individual  
Ivan Santos from Vela Middle School, Brownsville

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Fuhrmann decided to nevertheless award the \$16,000 (doubles in value for out-of-state, quadruples for out-of-country residents) scholarship to Xi Zhang of Bellaire High School in Houston, who tied for third place. In addition to his chess talent, Xi has an extremely high grade point average and participates in debate as well as community service programs; hopefully UTD will be fortunate enough to enlist him in their already formidable ranks.



Assembling for the Awards Ceremony

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Also, Brownsville- Hanna High School and Houston-Bellaire High School shared first place honors, each with a score of 19 ½ points.

Finally, in the Southwest Collegiate Section (Where Brandon Ware and myself served as tournament directors), Chris Glaser captured first with 4 ½ points. UTD captured first place honors with a combined team score of 15 points.

All in all, the tournament was as usual quite eventful! Besides the two fire alarms that went off and a few minor noise complaints, the tournament was extremely successful and well run. To the delight of many parents, once again the organizers were able to hold the tournament in one location, instead of having to divide up the tournament.

Information for the upcoming 2005 Texas Scholastic Championship is available at [www.texaschess.org](http://www.texaschess.org).



High School Individual Co-Champion Bo Githoro from Lamar H.S.

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Primary Championship Team  
Paredes Elementary, Brownsville

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Middle School Championship Team  
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Jim Lipton

Alex Chua boldly pointing to his prediction of who will win State right before the last round against Arturo Gracia

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# The Ong Show:

## Houston Youth Wins Texas Action

William Ong of Houston won the Texas Action Championship, held Apr. 24 at the Texas Neurosciences Institute. At age 12 he is both the youngest and the lowest rated (1913) player ever to win the title. In consecutive rounds he defeated Mitch Vergara (2151), John Patty (2220) and Selby Anderson (2275) en route to a 5-0 score.

Thirty-three players turned out, even on a Fiesta weekend. The full prize fund of \$750 was paid out, despite a shortfall of entries given the quota of 40 full price entries. Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

### Prize Winners

1st	<b>William C. Ong</b>	5.0	\$250
2nd	<b>Selby Anderson</b>	4.0	\$50
	<b>Don Marcott</b>	4.0	\$50
U2100	<b>John Hendrick</b>	4.0	\$100
U1900	<b>Iva Davis</b>	3.5	\$90
U1700	<b>Johnny Martinez</b>	3.0	\$75
U1500	<b>Gabriel Guerra</b>	3.0	\$75
U1300	<b>Jesse Lozano</b>	2.0	\$60
U1500	<b>Gabriel Guerra</b>	3.0	\$75

### King's Gambit Declined C30

**Thomas Crispin 2200**  
**John H. Huston 1548**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (1)*

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Nf3 Nd7 4.Bc4 Be7  
5.0-0 Ngf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d3 a6 8.a4

exf4 9.Bxf4 Re8 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7  
11.Ng5+ Kg8 12.Ne6 Ne5 13.Nxd8  
Rxd8 14.Bg5 Neg4 15.h3 Ne5 16.Bxf6  
Bxf6 17.Nd5 1-0

### Benoni A56

**Selby Anderson 2275**  
**Doug Huddleston 2085**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (2)*

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6  
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.d5 a6 8.0-0 e6  
9.a4 b6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3  
e5 13.Ne1 Ne8 14.Nc2 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5  
16.Ne3 Bg6 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3  
Ra7 19.Qg6 Qf6 20.Qh5 Qf7  
21.Qxf7+ Raxf7 22.h4 Nf6 23.hxg5  
hxg5 24.Nf5 Ne8 25.Ne3 Nf6 26.Bh2  
g4 27.Bg3 Kh7 28.Bh4 Nbd7 29.Nf5  
Ne8 30. Ne7 Bf6 31.Bxf6 1-0

### English Opening A33

**Mitch Vergara 2151**  
**William Ong 1913**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (2)*

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.g3 Nc6  
5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4  
Bc5 9.e3 Bxd4 10.exd4 d5 11.cxd5  
Nxd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13. Be3 Be6  
14.h3 Qb6 15.Qd2 Rac8 16.Rac1 Nb4  
17.a3 Nc6 18.Re5



## by NM Selby Anderson

*"This type of game is my bread and butter, but I made some un-sound moves in the last part." - Vergara.*

18...Ne7 19.Rfc1 Rc6 20.b4 Rfc8 21.  
Kh2 Rxc5 22.dxc5 Qa6 23.Bd4 Nf5  
24. Bb2 Qc6 25.Qg5 h6 26.Qf4 Qd7  
27.Qe5 f6 28.Qe2 Re8 29.Qd3 Ne7  
30.Rd1 Bf7 31.h4 Rd8 32.Bh3 Be6  
33.Bg2 Bf7 34.Qd2 Ng6 35.Bh3  
0-1 (time)

### Nimzo-Indian E24

**John Patty 2220**  
**J.P. Hytlin 1976**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5  
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5  
8.e3 b6 9.Bd3 Ba6 10.Ne2 Bxd3 11.  
Qxd3 Nbd7 12.0-0 Re8 13.f3 e6  
14.Ng3 b5 15.e4 dxe4 16. fxe4 Nc5  
17.Qf3 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4  
18...Rxe4 19.Bg5 Re6 20.Rae1  
Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Qd5 22.Bxf6 ±.  
19.Qxf7+ Kh8 20.Qf3 Qd5 21.Bf4  
Rad8 22.Kh1 Nf6 23.Qd3 Re4 24.  
Rad1 Rde8 25.Qh3



25...Qb3

25...Re2 26.Be5 Ne4? 27.Qg4 +-.  
26.Be5 Ng4 27.Qf3 Ne3?? (27... Qd5)



28.Qxe4 Nxd1 29.Bxg7+ Kxg7  
30.Qxe8 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Ng4 32.Qd7+  
1-0

*French Defense C00*

Andres Hortillosa 1929  
Iva Davis 1789

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (2)*

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 f5 4.exd5 exd5  
5.Ng3 Nf6 6.Be2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3  
c5 9.Bb2 Nc6 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Nf1 d4  
12.c3 dxc3 13.Bxc3 Nd5 14.Bb2 Nf4  
15.d4 Nxe2+ 16. Rxe2 Bd7 17.dxc5  
Bf4 18.b4 Rae8 19.Qb3+ Kh8  
20.Rae1 Bh6 21.Qf7 Qd8 22.Qh5  
Kg8 23.a3 Rxe2 24. Rxe2 Be8 25.Qh3  
Qd3 0-1

*KI Attack A04*

Gabriel Guerra 1116  
Allen Eckert 1711

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (2)*

1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d3 e5  
5.Nbd2 Be5 6.0-0 d6 7.c4 0-0 8.b3  
Bd7 9.Bb2 Qe8 10.Re1 Qh5 11.e3  
Rae8 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Qg6  
14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bxf6  
Rxf6 17.Qf3 Bb4 18.Rad1 a5  
19.Qxc6 f4 20.exf4 Rfe6 21. Rxe6  
Qxe6 22.Nf3 1-0

*Sicilian Paulsen B48*

John Hendrick 2089  
Selby Anderson 2275

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6  
5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Qd2(?)

The so-called London Attack has become the main line in the Naj-dorf, but where Black has not played ...d6 he has options such as ...Bb4 and an early ...d5. 7...Nf6 8.0-0-0! Bb4 9.f3 d5 10. Bg5 Nxd4 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qxd4 Bxc3 13. bxc3 e5! 14.Qb4 dxe4 15. fxe4 Be6 16.Kb2 Rg8 17.Rd6 Rd8 18.Rxd8+ Kxd8 19.Be2 Kc8 20.g3 Kb8? 21.Bxa6 f5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23. Bb5 Rg4 24.c4 Be6 25.Kb3 Rd4 and 0-1

*Dutch Defense A85*

William Ong 1913  
John Patty 2220

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (3)*

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4  
5.Bd2 0-0 6.e3 a5 7.Rc1 Be7 8.Be2 b6  
9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qc2 Ne4 11.d5 Nc5 12.  
Rfe1 Nba6 13.a3 d6



In hindsight, 13...Bf6 looks better. White's opening play has been so understated that Patty may have gotten overconfident.

14.Nd4 g6 15.dxe6 Bf6 16.Bf1 Qe8  
17.Nd5 Nxe6 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19. Be3

Six moves later, and White is boss. 19...Rf8 20.f3 Ng5 21.b4 axb4 22. axb4 c5 23.Nb5 Nb4 24.Bxb4 cxb4 25.Nxd6 Qc6 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 27. Qb3 Nf7 28. Qxb4 Qc7 29.e5 bxc5 30.Qxc5 Qxc5 31.Rxc5 Rfe8 32. Re1 Rxc5 33.Rxc5 Ra1 34.Kf2 Ra2+ 35.Kg3 Ra7 36.Be4 Kg7 37. Bxf7 Kxf7 38.Re4 h6 39.e4 Ra5 1-0

I did not see how Ong won the R+P ending, but I would expect Patty to draw this under slower time controls.

*Tartakover System A41*

Thomas Crispin 2200  
Don Marcott 2118

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (3)*

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.Nbd2 Nd7 4.h3  
Bh5 5.g3 Ngf6 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 e5 8.e3  
Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.a4 a5 11.Qb3 Qc7  
12.e4 Rfe8 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nh4

Rad8 15.Nf5 Nc5 16.Qc2 Nd3 17.Re3  
Nxc1 18.Rxc1 Be5 19.Ree1 Qd6  
20.Nc4 Qc7 21. g4 Bg6 22.Rcd1 h5  
1/2-1/2

*Nimzo-Indian E24*

Asher Alperovich 2126  
Iva Davis 1789

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5  
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 e6 7.Qc2 Nbd7  
8.e4 dxe4 9.fxe4 e5 10.Nf3 Qc7  
11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 Re8 13.Bg5 b6  
14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15. Nxe5 Rxe5 16.dxe5  
Qxe5 17.Qd2 Ng4 18.Qf4 Qc5+  
19.Kh1 Be6 1/2-1/2

*Sicilian Rossolimo B52*

Selby Anderson 2275  
William Ong 1913

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (4)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+  
Qxd7 5.0-0 g6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bg7  
8.c4 Nc6 9.Be3 Nf6 10.f3 0-0 11.Nc3  
Rac8 12.b3 a6 13. a4 Qd8 14.Qd2  
Nd7 15.Rab1 Nc5 16.Rfe1 Ne6



I thought Ong played this move with a lackadaisical air. As that impression played on my mind, I forgot to ask myself the most basic question: What did my opponent just threaten?

Black hopes for 17.Nxe6, which which leaves him in control of d5. Best is 17.Nde2, and on 17...Qa5 White renews the threat of Nd5 with 18.Qd1! Then 18...Nc7 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5

Nb4 21.Nd4 leaves White with a space advantage and pressure down the e-file.  
17.Nd5?? Nexd4 0-1

15.f5 gxf5 16.exf5 f6 17.Bd3 Re8  
18.Qg4 Kh8 19.Rf3 Rg8 20.Rh3 Bd7  
21.Rxh7+ 1-0

32...Qxd3 33.Qxa1 Qc4+ 34.Kd2  
Nxb4 -/+.. 33.Qxb3 Rc4+ 34.Kd2 1-0

*Bird's Opening A02*

**James Rohrbaugh 2232**  
**J.P. Hyltin 1976**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (4)*

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.b3 d6 4.Bb2 Nf6  
5.e3 g6 6.c4 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8. Be2 a6  
9.0-0 e5 10.Nd5 exf4 11. Nxf4 d5  
12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nxd5 Bxa1 14.Qxa1  
f6 15.Ne1 Kg7 16. Nd3 Qd6 17.Nb6  
Rb8 18.Nxc8 Rbxc8 19.Nf4 Rce8  
20.Nd5 Ne7 21.Bf3 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 b6  
23.Qc3 Qe5 24.Qc1 Rd8 25.e4 f5  
26.exf5 Rxf5 27.Rxf5

0-1 (time)

*QGD Tarrasch D32*

**Iva Davis 1789**  
**Thomas Crispin 2200**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (4)*

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 exd4 5.  
Nxd4 e5

Although this is attractive (it may be the reason 4.Nf3 is rare), Black does better with the trans-positional 5...Nf6.  
6.Ndb5 a6

6...d4 7.Nd5 Na6 8.e4 Nf6 9.Qa4  
Bd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.b4 ±  
ECO.

7.Na3

7.Qa4! Bd7 8.cxd5 Nc6 (8...Nf6  
9.d6; 8...Bc5 9.b4) 9.dxc6 Bxc6  
10.Qb3 axb5 11.e4 b4 12.Bc4 Qd7  
13.Nd5 Bxd5 14. Bxd5 ± Bernstein-  
Perlis, St. Petersburg 1909.

7...d4 8.Nd5 Nc6 9.e4 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7  
11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 g6 14.  
f4 Bg7?

Absolutely necessary was 14... exf4.

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*Nimzo-Indian E21*

**William Ong 1913**  
**Iva Davis 1789**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb4  
5.Bd2 Bxc3 6.Bxc3 Ne4 7.e3 Bb7 8.  
Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 f5 10.0-0-0 d6 11.b3  
Nd7 12.Bb2 Ndf6 13.Ne1 a5 14.f3  
Ng5 15.h4 Nf7 16.Qf2 Nh6 17.Bb1 a4  
18. Nd3 axb3 19.axb3 b5



20.c5 Bd5 21.Bc2 Ra7 22.Qe2 Qb8  
23.Rhg1 Qb7 24.Rdfl Rfa8 25.g4  
fxg4 26.fxg4 Ne4 27.Rf4 Ra1+! 28.  
Bb1 Bxb3 29.Bxa1 Rxa1 30.Qb2  
Qd5!



31.Rxe4

31.Qxa1?? Qc4+ 32.Kb2 Qc3+ 33.  
Ka3 Qxa1+ -+.

31...Qxe4 32.Re1 Ra4??

*Nimzo-Indian E39*

**J.P. Hyltin 1976**  
**Selby Anderson 2275**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0  
5.Bg5 e5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bxc5 8.e3  
b6 9.Be2 Bb7 10.a3 Be7 11.Rd1 a6  
12. Qd2 Qb8 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Bxf6  
Bxf6 15.Ne4



15...Ne5

Clearly, 15...Be7 16.Nd6 is no fun.  
16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18. Qb4

Losing traction. Better is 18.f4  
Qf5 19.Bf3 Bxf3 20.Rxf3 d6 =.

18...Be6 19.Rd4 f5 20.Rfd1 Kh8  
21.Qe7 Rg8 22.g3 Rg7 23.Qh4 Rag8  
24.Bf1 Rg4 25.Qh3 f4 26.exf4 Rxf4  
27. Bg2?? Rxd4 0-1

*Petroff's Defense C43*

**Doug Huddleston 2085**  
**Asher Alperovich 2126**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (5)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5  
5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.0-0 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Nc5  
8.Nc3 Nxd3 9.Qxd3 c6 10.Qg3 Bf5  
11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Rfe1 Bc5 13.Na4 Bb6  
14.c4 0-0 15. Rad1 d4 16.Nc3 Bd8  
17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Bxg5 19.Qxg5  
e5 20.Rg4 f6 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.h3 Raf8  
23.Qh4 1/2-1/2

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# TCA Minutes

## Spring Session: March 27, 2004 – Houston, Texas

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### I. Meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m.

Members in attendance included: George John-President, Clemente Rendon-Vice-President, Nancy Sawyer-Treasurer, Mario Leal-Texas Knights Editor, Luis Salinas, Bob James, Cody Pemberton, Enrique Rios, Katie Stone, Carmen Chairez and Jim Liptrap.

### II. Reading of the minutes.

Mario Leal moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the fall. By a show of hands, the decision was unanimous.

### III. Treasurer's Report.

George noted that the TCA account had increased from \$18,000 to \$18,200.

### IV. President's Report. N/A

### V. Old Business

A) Move that the Denker Stipend be increased- Luis commented that a parent wanted the stipend to increase to be able to support having a parent travel with a child. The initial increase was for an amount of \$1,000. Enrique added a friendly amendment to change it to \$600, Luis accepted.

**Motion #1:** Luis moved to increase the Denker Stipend to \$600.

**Vote:** In favor - 7 Opposed 3; Motion passes

B) Move that Texas' Polgar representative be given the same stipend as the Denker Stipend with the same condition attached- Luis commented that Texas should have a representative for this event. Jim noted that the Denker could potentially have a male or female representative but the Polgar could only have a female representative. Katie noted that it is unclear whether the Polgar tournament will be an annual tournament, the motion should be contingent on whether the tournament is held.

**Motion #2:** Luis moved to give the Polgar Representative the same amount as the Denker Representative (\$600)

**Vote:** In favor- 6 opposed 1

### VI. New Business

A) Texas Team Championship- Deferred to Fall Meeting

{Texas Team Championship: This event shall be held in February as a four round Swiss, and restricted to four boards. A team may not have more than five players. The lowest rated player shall be the alternate. The highest rated player shall be assigned to play Board One, and the other players shall be assigned to boards in descending order by rating.

### Change Bylaw To:

Texas Amateur Team Championship: This event should be held in January or February as a four round Swiss, and restricted to four boards. A team may not have more than five players. The lowest rated player shall be the alternate. The highest rated player shall be assigned to play Board One, and the other players shall be assigned to boards in descending order by rating. The Average Rating shall be less than 2200 based on the supplement in effect for the tournament. The December supplement shall be used if the tournament when tournament is held in January or February.

**Rationale:** Change of name and rating limit to go with current practice. Change of month held so that Teams who go to National Amateur Teams tournaments can use this as a practice tournament.}

### B) Section 6 Complaints- Deferred to Fall Meeting

{If a player advises an Association Board Member that dues have been paid and can produce a receipt, check, canceled check or other proof of payment, and no membership card has been received, a membership card will be provided to the player. In the absence of proof of payment, the Secretary or the Treasurer or a majority of the Board of Directors, may decide to honor or deny the player's request.

### Change bylaw to the following:

Section 6. Complaints:

If a player advises an Association Board Member that dues have been paid and can produce a receipt, check, canceled check or other proof of payment, the player shall be listed on the website list of current members. In the absence of proof of payment, the Secretary or the Treasurer or a majority of the Board of Directors,

may decide to honor or deny the player's request.

**Rationale:** TCA membership voted last meeting to affirm the practice of not handing out membership cards. This just cleans up another section of the bylaws.}

C) Submission of Tournament Bids/ Fiscal Year- Luis deferred to Fall Meeting

{A. Nominations for Regular TCA Tournaments shall be submitted to the editor of Texas Knights by the deadline for the July-August issue. If there are no nominations for a tournament (or tournaments), the Board of Directors shall solicit proposals for overdue tournament(s). If the Board of Directors cannot find organizer(s) willing to handle the overdue Major Event(s), they will organize the event(s).

B. Nominations for TCA Tournaments identified as a "Major Event" can be submitted up to two (2) years in advance}

Texas Junior Invitational- Luis noted that the TCA should purchase the TCA tournament from Enrique; since currently TCA is helping to sponsor it but does not have a voice in how the tournament is run. Enrique stated that he started the tournament 3 years ago; and every year he lost money since he awarded cash money prizes. It was also a slow tournament since scholastic players wanted a slow game control. The current motion had Patrick Bloom and Enrique Rios mentioned; George moved to change the motion to just include Enrique.

**Deferred to the Spring:**

{Move that the automatic funding of the Texas Junior Invitational be rescinded.

If the previous motion passes, then the next motion applies:  
Move that the preceding motion go into effect immediately.

If the motion to buy the Texas Junior Invitational fails or if the owners refuse to sell:

Move that a new tournament be created under Section 1 Q.: Southwest Junior Invitational: This event shall be open to players under 21 as of January 1 of the year this tournament is held. This tournament should be held in the summer. All player must be TCA members that receive Texas Knights. The organizer is responsible for getting the majority of the games to the Texas Knights Editor. All Texas junior players rated over 1700 are automatically invited. All Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana players rated over

1900 are invited. Players from other states can be accepted by the organizer if organizer gets approval of Scholastic Committee. Rating are as of the April Supplement. The winners of all championship sections of the previous Texas Scholastic Championships and the High School section of regionals are invited. The winners of each grade over 4th grade at the previous Texas Grade is invited. The scholastic committee will determine who organizes the event. The organizer must send invitations to all Texas Players that qualify. Web ratings or the most current rating list can be used to qualify at the organizers discretion, but players who qualify based only on web ratings or non April supplement ratings should not be mailed an invitation.

**Rationale:** USCF has problems retaining players once they reach college. Raising the age to Under 21 can help with this. The TJJ did not want the higher age. Since this tournament is not our Denker qualifier, there is no reason not to let in stronger players from surrounding states. Note that all players must be TCA members. For this tournament, other states accepted is not valid. Accepting players from non surrounding states helps when college players do not change their state of residence when they come to a local college.

If the previous motion passes, then I move that the previous motion go into effect immediately.

New Motion if previous motions pass: The Southwest Junior Invitational should get the same funding levels that the TJJ gets (or used to get in prior years if the funding to the TJJ is rescinded.)

If previous motion passes: I move that this funding level goes into effect immediately.}

**Motion #1-** Luis moved that the TCA purchase the rights to the Texas Junior Invitational from the founder Enrique Rios for a total of \$600.

**Vote:** In favor- 8 Opposed- 0; Motion Passes

Polgar Qualifier- Discussion of whether there should be invitation issued to the second highest finisher in a championship section of the Texas Scholastic Championships when the highest finisher has already qualified from the Texas Girl's tournament.

There was a discussion of whether to invite the 2nd place finisher of the Texas Scholastic Championships or the 2nd place finisher of the Texas girls' tournament. After discussion, a Straw Pole was taken; in favor of Texas scholastic 7 in favor of Texas Girls 2.

**Motion #2-** Jim moved that the bid to purchase the Junior Invitational tournament should be effective before the 2005 tournament bidding cycle.

**Vote:** In favor- 7 Opposed 0; Motion Passes

**Motion #3-** Clemente moved that in the event of a conflict of having the same girl win both the Texas Girls Championship and be the top girl finisher in the championship sections of the Texas Scholastic tournament, have the 2nd place girl finisher of the Texas Scholastic tournament qualify for the Polgar qualifier tournament.

**Vote:** In favor- 8 Opposed 2; Motion Passes

**Motion #4-** Clemente moved to recognize Selby Anderson for his many years of dedication to the Texas Chess Association, move for the TCA Directors Board to spend an amount at their discretion, not to exceed \$100 dollars. The motion was deferred to the TCA president to handle.

Enrique Rios motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10. By a show of hands, the motion to adjourn was unanimous.

Submitted by:  
Clemente Rendon,  
TCA Vice President

## Solution:

*Puzzle from back cover:*

**Answer:**

1. Qd7+! Bxd7
2. Nd6+ Kd8
3. Nf7+ Kc8
4. Re8+ Bxe8
5. Rd8#



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*Sicilian Sveshnikov B33*

**John Hendrick 2089**

**Mitch Vergara 2151**

*Texas Action Chp. 2004 (5)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.c3 0-0 14.Nc2 Ne7 15. Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Ne3 f5



17.Bd3 d5?

Better is 17...f5 - Vergara.

18.exf5 e4 19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Be2 Rg8 21.Qf4 f6 22.Rd1 Bb7 23.Bh5 Rg7 24. h4 Qb8 25.Qxb8+ Rxb8 26. Ke2 Rc8 27.Rd4 Rc5 28.Rhd1 Bc8 29.a4 Bb7 30.Be8 h6 31.g4 bxa4 32.Rxa4 Nc8 33. Rb4 Nd6 34.Ba4 Rgc7 35.Bb3 Nc4 1-0

I would expect 36.Bxc4 dxc4 37.Rd4 and the c-pawn falls.

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*Notes by Drew Sarkisian*

*Exchange Grünfeld D85*

**Jose Luis Silva (2217)**

**Dale Dike (2006)**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 0-0 9.Ne2 b5 10.Bb3 a6

10...Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.d5 Nd7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Qd2 Kh7 Hjartarson-Popovic, Manila 1990 and Black has a fine game.

11.h4 e6 12.h5 c5



13.hxg6 hxg6?

Black can't allow the full opening of the h-file considering his lack of development. 13...fxg6 14.Be3 c4 15.Be2 is better for White, but Black is kicking.

14.Bh6

White can also try the direct 14.Qd3!? Bb7 ( 14...e5? 15.Bd5 Ra7 16.Qg3+-) 15.Qh3 Re8 16.Qh7+ Kf8 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6+ Ke7 19.dxc5 and I doubt Black can survive long.

14...Bxh6 15.Rxh6 Kg7 16.Qd2 Rh8 17.Rxh8 Qxh8 18.0-0-0 Bb7 19.dxc5 Bc6

Black needs to create some breathing room with 19...Qh4

20.Qd4+ Kg8 21.Qd6 Qg7 22.Rh1

1-0

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Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT
1 Ong, William C.....	1913	W 26	W 9	W 18	W 2	W 8	5.0
2 Anderson, Selby K.....	2275	W 12	W 7	W 4	L 1	W 10	4.0
3 Marcott, Don.....	2110	W 25	W 11	D 5	D 6	W 15	4.0
4 Hendrick, John K.....	2089	W 14	W 21	L 2	W 19	W 9	4.0
5 Crispin, Thomas A.....	2200	W 23	W 19	D 3	L 8	X---	3.5
6 Alperovich, Asher.....	2126	W 13	W 20	D 8	D 3	D 7	3.5
7 Huddleston, James.....	2085	W 22	L 2	W 13	W 20	D 6	3.5
8 Davis, Iva Michell.....	1789	W 33	W 15	D 6	W 5	L 1	3.5
9 Vergara, Mittchell.....	2151	W 24	L 1	W 28	W 11	L 4	3.0
10 Hyltin, John Paul.....	1976	W 29	L 18	W 23	W 17	L 2	3.0
11 Moore, Brandon M.....	1795	W 32	L 3	W 14	L 9	W 24	3.0
12 Eckert, Allen.....	1711	L 2	L 14	W 26	W 16	W 25	3.0
13 Martinez, Johnny.....	1451	L 6	W 33	L 7	W 28	W 19	3.0
14 Guerra, Gabriel.....	1116	L 4	W 12	L 11	W 22	W 21	3.0
15 Mc Cue, Mark E.....	1855	H---	L 8	W 27	W 21	L 3	2.5
16 Carter, Dee.....	1400	H---	W 27	L 17	L 12	W 28	2.5
17 Rohrbaugh, James V.....	2232	L 21	W 25	W 16	L 10	U---	2.0
18 Patty, John.....	2220	W 28	W 10	L 1	U---	U---	2.0
19 Hortillosa, Andres.....	1927	W 31	L 5	W 24	L 4	L 13	2.0
20 Haney, Paul A.....	1886	W 30	L 6	W 22	L 7	F---	2.0
21 Guerra, Anthony.....	1702	W 17	L 4	W 31	L 15	L 14	2.0
22 Scott, Wendle.....	1570	L 7	W 26	L 20	L 14	W 32	2.0
23 Huston, John H.....	1548	L 5	W 30	L 10	L 25	W 27	2.0
24 Lopez, Juan A.....	1482	L 9	W 32	L 19	W 29	L 11	2.0
25 Eng, Kristy E.....	1300	L 3	L 17	W 30	W 23	L 12	2.0
26 Lozano, Jesse.....	unr.	L 1	L 22	L 12	W 32	W 30	2.0
27 English, Rheanna.....	1503	H---	L 16	L 15	W 31	L 23	1.5
28 Franke, Paul Louis.....	1610	L 18	W 29	L 9	L 13	L 16	1.0
29 Gaddis, Austin Tay.....	963	L 10	L 28	W 32	L 24	U---	1.0
30 Jain, Abhishek.....	924	L 20	L 23	L 25	B---	L 26	1.0
31 Gaddis, Chris L.....	632	L 19	B---	L 21	L 27	U---	1.0
32 Jaster, Johnathan.....	unr.	L 11	L 24	L 29	L 26	L 22	0.0
33 Rivera, Mariano.....	unr.	L 8	L 13	U---	U---	U---	0.0

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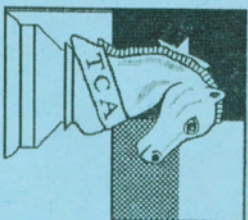
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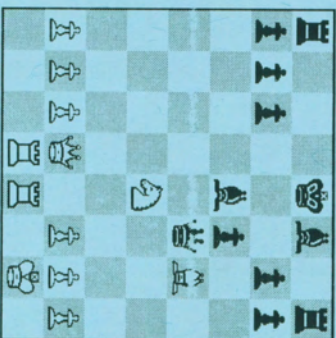
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