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TX bests OK in 27-board comeback



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Final Four: UMBC captures title after third-round nail-biter

Tournament goes to the wire with grueling final game lasting 6 1/2 hours

by Karah Hosek

In a reversal of fortunes, the UT Dallas chess team lost on a tie-breaker to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) at the 2009 Final Four of Chess.

"If you want to keep the President's Cup, you have to go that little extra distance," said Jim Stallings, director of the UT Dallas chess program. "We did not do that this year."

When the teams last faced each other, at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Championships in December, UT Dallas and UMBC racked up the same number of match wins. UT Dallas won the tournament, however, under the tiebreak system.

In the rematch held Apr. 4-5, UT Dallas entered the third round with a one-point advantage. After a win at one board early on, it looked as if the team might win the President's Cup for a third consecutive year.

UMBC won at two other boards, however, and the tournament was to be decided in the last game. In a marathon 140-move contest that lasted almost 6 1/2 hours, the last game between Davorin Kuljasevic of UT Dallas and Sergey Erenburg of UMBC ended in a hard-fought draw.

That left both teams with an equal 7.5 game points in the tournament. But because UT Dallas was a half-point behind UMBC's match record, under the tiebreak the tournament victory went to UMBC.

Four teams earned the right to compete in this year's Final Four competition by finishing among the top four U.S. teams at the 2008 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship, the most prestigious yearly college chess competition in the Western Hemisphere.

Third-seeded UT Brownsville made an impressive inaugural showing. The team finished with a score of 6.5-5.5, only one point behind UMBC and UT Dallas.

Stanford's final score was very deceptive according to UT Dallas chess coach Rade Milovanovic, "Although they did not win many, all of their games were good struggles that lasted a long time. They did not give up any easy points."

"There was greater parity this year than ever before in the tournament," Stallings said. "Congratulations to UMBC on winning the tie-break and to UT Brownsville on their first appearance in this tournament. We will start planning now for our return next year."

UT Dallas' chess team is part of a broad chess program that includes on-line chess instruction for teachers and courses about using chess in the classroom as an educational tool.

FINAL STANDINGS

UMBC won on the first tiebreak, with 2.5 team match wins to UTD's 2.0.

1 Univ. of Maryland-Baltimore County	2567.8	7.5
GM Timur Gareev	2625	2.0
IM Sasha Kaplan	2517	2.0
GM Sergey Erenburg	2625	1.5
GM Leonid Kritz	2668	1.0
WGM Sabina Foisor	2404	0.0
2 University of Texas-Dallas	2545.7	7.5
IM Davorin Kuljasevic	2560	2.0
IM Marko Zivanic	2547	2.0
GM Alejandro Ramirez	2619	1.0
IM John Bartholemew	2498	1.0
IM Wang Puchen	2493	1.0
IM Jacek Stopa	2557	0.5
3 University of Texas-Brownsville	2347.4	6.5
IM Mauricio Flores	2487	3.0
IM Daniel Fernandez	2401	2.0
FM Max Cornejo	2414	1.0
WIM Nadya Karolina Ortiz	2227	0.5
Bradley Sawyer	2208	0.0
4 Stanford University	2251	2.5
FM Elliott Liu	2398	1.0
Daniel Schwarz	2317	0.5
Vaishnav Aradhyula	2225	0.5
Christopher Desa	2161	0.5
Matthew Ho	2281	0.0
Sarkis Agaian	2124	0.0



GM Alejandro Ramirez

Clemente on the Final Four

From the start of the Final Four tournament, you could tell that there was something different. This event always involved two powerhouses, the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Like the Republican and Democratic parties, one of the two would always come out on top. Although most expected a repeat, two additional rivals emerged to challenge the established order.

The festivities began with dinner on Friday evening. Players from all four universities gathered, along with sponsors, coaches, and supporters. UTD Chess Program Director Jim Stallings played social roulette by randomly assigning players to different tables in an effort to improve comradeship with their distinguished rivals. The evening ended with various coin flips that would determine the colors and pairings of the following day.

The following morning, Dr. David Daniel, President of UTD and Dr. Juliet V Garcia, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) commenced the opening ceremonies by making symbolic first moves. During the two days of the Final Four event, GM Babakuli Anankov provided live game commentary. Dozens of spectators visited at various times. They listened to Anankov as he analyzed or visited the playing room, which was separated from the analysis room by a skittles/reception room.

The tournament had fast-paced action. In the first round, UTD defeated UTB by a score of 3-1 while UMBC beat Stanford by a score of 3-1. The surprises were on board 1, where Mauricio Flores defeated Alejandro Ramirez and Elliott Liu defeated Leonid Kritz. During the second round, UMBC tied with UTB, due to wins by both Mauricio

Flores and Daniel Fernandez. UTD defeated Stanford by a score of 3.5-.5. During the highly anticipated last round, UMBC pulled out the win against UTD with a score of 2.5-1.5. Both UTD and UMBC tied for first; but UMBC won on tie breakers.

UTB had an impressive showing with 6.5 points, only 1 point behind UTD and UMBC. Mauricio Flores and Timur Gareev both had impressive undefeated records.

All the schools received considerable media coverage. The event was praised as distinguished and well-organized. It was truly an honor for Texas to host such a tournament.

Next year, UTB will host the Final Four Competition.

— *Clemente Rendon, TCA president*

Sicilian Paulsen B41

Mauricio Flores 2487 (UTB)

Alejandro Ramirez 2619 (UTD)

Final Four 2009 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Qd3

A relatively new continuation. Anand-Svidler, Monte Carlo 2005, continued 7...d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bg5 bxc3 14.bxc3=.

7...d6 8.Nc2 Bc5 9.b4 Ba7 10.Be2 Nc6 11.Bf4 e5 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 Be6 [13...a5!]= 14.Rd1 Rc8?

Bettter is 14...Qc7±. Black's upcoming razzle fails to dazzle.

15.c5± Nxb4 16. Nxb4 Qa5 17.Rb1 Rxc5 18.0-0 O-O 19.a4 Rfc8 20. Ncd5 Bxd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rfc1 g6 25.h4 Qa2 26.Bxb5 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Rxc1 28.Qxc1 Qxd5 29.Qc6 Qd1 30.Kh2 Qd4 31.Kg1 Kg7 32.g3 d5 33.Qc7 e4 34.Qf4 Qf6 35.Qe3 h6 36.Kg2 Kh7 37.Ba4 Qa6 38.Qd4 e3 39.Qf4 f6 40.fxe3 d4 41.Qc7 Kh8 42.Qd8 Kh7 43.Qe7 Kh8 44.Qe8 Kh7 45. exd4 Qb7 46.Kh2 Qb2 47.Kh3 Qxd4 48.Qf7 Kh8 49.Bb3 Qd8 50. Qxg6 Qd7 51.Qg4 1-0

French Winawer C16

Elliott Liu 2398 (Stanford)

Leonid Kritz 2668 (UMBC)

Final Four 2009 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3 6.bxc3 b6 7.Qg4 Ng6 8.h4 h5 9.Qg3 Ba6 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.cxd3 Nc6 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Ne2 Nce7 14.Qf3 Nf5 15.a4 Qc6 16.a5 Kd7 17.axb6 f6 18.exf6 gxf6 19. Bxf6 Rhf8



20.Bg5!?

20.Rxa7?! Qxb6!±; ♖ 20.Qxh5! Rxf6 21.Qg5 axb5!±.

20...Nxd4 21.Qxh5 Nc2 22.Kd2 Nxa1 23.Rxa1 Qxb6 24.Rc1 e5± 25.Qh7 Kc8 26.h5 Rxf2! 27.Qg8?

27.hxg6! Qb2+ 28.Rc2 Rxe2+ 29.Kxe2 Qxc2+ 30.Bd2 Kb7 31.Qf7 Rd8 32.Qe7=

27...Nf8 28.Ke1 Rf5 29.g4 Rf3??

29...Qf2+ 30.Kd2 Rf7± 30.Qxd5 Qf2 31.Kd2 Rb8 32.Qd8 Kb7 33.Rb1 Kc6 34.Qxb8 Ne6 35. Qe8+ (and mate in two) 1-0

Another win by this event's MVP:

Sicilian Taimanov B48

Leonid Kritz 2668 (UMBC)

Mauricio Flores 2487 (UTB)

Final Four 2009 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Bb4 9.f3 Ne5 10.Nb3 b5 11.Kb1 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.Nc1 Rb8 14.Bf4 e5 15.Bg5 Qb6 16.N1e2 Ba3 17.b3 0-0 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.

Nd5 Qd8 20.f4 exf4 21.Qxf4 Bb7
22.Ng3 a5 23.Nh5 Kh8 24.Rhf1
Bxd5 25.Rxd5 a4 26.Qg3 Rg8 27.
Rxf7 cxb3 28.axb3 axb3 29.cxb3



29...Qc8+ 30.Rf1 Qc4 31.Rd3
Rxb3+ 32.Rxb3 Qxf1+ 33.Ka2 Bc5
34.Rb8 Qe2+ 35.Kb3 Qxh5 0-1

In the final round, UTD's Marko Zivanic scored the first win:

Sicilian Paulsen B47

Sasha Kaplan 2517 (UMBC)
Marko Zivanic 2547 (UTD)

Final Four 2009 (3)

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 9.f4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b5
11.e5 Ng4 12.Bf3 Bb7 13.Bxb7
Qxb7 14.Bd2 Rc8 15.Qd3 h4 16.h3
Nh6 17.Ne4 Nf5 18.Rfe1 Be7 19.
ad1 0-0 20.Ba5 Rc4 21.Qxd7 Qa8
22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.exd6 Rxc2 24.Rg1
Qe4 25.Bd2 Qd3 26.Bc1 Ng3+ 27.
h2



27...Rxc2+! 0-1

Next came good news for UT-Brownsville as IM Fernandez won:

English Opening A16

Daniel Fernandez 2401 (UTB)
Daniel Schwarz 2317 (Stanford)

Final Four 2009 (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.Qa4+ Nc6 [5...Bd7] 6.Ne5
Ndb4 7.a3 Nc2+?

7...Bg7 8.axb4 Bxe5 9.b5 Nb8
10.e3 0-0 11.d4 Bg7 12.Be2 c6 13.
0-0 cxb5 14.Qxb5± Timman-Sax,
Rio de Janeiro 1979

8.Qxc2 Nxe5 9.d4! Nc6

9...Qxd4?? 10.Nb5+-. White's
center pawns go on a rampage now.

10.d5 Ne5 11.e4 c6 12.f4 Ng4 13.
dxc6 bxc6 14.h3 Nf6 15.Be3 e5
16.fxe5 Nh5 [16...Nd7 17.Rd1±]
17.Bc4 Qh4+ 18.Bf2 Qg5 19.Qb3!

Even stronger than 19.0-0 Nf4
20.Be3 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Kg7.

Now on 19...Nf4 20.Bxf7+ and
White will castle long with check.

19...Bh6 20.Bxf7+ Kf8 21.Rd1
Qxg2 22.Rg1 Qxh3

On 22...Qf3 best is 23.Bxg6!
hxg6 24.Rxg6 (Δ Bc5+, Rg8+) and
Black has no good defense, e.g. 24...
Ke8 25.Rxh6! Rxh6 26.Qg8+ Qf8
27.Rd8+, winning the house.

The prosaic 23.Rf1 Kg7 24.Bh4
Qe3+ 25.Ne2 should also prevail.



23.Bg8! Qf3
23...Rxc8 24.Rd8+, etc.
24.Rd3 Qf4 25.Ne2 1-0

After Zivanic' win, UTD was in
position to "threepeat" the title by
drawing the rest of its games. Then
disaster struck, when GM Ramirez
hung his rook in a pawn up endgame
against GM Kritz.

English Opening A21

Alejandro Ramirez 2619 (UTD)
Leonid Kritz 2668 (UMBC)

Final Four 2009 (3)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qc2 Bxc3
4.Qxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.d4 exd4 7.
Nxd4 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Qf6 9.Be3
Qxd4 10.Bxd4 f6 11.g3 Bd7 12.Bg2
Bc6 13.e4 Ne7 14.0-0 b6 15.b4 Kf7
16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 b5 18.Bc3 f5
19.exf5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nxf5 21.Ba5
Rac8 22.a4 a6 23.Rfd1 Rhe8 24.
axb5 axb5 25.c6 Re6 26.Rd7+ Ke8
27.Rd5 g6 28.Rc1 Ne7 29.Rxb5
Nxc6 30.Bd2 Nd4 31.Rb4 Nf5 32.
Rb7 Kd7 33.Bf4 Rc6 34.Rd1+ Nd6
35.h4 Ke6 36. Ra7 Nb5 37.Ra5
Rb6 38.h5! Rf8 39.Be3 Rbb8 40.
hxg6 hxg6 41.Ra6+ Nd6 42.Bf4
Rbd8 43.Re1+ Kd7 44.Rd1 Ke6 45.
Rc6 Rf7 46. Kh3 Rh7+ 47.Kg4
Rdd7 48.Rdc1 Rhe7 49.f3 Rf7 50.
R1c5 Kf6 51. Be5+ Ke6 52.f4 Rfe7
53.Rc1 Kf7



54.Rh1!
Black cannot avoid losing a
pawn. Against strong odds, he man-
ages to fortresses and hang on.
54...Re8 55.Rxc7 Rxc7 56.Rh7+
Kg8 57.Rxc7 Nf7 58.Bf6 Re6 59.
Rc8+ Kh7 60.Bb2 Re2 61.Rb8 Rd2
62.Kf3 Rd3+ 63.Kf2 g5 64.f5 g4

65.f6 Rf3+ 66.Kg2 Rd3 67.Rb4
Kh6 68.Bc1+ Kh5 69.Rc4 Rf3 70.
Bf4 Kg6 71.Bd2 Ne5



72.Bc3?? [72.Rxg4=] 72...Nxc4 0-1

There's consolation for you woodpushers out there!

Disaster struck again, as UTD's John Bartholemew, playing former UTB star Gareev, lost his way in a drawn N+3P vs. R+P ending.

Sicilian Hedgehog B44

John Bartholemew 2498 (UTD)

Timur Gareev 2625 (UMBC)

Final Four 2009 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 a6
8.Na3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 b6
11.Be3 Rb8 12.Qd2 Bb7 13.Rfd1
Ne5 14.f3 Re8 15.Kh1 Bf8 16.Bf1
Qc7 17.Rac1 Ba8 18.Qf2 Kh8 19.
Na4 Qc6 20.Nc3 Be7 21.Nab1 Rg8
22.Bd4 Qc7 23.b4 Rgc8 24.Na4
Nfd7 25.Be3 Qb7 26.a3 Rc6 27.
Nb2 Rbc8 28.Qd2 Qc7 29.a4 Qb8
30.b5 R6c7 31.bxa6 Nc5 32.Qc2
Ra7 33.Nc3 Rxa6 34.Nb5 Bc6 35.
Nc3 Qa8 36.Ra1 Rf8 37.Nb5 Qb8
38.Nd3 Ncxd3 39.Bxd3 Rc8 40.
Qb3 Nd7 41.Bc2 Bb7 42.Bf4 Nc5
43.Qe3 e5 44.Bg3 Bc6 45.Bf2 Bd7
46.Nc3 Ne6 47.Nd5 Bd8 48.Rdb1
Nc5 49.Qd2 Be6 50.Qb4 Qa8 51.
Nc3 h6 52.Rd1 Qc6 53.Nb5 Be7
54.Bxc5 Qxc5 55.Qxc5 Rxc5 56.
Nxd6 g6

(Diagram next column)



IM John Bartholemew



57.Bb3

57.Nxf7+!? Kg7 (57...Bxf7 58.
Rd7±) 58.Nd8 Bxc4 59.Rd7±

57...Kg7 58.Rac1 h5 59.Nb5 h4
60.Rd3 Bg5 61.Rc2 Ra8 62.Kg1 h3
63.g3 Rc6 64.Kf2 Be7 65.f4 f5
66.Re2 fxe4

66...exf4 67.Nd4 Bxc4 68.Rc3
fxg3+ 69.Kxg3 f4+ 70.Kxh3 Bxe2
71.Nxc6 Bf6 72.e5 Rh8+ 73.Kg2
f3+ +

67.Rxe4 Bf5 68.Rxe5 Bxd3 69.
Rxe7+ Kf6 70.Rb7 Bxc4

70...Rf8 71.Na7 Rd6 72.Nc8
Rxc8 73.c5 Re6□ 74.Bxe6 Kxe6 75.
cxb6 Rc2+ 76.Ke3 Bf5 77.Rb8 Kd6
78.Rg8 Rb2 79.g4 Rb3+ 80.Kd4
Rb4+ 81.Kc3 Be6 82.Kxb4 Bxg8
83.Kb5+ -



71.Nd4 Rcc8 72.Rxb6+ Ke7 73.Bc2
Bf7 74.Bxg6 Bxg6 75.Rxg6 Kf7 76.
Rc6 Rxc6 77.Nxc6 Rxa4



78.g4?

78.Ne5+ (a) 78...Kg7 79.Kf3
Ra2 80.Ng4 Ra3+ 81.Ke4 Ra2 82.
Kf5 Ra5+ 83.Ne5 Ra2 84.Nf3 Rf2
85.Ng5 Rxb2 86.Kg4±; (b) 78...Kf6
79.Kf3 Kf5 80.g4+ Kf6 81.Kg3
Ra3+ 82.Nf3 Rb3=. It's a standoff.

78...Rxf4+ 79.Kg3 Re4 80.Kf3 [80.
Kxh3 Ke6] 80...Ra4 81.Ne5+ Kf6
82.Nd3 Ra3 83.Ke4 Ra2 84.Nf4
Kg5 85.Nxh3+ Kxg4 86.Ng1 Rg2
87.h3+ Kg3 88.Nf3 Re2+ 89.Kf5
Kxf3 90.h4 Ra2 91.h5 Ra5+ 92.
Kg6 Kg4 93.h6 Ra6+ 94.Kg7 Kg5
95.h7 Ra7+ 96.Kg8 Kg6 97.h8N+
Kf6 0-1

On Board 2 Erenburg tried to grind out a win with an extra pawn against Kuljasevic, but after 3½ hours and 140 moves it was a draw, and UMBC won on tiebreaks.

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2009 Texas Scholastic Championships

This year 1,399 players competed in twelve sections at the Texas Scholastic and Southwest Collegiate championships, held Mar.20-22 at McAllen Convention Center.

Sponsors included the San Benito ISD (organizer), Rio Grande Valley Chess, The University of Texas at Dallas, and the Texas Chess Association. Chief TD was Franc Guadalupe, assisted by Victor Flores. Luis Salinas worked the MonRoi uplink for the Collegiate section.

Southwest Collegiate Championship

(23 players, 5 rounds. TD: Rob Jones)

1	IM Mauricio Flores	2477	UTB	4.0
2	IM Marko Zivanic	2527	UTD	4.0
3	IM Daniel Fernandez	2401	UTB	3.5
4	FM Max Cornejo	2406	UTB	3.5
5	NM Tautvydas Vedrickas	2252	UTD	3.5
6	WIM Karina Vazirova	2088	UTD	3.5

Prize winners: *1st-2nd:* Mauricio Flores, Marko Zivanic, 4.0 (\$650); *3rd:* Max Cornejo, Tautvydas Vedrickas, 3.5 (\$100); *Top woman:* Karina Vazirova, 3.5 (\$800); *U2000:* Javier Nieto, Alan Gracia, 2.5 (\$150); *U1600:* Matthew Trujillo, 2.0 (\$300). **Games: page 9.**

Southwest Collegiate Team

1	UT-Brownsville/TSC	14.0 pts.	44.5 tiebreak
2	UT-Dallas	14.0	41.5

High School Championship

(133 players, 7 rounds. TD: Lakshmana Viswanath)

1	William C. Ong	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
2	Karthik Ramachandran	6.0	TAMS	Denton
3	Abhishek Mallela	6.0	TAMS	Denton
4	Jeff Feng	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
5	Daniel Hung	6.0	BRMSA	Brownsville
6	Matthew Liu	6.0	Westwood	Austin
7	Bob Shao	5.5	Clements	Sugarland
8	Matthew Michaelides	5.5	Bellaire	Houston

High School Team

1	Bellaire	Houston	22.5
2	Westwood	Austin	21.0
3	Porter	Brownsville	18.5
4	Hanna	Brownsville	18.5

High School JV (U1000)

(114 players, 7 rounds. TD: Lakshmana Viswanath)

1	Enrique Lopez	7.0	Science Acad.	Mercedes
2	Gabriel Perez	6.0	North HS	Edinburg
3	Rene Salinas, Jr.	6.0	North HS	Edinburg
4	Robert A. Lopez	6.0	Lopez	Brownsville

High School JV Team

1	North High School	Edinburg	22.0
2	Marble Falls	Marble Falls	20.0
3	Bellaire	Houston	19.0
4	Hanna	Brownsville	19.0

Middle School Championship

(102 players, 7 rounds. TD: Eddie Rios)

1	Jeffrey Hung	6.5	Vela	Brownsville
2	Derek Chang	6.0	Canyon Vista	Austin
3	Vincent Zhang	5.5	T.H. Rogers	Houston
4	Simon Vasquez	5.5	Miller Jordan	San Benito
5	James Ukoli	5.5	Vela	Brownsville
6	Kristin Ramos	5.5	Berta Cabaza	San Benito
7	Ian Santos	5.5	Vela	Brownsville
8	Fernando Mendez	5.5	Vela	Brownsville

Middle School Team

1	Vela	Brownsville	23.0
2	Miller Jordan	San Benito	18.5
3	Idea Quest Academy	Weslaco	16.5
4	Oliveira	Brownsville	16.0

Middle School JV (U900)

(118 players, 7 rounds. TD: Eddie Rios)

1	Jose Urritia	6.5	Miller Jordan	San Benito
2	Eduardo Garcia	6.5	Los Cuates	Los Fresnos
3	Juan Trujillo	6.0	B.L. Gray	Mission
4	Rodolfo Davila	6.0	Besteiro	Brownsville
5	Jacob Russell	6.0	Oliveira	Brownsville
6	Kevin Mejia	6.0	Idea Frontier	Brownsville

Middle School JV Team

1	Resaca	Los Fresnos	19.5
2	South	Edinburg	19.0
3	Oliveira	Brownsville	18.0
4	Vela	Brownsville	18.0
5	Coakley	Harlingen	18.0

Middle School Novice (U600)

(59 players, 7 rounds. TD: Eddie Rios)

1	Noah Resendez	6.0	Gutierrez	Harlingen
2	Gabriela Rodriguez	6.0	B.L. Gray	Mission
3	Stevie Dennis	6.0	Ysleta	El Paso
4	Jiawei Zhang	5.5	B.L. Gray	Mission
5	Juan Maldonado	5.5	Gutierrez	Harlingen
6	Sang Woo Jeong	5.5	B.L. Gray	Mission

Middle School Novice Team

1	B.L. Gray	Mission	21.0
2	Ysleta	El Paso	20.0
3	Incarinate Word	Brownsville	17.5
4	South MS	Edinburg	14.0

Elementary Championship

(135 players, 7 rounds. TD: Victor Bailey)

1	Ruifeng Li	7.0	Walker	
2	Andrew Istafanous	6.0	SA Cany	San Antonio
3	Isaiah X. Morales	6.0	Cantergury	Edinburg
4	Isaiah Guzman	6.0	Ed Downs	San Benito
5	Claudia Munoz	5.5	Homeschooled	
6	Edgar Santoyo	5.5	A. Paredes	Brownsville
7	Brandon Navarro	5.5	La Encantada	San Benito
8	Miguel Vasquez	5.5	C.M. Cash	San Benito
9	Duy Nguyen	5.5	Cactus Creek	Round Rock
10	Sebastian Alaniz	5.5	J.T. Canales	Brownsville
11	Christian Muraira	5.5	Castaneda	McAllen
12	Christopher Koenig	5.5	J.H. Shary	Mission

Elementary Team

1	Dr. C.M. Cash	San Benito	20.5
2	Ed Downs	San Benito	20.5
3	Americo Paredes	Brownsville	19.5
4	Canterbury	Edinburg	17.5
5	Hudson	Brownsville	17.0

Elementary JV (U800)

(154 players, 7 rounds. TD: Victor Bailey)

1	Brian Tomlin	7.0	Carson	San Antonio
2	Zack Ramon	6.5	O. Garza	Mission
3	Eric Cortez	6.0	Hinojosa	Mission
4	Luis E. Salinas	6.0	O. Garza	Mission
5	Michael Reyes	6.0	Hinojosa	Mission
6	Michael Williams	6.0	Kirkpatrick	Fort Worth

Elementary JV Team

1	Ruben Hinojosa	Mission	23.0
2	Orlivero Garza	Mission	22.5
3	James Carson	San Antonio	19.5
4	Ed Downs	San Benito	19.5

Elementary Novice (U500)

(173 players, 7 rounds. TD: Victor Bailey)

1	Samuel Ramon	7.0	O. Garza	Mission
2	Jason Ybarra	6.5	Hinojosa	Mission
3	N. Anandasivam	6.0	Kenmont	Brownsville
4	Jessica Enriquez	6.0	Specht	San Antonio
5	Mason Walker	6.0	Specht	San Antonio
6	Angelo Badiola	6.0	Specht	San Antonio

Full K-12 results at
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Elementary Novice Team

1	Specht Academy	San Antonio	23.5
2	R. Hinojosa	Sharyland	22.0
3	Orlivero Garza	Mission	21.0
4	J.H. Shary	Mission	20.0

Primary Championship

(92 players, 7 rounds. TD: Victor A. Flores)

1	Sam Capocyan	6.5	Austin Mont.	Odessa
2	Ritik Verma	6.0	Mirleles	Corpus Christi
3	Kevin Li	6.0	Laurel Mountain	Round Rock
4	Bovey Liu	6.0	Lawhon	Pearland
5	William Cooper	5.5	John Cooper	The Woodlands
6	Ethan Rodriguez	5.5	Luther Jones	Corpus Christi

Primary Team

1	Hudson	Brownsville	19.5
2	Dr. C.M. Cash	San Benito	19.0
3	Americo Paredes	Brownsville	18.5

Primary JV (U700)

(141 players, 7 rounds. TD: Victor A. Flores)

1	Mark England	7.0	John Paul II	Plano
2	Louis Fernandes	6.0	Laurel Mtn.	Round Rock
3	Dominique Rodriguez	6.0	Ed Downs	San Benito
4	Yutika Raina	6.0	Ed Downs	San Benito
5	Aracely Ortiz	6.0	Ortiz	Brownsville

Primary JV Team

1	Harry Shimotsu	Mission	20.0
2	Ed Downs	San Benito	19.5
3	Ben Milam	Harlingen	18.0
4	Rancho Verde	Brownsville	17.5
5	La Encantada	San Benito	17.5
6	Canterbury	Edinburg	17.5

K-1

(155 players, 7 rounds. TD: Ed Guetzow)

1	Alfonso Salais	6.5	Hudson	Brownsville
2	Sudarshana Jagadeeshi	6.5	McCoy	Carrollton
3	Dang Nguyen	6.0	Cactus Creek	Round Rock
4	Emily Nguyen	6.0	Forest Creek	Round Rock
5	Rex Imperial	6.0	Episcopal	Brownsville

K-1 Team

1	Hudson	Brownsville	22.5
2	Americo Paredes	Brownsville	21.0
3	Canterbury	Edinburg	19.5

SW Collegiate Games

Dunst Opening A00

Alan Gracia 1773

Francisco Guadalupe 2245

SW Collegiate Championship (1)

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nxe4 Bf5
4.Ng3 Bg6 5.Bc4 e5 6.d3 Nd7 7.f4
Qf6 8.N1e2 Bc5



9.Rf1?

○ 9.f5 Bxf5 10.Nxf5 Qxf5 11.
Rf1 Qg4 12.Bxf7+ Kd8 13.Ng3±
9...Qh4 10.d4 exd4 11.f5 Bh5 12.
Qd3 0-0-0 13.Bf4 Bb4+

White resigns. 14.c3 Nc5 15.
Qb1 dxc3 16.bxc3 Bxe2 17.Qxb4
Bxf1 18.Qxc5 Qxf4 19.Nxf1 Nf6+.
0-1

Sicilian Paulsen B44

Francisco Guadalupe 2245

Marko Zivanic 2527

SW Collegiate Championship (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.0-0
Be7 8.f4 d6 9.Be3 a6 10.Qf3 b5 11.
e5 Nd5 12.Be4 dxe5 13.Nc3 Ncb4
14.a3 f5 15.Bxf5 Nxe3 16.axb4
Nxf1 17.Rxf1 Qa7+ 0-1

King's Indian E61

Daniel Fernandez 2401

Nadia Ortiz 2227

SW Collegiate Championship (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4
0-0 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.e3 Nbd7
8.Be2 c6 9.0-0 e5 10.d5 c5 11.Nd2
g5 12.Bg3 Ne8 13.e4 f5 14.exf5

Rxf5 15.Bg4 Rf8 16.a3 Ndf6 17.
Bxc8 Qxc8 18.b4 b6 19.bxc5 bxc5
20.Rb1 h5 21.h4 Bh6 22.hxg5 Bxg5
23.f4 Bxf4 24.Bxf4 exf4 25.Rxf4
Ng7 26.Qf3 Ng4 27.Nde4 Qd7
28.Rf1 Qe7 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.
Qxf8+ Qxf8 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.
Nxd6 Ne5 33.Nce4 Ne8



34.Nb7 Nxc4 35.d6 Nexd6 36.
Nbxid6 Nxa3 37.Nxc5 Kg7 38.Kf2
Nc2 39.Ke2 Kg6 40.Nb5 Kg5 41.
Nxa7 Kg4 42.Kf2 42.Ne3 43. Kxe3
½-½

Budapest Defense A52

Mihail Bantic 2267

Jeffrey De Jesus 2183

SW Collegiate Championship (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Nf3
Bc5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Be2 0-0 7.Nc3 Re8
8.a3 a5 9.Bd2 Ngxe5 10.Qc2 Nxf3+
11.gxf3 Bf8 12.h4 Ne7 13.Bd3 g6?!
13...h6 14.0-0-0 d6 15.h5 Nc6
16.f4 Bg4 17.Rdg1 Be6 18.f5 Bd7
19.Nd5±
14.h5 c6 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.0-0-0 d5
17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Nb5 Bf5 19.Bc3
Bg7 20.Bxg7

20.e4! Bd7 (20...dxe4 21.Bc4
exf3 22.Qb3+) 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.
Nd6 Rf8 23.exd5 Nxd5 24.Qd2+
20...Bxd3??
20...Kxg7 21.Bxf5 Nxf5 22.
Qc3+ f6 23.Qd3±
21.Bd4!?

21.Bf6 Kf8 22.Qc5 Qd6 23.
Rh8+ Ng8 24.Qxd6+ Re7 25.Qxe7#
1-0

Modern Defense A00

Brad Sawyer 2208

Arturo Gracia 2076

SW Collegiate Championship (2)

1.c4 Nc6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6
5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Rb1 Qc8 7.Bd2 e5 8.
b4 Nxd4

I won't pretend to divine what
either player is thinking with this
opening!

9.h3 Bd7 10.e3 Ne6 11.a4 f5 12.
Nge2 c6 13.0-0 h5 14.f4 h4 15.gxh4
Rxh4 16.Qe1 Qd8 17.Qg3 g5 18.
fxg5 Qxg5??

Overlooking a tactic. Black is
comfortably ahead after 18...Nxg5!
19.c5 Rh5 (Δ ...Nxb3+) 20.Nf4 Rh6.
19.Rxf5 Qxf5 20.Qxh4 Nf6 21.e4
Qg6 22.Qg3 Qh7!?

22...Qxg3 23.Nxg3 Nd4=

23.b5 0-0-0

23...Nc5 24.Rd1 Be6±

24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Be3 Nh5?

26.Nd5 Re8 27.Nec3±

26.Qe1 Nhf4 27.Bxa7 Be8 28.Rb8+
Kd7 29.Rb7+ Kc8 30.Qb1 Qg6

30...Nxb3+ 31.Kf1 Nc7 32.
Rb8+ Kd7 33.Rxd8+ Kxd8 34.Qb8+

Kd7 35.Bb6+—

31.Nxf4 Nxf4



32.Rxg7!, Black resigns

32...Qxg7 33.Qb8+ Kd7 34.
Qb7+ K-any 35.Qxg7+—

1-0

Be7 20.f4 Nc4 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22. Rcd1 Qa5 23.Ng3 Bc5 24.Qc1 Bxd4

24...b3 25.a3 bxc2+ 26.Nxc2 (26.Kxc2 Qb6; 26.Qxc2 Bxd4) 26...Bf2

25.Rxd4 b3 26.a3 bxc2+ 27.Kxc2 Bc6

27...c3 28.b3 Qb6 29.Rb4 Qf2+ 30.Ne2 Rd8 31.Kb1 a5 32.Rc4 Ba6 33.Rxc3 Bxe2+-

28.Kd1 Rb3 29.Re3 Qb6 0-1

Sicilian Rossolimo B51

Arturo Gracia 2076

Jeffrey De Jesus 2183

SW Collegiate Championship (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.c3 Bd7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 g6 8.d5 Nb8 9.Be2 Bg7 10.Be3 0-0

11.a4 a5 12.Qb3 Na6 13.0-0 Nb4 14.h3 Rc8 15.Nd2 e6 16.Rac1 exd5 17.Nxd5 Nfxd5 18.exd5 Qe7 19.Bf3 Qf6 20.Nc4 Rxc4 21.Rxc4 b5 22. Rf4 bxa4 23.Rxf6 axb3 24.Rxd6 Bb5 25.Ra1 Bxb2 26.Rb1 Be5 27.Rb6 Bc4 28.Bc5 Rc8 29.Bxb4 axb4 30.Rc6 Rxc6 31.dxc6 1/2-1/2

Queen's Indian E15

Mihail Bantic 2267

Marko Zivanic 2527

SW Collegiate Championship (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.Nc3 c5 9.d5 exd5 10.Nh4 g6 11.cxd5 d6 12.f4 0-0 13.f5 Kg7 14.0-0-0 Nbd7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.e4 Ng4 17.Bf4 Nge5 18.Nf3 Bf6 19.h4 c4 20.h5 Nd3+ 21.Kb1 g5 22.h6+ Kh8 23.Bxd6 Re8 24.e5 N7xe5 25.Bxe5 Nxe5 26.Ne4

26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Rhf1 Qd7 28. Ne4 g4 29.Ng5 f6 30.Qg6 Rf8 31.Ne6 Rg8 32.Ng7+-

26...Nd3? Rxd3??

27.Nfd2! (a) 27...Rc8 28.Bh3 Bxd5 29.Bxc8 Bxe4 30.Nxe4 Rxe4 31.Bf5 Rd4 32.Qe2 b5 33.Rd2+-; (b) 27...b5 28.Nxf6 Qxf6 29.Rhf1 Qg6 30.Qc3+ Kg8 31.Ka1 Qxh6

32.Ne4 Qg7 33. Nf6+ Kf8 34.Rxd3! cxd3 35.Qb4+ Re7 36.d6+-.

27...cxd3 28.Qxd3 Bxd5 29.Nfxg5 Bxa2+ 0-1

Petroff's Defense C42

Mauricio Flores 2477

Max Cornejo 2406

SW Collegiate Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Be7 7.Bf4 Nd7 8.Qd2 Nc5 9.0-0-0 0-0 10. Nd4 Ne6 11.Be3 Nxd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.f3 Bd6 14.Bd3 Be6 15.Bf4 c6 16.Rde1 Qc7 17.Bxd6 1/2-1/2

Catalan Opening E00

Daniel Fernandez 2401

Francisco Guadalupe 2245

SW Collegiate Championship (4)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6 5.Qc2 dxc4 6.Qxc4 b6 7.Bg2 Ba6 8.Qc2 Qc7 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.0-0 Nd5 10...0-0 11.Nc4 e5 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Nc3 Re8 15.Bf4+

11.Nc4 0-0 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.b3 Nd7 14.Ba3 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 15...bxc5 16.Nc3 Nxc3 17.Qxc3 Rad8 18.Rfc1+

16.b4 Qe5 17.bxc5 Bxe2 18.Bb2 Qh5 19.Re1 Bf3 20.Re5 f5 21.Bxf3 Qxf3 22.Nd2 Qg4 23.Rxe6 f4 24. Qe4 Rad8 25.Rd6 Rxd6 26.cxd6 Ne3 1-0

Queen's Indian E16

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2252

Brad Sawyer 2208

SW Collegiate Championship (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Nbd2 b6 5.g3 Bb7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.a3 Bxd2 9.Qxd2 Nbd7 10.b4 Qe7 11.Bb2 c5 12.bxc5 bxc5 13. Rfd1 Nb6 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.Nh4 Bxg2 16.Nxg2 Rac8 17.Ne3 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Na4 19.Qa5 Nc5 20.Rb1 Qc7?? [20...Nfd7=] 21.Qxc7 Rxc7 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Rxd6 Rdc8 24. Rb5 Kf8 25.Ra6 R5c7 26.Kg2 Nd7 27.Rd6 Nb6 28.Rd4 Nxc4 29.Nxc4 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Rb8+ Ke7

32.Rb7+ Kf6 33.Rxa7 Rc2 34.Kf3 g5 35.h3 h5 36.Ra4 Rc5 37.Rd4 Ke5 38.Rd3 Rc2 39.Rb3 f5 40.Ke3 Ra2 41.Rb5+ Kf6 42.Ra5 Ra1 43. Ra8



43...Rh1 44.Kf3 Rxb3 45.Kg2 g4 46.a4 Ke5 47.Rd8 f4

47...h4 48.Rh8 hxg3 49.Rxb3 gxb3+ 50.Kxg3+-

48.gxf4+ Kxf4 49.Rd3 Rh4 50.a5 Ke5 51.a6 g3 52.Ra3 Rf4 53.a7 1-0

Sicilian B27

Nadia Ortiz 2227

Javier Nieto 1799

SW Collegiate Championship (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.e5 Nc6 6.Qa4 Nd5 7.c4 Nc7 8.Bf4 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be2 Ne6 11.Bg3 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Rfe1 Ncd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16. Nd5 d6 17.c5 e6 18.Nb6 axb6 19. Qxa8 bxc5 20.Bd3 Qb6 21.Rab1 Nf5 22.Bf4 Qb4 23.Re4 Bd4 24. Re2 Qb6 25.Qa4 d5 26.b3 Nd6 27.Be3 Bxe3 28.fxe3 e5 29.Rf1 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 e4 31.Bc2 Qa6 32. Qxa6 bxa6 33.Ke1 Kf7 34.Kd2 Bf5 35.Kc3 Ke6 36.b4 Nb5+ 37.Kb3 d4 38.Re1 dxe3 39.bxc5 Kd5 40.Rxe3 Kd4 41.Re1 Be6+ 42.Kb4 Nc3 43. c6 Nxa2+ 44.Ka5 Nc3 45.Kxa6 e3 46.c7 e2 47.Kb7 Ke3 48.Bb3 Bf5 49.g4 Bxg4 50.Bc4 Kf2 51.Bxe2 Nxe2 52.Rd1 h5 53.Kc6 Nf4 54.h4 Kg3 55.Rd4 Bc8 56.Rd8 Bh3 57. Rd4 Bf5 58.Kd6 Ng2 59.Ke7 Nxb4 60.Rd7 Bxd7 61.Kxd7 Nf3 62.c8Q h4 63.Qc7+ Kg2 64.Qc2+ Kh3 65.

Ke7 g5 66.Kf6 g4 67.Qf2 Nh2
68.Kg5 g3 69.Qf5+ Kg2 70.Kxh4
Nf3+ 71.Kg4 Nh2+ 72.Kf4 Nf1 73.
Qc2+ Kh3 74.Qh7+ Kg2 75.Qc2+
Kh3 76.Qe2 Nh2 77.Qc2 Nf1 ½-½

Three Knights Game C42

Jeffrey De Jesus 2183
Nelly Estrada 1980

SW Collegiate Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bc4
d6 5.d3 Nbd7 6.Bd2 c6 7.a3 Ba5
8.0-0 Nf8 9.d4 Ng6 10.dxe5 dxe5
11.b4 Bb6 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rad1
Qe7 14.Bb3 Nh5 15.g3 Bg4 16.Kg2



16...Bd4

16...Nhf4+ 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.h3
fxg3 19.fxg3 Bh5 20.Qe1 Bxf3+
21.Rxf3 Ne5
17.h3 Bxh3+! 18.Kxh3 Bxc3 19.
Bg5 Qxg5 20.Nxg5 Nhf4+ 21.gxf4
Nxf4+ 22.Kg4 Nxe2 23.Rd7 Nd4
24.Bxf7+ Kh8 25.Rh1 h6 26.Rxb7
a5 27.Bc4 [27.bxa5 Bxa5 28.Rh3
Bd2 29.Nf3±] 27...Rf6 28.Nf7+ Kh7
29.Ng5+ Kh8 30.Nf7+ Kh7 31.bxa5
Rg6+ 32.Kh3 Rxa5 33.Rb8 Rf6
34.Rh8+ Kg6 35.Rg1+ 1-0

Modern Benoni A70

Marko Zivanic 2527
Daniel Fernandez 2401

SW Collegiate Championship (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7
5.e4 d6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 e6 8.Bd3
exd5 9.cxd5 b5 10.Bxb5 Nxe4 11.
Nxe4 Qa5+ 12.Nfd2 Qxb5 13.Nxd6
Qa6 14.N2c4 Nd7 15.0-0 Ne5 16...
½-½

Sicilian Alapin B22

Max Cornejo 2406
Tautvydas Vedrickas 2252

SW Collegiate Championship (5)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6
8.Bb5 d5 9.Bg5 Bg4 10.h3 Bf5
11.Nc3 Qd7 12.0-0 h6 13.Be3 e6
14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Qxa4
a6 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Rxc6 Qxc6
19.Qa5 Be7 20.Rc1 Bd8 21.Rxc6
Bxa5 22.Rc8+ Bd8 23.Rb8 b6
24.Bd2 a5 25.Rb7 Bd3 26.b4 a4
27.a3 Bb5 28.Ne1 0-0 29.Be3 Re8
30.Rb8 Bc7 ½-½

Sicilian Paulsen B48

Bayaraa Zorigt 2282
Mauricio Flores 2477

SW Collegiate Championship (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 Nf6
8.0-0 Ne5 9.h3 Bc5 10.Qe2 d6
11.f4 Ng6 12.Nb3 Bxe3+ 13.Qxe3
0-0 14.a4 b6 15.Rae1 Bb7 16.Qg3
e5 17.f5 Nf4 18.Nd2 Rac8 19.Qe3
Rfe8 20.Ne2 Nxd3 21.cxd3 d5
22.Rc1 Qd6 23.Ng3 Qb4 24.b3 d4
25.Qe2 Rc3 26.Rfd1 Rec8 27.Rb1
Rc2 28.Qe1 b5 29.Nf3 Qc5 30.b4
Qc7 31.a5 g6 32.Rd2 Rc6 33.Rdd1
Kg7 34.fxg6 hxg6 35.Qd2 Nh7
36.Nh4 Qd8 37.Nf3 Rc2 38.Qe1
Qf6 39.Rd2 Ng5 40.Nxg5 Qxg5
41.Nf1 f5 42.exf5



42...Qxg2+ 43.Rxg2 Rxg2+ 44.
Kh1 Rg5+ 45.Kh2 Rc2+ 46.Nd2
Rg2+ 47.Kh1 Re2+ 48.Kg1 Rxe1+



WIM Karina Vazirova

49.Rxe1 Rxd2 50.Rxe5 Kf6 51.
Re6+ Kxf5 52.Rb6 Bf3 53.Rxa6 g5
54.Rb6 Kf4 55.Re6 Kg3 0-1

Reti Opening A05

Mihail Bantic 2267
Karina Vazirova 2088

SW Collegiate Championship (5)

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0
Nf6 5.d3 Be7 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 d5
8.Nbd2 c5 9.c4 Nc6 10.a4 d4 11.
Qb1 Qd7 12.e3 e5 13.h3 Rad8 14.
exd4 exd4 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.a5 Nxa5
17.b4 Nc6 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Ba3
Rb8 20.Qd1 Qf5 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.
Rxe4 Bd6 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Nxd4



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San Antonio Spring Open

Spring Open results were full of surprises in both open and reserve sections. In the Open there was no clear winner, and the top three prizes were shared by Ernesto Malazarte, Gregg Stanley and Benjamin Coats.

A newcomer to San Antonio, Benjamin Coats (1757) was in the winners' circle after a last round gaffe by Ernesto Malazarte (2145), who having defeated Selby Anderson was expected to cruise into clear first. With board two now in play, Gregg Stanley parlayed a new move (7...fxe4! in a position he and Anderson have played many times) into a blowout, ending with a pretty combination.

In the Reserve, high school talent Titus Shanks (1432) had a blazing hot 4-0 performance, and was never paired down. Tied at 3 were Mike Machado, Louis Rimpel, Charles Davis and Raymond Artis.

Prizes paid were 70% of the advertised amounts based on 40 full entries. Martin Gordon directed a combined field of 33 players at the John Hornbeak Building for the San Antonio Chess Club.

OPEN 1st/2nd/U2100: Benjamin Coats, Ernesto Malazarte, Gregg Stanley, 3.0 (\$116.66); *U1900:* Martin Gordon, 2.0 (\$70).

RESERVE 1st: Titus Shanks, 4.0 (\$105); *2nd/U1700:* Mike Machado, Louis Rimpel, Chas. Davis, Gerardo Elizalde, 3.0 (\$35); *U1500:* Raymond Artis, 3.0 (\$52.50); *U1300/unr.:* Jonathan Rea, 1.5 (\$52.50).

Nimzovich Defense B00

Martin Gordon 1885
Ernesto Malazarte 2145

Spring Open (1)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bb5 Bg7 4. Bxc6 bxc6 5.Nc3 Ba6 6.d4 d6 7. Be3 Rb8 8.Rb1 Nf6 9.Nd2 O-O 10.

f3 Nd7 11.h4 e5 12.d5 cxd5 13. exd5 Rb7 14.h5 f5 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Ne2 Nb6 17.Bxb6 Rxb6 18.c4 e4 19.Nf4 Qg5 20.Ne6 Qxg2 21. Rf1 e3 22.b3 Bxc4 23.bxc4 exd2+ 0-1

QGD Slav D10

Greg Stanley 2060

Benjamin Coats 1757

Spring Open (1)

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Qa5 5.Bxf6 gxf6 6.e3 Be6 7.cxd5 Bxd5 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.Be2 Nb6?! [9... Rg8=] 10.0-0 Bc4 11.Bxc4 Nxc4 12.Qb3 Qa6 13.d5

13.Ne4 Qb5 14.Qxb5 cxb5 15. b3 f5 16.Ng3 Nd6 17.Rac1 Rc5± 13...0-0-0

13...Rg8 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Rac1± 14.dxc6 Qxc6 15.Nb5 Kb8 16.Rfc1

16.Nfd4! Qd5 17.Rfd1 Bh6 18. Nxa7!+-

16...Na5□ 17.Qa4 Qb6 18.Qf4+ 18.Rc2 Nc6 19.Nfd4±

18...e5 19.Nxe5?! [19.Qa4±] 19... fx5 20.Qxe5+ Bd6 21.Nxd6



21...Qxd6?

21...f6! 22.Qxf6 Qxd6 23.Qxd6+ Rxd6±

22.Qxa5+- Rhe8 23.Qa4 Qb6 24. Qc2 h6 25.g3 Re7 26.Rd1 Rc8 27. Qd2 Rec7 28.Rac1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Rd8 30.Qc3 a6 31.h4 Rg8 32.Qe5+ Ka8 33.Rc4 Rd8 34.Qc3 Qe6 35. Kh2 h5 36.b3 Rd5 37.Rd4 Rxd4

38.Qxd4 Qf5 39.Kg2 Qb1 40.Qh8+ Ka7 41.Qxh5 Qxa2 42.Qxf7 a5 43.Qc4 Qb1 44.h5 Qf5 45.h6 Qh5 46.Qh4 Qd5+ 47.e4 Qxb3 48.h7 a4 49.h8Q a3 50.Qd4+ Ka6 51.Qhd8 a2 52.Qa8+ 1-0

Sicilian Paulsen B42

Ernesto Malazarte 2145

Selby Anderson 2216

Spring Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Qe2 Nbc6 9.Be3 Bxe3 10. Qxe3 Qc7

10...d5 is probably best.

11.Nc3 b6 12.Rad1 0-0 13.f4 f6 14.h4 d5



15.f5

Now Black should equalize with 15...dxe4 16.Bxe4 e5! =.

A better line of play for White is 15.exd5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17. Bc4 Ne7 18.Bxd5+ Nxd5 19.Rxd5 Qxc20.Rc1!± with the initiative.

15...Rd8? 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nxd5! Nxd5 18.Bc4 Nce7?

Relatively best was 18...Bd7.

19.Rxd5! Kh8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21. Re1 Ra7 22.Nd4 Qd6 23.Be6 Bb7 24.c4 Ba8 25.Re2 h6 26.Rd2 Qb8 27.h5 Rc7 28.b4 Qe8 29.Qg3 Ra7 30.Qd6 Nc8 31.Qb8 Bb7 32.Nc2

1-0

Dutch Defense A85

Gregg Stanley 2060

Ernesto Malazarte 2145

Spring Open (3)

1.c4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 d5
5.Nf3 c6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.cxd5 exd5
8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.a3 Ne4
11.Bf4 Nd7 12.0-0 Bxf4 13.gxf4
Qh5 14.e3 Rf6 15.Ne5 Rh6 16.h3
Nxe5 17.dxe5 Rg6 18.Kh2 Qh4 19.
Rac1 Be6 20.Rcd1 Re8 21.f3 Ng3
22.Rf2 Rh6 23.b4 g5 24.fxg5 Qxg5
25.f4 Qh4 26.Rf3 Ne4



27.b5

27.Nxe4 fxe4 28.Rg3+ Rg6 29.
Rxc6+ hxc6 30.Rg1 Re7 31.Bf1±
27...Rg6 28.bxc6 bxc6 29.Ne2 c5
30.Qa4 Rf8 31.Qxa7 Kh8 32.Rg1
Rfg8 33.Bf1

33.Qa5 d4! 34.exd4 Bc4 35.Nc1
Rg3+

33...Rxc1 34.Nxc1 Nd2 0-1

Bird's Opening A03

Nathanael Lozano 2012

Selby Anderson 2216

Spring Open (3)

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Be2
Nbd7 5.0-0 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 e5 7.d4 e4
8.Be2 Bd6 9.e4 c6 10.Nc3 dxc4
11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Nbd5 13.Bd2
Qe7? [13...0-0] 14.a3?

14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 cxd5
16.Qb3 0-0 17.Qxd5±

14...0-0 15.Rc1

15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 cxd5
17.Ba5 Rd7 18.Rc1+ Kb8 19.Qb3
Qe6 20.Rf2±

15...Kb8 16.Ba4 h6 17.Ne2 g5 18.
Qb3 Nb6



19.d5 Nfxd5 20.Nd4 gxf4 21.Bxc6
fxe3 22.Bxe3 Qh4!?

22...Qe5! 23.g3 Nxe3 24.Qxe3
Bc5+

23.Rxf7?!

23.h3 Qg3 24.Bxd5 Qh2+ 25.
Kf2 Bg3+ 26.Ke2 Rxd5 (26...
Qxg2+? 27.Bf2 Bxf2 28.Rxf2 Qg5
29.Rxf7 Rxd5 30.Rcc7 Qg2+=) 27.
Rxf7 Qxg2+ 28.Bf2 Bxf2 29.Rxf2
Qg5+

23...Qxh2+ 24.Kf1

24.Kf2 Bg3+ 25.Kf1 Nxe3+ 26.
Ke2 Qxg2+ 27.Kxe3 Bc7 28.Rxc7
Qg3+±

24...Nxe3+ 25.Qxe3 Rhf8 26.Rxf8
Rxf8+ 27.Ke1 Qh1+ 28.Kd2 Qxc1+
29.Kxc1 Bf4 30.Kd2 and White
resigned. 0-1

Sicilian Closed B24

Benjamin Coats 1757

Martin Gordon 1885

Spring Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2
Nf6 5.d3 g6 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Qd2 Nd4
8.Nce2 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.c3 Nc6
11.f4 Bg7 12.Nf3 d5 13.e5 e6 14.d4
Bf8 15.0-0 cxd4 16.Nexd4 Nxd4
17.cxd4 Qb6 18.Rfc1 Bb4 19.Qd3
Bd7 20.Qb3 Ba5 21.Qxb6 Bxb6
22.Rc2 Ba4 23.b3 Bb5 24.Rac1
Bd3 25.Rc8+ Kd7 26.Rxa8 Rxa8
27.Kf2 Rc8 28.Rxc8 Kxc8 29.Ke3
Bb5 30.Nd2 Ba5 31.Bf3 Bc3 32.h4
Kd8 33.h5 Ke7 34.g4 gxh5 35.
gxh5 Bb2 36.f5 exf5 37.Bxd5 Bc1

38.Bc4 f4+ 39.Kd3 Bd7 40.Kc2
Ba3 41.Be2 Bf5+ 42.Kc3 a5 43.
Kc4 Bd7 44.d5 Bc1 45.Ne4 Be3
46.Bf3 b5+ 47.Kd3 b4 48.d6+ Kf8
49.Nf6 Bb5+ 50.Ke4 Bc6+ 51.Nd5
Bc1 52.Kf5 Bb7+ 53.Kf6 Bd2
54.Nb6 Ke8 55.Nxd7 Kxd7 56.
Bg4+ Kd8 57.Kxf7 f3 58.Bxf3 Bf4
59.Ke6 Bg3 60.Kd5 Bh4 61.e6 Ke8
62.Be2 Kd8 63.e7+ Bxe7 64.dxe7+
Kxe7 65.Kc5 Kf6 66.Kb5 Ke5
67.Kxa5 Kd4 68.Kxb4 Ke3 69. Bd1
Kd2 70.Bg4 Ke3 71.a4 Kf4 72.a5
Ke5 73.a6 Kd6 74.a7 Kc7 75.a8Q
Kb6 76.Bf3 Kc7 77.Qc6+ Kd8
78.Qb7 Ke8 79.Bd5 Kd8 80. Be6
Ke8 81.Qd7+ Kf8 82.Qf7# 1-0

Englund Gambit A40

Raymond Grillo 1607

Titus Shanks 1432

Spring Open (3)

1.d4 e5 2.d5 Nf6 3.c4 Bc5 4.Nf3 d6
5.Bg5 0-0 6.Nbd2 e4 7.Bxf6 Qxf6
8.Nxe4 Bb4+ 9.Ned2 Qxb2 10.Qb1
Qf6 11.Qc1 Bf5 12.a3 Bc3 13.Ra2
Na6 14.g3 Nc5 15.Bg2 Rfe8



16.0-0 Rxe2 17.Nb1 Rxa2 18.Nxc3
Rc2 19.Qf4 Rxc3 20.Nh4 Bd3 21.
Qxf6 gxf6 0-1

Caro-Kann Advance B12

Ernesto Malazarte 2145

Benjamin Coats 1757

Spring Open (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5!? 4.c3
ECO gives this old Boleslavsky
analysis: 4.dxc5 e6 5.Be3 Ne7 6.c3

Nf5 7.Bd4 Qc7 8.Bd3 Bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Bxf5 exf5 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nbd2±
 4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0? [7.Be3] 7...Qb6?

7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Qb6+
 8.Nbd2 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nge7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Nf5 12.Be3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Be7 14.Bd3 h6 15.a3 0-0 16.b4 a5 17.b5 Nb8 18.a4 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rac8 20.Bb1 Rc7 21.Qd3 g6 22.h4 Rfc8 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.h5 Kg7 25.hxg6 f5 26.exf6+
 26.g4! fxg4 27.Nh2 Rf8 28.Nxg4 with an easier winning task.
 26...Nxf6 27.Ne5



27...Bd6 28.Ng4??

A rare bout of chess blindness from the city champion. Winning, but by no means trivial, is 28.b6! Qd8 (28...Qxb6? 29.Rxf6!+-) 29.Nf7! Qxb6 30.Rxf6!! Kxf6 31.Qf1+ and now: (a) 31...Ke7 32.Nxd6 Kxd6 33.g7 Kc7 34.Bg6 Qd8 35.Qf7+ Kd6 36.Qf4+ Kd7 37.Bf7+-; or (b) 31...Kg7 32.Nxd6 Rf8 33.Nf7 Qb3 34.Bd3 Qxa4 35.Qf4 Qd1+ 36.Kh2 Qh5+ 37.Kg3 Rc8 38.Qd6 Re8 39.Qd7 Kf8 40.g7+-.
 28...Nxg4+ 29.e4

Of course, the intended 29.Rf7+ Qxf7 30.gxf7 gets back row mated.
 29...Bh2+ 30.Kh1 Bg1 31.Qh3 Nf2+ 32.Rxf2 Bxf2 33.Qxe6 Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Qf4+ 0-1

Modern Defense B06

Selby Anderson 2216

Gregg Stanley 2060

Spring Open (4)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 Nc6 4.Be3 e5 5.Ne2 d6 6.Nbc3 f5 7.f3(?)

I must have played this in at least ten rated games against Stanley and Sutherland over the years. This game proves 7.exf5! is correct.

7...fxe4! 8.Nxe4 Nf6 9.d5 Nxe4 10.dxc6 Nf6 11.cxb7 Bxb7 12.Qb3?!

All flash; the queen is more misplaced here than a bishop is on c6. [12.Ng3 0-0 13.Bd3 c6 14.0-0 d5=] 12...Bc6 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Be2 Nh5 15.0-0 Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Rad1 Rb8 18.Qc2 Rf5 [18...Qe7!?] 19.Rfe1 Qh4 20.Qd2 Rh5 21.h3 Rg5 22.Kh1 Qg3 23.Rg1 Rh5 24.Bf1?

Less crunchy, but also losing alternatives are (a) 24.Rge1 Rxh3+ 25.gxh3 Qxh3+ 26.Kg1 Qg3+ 27.Kh1 Re8+-; (b) 24.Rgf1 Re8 with the threat ...Rxh3+ and a later ...Re5-g5. Best is 25.c5 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Rxc5, with a plus for Black.



24...Bd4! 25.Qxd4 Bxf3! 0-1

White's queen can no longer intervene at h2.

Greco Countergambit C40

Gerardo Elizalde 1505

Titus Shanks 1432

Spring Open (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.d4 fxe4 4.Nxe5 Nf6 5.Be2 d6 6.Ng4 Be7 7.d5 0-0

8.0-0 Bf5 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nc3 Qg5 13.f4 exf3 14.Rxf3 Ne5 15.Rg3 Qh6 16.Qc1 Qh4 17.Qd2 Bg4 18.Qd4 h5 19.Nd1??

19.Bxg4 Nxg4 20.Rh3 Qf2+ 21.Qxf2 Rxf2 22.Rc1 Re8 23.Rf3 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Ne5±
 19...Qf6??

19...Bxe2!+- ... 20.Qxh4 Rf1#
 20.Qe3 Rae8+- 21.Bxg4 21.h3 Nc4+-
 21...Qf1# 0-1

Notes by Mike Machado

English Opening A30

Mike Machado 1673

Raymond Artis, Jr. 1382

Spring Open (4)

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 b6

A somewhat odd move in the English, perhaps intending to trade off the bishops and weaken the light squares around White's king.

5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d3

At this point I was not too anxious to trade bishops by 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 [8.Qxd4] 8...Bxg2 9.Kxg2 Qc8 10.Qd3 Qb7+ [10...Nc6] 11.Kg1 [11.e4] 11...Nc6 12.e3 Ne5 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.b3±. [It's equal even after White's missteps - Ed.]

7...0-0 8.e3 d5

This seems like a good move for Black, especially after 9.cxd5 Nxd5 with a weak pawn at d3.

9.Ne5! Qc7

Much better would have been simply 9...e6 for a solid post at d5. [Fritz says either move is equal.]

10.f4 dxc4 11.dxc4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 a6?! [12...Nc6±] 13.e4

White attempts to close off the diagonal leading to his king, and thus prepares to perhaps play 14.Nd5 Qb7 15.Qc2 e6 16.Nc3.

13...Rd8 14. Qe2 Nbd7 15.Nxd7 Rxd7

Better here would have been 15...Qxd7 16.e5 Ng4 17.Nd5 Rab8 18.h3 Nh6 19.Be3 e6 20.Nc3 Nf5

21.Bf2 Qc6+ 22.Kh2 Nd4 23.Bxd4 Rxd4 24.Rad1 Rbd8=
16.e5 Qc6+ 17.Kg1 [17.Qf3] 17... Ne8 18.f5!

I now set out to dominate the kingside and try to eventually bring the QB and QR into play.

18...Nc7 19.a4 Rad8
19...gxf5 20.Rxf5 Qe6



20.g4 h6 21.Rf2 [21.Bf4=] 21...g5 22.h4 f6?

Black now makes a critical mistake, not realizing that his Bg7 will become trapped and become a major factor in the endgame. [Fritz gives 22...gxh4 23.Bf4 (23.Rh2 Rd3 24.Rxh4 Rg3+ 25.Kf1 Rd4 26.Be3 Rdxg4 27.Rxg4 Qh1+ 28.Kf2 Qg2+ 29.Ke1 Rxxg4) 23...Rd3 24.Nd5 R3xd5 25.cxd5 Nxd5 26.Rd1 Qe8. -Ed.]

23.e6 Rd6 [23...Rd3] 24.Be3 a5 25.Rff1

Playable would have been 25.Rh2 Rd3 26.Kf2 Na6 27.Rah1 Nb4 28.hxg5 fxg5 29.Rxh6. 25...Kh7 26.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Qd6 29.Qe1 Qd3 30.Qe2 Qd6

Black perhaps had better drawing chances by trading queens and bringing his king to the queenside for protection of the b-pawn. 31.Bf2 Kg8 32.Kg2 Kf8 33.Bg3 Qd8

Better would have been 33... Qc6+ 34.Kg1 (34.Qe4) 34...Na8 35. Qe4 Qc8 36.Nd5 (36.Qd5) 36...Ke8 37.Qd3 (37.hxg5! hxg5 38.Qh1)

37...Bf8 38.Qb3 Qc6 (but not 38... Qb7 39.Qb5+ Kd8 40.Nc7!). 34.Bxc7 Qxc7 35.h5 Ke8 36.Nd5 Qc6 37.Qd1 Bf8 38.Qb3

The move that seals the win; there is no saving the game at this point.

38...Kd8 39.Qxb6+ Qxb6 40.Nxb6 Kc7 41.Nd7 Kd6 42.Nxf8 Ke5 43. Nd7+ Kd4 44.b3 Kc3 45.Nxc5 Kb4 46.Nb7 Kxb3 47.c5 1-0

SW Collegiate, contd. from p. 12

24...Nxd4 25.Bxb7 Qxh3 26.Qf1?? [26.Bg2 Qd7] 26...Ne2+ 27.Qxe2 Rxe2 28.d4 Bxg3 29.Bg2 Qh2+ 30.Kf1 Rxf2+ 0-1

French Exchange C01

Francisco Guadalupe 2245
Luciana Morales 2153

SW Collegiate Championship (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Qf3 Be6 7.Ne2 Qf6 8.Nf4 Nge7 [8...0-0-0=]



9.Nh5 Qxf3 10.Nxg7+ Kd7 11.gxf3 Bh3 12.Bh6 Bg2?

12...Ng6 13.Nd2 Bf4=

13.Rg1 Bxf3 14.Nd2 Be4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxh2 17.Rh1 Bd6 18.Nf6+ Kc8 19.Bg5 b6 20.0-0-0 Kb7 21.Rd3 Ng6 22.Rdh3 Nf4 23. Rxh7 Rxh7 24.Rxh7 Ne6 25. Nxe6 fxe6 26.Ne4 Bf8 27.Kc2 a5 28.Bf4 Rc8 29.Ng5 Nd8 30.Nf7 Nxf7 31. Rxf7 b5 32.Bxc7 Rxc7 33. Rxf8 Rh7 34.Rf6 Rh2 35.a4 bxa4 36.

Kd3 Kc7 37.Rxe6 Rxf2 38.Re2 Rf8 39.Kc4 Rb8 40.Kc5 a3 41.bxa3 Rb3 42.c4 Rxa3 43.Re7+ Kb8 44. Kc6 a4 45.d5 Rc3 46.c5 a3 47.Re8+ Ka7 48.Re4 1-0

English Opening A24

Brad Sawyer 2208
Nadia Ortiz 2227

SW Collegiate Championship (5)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.d3 d6 6.e3 e5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Be6 9.e4 Nd7 10.Rb1 f5 11.b4 f4 12.f3 h5 13.Nd5 g5 14.gxf4 gxf4 15.Kh1 Nf6 16.d4 Ne7 17. Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.d5 Bd7 19.Ng1 Nh7 20.Bh3 Kh8 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22. Rb2 Bf6 23.Rg2 Rg8 24.Rff2 Bg5 25.Bb2 Rg7 26.c5 Rag8 27.Qf1 Nf6 28.Rc2 h4 29.Rgf2 Nh5 30.Qh3 Qd8 31.Rg2 Rh7 32.Ne2 Qe8 33. Qf5



33...Ng3+! 34.hxg3??

34.Nxg3 avoids the worst: (a) 34...hxg3 35.Rc1 Rh6 36.a3 Qa4; (b) 34...fxg3 35.c6 bxc6 36.Rxc6 Qh5 37.Rc3 Rf7 38.Qg4 Qxg4 39. fxg4 Bh6 40.hxg3 Rxxg4. 34...hxg3+ 35.Kg1 Qh5

White resigns. It's not forced mate, but the bottom drops out after 36.Nxg3 fxg3 37.Kf1 Rf7 38.Bxe5+ dxe5 39.Qxe5+ Kh7+. 0-1



Texas back on top in 7th annual Red River Shootout

by Selby Anderson

After last year's humiliating 14.5-3.5 loss to our friendly neighbors to the north, Texans came back in force to defeat Oklahoma's team by a solid 32.5 to 21.5 margin.

Participation rebounded too, with a record 27 boards – three times last year's turnout. A lot of the credit goes to Texas team captain Rob Jones for his proactive recruiting, as organizer Frank Berry observed.

In contrast to previous matches, the winning team was at a disadvantage in ratings (although just 37 points). Frank Berry gave his board-by-board assessment:

"We figured Oklahoma outrated Texas on 15 boards, six were "even," and six had Texas higher rated – mostly on the top boards." Indeed, on the top five boards the higher-rated Texas players delivered an 8-2 rout.

I would speculate that, since spectators from lower boards often want to see how the "big boys" are doing, these top matches may have had dampened the Okies' resolve on the lower boards. Just a theory!

Team captains were Frank Berry for Oklahoma and Rob Jones for Texas. They also directed the event, held Apr. 19 at the Treasure Valley Casino in Davis, Okla.

Tournament directors wondering about increment time controls might like to know that "everyone just 'loved' the game/60 plus 30 sec." according to 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 vicious because the stakes are so small."
– Henry Kissinger, on academic politics

OKLAHOMA	City	Rating	Score	Rating	TEXAS	City
1 FM Moses Movsisyan	Tulsa	2242	0 – 2	2368	IM Evgeny Matorin	Dallas
2 Sergey Galant	OKC	2173	1.5 – 0.5	2253	FM Keith Hayward	Corinth
3 Tom Baunlich	Tulsa	2132	0 – 2	2235	NM Nick Schoonmaker	Fort Worth
4 Devin Hughes	Edmond	1987	0.5 – 1.5	2212	Austen Jay Green	Grand Prairie
5 Joe Dean Veal	OKC	1966	0 – 2	2125	John D. Wilson	Seagoville
6 Tom Nichols	Pauls Valley	1950	2 – 0	1925	David Sewell	Allen
7 Dennis Glascock	Stillwater	1927	1 – 1	1909	Glenn Baumann	Dallas
8 Jim Berry	Stillwater	1900	1.5 – 0.5	1877	Julia Jones	Denton
9 Shaun Graham	OKC	1896	2 – 0	1850	Kenneth Breland	Princeton
10 J. Mike Crockett	Tulsa	1895	0 – 2	1845	Aurelio Gonzalez	Arlington
11 Carl Latino	Stillwater	1850	1 – 1	1842	Julie O'Neill	Fort Worth
12 Judson Temple	OKC	1830	2 – 0	1841	Rafael Llanos	Sherman
13 Mike Tubbs	Lawton	1805	0 – 2	1741	Andy Guzman	Plano
14 Bran Whitcomb	Tulsa	1745	1 – 1	1736	Wolff Morrow	Denton
15 Marshall King	Edmond	1696	0 – 2	1731	Tom Buckley	Denton
16 Ernest B. Maldonado	Midwest City	1679	0 – 2	1701	Hendry Gomez	Denton
17 Bruce Eberhard	Edmond	1672	0 – 2	1627	Shiv Sankaranarayanan	Grapevine
18 Omar Albakri	Coweta	1665	2 – 0	1615	David Olivas	Dallas
19 Bill Sparks	Tulsa	1657	1.5 – 0.5	1605	Mike Cathey	Grapevine
20 Mark Anderson	Tulsa	1655	0.5 – 1.5	1533	Paul Hanley	Dallas
21 Mike Landolfi	Edmond	1591	0 – 2	1507	Paul Huspani	Fort Worth
22 Bruce Wells	Ardmore	1584	1 – 1	1501	Ron Burklow	Fort Worth
23 Roger Baxter	OKC	1555	2 – 0	1500	Vladimir Matorin	Dallas
24 Steve Anderson	OKC	1533	0 – 2	1480	Robert B. Jones	Denton
25 Ernest Maldonado Jr.	Midwest City	1502	0.5 – 1.5	1360	Richard Herrington	Denton
26 James Hill	Lawton	1495	0.5 – 1.5	1302	Larry Vanderpool	Denton
27 Skip Fritze	Norman	1430	1 – 1	1260	Jaimie Jones	Denton

Median ratings, score totals: 1775 21.5 – 32.5 1738

English Opening A38

Evgeny Matorin 2368 (TX)

Movses Movsisyan 2242 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (1.1)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d4 cxd4

5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Nc2 Nf6 7.Bg2 0-0

8.Nc3 d6 9.0-0 Be6 10.b3 Qd7

10...Nd7 11.Bd2 Nc5 12.Re1 a5

13.Nd5 Rb8 14.Nce3 b5= (ECO).

11.Re1 Rfd8 12.e4 Bh3 13.Bh1 Ng4

14.Bb2 e6 15.Na4 Bxb2 16.Nxb2

Qe7 17.f3 Nge5 18.Qe2 Qf6 19.Nd1

g5 20.Nf2 Qh6 21.Rad1 f5 22.exf5

Bxf5 23.Ne3 Qf6 24.Nxf5 Qxf5 25.

Ne4 d5? [25...Nf7] 26.cxd5 exd5

27.Nxg5 Qxg5 28.f4 Qe7 29.fxe5

Qc5+ 30.Qf2 d4 31.Bxc6 bxc6 32.

Re4 1-0

Scotch Gambit C55

Sergey Galant 2173 (OK)

Keith Hayward 2253 (TX)

TX-OK Match 2009 (1.2)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3

Nc6 5.Nxd4?! Nxe4! 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7

7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qd5+ Kg7 9.Nxc6

bxc6 10.Qxe4 Qe7 [10...Qe8! 11.

Qxe7+ Bxe7 12.0-0 Bf6! 13.Nc3?!

13.Re1 may just equalize: 13...

Ba6 14.Nc3 Rab8 15.Na4 d6 16.Bd2

and White is out of the woods.

13...Re8



14.Be3 d6

Sharp and good is 14...Rb8!, e.g. 15.Rab1 d5! 16.Na4 (16.Bxa7 Ra8 and ...d4) 16...d4 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Rbc1 Re2. After the text move the game soon levels out.

15.Rfd1 Bf5 16.Rac1 Rab8 17.Na4 c5 18.b3 Bg4 19.Rd2 Re7 20.c4 Rbe8 21.h3 Bd7 22.Nc3 Bc6 23. Nd5 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Re4 25.Rd3 Rb8 26.g3 Kf7 27.Kg2 Ke8 28.Kf3 Re7 29.Rc4 a6 30.Ra4 Rb6 31.a3 Kd7 32.Rc4 Rb5 33.Ra4 Rb6 34.Rc4 1/2-1/2

Notes by Tom Braunlich

English Opening A16

Nicholas Schoonmaker 2235 (TX)

Tam Braunlich 2132 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (1.3)

1.Nf3 d6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0

Nf6 5.c4 0-0 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Rb1 a5

8.a3 Bf5! 9.d3 Qd7 10.b4 axb4

11.axb4 Bh3 12.b5 Nd8=

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13.Bb2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 e5 15.b6?!

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15...c6 16.c5 Re8 17.cxd6 Qxd6

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22...Qa6 23.Ra1 c5! (a move I didn't see) 24.Bb2 Qc6+ is still winning for black. But I had a fatal attraction to the coming tactics.

23.Nb5 Qa5 24.Nd6± Qxa3 25. Nxe8 Qe7 26.Nc7??

White should play 26.Nxg7! Qxg5 27.Ne8 Qe7 28.Nc7 Rb8 (28... Re8? 29.Nd5!) and I had thought

Black was winning because White's knight is trapped. But it appears there is no way to get it, at least according to Fritz. e.g. 29.Rfc1 Qd6

30.Ne8 Qe7 31.Nc7= and here if White tries 31...Nf6? (or 31...Kf8?

32.Qd2) 32.Na6!

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26...Rc8??

Blindly sticking to my original intention. Better instead is 26...Ra7! +- intending ...Qxg5 or ...b6, and one of the White knights would be euthanized.

27.Nd5! Qxg5 28.h4 cxd5 29.Qxc8 Qf6??

I had been looking forward to 29...Qe7, when we would get to play two rooks vs. three pieces plus a passed pawn, but I'd overlooked that White here has the killer 30.Rxb7+-.

With the text Black loses a piece. In time trouble we played on awhile, but it is pretty hopeless. (Kudos to Nick for seeing this move as far back as move 22!)

30.Qxd7 d4 31.Rfc1 Bf8 32.Ra1 Ne6 33.Ra8 Qf5 34.Qd5 Qg4 35. Qf3 Nf4+ 36.Kf1 Qxf3 37.exf3 Ne6 38.Rb8 Kg7 39.Ke2 h5 40.Rxb7 Kf6 41.Rc8 Bh6 42.Ra8 1-0

21...Qxb6

Simply 21...Nxb6 and if 22.f4 Nd5 But I saw the upcoming combination and thought it was going to be in my favor. However I didn't see far enough.

22.Ba3! Qc7



QGD D62

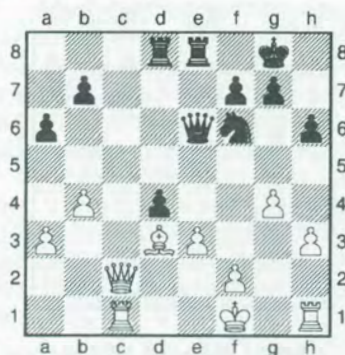
Glenn Baumann 1909 (TX)

Dennis Glasscock 1927 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (1.7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.Nf3 c5
8.cxd5 exd5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.a3
Nce4 11.Bd3 Nxc5 12.Nxc5 h6
13.Nf3 Bg4 14.Nd4 Rc8 15.Qb3
[15.0-0] 15...Bc5 16.Nce2 Qa5+ 17.
Kf1 Rc7 18.Nb5 Rd7 19.Qc2 Qb6
20.Nec3 Qd8 21.Na4 Bb6 22.h3
Be6 23.Nxb6= Qxb6 24.Rc1 a6
25.Nd4 Re8 26.b4 Rdd8 27.Nxe6?

Releasing the d-pawn blockade
is the last thing White needs here!
Better is 27.Qc5, 27.Qc7 or 27.g3.
27...Qxe6 28.g4 d4



29.Bf5 Qe5

29...Qd5! 30.e4 Nxe4 31.Bxe4
Rxe4 and Black is unstoppable.

30.Re1 Qd5 31.e4 Qe5 32.Qb3 d3
[32...Nd5!] 33.Kg2 Rd4 [33...Kf8 Δ
...g6+] 34.Rc1 [34.Rc3] 34...d2
[34...Nxe4!] 35.Rc5 Qf4 36.Bg6
Rd7 [36...Kh8] 37.f3 d1Q

37...b6 38.Rc3 h5+
38.Bxf7+ Rxf7 39. Rxd1 Nxe4?!

[39...g6] 40.fxe4 Qf2+
40...Rxe4 41.Rc8+ Kh7 42.Qd3
Qf2+ 43.Kh1 Qf3+ 44.Kg1 Qc3+
45.Kh1 Rf3+.

41.Kh1 Rxe4 42.Rc8+? [42.Rf5!]=]
42...Kh7 43.Qb1 Qf3+ 44.Kg1
Qg3+ 45.Kh1 Qxh3+ 46.Kg1
Qxg4+ 47.Kh1 Rf2

47...Rf2 48.Qd3 (48.Rg1 Qh5#)
48...Qg2# 0-1

Falkbeer Countergambit C31

Kenneth Breland 1850 (TX)

Shaun Graham 1896 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (1.9)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 c6 4.fxe5
Qh4+ 5.g3 Qe4+ 6.Kf2 Bc5+ 7.d4
Bxd4+ 8.Qxd4 Qxd4+ and ... 0-1

Caro-Kann B12

Andy Guzman 1741 (OK)

Mike Tubbs 1805 (TX)

TX-OK Match 2009 (1.13)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3
Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.f4 Qa5+ 7.Nc3
Qa6 8.Qg3 Ne7 9.Nge2 Nd7 10.Bd2
0-0-0 11.0-0 g6 12.a4 Nf5 13.Qf2
h5 14.Ng3 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Bb4 16.
Rfb1 Qa5 17.Be1 Kb8 18.Ne2 Bxe1
19.Rxe1 Qc7 20.a5 c5 21.c3 Rc8
22.Re1 c4 23.Rc1 Ka8 24.b4
Qd8 25.b5 Qe7 26.Nc1 h4 27.Qf2
Rcg8 28.Na2 f5 29.Nb4 Nb8 30.a6
b6 31.h3 g5f 32.Rb2 g4 33.Kh1
gxf3 34.gxf3 Rg3 35.Qf1 Rxc3+
36.Rc1 Rxc1 37.Qxc1 Rg8 38.Qe1
Qg7 39.Rc2 Qh6 40.Qf1 Rg3
41.Kh2 Qh5 [41...Rb3!] 42.Rg2
Rf3? [42...Qe8 43.Rxc3 hxc3+
44.Kxc3 Qxb5+] 43.Qg1? [43.Qe2
c3 44.Kg1 Nd7 45.Nd3+] 43...
Rxf4? [43...Rb3; 43...Qh6]
44.Qe3 [44.Nc6 Nxc6 45.bxc6 Kb8
46.Qe1] 44...Re4 45.Qf2 f4 46.Rg4
f3+ 47.Qxf3



47...Rxc3?? [47...Rxd4+] 48.
Nxd5!! exd5 49.Qxd5+ Nc6 50.
Qxc6+ Kb8 51.Qb7# 1-0

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Movses Movsisiyan 2242 (OK)

Evgeny Matorin 2368 (TX)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.
Bg5 a6 8.Na3 Be7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.
Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Bd5 Nd4 12.0-0 Ra7
13.Nc4 b5 14.Ne3 g6 15.Ne2 Bg7
16.c3 Ne6 17.a4 bxa4 18.Qxa4 Kh8
19.Qa5 Rc7 20.Rfd1 Nf4 21.Ng3
Qe7 22.Bc4 Be6 23.Bf1 h5 24.Nd5
Bxd5 25.exd5 Rc5 26.Qb6 e4 27.
Rxa6 e3 28.f3? [28.Qxd6+] 28...
Qe5? [28...e2+] 29.Ne4 [29.Ne2±]
29...Bh6 [29...e2+] 30.Qxd6 Rxd5
31.Qxd5 [31.Rxd5+] 31...Qxd5
[31... Nxd5] 32.Rxd5 and ... 0-1

Notation was reportedly hard to
read, and some of the final moves in
the text above are in doubt.

Torre Attack A46

Keith Hayward 2253 (TX)

Sergey Galant 2173 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.2)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c3 b6 4.Bg5
Be7 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.e3 d6 7.Bd3
Nbd7 8.0-0 Nd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.c4
N5f6 11.e4 0-0 12.Re1 e5 13.d5 g6
14.Nf1 Nh5 15.g3 a5 16.Bc2 Ndf6
17.Qd2 Bc8 18.Nh4 Kg7 19.f3 h6
20.Ne3 Nh7 21.Re2



21...Nf4 22.gxf4

22.Nhf5+! gxf5 23.gxf4 fxe4 24.
Bxe4! freeing the bad bishop. Black
struggles to equalize after 24...f5
25.Bd3 Qf6 26.Kh1 with 27.Rg1+

and Nf1-g3 to follow, putting pressure on Black's pawns.

22...Qxh4 23.Ng2 Qh5 24.Rf1 exf4 25.Nxf4 Qe5 26.Qc3?

Instead of heading for a bad ending, White can keep Black's edge to a minimum with 26.b3.

26...Qxc3 27.bxc3 Ba6 28.Bd3 Rae8 29.Rfe1 Nf6 30.Kf2 Nd7 31.Rg1 Ne5 32.Rd2 Kh7 33.Be2 Bxc4 34.Bxc4 Nxc4 35.Rd4 Ne5 36.h4 Nd7 37.Nd3 f5 38.Ke3 fxe4 39.fxe4 Rf6 40.Ra4 Nc5 41.Nxc5 dxc5 42.Rg3 Rf5 → (-1.47)



and ... **0-1**

The rook at a4 is in a bit of a hole! On 43.Rf3 Rxf3+ 44.Kxf3 Kg7 White runs out of play very fast.

Notes by Tom Braunlich

Modern Defense B06

Tom Braunlich 2130 (OK)

Nicholas Schoonmaker 2235 (TX)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.3)

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4 b6 6.Be3 e6 7.Be2 Ne7 8.Qd2 h6 9.0-0 Nd7 10.d5 e5 11.Ne1 f5 12.exf5!

12.f3 is more desirable positionally, but it looked hard to win such a blocked position.

12...Nxf5

12...gxf5 13.Bh5+ Kf8 looks scary but is actually quite playable for black and might be best.

13.Bd3

The pressure on g6 causes some minor problems for Black.

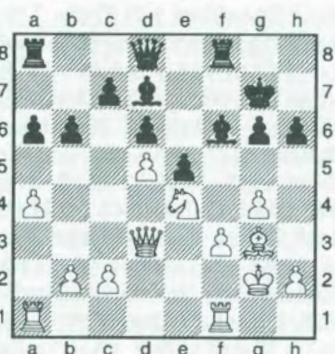
13...Nc5 14.g4!? Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Nh4 16.f3 0-0 17.Bf2 Kh7 18.Ne4 Bd7

An interesting positional balance has been reached. The knight on h4 is both strong and weak.

19.Bg3 Bf6 20.Ng2?!

I should probably just make a slow move like 20.Qe3 but I was concerned I wouldn't be able to win if he blocked things up with 20...Bg5 My team needed a win, so I hatched a plan to sac a pawn.

20...Nxc3 21.Kxg2 Kg7



22.h4?! [22.Rh1 Bh4 23.b4=] 22... Bxh4 23. Bxh4 Qxh4 24.Rh1 Qe7 25.a5 [25.b3!?] 25...b5

White has some compensation for the pawn, but there seems to be no way to break through. Black probably should be able to slowly consolidate and then break in the center.

26.Rh2 Rh8 27.Rah1 Qf7! 28.g5 [28.Qe3 Qf4] 28...h5 29.Nf6 Qe7

Here he offered a draw, which I should have taken, especially since I had only four minutes left. Instead I tried to open the diagonal to his king with f3-f4, but it didn't work.

30.Qc3 [30.Rh4!?] 30...Rac8 31.f4 c6 32.fxe5 cxd5 33.Qd2?

33.exd6! Qe2+ (33...Rxc3 34.dxe7!) 34.Kg1 and it would have been tricky for Black to figure out how to win, although he does have a forced draw if he wants it.

33...Bf5 34.Re1 Rxc2 **0-1**

Sicilian Dragon B77

Austen Green 2212 (TX)

Devin Hughes 1987 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 d6 9.f3 Na5

This was tried and discarded in the 1960s.

10.Qd2 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bd7

Spassky-Geller in a 1965 match continued 11...a6 12.h4 Bd7 13.h5 Rc8 14.Bh6 e5 15.Nde2 Be6 16.g4 Qc7 17.Ng3 b5 18.b4±

12.g4 a6 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 e5 15.Nde2 b5 16.h4 b4 17.Nd1 Bb5 18.Ng3 d5?



Black is using the time-honored response of a central break, which is supposed to defuse the flank attack and take advantage of White's uncastled king. Yet Black is lost!

Best was 18...Kh8 preparing the retreat ...Ng8 to drive out the queen. 19.g5 Ne8 20.h5 Ra7 21.Ne3 dxe4 22.Rd1 Qb6 23.Nd5 Qe6 24.Nxe4 f5 25.gxf6 Nxf6 26.Ndxf6+ Rxf6 27.Rd8+ **1-0**

Salvio Gambit C38

Julia Jones 1877 (TX)

Jim Berry 1900 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.8)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 d6 4.Nf3 h6 5.0-0 Nc6 6.d4 g5

The Bishop's Gambit has transposed into a Salvio: 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4.

Now White's best plan is to get solid in the center with 7.c3 and work the kingside: 7...Bg7 8.g3 g4 9.Nh4 f3 10.Nd2, with a knight sacrifice at f3 to follow.

7.Nc3(?) Bg7 8.Ne2



Marshall tried 8.e5!? against Teichmann (Vienna 1909) but had a lost ending after his attacking moves ran out: 8...dxe5 9.Re1 Bg4 10.Bb5 Kf8 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.b3 Ne7 13.Ba3 Kg8 14.dxe5 Qxd1 15.Raxd1 Ng6.

Another idea: 8.Nd5 Nge7 [8...g4!] 9.c3 0-0 10.b4 Ng6 11.b5 Nce7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qc2 Kh8 14.Ba3 g4 15.Nd2 Qh4 with an initiative for Black in Alpen-Paulsen, 1867. 8...Qe7

8...Nge7 9.c3 Bg4 is ECO's curt footnote assessment. Fritz likes the text move, along with 8...Nf6, 8...Bg4 and even 8...Bd7, all of which get higher ranking than 8...Nge7. I guess "it's all good." 9.Qd3 Bd7 10.c3 0-0 11.b4 Nf6 12.e5

Only a slight improvement is 12.Re1 Rde8 13.b5 Na5 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxc4 15.Qxc4 Ng4. 12...dxe5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 [Ng4?!] 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bxf7?

15.Qd4 is better, but not good. 15...Bb5+

It's hard to watch, but White plays to the bitter end.

16.Qh3+ Kb8 17.Re1 Bxe2 18.Bb2 g4 19.Qh4 Rd2 20.Rab1 Qe3+ 21.Kh1 Ne4 22.Bc1 Nf2+ 23.Qxf2 Qxf2 24.Bxd2 f3 25.Bd5 Qxg2# 0-1

English Opening A16

Shaun Graham 1900 (OK)

Kenneth Breland 1850 (TX)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.9)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.d3 c6 [5...0-0] 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bd2 Bd7 8.Nf3 Na6 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Qa4 c5 11.Nb5 Bc6 12.Qb3 Bxb5 13.Qxb5+ Qd7 14.Qa5 0-0 15.Rab1 Ne8 16.Bc3 Nec7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qc3+ e5 19.Nd2 b5 20.b3 b4 21.Qb2 Ne6 22.Bh3 Qe7 23.f4 f6 24.e3 Nac7 25.Nf3 Kh7?



This energizes the f5 push, while 25...Ned8= would neutralize it.

26.f5 Ng5 27.fxg6+ Kg7 28.Bf5 h5 29.Nh4 Rh8 30.Rbe1 Ne8 31.Be4 Qd8 32.Nf5+ Kf8 33.Bd5 Ng7 34.h4 Nxf5 35.Rxf5 Kg7 36.hxg5 fxg5 37.Rf7+ Kxg6 38.Qf2 h4 39.Qf5+ Kh6 40.Rf6+ Qxf6 41.Qxf6+ Kh7 42.Qf7+ Kh6 43.Rf1 g4 44.gxh4 Rbg8 45.Rf6+ 1-0

French Exchange C01

Aurelio Gonzalez 1850 (TX)

Mike Crockett 1890 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.10)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Qe7+ 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bg4 10.0-0 c6 11.a3 Bd6 12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Qd3 Nb6 16.Bb3 Nbd5 17.Ne5 Be6 18.Bc2 Nxe4 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qxe4 Nf6 21.Qh4

Black then touched his knight ... and resigned because of 21...Nd5 22.Qxh7#. 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E36

Rafael Llanas 1841 (TX)

Judson Temple 1830 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.12)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 0-0 7.Bg5 b6 8.e3 Ba6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 Qc8 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Qxc5 Nxc5 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.b4 Ne4 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Rfd1?? [19.Nd4]



19...Nc3!

0-1

Dutch Leningrad A86

Mike Tubbs 1805 (TX)

Andy Guzman 1741 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.13)

1.d4 f5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nh3 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3

Better is 8.d5. The text permits a Black e7-e5 making the Nh3 weak.

8...Bd7 9.Bb2 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.Re1 c6?!



Black can play on both wings (11...a6 Δ ...b5, or 11...h6 Δ ...g5, f4), so why mess with the center?

12.dxc6 bxc6? [12...Bxc6] 13.Qxd6 Qb6?? [A bluff?!] 14.Na4??

White sees a 'ghost' – there's no way to trap his queen if he takes the offered knight at e7.

14...Qd8 15.Rad1 Nc8 16.Qd3 Nb6 17.Nc5 e4 18.Qd2 Qc7 19.Bxf6!

This time White doesn't let the piece escape. And yet ... there is still hope for the Oklahoma side!

19...Bxf6 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.Qxd7 +- Qa5 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.a4 Rad8 24.Rb1 Rd2 25.Nf4 c5 26.Nd5 Bd4 27.e3 Bg7 28.Qc6+- Rb2 29.Red1 Rxb1 30.Rxb1 Rd8 31.Qc7 Qxc7 32.Nxc7 Bc3 33.Nb5 Bb4 34.Nxa7 Rd6 35.Nb5 Rd2 36.f3 exf3 37.Bxf3 Kg7 38.Bg2 Kf6 39.e4 Ke5 40.exf5 gxf5 41.Rf1 Rd3 42.Re1+??

"Drops a rook in a winning position," says Tubbs. [42.Rf3+-] 42...Bxe1± 0-1

Larsen's Opening A01

Wolff Morrow 1736 (TX)

Bran Whitcomb 1745 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.14)

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 Bg4 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Be2 Qxd1+ 8.Bxd1 0-0-0 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Nbd2 h6 11.Nc4 Rhe8 12.h3 Bf5 13.Rc1 Re6 14.a3 Nd7 15.b4 b5 16.Nxd6+ Rxd6 17.Be2 a6 18.c4! Na7 19.Nxe5



19...Nxe5

19...Rd2! 20.Nxf7 Rxb2 21.Nxd8 Rxe2 22.g4 (22.Nf7 Be6 23.Nh8 Bxc4±) 22...Bxg4 23.hxg4 Kxd8± 20.Bxe5 Rd2 21.cxb5 R8d5 22.Rxc7+ Kd8 23.Rxa7

23.b6! Rxe5 24.bxa7 Be4 25.Rfc1 Rxe2 26.R1c6+- 23...Rxe5 24.Rd1 1-0

French Classical C14

David Olivas 1615 (TX)

Omar Albakri 1665 (OK)

TX-OK Match 2009 (2.18)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bd3 a6 10.Nf3 Qb4 11.Qc1 c5 12.a3 Qa5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.b4 Nxd3+ 15.cxd3 Qc7 16.Qb2 Nc6 17.b5 Qb6 18.Rb1 Nd4 19.Qf2 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Qa5 21.d4 Bd7 22.bxa6 Qxa6 23.Kf2 Bc6 24.Rb3 0-0 25.Rhb1 Rfc8 26.g4 h6 27.g5 hxg5 28.fxg5 Rc7



29.Qh5 [29.Kg2=] 29...Qd3! 30.Nb5? [30.Ne2=] 30...Qf5+! [30...Qc2+!] 31.Kg2?? [31.Qf3±] 31...Bxb5 32.Rxb5 Rc2+ 33.Kh1

33.Kg3 drags it out a bit – Fritz announces mate in seven.

33...Qe4+ 34.Kg1 Qg2# 0-1

Solution (back cover problem)

1.Be5 (1...Kxe5 2.Qd6#; 1...N-any 2.Qb5#; 1...e3 or 1...f3 2. Qd4#)

Final Four, cont'd from p. 6

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Sergey Erenburg 2625 (UMBC)

Davorin Kuljasevic 2560 (UMBC)

Final Four 2009 (3)

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 Bg5 12.Nc2 Ne7 13.a4 bxa4 14.Ncb4 0-0 15.Rxa4 a5 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bc4 Bd7 18.Nd5 Qe8 19.Ra2 Bd8 20.0-0 Kh8 21.b4 Rc8 22.Ba6 Ra8 23.Bc4 Rc8 24.Bb3 axb4 25.cxb4 f5 26.exf5 Bxf5 27.Ne3 Rb8 28.Qxd6 Be7 29.Qxe5 Bxb4 30.Qd4 Qe4 31.Nxf5 Qxf5 32.Bc2 Qf6 33.Qe4 g6 34.Kh1 Bc5 35.f3 Rfe8 36.Qc4 Rbc8 37.Be4 Bd6 38.Qa6 Be5 39.Qxf6+ Bxf6 40.g3 Rb8 41.Kg2 Red8 42.Rc1 Rb2+ 43.Rxb2 Bxb2 44.Rc2 Bf6



45.h4 Rd7 46.Rc5 Kg7 47.h5 Re7 48.hxg6 hxg6 49.Rc4 Rd7 50.Kh3 Re7 51.Kg4 Re5 52.f4 Re7 53.Bd5 Rd7 54.Be6 Re7 55.Rc6 Bd4 56.Bc4 Bf6 57.Kf3 Bd4 58.Be6 Bf6 59.Bd5 Rd7 60.Be4 Kf7 61.Bc2 Rb7 62.Rc5 Be7 63.Rc4 Bf6 64.Rc6 Ra7 65.Bd3 Rd7 66.Bc4+ Kg7 67.Ke3 Re7+ 68.Be6 Ra7 69.Ke4 Ra4+ 70.Bc4 Ra7 71.Bd3 Rd7 72.Bc2 Kf7 73.Ke3 Re7+ 74.Kf3 Rb7 75.Be4 Rd7 76.Rc2 Kg7 77.Rc5 Ra7 78.Rd5 Kf7 79.Bd3 Ra3 80.Kg4 Ke6 81.Bc4 Ke7 82.Rb5 Bd4 83.Rb7+ Kf8 84.Rd7 Bf2 85.Kg5



85. Bxg3

85...Rxc3+ 86.Kf6 Bb6 87.Rf7+
Ke8 88.Bb5+ Kd8 89.Ke6±
86.Kf6

A better winning try is 86.Kxg6
Ke8 87.Rf7 Ra5 88.f5 Rc5 89.Bb3
Ra5 90.Rh7 Bf4 91.Rh8+ Kd7 92.f6
Rg5+ 93.Kf7±.

86...Bh4+ 87.Kxg6 Rg3+ 88.Kh5
Be7 89.Rb7 Rh3+ 90.Kg6 Rg3+
91.Kf5 Re3 92.Be6 Re1 93.Rb8+
Kg7 94.Rg8+ Kh7 95.Re8 Bh4
96.Rc8 Kg7 97.Rg8+ Kh7 98.Rg2
Be7 99.Bd5 Re3 100.Be4 Bd6 101.
Rd2 Bb4 102.Rd4 Bc3 103.Ke6+
Kh6 104.Rc4 Kh5 105.Kf5 Kh4
106.Rc8 Kg3 107.Rg8+ Kf2 108.
Rg2+ Kf1 109.Ra2 Ke1 110. Bd5
Re2 111.Ra4 Kd2 112.Kg6 Rf2
113.f5 Ke3 114.Rg4 Rf4 115. Rg3+
Kd2 116.Rg2+ Kd3 117.Kg5 Rf1
118.Rg3+ Kd2 119.Be4 Ba1 120.
Kg6 Rf2 121.Rd3+ Ke2 122.Ra3
Bd4 123.Kf7 Rf4 124.Bb1 Rf2 125.
Ke6 Bb2 126.Rb3 Ba1 127.Be4
Bd4 128.Kd5 Bf6 129.Rh3 Bb2
130.Bd3+ Kd2 131.Ke4 Bf6 132.
Bc4 Bb2 133.Rd3+ Ke1 134.Rd5
Rd2 135.Rb5 Kf2 136.Bd3 Ke1
137.f6 Bxf6 138.Ke3 Bh4 139.Rb1+
Rd1 140.Rxd1+ ½-½

UT-Brownsville's star makes it 3-0:

Sicilian Taimonov B49

Elliott Liu 2398 (Stanford)
Mauricio Flores 2487 (UTB)

Final Four 2009 (3)

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

Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Nf6
8.Be3 Bb4 9.Na4 0-0 10.Nxc6 bxc6
11.c4 Bd6!? [11...Be7=] 12.Qd3?!
12.f4 Nxe4 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.c5
Be7 15.Bd4± ECO
12...Bxh2+ 13.Kh1 Bf4± 14.Bc5 d6
15.Bb6 Qb8 16.g3 Bh6 17.Rad1 d5
18.Bc5 Re8 19.Bf3 Nd7 20.exd5
cxd5 21.cxd5 Ne5 22.Qa3 Nxf3 23.
Qxf3 Qb5 24.Qa3 exd5 25.Nc3 Qc6
26.Qa4 Qxa4 27.Nxa4 Bh3 28.Rfe1
Bg4 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rd3 Bf5 31.
Ra3 Bc1 32.Be3 h5 33.Kh2 Bxe3
34.fxe3 d4 35.exd4 Rd8 36.Nc5
Rxd4 37.b3 Rd2+ 38.Kg1 Bh3?

38...Bb1 39.Rxa6 Bxa2± is more
clear-cut than the game continuation,
which drops the h-pawn.

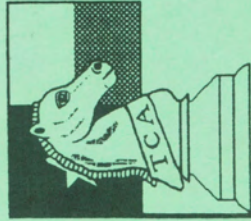
39.b4 Rb2 40.Nxa6 Be6 41.Ra5
Bxa2 42.Rxh5 Bc4 43.Ra5 Kh7
44.Ra4 Kg6 45.Nc7 f6 46.b5 Bxb5
47.Rg4+ Kf7 48.Nxb5 Rxb5



49.Kf2 Rb3 50.Ra4 Kg6 51.Ra5 f5
52.Ra6+ Kh5 53.Ra7 g6 54.Ra6
Kg5 55.Rc6 Ra3 56.Rb6 Kh5 57.
b5 Rd3 58.Ra5 Rd2+ 59.Kf3 Rd3+
60.Kf2 Rb3 61.Rc5 Rb2+ 62.Kf3
Kg5 63.Rc6 Rb5 64.Ra6 Kh5 65.
a8 Rb3+ 66.Kf2 g5 67.Ra5??

Once Black's king penetrates,
it's all over. Necessary was 67.Ra4.
67...Kg4 68.Ra4+ Kh3 69.Ra5
Rb2+ 70.Kf1 Kxg3 71.Rxf5 g4 72.
f8 Rb1+ 73.Ke2 Kh3 74.Rg8 g3 75.
Rh8+ Kg2 76.Rg8 Rb7 77.Ke3 Rf7
78.Rg6 Kh2 79.Rh6+ Kg1 80.g6 g2
81.Ke2 Re7+ 82.Kd2 [82.Kf3 Kf1]
82...Rh7 [faster than Lucena's 82...
Rc5] 0-1

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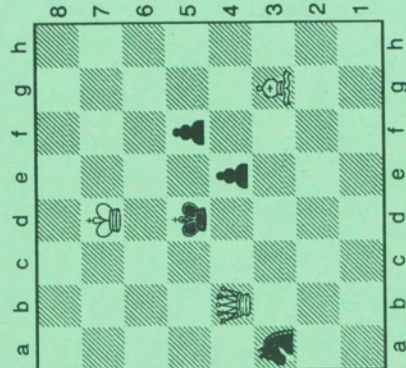


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