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Houston's T.H. Rogers team, national K-5 champions!
Brownsville's Americo Paredes team are co-champions.



Front: Tristan Lim, Victoria Zhang, Vincent Zhang, Tommy Williamson, Michael Huang
Back: Martha Jenkinson (THR club founder and organizer), NM Jeff Ashton (coach). **Story p. 16**

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Correction to May-June 2007: In Langer-Plunkett (p. 10) Black's 26th should be ...Ne5, not ...Ne3. (See p. 21.)

A Message from the President

The month of June, which I anticipated would be busy between the National Open and the various TCA deadlines for suggesting bylaws, bidding for tournaments, and electing officers, has become even more busy for me at work. Thus, forgive me for a short message this time.

I've received some e-mails and comments from people who disagree with me about class prizes. While my position is not carved in stone, I want to give people who want to change my mind some advice. I'm 46 years old; God willing, I'll be 47 in August. In my entire life, I have never changed my mind because someone called me stupid. I think those who know me best will confirm I generally have an open mind, will listen to opposing viewpoints, and will make sure those viewpoints are heard by others. But your arguments need to be directed at the matter at hand, not the person arguing the other side. It's not persuasive to attack people who disagree with you, and besides, it's just rude. As Yogi Berra might say, If you think *ad hominem* attacks are persuasive, you're crazy.

'Nuff said about that.

I personally am excited to announce that the 2009 State Scholastic Championship will be held in the valley. San Benito ISD, in conjunction with the McAllen Convention Center and Visitor's Bureau, will be holding the tournament. More details to be announced as we get closer to the tournament.

There are a slew of suggestions for changing the bylaws, all of which will be considered at the annual business meeting at the Southwest Open. The most important matter for discussion, however, will be the Scholastic Committee's suggestions for amending the rules governing the division of the various sections of the Scholastic Tournament. This is actually old business, because it was raised at the Scholastic meeting in March; thus, it will be discussed before any new amendments.

Speaking of the SWOpen, please note that the top prizes at this tournament are guaranteed! We are also advertising the tournament in Mexican websites of interest to chess players, as we anticipate that the location may be

convenient for Mexican players. I'm looking forward to playing more bad chess at this tournament, to match my horrible woodpushing from the National Open. (Although I beat Christiansen this year! No, not Larry – his wife, Natasha.) By the way, if anyone with an interest in aesthetics can explain why the Stardust was demolished but the New Frontier and Circus Circus remain standing, please contact me immediately.

And last, but certainly not least, congratulations to fellow Austinites Joe Bradford and Michael Langer for their impressive performances at the U.S. Chess Championship, each of them achieving IM norms. By the time the next issue of TK comes out, we'll know whether Joe has been awarded the IM title on the strength of his performance. Of course, now that he's retired and playing in tournaments from Gibraltar to Canada, it will only be a matter of time.

That's all for now – see you in Brownsville!

Michael M. Simpson

TCA Treasurer's Report

June 13, 2007

Sept. 1, 2006 checking account balance \$ 10,584.81

Income	
SW Open fee and memberships – Sept. 2006	\$ 426.50
Texas Grade Tournament – Nov. 2006	705.00
Paypal acct. memberships 7/06-1/07 less fees	199.70
Paypal acct. memberships 1/07-6/07 less fees	64.58
September memberships	404.00
October memberships	303.00
November memberships	142.50
December memberships	120.00
January memberships (incl. Texas Masters)	205.00
February memberships	112.50
March memb. (some monies in state checking a/c)	461.00
April memberships	207.50
May memberships (incl. Teams, State/Amateur)	957.50
Region 2 2007 scholastic tournament – 1/07	179.00
Region 5 2007 scholastic tournament – 2/07	231.00
Region 6 2007 scholastic tournament – 2/07	305.00
Region 7 2007 scholastic tournament – 2/07	155.00
Contribution from Julie Blasingame	15.00
Contribution from Robert Nunnally	
for Texas Polgar Invitational	200.00
Texas Knights back issue request	3.00
Total	\$ 5,396.78

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Expenses

Texas Knights Sept-Oct issue	\$ 900.00
Texas Knights Nov-Dec issue	1194.98
Texas Knights Jan-Feb issue	1075.89
Texas Knights March-April issue	1215.06
Texas Knights May-June issue	913.15
mailing charge - Nelda Rogers	24.49
James Widener - Webmaster - Sept 2006	800.00
TCA Affiliate membership with USCF (2 years)	80.00
bank charge	3.00
Anjali Datta 2006 Polgar attendee	600.00
Darwin Yang - 2006 World Youth attendee	599.00
Ellen Dai - 2006 World Youth attendee	599.00
Sylvia Yang - 2006 World Youth attendee	599.00
Evan Xiang - 2006 World Youth attendee	599.00
Ellen Xiang - 2006 World Youth attendee	599.00
Texas HS champion entry to Texas State/Am.	55.00
"Seed money" to begin 2007 state scholastic	1,000.00
Event Insurance for 2007 March 2007	939.00
Texas Masters Tournament - 1/07	1,000.00
Chess In Education Workshop - 3/07	500.00
Texas Polgar Invitational prize fund	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$ 13,495.57
June 13, 2007 checking account balance	\$2,115.23
Savings account balance	\$33,907.90

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Swafford

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TCA Advance Motions

(in order received)

Five (5) motions by Luis Salinas:

1. Move that the Dallas Chess Club be awarded \$1000 to run the Texas Masters. (This tournament will probably be run in January at UTD.)

2. Move that until TCA or USCF establishes a training program, that the World Youth Qualifiers from Texas have their entry fees reimbursed by TCA for the following tournaments: Texas Masters, Texas State and Amateur, and Southwest Open. (This should come from the proceeds of the state scholastic and not the general fund. Note that the Texas Masters reimbursement is more expensive than the rest.)

3. Bylaws change. Move that until TCA or USCF establishes a training program, that the World Youth Qualifiers from Texas have the right to play in the Championship section of Texas State and Amateur.

4. Bylaws change. Article VI, Section 2, C 1.

Current: Amendments of Bylaws that relate directly to Junior Chess may only be approved by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting Members. Discussion of other proposed Bylaws changes may be held and a straw poll may be taken, but all other Bylaws changes shall be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Proposed: Amendments of Bylaws that relate directly to Junior Chess may only be approved by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting Members provided that the Motions to amend these Bylaws have been submitted for publication in the January-February issue of *Texas Knights* and Submitted to the Webmaster at the same time. Otherwise an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the voting Members is required. Discussion of other proposed Bylaws changes may be held and a straw poll may be taken, but all other Bylaws changes shall be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

5. Bylaws change. Article VI, Section 1, D 1.

Current: For the amendment of these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting Members shall be required. Motions to amend these Bylaws have to be submitted for publication in the July/August issue of *Texas Knights* and submitted to the Webmaster at the same time.

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What I am trying to do in Motion 4 and 5:

Make bylaws motions on advanced agenda easier to pass than those not on the advanced agenda.

Also for the SWO membership meeting, it seems like publication is required for bylaws changes but in the Junior Chess meeting it is not.

Two (2) motions by Michael Simpson

1. I move that the Region Map of the TCA website be altered or replaced to accurately reflect the newly created Region IX.

2. That the list of counties in Region IX and other affected counties be verified, and corrected if necessary, to accurately reflect the counties in each region after the creation of Region IX, pursuant to the intent of the movant who proposed creating Region IX.

Nine (9) advance motions from TCA Bylaws Committee (Bob James, chair)

1. Bylaws change. Article V Officers Section 4 Term.

Make the present paragraph Section 1, and add the following paragraph [as Section 2]:

Elected or appointed board members may be removed from office due to non-performance of duties by a 2/3 vote of the board. Non-performance shall be construed to mean a) failure to attend meetings, or b) repeated failure to participate in e-mail discussions related to business conducted by the board. A motion to remove may be made by any board member and such motion shall document the alleged non-performance of duties. Voting shall commence within thirty days of any such motion and may be conducted electronically or at any regular or special meeting of the board. If a board member so removed is elected by the entire TCA body, the board shall elect another member of TCA to take his/her place. If the board member so removed is an appointed board member, the president shall appoint another TCA member to replace that person.

Rationale: This provides for a way to remove a board member who is not fulfilling his responsibilities.

2. The following amendments are made for the purpose adding the Webmaster to the TCA Board of Directors. Since so many people get their information off of the web, the Webmaster needs to be considered in the same category as the Editor of *Texas Knights*.

2(a) Amend Article IV: Board of Directors, Section 1, Composition:

Current: The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the membership: eight Regional Directors representing each region of Texas (as specified in Appendix I), who shall each be appointed by the President; the Editor of *Texas Knights*, who shall be appointed by the President; and the immediate past President. The President shall be Chairman of the Board.

...by adding "and the Webmaster" after the phrase "the Editor of *Texas Knights*"

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2(b) Amend Article V: Officers, Section 1, Titles

Current: The Officers of the Association are: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor of *Texas Knights*, and eight regional Directors. These officers shall perform duties as prescribed by these Bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

...by adding "the Webmaster," after "the Editor of *Texas Knights*,"

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2(c) Amend Article V: Officers, Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities of Officers, B. Vice-President

Current: 3. The Vice-President shall regularly advise the Editor of *Texas Knights* of all scheduled Texas tourna-

ments. The Vice-President shall also receive official tournament results, prize handouts, and crosstables of tournaments from Texas organizers to forward to the Editor of *Texas Knights*.

...by adding "and the Webmaster" after all instances of the words "the Editor of *Texas Knights*."

Proposed: 3. The Vice-President shall regularly advise the Editor of Texas Knights and the Webmaster of all scheduled Texas tournaments. The Vice-President shall also receive official tournament results, prize handouts, and crosstables of tournaments from Texas organizers to forward to the Editor of Texas Knights and the Webmaster.

2(d) Remove Section 6B,

B. Webmaster: The Webmaster shall maintain a website for the Association. The TCA officers may authorize certain designated Webmasters to charge an extra \$1.00 per TCA memberships, other than Non-subscribing and where the payment is accepted on a secure Web server that accepts credit card purchases, as a handling fee. The website shall be updated as soon as possible with financial data and minutes provided by Board members.

... and create Section 5 G The Webmaster:

G. The Webmaster

1. The Webmaster shall maintain a website for the Association. The website shall be updated as soon as possible with financial data and minutes provided by Board members.

2. The content of the website shall emphasize news material of tournament activity, games, problems, future tournament announcements, articles and items of general chess interest.

3. The Webmaster shall publish the financial statement provided by the Treasurer at the annual membership meeting in the next issue of *Texas Knights*.

3. Amend Article VII, Section 4. Bylaws Committee

Current: A. The Bylaws Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of three to five voting Members appointed by the President, except for the Chairman, who will be the Immediate Past-President.

... by striking ", except for the Chairman, who will be the Immediate Past President." and adding "; the President shall designate the Chairman."

Proposed: A. The Bylaws Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of three to five voting Mem-

~~bers appointed by the President, except for the Chairman, who will be the Immediate Past President. ; the President shall appoint the Chairman.~~

Rationale: There is no specific reason to have the Immediate Past President as the Chair of the Bylaws Committee and this gives the President more flexibility if there are reasons why the Immediate Past President can not serve in that capacity.

5. Move the following sections from Article III Section I (Voting Membership Categories) to Article III Section 2 (Non-Voting Membership Categories):

Sections C, D, E

Relabel the categories within the sections appropriately.

Amend Article III Section 4, Rights and Privileges of Members, by adding a new section B to read:

B. Voting Members shall be defined as any member of a "Voting Membership Category" who has reached the age of 16.

Amend Article III Section 4, Rights and Privileges of Members

Current: B. All Voting Members except for Junior Tournament Members are entitled to vote at meetings of the general membership and participate in all activities and tournaments sponsored by the Association, except that such events may require an entry fee. All Voting Members may hold office in the Association if duly elected or appointed.

... by striking the words "except for Junior Tournament Members" and making this section Section C. The resulting paragraph should read

~~C. All Voting Members except for Junior Tournament Members are entitled to vote at meetings of the general membership and participate in all activities and tournaments sponsored by the Association, except that such events may require an entry fee. All Voting Members may hold office in the Association if duly elected or appointed.~~

Rationale: This addresses concerns raised at the Spring Meeting regarding the voting age of members.

6. Amend Article IX Tournaments Section C

C. Texas State Chess Championship: This tournament shall be held simultaneously with the Texas Amateur Championship in May. This tournament shall be re-

stricted to players with a United States Chess Federation rating of at least 2000, with exception made for the Texas High School Champion or co-Champions. Any player with a Fide rating of at least 2000 may also play in this tournament. Only a Texas resident may win the title of Texas State Champion, or any other state title listed below. This is a Major Event.

...by adding, “, and World Youth Qualifiers from Texas” after “Texas High School Champion or Co-Champions.” The resulting paragraph would read:

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Rationale: This is based on Luis Salinas’s advance motion and puts it into wording for the bylaws.

7. Amend Article IX, Section 3 Paragraph E

E. A “Priority Rotation Schedule” will begin in 1995 for TCA Tournaments. This rotation schedule will give a higher priority to a city making a comparable bid and, in some cases, this higher priority can result in an automatic award of the tournament to a bidding city. That is, the city which has had a longer time since hosting a tournament may be awarded the tournament without a vote if their bid is reasonably comparable to other bids made for that tournament. If there are multiple cities (or affiliates within the same city) who have somewhat equal lengths of time since hosting the tournament, only those cities’ (or affiliates’) bids will be included on the ballot in the July-August issue of *Texas Knights*.

... by adding in the sentence: “Bids that are not reasonably comparable will not be considered for voting.” after “. . . made for that tournament.” and before “If there are multiple....” Proposed wording:

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since hosting a tournament may be awarded the tournament without a vote if their bid is reasonably comparable to other bids made for that tournament. *Bids that are not reasonably comparable will not be considered for voting.* If there are multiple cities (or affiliates within the same city) who have somewhat equal lengths of time since hosting the tournament, only those cities’ (or affiliates’) bids will be included on the ballot in the July-August issue of *Texas Knights*.

Rationale: This prevents an issue of a bid not being reasonably comparable from being considered.

8. Replace Article IV: Board of Directors, Section 5. Powers and Duties:

Current: The Board of Directors shall have general management and supervision of the affairs of the Association. All appointments and actions of the President shall be subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.

Proposed The Board of Directors shall have general management and supervision of the affairs of the Association. All appointments and actions of the President shall be subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may at any time authorize spending of up to ten percent (10%) of the bank account on discretionary items with a majority vote of the total Board. The Board may also authorize total annual discretionary spending up to thirty percent (30%) of the bank account with unanimous Board Member approval. All discretionary spending must be reported by the Secretary to the Webmaster within five working days after the meeting.

Rationale: This is the Gaiffe Amendment referred to the Bylaws Committee from last year’s Fall meeting. We are reporting it out as originally proposed. Currently there are no spending limitations placed upon the Board, This proposal will cap annual Board spending to 30% of the current bank account funds without membership approval.

9. Advance Motion: That the Bylaws Committee be tasked with looking into rewriting the Bylaws and adding a Constitution.

Rationale: Many people have commented on problems with the Bylaws. This gives the membership a chance to express their opinion on whether or not we need a complete rewrite of the Bylaws, and a Constitution for the organization.

GM Hernandez wins Texas State Championship

GM Gilberto Hernandez Guerrero, 37, won his first Texas state championship title this Memorial weekend in Houston. A three-time Mexican national champion who became a grandmaster in 1995, he is currently head coach of the UT-Brownsville chess program which produced this year's Southwest Collegiate champions.

The UTB website says Hernandez has been the highest-rated player from Mexico from 1992 until the present, representing Mexico seven times at the olympiads. He has won over 40 international tournaments, and helped to train some of the top players in the world including the current #1 on the FIDE list, Viswanathan Anand.

Hernandez scored five wins and two draws, finishing a point ahead of the field. His only opposition came not from major titled players, who found other events for that weekend, but from up-and-coming Houston players like Morshedi (2nd with 5-2) and Harper (who had actual 3rd place with 4.5 and took the U2400 prize.)

The Amateur ended in a three-way tie, with Artur Safin, Alexander Steger and Leo Bonnell each scoring 6.

Chief TD Franc Giuadalupe adds: "We had 24 entires in the Championship section (two juniors) and 104 entires in the Amateur (with 60 juniors, over 65 or handicap – mostly juniors!), so the payoff was 58.29%.

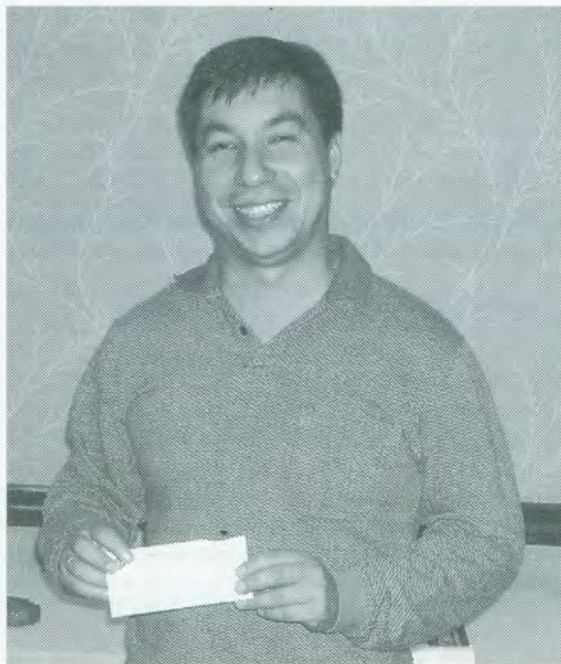
"Four players in the Championship section did not lose any games: Hernandez, Harper, Yeung, and Moss (two byes).

"Shortest game in the Championship: Hernandez-Plunkett, second round, ten moves!" (See below.)

PRIZE WINNERS

CHAMPIONSHIP: 1st: GM Gilberto Hernandez, 6.0 (\$582.90); 2nd: Ali Morshedi, 5.0 (\$291.45); 3rd: Larry Moss, Clarence Yeung, 4.0 (\$72.87 each); U2400 Warren Harper, 4.5 (\$174.87); 1st-2nd Expert: Mark Dejmek, John Hendrick, Jeffrey de Jesus, Anton Solovyov, Shawn Noland, 4.0 (\$139.90 each).

AMATEUR: 1st-3rd: Artur Safin, Alexander Steger, Leo Bonnell, 6.0 (\$272.02 each); 1st-3rd Class B: Danil Safin, Jeff Feng, Danny Chen, 5.0 (\$204.02 each); 1st Class C: Robert Noblitt, 4.5 (\$291.45); 2nd-3rd Class C: Michael Huang, Eric Zhang, Samuel Yang, Thejas Prasad, Andy Wang, 4.0 (\$43.72 each); 1st-2nd U1400: Austin Jiang, David Cerise, 4.0 (\$218.59 each); 1st U1200: Turner Corbett, 3.0 (\$233.16); 2nd-3rd U1200: Dennis Wang, Sid Venkataraman, 2.5 (\$36.43 each); U1000: Quintin Noland, 2.5 (\$174.87); Unrated: Harish Krishnarao, 3.0 (\$116.58).



GM Gilberto Hernandez

Sicilian Defense B23

Gilberto Hernandez 2678

Robert Plunkett 2148

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5

A mildly provocative move after 2.Nc3 because of Black's next.

3...Nd4 4.Bc4 d6

Black does better with 4...e6, giving the bishop a hard time. White speculated an Exchange after 5.Nge2 Nxe2 6.Qxe2 a6 7.a4 Qa5 8.d3 b5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.axb5!?

5.Nge2 e5

Fedorowicz played 5...Nf6 and

6...g6 but only drew an expert in last year's World Open. The text is a white flag in the opening debate.

6.0-0 Nf6 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 Nxe4??

Black spills a piece.

9.Nxe4 d5 10.Nxd4, Black resigns.

Fritz gives 10...cxd4 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.Bxe7+ Qxe7 13.Ng3 Qb4 14.c4 15.Qa4! +-.

1-0

Our Texas Tal narrowly escapes becoming Texas toast:

Sicilian Dragon B72

Mike Sheaf 2058

Ali Morshedi 2300

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Qd2!? Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Nc6 10.Nb3 Be6 11.f3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 a5 13.a4

After 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 a4! Black was better in Nevostrujin-Tiviakov, Elista 1996. The text offers Black an edge in pawn structure with 13...Bxb3 14.cxb3, but it would be harder to work up any dynamic play. 13...Rc8 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.Bb5+ Bd7 16. Qe2 0-0 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5 Bg7 19.Bxd7 Nxd7 20.Qb5 Nc5!?



White's opening experiment has shut down the usual Dragon complications. Ali is not inclined to the meek but solid 20...b6 21.Rd2 e6 22.Ne3 Nc5 23.h4 Qc7 =.

21.Nxa5 Ra8 22.Nb6!

22.Nxb7? Nxb7 23.Qxb7 Rb8 ♯. 22...Ra6 23.Nac4 Ne6 24.Rhe1

24.Nd5!? Qe8 25.Ncb6±.

24...Nd4 25.Qd7 Qb8!?

Speculating on an attack, since White's light square domination continues with queens off, e.g. 25... Qxd7 26.Nxd7 Rc8 27.Ndb6 ±.

26.Qxe7 Qa7 27.Qxd6 Nc6 28.Qc5 Ne5 29.Rd5

Also good is 29.Nxe5! Rxb6 30.Rd5! (forced, but holds like super glue) ...Bxe5 31.Rxe5 Ra8 32.a5+-. 29...Nxc4 30.Nxc4 b6 31.Qe3 Rxa4 32.Na3 Rc8 33.Red1 Rc3!



34. bxc3??

34.R1d3! Raxa3 (34...Rxd3 35.Qxd3 b5 (35...Rb4 36.e5) 36.Rxb5 Qg1+ 37.Ka2+-) 35.bxa3 Qxa3 36.e5! Qb4+ 37.Kc1 Qa3+ 38.Kd2+- Rxd3+ 39.Qxd3 Qb4+ 40.Kc2 +-.

34...Rxa3+ 35.Kb2 Qa4! 36.Qd3 Qb4+ 0-1

Closed Sicilian B26

Larry Moss 2200

Lorenzo Gaskill 2036

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 0-0 9.h4 Nd4 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.h5 Ng8 12.f4 Rb8 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.Nd1 f5 15.c3 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Bc6 17.Nf2 Draw

Dutch Leningrad A88

Warren Harper 2291

Quaitermes Williams 2003

Texas State Championship (2)

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 c6 8.b3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Na6?!

This knight never does find a mission. I prefer 9...Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Qc7 11.Qc2 Nd7, with later options to play ...e5 or ...Nf6.

10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Qc7 12.Rad1 Bd7

12...e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Qb2 Re8 15.b4 e4=.

13.Rfe1 Rae8 14.e4 fxe4

14...f4! 15.d5 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Bg4 =.

15.Qxe4 Bf5 16.Qh4 h6

16...Bf6 17.Ng5 e6 18.g4 Qc7 19.f4 h6 20.gxf5 hxg5 21.Qh6 gxf5 22.fxg5 Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Bxg7 24.h4 e5 25.h5±.



17.g4 g5 18.Qh5 Bd7 19.h4 Qc8 20.Nh2 gxh4 21.Qxh4 Rf4 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Qxe7 Bxg4 24.Rd3 Qd7 25.Qh4 Qf5

5...Bf5 26.Qxf4 Bxd3 27.Ng4±.

26.Rg3 h5

26...Bh5 27.Qd8+ Qf8 (27...Kh7 28.d5! Bf8 29.dxc6 bxc6 30.Bxc6+-) 28.Qa5 d5 29.Bd2+-.

27.f3 Bf6

27...Qd3 28.fxg4 Bxd4+ 29.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 30.Kh1 Qa1+ 31.Nf1 Rxf1+ 32.Bxf1 Qxf1+ 33.Rg1 Qf3+ 34.Kh2 Qf4+ 35.Qg3+-.

28.Qh3

1-0

Ruy Lopez C99

Mark Dejmeck 2190

William Molina 2080

Texas State Championship (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bd7 14.Nf1 Rac8 15.Bd3 Nc6 16.Be3 d5

17.exd5 Nxd5 18.dxe5 Nxe3 19. Nxe3 Nb4 20.Be4 Rfd8 21.Qe2 Be6 22.a3 Nd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Red1 Rcd8 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Rd1 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Bc5 29. Qd5 Qa7 30.e6 Bxf2+ [30...fxe6 31. Qxe6+ Qf7 32.Qxa6 Qd5 33.Qa5+] 31.Kf1 fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kf8



33.Ne5

1-0

Colley System D05

Jeffrey DeJesús 2106

Brad Sawyer 2185

Texas State Championship (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 d5 5.c3 Be7 6.0-0 b6 7.Ne5 0-0 8.Nd2 Bb7 9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11. Rd1 Bd6 12.Qh3 e5?? [12...Rfd8] 13.Bxh7+ 1-0

Sicilian Scheveningen B82

Ali Morshedi 2300

Gilberto Hernandez 2578

Texas State Championship (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Be3 Qc7 9.f4 a6 10.Qe2 Be7 11. Bd3 b5 12.0-0

White has played 12.0-0 with g4-g5 to follow. In this game the rook lift in front of the pawn chain fails to make a dent against Hernandez' accurate defense.

12...Bb7 13.a3 0-0 14.Rf3 b4 15. Na4 bxa3 16.bxa3 Rab8 17.Rd1 Ba8 18.Rh3 g6 19.Qe1 Ng4 20.Kh1 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Rfe8 22.f5 Bf8 23.f6

Fritz prefers the pawn grab: 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Bxa6 Ne5 25.Qe2 Bg7 26.Nc3±. Given the looseness of White's pieces and pawns, I'd say Black has good compensation.

23...Ne5 24.Rh4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Rec8 26.Nac5!?? [26.Rc1] 26...dxc5 27.Qh3 Qe5 28.Rxh7 + 28...Qxf6 0-1

French Winawer C19

Robert Plunkett 2148

Shawn Noland 2074

Texas State Championship (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.a4 Qa5 8.Qd2 Nbc6 9.Nf3 f6 10.Bd3 c4 11.Be2 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nc6 14.Ba3 Nxe5 15.0-0 Nf7 16.Rfe1 Bd7 17.Bb4 Qc7 18.Qd4 0-0-0? [18...Qe5=] 19.Qxa7 b6 20.Qa8+ Qb8 21.Qxb8+ Kxb8 22. a5 Kb7 23.axb6 Ra8 24.Rad1±

White is angling for 24...Kxb6? 25.Bxc4. Maybe he is writing off the b-pawn prematurely compared to 24.Bc5 Kc6 25.Be3.

24...Kc6 25.f4 Rhe8 26.b7 Rab8 27.Ra1 Rxb7 28.Bg4 Rb6 29.Ra7 Rb7 30.Ra5 Rb5 31.Rxb5 Kxb5 32.Ra1 Kb6 33.g3 Nh6 34. Bh3 Ng8 35.Bd6 Ne7 36.Be5 g6 37. Bd4+ Kb5 38.Ra7 Bc8 39.Bf6 Nf5 40.Kf2 Nd6 41.Be5 Nb7 42. Ra8 Nc5 43.Bd4(?) [43.Ke3±] 43...Bd7? [43...Ne4+ 44.Ke3 g5=] 44.Rxe8 Bxe8 45.Bxc5 Kxc5 46.Bxe6 Ba4 [46...d4 47.cxd4+ Kxd4 48.g4 c3 49.f5 Ke5 50.Ke3±] 47.Ke3 Bxc2 48.g4 Be4 49.g5 Bb1 50.Bg8 d4+ 51.cxd4+ Kb4 52.Kd2 Be4 53.h4 Kb3 54.Kc1 Kc3 55.d5 Kd4 56.d6 Bf5 57.Bxh7 Ke3 58.Bxg6 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B72

Gilberto Hernandez 2578

Warren Harper 2291

Texas State Championship (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.h3 Nc6

8.Be3 0-0 9.Bb3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 a5 11.0-0 Bd7 12.a4 Bc6 13.Qd3 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rfe1 Nc5 16. Qd4+ e5 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.Bd5 Draw

Petroff's Defense C42

Robert Plunkett 2148

Anton Solovoyov 2113

Texas State Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 Nb4 9.cxd5

The line with 9.Be2 preserves more positional tension and has a higher winning percentage (~60%). 9...Nxd3 10.Qxd3 Qxd5 11.Re1 Bf5 12.g4!?

This looks like a beginner error, but it's actually a theoretical line. The older stuff is 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13. Qxc3 Be6! [13...c6 14.Bh6 Rg8 (... gxf6 15.Re5 Qd7 16.Rae1 Be6 17. d5 cxd5 18.Rxe6±) 15.Re5 Qd7 16. Rae1 Be6 17.Ng5 0-0-0 18.Nxf7+- Browne-Bisguier, US 1974] 14.Qxc7 Bd6 with compensation.

12...Bg6 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 f6! 15.Bf4 Kf7 16.Qxc7

16.Re3 c6 17.Rae1 Rhe8 18. Qb3= Klimakovs-Pokorny, 2006.

16...Rhe8 17.Re3?

17.Qc3 Qd7 (17...h5=) 18.Qb3+ Kf8 19.Qe6± Karjakin-Andreikin, Qropesa del Mar 2001.

17...Rac8 18.Rxe7+ Rxe7 19.Qxc8 Qxf3 20.Qc4+ Re6 21.Qc7+ Kg8 22.d5 Re8 23.Be3 Be4 24.Kf1 Qh1+ 25.Ke2 Qxa1 26.d6 Qxb2+ 27.Kd1 Bf3+ 0-1

QP Modern A42

Lorenzo Gaskill 2036

Paul Chaplin 2128

Texas State Championship (4)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.c4 e5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.d5 Nce7 7.Be2?! f5

White gets in trouble trying to play this like a King's Indian, as Black saves at least a tempo in not having to reposition his KN for this

thrust. Better is 7.Bd3 f5 8.exf5 gxf5 9.Ng5 Nf6 10.f4 with unclear play.
8.0-0 Nf6 9.Nd2 0-0 10.f3 f4 11.b4 g5 12.c5 Rf7 13.a4 Bf8 14.Ba3 Ng6 15.Nc4 h5 16.Qb3 g4 17.Ra2 g3 18.h3



18...Bxh3! 19.gxh3 Qc8 20.Rc1 Nh4 21.cxd6 Qxh3 22.Bd1 g2 23. Ne2 [23.Be2 Qh1+ 24.Kf2 Qh2 -+] 23...Qh1+ 24.Kf2 Qf1# 0-1

Dutch Leningrad A81

Drew Sarkisian 2163

Quaitermes Williams 2003

Texas State Championship (4)

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nh3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.d5 c5 8. Nc3 Na6 9.Nf4 Nc7 10.Rb1 Rb8 11. a4 Qe8 12.f3 g5 13.Nh3 h6 14.f4 g4 15.Nf2 Qg6 16.Ra1 h5 17.e4 h4 18. Ra3 hxg3 19.hxg3 Nh5 20.Ne2 b6 21.Re1 a6 22.Qd3 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.b3 bxc4 25.bxc4 Nf6 26.e5 Nd7?

Forcing ...e6, but it leaves Black's pieces in disarray. Better is 26...Nfe8 27.Qc3 Kh7 28.Bb2 Rh8 = **27.Ra7 Rb7 28.Rxb7 Bxb7 29.e6**

Despite a helpful exchange, Black still has cramped quarters for his minors.

29...Nb8 [29...Nb6 30.Qb3 Nca8±] 30.Nd1 Nba6 31.Ne3 Nb4

Often in the Benoni setup such as we have, a knight at b4 is more of a show horse than a war horse. From this perch he can safely observe his king's demise.

32.Qb1 Nca6 33.Bd2 Ba8 34.Nc3 Bd4 35.Nb5 Bg7 36.Kf2 B

Black is already busted, as he cannot organize to challenge the h-file – a consequence of White's space advantage.

36...Bh8 37.Rh1 Bb7 38.Rh4 Bf6

Black doesn't have a good move, but better is 38...Bg7 39.Rxg4 Qh7 40.Rh4+-.

39.Rxg4 1-0

King's Gambit C35

Shawn Noland 2074

William Molina 2080

Texas State Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd5 Qxd5 8.Bxf4 0-0 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Nc3 Qd8 11.Qe1 Bd6 [11...Nc6 12.Qg3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Bc5+ =] 12.Qg3 Bxf4 [12...Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Nc6 14.Raf1 Nd4=] 13.Qxg4 Be3+ 14.Kh1 Nc6 [14...Nd7] 15.Rae1 Bh6 16.Nh4 Qg5 17.Qh3 Rae8 [17...Nd4 18.Nf3 Nxf3 19.Qxf3 c6 20.Re2±] 18.Ne4 Qd8 [18...Qh5 19.g4 Qa5 20.Nf5 Re6 21.g5 Rxe4 22.Rxe4 Bxg5 23. Qg2+] 19.Nf5 Bg5 [19...Re6 20. Nc5 Rxe1 21.Nxh6+ gxh6 22. Rxe1±] 20.Qg4 Bf6 21.Re3! Nd4? [21...Ne5 22.Qe2 Nd7 23.Qh5 Rxe4 24.dxe4 g6 25.Qh6+-; 21...Re5 22.c3 Kh8 23.Rh3 g6 24.Nh6 Kg7 25.d4 Re6 26.Qf4+-]



22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24. Qxd4 1-0

Sicilian B20

Paul Chaplin 2128

Gilberto Hernandez

Texas State Championship (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Na3!?

This occurred in Zvjaginsev-Khalifman (Russian chp. 2005) U.S. champion Alex Shabalov has reportedly played it many times.

2...e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.c4 Nc6 5.Nc2 Nf6 6.Qe2 Qc7 7.g3 b5 8.b3 [8.d3] 8... bxc4 9.bxc4 Rb8 10.Bg2 d6 11.0-0 Be7 12.d3 0-0 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Bc3 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rfb1 Bd7 17. Ne3 Rb6 18.Nc2 Rfb8 19.Rxb6 Rxb6 20.d4 [20.Qe1] 20...cxd4 21. Ncxd4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 g6 23.Rc1 e5 24.Nb3 Ba4 25.Bf3 Bxb3 26.axb3 Rxb3 27.c5 dxc5 28. Qxa6 Rxf3 29.Kg2



29...Rxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 31.Kg1 Qd8 32.Qe2 Qd4+ 33.Kg2 Nc3 34. Qc2 Nd5?

34...Qe4+ 35.Qxe4 Nxe4 36.Ra1 Kg7 37.Ra7 Kf6 38.Rc7 Ke6±.

35.Qf2?

Surprisingly, Fritz can find no forced mate if White takes the pawn: **35.Qxc5 Ne3+ 36.Kf3 e4+ 37.Kf4 Ng2+ 38.Kg4 Qd7+ 39.Kg5 h6+ (39...Qd2+ 40.Kf6 Qd8+ 41.Kc5 =) 40.Kxh6 Qh3+ (40...Qd2+ 41. Qg5+-) 41.Kg5 Kh7 42.Qc8 Qxh2 43.Qc7 Qh6+ 44.Kf6 Qg7+ =.**

35...Ne3+ 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Re1 Ng4 38.Qxd4 cxd4 39.h3 Ne3 0-1

Sicilian Dragon B79

Mark Dejmek 2190
Robert Plunkett 2148

Texas State Championship (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Be4 Bd7 10.h4 Qa5 11.0-0-0 Rfc8 12.Bb3 Ne5

12...Rab8 13.Kb1 b5 14.h5 Nxb5 15.g4 Nf6 16.Nf5! has led to some nice White victories.

13.Kb1 Rab8

After 13...Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3 Qc7 Geller's 16.Bd4 is still best. Langer-Feldberg, Chicago 2004 continued 16...Be6 17.g4! a5 18.a4 b5 19.Nxb5 Qb8 20.Nc3 Rb4 21.Qf2 Bxb3 22.cxb3 Rxb3 23.g5 Nd7 24.Nd5 e5 25.Be3 Nc5 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Rc1 Ra7 28.Rxc5 ±.

14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Rxc3 16.bxc3 b5 17.h5 Nc4

17...Nxb5 18.Rxb5 g4 19.Rh1 ±.

18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Rd3 e6 20.Ne2 Qa3 21.Qc1 Qc5 22.Ka1 Ne5 23.Rdd1 a5 24.Qg5 Rf8 25.f4 Qe3

25...a4 26.fxe5 axb3 27.cxb3 Qxe5 28.Qxe5 dxe5 29.Rd6 ±.

26.Rxd6 Nf7 27.Qxf6 Nxd6 28.Bxe6+ Bxe6 29.Qxe6+ Nf7 30.f5! g5



31.Rxh7! Kxh7 32.Qg6+ Kh8 33.f6 Lights out. If 33...Rg8 34.Qh5+.

33...Qxc3+ 34.Nxc3 1-0

Sicilian B51

Gilberto Hernandez 2578
Mark Dejmek 2190

Texas State Championship (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.d4 Nf6 5.0-0 cxd4 6.Qxd4 e5 7.Qd3 hg6 8.c4 a6 [8...Be7] 9.Bxd7+ Bxd7 10.Nc3 Be7 11.a4 0-0!?

11...b6 prevents White's next.
12.a5 b6 13.axb6 Qxb6



14.Be3 Qb7

Of course the b-pawn is poison. However, 14...Qb4! makes it hard for White to uncoil and strike.

15.h3 Bc6 16.Nd2 Rfd8 [16...Qb4!] 17.b4!± Bf8 18.Rfb1 Qe7 19.Ra2 Rdb8 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Bd7 22.Ra5 [or 22.c5] 22...g5 23.c5 f5 24.c6 Bc8 25.f3 g4 26.hxg4 fxg4 27.fxg4 Bxg4 28.Rxa6 Bf5 29.Rxa8 Bxd3 30.Rxb8 Bxb1 31.Nxb1 Qh7 32.Nd2 Qd3 33.Nf1 1-0

King's Indian Averbach E73

Warren Harper 2291
Ali Morshedi 2300

Texas State Championship (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.f4 c5 9.d5 b5 10.cxb5 a6 11.b6 Qxb6 12.Rb1 g5 13.fxg5 Nxe4 14.gxh6 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Ndx6 16.Bd3 Bf5 17.Qf3 Bg6 18.Nge2 Qb4 19.a3 Ng5 20.Qg3 Qg4 21.Bxg6 fxg6 22.0-0 Qxg3 23.Nxg3 Rab8 Draw

Dutch Leningrad A87

Anton Solovoyov 2113
Larry Moss 2113

Texas State Championship (6)

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.c4 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Qe8 8.d5 a5 9.Rb1 Na6 10.a3

10.Be3 Bd7 11.b3 (11.a3 a4 ∞ Pr. Nikolic-Vizhmanavin, Tilburg 1992) 11...h6 12.Bd4 g5 ∞ C. Hansen-Susan Polgar, Veistrup 1989;

10.b3 Bd7 11.Bb2 c6 12.Nd4 Nc5 13.a3 Rc8 14.Ba1 g5? (14...Qf7=) 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Nce4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxf5! ± Tunik-Gagarin, Smolensk 1991.

10...Nc5 11.b4

11.Nb5 Qd8 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 Nce4 14.Nfd4 e5 15.dxe6 c6 16.f3 cxb5 17.fxex4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 fxe4 19.Rxf8+ Qxf8 20.Nxb5± Illescas-Mellado, Spain 1991.

11...axb4 12.axb4 Nce4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qd3 Ra2 15.Nd4 e5



16. dxe6?!

White should play a tempo move that leaves the a1-h8 diagonal blocked: 16.Nb5! Qe7 17.Rb2! (expelling the intruder; 17.Bxe4? fxe4 18.Qxe4?? Bf5+, with f2-f3 and e2-e4 in the offing. Play might proceed 17...Ra6 18.f3 Nf6 19.e4 (19.Rb3!?) 19...f4 20.g4 b6 21.Rb1 Bb7 22.Bb2 Rfa8 23.Ra1=.

16...Bxe6 17.Qb3

White could still show the intruders to the door, but it's not as easy: 17.f3 Nf6 18.Rb2 Ra4 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.e4 fxe4 21.fxe4 Ng4 (21... Re8 22.c5) 22.Rxf8+ Kxf8 23.Rb1 Qf6! -+ or 23.Rc2 Rxb4 ♯. 17...Ra8 18.Bxe4 fxe4 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Be3 Rf5 21.Rfd1 Rh5 22.Rd5 Be5! 23.h4 c6 24.Ra5 Rf8



White's king is under serious pressure! On 25.Rd1 Qh3! there is nothing better than to sac the Exchange on e5 and slowly get cooked. Worse is 26.Bg5 h6 27.Be7 Rf7 28.Bd8 Rhf5 29.Bb6 c5!, etc. 25.Kf1 Bxg3 26.Rxh5 gxh5 27.Ke1 Bxh4 28.Ra1 Qh3 29.Ra3 Qh2 30.Ra7 Bxf2+ 31.Kd2 Qg3 32.Rxb7 h4?

32...Ra8! ends it, as White can't counter the threat of 33...Bxe3+ 34.Qxe3 Ra2+. 33.b5 Bxe3+? [33...c5-+] 34.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 35.Kxe3 cxb5 36.Rxb5 Rc8 37.Kxe4 Rxc4+ 38.Kf3 Kf7 39.Rd5 Ke6 ♯ Draw

French Tarrasch C06

Lorenzo Gaskill 2036
Shawn Noland 2074

Texas State Championship (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nc3 a6 13.a3 0-0 14.Bg5 Bd7 15.Bh4 Be8 16.Na4 Qa7 17.b4? [17.Re1! Bh5 18.Rxe6

Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qxd4 20.Bg3 =] Nxd4! 18.Nxd4 Bxa4 19.Nb3 Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Qd4 21.Bg3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Ng4 23.Rd1 Qe5 24.f3 Qe3+ 0-1

Closed Sicilian B26

Larry Moss 2200
Gilberto Hernandez 2578

Texas State Championship (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Rb8 7.Nge2 Nd4 8.0-0 b5 9.Qd2 b4 10.Nd1 a5 11.Nc1 e6 12.c3 bxc3 13.bxc3 Nc6 14.Ne2 Nge7 Draw

Alekhine's Defense B02

Paul Chaplin 2128
Warren Harper 2291

Texas State Championship (7)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bc4 Nxc3 6.dxc3 d5 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.Bf4 e6 9.0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Qe2 =. 9...Nd7 10.c4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 g5 12.Bg3 h5 13.h3 h4 14.Bh2 Bh5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Nd4 Nb6 17.f3?? 17.Bb3 g4 18.hxg4 Bxg4 ♯. 17...Bb6 18.Qc3



18...Bb4! 0-1

Petroff's Defense C42

Mark Dejmek 2190
Anton Solovoy 2113

Texas State Championship (7)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nc4 Nxe4 5.Qe2 Qe7 6.Ne3 c6 7.b3 Na6

8.Bb2 Be6 9.g3 d5 10.Bg2 0-0-0 11.0-0 h5 12.Re1 Qd7 13.c4 h4 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Na3 hxg3 16.fxg3 Nc7 17.Rac1 Kb8



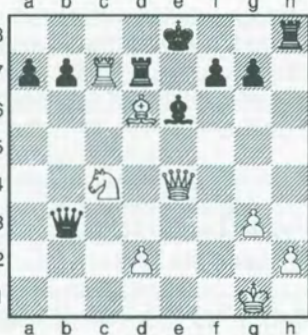
18.Rxc7!?

The quiet 18.Nac2± holds an edge, but a chance to go to b5 with tempo is very tempting. If 18...Kxc7 19.Be5+ Bd6 (19...Kb6!? if Black wants more) 20.Nb5+ Kb8 21.Nxd6 Nxd6 22.Bxg7 Rhe8 and Black is no worse than equal.

18...Qxc7 19.Nb5 Qa5 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Be5+ Kc8 22.Rc1+ 22.Bc7 Qxd2 23.Bxd8 Qxd8 ♯. 22...Kd7 23.Rc7+ Ke8 24.Nc4 Qxa2 25.Qxe4 Qxb3 26.Nbd6+ Bxd6?

26...Rxd6! 27.Bxd6 27...Kd8! -+; 27.Nxd6+ Bxd6 28.Bxd6 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qxd2+ 30.Kf3 Kd8! (30...Qxd6 31.Rc8+ =) 31.Bf4 Qd1++.

27.Bxd6 Rd7 (Diagram) Draw



Five tie for G/30 title at Texas Action Championship

Selby Anderson

The Texas Action Championship drew 34 players on a Fiesta Saturday to the Texas Neurosciences Institute. The absence of strong Austin players such as Langer was a surprise. As the only master I found my hands full with expert Arthur Macaspac from Killeen. I essayed the Saemisch attack in the Nimzo-Indian and got a bad ending with passive pieces all round. With a little help in the final minutes I freed my bishops and got a menacing attack, but his two knights and rook threatened mate in one and I had to take a perpetual. The crowd erupted in a rare show of applause.

There was a five-way tie for first that included Selby Anderson (2206), Arthur Macaspac (2082), Anthony Guerra (1854), Ju Ahn (1655), and Gabriel Guerra (1589), all scoring 4-1 and receiving \$100 (1st+2nd+U2100+U1900+U1700)/5. Abiram Viswanath won \$60 for top U1500 with 3.5, and Murtaza Aarastu won the \$40 U1300 prize with 2. Preston Garcia, Malachi Burrough and Timothy Shanks tied for top Unrated with 2.0 for \$13.33 each.

Junior book prizes went to Gabriel Guerra, Abiram Viswanath, Nathaniel Lozano, Raul Flores and Malachi Burrough.

Martin Gordon directed the event, held Apr. 28 at TNI. A total of \$640 was paid out in prizes, or 80% of the advertised total based on 40 full entries.

English Opening A34

Nathaniel Lozano 1483

Selby Anderson 2206

Texas Action 2007 (1)

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nc7 6.Qa4+

6.Nf3 is the main line. The text tries to throw off Black's rhythm while the Bg2 is not yet screened.

6...Bd7!?

Probably best is 6...Qd7 7.Qxd7+ Nxd7 8.Nf3 e5 9.d3 Ne6 =.

7.Qb3 Nc6

Nunn's Chess Openings is at odds with Fritz over the merits of 7...Bc6 8.Bxc6+ Nxc6 9.Qxb7 Nd4 (∞ - NCO) 10.Rb1 e5 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.d3 Rb8 14.Qxa7 Ncb5 15.Nxb5 Nxe2+ 16.Kg2 Rxb5 17.Bg5 Qb8 18.Qxb8 ± (Fritz).

8.e3

This position had just come up in our Thursday blitz game(!), after which I pointed out that 8.Qxb7! Rb8?? fails to 9.Qxc6! +-. Maybe he was worried about 8...Nd4, but Black's comp is elusive after 9.Rb1. 8...e5 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 Rb8 11.a4 Be6 12.Qd1 Bc4 13.Ne2 Bf6 14.b3 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 e4 16.Rb1 exf3 17.Qxf3 0-0 (17...Ne6!) 18.Ba3 Ne6 Better is 18...Ne5 19.Qf5 Nd3. Now White almost climbs back into the game.

19.d4 Re8 20.d5 Ng5 21.Qf4

21.Qf5! Ne7 (21...g6 22.Qc2 Nb4 23.Qxc5 Be7±) 22.Qg4 Nxd5 23.Rbd1 Nxe3 24.fxe3 Qe7±.

21...Re4! 22.dxc6 [22.Qf5 Ne7-+]

22...Rxf4 23.exf4 Ne6 24.cxb7 Qc7

25.Rbc1 g6 26.b4 c4 27.a5 Nd4 28.

Rfe1 Nb5 29.Re3 c3 30.Ra1 c2 31.

Rae1 Nxa3 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Rxb8

Qxb8 34.Rc1 Bb2 35.Rxc2 Nxc2

36.a6 Nxb4 37.Kf1 Nxa6 0-1

English Opening A20

Lu Gao 2137

Lakshmana Viswanath 1556

Texas Action 2007 (5)

1.c4 e5 2.e4 Bc5 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nge2

c6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Qf6 7.Be3 h5

8.Be2 Nd7 9.Qd2 Ne5 10.h3 Bb4

11.f4 Ng6 12.0-0 Bd7 13.f5 Ne5 14.Bg5 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Qe5 16.Kh1 f6 17.Bf4 Qc5 18.Bxg8 Rxg8 19. Nb3 Qb6 20.Bxd6 Bxd6 21.Qxd6 0-0-0 22.Qc5 Qa6 23.Nd5 Rge8 24.Ne7+ Kb8 25.Qd6+ Ka8 26.Nc5 Bc8 27.Nxa6 Rxd6 28.Nc7+ Kb8 29.Nxe8 Rd7 30.Nxc8 Kxc8 31. Rfd1 Re7 32.Nd6+ Kc7 33.Rd4 Rd7 34.Rad1 c5 35.Nb5+ Kc6 36. Rxd7 1-0

Jesse Lozano wins SACC championship

The title of club champion was passed from last year's five-headed hydra (Anderson, Vergara, Stanley, DeLeon and Valdez) to recent South San HS grad Jesse Lozano. His June rating put him over Expert, topping a sweet month. He is currently looking at UT-Brownsville for this fall.

Caro-Kann B18

Jesse Lozano 1990

Mitch Vergara 2073

SACC Championship (5)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4

Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Bd3?

Bxd3? [7...Qxd4] 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nf3

Nbd7 10.Bd2 e6 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.

Kb1 0-0-0 13.c4 Kb8 14.Bc3 Bd6

15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qc2

Rhe8 18.Ne5 Ka8 19.f4 c5 20.dxc5

Bxc5 21.g4 Qe7 22.Ba5 Rd4 23.g5

Ng8 24.Rxd4 Bxd4 25.Rd1 Bxe5

26.Qxe5 hxg5 27.fxg5 f6 28.Qb5 a6

29.Qb6 Rc8 30.Be1! fxg5 31.Bf2

Kb8 32.Qa7+ Kc7 33.Qf7 34.

Bd6+? [34. Bb6+! Kc6 35.Bf2 Kc7

36.Bg3+ Kc6 37.Rd6+ Kc7 38.Qb6+

Kb8 39. Rd7+ and mate next]

34...Kd8 35. Be7+!?! [35.hxg5 Ke8!

36.Re1±] 35... Kxe7?? [35...Ke8!

36.Bxg5 (36.Qxb7 Nxe7-+) 36...

Qf3! =] 36.Qxb7+ and 1-0

Chess on display: San Angelo Community Day

Community Day, April 28th at the Sunset Mall was a great success. With a track meet, soccer tournament, and various other events in the city, the mall was packed with kids from across the state! We had set up a large chess set that drew the crowds to our booths, and we handed out over 700 USCF brochures, as well as flyers that gave information about Chess Buddies, the San Angelo Chess Club, and the Texas Chess Association.

A high point was when the Lubbock Estacado Tract team stopped by and filled a table for a quick game. Play was fast, and they all received free ice cream coupons from the local Baskin-Robbins.

Local players Tony Carrizales, Logan Sturgeon, Brittany Jaime, and Claudia Ponce were on hand to play the crowd. Tony was a big hit on the big chess set, and Logan decimated opponents with inappropriate but crowd pleasing "Ka-bam!"s, which brought many more challengers to

try to shut him down. It was fun, and all challengers walked away with ice cream coupons. With much

media exposure, we are hoping to see more kids at our summer chess camp! — Robert Sturgeon



Chess at the mall: Logan playing online, Tony at big board

Lewisville ISD to host chess in education workshop

by Alexey Root

As many *Texas Knights* readers know, the first Chess in Education workshop in conjunction with a State Scholastic was held March 17, 2007. The next TCA Chess in Education workshop will be March 2008, also during the state scholastic. If you are interested in presenting or attending in March 2008, please email Alexey Root aroot@utdallas.edu

March 2008 is a long way off, but fortunately there is a Texas chess in education program offered sooner, on Aug. 16. According to program

organizer Michael Bowden, the Kasparov Chess Foundation is scheduled to present regarding the use of chess as an academic tool. (See www.kasparovchessfoundation.org.)

This is a rather ground breaking event for the Lewisville district as chess is used rather disjointedly. Lewisville I.S.D. has 60 campuses, 29 of which are sending a representative. James Stallings, director of the University of Texas at Dallas chess team, will make opening remarks. Texas State Representative Dianne Patrick has indicated she will attend;

this is significant because of her education committee memberships.

If you are able to attend we would be delighted to have your interest. Perhaps you will find the program, or the dialogue that it establishes, of interest in other state scholastic chess efforts.

Please contact Michael Bowden [<bowden_m@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:bowden_m@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions. Should you wish, the district sponsor is Dr. Penny Reddell, redellp@lisd.net, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Services.

Houston's T.H. Rogers wins K-5 national title

Co-champs: Brownsville Paredes

A fifth grade team from Houston's T.H. Rogers Elementary triumphed at the National K-5 Elementary Championship, held June 9-11 in Nashville, Tenn. They scored 18.5 points and finished first on tiebreaks. Congratulations to the team: Michael Huang, 5.5 pts.; Vincent Zhang, 5.0; Thomas Williamson, 4.0; and Victoria Zhang, 4.0. Kudos also to club sponsor Martha Jenkinson and fifth grade coach NM Jeffrey Ashton.

And who should they edge out on tiebreak points but another Texas team! Americo Paredes Elementary from Brownsville, led by Fernando Spada (5.5 pts.), also scored 18.5 to leave four New York teams in the dust, including the legendary Hunter School.

Then in seventh place, another Brownsville team! Garden Park's top board was Fernando Mendez, who like Spada is an All-America Team member rated in the 1800s.

Congratulations to all Texas teams who competed in this event!



Runners up and co-champs: Brownsville's Paredes Elementary

Notes by Michael Huang

I finished undefeated (three draws) and scored an individual 5th place (17th on tiebreaks). This game was played in Round 2:

Dutch Leningrad A85

Michael Tran 1198

Michael Huang 1516

2007 National K-5 Elementary

1.d4 f5 I play the Dutch, and this is my favorite game of the tournament.
2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 I prefer the Leningrad Variation **4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3** Usually the bishop is fianchettoed to the strong h1-a8 diagonal **6...d6** to prepare e5! **7.Be2 Qe8 8.0-0 Nc6** Normally not really necessary, I "overattack" the square e5... **9.Qb3** What is this? I have never seen this queer queen move. It blockades White's normal queenside expansion (a3, b4, c5) **9...Qf7 10.Bxf6** Unwillingly surrenders the bishop pair **10...Bxf6 11.Nd5 e6 12.Nc3?** Why not take my Bishop? **12...Rb8** Defends the pawn on b7 once I move my bishop **13.Nb5 a6 14.Na3** Why does White do this? White sees that his plan does not work, so he tries to make it look consistent **14...e5** The pawn thrust is

finally played! **15.d5** This does gain some space on the queenside, but allows Black to attack on the opposite wing **15...Ne7 16.Nc2 h6 17.Nd2** What is White doing? At first I thought White would have played for f4, stopping my space gain, but... **17...Qg7 18.e4?** I give this move a question mark because it forever outlaws f4 and allows Black a free hand on the kingside



18...f4! "When the position is closed, play on the side your pawns point." While White's pawns point to the queenside, he has no real way of breaking through. One thing to point out: if White tries c5, Black must not continue ...dxc5? because d6+ wins a piece. And Black's pawns are aimed menacingly at the throat of White's king... **19.f3** Played to try to stop kingside Progress **19...g5 20.h3 h5** This is why this is my favorite Dutch position! Black gets his dream Dutch, while White is traveling at snail's pace on the other side. the c7, d6, e5, f4, g5, and h5 is a dream come true. With so much space, the end should be near. **21.Kf2** Trying to flee into the queenside **21...g4!** BOOM The power of the two bishops is shown; the Black bishops are poised for action. **22.Rg1 gxh3** Sadly, White overlooks the mate with the active bishop on f6 and the sleeping monster on c8... **23.gxh3 Bh4+ 24.Kf1 Bxh3+ 25.Rg2 Qxg2# 0-1**

Ju and Harper Win U.S. Cadets

by Jennifer Shahade
uschess.org

Evan Ju and Warren Harper both pulled through in their final games of the Cadet Championship (Tampa, June 17-21) to tie for first with 7/10 in the prestigious National Cadet (age 16 and under) Championship.

Fifteen year-old Evan Ju is from New Jersey, and is coached by GM Joel Benjamin. Ju is slated to play on the New Jersey Knockouts in the U.S. Chess League this fall.

Warren Harper is 16 and hails from Houston, Texas. Both are ranked second in their age group on the June 2007 Top 100 rating lists.

In the final round, Jeffrey Haskel played an unorthodox opening (1. Nf3, 2.c3 and 3.d3!) against Warren Harper.

Inverted Hanham A04

Jeffrey Haskell 2121
Warren Harper 2295

U.S. Cadet Championship

1.Nf3 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.d3 g6 4.e4 d6
5.Nbd2 Nc6 6.a3 Bg7 7.b4 0-0 8. d4
cxd4 9.cxd4 Bg4 10.Bb2 d5 11.e5
Ne4 12.Be2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 f6 14.
0-0 fxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5
Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Rf4 18.Rad1 e6 19.
Rd4 Rxd4 20.Bxd4 b6 21.Qg4 Qd7



The endgame looks slightly unpleasant for White (due to Black's control over the c-file and White's 'bad' bishop), but should be drawish because of Black's weaker king and soft spot on e6.

22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Qxc8 24.h4
Kf7 25.Qf4+ Ke8 26.Qg4 Kd7 27.
h5

A mistake, allowing Black to win a pawn with Qc1+ and Qh6, and not giving White enough compensation. [White can play it safe with 27.Qf4, when the repetition with 27...Ke8 28.Qg4 = is likely. - SKA] Qc1+ 28.Kh2 Qh6 29.Qf3 Ke8 30.a4 Qg5 31.Qc3 Qxh5+ 32. Kg3 Qg5+ 33.Kh3 Qh5+ 34.Kg3 Bf8 35. f3 Be7 36.Kf2 Kf7 37.a5 Qh1 38. axb6 axb6 39.Bxb6 Qh4+ 40.g3 Qxb4 41.Qxb4 Bxb4 42.Ke3 h5 43. f4 g5 44.Bd8 Bc5+ 45.Ke2 gxf4 46. gxf4 Kg6 47.Kf3 Kf5 48.B h4 Ba3 49.Bd8 Bc1 50.Bg5 h4 51. Bxh4 Bxf4 52.Bf2 Bxe5 53.Bc5 Bc3 54.Ke3 e5 55.Bd6 e4 56.Bc7 d4+ 57.Ke2 Ke6 58.Bb6 Kd5 59.Bc7 d3+ 60.Kf2 Bd2 61.Bb6 Kc4 62 Ba7 Kb3 63.Bd4 Kc2 64.Bb6 e3+ 65.Kf3 e2 66.Bf2 e1=Q 67.Bxe1 Bxe1 68.Ke4 d2 69.Ke5 d1=Q 70. Ke4 Bg3 71.Kf5 Qf3+ 72.Ke6 0-1

Evan Ju's game against Alec Getz was an inspired effort.

King's Indian E61

Alec Getz 2161
Evan Ju 2262

U.S. Cadet Championship

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.d4
Nf6 5.Bg5 O-O 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Qe8
8.Bxf6 exf6 9.Be2 f5 10.O-O Nd7
11.Rc1 Nf6 12.Nd2 Ne4 13.Bf3 Ng5
14.g3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.b4 Bd7
17.Nb3 Qc8 18.a4 g5 19.Rfe1 Qc7
20.a5 Rae8 21.Qd1 Re6 22.d5 Rg6



23.Nd4 f4 24.a6 fxe3 25.fxe3 c5 26.
Ndb5 Qb8 27.bxc5 dxc5 28. axb7
a6 29.Na3 Qxb7 30.Qd3 Qc7 31.
Nab1 h5 32.Kh1 h4 33.gxh4 gxh4
34.Rg1 Bg4 35.Rcf1 Qe5 36.Qe4
Qh5 37.h3?

Getz should have tried 37.d6. Black can't take the pawn because it leaves the bishop on g4 loose. White is ready to jump in with Nd5 and earn some counterplay.

37...Bxh3 38.Rxg6 fxe6 39. Rxf8+
Kxf8 40.d6 Be5!

A nice display of the superiority of a pair of bishops on an open board.

41.Qa8+ Kg7 42. Qb7+ 0-1

Evan Ju heads the standings on tiebreak. There was no playoff. Although the relevance of tiebreaks in a double round robin is not high, Evan should be proud of his dominance in the early half of this event, and his recovery when things didn't go his way. Talk about fighting chess - Evan had ten decisive games!

Final Cadet Standings

1-2	Evan Ju	7.0
	Warren Harper	
3	Robert Lau	6.5
4	Alec Getz	4.0
5	Thomas Riccardi	3.5
6	Jeffrey Haskel	3.0

San Antonio City Championship

Gregg Stanley, Don Sutherland and Andy Smith tied for the 2007 San Antonio Chess Championship, held June 23-24 at TNI. They each won \$133.33, splitting the combined 1st-2nd and U2200 prizes. The trophy went on tiebreaks to first-time city champion Gregg Stanley, who drew Anderson in the last round.

All four masters fell by the way-side starting with John Patty, who withdrew after a first round loss to young Eric Lu (1650). Larry Moss withdrew after back-to-back draws in 3 and 4 against Dale Dike and Martin Gordon. Then Anderson, who had a first round draw with Avinash Thangirala (1660) and an abortively brief draw with Stanley after a weak move in the English. Lastly, Jose Silva thought the last round was at four and overstayed watching a US-Mexico soccer match on TV. His blunder cost him a forfeit to Sutherland, but Silva took it in good stride.

Randall Schwarz and Steven Young tied for U2000 with 4.0 (\$50 each). Avinash Thangirala finished with 3.5 to win the U1800 prize of \$100. Austin Jiang and Joshua Howell both scored 3.0 to share the U1600 and U1400 prizes, winning \$75 each. David Pacheco was top unrated with 2.0 for (\$50).

TD Martin Gordon awarded Planet Chess shirts to players who won the biggest upset in each round:

- Rd. 1: Eric Lu (1650) over John Patty (2200)
 Rd. 2: Josh Howell (1309) over Steven Young (1828)
 Rd. 3: Avinash Thangirala (1660) over Michael Haskins (1910)
 Rd. 4: David Pacheco (433) over Charles Foltz (1750)
 Rd. 5: Bryant Davis (unrated) over Charles Foltz (1750)

A total of 54 players competed June 23-24 at the Texas Neurosciences Institute. Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

Closed Sicilian B23

Avinash Thangirala
 Selby Anderson 2200

S.A. City Championship (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 a6 5.g3 d5 6.e5 Nh6 7.Bg2 Nf5 8.0-0 h5 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.d3 Be7 [10...f6] 11.Bd2 f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bh3 Bd7 [13...e5!?] 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Nh4 0-0 16.Nc3 Qd6 17.Be1 Rdg8 18.Kh1 d4 19.Na4 Nb4 [19...Bd8!?] 20.Bxb4 Bxa4 21.Bd2 Bc6+ 22.Kg1 Qd5 23.Qf3 Qd7!?

23...Qxf3 24.Nxf3 h4 25.Kg2 Rg7 26.Kf2 hxg3+ 27.hxg3 Rh3 28. Rg1 Kd7 29.Rae1 Bd6 30.Re2 Bd5 31.Nh4 Be6.

24.Qe2 Rg4 25.Rae1 Bd8

25...Rhx4 26.Qxe7 Qxe7 27. Rxc7 Rg4 28.Be1=.

26.Rf2 Rhg8?

26...Rhx4! 27.gxh4 Rg8+ 28.Kf1 Qg7 29.Qe6+ Kb8+.

27.Kf1 Bd5 28.a3 Qh7 29.c4! Bf7?

29...dxc3 30.bxc3 Rxb4 31.c4 Rhg4 32.cxd5 h4 33.Qe6+ Kb8 34. Qd6+ Qc7 35.Qxc7+ Bxc7 36.gxh4= 30.b4 cxb4 31.Bxb4 Bc7 32.Bc5 [32.Qb2+] 32...Rhx4 33.gxh4 Qg6 34.Rg2 +—

Draw

King's Indian E99

Gregg Stanley 2049
 Randall Schwarz 1907

S.A. City Championship (3)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.f3 f5 11.Be3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.Nd3 Nf6 14.c5 Ng6 15.Rc1 Rf7 16.Qc2 g4 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Nb5 g3

This pawn sac for dark square dominance was used in Taimanov-Najdorf, Zurich Interzonal 1953.

19.hxg3 fxg3 20. Bxg3 Bh6 21.Nc7 Rb8 22.Bf2 Nh5 23.Ne6 Bxe6 24. dxe6 Rg7 25.Bxa7 Ngf4 26.Nxf4 Nxf4 27.g4



27...Qh4??

Equal is 27...Ra8 and Black is assured of winning the Exchange in return for his pawns: 28.Be3 (or 28. Bf2 Nxe2+ and ...Bxc1) 28...Nh3+ 29.Kh2 Bxe3 30.Kxh3 Bxc1 31. Rxc1 h5! with kingside perp likely. 28.Qc8+! Qd8 29.Bxb8 Nxe2+ 30. Kf2 1-0

Center Counter B01

Joshua Howell 1309
 Selby Anderson 2200

S.A. City Championship (3)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 a6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Re1!N (Diagram)

This milk-toast move actually has some poison. I was surprised to find that only 8.Be3 and 8.h3 are covered by Michael Melts in his monograph on 3...Qd6.

8...e6

The problem with 8...0-0-0 is 9.Ng5! Be6, and now 10.d5! upsets the apple cart: 10...Nxd5 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bg4 Nxc3 13.Qxd6 Rxd6

14.bxc3 Nd8 15.Bf4, and although Black's pawns are ugly as sin and he is fighting against an active bishop pair, Fritz awards Black equality. My money is on the White side!

That leaves 8...h6!? preparing ...0-0-0. However, White has a canned attack with a3, b4, and b5 – which explains why the “safe” idea is 8...e6 preparing ...Be7 and ...0-0. **9.Bg5?**

Soon after making my move I started to worry about **9.d5!**, and was relieved when Howell played the text. After 9.d5! Nb4 (not 9...exd5 10.Bxa6+) 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.a3 Nc6 12.Qxd6 Bxd6 13.Bc4 0-0 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Rxe6 ±, and White is a solid pawn ahead.

9...0-0-0 10.Be3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Bxd4 Rxd4 14.Rad1 Bc5

Black went on to win. **0-1**

Modern Defense B06

Jesse Lozano 2046

Gregg Stanley 2049

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Nge2 e5 7.f3 Nge7 8.g4 h5 9.g5 b5 10.Bb3 Bh3 11.Qd2 exd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.0-0-0?

Overlooking a Noah's Ark trap. Best is 13.Nxc6 Nxc6 14.0-0-0 Na5 15.Nd5 Nxb3 16.cxb3! White works toward Bd4 and Nf6+, but Black has ...Be6 and Bxd5 to stop that plan.



13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 c5 16.Qf6 c4 17.Rxd6 Qc7 18.Rxa6

This gives Black an f4 check that picks White apart. Fritz prefers 18. Bxc4 bxc4 18.Rhd1 Rhe8 ±.

18...Rxa6 19.Qxa6 cxb3 20.axb3 Qf4+ 21.Kb1 Qxf3 22.Re1 b4 + 23.Nb5 Qf2 24.Rd1 Qxh2 25.Qa5 Qe2 26. Rd8 Qxe4 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Nd6 Qe1+ 30.Ka2 Nd5!

Taking away Nf6+. (30...Ng8!?) **31.Nb5**

On 31.Nxf7 Black can accept the exchange of knights, as the queen checks are not so dreadful (31... Kxf7 32.Qxd5+ Qe6 33.Qb7+ Qe7 34.Qf3+ Bf5+.) Fritz likes 31... Qd2!? 32.Nd6 Qxc2 33.Ne8+ Kf7 34. Nd6+ Ke6 35.Nb5 Qc5 +.

31...Qe5 32.Nd6 Qe6 33.Ne8+ Kh7 34.Nd6 Qe7 35.Qb8 Be6 36.Ne4 h4 37.Qh2 h3 38.Qg3 Bf5 0-1

Closed Sicilian B24

Larry Moss 2200

Martin Gordon 1928

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 e6 5.d3 Rb8 6.Be3 b5 7.Qd2 b4 8.Nd1 Bb7 9.f4 Nf6 10.Nf3 Ng4 11.Bg1 Nf6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bg1 Nf6 14.h3 Nd7 15.Bf2 a5 16.0-0 a4 17.a3 b3 18.cxb3 Na5 19.Qc3 Nxb3 20.Rb1 Ba6 21.Re1 Qa5 22.Bf1 Rg8 23. Qxa5 Nxa5 24.Nc3 Nb6 25.Nd2 [25..d4 =.] 25...g5 26.fgx5 Rgx5



27.b4 axb3 28.Nxb3 Nc6 29.h4 Rg6 30.Kg2 Be7 31.d4 Bxf1+ 32.Rxf1 c4 33.Nd2 d5 34. exd5 exd5 35.Rb5 Bxh4 36.Rfb1 Nd7 [37...Bd8] 37. Rxb8+ Ndxh8 38.Nxd5± Bg5 39. Nxc4 Nd7 40.a4 Bd8 41.Nf4 Rg5 42.d5 Na5 43.Nxa5 Bxa5 44.Rb5 Bd2 45.Kf3 Ne5+ 46.Ke2 Nc4 47. Kd3 Bxf4 48.gxf4 Rg2 49.Bc5 Nb2+ 50.Ke4 Nxa4 **Draw**



Moss was presumably in time pressure when he accepted the offer. Fritz says White is winning after 51.Bd4 h5 52.Rb8+ Kd7 53. Rb7+. If Black doesn't give up the f-pawn, White's passed d-pawn is a menace.

King's Indian E83

Eric Lu 1650

Jose Silva 2202

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.f3 d6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 Nd4 9.Bd3

9.Nge2! forcing ...Nxe2 is the antidote to Black's idea. Or would Silva sac the d6 pawn with 9...c5? **c5 10.Nge2 Nh5 11.f4?**

Castling was best.

11...exf4 12.Nxf4 Qh4+ 13.Kd1 Ng3 14.Re1 Qxh2 15.Kc1 Nh5 16. Nxb5 Qxh5 17.Bf4 Qg4!?

Silva is most comfortable when sacrificing. The routine 17...Be5± is almost certainly best, but look at the way Black controls the dark squares, the ghosts of his center pawns.

18.Bxd6 Re8 19.Bxc5 Bd7 20.Bf1 Qh4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Bd3 Be5 23.Rf1 Rec8 24.Kc2 Qe7 25.Qf2

25.Rac1 a6 26.Kb1, or 25...b5!? 26.cxb5 Bxc3 27.bxc3 Rab8 28.Rb1 Qa3 29.Rb2 Rc5 30.Kb1 Rxc3 31. Qf4 ±. 25...b5 26.d6!

Clearing d5 for the knight.
26...Qe6! 27.c5 b4 28.Nd5 Bxd6 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Nxd7 Qxd7



31.Qd4+?

31.Bc4! Rxc5 32.Qxf7+ =.

31...Kg8 32.Kb1

32.Kb3 Rxc5 33.Bc4 Rxc4 34. Qxc4 Rc8 35.Qd5 Rc5 -+. Rxc5 33.Be4 Rac8 34.Rxf7 Qxf7 35.Bxf7+ Kxf7 36.Qd2 Be5 37.a4 a5 38.g4 Ke7 39.Ka2 Rc2 0-1

Sicilian Dragon B79

Selby Anderson 2200

Dale Dike 2006

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Kb1 Rfc8 12.Bb3 Ne5 13. h4 Nc4

13...Rb8 was played in Dejmek-Plunkett, Tx. Chp. 2007 (p. 12).

14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.h5

16.Bd4 Be6 (16...a5? 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5) 17.h5 a5 18.a4 b5 (18...Rb4 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Rh4±) 19.Nxb5 Qb8 20.Nc3 Rb4±.

16...Nxb5?

16...Rxc3! 17.bxc3 Nxb5 18.Bd4 Nf6 19.Rhe1!± NCO.

17.g4 Nf6 18.e5 Nxb4 19.Nd5 Qd8 20.Bg5! f6

20...Bf5!? 21.Na1 f6 22.Nxf6+ exf6 23.Qd5+ +-.

21.Nxf6+! exf6 22.Qd5+ Kh8 [22... Kf8 23.fxg4+] 23.Qxc4?

23.fxg4! would be a legitimate brilliancy: (a) 23...Qg8 24.Rxh7+ Qxh7 25. exf6! Bf8 26.Rh1+; (b) 23...Bxg4 24.exf6! Qc7 (24... Bxf6 25.Qf7) 25.Rde1 Rxc2 26. fxg7+ Qxg7 27.Kxc2+-.



23...Nxe5 24.Rxh7+

24.Qh4 h5 25.Bf4 Qc7 26.Nd4 Rc8 =. What follows is a swindle.

24...Kxh7 25.Rh1+ Bh6 26.Qh4 fxg5 27.Qxh6+ Kg8 28.Qh7+

28.Nd4 Kf7 29.f4 Qh8!! 30. Qxh8 Rxh8 31.Rxh8 gxf4±.

28...Kf8 29.Nd4 Rc8?? [29...Nf7! 30.Qxg6 Qe7+] 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31. Qg7+ Nf7 32. Re1+ 1-0

English Opening A28

Gregg Stanley 2049

Selby Anderson 2200

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Bg5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Ne5 8.e3 Ng6?

I overthink. 8...h6 is a main line we've discussed in blitz games.

9.Qf3

Draw

Benoni A43

Andrew I. Smith 2024

Jesse Lozano 2046

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Nf3 a6

7...Na6 and ...Nc7 is preferred by theory with White's pawn at c2.

8.a4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Re8 12.0-0 Rb8 13.a5 Qc7 14. Be2 Rbd8 15.Bg5 Rc8 16.f4 c4 17.Bf3 e6

Black struggles for counterplay. If 17...b5 18.axb6 Qxb6+ 19.Kh1 and the b2 pawn is poisoned (±).

18.dxe6 Rxe6 19.Kh1 Nc5?

19...Rce8 20.f5 Re5 is about equal (21.Bf4 Rxa5).

20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nd5 Qd8 22. f5! gx f5 23.exf5 Re5 24.Rae1 Bg5

24...Bh4 25.Rxe5 dxe5 26.Qe2 Nd7 27.f6! Nxf6 28.Qxe5 Nxd5 Bxd5 Rc7 29.Qf4! +-.

25.Qd4 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 Qxa5

26...Nd7 27.Qg4 Kh8 28.Nb6 Nxb6 29.axb6 Bf6 30.Bxb7 Rb8 31. Bd5 Qxb6 32.Bxf7 +-.

27.c3 Nd3 28.Re4!



28/...Qc5

28...Ne5 29.Rg4 Qa1+ (29... Nxb4 30.Qxg4+) 30.Kh2 Qc1 (30... Nxb4+ 31.Qxg4 Qc1 32.h4+) 31.Ne7+ +-.

29.Ne7+! Bxe7 30.Rg4+ Bg5 31. Rxb5+ Kf8 32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.Qg8+ Ke7 34.f6+ Kxf6 35.Qg7+ 1-0

TX bests OK in 5th Annual Red River Shootout

by Tom Crane

The Fifth Annual Red River Shootout was held April 22, 2007 in Davis, Oklahoma. This annual event pits players from Texas against players from Oklahoma. The way the event is conducted, players register on-site the morning of the event with respective players from each state listed highest to lowest rating, then the lists are put side by side and the pairings are made. It is a two round head-to-head match with each player playing each color, one in the morning, and the opposite in the afternoon. The event was rejoined for the fifth consecutive year with Texas prevailing by a 22-20 count at the end of the day. As with the last two events the winner was not determined until the last three games of the match, thus signifying the real beauty of team competition, all games matter. Players with a 2-0 score from Texas were Austen Green, Marcos Roye, Jr, Tom Crane and Harold Loftin. Players who have been to all five events includes Carmen Chairez, Paul Huspeni, Aurelio Gonzalez and Tom Crane.

Each of these events has been competed in best spirit and highest standards of conduct one would expect from

any chess competitor or at any event. Nary has there been a single dispute or harsh word uttered (other than the %\$@&* heard when a player blunders). This spirit is a tribute to the players who have represented both states over the five-year history of this event with which I am proud to have been associated.

As the event looks to celebrate its Sixth year of competition in 2008 look for information regarding the date and location. Please note that this is open to anyone from either state that has a USCF rating. And lastly, let us not forget to thank the founders of this event, Jim Hollingsworth and Tom Nichols.

Parting thoughts by Frank Berry:

"When you play for a team you have the unanimous support of your teammates and the struggle is absolutely uncompromising."
— GM Eduard Gufeld

"The fights are so viscous because the stakes are so small." — Henry Kissinger (regarding academic politics)

OKLAHOMA		City	Rating	Score	Rating	TEXAS	City
1	Tom Braunlich	Tulsa	2138>2136	1 - 1	2098>2100	Kevin Fleming	Mansfield
2	Jim Berry	Stillwater	1985>1986	1 - 1	2003>2002	Ben Wheeler	Dallas
3	Tom Nichols *	Pauls Valley	1954>1939	0 - 2	2019>2033	Austen Green	Arlington
4	Mike Crockett	Tulsa	1922>1925	1 - 1	1963>1960	Courtney Jamison	Plano
5	Judson Temple	OKC	1871>1883	.5 - 1.5	1897>1885	Fred Pennington	Arlington
6	Raymond Griffin	Tulsa	1841>1863	2 - 0	1836>1814	Julie O'Neill	Fort Worth
7	Frank Berry	Stillwater	1839>1815	0 - 2	1800>1826	Frank Adams	Copperas Cove
8	Mike Tubbs	Lawton	1800>1800	1 - 1	1800>1800	Aurelio Gonzales	Watauga
9	Julien Miller	OKC	1725>1753	2 - 0	1765>1738	Carmen Chairez	Arlington
10	Bran Whitcomb	Tulsa	1686>1713	2 - 0	1690>1663	Tom McCaslin	Haltom City
11	Milt Strain	Moore	1667>1660	1 - 1	1579>1587	Paul Huspeni	Keller
12	David Flinchum	Tulsa	1665>1654	1 - 1	1519>1533	M. I. Roye, Sr	N. Richland Hills
13	Bruce Wells	Ardmore	1594>1598	1.5 - .5	1459>1454	Fred Burklow	Fort Worth
14	Steve Kecskemeti	Earlsboro	1573>1571	1 - 1	1456>1458	Ken J. Smith	Colleyville
15	James Hill		1531>1521	0 - 2	1403>1416	M. I. Roye, Jr	N. Richland Hills
16	Roger Baxter	OKC	1562>1576	2 - 0	1350>1332	Chris Thompson	Fort Worth
17	Skip Fritze	Norman	1363>1380	.5 - 1.5	1353>1335	Miguel Roye	N. Richland Hills
18	Anthony Tuttle		1378>1234	0 - 2	1379>1402	Tom Crane *	N. Richland Hills
19	Jerry Coffee	Ardmore	1200>1207	0 - 2	1254>1248	Harold Loftin, Jr	Fort Worth
20	Hans Chen	Stillwater	977>1042	2 - 0	1102>1044	Helen Jamison	Plano
21	Tommy Simpson	Kingston	905>882	.5 - 1.5	918>941	David Wroe	Denton

* Team captain

Final score 20 - 22, Texas wins!

QGD D31

Kevin Fleming 2098

Tom Braunlich 2138

Red River Shootout (1.1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4
 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 c5 7.dxc5
 [7.Be3] 7...Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Nf6
 9.Nb5 Na6 10.f3?! Ke7 [10...0-0] 11.Bf4 Bxc5 12.a3 Rd8+ 13.Kc2
 Nh5 [13...e5 14.Bxe5 Bf5+ 15.Kc3
 doesn't work.] 14.Be5 Bd7 [14...f6
 15.g4 fxe5 16.gxh5 Bd7 is good and
 what I intended, but then I miscalculated
 it and played something else.
 Very confused thinking here and a
 lot of wasted time.] 15.b4 f6 16.Bc3
 Be3 17.Re1 Bh6 18.Nd4 Kf7
 [18...e5] 19.c5 e5?! [19...Nc7
 20.Bc4 Nf4] 20.Bc4+ Kf8 21.Nde2
 Ba4+?! [21...Nc7] 22.Bb3 Bb5?!
 [22...Bxb3+ 23.Kxb3 b6] 23.g4
 Nf4 24.Nxf4 Bxf4 25.Nh3± Bd3+
 26.Kb2 Nc7 27.Nxf4 exf4 28.Bc2
 Bxc2 29.Kxc2 Nd5 30.Re4 Ne3+
 31.Kb3 Rd3+ 32.Rd4 Rd8
 33.Rxd8+ Rxd8 34.Rc1 b6?
 [34...Rd3±] 35.c6 b5 36.Bd4± a6
 37.c7 Rc8 38.Rc6 Nd5 39.Rxa6
 Rxc7 40.Bc5+ Kf7 [40...Ke8±]
 41.Kc2 Rb7 42.Kd3 and White soon
 won on time. 1-0

Sicilian B34

Jim Berry 1985

Ben Wheeler 2009

Red River Shootout (1.2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
 Nxd4 g6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Qd4 Nf6
 7.e5 Nd5 8.Bc4 Qb6 9.Qxb6 Nxb6
 10.Bb3 Ba6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Bf4 Nc4
 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.0-0 Rb8 15.e6
 d6 16.exf7+ Kxf7 17.Bd2 Rb7 18.
 b3 Rhb8 19.Rhe1 h6 20.Ne4 Bd5
 21.f3 a5 22.a4 Ra8 23.Bf4 Rb4 24.
 Bg3 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.fxe4
 Ke6 27.Kd2 Be5 28.Bxe5 Kxe5
 29.Kd3 Rf8 30.g3 d5 31.exd5 cxd5

32.c3 Rb8 33.Rb1 Kd6 34.Kd4 e5+
 35.Ke3 Rc8 36.Kd3 Rf8 37.Re1
 Rf3+ 0-1

Sicilian Najdorf B96

Austen Green 2019

Tom Nichols 1954

Red River Shootout (1.3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 b5 8.e5
 dxe5 9.fxe5 Qc7 10.exf6 Qe5+
 11.Be2 Qxg5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Kh1
 Ra7 14.Ne4 Qe5 15.fxg7 Bxd4
 16.Nf6+ Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Bxf6
 18.gxh8Q+ Bxh8 19.c3 Nd7 20.Qd3
 Nf6 21.Qe3 Rd7 22.Bf3 Nd5
 23.Qe4 Nf6 24.Qe3 Nd5 25.Qe5
 Rc7 26.Qd6 Rd7 27.Qg3 Kf8
 28.Rd1 Bb7 29.Qb8+ Kg7 30.b3
 Bc6 31.c4 Nc3 32.Rxd7 Bxd7
 33.Qd8 1-0

English Opening A34

Mike Crockett 1915

Courtney Jamison 1963

Red River Shootout (1.4)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4
 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 a6 7.Be2
 Qc7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc2 0-0 10.Be3 d6
 11.Rc1 b6 12.f4 Bb7 13.Bf3 Rfd8
 14.Qe1 Rac8 15.Qf2 Nd7 16.Rfd1
 [16.f5] 16...Bf6 17.Na4?! Nc5
 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.b4 Nb8 20.bxc5
 dxc5 21.e5 Be7 22.Rb1 Bxf3 23.
 Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qxf3 Nc6 25.Qe4
 h6 26.Ne1 Bf8 27.Nf3 Nd4 28.Rb7
 Qa5 29.h3 Qxa2 30.Bxd4 cxd4 31.
 Qd3 Qa1+ 32.Kh2 a5 33.Rb5 Qc3
 34.Qd1 Bb4 35.Qa4 d3 36.c5 d2
 Flag. I'm clearly busted. - MC 0-1

Caro-Kann B10

Fred Pennington 1897

Judson Temple 1871

Red River Shootout (1.5)

1.e4 c6 2.f4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4
 Bf5 5.Ng3 Qd7 6.Bc4 Bg4 7.Nf3
 Nf6 8.d3 e6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Bc5
 11.c3 0-0 12.d4 Bd6 13.0-0 Qc7

14.Bd2 Nbd7 15.Rae1 Rfe8 16.Bd3
 Nf8 17.Nh1 Ng6 18.g3 Rad8 19.b4
 b6 20.f5 exf5 21.Bxf5 Rxe1 22.
 Rxe1 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Nxe8 24.Be4
 c5 25.dxc5 bxc5 26.a3 cxb4 27.
 axb4 Nf6 28.Bxg6 hxg6 29.Kg2
 Nd7 30.Nf2 Be5 31.Ne4 Nf6 32.Ng5
 Qd8 33.Bf4 Bxf4 34.gxf4 Qd2+ 35.
 Kgl Qe1+ 36.Kg2 Qd2+ 37.Kg1

Draw

Sicilian B27

Ray Griffin 1841

Julie O'Neil 1836

Red River Shootout (1.6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4
 5.cxd4 d6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0
 8.Bb3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Bg5 Na5
 11.Bc2 Nc4 12.b3 Na3 13.Bd3 Rc8
 14.Rc1 b5 15.Qd2 Qa5 16.Nd5
 Qxd2 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Bxd2 Nxe4
 19.Bxe4 Rxc1 20.Bxc1 notation
 unclear from here 1-0

Notes by Frank Berry

Hungarian Defense C55

Frank Adams 1800

Frank Berry 1839

Red River Shootout (1.7)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3
 h6 5.Be3 d6 6.h3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0
 8.c3 Be6 [8...d5] 9.Nbd2
 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qb3 ±

9...Qd7 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.
 Bc2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 [13...exd4]
 14.Re1

14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.
 f4 Nc4 17.Nxc4 bxc4 18.f5 Nxe4
 19.Qg4+.

14...Rad8 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5
 Nxe5 17.Bd4

17.f4 Nc4 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Qf3
 Qc6 20.Bd4 ±

17...Ng6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qh5 Kg7
 20.Rad1 Qc6 21.Nb3 Nf4

21...dxe4 22.Bxe4 Rxd1 23.
 Qxd1 Qc4 24.Qf3 ±

22.Qh4 [Δ22.Qf3] 22...Ng6 23.Qg3 Rg8 24.Nd4! Qb6 25.Nxe6+ Qxe6 26.Qxc7 Ne5 27.Bb3 Kh8

Δ 27...Nf3+ 28.Kf1 Nxe1 29. Bxd5 Qd7 30.Qf4 Nc2 31.Qd2 Na3 32.bxa3 Qd6 33.Kg1 Qxa3 34.Qd4± 28.Kh2 Rc8 29.exd5 Qf5 30.Qb6



30...Rxc2+??

Δ 30...Nf3+ 31.Kh1 Rxc2 32. Kxc2 Rg8+ 33.Kf1 Qxh3+ 34.Ke2 Re8+.

31.Kxc2+- Rg8+ 32.Kf1 Nf3 33. Qe3 Rg1+ 34.Ke2 Rxe1+ 35.Rxe1 1-0

London System D02

Mike Tuggs 1800

Aurelio Gonzalez 1800

Red River Shootout (1.8)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bf4 Nbd7 5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 Re8 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.Bc2 h6 13. Ne5 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Qf3 Qe7 16.Rad1 a5 17.Rd2 Ra6 18.Bd3 Rd6 19.Nc4 Rd5 20.Ne3 Bxe3 21. Bxe3 Red8 22.Rfd1 b5 23.Bxb5 Bb7 24.Qe2 Qc7 25.Rxd5 exd5 [25...Nxd5] 26.Bd4 Qd6 27.Qe5 Bc6 28.Qxd6 Rxd6 29.Bxc6 Rxc6 30.Bxf6 Rxf6 31.Rxd5 a4 32.f3 Rb6 33.Rd2 f5 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Ke2 g5 36.h3 Ke6 37.Kd1 Ke5 38.Kc2 Kf4 39.Re2 h5 40.c4 g4 41.fgx4 hxg4 42.hxg4 fxg4 43.Kc3 Kg3 44. c5 Rf6 45.Kb4 Kh2 46.Rc2 g3 47.

c6 Rf2 48.Kc3 Rf7 49.Kd3 Rc7 50.b4 1-0

KI Attack A05

Carmen Chairez 1765

Julien Miller 1705

Red River Shootout (1.9)

1.d3 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 d5 6.c3 Bd6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 c5 11.Re1 e5 12.Nc4 Bc7 13.Bg5 Qe7 14.Rad1 h6 15.Bc1 b5 16.Ncd2 c4 17.Nh4 Nc5 18.Bf1 Rad8 19.Nf5 Qe6 20.b4 Ncxe4 21.Nxh6+ gxh6 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24. Rxe4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Rd1 26.Qc2 Qd5 27.Bxh6 Qd3 28.Qxd3 cxd3 29.Kg2 d2 30.Be2 Re1 31.Bxd2 Rxe2 32.Be3 Rxa2 33.h4 Bb6 34. Kf3 Bxe3 35.Kxe3 Rc2 36.f3 Rxc3+ 37.Ke4 and White resigned about move 52. 0-1

Caro-Kann B16

Brian Whitcomb 1683

Tom McCaslin 1690

Red River Shootout (1.10)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.c3 Bf5 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 9.Ne2 Bd6 10.Bh6 f5 11.Qh3 Qf6 12.f4 [12.0-0-0] 12...Nd7 13.0-0 Rg8 14.Ng3 Qh8 [14...Qg6] 15.Bg5 f6 [15...Rg6] 16. Qh5+ [16.Rae1] 16...Rg6 17.Rae1



17...Be7??

17...0-0-0 = (18.Rxe6?? fxg5). 18.Rxe6 +- Nf8 19.Bxf6 1-0

Hungarian Defense C41

David Flinchum 1665

M.I. Roye 1519

Red River Shootout (1.12)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bg4 7.Qd3 0-0 8.h3 Bh5 9.f4 c5 10.Nb3 d5 11.Nxd5 Nxe4 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.g4 Nc6 16.c3 Bg6 17.f5 Ne5 18.Be2 c4 19. Nc5 Nd3 20.Ne4 Bxf5 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Rxf5 Kg7 23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.Bd2 Rac8 25.Re1 Rc6 26.Re3 Ra6 27.a3 Rb6 28.b4 Ra6 29.Rff3 Rad6 30.a4 R8d7 31.Kf1 Kg6 32. Ke1 Re6 33.Kd1 Red6 34.Be1 d2 35.Bg3 Rd5 36.Re2 Rd3 37.Rfe3 Kg5 38.Rxd3 Rxd3 39.Bb8 a4 40. Rxd2 Rxc3 41.Rd7 b5 42.a5 Kg6 43.Rd6 Kg7 44.Ba7 1-0

Notes by Tom Braunlich

Nimzo-Indian E36

Tom Braunlich 2138

Kevin Fleming 2098

Red River Shootout (2.1)

This interesting game features the theme of "overprotection" of your strong point in the Nimzovichean tradition. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Be7? 6.Bg5 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 c6 9.Bd3 g6!? 10.Nge2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.f3 Nf8 13.Rae1 Ne6 14.Bh4 Nh5 15.Bf2 Nhg7 [Better is 15...Bf6 restraining white from playing e3-e4. But black is deliberately playing to create a solid position that is hard to crack, moving very quickly to get me into time trouble.] 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 Nf8 18.Kh1 f5?! This is a long-term weakening, but I guess he felt he needed to do something because otherwise white has a clear plan of attack against f7, starting with Bc4. 19.Bc4+ Be6 20.d5 Bf7 21.Rd1! An interesting position. It's a struggle here to see if white can

keep a strong pawn wedge in the center. 21...Qc8 22.Bb3 [The otherwise desirable move 22.Qb3 would have been answered by 22...b5. Instead I make a quiet move that protects both my bishop and queen against various dangerous pins, and now my pawns are threatening to roll.] 22...cxd5 [22...fxe4 23.d6! wins] 23.exd5± White's d-pawn is now very strong. 23...Bf6 24.Bd4 Nd7 25.Ba4! Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Re5 27.Qd2 a6 28.Nf4 b5 29.Bb3



Look at that overprotection of my strong point! Nimzovich would be proud! And sure enough it leads to a winning position very soon. 29...Nc5 30.Ba2 Ra7 31.b4 Nd7 32.d6 "The passed pawn has a lust to expand." (Nimzovich) 32...Nf6 33.Ncd5 Qd8 [I was expecting 33...Ne4 when I was looking forward to 34.Rxe4! Rxe4 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Nxe4 Bxa2 (36...fxe4 37.Bxf7 Rxf7 38.Nxg6+) 37.Nxg6+ hxg6 38.Nf6 winning] 34.Ne7+ [Winning the exchange but unnecessarily prolonging the game. There was a thematic win with: 34.Nxf6+ Qxf6 35.d7 Qd8 36.Rc1 Ra8 37.Rc8] 34...Rxe7 35.dxe7 Qxe7 36.Nd5 Nxd5 37.Bxd5 Re2 38.Bxf7+ Kxf7 39.Qd1 Qe5 40.Rd7+ Kf6 41.Qd6+ Qxd6 42.Rxd6+ Re6 43.Rfd1 Ne8 44.Rxe6+ Kxe6 45.Rd8 Nd6 46.Ra8 Nc4 47.Rxa6+ Ke5 Since White was in some time pressure

(three minutes left), Black played this hopeless ending out all the way. 48.Kg1 Kd4 49.a4 bxa4 50.Rxa4 Nd6 51.Ra7 Kc4 52.Rxh7 Kxb4 53.Rh6 Kc5 54.Rxg6 Ne4 55.h4 Kd5 56.h5 Ke5 57.h6 Nf6 58.Kf2 f4 59.Kf3 Kf5 60.Rg7 Nh5 61.h7 Nxg7 62.h8Q Ne6 63.Qc8 Ke5 64.Kg4 Kf6 65.Qc3+ Kf7 66.Kf5 Ng7+ 67.Kxf4 Kg6 68.Qc6+ Kf7 69.Qd7+ Kf6 70.g4 Ne6+ 71.Kg3 Ng5 72.Qf5+ 1-0

Caro-Kann B13

Ben Wheeler 2009
Jim Berry 1885

Red River Shootout (2.2)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 0-0 10.c5 b6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.cxb6 Qxb6 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Bd3 Rac8 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.0-0 Rc4 18.Rfe1 Bc6 19.Be3 Qa5 20.Bd4 Bd5 21.Re3 Rfc8 22.Qb2 h6 23.Rg3 Kh8 24.f4 exf3 25.gxf3 Ra4 26.f4 Be4 27.h4 Qd8 28.Qh2 Rxd4 [28...Rxd4 29.cxd4 Qxd4+] 0-1

Sicilian B45

Tom Nichols 1954
Austen Green 2019

Red River Shootout (2.3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Bd2 Qc7 9.Nxd5 cxd5 10.Bc3 Rb8 11.Qd2 Bc5 12.Rc1 Qb6 13.b3 Bb7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qa5+ 17.Qd2 Qxa2 18.Bd3 Ba6 19.0-0 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rfc8 21.Ra1 Qxc2 22.Qxc2 Rxc2 23.Rxa7 g6 24.Rb1 Rxb3 0-1

French Tarrasch C03

Courtney Jamison 1963
Mike Crockett 1922

Red River Shootout (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nc6 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Nf3 f6

11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Kh1 [12.Nf4 0-0 13.Re1] 12...0-0 13.Ng3 Kh8 14.Bb1 Bd7 15.a3 Bd6 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Qd3 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.Rxe5 Bxe5 21.Qc2 [121.Be3] 21...Rc8 22.Qd2 Ng4 [22...Rxc1+ 23.Qxc1 Bxb2] 23.h3 Nxf2+ 24.Kh2



24...Qd6 [124...Nhx3! 25.gxh3 Rxc1 26.Qg2 (26.Qxc1 Qf2+ 27.Kh1 Qf3+ 28.Kg1 Qxg3+ 29.Kf1 Bb5+-) 26...Bxh3+] 25.Qxf2 [25.Qg5 Bxg3+ 26.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 27.Kxg3 Nh1+ 28.Kf3 Rxc1] 25...Rxc1 and White has no defense against 26...Bxg3+ 27.Qxg3 Rh1+ 28.Kxh1 Qxg3. 0-1

QP Opening A47

Judson Temple 1880
Fred Pennington 1890

Red River Shootout (2.5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 Ne4 6.Nbd2 Nxd2 7.Bxd2 f5 8.Re1 Be7 9.e4 0-0 10.exf5 exf5 11.Ne5 Nc6 12.Bc4+ d5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qe2 Bd6 15.Qe6+ Kh8 16.Bd3 Qd7 17.Qxd7 Bxd7 18.Re2 Rf8 19.Rae1 g6 20.Bg5 Rxe2 21.Bf6+ Kg8 22.Rxe2 Re8 23.Be5 Bxe5 Draw offered by Black 24.dxe5 c5 25.Ba6 Kf7 26.f4 Bc6 27.c3 Ke6 28.Kf2 b5 29.Rd2 Rb8 30.b3 Rb6 [30...Bd7] 31.Bc8+ Ke7 32.e6 Rb8 33.Bd7 Bxd7 34.exd7 Kd6! 35.h4 Rd8 36.g3 Rxd7+ 37.Rd1 Re7 38.h5 a5

39.hxg6 hxg6 40.Rh1 a4 [40...b4]
41.Rh8 axb3 42.axb3 Kc7 [42...d4]
43.Rg8 Re6 44.Ra8 d4 45.cxd4
cxd4 46.Ra7+ [46.b4] 46...Kb6
47.Rd7 Kc5 48.Rd8 Rd6?



[48...Re4] 49.Rb8? [△a9.b4+ Kc6
50.Rxd6+ Kxd6 51.Ke2 Ke6
(51...Kd5? 52.Kd3) 52.Kd2 Kd6
53.Kc2= (53.Kd3? Kd5)] 49...d3+
50.Ke1 d2+ 51.Kd1 Kb4 52.Rb7
Rd5 53.Rb6 Kxb3 54.Rxg6 b4
55.g4 fxg4 56.Rxg4 Rd4 57.Rg8
Rxf4 58.Kxd2 Kb2 59.Rb8 Rd4+
60.Ke3 Rh4 61.Kd2 b3 62.Rb7
Rd4+ 63.Ke3 Rc4 64.Kd2 Ka2 65.
Ra7+ Kb1 66.Rb7 Rc2+ 67.Kd1 b2
68.Rb8 Rc4 69.Ke2 Ka2 70.Ra8+
Kb3 71.Rb8+ Rb4 0-1

French Exchange C01

Julie O'Neil 1836
Ray Griffin 1841

Red River Shootout (2.6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3
Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 h6
8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 c6 10.c3 Re8
11.Qc2 Nf8 12.Rfe1 Be6 13.Ne5 g5
14.Bg3 Nh5 15.Nf1 Qf6 16.Ne3
Nxc3 17.hxg3 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5
19.Nf5 Qf6 20.Nd6 Re7 21.Re3
Bg4 22.Rxe7 Qxe7 23.Nf5 Bxf5
24.Bxf5 Re8 25.Qd2 Qe5 26.g4
Nh7 27.f3 Qe3+ 28.Qxe3 Rxe3 29.
Bc8 Re7 30.Kf2 Nf6 31.Re1 Rc7
32.Bf5 Kf8 33.Re3 Re7 34.a4 Rxe3
35.Kxe3 Ke7 36.Kd4 Kd6 37.b4 b6
38.Kd3 c5 39.bxc5+ bxc5 40.Bc8

Nd7 41.a5 Ne5+ 42.Kc2 Nc4 43.
Ba6 Ne3+ 44.Kb2 Nxc2 45.Ka3
Nh4 46.Bb7 c4 47.Kb4 Nxf3 48.
Bc8 Nd2 49.Bf5 Nb3 50.Bc8 Nc5
0-1

Diemer Gambit D00

Frank Berry 1839
Frank Adams 1800

Red River Shootout (2.7)

1.e4 d5 2.d4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3
exf3 5.Qxf3 c6 6.Be3 Bg4 7.Qf2 e6
8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.0-0-0 Bb4
11.Nge2 Nbd7+ 12.Bg2 Nb6
13.Rhf1 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5
15.Be4 0-0 16.Ng3 [16.Bxg6 fxg6
17.Qg1 Qa5 18.Kb1] 16...Qa5! 17.
a3 Bd6 [17...Bxa3 18.bxa3 Qxa3+
19.Kd2 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 f5!] 18.Bd3
b5 [18...Bxa3 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qe1
Bb4 21.c3 Bd6] 19.Ne4 [19.Bd2
Qa4+] 19...Bxe4+ 20.Bxe4 b4 21.
Qh4 g6 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Bh6 bxa3
24.c3 axb2+ 25.Kd2 Rfc8 26.Qf6
Qxc3+ 27.Ke2 Qc2+ 28.Rd2 Qe4+
29.Kf2 Bf8 30.Kg1 Bxh6 31.Qxf7+
Kh8 32.Qf6+ Bg7 0-1

Caro-Kann B12

Aurelio Gonzalez 1800
Mike Tubbs 1800

Red River Shootout (2.8)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.f4 e6
5.Nf3 Nd7 6.c4 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nb6
8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Nc3 Ned5 10.0-0 Be7
11.Bd2 0-0 12.Qe2 Nxc3 13.bxc3
Nd5 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.c4 Nc7 16.
Rac1 Na6 17.Be3 Kh8 18.d5 cxd5
19.cxd5 Rxc1 20.Bxc1 Bc5+ 21.Be3
exd5 22.Rxd5 Qb6 23.Kf2 Bxe3+
24.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 25.Kxe3 Be6 26.
Rd6 Bxb3 27.axb3 h6 28.Nd4 Rc8
29.f5 Kg8 30.h4 Kf8 31.g4 Rc1 32.
f6 Kg8 33.h5 Re1+ 34.Kf4 Rf1+
35.Kg3 Rg1+ 36.Kf3 Rf1+ 37.Ke2
Rf4 38.Nf5 gxf6 39.exf6 Re4+ 40.
Kf3 Re6 41.Nxh6+ Kh7 42.Nxf7
Rxd6 43.Nxd6 Nc5 44.g5 Nxb3 45.
Kf4 a5 46.f7 Kg7 47.h6+ Kf8 48.h7
1-0

Pirc Defense B09

Julien Miller 1725
Carmen Chairez 1765

Red River Shootout (2.9)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be3 a5 7.Bd3 Na6 8.a3
0-0 9.h3 Bd7 10.e5 Ne8 11.0-0 c6
12.Qd2 b5 13.f5 gxf5 14.Bh6 e6
15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qf4 d5 17.Ne2
Rg8 18.Ng3 Kh8 19.Nh4 Qg5 20.
Qxg5 Rxg5 21.Kh2 Nec7 22.Nf3
Rg6 23.Nh5 c5 24.Nf6 Be8 25.c3 c4
26.Bc2 Nb8 27.g4 Bd7 28.gxf5
Rxf6 29.exf6 exf5 30.Nh4 Be6 31.
Bxf5 Ra6 32.Rae1 Nd7 33.Rf4 Rd6
34.Nf3 h6 35.Ne5 Nxe5 36.Rxe5
and White won on move 70. 1-0

Correction to May-June issue

On p. 10, Langer-Plunkett (Lone Star Open) shows 26... Ne5. The move actually played was 26...Ne3, after which the game makes more sense. Here is the correct score:

Sicilian Dragon B79

Michael Langer 2354
Robert Plunkett 2179

Lone Star Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.
Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5
11.Kb1 Rfc8 12.Bb3 Ne5 13.Bg5
Rab8 14.h4 b5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.h5
Bg7 17.Qg5 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Qxc3 19.
Qd2 Qc5 20.c3 a5 21.f4 Ng4 22.
hxg6 hxg6 23.f5 a4 24.Bd5 gxf5 25.
Nxf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 Ne3 27.f6 Bxf6
28.Rh5 e6 29.Bf3 b4 30.c4 Nxc4 31.
Rxc5 Nxd2+ 32.Rxd2 dxc5 33.Rd7
c4 34.Bh5 Rf8 35.Rc7 c3 36.Rb7
Rc8 37.Kc2 Rd8 38.Bxf7+ Kf8 39.
Bxe6 Rd2+ 40.Kc1 Bg5 41.Rf7+
Ke8 42.Rf5 Rxc2+ 43.Rxc5 Rxc5
44.Bc4 Ke7 0-1

Solution (back cover): 1.Bd6 (1...
Kxd6 2.Qd7#; 1...cxd3 Rxd3#; 1...
f5 2.Nc5#; 1...c3 2.Nb4#).



IM-pressive!

Two from Austin make IM norms at US Championship

Michael Langer and Joe Bradford, both from Austin, earned IM norms at the U.S. Championship held May 15-23 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. U.S. Senior champion Bradford already has three norms, so this is his "insurance norm."

This is Langer's first norm. Langer was invited to the U.S. Championship because he always drove up the seven hours from Austin for organizer Frank Berry's tournaments in Oklahoma. In that sense, Michael Langer is considered a local player! Michael earned his norm with a last round draw against Dmitry Gurevich.

Sicilian Rauzer B64

Michael Langer 2315

Dmitry Gurevich 2518

US Championship 2007 (9)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.f4 h6 10.Bh4 e5 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 exf4 13.Qxf4 d5 14.Kb1 d4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Ne4 Rc8 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Bd3 Rfd8 19.Be4 Nb4 20.g4 Nd5 21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Rd3 Re8 23.Rhd1 Re2 24.a3 Qc6 25.R1d2 Re1+ 26.Rd1 ½-½
[Final score: 4.5]

Bradford won his last round game against Irina Krush. In Gibraltar, Bradford was on board one against Adams. He got a chance to see Irina's recent excellent form up close as she crushed Akopian: "We're rated similarly, so I'm used to playing next to her, not against her."

QGD Slav D30

Irina Krush 2464

Joe Bradford 2424

US Championship 2007 (9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nbd2 e5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.a3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 b6 10.b4 Be7 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Qe2 a5 13.b5 Nc5 14.Bc2 Nfe4 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rfd1 Qe8 17.a4 f5 18.Nf1 Bf6 19.Nd4 Qd7 20.Ng3 Rae8 21.Nh5 Bh4 22.g3 Bg5 23.Bb1??

23.Qf3 (Fritz) defangs the knight sac and prepares Nf4. Also good is 23.Nf4 Bxf4 24.gxf4 with equality.



23...Nxf2! 24.Bxf5

Either capture at f2 is answered with 24...Bxe3(+) and mayhem.

24...Rxf5 25.Nxf5 Qxf5 26.Bd4 Bxe3! 27.Nxg7

27.Bxe3 Nh3+ and 28...d4+, etc.
27...Qe4 28.Qxe3 Nh3+ 0-1
29.Kf1 Qh1+ →. [Final score: 5]

Bradford retired recently from the Texas Department of Transportation. "I used to play chess when I was young, poor and hungry, but it's even more fun now."

Alexander Shabalov won the event with 7-2, followed by Alexander Onischuk with 6.5. The 2003 Texas champ Yury Shulman tied with Kaidanov and Becerra for third.

— Compiled from reports by Jennifer Shahade at ushess.org

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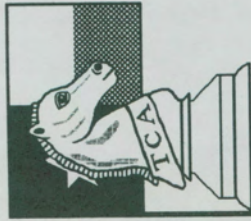
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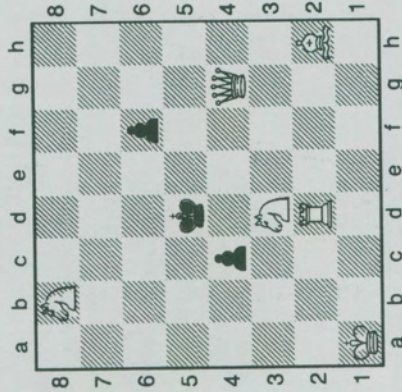


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Ali Kosovac
StrageGems, 2001



White to move, mate in two

Solution: p. 25

