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President's Column

Greetings Texas Chess Players,

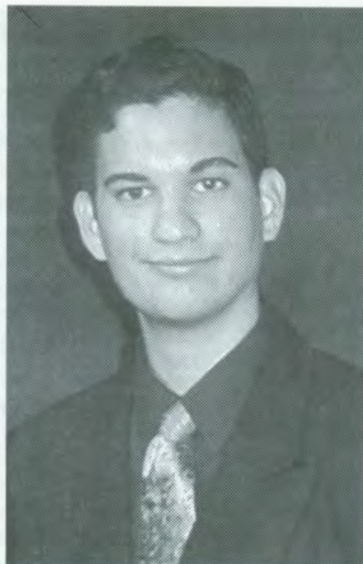
The TCA calendar year is almost at an end! As I have previously stated, thank you to everyone who contributed to TCA this year. We had a superb year; and I greatly enjoyed my time serving as TCA President.

The intent of these "president's columns" has been to provide current news and information to the membership. I am hopeful that they did accomplish their goal and that my presidential successor will continue this column.

A) GM Yuri Shulman wins U.S. Open: The U.S. Chess Federation's 107th Annual U.S. Open Championship, held Aug. 5-13 at the Double Tree Hotel in Chicago-Oak Brook, Illinois, concluded with UTD alumnus GM Yuri Shulman taking clear first with 8 points out of 9. Over 500 players competed for this prestigious title.

B) TCA General Meeting: The next TCA meeting will be at the Southwest Open September 1st-4th in Fort Worth. Check the TCA Calendar (www.texaschess.org) for more details.

C) Pan-Am Youth: Two Plano youths won silver medals at the Pan Am Youth Championships this August in Ecuador. Darwin Yang, 9, tied for first in Boys Under 10, obtaining a FIDE Master rating. Eileen Dai, 9, won clear second in Girls Under 10.



D) The TCA website, www.texaschess.org, continues to grow with over 170 members. The forums have also grown to include more than 350 members. If you have not already done so, register today.

E) UTB Chess Coach: GM Gilberto Hernández will be joining the UTB Chess Team as the new coach in the fall of 2006!

F) UTD Chess Program hits milestone: August marks the tenth anniversary of the UTD Chess Program. The program, which was founded by Dr. Timothy Redman, has gained international fame and recognition. Dr. Redman will be stepping down as the program director, and Jim Stallings will be taking over. On behalf of TCA, we wish Dr. Redman the best with his future endeavors.

Clemente Rendon
TCA President

Many Springs Quads

This game was played Aug. 12 at the Many Springs Quads #11, which drew 24 players. Robert Van Housen and David A Harvey directed for the Watauga Chess Club. — Rob Jones

Petroff's Defense C42

Aurelio Gonzalez 1821
Wallace Brady 1616

Many Springs Quad #11, 2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 Nf6 9.Re1 Nc6 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.Nxd5!?

A trappy try in a well worn line. The main variations in ECO are:

(a) 12.h3 Be6 (12...Bh5? 13. Bxh7+) 13.Ne4 h6 14.a3 Nf6 =;

(b) 12.Be4 Be6 13.a3 Bf6 14. Na4 Bg4 15.Qd3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nce7 =.

12...Qxd5 13.Be4 Qd7??

13...Qd6 14.Qd3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nxd4 =.



14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Ne5! +- Bxd1 16. Nxd7 Bg4 17.Rxe7 Rfd8 18.Ne5 Rxd4 19.Be3 Re4 20.Nxc6 Rc4 21. Rc1 Rxc1+ 22.Bxc1 Be6 23.a3 Kf8 24.Be3 Rd8 25.Nxd8 Kxe7 26.Nxe6 Kxe6 27.Bxa7 and . . . 1-0

More games by our readers: p. 8

Two from Texas win silver at Pan Am Youth

Two youngsters from Plano, Texas won silver medals at the Pan-American Youth Championships, held Aug. 3-9 in Cuenca, Ecuador. Five other Americans also medalled.

Darwin Yang, 9, scored 7.5 out of 9 in Boys Under 10 to win the silver medal on tiebreaks. In the process Yang, who just finished third grade, earned a FIDE Master title. His August USCF rating is 1960, making him the second ranked nine-year-old in the US.

Eileen Dai, 9, won the silver in Girls Under 10. She reportedly turned around a lost ending in the last round.

Americans won the gold in Under 18, both divisions. Boys U18 winner Elliot Liu, 16, of San Diego had to win an appeals committee ruling against a cheating incident. In the last round two Venezuelan players colluded on a ten-move win that would have given the winner the gold medal over Liu based on tiebreaks. In the final position neither side was in particular danger, and one of the duo even admitted he cheated as a personal protest.

Liu noted in an interview that it is midwinter in Ecuador, and the hotel had no heat! He had to wear five layers of ski clothes, and went through his suitcase fast.

In Girls U18, Tatev Abrahamyan from Los Angeles swept her section, 9-0. "The opposition wasn't too strong at the end", she said, "but it never gets boring to win."

American Results (medalists in bold)

Boys U18: **Elliot Liu** -7/9- Gold Medal!

Girls U18:**Tatev Abrahamyan** - 9/0 Gold Medal!

Girls U16: **Alisa Melekhina**- 7/9- Silver Medal, Julia Kerr-6.5/9 and Nicole Maffeo-5.5/9

Boys U14: Alec Getz 6.5/9, Marc Arnold 6/9 and Christian Tanaka 4.5/9

Girls U14-Karsten McVay-4.5/9

Boys U12: **Ray Robson**-8/9- Silver Medal (tied for first, Silver on tiebreak), **Daniel Naroditsky** 6.5/9-Bronze Medal, Christopher Hueng-5/9 and Justin Karp-4/9.

Girls.U12: Darrian Robinson and Helen Chu- 5/9

Boys U10: **Darwin Yang**-7.5/9-Silver Medal (tied for first, silver on tiebreak), Aleksander Ostrovskiy 6/9 and Aaron Schein-5/9

Girls U10: Eileen Dai- 7/9

See http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/news_18_93.php

QGD Exchange D35

Christian Coripuna
Darwin Yang

Pan Am Youth U10

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 Be7
8.Be3 Qc7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 Nc6 11.
Qe2 Bd7 12.Rad1 Rac8 13.h3 b5
14.a3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 e5 16.Be3 Be6
17.Qf2 Bc4 18.Rfe1 Qb7

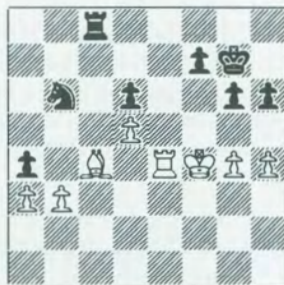


19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 exf4 21.Bxf4
Rfe8 22.g4!? Bf8 23.c3 Rxe1+ 24.
Qxe1?

A needless concession, as after 24.Rxe1 Nxd5? 25.Bc1! (25.Rd1?? Nxf4!) the pin is pernicious. Instead, 24.Rxe1 Nd7 25.g5 Nb6 26.Bg3 +=. 24...Re8 25.Qg3 Qe7 26.Bd2 Qa7+ 27.Qf2 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Nd7 29.Be3 Ne5 30.b3 g6 31.Bd4 Bg7 32.Bf1 Nd7 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Re1 Rc8



Now White could seek to trade off as many pawns as possible with 35.Re7 Ne5 36.Ra7, but even this gives Black an edge: 36...Rxc3 37.Rxa6 Rxb3 38.Rxd6 Rxa3 39.Rb6 Nd3+ 40.Bxd3 Rxd3 41.Rxb5 Rxh3. 35.c4 bxc4 36.Bxc4 a5 37.Kg3 Nb6 38.Re4 a4 39.Kf4 h6 40.h4



40... Ra8! 41.b4?

Necessary was 41.bxa4 Rxa4-/+.
41...Rc8 42.Ba2 Rc2 43.Bb1
Nxd5+ 44.Kf3 Rc3+ 0-1

U.S. Junior Triple Header in Big D!

Ten youngsters compete in Dallas for 2006 U.S. Junior Invitational Chess Championship

(Crossville, TN) What happens when you bring ten of the most highly qualified youngsters to Dallas, Texas? If it is at the Marriott Dallas/Addison Quorum from July 15-21, 2006, then they will vie for the title of 2006 U.S. Junior Invitational Chess Champion. What a story this was for FIDE Master Robert L. Hess (rating: 2422), from New York. Hess won his last four games to take first place with seven points. For his efforts he received a \$500 scholarship, an invitation to the 2006 World Junior, and a place in the 2007 U.S. Chess Championship.

Finishing in second place, and beating Hess in head-to-head competition, was Jake Kleiman (rating: 2336), from Tennessee. Kleiman lost the last game to FM Igor Schneider, from New York, which kept him from being crowned the champion. He scored 6.5 points anyway which was good enough for the number two spot along with a \$300 scholarship.

FIDE Master Salvijus Bercys, from New York, finished strong with a solid finish accumulating 6 points along the way, earning him a \$200 scholarship. After losing to Hess in the first round, Kazim Gulamali, from Georgia, went undefeated and scored 5.5 points which was good enough for fourth place and the \$100 scholarship. The tournament was organized by Luis Salinas and directed by Francisco Guadalupe.

For all the game scores, see <http://swchess.com/sce/tourney/USJRInv06/games.htm>.

King's Gambit C36

Kazim Gulamali 2276

Robert L. Hess 2395

US Junior Invitational (1)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 exf4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Re8 9.Bb3 Ng4 10.Qd3 Ndf6 11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Qd4 f3 14.Bf4 fxe2 15.Kxg2 c5 16.Qxc5 Qd7 17.Kh1 Qh3 18.Qe3 Qh5



19.Ba4 Neg4 20.Qg3 Ne4 21.Qg2 Nxc3 22.Bxe8 Nxd5 23.Rad1??

White is better after 23.Rae1! Ngf6 (23...Be6?? 24.Rxe6!) 24.Be5 Bg4 25.Bxf6 Nxf6 26.Ba4.

23...Be6 -+ 24.Bd7 Nxf4 25.Rxf4 Nf2+ 0-1



Robert Hess

Last minute heroics by Arnold earn the 2006 U.S. Cadet title



Mark Tyler Arnold

(Crossville, TN) Eight of the strongest youngsters under the age of 16 faced off in Dallas, Texas at the Marriott Dallas/Addison Quorum from July 15-21, 2006 to see who would win the 2006 U.S. Cadet Championship. The stakes are high as the winner receives a four-year college scholarship including tuition and fees from the University of Maryland at Baltimore County (UMBC). The current value of the generous award that UMBC offers is over \$34,000 for Maryland residents and over \$66,000 for non-residents.

The tournament went right down to the wire as two New Yorkers faced head-to-head to see who would earn the scholarship: Parker Bi Guang Zhao had 5 points, needing just a draw and Mark Tyler Arnold had 4-1/2 points in a must-win situa-

tion entering the final round. Arnold came through in the clutch but Zhao certainly deserves recognition for his second place. When it was all said and done, Arnold had 5-1/2 points, Zhao accumulated 5 points and won the 2nd place \$200 scholarship with Ray Robson, from Florida, getting 4 points and a \$100 scholarship.

The tournament was organized by Luis Salinas and directed by Francisco Guadalupe.

Here is the key game from the tournament winner:

Sicilian Defense B52

Parker Bi Guang Zhao 2203
Marc Tyler Arnold 2241

US Cadet Championship (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4. Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c4 Nf6 7.Nc3 e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.f3 Rfd8

This was the right time for 12... Nxd4 and 13...b5, which White could now stop with 13.a4.

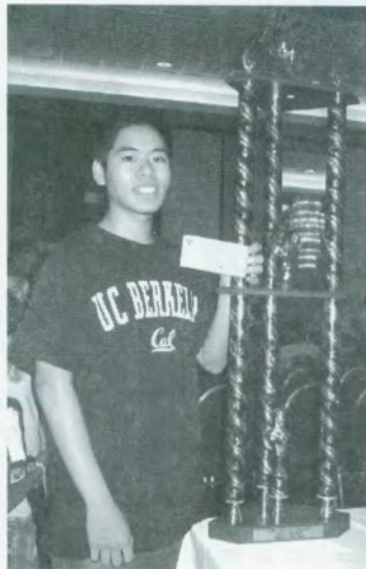
13.Rc1 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Rfd1 Rab8 17.e5 dxe5 18.Qxe5 Qe8 19.Rxd8 Qxd8



The b-pawn is taboo: 20.Nxb5 Nd7! 21.Qc7 (21.Qh5 g6) 21...Rxb5 22.Qxd8+ Bxd8 23.Rc8 Rb8 +. 20.Rd1 Qe8 21.a4 bxa4 22.bxa4 Bb4 23.Bd4 Rd8 24.Nb5 Rd5 25. Qe2 Qd7 26.Rc1 Rxd4 27.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 28.Qf2 Qd8 29.Qa7 g6 30. Rb1 Nd5 31.Qd4 Qa5 32.Rc1 Bc3

33.Qc4 Qb6+ 34.Kh1 Qe3 35.Rb1 Kg7 36.Qe4 Qd2 37.Qh4 Nf4 38. Qg3 Qd3 39.Re1 Bxe1 40.Qxe1 Qc2 0-1

For all the game scores, see <http://swchess.com/sce/tourney/USCadet06/games.htm>.



Peter Yeh

Over 200 converge on Dallas for the 2006 U.S. Junior Open

(Crossville, TN) The 2006 U.S. Junior Open attracted 216 players to the Marriott Dallas/Addison Quorum from July 21-23, 2006. The 2006 U.S. Junior Invitational and 2006 U.S. Cadet were held in the same location (see press releases #39 and #40) from July 15th through the 21st and the Junior Open completed the week of chess competition. This annual tournament is open to any player under age 21 and this year offered three separate sections by age.

In the Under Age 21 section, in tiebreak order, Peter Yeh (2172), from Texas, Ryan Millisits (2190), from Pennsylvania, and Deepyaman Datta (2102), from Texas (who also competed in the 2006 U.S. Cadet) all tied for first with 5 points and are co-champions in this year's event. They finished at the top of the 48-player field.



Deepyaman Datta



Ryan Millisits



Gauri Shankar

With a clear first place finish in the 73-player field of the Under Age 15 section, **Gauri Shankar** (2003), from Illinois, finished with 5-1/2 points. He only gave up one draw but that was good enough to finish ahead of the following players from Texas all of whom had 5 points: Karthik Ramachandran (1859), Adarsh Jayakumar (1798), Jason Jia (1757), and Anjali Datta (1874).

Another clear first victory occurred in the Under Age 11 section. **Dylan Scott James** (1644), from Texas, piled up 5-1/2 points to finish ahead of fellow Texans, all right behind with 5 points: Jeffery Hung (1598), Jonathan C. Chin (1707), Grant Powell (1526), Steven Chen (1354), Eileen Dai (1564), Eric Chen (1418), and Caroline Zhu (1549). 95 players participated in this section.



Dylan Scott James

The traditional Open Bughouse Tournament was won by Jeffrey DeJesus (1991), of Texas, and Ryan Milisits winning all five of their games as they smashed through the opposition. Bughouse is a chess variant where teams of two play against each other and pieces that are captured go to their partner. The action is exciting to watch and bughouse events continue to increase in popularity.

The 2006 Junior Open was organized by Luis Salinas and directed by Francisco Guadalupe.

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1.Nc4! Rxb6 2.Nxb6#; or 1...R~6 2.Ng2#; or 1...Re~ 2.Rb4#.

Games from the Readers

At the Denton Sunday Frolic #2 (July 17), Ming Chin has WIM Alexey Root on the ropes but loses his way in the G/30 time pressure. NM Keith Hayward won the Open section, and Jamie Jones won the Reserve.

Notes by Ming Chin

QGD Tarrasch D40

Alexey Root 2000

Ming Chin 1810

Denton Sunday Frolic #2 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c4
 cxd4 5.exd4 Nc6 6.Nc3 e6
 6...Bg4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Bxf3
 9.gxf3 e6 10.Qxb7 Nxd4 11.Bb5+
 Nxb5 12.Qc6+ Ke7 13.Qxb5 Qd7
 14.Nxd5+ Qxd5 15.Qxd5 exd5 16.
 Be3 Ke6 17.0-0-0 Bb4 18.Kb1
 Rhc8 =. Amazing, all book moves.
 7.Be2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0
 10.a3 a6 11.b4



11.Bg5 b5 12.Ba2 Bb7 13.Rc1
 b4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.Bb1 Qa5 16.
 Ne5 Rac8 17.Re1 Nbd5 18.Qd3 g6
 19.Qh3 (Spassky-Geller, Amsterdam
 ct 1956) 19...Nh5!? unclear.

Also playable is 11.Re1 b5 12.
 Ba2 Bb7 13.Qd3 Rc8 14.Bg5 Re8
 15.Ra1 g6 =.

11...b5 12.Bb3

12.Bd3 Ra7 13.Bb2 Rd7 14.Ne4
 e5 =+ ECO.

12...Bb7 13.Qd3

13.Bb2 Qb6 14.Qd3 Rad8 15. Rad1 Rd7 16.Rfe1 a5 =+ ECO.

13...Rc8 14.Bb2

At post-mortem, we discussed 14.Bg5 but Alexey said that she had reached this position many times and she found out that 14.Bb2 is slightly better.

14...Qb6 15.Bc2 Rfd8 16.Rad1 Nxd4

Ming's brilliant combination :-)
The only bad thing is... I chewed up a lot of time and it finally cost me the game :-(
17.Nxd4 e5



18.Nf5 Rxd3 19.Nxe7+ Kf8 20. Nxc8 Qc6

I liked this one square queen move which threaten checkmate and winning more materials

21.f3 Rxc3??

I had pre-programmed this move since 20 ...Qc6 and I forgot to re-evaluate the position and missed the simple 21...Rxd1.

22.Rd8+ Ne8

Here's a funny situation: I actually played 22...Ke7, which obviously is an illegal move. Alexey's clock has eleven minutes and mine has three. She gained an extra two minutes, which is no big deal except that this tournament has no delay.

23.Be4 Qc7 24.Rxe8+ Kxe8 25. Bxc3 Bxc8?

I had less than 20 seconds Better is 25...Bxe4.

26.Rc1 Qb6+ 27.Kf1 Qe3

I think I had only 10 ticks left on my clock

28.Bb2 Kd7??

The final blunder under time pressure. Even if I had seen 28...Be6 I'm not sure time would have allowed me to finish off the game. 29.a4 Bc4+ 30.Rxc4 bxc4 31.b5 axb5 32.axb5→ c3 33.Ba3 c2. 29.Bf5+

Now, it's all over but the crying :-((((1-0

My first game with a GM :) Ramirez pointed out 18...Be4? afterwards.

QGD Tarrasch D34

Alejandro Ramirez 2565

Ming Chin 1801

Dallas CC Wed. G/30

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 11.Be3 Bg4 12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Re1 Rab8 15.Na4 Bf5 16. Nc5 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Rfe8 18.Bd4

Now 18...Ne4 is about equal.

18...Be4? 19.Bxf6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 gxf6 21.b3 Re6 22.Qd4 a5 23.Qd2 Qe7 24.Qxh6 Rxe2 25.Rxe2 Qxe2 26.Qxf6 Qe4+ 27.Qf3 Qe5 28.Rxc6 d4 29.Rf6 d3 30.Rf5 Qb2 1-0

French Defense C00

Clarissa Root 790

Kenneth Gleaves 667

Denton Sunday Frolic #2 (2)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Bg5 Nc6 6.Qd2 Bf8 7.e5 d5 8.Bxf6 Be7 9.Bxh8 Nb4 10.Ne2 Qd7 11.Bf6 b6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.a3 Na6 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Qg5 Qf8 16. g3 Ba4 17.Nc3 h6 18.Qf6 b5 19. Bxb5+ Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Rb8 21.Nxa7 h5 22.h4 Nb4 23.axb4 Qxb4 24.b3 Ra8 25.Qh8+ Kd7 26.Qxa8 c5 27. Qc6+ Ke7 28.Nc8+ Kf8 29.Qd6+ Kg7 30.Ne7 c4 31.Qxb4 cxb3 32. Qb8 bxc2 33.Qg8+ Kh6 34.Qh8#

1-0

QP Opening D00

Jamie Jones 1052

Kyler Kent 722

Denton Sunday Frolic #2 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Be3 e6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 e5 7.dxe5 Bxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.0-0 Be6 11.e4 d4 12.Nb5 a6 13.Nxc7+ 1-0

Dallas CC August Incremental

A fairly strong Sunday tournament, with an expert (Stanley Yang, and two A players: Marc Fuhrmann, and fm Darwin Yang. It was a foregone conclusion in most folk's minds that one of these players would walk off with the first prize, but, it was B player Sylvia Yang who took home the first, and upped her rating to A.

QGD Slav D18

Stanley Yang 2004

Marc Furhman 1994

DCC August Incremental

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Bd3 Qe7 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.e4 e5 14.d5 Rac8 15.Bd2 a5 16.Rac1 Nc5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Bg5 Qe6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qc2 Kg7 21.h3 Rh8 22.Ne2 Rcd8 Draw

French Defense C16

Sarah Chiang 1606

Stanley Yang 2004

DCC August Incremental

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Nf3 b6 6.Be2 Ba6 7.Bxa6 Nxa6 8.0-0 c5

8...Qd7! is a finesse. After the text White should play 9.Nb5! Nc8 10.c4 0-0 11.Qa4 Ba5 12.Rd1 Qd7 13.b3 Ne7 14.Ba3 +=. 9.a3 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Rc8 11.Qe2 Nb8 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Bb2 Nbc6 14.Rac1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Na5 16.Nd2 Nc4 17.

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San Antonio champ Hyltin ties with Yeh and Guerra

Longtime San Antonio resident J.P. Hyltin won the city championship title and tied with Peter Yeh of Richardson and Anthony Guerra of Edinburg. They each scored 4.5 points and won \$162.50 (1st, 2nd and U2200 prizes).

For Hyltin, ranked sixth on the wall chart, it was evidence that his comeback to chess is in full stride. This was his fourth city title, and the first not shared with another San Antonio resident. (It is only fair to point out that a few past champions did not compete this year: Alston, Anderson, Huddleston and Silva.)

Peter Yeh, a student of Annakov, continues to make progress to the master title. Anthony Guerra (1795) had a great tournament, with wins over Andy Smith (2038) and Gregg Stanley (2087), and a draw with John Patty (2200).

Rheanna English scored 4 points and won the U2000 section prize of \$112.50. The U1800 was won by Derek Chang, Allen Eckert, E. Steve Coyle and Adrian Diaz who scored 3.5 points and won \$28.13 each.

The U1600 winners with 3 points were Angel Bohannon, Freddy Jones, Dylan Smith, Gerald Castleberry, and Wendle Scott, winning \$22.50. James Nielsen, Mark Thomas and Daniel Flanigan tied for the U1400 prize also with 3 points, each winning \$25.00.

Wendle Scott (1419) had an exciting tournament. First he was the victim of the largest upset of the event (686 points!) against Tasneem Ali (733). But he came back in round 5 being the perpetrator of the second largest upset (507 points) against Martin Gordon (1926) to win a slice of U1600 pie.

Seventy players turned out for the event, held July 29-30 at TNI in the Medical Center. \$900 was paid out in prizes, \$300 above the advertised amount. Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.— *G. Wren, M. Gordon & SKA*

Vienna Game C26

Don Sutherland 2172

Michael Croyle 1696

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 d6 5.h3 Bd7 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.Nxb6 axb6 9.0-0 10.d4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Qxd4 h6 13.b3 Re8 14.Bb2 Bc6 15.Rfe1 Re6 16.a4 Qe7 17.f3 Re8 18.c4 Qf8 19.Bc3 Nd7 20.b4 Ne5 21.b5 Bd7 22.f4 f6 23.fxe5 fxe5 24.Qd3 and White won. 1-0

Center Counter B01

Angel Bohannon 1573

Eric Sahura (unrated)

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 c5?

The Center Counter is risky enough with the one tempo against Black's queen – no need for more! Better is 4...Nf6 or 4...a6.

5.dxc5 Qxc5 6.Be3 Qb4 7.Qd2! Qxb2??

There are poisoned pawns, and then there are poisoned pawns.

8.Rb1 Qa3 9.Nb5 Qxa2 10.Nc7#

1-0

Sicilian B42

Peter Yeh 2149

Derek Chang 1746

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3



J.P. Hyltin

Morphy's move, avoiding the Sicilian Counterattack (5.Nc3 Bb4) at the cost of a less aggressive stance in the center. Black can now equalize with 5...Nc6 or 5...d5.

5...d6 6.0-0 a6 7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2 Qc7 9.Nd2

White's original mode of development sets up overprotection for the advance e4-e5.

9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.f4 0-0 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nc4 dxe5 14.fxe5 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 Bb7 16.Qg4



16...Rfe8 17.Rf3 Bf8 18.Raf1 Re7
19.Nd6 h6

Nothing works.

20.Nxf7 Rxf7 21.Qg6 Rf5 22.
Qxe6+ Kh8 23.Qxf5 Nf6 24.exf6
gxf6 25.Bxf6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+ Qg7
27.Bc4+ Kh8 28.Qxh6# 1-0

Pirc Defense B09

Cody Pemberton 1740

Rudy Tia, Jr. 2123

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (2)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 b5 8.Bd3
Bb7 9.e5!?

Perhaps even stronger than the
simple 9.a3.

9...b4 10.Ne2 Nd5 11.c4?!

Avoids trades when you have a
space advantage! 11.Bf2 preserves
the bishop pair and prepares a future
c2-c4 to truly challenge the knight.

11...bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 e6
14.Rb1 Qc8 15.c4 Rd8 16.0-0 Nd7
17.Rb3 c5! 18.Rfb1??

Superficially White's game is
attractive, but the tactics are all on
Black's side. 18.exd6 cxd4 19.Nfxd4
Nc5 leaves Black with a slight edge.
18...Bxf3 19.gxf3 cxd4 +- 20.Qd2
dxe5 0-1

Notes by J.P. Hylytin

Reti Opening A14

Paul Reid 1717

J.P. Hylytin 2060

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (2)

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2
Nbd7 5.g3 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6
8.d3 Qc7 9.Nbd2 b6 10.Rc1 Bb7
11.Qc2 Rac8 12.Rfd1 Qb8 13.Qb1
e5

This forces open the center, but
the complications will favor White.

14.e3 c5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Nc4 f6
17.d4 exd4 18.exd4 Rcd8 19.dxc5

19.Qf5 Rfe8 20.Nh4 Nf8
21.dxc5 g6 22.Qg4 Bxc5 =.

19...Nxc5 20.Nh4 Rfe8 21.Nf5 Bf8
22.Rd4 Ne6 23.Rh4 Ng5 24.Rd1

24.f4? Bc5+ is immensely com-
plex, but Black is winning.

24...Qc7?!

I recognized I should try to get
rid of the Bg2, but did not realize
how powerful that idea was.

[24...Nc3! 25.Bxc3 Bxg2 26.Kxg2?
Qb7+ 27.Kg1 Nf3+ 28.Kf1 Nd2+]

25.Rg4 b5 26.Nd2 Nc3 27.Bxc3
Bxg2 28.Qb2 Bf3 +- 29.Nxf3 Nxf3+
30.Kg2 Rxd1 31.Nh6+ Kh8
32.Bxf6 Ng1 33.h4 Qb7+ 34.Kh2
Nf3+ 0-1

Stawton Gambit A82

Andy Smith 2038

Allen Eckert 1709

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (2)

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.f3 exf3 4.Nxf3
Nf6 5.Bg5 e6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.Ne5!?

0-0 8.Nd2 d6 9.Bxf6 dxe5?!
9...Bxf6 10.Qh5 g6 11.Nxg6
Qe8! 12.Nf4 Qxh5 13.Nxh5 Bxd4
14.0-0-0 Nd7 =+.

10.Qh5 Rxf6 11.Qxh7+ Kf7 12.
dxe5 Rh6

12...Rf5! is the other approach.
13.Rf1+ Bf6 14.Qe4 Nd7 15.0-0-0
Nc5 16.Qe3 Nxd3+ 17.cxd3 Qd5
18.d4?

18.exf6! Rxf6 19.Ne4 Rf5 20.g4
Rxf1 21.Rxf1+ Kg8 22.Qf4 and
Black is instant toast: 22...Qc6+ 23.
Kb1 Qe8 24.Qg5 +.

18...Bd7 19.Ne4 Rah8 20.Kb1 Bc6
21.Rf4



21...Ke7?

Black more than holds his own
in the complications after 21...Rh4!
22.g4 Rxh2 23.exf6 g5! 24.Qa3 Re8
25.Nc3 Qg2 26.Rff1 Bf3 -/+.

22.exf6+ gxf6 23.Re1 f5 24.Nc3
Qd6

Fritz gives 24...Qxg2 25.d5 Bd7
as equal.

25.Rxf5 Rxh2??

Better is 25...Kd7 with a tough
road ahead: 26.Rf6+ Kc8 27.h3 +/-.

26.d5 Bd7 27.Qg5+ Ke8 28.dxe6
Bxe6 29.Rfe5 Qd3+ 30.Ka1 Rh1
31.Rxe6+ Kd7 32.Qg7+ Kc8 33.a3
Rxe1+ 34.Rxe1 Rd8 35.Qg4+ 1-0

Caro-Kann B19

Don Sutherland 2172

Phillip Irwin 1926

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4
Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7
8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6
11.Bf4 Ngf6 12.c3

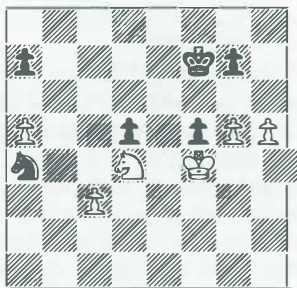
This is no improvement on the
main line 12.0-0-0 - it puts a wel-
come mat on d5 and by extension f4.
12...Nd5 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.0-0 Bd6
15.Ne4 Bf4 16.Rae1 Bxd2 17.Nfxd2
0-0 18.f4!?



A bluff that pays off. Nothing
should stop Black from taking the
pawn: 18...Nxf4 19.Qg3 Nd5 =+.

18...N5f6?! 19.Qf3 Qb6 20.b4 Qb5
21.g4 Qd5 22.g5 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 f5
24.Nd2 Rae8 25.Rf2 hxg5 26.fxg5
e5 27.Qxd5+ cxd5 28.dxe5 Rxe5

29.Rfe2 Rfe8 30.Rxe5 Rxe5 31.Rxe5 Nxe5 32.Kf2 Kf7 33.Ke3 Ke6 34.a4 b6 35.Nf3 Nc4+ 36.Kf4 Nb2 37.Nd4+ Kf7 38.a5 bxa5 39.bxa5 Na4

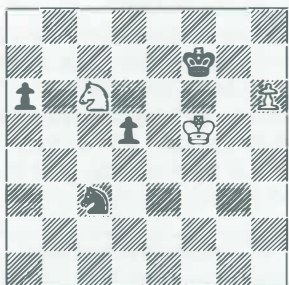


Now one way for White to win is 40.Kxf5 Nxc3 41.g6+ Kg8 42.Ke5 and his knight will get Black's a-pawn. A similar opportunity to tie up the Black pieces occurs later.

40.Nc6 Nxc3 41.Kxf5 a6 42.h6?

42.Ke5! presents more prickly problems: 42...Ne4 43.g6+ Kf8 44.Nd8 Nc3 45.Ne6+ Kg8 46.Nc5 and White will have a passed a-pawn..

42...gxh6 43.gxh6



43...Ne4!!

Black finds a wonderful save to control the critical square f7.

But not 43...Nb5? 44.Ke5! Kg6 45.Kxd5 and Black's knight is ill-placed to take out the last white pawn.

44.Ne5+

Now 44.Ke5 doesn't work: 44...

Kg6 45.Kxd5 Nd2 and the knight will sac for the a-pawn.

44...Kg8 45.Kg6 Nd6 = 46.Nc6 Nc4 47.Ne7+ Kh8 48.Nxd5 Nxa5 49.Nb4 Nc4 50.Nxa6 Ne5+ Draw

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

King's Indian E65

J.P. Hyltin 2060

Jose DeLeon 1805

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (3)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 c5

Better is 7...e5. The text leads to an English where the ...Ndb7 development deprives Black of a useful piece trade at d4. - SKA.

8.b3 a6 9.Bb2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Rb8 11.Qd2 Nc5 12.Rab1 e5

This leads to lots of problems for Black. Better is 12...Bd7.

13.Nc2 Bf5 14.Rbd1 Qc8 15.Ne3 Bh3 16.Qxd6 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nfe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qd7 Qxd7 20.Rxd7

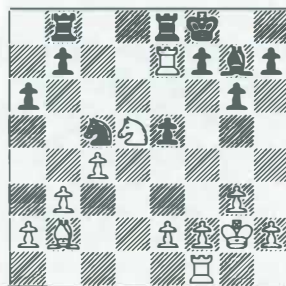
An extra pawn, a rook on the seventh, and a strong square for the knight on d5. White is nearly winning. [Nearly? - SKA]

20...Rfe8 21.Nd5

Setting a trap.

21...Nc5 22.Re7 Kf8?

22...Rxe7 is forced.



23.Ba3 b6 24.Ra7 Kg8 25.Bxc5 bxc5 26.Rxa6 Ra8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.a4 f5 29.Rd1

29.Nb6!? Ra6 30.Nd7 - SKA.

29...Rb8 30.Rb1 Bf8 31.Nf6+ Kg7 32.Nd7 Re8 33.Nxf8

I just wanted to simplify, but I seemed to complicate the win as I get a little tangled up.

33...Rxf8 34.Kf3 Rd8 35.Rb2 Kf6 36.e3 e4+ 37.Ke2 Ke5 38.a5 Ra8 39.Ra2 Ra6 40.Kd2 g5 41.Kc3 f4 42.b4 cxb4+ 43.Kxb4 fxg3 44.fxg3

1-0

KI Attack A05

Anthony Guerra 1795

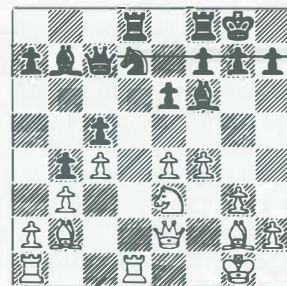
Andy Smith 2038

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 c5 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 Nbd7

More reliable is 6...e6 7.e4 Nc6 with queenside castling, leaving d7 open for the Nf6 if he is attacked.

7.e4 dxe4 8.Ng5 Rb8 9.Ngxe4 e6 10.Nc4 Nxe4 11.dxe4 Qc7 12.f4 Ba6 13.b3 Rd8 14.Qf3 b5 15.Ne3 b4 16.Rd1 Be7 17.Bb2 0-0 18.c4 Bb7 19.Qe2 Bf6



20.e5 Bxg2? [20...Be7 +=] 21.exf6 Bb7 22.fxg7 Qc6 23.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 24.Kf2 Re8 25.Rd2 e5 26.Nd5 exf4 27.Bg7+ Kxg7 28.Qxe8 fxg3+ 29.Kg1

1-0

French Defense C12

David Rece 1830

John Patty 2200

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.Bxc3

Ne4 8.Nf3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 c5 10.Be2

This cedes Black the advantage. 10.Bb4 c5 = is the ECO line.

Fischer once tried 10.Ba5!?! (vs. Petrosian, Curacao 1962) with the continuation 10...0-0 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Bc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 f6 14.f4 fxe5 16.fxe5 Ne7 17.Nf3 c5 18.0-0 Qa5 =+.

10...Qa5 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.0-0?

12.dxc5 is necessary to stay in the game.

12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxd2 14.Nxd2 Nxd4 15. Bd3 Nc6 16.Bb5 Bd7 17. Bxc6 Bxc6 18. c4 Ke7 19.Rfc1 Rhd8 20.c5 f6 21.f4 d4 22.Nc4 Rd5 23.exf6+ gxf6 24.Na5 Rc8 25.Rab1 Rd7 26.Nxc6+ Rxc6 27.Kf2 e5 28. Kf3 Ke6 29.g4 Kd5 30.fxe5 fxe5 31.h4 e4+ 32.Ke2 Rxc5 33.Rf1 Rc2+ 34.Kd1 Rxa2 35.Rf5+ Kc4 36.Rf6 e3 37.Rc1+ Kd3 38.Rxh6

0-1

Stonewall Defense D31

Randall Schwarz 1947

Adrian Diaz 1650

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 f5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Bc7 9.Bxc7 Qxc7 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.e3 Nbd7 12.Qd3 Ne4 13.Ne2 Nd6 14.Qa3 Nf6 15.Ne5 Qc7 16. Nf4 Qd8 17.c5 Nf7 18.Nfd3 Nd7 19.f4 Qf6 20.b4 a6 21.Nxf7 Rxf7 22.Qa5 g5 23.a4 gxf4 24.gxf4 Rg7 25.Rf3 Qh4 26.b5



26...Qg4 27.Qd8+?

27.Ne1 keeps the advantage.

27...Nf8 28.Rg3 Qe2 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Qe7+ Kg8 31.Ne5 Qxe3+ 32.Kf1 Qxc1+ 33.Ke2 Draw

Black either has a perpetual or (after 33...Qc2+ 34.Kf3? Qd1+) gets his Q to h5 with winning chances.

KI Attack A05

Rheanna English 1730

Martin Gordon 1926

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 e6 5.d3 Be7 6.Nbd2 d5 7.c3 0-0 8.Re1 c5 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.e4 Rc8 11.a4 a6 12.Nf1 dxe4 13.dxe4 e5 14.Ne3 Nd4 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Qd1 dxe3 17.Bxe3 Bxe4 18.Nxe5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Nd5 20.Qf3 Nxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Qc7 22.Rae1 Bf6 23.Qe2 Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Qc6+ 25.Qe4 g6 26.Re7 Kh8 and Draw

Sicilian B42

Peter Yeh 2149

Dale Dike 1975

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.b3 d5 10.Nd2 Bd6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bb2 e5 13.Rae1 Re8 14.Kh1 a5



15.f4! Bd7

15...exf4 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qh5 is untenable.

16.Qf3 Nxe4??

16...Rac8 17.c4 d4 = (Fritz).

17.fxe5 +- Bxe5 18.Qxf7+ Kh8 19. Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Nxe4 Be6 21.Ng5 1-0

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

Nimzo-Indian E40

J.P. Hyltin 2060

Tapiwa Gwaze 1840

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 b6

This doesn't look right. After Bxc3, Black should build the pawn structure with c5-d6-e5. The text move does not seem appropriate where there is no white pawn on a3. 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.Ba3

Fritz suggests either Bd3 or e4 instead.

7...Bb7 8.e4 Na5

8...e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.c5 0-0 looks fully playable. - SKA

9.Bd3 Ba6?

After this, Black is in trouble. He had to find a way to get castled, planning either 10... d6 or 10... c5.

10.Qe2

10.e5!?! Ng8 11.Qg4 g6 12.Qe2.

10...d6 11.Nf3 Qd7?

Black is doing fine with 11...c5 12.e5 dxe5 and now not 13.dxc5?! e4! =+ but 13.dxe5 Nd7 =. - SKA

12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Qa4 14.Bb4!+- 0-0-0 15.Nxf7 e5 16.Nxe5 Qe8 17.Bxa5 bxa5 18.Bf5+ Nd7 19.Rb1 Bb7 20.Qb2 1-0

Stonewall Attack A45

Adrian Diaz 1650

Jesse Lozano 1923

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 c5 3.c3 d5 4.f4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Bd3 e6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe1 Bg6 10.Be2 0-0 11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.fxe5 Ne4 13.Bg4 b5 14. Nd2 b4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bf3 Bd3 17.Be2 Bg6 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 a5 20.Qd1 Qb6 21.Kh2 c4 22.Bh5 Be4 23.Bf3 Bd3 24.Be2 Draw

Center Counter B01

John Niven 1759

Angel Bohannon 1573

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (4)

1.e4 d5 2.e5 Nc6 3.d4 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6
Now 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 f6 = is
book.

5.c4(?) Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.
Nbx2 dxc4 8.Nxc4 Nge7 9.Ne3
0-0 10.Bc4 Qd7 11.0-0?!

11.Qd2 is not so great either:
11...Rad8 12.Rd1 Be4! 13.Ng5 Bg6
14.Nf3 Bh5! 15.g4 Bg6 16.0-0 Be4
17.Ng5 Nxd4! -/+.

11...Rfd8 12.Bb5 h6?

12...Be4! wins a pawn.

13.Rc1?

13.Nxf5 Nxf5 14.Rc1 Nfxd4 15.
Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Bxc6 reaches a draw-
ish ending.

13...Be4! 14.Nd2 Qxd4 15.Nb3
Qxe5 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rc5 Qf6 18.
Ng4 Qg6 19.f3 Bf5 20.Bxc6 Nxc6
21.Nf2 Qf6 22.g4 Bg6 23.Rfc1 Rd7
24.R5c4 Rad8 25.R1c3 Qg5 26.f4
Qe7 27.Re3 Qd6 28.f5 exf5 29.
Re8+ Rxe8 30.Qxe8+ Kh7 31.Nc5
Re7 32.Nxb7

Now 32...Qd5! is a crush.

32...Rxe8?! 33.Nxd6 Re6 34.gxf5
Rxd6 35.fxg6+ Kxg6 36.Rg4+ Kh7
37.b4 Rd4 38.a3 Rxg4+ 39.Nxg4
Nd4 40.Ne5 f5 41.Kf2 g5 and 0-1

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

Two Knights Defense C58

Peter Yeh 2165

J.P. Hyltin 2060

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5
d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6
bxc6 8.Qf3 Bd7

Of the 390 games in my database
of this opening, Black has played no
less than 16 different moves here.
This is not one of the better ones.
Preferrable is h6, or Be7, or Bb7.

9.Ba4 Be7 10.h3 0-0 11.d3 Nd5

12.Ne4 f5 13.Ng3?!

13.Nec3 maintains the edge.
Now Black gets some play.



13...e4 14.dxe4 fxe4

Now if 15.Qxe4 Bb4+ (check is
why 13.Nec3! was best) 16.c3 Re8
17.cxb4 Rxe4+ 18.Nxe4 Qh4 19.
Nbd2 Re8 -/+ (Fritz).

15.Qe2 e3

Fritz liked 15...Bh4

16.Bxe3 Nxe3

Better is 16...Re8.

17.Qxe3 Bb4+ 18.c3 Re8 19.Ne4
Bc5 20.Qe2 Qh4?

20...Bxf2+ was the only move to
maintain the play: 21.Kxf2 Qh4+ =.



21.Bc2 Rxe4

Realizing I am in trouble, I
throw some more wood on the fire,
but White can defend easily.

22.Bxe4 Re8 23.Nd2 Bf5 24.g4

24.g3 would have made every-
thing very clear. Still, this should
work out.

24...Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Bxf2+ 26.Kd1

Qe7 27.Qxf2 Qxe4 28.Re1 Rd8+

29.Kc1 Qa4 30.Qe2



30...h6

Having made time control, I now
realize I need help from my oppo-
nent before his other rook joins the
action. I avoid 30...Nb3? 31.axb3
Qxa1+ 32.Kc2+

31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.b4??

Reaching too far too fast. [Win-
ning is 32.Qf7 c5 33.g5 hxg5 34.Rb1
Qf4+ 35.Qxf4 gxf4 36.b4 - SKA.]
32...Qa3+ 33.Kc2 Qa4+ 34.Kc1
Qa3+

After 35.Kc2 Qa4+ 36.Kb1
Rd1+ 37.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 38. Kb2 Qd2+
39.Ka3 Qxc3+ 40.Ka4 Nc4 the situa-
tion is risky, e.g. 41. Qxc6?? Qc2+
42.Kb5 Na3+ wins White's queen.
So White just has to take the perpet-
ual check starting with 41.Qc8+.

Draw

Reti Opening A06

Steve Croyle 1696

Andy Smith 2038

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (5)

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 d4?!

This experiment ends up losing a
pawn or tempo.

3.e3 c5

3...exf3 4.fxe3 gives White a
half open f-file that some people sac
a pawn for, but it's best.

4.exd4 cxd4 5.Bb2 Nc6 6. Bb5 Bg4
7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Rc8 9.Qe4 Qb6

10.Na3 Nf6 11.Qxd4 Qxb5 12. Nxb5 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 e5 14.Nf5 Nd7 15.0-0 g6 16.Ne3 Bg7 17.Nd5

Not bad, but White increases his advantage with 17.Rhe1 0-0 18.Nc4 f6 19.d4, opening up lines for his better placed pieces.



17...Rc5 18.c4 b5 19.d3 a5 20. Rhe1 Kd8 21.d4 exd4 22.Bxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Re8 24.Rxe8+ Kxe8 25.Ne3 Ne5 26.Kd2 bxc4 27.Nxc4 Nc6 28.Re4+ Kd8 29.a3 f5 30.Re3 a4 31.Nd6 Rd5+ 32.Rd3 Rxd3+ 33.Kxd3 axb3 34.Nc4 Ne7 35.Kc3 Nd5+ 36.Kxb3 Nf4 37.Ne3 Kc8 38.Kc4 Kb7 39. Kd4 Ka6 40.h4 Kb5 41.g3 Ne6+ 42.Ke5 Ne5



43.f3

43.Kf6! wins, because if 43... Ne4+ 44.Kg7 Nxf2 45.Kxh7 Ne4 46. Kxg6 Nxf3 47.Nxf5 and Black's knight is snookered out of stopping the h-pawn (47...Ne2 48.Kg5!). 44...Nd3+ 44.Kd4 Ne1 45.f4 Nf3+ 46.Kd3 Ka4 47.Nc4 Kb3 48.Ne5

Ne1+ 49.Ke2 Nc2 50. a4 Na3 51.a5 Ka4 52.a6 Nb5 53. Nc6 Nc7 54.a7 Kb5 55.Nd4+ Kb6 56.a8Q?

56.Ne6! Na8 57.Nf8 Kxa7 58. Nxf7 and the g6 pawn falls next. 56...Nxa8 57.Ne6 h6 58.h5 gxh5 59.Ng7 Kc6 60.Nxf5 Kd5 Draw

White retains winning chances with 61.Kf3 (not 61.Nxf6? Ke6) 61...Nc6 62.Nh7, but I'm guessing time was a factor.

On board six the unofficial South Texas girls' championship plays out:

Pirc Defense B08

Angel Bohannon 1573

Rheanna English 1730

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (5)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be3 0-0 6.Bc4 Nbd7 7.Qd2 c5 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 Ng4 10.Bf4?

After this mistake White is never in the game. Better is 10.Bg5.

10...cxd4 11.Ne2 e5 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.Bxf6 Ngxf6 14.Ng3 Nc5 15.Rfe1 Be6 16.Bxe6 Nxe6 17.c3 dxc3 18.Qxc3 Rc8 19.Qb4 Qc7 20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.Rd3 Qc4 22.Qa3 Nc5 23. Rdd1 Qxa4 24.Qe3 Ne6 25.b3 Qb4 26.Re2 Rc3 27.Rd3 Rxd3 28.Qxd3 Nf4 29.Qe3 Nxe2+ 30.Nxe2 Qxe4 31.Qd2 Rc8 32.Nc3 Qb4 33.h3 Rxc3 34.Qg5 Qf4 and 0-1

Stonewall Attack A45

Phillip Irwin 1926

Adrian Diaz 1650

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.f4 b6 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Bd3 d5 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.c3 Be7 8. Nbd2 0-0 9.Ne5 c5

9...Ne4 takes away a lot of the fun for White.

10.Qf3 Rc8 11.Kh1 Qc7 12.g4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nd7 14.g5?!

A splendid bluff. (14.Qh3 g6 =) 14...g6?

14...Bxg5! 15.Qh3 Bh6 16.Nf3 f5 17.Rg1 Kh8 -/+.

15.Qg4 Kg7 16.h4 Qd8 17.Rf2 Rh8 18.Rh2 h5

18...h6 19.Nf3 hxg5 20.Nxg5 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Rxf2+ 22.Kxh2 Qh8+ 23.Kg2 Qh7 =+.

19.Qf4 Rf8 20.Rf2 Qc7 21.Nf1 c4 22.Bc2 b5 23.Ng3 Qd8 24.Qf3! Qe8



25.Nxh5+!?

Also winning is 25.Bd2(!) Black can only look on as White doubles on the f-file and eventually sacs the knight on h5 with greater force: 25.Bd2 Rb8 26.Kh2 (removing any counterplay) 26...Bd8 27.Raf1 Kg8 28.Nxh5+.

25...gxh5 26.Qxh5 Rh8 27.Qg4 Rxh4+

27...Bd8 28.Bd2 Nf8 29.Raf1 Rc7 30.Rf6! a5 31.h5 Bc8 32.g6!+. 28.Qxh4 Qh8



29.Bh7!!+- Nf8??

29...Qxh7 30.Rxf7+! Kxf7 31. Qxh7+ is the point, without which the knight sac was a mistake.

30.Qh6#

1-0

Alekhine's Defense B03

Jesse Lozano 1923
James Burnside 1647

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (5)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.f4 dxe5 5.fxe5 Bf5 6.a3!? e6 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0

9.c4 offers better chances for advantage: 9...Nc7 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5 13.Be3 Bg6 14.b4 +=.

9...cxd4 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Qxd4 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.c4 Bc5+ 14.Kh1 Ne3 15.Bxe3 Bxe3 16.Nc3 0-0-0 17.Nh4 g6 18.Nd1 Bg5 19.Nf3 Be7 **Draw**

Sicilian Najdorf B92

Wendle Scott 1419
Martin Gordon 1926

San Antonio Chp. 2006 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 Qc7 7.0-0 e5 8.Nb3 Be6 9.Be3 b5 10.a3 Nbd7

Black's mistake in this game is trying to force matters before he has castled. He should transpose back to theory soon with ...Be7 and ...0-0. 11.Qd2 Nb6 12.Rad1 Bc4 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Bxc4 bxc4



15.Nd5! Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Rc8 17.Na5 Qb5 18.Qxb5+ axb5 19.Rd5 Rc5 20.Rxc5 dxc5 21.Rd1

21.a4! quickly clarifies matters. 21...h5 22.Nc6 f6
Better is 22...Be7 23.Rd5 f6.

23.Rd8+ Kf7 24.c3 Rg8 25.Rb8 Bd6 26.Rxb5 Rc8 27.Rb7+ Ke6 28.Na5 Rd8 29.Kf1 Bf8 30.Ke2 g6 31.Nxc4 f5 32.Rb6+ Kd7 33.Rxg6

Black is three pawns down, but Martin is well known for putting up "dogged" resistance.

33...fxe4 34.Nxe5+ Kc7 35.Nc4 Rd5 36.Re6 Rg5 37.g3 h4 38.Rxe4

Make that four pawns. 38...hxg3 39.hxg3 Kc6 40.Re8 Bg7 41.e6+?

Losing the knight. What's funny is that it doesn't matter.

41...Kd5 42.Re3 Kxc4 43.f4 Rh5 44.Kf3 Rh2 45.Re2 Rh1 46.g4 Kb3 47.g5 c4 48.f5 Rf1+ 49.Kg4 Rg1+ 50.Kh5 Rf1 51.Kg6 Bf8 52.f6 Rf3 53.Kf7 Bxa3 54.bxa3 Kxc3 55.g6 Kd3 56.Rg2 c3 57.g7 c2 58. Rxc2 Kxc2 59.g8Q Rxa3 60.Qg2+ Kb1 61.Kg7 Rb3 62.f7 Ka1 63.f8Q Rb8!?

A last joke: 64.Qxb8?? is stalemate. But there are three mates in 2.



64.Qff1+ 1-0
64...Rb1 65.Qa6 mate.
The others? 64.Qf6+ Kb1 65. Qff1# and 64.Qa3+ Kb1 65.Qga2# (or 65.Qe4#!).

Games from the Readers

Chinag-Yang, , continued
17.Nxc4 Qxc4 18.Qxc4 Rxc4 19. Rd3 Kd7 20.c3 Rhc8 21.Rf3 Nf5 22.Re1 Ke8 23.g4 Ne7 24.h4 Nc6 25.Rg3 Na5 26.f4 Ra4 27.f5 Nc4 28.Bc1 Kd7 29.Rf1 Nxa3 30.fxe6+

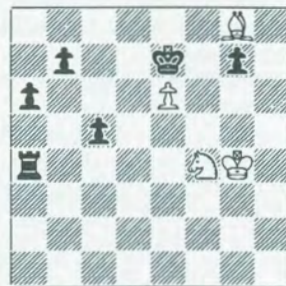
Kxe6 31.Rgf3 Rc7 32.g5 Nb5 33. Bd2 Ra2 34.Be1 Rc2 35.h5 Nxc3 36.h6 Ne2+ 37.Kh1 gxh6 38.Rf6+ Kd7 39.Rxh6 Nxd4 40.Rxh7 Ke6?



41.Bg3?
41.Rf6+! Kxe5 (41...Kd7 42.g6 +) 42.Bg3+ Ke4 43.Bxc7 Rxc7 44. Rhxf7 Rxf7 45.Rxf7 a5 46.g6 Ne6 47.Re7! Kf5 48.g7 +.
41...Nf5 42.Bh2 Rc1 43.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 44.Kg2 a5 45.Bf4 Rc2+ 46. Kf1 a4 47.Ke1 a3 48.Kd1 Rf2 49. Bh2 a2 50.Ke1 Rb2 51.Bf4 0-1

Plunkett - Simpson

Tx. State Championship 2006
(TK Jul.-Aug. 2006, pp. 11-12)



Michael Simpson took a draw in this position, and later realized that he could have won easily, e.g. 45...a5 followed by 46...Rxf4. In the article I lavished attention to the opening theory of this game but overlooked the obvious at the end. - SKA

Stop searching for Bobby Fischer

Chess Dad 101
by Robert Rausch

It's a terrific daydream.

My daughter, Kirstin, ten years old, is sitting onstage – the focal point of the hushed crowd. The arena is standing room only while a national television audience watches on ESPN. Her demeanor is relaxed and confident as she leans barely forward with her arms folded on the table. The smile on her face, imperceptible moments earlier, now reaches a crescendo at the corners of her mouth. She senses victory.

Her opponent shares none of her rapture. Kasparov's head is buried in both hands, having agonized over the position for tens of minutes. Finally, he reaches the only logical conclusion and breathes a deep sigh before turning off the clock and extending his hand in resignation. The crowd erupts with applause as Kirstin accepts Kasparov's hand and beams triumphantly.

Naturally, she points to me and gestures with two big "thumbs-up" as I bask in the glow of my prodigious daughter's success.

POOF!

All chess parents, regardless of age or education, share a similar fantasy. We dream of offering our most precious possessions, our children, to humanity as the paragon of intellectual aptitude. We wistfully imagine our runny-nosed, doody-diapered progeny staring over the chessboard at some unimaginably strong opponent armed only with our DNA and their solid upbringing.

Stop, already!

Your kid is not going to be the next Bobby Fischer – and neither is mine.

And it's a good thing, too. Fischer, once a national hero, became a pariah after announcing his support for the 9/11 attacks and is currently *on the lamb* somewhere in Europe. His well-documented bigotry was viewed as quirky and eccentric when he became the first American to be enthroned as the world chess champion in 1972. Today he is seen as a troubled, if talented, loser who long ago lost the cutting-edge skills that made him the finest player in the world – a sad apparition of a by-gone era.

Even if Fischer had not jettisoned reality he was probably not, as a professional chess player, the ideal role model. Few children (and even fewer parents) realize that chess talent alone does not make even the most prodigious

youngster a competitive tournament player. In fact, most parents would recoil in horror at the thought of subjecting their children to the lonely and demanding regimen of competitive chess. Long hours spent analyzing positions, replaying master-level games and studying arcane tomes mesh neither easily nor nicely into the fabric of childhood.

Even if it did, most parents would do well to direct their children into more cost-effective endeavors, as chess does not pay particularly well – even at the highest levels. For every Bobby Fischer or Garry Kasparov, there are thousands of world-class players simply trying to eke out a living – and most reside outside of the United States. Still, the idea of parenting a ten year old *chess genius* is compelling. It is easy to get caught up in the euphoria of hearing that *your* child has chess talent without understanding the level of commitment involved or the ramifications associated with fully realizing his or her potential.

Grandmaster and former women's world champion Susan Polgar practiced for six to eight hours each day as a youth before winning the Hungarian Women's Championship at the tender age of ten. Child prodigy and grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky began playing chess at the age of four and conducted simultaneous exhibitions at eight years of age. The legendary Bobby Fischer began playing at six and defeated International Master Donald Byrne at the age of thirteen.

While these success stories fuel the imagination of parents the world over, it is certainly debatable whether any of these chess legends actually enjoyed their childhood. Victories over the chessboard are certainly exciting and fuel the appetite for success and recognition in both children and adults. However, the pressure to excel is often enormous and the discipline required to achieve success is often at the expense of other activities.

Unlike their Cold War era counterparts, parents today seem compelled to expose their children to as many activities as can be crammed into a weekly schedule. Got an hour open on Thursday evening? Looks like archery lessons. Entire industries have sprung up that promise to turn your little angel into the next Nadia Comaneci or Dorothy Hamill. The fantasy has never been more attain-

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Class Prizes: A Good Idea?

by WIM Alexey Root

At the July 16th Denton Sunday Frolic, first prize was \$40, and there were also class prizes of \$15 for the B and C classes, and \$10 for the D class. Three players were rated above B, there were two B players, four C players, and three D players. Thus each of the class players could try for the \$40 first prize and their own \$15 or \$10 class prize. NMs Keith Hayward, Alex Chua, and I (a WIM) could only compete for the \$40 first prize, after paying \$15 EF (\$13 advance) each.

As soon as I won against B-player Ming Chin, Ming was handed \$15 (the B prize that he shared with his son Jonathan). I won nothing.

My children won money, though. Clarissa and William had lower entry fees than I did (children's EF was \$5 lower than the adult's), played in the reserve section, and took top reserve and top 400-600 rated respectively. However, I don't like my children being handed a total of \$21 cash. It seems that the recognition of a medal, trophy, or printed certificate is more appropriate for young players. I'm not alone in feeling this way. One reason that chess is not a UIL sport is because we hand cash to children. UIL athletes are prohibited from accepting cash for either school-based or extra-curricular athletic activities.

I realize that a Sunday tournament is small potatoes. Nevertheless, I think that its class prize structure feeds into bigger problems.

Under current US conditions, it is usually advantageous to keep one's rating low. My children learned that they can perform at a much lower chess level than mom, but win more money than she does. Is this a good lesson to encourage their striving for chess excellence? More generally, top players often get the short end of the stick. They risk reputation (by losing) every time they are paired down; they are eligible for fewer prizes than class players; and they have to play longer, tougher games. Even at the Denton G/30 tournament, the games of the masters/WIMs in the Open section ran about 40 minutes longer over the course of the three-round day than did other players' games.

In his analysis of his last round game with me, Ming Chin stated that "Playing a master is the best feeling of all. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. I gave it my best shot and I actually had the winning chances." I think Ming speaks for many players who would like to see more masters at tournaments.

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Response of a Dynamic Chess Club, the Denton Chess Club

The Denton Chess Club, the 4th incarnation, is now celebrating its first anniversary. During our first year, the DCC has held three tournaments, each greatly surpassing in attendance all other previously held Denton tournaments. The Denton Open drew 67 paid players, including 7 masters, and paid out an incredible \$ 1,000. DCC also ran the Denton Sunday Frolics 1 & 2 which drew 25 and 32 players respectively. With a first year membership of over 70, the DCC has shown fantastic growth, indeed. Not sitting on our laurels, DCC in connection with the Denton Public Library System is hosting the First Annual Denton County Scholastic Championship on September 30. Indeed, DCC is a proud promoter of scholastic chess in areas from Fort Worth, and Dallas to Sherman and Van Alstyne. The winning growth formula used by DCC will allow for us to hold the 2nd Annual Denton Open, with an EF of just \$ 20.00, and an expected prize fund of \$2,000 – twice that of DO #1. The class prize system used by DCC and clubs all over the nation, including USCF in the US Open, has proven the most just and equitable system for promoting chess.

In addition, DCC will be holding the 1st North Texas Women's Open in April of 2007. By following the models of very successful clubs such as the Dallas Chess Club, and USCF, the Denton Chess Club will continue to blaze new trails as one of the most dynamic new clubs in the North Texas area.

With such a successful and prosperous beginning, it is difficult to seriously consider methods which are unproven, counterproductive and unpromising.

Greg Pease, president
Rob Jones, chief TD

The biggest problem that the class prize mentality engenders is the artificial manipulation of ratings. I'll close with a posting I like by Aviv Friedman on this point, from the World Open thread at http://www.chessninja.com/dailydirt/archives/cheating_hearts_redux.htm:

...Chess is one of few (maybe the only?) fields where someone(s) who is truly not proficient can win more money than someone who is considerably more proficient. That is an anomaly, as I said before. It is not absurd for some to find this ridiculous and wrong. There are also many residual problems with that phenomenon:

There hasn't been a year without stories of cheating. In my active ears as a player and when visiting, I have witnessed plenty of these. From the latest one to the famous Von Neumann case several years ago. Players getting caught looking at opening books in the store (during a round), deal offers from potential prize winners (I was offered \$1,500 in 1992 to throw a game - I refused, and I was not alone), people getting advice from much higher rated players. Sandbaggers, of all ages and levels who are solid players year round and every summer manage to fit so comfortably and sneak in to try for an undeserving class prize, foreigners with high national ratings who enter lower rated sections and win them (sometimes they get caught, sometimes not). With my own eyes I saw a strong master from another country (someone I knew personally), playing in a lower section. Puzzled, I asked how he managed that miracle, and was answered he was playing under an assumed name... (Yes, I reported him to the TD).

Contrastingly, at the no less well-attended US Amateur teams and individual (especially East), where there are no cash prizes, there is significantly much less cheating.

Parenthetically, you mentioned poker and buy-ins well ok then: how about having all tournaments with one open section, where GM's and unrateds compete for the same prizes, with the same starting conditions, like poker tournaments? – *Aviv Friedman*

I propose that the Denton tournaments have two sections. One section, open to both adults and children, would have a \$5 entry fee. This section could be called "Amateur," and only trophies, medals, or certificates would be awarded. The Amateur section would be a great place to play for fun and for rating points. The other section of each Denton tournament would be called the "Prize section," and would resemble the poker tournament prize structure mentioned by Friedman. The entry fee would be higher, perhaps \$15. First prize would be 40% of the total "Prize" section entry fees, second 25%, and 3rd 10%, with 25% of entry fees to go to the club treasury or to pay a TD. One purpose of the Prize section would be to attract masters to Denton to play chess. Ideally, everyone playing in the Prize section would, like Ming, have the chance to play a master. And the masters would have a chance at a prize, making their efforts worthwhile. As a WIM currently rated 2003 USCF, I might not win money in the Prize section. Nonetheless, I'd be delighted to be paired up in a couple of my games and learn more about chess. I'd have my children play in the Amateur

section, so that they would have fun, not win cash, and have a chance to improve their ratings. Perhaps this proposal would interest other Texas clubs. In any case, I hope this article sparks discussion about how to structure tournaments to meet multiple goals and avoid the perils of class prizes.

Stop Searching (continued from page 16)

able than it is today. **your** daughter could someday stand on the platform with tears in her little eyes while the National Anthem is playing.

Many parents feed their vicarious desire for greatness by enrolling their kids in dance class and gymnastics lessons and football and baseball and basketball. They justify the theft of their children's time and youth by claiming that their offspring should be *well-rounded*. In fact, many don't want their kids to be *well-rounded* at all. They want them be *exceptional* at something – *anything*. They seem to want their children to find their niche and demonstrate the superiority of their family heritage to the entire world.

As a junior player of some repute, I had the opportunity to compete against kids that were deemed (at least by their parents) to be prodigies. Many were outstanding players whose games resembled flawless works of art. What wasn't immediately visible was the time and effort required to reach and maintain that level of excellence. While their contemporaries were playing *speed chess* or boisterous games of *bughouse*, the prodigious few were huddled over their books studying complex variations of obscure openings – often for several hours each day. EVERY day. Most of those kids burned out on chess fairly early and never looked back. Having not had the good-fortune to inherit the *chess gene*, I played the game simply because I liked it. And I continue to like it – even after thirty years.

In my new station in life, as a Junior Chess Coach, I'm often asked by parents what books and computer tools are appropriate for elementary-school aged children. I advise all of them, without exception, to get *anything that will make their friends want to come over and play chess*. While *Chess Master 9000* and *Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess* are great tools, they won't make your kid anything but bored. A friendly rivalry with the neighbor, however, will encourage both your child – and the neighbor – to continuously improve and, **most importantly**, to continue enjoying the game. Maybe even after thirty years.

It makes you wonder whatever happened to Bobby Fischer's neighbor's kid. ♣

We're with the band

Selby Anderson

Heavy metal musicians warm up before the show . . . with chess!

Surely one of the typical unfulfilled fantasies of a middle-aged geek like myself who was ever a rock fan is to get a backstage pass and hang out with the band. That dream came true when Finnish goth metal band HIM came to San Antonio this June.

It began when Chris Novosad, the marketing director for Sunset Station, e-mailed San Antonio Chess Club president Martin Gordon. The band was seeking chess players to practice against before the concert!

A foursome of Gregg Stanley, Jesse Lozano, Martin Gordon and myself showed up at Sunset Station about 4 p.m. and received backstage passes. An old Amtrak depot converted to an open-air concert venue, the place looks like part of Disney's Main Street, USA.

We were treated to a sumptuous buffet with barbecue as well as vegetarian fare. After passing some time with blitz games among ourselves, we were introduced to bass player Mikko "Migé" Paananen and keyboardist Janne Johannes "Burton" Puurtinen. Migé, a burly fellow whose bikerish appearance was offset by his garish print pants, proved to be a fairly good player, maybe a 1600 or so. He won a skittles game from Jesse, who had just tied for the B prize at the Texas Amateur the previous weekend.

The music was loud but lyrical, at no point resembling jack hammers in my ear. An unexpected moment came in mid-concert when lead singer Ville Valo launched into a fist-pumping spiel promoting chess.

He told the fans that they had some of the best local chess players backstage to practice with, because "chess is cool," punctuating the thought in metalhead vernacular as the crowd roared.

This could be a sign that chess has outgrown its geeky image. Or it could just mean that the country which gave us Nokia phones and Linux operating systems, and which boasts the most tango dancers per capita of any nation, was bound to put a unique and quirky spin on the interface of pop and geek cultures.

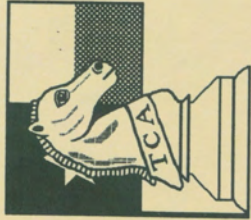
The official band website is www.heartagram.com. For an entertaining read with photos, I recommend "Love, Metal and Jägermeister Chess" in ChessBase News archives on the web.



Jesse Lozano playing keyboardist Burton



L-R: Migé, Burton, Lozano

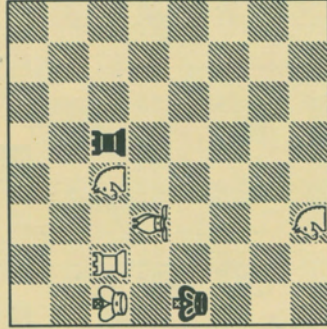


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White to move, mate in two
Solution: p. 7

