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President's Column

Greetings Texas Chess Players,

It's hard to believe that the year is almost at an end. It has been a superb year; however I am confident that the best is yet to come.

A) Volunteers: I would like to begin my thanking everyone for their contributions this year, especially all of the officers including Victor Flores, Nelda Rogers, Lorraine Widener, James Widener, Selby Anderson, board members, various committee members, TDs, and of course the players.

B) TCA Elections: Election ballots along with campaign statements are included with this issue. There are qualified candidates; I ask that you take the time to read their plans for TCA and vote.

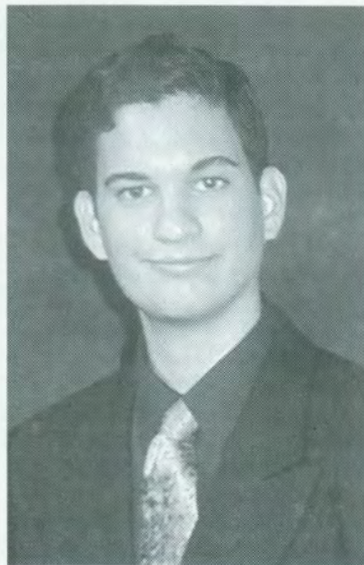
C) TCA General Meeting: The next TCA meeting will be at the Southwest Open, Sept. 1-4 in Fort Worth. Check the TCA Calendar for more details: www.texaschess.org.

D) Nakamura Open at the DCC: Former U.S. Champion GM Hikaru Nakamura made an appearance at the Dallas Chess Club. The event attracted 90 players, including GM Magesh Panchanathan; in the end Nakamura took first place with a 5-0 score.

E) National Elementary Champions: Fernando L. Mendez, Jr. and Fernando Spada from Brownsville, Texas were crowned co-champions at the 2006 National Elementary Championship held May 12-14 in Denver, Colorado.

F) New Membership Database! (Created and submitted by TCA webmaster James Widener) We have implemented a new online membership management system for the Texas Chess Association. New members who register online will get to use it. Existing members who have an active TCA membership will be transitioned into the new system. The new system will allow you to go online and renew your membership, upgrade your membership, as well as manage your membership profile. The TCA membership management application may be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.texaschess.org/amember>

This new system will set the stage for more robust services that we can offer via the website. Currently there are two projects in the works. The first is to digitize old *Texas Knights* issues for your online viewing pleasure. The second project involves making an online tournament management application, like an online version of SwissSys.



We are working hard to help you get the most out of chess and the online experience is just one of those avenues. We hope that this new system proves to be an invaluable asset to the TCA membership.

I would like to close by thanking everyone for your continued support of the TCA.

Cordially,

Clemente Rendon
TCA President

Susan Polgar takes Austin by storm

Four-time women's world champion Susan Polgar gave a 35-board simul Friday, Apr. 28 at the LCRA building in West Austin, as part of the Austin Chess Fest. The next two days she played simuls for juniors at Dobie Mall (40 players) and at Kealing School (27). Her total score for the weekend was +95 =6 -1.

Here is her only loss:

Notes by John Dotson

Nimzo-Indian E43

Susan Polgar 2557

John Dotson 1811

Austin simul 4/28/006

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Qc2 Ng5!? [7...f5] 8.e4?

ECO gives 8.Nxg5 Qxg5 9.f3 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qh5 11.0-0 +/- Gulko-Romanishin, USSR 1981. Fritz says the position is equal!

8...Nxf3+

The start of Susan's problems!

9.gxf3 Qf6 10.Be3 Qxf3 11.Rg1 g6 12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 d6 14.Kd2 Nd7 15.Rg3 Qh5 16.h3 h6 17.a4 a5 18.Rag1 Qh4 19.f3 0-0-0

I wanted to play ...Nf6, but was afraid of 20. e5.

20.Kc1 Nf6 21.Qh2



21...g5

I had written down 21...Nh5 but then saw the forced loss of my queen: 22.Bg5 hxg5 23.Rxg5. [Fritz still likes Black (-1.19) after 23...Nf4 24.Rxh4 Nxd3+ 25.Kd2 Rxh4 26.Kxd3 Rdh8 - SKA.]

22.Be2 Rhg8 23.R3g2 Rde8 24.Bf2 Qh5 25.Be1 Qg6 26.h4 g4! 27.e5 dxe5 28.Qxe5 Nd7 29.Qf4 h5 30.Rg3 e5 31.dxe5 Rxe5 32.Bd1 f5 33.fxg4 fxg4 34.Bc2 Qe6 35.Bd2



35...Rf8

I see a forced winning continuation!

36.Qd4 c5 37.Qd3 Be4 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.Bxe4 Qxe4 40.Re3 Qxc4

Susan Polgar resigned! 0-1

Notes by Michael Simpson

QGD Slav D17

Susan Polgar 2557

Michael Simpson 2007

Austin simul 4/28/006

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4

4...e6 was played by Mike Feinstein on Board 1 and Alan Laverty on Board 4, among others.

5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.Nxc4

Rightly or not, I have never been as concerned about the early Nxc4 lines as 7. f3, which is practically the main line Slav nowadays.

7...Bb4 8. e3

8.f3 0-0 (8...Nbd7?! 9.e4 Nxe4 10.fxg4 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 Qxe4?? 12.Nd6+ +-) 9.e4 Nxe4 10.fxg4 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 Qxe4 has been known to be good for Black for decades. All of this is possible because the knight on c4 is not defending the kingside.

8...0-0 9.Qb3?!

In a position where Black wants to get in ...c5 and recapture with a knight, I'm not sure the queen belongs on b3.

9...c5! 10.dxc5 Nc6 11.Be2 Ne4 12.O-O Nxc5 -/+ 13.Qd1 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bc2 -+

The evaluation is Fritz's, not mine, but I thought I had excellent winning chances here.

15.Rf1

15.Re1? Nxa4

15...Rfd8 16.f3 Nb3 17.Ra2 Bc5 18.Kf2 Nb4 19.Ra3



19...Nxc1

19...Nd5 would have picked up the Exchange with no positional compromise. Black's position is so powerful that developing moves such as ...Rac8 or ...f6 are possible.

Amateurs always feel that they have to "do something", though. The combination I worked out allowed a saving move that I'd seen, but not calculated.

20.Rxc1 Nd3+ 21.Bxd3 Bxd3 22. b4! Bxb4 23.Rb3

Saving the exchange, but at the cost of the 2 bishops and a pawn.

23... a5 24.Ne5 f6! 25.Nxd3 Rxd3 26.Ke2 Rad8 27.Rc2 Bc5?

Terrible impatience. I calculated a fantasy variation in which Rxf3 would be a double check, but of course the K was on f1 in that line. I'd written down ... b6; wish I had played it.

28.Rxb7 Rxe3+ 29.Kf1 f5 30.Rb1 Bb4?! 31.Na2

Since I now realized that 31... Rd2?? was not a woodchopping simplification but a terrible blunder losing to 32.Nxb4, I was disappointed with the way things worked out after ...Bb4-c5-b4. Still, I like Black's position, and so does Fritz at -1.65.

31...Be7 32.Rb5 Rd1+ 33.Kf2 f4?! 33...Red3 34.Nc1 R3d2+ 35. Rxd2 Rxd2+ 36.Kg3 Bb4 would have clarified things nicely. If 37. Nb3 Ra2 38.Nxa5?? Rxa4 and White doesn't have time to save her knight because of 39...Be1+ and 40.Rh4++.

34.Rxa5= Bf6 35.g3 Bd4 36.Kg2



36...Rg1+



An exciting faux sac, but of little objective value.

37. Kxg1 Re2+ 38.Kh1 Rxc2 39. Nb4 Rf2 40.Nc6 Be3 41.Ra8+ Kf7 42.a5 g5 43.gxf4

This move, played at perhaps 11:15 p.m., allows Black to get some of his advantage back.

43...Bxf4 44.a6

At this point, we were getting ready to adjourn the games, but Ms. Polgar graciously allowed me to play this position out because of a series of forcing moves that should be good for at least a draw.

44...Rxb4 45.Kg1 Ra2 46.a7 Kg7 47.Rd8 Be3+ 48.Kf1 Bxa7 49.Rd7+ Kf6 50.Rxa7

Leaving the rooks on with 50. Nxa7 is more dangerous for White than Black because of the king positions, though probably not enough to win for Black.

50...Rxa7 51.Nxa7 g4

Forcing a draw against a GM is hard to resist, even in a simul, but Black may still have an edge in position after 51Nxa7. Then again, it was almost midnight, and I didn't want Cinderella's slippers to start falling off. . . **Draw**

This position occurred against NM Mike Feinstein (pictured above. You can see the four queens!):



16. Ne5! Qe7 (16... Nxe5 17. Bh5+ Ng6 18. Qxh7 +) 17. Be4 Qa5 18. Qh5+ Kd8 19. Bxf6! Nxf6 20. Nf7+ Kd7 21. Qxa5 Qxf7 22. Qb6 Rb8 23. Re1 Bd6 24. Qxb8 Bxb8 25. Qxb7+ and White wins.

This comes from the Susan Polgar Chess Blog, which politely declined to name the victim. There are lots of photos from her Austin trip. <http://susanpolgar.blogspot.com/>

See www.austinchess.org for a news video with interviews of Polgar and ACE organizer Gary Gaiffe.

Texas State/Amateur Championship

GM Alejandro Ramirez, the 17-year-old Costa Rican prodigy, tied with veteran Texas star Joe Bradford, 56, for the Texas state championship, held Memorial Day weekend in Houston. They each scored four wins and three draws, including one against each other.

This was the twelfth Texas title for "Big Joe", who returned to state chess events at last fall's Southwest Open after a twelve-year hiatus.

Ramirez, a freshman at UT-Dallas, was awarded the International Master title at age twelve, and the International Grandmaster title at 15. He was the youngest GM in the Americas at the time, and is the first-ever Central American GM.

2003 Texas champ GM Magesh Panchanathan had to settle for third place with 5-2 after accepting a draw offer from Bradford in Rd. 7.

Tied for fourth place at 4.5 were five experts: Chris Land, Warren Harper, Brad Sawyer, Lee Gardner and Chris Toolin.

Joel Saucedo, 26, of Laredo won the Texas Amateur with a fine score of 6.5 out of 7, topping a field of 116 players. Leo Bonnell of Houston placed second with 6-1.

The seven-way tie for third place with 5.5 points included Class B winners Jason Altshuler, Daniel Hung and Jesse Lozano. Four 'A' players divided third prize: Paul Haney, Arnold Liao, Daniel Nelson and Chris Marciano.

Danny Chen was top Class C with 4.5, and his brother Eric Chen was top U1400 with 4.5. Julian Rodarte was top U1000 with 2. Richard O'Neal was the unrated winner with 4.

Texas Amateur games: p. 14.

The event was held May 26-29 at the Marriott West Loop in Houston. There were 185 players, with 29 in Championship, 116 in Amateur, and 40 in the scholastic side events.

Luis Salinas and Susan Breeding organized for the Dallas Chess Club. Mario Leal was chief TD, assisted by Francisco Guadalupe, Rob Jones and Barb Swafford. Susan Breeding was scholastic chief TD, and Luis Salinas oversaw computer pairings.

Sicilian Defense B55

Brad Sawyer 2111
Bill Reuter 2200

Texas State Championship (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 e6 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 a6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 Qc7 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 b6 12.Qd2 Bb7 13.g4 h6 14.Rfd1 Rfe8 15.Qe1 Bf8 16.h4 g6 17.g5 hxg5 18.hxg5 Nh7 19.Qh4 Qb8 20.Nc2 Bg7 21.Bd4 Bxd4+ 22.Rxd4 e5 23.Rd2 Ndf8 24.Rcd1 Re6 25. Bf1 Qd8 26.Rg2 Rc8 27.Ne3 b5 28. cxb5 axb5 29.Ng4 b4 30.Nd5 Bxd5 31.exd5 Re8 32.Kh1 Qd7?

After 32...Rb8 White is better but has no forced win.



33.Rh2 Kh8 34.Nf6 Qf5 35.Qxh7+ 1-0

Pirc Defense B06

Chris Land 2167
Lee Gardner 2064

Texas State Championship (1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 a6 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Nxc5 8.0-0 Nh6 9.Qe1 f5 10.Bc4 e6 11.exf5 gxf5 12.Ng5 Qe7 13.Be3 Ne4 14.Ncxe4 fxe4 15.Nxe4 b5 16. Bb3 Nf5 17.c3 0-0 18.Rd1 Bb7 19. Bf2 Rae8 20.g4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 d5 22.Qe1 Nh6 23.g5 Nf5 24.Qe2 Qd6 25.Qg4 Rf7 26.Rfe1 Rfe7



27.Rxe6! Rxe6 28.Qxf5 Qf8 28...Kh8 29.Bc2 Rg6 30.Rxd6 +. 29.Qxd5 Kh8 30.Qxe6 Rxe6 31. Bxe6 h6 32.g6 Qf6 33.f5 Qg5+ 34. Kf1 Bf6 35.Rd7 Be7 36.Bd4+ 1-0

KI Attack A05

Magesh Panchanathan 2572
Curtis Brooks 2141

Texas State Championship (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c3 0-0 8.Re1 Qc7 9.h3 Rb8 10.d4 b5 11.Nbd2 b4 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Nc4 Nh5 14.cxb4 Rxb4 15.Ne3 e6 16.Qc2 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Rb1 Bd7 19.Rd1 Bc6 20.a3 Rb7 21.b4 Rfb8 22.Bd2 Nng3 23.fxg3 Qxg3 24.Re1 f5 25.Kh1 Bxe4 26.Bxe4

Qxh3+ 27.Kg1 fxe4 28.Qxe4 Rf7
29.Qg2 Qh6 30.Rb3 Rbf8 31.Rd3



31...Rf2 32.Qxf2 Rxf2 33.Kxf2
Qh2+ 34.Kf3 Qh3+ 35.Ke2 Qh5+
36.Kf2 Qf5+ Draw

Pirc Defense B96

Bo Githoro 2053
Larry Moss 2200

Texas State Championship (1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3 d6 4.Nc3 c6
5.Qd2 b5 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.Nce2 e5 8.c3
a6 9.f3 Bb7 10.Nh3 d5
10...Nngf6 11.Bh6? Nxe4! +/-;
11.Nf2 0-0 12.g4 d5 13.0-0-0 b4! ∞.
11.Nf2 Qc7 12.f4 f5



I thought any position with three
on three pawn challenges deserved a
diagram. A very unstable situation!
13.fxe5 fxe4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Nxe4
Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.0-0-0 Ne7
18.Bb6 Qxb6 19.Qd7+ Kf8 20.
Rhf1+ Nf5 21.Rxf5+ gxf5 22.Qxf5+
1-0

Nimzo-Indian E43

Alejandro Ramirez 2543
Brad Sawyer 2111

Texas State Championship (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6
5.Nf3 Bb7 6.Bd3 Ne4 7.0-0 f5 8.
Ne2 a5 9.b3 a4 10.bxa4 Be7 11.Bb2
0-0 12.Nf4 g5 13.Nh5 Qe8 14.Ng3
Nng3 15.fxg3 g4 16.Ne5 h5 17.Bc2
Bg5 18.Qe2 Ba6 19.e4 d6



20.exf5! exf5
20...dxe5 21.fxe6! with either
22.Qe4 or Qxe5 to follow.
21.Rxf5 Rxf5 22.Bxf5 dxe5 23.Qe4
Qc6 24.d5 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Bf6 26.
Bxe5 Qe7 27.Be6+ Kg7 28.Rc1
Nd7 29.d6 +- cxd6 30.Bxf6+ Nxf6
31.Qxa8 Qxe6 32.Qxa6 Qe2 33.
Rb1 Ne4 34.Qxb6 Qxc4 35.Qb5
Qd4 36.Qb2 1-0

French Exchange C01

Francisco Guadalupe III 2168
Joe Bradford 2514

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3
c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Qf3
Be6 8.Nge2 Nf6 9.Bg5 Ne5 10.
Bb5+ Kf8 11.Qf4 Neg4 12.Bxf6
Nxf6 13.0-0 Bd6 14.Qf3 Qc7 15.h3
h5 16.Nd4 Bg4 17.Qd3 Rd8 18.
Rfe1 Be8 19.a3 g6 20.Qf3 Kg7?
20...Bh2+ 21.Kh1 Be5 22.Nce2
Kg7 =.
21.Qxf6+! Kxf6 22.Nxd5+ Kg7 23.
Nxc7 Bxc7 24.c3 a6 25.Bc4 Rhe8
26.Kf1 Bf4 27.Rad1 Kf6 28.Bb3 g5

29.Ne2? (29.Rxe8 +/-) 29...Bd2 30.
Ng3 Rxe1+ 31.Rxe1 Bxe1 32. Kxe1
Re8+ 33.Kd2 h4 34. Ne2 Be6 35.
Bd1 Bd5 36.f3 Bc4 37. f4 Bd5 38.g4
Bg2 39.Bb3 Bxh3 40. fvg5+ Kxg5
41.Bxf7 Re7 42.Bd5 Rd7 43.c4 Bg2
0-1

Nimzo-Indian E41

Burton Carpenter 2266
Warren Harper 2127

Texas State Championship (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5
5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nge2 h6 7.dxc5 Bxc5
8.a3 Ne5 9.b4 Be7 10.Bb2 a5 11.
Nb5 Nxd3+ 12.Qxd3 axb4 13.Be5
d6 14.axb4 Rxa1+ 15.Bxa1 0-0 16.
0-0 d5 17.c5 b6 18.Bd4 bxc5 19.
Bxc5 Bxc5 20.bxc5 Qa5 21.Rb1
Ba6 22.Qc3 Qa2 23.Qe1 Qc4 24.
Qa5 Qxe2 25.Qxa6 Ne4 26.c6



26...Nc3 27.c7 Nxb1 28.h3 Qc4 29.
Qb7 Nd2 30.Nd6 Qf1+ 31.Kh2
Qxf2 32.Kh1 Qe1+ 33.Kh2 Nf1+
34.Kg1 Nxe3+ 35.Kh2 Qf2 0-1

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Bo Githoro 2053
Chris Land 2187

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5
Nxd5 8.exd5 Ne7 9.c4 Nf5 10.Bd3
Be7 11.0-0 a6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.b4
Nh4 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Qb6+ 16.
Kh1 Ng6 17.Na4 Qd8 18.Qh5 Bd7
19.Nc3 b5 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Nxb5

Bxb5 22.Bxb5 Nxf4 23.Rxf4 Bf6
24.Raf1 g6 25.Qf3 Be5 26.Rxf7
Rxf7 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Bc6 [28.Qf2
Ra3 29.Bc6 Kg7 30.b5+] 28...Rxa2
29.Qf8+ Qxf8 30.Rxf8+ Kg7 31.
Rf1 Ra1 32.Rxa1 Bxa1 33.g3 Kf6
34.Kg2 Bc3 35.b5 Bd4 36.Kf3 h6
37.Kf4 Bb6 38.h4 Bc5 39.h5 g5+
40.Ke4 Bb6 Draw

Sicilian Alapin B33

Selby Anderson 2245
Paul Chaplin 2000

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5
Qxd5 5.d4 e6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 cxd4
8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 Qd6 10.Ne5 Nc6
11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Bf4 Bd6 13.Be5
Nd7 14.Bf3 Qc7 15.Bg3 0-0 16.Ne4
Bxg3 17.hxg3 h6
17...e5! 18.d5 Qb6 19.Qd2 f5 20.
Nc3 Qd6 =.
18.Qd2 Ra7 19.Rac1 Qb8 20.Qb4
b6 21.Qd6 a5 22.Rc6 Ba6 23.Rfc1



23...Bd3 24.Qxb8 Rxb8 25.Nd6
Bg6?

25...Ba6 26.a3 Kf8 27.b4 axb4
28.axb4 Ke7 29.Ra1 Raa8 30.Re1
Ra7 (30...Kf8 31.b5+-) 31.d5 e5
32.b5 Bb7 33.Nf5+ Kd8 34.Nxg7 ±.
26.Rc8+ Kh7 27.Nb5 Ra6 28.Rxb8
Nxb8 29.Bb7 Bd3 30.Bxa6 Nxa6
31.Nd6 Nb4 32.a3 Nc2 33.Rd1 Ba6
34.Nxf7 Kg6 35.Nd8 Kf6 36.d5 e5
37.Nc6 Bb7 38.Rd2 Na1 39.Re2
Bxc6 40.dxc6 Ke6 41.Rd2 Nb3
42.Rd8 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B76

Robert Plunkett 2158
Mark Dejmek 2239

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.
Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-d5 10.Nxc6 bxc6
11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Qa5 13.e5
Nd7



14.Rd4

14.h4! Rd8 15.h5 Nf8 16.hxg6
fxg6 17.Rd4 Qc7 18.Rf4 e6 19.Na4
a5 20.Rf6 ± with a dark square bind
even if Black trades queens.

14...Rd8 15.e6 [15.Rh4 Nf8 16.Bd3
d4] 15...fxe6 16.h4 Qc5 17.Rg4 Ne5
18.h5 Nxg4 19.fxg4 Qd4 20.hxg6
Qg7 21.gxh7+ Kh8 22.g5 Bd7 23.
Bd3 e5 24.Ne2 Rf8 25.Ng3 Qxh6
26.Rxh6 e4 27.Be2 Rf2 28.Nh5
Rxg2?

28...Rxe2 29.Nf4 Rf2 30.Ng6+
Kg7 31.h8Q+ Rxh8 32.Nxh8 e3-+.
29.g6 Rf8 30.Kd2 Be8 31.g7+ Rxg7
32.Nxg7 Kxg7 33.Re6 Kf7 34.Rh6
Kg7

34...Rh8 35.c4 Bd7 36.cxd5
cxd5 37.Rh5 e6 -/+.
35.Re6 Kf7 36.Rh6 Draw

QGD Slav D15

Joe Bradford 2426
Alejandro Ramirez 2543

Texas State Championship (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 a6
5.c5 Nbd7 6.Bf4 Nh5 7.Bd2 Nh6 8.
Bf4 Nh5 9.Bd2 Nh6 10.Bf4 Draw

Queen's Indian E15

Jeffrey Ashton 2243
Magesh Panchanathan 2572

Texas State Championship (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6
5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.
0-0 d5 9.Bc3 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 0-0
11.Bb2 Rc8 12.Rc1 e5 13.Re1 cxd4
14.Nxd4 Bc5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.a3
Re8 17.N2f3 Qe7 18.b4 Bxd4 19.
Nxd4 Bc4 20.Nf5 Qe6 Draw

Sicilian Dragon B75

Chris Land 2187
William Ong 2032

Texas State Championship (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6
8.f3 Bd7 9.Bc4 Rb8 10.0-0-0 Ne5
11.Bb3 0-0 12.h4 b5 13.Bh6 Nc4
14.Qg5 Nh5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Kb1
h6 17.Qc1 Ng3 18.Rhe1 a5 19.
Ndx5 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Rxb5 21.
Bxc4 Rb4 22.Bb3 Qc7 23.a4 f5 24.
exf5 Nxf5 25.h5 g5 26.Rd5 e5 27.
Qd2 Nd4 28.Qd3 Rf6 29.Re4 Qb6



30.Rdxd4! Rxd4 31.Rxd4 Qxd4 32.
Qb5 ± Rf7 33.Qxa5 Qg1+ 34.Ka2
Qxg2 35.Bxf7 Kxf7 36.Qd5+ Ke7
37.Qe4 Qd2 38.b3 Kd7 39.Kb2
Kd8 40.Qa8+ Kd7 41.Qb7+ Kd8
42.Qb6+ Kd7 43.a5 Qd5 44.a6 e4
45.fxe4 Qe6 46.Qa7+ Kc6 47.Qd4
Qe8 48.a7 Kc7 49.Qb4 Qa8 50.Qd4
Qg8 51.Qd5 Qxd5 52.exd5 Kb7 53.
Kc3 Kxa7 54.Kd4 Kb7 55.c4 Kb6
56.b4 g4 1-0

QGD D37

Warren Harper 2127

Curtis Brooks 2141

Texas State Championship (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 a6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Qc2 Re8 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.a3 Bd6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nxd5 Qd8 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.Bf5 b5 16.0-0 Qc8 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Ne4 Bf8 19.Rfc1 Na5 20.Nfd2 f5 21.Nc5 Qc8 22.b4 Nc6 23.Nd3 Ne7 24.Nf4 c6 25.Qb3+ Kh7 26.Qf7 Qd7 27.Nb3 Qd6 28.Rc5 Qf6 29.Qxf6 gxf6 30.Ne6 Rec8 31.Rac1 Kg8 32.Na5 f4 33.e4 Kf7 34.Nxf8 Rxf8 35.Nxc6 Ng6 36.f3 Rg8 37.Kf2 Nh4 38.g3 fxg3+ 39.hxg3 Ng6 40.Rf5 Rgc8 41.e5 Ne7 42.Rxf6+ Kg7 43.Rc5 1-0

Accelerated Dragon B39

Brad Sawyer 2111

Lorinzo Gaskill 2029

Texas State Championship (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c4 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Ng4 8.Qxg4 Nxd4 9.Qd1 Ne6 10.Be2 0-0 11.Rc1 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qd2 d6 14.f3 f5 15.exf5 Rxf5 16.Bd3 Rf7 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Rc8 19.Qd5 Nc7 20.Qd2 Ne6 21.b3 Rf5 22.Kh1 Nc5 23.Ng3 Rf7 24.f4 Qd7 25.b4 Ne6 26.f5 gxf5 27.Rxf5 Rcf8 28.Rcf1 Nc7 [28...Nd8] 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 31.Qc2 Qe6 32.Qxh7 Qxc4 33.Nf5 Ne6 34.h4 Kf8 35.Qg6 Qxa2 36.h5 Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Qe5+ 38.g3 Qf6 39.Qg4 a5 40.h6 axb4 [40...Bh8 41.bxa5 bxa5 42.Nh4 Ke8 43.Ng6 Qb2 +=] 41.hxg7+ Nxg7 42.Bh6 1-0

QP Opening A47

Warren Harper 2127

Joe Bradford 2514

Texas State Championship (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.b3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.exd4 Qc7

I played the tepid 9...Be7 against Harper, but I prefer Bradford's continuation.

10.c4 Bb4! 11.Qc2 Ng4 12.g3 h5



13.Be4 d5

13...h4 14.Bxb7 Qxb7 15.Qe4 Qxe4 16.Nxe4 hxg3 17.hxg3 f5 18.a3 fxe4 (18...Bxa3 19.Rxa3 fxe4 20.Re1 d5=+) 19.axb4 Nh2 20.Rd1 d5 =+ (Fritz).

14.Bg2 Bd6

14...dxc4 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.bxc4 Bxd2 17.Bxd2 h4 =+.

15.Qd3 dxc4 16.bxc4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qb7+ 18.Qe4 0-0-0 19.Bb2 Be7 20.h3 Nh6 21.Qxb7+ Kxb7 22.Nf3 Bf6 23.Rfd1 Rd7 24.Rd2 Rhd8 25.Rad1 g5 26.Ng1 Nf5 27.Ne2 Ka8 28.d5 Bxb2 29.Rxb2 exd5 30.Rbd2 d4 31.g4 hxg4 32.hxg4 d3 33.Nc1 Nh4+ 34.Kg3 Rc8 35.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 36.Nxd3 Rxc4 37.Ne5 Rc3+ 38.Rd3 Rxd3+ 39.Nxd3 Ng6 40.Kf3 Kb7

Draw

41.Ke4 Kc6 42.Kf5 Kd5 43.Nb4+ Kc5 44.Na6+ Kd6 45.Kxg5 Ke5 =.

KI Attack A05

Magesh Panchanathan 2572

Brad Sawyer 2111

Texas State Championship (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d3 Bg7 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.c3 0-0 8.Re1 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne8 11.Bg2 Rb8 12.Be3 e5 13.a3 a5 14.a4 Nc7 15.Na3 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.f4 Kh8

18.Nc4 Ne6 19.Bd2 Rf6 20.Qf3 exf4 21.gxf4 Bh6 22.Re2 Qg8 23.Kh1 Rg6 24.Rae1 Nc7 25.Qh5 Rf8 26.Bf3 Nd5 27.Qh4 Rff6 28.Bh5 Rg3



29.Kh2! Rxd3 30.Rg2 Bg7 31.Re8 Rf8 32.Nxd6 Rxe8 33.Nf7+

An embarrassment of riches – also winning is 33.Nxe8 and Black can squirm with 33...Rxd2 or 33...Nf6, but there's nothing satisfactory. 33...Qxf7 34.Bxf7 Re7 35.Bg6 Bf6 36.Qh5?

A crush is 36.Qh6! Rg7 37.Bxf5 Rxe2+ 38.Kxe2 Rxd2+ 39.Kf3 and Black is in a mating net (39...Kg8 40.Be6+ and 41.Qf8#).

36...Rg7 37.Qe2? 1-0?

What is remarkable is that Black can now equalize with 37...Rxd2 38.Qxd2 Nxf4! 39.Rf2 Nxe6 40.Rxf5 Be7, with three minors vs. queen.

Better than 37.Qe2 is 37.Bxf5!! Rxe2+ 38.Kxe2 Rxd2+ 39.Kf3 Kg7 40.Qxh7+ Kf8 41.Be6 Ne8 42.Qg8+ picking up one of the pieces with excellent winning prospects.

Center Counter B01

Chris Land 2187

Selby Anderson 2245

Texas State Championship (4)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 a6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.g3 Bg4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.Bf4 Qd7(?)

Played much too quickly. (My breakfast was coffee and chocolate –

figures!) Better is 9...Qb4! 10.Ne2 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Rxd4 13.Qe2 Qc4 14.Qe5 Rd7 15.Qe3 Kb8 16.Rfd1 e6 =+.

10.d5 Nb4 11.Ne5 Bxd1 12.Nxd7 Bxc2 13.Ne5 Bg6 14.Rac1 Ne8?

Passive play shows a loss of hope. Better is 14...Nh5! 15.Be3 Nd3 16.Nxd3 Bxd3 17.Rfd1 Bf5 =.

15.Rfd1 a5 16.a3 Na6 17.Na4 Nd6 18.Bf1 e6 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Bxa6 bxa6 21.Nc5 Ne8 22.Re1 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 Rd5 24.Rc6 Bf5 25.g4 Kb7 26.gxf5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Kxc6 28.fxe6 Rf8 29.Be3 Kd6 30.e7?



30.Rxa5 Kxe6 31.Rxa6+ Nd6 32.b4 (32.Bc5 Kd5 33.Bxd6 cxd6 34.Ra7 Rg8) yields a solid advantage, much as in the game.

30...Rf7?

I overlook the desperado theme: 30...Rxf2! 31.Rxa5 Rxb2 32.Bc5+ Kd7 33.Rxa6 Rc2 =+.

31.Rxa5 Kxe7 32.Rxa6 Rf5 33.Rc6 Rd5 34.Kg2 Kd7 35.Rc4 Kc8 36.b4 Rd3 37.a4 Nd6 38.Rc2 Kb7 39.a5 Nf5 40.Bf4 c6 41.a6+ Kxa6 42.Rxc6+ Kb7 43.Rc7+ Kb6 44.Rf7 Rd5 45.Be3+ Kc6 46.Bc5 h5 47.Kf3 Nh4+ 48.Kf4 Ng2+ 49.Ke4 Rg5 50.h3 Rg6 51.Rf5 Re6+ 52.Re5 Rf6 53.Rxh5 Re6+ 54.Kf3 Ne1+ 55.Kg3 Rg6+ 56.Kf4 Ng2+ 57.Ke4 Re6+ 58.Kf3 Ne1+ 59.Kg4 Nd3 60.Rg5 g6 61.h4 Re4+ 62.Kg3 Re6 63.Rg4 Kb5 64.Rg5 Kc6 65.h5 gxh5 66.Rxh5 Rg6+ 67.Kf3 Rf6+ 68.Kg3 Rg6+ 69.Kh4 Rf6 70.b5+

Kb7 71.Rh7+ Kb8 72.Kg5 Rf3 73.Rh8+ Kb7 74.Rh7+ Ka8 75.Bd4 Nxf2 76.b6



76...Ne4+??

At long last I miss a problem draw with 76...Nd3!! (Land), when White can never control the b8-h2 diagonal: 77.Ra7+ (77.Bg1?? Rg3+) 77...Kb8 78.Rd7 Kc8 79.Re7 Kb8 80.b7 Rf1 81.Rd7 Rf3 82.Rh7 Rf1 83.Be3 Re1, and White is making no progress.

77.Kg6 Rb3 78.Ra7+ Kb8 79.Be5+ Kc8 80.Rc7+ Kd8 81.b7 1-0

QGD D44

Alejandro Ramirez 2543

Chris Land 2187

Texas State Championship (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.Bg5 Nf6 6.a4 Bb4 7.e4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Bxf6 Qxc3+ 10.Nd2 gxf6 11.Bxc4 Nd7 12.0-0 Qxd4 13.Qe2 Ne5 14.Rac1 Bd7 15.Rfd1 Qb6 16.Nf3 Qa5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Qe3 b6 Draw

Nimzo-Indian E25

Trevor Jackson 2165

Magesh Panchanathan 2572

Texas State Championship (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.f3 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd3 0-0 9.e4 Ne7 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Qd2 Rd8 12.Bd3 Nbc6 13.Ne2 b6 14.Ra2 Bb7 15.Kf2 Rac8 16.Rd1 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Qxa6

18.Raa1 Qa4 19.Qe1 Qc4 20.Rab1 h6 21.h4 cxd4 22.cxd4 Qa6 23.Qd2 Qxa3 24.Bxb6



24...Qa5 25.Qxa5 Nxa5 26.Bg5 f6 27.Be3 Nc4 28.Ra1 a5 29.Rab1 Nc6 30.Nf4 e5 31.Nd5 Nxe3 32.Kxe3 exd4+ 33.Kf4 Rb8 34.Rbc1 Ne5 35.Rxd4 b5 36.Kf5 Kh7 37.Rc7 Kh6 38.g4 Nxf3 39.g5+ ffg5 40.hxg5+ Kh5 41.Nf6+ Kh4 42.Rxd8 Rxd8 43.Rxg7 Nd4+ 44.Ke5 b4 45.Nd5 Nf3+ 46.Kf5 b3 47.Rh7+ Kg3 48.Ra7 Nd4+ 49.Kf6 Rf8+ 50.Kg7 Rf3 51.g6 b2 52.Rb7 Nb3 53.Kh6 b1Q 0-1

QGD Chigorin D07

Joe Bradford 2514

Drew Sarkisian 2105

Texas State Championship (5)

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 Bg4 4.Nc3 Nf6

Theory prefers 4...e6. Now White gets a plus with 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e5 8.d5 Nb8 9.Qa4+ Nd7 10.Nxe5 Qf6 11.Be2!! +/- Cramling-Landenbergue, Biel 1987. 5.e3 e6 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Be7 8.cxd5 Nxd5!?

With 8...exd5 there is not such a concern with White getting a space advantage - see Black's 10th. 9.Bb5 0-0 10.0-0 f5?

Losing a pawn - Black had to interpolate 10...Qd6.

11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.Rd1 Bd6 14.Nb5 Rf6 15.Bb3 Qd7 16.Nxd6 cxd6 17.e4 fxe4 18.Qxe4 Re8

19.Qg4 Qxg4 20.hxg4 Re2 21.f3 d5
22.Bd2 Nxd4 23.Bc3 Nxb3 24.axb3
Rf7 25.Rxa7 h6 26.Ra5 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B97

Bo Gliithoro 2053

Warren Harper 2127

Texas State Championship (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6
8.Nb3 Nbd7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.0-0-0
b5 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Rhe1 0-0-0
13.f5 b4 14.Nb1 Be7 15.Qe2 Qb6
16.Bc4 e5 17.Bxf7 Bxe4 18.Be6
Bb7 19.N1d2 Kb8 20.Nc4 Qc7
21.Bd2 Nd5 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Ne3
Bxb3 24.axb3 Qa5 25.Kb1 d5



26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.Bxb4 Qf7 28.
Rxd7

28.Ba5!? Qf6 29.Rd5 Bc5 30.
Bxd8 Rxd8 31.Red1 Kc7 32.Qc4
Qc6 33.Qc3 Be7 34.Qa5+ Kc8
35.R5d3 Kb8 36.g4 is + according
to Fritz, but with lots of play left.

28...Rxd7 29.Qxe5+ Rc7 30.Ba5
Bf6 31.Qd6 Rd8 32.Bxc7+ Qxc7
33.Qxa6 Qb7 34.Qxb7+ Kxb7

Numerically this looks great for
White, but even Fritz loses its rosy
+/- (+0.75) evaluation once reaching
this position. Now it's = (-0.25).

35.Re2 Rd1+ 36.Ka2 Rf1 37.g4
Rg1 38.h3 Rg3 39.Rh2 Kc6 40.Re2
Rxb3 41.Re4 h5 42.gxh5 Rxh5
43.Rf4 Kd5 44.b4 Ke5 45.Rc4 Rxf5
46.b5 Kd6 47.Rb4 Kc5 48.Ka3
Kb6 49.Ka4 g5 50.c4 Rf2 51.Rb3

Rc2 52.Rf3 Rxc4+ 53.Kb3 Rf4
54.Rg3 Kxb5 0-1

Sorry, but games from the top two
boards in Rd. 6 (Land-Bradford, 0-1
and Panchanathan-Ramirez, 1/2-1/2)
are not available. Here's board three:

Dutch Leningrad A86

Warren Harper 2127

Jeffrey Ashton 2243

Texas State Championship (6)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 g6
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nh3 0-0 7.Qb3 Nc6
8.d5 Ne5 9.Nf4 c5 10.Bd2 a6 11.a4
Rb8 12.h4 Bd7 13.h5



13...Nxb5 14.Nxb5 gxh5 15.Rxb5
Qe8 16.Rh1 b6 17.Kf1 Qg6 18.Kg1
Kh8 19.Rh4 Ng4 20.Qc2 Rg8 21.e3
Be5 22.Be1 Qg7 23.Ra2 Bf6
24.Rh1 Ne5 25.Ne2 Ng6 26.Bh3
Rbf8 27.b3 Nh4 28.Nf4 Nf3+
29.Kf1 Nxe1 30.Kxe1 Bc3+ 31.Ke2
Be5 32.Ng2 Qg5 33.Ne1 Draw

Modern Defense A42

Selby Anderson 2245

Lee Gardner 2084

Texas State Championship (6)

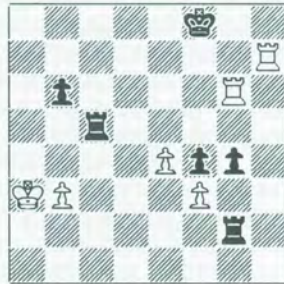
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 e5
5.Nge2 Nc6 6.Be3 Nh6 7.f3 f5
8.Qd2 f4 9.Bf2 0-0 10.0-0-0 exd4
11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Kb1 (12.c5!) 12...
g5 13.c5 dxc5 14.Ndb5 Qxd2 15.
Rxd2 b6 16.Nxc7 Rb8 17.h3 Nh7
18.N3d5 Nd6 19.b3 Ne8 20. Bb5
Nxc7 21.Nxc7 Rb7 22.Ne8 Bd7

22...a6! 23.Nxg7 axb5 24.Nh5
Rd7 =.

23.Nd6 Rc7 24.Rhd1 Bxb5 25.
Nxb5 Re7 26.Rd5 h6 27.Nd6 Re6
28.Nf5 Rfe8 29.Be1 Bf8 30.Bc3 h5
31.Bxe5 Rxe5 32.Rd7 c4!?

32...a6 33.Ra7 a5 34.Rdd7 g4
35.Rh7 +/-.

33.Rxa7 cxb3 34.axb3 Bb5 35.Kb2
Rc8 36.Rd6 Rbc5 37.Ne7+ Bxe7
38.Rxe7 Rc2+ 39.Ka3 Rxb2 40.
Rg6+ Kf8 41.Reg7 Rc5 42.Rh7 g4
43.hxg4 hxg4



44.Rxg4?

I was down to seconds on the
clock. White wins by operating with
mate threats: 44.Rxb6! Kg8 45.Ra7!
Rc8 46. Rg6+ Kh8 47.fxg4 Rg3 +.

44...Rxg4 45.fxg4 Re5 46.Rh6 Kg7
47.Rxb6 f3 48.Rc6 Rxe4 49.Rc1

Draw

Sicilian Closed B24

Larry Moss 2200

William Ong 2032

Texas State Championship (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2
Bg7 5.d3 a6 6.Be3 b6 7.Nge2 Bb7
8.Qd2 e6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Ne5
11.Qe2 Rc8 12.Rd1 Nc4 13.Bc1 b5
14.0-0 Qb6 15.Qd3 Ne5 16.Qe2
Rc4 Draw

Sicilian B44

Robert Plunkett 2158

Michael Simpson 2000

Texas State Championship (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nb5 Bc5

This was played by English GM James Plaskett in the 80s. (I'd like to see the pairing Plaskett-Plunkett!) After 6.Bf4 Qf6 (for 6...e5! see below) 7.Qc1 Kf8 8.N1c3, against Mokry he lost with 8...a6, and against Gufeld he lost with 8...Nbd7 9.Be3 b6 10.Qd2 Bxe3 11.Qxe3 d5 12.0-0 a6 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nc7 d4 15.Rxd4 Nxd4 16.Nxa8 Bb7 17.Nc7 b5 18. Bd3 Qd6 19.Rd1 Nxc2 20.Bxc2 Qxc7 21.Qc5 Qf4+ 22.Kb1 Bc6 23.Rd8+ Be8 24.Nd5 Qe5 25.Rxe8+ Kxe8 26.Nc7+ 1-0 (Gufeld-Plaskett, Hastings 1986).

More recently, Black has been getting acceptable positions with 6...e5! - e.g. 7.Bg3 d6 8.Nd2 a6 9.Nc3 h5 10.h4 Nf6 11.Bc4 Bg4 12.f3 Be6 13.Nd5 Rh6 14.a3 Rg6 15.Nf1 b5 16.Ba2 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Nd4 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.c3 Nc6 21.Rd1 a5 = 22.Rh3 Van Eijk-Pauw, Apeldoorn Aventus 2004.

6.Nd6+ Ke7 7.Bf4 e5 8.Nf5+ Kf8 9.Be3 d6 10.Bxc5 dxc5 11.Qxd8+ Nxd8 12.Nd6 Ke7 13.Nb5 Nc6 14.N1c3 Nf6 15.0-0 a6 16.Nd6 Nd4 17.Nc4 Bg4 18.f3 Nxf3 19.gxf3 Bxf3 20.Bh3 Bxh1

20...Rhe8 21.Nxe5 transposes. 21.Rxh1 Rhe8 22.Nxe5 Kf8 23.Nd7+ Nxd7 24.Bxd7 Re5 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.a4 Ke7 27.Bg4 Rxd1+ 28.Kxd1 Kd6 29.Kd2 Rg5 30.Bf3 Ke5 31.Ne2 Rg6 32.Ke3 Rh6 33.Nf4 Rxh2 34.Nd3+ Kd6 35.e5+ Kc7 36.Bd5 Rxc2 37.Bxf7 Kd7 38.Nf4 Ke7 39.e6 Rxb2 40.Bg8 Rb3+ 41.Ke2 Rb2+ 42.Kf3 Rb3+ 43.Kg4 Rb4 44.Bxh7 Rxa4 45.Bg8 Draw

Alekhine's Defense B04

Peter Kappler 2093
Barry Endsley 2000

Texas State Championship (6)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 c6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.Nf3 g6 8.c4 Nb4 9.Be2 Bg7 10.a3 Na6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Bg5 Nc7 13.Qd2

Qe8 14.Bh6 e5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.0-0 Nxf3 18.Bxf3 Be6 19.Qd4+ f6 20.Qf4 Qf7 21.Ne4 Rab8 22.Nd6 Qe7 23.Rhe1 b5 24.Bg4 f5 25.Bxf5!??

25.Bf3! bxc4 26.Nxc4 with a positional advantage.
25...gxf5 26. Nxf5+



26...Rxf5??

26...Kh8! 27.g4 bxc4 +/-.

27.Qxf5

1-0

27...Kh8 28.Qe5+ Qg7 29.

Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.Rd6+

English A17

Joe Bradford 2514

Magesh Panchanathan 2572

Texas State Championship (7)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 b6 7.g3 Bb7 8.Bg2 a5 9.b3 d6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Bb2 e5 12.Rfd1 Re8 13.Rac1 Qc8 14.Bh3 Ra7 15.d4 e4 16.Nh4 d5 17.Nf5 g6 18.Ne3 Qd8



19.c5 Nb8 20.cxb6 cxb6 21.Rc1

Ba6 22.Rc2 Kg7 23.Rec1 h5 24.Qd2 Draw

Nimzo-Indian E59

Alejandro Ramirez 2543

Warren Harper 2127

Texas State Championship (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 d5 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Qc7 11.Bb2 e5 12.h3 Bf5 13.Ba2 Rad8 14.Qe2



14...Rfe8

14...Be4 15.Rad1 h6 16.Nxe5 Mxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.f3 Bc6 19.c4 Qe7 20.e4 Ba4 21.Rde1 Nh5 22.f4 Qh4 = Kozakov-Riff, 2004.

15.d5 b5 16.c4 Nd4?

16...Na5 17.cxb5 c4! or 17.Nh4 Bc8 keeps White's edge to a manageable level.

17.exd4 exd4 18.Qd2 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxd5 20. Rfe1 Nb6 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rc1 Rd8 23.Qg5 1-0

Scotch Game C45

Lee Gardner 2084

Drew Sarkisian 2105

Texas State Championship (7)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.Nf3 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bb4+!? 5.c3 Be7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8. e5 Nd5

8...Ne4 9.Qf3 d5 10.exd6 Nxd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bd3 Rb8 13.Nd2 c5 14.Nc4 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Bd6 16.Bd5! c4 17.b3 Ba6 18.Re1 += Pavasovic-Kunte, Halle 1995.

9.Bxd5

9.Qg4 g6 10.Bh6 Nb6 11.Bd3 d5
12.Qg3 Na4 13.b3 Nc5 14.Bc2 Ba6
15.Nd2 Ne6 16.0-0-0 Bg5 17.Bxg5
Qxg5 18. Nxc5 19.Rhe1 and White
parlayed his edge to a win in J.
Sanchez-Vandemirov, Ubeda 2001.

9...cxd5 10.Qxd5 Rb8

10...Ba6 11.c4 c6 12.Qe4 0-0
13.0-0 f6 14.Rd1 fxe5 15.Be3 Qc7
and Black stood well in Kholmov-
Malaniuk, Katowice 1993.

11.0-0 Rb6 12.b3

12.Nd2 Bb7 13.Qd4 Rg6 14.f3
c5 15.Qd3 0-0 16.Nc4 d5 17.exd6
+/- Pavasovic-Kaabi, Bled 2002.

12...Bb7 13.Qd3 Rg6 14.f3 Bc5+
15. Kh1 (15.Be3?? Qg5) 15...Qh4
16.Be3



16...Bxe3?

16...Rxc2!! 17.Kxc2 Qg4+ 18.
Kf2 Qxf3+ 19.Ke1 Qxe3+ 20.Qxe3
Bxe3 21.Nd2 += (Fritz).

17.Qxe3± Rh6 18.h3 0-0 19.Nd2
Re8 20.Rae1 f6 21.Qxa7 Qg3 22.
Qf2 Qxf2 23.Rxf2 fxe5 24.Rfe2 d6
25.Kg1 Rf6 26.c4 g5 27.Nf1 Kf7
28.Kf2 h5 29.Ng3 Kg6 30.Ke3 Rf4
31.Kd3 g4 32.fxg4 hxg4 33.h4 Rd8
34.Kc3 Rdf8 35.b4 Rf2 36.Rxf2
Rxf2 37.Re2 Rxe2 38.Nxe2 Bxg2
39.Ng3 d5

39...Kf6 40.a4 Ba8 41.a5 Ke6
42.b5 Bf3 43.c5 dxc5 44.Kc4 Kd6
45.h5 Ke6 46.Kxc5 Kf6 47.b6 leads
to essentially the same ending.

40.b5 dxc4 41.Kxc4 Bf3 42.a4 Bb7
43.Kc5 Ba8 44.a5 Bf3 45.b6 cxb6+
46.axb6 Bb7



47.Kd6 e4??

47...Kf6! holds the draw: 48.
Kc7 Ba8 49.b7 Bxb7 50.Kxb7 Kg6!
and 51...e4 =.

48.Ke5 e3 49.Kf4 e2 50.Nxe2 Kh5
51.Kg3

The clincher.

51...Bf3 52.Nd4 Be4 53.Nf5 Bb7
54.Nd6 Bc6 55.b7 Bxb7 56.Nxb7
Kg6 57.Kxg4 Kh6

Sarkisian soldiers on!

In a related story, on board four
I was defending this opposite color
bishop ending against Curtis Brooks:



After 30.Bh6 Bb3 the game
lasted another 43 moves before a
draw was agreed. Expert money was
at stake, of course.

Back to Gardner-Sarkisian:
58.Nc5 Kg6 59.Ne4 Kh6 60.Ng3
Kg6 61.Kf4 Kh6 62.Kf5 Kg7 63.

Kg5 Kh7 64.Nf5 Kh8 65. Kh6 Kg8
66.Nd6 Kh8 67.Kg6 1-0

Something from the Romantic Age:

King's Gambit C34

Jean Marie Kappler 2093

Adam Caveney 2132

Texas State Championship (7)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 h6 4.Bc4 d6
5.h4 Nc6 6.d4 Bg4 7.Bxf4 Qf6 8.
Be3 0-0-0 9.Nc3 Nge7 10.0-0 Qg6
11.b4 f5 12.b5 fxe4 13.bxc6 exf3
14.cxb7+ Kb8 15.Qd2 d5 16.Bd3
Nf5 17.Nb5 Qb6 18.Bf4 Nd6 19.
Rab1 Nxb5 20.Rxb5 Qc6 21.Ra5

21.gxf3 Bf5 22.Bxc7+ Qxc7 23.
Bxf5 Qg3+ 24.Qg2.

21...Bd6

21...Qb6 22.Ra6 fxc2 23.Rxb6
gxf1Q+ 24.Bxf1 axb6 25.Qd3+.
22.Rxa7!!!



The cold-blooded 22.Rb1!! is
even better: 22...Bxf4 23.Rxa7!
Be3+ 24.Kh2 Qd6+ 25.g3 +.

22...Qb6

22...Kxa7! 23.Qa5+ Kxb7 24.
Rb1+ Kc8 25.Ba6+ Kd7 26.Bb5
Bxf4 27.Bxc6+ Kxc6 28.Qc5+ Kd7
29.Qxd5+ Bd6 =.

23.Ra6 Qb2

23...Qxb7 24.Bxd6 Rxd6 25.
Rxd6 cxd6 26.c4 Qa7 27.Qf4 Qd7
28.gxf3 Bh5 29.Rb1+ Ka8 30.Rb5+
24.Qa5 Qxb7 25.Ra8+ Qxa8 26.
Rb1+ Qb7 27.Rxb7+ Kxb7 28.
Ba6+ 1-0

Amateur games

Queen's Indian E15

Abhishek Mallela 1846

Kevin Wang 1991

Texas Amateur (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6
5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6
8.Bc3 0-0 9.Ne5 d5 10.Nd2 Nfd7
11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.e4 b5



14.Re1 dxc4 15.bxc4 bxc4 16.d5
16.Qa4 Bb5! 17.Qc2 Rb8 =+;
17.Qxa7? Bc5! 18.dxc5 Ra8 -+.
16...cxd5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Bxd5
Bf6 19.Re3

Better is 19.Nc4.

19...Bxc3 20.Rxc3 Qa5! 21.Nb1

Sadly, a forced move.

21...Nb6 22.Bf3 Rfe8 23.Qc2 Re1+
24.Kg2 Qe5 25.a4 Nd5 26.Rca3 c3
0-1

Benoni A56

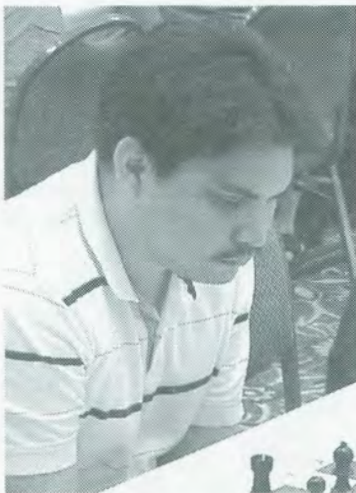
Alexander Balkum 1797

Joel Saucedo 1917

Texas Amateur (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.dxc5 Qa5+
4.Nc3 Qxc5 5.e3 g6 6.a3 Bg7 7.Nf3
a5 8.Qc2 [8.b4 Qh5 9.Bb2=] 8...Nc6
9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 d6 11.b3 Bf5 12.
Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Ng4 14.Bb2
Nce5 15.Qd1 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Ne5
17.Qd5 Qxd5 18.Nxd5 e6 19.Nf4

19.Nc7 Rac8 20.Nb5 d5 21.cxd5
Rc5 22.Nd6 Nf3+ 23.gxf3 Bxb2 24.
dxe6 Bxa1 25.e7 Be5 26.exf8Q+ +=.



Joel Saucedo



19...Nf3+ 20.gxf3 Bxb2 21.Ra2 Be5
22.Ne2 Ra6 23.f4 Bf6 24.Rd1 Rc8
25.Nd4 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Kf8 27.Rad2
Ke7 28.e4 Rb6 29.R2d3 Rc5 30.
Kg2 h6 31.Kg3 Rbc6 32.a4 Rb6 33.
h3 g5 34.h4 gxf4+ 35.Kxf4 e5+ 0-1

Torre Attack D03

Leo Bonnell 1842

Mark Dixon 1882

Texas Amateur (6)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.Bg5
Nd7 5.Nbd2 Ngf6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3
b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Bxf6 exf6?!

The whole game hinges on this
choice, and White's effort to convert
the structural edge to a won ending.

10.e4 dxe4 11.Bxe4 Bxe4 12.Nxe4
f5 13.Ned2 Re8 14.Re1 Rxe1+ 15.
Qxe1 Qe8 16.Qxe8+ Rxe8 17.Re1
Rxe1+ 18.Nxe1 Bh6 19.Ndf3 g5
20.Nd3 f6 21.Kf1 Kf7 22.Ke2 Kg6
23.Nfe1 f4 24.f3 Bf8 25.Nc2 h5 26.
cb4 Bxb4 27.Nxb4 c5



28.Nc6 cxd4 29.cxd4 a6 30.Ne7+
Kf7 31. Nd5 a5 32.Kd3 Ke6 33.Nc3
f5 34.a4 Kd6 35.Kc4 Kc6 36.Nd5
Kd6 37.b3 Ke6 38.Nc3 Kd6 39.Kb5
h4 40.h3 g4 41.Kc4 Nf6 42.Kd3
Ke6 43.Kc4 Kd6 44.Kb5 Kc7 45.d5
gxf3 46.gxf3 Nd7 47.Ne2 Ne5

A longer struggle results from
47...Nc5 48.Nd4 Kd6 49.Nxf5+
Kxd5 50.Nxh4 +.

48.Nd4 Kb7

1-0

It's not on the scoresheet, but
White likely played **49.d6** putting
Black in in *zugzwang*.

French Defense C02

Robert Clarke 1945

Arnold Liao 1816

Texas Amateur (6)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5
Nfd7 5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3
Nc6 8.Bf4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 0-0
11.Ne5 Bd6 12.Re1 [12.Qe2=] Nxe5
13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.Rxe5 Qc7 15.Qe2
a6 16.a4 Ng4 17.Rh5 Nf6 18.Re5
Qb6 19.Kh1??

A horrible blunder.[19.Nd1! +=]
19...Qxb2 20.Rg1 Qxc3 21.Rg5 Rf7
22.Rg3 Qd4 23.c3 Qh4 24.Qe3 Ne4
0-1

Sicilian B25

Kevin Wang 1989

Joel Saucedo 1925

Texas Amateur (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 f5!?

Usually Black waits for g3-g4 to make this block. [8...0-0 9.Be3 Nd4] 9.Be3 Nd4 10.e5 Nec6 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Na4

12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nc4 +=.

12...b5?

12...b6! avoids the funny stuff.



13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.c3

A tortuous path to advantage is 14.Nxd4! Bxd4 15.Bxc6+ Qxc6 16.Bxd4 Bb7 17.Qf3! Qd7 18.Qe3 Qd5 19.Kf2! 0-0 20.Qe5 +/- Very Fritzy. 14...Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Qd5 16.Qxd5 exd5 17.Bxd5 Bb7 18.a4 a6

18...bxa4! 19.Rxa4 a5 -/+.

19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8+ Bxa8 21.Ra1 Bb7



22.Ra7 Nxa7 23.Bxb7 0-0 24.Bxa7 Rd8 25.d4?

25.Bc6 Rxd3 26.Bxb5 Rd1+ 27.Bf1 Rb1 +=. 25...Rd7 0-1

Torre Attack D03

Leo Bonnell 1842

Austen Green 1917

Texas Amateur (7)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c3 e6 4.Bg5 c5 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.f4 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Qc2 g6 15.e4 Bb7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Rae1 Qd6 18.g3 c4 19.Be2 Qc5+ 20.Rf2 g5 21.b4 cxb3 22.Nxb3 Qe3



23.Kf1

23.Bf1! Qxe1 24.Re2 Re8 25.Rxe1 Rxe1 26.Qd2 =.

23...Re8 24.Rf3 Qe6

24...Qe4 25.Qd1 gxf4 26.Nd2 Qe5 27.Bb5 Qxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Kxe1 Nc5 30.Rxf4 =.

25.f5 Qe5 26.Nd4 Nc5 27.Qc1 Ne4 28.Bd3 h6 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.Rfe3 Rxf5+?! [30...Qd5 =+] 31.Nxf5 Ba6+ 32.Kg1 Qxf5 33.Qa3 Bc8 34.Qa4 Rf8 35.Qc4+ Be6

35...Rf7 36.R3e2 e3! 37.g4! +/- or 36...Bb7 37.Rd2 Kh7 38.Rf1 Qxf1+ 39.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 40.Kxf1 Ba6+ 41.Kf2 Bd3 42.Ke3 +/-.

36.Qxe4 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Bh3 38.Qg6+ Kh8 39.Qxh6+ Kg8 40.Qxh3 1-0

Modern Benoni A64

Randall Schwarz 1950

Jesse Lozano 1757

Texas Amateur (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.h3 Rb8 13.Nc4 Nb6 14.Na3 Qc7 15.e4



15...Nbd7!?

'Book' is 15...Bd7 16.Be3 Nc8 17.Qd3 Na7 18.Rfc1 b5 19.b4 c4 20.Qf1 bxa4 21.Nxc4, unclear.

16.f4 c4 17.Re1 Nc5 18.e5!?

18.Nxc4 Nfxe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Qd3 Nf6 21.Rxe8+ Nxe8 =.



18...Nd3! 19.Re2?

19.Re3! Qc5 20.Nxc4 Nxc1 21.Qxc1 Qxc4 22.exf6 Rxe3 =.

19...dxe5 20.fxe5 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Qxe5 22.Nxc4?

22.Kh2 Qc7 23.Qf3 Bf5 -/+. 22...Qxg3 23.Ne2 Qf2+ 24.Kh1 Ne1 25.Nf4 Nxc2 26.Nxc2 Bxb3 0-1

Nakamura wins Nakamura Open

GM Hikaru Nakamura, the 2005 US champion, visited Dallas in May on business for USA Chess, and to see his friend Jason Doss.

When word reached Dallas Chess Club organizer Luis Salinas that Nakamura would play in the May 12 Friday Night Swiss (G/30), he renamed it the Nakamura Open. With some advance publicity, 91 players packed into the Dallas Chess Club using every available chair.

GM Nakamura won the 51-player championship section with a 5-0 score. Tied for second at 4-1 were GM Magesh Panchanathan, NM Jason R. Doss, FM Keith Hayward, and NM Kristoffer Littlejohn. Karthik Ramachandran (1830) had the biggest upset with a victory over NM Jason Doss (2327).

QGD D30

Jimmy Heiserman 2005
Hikaru Nakamura 2697

Nakamura Open 4)

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.g3 Nf6 5. Bg2 dxc4 6.Ne5 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nd5 8. Bd2 b5 9.e4 Ne7 10.Be3 Nd7 11.f4 0-0 12.0-0 f6 13.Nf3 Nb6 14.Qc2 a6 15.Rad1 Bb7 16.g4 Re8 17.Kh1 Qc7 18.Nh4 c5 19.f5



19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 exf5 21.d5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Rxe3 23.Nxf5 Re5

24.d6 Qd7 25.Rde1 Rae8 26.Ne7+ R8xe7 27.dxe7 Qxe7 28.Rxe5 Bxg2+ 29.Qxg2 Qxe5 30.Rd1 h6



31.h4 f5 32. g5 hxg5 33.Rd8+ Kh7 34.hxg5 Qe1+ 35.Kh2 Qh4+ 36. Qh3 Qxh3+ 37.Kxh3 Na4 38.Rd6 Nxc3 39.Kh4 Ne4 40.Rd1 Kg6 0-1

Three Knights C42

Hikaru Nakamura 2697
Magesh Panchanathan 2570

Nakamura Open (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4. Nxe5 0-0 5.Nd3 Bxc3 6.dxc3 Nxe4 7.Be2 d6 8.0-0 Bf5 9.Nf4 Nc6 10. Re1 Ne5 11.Be3 Re8 12.c4 Qh4 13. Nd5 Rac8 14.f3 Nf6 15.Bf2 Qh6 16. Ne3 Bd7 17.Bf1 b6 18.b3 Qg6 19. Kh1 Bc6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Bd7 22.c4 Bf5 23.Re3 Nd7



24. Rc3! Nf6

Not 24... a5?? 25. g4 +-; however, 24...Ne5 preparing for 25. b4 c6 seems to turn out better.

25.b4 Re7 26.Qd2 h6 27.Ra3 c5 28. dxc6 Rxc6 29.Re1 Be6 30.Rc3 Rd7 31.Qb2 Rc8 32.Rd1 Qh5 33.Rd4 Rdc7 34.Bg3 b5 35.Bxd6 Rxc4 36. Bxc4 bxc4 37.a4 Qf5 38.h3 Qh5 39. Qe2 Re8 40.Qf2 Qf5 41.Kh2 Rd8 42.Bg3 Rc8 43.Bh4 Nd7 44.Qd2 Kh7 45.a5 Ne5 46.Qe3 a6 47.Rf4 Qh5 48.Bg3 Nd3



49.Rfxc4 Bxc4 50.Rxc4 Rd8 51. Qb6 Rd5 52.Qxa6 Ne5 53.Rc2 Qf5 54.Qe2 Nd3 55.Rc4 Ne5 56.Bxe5

1-0

The lower sections were played with four rounds. The Intermedia (U1400) had 27 players, with Stephanie Klimczak and Alan Tang finishing in a tie for first with 3.5.

The 13-player Novice section was won by Ashley Balkum and Kailynn Balkum, each with 3.5.

Ben Wheeler was the chief TD. Assisting were Carmen Chairez and Rob Jones.

Solution (back cover problem):
1.Nd6 threatening 2.Qc4# (1...exd6 2.exd7#, 1...Rxd6 2. c6#, 1...Rd4 2.Qg5#).

Langer, Anderson win Texas Action

FM Michael Langer of Austin and NM Selby Anderson of Helotes tied for first in the Texas Action (G/30) Championship, held April 29 at TNI. They each scored 4.5 out of 5, and never played each other (unlike in past Texas Action events.) They each received \$175.

Three players tied for third with 4-1 scores: Martin Gordon, Fernando Spada and Daniel Hung. They shared the U2100 and U1900 prizes, each winning \$63.33.

Dylan Smith won the U1700 prize clear with 3.5 points for \$80.

Three players tied for the U1500 and U1300 prizes with 3-2 scores: Anthony Hung, Peter Pitts and James Nielsen, each winning \$43.33.

Martin Gordon directed a field of 39 players at the Texas Neurosciences Institute in San Antonio.

I have annotated a game, warts and all, that I played against a student from Texas Christian University in Abilene. Fritz poked a lot of holes in my tactics, but there was at any rate a visceral, crowd-pleasing finish. I also include this because so many G/30 games go to a blitz ending with no moves recorded.

Sicilian B52

Selby Anderson 2245
Garrett Berger 1799

Texas Action 2006 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+

The inoculates the game against someone out-booking me in the Najdorf or Dragon. In game 30 this is a realistic concern.

3...Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0-0 e6 6. c4 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Ngf6 9. Nc3 Nc5 10.Qe2 a6 11.b3 0-0 12. Bb2 d5?

12...Re8 13.Rad1 Qb6 =.

13.cxd5 exd5 14.e5?

Now that's just silly. I keep my extra pawn after 14. exd5! +/- . Both players seem to have overlooked the fact that Black's queen is tied to defending the bishop at e7.

14...Nfe4 15.Rad1 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Bb2 Qa5

17...Rc8 18.Nf5 +=; 17...Bc5 18. f3 Ng5 19.Kh1 Qb6 =.

18.Nf5 Bb4 19.Qg4

19.a3! Bc3 (19...Bxa3 20.Ra1 +) 20.Rxd5! +/-.

19... g6 20. f3!

My best move of the game, offering the Exchange so I can dominate the kingside dark squares. Less clear is 20.Nh6+ Kg7 21.e6+ Bc3 22. Bxc3+ Qxc3 23.Nxf7 Rae8 24.Rxd5 Nf6 25.Qd4 +/-.



20...Bc5+ 21.Kh1 Nf2+

21...h5 22.Qf4 Nc3 23.Qh6!! gxf5 24.Bxc3 Qxc3 25.f4! and 26. Rf3 and the mate net wins the queen;

21...Qxa2 22.fxe4 Qxb2 23.Qg5 f6 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Rb1 Qc3 26.Rbc1 winning a piece.

22.Rxf2 Bxf2 23.e6?

Threatening 24. Nh6#, but Black can obstruct the long diagonal.

An amazing win is 23. Qg5! Qb6 24. Nh6+ Kg7 25. Ng4 d4 26. Qh6+ Kh8 27. Nf6 + (Fritz). The fact that White has time to maneuver his knight to f6 says a lot about White's

domination. The e5 pawn assists in keeping Black tied down, but the game continuation (23.e6) loosens the grip – see note to Black's 25th.

Another forced win is 23. Nh6+ Kh8 (23...Kg7 24.Qg5 Qd8 25.Nf5+ Kh8 26.e6+ f6 27.Rxd5 +) 24.e6+ f6 25.e7 +/-.

23...d4

23...f6 24.e7 Rfe8 25.Qg5! d4 26. Nh6+ +/-.

24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Nxf7



25...Rfe8?

25...Qf5! (thanks to White's advance of the e5 pawn!) 26.Bxd4+ Bxd4 27.Qxd4+ Qf6 28.Nd6! Qxd4 29.Rxd4 Kf6 30.Nxb7 Rfe8 31.h4 =. 26.Bxd4+ Bxd4 27.Qxd4+ Kf8 28. Nh6 Rad8 29.Qf6# 1-0

Castleberry submitted the next game. Two weeks after this loss, Niven won the San Angelo city championship.

King's Indian E91

Gerald Castleberry 1504
John Niven 1826

Texas Action 2006 (3)

1. d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Re8?!

6...e5; 6...Nbd7.

7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bg5

Discouraging 8...e5 (which is nevertheless Black's best option). Also good is 8. e5 dxe5 9. dxe5 10.

Ng4 e6 Nde5 11. Ng5 +=,
8...c5!? 9.d5 a6

Black's stock counterplay is easy to suppress. Fritz likes 9...Nb6, but 10. h3 still leaves Black cramped.
10.Qd2 Rb8 11.a4 Ng4 12.h3 Nge5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Rac1 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.f4 Nd7 17.Nd1 Rh8 18.Nf2 h6 19.Nd3 Nb6 20.b3 Bd7



Castleberry has prepared methodically, and now it's time to apply the squeeze.

21.e5! Bf5?

Better is 21...Be8, getting ready to lock up the position if White pushes hastily on the kingside.

22.g4 Be4 23.e6+ Kg8 24.Nf2 f5 25. Nxe4 fxe4 26.Qc2

Now the win is a matter of technique. The exchange of queens does not dilute White's attack.

26...Qf8 27.Qxe4 Qf6 28.Bf2 Rf8 29.Bg3 Qb2 30.Qc2 Qd4+ 31.Kh2 h5 32.Rcd1 Qb2 33.Qxb2 Bxb2 34. gxf5 gxf5 35.Bh4 Nc8 36.Rg1+ Bg7 37.Bg5 Re8 38.f5 Be5+ 39.Kh1 Rh7 40.f6! Kh8 41.f7 Rf8 42.Bd3 Rg7 43.Bh6 1-0

Ruy Lopez C88

Selby Anderson 2245

J.P. Hyltin 2054

Texas Action 2006 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8. a4 Rb8

I note that this is played with a view to pursuing a delayed Marshall gambit: 8. axb5 axb5 9. c3 d5!?

9.d3 d6 10.h3 h6 11.c3 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nbd2 Nd7 15. Nf1 c4 16.Ne3 cxd3 17.b4 Nc6 18. Qxd3 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nh5! 20.Ng6 Nf4 21.Nxf4 exf4 22.Nf5 Ne5 23.Qd1 Bxf5

23...f3! 24.g4 Bxf5 25.exf5 =.

24.exf5 Qc8 25.Bxf4 Qxf5 26..Bg3

Better is 26. Qd4! Bf6 27. Bb1 Qc8 28. Qe4 with a strong attack.

26...Bf6 27.Qxd6 Rfd8? 28.Qa6?

The bluff works. Winning is 28. Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Qxe5 Qxe5 30.Bxe5 Ra8 31.Bc7! (the move we both over-looked) followed by 32.Ba5, eliminating the pin.

28...Nd3 29.Red1 Bxc3 30.Bb1

Black is already a little better. I slid downhill quite a bit more before offering a draw with 24 seconds left on J.P.'s clock.

Draw

Texas Polgar Qualifier

The Texas Polgar Qualifier was held June 3 as a four-player round robin at the UTD student union. The top three finishers have been seeded into the Third Annual Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls, to be held Aug. 6-11 in Chicago.

Courtney Jamison of Plano won the #1 Texas spot with 3-0. Anjali Datta of Dallas placed second to return to the event, and the #3 spot went to Melinda Shokler of Plano.

Sicilian Alapin B22

Courtney Jamison 1896

Anjali Datta 1874

Texas Polgar Qualifier (1)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 d6 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.exd6 Bxd6 10.Bd3 h6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2

12.Bc2 Ne7 (12...e5 13.Re1 exf4 14.Qd3 f5 15.cxd4 +/-) 13.Qd3 Ng6 14.Re1 += (Fritz).

12...Re8 13.Qe4!? f5 14.Qe2



14...Bd7

14...e5! 15.Bc4+ Kf8! = (not 15...Kh8? 16.Ng5! +).

15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Be7 17.Bd2 Bg5 18.f4 Be7 19.Rf3 Bc6 20.Rg3

Bh4 21.Rh3 Rc8 22.Be3 Be7 23. Rg3 Bh4 24.Rh3 Be7 25.Bd4 Bd5 26.Rd1 Qc7 27.Rg3 Bh4?!

Better is 27.. Bc5.

28.Rh3 Be7 29.g4!

The only way to make progress.

29...Bc4 30. gxf5 exf5 31.Qh5! Bxd3 32. Rdx3 Rf8?

32...Bc5 33.Qxf5 Bxd4+ 34. Rxd4 Red8 35.Qe6+ Kh8 36.Rdd3 Rxd3 37.Rxd3 Rd8 38.Rxd8+ Qxd8 39.Qd6 ±.

33.Qg6!+- Bc5

33...Kh8 34.Rxh6+ gxf6 35. Qxh6+ Kg8 36.Qg6+ Kh8 37.e6+ Bf6 38.Rh3+ Qh7 39.Rxh7#.

34.Rxh6 Bxd4+ 35.Rxd4 Qxc3 36. Qh7+ Kf7 37.e6+

37.Rf6+ Ke8 38.Qg6+ Ke7 39. Re6#

37...Ke8 38.Qg6+ Ke7 39.Rd7# 1-0

Trophy Overload

Chess Dad 101 by Robert Rausch

What's with all the trophies?

It seems that virtually every scholastic player in every scholastic tournament has at least an even shot at taking home an award. Trophies to the top twenty-five finishers. Awards for the top three unrated players. Medals to all participants with "plus scores" and trophies to the top ten teams. We seem almost desperate to bestow prizes on every player that walks through the door – regardless of skill level and even in spite of their performance.

Think I'm kidding?

I've had players post 0 for 5 results in statewide events and win first-place trophies because they happened to be the only player in their rating group. My own daughter, on more than one occasion, has finished with a negative result and won awards for similar reasons. I'm not sure when trophy proliferation began, but I'm fairly certain that it's not in the best interest of either the game or the kids.

Time was, back in the halcyon days of the 1970s, when trophies were awarded to the top three finishers in each section. Winning a trophy was tough, and those fortunate enough to do so treated them as sacred treasures. Chess is a hard game. Hard to learn. Hard to play. Hard to succeed. Giving a kid an award for simply showing up creates the false impression that it's easy to succeed at chess.

Participation awards make sense in soccer. Let's face it, kids that practice a couple of hours a week over three months in the brutal heat of a Texas summer *deserve* an award – even if they do lose every game. It's harder to rationalize passing out hardware for just showing up for half a day in the air-conditioned comfort of the school cafeteria.

Tournament organizers offer a plethora of chess awards for a variety of reasons: to increase tournament participation, as a de facto marketing strategy for the game, and to encourage beginners. But I think that the most likely reason for the proliferation of awards is because "we" – chess parents and coaches and players – expect it.

It's easy for us to get caught up in the euphoria of the competition and, of course, we all want to see our children succeed. But let's not forget that the game isn't a contest as much as it is a journey. A journey that will

reveal the fact that success is only achieved through hard work and commitment.

A quick pass through my daughter's bedroom reveals some twenty-odd trophies won over her four-year chess career. They range in size from enormous to microscopic and run the gamut from first place to eighteenth. When pressed, however, she'll always choose one in particular as her favorite. It's not the biggest, the shiniest or the highest place. It's a fifth-place trophy that she received in October of 2004. That one came after a harrowing, last-round, time-pressure victory over sitting state champion. It is, in her words, "a really cool trophy."

"Cool," because she earned it. ☺

Editor's note: A web search of "trophy inflation" (chess or soccer) led me to some discussions of Rausch's topic. It is often assumed that the trend began with Special Olympics, which is false (they're big on participation ribbons.) I can think of two contributing factors: the emphasis on self-esteem in education in the 80s (before Ross Perot revived "standards" and test-driven benchmarks); and secondly, the sheer momentum of scholastic chess as it grew in the 90s. This paralleled soccer tournaments where everyone got a trophy. For a thoughtful and well-researched essay see Tom Braunlich, "Scholastics and the Soul of Chess" (www.spacecoastchess.org/user/Scholastics_and_the_Soul_of_Chess.pdf).

Interview with 2006 National HS co-champion Brad Sawyer

by TCA president Clemente Rendon, 6/1/06

Brad Sawyer from Houston, Texas was crowned high school co-champion at the National K-12 championship held Apr. 21-23 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The event had a total of 255 players, including 5 masters.

CR: What did you do to prepare for this tournament?

BS: I read *Chess Openings for Black Explained*, by Lev Albert, Roman Dzindzichashvili and Eugene Perelshteyn. This preparation allowed me to receive several early advantages, and I was able to miniature two of my opponents.

CR: After an upset draw on the third round, how did you come back to win all of your games?

BD: Well I was disappointed with the result. I shook off the result, and decided to analyze the game. While doing

so, I discovered how to win it! Later, I had a similar end-game later in the tournament, and I was able to win that endgame.

CR: What was your most difficult round?

BS: My sixth round game vs. fellow Texas Chess player Arturo Gracia of Brownsville. I thought I had a better position, but he found some counterplay and I was barely able to squeeze out a victory at the end.

CR: What advice would you offer future players for this tournament?

BS: Basically to prepare your openings in advance, make sure you analyze them and try them out on Fritz or ICC. You should also stay calm through the tournament, try not to get too excited or stressed out. It's also important that you take time to prepare for your opponent, eat right, and don't lose your focus.

CR: What are your chess plans for the future?

BS: I hope to become a GM. In the near future, I plan to attend the 2006 World Open and hope to continue to play chess throughout college. I would also like to visit Europe and play in some large tournaments there.

Chess Viking Day

by Alexey Root

I volunteer as a chess teacher at Evers Elementary School (where my son William is in 4th grade) and at Strickland Middle School (SMS, where my daughter Clarissa is in 8th grade). As a year-end special treat, the Evers Eagles paid a visit to the SMS Vikings. The story about this Evers to SMS chess field trip aired May 27th on Denton Television's *Newsbreak*.

Evers students arrived on foot at SMS just before activity period (1:10-1:55) on Friday, May 12th. The SMS library hosted the Evers students during the pledges and announcements. Around 1:20, the Evers students went to Mrs. Thompson's classroom. The SMS chess club members had prepared chess "viking day"-style booths: Basic Checkmates, Battleship Chess, Stalemate or Checkmate?, and Play a Whole Game. (Viking Day is an annual fall celebration at SMS, where booths include an obstacle course, beanbag toss, rock climb, and other carnival games).

The 15 Evers field trip participants divided up into four groups, and each group rotated to each of the SMS booths (staffed by 12 SMS chess club members). While the SMS and Evers students practiced the theme of each

booth on chess boards, and verbally discussed the strategies involved in each theme, Denton TV Newsbreak reporter Sereniah Breland interviewed SMS chess club sponsor Mrs. Jackie Thompson. At 1:50, SMS 8th grade student Angelo Geruso gave each Evers student a cookie to eat on the walk back to Evers. Mrs. Wilkerson (Evers EXPO [gifted and talented] teacher), Maya Jayakumar (volunteer), and Alexey Root (volunteer) led the Evers students to and from SMS. Once back at Evers, chess club sponsor Mrs. Wilkerson, myself, and fourth grade students Juan Borda, Hailey Hodges and William Root were interviewed by reporter Sereniah Breland. My book *Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators* (2006, www.lu.com) was displayed in the background of the interviews.

Thanks to principals Mike Vance (Strickland) and Tricia Bolz (Evers), and to EXPO teachers Jackie Thompson (Strickland) and Sondra Wilkerson (Evers), for incorporating chess as a problem-solving and social component of their curricula.

The field trip was the capstone of a semester-long, within-school chess program that included students from all academic levels (not just EXPO students). Chess instruction and play took place Fridays during the SMS activity period and during the Evers recess (2:00-2:45). Participants at SMS included students in 6th-8th grades. Those students comprised the best team at the 28-player (four schools) Denton MS chess championship held Apr. 22 at Strickland (won by Clarissa Root, 4-0.) Participants at Evers chess club included 3rd-5th graders. Half of the Evers students who went on the chess field trip are in Mr. Hernandez's bilingual third grade classroom. Several of the SMS and Evers students are members of the Denton Chess Club (www.dentonchess.thinkhost.com), which is located halfway between Evers and SMS at the North Branch library.



John McLean

2006 TCA Nominations

President

Michael Simpson, nom. by Drew Sarkisian
Eddie Rios, nom. by Lakshamana Viswanath

Vice-President

Clemente Rendon, nom. by Michael Simpson

Secretary

Marc Fuhmann, nom. by Clemente Rendon

Treasurer

Barb Swafford, nom. by Michael Simpson
Nelda Rogers, nom. by James Widener

Statement by Michael Simpson

I am humbly honored to be asked, again, to serve the Texas Chess Association as president. I am excited about the changes that have occurred both in the ten years since my last stint as president expired, and the recent year's innovations. Obviously, TCA will need to continue its growth on the Internet, and it's easy to foresee a website and a forum site that will operate seamlessly in the future. At the same time, the *top priority* of the association must continue to be quick service to its members. The Board must ensure that any problems the general membership face are addressed quickly and efficiently. Dues payments, magazine delivery, and governance accountability are concerns that must be addressed in days, not months, and handled courteously and responsively. With the current widespread availability of e-mail, the board's coordination of efforts must be improved.

Texas chess is blessed, now more than ever before, with enthusiastic, capable people who have much to offer the TCA. As before, I will include voices and minds throughout the state – Houston and El Paso; Dallas and Corpus Christi; Brownsville and Amarillo; San Antonio, Waco, Austin, and all the people who are now upset because I didn't mention their home town by name. The improvements that TCA has seen in the last decade are attributable to you, not to the Board of Directors, except to the extent that the board created an environment to let your ideas grow. If you are gracious enough to select me to preside over the association again, I will recreate and nurture that environment once more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Michael M. Simpson

Statement by Eddie Rios

Hello everyone,

My name is Eddie R. Rios Sr. I am approximately 53 years young. My beautiful wife of 35 years and I have 3 wonderful children. I am currently a Business teacher in Kingsville. I have been there for the past 10 years. I am the Region 7 Director for Texas Chess Association.

I have been active with TCA for quite a few years. I was active with the Region before the split which resulted with a new Region 8 being formed. I have been on the floor as a TD or other activities with many of the existing members. Just to mention a few names: Gary Gaiffe, Bob James, Luis Salinas, Victor Flores Sr. and Jr., not to exclude Mr. J.J. Guajardo. I was even on the floor overseeing our current President-Mr. Clemente Rendon playing in the High School Section. I hosted the last tournament in Region 7 before the split. At that time the Regional had a little over 700 players in it. I have been directly involved in at least 8 state scholastic tournaments. Four of those State Scholastic tournaments afforded me the opportunity to have a hand in the organization and execution of them. Things have continuously improved over the last 12 years that I have been active in chess.

However, before being enlightened to chess I was in the private business sector. For ten years I worked as an executive manager for a man named "Bill" Church. My particular duties included dealing with Human Resources and Public Relations. I had some of the best analytical business training that has stayed with me on many of my administrative assignments during the course of my life. I have owned 2 businesses and have directed at least 7 volunteer non profit organizations successfully. My latest two were as President of Optimist Coastal Bend Chess Federation and President of Local Chapter of Association of Texas Professional Educators. At the age of 36, I went back to school and within a period of 4 years I secured my Bachelors in Business and Marketing. I recently received my Masters in education.

I fully support chess at all levels because I truly believe that this game offers many more benefits than just the fun of playing the game. At the scholastic level, it teaches the students to weigh all the outcomes before making a choice. At the adult level, it exercises our minds and helps to keep us sharp and active. The final benefit is just plain fun. The best game I ever had was the game I lost. I appreciated the finesse which my opponent played with.

I have been involved with TCA for quite a few years and am very passionate about the function of the organization. I do not intend to overhaul the system, my prede-

cessor has already made some very good major much needed overhauling changes. The Scholastic Committee, the By-laws Committee and all the other committees are working diligently in order to help keep improving the way the organization functions and making it easier for everyone involved. TCA has also put itself in a position to help promote and support chess players throughout the state financially and morally. TCA has represented itself very well. It is my intent to continue this practice and help streamline and work out whatever bugs need to be addressed in order to keep TCA as a recognized organization in the nation. I do want to compliment and thank all the volunteers that make the success of the TCA possible. My concentration during my term (should I get elected) will be associated with new membership recruitment. With State Scholastics drawing over 1700 players, we should assume that those players will one day graduate and settle into today's society and hopefully we can depend on those individuals to help carry TCA into the new millennium as a continuously flourishing well run organization.

You and everyone else can make a difference. All it takes is word of mouth to spread and make a small whimper into a cry which rings throughout the nation. I like to take this approach to recruitment. All we need to concern ourselves with is one person at a time. Morale has much to do with this. I do hope to put out a newsletter to help improve communications so we can all be on the same track and working towards the same goal. I respect each and every individual because this was the way I was raised.

In closing: you can make a difference. Spread the word and help recruit the membership to voice their opinion. Above all, don't forget to voice yours by voting.

Thank you,
Eddie R. Rios Sr.
Region 7 Director (proudly serving)

Statement by Clemente Rendon

Dear Texas Chess Players,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the TCA as president. I had a great experience, met a lot of new people, received input from many of our members, and accomplished the goals that I had set forth.

As fulfilling as my year was as president, I have decided not to run for re-election. I believe that I have done my part to improve TCA, and now its time for someone else to take the TCA to the next level. The candidates for

president are well qualified, and I believe that each of them can further TCA's mission.

However, I would enjoy the opportunity of staying involved with the TCA. Prior to becoming president, I had served as the Vice-President. The position has a completely different focus; I believe that I am well suited to fill the needs of this position I will also support the new president's direction for the TCA. I am therefore asking everyone for the opportunity to be Vice-President again.

I hope that we will all work together to continue to promote chess throughout Texas.

Cordially,
Clemente Rendon

Statement by Nelda Rogers

As treasurer for 2006-2007 year I would like to continue to work diligently in keeping the organizations books up-to-date by monitoring it carefully, and keeping good records of all actions taken. As treasurer I can help continue to build the Texas Chess Association into an organization that meets the needs of all students of Texas.

Thanks,
Nelda

Proposed Bylaws Amendments and Advance Motions

As required by the Bylaws, these have been submitted for publication prior to being introduced for a vote in the Annual Membership Meeting at the Southwest Open.

1. Bylaws amendment (Bob James). I move that TCA amend the current wording of Article IX, Section 1R from R. Texas Girls Championship. Only Texas residents or students enrolled in secondary or primary schools (including home schools) in Texas may play in this event.

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R. Texas Girls Championship. Only Texas female residents or students enrolled in secondary or primary schools (including home schools) in Texas may play in this event. This event shall be held in the fall prior to the Texas Grade Championships. There shall be individual and team trophies. A team shall consist of any four players from the same school, and may be designated at the conclusion of the tournament to include the top scorers from that school.

2. Bylaws amendment (Bob James). I move that TCA add Article IX, Section IX 1T as follows:

T. Texas Girls Regional Scholastic Championship. These shall be held in each of the Regions of the Association any time during the school year. These shall be organized according to the same guidelines as the Texas Girls Championships. These shall be open only to female students residing in or attending school in the same region as the tournament. [Notes: (1) A TCA region that does not hold a girls regional forfeits its priority in the next bidding cycle for the Texas Girls Championship. (2) If a regional draws less than 50 players the previous year (or is not held), then the next year the regional can be held as an open event. It will be up to the organizer to decide whether out of region players can win trophies.]

3. Bylaws amendment (Luis Salinas). Change Section 2. Policies of the Conduct of Tournaments, article M.

M. Senior. Citizens aged 65 and over may enter any Regular TCA tournament at the advance entry fee rate, up until the end of the pre-announced registration time. *This rule is for Regular TCA tournaments that do not have a special Senior entry fee. TCA encourages tournament organizers to have a discounted senior entry fee.*

(The change in the bylaw is in italics.) This bylaw was written when traditionally there were no Junior nor Senior rates. If there is a senior rate I see no reason to give them leeway to register late for the early fee.

4. Advance Motion (Luis Salinas). The membership authorizes the TCA to give a stipend to all Texas players that qualified and participate in the 2006 World Youth. This stipend is contingent on the player writing an article for *Texas Knights* and annotating a couple of games. The BOD will determine the amount of the stipend.

The following players have qualified:

Boys under 10: Darwin Yang, Fernando Spada, Fernando Mendez, Jonathan Chin.

Girls under 10: Sylvia Yang, Caroline Zhu, Sarah Chiang, Eileen Dai, Ellen Xiang.

Girls under 12: Helen Chu

Girls under 14: Anjali Datta, Gayatri Vempati

Girls under 16: Courtney Jamison

The 2006 World Youth is scheduled to be in Bastumia Georgia from October 20-31.

5. Advance Motion (Luis Salinas). The Dallas Chess Club request a \$1,000 stipend to run the Texas Masters sometime in the late winter/spring time frame.

6. Advance Motion (Luis Salinas). *Move that the two Texas representatives to the Susan Polgar Invitational Tournament for Girls, which is held concurrently to the US Open and to the Denker, will automatically qualify to play in the Texas Junior Invitation and will get a free entry fee to the TJI.*

Currently the Denker representative can play up and gets a free entry fee to the Texas State and Amateur Championship. Usually the Polgar Qualifier occurs after the Texas State and Amateur so they cannot get the same deal. The TJI can be a good training tournament.

Note that TCA pays the entry fee to the organizer. So the organizer is not out any money.

7. Bylaws amendment (Luis Salinas). Change Article IX Section 1 from

D. Texas Amateur Championship: This event will be held simultaneously with the Texas State Championship in May. This tournament shall be restricted to players with a USCF rating of below 2000. Only a Texas resident may win the title of Texas Amateur Champion. This is a Major Event.

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D. Texas Amateur Championship: This event will be held simultaneously with the Texas State Championship in May. This tournament shall be restricted to players with a USCF rating of below 2000. An Organizer may choose to have a Reserve section for players rated below 1600. Only a Texas resident may win the title of Texas Amateur Champion. This is a Major Event.

Rationale: The Amateur section has been too big for a six round tournament and for a seven round tournament, the leaders do not play each other enough.

2006 Southwest Open

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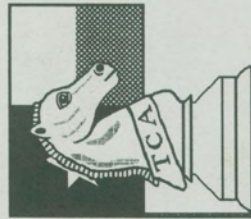
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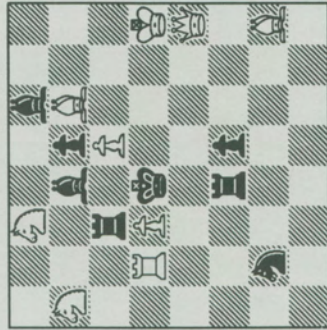


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Solution: p. 16

