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President's Column

Greetings Texas Chess Players,

Texas Knights: *Texas Knights* is back on schedule; I received a great deal of feedback that the March-April 2006 issue was an exceptional one. As usual, *TK* needs contributions from its readers. Please support our magazine by submitting reports on tournaments, games, and other chess related material to the editor, Selby Anderson (schachlied@yahoo.com).

Partnerships: TCA is currently looking for additional TCA membership benefits. We are in the process of negotiating with online vendors to offer our membership exclusive benefits. I will keep everyone informed on the status of this project.

Tournaments: Once again, there are several bids that are due for the current cycle. For a list of upcoming bids please visit www.texaschess.org and then click on Bidding Information. To see upcoming events, click on the calendar.

Web site/Forums: I encourage all TCA members to become registered members of both our forum and Web site. Registering is a short process and will help to facilitate on line projects and communication between the governance and the TCA membership.

Exciting positive developments in Texas:

A) University of Texas at Brownsville Coach: UTB is currently looking for a new chess coach for its program. There have

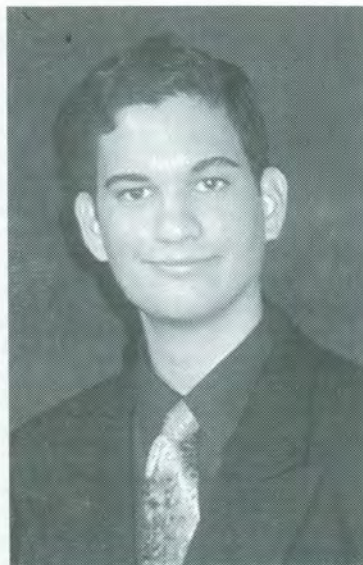
been several strong candidates, including grandmasters applying for this position. For more information on the position, please contact program director Rusty Harwood at: Russell.Harwood@utb.edu.

B) Final Four: The final four chess tournament featuring UTD, UMBC, Miami Dade and Duke was held in Dallas April 1-2. UTD's team was represented by GM Magesh Panchanathan, GM Alejandro Ramirez, IM Dmitry Shneider, IM Marko Zivanic, IM Drasko Boskovic and IM Davorin Kuljasevic. The press release is available at www.utdallas.edu/news/archive/2006/umbc-edges-utd.htm [also next page].

C) Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators: Dr. Alexey Root's book was published March 30, 2006. An exclusive interview with Dr. Root is available in this issue of the *Texas Knights*.

D) World Youth Team: The announcements for the World Youth team will be out soon. Several Texas players should qualify, including Fernando L. Mendez Jr, Fernando Spada, Darwin Yang, Jonathan Chin, Courtney Jamison, Caroline Zhu, Sylvia Yang, Gayatri Vempati, Sarah Chiang, Eileen Dai, Anjali Datta, and Helen Chu. Best of luck to everyone.

E) Controversy at 2006 Texas Scholastic Championship: The chief tournament organizer Susan Breeding, along with members of the TCA governance, worked diligently to ensure the integrity of the state



scholastic tournament was maintained. The TCA scholastic committee has made recommendations, which will be forwarded to the USCF, on how to deal with the 4 individuals and 3 teams that violated TCA rules. These recommendations should allow us to punish wrongdoers and to ensure that we uphold our ethical principles at all TCA tournaments.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. I trust that we will be able to continue to our mission of promoting chess throughout Texas!

Respectfully,

Clemente Rendon
TCA President

UMBC edges rival UT-Dallas in 'Final Four' of college chess

Miami Dade finishes third, Duke fourth in tournament held in Dallas

by Stephen McGregor

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) retained the title of "best team in U.S. intercollegiate chess" with a narrow win over its archrival, The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), and two other challengers this weekend at the "Final Four" of Chess tournament in Dallas.

Coming into Sunday's final round, UTD needed a win, 2 ½ to 1 ½, against UMBC to capture the championship. UMBC, on the other hand, only needed to split the match, 2 to 2, with UTD to win the title. In the final seconds of the last game, with UTD ahead 2 to 1, UMBC's Bruci Lopez, in a difficult position, pulled out a win against UTD's Dmitri Shneider, ensuring victory for the Maryland team.

UMBC bested UTD, 9 points to 8, to take home the President's Cup, a trophy that has come to be emblematic of college chess supremacy. Miami Dade College finished third with 5 points and Duke University was fourth with 2 points at the event, held April 1-2 at the Marriott Quorum Hotel.

The teams earned the right to compete in this year's Final Four competition by finishing among the top four U.S. teams in December at the 2005 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship, the most prestigious college chess competition held each year in the Western Hemisphere. UMBC won that tournament by the narrowest of margins, with 5 ½ points to UTD's 5. UTD had won the Pan-Am in both 2004 and 2003 and had tied for first

– with UMBC – in both 2001 and 2000.

No team other than UTD and UMBC ever has won the Final Four of Chess in the six-year history of the tournament. UTD won the event the first two years, but UMBC has won the last four years in a row.

"It should come as no surprise that the U.S. college chess title again came down to a battle between UTD and UMBC," said Jim Stallings, UTD's associate chess director. "We congratulate UMBC on a hard-fought victory and look forward to renewing our rivalry next season."

Dr. Tim Redman, a professor of literary studies at UTD and founder and director of the UTD chess program, praised the showing of the Miami Dade team, noting that "Miami Dade has joined the ranks of the nation's best college chess programs with a string of impressive accomplishments in recent years, including being named Chess College of the Year in 2004 by the U.S. Chess Federation."

UTD coach Rade Milovanovic singled out the play of UTD freshman Davorin Kuljasevic, who had a perfect performance over the past two days – three wins, with no losses and no draws.

"Davorin was the standout among all players in the tournament," Milovanovic said. "Had there been a most valuable player award, he would have won it hands down. He's also an MVP in the classroom, where he earned a 4.0 grade point average during the fall semester."

UTD was the number one seed in this year's Final Four. However, with two grandmasters in its lineup,

UMBC was seen as a formidable competitor.

The UTD team was represented at the Final Four by two grandmasters — senior computer science major Magesh Chandran Panchanathan and freshman Alejandro Ramirez — and International Masters Shneider, a senior finance major, and Marko Zivanic, a sophomore computer science major. Sophomore Drasko Boskovic and Kuljasevic, both International Masters and both business administration majors, served as alternates.

Center Counter B01

Pavel Blehm 2593

Renler Gonzalez 2548

Final Four 2006 (1)

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5
4. d4 Nf6 5. Bc4 c6 6. Bd2 Qb6 7.
Nf3 Qxb2 8. Ne5 e6 9. Rb1 Qa3 10.
O-O Qd6 11. Re1 Be7 12. Ne4
Qxd4 13. Ng5 O-O 14. Qe2 b5 15.
Bb3 Nd5 16. Nef3 Qc5 17. c4 bxc4
18. Bxc4 h6 19. Ne4 Qa3 20. Bxh6



20... gxf6 21. Rb3 Qa5 22. Ne5
Nf6 23. Rg3+ Kh8 24. Nc3 Nbd7
25. Qd2 Ng8 26. Nxc6 Qc5 27.
Nxe7 Qxe7 28. Nd5 Qc5

28... Qh4! 29. Rh3 Qxh3 30. gxf3 exd5 31. Bxd5 Rb8 32. Qd4+ Ngf6 =+.

29. Qc3+ f6 30. Nf4 Ba6

30... Re8 31. Rxe6 Rxe6 32. Nxe6 Qd6 33. Nc7 +/-.

31. Ng6+ Kh7 32. Qd3 Rf7 33. Ne5+ f5 34. Nxf7 1-0

Reti Opening A11

Magesh Panchanathan 2581
Lev Milman 2528

Final Four 2006 (1)

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 Bg4 4. O-O Nbd7 5. c4 c6 6. d4 e6 7. Nbd2 Bd6 8. b3 b5 9. Bb2 Rb8 10. Ne5 Bxe5 11. dxe5 Ng8 12. cxd5 exd5



13. Qe1 f5 14. exf6 Ngxf6 15. e4 O-O 16. h3 Bh5 17. exd5 exd5 18. Qe6+ Bf7 19. Qe3 Qa5 20. Nf3 Rfe8 21. Qf4 Rbc8 22. Nd4 Ne5?? (22... a6 =) 23. Nf5 d4 24. Bxd4 Nh5 25. Qg5 Qd8 26. Nh6+ Kh8 27. Nxf7+ Nxf7 28. Qxh5 1-0

Trompovsky Attack D00

Matthew Hoekstra 2403
Marko Zivanic 2534

Final Four 2006 (1)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 d5 3. Bxf6 exf6 4. e3 Bd6 5. Bd3 f5 6. Nd2 c6 7. Qf3 g6 8. a3 Nd7 9. c4 Nf6 10. cxd5 exd5 11. Qd1 O-O 12. Ne2 Ne4 13. Nxe4 fxe4 14. Bb1 Qg5 15. g3 15... Bg4 16. Qd2 b5 17. Bc2 a5 18. Nc3 Bf3 19. Rg1 Rab8 20. h4 Qf5 21.



21...Bd1 b4 22. axb4 Bxb4 23. g4 Qf6 24. Bxf3 Qxf3 25. Qe2 Qh3 26. h5 a4 27. O-O-O Bxc3 28. bxc3 Rfc8 29. Kc2 Rb3 30. Qd2 Qh2 31. Rgf1 Qc7 0-1

Veresov Attack D01

Alberto Hernandez 2326
Pascal Charbonneau 2500

Final Four 2006 (1)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Bg5 Nbd7 4. Nf3 h6 5. Bh4 e6 6. a3 Be7 7. e3 c5 8. Bd3 a6 9. O-O b5 10. Ne5 10. b4 c4 (10... cxb4 11. axb4 Bb7 12. Rb1 O-O =) 11. Be2 O-O =.

10... Nxe5 11. dxe5 Nd7 12. Bxe7 Qxe7 13. f4 Bb7 14. Qh5 O-O-O 15. b4 15. Bxb5 axb5 16. Nxb5 g6 17. Qd1 f6 18. Nd6+ Kb8 19. b4 c4 +/-.



15... c4 16. Be2 f6 17. exf6 Qxf6 18. Na2 Rhe8 19. c3 Kb8 20. Rad1 Re7 21. Rd4 e5 22. fxe5 Qxe5 23. Qxe5+ Nxe5 24. Rfd1 Rde8 25.

Kf2 g5 26. h3 Ng6 27. Bh5 Rf8+ 28. Bf3 Ne5 \$19 29. Re1 Ref7 30. Re2 h5 31. Kg3 Nxf3 32. gxf3 Rxf3+ 33. Kg2 h4 34. Rg4 d4 35. e4 d3 36. Rd2 Re3 0-1

Galofre Rohonyan (Rd. 1)



Black to move

61... Qg8+ 62. Kd7 Kf7! 0-1

French Defense C10

Pascal Charbonneau 2500
Matthew Hiekstra 2403

Final Four 2006 (2)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Nf3 Ngf6 6. Nxf6+ Nxf6 7. c3 h6 8. Bc4 a6 9. O-O b5 10. Be2 Bb7 11. a4 Qd5? (11... b4 =)



12. Ne1! Rd8 12... Ne4 13. Bf3 c5 14. Nc2 cxd4 15. Qxd4 +=.

13. axb5 axb5 14. Bf3 Ne4 15. Nd3 g5 16. Re1 f5 17. Ne5 Rh7 18. Bxe4 fxe4 19. Qh5+ Ke7 20. Bxg5+ 1-0

Ruy Lopez C67

Lev Milman 2528
Pavel Blehm 2593

Final Four 2006 (2)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. O-O Nxe4 5. d4 Be7 6. Qe2 Nd6 7. Bxc6 bxc6 8. dxe5 Nb7 9. Be3 O-O 10. Nbd2 Qe8 11. Nd4 Bc5 12. f4 d6 13. N2f3 Bg4 Draw

QGD Chigorin D07

Daverin Kuljasevic 2496
Charles Galofre 2142

Final Four 2006 (2)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. e4 Bg4 6. d5 Ne5 7. Bf4 Ng6 8. Be3 e5 9. Bxc4 Bd6 9... Nh4!? 10. Rg1 Nd7 11. Be2 Bxf3 12. gxf3 Ng6 13. Re1 +=, 10. Bb5+ Bd7 11. Bxd7+ Qxd7 12. h3 O-O 13. O-O b5 14. Nd2 a6 15. Qc2 Nh5 16. Ne2 Nhf4 16... f5 17. f3 Nf6 18. Racl +=, 17. Bxf4 exf4 18. Nd4 Nh4 19. N2f3 Nxf3+ 20. Nxf3 Rae8 21. Rfe1 Be5 22. Rac1 f5 23. exf5 Rxf5 24. Re4 Bxb2?? 24... Kf7 25. Nxe5+ Rxe5 26. Rxe5 Rxe5 27. Qxc7 +/-, 25. Rxe8+ 1-0

Ruy Lopez C85

Renler Gonzalez 2548
Magesh Panchanathan 2581

Final Four 2006 (2)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Bxc6 dxc6 7. Qe2 Nd7 8. d4 exd4 9. Nxd4 Bf6 10. Rd1 O-O 11. f4 Bxd4+ 12. Rxd4 Qe7 13. Nc3 Re8 14. Be3 Nf6 15. e5 Ng4 16. h3 Nxe3 17. Qxe3 f6 18. Re1 Bf5 19. Qf2 fxe5 20. Rxe5 Qf7 21. Rxe8+ Rxe8 22. g4 Be6 23. Re4 Bd5 24. Rxe8+ Qxe8 25. a3 h5 26. Kh2 hxg4 27. hxg4 Qe6 28.

Kg3 Kf7 29. Qe2 Qf6 30. Qe3 b6 31. Nd1 e5 32. c3 Bb7 33. Nf2 Qc6 34. Nh3 Kf8 35. Qe5 Qg2+ 36. Kh4 Qh2 37. Qf5+ Ke8 38. Qe6+



38... Kd8??

38... Kf8 39.g5 Qd2 40. g6 Qd5 =, 39. Qg8+ Ke7 40. Qxg7+ Kd8 41. Qh8+ Kd7 42. Qh7+ Ke8 43. Qg8+ Kd7 44. Qf7+ Kd8 45. Qf8+ Kd7 46. Qf5+ Ke7 47. Qh7+ Ke8 48. Kg5 Bf3 49. Kf6 1-0

Sicilian B54

Renler Gonzalez 2548
Lev Milman 2528

Final Four 2006 (3)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. f3 e5 6. Nb3 a5 7. Bg5 Be7 8. Bb5+ Bd7 9. Bxd7+ Nbx7 10. a4 Qb6 11. Qd2 d5 12. exd5 Nxd5 13. Bxe7 Nxe7 14. Nc3 O-O-O Draw

Dutch Defense A80

Matthew Hoekstra 2403
Alberto Hernandez 2326

Final Four 2006 (3)

1. d4 f5 2. Bg5 c6 3. e3 Qb6 4. Bd3 Qxb2 5. Nd2 d5 6. Nh3 g6 7. Nf4 Nh6 8. h4 Nf7 9. Rb1 Qc3 10. g4 fxg4 11. Rb3 Qa5 12. c4 Rg8 12... e5! 13. dxe5 dxc4 14. Bxc4 Nxe5 15. Be2 Bg7 +, 13. cxd5 h6 14. dxc6 Nxc6 15. Rb5 Qd8 16. Bxg6 hxg5 17. hxg5 Rxg6 17... Rg7 18. Qc2 Qd7 19. Rc5 =.

18. Nxc6 a6 19. Rc5 Qd6 20. Qb1 Bg7 21. Nc4 +- Qe6 22. Nf4 Qd7 23. Nb6 Qd6 24. Nxa8 Bxd4 25. Rd5 Bc3+ 26. Kf1 Qb8 27. Qg6 e5 28. Rh8+ 1-0

Petroff's Defense C42

Pavel Blehm 2593
Magesh Panchanathan 2581

Final Four 2006 (3)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. Nc3 Nf6 6. d4 Be7 7. Bg5 O-O 8. Qd2 c6 9. Bd3 a5 10. O-O-O Na6 11. a3 b5 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Ne4 Nc7 14. h4 Be7 15. Rde1 h6 16. Neg5 hxg5? 16... b4 17.a4 Ba6 =, 17. hxg5 g6 17... f5 18. gxf6 Bxf6 19. Bh7+ Kf7 20. Qf4 Rh8 21. Ng5+ Kf8 22. Bg6 Rxh1 23. Rxh1 Ne6 24. Nxe6+ Bxe6 25. g4 +/-



18. Qf4 Kg7 19. Rxe7! Nd5 20. Rh7+ Kxh7 21. Qh4+ 1-0 If 21... Kg8, then 22.Bxg6! forces mate.

Nimzo-Indian E55

Alejandro Ramirez 2543
Pascal Charbonneau 2500

Final Four 2006 (1)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 O-O 5. Bd3 d5 6. Nf3 e5 7. O-O dxc4 8. Bxc4 Nbd7 9. Qb3 b6 10. d5 Bxc3 11. dxe6 Ba5 12. exd7 Bxd7 13. Rd1 Qe7 14. Bd2 Bxd2 15. Rxd2 b5 16. Be2 Ne4 17. Rdd1

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Spring Open

FM Dishman ties with Anderson, Sutherland and Tia in San Antonio

FM Steve Dishman, a Londoner who recently moved to the Austin area, tied for first with NM Selby Anderson, Don Sutherland and Rudy Tia of Fort Hood, each scoring 3-1 to win \$121.25. Randall Schwarz, Martin Gordon and Daniel Hung tied for the U2000 prize with 2.5, each winning \$28.33.

The Reserve section was won by Julian Hernandez, Juan Carrizales and 8-year-old Fernando Spada of Brownsville, each scoring 3.5 to win \$80. Derek Chang, a fourth grader from Austin, also scored 3.5 points to win the U1600 prize of \$85. Michael Veri won the U1400 prize of \$60 with 3 points. The top unrated was Daniel Cyrus III with 1.5, winning \$50.

Fifty-seven players turned out for the event, held at the Texas Neurosciences Institute. A total of \$1,005 in prizes was paid out, \$205 above the advertised amount. Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

French Winawer C18

Selby Anderson 2276
Darwin Yang 1896

Spring Open (1)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5

With 6.Be3 being all the rage, I figured the old Main Line offered more pitfalls for a young player. My nine-year-old opponent proceeded to rattle off 15 more book moves!

6...e6 7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 Qc7 9. O-O Nbd7 10. g4 b5 11. Bxf6 Nxf6 12. g5 Nd7 13. f5 Bxg5+

13...Nc5 is the other line, leading to great complications after 14. f6

gxf6 15. gxf6 Bf8 16. Rg1 with Rg7 to follow.

14. Kb1 Ne5 15. Qh5 Qd8 16. Rg1 Bf6 17. fxe6 O-O 18. Bh3 g6 19. Nd5 Kh8 20. Qe2 fxe6 21. Bxe6 Ra7

Nunn's Chess Openings ends its footnote here with "unclear", citing Psakhis-Cvitian, Geneva 1992.

22. Rgf1 Bg7 23. c3

23. Rxf8+ Qxf8 24. Bxc8 Qxc8 25. h4 Nc4 26. h5 g5 27. c3 h6 =.

23... Qe8 24. Rxf8+ Qxf8 25. Rf1 Qe8 26. Nf6?!

26. Bxc8 Qxc8 27. h4 +=.

26... Bxf6 27. Rxf6 Kg7?

27... Bxc6 28. Rxe6 (28. Nxe6 Nd7! +) 28... Qf8 29. Nc2 Rf7 30. Ne3 Nc4 31. Qd3 Qc8 32. Rxd6 Nxd6 33. Qxd6 Kg8 +=.



28. Bxc8! Kxf6 29. Qf2+ Ke7 30. Nf5+ gxf5 31. Qxa7+ Kf6 32. Bxf5

Later I wished I had slowed down (having made time control) and looked at 32. Qxa6!? - but Fritz showed me the light with 32... Nc4! 33. Bxf5 Qh5 34. a4! (only move! - 34. a3?? Qe2 35. Qxb5 Nxa3+ +) 34... Qd1+ 35. Ka2 b4 36. Qxc4 (36. cxb4?? Qc2 +) 36... Qxa4+ =.

32... Qh5 33. Qd4 Ke7 34. h3 Qf3 35. a4?

35. Qd5! Qf1+ 36. Kc2 Qe2+ 37. Kb3 Qc4+ 38. Qxc4 bxc4+ 39. Kb4 +.

35... Qe2 36. Qd5 Nc4 37. Qe6+ Kf8 38. Qf6+ Ke8 39. Qh8+ Kf7 40. Qxh7+ Kf6 41. Qg6+ Ke5??

After 41... Ke7 42. Qg7+ Ke8, I have nothing but a perpetual check.

I could see that such a prolonged struggle was a bit of a new experience for my opponent. His coach, GM Annakov, may be justifiably be proud of the effort - and I doubt that I can expect a such a windfall to be repeated in our next game!

42. Qg7+ Kf4 43. Qg4+ Qxg4 44. hxg4 Ne3 45. axb5 axb5 46. Ka2 Nng4 47. Bxg4 Kxg4 48. Kb3 Kf4 49. Kb4 Kxe4 50. Kxb5 d5 51. Kc5 Ke5 52. b4 Ke6 53. b5 Kd7 54. Kxd5 Kc7 55. c4 Kb6 56. Kd6 Kb7 57. c5 Kc8 58. c6 Kb8 59. Kd7 Ka7 60. c7 1-0

QP Opening D00

Steve Dishman 2320
John Patty 2200

Spring Open (2)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 d5 3. Nd2 Bf5 4. e3 Nbd7 5. Ngf3 c5?! (5... c6 =) 6. c4! cxd4 7. Nxd4 Bg6 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Qb3 Qa5 10. Bb5 N5b6 11. Ke2 e6?



11...Rd8 avoids immediate harm, but it begs the question of how Black will develop his kingside. Fritz gives this convoluted line: 11... Rd8 12. Bh4 a6 13. a4! Rc8 14. Bxd7+ Kxd7 15. Rhd1 Ke8 16. Rac1 with advantage to White
 12. Nxe6! Bd6 13. Nc4 Nxc4 14. Qxc4 a6 15. Bxd7+ Kxd7 16. Rhd1 Rhc8 17. Rxd6+ Kxd6 18. Rd1+ Ke5 19. Qf4+ 1-0

Sicilian Scheveningen B84

Jesse Lozano 1728

Martin Gordon 1937

Spring Open (2)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e6 7. g4 Qc7 8. g5 Ng8

8... Nfd7 is the normal route.

9. Be3 Nc6 10. Qd2 Nge7 11. f4 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 b5 13. Bf3 Bb7 14. Qf2 Qc6 15. O-O-O b4 16. Ne2 Rc8 17. Ng3 a5 18. Rhe1

18. Kb1!? a4 19. Rcl is one way to head off an attack.

18... a4 19. b3 axb3 20. axb3 Ra8 21. f5!?

21. Kb2 Ng6 22. f5 e5 23. fxg6 hxg6 (23... exd4 24. gxf7+ Kxf7 25. Bg4+ Ke8 26. Qxd4 +) 24. Be2 exd4 25. Bc4 Qc7 26. Rf1 d5 27. exd5 Bd6 28. Rde1+ Kf8 29. Ne4 Be5 30. d6 d3+ 31. Kc1 Ra1+ 32. Kd2 +.

21... e5 22. Bb2 Nc8 23. Be2 Be7 24. f6 Bd8?

24... gxf6 25. gxf6 Bd8 26. Nf5 +.

25. Bc4?

25. fxg7 Rg8 26. Bc4 Bxg5+ 27. Kb1 Qc7 28. Nh5 Ba6 29. Rg1 Bd8 30. Bxa6 Rxa6 31. Qf5 +.

25... g6 26. Qd2 Bb6 (26... Qc5) 27. h4 Qc5 = 28. Re2 Ra2 29. Qd3 Bc6 30. h5 Qa5?

30... Rf8 31. hxg6 hxg6 32. Rh2 Qe3+ =.

31. c3? (31. Bxf7+!) 31... Bc5?

31... bxc3 32. Bxc3 Qa3+ 33. Kb1 +=.

32. cxb4 Bxb4

32... Qxb4 33. Kb1 Ra7 34. Bxe5 Qa5 35. Bc3 Bb4 36. Rc2 +/-.



33. Bxf7+ Kd7

33... Kxf7? 34. Qc4+ and Qxc6.

34. Kb1 Nb6 35. Rc2??

35. hxg6 Ra8!? 36. Nf1 Bb5 37. Qh3+ Kc6 38. Rh2 hxg6 39. Ne3 Ra1+ 40. Kc2 Ra2 41. Rcl +.

35... Ra8 + 36. Be6+ Ke8 (36... Kxe6! +) 37. Rf2

37. Rh2 Bd5!! 38. exd5 (38. Bxd5 Nxd5 39. Qxd5 Ra1+ 40. Kc2 Rc8+ +) (38. hxg6 Ra1+ 39. Kc2 Qc5+ +) 38... Ra1+ 39. Kc2 Qc5+ +.

37... Ra1+ 38. Kc2 Qc5+ 0-1

Pirc Defense B07

Selby Anderson 2276

Steve Dishman 2320

Spring Open (3)

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. f3 e5 4. Ne2 c6 5. c4 Be7 6. Nbc3 Nbd7 7. Be3 h5 8. Qd2 Qc7 9. d5 a6 10. h4 c5 11. Nc1 Rb8 12. Be2 Nf8 13. a4 b6 14. Nd3 a5 15. Nf2 Ng6 16. g3 Bd7 17. Bf1 Kd8 18. Bh3 Bxh3 19. Nxh3 Qd7 20. Ng5 Rf8 21. O-O-O Kc7 22. b3 Kb7 23. Kb2 Rbe8 24. Ne2 Bd8 25. Ng1 Bc7 26. N1h3 Bd8 27. Nf2 Bc7 28. Nd3 Bd8 29. Rdg1 Rh8 30. Nh3 Bc7 31. Ndf2 Bd8 32. Nd1 Bc7 33. Bf2 Bd8 34. Ne3 Reg8 35. Nf5 Ne7 36. Ne3 Draw

Dutch Defense A92

Randall Schwarz 1950

James Rohrbaugh 2210

Spring Open (3)

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 Be7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. O-O Qe8!?

Like Alekhine's 6...Ne4!?, this super-finesse gets rebutted by ...

7. d5! Na6 8. Nc3 Ne5 9. Nb5 Bd8 10. d6 c6

10... cxd6 11. Bf4! Nce4 12. Nxd6 Nxd6 13. Bxd6 Be7 14. Ne5 +/-.

11. Nbd4 a5 12. Ne5 Nfe4 13. Nb3 Bf6

13...Nxb3! 14. axb3 Bf6 15. f4 b6 is a tougher nut to crack. However, 16. b4! Ba6 17. bxa5 bxa5 18.b3 leaves Black in much the same quandary with his queen's bishop as in the game.



14. f4 b6 15. Be3 Ba6 16. Nxc5 Nxc5 17. Bxc5 bxc5 18. b3

Black is essentially playing without his QB. Surprisingly, Fritz only assesses this as only an edge (+0.69) to White.

18...g5 19. Qd3 gxf4 20. gxf4 Bxe5 21. fxe5 Kh8 22. Rf3 Rg8 23. e4 Qg6 24. Rg3 fxe4 25. Qxe4 Qxe4 26. Bxe4 Rxg3+ 27. hxg3 Rg8 28. Kf2 Rg5 29. Rh1 Rxe5 30. Kf3 Rg5 (time) 1-0

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Denton Open

Hayward, Langer, Doss and Littlejohn tie

The Denton Open was held March 4 as a one-day event with sudden death time controls (Rd. 1 G/30, Rds. 2-3 G/45, Rds. 4-5 G/60) and a \$300 first prize. A strong field turned out, with six masters and three experts.

In the end, four players tied for first with 4-1: NM Keith Hayward of Corinth, NM Mikhail Langer of Austin, NM Jason Doss of Dallas, and expert Kris Littlejohn of Dallas. Littlejohn, a UTD student, scored a win over NM Alfred Carlin of New Orleans (now relocated to Dallas) in Rd. 2.

Hayward edged out Langer on third tiebreaks, having had a tough schedule including wins over Langer and Carlin. He was within reach of a perfect score and \$300 when he blundered away a winning position to Doss in the last round.

Jimmy Heiserman was the top Class A with 3.5; however, there was no A prize. The organizers may want to reconsider this in the future, as only four Class A's showed up.

The top player in Class B was Nithej Pilli (1708), a high school freshman who upset WIM Alexey Root and A player Ming Chin.

An award for the biggest upset in the Open went to Dorian Shevitz (1794) for his first round win over Jason Doss (2327).

Brandon Rhodes won the reserve (U1400) section with a 5-0 score, and incidentally took home the most money as there was no tie.

The biggest upset of the tournament was scored by young Benjamin Nus (325) over Joseph Jarrell (1032).

A total of 62 players competed at the Denton North Library. Rob Jones directed for the Denton Chess Club.

Notes by NM Keith Hayward

I had not played OTB chess in almost a year, but I could hardly pass up the opportunity to play in my hometown area. I live in Corinth, which is south Denton suburb.

Gruenfeld Exchange D85

Keith Hayward 2261

Michael Slepoy 1994

Denton Open (2)

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Nbd7 5 Bc4 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 h3

I was trying to be coy here. To understand this comment reader must know that Michael has played this defense before against me. I suspected he would repeat the exact same game plan – a reasonable assumption since that plan worked well. In that game I played 7 Qe2 which is thematic, although it seems premature in this exact position. That game continued 7...c6 8 a4 Qc7 9 a5 (diagram):



Analysis position after 9 a5

Remember this position. 9...b5 I thought this was supposed to be bad due to 10 axb6 Nxb6 isolating the a-pawn. However, after 11 Bb3 a5 12 Re1 Ba6 Black's last two moves seems to justify the ...b5 break. 13

Qd1 Now 7 Qe2 looks like a minor mistake due to this loss of time. 13...Nfd7 14 Bd2 Nc4 15 Bxc4 Bxc4 16 b3 Be6 Black equalized, but I was able to later outplay my opponent (Hayward-Slepoy, Dallas Chess Club 2005).

7...c6 8 a4 Qc7 9 a5



With White's queen better placed than the analysis 9 a4 position, Black's repeating the b-pawn tactic is less effective here.

9...b5?! 10 axb6 Nxb6 11 Bb3 a5 12 Be3 Ba6 13 Re1 Nc4 14 Bxc4 Bxc4 15 b3

White has a more workable edge than our previous game. Black's position is under pressure too.

15...Ba6 16 Bg5 Rfe8 17 Qd2 Nd7

This allows White to isolate another pawn. Maybe Black should give up the center with 17...exd4 18 Qxd4 h6 19 Bh4 c5 and seek counterplay on the e-pawn with ...Bb7.

18 dxe5 dxe5 19 Bxe7 Rxe7 20 Red1 Nc5 21 Qd6!

Simple chess. Trading queens kills Black's counterplay potential, while the remaining Black weaknesses give White plenty to opportunity to work for a win.

21...Qxd6 22 Rxd6 Bb7



23 Rxa5!!

Black's queen rook is overworked. I tell my students one must always look for mate first, then moves like this are easy to find.

23...Nd7 24 Rxa8+ Bxa8 25 Nxe5!

Another overworked piece tactic.

25...Rxe5 26 Rxd7 Re8 27 f3 g6 28 Na4 Kg7 29 Ra7 Rb8 30 Nc5 Rb5 31 b4 Rb8 32 Kf2 Kh6 33 c3 f5 34 e5 Kg5 35 Rxh7 Kf4 36 Nd3+ Kg5 37 f4# 1-0

Sicilian B53

Keith Hayward 2261

Michael Langer 2309

Denton Open (4)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Qxd4 Nc6

Another common option is 4...a6 then 5 Be3 Nc6 6 Qb6 Qxb6 7 Bxb6 is a strange queen trade line I like for White. Black's game is not as easy as it looks there.

5 Bb5 Bd7 6 Bxc6 Bxc6 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 Bg5 e6 9 0-0-0 Be7 10 Qd3

Movsesian's patented move, more aggressive than the traditional 10 Rhe1.

10...Qa5 11 Kb1 0-0 12 h4 Rfc8

12...Rac8 is commonly played too.

13 Nd4 Rab8

13...b5 14 f3 b4 15 Nce2 h6 16 Bxf6 Bxf6 17 g4 Bb7 18 f4 (18 g5 hxg5 19 hxg5 Bxg5 20 f4 +=) 18...Qa6 19 g5 Qxd3 20 cxd3 was

even in S. Movsesian - Z. Hracek, Czech Republic 1995.

14 f4?



Impetuous, showing my inexperience with this line. Until this game I had no one play this deeply into theory against me. The solid approach would have been 14 f3 b5 15 g4 b4 16 Nxc6 (16 Nce2 Bb7 17 Ng3 Ba6 18 Qe3) 16...Rxc6 17 Ne2 Rbc8 18 Nd4 Rc4 and play has transposed to S. Bekhodja - V. Neverov, Cappelle la Grande 2001, but with White to move. 19 Bc1 Qe5 20 h5 with complex play where both sides have reasons to be happy.

14...b5 15 Nxc6

15 e5 dxe5 16 fxe5 b4! 17 Nxc6 Rxc6 18 Ne2 is similar to the game line.

15...Rxc6 16 e5 b4 17 Ne2 b3?

Right idea, wrong timing. Correct was 17...Nd5 18 Bxe7? b3!! and White has no answer to the threat ...Nb4. Against 17...Nd5 I would have played 18 Qb3 but certainly Black is preferred there.

18 cxb3 dxe5

Again, better was 18...Nd5 although this time the follow-up 19 Qd2 Qxd2 20 Rxd2 Bf8 21 h5 is fine for White.

19 fxe5 Nd5 20 Bxe7 Nxe7 21 Nc3

21 Qd7 Qc7 22 Rd6 Rc8 23 Qxc7 R6xc7 24 Rhd1 +=.

21...h6

21...Ng6 22 Rhe1 Rbc8 (22...Nxe5? 23 Rxe5) 23 Qd4 +=].

22 Rhe1 Ng6 23 Qd4 Rc5 24 Re4 Rxe5 25 b4!?

Objectively the position is even, but I continue to play sharply for a win.

25...Qb6 26 Qxb6 Rxb6 27 Rc4 Rh5 28 g3 Rb7 29 a4!?



Time pressure was becoming a factor for Michael; accordingly I continued to play sharply.

29...Ne7 30 b5 Rf5 31 Rd8+ Kh7 32 Ne4 Rf1+ 33 Ka2 Nf5 34 h5!



Suddenly Black has to worry about being mated, Rcc8 and Rh8. Michael was down to increment time too. A fatal combination.

34...Ne7 35 Nd6 Rb6 36 Rc7 Rxd6 (time) 1-0

The following game is one of the most tragic defeats in my career and probably the prettiest swindle ever pulled against me. Fortunately, I was leading the tournament by a point and had a tie for first place clinched.

Dutch Defense A92

Jason Doss 2327

Keith Hayward 2261

Denton Open (5)

1 d4 e6 2 c4 f5 3 g3 Nf6 4 Bg2 Be7
5 Nc3 0-0 6 Nf3 d6 7 b3 Qe8 8 Bb2
Nc6 9 d5 Nd8 10 Nb5 Nxd5!



This move surprised Jason. However, it is a common tactic for Black against d5 followed by Nb5 in the Dutch.

11 Nxd6 Bxd6!

I have played similarly in a dozen or so games. I think Black gets more attacking chances than with 11...cxd6 12 cxd5 e5 that is commonly recommended in Dutch Defense books.

12 cxd5 e5 13 0-0 Nf7 14 Nd2 Ng5

Black immediately starts to attack the white squares around White's king.

15 h4!? Nf7

One might think Black's last two moves were a waste of time, but now Black has another weakness (the h-pawn) on the kingside to work against.

16 e4 f4 17 Rc1 g5

Rather overt play. 17...Nh6 was a more reserved approach which seems slightly better for Black.

18 gxf4

18 Nc4 would have been better.

18...gxf4 19 Qh5 Kh8 20 Kh2 Rg8

Black's attack has grown dangerous.

21 Bh3?? Bxh3 22 Rg1

Only now did Jason realize his planned on 22 Kxh3 loses the queen to 22...Ng5+.

22...Bd7 23 Rxc8+ Qxc8 24 Rg1



Black is winning, but the next move is a horrible blunder. One might say Black's overconfidence lead to White's swindle. However, I can ensure the reader I completely missed White's beautiful tactic.

24...Qe8??

24...Qf8 25 Nf3 Re8 was an easy win for Black.

25 Nf3 Qe7

After the game I thought this was the losing blunder, but Black has no answer to White's next move and is already lost here.

26 Qxf7!!

Pretty!

26...Re8

26...Qxf7 27 Nxe5 f3 28 Kh1 Qf6 29 Nf7# was the point of White's combination.

27 Bxe5+ Bxe5 28 Rg8+! Rxc8 29 Qxe7 1-0

WIM Alexey Root submitted this as her best game of the tournament:

Gruenfeld Exchange D85

Alexey Root 2003

Jimmy Heiserman 1961

Denton Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 d5 5. cd5 Nd5 6. e4 Nc3 7. bc3 c5 8. Be3 0-0 9. Qd2 Qa5 10.Rc1 Rd8

11. d5 Bg4 12. Be2 Nd7 13. c4 Qc7 14. Bf4 Qb6 15. 0-0 Bf3 16. Bf3 Ne5 17. Be2 e6 18. Qe3 ed5 19. cd5 Rac8 20. Qb3 Qb3 21. ab3 f5 22. f3 a6 23. Be3 Bf8



24. f4 Nf7 25. e5 Rd5 26. Bc4 Rcd8 27. e6 Nh6 28. e7 Be7 29. Rcd1 Ng4 30. Bd5+ Rd5 31. Rd5 Ne3 32. Re5 Nf1 33. Re7 Nd2 34. Rb7 h6 35. Ke3 c4 36. bc4 Nc4 37. Ra7 a5 38. Ke2 g5 39. Kd3 Nd6 40. g3 Kf8 41. fg5 hg5 42. Rd7 1-0

Root noted: "The Denton Open was the first tournament I've played since the Feb. 2003 US Amateur Team East. Three years is by far my longest layoff from rated chess since I started playing at age 9."

TD Rob Jones submitted this last-round win by Chris Thompson, who tied for second in the reserve (U1400) section.

French Advance C02

Claudia Gallegos (unrated)

Chris Thompson 1247

Denton Open Reserve (5)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. Be2 cxd4 7. cxd4 Nh6 8. a4?

Preparing Bb5 – a highly artificial means of defending d4. White has tried 8. b3 Nf5 9. Bb2 Bb4+, losing the castling privilege, and 8.

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TEXAS MASTERS

DALLAS, MARCH 10-12

by FM John Bartholemew

The J.G.'s Old-Fashioned Hamburgers Texas Masters chess tournament was once again a huge success, drawing 115 players. The open section had fierce competition with five International Masters and one Grandmaster.

In the open section, IM Drasko Boskovic took a clear first place with three wins and two draws.

In the U2200, Chris Toolin captured first place with 4 wins and one draw. In the U2000, Clemente Rendon and Jimmy Heiserman tied for first place, each with 3 wins and 2 draws. In the U1800 section, James David Hord took first place with four wins and one draw. In the U1600/Unrated section, Dylan Scot James and Andrew G Guzman tied for first, each with four points. In the U1400, Ben Fu took first place with five

wins. In the U12000, Roland Wilifond also was first with five wins.

The tournament, held at the University of Texas at Dallas., was sponsored by J.G.'s Old-Fashioned Hamburgers, the Texas Chess Association, the Dallas Chess Club and UTD. It was organized by Southwest Chess enterprises, with Brad Bradford and Luis Salinas as chief TDs.

QGD Exchange D35

Alejandro Ramirez 2481

Francisco Guadalupe II 2226

Texas Masters (1)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 c6 7. Bd3 Ne4 8. Bxe7 Qxe7 9. Qc2 f5?? (9... Bf5) 10. Nxd5 Qd8 11. Bxe4 cxd5 12. Bxd5 Qxd5 13. Qxc8+ Kf7 14. Qxh8 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B74

Brad Sawyer 2121

Kiewa Keaton 2257

Texas Masters (1)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. Be2 Nc6 8. Nb3 O-O 9. f4 Be6 10. O-O Rc8 11. Bf3 Na5 12. Nxa5 Qxa5

13. g4?!

Too rambunctious for the current position. White needs to get solid with 13. Nd5! Nxd5 14. exd5 Bf5 15. c3, neutralizing pressure both on the c-file and the long diagonal with an edge in space. Of course, White welcomes the 2B vs. R outcome of 14... Bxb2 15. dxe6, etc.

13... Rfd8 14. f5 Bc4 15. Rf2 d5 16. Bd2?

The game is about equal after 16. exd5 Nxd5 17. Nxd5 Bxd5 18. fxg6 fxg6 19. c3.

16... dxe4 17. Nxe4 Qb6 18. Nc3 Nd5 19. Nxd5 Bxd5 20. c3??

20. Bc3 is forced, but of course the ending is lost after 20... Bxc3 21. bxc3 Bxf3 22. Qxf3 Rd2, etc.. 20... Bxf3 0-1

QP Opening A40

Ali Morshedi 2270

John Sneed 2073

Texas Masters (1)

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bf4 c5 4. e3 Qb6 5. Nc3 Nf6 6. Be2 O-O 7. O-O d6 8. Nd2 Be6 9. Nc4 Bxc4 10. Bxc4 Qxb2 11. Nd5 Nc6 12. Rb1 Qa3



IM Drasko Boskovic



13. Nxe7+! Nxe7 14. Bxd6 Rfe8 15. Rxb7 Qc3 16. Bb3 Nf5
 16... c4 17. Bb4!
 17. Bxf7+ Kh8 18. Bxc5 Red8 19. Qd3 Qxd3 20. cxd3 Nd6 21. Bxd6 Rxd6 22. Rc1 Rd7 23. Rxd7 Nxd7 24. Rc7 Nb6 25. f4 a5 26. d5 Rd8 27. Rf6 Nc8 28. Kf1 Bf8 29. e4 Nd6 30. Be6 Nb5 31. Ra6 Bb4 32. e5 Nc7 33. Ra7 Nxd5 34. Bxd5 Rxd5 35. Ke2 Rc5 36. Kf3 Rc2 37. a3 Bxa3 38. Rxa5 Bc5 39. Rb5 Kg7 40. Rb7+ Kf8 41. Rxh7 Rf2+ 42. Ke4 Re2+ 43. Kd5 Be3 44. e6 Rxc2 45. Kd6 Bxf4+ 46. Kd7 Bg5 47. h4 Kg8 48. hxg5 1-0

English Opening A34

Amon Simutowe 2445

Kalin Nonchiev 2118

Texas Masters (1)

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e5 3. Nf3 d5 4. exd5 Nxd5 5. e3

Perhaps the fourth most popular move (after 5.g3, 5.e4 and 5.d4).

5...Nxc3 6. bxc3 g6 7. Be4 Bg7 8. h4 Nd7!? (8... Nc6) 9. Qb3 O-O 10. h5 Nb6 11. hxg6 hxg6 12. Be2 Bg4 13. Bb2 Rc8 14. c4 Qd6 15. a4 Rfd8 16. Bxg7 Kxg7 17. a5 Nd7!

Playing for the attack. A grind is 17... Bxf3 18. Qc3+ Qf6 and White gets some edge with his bishop and b-file pressure.

18. Qxb7 Ne5



19. Qb2 Bxf3 20. gxf3 Qf6 21. Kf1
 Also problematic are 21. Qc3 Nd3+! and 21. Rb1 Rb8 22. Qxb8

Rxb8 23. Rxb8 Nxc4!
 21... Rh8 22. Rg1 Rb8 23. Qc3 Rh2 24. Ke1 Nc6 25. Qxf6+ Kxf6 26. f4 Rb2 27. Bf3 Nb4 28. Ke2 Rh8

Even better is 28... Rc2 right away, so that if 29.Rgc1 Rxf2+!=.

29. Rgb1 Rc2 30. Rc1



30. Rc1 Rxc1!

Black at once loses all his compensation for the sacrificed pawn. It is up to White to prove he has any winning chances after 30... Rb2 =.

31. Rxc1 Rd8 32. Rb1 Ke6 33. d4! Kd6 34. e4! Kc7 35. dxc5 Nc6 36. Bg2! Nxa5 37. Ra1 Nc6 38. e5 a5 39. Bxc6 Kxc6 40. Rxa5 Rd4 41. Ke3 Rxc4 42. Ra7

One can now see light at the end of the tunnel.

42... Rc3+ 43. Ke4 Rc4+ 44. Kf3 e6 45. Rxf7 Rxc5 46. Re7 Rc3+ 47. Ke4 Rc4+ 48. Ke3 Kd5 49. Rd7+ Kc5 50. Rc7+ Kd5 51. Rxc4 Kxc4 52. Kf3 1-0

French Exchange C01

Warren Harper 2109

Peter Vavrak 2390

Texas Masters (1)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Be7 4. exd5 exd5 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. Ngf3

Having committed the KB to d3, I would have preferred 6. Ne2. Now the pin is an instant annoyance.

6... Bg4 7. O-O O-O 8. Re1 c5 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. Nb3 Bb6 11. Bg5 h6 12. Bh4 Nc6 13. Be2 g5! 14. Bg3

Ne4 15. Nfd4 Bxe2 16. Rxe2 Qf6 17. c3 Rfe8 18. Qd3 h5

Black's pull begins to have tangible effects.



19. Rae1 h4 20. f3 hxg3 21. fxe4 dxe4 22. Qxg3 Nxd4 23. cxd4 Bxd4+ 24. Nxd4 Qxd4+ 25. Kh1 Re5 26. h4 Kg7! 27. Qg4 Rae8 28. g3 Qd5 29. Rh2 e3+ 30. Kg1 Qe6 31. Qd4 Qb6 32. Qc3 g4 33. Rhe2 f6 34. Qc4 Re4 35. Qd3 R8e7 36. Rd1 Qc5 37. b3 Qf5 38. Rxe3

38. Kh2 Qf3 with ...f5-f4 to follow is only a slight improvement.
 38... Qc5 0-1

Sicilian Defense B43

Jonathan Allen 1895

Alex Chua 2226

Texas Masters (1)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Bd3 Bc5 7. Be3 Nf6 8. O-O h5 9. h3 b6 10. Qe2 Bb7 11. Rad1 Be7 12. Bg5?

Better is 12. Nb3 or 12. a3 =.



12...Ng4! 13. hxc4 hxc4 14. f4 Bc5!?

14... gxf3 15. Nxf3 Bxg5 16. Nxc5 Qh2+ 17. Kf2 Kh5+ 18. Kgl Qxc5 19. Qf2 Qc5 -/.

15. Qf2 g3

15... Nc6! 16. Nce2 f6 -/.

16. Qe3 f6? (16... Nc6 =) 17. e5!



Suddenly it is White who is winning!

17... fxc5 18. Bg6+ Kd8

18... Ke7 19. fxc5 Bxd4 20. Rf7+ Kd8 21. Rxd4 +.

19. Nxe6+ Kc8 20. Nxc5 Qxc5 21. Qxc5+ bxc5 22. f5

22. Na4! Rh2 23. Rd2 +.

22... Nc6 23. Nd5 Nd4 24. Rxd4 cxd4 25. Nb6+ Kd8 26. Nxa8 Rh2 27. Rf3 Bxf3 28. gxf3 Rxc2 29. f6 Rc1+ 30. Kg2 gxf6 31. exf6 Rc6 32. f7 Ke7 33. Be4 Rc1 34. Nb6 Kxf7 35. Kxc3 Ke6 36. Nd5 Rc5 37. Nb4 a5 38. Nd3 Rc2 39. f4 d5 40. Bg6 Kf6 41. Be8 Re2 42. fxc5+ Kxc5 43. Bb5 a4 44. a3 Kf5 45. Kf3 Rd2 46. Ba6 Kf6 47. Kf4 Rc2 48. Bb5 Rd2 49. Ba6 Re2 50. Kf3 Re7 51. Bb5 Kg5 52. Kg3 Re2 53. Kf3 Rd2 54. Ba6 Kf6 55. Kf4 Ke6 56. Bb5 Kd6 57. Kf5 Rd1 58. Kf4 Rf1+ 59. Kg3 Rd1 60. Kf4 Rd2 61. Kf5 Kc7 62. Ke5 Kb6 63. Bxa4 Rxd3 64. Kxd5 Rd2 65. Kc4 Rxb2 66. Kxd4 Ra2 67. Kc3 Rxa3+

Now it's down to R vs. B, and the 50 move count begins.

68. Bb3 Kc5 69. Kb2 Kb4 70. Bc2 Rh3 71. Bb1 Rh2+ 72. Ka1 Ka3 73.

Be4 Ra2+ 74. Kb1 Re2 75. Bh7 Rh2 76. Bg6 Rg2 77. Bf5 Rg5 78. Bh7 Kb3 79. Ka1 Ra5+ 80. Kb1 Rh5 81. Bc2+ Kc3 82. Bg6 Rh6 83. Bf5 Rc6 84. Bh7 Kb3 85. Ka1 Ra6+ 86. Kb1 Rh6 87. Bc2+ Ka3 88. Be4 Rh4 89. Bd5 Rh5 90. Be4 Re5 91. Bh7 Re1+ 92. Kc2 Re7 93. Bg6 Rb7 94. Bf5 Rb2+ 95. Kd3 Kb4 96. Ke4 Kc5 97. Ke5 Rf2 98. Bg6 Rf8 99. Bc2 Re8+ 100. Kf6 Kd6 101. Bb3 Rf8+ 102. Kg7 Ke7 103. Bc4 Rb8 104. Ba2 Rb2 105. Bd5 Rh2 106. Bc6 Rh5 107. Be4 Rg5+ 108. Kh8 Kf6 109. Bd3 Rc5 110. Bb1 Rc8+ 111. Kh7 Rcl 112. Bd3 Kf7 113. Bg6+ Kf6 114. Bd3 Rc8 115. Bb1 Kf7 116. Bg6+ Kf6 117. Bb1 Rc4 118. Kh8 Draw

Giuoco Piano C54

Drasko Boskovic 2435

Peter Yeh 2188

Texas Masters (1)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. c3 Nf6 5. d4 exd4 6. cxd4 Bb4+ 7. Bd2 Bxd2+ 8. Nbx2 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Qb3 Nce7 11. O-O O-O 12. Rfe1 c6 13. Qa3 Be6 14. Ne4 Nc7 15. Bf1 Ng6 16. Nd6 Rb8 17. Ne5 a6 18. Rad1 Nb5 19. Nxb5 axb5 20. Qb4 Qf6 21. e3 Rfd8 22. a3 Rd5 23. a4 Qd8 24. axb5 Rxb5 25. Qc3 Qb6 26. Rd2 Rb3 27. Qc2 Rb4 28. Nxc6 hxc6 29. Rxe6 fxe6 30. Bc4 Re8 31. Qxc6 Rxc4 32. Qxe8+ Kh7 33. h3 Rc1+ 34. Kh2 Qc7+ 35. g3 Qa5 36. Re2 Qd5 37. g4 Qf3 38. Qh5+ Kg8 Draw

Stonewall Attack D00

James Murphy 1758

Kevin Yang 1639

Texas Class (1)

1. d4 d5 2. e3 Nf6 3. Bd3 e6 4. Nd2 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. f4 Bd6 7. Ngf3 Nd7 8. O-O h6 (8...f5) 9. Ne5 Qb6 10. Qh5 O-O 11. Ndf3 Nf6 12. Qh3 Ne4 13. g4 Qa5? (13...f5!) 14. g5 hxc5 15. Nxc5 Bxc5?? (15...Nxc5

16. fxc5 g6 17. Ng4 +) 16. Qh7#

1-0

Sicilian Defense B92

Francisco Guadalupe II 2226

Jonathan Allen 1895

Texas Masters (2)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Nb3 a6 7. Be2 Be6 8. O-O Be7 9. f4 exf4 10. Bxf4 Nc6 11. Qd3 Ne5 12. Bxe5 dxe5 13. Qg3 Bxb3 14. axb3 Qd4+ 15. Kh1 O-O 16. Rad1 Nxe4 17. Qf3 Nd2 18. Qxb7 Ra7 19. Qc6 Qe3 20. Rfe1 Bh4 21. g3 Bg5 22. Qg2 Qc5 23. Bd3 e4 24. Bxe4 Nxe4 25. Nxe4 Qf5



26. Rd5! Qxd5 27. Nf6+ Bxf6 28. Qxd5 Bxb2 29. c4 Rc8 30. c5 h6 31. c6 Rac7 32. Re2 Bf6 33. Rc2 Re7 34. Qa5 1-0

Caro-Kann Defense B10

Peter Vavrak 2390

Alejandro Ramirez 2481

Texas Masters (2)

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c6 3. e4 e5

This can come about from the Two Pawns Attack in the Caro-Kann: 1. e4 c6 2. c4 e5. Somehow White loses the thread here and gets a doubled pawn complex without enough razzle-dazzle to compensate. 4. Nf3 Qa5 5. g3 Bb4 6. Bg2 d6 7. O-O Be6 8. Qe2 Nbd7 9. a3 Bxc3 10. bxc3 Nc5 11. Ng5 Bg4 12. f3 Bh5 13. Rb1 h6 14. Nh3 O-O



15. Qc3 b6 16. d4 Na4 17. Bd2 Qa6
18. f4 Qxc4 19. fxe5 Ng4 20. Qe1
dxe5 21. Rb4 Qa6 22. Qd1 b5 23.
Bf3 Qc8 24. Kg2?? (24. Qe2 +/-)
Nxc3!

Ouch. White could already consider resigning.

25. Qc1 a5 26. Rb3 exd4 27. Nf4
Bg6 28. Rxc3 dxc3 29. Qxc3 Rd8
30. Bc1 b4 31. Nxg6 fxxg6 32. Qc4+
Kh7 33. Bxxg4 Qxxg4 34. Rf2 Rd7
35. h3 Qd1 36. Rf1 Qd3 37. Qxc6
Re8 0-1

Modern Benoni A75

Alex Chua 2200
Drasko Boskovic 2435

Texas Masters (2)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4
d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 c5 7. d5 e6 8.
O-O exd5 9. cxd5 a6 10. a4 Bg4 11.
Nd2 Bxe2 12. Qxe2 Nbd7 13. a5

13. Nc4 Nb6 14. Na3 Re8 15.
Qc2 Nh5 16. a5 Nd7 17. Nc4 Ne5
18. Nb6 Rb8 19. Ra3 Qh4 unclear,
Lputian-Suba, Debrecen Echt 1992.
13... Qe7 14. Nc4 Ne5 15. Nxe5
Qxe5 16. f3

Perhaps 16. Qf3!? Intending Bf4.
Black now gets the initiative
16... Rfe8 17. Be3 Rab8 18. Ra3
Nd7 19. Rb3 f5 20. Bf2 Qe7 21.
Bg3 Bd4+ 22. Kh1 Qf6 23. Qd3
h5!?

Also possible is 23... f4 =+, but
Boskovic wants to mix it up and
open lines.

24. exf5 gxf5 25. Ne2 Re3 26. Qc2
Rbe8!? 27. Nxd4 cxd4 28. Rxb7
Nc5 29. Rb6 f4 30. Bf2 Re2 31.
Qd1 Qg6!

Baiting the trap.



32. Qxd4??

32. Rb8! (a) 32... Rxb8 33.
Qxe2 d3 34. Qd2 Qf5 and now Fritz
settles on 35. Qc3!! Qxd5 36. Qf6
Ne6 37. Be1! with a withering
attack. (b) 32... d3 33. Rxe8+ Rxe8
34. b4 Nd7 35. Qc1 Qf5 36. Rd1
Ne5 37. b5!? axb5 38. Qb1 Qd7 39.
Bd4 + (1.50) says Fritz. This is a
fantastic variation, and the practical
difficulties for White to find his way
in this position are considerable.

32... Nd3 + 33. g3 h4 34. g4 Nxf2+
0-1
34. Rxf2 Re1+ 35. Kg2 h3+ 36.
Kxh3 Rg1! +.

King's Indian E92

Marko Zivanic 2465
Ali Morshedi 2270

Texas Masters (2)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4
d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. Be3 Ng4
8. Bg5 f6 9. Bh4 Nc6 10. d5 Ne7 11.
Nd2 Nh6 12. f3 c5 13. dxc6 bxc6
14. b4 Kh8 15. Nb3 g5 16. Bf2 f5
17. O-O Be6 18. Qd2 f4 19. Rfd1
Nf7 20. Na5 Qc8 21. b5 c5 22. Nd5
Nxd5 23. cxd5 Bd7 24. a4 Bf6 25.
Nc4

A model of strength on c4, this
knight's labors have just begun.



24...g4 26. b6 Rg8 27. fxxg4 Bxxg4
28. Kh1 f3 29. gxf3 Bh5 30. Rg1
Qh3 31. Bg3 axb6 32. Nxb6 Rab8
33. a5 Ng5 34. Qe3

The PGN file gave 34. Qc3?,
which is a mistake due to 34... Nxe4
and White is no longer winning!

34...Bg6 35. Bf1 Qh5 36. Nd7 Be7
37. Nxb8 Rxb8 38. Bg2 Rf8 39. a6
Nxf3 40. a7 1-0

Queens Indian E15

Davorin Kuljasevic 2394
Ryan Milsits 2199

Texas Masters (2)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3
Ba6 5. Nbd2 d5 6. Bg2 c6 7. Qc2
Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Re1 Nbd7 10.
e4 Nxe4 11. Nxe4 dxe4 12. Rxe4
Nf6 13. Rh4 Bb7 14. Ne5 Re8 15.
Ng4 g6 16. Nh6+ Kg7 17. Bg5 Ng8
18. Bxe7 Qxe7 19. Nxxg8 Kxxg8 20.
Re1 Rfd8 21. c5 Rd7 22. b4 Rcd8



23. b5 Rxd4 24. Rxd4 Rxd4 25.
bxc6 Ba6 26. cxb6 axb6 27. Qc3

27. c7 Bc8 28. Rb1 Qd6 29. Qc6
 += Fritz.
 27... Qc5 28. Qe3 Qd6 29. h4 Rb4
 30. Rc1 Bc4? (30... Rd4 +=) 31.
 Qc3? (31. Qa3! and c7 +=) 31... b5?
 Forced is 31... Ra4 32. Qf6 +=.
 32. c7 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E44

Scott Griggs 2200
 Warren Harper 2109

Texas Masters (2)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3
 b6 5. Nge2 Bb7 6. a3 Be7 7. d5 O-
 O 8. g3 exd5 9. cxd5 c5 10. Bg2 d6
 11. O-O Na6 12. e4 Re8 13. h3 Nc7
 14. b4 Ba6 15. Re1 Bf8 16. Rb1
 Bc4 17. Bf4 Nd7 18. Qd2 Qc8



Black prepares 19... Qa6, induc-
 ing White to try and seal off the
 queenside with 19. b5 An option that
 doesn't leave an isolated pawn out to
 dry is 19. Nc1 Qa6 20. a4 +=, or
 19... Ne5 20. Bxe5 dxe5 21. Nd3 =.
 19. b5 a6 20. a4 axb5 21. Nxb5
 Nxb5 22. axb5 Ra2 23. Rb2 Ra5
 24. Nc3 Qa8 25. Bf1 Bxf1 26. Kxf1
 Ra3 27. Ra2 Rxa2 28. Qxa2 Qxa2
 29. Nxa2 Ra8 30. Nc3 g6 31. Re3
 Bg7 32. Ke2 Ne5 33. Bxe5 Bxe5 34.
 f4 Bd4 35. Rd3 Kf8 36. g4 Ra5 37.
 Kd2 Bxc3+ 38. Kxc3 Rxb5 39. e5
 Ke7 40. h4 Rb4 41. f5 dxe5 0-1

Nimzo-Indian E25

Trevor Jackson 2098
 Peter Vavrak 2390

Texas Masters (3)

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3
 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 c5 6. f3 d5 7. cxd5
 exd5 8. e3 Qc7 9. Ne2 O-O 10. Ng3
 h5 11. Bd2 h4 12. Ne2 Re8 13. Nc1
 Nh5 14. Be2 h3 15. O-O hxg2 16.
 Rf2 Bh3 17. Bd3 c4 18. Bc2 Nd7
 19. e4 Nf8 20. e5 Qd7 21. Ne2 Ng6



You get a sense that a crush is
 just around the corner, yet Black is
 unable to prove an advantage.

22. Qc1 Bf5 23. Rb1 Bxc2
 Also about equal is 23... Bd3!?
 24. Bxd3 cxd3 25. Ng3.
 24. Qxc2 Qh3 25. Bg5 b6 26. Rxc2
 Qxf3 27. Rf1 Qd3 28. Qxd3 cxd3
 29. Nc1 Rac8 30. Bd2

As sometimes happens, a strong
 one-move threat masquerades behind
 a defensive move.

30...Nf8??
 30... Ne7 31. Nxd3 g6 =.
 31. Rf5 +- Rc4 32. Rxh5 Ra4 33.
 Nxd3 Rxa3 34. Nf4 Ra1+ 35. Kf2
 Ra2 36. Kf3 Ra5 37. Rhg5 g6 38.
 h4 Nh7 39. R5g3 Kf8 40. h5 gxh5
 41. Rg7 1-0

King's Indian E94

Keaton Kiewra 2257
 Amon Simutowe 2445

Texas Masters (2)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4.
 Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7.
 f4 Qb6 8. Qd2 h6 9. Bh4 e6 10. O-
 O-O Be7 11. g4 g5 12. fxg5 Nxc4
 13. Qf4 Nge5 14. Qd2 Ng6 15. Bf2
 Bxc3 16. Be3 Qc5 17. h4 Bxe3 18.
 Qxe3 b5 19. Bh3 Nb6 20. Qf3 Nxb4

21. Qd3 Ng6 22. Nb3 Qe5 23. Na5
 Bd7 24. Qxd6 Qxd6 25. Rxd6 Rb8
 26. Rhd1 Nf4 27. Bf1 Ng6 28. a4
 bxa4 29. Bxa6 Ne5 30. Bb7 Nc8 31.
 R6d4 Nb6 32. Rd6 Nc8 33. R6d4
 Ne7 34. Nxa4 Bxa4 35. Rxa4 h5 36.
 c4 h4 37. c5 Rh5 38. b4 Rd8 39.
 Rh1 h3 40. Kc2 Nd3 41. Nc4



41...Nf2 42. Rf1 h2 43. e5
 43. Nd6+ Rxd6 (43... Kf8 44. e5
 +/-) 44. cxd6 h1Q 45. Rxh1 =/+...
 43... Nd5 44. Bxd5?

The losing move – in a position
 Fritz says White is winning after 44.
 Nd6+! Kf8 (44... Ke7? 45. Rxf2!
 with a mate threat, the point of
 leaving a pawn on e6) 45. Bxd5 exd5
 46. c6 Rxe5 47. c7 Re2+ 48. Kc1
 Rde8 49. Nxe8 Rxe8 50. b5 +-.
 44... exd5 45. Nd6+ Ke7 46. c6
 Rxd6 47. Ra7+ Ke6 48. exd6 Kxd6
 49. c7 Rh8 50. Raa1 h1=Q 51.
 Rxh1 Nxh1 52. Rxh1 Rc8 53. Kd3
 Rxc7 54. Rh8 Rb7 55. Rh4 Ke5 56.
 Rg4 f6 57. Rh4 f5 58. Ke3 Rg7 59.
 Rh8 Rg3+ 60. Ke2 Rb3 61. Re8+
 Kd4 62. Rf8 Rb2+ 63. Kd1 Ke4 64.
 Re8+ Kd4 65. Rf8 Ke4 66. Re8+
 Kd3 67. Kc1 Rxb4 68. Re5 f4 69.
 Rxd5+ Ke3 70. Kc2 Rc4+ 71. Kd1
 f3 72. Rd8 Rd4+ 73. Rxd4 Kxd4
 74. Kd2 Ke4 75. Kd1 Kf4 76. Ke1
 Ke3 77. Kf1 f2 0-1

Caro-Kann B15

Peter Yeh 2188
 Alex Chua 2200

Texas Masters (3)

1. e4 c6 2. d4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Be3
d5 5. f3 dxe4 6. fxe4 Nf6 7. Nf3 O-
O 8. Qd2 b5 9. Bd3 Ng4 10. Nd1
Nxe3 11. Qxe3 Bb7 12. c3 Nd7 13.
Nf2 e5 14. dxe5 Nxe5 15. Nxe5 Bxe5
16. O-O-O Qe7 17. h4 a5 18. h5 g5
19. Kb1 Bc8 20. Be2 Rb8 21. Bg4
b4 22. c4 c5 23. Bxc8 Bd4 24. Qf3
Rbxc8 25. Ng4 Qe6 26. Rhe1 f6 27.
Nh6+ **Draw**

English Opening A34

Amon Simutowe 2445

Marko Zianic 2465

Texas Masters (3)

1. Nf3 c5 2. c4 b6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e4
d6 5. d4 cxd4 6. Nxd4 Bb7 7. Qe2
e6 8. g3 a6 9. Bg2 Qc7 10. Be3 Be7
11. O-O Nbd7 12. Rac1 O-O 13. f4
Rac8 14. b3 Rfe8 15. g4 Nc5 16.
Bd2 g6 17. f5 Bd8 18. g5 Nh5 19.
b4 Nd7 20. fxe6 fxe6 21. Bh3 Nf8



22. Rxf8+ Rxf8 23. Bxe6+ Kh8 24.
Bxc8 Qxc8 25. Rf1 Rxf1+ 26. Qxf1
Kg8 27. Qe2 b5 28. cxb5 Bb6 29.
Qd3 Qg4+ 30. Kf1 axb5 31. Qxb5
Nf4 32. Bxf4 Qxf4+ 33. Ke1 Qc1+
34. Ke2 Qc2+ 35. Nxc2 **1-0**

London System D02

Ali Morshedi 2263

Francisco Guadalupe II 2226

Texas Masters (3)

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bf4 e6 4. e3
c5 5. Be2 Qb6 6. Nc3 cxd4 7. exd4
Qxb2?

"Prove it." Safer is 7... Bd7 =.

8. Nb5 Bb4+ 9. Kf1 Na6 10. a3 Ba5
11. Rb1 Qa2 12. Qc1! e5 13. dxe5
Nh5 14. Rb2 Qxb2 15. Qxb2 Nxf4
16. Nd6+ Ke7 17. Qd4 Nxe2 18.
Kxe2 Be6 19. Qh4+ f6 20. Nd4 Nc5
21. Rd1 Rad8 22. Nxe6 Kxe6 23.
Qg4+ Kxe5

23... Ke7 24. Qxg7+ Ke6 25.
Qf7+ Kxe5 26. Qxd5+ Kf4 27. Qf5#
24. Nf7#! **1-0**

I did a double take at the mate!

Gruenfeld Defense D85

Kalin Nonchiev 2118

Omokhodion Iyore 1750

Texas Masters (4)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5
Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Nf3
c5 8. Rb1 O-O 9. Be2 cxd4 10.
cxd4 Qa5+ 11. Bd2 Qxa2 12. O-O
Qe6 13. Qc2 Qd6 14. Bb4 Qd8 15.
d5 b6 16. Qa4 Bg4 17. Qa3 Re8 18.
Rfc1 e5 19. Bb5 Bd7 20. Bd3 Bg4
21. Nd2 Bf8 22. Bxf8 Rxf8 23. Nc4
Nd7 24. h3 Bh5 25. Qd6 g5 26. g4
Bg6 27. Nxe5 Nxe5 28. Qxe5 Re8
29. Qd4 Rc8 30. Re1 Rc5 31. Bb5
Re7 32. d6 Re6 33. d7 Re7 34. f3
Rxb5 35. Rxb5 Rxd7 36. Rd5 Rxd5
37. exd5 f6 38. d6 Bf7 39. Re7 Kg7
40. Qd5 Qg8 **1-0**

QGD Slav D15

Marko Zivanic 2465

Alejandro Ramirez 2481

Texas Masters (4)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 c6 3. d4 d5 4. Nc3
a6 5. a4 e6 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. cxd5
exd5 8. e3 Be7 9. Bd3 O-O 10. Qc2
Re8 11. h3 Nf8 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13.
b4!? Qb6! 14. O-O (14. Rb1 Bxd4)
14...Qxb4 15. e4 Bxd4 16. Nxd4
Qxd4 17. exd5 cxd5 18. Rad1 Qe5
19. f4 Qh5 20. f5 Bd7 21. Nxd5
Rac8 22. Qb3 Bc6 23. Bc4 b5?

23... Nd7 24. f6 Bxd5 25. Rxd5
Ne5 26. Bd3 Qg5! 27. fxg7 Rcl =+.
24. axb5 axb5 25. Bxb5 Rb8??

Black overreaches. Equal is 25...
Bxb5 26. Qxb5 Rb8.



26. Qg3!

Black now is faced with threats
of Nf6+ and Bxc6.

26... Bxd5 27. Bxe8 Rb3 28. Rd3
Bxg2 29. Rxb3 Bxf1 30. f6 g5 31.
Bc6 Bc4 32. Rb8 Qh6 33. Qa3 Be6
34. Be4 **1-0**

Queen's Indian E13

Alex Chua 2109

Warren Harper 2200

Texas Masters (4)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. Nc3
Bb4 5. Bg5 Bb7 6. Qc2 h6 7. Bh4
g5 8. Bg3 Ne4 9. e3 Bxc3+ 10. bxc3
d6 11. Bd3 f5 12. d5 exd5 13. cxd5
Bxd5 14. Nd4 Qf6 15. O-O Nd7 16.
Nb5 O-O-O 17. f3 Nxc3 18. hxg3
Kb8 19. Bxf5 Ne5 20. Be4 Bxe4 21.
Qxe4 d5 22. Qa4 a5 23. Nd4 Rd6
24. Rfe1 h5 25. Rab1 Ka8 26. Qb5
Kb7 27. e4 h4!



28. gxh4?

28. Nf5 Rdd8 29. g4 h3 30. exd5
hxg2 31. Kxg2 Ng6 32. Qc6+ =.

28... g4 29. exd5 h3 30. Qe2
 hxg2 31. Qxe5 Qxe5 32. Rxe5
 Rh1+ 33. Kxg2 Rxb1 34. f4 Rb2+
 35. Kf3 Rf6 36. f5 Rxa2 37. Re7
 Ra1 38. Ne6



Draw!?

A well-timed offer! But Black need not fear 38... Rxf5+ 39. Ke4 Rh5 40. d6 Re1+ and Black will sac the Exchange to stop the d-pawn.

King's Indian E92

Babakuli Annakov 2494

Ali Morshedi 2270

Texas Masters (4)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4
 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 a5 8.
 Nd2 Na6 9. h4 c6 10. Nf1 Nc5 11.
 Ng3 cxd5 12. exd5 e4 13. Bg5 (13.
 h5!?) 13... h6 14. Be3 Re8 15. h5 g5
 16. O-O Re5 17. Qd2 Qe7 18. Rfe1
 Bd7 19. Bd4



19...g4 20. Bd1

20. Bxe5 Qxe5 21. Bd1 is possible, but the rook isn't going away.

20... Bf5 21. Bc2 Bh7 22. Qf4?

Okay, now it's going away. I would like to see Morshedi's magic after 22. Bxe5 Qxe5 23. Re3 Re8 24. Rae1 + (+ 2.53, says Fritz).

22...Nxb5 23. Nxb5 Rxb5 24. Bxg7!?

24. Qxg4 Rg5 25. Qd1 f5 =.

24... Qh4 25. f3?

25. Kf1 Kxg7 26. Ne2 Rf5 27. Qg3 Qxg3 28. Nxb5 Re5 -/+.

25... exf3 26. Bxb7+ Kxb7 27. Qxf7 f2+ 0-1

27. Kf1 (27. Qxf2 Qh1#) fxe1Q+ 28. Rxe1 Rf5+! (or Qh1+) +.

English Opening A17

Davorin Kuljasevic 2394

Amon Simutowe 2445

Texas Masters (4)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 O-O 5. a3 Bxc3 6. Qxc3 b6 7. e3 Bb7 8. Be2 d6 9. O-O Ne4 10. Qc2 f5 11. Nd4!?

Non-stereotyped play, for which Black has a creative resource of his own.

11...Qd7 12. f3 Ng5 13. f4 e5! 14. fxe5 dxe5 15. Nxf5 Be4 16. Bd3 Rxf5 17. Bxe4 Rxf1+ 18. Kxf1 Nc6 19. Bd5+ Kh8



20. h4 Rf8+ 21. Kg1 Nh3+! 22. gxh3 Qxh3 23. Bg2 Qxh4 24. d4 Qe1+ 25. Kh2 Qh4+ 26. Kg1 Qe1+ 27. Kh2 Nxd4 28. exd4 Qh4+ 29. Kg1 Qxd4+ 30. Kh2 Qh4+ 31. Kg1 Qe1+ 32. Kh2 Qh4+ 33. Kg1 Qd4+ 34. Kh2 Draw

Ruy Lopez Marshall C89

Francisco Guadalupe II 2226

Peter Yeh 2188

Texas Masters (4)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. c3 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Nxe5 Nxe5 11. Rxe5 Nf6 12. Qf3!?

This seems to be a genuine novelty, but I doubt the Exchange sac idea will catch on.

12...Bg4 13. Qg3 Bd6 14. f4 Qd7 (14... c5!?) 15. h3 Bf5 16. d4 Bxe5 17. fxe5 Nd5

17... Ne4! 18. Qf3 Rae8 followed by ...Kh8 and ...f6 =+.

18. Nd2 c6 19. Nf3 Qe6 20. Bd2 a5 21. a3 a4 22. Ba2 Bg6 23. Re1 Rae8 24. Ng5 Qd7 25. h4 Kh8 26. Nh3 f6 27. Nf4 Nxf4 28. Bxf4 fxe5 29. Bxe5 Bh5?

After this White's compensation is beyond doubt, which would still remain after 29... Re7.

30. Qg5 Bg6 31. g4! Qe7 32. Qxe7 Rxe7 33. h5 Bd3 34. h6 Rxe5 35. hxg7+ Kxg7 36. dxe5 Rf4 37. Be6 Kf8 38. Rd1 Ke7 39. Bc8 Rf8 40. Bb7 Be4 41. Rd6 Rf4 42. Bxc6 Rxc6 43. Kf1 Rf4+ 44. Ke2 Bxc6 45. Rxc6 Re4+ 46. Kd2 Rxe5 47. Rc7+ Kd6 48. Rxb7 Kc5 49. Rc7+ Kd6 50. Rc8 Rd5+ 51. Kc2 Kd7 52. c4 Rh5 53. Rb8 bxc4 54. Kc3 Kc6 55. Kb4 Rh4 56. Rc8+ Kb6 57. Rxc4 Rh2 58. Kxa4 = Rxb2 59. Rg4 Rh2 60. Kb4 Rd2 61. Kc3 Rh2 Draw

French Exchange C01

Brad Sawyer 2121

Peter Vavrak 2390

Texas Masters (4)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Bd3 Bd6 5. h3 Ne7 6. Nf3 Nbc6 7. O-O Be6 8. c3 Qd7 9. Re1 h6?! (9... f6) 10. Ne5 Nxe5 11. dx e5 Be5 12. Nd2 O-O-O 13. b4 Bb6 14. a4 c6

15. Nb3 Nf5 16. Ba3 Nh4 17. a5
Bc7 18. Nd4 Ng6 19. b5 Nxe5 20.
bxc6

20. a6! b6 21. bxc6 Qe8 22.
Ra2 +/-.

20...Nxc6 21. a6

21. Bb5 Bxa5 22. Bc5 Qc7 23.
Bxc6 bxc6 24. Qe2 +.

21... Nxd4 22. axb7+ Kb8 23. cxd4
Bxh3 24. Bc5 a5 25. Re7 (25. Qb3)
Qg4



26. Qf1

26. Ba7+!! Kxa7 27. b8Q+ ...
(a) 27... Kxb8 28. Qb3+ Ka8 (28...
Kc8 29. Ba6#) 29. Rxa5+ Bxa5 30.
Qb7#; (b) 27... Rxb8 28. Rxa5+ Kb7
29. Qb3+ Kc8 30. Rxc7+! Kxc7 31.
Ra7+ +.

26... Rhe8 27. Rae1 Rxe7 28. Rxe7
Qg5 29. Bb5 Bd6 30. Bxd6+ Rxd6
31. Re8+

31. Re5 Qg6 32. Bd3 f5 33. Re3
+.

31... Kxb7 32. Kh1 (32. Be2 =) 32...
Bxg2+ 33. Qxg2 Qh5+ 34. Qh2
Qf3+ 35. Qg2 Qh5+ 36. Qh2 Qd1+
37. Qg1 Qxd4 38. Be2 Qh4+ 39.
Qh2 Qxh2+ 40. Kxh2 Re6 \$19 41.
Rxe6 fxe6 42. Kg3 a4 43. Bd3 a3
44. Bb1 h5 45. f4 d4 46. Kf3 Kb6
47. Ke4 Kc5 48. Ba2 h4 49. Bxe6
h3 50. Kf3 d3 0-1

French Defense C00

Drasko Boskovic 2435

Trevor Jackson 2098

Texas Masters (4)

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. Qe2 Be7 4. Nf3
Nf6 5. g3 c5 6. Bg2 Nc6 7. O-O O-O
8. e5 Nd7 9. c4 Re8 10. Re1 Nf8
11. h4 Rb8 12. Bg5 b5 13. Bxe7
Rxe7 14. Na3 a6 15. Rac1 bxc4 16.
dxc4 d4 17. Nb1 Qc7 18. b3 Nb4
19. h5 Bb7 20. h6 Ng6 21. a3 Nc6
22. hxg7 Kxg7 23. Nbd2 a5 24.
Kh2 Rd7 25. Bh3 a4 26. bxa4 Ra8
27. Nb3 Na5 28. Nbd2 Nc6 29. Rb1
Rxa4 30. Rb5 Ra5 31. a4 Ba6 32.
Rxa5 Nxa5 33. Bf1 Bb7 34. Bg2
Nc6 35. Rb1 Ba6 36. Re1 Bb7 37.
Bh3 h6 38. Bg4 d3 39. Qe3 Nd4 40.
Nxd4 Rxd4 41. Bh5 Qc6 42. Bf3
Qc7 43. Bxb7 Qxb7 44. a5 Ne7 45.
Rb1 Qa8 46. Ra1 Nf5 47. Qe1 h5
48. a6 h4 49. a7 hxg3+ 50. fxg3



50... Rg4??

50... Rd8 51. Qe4 Nd3! =.

51. Qh1 +- Qh8+ 52. Kg2 Rxg3+
53. Kf2 Qd8 54. Nf3!

What a party pooper.

54... d2 55. a8=Q Rxf3+ 56. Qaxf3
Qd4+ 57. Kg2 Ne3+ 58. Kh3 1-0

Sicilian Defense B30

Peter Yeh 2188

Brad Sawyer 2121

Texas Masters (5)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. d3 Bg7 4. g3
Nc6 5. Bg2 d6 6. Nbd2 f5 7. c3 Nf6
8. O-O fxe4 9. Nxe4 Bf5 10. Re1
Qd7 11. Qb3 Nxe4 12. dxe4 Be6 13.
Qa4 O-O 14. Ng5 Ne5 15. Qxd7
Bxd7 16. f4 Nd3 17. Re3 Nxc1 18.
Rxc1 h6 19. Nf3 Bc6 20. Bh3 b5 21.

Be6+ Kh7 22. h4 Rf6 23. f5 gxf5
24. exf5 Raf8 25. Kf2 Bxf3 26.
Kxf3 Rxf5+?

26... h5 looks defensible.

27. Bxf5+ Rxf5+ 28. Kg4 Re5 29.
Rxe5 Bxe5 30. Rf1 Kg7 31. Rf3 e6
32. Kh5 a5 33. g4 b4 34. g5 hxg5
35. Kxg5 c4 36. h5 a4 37. h6+ Kh7
38. Rf7+ Kg8 39. Kg6 Bh8 40. h7#
1-0

King's Indian E61

Alejandro Ramirez 2481

Keaton Kiewra 2257

Texas Masters (5)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3
O-O 5. Bg5 c5 6. d5 d6 7. e3 b5 8.
cxb5 a6 9. bxa6 Qa5 10. Nd2 Bxa6
11. Be2 Nbd7 12. O-O Rfb8 13.
Rb1 Nb6 14. e4 Bxe2 15. Qxe2 Na4
16. Nxa4 Qxa4 17. a3 Qd4 18. Nc4



18...Qxe4 19. Qxe4 Nxe4 20. Bxe7
Ra4 21. b3 Ra6 22. Rfe1 Nc3 23.
Bxd6 Rxd6 24. Nxd6 Nxb1 25.
Rxb1 Rd8 26. Nc4 Rxd5 27. a4
Rd8 28. Kf1 Bc3 29. Ke2 Kf8 30.
Rd1 Re8+ 31. Kd3 Bb4 32. Ne3 f5
33. Kc4 f4 34. Nd5 Be1 35. f3 Bf2
36. a5 g5 37. a6 1-0

QGD Slav D14

Davorin Kuljasevic 2394

Marko Zivanic 2465

Texas Masters (5)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. cxd5 cxd5 4.
Nf3 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bf4 Bf5 7. e3

e6 8. Bd3 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 Bd6 10. Bxd6 Qd7 11. O-O **DRAW**

Sicilian Najdorf B94

Warren Harper 2109

Jonathan Allen 1905

Texas Masters (5)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e5?

This was once considered adventurous against 6. Be2; now it's old hat. However, when White has sway over d5 with either 6. Bc4 or 6. Bg5, the move is positively reckless.

7. Nde2 Be7 8. Bxf6 gxf6 9. Ng3 Be6 10. Nd5 Nc6 11. c3 Bf8 12. Nh5 Bxd5 13. Qxd5 Qe7 14. Ng3 Qe6 15. Bc4 Qxd5 16. Bxd5 Rg8 17. O-O Rd8 18. f4 Rd7 19. fxe5 fxe5 20. Rf3 Bh6 21. Raf1 Rf8 22. Nf5 Bg5 23. Ng7+ Ke7 24. Rxf7+ Rxf7 25. Rxf7+ **1-0**

Nimzo-Indian E24

Trevor Jackson 2098

Kalin Nonchiev 2118

Texas Masters (5)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 b6 6. f3 Nc6 7. e4 Ba6 8. e5 Ng8 9. Nh3 Na5 10. Qa4 Qc8 11. Nf4 Qb7 12. Bd3



12...Qc6 13. Qxc6 dxc6 14. c5 Bxd3 15. Nxd3 Ne7 16. Ke2 Nd5 17. Bd2 Nc4 18. Rhb1 Kd7 19. Nb2 b5 20. Kd3 Nxb2+ 21. Rxb2 a6 22. a4 h5 23. Rba2 Rab8 24. axb5 axb5 25. Ke4 h4 26. Ra7 f6 27.

Kd3 Rbf8 {notation not legible. White went on to win.} **1-0**

Final Four, contd. from p. 6

17... a6 18. Qd5 Nf6 19. Qd6 Qxd6 20. Rxd6 Be6 21. Ng5 Rfd8 22. Rxd8+ Rxd8 23. Nxe6 fxe6 24. Kf1 Rd2 25. Rb1 c4 26. Ke1 c3 (26... Rd6 =) 27. bxc3 Rxa2 28. c4 Ne4 29. c5 a5 30. Bxb5 Kf7 31. Bc4 Rxf2 32. Bd3 Rxc2 33. Bxe4 Rxc2 34. Rb6 h6 35. Bd3 Rh4 36. Kf2 Kf6 37. Rb5 g5 38. e4 g4 39. Bf1 g3+ 40. Kf3 h5 41. Bg2 e5 42. Rb6+ Ke7 43. Kxg3 **1-0**

Old Indian A54

Davorin Kuljasevic 2496

Katerine Rohonyan 2260

Final Four 2006 (3)

1. d4 d6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 Nbd7 4. Nc3 e5 5. g3 Be7 6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O Re8 8. Qc2 Bf8 9. d5 g6 10. e4 c5 11. a3 Nb6 12. Nd2 Bd7 13. Qd3 Qe7 14. b4 cxb4 15. axb4 Rec8 16. Bb2 Bh6 17. f4 exf4 18. gxf4 Nh5 19. Ne2 Bg4 20. Bf3 Bxf3 21. Rxf3 Nd7 22. Kh1 Re8 23. Rg1 Bg7 24. Bxg7 Nxg7 25. Ng3 a5 26. bxa5 Rxa5 27. e5 dxe5 28. f5 Ra2 29. Nge4 Nh5 30. d6 Qh4 31. fxg6 hxg6 32. Qd5 Re6 33. Rxc6 Rxc6 34. Qxf7+ Kh8 35. Qxc6 Ra1+ 36. Nf1 Ng7 37. Ng5 Qh5 **1-0**

Black resigned without waiting for 38. Rh3 or 38. Qf7. ♘

Spring Open, contd. from p. 8

French Winawer C18

Selby Anderson 2276

Randall Schwarz 1950

Spring Open (4)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Ne7 7. Qg4 Qc7 8. Bd3 cxd4 9. Ne2 dxc3 10. Qxc7 Rg8 11. Qxh7 Qxe5 12. Bf4 Qf6 13. Qh5?

Up to now we have followed Adamson-Bradford from last year's

Southwest Open (Oct. *SACC News*). The text reacts to Black's threat of 13...Rh8, trapping the queen; but much better is 13. h4, so that if 13...Rh8 14.Bg5 Qe5 15.f4! and White has a dark square grip in the ending..

This is the sort of background to a move that you usually don't find in the big volumes. A book move is not likely to stick in your brain unless you work out *why* it is good - as I have amply demonstrated through counterexample!

Adamson-Bradford continued 13. h4 Nd7 14. Bg5 Qh8 15. Qxh8 Rxc8 16. Nxc3 a6 17. O-O-O f6, and now best would have been 18. Be3. 13... Nbc6 14. h4 Bd7 15. Bg5 Qg7 16. Qh7 Ne5(?)

16... d4! 17. Qxc7 Rxc7 and Black is better.

17. Qxc7 Nxd3+ 18. cxd3 Rxc7 19. Nxc3 Ng8 20. Bf4 f6 21. h5 Kf7 22. Rh2 e5 23. Bd2 Ke6 24. f3 f5 25. h6 Rh7 26. d4!



A psychological turning point. I can blockade his center, but it is not certain that he can neutralize my kingside pawns.

26... e4 27. Ne2 Nf6 28. Bg5 Bc6 29. Nf4+ Kf7 30. Bxf6 Kxf6 31. Kf2 Re8 32. Re1 Reh8 33. Reh1 Re8 34. g4!?

Almost good enough to win. Steadier is 34. Rh5! (a) 34...Rg8 35. Rc1 Rg5 36. Rh3 Rg8 37. Rc5 exf3 38. gxf3 Rd8 39. Rh5 a6 40. Ke3 Rd6 41. Rc1 Rd8 42. Rg1 Be8 43.

Rh2 Rd6 44. Nh5+ Bxh5 45. Rxh5 Ke7 46. Rgh1 Rg6 47. Rxf5 Rgxh6 48. Rxh6 Rxh6 49. Rxd5 +/-; (b) 34... exf3 35. gxf3 R8h8 36. Re1! Rxh6 37. Re6+ Kg7 38. Rg5+ Kf7 39. Rxf5+ +/-.
34... exf3 35. g5+ Kxg5 36. Rg1+ Kf6 37. Rh5 Bd7?
 37... Reh8 38. Rg6+ Ke7 39. Kxf3 Ke8 40. Kg3 Ke7 41. Kh4 (41. Re6+! Kd8 =) 41... Be8 42. Nxd5+ Kd8 43. Rd6+ Kc8 =+.
38. Rg6+ Kf7 39. Rhg5 Bc8
 39... Reh8 40. Rd6 Bc8 41. Rgg6 +/-.
40. Nxd5?

40. Rg7+ Rxg7 41. Rxg7+ Kf6 42. Nxd5+ wins the rook outright.
40... Re6
 40... Reh8 41. Rf6+ Ke8 42. Rgg6 +/-.
41. Rg7+ Rxg7 42. Rxg7+ Kf8 43. Rc7 Rc6 44. h7 1-0

Denton Open, contd. from p. 11
 Nc3 Nf5 9. Na4, which seems best.
8... Nf5 9. Bb5 Bb4+ 10. Nc3 O-O 11. O-O f6 12. Bxc6 bxc6 13. g4 Ne7 14. exf6 Rxf6 15. Bg5 Rg6 16. Bxe7?

There is no reason to toss a pawn when 6. h3 or 6. Kh1 is available.

16... Rxg4+ 17. Kh1 Bxe7 18. h3 Rf4 19. Qd3 Ba6 20. Qe3 Rf6?!
 20... Rxf3! 21. Qxf3 Bxf1 22. Rxf1 Qxd4 and Black is two healthy pawns up with all the play.
21. Rg1 Raf8 22. Qg5 R8f7 23. Ne5 Rf5 24. Qh6 Rxe5 25. dxe5 d4 26. Qxe6?

26. Nd1 Bc4 is unpleasant to consider, so White throws up everything he has to see if something sticks.

26... dxc3 27. Rxg7+ Kxg7 28. Rg1+ Kf8 29. Qh6+ Ke8 30. a5 Qxb2 31. Rg8+ Bf8 32. e6 Qb1+ 33. Kg2 0-1

TCA Treasurer's Report

February 2006

TCA organized and financed the 2005 Texas State Scholastic tournament in March 2005. Projected profit from this tournament is \$31,092.75. These monies are held in a separate savings account and are earning interest.

TCA collected and distributed monies for three Texas participants in the World Youth Tournament: Jim Hollingsworth initiated a "pass the hat" at the 2005 Texas State and Amateur Tournament held Memorial Day weekend, for the World Youth Fund. \$322 was collected there. In all, \$1,725 was raised, allowing us to distribute \$575 to each of the three participants, Gayatri Vempati, Sylvia Yang and Courtney Jamison.

Fall 2005 Income

Memberships received by past treasurer at TCA meeting, Sept. 2005	\$ 45.00
2005 Southwest Open tournament fee and memberships, Sept. 2005	944.00
2005 State Grade tournament fee and memberships, Nov. 2005	<u>615.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,604.00

Expenses

Chess sets, Oct. 2005	\$ 495.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> May-June printing costs, Oct. 2005	150.00
Bank charges (\$3 each month, Aug. – Dec. 2005)	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$ 660.00

Checking account balance 2/15/06: **\$16,860.38**

Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara Swafford
 Past Treasurer

[Editor's note: This was received in time for the previous issue, but I did not find it in my e-mail until later.]

Interview with Dr. Root on *Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators*

Interview by TCA President Clemente Rendon
March 30th, 2006

Woman's International Master Alexey Root is a senior lecturer in general studies at the University of Texas at Dallas, currently teaching in the Chess Online Certificate Program. She is a past U.S. women's chess champion.

CR: Dr. Root, thank you for taking the time for this interview.

Dr. Root: You are welcome.

CR: What inspired you to write *Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators*?

Dr. Root: For a long time University of Texas at Dallas colleagues and my online students told me that I should turn my Chess Online courses www.telecampus.utsystem.edu into a book. The book is therefore based on the "old versions" of my online courses (2001-2005). Since the book's publication, I've re-written my online courses. The new version of the courses (ED 4358/ED 5344) will debut in fall of 2006. Those students will buy *Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators* as a required course text!

CR: What type of response have you received?

Dr. Root: As of the time of this interview, the book has been out for less than a week. I've heard from my press that the book sold well at a conference of librarians March 25-26. I also got an email today (March 29th) from Fernando Moreno, the author of *Teaching Life Skills Through Chess: A Guide for Educators and Counselors*. Moreno wrote, "I received the copy of your book that I had ordered today. I read it in a couple of hours... (I did not stop). IT IS A FANTASTIC BOOK!"

CR: Which types of readers do you feel would benefit the most from your book?

Dr. Root: The book is geared toward classroom teachers, librarians (school and public), and chess coaches who want to reach educational objectives.

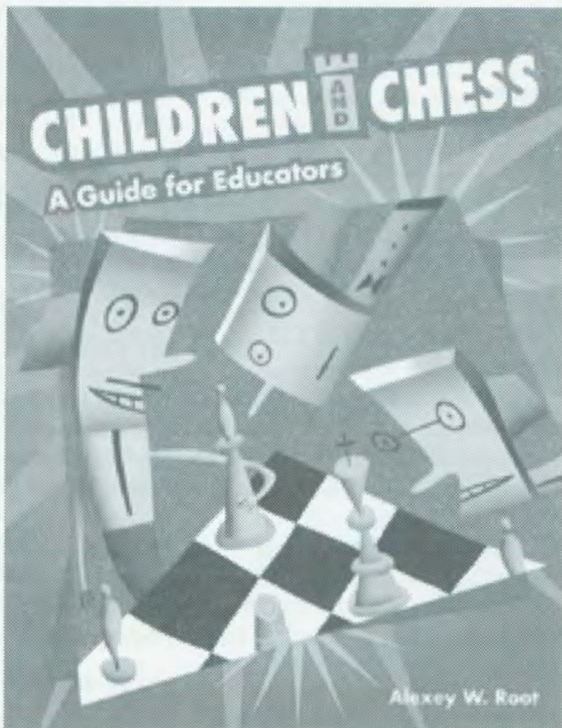
CR: Are you planning to publish more books? If so, what can we expect next?

Dr. Root: I had a great experience with Libraries Unlimited/Teacher Ideas Press. My editor there tells me

that after sales numbers come in for *Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators* we can discuss a follow-up book. At the moment, I'm writing articles for chess magazines but not yet formulating a new book manuscript.

CR: Any final words for the readers?

Dr. Root: Buy the book! You can order *Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators* from the publisher at www.lu.com or go to Amazon.com.



Alexey Root will give a book signing at the Chess In Education Workshop, Aug. 7-8 at the U.S. Open in Oak Brook, IL. Featured speakers will include Michael Khodarkovsky of the Kasparov Chess Foundation, former USCF president Beatriz Marinello, Dr. Mikhail Korenman of The Chess Academy, Dr. Steve Lipschultz of Think Like a King software, public school teachers John Buky of Chicago and Dr. Joseph Eberhard of Alice, TX, and school counselor Fernando Moreno. For details and advance registration see www.thechessacademy.org/.

Hunting Selby Anderson

by J.P. Hyltin

How does one deal with a chess rival? We all have a rival, the guy you play a lot, and all the games are competitive. Each player grows from that experience, and you can't wait to play him again. But there is no word for my chess relationship with Selby Anderson. He's not a rival, because as was recently pointed out on a sports talk radio show discussing Texas and A&M football, "It ain't a rivalry if one side never wins."

It has been more than a quarter century since Selby walked into the makeshift temporary home of the San Antonio Chess Club where I was the only one present. We played several five-minute games every week for six months. The rating difference was not that much, maybe 200 points. I thought I should win a few games, but I never won a single game. I got some mileage once out of studying the openings we played one day, but all I got was a draw. He completely owned me.

Eventually I got one tournament game victory, but it was hardly legitimate (diagram):



In roughly this position, I was feeling pretty good about my prospects of maintaining a blockade. In

the previous few moves, I caught up to Selby on the clock, so when Selby said "That's 40", with a half question in his voice, I wasn't thinking about his clock concerns. I grunted agreement, having caught up my score sheet – and watched him drain the last five minutes off his clock. I called his flag, and he graciously accepted my claim with the explanation that he thought it was 40. I made 40 moves; he did not. He didn't fight it. He didn't whine. A gentleman as always, he won even as he lost. And, I've always felt guilty about such a slimy victory.

This game mirrors more than a dozen others, where the only struggle involved is whether I could save a draw. Lately I haven't even been close to putting any pressure on him. I thought it was just a contrast of styles, and I was the only one like this, but in recent months Selby has been so dominant in San Antonio chess tournaments that everyone is talking about it. Sure, he still loses the occasional game – although as of Jan. 1, it had been 18 months since his last loss. In trying to deal with this, one player coined the term "hunting Selby".

How does one deal with what seems to be a futile effort? I can share some of my efforts in this regard, and maybe you can apply them to your own version of Selby Anderson.

Adjust your perspective. You have to organize your philosophical approach to the problem. I've wanted to think of Selby as a measuring stick, but how do you continue to measure one loss against another? Instead I use him as the inspiration for hard work. As I am bleary eyed

about to put down a book to sleep, I stop and think that Selby probably read one more page. No time to practice? Selby's gaining experience on my openings right now on ICC. Having gained a recent appreciation for how much physical exercise helps your game, I sometimes think of Selby in my Tae Kwan Do class. Too tired to complete the hook kick drills? Selby would have done 5 more. I'm sure Selby doesn't take a martial arts class, but you get the idea. The danger is that you could work yourself into a psychosis over someone like Selby. On the other hand, if you do actually work harder with him in mind, you gain some confidence in having done something about it.

Study the player. I've tried studying his games. It's kind of depressing because he's so super solid. The things I look for are the answers to these questions. Do I want to play any endings with him? Open positions or closed? How does he attack a weakness? What openings should I avoid or change? Is there any pattern to his mistakes?

Ask for help. I've asked my peers what they think about how to handle Selby. Several of us have picked up on one thing – but no, I'm not going to tell you, and besides, it's a small thing that doesn't really matter. The lesson is that if you see something, ask someone you can commiserate with on your plight. Of course, you have to carefully judge the advice you get.

Give yourself a chance to win. In "My 60 Memorable Games", Bobby Fischer wrote of one game around move 50 that the move played was the first threat he made

all game. That always stuck with me, and in reviewing my losses I try to consider whether or not I did anything that gave me some chance to win. And, you can tailor that idea to a specific opponent. I found in some of my games I was just trying to survive, and that's just not good enough. In studying Selby, I decided I needed to find ways to put him on the defensive, not just for the sake of being aggressive. I just wanted to start giving him a chance to make a mistake.

Look within. In every problem, I start with a definition of the basic assumptions. To that end, I have considered the differences between my game and Selby's. What makes him play better moves? Do I have any advantages in my game over his? In the answer to those questions, I have defined our differences. Starting with that information, I had choices to make. Should I close those gaps? Should I find a way to emphasize my strengths? A little of both? The point here is to find out what I need to do better.

I started scribbling some thoughts for this article in December. I never thought for a moment I would be able to write this conclusion.

Nimzo-Indian E42

J.P. Hyltin 2033

Selby Anderson 2270

MHCC Jan. Swiss 2006 (4)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. Nge2 cxd4 6. exd4 O-O 7. a3 Be7 8. d5 exd5 9. cxd5 Re8 10. d6 Bf8 11. g3

Selby and I have played a several Nimzo-Indian defenses, but he consistently demonstrated better knowledge of this line of the opening and the resulting middle games. In our last game, I made up 11. Qd3 over the board, and got creamed. In

style. Afterwards, I looked at some games in this opening, and did a light review of them before this game. One thing I have learned is that if my opening is not sound, Selby will punish it.

11... Nc6 12. Bg2 b6 13. O-O Ba6 14. Re1 Rc8 15. Bf4



15...Nh5

This may be a new move, and it doesn't work out well. 15...Ne5 is most often played here.

16. Be3 Re6 17. Bxc6 dxc6 18. Nd4 Rxd6

If 18... Re5 19. f4 Rc5 20. Ne6 looks great for Black.

19. Qxh5 Rxd4 20. Bxd4 Qxd4



When considering this position while responding to Black's 15th, I thought this offered equal chances. Black has 2 Bishops for a Rook and Knight, and seems to have the opportunity to attack a weakened kingside and take advantage of the Game/90 time control. However,

White proves the devil is in the details as I get my pieces more active.

21. Rad1 Qc4 22. Ne4 c5 23. Rd7 Re8? 24. Rxf7

Winning. Not 24. Qxf7+ Qxf7 25. Rxf7 Bd3. Now (after 24. Rf7) 24... Qxf7 25. Qxf7 Kxf7 26. Ng5+ Kg6 27. Rxe8 Kxg5 28. Rxf8 is very clear. But during the game, I considered Black's best was 24... Qe6. Now, White can go wrong in a number of ways.

1) 25. Nf6+?? Qxf6!

2) I planned 25. Qxh7? Kxh7 26. Ng5+ Kg6 27. Nxe6, not seeing 27... Rxe6!

3) Fritz offered 25. Rxa7, where White's threats are too numerous, including 26. Qxa8, 26. Qxh7, or 26. Rxa6.

24... Rxe4 25. Rxf8+ Kxf8 26. Qf5+ Kg8 27. Qxe4 h6 28. Qxc4+

28. Qg6 Bb5 29. Rd1 is faster.

28... Bxc4 29. Re7 a6 30. Rb7 b5 31. Rc7 1-0

Selby will read this article, and I can predict a few reactions. Maybe he'll have a touch of concern that he's a marked man, but since he has no discernible flaws, he needn't worry. In humility, it will bewilder him that anyone would think this much about how to beat him. But he will dismiss this as crazy, knowing that he has his own problems with the masters outside of San Antonio, as well as a few players who trouble him here.

This article is about hunting Selby Anderson, but ultimately the lesson of this pursuit is that there is truth behind the cliché that the journey is more important than the destination. Figuring this out has helped give me goals that improve my game. And it's always fun to form a plan, execute the plan, and attain a positive result. ♠

Brad Sawyer wins national HS title

Brad Sawyer, 17, from Spring shared first place in the National High K-12 Championship, held Apr. 21-23 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Klein High School senior scored 6.5 in the seven-round event, tying with NM Landon Brownell from Oregon (who placed first on tiebreaks).

One of Sawyer's victims was fellow Texan Arturo Gracia, who won all his other games and finished in a nine-way tie for third with 6-1.

Several other Texas players had good scores: Darwin Yang (5.0), Alfred Molina, Vince Ye and Yunan Tao (4.5 each) There were 368 players in the K-12 (top) section, and 1,423 players in all.

Asked for a quote, Sawyer deadpanned this message on ICC: "It wasn't easy but it wasn't hard. I came there to take care of business, and I did." (Hey, wasn't that in *Cinderella Man* or some John Wayne movie?)

He continued: "I'm pretty happy that I've had the opportunity to do this and win something that very few have. I feel proud to bring it back to Texas.

"It took me a lot of prep to do it, and it paid off."

According to Dallas organizer Luis Salinas, this was the first time a Texas player has won the national high school title.

TCA Nominations

Candidates for TCA office must have nominations in writing, received by June 15, 2006 at the *Texas Knights* address, POB 501, Helotes, TX 78023. The positions are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Both nominator and nominee must be TCA members. Each candidate gets a free 100 word statement in the magazine, more at the ad rates posted on page 2. Candidates running as a 'slate' may pool their allotments of free space.

LETTERS

Got membership list issues?

TCA Membership,

In an effort to better serve our members' needs and address any recent concerns, the membership committee would like to hear from our members! We would like to address any issues and work to resolve them in a prompt manner.

If you have any comments, suggestions, complaints or general feedback, please e-mail me your feedback at vmjflores@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Victor Flores
TCA Vice-President/
Chair of Membership Committee

Kramnik-Topalov match scheduled

FIDE reports that there will be a 12 game reunification match between Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov in Elista. This has subsequently been confirmed by Carsten Hensel, Kramnik's manager. The match comes at the end of extensive negotiations which started after Topalov's win in San Luis. It also sees a significant concession from Kramnik in that he wanted matches to settle future world championships but the winner will play in a World Match tournament.

Each player will receive 500,000 USD net from FIDE and in addition certain revenues from possible commercial sponsorships. The winner goes to the WCC tournament 2007, the loser has to wait for the next cycle. The games will be played under classical time control (120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game plus an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move 61). Possible Tiebreak: 4 games of rapid chess (25min+10sec), then 2 blitz games (5min+10sec), then sudden death (6min/5min) with white to win.

Opening ceremony: Sept. 21, 2006, 7.00 p.m. Play on 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th October, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th (tiebreaks). Closing ceremony: Oct. 13.

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Mig Greengard (chessninja.com) has some choice comments on the proposed match in his Daily Dirt blog, as do the readers. Not everyone's happy with such a short match, but it's obviously better than none.

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Texas Masters (2)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3
Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 b6 6. e3 Bb7 7. f3 d6
8. Bd3 Nbd7 9. Ne2 c5 10. O-O
Qc7 11. e4 O-O 12. Bg5 h6 13. Be3
Rac8 14. d5?!



Fixing the pawn chain reduces the power of the bishop pair. White's most dangerous plan involves Ng3, f4 and e5 with attacking chances.

14...Ne5 15. f4 Nfg4 16. Bc1 Nxd3 17. Qxd3 exd5

Black's dynamic advantage is so great he doesn't need to play against the doubled pawns. Also good were 17... Ba6, 17... Rce8, and 17... f5. 18. cxd5 f5 19. c4 fxe4 20. Qxe4 Rce8 21. Qf3 Qe7! 22. Ng3 Qh4 23. h3 Ne5 24. Qc3 Nxc4! 25. f5 Qd4+ 26. Qxd4 cxd4 27. Rd1 Ne3 28. Bxe3 dxe3 29. Rd3 Re5 30. Re1 Rfe8 31. Nf1 e2 32. Ng3 Rxd5 33. Rxd5 Bxd5 34. Rxe2 Rxe2 35. Nxe2 Kf7 36. Nf4 Bc4 37. g4 b5 38. Kf2 a5 39. Ke3 b4 40. axb4 axb4 41. Kd4 b3 42. Kc3 d5 43. Ne6 g5 44. Nd4 Bf1 45. Kxb3 Bxh3 46. Nf3 Kf6 47. Kc3 Bxg4 48. Nh2 Bxf5 49. Kd4 Be4 50. Ng4+ Kg6 0-1

Giuoco Piano C55

Eileen Dai 1517
Brandon Rhodes 1443

Texas Class (extrarated)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3
Be7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. O-O a6!? 7. h3
b5 8. Bb3 Bb7 9. Be3 Re8 10. d4

12. Ng5! Rf8 13. f4! punishes Black for omitting 9...h6. 10...exd4 11. Nxd4 Na5!?

Apparently to trade, in reality to trap with 12...c5! and 13...c4. White should now clarify matters with 12. e5! Nxb3 13. axb3 Nd5 =.

However, Black can do better, forcing the win of a pawn with 11... Nxd4! 12. Bxd4 Nxe4, deflecting 13. Qh5 with 13...Ng5.



12. f3? c5! 13. Bxf7+ Kxf7 14. Nf5 Kg8

14... Nc4! keeps up the pressure.

15. e5 Nc4?

15...Nh5 16. f4 g6 +.

16. exf6 Nxe3 17. Nxe3 Bxf6 18. Ned5 Bd4+ 19. Kh1 b4 20. Na4 Bxd5 21. c3 bxc3

21... Bc4! here or on the next move is still winning for Black.

22. bxc3 Bxc3? 23. Qxd5+ Kh8 24. Nxc3 d6 25. Rad1 Qa5 26. Ne4 Qc7 27. Nxd6 Rf8 28. Ne4

I assume the sudden death factor accounts for the continued play.

28...Rad8 29. Qxc5 Qxc5 30. Nxc5 Ra8 31. Rd6 Rf6 32. Rxf6 gxf6 33. Rd1 Kg7 34. Rd7+ Kg6 35. Kh2 Rb8 36. Nxa6 Rb2 37. a4 Rb6 38.

Nc5 Rc6 39. Ne4 Ra6 40. Rd4 h5 41. Nc5 Ra5 42. Nb3 Ra7 43. a5 f5 44. Rd6+ Kg5 45. a6 h4 46. Rb6 Kh5 47. Nc5 Ra8 48. Rb7 Rg8 49. a7 Ra8 50. Nd7 f4 51. Nb6 Rg8 52. Rb8 Rg6 53. a8=Q Rxc2+ 54. Kxc2 1-0

Sicilian Defense B22

Michael Slepoy 1910
Clemente Rendon 1936

Texas Class U2000 (4)

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. cxd4 d5 5. e5 g6 6. Nc3 Nh6 7. Nf3

It was an excellent time for 7.h3. 7...Bg4 8. Be2 Nf5 9. Be3 Nxe3 10. fxe3 Bh6 11. Qd2 e6 12. O-O a6 13. h3 Bxf3 14. Bxf3 Qb6 15. Rae1 O-O 16. b3 Qb4 17. Qd3 b5 18. Ra1 Rac8 19. Rfc1 Ne7 20. Bg4 Bg5 21. Nd1 h5 22. Be2 Nf5 23. Kh2 Qe1 24. Rxc8 Rxc8



White resigns

0-1

White has not lost anything yet, but he's hosed - similar to the "immortal zugzwang game" (Saemisch-Nimzovich, Copenhagen 1923).

In the diagrammed position White must deal with the threat of Bh4-g3#, and he is running out of moves. A drastic Fritz line is 24. Bf1 Ng3 25. Kg1 h4 26. Rb1 Rc2! +.

Solution (back cover problem):

1. Na4! (1...bxa4 2. Qd3#; 1...Ka3 2. Nc5#; 1...Kc4 2. Qe6#).

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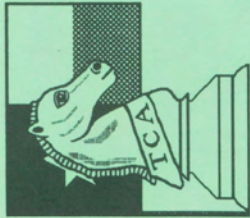
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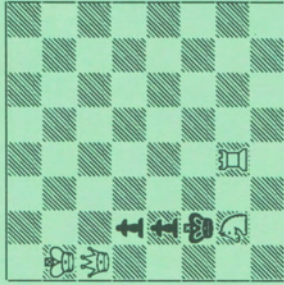


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