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2004 Southwest Open

One hundred seventy-two players turned out to compete in two sections at the 71st Southwest Open held September 3rd - 6th in Plano. International Masters Peter Vavrik and Amon Simutowe won the 35 player Open section with 5.5 points. Tying for third were Michal Kujovic and John Cole with 5.0 points. Marc Fuhrmann topped 137 player Reserve section with Peter Tu and Thomas Kusnier rounding out the top three.

The Dallas Chess Club did another superb job organizing. Big thanks to the DCC and its members.

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Grinfeld Reversed D02

Curtis Brooks 2102

George Culler 1940

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (1)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Bd6 4.Bg5 Nf6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 b6 7.Nbd2 Bb7 8.0-0 h6 9.Bh4 e5 10.Rc1 c4 11.Bb1 g5 12.Bg3 Bxg3 13.hxg3

Also plausible is 13.fxg3, opening the f-file and playing for e3-e4.

13...Ne4?!

Careless, or fiendishly clever? I expect the former, though things work out very well once White goes on "cruise control" after the easy win of a pawn...

14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 h5



15...f5 16.Nxc4 0-0 17.Qh5 and Black has trouble dummung up counterplay.

16.Nxc4

Since Black's only real chance lies in a knockout, White should take the opportunity to chop wood with 16.Bxe4 Qb8 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Nxc4.

16...Qc7 17.Nd2 f5



18.Qb3 Ke7

18...Rh6.

19.Nc4 Kf6 20.Nd2 g4 21.c4 h4 22.d5 Ne5

22...hxg3 23.fxg3 Qxg3?? fails to 24.Nxe4+-.

23.Bxe4

23.dxe6 Qh7 24.Rfd1 hxg3 25.fxg3 Qh2+ 26.Kf2 f4! and Black breaks through: 27.Nxe4+ Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxg3+ 29.Ke2 f3+ 30.Kd2 Qf2+ 31.Kc3 Qxe3+ and White's busted.

23...h3

Giving White a chance to defend himself. 23...fxe4 24.Nxe4+ Kg6 25.gxh4 Rxh4 looks fine for Black.

24.Rfd1

Stronger is 24.f4 gxf3 25.Bxf3 Rag8 26.Qc3!

24...Qh7

Again, 24...fxe4 25.Nxe4+ Kg6 is indicated.

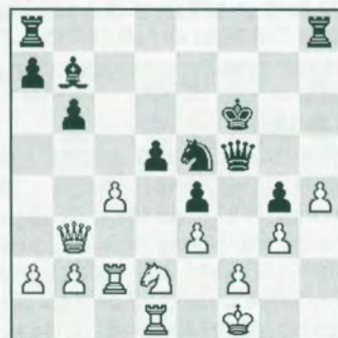
25.gxh3?

White can use Black's own footsoldier as cover with 25.f4 gxf3 26.Bxf3

hxg2 27.Kf2.

25...fxe4 26.h4 Qf5 27.Kf1? exd5

28.Rc2



28...Ba6

Black can storm the barricades with the immediate 28...Rxh4!! 29.Qc3 (29.gxh4 g3+) 29...Rhh8 30.Ke2+.

29.Qa3 Nxc4?

29...Nd3! keeps matters in a tight grip.

30.Nxc4

Not 30.Qxa6?? Nxe3+.

30...Bxc4+ 31.Rxc4! dxc4 32.Qd6+ Qe6 33.Qf4+ Ke7 34.Qg5+?

Missing a chance to win the Black Queen for the remaining White Rook with 34.Rd4! Rhf8 35.Qc7+ Kf6 (35...Ke8 36.Qb7 with the dual threats of Qxa8 and Rxe4) 36.Rd6.

34...Kf8 35.Rd5 Rh7 36.Re5 Qc6 37.Qxg4 Rf7 38.Rxe4? Rd8 39.Rd4 Rxd4 40.Qxd4 Qf6

More precise is 40...Qf3 41.Qd8+ Kg7 42.Qd2 Qxg3 43.Qd4+ Kg8 44.Qd8+ Kh7 45.Qd2 Qh3+ 46.Ke1 Qxh4.

41.Qd2 Ke8 42.f4 Qf5 43.Qc3 Qd3+ 44.Qxd3? exd3 45.g4 Re7 46.Kf2 d2 47.Ke2 Rxe3+ 48.Kxd2 Re4 49.h5 Rxf4 50.g5 Rf5 51.h6 Rxg5 52.h7 Rh5

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Centre Game C22

Albert Yeh 2089

Magesh Panchanathan 2486

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (1)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 d6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Bd2 Bg7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nd5
0-0 9.Bc3 Re8 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Ne2
a5 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nc3 Be6 14.f4 Nb4
15.Kb1

15.a3 Na2+ 16.Nxa2 Bxa2
17.Bd3+/=.

15...d5 16.e5

Not 16.exd5?? Bf5 17.Qd4 Qxd4
18.Rxd4 Re1+ 19.Nd1 Nxc2+ ; The
interesting 16.a3 gives Black the chance
to complicate matters with 16...dxe4!?

17.Nxe4 (17.axb4? axb4 18.Nd5 Bxd5
19.Rxd5 Qe6 20.Qb3 c6 21.Rd4 Qxb3
22.cxb3 Red8! 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Kc2
f5) 17...Ba2+ 18.Kc1 Qc6+/-.

16...Bf5 17.Qf2 Qb6 18.Qxb6 Bxc2+
19.Kc1 cxb6 20.Rxd5! Nxd5 21.Nxd5
Rec8 22.Ne7+ Kf8 23.Nxc8 Rxc8



24.Be2

Activating his remaining forces with
24.Kd2! Be4 25.Ke3 Bd5 26.Bd3 still
gives up a pawn, but White has a fighting
chance to hold.

24...Be4+ 25.Kd1 Bxg2 26.Re1 Rd8+
27.Kc2 Rd4+ 28.Rg1 Bh3 29.Bg4
Bxg4 30.Rxg4 h5 31.Rh4 Ke7 32.b3
Ke6 33.Kc3 Re4 34.Rh3 Rxf4 35.Re3
g5 36.a3 g4 37.Re2 h4 38.Kd3 Kf5
39.Kd2 g3 40.hxg3 hxg3 41.Re1 Kg4
42.e6 fxe6 43.Rxe6 g2 44.Ke2 Kg3

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Torre, London & Colle Systems A48

Doyle Lobaugh 1485

Rodney Thomas 1850

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bh4
Bg7 5.Nbd2 d5 6.e3 Bg4 7.Be2 0-0
7...c5!?=-.

8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 f5
11.c3 Kh8



12.g4!? Nd7 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.Bg5

14.0-0-0 c5 15.Nb3 gives White the
edge.

14...Qe8 15.h4 e5 16.0-0-0 exd4
17.exd4 c5 18.Nc4 cxd4

Black can whip up a quick initiative
with 18...b5 19.Na5 b4, turning his bishop-
on g7 into a long diagonal monster.

19.Nd6?

19.cxd4 Rc8 20.Kb1 is playable.
After this blunder, White goes down fast.
19...Qe6+ 20.Bf4 d3 21.Qh5??

21.Rxd3 Qxa2 22.Rdh3 doesn't lose
in such a catastrophic manner.

21...Qxa2 22.Rhg1 Qa1+

Black has an immediate mate start-
ing with 22...Bxc3. All White can do is
throw in some spite checks before going
down. Work it out.

23.Kd2 Qxb2+ 24.Ke3

Walking into a forced mate, but
24.Ke1 Nf6 is no fun for the first player
either after 25.Bc1 Qxc3+ 26.Bd2 Nxf5
27.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 28.Kf1.

24...Qb6+ 25.Kd2 Qxf2+ 26.Kc1 Qc2#

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Sicilian: Scheveningen B85

Benjamin Wheeler 1964

Hector Martinez 1701

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 Nc6 7.Be2 e6 8.Nb3 Be7
9.Be3 b6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.f4
Bb7 13.Rfd1 Rac8 14.Bf3 Nb8 15.Qf2
Nbd7 16.Rd2 Nc5 17.Nxc5 dxc5
18.Rad1 Rcd8 19.g4 Rxd2 20.Rxd2
Rd8 21.g5 Rxd2 22.Qxd2 Ne8 23.Kf2



23...Qd6?

Black is doing fine after the active
23...Nd6.

24.Qxd6 Nxd6??

This ends the game quickly, but
Black was already in trouble after the
superior 24...Bxd6 25.a5! b5 (25...e5
26.fxe5 Bxe5 27.axb6 is no better) 26.e5
Bxf3 27.exd6 Bc6 28.Bxc5 with Nc3-a2-
b4 to follow, winning easily.

25.e5 Bxf3 26.exd6 Bxd6 27.Kxf3 f5
28.a5 b5 29.Nxb5 axb5 30.a6 Bb8
31.Bxc5 Kf7 32.a7 Bxa7 33.Bxa7 Ke8
34.Ke3 1-0



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IM Panchanathan vs. Datta (Rd 7)

Nimzo Indian E32

Karthik Ramachandran 1699
Selby Anderson 2235

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0
5.e3 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.e4 d5 8.exd5 exd5
9.e5 Ne4 10.Nge2 c5 11.0-0 Nc6



12.Nxe4

The scoreshoot had a quick suggestion from IM Panachanathan: 12.Nxd5 (!) but I don't see any problems for Black after 12...Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd5 14.Nf3 Rad8.

12...dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 Qxd4 16.Qxd4 cxd4 17.Bg5

The d-pawn is already a monster. 17.Rd1 followed by 18.Bd2 and 19.Rac1 should keep matters under control. 17...Rfe8 18.f4?!

18.Bf4 is better. Black can try to get rambunctious with 18...g5?! but 19.Bxg5 Rxe5 20.h4 Rd5 21.Rfd1 d3 22.a3 Bd6 23.Rd2 looks OK for White.

18...Bd2 19.Rad1 Be3+ 20.Kh1 Rac8 21.a3 Rc2 22.b4 Ra2 23.Bh4 Rxa3 24.Bf2 Rb3 25.Bxe3 dxe3 26.Rd1 Rxb4 27.Rxe3 Rc8 28.g3 g6 29.Rd1 Rc2 30.Red3 Rbb2 31.h4 h5 32.Ra3

White can try to get cute with 32.e6 but Black is still winning as long as he doesn't panic: 32...Re2 (32...fxe6?? when you panic, you might get mated as in 33.Rd8+ Kf7 34.R1d7+ Kf6 35.Rf8#) 33.exf7+ Kxf7 34.Rd7+ Ke6. The Black monarch threatens to make a beeline to g4, mopping up the White kingside.

32...Rh2+ 33.Kg1 Rbg2+ 34.Kf1 Ra2

35.Rxa2 Rxa2 36.Rc1 Rb2 37.Ra1 a5
38.Rc1 a4 39.Ra1 b5 40.Rc1 a3

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Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Pirc Defence B07

Aurelio Gonzalez 1934
Brian Carr 1656

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (2)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.h3 c6 5.Be3
b5 6.Bd3 e5 7.d5

7.Nf3!?

7...b4 8.Nce2 cxd5 9.exd5 Bg7 10.Bg5
0-0 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.c4 bxc3 13.Nxc3
Nbd7 14.Nge2 Nb6



15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Qd3 Rc7

17...Rc5 18.Bc6 Bxc6 19.dxc6 Rxc6 might be a good try.

18.0-0 Qa8 19.Rac1 Rfc8 20.Qf3 Be7
21.Rcd1 f5 1/2-1/2

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Semi-Slav D45

David John 2286
Christoph Toolin 2050

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3
Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4

One can only imagine what GMs from the early 20th century would think of moves like this; they were worried that our great game was close to being played out. Every time somebody makes a similar claim to me, I have to laugh... 7...Bb4 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 Bb7 11.g5 Nd5 12.e4N

Most every move has a good point and a bad point. The good point is that White's grabbing the central space that Black so obligingly gave up with 8...dxc4. The bad point is that White softens up the support of his d4 pawn. Another sensible alternative is 12.Bd2, though I don't quite like Black's idea of giving up his dark-squared Bishop: 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 N5b6 14.Rg1 Rc8 as in Makarov-Sakaev, Ekaterinburg 2002. 12...N5b6 13.Be3 a6 14.a3 Be7 15.b4 a5



16.Rb1 axb4 17.axb4 Na4 18.Na2 0-0
19.Rg1 Qb8 20.e5 Rd8 21.Nd2 Nab6
22.Bd3 g6 23.Nc3 Ra3 24.Nde4 Na4
25.Nxa4 bxa4 26.f4?!



26...Qa7

White's last move weakens his third rank. This might not be such a big deal except Black's in position to take advantage of said weakness: 26...c5! (the very move 15.b4 was intended to prevent!) 27.bxc5 Nxc5 28.Nxc5 Bxc5 29.dxc5 Rxd3 and suddenly, White's lost. Sorry for the extremely long variation, but here goes: 30.Bc1 (30.Bd2 Qd8 31.Rg3 Rg3 32.hxg3 Qd4 33.Rxb7 Rxb7+ and

White's King is too exposed: 34.Rc7 Qg1+ 35.Ke2 Qh2+ 36.Kd1 Rg1+ 37.Be1 Rxe1+ 38.Kxe1 Qxc2 and the Queen + a-pawn are boss.) 30...Rac3 31.Qe2 Qc8 32.Rg3 (32.Rf1 Ba6 33.Qg2 Qd8 34.Bd2 Re3+! 35.Bxe3 Rxe3+ 36.Kf2 Re2+ 37.Kg1 Rxc2+ 38.Kxc2 Bxf1+ is no improvement for White) 32...Rxc3 33.hxc3 Qxc5 34.Bd2 Rxc3 35.Rxb7 Rg1+ 36.Qf1 a3 37.Rb8+ Kg7 38.Qxg1 Qxg1+ 39.Ke2 a2 40.Bc3 Qg2+ 41.Kd3 Qf3+ 42.Kc2 Qe4+ 43.Kd2 (43.Kb2 Qb1+ ; 43.Kd1 Qb1+) 43...Qxf4+ 44.Ke2 Qc4+ 45.Kd2 Qxc3+ . 27.Rg3

Defending critical weaknesses across the third rank.

27...c5 28.bxc5 Nxc5 29.Nxc5 Bxc5 30.Qxc5 Qxc5 31.dxc5 Rdx3 32.Rxb7 Rxe3+ 33.Rxe3 Rxe3+ 34.Kd2 Re4 35.Kd3 Re1 1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

French C02

George Culler 1940

Alex Chua 2198

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (2)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Nxd3 15.Rxd3 Qa7

15...Qc4 has been played by GMs Uhlmann and Mednis here.

16.f5

Going through my ChessBase database, I found the following amusing snippet: 16.Qg4 Rc8 17.Be3 Qb8 18.Qg3 g6 19.Bd4 Be7 20.Nxd5! exd5 21.e6 Bb5 22.Bxh8 Bxd3 23.Be5 Bd6 24.exf7+ Kxf7 25.Qxd3 Bxe5 26.Qxd5+ Kg7 27.fxe5 with advantage for White in Landriell-Sretenskij, Dos Hermanas 2003. Upon closer examination, I find out this was a blitz game. *Sigh.*

16...d4 17.Qd1 Bc6

Maybe Black should concentrate on getting the rest of this army into play with 17...Bc5!?

18.fxe6



18...dxc3?

Better was the ugly 18...fxe6 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qg4 Qc5 21.Qxe6+ Qe7 22.Qxe7+ Bxe7 23.Rxd4.

19.exf7+ Kxf7 20.e6+ Ke8 21.Bg5

This is what Alex missed; he forgot that White simply threatens 22.e7 with a winning attack. Still, the game's not quite over yet.

21...Be7 22.Bxe7 Kxe7??

Ah...now the game is over. George points out that 22...Qf2! appears to hold after 23.Rg3 cxb2+/-.

23.Rd7+ Bxd7

Black gets mated regardless of whether or not he takes the "gift".

24.Qxd7+ Kf6 25.Rf1+ Ke5 26.Re1+ Kf6 27.Qf7+ Kg5 28.Re5+ Kg4 29.Qf5+ Kh4 30.g3#

Alex took this loss with great grace, letting his opponent mate with a pawn.

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Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Modern Benoni A67

Alex Chua 2198

Mark Dejmek 2122

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nbd7

One of Mark's favorite lines...I can't recall the last time he lost a game playing it. The main line (nearly a 10-to-1 favorite) runs 8...Nfd7 9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 Na6 11.0-0 Nc7 12.Bd3 a6 with double-

edged play.

9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe6 Nh5 11.e6 Qh4+ 12.g3 Nxc3 13.hxc3 Qxh1 14.Be3 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 a6 16.exd7+ Bxd7 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.Qb3

The quieter 18.Qf3 probably never entered Chua's mind.

18...b5 19.0-0-0 Qe4 20.Bxc5 Rbc8 21.Bd4 Rc4 22.Qc2



22...Qxc2+

22...Rxd4! 23.Rxd4 (23.cxd4?? Rc8+) 23...Qe3+ 24.Kb2 Qxg1 looks to be at least equal, if not a bit better for Black.

23.Kxc2 Re8 24.Nh3 Kd6 25.Nf4 25.Ng5.

25...g5 26.Nh5 Re2+ 27.Kb3



27...Kxd5!?

Black does better to hem in the White monarch with 27...Ra4! 28.a3 Rc4 29.Nf6 a5 30.a4 (30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Ne4+ Kxd5 32.Nxd2 Rc6) 30...Rxa4 31.Rf1 and Black is doing fine.

28.Nf6+ Ke6 29.Nxh7

White's calling all the shots. The kingside will clear out completely and harass the Black King.

29...Kf5 30.Rf1+ Kg4 31.Rxf7 Rc6

32.Rg7 Kxg3 33.Nxg5 Kf4?

33...Re1 34.Ne4+ Kh3 35.Nf2+ Kh4
36.a4 lasts longer.

34.Nf7

A quicker solution is 34.Nh3+ Kf5
35.Rg5+ Ke6 (35...Ke4 36.Re5+ Kf3
37.Ng1+) 36.Nf4+ Kd7 37.Nxe2.

34...Re7 35.Rg1 Rec7?!

35...Re2.

**36.Be5+ Rxe5 37.Rf1+ Ke4 38.Re1+
Kd3 39.Nxe5+ Kd2 40.Nf3+ Kd3
41.Rc1 a5 42.Nd4 1-0**

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Caro-Kann B13

Selby Anderson 2235

George Culler 1940

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6
5.c3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Qb3 Qc8 8.Nd2
e6 9.Ngf3 Be7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 0-0
12.0-0 a6 13.Rae1 b5 14.Bb1 Qb7
15.Ne5 Rac8 16.Bg5 Rfe8 17.Re3 Nxe5
18.dxe5

Not 18.Rxe5 Nd7, winning material.

18...Ng4 19.hxg4 Bxg5 20.Rh3 g6 21.f4
Bd8 22.Rd1

22.g5 Be7+/=.

22...Rc4 23.Rf3 Bb6+ 24.Kh1

24.Kh2?! asks for trouble after
24...Qe7 25.Kg3 Bc7 26.Kh3 (26.Bd3
Ra4 27.Rh1 g5! 28.Bxh7+ Kg7 29.Bd3
gxf4+ 30.Kf2 Rh8) 26...f6 27.exf6 Qxf6.
24...Qe7 25.g5?!



25.g3

25...Rec8

More ambitious is 25...h6!? 26.gxh6
(26.g3 hxg5 is simply better for Black)

26...Qh4+ 27.Rh3 Qxf4 28.Bd3 Rc6
29.Re1 Bc7 30.Qc2 Bxe5 31.Bxg6 Rf8
and both sides have chances.

26.Bd3 Ra4 27.a3 Qc7

Again, 27...h6 28.gxh6 Qh4+ 29.Rh3
Rxf4 is advantageous for Black.

**28.Rdf1 Qc5 29.Kh2 Bc7 30.g3 Qc6
31.R3f2**

White can take advantage of Black's
Rook on a4 with 31.Qa2!? Bb6 32.b3
Re4 33.Qd2 (33.Bxe4? dxe4 34.R3f2
Bxf2 and Black is better) 33...a5 34.b4
axb4 35.axb4 d4 36.Bxe4 Qxe4 37.Qd3
and Black doesn't have enough for the
Exchange.

31...Qb6 32.Re2 Qc6 33.Qd1

George managed scored 2.5 in the
first three rounds...well done, George!

1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Four Knights C49

Amon Simutowe 2438

Magesh Panchanathan 2486

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bb4
5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 d6 8.h3 Ne7
9.Re1 c6

9...Ng6 10.d4 Qe7 11.a4 a5 12.dxe5
dxe5 13.Qe2 Nh5 14.Qe3 Nhf4 15.Ba3
Qe6 16.Bxf8 Nxc2! 17.Ng5 Nxe3
18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Rxe3 Kxf8 20.Rd1
Nf4 21.Kh2 g5 22.Bf1 h5 23.c4 Ke7 was
Woda-Przewoznik, Warsaw 1990 (Black
won after 41 moves.)

10.Bc4 Ng6 11.Bb3 a5 12.a4 Re8
13.d4 d5



14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nxe4 16.Qd4

16.c4!? Be6 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Be3
Rc8.

16...Be6 17.f3 c5 18.Qe3+/- c4 19.fxe4
cxb3 20.cxb3 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Qb6+
22.Be3 Qxb3 23.Bd4 Qd5 1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Torre Attack D03

Brad Anderson 1737

Brad Linton 1488

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Nc6

Blocking the c-pawn here isn't to be
recommended. Better alternatives
include 4...Be7; 4...Nbd7.

5.c4 h6 6.Bh4 g5?!

6...Be7

7.Bg3 Bd6 8.Nc3 Bxg3 9.hxg3 Ne4
10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Nd2 f5 12.Qh5+ Ke7
13.a3

13.0-0-0.

13...Bd7 14.c5 Be8 15.Qd1 e5**16.Nb3 Bf7 17.Bb5 Bxb3**

17...Qd5!? 18.Nc1 exd4 19.Bxc6

Photo Courtesy of Helen Jamison



Happy Chess Players!

bxc6 20.exd4 Rab8=.

18.Qxb3 exd4 19.0-0-0?!

19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.exd4 Qxd4=.

19...d3 20.Qc3

The thematic 20.g4 Qd7 21.Qc3 Qe6 22.Bxc6 Qxc6 23.gxf5 Qf6 24.Qb4 Qxf5 25.c6+ Ke6 is a nice complicated mess. 20...Kf7 21.f3 Qf6 22.Qb3+ Kg6 23.fxe4 fxe4 24.Rdf1

A case of the wrong Rook. 24.Rhf1!? Qe7 25.Bxd3 gives White at least a draw after 25...exd3 26.Qxd3+ Kg7 27.Qc3+ Kh7 (27...Ne5 28.Rf5 Rae8 29.Rd5) 28.Qc2+ Kg7 29.Qc3+ Kg6 30.Qd3+ Kg7 31.Qc3+=.

24...Qe7 25.Kd2

Now 25.Bxd3 fails to 25...exd3 26.Qxd3+ Kg7 27.Qc3+ Ne5 and White has only one Rook available to hit the Knight.

25...Rh8 26.Qd1 Rf6 27.Rxf6+ Qxf6 28.Qh5+?

This goes nowhere...better is 28.Kc1 immediately.

28...Kg7 29.Kc1 Rh8 30.Bc4?

30.Qg4.

30...Ne5 31.Bb3 Qf2

Black should open up new vistas with 31...d2!+? 32.Kc2 (32.Kxd2 Qf2+ 33.Kc1 Nd3+) 32...Rd8 33.Qd1 Nd3 and White can resign.

32.Qh3 Qxe3+ 33.Kb1 d2 34.Ka2 Qxc5 35.Qe6 Qd6 36.Qc4 e3 37.Qe4 Qc5 38.Rf1 Rf8 39.Rxf8 Kxf8 40.Qf5+

40.Qh7 Nc4 41.Qxh6+ Ke7 42.Qg7+ Kd6+.

40...Kg7 41.Qe4 Kf6 42.Bc2 Qc4+ 43.Qxc4 Nxc4 44.Bd1 Ke5 45.Kb3 Kd4 46.Kc2 Nd6

46...Nxb2 47.Kxb2 Kd3 48.Bc2+ Ke2.

47.Be2 Ne4 48.g4 Nf2 49.b3 d1Q+ 50.Bxd1 Nxd1 0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Unusual A40

Steve Raby 1620

Sam Gutierrez 1362

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (3)

1.d4 e6 2.f4 Nc6N 3.Nf3 d6 4.e3 b6

4...f5 5.c4=.

5.c3 Bb7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.e4 a6 9.e5 Ng4 10.h3 Nh6 11.Qc2 Qd7 12.Be3 g6 13.Nbd2 Nf5 14.Bf2 h6 15.g4 Ng7 16.Bxg6

16.exd6 cxd6 17.Nc4 Bd8+/=.

16...h5 17.Be4 hxg4 18.hxg4 0-0-0



19.d5?? exd5 20.Bxd5 Qxg4+ 0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Closed Catalan E07

Drew Sarkisian 2132

Deppyaman Datta 2045

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.b3 Ne4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Nd2 f5 11.e3N

Apparently an innovation, but probably not a good one. Normal here is 11.Bb2.

11...c5 12.dxc5 Nxe5 13.Bb2 Nd3 14.Bc3 Bc5



15.Qe2?

A silly waste of time. I was gunning for a possible sacrifice on e4 back on move 12 when I invited to the Knight to

d3 with tempo. 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Bb4! 17.Qh5 g6 18.Bxg6 Qe7 is certainly more interesting than what I played. 15...Qb6 16.Nxe4?!

One cannot always be in good form. 16.a3 Be7 17.b4 is still a chess game. I hallucinated on an important point here...

16...fxe4 17.Bxe4 Nxf2 18.Rxf2

...and here is that point I managed to ignore back on move 16: if 18.Qh5 then Black answers with 18...Nxe4 and the game is over. So, in for a penny, in for a pound (or in this case, more likely a pounding).

18...Bxe3 19.Qh5

Boo.

19...Bxf2+?

Going wrong. Much easier was 19...h6 20.Rd1 (20.Qg6 is neutralized easily after 20...Bxf2+ 21.Kh1 Bd4) 20...Rxf2+ 21.Kh1 Rf7.

20.Kh1

Wrong. I knew I was setting myself up for some nasty mating threats along the a1-h8 diagonal, but for some reason I didn't like the looks of 20.Kg2.

20...Rf7?

Now it's Black's turn to lose his way. 20...g6 21.Qe5 looks scary, but Black has 21...Kf7 22.Qg7+ Ke8 23.Qxh7 e5 24.Bxg6+ Kd8 25.Bxe5 Bd7-/+ 26.Rd1 Qe6.

21.Qxh7+ Kf8



22.Qh8+?

Again, the right idea, but the wrong move order! 22.Rd1! looks to give White a winning attack: 22...e5 (22...Bc5? 23.b4! Bxb4?? 24.Bxb4+ Qxb4 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qd8# ; after 22...Bd7 Fritz 8 finds 23.Rxd7! Rxd7 24.Qh8+ Ke7

25.Qxg7+ Ke8 26.Qh8+ Kf7 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Be5! Bd4 29.Qh8+ Kf7 30.Qg7+ Ke8 31.Bg6+ mates) 23.Rd8+! Qxd8 24.Bb4+ Re7 (24...Ke8 25.Qg8+ Kd7 26.Qxf7+ mates) 25.Qh8+ wins the Queen.

22...Ke7 23.Rd1 Bd7! 24.Qh4+ Ke8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxa8 Bc6 27.Bb4+ Kf6 27...Qxb4?? 28.Qd8#.

28.Bc3+ Ke7

Or 28...Kg5 29.Bg2 Bxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Bxg3 31.Qd8+ Qxd8 32.Rxd8 Bf4 looks equal.

1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Queen's Indian E12

David John 2286

Fred King 2067

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 Be7

There was a time when allowing White to play d4-d5 was considered bad for Black, but considering that such players as Ljubojevic and Beliavsky have dabbled with it, it might be be that bad. 5...d5 is the old main line; 5...g6 is a much stranger, sharper line.

6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 0-0 8.e4 Re8 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 cxd5 11.exd5 Nxd5?



Loses a pawn by force. 11...d6 12.Re1 Nbd7 is playable, but much more comfortable for White.

12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qxd5 Nc6 15.Qxf7 Bf6 16.Bf4 Re4? 17.Ng5+! Bxg5 18.Qf5+ 1-0

Notes by Selby Anderson & Jose Silva

Sicilian Najdorf B90

Selby Anderson 2235

Brad Sawyer 2052

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 d5!?

I've had this played against me in ICC but it's not in Nunn, who gives only 9...0-0. Sawyer said his Fritz program game 9...d5 as equal. I've had this played against me in ICC but it's not in Nunn, who gives only 9...0-0. Sawyer said his Fritz program game 9...d5 as equal. [The earliest example I can find was Savova-Aleksieva, 1989 Bulgarian Women's Championship. --DJS]

10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 Bxd5 13.0-0 Be6



14.Kb1

The obvious try is 14.Nc5 Bc8 (14...Bxa2 15.Nxb7 0-0 16.Nd6 Be6 17.Bc4 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 may be somewhat advantageous to White) 15.Bc4.

14...Nd7 15.Na5 b5 16.Nc6 f6

16...Bf6

17.Nxe7 Kxe7 18.Bd3 Rac8 19.f4!

The only way to keep the game alive, reminding Black that his king in the center can still be a factor.

19...Nc5!?

19...exf4!? 20.Bxf4 Nc5 21.Be2 Rhd8= --DJS

20.fxe5 Nxd3 21.exf6+ gxf6 22.Rxd3 Bf5 23.Rd2 Rhd8 24.Rf2 Be4 25.Re1 Rd6 26.Bc5! Rxc5 27.Rxe4+ Re5 28.Rxe5+ fxe5 29.Kc1 Ke6 30.Rd2 Rc6

31.Rd3 Kf5 32.Kd2 Rg6 33.Rf3+ Ke4 34.Re3+ Kd4

Here Brad made the first of several draw offers. I waited until after the game to cite the USCF rulebook re-garding consecutive (non-reciprocated) draw offers as a form of harassment.

35.c3+ Kd5 36.Re2 e4 37.Ke3 Ke5 38.Rd2 a5

Better is 38...Rf6, anticipating my next.

39.g3 Rf6 (draw offered)

40.Rd4 Rf3+ 41.Ke2 b4 42.Rc4 Kd5

43.Rc8 bxc3



(draw offered) At this point I've got about 45 minutes in sudden death, and music starts booming from next door: "Oh Mickey what a pity you don't understand..." I smile in disbelief, and go to investigate. An engineer is doing a sound check for a wedding, on account of which our evening round will be held upstairs.

44.Rxc3 Rxc3?? 45.bxc3 Kc4 46.g4

NM Jose Silva with help from George de la Rosa: Going back to 46. g4 somehow I don't like this...why leave the c-pawn for free? I like 46.Kd2 e3+ 47.Kxe3 Kxc3 48.g4 Kb2 49.Kd2 Kxa2 50.Kc2! (this is the main point: trapped king while promoting a pawn on the Queenside) 50...a4 (50...Ka3 51.Kc3 Ka4 52.h4 Kb5 53.g5 Kc5 54.h5 Kd5 55.g6 hxg6 56.h6 winning.) 51.h4 a3 52.g5 Ka1 53.h5 a2 54.Kc1!! (the key!) 54...h6 55.Kc2 hxg5 56.h6 winning (you can even underpromote to a Bishop if you like torturing your opponent). There are some other tries by Black (we haven't exhausted the position) but I always find

White winning by a tempo in the main ones, so my conclusion is that the position is richer than it may have seemed, but Black wasn't supposed to trade Rooks unless the pawn ending could be calculated to a draw (which is not the case). Pawns ending can be very tricky!

46...Kxc3 47.h4

The game is also drawn after 47.Ke3 a4 48.h4 (48.Kxe4 Kb2 49.Kd3 Kxa2 50.Kc2 wins a la Silva's line above. --DJS) 48...a3 49.g5 Kb2 50.h5 Kxa2 51.g6 hxg6 52.h6! Kb1! 53.h7 a2 54.h8Q a1Q 55.Qxa1+ Kxa1 56.Kxe4
47...Kd4 48.h5 Ke5 49.Ke3 a4 50.g5 a3 51.g6 hxg6 52.hxg6 Kf6 53.Kxe4 Kxg6

1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Torre Attack D03

Curtis Brooks 2102

John Cole 2331

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.e3 d5 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bd3 e5 7.c3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Re8 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 a6 13.Bd5 Nb6 14.Bb3 Qc7 15.Re1 e5 16.Qf3 Rf8



17.Rad1?!

Aggressive as usual, but this shouldn't work out well. 17.Nc2 is more solid. **17...exd4 18.Re7 Qc6 19.Rxf7 Qxf3 20.Rxf3+ Kh8 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Rxd4 Bd7**

22...h5!?

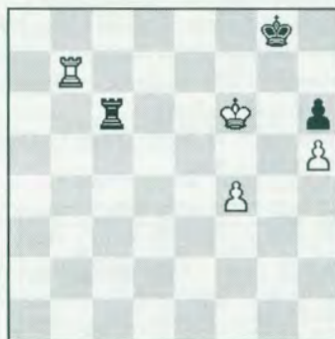
23.Rb4 Bb5

23...Bxb4?? 24.Bf6# ; Getting the Rook into play with 23...Re8 is probably

better, though White is getting a box full of pawns for the piece after 24.h4 Nc8 25.Rxb7 Re1+ 26.Kh2 Be6.

24.Bf6+ Bg7 25.Bxg7+ Kxg7 26.a4 Re8 27.h3 Re1+ 28.Kh2 Be6 29.Rxb6 Re2 30.Kg3 Rxb2 31.a5 Rb1 32.Be6 Ra1 33.Be8

Attacks the backward pawn on b7
33...Rxa5 34.Bxb7 Bxb7 35.Rxb7+ Kg8 36.Ra7 Ra3 37.f3 Rxc3 38.Rxa6 Rc2 39.Ra7 Rb2 40.f4 Rc2 41.Kf3 Rb2 42.Re7 Re2 43.g4 Rc3+ 44.Re3 Rc4 45.h4 Rc6 46.Re7 Rc1 47.h5 gxh5 48.gxh5 Rg1 49.Rb7 Rc1 50.Kg4 Rc6 51.Kg5 h6+ 52.Kf5 Rc5+ 53.Kf6 Rc6+



54.Kf5

54.Ke5 looks like a try to make progress: 54...Rc5+ 55.Ke6 Rxh5 56.f5 Rh3 57.Rb8+ Kh7 (57...Kg7? 58.f6+ Kg6 59.Rg8+ Kh5 60.f7+-) 58.f6 Re3+ 59.Kf7 h5 60.Re8 Rb3 61.Kf8 h4 62.f7 Rb7 63.Re2 Rc7 64.Ke8 Rc8+ 65.Kd7 Rf8 66.Ke7+-.

54...Rc5+ 55.Kg4 Rc6 56.Re7 Kf8 57.Rb7 Kg8+- 58.Rb8+ Kg7 59.Rb7+ Kg8

1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Centre Game C22

Michal Kujovic 2309

Magesh Panchanathan 2486

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (5)

1.e4 e5 2.d4

Not nearly as bad as it's reputation. If the Scandinavian Defense is playable, this surely must be as well!

2...exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 b6 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.Bd2 g6 7.0-0-0 Bg7 8.f4 Qf6N

10

An amusing miniature: 8...Nge7 9.h4 d6 10.h5 Qd7 11.h6 Bd4 12.Qh3 f5 13.Nf3 Bf6 14.Bb5 Rf8 15.e5 Bh8 16.Ng5 a6 17.Ba4 dxe5 18.Be3 Qc8 19.Nxh7 e4 20.Nxf8 Kxf8 21.h7 Qe6 22.Qh6+ Ke8 23.Bd4 1-0 Crispin-Polgar,S Kona 1998.

9.e5 Qe6 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.Ng5 Qe8 12.Bc4 Nh6 13.Qh3 Kb8 14.Rhe1 Nd4 15.g4 Qf8 16.Be3 c5 17.Nce4 d5 18.exd6 Be8

The frightening 18...Bxe4! may be necessary, but insufficient to prevent White from keeping his advantage: 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Nxe4 f5 21.gxf5 gxf5 22.Rxd4! fxe4 (22...cxd4? 23.Nc5! with a winning attack) 23.Rdxe4 Nf5+/- As played, Black gets steamrolled.

19.f5 gxf5 20.Bf4 Bd7 21.gxf5



21...Ndx5??

21...Nhxf5 22.c3 Nh6 23.Qg2

22.Nxc5!

22.Nxc5 Bc6 23.Bb5! and if 23...Bxb5 24.d7+ with a mating attack.

1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Nimzo-Indian E39

John Hendrick 2095

Selby Anderson 2235

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.g3N

A new move, with no refutation in sight. More common is 7.e3 Nc6 with (7...b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxe4 11.Qxe4 d5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qd3 Nc6 as in Zemerov-Csom, Budapest

1995; 7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Be2 Nc6
10.0-0 Qe7 11.a3 Bg4 12.Rd1 Rfd8 with
some advantage to White.)
7...d5 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Na4 Be7
11.Qxc4 Qa5 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.a3 Rac8
14.Qa2 Qh5 15.Bg5 e5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6
17.Nd5 Qg6 18.Nd2 Bf5 19.e3 Rfd8
20.Rac1 h5 21.b4 Be6 22.Ne4



22...Bxd5 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6 24.Bxd5 b6
25.Rfd1 g6 26.h4

John misses a chance to clip a pawn
with 26.Bxf7+!? Qxf7 27.Qxf7+ Kxf7
28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rxc6+/-.
26...Ne7 27.Be4 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qd6
29.Bf3 Rc8 30.Rxc8+ Nxc8 31.Qd5
Qxd5 32.Bxd5 Kg7 33.Kf1 Nd6 34.a4
f6 35.a5 1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Queen's Indian E15

Peter Vavrik 2437

Magesh Panchanathan 2486

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3
Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.Bc3 d5
9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0
12.0-0 Nf6 13.e4 b5 14.Re1 dxc4
15.bxc4 bxc4 16.Qa4 Bb5 17.Qc2 Rb8
17...Qc7 18.Nf1 Rfd8 19.Ne3 a5
20.Rab1 Bb4 21.Red1 Bxc3 22.Qxc3
Rd7 23.Nxc4 Bxc4 24.Qxc4 Rad8 25.e5
Nd5 26.Rbc1 g6 27.Qxc6 1/2-1/2
Hracek-Stefansson, Selfoss 2002.



18.Rad1 Qb6 19.a4 Ba6 20.a5 Qc7
21.Qa4 e5 22.dxc5 Nd7



23.e6!

I was wondering at first what's
wrong with 23.Nxc4? ; Black gains
material after 23...Nc5 24.Qa2 Rb3.
23...Nc5 24.Qa2 Nxe6 25.Nxc4 Bb4
26.Bxb4 Rxb4 27.Nd6 Bb5 28.e5 Ra4
29.Qd2 Qxa5 30.Qxa5 Rxa5 31.f4

White's strong central position along
with Black's uncoordinated forces
appears to give him a fine initiative for a
pawn.
31...g6 32.Bh3 Nc5 33.Re3 Ra2?!

This natural-looking move may lead
to trouble. Fritz 8 suggests 33...Ra4
34.Rc3 Ne6 35.Rd2.
34.Rc3

The position of the Black Rook on
the a2-g8 diagonal makes 34.e6!? look
like a good winning attempt: 34...fxe6
35.Rc1 Rd8 36.Nxb5 cxb5 37.Ree1 Nd3
(37...Rdd2?? 38.Rxc5) 38.Bxe6+ Kf8
39.Bxa2 Nxc1 40.Rxc1.
34...Na4 35.Nxb5 cxb5 36.Rc7 b4 37.e6
b3??

Loses instantly, but 37...Nc3
38.Rxc3 bxc3 39.e7 c2 40.exf8Q+ Kxf8
41.Rc1.
38.e7 b2 39.Rc8! Rxc8 40.Bxc8 Ra1
41.e8Q+ Kg7 42.Qe5+ 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian B33

John Kolts 1816

Gayatri Vempati 1610

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4

Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6
8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3
Be6 12.c3 Bg7 13.Nc2 0-0 14.Qh5 fxe4
15.Bxe4 f5



16.Nf4 exf4 17.Bxc6 Ra7 18.0-0 Rc7
19.Bf3 Rf6 20.Qg5 Kh8 21.Qxf4 Bh6
22.Qd4 Re4 23.Qa7 Bc8 24.Rfe1 Bf8
25.Re2 Rh6 26.Qf7 Bd7 27.Bd5 Rg4
28.Be6 Rg7 29.Qxf5 Rf6 30.Qd5 Re7
31.Rae1 Be8 32.Bh3 Bf7 33.Qd4 Rxe2
34.Rxe2 Bxa2 35.Nb4 Bc4 36.Nc6 Bxe2
37.Nxd8 Bg7 38.Qe3 Bh5 39.Ne6 Bh6
40.Qd4 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian: Taimanov B45

John Cole 2331

Christopher Toolin 2050 [B45]

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 cxd4
5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be3 Bb4 7.Nxc6 bxc6
8.e5 Nd5 9.Bd2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5
11.Bd3 Qh4 12.0-0 0-0 13.g3 Qh3
14.Qe2 f6
14...d5 15.exd6 Bxd6 looks playable.
15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 fxe5 17.Qxe5
Bb7?! 18.Rab1 Bc8



19.Rb4! forces Black into horrible contortions to prevent his Queen from being trapped after Rh4: 19...Rf5 20.Qc7 g5 21.Rfb1! (Black's undeveloped Queenside will cost him a piece) 21...Rf8 22.Rb8 Rxb8 23.Rxb8+-.

19...a5 20.f5 Qh5 21.Qd6 Qe8 22.fxe6 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 dxe6 24.Bc4 Ra7 25.Rb1 Qd7 26.Qe5 Kf7??

26...Ra8.

27.Qf5+ Kg8 28.Rb8 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qd2+ 30.Qf2 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian: Nimzo-Rossdimo B31

James Pemberton 1612

Daniel Nelson 1872

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.0-0 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Ne2 Ne7 8.d3 0-0 9.h3 Qc7 10.Nh2 Be6 11.Be3 b6 12.Qd2 Rad8 13.Bh6 f5



14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Qc3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Rxd4 18.Qe1 e4 19.Qc3 Qf4 20.Qxf4 Rxf4 21.dxe4 Rfxe4 22.Nf3 Rd6 23.Ng5 Re2 24.Nxe6+ Rdx6 25.Rac1 a5 26.Rfd1 Kf6 27.Kf1 e4 28.Rd6? Rxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rxd6 30.Re1 Rd2+ 31.Re2 Rxe2+ 32.Kxe2 Ke5 33.Ke3 b5 34.c3 g5 35.Kf3 Kf5 36.g4+ Ke5 37.Ke3 b4 38.a4 bxa3 39.bxa3 h6 40.a4 1/2-1/2



Tarrasch Defence D34

Wellington Rocha 2414

Alex Chua 2198

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (6)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bg5 c4 10.Ne5 Be6 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Bxe7

Volkov-Kiriakov, Ekaterinburg 1999 continued 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Rab8 16.Rfc1 Bd5 17.Nc3 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qb4 19.Rc2 Nf6 20.Nd1 Rfd8 21.Qxb4 Rxb4 22.a3 Ra4 23.Rac1 Rxd4 24.Ne3 g6 25.Nxc4 Nd7 26.Rc3 c5 and White eventually won after 66 moves.

12...Nxe7 13.Rad1 Nf6 14.b3 cxb3 15.axb3 Nf5 16.e3 Nd6 17.Na4 Nfe4 18.Qb4 b5 19.Nc5 a5 20.Qe1 Qe7 21.Ned3 Rfc8 22.b4 a4 23.f3 Nxc5 24.bxc5 Nc4 25.e4 Qd7 26.Nb4 Re8 27.Qc3 Rad8 28.exd5 Bxd5 29.Nxd5 Qxd5 30.f4 Qh5



30...Qd7.

31.Bf3 Qg6 32.Rfe1 Qf6 33.Qb4 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Kf8 35.Qf2 b4 36.c6 Qd6

36...a3!/-+.

37.Rc1 Nb6?

Moving forward with 37...Na3 38.c7 Rc8 39.Rc6 Qe7 40.d5 is also bad for Black, but it doesn't drop a piece straight away.

38.c7 Rc8 39.Rc6 Qd7 40.Rxb6 b3 41.d5 Rxc7 42.Rb8+ Ke7 43.Qe3+ Kd6 44.Rb6+ 1-0

English Opening A15

Amon Simutowe 2438

Michal Kujovic 2309

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (6)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.d4 e6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.0-0 a6 9.Qe2 0-0 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 g6 13.Rd1 Re8 14.b3 Rb8 15.Bg5 Nf6 16.Qh4 Be7



17.Bc4

17.Qf4!? Nd7 18.Bh6 might be a better try for advantage.

17...b5 18.Ne5 Bb7

Not 18...bxc4? 19.Nc6+-.

19.Be2 Ne4!

Much stronger than the stereotyped 19...Nd5. Black now guarantees himself play on the dark squares.

20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Qxe7 Rxe7 22.Rac1 b4 23.f3 Nc3 24.Rd2 Rd8 25.Bc4 Kg7 26.Rcc2 a5 27.Bf1 Bd5 28.Kf2 Ra7 29.Nd3 Rad7 30.Ke3 f5 31.Rc1 g5 32.g3 Kf6 33.f4 Rd6 34.Ne5 gxf4+ 35.Kxf4?



Allows a cute shot. 35.gxf4 was necessary.

35...Be4?

Black can make life much harder on White after 35...Bxb3! 36.Ke3 (36.axb3 Rxd4+ 37.Rxd4 Rxd4+ 38.Ke3 Kxe5) 36...Bxa2 37.Rxc3 bxc3 38.Rxa2 Rxd4 39.Nd3 a4, with a Rook and three pawns for the two minors.

36.Ke3 Rc8 37.Be4 Rc7 38.g4 Nd5+ 39.Kf2 f4?

39...Kg5

40.Rg1?

Whoops. 40.Bxd5 Rxc1 41.Bxe4 nets two minors for the Rook.

40...Kg5

40...Ne3

41.Ke2 Nc3+ 42.Ke1 f3 43.Rf1

1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian B32

Mark Dejmek 2122

David John 2286

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.Bg5



6...Be7

6...Qxg5 scores well for Black according to my ChessBase database, but I can understand David's reluctance to enter a line that Mark obviously has prepared.

7.Bxe7 Kxe7 8.Be4 Nf6 9.0-0 Be6 10.Bb3 Bxb3 11.axb3 d5 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.Qe2 Qe4 14.Qxe4 Nxe4 15.Re1 f5 16.f3 Nd6 17.Nxd6 Kxd6 18.Na3 Ke6 19.Nc4 Kf6 20.c3 a5 21.Nb6 Rad8 22.Rad1 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8 Nxd8 25.Kf2 Ke6

1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Gruenfeld Defense D93

Marc Fuhrmann 1907

Jimmy Heiserman 1709

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (7)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c6 7.Rc1 Bf5 8.Qb3 Be8 9.h3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Bd3 Be6 13.Qd1 Nfd5 14.Bh2 Bh6 15.Qe2 Nb4 16.b3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 c5? 17...Bf5.

18.Qe4! cxd4 19.Nxd4 Bd5



20.Nxd5 Qxd5 21.Qxe7 Rfe8 22.Qd6 Qxd6 23.Bxd6 Rad8 24.Bc5 Nd5 25.Nf3 b6 26.Bd4 Rc8 27.Rfd1 Bf8 28.Bb2 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Nb4 30.Rc7 a5 31.a4 Rd8 32.Bd4 h6 33.Kf1 Bd6 34.Rc4 Nd3 35.Ke2 Nc5 36.Nd2 Be7 37.Bxc5 Bxc5 38.Nf3 Kg7 39.Nd4 Kf6 40.Kd3 Rd7 41.f4 g5 42.g3 Rd8 43.e4 gxf4 44.gxf4 Rg8 45.e5+ Ke7 46.Ke4 Rg1 47.Rc3 h5 48.Rd3 Re1+ 49.Kd5 Rf1 50.Ke4 Re1+ 51.Kf5 Bxd4 52.Rxd4 Re3 53.Rc4 Rxh3 54.Rc7+ Ke8 55.Kf6 Rg3 56.f5 h4 57.Re7+ Kf8 58.Rxf7+ Ke8 59.Rh7 h3 60.e6

1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Michal Kujovic 2309

John Cole 2331

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.g4 0-0 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.g5 Bxd4 13.Rxd4 b5 14.h4 Qb6

15.Qd1 b4 16.Ne2?

16.Na4 Qa5 17.c3 looks better than the text. White may have dreams of an eventual Ne2-g3-f5 in some variations.

16...Nc5 17.h5 e5 18.Rxd6 Qa5



19.Qd5?

I have to assume that Kujovic thought he could get away with taking Black's e-pawn after Black's obvious reply. 19.h6 had to be a better try.

19...Bb7 20.Qc4

Or 20.Qxe5 Rae8 21.Qd4 Rxe4 22.Qg1 b3! and the White position crumbles.

20...Nxe4

0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian B50

Carmen Chairez 1799

Benjamin Wheeler 1964

2004 Southwest Open (Res), Plano, TX (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 Bg4 5.Bg2 g6 6.c3 Bg7 7.Nbd2 e5 8.a4 Nge7 9.Nc4 0-0 10.Qc2 d5 11.Ne3 Bc8 12.0-0 d4 13.Nc4 f5 14.Qb3 Be6 15.Ng5 Na5 16.Qb5 Bxc4 17.dxc4 Qb6 18.exf5 gxf5



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Watauga Many Springs Quad #6

by Tom Kusnierz

The Watauga Chess Club held its Many Springs Quad #6 on Saturday September 11, 2004. A total of 16 players participated in 4 quads. Quad #1 was highlighted by the strong play of 2004 Texas State Champion Nick Schoonmaker (2255) who finished with a 3-0 score. Quad #2 was won by Austin Green (1568) with a 2.5-0.5 score. Quad #3 was won by Isreal Perez (1344) with a 3.0 score and Quad #4 was won by D. Jon Mc Kee (Unr.) with a 2.5-0.5 score.

Robert Van Housen directed his first tournament for the Watauga Chess Club and on top of the normal SwissSys struggles for a new TD, he had the additional challenge of arriving at the tournament site and finding that there were no chess sets. The sets were all safely stored at another club's member's home, who just happened to be working that day. Club president, and local chess Superman, Tom Crane, saved the day and found sufficient chess sets for the tournament to proceed without delay.

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

French Defense C07

Jim Hollingsworth 1875
Kevin Fleming 2120

MSQ #6 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5
5.dxe5 Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qd6
8.0-0 Nc6 9.c3 a6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Ne4
Nx4 12.Qxe4 f5 13.Qh4 Kh8



14.Ng5 h6 15.Qh5

15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Bxh6 Kg8 17.Rfd1
Bxf2+ 18.Qxf2 Qe5 19.Re1 Bxc4
20.Rxe5 Nxe5 21.Qg3 Ng6 22.Qc7 Bf7
23.Bg5

15...b5 16.Bb3 Ra7 17.Nh3 e5 18.Rd1
Qc7 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Qxh6+ Qh7
21.Qxc6 Rc7 22.Qd5 Qg7 23.Qf3 Qg6
24.Qg3 Qxg3 25.hxg3 f4 26.gxf4 Bxh3
27.gxh3 Rxf4 28.Rd2 Rg7+ 29.Kf1 Rg3
30.Rad1

30.Re1 e4 a) 30...Rhx3 31.Rxe5; b)
30...Rd3 31.Rde2 (31.Rxd3 Rxf2+
32.Kg1 Re2+ 33.Kh1 (33.Kf1 Rf2+)

33...Rxe1+ 34.Kg2 e4) 31...Rhx3 32.Bd5
Rh2 33.f3; 31.Rxe4

30...Rhx3 31.Kg2

31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.R1d7+ Kg6
33.Rg8+ Kf5 34.Bd5 Rxf2+ 35.Ke1
Rxb2 36.Rf7#.

31...Rh3 32.Rf1

32.Rd8+ Kg7 33.R1d7+ Kf6
34.Rf7+ Kg5 35.Rg8+ Kh6 36.Rxf4
Rxf4 37.f3

32...e4 33.Bd5



33...Rg4+ 34.Kh2 Bd6+

0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit D00

Nicholas Schoonmaker 2255
Aurelio Gonzalez 1934

MSQ #6 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3
5.Nxf3 e6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0
0-0 9.Qe1 c6 10.Qh4 g6

10...Re8.

11.Ne5 Nd5

11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd5 13.Ne4 Bxg5
14.Nxg5 h5 White still has a strong
advantage.

12.Nxf7 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Qe7 14.Rxf8+
14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Rxf8+ Nxf8
16.Rf1.

14...Nxf8 15.Rf1 Nf6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6
17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxf6 Kg7 19.Rf1 Rd8
20.Ne2 a5 21.c3 c5 22.h3 a4 23.a3 c4
24.Bc2 Bd7 25.Ng3 Re8 26.Kf2 Bc6
27.Rd1 b5 28.d5 Ba8 29.Be4 Nd7
30.Ke3 Nc5 31.Kd4 Nb3+ 32.Ke3 Nc5
33.Kf4 Kf6



33...Rf8+ 34.Ke5 (34.Ke3 Re8 draw
by repetition!; 34.Kg4 h5+ 35.Kg5
Nxe4+ 36.Nxe4 Rf5+ 37.Kh4 Rf4+
38.g4 Rxe4; 34.Kg5 Bb7 35.Bf3 h6+
36.Kh4 Rf4+ 37.Bg4 g5+ 38.Kh5 Nd7)
34...Re8+.

34.h4 h5 35.Rd2 Bb7 36.Bc2 Kg7
37.Ne4 Nd7 38.Nd6 Rf8+ 39.Ke3 Ba6
40.Re2 Rf1 41.Kd2 Rf6 42.Re7+ Kf8
43.Rxd7 Rf2+ 44.Kd1 Rxd2 45.Rf7+
Kg8 46.Ra7 1-0

Kh8 18.Qb3

Petroff Defense C43
Aurelio Gonzalez 1934
Jim Hollingsworth 1875

MSQ #6 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5
 5.dxe5 Be7 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Nbd2 f5 8.exf6
 Nxf6 9.Re1 0-0 10.c4 Nc6 11.Qb3 Na5
 12.Qc3 Nc6 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bc4 Kh8
 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.a3 Bf6 17.Qc2



18...Nxc2 19.Bxe5 Qg6 20.Bg3 Qxe4
 21.Nd2 Qd4 22.Rd1 Nf4 23.Nf3 Qe4
 24.Re1 Nh3+ 25.Kf1 Qg6 26.Re7 Bg4
 27.Nh4 Qh6 28.Rxb7 Qc1+ 0-1



Sicilian Defense B51

Jim Hollingsworth 1875
Nicholas Schoonmaker 2255

MSQ #6 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.Bxc6+
 bxc6 5.0-0 e5 6.d3 f5 7.exf5 Bxf5 8.Nc3
 Be7 9.Ne2 Nf6 10.Ng3 Bd7 11.b3 0-0
 12.Qe2 Nd5 13.Bd2 Bg4 14.c4 Nf4
 15.Bxf4 Rxf4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qd7
 18.Kg2 Raf8 19.Rh1 Bh4 20.Raf1 Qf7
 21.Rhg1 Rxf3 22.Ne4 Qf4 23.Rh1 d5



24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Nc3 Rg3+ 26.Kh2
 Rg4# 0-1

French Defense C01

Aurelio Gonzalez 1934
Kevin Fleming 2120

MSQ #6 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Bb4+
 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Bd3
 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.Be3 Nf5 11.Nf3
 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Qe7 13.Qd2 Bf5 14.0-0
 Nd7 15.Rae1 Be4 16.Qa2 Nb6 17.Bb3
 Bd3 18.Rf2 c4 19.Bd1 Nd5 20.Qb2 Nf6
 21.Ne5 Ne4 22.Nxd3

22.Rf4 f5 23.Ba4
 22...cxd3 23.Rf5 Nd6 24.Rf4 Nc4
 25.Qb1 d2 26.Re2 Qxa3 27.Bb3 Qc1+
 28.Rf1 Qxc3 29.Bxc4 Qxc4 30.Rxd2 b5
 31.e4 Rfd8 32.d5 b4 33.Rc1 Qb5
 34.Kh1 a5 35.Rd4 b3 36.Rdc4 a4
 37.Rc5 Qe2 38.Re1 Qf2 39.Rc7 a3
 40.Rcc1 b2



17...Rae8

17...Nd4 18.Qxc7 Rae8 19.Rxe8
 Rxe8 20.Nxd4 Bxd4.
 18.h3 Rxe1+ 19.Nxe1 Re8 20.Ndf3 Bf5
 20...Nd4 21.Qd2 Bxf3 22.Nxf3
 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Qxf3.
 21.Qd2 Qxd2 22.Bxd2 Bxb2 23.Ra2
 Bf6 24.Be3 Kg8 25.g4 Be4 26.Kh2 h6
 27.Kg3 a6 28.Ng2 Ne5 29.Nxe5 Bxe5+
 30.f4 Bd6 31.Kf2 Bxg2 0-1

0-1

Semi-Slav Defense D31

Kevin Fleming 2127
Nicholas Schoonmaker 2255

MSQ #6 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4
 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4
 Qxe4+ 8.Be2 Na6 9.Bc3 f6 10.Nf3 Ne7
 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Qg6 13.Bd3 Qh5
 14.Re4 Ng6 15.b4 e5 16.c5 Nf4 17.Bc4+

Solution:

Puzzle from back cover:

Answer:
 1...Rb1!
 2.Rxb1 Qc3+
 3.Rb2 Qxb2#



Inaugural Polgar for Girls

Great Fun for All!

by Rheanna English

I was extremely excited to be invited to represent Texas at the 1st Susan Polgar National Invitational Tournament for Girls. I had no idea it would be so much fun! I was able to meet many girls from all around the country. I also was privileged to meet famous figures such as, GM Susan Polgar, GM Arnold Denker, GM Anatoly Karpov, and WGM Alexandra Kosteniuk. GM Susan Polgar held question and answer forums for the girls and their parents during the six day event which had 34 participants. The tournament was held in conjunction with the U.S. Open and the Arnold Denker Invitational Tournament at the Bonaventure Hotel Resort and Spa in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The clear winner of the tournament was Roza Eynullayeva from Massachusetts. She ended up with 5 1/2 points having come into the tournament ranked first with a rating of 2085!

Before the first round of the tournament, we had a nice breakfast reception along with the participants of the Denker. It was nice to get settled and meet other chess players from different states. We had a great opening ceremony and had a group photo taken right before the first round.

All of my opponents were tough. I played girls from many different parts of the country, including Hawaii, California, Kansas, and Wisconsin. I ended up winning 3 out of 6 games and tying for 6th place. Here is one of the games I thought to be entertaining.

Gruenfeld D85
Rheanna English, TX 1507

Demetra Chernesky Fotis, OH 954

1st Annual Susan Polgar National Invitational Tournament, Aug. 04, (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5?! 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Be2 O-O 8.Be3 N6d7

This move gives black equality, but 8...Bg4 9.Kf1 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5

11.Nxe5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Bxe5 13.f4 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 gives her better tactical fighting chances. She could also consider playing 8...Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 bxe5 11.f4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 e6 13.dxe6 Bxe6 with plans of drawing with a knight and a bishop vs. two bishops.

9.h3 b6 10.g4?!

At the time, this looked like a good move, but now I am not so fond of it for two reasons: It takes away protection of my knight on f3, and it weakens the kingside where I might need to castle later on.

10...Bb7 11.e5?!

Even though this move activates the pin on my knight, it completely paralyzes the knight on d7, and to some extent the cne on b8 as well.

11...e6 12.Rg1 c5 13.Qd2 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Rg3 e5? 16.Bc4+! Kh8

As I was preparing to make my move, lightning had struck the building and started a fire, so we had to evacuate. It was about 2 hours before we could re-enter the main building. Unfortunately, I had left my score sheet in the room, so I was not able to look it over, but I didn't think I needed to. I had already figured out what I wanted to do. I walked into the room, looked over the position for a minute, and then played the move **17.Bg5!** She responded with **17...Qd6 18.Nb5 Qc6 19.d5 Qc8 20.Nd6 Qc7**

In this position, I am just in control of everything, but I still have to find a way to win.

21.Be7!!

There it is.

21...Rf4?! 22.Ng5 Nf6???

GREEDY!! If she wanted to stay alive in this game, it would have been smart to sac the exchange and get her pieces at least a little mobility.

23.Ndf7+ Kg8 24.d6 Qc8 25.Nh6+



Susan Polgar (L) with Rheanna English

Kh8 26.Ngf7#

1-0

I thought this game would be both entertaining and educational. It shows how important positional aspects are to your game. At first, I was a little cramped, but I was able to turn the whole game around by invading her space and immobilizing her pieces and taking control.

I lost the second round to an A player, Anjali Datta from Kansas, who now lives in Texas and is someone to look out for. I won my third round but lost my fourth to Gabriella Kay from Southern California, and I lost my fifth round to Emily Lau from Hawaii. That was one of my toughest games, and I think it could have been a draw if I had managed my clock a little better. I finished off the tournament with a win in the sixth round.

On the last day of the event, everyone got to meet Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov and take a group photo with him. We had a pizza party and he was also in the next room signing boards and books. I got my board autographed by Susan Polgar, Karpov, and Kostenick. Every moment was filled with excitement and adventure. I'm sure glad I was invited to this tournament, and I hope to go back next year in Phoenix.

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19.b4?!

19.Qd7 Nb3 (19...Rfe8 20.Bd5+ Nxd5 21.Qxd5+-) 20.Qxe7 Nxa1 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Ne6 is strong for White. 19...Qxb5 20.cxb5 cxb4 21.cxb4 Nb3 22.Ne6?

22.Rb1.

22...Nxa1 23.Nxf8?

23.Bg5 Rf7 24.Rxa1 is still better for Black. White's Queenside pawns are no match for the extra piece.

23...Kxf8 24.Bxb7 Rb8 25.Ba6 Nd5 26.Bb2 Nc2 27.Rb1 Bf6 28.a5 Ndxb4 29.Ba3 Be7 30.b6 axb6 31.Bd3 Nxa3

0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

King's Indian E91

David John 2286

Amon Simutowe 2438

2004 Southwest Open, Plano, TX (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Na6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3 Qe8 8...Ng4 9.Bc1.

9.h3 Nd7 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.c5!?

Attempting to smash Black's pawn structure at the cost of the two Bishops.

11...dxc5 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.dxc5 f5

14.exf5 gxf5 15.0-0-0 e5 16.Rhe1 Qh5

Better is 16...Qg6 17.Nh4 Qf6.

17.Qd5! Rb8 18.c6 Nb6 19.Bxb6 axb6

20.Rxe5

Not bad, but isn't 20.Nxe5 even stronger?

20...Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qf7 22.Nd5 f4



23.Nxc7 Bf5 24.b3?

The centralizing 24.Nd5 Rbe8 25.Qc3 leaves White with a good position. Now it appears that Black has a winning attack.

24...Rbc8 25.Nd5 Rxc6+ 26.Kb2 Re8 27.Qxf4 Rc2+ 28.Ka3 Rec2 29.Qd6 Rxa2+ 30.Kb4 Re6 31.Qf4 Re4+ 0-1



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(Selby also received a very fancy clock.)

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Jim Gallagher Memorial

by NM Selby Anderson

Forty-eight players competed in the Jim Gallagher Memorial, held Sept. 25-26 at the Texas Neurosciences Institute. Three players tied for first in the Open with 3.5 out of 4: William Molina, a UT-Austin student from Brownsville, Jim Rohrbaugh from Kerrville, and Thomas Crispin from Austin.

In the Reserve (U1700) section, William Stevens of Corpus Christi tied with Dustin Pattinson from Edinburgh, each with 3.5. Martin Gordon directed.

Hennig-Schara Gambit D32

Iva Hendrick 1818
Thomas Crispin 2200

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (1)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd4
5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qa4 exd5 7.e3 Nf6 8. Nf3
Bd6 9.Nd4 0-0 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11. Qxc6
Bg6 12.Qa4 Be5 13. Bb5 Qd6 14. h3
Bf5 15.0-0 Rab8 16.Be2 Rb4 17.Qa6
Rb6 18.Qa4 Rfb8 19.a3 h5 20.Qh4



20...Rxb2! 21.Bxb2 Rxb2 22.Nb5 Qb6
23.Rae1 Rxe2 24.Rxe2 Qxb5 25.Rd2
Bc3 26.a4 Qd7 27.Ra2 Bg6

Preparing ...Ne4. The three minors trump two rooks because of the relative queen positions.

28.Rd1 Ne4 29.Qf4 Qe6 30.Rc2

The most interesting test of Black's

idea is 30.Qb8+ Kh7 31. Qxa7 d4 32.Rc2 (32.Re2 Qc4) 32... Qb3 33.Rcc1 Bb2 34. Rb1 Nxf2! -+.

30...Be5 31.Rc6

31.Qf3 Ng5 32.Qxd5 Bxc2 -+.

31...Bxf4 32.Rxe6 fxe6 33.exf4 Nc3
34.Re1 Kf7 0-1

French Defense C17

Douglas Taffinder 2074
Michael Machado 1749

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
Ba5 6.b4 cxb4 7.Nb5 Bc7 8.axb4 Nc6
9.Qg4 g6 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c3 a6 12.Bd3
Rb8 13.Nxc7+ Qxc7 14.Ne2 b5 15.0-0
Nce7 16.Qa4 Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5



18.e6 Bxe6 19.Bf4 Qc4 20.Bxb8 Qxe2
21.Bc7 Ne7 22.Bd6 Nc8 23.Qf6 Nxd6
24.Qxh8+ Kc7 25.Rxa6 h5 26.Rfa1
Nc8 27.Ra8 Qc4 28.R1a7+ 1-0

Dutch Defense A80

John Patty 2204
Steven Young 1902

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (1)

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 c6 4.Qd2 Nd7
5.Nf3 Ndf6 6.e3 e6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Ne2
Qb6 9.c3 Ne4 10.Qc2 Nfg5 11.Nfg5
Nf6 12.Nf4 Bxf4 13.exf4 Ne4 14.Nf3
f6 15.0-0-0 Qa5 16.Kb1 b5 17.Rhe1

Ne4 18. Ne5 Bd7 19.f3 Nd6 20.Bxf5
Nxf5 21.Qxf5 0-0-0 22.Qg4 b4 23.cxb4
1-0

Notes by J.P. Hylltin

Dutch Defense A86

J.P. Hylltin 2019
Jim Rohrbaugh 2208

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (1)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7
5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nh3 d6 7.0-0 e5 8. dxe5
dxe5 9.Qxd8 Bxd8 10.e4

It appears the book move is 10. b3, but I wanted to get e4 in while I could.
10...Nxe4

I was surprised Jim gave up the two bishops with next few moves. 10...fxe4 11.Ng5 Nc6 looks fine for Black.

11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Ng5 Bxg5 13. Bxg5 h6
14.Bd2

This move is a direct result of my having recently read *Excelling at Positional Chess* (Aagard), as I judged c3 to be the optimal square for my bishop.

14...Bf5 15.Rfe1 Nc6 16.Bxe4 Bxe4
17.Rxe4 Nd4?! 18.Kg2

Jim later said he missed this move. His next few moves are forced.

18...Nc6 19.Bc3 Rf5 20.Rae1 Rxf8! 21.
R1e2 Rd8 22.Bxe5?!

I thought this move was forced, to deny his knight the d4 square. My computer tells me 22.b4 Nd5 23.Rd2 is adequate. I had considered 22.g4 Rf4 23. Bxe5 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Rd4, but did not see the value of 26.Rc5 here, but I think I would have shunned this because his rook is more active than mine. My move gave Jim more counterplay than I would have liked.

22...Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Rd2
25.Re7 Rxb2 26.Rxc7 a5 27. Kf3

I did not see any point to 27.a4 Rb4

28.c5 Rxa4 29.Rxb7 Rc4, which should be a draw.



27...a4 28.Ke4?

Here is my best chance to play for a win. I think the correct plan is for White to play h4, c5, Ke3 and then f3. This gets my pawns off the second rank, and prepares for me to invade with the king. However, I think Black can still hold that position.

28...b6 29.Rb7 a3 30.Kd5 Rxa2 31. Rxb6 Rd2+ 32.Ke5 Rxf2 33.Ra6 a2 34.h4 Kf7 35.Kd5 Rd2+ 36.Ke5 Re2+ 37.Kd5 1/2-1/2

For the last few moves of the game, I realized I could not hide from the rook checks, escort my c-pawn to queen, and stop his a pawn from queening all at the same time.

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

Sicilian Defense B50

Larry Moss 2200
Mark McCue 1828

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.h3 Nc6 5. Bd3 e5 6.Bc2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 h6 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Re1 a6 12.a4 Bf8 13.Be3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15. Qxd4



This appealing move doesn't turn out so well because of ...Rc8-c4. Maybe 15.Bxd4 Be6 16.a5 Nd7 17.Ba4 is White's best way to press his edge.

15...Be6 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Bb1 Bb3 18.Rd2 Rc4 19.Qa7 Rb4 20.Be5 Rc4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Bd3 Rxc3 23. bxc3 Qxc3 24.Be3 d5 25.Qb7 d4 25.Bf4 Nd5 27.exd5 Rxe1+ 28. Kh2 g5 29.d6 gxf4



30.d7 Be7??

On the last move of time control Black misses 30...Qc1!, forcing mate.

31.Qb8+ Kg7 32.Qxf4 Bf5 33.Qf5 Qc7+ 34.g3 Be6 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36. Qh8+ Ke7 37.Qe8+ Kd6 38.Rc2 Qc8 39.Bxa6 Rc1 40.Rxc1 Bxc1 41.Qxd8 1-0

English Opening A37

Thomas Crispin 2200
Mitch Vergara 2119

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (2)

1.e4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.a3 e6 7.b4 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.e3 exb4 11. axb4 Bxc3 12.dxc3 Qc7 13.e4 f6 14.Qe2 Bd7 15. Rd1 Rfd8 16.Be3 b6



17.Qa2 a5 18.Bf4 Ne5 19.c5 bxc5 20.bxa5 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Ra8 22. Bxe5 dxe5 23.a6 Bc8 24.Bf1 Qc6 25.a7 Qc7 26. Bc4 Rxa7 27.Bxe6+ Kg7 28.Qc4 Ba6 29.Qb3 Bd3 30. Re1 Rb7 31.Qa4 Bb5 32.Qc2 Bc6 33.c4 Qd6 34.Bd5 Rb4 35.Rb1 Ba4 36.Qc1 Qb6 37.Nd2 Nc6 38.Bxc6 Bxc6 39.f3 Rxb1 40.Qxb1 Qd8 41. Qb2 Qd4 42.Qxd4 cxd4 43.Kf2 Ba4 44.Ke2 Kf7 45.f4 Bc2 46.h4 Ke6 47. fxe5 fxe5 48.c5 h6 49.Kf2 Ba4 50.Ke2 Bb5+ 51.Kf2 Bd3 52. Ke1 Kd7 53.Nf3 Bxe4 54.Nxe5 Ke6 55.Ng4 h5 56.Nf2 Bf5 57.Kd2 Kd5 1/2-1/2

Closed Catalan E06

Dale Dike 1982
James Rohrbaugh 2208

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (2)

1.c4 e6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 d5 6.d4 Be7 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Qa4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Bxc6+ Bd7 11.Rd1 Bxc6 12.Qxc6+ bxc6 13.Rxd4 Nd5 14.Rxc4 Nb6 15.Rd4 Bf6 16.Rd1 Nc4 17.Ne4 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Be5 19.Rb4 Nb6 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.Rxd6 Rc8 22.Be3 e5 23.Rb5 Nc4 24.Rd3 Nxe3 25.Rxe3 Kd7 26.Rc3 Kd6 27.Rb7 Rc7 28.Rxc7 Kxc7 29.Rxc5+ Kb6 30.Rc3 Rd8 31.Rb3+ Kc6 32.Ra3 Rd7 33.Kf1 Kb5 34.Ke1 a5 35.e3 a4



36.e4 Rd4 37.Re3 Rb4 38.Rc3 Rxe4+ 39.Kd2 Rc4 40.Rd3 Kc5 41.Ke3 Kc6 42.h4 Rc2 43.a3 Rb2 44.Rc3+ Kb6 45.Rc8 Rb3+ 46.Ke2 Rxa3 47.Rf8 Rc3 48.Rxf7 Rc7 49.Rf3 Kb5 50.Kd2 Kb4 51.Rf8 Ra7 52.Rb8+ Kc4 53.Rc8+ Kd4 54.Rc2 a3 55.Ra2 Kc4 56.Kc2 Kb4

Dutch Defense A88

William Molina 2009

Larry Moss 2200

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (2)

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 Bg7 5.
g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.d5 c6 8. 0-0 e5 9.
dxe6 Bxe6 10.Qd3 Qe7

The ECO line is 10...Na6 11.Ng5
Re8 12.Bf4 Ng4 13.Nxe6 Rxe6 14. Rad1
Nc5 15.Qc2 a5 16.b3 Ne5 17. e4 fxe4
18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 ±.
11.Bf4 Rd8 12.Ng5 Na6 13.Rad1 Bf8
14.Bxd6 Qe8 15.Qe3 Bxc4 16.Qf4 Bf7
17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.e4 Bc4 19. Rfe1 Nxe4
20.Ngxe4 fxe4 21.Qxe4 Qc5 22.Qh4
Rf8 23.Ne4 Qb4 24. Ng5 h5 25.a3
Qxb2 26.Qxc4+ 1-0

*Notes by J.P. Hyltin**Sicilian B20*

Steven Young 1902

J.P. Hyltin 2019

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (2)

1.f4 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7
5.Bg2 d6 6.d3 e6 7.c3 Nge7 8.0-0

Steve and I played a similar game to
this in the Texas Team Championship,
but with 7.Nc3 instead of 7.c3. I pushed
8... e5 in that game, and got in a little
trouble but had enough activity to sur-
vive long enough to get a lucky win.

8...0-0 9.Be3 Rb8 10.d4 cxd4

After our last encounter, I looked up
these closed Sicilian posi-tions, and
knew I should play to expand on the
queenside, but forgot about the useful-
ness of playing b6 and Ba6. Here I had
looked at 11. Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nc6
13.Bxg7 Kxg7. Next time, I think it bet-
ter to play 10...b6 instead of initiating
exchanges on d4. As played, I most-ly
wanted him to allow the posi-tion we got
after move twelve.

11.cxd4 d5 12.e5 Bd7 13.g4 Qb6 14.
Qb3

I am not a fan of this move. After-
wards I recommended White play 14.b3,
then continuing the at-tack on the king-

side, but Steve was determined not to
allow play on the queenside.

14...Qxb3 15.axb3 Nb4 16.Bd2

If 16.Rxa7 Bb5 17.Rc1 Ba6, fol-
lowed by Nbc6, snagging an Ex-change.
I saw 16.Bd2 as his best response, and
the consequences, but I felt this was an
excellent attempt to get significant play.
Perhaps 16 Rc1 was better.

16...Nec6 17.Bxb4 Nxb4 18.Rxa7 Rfc8
19.Nc3 Nd3

The idea was to undermine sup-port
for the Nc3 and invade with a rook on c2.

20.f5 gxf5 21.gxf5 Nxb2 22.Na4 Nxa4

Now White's rook gets cut off.

23.bxa4 Bh6

This move was the point of trading
pawns on f5.

24.Rb1 Bc6

I soon regret not playing 24...Be3+
here.

25.Kf2 Ra8 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Bh3 exf5
28.Bxf5 Rxa4 29.Rg1+ Kf8

Perhaps 29...Bg7 was better. I was
low on time to get to move 30. From here
on, the game ebbs and flows, and I
thought I should win, but White defend-
ed well when he had to.

30.Bxh7 Ra2+ 31.Kg3 Be3 32.Rb1 Ra4
33.Bc2 Rc4 34.Bd3 Rc3 35. Bb5 Bxd4
36.Kg4 Be3 37.Nh4 Ke7 38.Bxc6 bxc6
39.Kf5 Bf2 40. Rb7+ Kd8 41.Ng2 Bd4
42.Nf4 Re3 43.Rxf7 Rxe5+ 44.Kg6 Be3
45.Nd3 Rg5+ 46. Kf6 Rh5 47.Nb4 Kc8
48.Nxc6 1/2-1/2

*Notes by Mike Machado**Nimzo-Indian E43*

Mike Machado 1749

Iva Hendrick 1818

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4

The Nimzo-Indian was a favo-rite of
Fischer and used in his 1972 world
championship match against Spassky.
[He used the King's Indian and
Gruenfeld with greater fre-quency. - Ed.]
4.Nf3 b6 5.e3 Ne4 6.Qc2 Bxc3+

This could have waited until after
playing ...Eb7.

7.bxc3 Bb7 8.Be2

This is much better than 8.Bd3 be-
cause after Black plays ...f5 and ...0-0
White's bishop really does not accom-
plish much; besides, the bishop is needed
at e2 to provide better support for the
knight at f3. [Actually, 8.Bd3 f5 9.0-0 0-
0 10. Nd2 Qh4 11.f3 = is a main line in
this variation.]

8...f5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne1!

Preparing to drive back the knight
with f2-f3, also covering g2 in case
Black plays ...Qg5.

10...Rf6?

This leaves the Black knight only
able to go to the g5 square where White
can then play g2-g4! and begin to drive
back Black's pieces. Better for Black
would have been 10...h6 11.f3 Nf6
12.Bd3 Kh8 13.e4 fxe4 14.fxe4 Nh5
15.Rxf8+ Qxf8 16.Nf3 =.

11.f3 Ng5 12.h4 Nf7 13.g3 Rg6
14. Kh2 d6



15.e4! fxe4

She didn't necessarily have to take
the pawn; Black could have played
15...Qd7 16.Bd3 Rf6 17.Ng2 Nc6
18.Bd2 Re8 19.Rae1 g6 =.

16.fxe4 Rf6 17.Ng2 Nd7 18.Be3 e5
19.d5

Here I was also looking at pos-sibly
playing 19.Rad1 exd4 20.cxd4 Re6
21.Bd3 Qe8 22.Rf4! Qe7 23. Rdf1 Rf8 ±.
19...Rxf1 20.Rxf1 Nf6 21.Bc1 Qd7
22.Ne3 Bc8!

This move now puts a little hamper
on White's h3 square and will also pose
some trouble for White in the nearby
future.

23.g4 Nh6 24.Rg1 Nh5?

A costly mistake. Black perhaps just

could have played 24...Kh8 25. Rg3 Nf7 26.g5 Ng8 +.
25.Nf5!

Black has to take, sending White's pawns on the attack.

25...Nxf5 26.exf5 Nf6 27.g5 Ne8 28.Bd3

To be considered is 28.Bg4!? and Black is in a bind - Ed.

28...g6!

What appeared to be a crushing defeat on the kingside suddenly turns into a problem for White because of the threat of ...Qh3.

29.Rf1 Ng7 30.fxg6 Qh3+ 31.Kg1 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Qxh4+ 33.Qh2!

This forces Black to exchange because of White's threat of gxh7+.

33...Qxh2+ 34.Kxh2 hxc6 35.Bxc6 Bd7 36.Bf7+ Kh8 37.Kg3?

I was unaware of Black's reply 37...Nf5+. Better would have been 37.Kg2 Nf5 38.Rh1+ Kg7 39.g6 Rh8 40.Rxh8 Kxh8 41.Bg5 c6 42. Bf6+ Ng7 43.Be6 Be8 44.Be7 Nxe6 45.dxe6 d5 46.cxd5 cxd5 47.Kf3, with the game perhaps ending towards a draw.

37...Nf5+ 38.Kg2 Kg7 39.Bh5

39.g6? Ne7 loses a pawn.

39...Rf8 40.Re1 Rh8 41.Be2 Nh4+ 42.Kg3 Ng6 43.Bf1

White obviously tries to protect his pawns at c3 and c4 but is unaware that the pawn at g5 is also in jeopardy.

43...Rh4 44.a3?

This was definitely not the time for unnecessary moves; better would have been 44.Bd2, to give protection to the pawn at c3.

44...Rg4+ 45.Kh2 Nf4 46.Bxf4 Rxf4 47.Be2 Kg6 48.Kg3 Kxc5 49. Rh1 Bg4!

Black threatens to win the pawn at c4 after 50.Bxc4 Rxc4+, or the c3 pawn after 50.Bf1 Rf3+ 51.Kg2 Rxc3 52.Rh7! Rxa3 53.Rxc7 Kf6 54.Rc6 Ke7 55.Rc7+

Quote from a Great...

"To avoid losing a piece, many a person has lost the game."

-Savielly Tartakower

Kd8 56.Rg7 Bf3+ 57.Kf2 e4 with a likely win for Black.

50.Bf1 Bh5 51.Rg1!

Also playable was 51.Kg2 and if 51...Rf3?? 52.Rxh5+ Kxh5 53.Kxf3.

51...Rg4+ 52.Kf2 Rxc1 53.Kxc1 Kf4 54.Kf2 e4 55.Bg2 e3+ 56.Ke1 e2



57.Kf2 Bg4 58.Bh1 Ke5?

Black here fails to see 58... e1(Q)+ 59.Kxe1 Ke3 -+ 60.Bg2 Be2 61.Bh3 Bxc4 62.Be6 Kd3 63.Kd1 Kxc3 and Black walks away with a win!

59.Ke1 Kf6? 60.Be4 Ke7 61.Bd3 Kd7 62.Bxe2 Bxe2 63.Kxe2 Kc8 64.Kd2 Kb7 65.Kc2 Ka6 66.Kb3 Ka5 67.a4 Ka6 68.Kb4 Kb7 69. Kb5 a6+

Or 69...a5 70.c5 dxc5 71.c4 c6+ 72. dxc6+ Kc7 73.Ka6 Kc6 74.Ka7 = - SKA.
70.Kb4 Kb8 71.Kb3 a5 72.Kc2 Kc8 73.Kd3 Kd7 74.Kd4 c6 75. Kd3 Kc7 76.Kc2 cxd5 77.cxd5 Kd7 78.Kd3 Ke7 79.Kd4 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Closed B26

Don Sutherland 2172

Doug Taffinder 2074

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nd5 Qd8 8.c3 e6 9.Nf4 Nf6 10.h3 Rb8 11. Qd2 b5 12.

Nfe2 Ne5 13.f4 Ned7 14.Nf3 Qc7 15. 0-0 c4 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nxe5



17...cxd3 18.Nd4 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Nd5 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Bf4 Be6 22. Qxd3 0-0 23.Rf2 Qc4 24.Qe3 b4 25.Rc1 bxc3 26. bxc3 Rb6 27.Bh6 Ra6 28.Bxc7 Kxc7 29.Rcc2 Be8 30.Rf4 Qc7 31.Rcf2 f5



32.g4 Re8 33.gxf5 Rxe5 34.Qd2 gxf5 35.Rg2+ Rg6 36.Rxc6+ hxc6 37.Rh4 Re8 38.Kg2 Qe5 39.Qh6+ Kf6 40.Nf3 Qe2+ 41.Kg3 Qe3 42. Rf4 d4 43.cxd4 Bb7 44.Qg5+ Kf7 45.h4 Bxf3 46.Rxf3 Qg1+ 47.Kh3 Qh1+ 48.Kg3 Re2



49.Rxf5+ gxf5 50.Qh5+ Kf6 51. Qxe2 Qg1+ 1/2-1/2

English Opening A16

Jim Rohrbaugh 2208

William Molina 2009

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (3)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c6 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Qa5
 5.Qc2 d6 6.h3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 h6
 9.d4 Nbd7 10.Be3 Re8 11.a3 Qc7
 12.Rac1 Nf8 13.Rfd1 Ng6 14.Qd2 Bd7
 15.b4 Rad8 16. d5 b6 17.dxc6 Bxc6
 18.Nd5 Qb7 19.Bd3 Nh7 20.Nh2 Bf8
 21.Nf1 Ba4 22.Re1 Bc6 23.Ng3 Ne7 24.
 Qe2 Bd7 25.Rf1 Nxd5 26.cxd5 b5
 27.Rc3 Rc8 28.Rfc1 a6 29.Qd1 Rxc3
 30.Rxc3 Rc8 31.Qc2 Be7 32. Be2 Nf6
 33.Rxc8+ Qxc8 34.Qxc8+ Bxc8 35.Kf1
 Kf8 36.Ke1 Ke8 37.Kd2 Bd7 38.f3 Kd8
 39.a4 Kc7 40.axb5 Bxb5 41.Nf5 Bf8
 42.Bd3 Nd7 43.Kc3 Nb6 44.Bf2 g6 45.
 Ne3 Be7 46.Nd1 Bf6 47.Kc2 Na4
 48.Nc3 Nxc3 49.Kxc3 Kb7 50.Be3 h5
 51.Bxb5 axb5 52.g4 Kc7 53. Kd3 Bh4
 54.Ke2 Be7 1/2-1/2

*Notes by NM Selby Anderson**Benko Gambit A58*

John Patty 2204

Mitch Vergara 2119

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.f4 d6 8. Nf3
 Bg7 9.e4 Bxf1 10.Rxf1 Qa5!?

10...0-0 11.e5 Ne8 12.Kf2 Nd7
 13.Qe2 Nb6 14.Rd1 Nc7 = Vaiser-
 Naumkin, Budapest 1989; 10...Qb6
 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.Qe2 Nd7
 14.e6 fxe6 15.dxe6 Ndx5 16.Nxe5
 Nxe5 17.Qb5+ = Christiansen.
 11.Qe2?!

It is hard to believe this was a simple oversight, but that's what it looks like. More in keeping with White's plan is 11.Kf2, and if 11... Ng4+?! 12.Kg3!

11...Nxe4! 12.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 13.Kf2 Bf6
 14.Re1 0-0 15.Bd2 Qa7 16.Bc3

It almost looks like this was a plan White had all along, but in a few moves it is clear who is in control.

16...Na6 17.Bxf6 exf6 18.Nd2 f5
 19.Qc4 Rab8 20.Qc3 Nb4 21.Nc4 Nxd5
 22.Qd2 Nf6 23.Kg1 d5 24. Ne5 Ne4

25.Qc2 e4+ 26.Kf1 Qb7 27.Rab1 f6
 28.Nf3 Nc5 29.Re2 Nd3 30.g3 Kf7
 31.Nd4 Ql6 32. Qc3 Rfe8 33.Rg2 Re4
 34.Nc2 Rbe8 35.b3



35...Nxf4! 36.Rd2 Ne2 0-1

*Notes by J.P. Hylltin**Catalan Opening E07*

Tapi Gwaze 1657

J.P. Hylltin 2019

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (3)

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.
 0-0 0-0 6. d4 Nbd7 7.cxd5

Apparently this is book until this move.

7...exd5 8.Nc3 Re8 9.Ne5 c6 10. Nd3
 Nf8 11.a3 Bf5 12.b4 Bxd3

This move is based on the judgement that his knight is worth more than my bishop. After the ex-change, his queen-side pawns are im-mobile and can be targets. My only concern is that he could play for a timely e4 break.

13.Qxd3 Ne6

Mike Bruns liked the idea of 13... Ng6, followed by Bd6, Rf8, Nd7, and f5. My thinking instead is to provoke some king side overexten-sion, and then repost the knights on the queenside.

14.Bb2 a6 15.Rfd1 Bf8 16.Rac1 Ng5
 17.f3 Qe7 18.h4 Ne6 19.e4 Nc7 20.Re1
 Qd8 21.e5 Nd7 22.f4 Nb6 23.Rc2 Nc4
 24.Bc1

While it looks like White is pushing me around, I did not think so at the time, and was quite happy with the position. However, White could have made things difficult for me beginning now or the

next several moves with a kingside plan involving f5, f6, Bh3, and Rf2.

24...a5 25.Na2 axb4 26.Nxb4 Nb5
 27.Rce2 Nbx3

White's queenside weaknesses prove fatal. The White Nb5 has few safe squares, and the play against the d4 pawn is quicker than the kingside play.

28.Na2 Nb5 29.f5 Qb6 30.Rd1 Nxd4
 31.Rf2 Nb3

My task now is to give my opponent no counterplay. I knew I wanted to get rid of the dark squared bishop before it reached e3, and as it turned out, his position falls apart after that.

32.Kf1 Nxc1 33.Rxc1 Nxe5 34. Qc2
 Ng4 35.Kg1 Nxf2 36.Qxf2 Re1+

Time for a few fun moves.

37.Bf1 Rxc1 38.Qxb6 Bc5+

38...Rxa2 looks tempting, but 39.Qd8 while still losing, offers more resistance. The rest is just technique.

39.Qxc5 Rxc5 40.Nb4 Ra1 41.Nd3
 Rcc1 42.Nxc1 Rxc1 43.Kf2 Rxf1+ 44.
 Kxf1 Kf8 45.Ke2 Ke7 46.Kd3 Kd6 47.
 Kd4 f6 48.g4 h6 49.Ke3 Ke5 50.Kd3 d4
 51.Ke2 Ke4 52.Kd2 d3 53.Ke1 Ke3
 54.g5 hxg5 55.hxg5 d2+ 56.Kd1 c5
 57.gxf6 gxf6 58.Kc2 Ke2 59.Kc3 b5
 60.Kb2 d1(Q) 61.Kc3 Qd3+ 62.Kb2
 Kd2 63.Ka1 Kc2 64.Ka2 Qb3+ 65.Ka1
 Qb2 mate 1-0

*Notes by NM Selby Anderson**French Defense C17*

Doug Taffinder 2074

Thomas Crispin 2200

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
 Ba5

Bradford played this line quite a bit in the 90s.

6.b4 exd4 7.Nb5 Bc7 8.f4 Bd7 9.
 Nxc7??

9.Nxd4 Ne7 10.Ng3 Nbc6 11.c3
 Nxd4 12.cxd4 Nf5 13.Be2 Rc8 14. a4 a6
 15.0-0 Bb6 16.Kh1 Qc7 = (Bot-vinnik).
 9...Qxc7 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.Nf3 Nge7
 12.Nxd4

White's choices are not to be envied:
 12.Bxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qc3+ 14.Kf2

Rc8 15.Be2 0-0 16.Rf1 Ba4 -/+, or
12.Bd3 f6 13.Qe2 0-0 14.0-0 fxe5
15.fxe5 Nf5 -/+.
12...0-0 13.Bd3 Qb6 14.c3 Nxd4 15.
cxd4 Bb5 16.0-0 Rac8 17.Bxb5 Qxb5



Given the N vx. B superiority and c-file domination, it's a positional bust.

18.a4 Qb6 19.b5 Rc4 20.Rf3 Rfc8
21.Rb3 Nf5 22.a5 Qd8 23.Qd3 Qh4
24.g3 Qh3 25.Rc3 Nh4 26.Qe2 Rxc3
27.Bxc3 Rxc3 28.gxh4 Qxh4 29.b6 a6
30.Qd2 Rc4 31.Rc1 Qg4+ 32.Kf2 Qh3
33.Kg1 Qb3 34.Rxc4 dxc4 0-1

Sicilian Defense B50

Larry Moss 2200
Dale Dike 1982

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.h3 Nc6
5.Bd3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4
0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Qe2 Nd7 11.Rd1 a6
12.Nc3 Nb6 13. Bg5 h6 14.Be1 Qc7



15.d5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Bb3 Bd7
18.Be3 b4 19.d6 exd6 20.Nd5 Nxd5
21.Bxd5 Bb5 22.Qd2 Rac8 23.Qxb4
Rfd8 24.Rac1 Qb8 25.Qb3 Be8

26.Qxb8 Rxb8 27.b3 Bf8 28. Rc7 Rd7
29. Rdc1 Be7 1-0 (time)
One way for White to win is 30.
Rxd7 Bxd7 31.Rc7 Rd8 32.Rb7 _ Bb6.

Catalan Opening E08

Thomas Crispin 2200
William Molina 2009

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d4 Be7
5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.b3 b6 8. Bb2 Bb7
9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Qc2 Rc8 11.Rad1 Qc7
12.cxd5 cxd5 13. Qd3 Ne4 14.Rc1 Qb8
15.Rc2 Ndf6 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.f4 Rfd8
18.Rfc1 Nxc3 19.Rxc3 Nc4 20.Nc6
Bxc6 21.Rxc6 Rxc6 22.Rxc6 Qb7
23. Qb5 Rc8 24.Rxc6+ Qxc8 25.Bxe4
dxe4 26.Kf2 f5 27.Qc4 Qd7 28.a4 Kf7
29.e3 Be7 30.Ke2 Qd5 31. Be3

1/2-1/2

QP Opening D05

Mitch Vergara 2119
Jim Rohrbaugh 2208

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (4)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nbd7
5.0-0 c5 6.b3 Bd6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.dxe5
Nxe5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10. Bxd7+ Qxd7
11. Bb2 Qe6 12.c4 Rd8 13.Qe2 0-0
14.Rfd1 Nxf3+ 15. Qxf3 Ng4 16.h3
Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Be5 18.cxd5 Rxd5
19.Nc4 Bxb2 20. Nxb2 Nf6 21.Rxd5
Nxd5 22.Rd1 Nc3 23.Rd3 Ne4 24.Nc4
f5 25. Kg1 b5 26.Nb2 c4 27.bxc4 bxc4
28. Ra3 c3 29.Rb3 Nd2 0-1

Modern Defense A41

J.P. Hyltin 2019
Don Sutherland 2172

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (4)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 f5 4.g3 Nf6 5. Bg2
Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Nh3 h6 8.f3 Na6 9.Nf2
Qe8 10.e4 Qg6 11.Qe2 Bd7 12. Bh3
fxe4 13.Bxd7 Nxd7 14.N fxe4 Rf7
15.Be3 Raf8 16.Rf1 b6 17.Nb5 Ra8
18.b3 Nf6 19.Nbc3 Raf8 20.0-0-0 Nxe4
21.Nxe4 Nb8 22.Kb2 Nd7 23.Rf2 Nf6
24.Nc3 a6 25.Rdf1 Nd7 26.Cc2

1/2-1/2

Colle System A47

Julian Hernandez 1835
Doug Taffinder 2074

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 b6 5.Bd3
Bb7 6.Nbd2 d5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 0-0
9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6
12.Be3 Nb4 13. Nxf6+ Bxf6 14. Be4
Bd5 15.b3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nc2 17.Rad1
Nxd4 18.Qe4 b5 19.Bxb5 Qa5 20.Bd3
Nf5 21.g4 1-0

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

Bird's Opening A03

Steve Young 1902
Mark McCue 1828

Gallagher Memorial 2004 (4)

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7
5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8. Qe1 d4
9.e4?!
Mixing ideas - 9.Na3 is correct now.

9...dxe3 10.Bxe3 Qxd3 11.Bxc5 Re8?

Losing momentum, which passes to
White with a vengeance. Better is 11...
Qb5! 12.Ba3 Bf5 =+.

12.Na3 Qd8 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Nb5 Qb8



15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.e6 Nxc5
18.exf7+ Kf8 19.fxe8(Q)+ Kxe8
20. Nd6+ 1-0



2004 Denker Tournament of High School Champions

by Alex Chua

From August 8-13, I participated in the 2004 Denker Tournament of High School Champions representing Texas. I enjoyed the tournament and had several good games.

The hotel said it was in Fort Lauderdale, but it was much closer to the everglades than to the beach. The weather was particularly bad. But what can you expect, It was hurricane season. I was lucky enough to avoid any hurricanes. The weather was so bad on Friday the thirteenth that the TD's were concerned about players being able to make it.

In the mornings, I played the Denker and at nights I played the US Open. The competition in the Denker was fierce. Half of the players there were above 2000. The time control was terrible. Instead of 40/2 sd 1 it was game three hours. This made the games incredibly long and much more boring. One night, I found that my pairing in the US Open and the Denker were the same! I was going to play Trevor Jackson twice as white. Not only that, Trevor occasionally comes to the Dallas Chess Club and, in effect, we went all the way to Florida to play. Upon notifying the TD, the pairing in the US Open was changed and Trevor and I played in the Denker. This year, I ended the Denker with a respectable tie for fifth.

In the US Open, I beat Grandmaster Sagalchik! I was thrilled. In fact, I was shaking as I was making the final moves. That was a great day. My sixth round GM victory ensured several tough rounds to follow. I played a strong FM in the seventh round, FM Marcel Martinez, who tied for first. The game was live on ICC. I actually had an advantage and had I played correctly probably would have least drawn. In the eighth round after losing, I played WGM Kostenuik. I lost. In

the ninth round, I played a 2000 and won. I ended the US Open with 6 out of 9; half a point short of my class prize. I finished in a tie for fifth. Here are two of my games from the Denker.

Sicilian: Kan Variation B43
Peter Calhoun 1926
Alexander Chua 2198 [B43]
Denker, August 2004 (1),

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.0-0 b6!?

b5 is more aggressive and probably the best continuation.

9.Qd2 Bb7 10.Rfe1 d6 11.Rad1 Nbd7 12.Qe3 0-0 13.f4 h6

Potentially guarding against any h7 sack and questioning the bishop.

14.Bh4 Qc5!?

Provoking weaknesses.

15.Bf2?! Ng4 16.Qg3 Nxf2 17.Qxf2 Bf6 18.Be2 b5 19.a3 Rac8 20.f5 e5!?

This move just makes things harder for Black.

21.Nb3 Qc7 22.Rd3 Nb6 23.Na5 Ba8 24.b4 Rfd8 25.Red1



Right after my opponent made this move, the Denker and Polgar participants were forced to leave the tournament room and go outside because lightning struck the hotel. Several firetrucks

came and all of the games were delayed about 2 hours. During that time, my opponent and I played cards and waited.

25...Rd7 26.Bf3 Qb8

A series of maneuvers trying to maintain control over d5 and repositioning the dark squared bishop.

27.h3 Re8 28.Ne2 Bd8 29.Kh1 d5! 30.exd5 e4 31.Re3 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Bxd5 33.Nc3 Bg5!

After this black will have a definite advantage

34.Rxe4 Bxe4 35.Nxe4 Nd7 36.Nc6 Qb6 37.Qg3

Trading queens is best.

37...Qxc6 38.Nxg5 Qf6 39.Ne4 Qxf5 40.Qd6 Qe6 41.Qd4 Ne5 42.Bh5 Qc4 43.Qe3 Nd7 44.Bf3 f5

Quickly converting into a winning endgame.

45.Qd2 fxe4 46.Qxd7 Qf7 47.Qxf7+ Kxf7 48.Bg4 Rf8 49.Bf5 e3 50.Kg1 e2 51.Kf2 Ke7 52.g4 g6 0-1

Tarrasch Defense D34
Alexander Chua 2198
Trevor Jackson 2037
Denker, August 2004 (4)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c5 5.c4 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.0-0 Be6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Bg5 h6!?

Leads to complications which favor White.

10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.dxc5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.Nd4

Taking advantage of Black's piece position. 13...Qxc5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Qb6?

Leads to a lost endgame.

16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Rfb1 Ra6 18.Bf1 Kd7 19.e3 Ra3 20.Rxb6 Kc7



21.Rab1

The most accurate move.

21...Nd8 22.c4! Rxa2 23.cxd5 exd5
24.Rg6!

White's threats are numerous and are going to tie up Black's pieces.

24...Rf8

Black cracks under all of the pressure.

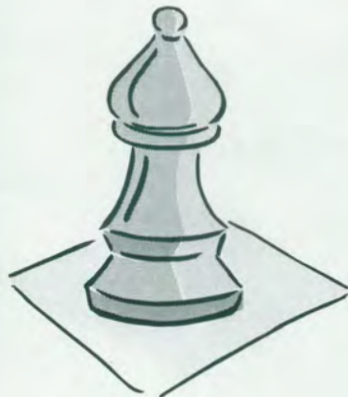
25.Rxg7+ Rf7 26.Rxf7+ Nxf7 27.Rd1
Kc6 28.Bg2 Ra5 29.e4! dxe4 30.Bxe4+
Kc7 31.Bxb7 Nd6

Black's drawing chances are virtually nonexistent.

32.Bg2 Kd7 33.Re1 Nf7 34.f4 Nd6
35.Kf2 Kd8 36.Re6 Nf5 37.Be4 Ra2+
38.Kg1

Black is going to be three pawns down, so he resigns.

1-0



The Texas Chess Community Mourns *Robert Chalker*

[Steven Young shared this information with me. Ed.]

Robert Chalker, a stalwart of Texas Chess died November 15, 2004 in Houston. I think he was 73 but we are not certain of his birth date. The following are remembrances/tributes from three of his closest friends:

I am sure that I played literally hundreds of chess games with Robert Chalker. But while the games slowly fade from memory; I will always remember Robert. For some reason, I never called him Bob. To me, he was always Robert. If I had to pick one word to describe his character, that word would be "skeptical". Robert was born in Alabama, but the "SHOW ME" state of Missouri more accurately reflected his attitude. This would invariably show up in any analysis of a chess position. His first reaction was doubt and that's always the healthy reaction of a strong chess player. Robert's favorite hero was not a chess player. It was the famous social critic of the early 20th century, H.L. Mencken. Mencken had no use for ideologues or phonies and neither did Robert Chalker. Emanuel Lasker said that on the chessboard "lies and hypocrisy do not survive long." I believe that Robert was always on the lookout for "lies and hypocrisy" - on or off the chessboard. I admired him for that reason.

Billy Patteson, 11/15/04

Robert Chalker was an active member in a gathering of chess friends that I'll refer to as the Sunday Night Social Chess Club (SNSCC). The SNSCC has met weekly for several years. My association with Robert is through this gathering of friends. The other active members are Bill Reuter, Steve Young and sometimes Pete Gibson. Although the main focus of the group was chess, the group also routinely discussed politics and philosophy. Robert and I shared similar views on most topics. Robert was well read and from time-to-time would loan me a book on philosophy or science. Professionally, Robert was a scientist specifically he was a Geologist. He had a passion for the search of both scientific and philosophic truth. But most importantly, Robert was a gentleman, with a pleasant personality, an excellent sense of humor and a caring attitude. I will miss him.

John Jackson, 11/21/04

Robert Chalker is dead and I will miss him immensely. I will not make any comments on the safe passage of his soul as Robert was a consummate nonbeliever and if any single event could induce his return, it would be me discussing his existence in some afterlife. Having said that, Robert lives on collectively in many of his friends minds and I know that many of my life decisions are of a higher quality influenced by Robert's weltanschauung. Robert and I traveled to many tournaments, dined together frequently and read many of the same books. Robert was a skeptic and like myself had extreme doubts about spirituality and the afterlife. I can almost envision him mirthfully chiding the heavenly host with "Now can you explain that rib story to me one more time?"

Steven Young, 11/15/04

Selby's Tidbits

Fracas at the JCCCC

This game is wild! It was played at the Jewish Community Center Chess Club (JC4, if you like) in San Antonio.

Torre Attack A46

Dee Carter 1418

Rheanna English 1507

JCC Chess Club 9/21/04

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4

4.Bxf6 exf6 5.c4 f5 6.Nc3 g6 =
Bisguier-Petrosian Zagreb 1965.

4...g5 5.Bg3 Bg7 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7
8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 Nh5 10.h4 Nxg3
11.fxg3 e6 12.Nh2 Qe7 13. Qh5 Nf6
14.Qe2 gxh4 15.Bb5+ c6 16.Ba6 hxg3
17.Nhf3 Bxa6 18. Qxa6 Nd5 19.Qc4 c5
20.Qb5+ Qd7 21.Qe2 h5

This is a crazy position for any-one to be playing, and it doesn't get any saner.



22.Ng5 f5 23.c3 Bh6!?

Understandable, since after 23... 0-0-0 24.e4 is strong (24...fxe4 25. Rf7 +-).
24.Qxh5+ Kf8 25.e4?

25.Rae1! denies Black a check at e3 which plays a critical part in the game. After 25...Nf6 26.Qh4 (26. Qg6?? Bxg5 27.Qxg5 Rh1+! -+) 26...Re8 27.Ndf3! (not 27.e4 Qg7 28.Ndf3 Bxg5 29.Qxg5 fxe4 -/+) 27...Qg7 28.Qxg3 and Black has no time for ...Rg8 because of Qxd6+.

25...Nf6 26.Qh4

26.Qg6 Bxg5 27.Qxg5 Rh1+! is a thematic mate combo: 28.Kxh1 Qh7+ 29.Kg1 Qh2#.



26...Qg7!!

How often does one get to play such a move? Allowing a royal fork is surprising pat! to a win.

27.Nxe6+?

Best (but not good enough) is 27.Ndf3 Bxg5! 28.Qxg5 fxe4 29. Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.Nxg5 Rae8 -/+.

27...Kg8 28.Nxg7 Be3+ 29.Rf2 Bxf2+ 30.Kf1 Rxh4 31.Nxf5 Rh1+

0-1

Blitz Beauty

Here is a three-minute blitz game I played on Internet Chess Club. What is unusual (for me) is that it has a clean, publishable combination.

Sicilian Four Knights B45

WildFrog (Selby Anderson) 2214

Sharpshooter 2009

ICC blitz 9/23/04

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6
5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+
8.Nxc3 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bd3 0-0
11.0-0 Bg4

More trustworthy are 11...d4 and 11...h6.
12.f3 Bh5

by NM Selby Anderson

12...Be6 13.Bg5! h6 (13...Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Nd7 15.f4 f5 16.Qf3 ± Matulovic-Benko, Vrnjacka Banja 1973) 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bf2 Nh5 16. Nb5 ± ECO.
13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Ne5 15.Bxf6 Nxd3

A moment of truth. There is no shame in the prosaic 16.Qxd3 Qxf6 17.Nxd5 Qxb2 18.Rab1 ±, but there is something better.

16.Nxd5! Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Qxf2



Can you find the win?

18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.Bd4! Qh4

Black can't even junk it up with 19... Bxf3 20.gxf3 or 19...Rad8 20. Bxf2.

20.Bxg7+! Kxg7 21.Nf5+ Kh8 22. Nxb4 Rg8 23.Qd4+ Rg7 24.Nf5 Rag8 25.Re1 Bg6 26.Nxg7 1-0



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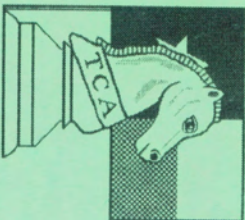
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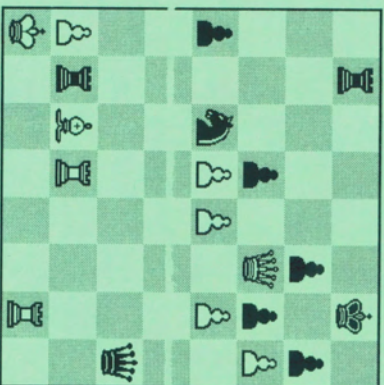
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(Black to Move)

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