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UTD coach IM Rade Milovanovic: equal first at U.S. Open!

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Minutes of the TCA Membership Meeting held Aug. 31 in Fort Worth

submitted by TCA Secretary Robert Sturgeon

Clemente Rendon, Acting President started the meeting promptly at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 31, 2008.

Members in Attendance: Selby Anderson, Carmen Chairez, Tom Crane, Rob Jones, Ross Leone, Clemente Rendon, Alexy Root, Luis Salinas, Barb Swafford, Rodney Thomas, Lakshmana Viswanath.

The minutes of the last meeting, posted on the web site, were accepted as posted, and passed 11-0.

Barb Swafford presented the Treasurer's Report. The checking accounts, saving accounts, and Certificate of Deposited current balances were given. The Financial Report was accepted and passed 11-0.

The President's Report was given by Clemente Rendon, who spoke to the TCA finances, directions for the new year, and concerns and projects for the next term.

Business. Luis Salinas motions on proposed Bylaws changes were referred to the Bylaws Subcommittee.

Rob Jones reported the Election results. Elected for the new term were **Clemente Rendon**, President; **Lakshmana Viswanath**, Vice-President, **Robert Sturgeon**, Secretary, and **Barbara Swafford**, Treasurer. Vote counts were as follows: Clemente Rendon 21, Carmen Chairez 13, B.G. Dennison 1; Lakshmana Viswanath 21, Thomas Crane 12, Stephen Panatmat 1; Robert Sturgeon 31, Mario Leal 1; Barb Swafford 33, Wayne Sampson 1.

The following Tournament bids were passed 11-0 and awarded to Luis Salinas:

- Texas Grade – 2009
- Texas Amateur – 2009
- Southwest Open – 2009
- Texas Scholastic 2010

The bid for the 2012 Texas Scholastic was accepted and awarded to the T.C.A., to be run by Luis Salinas. **Passed 11-0.** [See page 5 for a complete bid summary.]

Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association awards the Dallas Chess Club \$1,000 to run a Texas Masters. **Passed 11-0.**

Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association recognizes and thanks the following Texas Players that represented the United States in the 2008 Pan American Youth Championship: Jordan Pamatmat, Jarod Pamatmat, Stanley Yang, Evan Xiang, Sylvia Yang, Ellen Xiang, and Courtney Jamison. **Passed 9-2.**

Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association Board of Directors is authorized to award the following players who earned a medal in the 2008 Pan American Youth and a personal right to the 2009 Pan American Youth \$600, to help pay for the expenses. The \$600 is

contingent on the players attending the 2009 Pan American Youth, analyzing two games, and writing an article for the Texas Chess Association. Evan Xiang (Bronze in the Girls under 10), Sylvia Yang (Silver in the Girls under 12), and Courtney Jamison (Bronze in the Girls under 18). **Referred** to the Board of Directors.

Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association recognizes and congratulates the following Texas Players who qualified for the 2009 World Youth Championships:

Girls under 18: Courtney Jamison

Girls under 12: Sarah Chiang, Sylvia Yang, Ellen Xiang, Caroline Zhu.

Girls under 10: Evan Xiang.

Girls under 8: Hannah Liu, Sarai Guillen.

Boys under 18: Warren Harper

Boys under 12: Darwin Yang, Jarod Pamatmat.

Boys under 8: Jonatyan Chiang, Raymond Sun, Outeng He.

Passed 11-0.

12. Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association will award an amount determined by the Board of Directors to players who attend the 2009 World Youth Championships, analyze two games and write an article for *Texas Knights*. The following Texas players are going to the World Youth and are entitled to this award: Raymond Sun, Hannah Liu, Caroline Zhu, Jarod Pamatmat, Darwin yang, Jonathan Chiang, Sarah Chiang, Outeng He, and Sarai Guillen. **Referred** to Board of Directors.

13. Motion to Adjourn. **Passed 10-0.**

TK Editor honored by USCF

This editor received a USCF Career Achievement Award and was feted in absentia at the USCF Awards Luncheon during the U.S. Open in Dallas. Tim Redman delivered an abbreviated version of my acceptance speech, but suggested that I publish it in its entirety. Here it is:

Let me begin by explaining why I am not here.

I have been teaching at summer chess camps for USA Chess for several years now. Their travel person booked my return flight from Port Elizabeth, Maine to San Antonio this weekend about six weeks in advance. By the time I received the USCF letter from [Executive Director] Bill Hall about this award, a change of flight plan would have cost several hundred dollars.

So now through the borrowed voice of one more eloquent than myself, I will endeavor to thank my friends and well-wishers in USCF, and provide some lunchtime entertainment.

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TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Aug. 31, 2008

Sept. 1, 2007 checking account balance \$1,088.23

Income

2007 SW Open memberships – Sept.	\$437.00
2007 Texas Girls tournament – Oct.	84.00
2007 Texas Grade fee and memberships – Nov.	635.00
2008 Region 3 Scholastic tournament	97.00
2008 Region 7 Scholastic tournament	50.00
2008 Region 8 Scholastic tournament	1,321.00
2008 Texas Team tournament – Jan.	122.50
2008 Texas Scholastic fee, memberships – Mar.	1,584.00
2008 Texas Masters memberships – Apr.	7.50
2008 Texas State & Amateur memberships - May	575.00
Donation from Fred Roper - Heartland Scholastic	34.33
Chess in Education Workshop reg. - Mar.	485.00
September memberships	217.50
October memberships	55.00
November memberships	117.00
December memberships	70.00
January memberships	510.00
February memberships	75.00
March memberships	73.50
April memberships	165.00
May memberships	92.50
June memberships	35.00
July memberships	102.50
August memberships	<u>131.00</u>
Total	\$7,076.33

Expenses

2007 SW Open Prize Fund	\$ 1,200.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> – Sept.-Oct. 2007	1,000.76
<i>Texas Knights</i> – Nov.-Dec. 2007	933.93
<i>Texas Knights</i> – Jan.-Feb. 2008	919.76
<i>Texas Knights</i> – Mar.-Apr. 2008	1,020.38
<i>Texas Knights</i> - May-June 2008	871.25
<i>Texas Knights</i> – July-Aug. 2008	984.50
Dachey Lin - 2007 World Youth attendee	600.00
Warren Harper - 2007 World Youth attendee	600.00
Warren Harper - 2007 Denker attendee	1,000.00
Warren Harper Denker fund from Dale Coleman	500.00
Ellen Xiang - 2007 World Youth attendee	600.00
Evan Xiang - 2007 World Youth attendee	300.00
Chess in Education Workshop - March	505.00
Texas Masters Tournament Fund	1,000.00
Texas Masters reimbursement - WY attendees	965.00
Texas State & Amateur reimb. - WY attendees	644.00
USCF Delegates Meeting refreshments	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,144.58

Aug. 31, 2008

WF checking account balance	\$ 541.56
BOA checking account balance	\$ 897.87
savings account balance	\$ 15,487.44
cd @ 5% July 2007 - November 2008	\$26,041.81

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Swafford

TK Editor honored (cont'd from p. 3)

I learned the game from my oldest sister when I was eight and she was sixteen. She thrashed me methodically every time, and I quickly decided that this game was not for me. When my rival "class brains" played chess during recess on a rainy day, I did not even go near. Not until ninth grade study hall, in a relaxed atmosphere with friendly banter from kibitzers, did I warm up to the game. I quickly read what I could find in the encyclopedia, and then bought my first chess book: *Common Sense in Chess*. Lasker's title appealed to me, because my fourth grade teacher had once told me (in front of my entire class!) that I had book sense, but no common sense.

Lasker states that the essence of chess is neither art nor science but "what human nature mostly delights in – a fight." His view of human nature seems to take its cue from the philosopher Thomas Hobbes, whose idea of man's natural condition is what we might call "dog-eat-dog." Personally, I have always been more drawn to Rousseau's vision of the "noble savage."

Nevertheless, when Lasker elsewhere states that "lies and hypocrisy do no survive for long on the chessboard," he captures the essence of the game's appeal to me. A fight which rewards the quest for truth, unfettered by the sham and pretense which often prevail in the so-called real world, is truly a philosopher's sport. It is for that reason that I have been proud to devote much of my life to its service.

When I heard an outgoing editor of *Chess Horizons* at an awards luncheon years ago tout the work of a chess editor as "rewarding," I thought to myself, "Who does he think he's fooling?" I was reminded of nothing so much as the old cartoon gag where someone holds a bucket of water against the ceiling with a broomstick, and looks for a sucker to whom he can say, "You mind holding this for a second? ... *Thanks!*" The editor is always on the lookout for the next sucker.

Ten years ago when I was independently wealthy, I could say that suckerdome was something I could afford. Even now, as one who believes in karma, I can still take consolation in rewards unseen. Of course, I am aware that this amounts to some people's definition of suckerdome.

In the here and now, I occasionally receive a fattening dollop of ego food in return for my service, the kind of thing that keeps one soldiering on.

Once my niece from Dallas told of meeting a fellow Texan at a classical language rally in Oak Park, Ill. Learning that the other girl played chess, my niece mentioned her uncle Selby. The response took her by surprise: "Your uncle is *the* Selby Anderson? THE Selby Anderson?!"

I got another dollop at a state scholastic tournament in Dallas a few years ago, when I had resigned my editorship to make more time for family matters. I ran into NM Larry Englebretson from Houston, who I had first met at

a Baton Rouge tournament when I was in high school. He greeted me like I was his long-lost brother, and thanked me profusely for the annotations he had enjoyed over the years.

Then there's the recent winner of the Texas Amateur, who wrote me that *Texas Knights* is the only magazine he reads cover to cover.

As the Simpsons' family doctor, Nick Riviera, would say (improbably, in a Russian accent): "Stop! You are embarrassing me!"

So here's another scoop. Thanks to all my well-wishers and fans, who keep me thinking that what I do is worthwhile.

Appendix: TCA Tournament Bids

2008 Tournaments

No bids were received for the following events: Texas Open, Texas Armed Forces Championship, Texas Senior Championship, Texas Action Championship, Texas Junior Open, and Texas Quick Championship.

Coming events this year (see www.texaschess.org for details)

Oct. 25. Texas Girls' Championship. Kingsville.

Nov. 22-23. Texas Grade/Collegiate Championships. Houston.

2009 Tournaments

Southwest Open	June 1, 2007	Labor Day weekend	Southwest Chess
Texas State/Amateur	June 1, 2007	Memorial Day weekend	Dallas Chess Club
Texas Scholastic/SW Collegiate	June 1, 2007	March 29-29	San Benito ISD
Texas Grade/Collegiate Championships	June 1, 2007	Fall	Dallas Chess Club
Texas Open	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Team	June 1, 2008	January-February	Bid open
Texas Armed Forces Championship	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Senior	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Action	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Junior Open	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Junior Team	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Quick	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Women's Championship	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Girls' Championships	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open
Texas Junior Invitational	June 1, 2008	No set date	Bid open

2010 Tournaments:

Southwest Open	June 1, 2008	Labor Day weekend	Bid open
Texas State/Amateur	June 1, 2008	Memorial Day weekend	Bid open
Texas Scholastic/SW Collegiate	June 1, 2008	March 29-29	Bid open
Texas Grade/Collegiate Championships	June 1, 2008	Feb-March	Southwest Chess

US Open: Milovanovic, Sevillano and Shabalov Score

by Jennifer Shahade and Elizabeth Vicary

Chess Life Online

GM Alex Shabalov, Photo Ola Osanyinjobi GM Alexander Shabalov and IMs Rade Milovanovic and Enrico Sevillano tied for first in the U.S. Open (Dallas, August 2-10) with 8/9 each. Remarkably, all three players won their final games with Black.

IM Joseph Bradford erred against famed University of Texas at Dallas coach IM Rade Milovanovic by allowing the deadly Ne4 discovery after 14.Bf4? Bradford, who had a fantastic event up to that point calls the move his sole blunder of the event. University of Texas at Dallas chess program director James Stallings said, "the team has been sending in compliments all day long and copying everyone on our team roster. I think my favorite was from Davorin Kuljasevic who said that the 'Coach (Milovanovic) proved he was the strongest semi-retired player in the country!'"

Queen's Gambit D27

Joe Bradford 2467

Rade Milovanovic 2422

US Open 2008 (9)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.O-O a6 7.Bb3 Nc6 8.Qe2 cxd4 9.Rd1 Be7 10.exd4 O-O 11.Nc3 Nd5 12.Qe4 Nf6 13.Qh4 Qa5 14.Bf4? Ne4 15.Qh3 e5 16.g4 Nxc3 17.bxc3 exf4 18.d5 Nb8 19.d6 Bf6 20.Rd5 Qxc3 21.Rad1 Be6 22.Rh5 Bxb3 23. Rxh7 g6 24.axb3 Nd7 25.g5 Bg7 26.Re1 Rad8 27. Re4 b5 28.Kg2 Nc5 29.Rxf4 Rxd6 30.Rfh4 Ne6 31.Qg4 Rd5 32.Rh3 Rf5 33.Qh4 Nf4+ 34.Kg3 Nxh3 0-1

IM Michael Mulyar had great compensation for the exchange against GM Alexander Shabalov, but didn't find the most accurate continuation,

and slipped majorly with 37.f5, which allowed Alex to transpose into a solid pawn-up game.

Dutch Stonewall

Michael Mulyar 2454

Alexander Shabalov 2656

US Open 2008 (9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Qc2 f5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.O-O O-O 8.Bf4 Bxf4 9.gxf4 Qe7 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.e3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13. Nd2 Nf6 14.f3 exf3 15.Nxf3 Bd7 16.Ne5 Be8 17.Qb3 Bh5 18.h3 Kh8 19.Qa3 Qe8 20.Rf2 Bg6 21.Kh2 Bf5 22.Rg1 Nd7 23.Nf3 dxc4 24. Nd2 Bd3 25.Be4 e5 26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.dxe5 Nxe5 28.Rfg2 Ng6 29. Qxd3 Qe7 30.Nf3 Rae8 31.Rxg6 hxg6 32.Ne5 Kg8 33.Rxg6 Rf6 34. Rg5 Qe6 35.Ng4 Rff8 36.Qd4 Re7 37.f5 Rxf5 38.Nh6+ Qxh6 39.Rxf5 Rxe3 40.Qc4+ Kh7 41.Qg4 Qd6+ 42.Kg2 Qd2+ 43.Rf2 Qd5+ 44.Kh2 Qd6+ 45.Kg2 Re6 46.Qf5+ Rg6+ 47.Kh1 Qg3 0-1

Queen's Gambit D27

Chaitanya Vaidya 2224

Enrico Sevillano 2546

US Open 2008 (9)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.f3 f5 5.e3 Bd6 6.Nh3 a6 7.g3 Nf6 8.Bg2 O-O 9.O-O Nc6 10.a3 e5 11.b4 exd4 12.exd4 a5 13.Nb5 axb4 14. Nxd6 cxd6 15.Bf4 d5 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.axb4 Qf6 18.Rxa8 Bxa8 19.Re1 Qxd4+ 20.Qxd4 Nxd4 21. Bd6 Rc8 22.f4 Nf6 23.Bxa8 Rxa8 24.Rd1 Ne2+ 25.Kf1 Nc3 26.Rc1 Nce4 27. Be5 Ng4 28.Ra1 Rc8 29.Ra2 Rc1+ 30.Kg2 Rd1 31.Bc7 Ne3+ 32.Kf3 Nd5 33.Bd8 Rf1+ 34.Nf2 Nxb4 35. Re2 Nd5 36.Kg2 Rxf2+ 37.Rxf2 Nxf2 38.Kxf2 Kf7 39.Ke2 Ke8 40. Bh4 d6 41.Kd3 Kd7 42.Kd4 Kc6 43.Bd8 Nc7 0-1

Scenes from the U.S. Open

by Mark Dejmek

Like a couple of hundred other Texas players, I took part in the 109th Annual U. S. Open, which took place in Dallas over August 2-10. And like many of them, I imagine, I had one of my most enjoyable tournaments in recent memory. The playing site was nice and the tournament organization was excellent. And for me, the characteristic one-round-a-day schedule was a pleasant change from the typical, more hectic, weekend Swiss.

But what really makes a tournament memorable are the games, and I had some wild ones. Some examples follow.

Round 2

Ruy Lopez C77

Mark Dejmek 2161

E. Addis 1870

US Open 2008 (2)



I had played a nice "Spanish torture" type game from a Ruy Lopez, and now I got the chance to cap it off with a cute tactic.

29...f5

Black makes his only bid for freedom.

30.exf5! Bxf5 31.Nxf5

31.Qf6 Bd3 32.Qxe5 c4 33.Bd1 allows Black a little play.

31...Qxf5



32.Qg6+!

Even my opponent smiled at this. After the forced exchange of queens White wins the f-pawn, and the ending is child's play. 1-0

Round 4

This round was a little less straightforward. I bungled an overwhelming position by playing a bit recklessly in my opponent's time pressure, which became extraordinary (twelve seconds remaining at move 22!)

Caro-Kann B12

Mark Dejmek 2161

Jim Dean 2234

US Open 2008 (4)



30...Qg3

Black goes for the win instead of taking the perpetual check – a courageous decision considering his position on the clock. At this point, he was down to exactly one second (plus the five-second delay) to reach move 40. Not surprisingly, an accident happens.

31.Rb1 Rf2 32.Rg1 Rxcg??

Played instantly. Black spots a "combination."

33.Rxcg2 Qxcg2+

Also played immediately and with authority.

34.Kxc2



And the knight which was to deliver the family fork finds itself pinned.

1-0

Round 6

This had to be my most enjoyable round. As the lowest rated player with 4.5 out of 5, I was "paired down" to the highest 4, which happened to be none other than GM Alexander Shabalov. In the game, I ultimately went down but I got in a few punches along the way. And afterward, I had a forty-five minute post-mortem with the GM – all in all, not a bad day.

Sicilian Paulsen B48

Mark Dejmek 2161

Alex Shabalov 2656

US Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Bb4 9.f3 Ne7

Not the most popular, but a good move. 9...Ne5 is the main line.

10.Nde2 d5

10...b5 is the other common move.

11.e5?!

This is correct in certain similar positions, but here with the d4 knight on e2, White's pieces start to get tangled. Correct is 11.Bg5, or first 11.a3 and then Bg5.

11...Nd7 12.f4 b5

Now the threat of ...Ba5 and ...b4 is annoying.

13.Qe1 Ba5 14.Qf2 Bb7 15.Bd4 Rc8

Better is 15...Nf5

16.Ng3 Nc6?!

This looks strong (one idea being 17.Bd3? Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Bb6+) but it allows White a tactical resource. After the game Shabalov suggested 16...b4 17.Na4 Nc6 18.Be3



17.Bxb5!

White seizes the opportunity to change the course of the game. Shabalov maintains a pretty solemn poker face at the board, but from the fact that he spent over twenty minutes here, it was clear that he'd overlooked, or at the very least underestimated, this idea.

17...axb5!?

A surprise. I expected 17...Bxc3 18.Bxc6 Bxb2+ 19.Bxb2 Bxc6 but Shabalov said he thought White was better there. He thought the main choice was between the text move

and playing on with the two bishops for a pawn with 17...Nxd4 18.Bxd7+ Qxd7 19.Qxd4 0-0.

18.Nxb5 Qb8 19.Nd6+ Ke7

Black wanted to stay off the f-file in the event of f4-f5.

20.Nh5

Black is fine after 20.Bc5 Nxc5 21.Qxc5 Bb4 22.Nxc8+ Kd8 23.Qb5 Kxc8= 20.f5!? Nxc5 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Nge4!∞ was another reasonable try.

20...Nxd4 21.Rxd4 Bb6 22.Qh4+ Kf8

The critical moment.



23.Rb4

It appears that White can force a draw with 23.Nxg7! White seems to be winning after 23...Kxg7 24.Rd3! Both of us missed this simple move in the post-mortem. For example, 24...Kf8 25.Qh5 Ke7 26.Qxf7+ Kd8 27.Qxe6+- So Black has to settle for 23...Bxd4 24.Nxe6+ fxe6 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Qg5+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke7= with a draw by perpetual check.

23...Qc7 24.c3

24.Nxc8 Bxc8 25.Rb3∞ might be a slight improvement on the game continuation.

24...Rg8 25.Nxc8

There is nothing better.

25...Bxc8+ 26.Kb1 Bc5 27.f5!?

Starting a second wave of tactical activity. Shabalov called this a "fantastic concept."

27...Nxe5

27...exf5 28.Nf4+; 27...Bxb4 28.cxb4 Nxe5 29.Rc1 Nc4 30.b3 e5!? 31.f6!∞

28.fxe6 g5!?

Shabalov said he just didn't want to contemplate the consequences of 28...Bxe6 29.Rb7!?

29.Qg3 Bxe6 30.Ra4 Ke7

Better is 30...Qb8.

31.Rf1

Shabalov thought White's last chance to improve was 31.Re1 Bd6 32.Qf2 but 32...Rb8+ looks pretty solid for Black.

31...Rg6 32.h4 h6 33.hxg5?!

Shabalov said he "finally had a chance to breathe" now.

33...Rxg5 34.Qh2?! Qb6

The time scramble has arrived and Black is the one with threats.

35.Nf6? Qb5+-

Whoops! A "short" move that totally escaped my attention. It's all over now.

36.Raf4 Nd3 37.b3 Nxf4 38.Qxf4 Qd3+ 39.Ka1 Qxc3 0-1

Round 8

French Defense C12

Mark Dejmek 2161

A. Del Mundo 2403

US Open 2008 (8)



Black has just played 22...Qb6-b3, and things look pretty juicy for White. But after a long think, I settled for 23.e6 fxe6 24.Qxe6+ Kh7 25.Qf5+ with perpetual check. ½-½

I rejected 23.Rf3 Rf8 24.e6 because of 24...fxe6!

My opponent told me after the game that he hadn't seen this resource, but I'm certain he would have found it. The point is that after 25.Qxf8+ Kh7 I couldn't find a good move for White. The queen is *en prise* and Black threatens ...Qc2.

There were about a half-dozen of us looking at this position in the post-mortem for maybe twenty minutes and nobody could find a line leading to a clear advantage for White. Okay, there was some beer involved in the post-mortem, but that's no excuse. The win was there:

26.Qf7 Qc2 27.Rxb2 Qxb2

(Diagram)



* I saw all this, but missed the following idea: 28.Rf6!+-.

I was so fixated on the g6, f7, and g7 squares that the idea of mating Black on h6 did not enter my consciousness. Black has no defense and no perpetual. 28...Qb1+ 29.Ke2 Qe4+ 30.Be3 Qc2+ 31.Kf3 Qe4+ 32.Kg3, and it's game over.

This was my first U.S. Open, but surely it will not be my last. I'm already marking my calendar for next year!

U.S. Class Championships

The US Class Championships were held July 18-20 in Houston, with 206 players attending. An additional 83 competed in the scholastic events.

Korey Kormick directed for Cajun Chess.

Master (18 players): *1st*: IM Daniel Fernandez, 4.5. *2nd*: Warren Harper, 4.0. *3rd + 1st-2nd U2400*: Nicholas Schoonmaker, Deepyman Datta, Mark Dejmeck, 3.5.

Expert (8 players): *1st-3rd*: Jeffrey De Jesus, Ernesto Malazarte, Anton Solovyov, 4.0.

Class A (36 players): *1st-3rd*: Mitchell Powell, Frank Brack, Mariano De Medina, Steven Chen, 4.0.

Class B (37 players): *1st*: Dylan Scott James, 5.0. *2nd+3rd*: Alok Kumar, Moshe Maor, Naveen Balakrishnan, Alex Liu, 4.0.

Class C (40 players): *1st*: Stephen Rush, 4.5. *2nd+3rd*: Alfonso Velasquez, Matthew Martin, Mel Hainey, 4.0.

Class D (30 players): *1st*: Kyle Hecker, 4.5. *2nd+3rd*: Bobby Casey, Frank Rilling, Rohit Bhatta, Grant Zheng, 4.0.

Class E (31 players): *1st*: Robert Settles, 4.5. *2nd+3rd*: Carleton Furbush, Forrest Marler, Ethan Rodriguez, 4.0.

Unrated (6 players): *1st*: Gheoghiu Socaciu, 5.0.

Scholastic K-2 (26 players): *1st*: Ruifend Li, 5.0. *2nd-5th*: Ethan Rodriguez, Alexander Quach, Dex Webster, Lucien Maloney, 4.0.

Scholastic K-5 (36 players): *1st*: Andy Beams, 5.0. *2nd-5th*: Isaiah Morales, Simarpreet Chadha, Arpam Dutta, Stone Sikichn, 4.0.

Scholastic K-12 (21 players): *1st*: Jeffrey Wu, 5.0. *2nd-5th*: Pranay Mittal, Abigail Glatman, Mark Humphries, Wenyang Fu, 3.5.

Bogo-Indian E11

Daniel Fernandez 2434

Warren Harper 2346

US Class Championships (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Qc2 0-0 7.Bg2 b6 8.Ne5 Bb7 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Be3 Na6 12.a3 Rc8 13.b3

13.Nb5 Bb8 14.b3 a4 15.bxa4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Rxc4 13...Qe7 14.Qb2 Rfd8 15.h3 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 dxc4 18. Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.bxc4 Rxc4 21.Rfd1 Rxd1+

Only equal is 21...Rd7 22.Rxd7 Qxd7 23.Rd1 (23.Qxb6 Rxc3 24. Qxa6=) 23...Qc6=.

22.Rxd1 Qc6 23.Nb5



23...e5?

This loses quickly once the knight hops into f5. Black has good winning chances after 23...Kg7 24. Nd6 Rc5 25.e4 Nc7 26.Qe2 Nb5 27.Nxb5 Qxb5 28.Qg4+ Rg5 24.Nd6 Rc5

24...Qd7 25.Qb1 Rc7 26.Nb5+- or 25...Rd4 26.Rxd4 exd4 27.Qxb6 Nc7 28.Qb8+ Kg7 29.Qxc7+-;

24...Rc2 25.Qb3! (25.Nf5 h5) 25...Qc7 26.Qa4 with mating attacks to follow from Qe8+ or Qg4+, e.g. 26...h5 27.Qe8+ Kh7 (27... Kg7 28. Nf5+ Kg6 29.e4+-) 28. Nx f7+-.

25.Nf5+- Qa8 26.Qxb6 1-0

Notes by IM Daniel Fernandez

Alekhine's Defense B02

Michael Langer 2322

Daniel Fernandez 2436

US Class Championships (3)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5

This is the start of a very uncompromising line against the Alekhine. White gives up the long-term health of his pawn structure for quick and fluid development as well as a space advantage. This explanation will be made clear within several moves.

4...Nd5 5.Nc3 e6

Another possibility is 5...c6

6.Nxd5 exd5 7.d4 b6 8.Be3 bxc5 9.dxc5 c6 10.f4

Up until this move, everything is theoretical. Now it is understandable why this line is unclear. White has easy development (Nf3, Bd3) while Black struggles to find places for his pieces (c8 bishop, knight). White, though, has the c5 weakness and a potential weakness on e5 after Black plays ...f6 and trades on e5. Here White had two moves, both geared towards stopping Black aggression on the queenside: 10.Qc2 Ba6 11. Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Qc3 The idea behind this move is to stop ...Qa5+ and prepare the a3, b4 advances to help support the weak c5 pawn 12...Rb8 13.a3 Qh4 14.Nf3 Qc4 15.Qxc4 dxc4 16.Nd2 c3 17.bxc3 Bxc5 18. Bxc5 Nxc5 19.Nc4 Ke7 20.0-0 Rb3 21. Where Black's control of the b-file supercedes White's control of the d6 square, giving him a slight advantage; 10.Qa4 a5 11.Nf3 Ba6 12.Rc1 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Na6 14.g3 Rb8 15. Qc2 Rb5 and Black is pressuring the weak White c5 pawn.

10...Ba6 11.Ne2 f6

This move is important to isolate White's e5 pawn or to force him to

give up some of his space advantage after 12.exf6.

12.g3

A line that I had analyzed thoroughly was 12.Ng3, which left me with a few doubts because 12...Qa5+ 13.Qd2 (13.Bd2 Qxc5 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Qh5+ Kd8 and White doesn't have enough compensation for the sacrificed pawn. Black has lost the right to castle but White is also not able to. Black will soon walk the king to the queenside and finish his development with a clear advantage) 13...Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 fxe5 15.fxe5 Bxf1 16.Rhxf1 g6 and Black has a slightly preferable endgame because of the poor position of White's knight and the e5 and c5 weaknesses.

12...fxe5 13.fxe5 Be7 14.Nf4 0-0!

Calling White's bluff

15.Bd3

The very tempting 15.Nxd5 doesn't quite work after: 15...cxd5 16.Qxd5+ Kh8 17.Qxa8 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qxc5 19.Bxa6 (19.Qg2 is worse, for example: 19...Qxe5+ 20.Be2 Bc5 and Black has devastating threats of Rf2+, Bf2+, and ...Re8 all of which cannot be stopped simultaneously) 19...Qxe5+ 20.Be2 Qxb2! (Inaccurate is 20...Nc6? 21.Bc3! Qe4 22.Qxf8+ Bxf8 23.Rf1?) 21.Rd1 Nc6 22.Qxf8+ Bxf8. Generally speaking, Q+P is preferable to two rooks. Combined with the fact that White is behind in development, his pieces (particularly the bishops) are poorly coordinated, and the a2 pawn is on the cusp of being captured, gives Black at least a slight advantage.

15...Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qa5+ 17.Qd2 Qb5

17...Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Na6 19.Nd3 Rab8 20.Rhf1 seems to be a roughly balanced endgame, perhaps tilting slightly in Black's favor because of the weak White pawns that are fixed on dark squares e5 and c5. Yet I felt that my position could have yielded better results, therefore

I opted to keep the queens on the board.

18.a4 Qc4 19.Rc1?

This seems to be a critical mistake. I was expecting 19.Qd4 but Black still maintains the upper hand after 19...Na6 20.Qxc4 dxc4 21.Rc1 Rab8 22.Bd4 Rb4+ and next Black will win either the a4 or c5 pawn. White is paying the price for his weak pawn structure.

19...Qxa4 20.0-0



Again, 20.Nxd5 is impossible after 20...cxd5 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.Qxa8 Nc6 23.Qb7 Qe4 24.Kd2 Rb8 and White is lost since White will have to move his queen next move and the b2 pawn will fall with a devastating attack for Black.

20...Na6 21.Bd4

An attempt for activity with 21.e6 yields nothing: 21...dxe6 22.Nxe6 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Qe4+ and White is down a pawn with nothing to show for it except the lingering weakness of the c5 pawn and a slightly weakened king position.

21...Nc7 22.Ra1 Qb5 23.Qe3?

This allows me to trade my e7 bishop for the f4 knight and get into a good knight versus bad bishop position with an extra pawn. Better was the prophylactic 23.h4 stopping Black from playing ...Bg5. [Fritz prefers the numbers after the text (7, -1.28) compared to 23.h4 Bxc5 (7, -2.13). - SKA]

23...Bg5 24.h4 Bh6 25.Qc3 Bxf4 26.gxf4 Rf5 27.Ra5 Qe2 28.Qf3 Qc4

29.Qc3 Qe2 30.Qf3 Qxf3 31.Rxf3 a6 32.Kg2 Rb8 33.Ra4 Kf7

Another possibility was 33...Ne6 34.Kg3 Nxd4 35.Rxd4 Rxb2 36.Ra4 Kf7 37.Rxa6 Rc2 38.Ra5 Ke6 and although this is probably winning for Black I did not want to trade my good knight for his bad bishop unless I saw something more concrete, although the plan of ...d4, ...Kd5 should probably be enough to win.

34.Kg3 Ke6?

This move is a waste of time, occupying the square that belongs to the knight. Better is 34...Ne6 35.b3 Ke7 when it just seems to be a matter of time.

35.Bc3 Ke7 36.Ba5 Ne6 37.Bb6?

After this move White's position is beyond repair. The f4 pawn falls and Black will penetrate White's position forcefully.

37...Rb8 38.Kg4 d4 39.Rxa6 h5+ 40.Kg3 Nxf4 41.Rf2 d3 42.Rd2??

The definitive losing move but the alternative wasn't so hot either: Better is 42.Kh2 but after 42...Nd5 43.Rg2 Rf2 44.Ba5 Rxg2+ 45.Kxg2 Ne3+ 46.Kg1 Rf1+ 47.Kh2 Nc4 Black still wins.

42...Ne2+ 43.Kg2 Rf2+ 0-1

- Sicilian Four Knights B45

Mark Dejmek 2161

Chris Land 2201

US Class Championships (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 c5 [8...f5] 9.Be2 Bb7 10.O-O Nb4 11.Bf3 Rc8 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.a3 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nc6 15.f4 Be7 16.Bxc6 Qxc6 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qg4 h5 19.Qg5 Kf8 20.Rad1 Rh6 21.Rd6 Qe4 22.Rxd7 Kg8 23.Rfd1 Rg6 24.Rd8 Rxd8 25.Rxd8 Kh7 26.Qxh5 Rh6 27.Qf3 Qxf3 28.gxf3 Rh4 29.Rd7 Rxf4 30.Kf2 Kg6 31.Rxa7 Rd4 32.Ke3 Rh4 33.Rc7 c4 34.a4 Kf5 35.a5 Kxe5 36.a6 Rh8 37.Rxc4 Kd5 38.Ra4 Kc5 39.a7 Ra8 40.c4 f6 41.Kd3 g5 42.b4

Kb6 43.Kc3 e5 44.b5 f5 45.Ra6
Kb7 46.c5 Rxa7 47.Rxa7 Kxa7
48.h3 Kb7 49.Kd3 Kc7 50.Kc4
Kd7 51. Kd3 Ke7 52.b6 Kd7 53.b7
Kc7 54.c6 Kb8 55.Ke3 Kc7 56.Kf2
Kb8 57.Kg3 Kc7 58.h4 gxh4 59.
Kxh4 e4 60.fxe4 fxe4 61.Kg3 1-0

Caro-Kann Panov B14

Warren Harper 2351

Mitch Vergara 2064

US Class Championships (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4
Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.c5! Ne4

7...Be7 is better regarded. After
8.Bb5 0-0 9.0-0 Ne4 10.Qc2, the
knight ditches at g5, trading without
strengthening White in the center
and on the b-file with ...Nxc3 as in
the game.

8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Be7 10.Bb5 Bd7
11.Rb1 Qc8 12.O-O O-O 13.Bf4
Re8 14.Bd3 h6 15.Qd2 Bf8 16.h4
h5 17.Rfe1 g6 18.Rb2 Be7 19.Reb1
Nd8 20.Be5 Bf8 21.Qg5 1-0



Resignation may be premature,
but it doesn't take much imagination
to see that White will break through:
21...Bg7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Ne5 Rg8
24.Qe7! Ba4 25.Bxg6 Re8 26.Qg5
fxg6 27.Rxb7+ with a mating attack.

Owen Defense B00

Mark Muecke 2075

Steven Greanias 2200

US Class Championships (3)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 b6 3.d4 Bb7 4.Bd3 Nf6
5.Nd2 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Ne2 e6
8.O-O Be7 9.a3 O-O 10.f4 a5 11.e5

Nd5 12.Ne4 f5 13.N4c3 Nxc3 14.
bxc3 Kh8 15.Be3 d5 16.a4?

White cannot hold back the b-
pawn indefinitely. Better is 16.exd5
(was White afraid of opening the
long diagonal?) 16...Bxd6 17.Qb3
or 17.c4 with a positional pull.

16...Rb8 17.Rb1 Na7 18.Qb3 Bc6
19.Qa2?

White goes passive and gets
routed. He can still fight for equality
with 19.c4! Bb4 20.Rfc1 Qd7 21.
Ra1 Rfe8 22.Rd1, at least slowing
Black down.

19...Qd7 20.Ra1 b5 21.axb5 Bxb5
22.Bxb5 Rxb5 23.Rfb1 Rfb8 24.
Rxb5 Rxb5 25.Kf2 Nc8 26.Bc1
Nb6 27.Ba3 Nc4 28.Bxe7 Qxe7 29.
g3 h6 30. Rb1 Qb7 31.Rxb5 Qxb5
32.Nc1 a4 33.h3 Qa5 34.Qc2 Qb5
35.Qa2 g5 36.Kf3 a3 37.Nb3 Qxb3
0-1

English Opening A10

Daniel Fernandez 2436

Deeptyman Datta 2196

US Class Championships (4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 b6
5.Bg2 Bb7 6.O-O Bg7 7.Re1 Nc6
8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qc8 10.e4 Nxd4
11.Qxd4 O-O 12.e5 Bxg2 13.Kxg2
Qb7 14.f3 Ne8 15.Bg5 d6 16.Qh4
dxe5? [16...f6] 17.Bxe7 g5 18.Qe4
Qxe7 19.Qxa8 Nd6 20.Qd5 Rc8
21.b3 e4 22.Nxe4! Bxa1 23.Nxd6
Qxe1 24.Qxf7 Kh8 25.Nxc8 Qd2
26.Kh3 g4 27.Kxg4 1-0

Sicilian Grand Prix B23

Warren Harper 2351

Mark Dejmek 2161

US Class Championships (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4
a6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.Ne2 b5
8.Bb3 d3 9.cxd3 Bb7 10.O-O Rc8
11.a4 b4 12.a5 Bd6 13.Ng3 h5 14.f4
Bc5 15.Kh1 Nf6 16.Qe1 h4 17.Ne2
h3 18.Qg3 Nxe4 19.dxe4 Bxe4
20.Rf2 Bxf2 21.Qxf2 Bxg2 22.Kg1
Rh6 23.d3 Ba8 24.Ng3 Qc7 25.Be3
Rg6 26.f5 exf5 27.d4 Qb7 28.d5
Qb5 29.Qxf5 Kf8 30.Qxh3 Qd3

31.Re1 Kg8 32.Qxd7 Rf8 33.Ba2
Rxb3 34.hxg3 b3 35.Bb1 Qxd5
36.Qxd5 Bxd5 37.Bb6 1-0

English Opening A31

Steven Greanias 2200

Michael Langer 2322

US Class Championships (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
e5 5.Nb5 d5 6.cxd5 Bc5 7.N5c3
O-O 8.h3 Bf5 9.e3 Bg6 10.a3 a5
11.Bc4 Nbd7 12.Qe2 e4 13.b3 Nb6
14.O-O Qd7 15.Bb2 Rad8 16.Nd2
Qe7 17.Na4 Nxa4 18.bxa4 Nxd5
19.Nb3 Ba7 20.Rfd1 Nb6 21.Bb5
Bb8 22.Rxd8 Qxd8 23.Rd1 Qc7
24.g3 Qc8 25.Qd2 Qxh3 26.Qd4 f6
27.Qxb6 Bxg3 28.Bc4 Kh8 29.fxg3
Qxg3 30.Kf1 Qf3 31.Ke1 Bh5
32.Rd8 Qh1 33.Bf1 Rg8 34.Rxg8
Kxg8 35.Qe6 Kf8 36.Qd6 Kf7
37.Qg3 Bd1 38.Nd4 Bxa4 39.Nf5
g5 40.Qd6 1-0

French Defense C11

Chris Land 2201

Jarod Pamatmat 2001

US Class Championships (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5
Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6
8.Qd2 b5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bxc5
Nxc5 11.Qf2 Qb6 12.Bd3 b4 13.
Ne2 a5 14.O-O Ba6 15.Rfd1 a4 16.
Ned4 Na5 17.f5 Nc4 18.Rab1 Ra7
19.a3 Rb7 20.axb4 Qxb4 21.c3
Nxd3 22.Rxd3 Qe7 23.Rdd1 O-O
24.f6 gxf6 25.Nc6 Qc7 26.exf6 Qf4
27.Nb4 Bb5 28.Nd4 Qxf2 29.Kxf2
Nd6 30.Nxb5 Ne4 31.Ke2 Rxb5
32.Rf1 a3 33.Rf3 Rc8 34.Kd3 axb2
35.Na2 Ra8 36.Nb4 Nxc3 37.Rxb2
Na4 38.Rb1 Rab8 39.Rg3 Kf8
40.Rg4 Nc5 41.Ke3 Ne4 0-1

Caro-Kann Defense B10

Shawn Noland 2104

Mitch Vergara 2064

US Class Championships (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Ngf3
Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nf6 7.Be2

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74th Southwest Open owned by UTD's best

The 74th Southwest Open ended in a four-way tie among UTD students, GM Alejandro Ramirz and IMs Jacek Stopa, Wang Puchen and Salvijus Bercys who each scored 5.5 in the seven-round event. Bercys was a repeat winner, with equal first at last year's SWO in Brownsville.

Outgoing TCA secretary Drew Sarkisian defeated FM Tautvydas Vedrickas in the last round to finish 5-2, winning the top U2200 prize.

Others with 5-2 included NM Alfred Carlin (1st U2400), who lost to GM Ramirez but took care of business against experts. Also with 5 but out of the money were UTD stalwarts Marko Zivanic and "Kul-J" Davorin Kuljasevic, both IMs, who drew each other in the last round.

An especially tough pairing schedule was faced by NM Darwin Yang (4.5, =2nd U2400), who went up against titled titans four times(!) He defeated Stopa, lost to Kuljasevic and drew Annakov, and was in contention for first when GM Ramirez stopped him in Round 7.

GM Babakuli Annakov had a disappointing tournament, withdrawing with three draws and a Round 6 loss to expert Christopher Toolin.

Reserve winner Eric Lu had a six-game winning streak and was able to coast home with a last-round draw, nevertheless finishing a full point ahead of the field with 6.5/7.

The Dallas Chess Club found a great venue in the DFW Marriott Airport South, with excellent location and playing conditions. Susan Breeding directed a combined field of 156 players over Labor Day weekend (Aug. 29-Sept. 1), with help from Franc Guadalupe. Organizers Luis Salinas and Barb Swafford ran the computer pairings.

Lakshmana Viswanath ran the scholastic events, with 68 players.

OPEN: 1st-3rd: Alejandro Ramirz, Jacek Stopa, Puchen Wang, Salvijus Bercys, 5.5. **U2400:** Alfred Carlin, 5. **1st U2200:** Drew Sarkisian, 5. **2nd U2200:** Darwin Yang, Chris Toolin, Austen Green, Anton Solovoyov, Josh Newsham, 4.5.

RESERVE: 1st: Eric Lu, 6.5. **2nd-3rd:** Julia Kerr, Fred Pennington, Gene Pershwitz, Jeff Sneden, 5.5. **1st Class B:** Eileen Dai, 5.5. **2nd-3rd B:** Zachary Haskin, Carmen Chairez, Steven Villarreal, 5. **1st-3rd C:** Karthik Prabhakaran, Serena Zadoo, William Coleman, 4.5. **1st U1400:** Edward Yu, 4. **2nd-3rd U1400:** Matthew Trujillo, Quintin Noland, Quayle Johnson, 3.5.

K-12 Championship: 1st-2nd: Tyler Sarna, Bradford Corbett, 4.5. **3rd-6th:** Thomas Yee, Andrew Istafanous, Allison Hurd, Barrett Winchell, 4

K-12 U1750: 1st: Jack Bentle, 5. **2nd-5th:** Kayce Ingram, Jack Tunstall, Sudarshana Jagadeeshi, Rensh Parappurathu, 4.

ROUND 1 (4-day)

Albin Countergambit D09

Marko Zivanic 2544

Gerald Georges 2016

Southwest Open 2008 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 Be6 6.Nbd2 Qd7 7.Bg2 d3

This is not in ECO (7...Nge7 and 7...Bh3 are standard), perhaps because part of Black's compensation is the restraining effect of the d4 pawn on White's play.

8.0-0 0-0-0 9.exd3 Qxd3 10.Qa4 Nge7?

On 10...Bb4, 11.Ng5! aborts the attempt to clip the c4 pawn: 11...Bxd2 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Bxc6 Ne7 14.Bxb7+ Kxb7 15.Rd1+-.

11.Ng5± Qd7 12.Nde4 Nb8??

12...Ng6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Rad1 Qe8 16.Rxd8+ Bxd8 17.Bxd8 Qxd8 18.Nc5+-



13.Nc5!

1-0

Blumenfeld Countergambit E10

Jarod Panatmat 1999

Davorin Kuljasevic 2528

Southwest Open 2008 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 b5 5.dxe6 [5.Bg5!] 5...fxe6 6.cxb5 d5 7.b3 Bd6 8. Bb2 0-0 9.e3 Qe7 10. Nc3 Bb7 11. Qc2 e5 12.Nd2?

12.e4! d4 13.Bc4+ Kh8 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 e4 17. Nd2 e3 18.Nf3 looks defensible.

12...Ng4 13.Nd1 e4 14.Be2 Qh4



15.g3

On 15.Bxg4 Qxg4 16.0-0, the Alekhine's block 16...Rf3! (to stop f4) allows a leisurely buildup followed by inevitable breakthrough.

15...Qg5? [15...Qh3] 16.h4?

This is not helpful, because the weakening of g3 creates the new possibility of a knight sac at f2

Moreover, White has a real shot: 16.Nxe4! dxe4 17.Qc4+ Kh8 18.Qe6 with a fork, or a deflection after 18...Bd5 19.h4 Qh5 20.Bxg4.

16...Qf5 17.Qc3 Rf7 18.Rf1 Nd7 19.f4

19.Qc2 Nxf2! 20.Nxf2 Bxg3 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Bc4 Bd5+ with a pernicious pin at f2.

19...Ndf6 20.f2 Nxf2 21.Kxf2 d4 22.Qa5

22.exd4 cxd4 23.Qxd4 Bc5+ 22...dxe3+ 23.Kxe3 Bc7 24.Qa4 Nd5+ 25.Kf2 e3+ 26.Ke1 exd2+ 27.Kxd2 Nb4 0-1

Nimzo-Indian E32

Babakuli Annakov 2510

Derek Chang 1884

Southwest Open 2008 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6?! 5.e4 Bb7 6.Bd3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 h6 8.Ne2 d6 9.f4 Nfd7 10.0-0 c5 11.e5 Qe7 12.f5 dxe5 13.fxe6 Qxe6 14.d5 Qe7 15.Ng3 Na6 16.Nh5 f6

16...g6 17.Bxg6! fxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kd8 19.Rf7+; 16...0-0!=. 17. Bg6+ Kd8 18.Ng3 Nf8 19.Be4 Qd7 20.a4 Nc7 21.a5 Ne8 22.Qb3 Rb8 23.axb6 Ba8 24.Be3 axb6 25.Bxc5 Qc7 26.Be3 Nd7 27.d6 Qc8 28. Bxa8 Rxa8 29.Bxb6+ Nxb6 30. Qxb6+ Kd7 31.c5 Rb8 32.Ra7+ Ke6



33.d7+

1-0

Center Counter B01

Caroline Zhu 1878

Jacek Stopa 2507

Southwest Open 2008 (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.h3 c6 6.a4

A tad committal, and I doubt that ...b5 is an idea when ...c6 is played. Nevertheless, White gets good play.

6...Bf5 7.Bc4 e6 8.d3 Nbd7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qd2 Bd6 11.Bb3 a5 12.Nh4 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Ne4 Nd5 15. Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.c3 Rh5 17.g4 Rh8 18.d4 Ke7 19.Bc4 N7f6 20.Bg5 Kd7 21.Bxf6

Better is 21.Qe2±, keeping the bishops and restraining ...b5.

21...gxf6 22.Bxd5 Qxd5 23.0-0-0 b5 24.Qc2 Rhb8 25.Rhe1 Qa2 26.b3?

White must play 26.axb5 Rxb5 27.Qb1, but clearly Black is better.

26...Qa3+ 27.Kd2 bxa4 28.Ra1 Qxb3 29.Rxa4 Qd5 30.Re3 Ke8 31.Qa2 Rb3 32.Ra3 Rab8 33.Rxb3 Rxb3 34.Re1 Qb5 35.Qa1 a4 36. Ke3 Qc4 37.Rc1 a3 38.Rc2 e5 39.dxe5 fxe5 40.Kd2 e4 41.Rc1 Rb2+ [42.Ke3 g5!] 0-1

ROUND 1 (3-day)

In contrast to Zivanic's quick crush on board one the previous night, Ramirez has to sweat out a win by sheer persistence, much in the style of UTD alum GM Panchanathan.

Alekhine's Defense B04

Artur Safin 2033

Alejandro Ramirez 2600

Southwest Open 2008 (1)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 c6 6.Nd2 Nd7 7.Ndf3 Nxe5 8.Nxe5 g6 9.Qf3 Be6 10.Bc4 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Qc7 13.c3 Rad8 14.Nd3

Black's last had prepared ...c5. White has a slight bind, but he still needs to exercise care.

14...Qc8

Black could have tried 14...Ncc3!?? except for 15.Bf4! Qa5 16. Bxe6 fxe6 17.bxc3±. However, if White makes a misstep with 15.h3? then 15...Nxc3! is playable.

15.Bb3 Rfe8 16. h3 Bf5 17.Bg5

To be considered was 17.Nf4 with notions of g2-g4.



17...h6!??

A bluff? Lackluster is 17...Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Qd7 19.Qf3 Nf6 20.Re2±.

18.Bh4?

It appears White can win a pawn by 18.Bxd5! because if 18...hxg5 19.Bb3 e6 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nc4 and a later g4 will trouble Black. But 18... Rxd5 19.Bxe7 Bxd3 20. Qxd3 Qd7 21.Ba3± is a sound pawn ahead, no? **18...g5 19.Bg3 Bh7 20.Nb4 e6 21. Nd3 b6 22.Ne5 Rf8 23.Rad1 f6 24.Nc4 Kh8 25.a3 b5 26.Nd6 Qd7 27.Ne4 Qe7 28.Nd2**

Here Fritz like 28.Nc5 e5 29.a4 Bg8 30.Bc2.

28...Qf7 29.Nf1 Bg6 30.Qe2 Rfe8 31.Bc2 Bh5 32.Qd3 f5 33.Rd2 Nf6 34.f3 Bg6 35.Rde2 Bh7 36.Be5 f4 37.Qd1 Nd5 38.Bxg7+ Kxg7 39. Bxh7 Kxh7 40.Re5

40.Qc2+ Kg7 41.Re5 40...Qg6 41.Qe2 Rd6 42.a4 bxa4 43.Qa6 Re7 44.Qxa4 Kg7 45.Qa3 Rdd7 46.c4 Nb6 47.Qc3

47.Nd2 Re8 48.R1e4 Qf7 49 .b3±

47...Kf7 48.Nd2

48.Ra1 Rd8 49.b4 Rd7 50.Rc5±

48...Na4= 49.Qb3

49.Qb4 Qd3 (49...Rxd4? 50.Nb3)
50.R1e4 Qc2 51.Nf1 Nb6 (51...Rb7
52.Qd6 Qxc4 53.d5±) 52.Rc5 Rc7=.

49...Rxd4? 50.Ne4 Nb6 51.c5?
51.Qc3 Rd8 52.Nc5 Kg8
53.Nxe6 (53.h4) 53...Rde8 54.Nxf4
Rxe5 55.Nxg6 Rxe1+ 56.Kh2=.

51...Nc4 52.Qc3 Red7 53.Nd6+
R4xd6 54.Qxc4 Rd5 55.R5e4
55.Rxe6 Qxe6 56.Rxe6 Kxe6
57.b4 Kf6 58.Kh2 Re5 59.h4±

55...a5 56.Qc3 Qg7 57.Qxa5 Qxb2
58.R4e2?
58.Qb6 Qxb6 59.cxb6 R5d6
(59...Rb5 60.Rxe6 Rd1 61.Re7+ Kf6
62.R7e6+ Kf5 63.R6e5+ Rxe5 64.
Rxd1 Rb5 65.Rd6 Rxb6 66.Rxb6=)

60.Ra4 c5 61.Rb1 Rd1+.

58...Rd2+ 59.Qa6 Rxe2 60.Rxe2?
60.Qxe2 Qxe2 61.Rxe2 Rd1+

62.Kf2 Rcl+.

60...Rd1+ 61.Kf2

61.Kh2 Qb1 with mate in six.



61...Qd4+ 0-1

Modern Benoni A60
Salvijus Bercyz 2479
Helene Romakin 2018

Southwest Open 2008 (1)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 a6 7.a4 g6 8.Nd2
Bg7 9.Nc4 0-0 10.Bf4 Ne8 11.Qd2
f5 12.a5 Qc7 13.Nb6 Ra7 14.Rc1
Nd7 15.Nca4 Nef6 16.f3 Re8 17.b4
Nh5 18.Be3 Bf8 19.Bf2 f4 20.g4

Black has not lost anything, but
it's +- by Fritz. 20...Ne5 21.Rc3
Nxf3+ 22.Rxf3 Bxg4 23.Rb3+-



New Zealand's IM Wang Puchen

20...fxg3 21.hxg3 Ne5 22.Bg2 Bd7
23.bxc5 Bxa4 24.Nxa4 dxc5 25.
Nxc5 Raa8 26.Ne6 Qd6
26...Qf7 27.f4 Ng4 28.Nc7 Ba3
29.Rc2 Qe7 30.d6 Bxd6 31.Bd5+
Kf8 32.Ne6+ Kg8 33.Rb2+- .
27.Bc5 1-0

Sicilian Closed B26
Mitchell Powell 1979
Wang Puchen 2440

Southwest Open 2008 (1)
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2
Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 Rb8
8.f4 Bd7 9.Nge2 0-0 10.0-0 b5
11.Qd2 b4 12.Nd1 Qb6 13.f5 Ne5
14.g4 Bc6 15.Kh1 Rfd8 16.Bh6
Bh8 17.Ng3 d5 18.Qf4 dxe4 19.
dxe4 Rd4 20.g5 Ne8 21.fxg6 hxg6
22.Ne3 Nd6 23.Ne2 Rxe4 24.Bxe4
Nxe4 25.Kh2 Nd2 26.Rf2



26...Nef3+ 27.Kh1 Be5 0-1

Modern Benoni A66
Tautvydas Vedrickas 2347
Adarsh Jayakumar 1975

Southwest Open 2008 (1)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5
Nfd7 9.Ne4 dxe5 10.Nd6+ Ke7 11.
Nxc8+ Qxc8 12.Nf3 Re8 13.Bc4
Kf8 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Bb5 Rd8 16.
fxe5 Rxd5 17.Qe1 Kg8 18.Qh4
Bxe5 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.Bg5 Nc6



21.Rxf7 Kxf7 22.Qxh7+ Ke6 23.
Qxg6+ Kd7 24.Rd1+ Nd5 25.Qf7+
Kd6 26.Bf4 Qe6 27.Qxb7 Rc8



28.Bc4
28.Bxe5+! Nxe5 29.Bd7 Nxd7□
30.Qxc8 Qg4 31.Qa6+ N7b6 32.
Qd3±.
28...Rb8 29.Qg7
29.Qa6 Rb6 30.Qa3 Nce7 31.
Qxa7 Rxb2=.

30.Rxd5+ Qxd5 31.Qf6+ Kd7 32.
Bxd5 Rxd5 33.h4 Ne7 34.Bg5 Re8
35.Qa6 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E38

Vincent Zhang 1952

Alfred Carlin 2200

Southwest Open 2008 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2
c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bxc5 7.a3 b6
8.e3 Bb7 9.Be2 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11
.0-0 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 0-0 13.Rd1 Qe7
14.b4 Bd6 15.Bb2 f6 16.Qb3 a6
17.Rd2 b5 18.Rad1 Rfd8 19.Nd4
Nxd4 20.Rxd4 Bd5 21.Qd3 Be5
22.Rh4 f5 23.Bxe5 Qxh4 24.Qc3
Rac8 25.Qb2 Qg5 26.g3 Be4 27.
Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Bf1 Rc2 29.Qb3
Kf7 30.g4 Qd2 31.Bg3



31...Rc3

0-1

ROUND 2

Modern Benoni A70

Alejandro Ramirez 2600

Mark Dejmek 21261

Southwest Open 2008 (2)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nf3 a6 8.h3 b5
9.Bd3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bf4 Ra7
12.Re1 Re7 13.a3 Bb7 14.Rc1 Qb6
15.b4 Nbd7 16.Be3 Rfe8?

16...Qd8 (a) 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.
Bh6 Qc7 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qf4
Nh5=; (b) 17.Bb1 Rfe8 18.Bxc5
dxc5 19.d6 Rxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4
21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Bxc5 Bb2 23.Nd2
Bxc1 24.Qxc1 Nxc5 25.Qxc5 Bc6=

17.a4 Qd8 18.bxc5 Nxc5 19.Bxc5
dxc5 20.axb5 a5 21.Na4 Nd7 22.
Nxc5 Nxc5 23.Rxc5 Qb6 24.Rc1
Ra8 25.Qa4 Qd6 26.Rc4 f5 27.exf5
Rxe1+ 28. Nxe1 Bxd5 29.Rc1 gxf5
30.Bxf5 1-0

Budapest Defense A52

Davorin Kuljasevic 2520

Ernesto Malazarte 2159

Southwest Open 2008 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4
Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 Qe7 7.e3
Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Be2 0-0 10.
0-0 Bxd2 11.Qxd2 d6 12.Bg3 Bd7?
12...b6 is obligatory. Malazarte
said he rolled into DFW about 2 a.m.
13.c5! Bc6 14.cxd6 cxd6 15. Qd4 f6
16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.b4! a6

17...b5? 18.Bxb5 Bxb5 19.Qd5+
18.a4 Be8 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5
Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Qc7 22.h3 Qc5 23.
Ra7! Rd7 24.Ra8 Re7 25.Rd8
Qxd4 26.exd4 Nf7 27.Bc4 Kf8



28.Rc8?!

More incisive is 28.Rb8 Re1+
29.Kh2 Rd1 30.Rxb7 Rxd4 31.
Rxf7+! Bxf7 32.b6+-.
28...Re1+ 29.Kh2 Rd1 30.Bd5
Rxd4 31.Bxb7 Ke7 32.Rc7+ Kd8
33.b6 Rb4 34.Bd5 Rxb6 35.Ra7
Ne5 36.Rxg7 Rb5

White's task is harder after 36...
h5 37.Bh4 Nd7 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4
Rb2 40.Be6 Kc7 41.Kg3 Kc6 42.
Re7 Rb8 43.Bxd7+ Bxd7 44.
Bxf6+-.
37.Be6 Nd7 [37...h5] 38.Bxd6 Rb6
39.Be7+ Kc7 40.Bxd7 Bxd7 41.

Rxh7 f5 42.Bg5 Rb2 43.Kg3 Kc6
44.h4 Be6 45.h5 Kd5 46.h6 Rb3+
47.f3 Rb1 48.Ra7 Rh1 49.h7 f4+
50.Kxf4 1-0

French Winawer C15

Jacek Stopa 2507

Shawn Noland 2109

Southwest Open 2008 (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3!?
When an IM plays this it's news.
5...dxe4 5.Bxe4 Nf6 6.Bf3 c5 7.
Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6

A moment of truth for this line.
An important test is 8...cxd4 Qxd4
9.Qxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxc3 11.bxc3 e5
12.Nb5 Nc6, and we would see if
White's faith in the bishop pair is
justified.

9.a3 cxd4 10.axb4 dxc3 11.bxc3
Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Ne5 13.Nd4 Nxf3+
14.Nxf3 b6 15.c4 Bb7 16.Ne5 Be4

This little demonstration only
strengthens White's hand; better is
16...Rfc8 17.Kf8.

17.c3 Bc2 18.Rd2 Bg6 19.f3 Rfc8
20.Rda2 a5

20...Rc7 21.Be3 Rb7 22.Kf2
Kf8 23.Ra6 Nd7 24.Nxd7+ Rxd7-
25.Bxb6 Bd3 26.Bxa7+-
21.Be3 Rab8 22.bxa5 bxa5 23.
Rxa5 Ne8 24.c5 f6 25.Nd7 Rb3 26.
R5a3 Rb2 27.c4 e5 28.Ra8 Rc7
29.Nb6 Kf7 30.Nd5 Rc6 31.R1a7+
Kf8 32.Ne7 Re6 33.c6 1-0

QGD Exchange D36

Anton Solovycov 2128

Salvijus Bercys 2479

Southwest Open 2008 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3
Nbd7 8.Nge2 Re8 9.0-0 c6 10.Qc2
Nf8 11.a3 a5 12.Rad1

12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.b4 Bg4 14.h3
Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Qe7 16.Rab1± Cher-
epkov-Speelman, Leningrad 1984.

12...g6 13.f3 Ne6 14.Bh4 Nh5 15.
Bf2 f5 16.g3

A weakening move that gets
White into trouble. Better is 16.Rde1
Bf6 17.e4! Δ 17...dxe4 18.fxe4

Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Rd1!
regaining the pawn with advantage.
Or 17...Nef4 18.Nxf4 Nxf4 19.exd5
Rxe1 20.Rxe1 cxd5 21.Bb5±
16...Ng5 17.Be1 Nf6 18.Bd2 Bf8
19.Kg2 Nge4 20.Bc1

20.fxe4 fxe4 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.
Bb5 Bg4! ♣
Nd6 21.Ng1 g5 22.Rde1 Bg7 23.
Nh3 h6 24.Ng1?

White badly needed to shore up
control of e4 with 24.Nf2.

24...g4 25.f4 Nde4 26.Nge2 b6 27.
Bd2 Ba6 28.Nc1 Bb7 29.Nd1 c5
30.Bb5 Nxd2 31.Qxd2 Ne4 32.Qd3
Re7 33.Nc3 Rc8 34.N1e2 Kh8 35.
Qd1 Nd6 36.Qd2 Nc4 37.Bxc4
dxc4+ 38.Kf2 h5 39.Nb5??

This lone ranger expedition ac-
counts for White's rapid collapse.
39.d5 b5 40.Nxb5 Bxd5 41.Rd1 Rd7
42.Nbc3 Bc6 42.Qc2 Rd3 is ugly,
but it's not over yet.



39...Qd5 40.Rc1 Rce8 41.Rc3 a4
42.Ke1 Bc6 0-1

Nimzo-Indian E47

Wang Puchen 2440
Karina Vazirova 2108

Southwest Open 2008 (2)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Bb4+ 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3
0-0 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nge2 Bb7 7.0-0 d5
8.a3 Bd6 9.Ng3 c5 10.cxd5 Nxd5
11.Qc2 cxd4 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.
Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.e4 Bb7
16.f4 Nd7 17.e5 Rac8 18.Qe2 Bc7
19.Be4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Nc5



21.Rf3 Kg8 22.Nf6+! 1-0

Pirc Defense B07

Cristian Carvajal 2150
Babakuli Annakov 2510

Southwest Open 2008 (2)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nge2
e5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.f3 Be7 7.d5 cxd5
8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5
Be6 11.Qb5+ Bd7 12.Qd3 0-0 13.
0-0-0 Rc8 14.Nc3 Be6 15.Nd5
Bg5+ 16.Kb1 Bxd5 ½-½

ROUND 3

QGD Slav D11

Salvijus Bercys 2479
Alejandro Ramirez 2600

Southwest Open 2008 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bg4
5.Nc3 e6 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nbd7
8.Bd2 Bb4 9.Bd3 0-0 10.a3 Ba5 11.
cxd5 cxd5 12.b4 Bc7 13.0-0 Re8
14.e4 e5 15.Bg5



15...dxe4 16.Nxe4 exd4 17.Nxf6+
Nxf6 18.Qxb7 Qd6 19.g3 Qd5
20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.Rfe1 Nc3 22.Kf1
Bd6 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Re1 Rxe1+
25.Kxe1 h6 26.Bc1 Kf8 27. Kd2
Ke7 28.Be2 Be5 29.Kd3 f5 30.Kc4
Ke6 31.Bd3 Ne4 32.Bxe4 fxe4
33.b5 d3 34.a4 Kd6 35.a5 Bf6
36.h4 h5 37.Bf4+ Kd7 38.a6 Be5
39.Be3 Kc7



40.Bd2 Kb6 41.Be3+ Ka5 ½-½

QGD Slav D31

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2347
Davorin Kuljasevic 2528

Southwest Open 2008 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 dxc4
5.a4 Bb4 6.e4 Nf6 7.Qc2 b5 8.Be2
Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Bxf6
gxf6 12.b3 cxb3 13.Qxb3 Bxc3
14.Qxc3 Nd7 15.Rab1 0-0 16.e5
Qd8 17.Qe3 Kh8 18.d5 exd5
19.Bd3 Rg8 20.Rb4 Rg7 21.Re1
fxe5 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Qxe5 f6
24.Qh5 d4 25.Be4 Qd6 26.Rb3 Qe5
27.Qf3 Re8 0-1

King's Indian E91

Darwin Yang 2236
Jacek Stopa 2507

Southwest Open 2008 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7
8.Rc1 a6 9.0-0 c5 10.Qd2 Nc6
11.d5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd4 13.Bd1
Qa5 14.b3 b5 15.Ne2 Qxd2 16.
Bxd2 bxc4 17.Rxc4 Rfb8 18.Be3
Ne5 19.Bxd4 Nxc4 20.Bxg7 Nd2
21.Bc3 Nxf1 22.Kxf1 Kf8 23.Ke1

Rc8 24.Kd2 e5 25.Kd3 Ke7 26.Kc4 Rf8 27.f4 f6 28.g4 Kd7 29.f5 g5 30.Bd2 Rh8 31.Ng3 Ke7 32.Kd3 Rbh8 33.Nf1 Rb7 34.Bc3 Rab8 35.Nd2 h6 36.a4 Kd7 37.Ba5 Ke7 38.Kc3 Kd7 39.Kc2 Ke7 40.Bc3 Ra8 41.Nc4 Kd7 42.Na5 Rbb8 43.Be1 Rh8 44.Nc6 Rac8 45.h4 gxh4 46.Bxh4 Rcf8 47.a5 Rf7 48.Bf2 Kc7 49.Be3 Rhh7 50.b4 cxb4 51.Bb6+ Kb7 52.Nxb4 Rh8 53.Kd3 Rg8 [and ...] 0-1

The MonRoi devices were not transmitting for this round, so the editor was at the mercy of players' handwriting on actual scoresheets.

Torre Attack D03

Larry Moss 2200

Jeffrey De Jesus 2195

Southwest Open 2008 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 c6 4.Nbd2 Nbd7 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 g5?!

De Jesus' adventurous opening play should have gotten him in trouble here.

7.Bg3 Nh5 8.Be5 Nhf6 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.c3 Qb6 11.b4 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Nd7 13.f4 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Be6 15.Nb3 Qc7 16. Nc5 Qc8 17.0-0(?)

Too forgiving. White has a more forcing line in 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.0-0 (Δ Bf5) 18...Qd7 19.Qh5 0-0 20.Rf5 (Δ Rfg5) 20...f6 21.Qg6 Qe8 22.Rxf6! Qxg6 23.Rxg6± or 22...Rxf6 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.exf6 exf6 25.e4± with e5 to follow.



17...Bg4 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 b6 20.Qh5 0-0 21.Nd3 Qe6 22.h4 f6

23.hxg5 fxc5 24. Rxf8+ Rxf8 25. Rf1 Rxf1+ ½-½

KI Attack A07

Shawn Noland 2109

Michael Simpson 1928

Southwest Open 2008 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.0-0 e6 5.d3 c6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7

There is a point in delaying this move e.g. 6...h6 7.Qe1 Bh7 8.e4 Be7 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.h4 c5 12.Re1 Nc6=; see English-Vergara, Summer Open Rd. 3 this issue.

7.Qe1 Be7 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bg6 9...Bg4 10.Nc4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qc7 12.Qc3 e5 14.b4 0-0= Benko-Stein, Amsterdam Interzonal 1964.

10.Nh4 Ng4

Fritz likes 10...Qc7 Δ 0-0-0.

11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.h3 Nge5 13.Qe2 Overlooking the fact that after 13.f4! Bc5+ 14.Rf2 the knight at e5 is trapped: 14...Qb6 15.fxe5 Nxe5 16.Nb3 Bxf2+ 17.Qxf2±. 13...g5 14.Nc4 Nxc4 15.Qxc4 Ne5 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Be3 b6 18.Rad1 Rd8 19.a3 Bf6!?

Looking for a provocation, when 19...b5 Δ ...Nc4 is more solid.

20.Rxd8+ Qxd8!?

20...Bxd8 is playable, but ditto the above comment. Black seeks to give up the c6 pawn in order to get play at h4.

21.f4 gxf4 22.gxf4 Ng6 23.e5 Be7 24.Bxc6+ Kf8 25.Bg2

Fritz likes 25.Kh2 Qc7 26.Be4 Nh4 27.Bc1! g5 28.Bd3 Rg8 29.Rg1. 25...Nh4 26.Bf2 Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Qd5+ 28.Kh2 g6 29. c4 Qc6 30.b4 Kg7 31.Bd4 Rh5 32.Rc1 Rf5 33. Qe3 g5 34.fxc5?

White stays on top with 34.b5 Qb7 35.Rg1 Qc7 36.Qc1. 34...Bxg5 35.Rg1 Kh6 36.Rxg5 Rxg5 37.Qf2

Here a draw was agreed, although Black has everything to play for after 37...Rg6 38.c5 Qd5± or better yet, 37...Rf5 38.Qh4+ Kg7 39.Qg4+ Kf8 40.c5 Qd5±. ½-½



Michael Simpson

Sicilian Scheveningen B48

Ernesto Malazarte 2158

Courtney Jamison 2032

Southwest Open 2008 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Be3 Qc7 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4 d6 10.Qe2 0-0 11. Kh1 Bd7 12.Bg1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 e5 14.Be3 Bc6 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Bg5 Rad8 17.Rf5 Ne8 18.Raf1 Nd6 19. Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Rh5 b5 21.a3 Rfe8 22.Rh3 Qe6 23.Rg3 Re7 24.Qh5 g6 25.Qg5 Ne8 26.h4 Rd6 27.h5 Nf6 28.hxg6 fxc6 29.Rgf3 Rf7 30.Nd5 Nxe4 31.Bxe4 Rxf3 32.Ne7+ Qxe7 33.Qxe7 Rxf1+ 34.Kh2 Rff6 35. Bxc6 Rxc6 36.Qe8+ Kg7 37.Qxe5 h5 ½-½

ROUND 4

Catalan Opening E09

Davorin Kuljasevic 2528

Darwin Yang 2236

Southwest Open 2008 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5.g3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Rd1 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 Nf6 13.Qc2 Qc8 14.c5 Rd8 15.Bf4

Annakov played 15.Bd2 against Yang the following round, but didn't make a dent in the defense.

15...Nd5

15...h6 is a finesse worth trying.
16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.a3 Rb8 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.b4 b5 21. Nd2 Qc7 22.Ne4 Ne7 23.Qc3 Ra8 24.Nd6 Nc8

Black is on the edge of consolidating, but a rude shock awaits.
25.d5!!



25...cxd5

Possible was 25...Nxd6 Δ 26. dxc6?! Ne4!, but White can improve with 26.cxd6! Qxd6 27.dxc6 Qxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 29.Bf1 Ba6 30.c7 Bb7 31.Qc2 Rd7 32.Bxb5 +.

White gets a dominating position on the e-file after 25...cxd5 26.Nf5 f6 27.Re1 a5 28.Re2 axb4 29.axb4 Qf7 30.Rce1, and Black's minor pieces have no mobility. Two representative lines: (a) 30...Ra4 31.Nd6! Nxd6 32.cxd6 with Re7 to follow; and (b) 30...Qh5 31.Nd4 Qg4 32.f3 Qg6 33.Ne6 Re8 34.Nf4 Rxe2 35. Nxb6 Rxe1+ 36.Qxe1 hxg6 37.Qe8+ Kh7 38.Qd7 Ra7 39.h4!, preparing Bh3, Qc7 etc.

26.Nxb5 Qe7 27.Nd4

There is no hurry to push the c-pawn, facilitating Ba6-c4. Now the bishop is about to get trapped, and Black's hand is forced.

27...e5 28.Nf5 Qe6 29.c6 Ba6 30. Qc5! Qxf5 31.c7 Rf8

Going down in a blaze of glory instead of a wimp with 31...Nb6 32.cxd8Q+ Rxd8 33.Bxd5 +.

32.Bxd5 Nb6 33.Bxa8 Nxa8 34.Rd8

1-0

Nimzo-Indian E59

Alejandro Ramirez 2600

Alfred Carlin 2200

Southwest Open 2008 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Nc3 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.a3 Bxc3 10.bxc3 cxd4

I've seen Carlin play the well-known 10...Qc7 before, but he has a different program in mind.

11.cxd4 Bd7

11...b6 was played in a couple of Bundesliga games on NIC Base, both of which Black lost.

12.Bb2 Rc8 13.Qe2 Qa5 14.e4 Rfe8 15.Rfd1 Ne7 16. Rac1 Ba4 17.Re1 Ng6 18.g3 Qh5 19.Bd3 a6 20.h4 Bb5 21.Bxb5 Qxb5 22.Qxb5 axb5 23.Nd2 Nd7 24.Kf1 Nb6 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Rc1 Rxc1+ 27.Bxc1 Ne7 28.Ke2 Nc6 29.Kd3 b4



30.Nc4 Nd7

On 30...Nxc4 31.Kxc4 bxa3 32. Bxa3, despite Black's outside passer, White's superior king and minor piece should be able to dominate: 32...f5 33.exf5 exf5 34.Bd6 Kf7 35.d5 Ne7 36.Kd4 Kf6 37.Bf4 Nc8 (37...h6 38.h5 Kf7 39.Kc5 b6+ 40.Kd6+-) 38.Bg5+ Kf7 39.Ke5 g6 40.Be3 Ke7 41.Bc5+ Kd7 42.h5 Ne7 43.Ba3 b5 44.hxg6 hxg6 45.Bb4 Nc8 46.Bc5 Ne7 47.f4 Nc8 48.Kf6 Nd6 49.Bb4 Ne4+ 50.Kxg6 Nxg3 51.Be1 Ne4 52.Kxf5±.

31.a4 Kf8 32.Be3 Ke7 33.Kc2 Ncb8 34.Kb3 Na6 35.Na5 b6 36.Nc6+ Kd6 37.Nxb4 Nxb4 38.Kxb4 Kc6



39.d5+ exd5 40.exd5+ Kxd5

If Black declines he will be forced into zugzwang: 40...Kc7 41. Kb5 h5 42.d6+ Kb7 43.f4 and Black will shortly run out of pawn moves.

41.Kb5

1-0

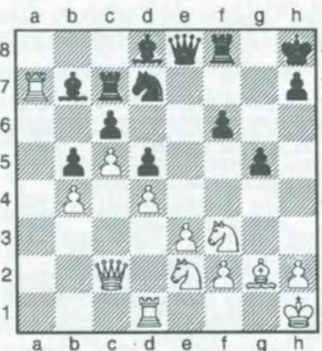
Queen's Indian E15

Salvijus Bercys 2479

Marko Zivanec 2544

Southwest Open 2008 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8. 0-0 0-0 9.Qc2 d5 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Rc8 12.Nc3 b5 13.c5 Nh5 14.b4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb7 16.a4 a6 17.e3 Kh8 18.Ne2 f6 19.f5 exf5 20.Nf4 Qe8 21.Qxf5 g6 22.Qc2 Bd8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra7 Rc7 25.Kh1 g5 26.Ne2, Draw agreed



Much as he'd like to, White cannot capitalize on the f5 square: 26...Bc8 27.Rxc7 Bxc7 28.Ng3 (28. Bh3?? Qh5+) 28...Qe6 29.Ra1 Bb8 30.Nf5 Re8 31.Bh3?! h5±. ½-½

Sicilian Scheveningen B33

Wang Puchen 2440

Babakuli Annakov 2510

Southwest Open 2008 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.
Be3 Qc7 8.a3 d6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0
0-0 11.f4 a6 12.Bf3 b5 13.Qd2 Bb7
14.Qf2 Nd7 15.Rad1 Rac8 16.g4
Rfe8 17.g5 b4 18.axb4 Nxb4 19.
Bg2 Bf8 20.Rd2 Nc6 21.Bh3 Nd8
22.Rfd1 Rb8 23.Bg2 Nc6 24.Qh4
Nb4 25.Nd4 Nb6 26.Rf2 Nc4 27.
Bc1 e5 28.Nf5 exf4 29.Qxf4 Ne5
30.Be3 Bc8 31.Bd4 Be6 32.Nd 5
Nxd5 33.exd5 Bxf5 34.Qxf5 g6 35.
Qf4 Bg7 36.c3 Re7 37.h4 Rbe8 38.
Qg3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

French Defense C10

Jacek Stopa 2507

Deepyman Datta 2196

Southwest Open 2008 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.Bd3 Bb4 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd2
Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nxd2 9.Qxd2 Na5
10.h4 Qe7 11.h5 h6 12.Rh3 Nc4
13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Qe2 Qa3
14...b5 15.a4 c6 16.Nd2±.
15.Kd2! b5?!

More solid is 15...Qa4 16.Rg3
Kf8 or Rg8, with a later ...Bd7-c6.
16.Qe4 Rb8 17.Qc6+ Kd8 18.Rg3
Bd7 19.Qe5 Qxc5 20.dxc5 Rg8 21.
Nd4 Ke7



22.a4! b4 23.cxb4 Rxb4 24.a5 Rd8
24...Rbb8 25.Kc3 Bb5 26. f4 a6
27.c6 g6 28.hxg6 fxg6 29.Rb1 Kf7

30.Rh3 h5 31.g4 Rh8 32.Nxb5 Rxb5
33.Rxb5 axb5 34.Kb4 h4 35.g5+-.
25.Kc3 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B96

David Phillips 2045

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2347

Southwest Open 2008 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7
8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7
11.Kb1 Qb6 12.Nb3 Be7 13.Rhe1
Rc8 14.Bxf6 [14.Qg3] Bxf6 15.Ne2
a5 16.g4 g6 17.g5 Bg7 18.Qg3 a4
19.Nd2 Qc5 20.f5 Be5 21.Qh3 Qb4
22.b3 [22.c3 Rxc3!] 22...Qa3 23.c3



20...Rxc3! 0-1

QGD Exchange D36

Burton Carpenter 2212

Artur Safin 2033

Southwest Open 2008 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Be7 7.Qc2 Bg4
8.Bd3 Bh5 9.Rb1 Nbd7 10.Nge2
Bg6 11.Bxg6 hxg6 12.b4 a6 13.e4
dxe4

13...Nxe4? 14.Nxe4
Bxg5? 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Nxb7.
14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6
15...Kf8 16.Bxe7+ Qxe7 17.
Qxe7+ Kxe7 18.Kd2=

16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.0-0 f5 18.Qe5 0-0
19.Rfd1 Re8 20.Qa5 Qd6 21.Ng3
Rad8 22.a4 Bf6 23.d5 cxd5 24.b5
d4 25.bxa6 Qxa6 26.Qb6 Rd7
27.Qxa6 bxa6 28.Rd3 Rc7 29.Kf1
Rc4 30.a5 Ra4 31.Ne2 Rxa5 32.
Nxd4 Rd5 33.Ra3 Rxd4 34.Rxa6

Kg7 35.Ra2 Rc4 36.g3 Rec8 37.
Rd1 Rc1 38.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 39.Kg2 g5
40.h3 Ra1 41.Rd2 Be5 42.Re2 Kf6
43.Rc2 Ke6 44.Rd2 Ra3 45.Re2
Kd5 46.h4 g4 47.h5 Ra6 48.f4
gxf3+ 49.Kxf3 Ra3+ 50.Kf2 Bxg3+
51.Kg2 Be5 52.h6 Rg3+ 53.Kf2
Rh3 0-1

ROUND 5

English Opening A37

Alejandro Ramirez 2600

Davorin Kuljasevic 2528

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.g3 g6
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Ne1 d6
8.Nc2 Be6 9.Ne3 Qd7 10.a3 0-0
11.Ned5 Bh3 12.d3 Bxg2 13.Kxg2
Nxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7 15.e4 b5 16.b4
Rfc8 17.Bd2 a6 18.Qb1 Rab8 19.
Rc1 f5 20.Bg5 Rc7 21.bxc5 Rxc5
22.Qb4 Rf8

22...f4 23.Na2 Rbc8 24.Bxe7
Qxe7 25.Qa5 Qb7 26.Rxc5 dxc5 27.
Rc1 Bf8 28.Nc3 Bd6±
23.Nd1 f4?!

23...h6 24.Bxe7 Qxe7±
24.Rxc5 dxc5 25.Qxc5 Nc8 26.d6
Nxd6 27.Qd5+ Kh8 28.Rc1 f3+ 29.
Kh1 Qh3 30.Ne3 Nf7 31.Be7 Rc8
32.Rc6 h5

32...Nh6 33.g4 Rxc6 34.Qxc6
Ng8 35.Bd8 Bh6 36.Qa8!+-
33.Qxf7! Rxc6 34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.
Qxc6 Bh6



36.Bf6! 1-0

Mate is forced.

London System D00

Marko Zivanic 2544

Austen Green 2186

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nd2 Bf5 6.Ngf3 e6 7.Ne5 Nd7
8.Bb5

Interesting is 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nxg6
hxg6 10.Bg2 with a more dynamic
type of position and the bishop pair.
8...Ndx5 9.Bxe5 a6 10.Bxc6+
bxc6 11.dxc5 f6 12.Bg3 Bxc5 13.
0-0 0-0 14.Nb3 Qb6 15.c4 Rfd8

Not 15...dxc4?? 16.Nxc5 Qxc5
17.Bd6.

16.Qe2 e5 17.Rfd1 d4 18.exd4
Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Rxd4 20.Rxd4 Qxd4



An unambitious system to be
sure, this London has not worked out
well for White. Now if 21.Rd1?
Bg4! and Black wins a pawn..

21.Rc1 Rd8 22.h3 ½-½

Catalan Opening E09

Babakuli Annakov 2510

Darwin Yang 2236

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6
5.Qc2 Nbd7 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0
8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7
11.Rd1 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 Nf6 13.Qc2
Qc8 14.c5 Rd8 15.Bd2

Vedrickas had more success with
14.Bf4 in Round 4.

15...Nd5 16. Rac1 Ba6 17.b4 Be2
18.Re1 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Bf6 20.Re4 b5
21.Rd1 a6 22.a3 Ra7 23.h4 ½-½

Sicilian Defense B77

Jeffrey De Jesus 2195

Jacek Stopa 2507

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4
d6 8.f3 0-0 9.Qd2 Nd7

This theoretical sideline was a
specialty of Alfred Carlin in the 80s.
10.h4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Na5 12.h5 Nbc4
13.Qf2 Nxb3 14.axb3 Nxe3 15.
Qxe3 Bd7 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.f4 e6
18.0-0-0 Qa5 19.f5

More prudent is 19.Kb1, which
omission will soon have tactical
consequences.

19...exf5 20. exf5 Rfe8 21.Qg5
Rac8 22.Rh3??

Mandatory was 22.Kb1.



Now Black has a smackdown
with 22...Bxd4!, e.g. (a) 23.Rxd4
Qa1+ 24.Nb1 (24.Kd2 Qe1+ 25.Kd3
Rxc3+ 26.bxc3 Qe2#) 24...Re1+
25.Rd1 Bxf5+; (b) 23.Qh4 Rxc3!
(not that 23...Bg7 24.f6 Bxf6 is bad
either) 24.bxc3 Re2 25.Kb2 Bxf5+.
22...Qa1+? 23.Kd2 Qa5 24. Kc1
Rc5? [24... Bxd4] 25.Kb1 Bxf5

Even now, 25...Bxd4 is a crisp
win: 26.Qh4 (26.Rxd4 Re1+ 27.Rd1
Rxd1+ 28.Nxd1 Bxf5+) 26...Bxf5
27.Qxd4 Bxh3+.

26.Nxf5 Rxf5 27.Qd2 Rd8 28.Rdh1
Qe5 29.Re3 Qf6 30.Rhe1 Rf1 31.
Qd5 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 b6 33.Qb7
Qf2 34.Re7 a5 35.Na4 Bd4 36.c3
Be3 37.Qe4 Be5 38.Nxc5 Qxc5 39.
Qf4 Qd5 40.c4 Qd1+ 41.Ka2 Rf8

42.Re3 a4 43.bxa4

43.Qf3 Qc1 44.Qe2 axb3+†

43...Qxa4+ 44. Ra3 Qc2 45.g4

Marginally better is 45.Ra7 Qe2

46.g4 Qe6 47.b3 d5+.

45...Rc8 46.Rc3 Qa4+ 47.Kb1 d5
48.g5

48.b3 Qa5 49.Rf3 Rf8, and soon
Black's queen will relieve the rook
by Qe1-e6, with White's position in
tatters.

48...Qd1+ 49.Ka2 dxc4 50.Qe4
Qa4+ 51.Ra3 Qc6 52. Qe5 Re8
53.Qd4 Qe6 54.Ka1 b5 55.Ra7 Qf5
56.Qg1 b4 57.Qc1 0-1

White resigns in advance of
57...b3 with ...Qf2 to follow.

Sicilian Alapin B22

Karina Vazirova 2108

Salvijus Bercys 2479

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5
5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 b6 7.Bd3 Ba6
8.0-0 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Be7 10.Nbd2
0-0 11.Ne4 h6 12.Nfd2

It's not clear what this maneuver
accomplishes; White could keep it
simple with 12.Bd2 Nc6 13.Rac1.

12...Nc6 13.Nc4 f5 14.exf6 Bxf6
15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16. Be3 Qe7 17.Ne5
Nxe5 18.dxe5 Rfc8 19.Rac1 Rc6
20.f4 Rac8 21.Rxc6 dxc6 22.f5 exf5
23.Rxf5 Qe6 24.Bf4?

White can almost hold the balance
with 24.Bf2 Δ 24...Ne7 25.Rf3
Qxe5 26.Qd7=, but 24...Nb4 25.Qb3
Qxb3 25.axb3 Nd5≠ is another story.
24...Ne7 25.Rh5 Qg4 26.Qf3 Qxf3
27. gxf3 Rf8 28.Bd2 Rxf3 29.Rh4
Rd3 30.Bc3 Nd5 31.Rc4 c5 32.a4
Nxc3 33.bxc3 Re3 0-1

Benko Gambit A58

Anton Solovoyov 2128

Wang Puchen 2440

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.Nf3 d6
8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Nb6
11.b3 Bc8 12.Nh4 h6 13.f4 0-0
14.0-0 Bd7 15.Qc2 Qc8 16.Re1

Bh3 17.e4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qa6 19. Bb2 Rfb8 20.Rbd1 Qb7 21.Kg1 Nfd7 22.Nf3 c4 23.b4 Na4 24.Nxa4 Qa7+ 25.Nd4?

25.Bd4 Qxa4 26.Qxc4 Rxb4 27.Qd3 Qa3=.

25...Rxb4 26.Kh1 Qxa4 27.Qd2 Nc5 28.Bc3 Rb7 29.Re2 Rab8 30. Rc1 Nd3 31.Rc2?? [31.Rg1] 31... Rb1+ 32.Kg2 Bxd4 33.Bxd4



33...Ne1+ 34.Rxe1 Rxe1 35.e5 Rbb1 36.exd6 exd6 37.Rb2 Qe8 38.Kh3 Qe4 39.Rxb1 Rxb1 40.Bb2 Qf5+ 41.Kg2 Qd3 0-1

Torre Attack A48

Alfred Carlin 2200

Shawn Noland 2109

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Bc4 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.Bxe4 Nd7 10.c3 Nf6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Qe2 c6 13.0-0 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 e6 16.Rfe1 ½-½

Modern Defense A42

Artur Safin 2033

Larry Moss 2200

Southwest Open 2008 (5)

1.e4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.Bd3 f5 8.f3 Nf6 9.Nge2 0-0 10.Bf2 Bh6 11.Qc2 fxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf5 13.Qd3 a6 14.0-0 Qe7 15.b4 Bd7 16.c5 Ne8 17.a4 Qg5 18.Ng3 Qe7 19.c6 bxc6 20. dxc6 Be6 21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Ne2 Nd4 23.Nec3 Nxc6 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Ne7 27.Ra7 Nxd5

28.Nxd5 Nf6 29.Rxc7 Qe8 30.Re7 Qe8 31.Nxf6+ Rxf6 32.Bc6 Bf7 33.Ra7 Bf8 34.Qc2 d5 35.Ra8 Qc7 36.Qc5 Rd6 37.Qa3 d4 38.Rxf8+ Kxf8 39.Be1 Kg7 40.Bb4 Rxc6 41. bxc6 Qxc6 42.Bf8+ Kg8 43.Bh6 Qe8 44.Qd6 Be6 45.Qxe5 Qe7 46. Qxd4 Bf5 47.Qd5+ Be6 48.Qe5 Kf7 49.Bg5 Qa7+ 50.Kf1 Bc4+ 51.Ke1 Qa2 52.Qe7+ Kg8 53.Bf6 Qa5+ 54. Kf2, Black resigns??



54...Bf7 55.Kg3 Qe6±/= 1-0

ROUND 6

Sicilian Defense B30

Jacek Stopa 2507

Alejandro Ramirez 2600

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.b3 f6 6.Bb2 Ng6 7.Re1 Be7 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.Bf1 a6 11.c4 Qc7 12.Nc3 b6 13.Rc1 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bc5 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Rcd1 Ne5 17.h3 Bc6 18.a3 Rad8



19.b4 Be7 20.Nd5!± exd5 21.cxd5 Bd6 22.dxc6 dxc6 23.Qc3 b5 24. Rc1 Re8 25.Rc2??

White's attempt to blockade the c5 square will get scotched by the knight maneuver Nf7-g5-e6. Better is to open lines for the bishops, e.g. 25.f4 Ng6 26.e5 Be7 27.g3 fxe5 28. fxe5 Qb6+ 29.Kh1 c5 30.Qe3 Qc7 31.bxc5 Bxc5 32.Qb3+ Kh8 33.Bg2 with a well-protected passer at e5. 25...Qe7 26.Qb3+ Nf7 27.Bd4 Kh8 28.g3

28.Qe3 Rfe8 29.Recl Nd8=

28...Ng5 29.Bg2 Ne6 30.Bb2 c5

Now Black has a modest pull. Stopa speculates rather than concede the fact with 31.bxc5 Nxc5 32.Qc3 Rfe8 33.Ba1 Rcd8, when his weak a3 pawn is a source of concern.

31.e5!± fxe5 32.bxc5 Rxc5 33.Rce2 Qf6 34.Qd3 Nd4 35.Rd2 Rc4 36. Re4 Bc5 37.Kh1 Rd8 38.Qf1 Rc2? [38...Bb6] 39.Bxd4 Rxd2 40.Bxc5 R8d5 41.Bb4!

With 41.Ba7 Qf7 42.Bb6 Qf6= Black secures a draw by repetition.

41...Rxf2 42.Qe1 Rc2??

42...Ra2 43.Rf4 Rd1! 44.Qxd1 exf4 45.Qf3±; 42...Rf5 43.Re2 h5 44.Rc2±



43.Rf4! 1-0

King's Indian E62

Davorin Kuljasevic 2528

Salvijus Bercys 2479

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.0-0 Bf5

8.Ne1 Qc8 9.e4 Bh3 10.f3 Bxg2
 11.Kxg2 Nd7 12.Be3 Na5 13.b3 c5
 14.Rc1 Nc6 15.d5 Nd4 16.Qd2 a6
 17.Nc2 Nxc2 18.Rxc2 Qc7 19.Bh6
 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 e5 21.h4 Qd8 22.h5
 Qf6 23.hxg6 fxe6 24.Nd1 Qe7
 25.Nf2 Qg7 26.Qe3 Nf6 27.Rh1
 Rf7 28.Nh3 h6 29.Nf2 h5 30.Nh3
 Nh7 31.f4 Re8 32.Re2 Ref8

Now starts an amusing dance of White rook and Black king. Black is under no threat, and he could just as well play for initiative with ...b5.



33.Rg1 Kh8 34.Rh1 Kg8 35.Rg1
 Kh8 36.Rh1 Kg8 ½-½

Sicilian Closed B25

Wang Puchen 2440

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2347

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6
 5.d3 Bg7 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0
 9.Be3 Nd4 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5
 [11.fxe5=] 11...Rb8 12.Ne4 b6 13.
 c3 Ndf5 14.Bf2



14...Nd6

Black's main replies in practice have been (a) 14...Bb7 15.Qa4 (a1) 15...Nd6 16.Rad1 f6 17.Nf3 Bc6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.Rfe1 Rbe8 (Wang Puchen-Hendricks, Arnhem 2007) 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.d4±; (a2) 15...a6 16.g4 Nd6 17.Rad1 Nd5 (Koller-Prasad, Biel 1999) 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rfe1 b5=; and (b) 14...Qc7 15.Qa4 a5 16.g4 Nd6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.d4 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Qc7 20.Qb5 f6 21.Nc6 Nxc6 22.Qxc6 = Langner-Potomak, Czech Republic 1993.

15.Qa4 Nxe4

15...f6 16.Nf3 Bd7 17.Qb3 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Kh8 19.Rad1 Nc6 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.d4 cxd4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxd4 Qc7 24.Rc4 Qd8 25.Rd1 Qe8 26.Qa3 Rc8 27.Rxc8 Bxc8 28.Qxa7+- Olga Stiazhkina-Claudia Eckhardt, Halle tt 2000.

16.dxe4 Qc7 17.Rad1 a6 18.b4 c4?

Black is reluctant to give up the c5 square with ...b5, but it beats having the c4 pawn cut off: 18...b5 19.Qa3 c4 20. Bc5 Ra8 21.Bd6 Qa7+ 22.Kh1 f6 23.Nf3 Re8 22.e5±;

Best is 18...Bxe5! 19. fxe5 Qxe5 20.bxc5 bxc5 (a) 21.Be3 Rb2! 22. Bh6 Qh5! (Δ...Qe2) 23.Rd2=; (b) 21.Qa3 Rb5 22.Rb1 Nc6! 23. Rxb5 axb5 24. Qxc5 Qxc5 25.Bxc5 Rd8 26.Rb1 Rd3=.

19.b5! Bxe5 20.fxe5 Ra8

20...Qxe5 21.bxa6 Ra8 22.a7 Qc7 23.Qb4 Qxa7 24.Bxb6±.

21.Rd6 Bd7 22.Bxb6 Qb7 23.Be3 axb5 24.Qc2 Nc6



25.Qd2!+- Nxe5

25...Rad8 26.Bg5+-; 25...Be8 26.Bh6 Qe7 27.Kh1! +- Δ Bg5-f6. 26.Bd4 Nc6 27. Bf6 1-0

Sicilian Paulsen B47

Artur Safin 2033

Marko Zivanic 2544

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Kh1 h5

8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 remains an important line.

9.f4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b5 11.Be3

NIC Base has games with 11.e5 Ng4 12.Bf3 (12.a4!?) 12...Bb7 13. Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Ne4 Rc8 15.Qd3=.

11...Bb7 12.Bf3 Rc8 13.e5 Ng4 14. Bg1 Nh6 15.Qd3 Nf5 16.Rfd1 h4 17.Bf2 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 d5 19.a3 Bc5 20.Bxc5?!

20.Rd2 holds the balance.

20...Qxc5 21.Ne2 Qe3± 22.Qxe3 Nxe3 23.Rdc1

23.Rd3 Ng4! 24.Rc3 Kd7±.

23...Rc4

23...f6!? 24.Nd4 Kd7 25.c3 fxe5

26.fxe5 Nc4 27.a4 b4±.

24.c3 Re4

24...g5!? 25.b3 Re4 26.a4 bxa4 27.Rxa4 Rxa4 28.bxa4 Rh5!±



25.Nd4

25.a4 bxa4! 26.Nd4 Rxf4 27. Rxa4 h3! 28.g3 Rf2 29.Rxa6 0-0 30. Ra4 Rb8 31.b3 Ng4 32.Nf3 Rxf3 33.Rxg4 Rxb3+-.

25...Rxf4 26.a4 0-0

26...bxa4! - see previous note.

27. axb5 axb5 28.b4 Nc4

Fritz has Black turn up the heat with 28...Rf2! 29.Nxb5 f6 30.exf6 R8xf6 31.Rg1 Nf1! 32.Rd1□h3 33.Rd3 Rh6 34.Nd4 Rb2 35.Nc6 hxg2+ 36.Rxg2 Rb1 37.Rg5 Ne3+ 38.Rg1 Rb2 39.Rg3 Rxh2+ 40.Kg1 Rhc2 41.Kh1 Ng2 42.Rd1 Nf4→.

29.Re1

29.Nxb5 Nxe5 30.Re1 Rb8 31.Nd4 Nd3 Δ ...Nf2-e4+
29...Rb8+ 30.Kg1 Rg4 31.Re2 Rf4 32.g3 hxg3 33.hxg3 Re4 34.Rxe4 dxe4 35.Re1 e3 36.Nc2 Rd8 37.Nxe3 Nxe5 38.Rd1 Rc8→ 39.Rc1 f5 40.Kf1 Kf7 41.Ke2 Rh8 42.Rf1 Kf6 43.g4 Rh2+ 44.Kd1 g6 45.gxf5 gxf5 46.Rf4 Rh3 47.Ke2 Kg5 48.Rf1 f4 49.Rg1+ Kf6 50.Nd1 Kf5 51.Rg8 Nc4 52.Rf8+ Ke5 53.Rb8 Nd6 54.Rg8 Ne4 55.Rb8 Nxc3+ 56.Nxc3 Rxc3 57.Rxb5+ Ke4 58.Kd2 Rd3+ 59.Kc2 Rd5 60.Rb6 e5 0-1

Sicilian Scheveningen B33

Chris Toolin 2169

Babakuli Annakov 2510

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 Be7 10.f4 a6 11.a4

11.Qf3 0-0 12.Rae1 Nb4 13.g4 Nd7 14.g5 Re8 15.Qh5± Asrian-Anastasian, Yerevan 1993.

11...b6 12.Qf3 Bb7 13.Qh3 h5!?

13...Nb4= NCO.

4.Rae1 Nb4 15.Bd4 Nc6 16.Be3

16.Bf2!? Ng4 17.f5 Nce5=

16...Ng4 17.Bd2 Nb4 18.Qg3 Qd8 19.Re2 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Bh4 21.Qf3 Be7 22.h3 Nf6 23.Qf2 Nd7 24.d4 0-0 25.g4 b5

The b-pawn is taboo (25.axb5 axb5 26.Nxb5?? Qb6), but, the same does not apply to the h-pawn: 26.gxh5 bxa4 27.Nxa4 Nf6 28.Qg2! Nxb5 (28...Nxe4 29.h6! denying ...f5 after 29...g6 30.Rxe4) 29.Na5 Rb8 30.Nxb7 Rxb7=.

26.g5 b4 27.Nd1 d5± 28.e5 g6 29.Ne3 a5 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Qh4

Objectively, White has nothing better than 31.Bel Rfc8 32.Rxc8+ Rxc8 33.Rc2 with dreary prospects.

31...Rfc8 32.Rh2 Rxc1+ 33.Bxc1 Bc6 34.f5!?

Having closed off the kingside, White can only pursue a desperate-looking sacrificial attack.

34...exf5 35.Rg2 Nf8 36.Nd2 Ne6 37.Nf3 f4 38.Nf5!? gxf5 39.Qxh5



39...Ng7??

A tragic moment for Annakov. White is lost after 39...Be8! 40.g6 fxg6 41.Rxg6+ Ng7! →.

40.Qh6 Ra6

40...Ne6 41.g6 Nf8 42.g7 Nh7 43.e6+→

41.g6→ fxg6 42.Qxg6 Bf8



43.Ng5 1-0

Black can only stave off mate for six more moves: 43 Qxd4+ 44.Kh2 Bc5 45.Qh7+ Kf8 46.Qh8+ (or 46.Ne6+) 46...Ke7 47.Qxg7+ Ke8 48.Qf7+ Kd8 49.Ne6+ Kc8 50.Qc7#

QGD Semi-Slav D45

Darwin Yang 2236

Austen Green 2186

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 e5 9.g5 Nd5 10.Ne4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Qe7 13.0-0 0-0 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Bxd5 Bg4 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Rxd4 cxd5 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Rxg4 Kg7 21.Rd1 Rfd8 22.gxf6+ Kxf6 23.Rgd4 Ke5 24.Rh4 Rac8+ 25.Kb1 Rh8 26.Ra4 a6 27.Rad4 Rhd8 28.f4+ Ke6 29.e4 Rc5 30.b4 Rb5 31.a4 Rb6 32.exd5+ Ke7 33.Re1+ Kf8 34.Kc2 Rbd6 35.Red1 b5 36.a5 f5 37.Kb3 Re8 38.Kc3 Kf7 39.Kd3 Red8 40.Ke3 Rc8 41.Kf3 Rc2 42.R1d2 Rc3+ 43.R4d3 Rc4 44.Re2 Rxb4 45.Re5 Kf6 46.Rde3 Rd4 47.Re6+ Rxe6 48.Rxe6+ Kf7 49.Rxa6 Rxd5 50.Rb6 b4 51.a6 Ra5 52.Ke3 b3 53.Kd3 b2 54.Kc2 Ke8 55.Kxb2 Kd8 56.Kc3 Kc8 57.Kd4 Kc7 58.Rb7+ Kc8 59.Rxh7 Rxa6 60.Ke5 Ra5+ 61.Ke6 Kd8 62.Rh8+ Kc7 63.h4 1-0

Caro-Kann B15

Peter Kappler 2111

Alfred Carlin 2200

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Be3 d5 5.Qd2 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Nf6 7.Nxf6+ Bxf6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Be2 Nd7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nb6 13.Bg5?? Nc4 14.Qf4



14...Qa5 15.Kb1

Or 15.Bxf6 Qxa2 and Black mates next move.

15...Qxg5 0-1

KI Attack A08

Shawn Noland 2109

Deeptyman Datta 2196

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 b6 8.Re1 Bb7 9.e5 Bc7 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nf5 13.Nf1 Ba6 14.Ne3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 0-0 16.h4 Rfc8 17.Bd2 Na5 18.b3 Bd8 19. Bb4 Be7 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Qd2 Rc6 22.Rc1 Rac8 23.Rec3 h6 24.g4 Qd7 25.h5 Rxc3 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27.Qxc3 Qc6



28.Qd2

28.Qxc6 Nxc6 29.Bf1 (29.a3 Be2) 29...Bxf1 30.Kxf1 Nb4 31.a3 Nc2 32.a4 Kf8 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Kd2 Nb4 35.Kc3 a5=

28...Qb5 29.g5 Qd3 30.Qf4

30.Qc1 hxg5 (30...Qf5 31.gxh6 Qxh5 32.hxg7 Kxg7 33.Qf4 Nc6=) 31.Qc7 Qb1+ 32.Kh2 Qf5 33.Qd8+ Kh7 34.Nxg5+ Kh6 35.Nh3 Nc6 36.Qh8+ Qh7=

30...Qb1+ 31.Kh2 Qe4 32.Qg3?

32.Qxe4 dxe4 33.Nd2 hxg5

34.Bxe4=

32...Kf8 33.g6 Qf5 34.Qh4 Nc6 35.gxf7 Be2 36.Kg3 Kxf7 37.Ng1 Bxh5 38.Bf3 Bxf3 39.Nxf3 Qe4 40.Qh2 Nxd4 41.Nxd4 Qxe5+ 42.f4 Qxd4 43.Qh5+ Ke7 0-1

French Defense C00

Jeffrey De Jesus 2195

Karina Vazirova 2108

Southwest Open 2008 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d3 Nf6 4.f4 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.dxe4 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 b6 10.c3 Bb7 11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.Ke2 f6 13. Rd1 Bd6 14.Be3 e5 15.f5 g6 16.g4 gxf5 17.gxf5 Rhg8 18.Rg1 Ne7 19.Rg3



19...Nxf5 20.Rgg1 Nxe3 21.Kxe3 Rgx1 22.Rgx1 c4 23.Bc2 Bc5+ 24. Ke2 Bxg1 25.Nxg1 Rg8 0-1

ROUND 7

King's Indian E62

Wang Puchen 2440

Jacek Stopa 2507

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 Ng4 10.e4 Bd7 11.Qc2 c5 12.b3 b5 13.h3 b4 14. hxg4 Bxc3 15.Bb2 Bxb2 16. Qxb2 Bxg4 17.f4 Nb7 18.f5 Qd7 19.Qc2 h5 20.Rf2 Rae8 21.Raf1 g5 22.Bf3 f6 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Rh2 Kg7 25 Kg2 1/2-1/2

Reti Opening A14

Alejandro Ramirez 2600

Darwin Yang 2236

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 c5 7.0-0 b6

8.cxd5 exd5?!

A far-reaching choice; 8... Nxd5 would be about equal.

9.d4 Bb7 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.dxc5 bxc5



13.Nh4 Nb6 14.Nf5 Bc6 15.Ba3 g6 16. Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.e3 Rfd8 18.Ne2 Bb5 19.Re1 Ne4 20.Qc2 Qf6 21. Nf4 c4 22.Nxd5! Rxd5 23.Bxe4 cxb3?

Rolling the dice, but White's two rooks aided by strong bishops easily trump the queen. More stubborn resistance comes from 23...Rd7 24. Bb2 Qe6 25.Bg2±.

24.Qxc8+ Nxc8 25.Bxd5 Nb6 26. Bxb3 Bd7 27.e4 Bh3 28.Re3 Nd7 29.Rd1 Ne5 30.Bb2 Bg4 31.Rd5 Nf3+ 32.Rxf3 Qxb2 33.Rd8+ Kg7 34.Rxf7+ Kh6 35.h4 Qb1+ 36.Kh2 Qxe4 37.Rh8 1-0

London System D00

Marko Zivanic 2544

Davorin Kuljasevic 2528

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.Qe2 a6 12.Rfd1 Qb6 13.Rac1 c5 1/2-1/2

Modern Benoni A61

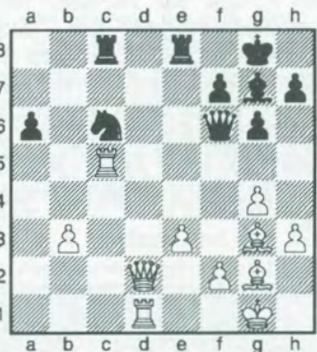
Salvijus Bercys 2479

Chris Toolin 2169

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7 8.Nc4 0-0 9.Bf4 Ne8 10.Qd2 a6 11.

a4 Bf5 12.h3 Qc7 13.g4 Bc8 14.Ne4 Qe7 15.Bg2 Nd7 16.Nexd6 Nxd6 17.Bxd6 Qh4 18.Bg3 Qd8 19.a5 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Na5 Qf6 22.0-0 Bd7 23.Rac1 Rac8 24.b3 Bb5 25.Rfd1 Rfe8 26.e3 Nd7 27.Nc6 Bxc6 28.dxc6 Ne5 29.Rxc5 Nxc6



30.g5 Qe6 31.Bd5 1-0

QP Opening D02

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2347
Drew Sarkisian 2126

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 Qd7 5.0-0 0-0-0 6.c3 Bxf3 7.exf3 Kb8 8.Nd2 e6 [8...h5!?] 9.b4 Nh6 10.Nb3 Nf5 11.a4 Nd6 12.b5 Ne7 13.Nc5 Qc8 14.Qb3 Nc4 15.a5 Nf5 16.Ra4 Nfd6 17.Bf4 Be7 18.b6 g5 19.a6! cxb6

19...axb6? 20.Rfa1! gxf4 21.axb7 Qxb7 22.Nxb7+-
20.axb7 Qc6 21.Na6+ Kxb7 22.Rfa1 Ra8

22...gxf4 23.Nb4 Qe8 24.Rxa7+ Kc8 25.Ra8+ Kc7 26.R1a7+ Nb7 27.Na6+ Kc6 28.Qa4+ Kd6 (28...b5 29.Nb4+ Kc7 30.Rxb7+-) 29.Qb4+ Kc6 30.Qa4+=
23.Be5 Rhc8 24.Nc5+ Kc7 25.Rxa7+ Rxa7 26.Rxa7+ Kd8 27.Nd3 27.Bxd6 Bxd6 (27...Nxd6 28.Nd3 Qb5 29.Qc2 Nc4 30.Ne5 Nxe5 31.dxe5±) 28.Nb7+ Ke8 29.Nxd6+ Nxd6 30.Bf1 Kf8 31.Qb4 Kg8 32.Ra6=

27...Na5!?

27...Nb5 ...28.Ra1 (28.Rxe7+-)
28...f6+-

28.Qb1 Nb5 29.Rxe7 Kxe7+- 30.h4 gxh4 31.Nf4 Nc4 32.Qxh7 Nxe5 33.dxe5

33.Qxh4+ Kd7 34.dxe5 Rc7+-
33...Qe8 [33...hxg3+-] 34.Qxh4+ Kd7 35.Nh5 Kc7 36.Nf6
36.c4 dxc4 37.Qxc4+ Kb8 38.Qb4 Qc6 39.f4 Qc4 40.Qe7 Qc7+
36...Qf8 37.Qa4 Nxc3 38.Qa7+ Kc6 39.Qd7+ Kc5 40.Bf1

40.Qa7! Nb5! 41.Nd7+ Kc6 42.Qxb6+ Kxd7 43.Qxb5+ Rc6+
40...b5 41.Nh7 Qe8 42.Qd6+ Kd4 43.Qb4+ Rc4 44.Bxc4 bxc4 45.Qb6+

45.Ng5 Qb5 46.Qe7 Qb2 47.Qa7+ Kd3 48.Qe3+ Kc2 49.Nxf7 d4+-
45...Kd3 46.Ng5 d4 47.Qb7 Kc2 48.Nxf7 d3+- 49.Nd6 Qa4 50.Qh7 Kc1 51.Qh6+ d2 52.Kg2 Kc2 53.Qxe6 d1Q 54.Nxc4 Qd4 55.Ne3+ Kb2 56.Qc8 Nd1 57.Qb7+ Qb3 58.Nxd1+ Qdxd1 59.Qe4 Qbd3 60.Qb4+ Kc2 61.Qa4+ Kd2 62.Qb4+ Ke2 63.Qb2+ Q1d2 64.Qb7 Qdc3 Q2c3 0-1

Dutch Defense A80

Alfred Carlin 2200
Karina Vazirova 2108

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e3 c6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Qf3 g6 8.Nge2 Na6 9.a3 Nc7 10.h3 Ne6 11.g4 fxg4 12.hxg4 0-0 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Rh6 Ng5 15.Qg2 f5 16.gxf5 Bxf5 17.Rd1 Bxd3 18.cxd3 b5? [18...Rf7 =] 19.Kc2 b4 20.axb4 Nf3



21.Rxg6+ hxg6 22.Qxg6+ Qg7 23.Qxd6 Rf6 24.Qg3 Qxg3 25.Nxg3 a6 26.Na4 a5 27.bxa5 Rxa5 28.Nc5 Nxd4+ 29.exd4 Rxf2+ 30.Kc3 Ra2 31.b3 Rac2+ 32.Kb4 Rf4 33.Ne6 Rf3 [33...Rf7] 34.Nh5 Rxd3 35.Nhf4+- Rg3 36.Rh3 Rg4 37.Nd3 Re2 38.Ndc5 Re1 39.Rf3 Rd1 40.Rf8+ Kh7 41.Rc8 Rgxd4+ 42.Nxd4 Rxd4+ 43.Kc3 1-0

Sicilian Svashnikov B33

Austen Green 2128
David Phillips 2045

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bg5 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 a5 15.Bc4 Rb8 16.b3 Kh8 17.Nce3 g6 18.Qe2 f5 19.h4 Bxh4 20.g3 Bg5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Qh5 Rb7 23.f4 exf4 24.gxf4 Bf6 25.Kd1 Rg7 26.Ra2 Be6

26...Qd7 27.Qh6 Bd8 28.Rg2 Rff7 29.Rhg1 Rxg2 30.Rxg2 Qe8 (30...Qe6 31.Nf6 Qxf6 32.Qxf6+ Bxf6 33.Bxf7+-) 31.Qxd6 Qe6 32.Qc5 Qd7 33.Kc1 Qe8 34.b4 axb4 35.cxb4 Bd7 36.b5 Qf8 37.Qxf8+ Rxf8 38.bxc6 Bxc6 39.Bd3+-
27.Rg2 Bg8 28.Rxg7 Bxg7 29.Nxf5 Qd7

29...Rxf5 30.Qxf5 h6 31.Rg1+-,
29...Qe8 30.Nxg7 Kxg7 31.Qh6+ Kh8 32.Rg1 Qf7 33.Nf6+-



30.Nh4! Bf7 31.Ng6+ Bxg6 32.Qxg6, Black resigns

The bishop at g7 has no good squares, and if 32...h6 33.Rxh6+ Bxh6 34.Qxh6+ Kg8 [34...Qh7 35.Qxf8+] 35.Nf6# 1-0

French Tarrasch C05

Cristian Carvajal 2150

Artur Safin 2033

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Bd3 c5 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Bd7 8.Nf3 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Bc6 10. Bxc6+ Nxc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Be3 Qd5 13. Qa4 0-0 14.Rfd1 Bf6 15.Rac1 Rfd8 16.h3 a6 17.a3 h6 18. Rd2 Qd7 19. Qd1 Qe8 20.Nh2 Rd5 ½-½

QGD Tartakover D58

Anton Solovyov 2128

Abhishek Mallela 2030

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Be6 11.0-0 c5 12.Qa4 c4 13.Be2 a6 14.b3 b5 15.Nxb5 Bd7 16.bxc4 Bc6 17.Qb4 axb5 18.cxb5 Be7 19.Qd2 Bb7 20.a4 Ra5 21.Ne5 Nd7?? 22.Nxd7 1-0

Solution: 1.Qa1 (1...Ke2 Qd1#; 1... Kf4 2.Qf6#. 1...Kg2 2.Qh1#).

Pirc Defense B06

Courtney Jamison 2032

Jeffrey De Jesus 2195

Southwest Open 2008 (7)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 c6 5.a4 Nf6 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Bc4 d5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Bf5 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.c3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Re8 13.Rd1 Nd7 14.0-0 Qa5 15.b3 Rad8 16. Qc2 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.h3 b6 21.Rd2 Rxd2 22.Qxd2 Qe2 23.Qd7 Qe6 24.Rd1 a5 25.c4 Qxd7 26.Rxd7 Re1+ 27.Kh2 Rb1 28.Rb7 Rxb3 29.c5 ½-½



Three from UTD: Salvijus Bercyz, Tautvydas Vedrickas and Stephanie Ballom before the start of the last round

Langer, Malazarte tie at Summer Open

San Antonio's first weekend tournament since June was the Summer Open, held Aug. 23-24 at the Texas Neurosciences Institute. Being sandwiched between the U.S. Open and the Southwest Open evidently did not bode well for turnout, as our event drew only 32 players.

In the Open with 14 players, FM Michael Langer of Austin and local champ Ernesto Malazarte drew each other in Rd. 3 and finished with 3.5 out of 4 to share first and second prizes. Three players tied for third plus U2100 and U1900: Nathanael Lozano, Avinash Thangirala and Eric Lu, each with 2.5.

In the Reserve with 18 players, Seth Thompson was the clear winner with 4, and Alok Kumar took second with 3.5. Eric Chen was the top U1700 with 3. Tied for U1500 and U1300 were Alan Davis, David Pacheco, Jonathan Rea and Dustin Chang, all with 2.

Anderson, in his first tournament since teaching eight chess camps, scored four draws in four games(!)

Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club. A total of \$770 in prizes was paid out, or 70% of the advertised amount.

Scotch Game C45

Michael Langer 2318

Steven Chen 1848

Summer Open (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.Nd2 g6

Normal is 9...Nb6. After the text, White is supposed to get a superior ending following 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Bg5 f6 12.exf6. Langer does not try to punish, and permits transposition. 10.b3 10...Bg7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.0-0 Rfe8 13.Qe4 Qc5!?

Fritz gives 13...Nb6 14.f4 d5= 14.g3



14...Bxe5!?

14...Nb6 15.f4 d5 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Bxd4 dxc4=.

15.Bxe5 Nc3??

A whole different kettle of fish is 15...Nf6! 16.Bxf6 Rxe4 17.Nxe4 Qf5 18.Re1, and either (a) 18...d5 19.cxd5 Bxf1 20.Bd4 (20.Bb2 Bd3 21.Nf6+ Kf8 22.Nxh7+ Kg8=) 20...c5 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Ne8+ Kg8 23.Nf6+, drawing; or (b) 18...Re8! 19.Bh3! Qf3! (not 19...Qxh3?? 20.Ng5!+-) 20.Bg4 Qxg4 21.Be7 Qf3 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.Nxe8 Qc3+ and this time Black has to take the perpetual. 16.Bxc3 Rxe4 17.Nxe4+- Qf5 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.Ne8+ Kf8 20.Nxc7 Rc8 21.Nxa6 c5 22.Bg2 Qxf2 23.Rd2 Qe3 24.Kb2 Qe6 25.Bb7 Rc6 26.Nb8 Rc7 27.Bg2 a6 28.Rhd1 1-0

Center Counter B01

Danny Chen 1839

Selby Anderson 2200

Summer Open (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bg4 6.f3 Bh5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.Bf4 Qd7 9.Qd2 Nb4 10.Bc4 e6 11.0-0 c6 12.Ng3 Bg6 13.Nge4 Nbd5 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Rhe1 Nd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Be7 19.Be5 0-0 20.h4 Rac8 21.g4 Qa4 22.Kb1 Qc4 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.h5 Rfc8 25.c3 b5 26.a3 a5 27.Rc1 Bg5 28.f4 Be7

29.f5 Bg5 30.Rcd1 R4c6 31.fxe6 Rxe6 32.Bg3 Rce8 33.Re5 Rxe5 34.dxe5 Rd8 35.Kc2 Be7 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Defense B35

Ernesto Malazarte 2158

Avinash Thangirala 1831

Summer Open (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Bb3 a5 9.f3 d5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Nb4 12.c4 a4 13.Bc2 Nxc2+ 14.Qxc2 e6 15.0-0 exd5 16.c5 Re8 17.Bf2 Bd7 18.b4 Qe7 19.Rfe1 Qxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 21.Bxe1 Bxd4+ 22.Bf2 Bg7 23.Qd3 Be6 24.Bd4 Rc8 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qb5 a3 27.Qxb7 d4 28.Kf2 Rd8 29.Ke1 1-0

Modern Benoni A68

Eric Lu 1790

Michael Langer 2318

Summer Open (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Be2

For a time in the 80s, GM Max Dlugy and our own Igor Shtern had success with Nd2 and Be2-f3.

9...Re8 10.Qc2 Na6 11.a3 Bg4 12.0-0 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 c4 14.Be3 Rc8!



This resembles a book position - put White pawns on h3 and a4, Black pawn at a6 and knight at d7.

Based on that, White should play 15.Rae1(!) Nc5 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.e6 fxe6 20.Rxe6 Ne5=.

Not so good is 15.Bxa7?! b6 16.Na4 Nd7 17.Bg4 c3 18.bxc3 b5 19.Nb2 Rxc3 20.Qd2 Rxe4. 15.Rad1 Nc5 16.Rfe1?

A mistake; White is okay after 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Rxe5 18.Bd4 Re8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Bg4 Rb8 21.Qf2 Ne4 22.Nxe4 Rxe4 23.Bf3 Rf4 24.d6 with good play for the pawn. 16...Nd3 17.Re2 Qa5 18.Bd2 Nd7 19.Na2

19.Bg4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Rcd8 21.Rf1 Nf6 19...Qb6+ 20.Be3 Qxb2 21.Qxb2 Nxb2 22.Rdd2 c3

22...Nd3 23.Rc2 b5 24.Nb4 N7c5 25.Nc6 Nxe4+ 23.Rc2 Na4 24.Kf2 Nac5!?

Of course the c3 pawn is poisoned right now (25.Nxc3?? Nd3+) but perhaps simpler was 24...Ndc5 25.Bxc5 Rxc5+

25.Bc1 Nd3+ 26.Kf1 N7c5 27.Bg4 Rcd8 28.Nxc3



28...Nb3 29.Be3 Na1! 30.Red2 30.Rcd2 Nc1!+

30...Nxc2 31.Rxc2 f5+ 32.Be2 fxe4 33.Bxa7 Nxf4 34.Nb5 Nxe2 35.Kxe2 Rc8 36.Rxc8 Rxc8 37.Nxd6 Rd8 38.Bc5 b6 39.Bb4 Be5 40.Nxe4 Rxd5 41.h3 Bb2 42.g4 Kf7 43.Ke3 Ke6 44.Ke2 Ke5 45.Nf2 Kd4 46.Kd2 Kc4+ 47.Kc2 Re5 48.Nd1 Re2+ 49.Kb1 Kb3 50.Nxb2 Rxb2+ 51.Kc1 Rh2 52.g5 Rxb3 53.

Kd2 Ka4 54.Kc2 Rxa3 55.Bxa3 Kxa3 56.Kb1 Kb3 57.Kc1 b5 58.Kb1 b4 59.Ka1 Kc2 0-1

King's Indian E92

Selby Anderson 2200
Rheanna English 1782

Summer Open (2)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.Bg5 c6

ECO gives only 8...h6 9.Bh4 g5. It is clear that I lose the thread badly in this game, but not so clear how White can improve.

9.Nd2 Qc7 10.0-0 Ne8 11.Be3 f5 12.f3 f4 13.Bf2 h5 14.a3 c5 15.Rb1 g5 16.b4 Rf6 17.Re1 Bf8 18.Nf1 Qg7 19.h3 Rg6 20.Nh2 Nf6 21.bxc5 Nxc5 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.d6 g4 24.fxg4 hxg4 25.Nxg4 Nxg4 26.Bxg4



26...Rxd6 26...Bxg4 27.hxg4 Rxg4 28.Rb2 Rd8+ 27.Nd5 Bxg4 28.Qxg4 Rg6 29.Qe2 Rg3 30.Rf1 b6 30...Rxa3 31.Qg4 Qxg4 32.Nf6+ Kf7 33.Nxg4 Ke6 34.Rxb7 Rd8 31.Rf3 Rg6 32.Rbb3 Be7 33.g4 Bh4 34.Kg2 Kh7 35.Kg1 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Defense B27

Martin Gordon 1897
Avinash Thangirala 1831

Summer Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bc4 Bg7 4.0-0 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.Re1 Nge7 7.d4 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.Bb5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Be3 Ne5 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Be2

Rc8 14.Qb3 Bc6 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.f4 Nd7 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Bxb5 Qe5+ 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.Be2 b6 22.Bf3 Rfe8 23.h3 Bh6 24.Qc2 Qf2 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Qd1 Bxf4 27.Nf1 Ne4 28.Bxe4 dxe4 29.Qe1 e3 30.g3 Qf3+ 31.Kh2 e2 32.gxf4 exf1N+ 33.Qxf1 Re2+ 34.Qxe2 Qxe2+ 35.Kg3 Qxb2 36.Rd1 Qxc3+ 37.Kh4 Qf3 38.Rd8+ Kg7 39.Rd4 Qf2+ 40.Kg4 Qxd4 41.Kf3 Kf6 42.h4 Kf5 43.h5 Qxf4+ 44.Ke2 Qg3 45.hxg6 fxg6 46.a4 Ke4 47.a5 Qe3+ 48.Kd1 Qf2 49.Kc1 Kd3 50.Kb1 Kc3 51.Ka1 Qb2# 0-1

Nimzovich Defense B00

Michael Langer 2318
Ernesto Malazarte 2158

Summer Open (3)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Bc4 d6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Qe2 Bg4 7.c3 e5 8.Rd1 0-0 9.h3 Bd7 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Bg5 Qe7 13.Bd5 c6 14.Bb3 Be6 15.Nd2 Bxb3 16.axb3 h6 17.Bh4 Qe6

This was a good time to play 17...a6, preparing ...Rad8. 18.Nc4 b5 19.Na5 Nh5

Black tries dicey counterplay to make up for the weakened pawns. 20.b4 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.g3 Rfd8 23.Qe3 Kg7 24.Qc5 Qf3



25.Qxe5+ 25.Rxd8! Rxd8 26.Nxc6 Re8 27.Nxe5 Qxe4 28.Ng4+ 25...Kh7 26.Rd4?

With this White throws away the win. 26.Rxd8! Rxd8 27.Nxc6 Rd2

28.Rf1 Rxb2 29.Qc7! — threatens Nxa7 or Ne5 while covering g3.
 26...Re8 27.Qc7 Rac8 28.Qd7
 No better is 28.Qd6 Rcd8 29.
 Qxd8 Nxb3.

28...Nxb3 29.fxb3 Qxb3+ 30.Kf1
 Qf3+ 31. Kg1 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Qf3+
 ½-½

KI Attack A07

Rheanna English 1782
 Mitch Vergara 2064

Summer Open (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.d3
 Nf6 5.Nbd2 e6 6.0-0 h6 7.Qe1 Bh7
 8.e4 Be7 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Qe2 0-0
 11.h4 c5 12.Re1 Nc6 13.a3

13.Nf1 is still book (13...Rc8
 14.Bf4 Re8 15.N1h2 f5 16.c4=).
 The text probably intends 14.c4,
 which Black now discourages.

13...b5 14.Nf1 Rb8 15.N1h2 a5 16.
 Ng4 Kh8 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Nfh2 Rg8



19.Bxh6!? Nd4 20.Qd1 gxb6
 21.Nxh6 Kg7?

21...Rg7 22.Qh5 Bg6 23.Nxf7+
 Kg8 24.Qxg6 Rxg6 25.Nxd8 Bxd8
 26.Ra1 Bc7+
 22.N2g4?

22.Nxg8 Qxg8 23.c3 Nc6 24.
 Ng4 Qh7 25.d4±
 22...Bxg4 23.Nxg4 Nf5 24.Ne3
 Nxe3 25.Rxe3 Qc7 26.f4 Rh8 27.h5
 Rbg8 28.g4 Kf8 29.Rh3 Nxe5 30.
 fxe5 Qxe5 31.c3 Qf4 32.Bf3 f5 33.
 Rh2 fxg4 34.Bxd5 g3 35.Rg2 exd5
 36.Qe2 Qd6 37.Qf3+ Ke8 38.Re1
 Rg7 39.Qf5 Rf8 40.Qc8+ Kf7 41.
 Qf5+ Kg8 42.Qh3 Rf2 43.h6 Rg6

44.h7+ Kh8 45.Qc8+ Kxh7 46.Qe8
 Bg5 47.d4 cxd4 48.cxd4 Qf4 49.
 Qd7+ Rg7 50.Qxd5 Rxg2+ 51.
 Qxg2 Qf2+ 0-1

French Winawer C17

Selby Anderson 2200
 Eric Lu 1790

Summer Open (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5
 5.Bd2 Ne7 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Nbc6
 8.Nf3 b6 9.Bd3 Ng6 10.Bxg6 hxg6
 11.Qd2 Ba6 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.Qe3
 Ne7 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.Rc1 Nf5 16.
 Qd2 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Nh4 18.Nxh4
 Rxh4 19.f4 Qd7 20.Qf2 Rh8 21.h4
 21.b3 Qe7 22.Bb2 g5 23.f5 exf5
 24.Qxf5 Rh4=

21...Qa4! 22.Ka2 Qc4+ 23.b3 Qe2
 24.Qxe2 Bxe2 25.g3 ½-½

Torre Attack D03

Mitch Vergara 2064
 Michael Langer 2318

Summer Open (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 d5 4.e3
 Be7 5.Nbd2 c5 6.c3 Nbd7 7.Bd3
 Qc7 8.0-0 e5!? [0-0] 9.dxe5 Nxe5
 10.Nxe5 Qxe5 11.Nf3 Qe6 12.Bb5+
 Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7?

Better was 13...Nxd7! 14.Bxe7
 Kxe7=. Now White has 14.Ne5! Qb5
 (14...Qf5 15. Qa4+±) 15.Bxf6 gxf6
 16.Nd3±
 14.c4? dxc4 15.Ne5 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1
 c3 17.bxc3 Ne4 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.c4
 Rhd8 20.Kf1



Or 20.Rab1 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 f6
 22.Nf3 a6 23.a4 b6 24.Rb1 Rd8±

20...f6 21.Nf3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8
 23.Rc1?

Best is 23.Rxd8 Kxd8 24.a3 Kc7
 (24...Nc3 25.Nd2) 25.Ke2 b5!



26.bxc5 Kb6 27.Nd2 Nxd2 28.Kxd2
 Kxb5 29.Kc3=. The K+P ending is a
 minefield, but should be drawn with
 best play: 29...Ka4 30.h4! Kc6=, or
 29...g5!? 30.h3! and ... (a) 30...f5??
 31.g4+; (b) 30...Ka4 31.f4 Kb5
 32.g3! Kc6 32.e4=; (c) 30...a5 31.f4
 h5 32.g3 fxh4 33. gxf4 f5 34.Kd3
 Ka4 35.Kc3 Kb5! 36.Kd3=.

23...Rd3 24.Rc2 b6 25.g4 Kd6 26.
 Ke1 Rc3!

A fine coup.

27.Rxc3 Nxc3 28.a3 Nb1 29.a4 Nc3
 30.a5 bxa5 31.Kd2 Ne4+ 32.Ke2 a4
 33.Ne1 a3 34.Nc2 a2 35.Na1 Ke5
 36.f3 Nd6 37.Kd3 g5 38.Kc3 f5 39.
 h3 f4 40.e4 Nxe4+ 41.fxe4 Kxe4 42.
 Nb3 Ke3 43.Kb2 f3 0-1

Sicilian Defense B27

Ernesto Malazarte 2158
 Danny Chen 1839

Summer Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 a6
 8.a4 Qc7 9.Be3 b6 10.f4 Bb7 11.
 Bf3 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.g4 0-0
 14.Qd2 Rfe8 15.g5 Nd7 16.Qg2 Bf8
 17.h4 g6 18.h5 Rad8 19.Rad1 Bb7

Why not 19...Nc5 right away?

20.Rd2 Nc5 21.h6

Ernesto faulted this move, but
 it's not clear that White can achieve
 anything with 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Qh3
 Bg7 33.Rfd1 Kf8=.

21...d5 22.e5 Nd7 23. Ne2 Nb8
24.c3 Bc5 25.Qf2 Rc8 26. b4 Bxe3
27.Qxe3 Nc6 28.Rd3 Red8 29.Bg2
Ne7 30.Bh3 Qc6 31.Kh2?

31.Nd4! Qd7 (31...Qxa4? 32.
Nxe6) 32.Ra1±



31...d4?

31...Qxa4 32.Qxb6 Qc2 33.Qe2
d4! 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.cxd4 Nd5 36.
Qf2 Qd2 37.Ng3 Rc2±
32.Nxd4 Qxa4 33.Qd2 Bd5 34.Nc2
Qe8 35.Rd1 Nc6 36.Ne3 Bb3 37.
Ng4 Kh8 38. Nf6 Qf8 39.Ra1 Nxb4
40.Rxd8 Rxd8 41.Qf2 Nd5 42.Rxa6
Nxf6 43.exf6 b5 44.Ra7 Bc4 45.Re7
Re8 46.Qa7 Rxe7??

46...Kg8 47.Bg2 Rd8 48.Qc5
Rd2 49.Rc7 Qxc5 50.Rxc5±
47.fxe7 Qe8 48. Qc7 1-0

Bogo-Indian E11

Derek Chang 1884

Selby Anderson 2200

Summer Open (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2
c5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2 cxd4 7.
Nxd4 d5 8.e3 e5 9.N4f3 e4 10.Nd4
0-0 11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.Bc4 Qg5 13.
Bf1 Qe5 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Qb3 Nc6
16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Be2 Rfd8 18.Nc4
Qc7 19.a4 Bd5 20.0-0 Bxc4

20...Nd7 21.Qc3 Rac8 22.Ra1
Nc5 23.Bg4 Be6 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.b3
Rd3±

21.Qxc4 Qxc4 22.Bxc4 Rd2 23.b3
Kf8

23...Rad8 24.f3 exf3 25.Rxf3
Kf8 26.Rc1 Ke7 27.g4= or 25...R8d7
26.Ra1 Kf8 27.g4 h6 28.h4=.

24.Rfd1 Rad8 25.Rxd2 Rxd2 26.h3
Rc2 27.Rd1 Ke7 28.Rd4 Rb2
29.Kf1 a5 ½-½

U.S. Class (cont'd from p. 11)

Nbd7 8.Nf1 g6 9.Bg5 d4 10.a3 Bg7
11.Nh2 Qa5 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.Qg3
O-O-O 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Bg5 Kb8 16.
Ng4 Ka8 17.Qh4 Qd6 18.f4 Nxd4
19.hxg4 f6 20.Bh6 Bh8 21.fxe5 fxe5
22.Bg5 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.g5
Nd7 25.O-O Qe7 26.Bg4 Rf8 27.
Bxd7 Rxd7 28.Rf6 Qe8 29.Ra1
Rdf7 30.Qxh7 Rxf6 31.Rxf6 Rg8
32.Rf7 Qc8 33.Rxb7 Qxb7 34.Qxg8
Qb8 35.Qxg6 Qc8 36.Qf5 Qh8
37.g6 1-0

English Opening A28

Steven Graenias 2200

Warren Harper 2351

US Class Championships (5)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3
Bb4 5.Qc2 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 e4 7.Nd4
O-O 8.Be2 Ne5 9.Ne6 fxe6 10.Qxe5
d6 11.Qc3 e5 12.h3 Qe8 13.d4 exd3
14.Qxd3 e4 15.Qb3 Qg6 16.g4 Nd7
17.Bd2 Nc5 18.Qc3 a5 19.Rh2 Be6
20.O-O-O b5 21.Kb1 bxc4 22.Bxc4
Rf3 23.Qd4 Bxc4 24.Qxc4 Qf7
25.Qd4 Rc8 26.Bxa5 Rxf2 27.Rxf2
Qxf2 28.Qc4 Kh8 29.Rf1 Qxe3 30.
Bxc7 Qxh3 31.Bxd6 Qd3 32.Qxd3
Nxd3 33.Rd1 Kg8 34.b4 Rc6
35.Bc5 Kf7 36.Rf1 Ke6 37.Bd4
Kd5 38.Be3 Nxb4 39.Rf7 Rg6
40.g5 Kc4 41.Re7 Kd3 42.Bc1 Nd5
43.Rd7 Kc4 44.Rd8 e3 0-1

King's Indian Defense E90

Deeptyman Datta 2196

Shawn Noland 2104

US Class Championships (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 O-O 6.h3 Na6 7.Bg5 Qe8
8.g4 e5 9.d5 Nc5 10.Nd2 a5 11.Be2
h6 12.Be3 Nh7 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.
axb3 f5 15.b4 Nf6 16.f3 fxe4
17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.fxe4 Qe7 19.bxa5
Rf4 20.Qd3 b6 21.b4 bxa5 22.Rxa5
Rxa5 23.bxa5 Ba6 24.Kd2 Rf8
25.Kc2 Rb8 26.h4 Qd7 27.Qa3 c6

28.Rb1 Rxb1 29.Kxb1 c5 30.Kc2
Qe7 31.g5 h5 32.Qa4 Qc7 33.Bd2
Kf7 34.Qc6 Qxc6 35.dxc6 Ke7
36.Kd3 Kd8 37.Bd1 Kc7 38.Ba4
Bf8 39.Bb5 Bc8 40.a6 Kb6 41.Ba5
Ka7 42.Bd8 Bxa6 43.c7 Bc8 44.Be8
Kb7 45.Bxg6 Bg4 46.Bf5 1-0

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Jarod Pamatmat 2001

Mark Dejmek 2161

US Class Championships (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 g6 4.Bd3
Bg7 5.Nbd2 b6 6.Qe2 Bb7 7.c3 d6
8.O-O O-O 9.e4 e6 10.b3 Qc7 11.
Bb2 Nbd7 12.c4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 a6
14.Rad1 Rfe8 15.Kh1 d5 16.f3 Nh5
17.g3 Nc5 18.Rfe1 Nxd3 19.Qxd3
dxe4 20.Nxe4 Rad8 21.Qe2 h6
22.Ba1 f5 23.Nf2 Nxd3 24.hxg3
Qxg3 25.Ne4 fxe4 26.fxe4 Be5
27.Nf3 Bxa1 28.Rxa1 Rf8 29.Rf1
Rf4 0-1

Sicilian Najdorf B87

Artur Safin 2033

Michael Langer 2322

US Class Championships (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5
8.O-O Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3 Nc6
11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Re1 Bb7 13.f3
Qc7 14.a3 O-O-O 15.Kh1 Rhg8 16.
f4 g6 17.Bd2 h5 18.Qf3 Kb8
19.Re2 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 f5 21.Qc3
Bxe4 22.Qxc7 Kxc7 23.Bxe6 Bf6
24.Bxg8 Rxg8 25.c3 Kc6 26.Be3 a5
27.Kg1 a4 28.Rd1 Bg7 29.Red2
Rd8 30.Rc1 Bd5 31.Kf2 Bh6 32.g3
Bf8 33.Bd4 Rc8 34.h3 Bh6 35.Bf6
Bf8 36.Re1 Be4 37.g4 Bh6 38.Kg3
d5 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.Bg5 Bf8 41.
Kh4 Bd6 42.Bh6 Rh8 43.Kg5 Rxh6
44.Rxd5 Re6 45.Rd3 Bf8 46.Rg3
Bh6 47.Kh4 Bxf4 48.Rg8 Bd6
49.Rf1 Bd3 50.Rf3 Be7 51.Kg3 Be4
52.Rf1 h4 53.Kf4 Bd6 54.Kg5 Bg3
55.Rd1 f4 56.Rc8 Kb7 57.Rcd8 f3
58.R8d2 f2 59.Rf1 Rg6 60.Kh5 Rf6
61.Kg5 Rf7 62.Rdd1 Bg2 63.Kg4
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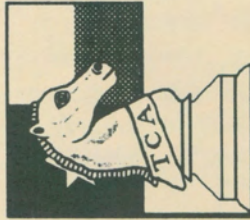
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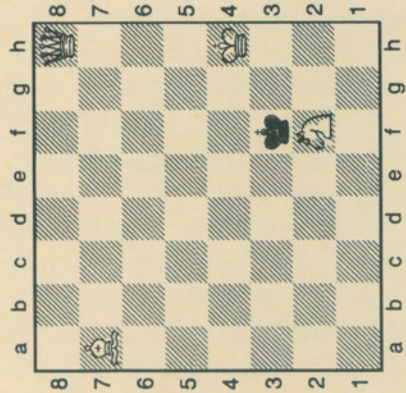


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