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San Antonio City Championship

Hendrick goes 5-0 again, Silva wins city Title

by NM Selby Anderson

John Hendrick of San Marcos won the top prize in our city championship with 5-0, becoming the first player ever to win the event two years running with perfect scores. José Silva was the top scoring Bexar County resident with 4.5, winning his second San Antonio city championship title.

The biggest surprise was the powerful performance of Tapiwa Gwaze, a twelve-year-old Class C player from College Station. He defeated Hyltin, Rendon, Dike, and Stanley, losing to Hendrick in the last round only because he pressed too hard in a drawn ending and wandered into a mating net. Going in with a 1436 rating, he had a 2262 performance!

Iva Davis, who became Mrs. Hendrick earlier this year, turned in another fine performance, defeating NM Cristian Carvajal in Rd. 2.

Local girl wonder Rheanna English edged out Angel Bohannon of Corpus Christi by half a point for U1600 honors, but Angel got a nice consolation prize when she was featured in a June 20 Express-News article on the tournament.

Of the four masters playing, three got knocked out of contention by upsets. In Round 2 I lost horribly to Joel Saucedo (1920), and Cristian Carvajal lost to Iva Hendrick (1799). John Patty lost a drastic little game to Andy Smith (2042) in Rd. 4.

Fifty-three players turned out for the event, held June 19-20 at the Texas Neurosciences Institute. Martin Gordon directed.

PRIZE WINNERS

1st	John Hendrick	5.0	\$150
2nd+T	José Luis Silva	4.5	\$100
U2200	Trevor Jackson	4.0	\$75
U2000	Tapiwa Gwaze	4.0	\$75
U1800	Iva Hendrick	3.5	\$37.50
	Leroy Jasso	3.5	\$37.50
U1600	Rheanna English	3.0	\$75
U1400	Richard Croyle	2.5	\$37.50
	John Graw, Jr.	2.5	\$37.50

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

KI Attack A08

Tapiwa Gwaze 1436

J.P. Hyltin 2015

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (1)

I sat down across the board from 12 year old Tapiwa Gwaze, and immediately thought about last year when I lost to 10 year old Angel Bohannon in the first round of this same tournament. I was confident this would not happen this time, because I entered this tournament better prepared and very determined.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5. Nbd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 f6 9.a4

White leaves known book, but this move makes sense, as my next move was going to be 9... b5. I was happy to be playing this line, thinking my young opponent would not have the skill to handle the positional complications we were entering.

9...a6 10.c3 Bd7 11.d4 cxd4 12. cxd4 Qc7 [12...Qe8!?, 12...Be8!?] 13.Re3



This is a unique attempt to stall my plan of invading via c2. Possibly now is the time to improve with 13...e5, but I was certain I would take the file.

13...Rac8 14.Rc3 Bb4 15.Rc2 Qb8 16.Qe2 Kh8 17.Nb3 Na5 18.Nxa5 Bxa5 19.Bf4 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Qc8?!

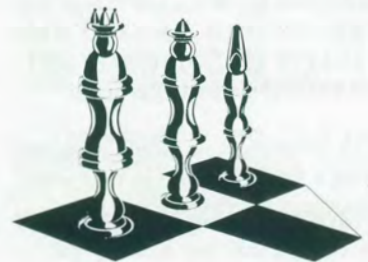
Better is 20...Rc8.

21.Qe2 dxe4 22.Qxe4 Nd5 ?!

Anticipating White's next, but Bc6 and then Bd5 is much more clear.

23.Rc1 Bc6 24.Bd2 Bxd2 25.Nxd2 Qd7 26.Nb3

Until this moment I was happy with my position, even though he had succeeded in developing his queenside. Now I realize he has something. I should play 26. b6, but I missed his next few moves.





28.Nxb7! Bxe4 29.Nxd6 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 Nd5 31.Rc8?

I was happy to see this move. My a-pawn is much weaker with rooks on the board, but Tapi steadily improves his position, and time pressure sets in as I go under five minutes now.

31...Rxc8 32.Nxc8 Kg8 33.Kf3 Kf7 34. Nd6+ Ke7 35.Nc4 Kd7 36.Ke4 Kc6 37.h4 Nb4 38.g4 Nd5 39.h5 Ne7 40.Ne3 Kd6 41.b4 Nc6 42.b5 axb5 43.axb5 Na5 44.f4 g6 45.hxg6 hxg6 46.f5 gxf5+ 47.gxf5 Nb3 48.Nc4+ Kd7 49. fxe6+ Kxe6 50.d5+ Kd7 51.d6 f5+?

I would like to have had more time to find my last chance to draw with 51...Ke6, followed by maneuvering my knight to b7 to pick off the d-pawn. In time pressure I was too focused on this f5 trick, and hoped my f-pawn would distract him. I just didn't realize my king suddenly had breathing room, or that it even needed it.

52.Kd5 f4 53.Ne5+ Kd8 54.b6 Na5 55. Ke6 Kc8 56.d7+ 1-0

Afterward I thought 55...Nb7 would draw, but White has 56.Nc6 Ke8 57.d7+ Kf8 58.d8(Q) Nxd8 59. Nxd8 f3 60.b7 f2 61.b1(Q) f1(Q) 62.Nf7+! Kg7 63.Qh8+ Kg6 64 Qh6 mate.

A smarter man would consider taking a first round bye in next year's tournament, but I'm stubborn.

Sicilian Paulsen B41

Joel Saucedo 1920
Selby Anderson 2230

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qc2

Sharper is 9.e5 Qa5! (9...Nd7 10. f4 Nc5 11.Bc2 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 ±) 10.exf6 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxc3+ 12. Bd2 Qxd3 13. fxc7 Rg8 14.Bh6 _ (ECO). 9...e5 = 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12. Bd2 Be6 13.a3 Be7 14.Ne2 Nh5 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Qc1 g5

Pushing the envelope.

17.g3 Bh3 18.Rfe1



18...Qd7

Better is 18...Qd6! 19.Be3 (19.Qc3? Qf6 20.Bc2 Bc5 -+) 19...Qf6 20.Nc3 Rad8 21.Bf1 =.

19.Bb1 Qg4 20.Qc3 Nf4 21.Bxf4!

I had expected nothing sharper than 21.f3 Nxe2+ 22.Rxe2 Qe6.

21...exf4 22.Nd4 fxc3 23.hxc3 Bf6



24.e5! Bxe5??

Better is 24...Bg7, but White crashes through with 25.Qc2 Rfd8 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Nf5! Rxd1 28. Qxg7+ Ke8 29.Nd6+! and the reader can work out the rest.

25.Qd3 Rfe8 26.Rxe5! Rxe5 27. Qh7+ Kf8 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qxc5+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Re1+ 1-0

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

QGD D50

José Silva 2213
Martin Gordon 1927

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 d5 5.e3

5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 Bd7 7.Qc2 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Bd3 f5 11. Nf3 Nxc3 12.hxc3 ± ECO.

5...0-0 6.Qc2 e6 7.Bd3 g6?

The weakness after 7...h6 takes much longer for White to exploit.

8.h4 Be7 9.Nf3 Ng4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.h5 f5 12.hxc6 hxg6 13.0-0 Na6 14.a3 Nc7 15. Rh4 Ne8 16.Rdh1 Ng7



17.Rxg4 fxc4 18.Ne5 Qg5 19.Bxg6 Nf5 20.Rh5 Qf6 21.Qe2 Ne7 22. Bh7+ Kh8 23.Qxg4 Qg7 24.Bd3+ Kg8 25.Rg5 Qxg5 26.Qxg5+ Kh8 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28. Qh7 mate

1-0

Dutch Defense A85

John Patty 2211

Julian Hernandez 1835

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (2)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 Bb4
5.Qb3 Qe7 6.Nf3 Bxc3+ 7. Qxc3 Ne4
8.Qc2 d6 9.g3 g5 10.Bc1 Nc6



11.d5 exd5 12.cxd5 Ne5 13.Bg2 g4
14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.0-0 Nd6 16.b3 f4
17.gxf4 exf4 18.Bxf4 0-0 19.e3 Bf5
20.Qe2 h5 21.f3 Rae8 22.Rae1 Qg7
23.Kh1 Bd7 24.Qf2 Bb5 25. Rg1 Bd7
26.Qh4 Qh7 27.fxg4 hxg4 28.Qg5+
Qg7 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30. Bf3 Rxf4
31.exf4 Rxe1 32.Rxe1 gxf3 33.Re7+
1-0

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

English Opening A21

Michael Machado 1749

Mitch Vergara 2138

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (2)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.
d3 Be7 6.e3

ECO gives only 6.f4 and 6.Nf3, while NCO adds 6.e4. The text, so common in the English, is probably omitted because it gives Black a free hand in the center.

6...0-0 7.Nge2 c6 8.Qb3

This is only a temporary stop to ...d5. Another try is 8.0-0 Be6 (8... d5? 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qb3 ±) 9.f4.

8...Kh8 9.0-0 Na6! 10.d4 e4 11.f3 d5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.a3 Nc7

An ideal placement, covering the weak points d5 and e6.

14.Bd2 b6 15. Rac1 Ba6



Clearly, Black has won the argument of the opening.

16.Rfe1 g5 17.Qa2 Qd7 18.f4 g4
19.b4 Bc4 20.Qb2 a5 21.Ra1 Rfb8
22.Bf1 Nfe8 23.Rec1 Bd3 24.Kg2

Better is 24.Rd1 Nd6 25.Ra2 Nc4 26.Qa1 axb4 27.axb4 Bxb4 28. Nc1 Bxf1 29.Kxf1 Nxd2+ 30. Rdx2 Rxa2 31.N1xa2 Ra8 -/+ (Machado).

24...Nd6 25.Rd1 Nc4 26.Qc1 axb4 27. axb4 Bxb4 28.Na2

Black had threatened ...Ba3. On 28. Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Nb1 Ra1, White must lose a piece.

28...Bxd2 29.Rxd2 Nxd2 30.Qxd2 Ra7 31.Nec3 Bxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Nb5 33.Rb1 Nxc3 34.Nxc3 Qc6 35.Qb2 Qc4+ 36.Kg1 Rba8 37.Rc1 Qc6 38. Ne2 Qd6 39.Nc3 Rc7 40.Nb5 Rxc1+ 41.Qxc1 Qd7 42.Qb2 Rc8 43.Kf2 Qc6 44.Na3 Qc1

Also 44...Qc3 45.Qa2! (45. Qxb6?? Qd2+) 45...Ra8 46.Qxd5 Qxa3 47.Qe5+ leads to a merry chase, but here too Black can run the queen out of checks.

45.Qb4 Qh1 46.Nc4

A cute joke. (46...Rxc4?? 47.Qf8#) 46...dxc4 47.Qe7 Qxh2+ 48.Kf1 Qh1+ 49.Ke2 Qh6 50.d5 Qh2+ 51. Kd1 Qg1+ 52.Kc2 Qf2+ 53.Kd1 Qf1+ 54.Ke2 Qd3+ 55.Kc1 Qe3+ 56.Kd1 Qd3+ 57.Kc1 Qxd5 58. Qf6+ Kg8 59.Qg5+ Kf8 60.Qf6+ Ke8 61.Qh8+ Kd7 62.Qxh7+ Kc6 63.Qa7 Rd8

64.Qa4+ Kb7 65.Qc2

By now the spectators were probably thinking "Oh, please!", but Black may have been short on time also.

65...c3 66.Qxc3 Rc8 67.Qxc8+ Kxc8
0-1 (time)

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

Ruy Lopez Schliemann C63

Leroy Jasso 1655

Andrew I. Smith 2042

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Bxc6
dxc6 5.exf5 e4 6.Qe2 Qe7 7.Nd4
Nf6!?

7...Qe5 8.Nf3 Qxf5 9.d3
8.Nc3 Qe5 9.Nf3 Qxf5 10.d3 Bb4
11.Bd2

ECO gives 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nde4 Qg6 13.0-0 Bh3 14.h3 [sic]. Maybe they meant 14.Ng3.

11...Bxc3 12.Bxc3 0-0 13.Ne5 exd3
14.cxd3

Hey, it's ugly but it holds.

14...Be6 15.h3?!

White needs a strong reason for expending a tempo on a weakening move. I see nothing wrong with 15. 0-0.

15...Rae8 16.0-0 Nd5 17.d4 Nf4
18.Qe3 Bd5 19.g4



The alternative was 19.f3 Qg5 20.Qd2 (forced) 20...Nhx3+ 21.Kh2 Nf4, with ...Rf6 coming.

19...Qf6 20.Bd2 Qh4 21.Kh2 Nhx3!?

My guess is that Andy didn't see

White's reply, or he would have played 21...Bg2! with a crush, e.g. 22.Rfe1 Nxb3! 23.Kxg2 Rxf2+ -+.

22.Qg3

22.Qxh3?? Rxf2+ forces mate or the win of White's queen.

22...Qxg3+ 23.Kxg3 Rxe5!!

On the other hand, Andy may have seen this and expected to force mate.

24.dxe5 Rf3+ 25.Kh4 Nxf2 26. Rxf2 Rxf2 27.Bc3 Rf3 28.Rd1 Be6 29.Bb4 h6 30.Rd8+ Kh7



31.Be7 g5+

In hindsight, 31...Rf4 is a better winning try.

32.Bxg5 hxg5+ 33.Kxg5 Rg3 34. Kf6 Bxg4 35.Rb8 Rf3+ 36.Ke7 Rf5 37.Rxb7 Rxe5+ 38.Kd8 Rc5 39. Kxc7 Kg6 40.Rxa7 Kf6 41.Kd6 Rc2 42.b4 Bf3 43.Ra8 Rd2+ 44. Kc5 Rd5+ 45.Kc4 Be2+ 46.Kc3 c5 47.Rf8+ Ke7 48.Rf4 cxb4+ 49. Kxb4 Kd6 50.a4 Kc6 51.Rf6+ Rd6 52.Rxd6+ Kxd6

1/2-1/2

Caro-Kann Exchange B13

Dale Dike 1983

Allen Eckert 1728

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (2)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.Nd2 e6 9.Ng3 a6 10.0-0 Be7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 0-0 13. Rae1 Na5 14.Qc2 Bd6 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Bg5 Be7

17.f4 h6!8.Bh4 Nc6 19.f5



19...Ne4 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.fxex6 f5 23.Nd7 Rfe8 24.e4 Rad8 25.Qc3 Rc8 26.Rc1 Qd6 27. d5 Rc7 28.Qe5 Qxe5 29.Nxe5 Rc5 30.b4 Rcc8 31.d6 Ne6 32.Nxc6 Rxc6 33.d7

1-0

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

Sicilian Najdorf B98

Joel Saucedo 1920

John Hendrick 2089

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qa5!? 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10. Be4 Nc6 11.Bb3

ECO ends the note here with ±, but Hendrick finds unexpected resources.

11...Qb4 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Rhe1 h6 14.a3 Qc5 15.Bh4 Nxe4 16. Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Bxh4 18.g3 Bf6 19.Rc4 Qa7 20.Rc7 0-0



21.Rxb7?!

Opening the b-file qualifies as reckless endangerment. Better is 21. Rxd6 _ 21...Qg1+ 22.Rd1 Qxh2?? 23.Rh1 +-,

21...Qc5 22.Kb1 a5 23.Ba4 Rab8 24.Qb3 Rxb7 25.Qxb7 d5 26.Qb5 Qa7 27.Bb3 Rb8 28.Qa4 Qf2 29. Rd3 Qxh2 30.Qxa5 Qg1+ 31.Ka2 Qc1 32.c3 Qf1 33.Rd2 Qe1 34. Rd3??

Better is 34.Rg2.

34...Qe2 -+ 35.Qa6

Or 35.Rd1 Rxb3.

35...Bxc3

0-1

The game scores from boards 2-4 were unavailable to me. Here is one of the better one-sided blowouts:

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

Sicilian B53

Cody Pemberton 1570

Brad Sawyer 2044

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 e5 The main moves here are 4...Nc6, 4... a6, and 4...Bd7.

5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.Qd3 Be7 7.Nc3 Bd7 8. Bxc6?

Here, have the bishop pair and control of d5!

8...bxc6 9.0-0 Nf6

In this case, 9...h6 looks like a tempo well spent.

10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4?!

Better is 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nh4 _f4. 11...g5 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Nd2 Be6 14.Nb3 Nf4 15.Bxf4

White is hot water, but this probably hastens defeat.

Solution:

Puzzle from back cover:

Answer:

1...Qxh2+

2.Kxh2 Rh4+

3.Kg1 Rh1+

4.Nxh1 gxh1=Q mate



15...gxf4 16.f3 Rg8 17.Kh1 Bh4 18. Rad1 Qg5 19.Rd2 Rd8 20.Qe2

20.Qa6 at least puts up a fight, but 20...Bg3! 21.Qxc6+ Ke7 22. Nd5+ Kf8 winds up much like the game.



20...Bg3! 21.h3 Qh4 22.Rf2 Bxh3 23.Kg1 Bxf2+ 24.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 25. Qxg2 Bxg2 26.Rxg2 Qe1+ 27.Kh2 f6 0-1

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

QGD Exchange D36

John Hendrick 2089

Trevor Jackson 2002

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (4)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nge2 Re8 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nf8 12.f3 c5 13.Kh1 Ne6 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bf5 Be6 16. Rad1 Qc8 17.Nd4 b6 18.Nce2 Bd8 19.Qb1 Nh5 20.Bf2 Qd7?



Better is 20...Qa6, among other moves.

21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.Nc3 Nf6 23.e4 d4 24.Bxd4 Qxd4 25.Rxd4 Nxd4 26.Bh3 Bc7 27.g3 Rad8 28.Bg2 Re7 29.f4 Red7 30.h3 g5 31.Nd5 Nh5 32.Qd3 Ne2 33.Rf3 Nc1 34. Qc4 1-0

Notes by Gregg Stanley

KI Attack A04

Tapiwa Gwaze 1436

Gregg Stanley 2086

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (4)

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Nbd2
Or 7.c3 e5 8.Be3 d6 = - SKA.

7...0-0 8.Re1 d6

Stopping e4-e5.

9.c3 b5

ECO only gives 9...b6, but the text is thematic and I can find no fault - SKA.

10.Nb3!

Preparing d3-d4 or e4-e5, which would open lines and undermine the c-pawn. White used three minutes for the first nine moves and three more on this move.



10...e5

Consistent with Black's previous play is 10...a5!, answering 11. e5? or 11.d4? strongly with 11...a4 -/+. After 11.a4 bxa4 12.Rxa4 Ba6 (...Bb5 and ...a4), Black stands well - SKA.

11.Be3 Bb7

At first 11...f5 (...f4 or ...c4) looks troublesome, but 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Bg5 comes out well for White.

12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 cxd4

Or 13...c4.

14.Nfxd4 a6 15.Qd2 Rc8

Black has an isolated pawn, but in return he has somewhat better minor pieces. The text allows the bishop a good retreat square. Black surmises that White won't play a2-a4. [16.a4 bxa4 (16...b4 17.a5) 17.Rxa4 Ne5 - SKA.]

16.Rad1 Ne5 17.Na5 Ba8 18.f4?

Finally, an error by White. [After 18.h3 he has a definite pull - SKA.]

18...Ng4 19.Ndb3?!

Aggressive.

19...Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Qb6 21.Kh1 f5!

Black wants to take advantage of the White knights on the queenside.

22.Rd3 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Rxd6 Qa7?!

Black is determined not to get the queen isolated. Perhaps 24...Qb8 is better.

25.Qg2

Better is 25.Rd7 Rc7 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.Qd7.

25...Nf5 26.Rd7 Qa8 27.Re1 Rce8

If 27...Rfe8 then 28.Rb7!

28.Nd2!

Forced and forcing.

28...e3 29.Qxa8 Rxa8 30.Nf1 Bxb2 31.Rd3 Rac8!

Renewing the threat of Bc3.

32.Nb3 Bc3

White has been defending perfectly. Black keeps up the pressure by setting up a pin on the e-file.

33.Re2 Rfd8 34.Rxd8+ Rxd8 35. g4!

If 35.Nxe3 then 35...Re8.

35...Rd1 36.gxf5 Rxf1+ 37.Kg2 Re1!?

Black passes up a clean pawn up to gets the rooks off and a favorable(?) B vs N ending. (37...Rxf4 38.fxg6 hxg6 39.Rxe3 -/+.)

38.Rxe1 Bxe1 39.fxg6 hxg6 40.Kf3 Bf2

Black would like to drop the e-pawn at his convenience, preferably with the a- and b-pawns on the fifth rank.

41.Nc1! Kf7 42.Nd3 Kf6

42...Ke6 43.Nc5+ Kd5 fails as the White king cannot be dislodged from e2, while on 42...Bg1 43.Kg2 the knight covers e1. Black declined a draw offer

around this point.

43.Nb4 a5

Black has 4.4 minutes left for the game.

44.Nd5+ Kf5 45.Ne7+ Kf6 46. Nd5+ Kf7 47.Nxe3 Bxe3??

47...Be1 keeps an edge and some practical over-the-board chances.

48.Kxe3 Ke6 49.Kd4 Kd6 50.h4 Kc6 Or 50...b4 51.Kc4 Kc6 52.f5 +-.

51.f5!

And Black was finished

1-0

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

King's Indian E62

Mitch Vergara 2138

José Silva 2213

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.d3 Nbd7 10.Rb1 a5 11. a3 Nc5 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 Ne6 14.b5 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bb2 Ng5 17.Bg2 Qd7 18.Kh2 d4 19. Ne4 Nfxe4 20.dxe4 Ra5 21.f4 Ne6 22.b6 Rh5 23.Ba3 Ra8 24.Bb4 Ra2 25.Qd3 Ra6 26.e5 Rxb6 27.Ba3 Rxb1 28.Rxb1 Nd8 29.e3 g5 30. Qxd4

Also good is 30.exd4 gxf4 31.gxf4 Bh6 32.Bc1 Qg4 33.Qg3 Qxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Bf8 35.Bxb7 +/-.

30...Qxd4 31.exd4



Looking at this position and then the outcome, one might share my impression that this is the biggest

swindle since this year's NBA western finals.

31...gxf4 32.g4?

A false step, spurning a pawn to help the rook get back into play. The counterplay against f4 (after 32.gxf4) is not as dangerous as Vergara imagined: 32.gxf4 Bh6 33.Kg3! Ne6 34.Bc1 Rf5 (34...Nxd4 35.Kg4 +-) 35.Kg4 Rxf4+ 36.Bxf4 +-.
Also, 32...Rh6 33.Bxe7 Ne6 does not work as in the game, because of 34.Bg5 Rg6 35.Rxb7 - 35...Nxd4? 36.Rb8+ Bf8 37.Be7 Ne6 38.f5 +-.
32...Rh6 33.Bxe7 Nc6 34.Bxc6

Now pointless would be 34.Bg5 Rg6. And on 34.Bc5, the saving grace is 34...Bf8 and the center pawns crumble. 34...Rxc6 35.Rxb7 Rc2+ 36.Kg1 h5 37.g5?

More over-finessing. (37.gxh5 ±) 37...Rd2 38.Bc5 h4 39.Rb3 Rc2 40.Bb6 Kh7 41.Rf3 Rc4 42.Rxf4 Bxe5 43.Rxh4+ Kg6 44.Rg4 Bd6 45.Bd8 Rc2 46.Bf6 Kf5 47.Kf1 Rh2 48.Rh4 Bg3 49.Rh7 Ke6 50. d5+ Kxd5 51.Rxf7 Ke6 52.Rf8 Bd6 53.Rh8 Kf5 54.Rd8?!

54.Rh4 Bg3 55.Ra4 Rxh3 56.Bd8 is not likely to win, but at least is does not lose. White has yet one more chance to keep out Black's king. 54...Bf4 55.Rd5+??

It's all about survival at this point: 55.Rd4 Rxh3 56.Kf2 =. 55...Ke4 -+

55...Ke4 -+

55...Ke4 -+

55...Ke4 -+



56.Rc5 Kf3 57.Kg1

57.Rc3+ Be3 58.Rxe3+ Kxe3 59.

g6 Rf2+ -+.

57...Rxh3 58.Rc3+ Be3+ 59. Rxe3+ Kxe3 60.Kg2 Rf3 and 0-1

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

French Defense C10

Andrew I. Smith 2042

John Patty 2111

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 h6!?

This move gets an 'A' for obscurity. It is not as positionally suspect as 3...f5, but can it really be good?

4.Nf3 Nf6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Ne5 Bf5 7. Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 c6 9.a3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.b4 0-0 12.f4 a5 13.Rb1 axb4 14. axb4 Qc7 15.Rf3 Nb6 16.g4 Nh7 17.g5



White has done his utmost to punish 3...h6, both as a lost tempo and as an unforced weakness.

17...hxg5?

Black's best chance to stay in the game is 17...f6! 18.Ng6 fxg5! (18... Rf7 19.gxh6 gxh6 20.Rg3 Rg7 21. f5 Ng5 22.h4 Ne4 23.Nxe4 dxe4 24. Qb3+ Kh7 25.Qe3 Kg8 26.Kg2 +-) 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.fxg5 Rxf3 21. Qxf3 Bxg5 22.Bxg5 Nxe5 23.Qf5 Nc4 24.Ra1 Qd8 (or 24.Re1 Nd6).

18.Rh3 f5

Or 18...g6 19.Nxg6. 19.Rxh7 Kxh7 20.Qh3+ Kg8 21. fxg5 g6 22.Nxg6 Kf7 23.Bf4 Rh8 24.Qxf5+ Kg7 25.Bxc7 1-0

Modern Defense A41

J.P. Hyltin 2015

Brandon Moore 1798

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (4)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.g3 c6 4.Nf3 d6
5.Bg2 Bg4 6.Nbd2 Nh6 7.h3 Bxf3
8.Nxf3 e6 9.e4 0-0 10.0-0 Na6 11. Rb1
f5 12.Ng5 Nc7 13.d5 e5 14. dxc6 bxc6
15.exf5 Rxf5 16.Bxc6 Rxc5 17.Bxc5
Qxc5 18.Bxa8 Nxa8 19.Qd5+

1-0

Sicilian Closed B26

Dale Dike 1983

Iva Hendrick 1799

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 g6
5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 a6 8.Nge2
Qc7 9.0-0 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11. f4 Nge7
12.g4 (12.e5) h5 13.g5 Rc8 14.h4 Nd4
15.Ng3 0-0 16.Nd1 f5 17.Qf2 e5 18.c3
exf4 19.Bxf4 Ne6 20.Bd2 fxe4 21.Qe3
Rxf1+ 22. Kxf1 Rf8+ 23.Kg1 Nf4
24.Bxe4 Bxe4 25.dxe4 d5 26.Nf2 d4
27. Qe1 Be5 28.Nf1 Nc6 29.Bxf4
Rxf4 30.Nd3 Rg4+ 31.Kh1 Bg3

0-1

Notes by NM Selby Anderson

Modern Benoni A66

José Silva 2213

Andrew I. Smith 2042

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 a6

Experience has not been kind to
this sidetrack from 6...g6.

7.f4 g6 8. e5 Nh5

8...Nfd7 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Ne4 dxe5
11.Nd6+ Kf8 12.Ng5 exf4 13. Ndx7
Qe7+ 14.Be2 Ne5 15.Nxh8 Qxc5 16.0-
0 Kg8 17.Bxf4 Qe7 18.d6 Qe6
19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Nf7 ± Fedor-owicz-
Henley, Lone Pine 1977.

9.Nf3 Bf5 10.a4 Bg7 11.Be2 0-0
12.Ng5!

A creative way of exploiting the

poor placement of the knight at h5.
12...h6 13.Nge4 dxe5 14.Bxh5 gxh5
15.0-0



15...Bg4 16.Qb3 exf4 17. Bxf4 Nd7
18.Bd6 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 b6 20.h3 Qh4
21.Bg3 +- Qe7 22.hxg4 hxg4 23. Rf5
b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rxa8 Rxa8
26.Qd1 Kh7 27.Qxg4 Ra1+ 28.Kh2
Bg1+ 29.Kh3 Be3 30.Bd6 Qe8 31.
Qf3 Rh1+ 32.Bh2?

Simpler is 32.Kg3 Qg8+ 33.Qg4
+-, when Black could just resign.

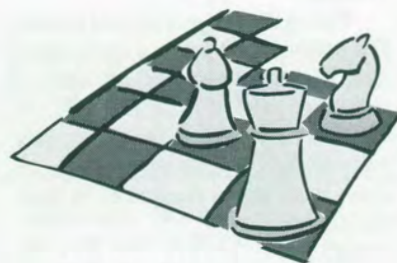
32...Bg1 33.Rxf7+ Kh8 34.Qf5
Rhx2+ 35.Kg3 Qg8+ 36.Kf4 Rh4+
37.Kf3 Qxf7 38.Qxf7 Ne5+ 39.Kg3
Nxf7 40.Kxh4



White has to win the game all over,
but he has the resources.

40...b4 41.Ne2 Be3 42.b3 Kg7 43.
Kg4 Kf8 44.Kf3 Bd4 45.Nxd4 cxd4
46.Nc5 Ng5+ 47.Kf4 Ke7 48. Ke5 h5
49.d6+ Kd8 50.Kxd4 h4 51.Kd5 h3
52.gxh3 Nxh3 53.Kc6 Nf4 54.Nb7+

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Notes by NM Selby Anderson

QGD Exchange D35

Trevor Jackson 2002

Cristian Carvajal 2213

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Nf8
8.Nge2

8.Nf3 Ne6 9.Bh4 g6 10.0-0 0-0
11.b4 Ng7 12.b5 Bf5 13.Ne5 Bxd3
14.Nxd3 += Gligoric-Medina, Palma
de Mallorca 1967.

8...Ne6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.0-0 g6

Continuing with the above plan,
involving ...Ng7 and ...Bf5. An inter-
esting alternative is 10...c5!?

11. Qb3

Unusual in the QGD Exchange, as
it blocks the b-pawn's advance.
However, the threat on the d-pawn
does prevent ...c5; also, any plan
involving ...Bf5 is put on hold.

11...c6 12.a4 Nh5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7
14.Ng3

One point to playing 8.Nge2 is that
it prevents Black from offering trades
at f5 after ...Neg7.

14...Nhg7 15.Rae1



15...Qf6?!

This looks like prophylaxis against f2-f3 and e3-e4. I prefer a more active idea, 15...f5 (Black's minority attack!) intending ...Qf6, ...Kh8 and ...f4. If White should play f2-f4, his knights are singularly misplaced to get to e5 while Black gets a steed to e4 in three moves.

16.Qc2 g5?

Either Black has fantasies of an attack on the h-file or he is worried about a possible f4-f5, enough to sac a pawn. However, it is not too late to chart a course correction with 16...Qh4! _ 17.f4 f5.

17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Bd3 Qh6 19. Nce2 g4 20.f4 Nc7 21.Nf5

Of course, now that White has pocketed a pawn it is he who wants to trade at f5.

21...Nxf5 22.Bxf5 Kg7 23.Ng3 Be6

23...Rh8 24.Kf2 is no problem.

24.Kf2 Rh8 25.Rh1 Qf6 26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.Qe2 Qg6 28.h4 gxh3 29. gxh3 Rh4 30.Reg1

Who's attacking now?

30...Kf7 31.Qf3 Rf8 32.Ne2 Qh7 33.Rg4 Ke7 34.Rxh4 Qxh4+ 35. Qg3 Qf6 36.h4 Kd6 37. h5 e5 38.h6 cxd4 39.exd4 e5 40.dxe5+ Qxe5**41.h7 Qxb2 42.Rh6+ Kc5**

Or 42...Kd7 43.h8(Q!) Rxh8 44. Qh3+ +-.

43.Qe3+ Kc4 44.Rh1 Rc8 45.Rd1

Or 45.Rc1+ Kb4 46.Qc5+ and (a) 46...Kb3 47.Rc3+ Ka4 48.Rc2 +-; (b) 46...Kxa4 47.Rb1! Qd2 48.Ra1+ Kb3 49.Qa3+ Kc4 50.Rc1+ +-.

45...Qf6 46.Rc1+!

There is no longer any point to 46.Rd4+ Kc5, e.g. 47.Qa3+ Kc6 and White's attack is tapped out.

46...Kb4 47.Qd4+

Level-headed technique scores the point.

47...Qxd4 48.Nxd4 Kxa4 49.Rxc7 Rh8 50.Rxb7 a5 51.Nc6 d4 52. Nxd4 Ka3 53.Nc6 a4 54.Ne5 Ka2 55.Ng6

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Nimzo-Indian E39

Iva Hendrick 1798

J.P. Hytlin 2015

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 e5 5.dxc5 Na6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Nxc5 8.Nf3 b6 9.Bg5 Nce4 10. Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 Nxf6 12.e3 Bb7 13.Be2 Rc8 14.Rc1 Ke7 15.0-0 Rc7 16.Rfd1 Rhc8 17.Nd2 d5 18. Rc3 dxc4 19.Rxc4 Bd5 20.Rxc7+ Rxc7 21.Bd3 e5 22.f3 Nd7 23.Kf2 Nc5 24.Bb1 Na4 25.b3 Nb2 26. Re1 Rc3 27.Re2 Nd3+ 28.Bxd3 Rxd3 29.e4 Bxb3 30.Nb1 Bd1 31. Rd2 Rxd2+ 32.Nxd2 f6 33.Ke3 Kd6 34.Kd3 Kc5 35.Kc3 b5 36.g3 a5 37.f4 exf4 38.gxf4 g5 39.fxg5 fxe5 40.Nf1 b4+ 41.axb4+ axb4+ 42.Kd3 b3 43.Kc3 Kd6 44.Ne3 Bf3 45.Kxb3 Ke5 46.Kc3 Bxe4 47. Kd2 Kf4 48.Ke2 h5 49.Kf2 g4 50. Nf1 h4 51.Nd2 Bd5 52.Nf1 Bc4 53.Nd2 Bb5 54.Nb3 h3 55.Nd4 Bc4 56.Nc2 Bd3 57.Nb4 Be4 58. Na2 g3+ 59.Kg1 1/2-1/2

*Notes by NM Selby Anderson**Budapest Defense A52*

John Hendrick 2089

Tapiwa Gwaze 1436

S.A. City Chp. 2004 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4. Nh3!?! Nxe5 5.e3 Bc5 6.Be2 d6 7. Nf4 Bf5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10. Kh1 Re8 11. e4 Bg6 12.Nh3 h6 13. f3 13.f4!?! Nc6 14.f5 Bh7 15.Nf4 Nde5 16.Nfd5 f6 17.Bf4 ±.

13...Nb6 14.b3 f5 15.Nf4 Bh7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.a3 g5!??

A brave move, but I can't ap-prove. A typical plan would be ...a5 to be followed by ...c6 and ...Qh4.

**18.Nh5 Nc6 19.Ng3 Qf6 20.Bb2?**

20.Nxf5 Qxc3 21.Ra2 Qf6 22. Bd3 a5 23.Bb2 Ne5 24.f4 gxf4 25. Rxf4 has the makings of a blowout.

20...Bd4 21.Nce4 Bxe4 22.fxex4 Qe5 23.Rf5 Qh8 =

Black is solid, thanks to his ownership of e5.

24.Bxd4 Nxd4 25.Rf1 Rf8 26.Qd3 Qe5 27.Bg4 Rf4 28.h3 Raf8 29.Nf5 Qxe4 30.Nxh6+ Kg7 31.Qxe4 Rxe4 32.Rxf8 Kxf8 33.Rf1+ Kg7 34.Nf5+ Nxf5 35. Rxf5 Kg6 36.Rf8 Re3 37.Rb8 Rxb3 38.Rxb7 Rxa3 39.Rxc7 Ra4 40.e5 dxc5 41.Rc6+ Kg7 42.Rxc5 Kf6 43.Rc6+ Ke5 44. Rc5+



44...Kf4? (44...Kf6 =) 45.Rf5+ Kg3?? 46.Rf3+ Kh4 47.g3 mate

1-0

Games from Houston Open - US Open

Notes by Steve Young

Modern Defence B06
Arthur Mitchell 2075
Steve Young 1902

Houston Open 07.16.2004

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.h4 e5 4.h5 Nc6
5.Bc4 Na5 6.d3 [6.Bb5 c6 7.Be2 d5=]
6...d6 7.Nge2 Nxc4 8.dxc4 Be6 9.Qd3
Ne7 10.Nd5 Bxd5 [10...h6+/-] 11.cxd5
Qd7 12.Be3 [12.Bg5+/-] 12...f5 13.f3 f4
14.Bf2 g5 15.0-0 Ng8 16.Qb3 b6
17.Nc3 Nf6 18.Qb5 [18.h6+/-]
18...Qxb5 19.Nxb5 Kd7 20.c4 h6 21.b3
Rhc8 22.Kb2 g4 23.Be1 gxf3 24.gxf3
Rg8 25.Bf2 Bh8 26.Rdgl a6 27.Na3
Rxl 28.Rxl Rg8 29.Rg6 Rlg6
30.hxg6 Ng8 31.b4 Ne7 32.Kb3 Nlg6
33.Ka4 Bf6 34.e5 dxc5 35.bxc5 bxc5
36.Ka5 c6 37.Nc4 xcd5 38.Nb6+ Kc6
39.Nxd5 [9.exd5+ Kd6+] 39...Bh4
40.Bg1 Be1+ 41.Kxa6 c4 42.a4 Nh4
43.Bb6 Nxf3 44.a5 h5 45.Ne7+ Kd7
46.Ng6 h4 47.Kb7 Bxa5 48.Nxh4
Nxh4 49.Bxa5 f3 0-1

Notes by Steve Young

Leningrad Dutch A88

Juan De La Torre 2220
Steve Young 1902

Houston Open 07.16.2004

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 Bg7
5.Bg2 d6 6.d4 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.d5 e5
9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Qa4 Na6 11.Nd4 Nc5
12.Nxe6 Nxa4 [12...Nxe6=] 13.Nxd8
Nxc3 14.Nxb7 Nxe2+ 15.Kh1 Ne4
[15...d5=+/; 15...Nxc1 16.Raxcl d5=]
16.Bxe4 fxe4 17.Nxd6 Nxc1 [17...Rab8
18.Nxe4 Nxc1 19.Raxcl Rxb2=]

18.Raxcl e3 19.fxe3 Bxb2 20.Rb1
Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1 Rd8 22.Rb1 Rxd6
23.Rxb2 Rd3 24.Rb8+ Kg7 25.Rb7+
Kh6 26.Rxa7 Rxe3 27.Ra6 Re2
28.Rxc6?! [28.a4 Ra2 29.Rxc6
Rxa4+/-] 28...Rxa2 29.Rc7 Rc2 30.h4
Kh5 31.Rxh7+ Kg4 32.Rg7 Kxg3
33.Rxg6+ Kxh4 34.Rc6 Kg4 35.Re8
Kf4 36.Rh8 Ke5 1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Tarrasch Defence D32

Gennady Sagalchik 2529
Alex Chua 2198

US Open (5), 12.08.2004

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3

Certainly not the critical line. 4.g3 is stronger.

4...Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Be2
Bd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 a6
11.Bb2 Be6 12.Rc1 Ba7 13.Na4 Ne4
14.Nd4 Rc8 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Rxc6
bxc6 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Qc2 Qa8



Black eschews the more directly

aggressive 18...Qg5 19.Qxc6 Rc8
20.Qxa6 Bh3 21.Bf3 Nd2 22.Qe2 Nxf1
23.Kxf1=/+ White falls asleep next
move.

19.Rc1?

19.Bd3 was indicated. Now Black
smashes through with a flurry of sacri-
fices.

19...Nxf2! 20.Kxf2

20.Bc5 Ne4 leaves Black up a clean
pawn and White with a shaky kingside.

20...Bxc3+ 21.Kf1 Qb8!

This sneaky little move does White
in. Much weaker is 21...Bxc1?! 22.Qxc1
Qb8 23.Kg1=

22.Bf3?

Woozy, White stumbles, but
22.Qxc6 Rc8 23.Qxc8+ Bxc8 24.Bd6
was no picnic either.

22...Qxh2 23.Re1 Bf5! 24.Rxe3

24.Qxf5?? Qg1+ with forced mate.

24...Rxe3 25.Qd1

25.Qxf5?? Qh1+ 26.Kf2 Qe1#

25...Bc2!

No respite for the White monarchy!
26.Qc1 Rxf3+

26...Rxf3+ 27.gxf3 Bd3+ 28. Ke1
Qe2# 0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian B30

Brad Sawyer 2052
Gregory Markzon 2261

US Open (7), 08.13.2004

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7
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Quote from a Great...

"During a chess competition a chessmaster should be a combination of a beast of prey and a monk."

--Alexander Alekhine

Susan Polgar Invitational

Two Perspectives

Gayatri Vempati's Experience

When I got a call from Luis Salinas to inform me that I was invited to the Susan Polgar Invitational Chess Tournament as a Texas representative, I was ecstatic. I consider this a great honor since this is the first ever Susan Polgar National Girls' Tournament.

Susan Polgar is a 4-time Women's World Chess Champion and the first woman ever to earn the title of Men's Grandmaster. She is starting a tradition by organizing a national tournament exclusively for girls. This is a great initiative that will encourage girls from all over the country to aspire to represent their state. We are very thankful to Susan Polgar and Paul Truong, the captain and manager of the 2004 Women's Olympic Chess Team, for organizing this wonderful tournament.

The tournament started off on August 8, 2004 with an opening ceremony and speeches by Susan Polgar, Paul

Anatoly Karpov came to our board? He actually shook hands with me, asked me for my opening move, and then proceeded to make the inaugural move!

Photo from Paul Truong



Anatoly Karpov with Gayatri Vempati at the Susan Polgar Invitational

This experience has left an indelible impression on me, because this was the first time I got to meet in person two of my most favorite chess idols, Susan Polgar and Anatoly Karpov.

I look forward to attending many more Polgar Invitational tournament, accompanied by my sister, Amita Vempati!

I wish to thank all the people who support my chess: Luis Salinas, who organizes several tournaments throughout the year at the Dallas Chess Club and helps us gain valuable experience; my chess coach Babakuli Annakov who over the last 2 and half years has imparted tremendous chess knowledge; my parents for encouraging me to pursue the game I love, and most importantly my sister, Amita Vempati for being my chess partner and always cheering me on.

Finally, I wish to thank the Texas Chess Association and George John for his encouragement.

Courtney Jamison's Experience

After winning the Susan Polgar qualifying tournament. It was a great honor to be the 1st Texas girl to represent our state in the All Girl Inaugural Susan Polgar Invitational Chess Tournament held in West Fort Lauderdale, Florida. My whole family was very excited for me. I was very excited. Grandmaster Susan Polgar, 4-time Women's World Chess

Photo from Paul Truong



Gayatri Vempati and Susan Polgar

Truong, and Denker. Following the speeches, Polgar and Denker gave medals to the representatives. It was a great tournament, and I was very happy with my results.

It was wonderful to finally meet Susan Polgar in person, and I cherish the personal advice that she gave me about improving my game. It was a very pleasant surprise when Anatoly Karpov dropped in as an honorary guest. On the morning of the last round I was playing top board with the highest rated player. Can you imagine my surprise, when

Champion and the only World Champion (male or female) to win the Triple-Crown in Chess Rapid, Blitz and Standard Time Control World Championships (Women's World Champion - 1996, Women's World Rapid Champion - 1992, Women's World Blitz Champion - 1992, Women's World Champion [girls under 16] at the age of 12 - 1981).

I flew out to Florida with my mom on Friday 6th. Sunday morning all the chess players for the Susan Polgar and Denker Tournament were present at 9 am for the opening ceremony. Continental breakfast was available for all the participants. Welcome speeches were given by Susan Polgar and Arnold Denker greeting all the players, after the speeches the players were all given a nice medallion for participating in this event. It was so awesome to be in the same room with all the other players representing the 50 states.

At 11 am the first round started. I was paired with Jenna Haggar from South Dakota. I won this game. My next game I was paired with Graham Gibson from Tennessee the round started at 11 am each day. I won this game also. Tuesday I was paired with the top seed in the tournament Rosa Eynullayeva rated 2085 16 years old from Massachusetts who eventually

won the tournament. The game started out fine, I thought I had a winning combination attack but I miscalculated my opponents counterattack and ended up losing real fast. My next opponent was Emily Lau from Hawaii our game ended in a draw. The fifth round I played Destiny Sawyer from Oklahoma it was tough game and it also ended up in a draw. My final opponent was Jessica Harris from Georgia, this game was also a draw. On the last day of the tournament Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov joined the Polgar and Denker players in a group photo. He also said a few words of encouragement to the players before the last round started. I thought this was another highlight of the tournament to have a super grandmaster visit us. I was lucky to have him sign one of his books my mom bought for me and get a photo with him. I really enjoyed this Susan Polgar chess tournament I made new friends and it was a great learning experience. Susan gave a pizza party after the tournament was over and it was real neat just to socialize with the other girls and laugh. Fort Lauderdale is a nice city to visit and have fun. Now that it is over I have my ot make up since I was away from school for a week.



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President's Report

by George John

The purpose of this report is twofold. One is to inform the TCA Membership of some of the most significant actions of the TCA the past year that do not appear in either the Fall or Spring meeting minutes. The second is to share some ideas with you about future directions for the TCA, which I didn't cover fully in my campaign article in the July-August issue of Texas Knights. I will close my message to you with some general comments.

For those of you who missed my campaign article, arguably the most important action of my term was the signing of two very attractive contracts with the Adams Mark hotel in Dallas for the 2005 and 2007 State Scholastic Chess Championships. This included very attractive room rates, reasonable room-night requirements, and very spacious venues both inside and outside the playing halls. This was made possible by very important changes that were made to the TCA Bylaws at the 2003 Fall TCA Business Meeting, which gave the TCA the power to self-organize events and enter into agreements before the normal bidding deadlines should an exceptional opportunity arise.

The organization of the 2005 and 2007 State Scholastic Championships are not without risk, but in my estimation and in the estimation of nearly all of the experienced leadership in Texas the risk to the TCA is small, and the opportunity to greatly increase the treasury is high. This is an exceptional opportunity for the TCA. Please support these events in any way that you can such as volunteering to help at the event, encouraging participation, bring students to the event, etc. All profits from these events will go to the TCA and not to any third-party. You can expect a first-class event because the TCA Board of Directors has named Luis Salinas and Susan Breeding as organizers of 2005 event. They organized the 2004 State Scholastic in Houston, and in my opinion did an outstanding job.

The TCA's chess set subsidy program continues to be popular; although, not as popular as in past years. If you know of a club that has not taken advantage of this program and could use some more tournament quality sets, please tell them about this program. Information about the program can be found on the TCA Website.

Tournament activity and membership numbers remained stable the past year. We could certainly benefit from more

members, especially Patron Members. If you have a Regular Membership, please consider upgrading to a Patron Membership. While we value all of our members, a Regular Membership does not cover the average cost of producing six issues of Texas Knights; Patron Memberships more than do so.

In addition to helping fund Texas Knights and our chess set program, the extra money generated by Patron Memberships and our \$1.00 Junior Memberships have helped fund needy students to represent Texas at USCF National Chess Championships such as the Denker Tournament of State High School Champions. The TCA Board of Directors supported our top High School student's trip to the 2004 USCF Cadet Chess Championship with a \$585 stipend. This was the first year for the Susan Polgar

Invitational Tournament for Girls. Normally, each state is granted one representative, but due to Texas's outstanding scholastic programs, including our very successful Texas Girls Championship, the Polgar Committee offered three slots to Texas this year, and two permanent slots in future years. Accordingly, the TCA Board voted in favor of \$150 stipends for our two additional representatives.

The TCA Scholastic Committee and Board of Directors considered several bids for 2005 and 2006 TCA events. The status of all TCA events for the year 2005 and 2006 can be found on the TCA Website on a new page titled "Bidding and Organizer Information". Many of our non-major events have not received a bid. If you are interested in organizing a TCA event, I highly recommend you read this new page on the TCA Website. The TCA welcomes your bid and interest in organizing TCA events.

Regarding the path forward, certainly the TCA should build upon its currently successful programs. Texas Knights is a good publication that can be made better by more quality contributions from our members. If you have an idea for an article or some annotated games you think might be of interest to the membership, by all means please get in touch with the TCA Editor, Mario Leal.

It is very important that the 2005 State Scholastic be well attended and successful. Your attendance or helping encourage others to attend will be greatly appreciated. With the

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Chess Dad 101-Draw?!

by Robert Rausch

The scheme demonstrated a high level of maturity and reflected a solid understanding of the rules of chess - especially for thirteen year-olds. A draw on board two in the final round would virtually guarantee that both my opponent and I would win trophies.

How important were trophies?

They were the life-blood of junior chess in 1970's San Antonio. Most players were the products of working class homes and single-parent households. The kids hungered for attention and recognition and hauling a trophy home after a chess tournament guaranteed both.

The plan was simple: both players make a pre-determined number of moves and then agree to a draw. Assuming that the number one seed won his game (as expected), we would both finish "in the money". Such a scheme is not new to chess as Grandmasters have been using this approach to eke out a living since the early days of tournament competition. Hence, the term Grandmaster Draw.

Various rule changes and policies have been implemented over the years in an attempt to minimize or eliminate the Grandmaster Draw. On the whole, such attempts have resulted in dismal failure. A rather famous story has Lasker and Capablanca agreeing to a short draw at the end of a grueling tournament. When the overmatched tournament director attempted to enforce the rules, he was reportedly told by Capablanca that "if players of the strength of Dr. Lasker and myself assess the position to be equal, I would accept the result."

The game ended in a draw.

Roland Sierra didn't like draws either - and his opinion MATTERED. Mr. Sierra was not just our chess coach. He was a father-figure to a group of unruly, at-risk boys. Life had rules. Chess had rules. Mr. Sierra had rules. Follow Mr. Sierra's rules and life and chess would take care of themselves.

Grandmaster Draws, however, were not in Mr. Sierra's rulebook. We were expected to play an honest, hard game. That meant playing to win. Losing a good fight was okay and winning was great but agreeing to a draw just so that we could take home a trophy was NOT good.

Mr. Sierra's work ethic was certainly admirable and many of us have been able to apply his high standards of honesty, excellence and hard work throughout our lives. However, I wonder if he wasn't a bit too ambivalent to the pressures and the need for success that affect junior chess players.

Recently, I had the chance to view the situation from "the

other side of the board". One of our stronger 10-year old players accepted his opponent's offer for a draw in spite of the fact that had had a "winning" position. The 1/2 point assured our player of the second-place trophy.

I wish that I could say that I took him aside and explained that I understood his apprehension to losing. I wish that I had told him that I know how important it is to win a trophy. Most of all, I wish that I had been more understanding and less judgmental. Instead I became pious and domineering; explaining that we play to win. I'm not sure who Mr. Sierra would have been more disappointed with, me or the player. At least he played more than three moves before accepting a draw.

So how many moves are enough?

I don't know and I'm not sure that it even matters on a junior level, anyway. Instead of worrying so much about the outcome of the game, maybe coaches should focus more on the pressure that we are placing on our kids. Given the practice, focus and pressure associated with tournament chess, maybe (to paraphrase Capablanca)

"If players of this age group assess the position to be equal, maybe we should just accept the result."

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President's Report Continued

extra revenue that should be generated from this event, the door is opened for the TCA to seriously consider new options for improving chess in Texas. Hiring a sales professional, preferably on a commissioned basis, to actively seek corporate sponsorship for the TCA is seriously worth considering. Furthermore, the TCA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Therefore, donations are tax-deductible. We need to make this fact better known to encourage more donations. Thanks to all of you who made donations to the TCA this past year.

While the TCA Website is at the top of the list of those returned from a Google or Yahoo search for "Texas chess", there is certainly room for improvement to our Website. Your suggestions and contributions to the TCA Website are encouraged. If either you or someone you know has an interest in becoming the TCA's Webmaster and/or Web Editor, please contact me! In particular I would like to see a set of FAQ's developed for our site. For example, one of the most frequent questions I have received is "How do I start a chess club". The TCA Website should have information that answers that question.

At the time I am writing this article the outcome of the election is unknown. Regardless of the outcome, I would like to thank all of you who took the time to read the campaign articles, discuss the candidates, and vote. This is your organization. Your exercising your vote is an essential element in keeping the TCA healthy. If you did not vote in this election, please consider doing so in the 2005 election. I will continue on the TCA Board of Directors as either President or Past-President. I value your questions, comments, and constructive criticism.

I am also one of eleven recently elected USCF Texas Delegates. Your comments and questions about the USCF are welcomed, too. My e-mail address is george@neosoft.com. Please feel free to write to me.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have spent time this past year as a chess volunteer, especially those of you who have spent time working on TCA governance and events. One of the most important reasons why Texas has some of the most successful chess programs in the United States is because of you. If you are not currently a volunteer and would like to learn how you can help, please feel welcomed to contact a TCA Officer or your Regional Director. Contact information can be found on the TCA Website.

Best regards,

George John
TCA President

Many Springs Open #20

by Tom Kusnierz



Alex Chua (L) wins overall prize at MSO #20

The Watauga Chess Club (For those not in the know, Watauga is a suburb midway between Dallas and Ft. Worth) held its Many Springs Open #20 on June 26 and 27th. This was the club's first 2 day tournament and happily generated our largest turnout to date with 43 players. The deviated from its normal playing location and held the tournament at the North Hills Mall in North Richland Hills. The North Hills Mall has lost several retail outlets in the past year due to the expansion of the North East Mall a near 1/2 mile away, but the shoppers lost was a chess players gain. The Mall resulted in an ideal playing environment with a central location, ample parking and playing space, a food court and plenty of skittles room.

The tournament was won in easy fashion by Alex Chua (2167). Jim Hollingsworth (one of the few remaining TDs who refuses to use the modern invention known as the computer and pairs the entire tournament by hand) chose to use an accelerated pairing format for the tournament. Unfortunately, board #2 (Aurelio Gonzalez (1976) vs. Steven Keener (1547)) and #3 (Tom Kusnierz (1871) vs. Paul Huspeni (1543)) resulted in racking up a perfect 5-0 scores. Chua expertly dismissed of opponents rated 1641, 1684, 1158, 1288, and 1317.

\$750 was paid out in prize money which is also the most for a Watauga tournament. Alex Chua finished 1st overall. Tied for 2nd with 4-1 scores were Robert Haskell (1st/2nd B), Abhisehek Mallela (1st/2nd B), Tapiwa Gwaza (1st C), Harvey Blinn (1st D), and Matthew Riddle (1st Unrated). Tom Kusnierz finished as 1st A with a 3.5-1.5 score.

Final Cross Table for Watauga Chess Club's MSO #20

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Alexander James Chua	2167	W13	W3	W29	W16	W5	5.0
2	Robert J Haskell	1722	D33	W22	W10	D8	W16	4.0
3	Abhishek Mallela	1684	W9	L1	W40	W29	W17	4.0
4	Tapiwa Gwaze	1436	W11	D8	W20	D7	W18	4.0
5	Harvey J Blinn	1317	W34	W39	W26	W6	L1	4.0
6	Matthew N Riddle	unr.	W24	W23	W19	L5	W14	4.0
7	Thomas E Kusnierz	1871	D22	W21	W12	D4	D9	3.5
8	Thomas W McCaslin	1758	W15	D4	D11	D2	W26	3.5
9	Jacob Lee	1408	L3	W13	W24	W31	D7	3.5
10	Carmen A Chairez	1784	W14	D12	L2	H---	W25	3.0
11	Courtney Jamison	1711	L4	W33	D8	D12	W27	3.0
12	Josef F Ryglewicz	1652	W23	D10	L7	D11	W28	3.0
13	Wallace Brady	1641	L1	L9	W43	W39	W29	3.0
14	Stephanie Ballom	1535	L10	X42	W39	W30	L6	3.0
15	Gregg E Popp	1530	L8	L20	W32	W40	W30	3.0
16	Paul Renfro	1288	W35	W25	W18	L1	L2	3.0
17	Madhav Ayyagari	unr.	F29	W36	W21	W28	L3	3.0
18	Israel Perez	unr.	W40	W31	L16	W19	L4	3.0
19	Aurelio Gonzalez	1976	D21	W27	L6	L18	W31	2.5
20	Marvin J Bolden	1700	U---	W15	L4	W22	D23	2.5
21	Steven Paul Keener	1547	D19	L7	L17	W37	W35	2.5
22	Paul Joseph Huspeni	1543	D7	L2	W33	L20	W40	2.5
23	Martin Bode	1400	L12	L6	B---	W41	D20	2.5
24	Thomas E Crane	1003	L6	W43	L9	H---	W38	2.5
25	Jimmy R Rogers	981	W38	L16	W27	H---	L10	2.5
26	Thomas R Anthony	unr.	W28	W30	L5	H---	L8	2.5
27	Austen J Green	1411	W42	L19	L25	W34	L11	2.0
28	Sundeep Agrawal	1194	L26	W37	W34	L17	L12	2.0
29	Theodore Jamison	1158	X17	W41	L1	L3	L13	2.0
30	D Mitch Diaz	1151	W37	L26	W41	L14	L15	2.0
31	John Mc Arthur	1128	W32	L18	W35	L9	L19	2.0
32	Don Dugan	unr.	L31	L40	L15	W43	W39	2.0
33	Kenneth J Smith	1462	D2	L11	L22	H---	D34	1.5
34	Westin J Riley	772	L16	W38	L31	H---	L21	1.5
36	Christopher L Lewis	unr.	U---	L17	D37	L38	W43	1.5
37	Wesley Kyle Betterton	unr.	L30	L28	D36	L21	W41	1.5
38	Michael V Swabowicz	unr.	L25	L35	H---	W36	L24	1.5
39	Robert S Van Housen	1114	W43	L5	L14	L13	L32	1.0
40	Edwin Kao	1095	L18	W32	L3	L15	L22	1.0
41	Kirstin Rausch	773	B---	L29	L30	L23	L37	1.0
42	James J Starkey	1709	L27	F14	U---	U---	U---	0.0
43	Jon Mc Kee	unr.	L39	L24	L13	L32	L36	0.0

San Antonio City Championship

San Antonio, 19-21

	name	rating	1	2	3	4	5	total
1	John Hendrick	2089	+34	+36	+8	+4	+3	5.0
2	Jose Luis Silva	2213	+20	+11	H	+29	+5	4.5
3	Tapiwa Gwaze	1436	19	146	15	16	-1	4.0
4	Trevor Jackson	2002	+24	+18	+14	-1	+13	4.0
5	Andrew I. Smith	2042	+43	=12	+32	+30	-2	3.5
6	Gregg Stanley	2082	121	119	17	-3	10	3.5
7	Iva Hendrick	1799	140	113	-6	115	-9	3.5
8	Joel Saucedo	1920	+49	+51	-1	=22	+16	3.5
9	J.P. Hyllin	2015	-3	+15	+23	+36	-7	3.5
10	Karl Disher	1974	-18	138	121	114	-6	3.5
11	Martin Gordon	1927	+37	-2	+43	+19	11	3.5
12	Leroy Jusso	1655	+17	-5	+11	-13	+28	3.5
13	Cristian Carvajal	2213	139	-7	125	112	-4	3.0
14	Anthony Guerra	1742	+33	+22	-4	-10	+34	3.0
15	Dale Dike	1983	+38	+16	-3	-7	+27	3.0
16	Allen Eckert	1728	148	-15	118	X	-8	3.0
17	Rheanna English	1527	11	-41	-26	-33	135	3.0
18	Michael Croyle	1396	+10	+4	+16	=23	+45	2.5
19	Juan Carrizales	1732	+35	-6	+31	-11	-21	2.5
20	J. Cody Pemberton	1570	-2	137	-22	143	-21	2.5
21	Angel Bohannon	1486	-6	+35	-10	+47	=20	2.5
22	Bradley Sawyer	2011	+50	-11	+20	-8	U	2.5
23	Fernando Mendez	1529	-30	152	-9	18	133	2.5
24	Leslie F. Smith	1417	-4	+48	-36	+39	=19	2.5
25	James Thoun	1523	+29	+44	-13	+42	=26	2.5
26	Mike Machado	1749	14	-29	17	11	25	2.5
27	Richard Rangel	1652	-51	142	-40	141	-15	2.5
28	Julian Hernandez	1835	+52	+30	H	+31	-12	2.5
29	Mitch Vergara	2138	+25	+26	H	-2	U	2.5
30	John Patry	2211	123	128	11	-5	U	2.5
31	John Graw, Jr.	1350	11	-32	+49	-28	+40	2.5
32	James Plecner	1451	H	+31	-5	+10	U	2.5
33	Michael Tucker	unr.	-14	50	145	17	-23	2.0
34	Dustin Parrinson	1501	-1	+53	-19	+37	-14	2.0
35	Elvis Irwin	unr.	-19	-21	+38	X	-17	2.0
36	Brandon Moore	1795	153	-1	124	-9	U	2.0
37	Albert Gonzalez	1045	-11	-20	148	-34	147	2.0
38	Dec Carter	1400	+15	-10	+35	+48	X	2.0
39	Gerald Castlebery	1512	-13	-10	+11	-21	+11	2.0
40	Jesse Iozano	unr.	-7	139	-27	-32	-31	1.5
41	Abhishek Jain	924	B	=17	-12	-27	-39	1.5
42	Jonas Del Angel	1278	-16	-27	+53	-25	-41	1.5
43	Walter Peterson	1473	-5	147	-11	-20	11	1.5
44	Michael Rodriguez	unr.	-26	-25	-39	+52	=42	1.5
45	James Nielsen	1216	H	-9	+33	+49	-18	1.5
46	Clemente Rendon	1943	142	-3	11	F	U	1.5
47	Cecil Clendening	unr.	-12	-43	152	-21	-37	1.0
48	Mark Dichl	unr.	+16	-24	+37	-38	+52	1.0
49	Jonathan Rea	971	-8	B	-31	-15	F	1.0
50	Jaime Estrada	1485	-22	-33	11	F	U	1.0
51	Selby Anderson	2230	+27	-8	U	U	U	1.0
52	Jonathan Jaster	unr.	-28	-23	-17	-11	-18	0.0
53	Daniel Fox	unr.	-36	-34	-42	U	U	0.0

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5.0-0 d6 6.h3 Nf6 7.d3 0-0 8.Nh2 Nd7 9.f4 exf4
10.Nd5 Nde5 11.Bxf4 Bg5 12.Bg3 Bh6 13.Nf3
Be6 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qh5 f6?

If Black wanted to move his f-pawn, then 15...f5 was indicated.

16.Bf2

Trusting his opponent. 16.Nxf6+! Rxf6 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 (17...Rxe6 18.Qf7+) 18.Bd5 gives White a winning advantage.

16...Qd6 17.Rad1 Kh8 18.Ne3 Bxe3 19.Bxe3 b6 20.c3 Na5 21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.b3 Rad8 23.Qe2 Nc6 24.Rd2 Rf7 25.g4 Rfd7 26.Rfd1 Kg8 27.Kh2 a5 28.Bf2 Ne7 29.Be3 Nc8 30.g5 f5 31.exf5 Qxf5 32.d4! exd4 33.cxd4 Re8 34.Qc4+ Kh8

Better may be 34...Rf7!? 35.Qd3 Qd5.

35.Rf2

White can go for an endgame advantage with 35.Rf1!? Qe4 36.dxc5 Rxd2+ 37.Bxd2 Qxc4 38.bxc4 bxc5 39.Bxa5 . The extra White pawn combined with Black's uncoordinated pieces makes life difficult for the second player.

35...Qg6 36.Rdf1 Qd6+ 37.Kh1 Qc6+ 38.Kg1 Rdd8



Oblivious to any danger. 38...Qd6!? 39.Rf3 cxd4 40.Qxd4 Kg8 41.Qc4+ Qd5 is ugly but keeps Black in the game.

39.dxc5 b5?

More stubborn was 39...bxc5 40.Qxc5 Qxc5 41.Bxc5 Kg8 . White doesn't let opportunity pass him by this time!

40.Qf7! Ne7?

Drops a piece. 40...Rg8 41.Rf4 Qe8 42.Qxe8 Rgx8 43.Bd4 Kg8 44.c6 leaves White up a healthy pawn with a dominating position.

41.Qxe7!

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Texas Girls Scholastic Championship

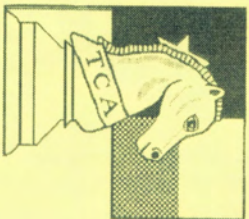
October 23-24, 2004

Texas Girls Scholastic Chess Championships 6-SS (Rds 1-4 G/45, Rds 5-6 G/60.) Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center, 7120 N Dallas Pkwy, Plano, TX 75024. One block East and two blocks South of Dallas Tollroad and Legacy Dr intersection. Opened to Texas Resident or attending a Texas School. Must be female and a TCA member to enter and must be in grades K-12. 5 sections High School (9-12), Middle School (6-8/9), Elementary (k-5/6), Primary (k-3), and K-1. Players cannot play up. EF: \$28 if received by 10/15, \$42 at site. Online Registration: http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1152068 Registration/Check in: Saturday 10/23 8-8:45 am, Rounds at 10, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45 then on 10/24 at 10 and 1pm. Awards ceremony ASAP. \$\$Trophies to Top 10 individual and top 5 teams in each section. Medals for positive scores. A University of Texas at Dallas four year tuition and books Scholarship will be awarded to winner of the High School Section. There is some scholarship criteria winner must meet such as meeting the UTD entrance requirements, maintaining a 3.0 GPA and 12 credit hours per semester and following UTD Chess Team rules. The winners (and ties) of each section will qualify (along with highest finishing girls in championship sections of the state scholastic) to play in a tournament to determine Texas' Representative to the Susan Polgar National Invitation for Girls. HR: \$75/75/75/75. 800.228.9290 or 972.473.6444. Reserve by 10/7, Mention Texas Girls Scholastic Chess Rates. One half-point bye available if requested before end of round 2 and before any full point bye is awarded. Side Event: A mother/daughter quick chess tournament (non-rated) will be held on Saturday evening. Registration for that event will only be on Saturday during the main tournament. Entries to Dallas Chess Club, c/o Susan Breeding, 7909 La Guardia Drive, Plano TX 75025.. Info: Susan Breeding, 972.208.1802, susanbreeding@hotmail.com, NS. NC. W.

Texas Women's Championship

November 27-28, 2004

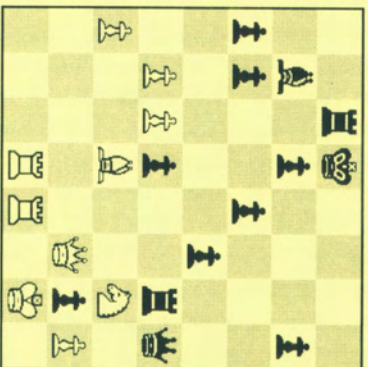
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