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Girls' Championship rocks!

The ninth annual Texas Girls' Scholastic Championship drew 50 players to the new United High School facility in Laredo on Oct. 24. Here are this year's champions, with co-champions shown where applicable.

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| Primary | Sadia Qureshi | Alice |
| | Christalia Cardenas | Brownsville |
| Elementary: | Yvonne Trang | San Antonio |
| Middle School: | Georgia Olvera | Corpus Christi. |
| High School: | Angel Bohannon | Corpus Christi |
| | Ivana L Santos | Brownsville |

Angel Bohannon won a \$500 scholarship prize and a choice of \$1,000 scholarships from Texas Tech and the University of Texas at Brownsville.

There were also three boys' sections, with 31 players.



Primary co-champion Christalia Cardenas (shown above) attends Paredes Elementary in Brownsville. According to proud chess dad Carlos Cardenas, her third round draw with defending champion Sadia Qureshi (who went on to tie for first) was considered the major upset of the event.

Criselda De Leon was the chief TD, with Lakshmana Viswanath Eddie Rios and Bulmaro Cruz assisting. The event was sponsored by the Laredo Chess Players' Association and hosted by Lucy Gutierrez.

Kings of Brownsville Documentary chess film in the works

Clemente,

I hope this email finds you well in health and spirits. I wanted to touch base with you regarding a remarkable project that has become a reality. Danny Haro, a producer from California and his company, Higher Ground Entertainment, have committed to producing a documentary concerning where and how chess began in Brownsville, and to the heights that it has achieved, including the program at UTB. It is a great story, but there is more, the possibility of a movie based on the first year that Russell won its first of its seven consecutive state championships. The third part of this project would be to create an outreach program with all profits from the projects, which would include providing monies to communities, and opportunities for them to create and begin chess programs, not just in Texas, but all across the country.

I was hoping that maybe you could attend the event, I do not know if you are in Brownsville or perhaps in another city, but the link below has a digital invitation, for the fundraiser which will be held in Brownsville next week. If you scroll down you will be able to not only read all the details, but see a portion of the documentary in the form of a trailer. It is incredible.

If you can attend, please let me know so that I may inform Danny that you will be there as a representative from the TCA.

And Clemente, I am still amazed that I have sold the rights to my life's story in order to make the motion picture. I hope it becomes a reality.

Please hit the link below, and enjoy. [Readers may link from the post at www.texaschess.org.]

J.J. Guajardo

http://web.me.com/eqstory/Kings_Of_Bville/Welcome.html

Clemente Rendon has committed to attending the fundraiser. On his motion, the TCA Board approved a \$1,000 donation to this worthy project. If it ever goes to "part 2" I vote for George Lopez to star in the movie! - SKA

A simple and beautiful story of possibilities, resilience and triumph."

Dr. Carmen Roco, pediatrician

Social or economic standing has no bearing in the game of chess. It's truly the great equalizer.

*Dr. Juliet V. Garcia
President, The University of Texas at Brownsville
and Texas Southmost College*

TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Oct. 15, 2009

Income

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 2009 SW Open memberships | \$ 533.50 |
| August memberships | 10.00 |
| September memberships | 85.00 |
| October memberships (so far) | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 678.50 |

Expenses

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| SW Open Prize Fund to guarantee \$10,000 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| SW Open reg. reimbursement - WY attendees | 400.00 |
| Texas Knight - Sept-Oct 2008 | 900.00 |
| 2008 World Youth Attendees | 2,400.00 |
| William Ong - 2009 Denker representative | 1,000.00 |
| 2009 Texas State Girl's Tournament | <u>500.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 7,700.00 |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| WF checking account balance | \$ 916.83 |
| BOA checking account balance | \$ 1,124.42 |
| savings account balance | \$ 3,000.00 |
| CD July 2009 - July 2010 | \$ 20,049.95 |

Minutes of Fall 2009 TCA Meeting

held in Dallas, Sept. 27, 2009

Submitted by *Texas Knights* editor Selby Anderson

At 10:02 a.m. the meeting was called to order by TCA vice-president Lakshmana Viswanath. Other officers present were Barbara Swafford (treasurer), Selby Anderson (editor) and Peter Kappler (webmaster). [Note: TCA president Clemente Rendon was out of state, and secretary Rob Sturgeon was ill.]

Viswanath passed out copies of minutes from the previous TCA meeting (Spring 2009), and asked to waive the reading of the minutes. Sarkisian moved it so, Luis seconded. The motion *passed* by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Swafford reported that she has been giving reports the *TK* editor on a semi-regular basis. She said there has not been much change since the statement published in the July-August issue. There have been more memberships and *TK* expense. She quoted from the August statement [which has since been published in the Sept-Oct 2009 *TK*.] Simpson noted that we have been spending more than we are bring in. Luis Salinas noted that the TCA will be bringing in revenue as organizer of a coming state scholastic.] Simpson moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Anderson seconded. The motion *passed*.

Next Selby Anderson read the election results. With 25 ballots received (one of which was invalid as it was dated 2008!) the results were as follows:

President: Clemente Rendon 20; Tom Crane 3, R. Sturgeon 1, F. Guadalupe 1.

Vice-President: Lakshmana Viswanath 23, Forrest Marler 1, Rob Sturgeon 1, Alexey Root 1.

Secretary: Rob Sturgeon 24, Tom Crane 1.

Treasurer: Barb Swafford 23, Rob Sturgeon 1.

Simpson moved to accept the election results, and Luis seconded. The motion *passed*.

Also under old business, Viswanath noted the bids already awarded for TCA events. Luis Salinas reported on major event bids awarded to date:

2010 Texas Grade: Francisco Guadalupe, to be held in Brownsville

2011 Texas Grade: Greater Fort Worth Chess Club

2011 Texas Scholastic: Dallas CC, to be held in Houston

Viswanath awarded Austin its bid on the 2010 Texas Team Championship, which had been uncontested. Peter Kappler noted that under the Bylaws such an uncontested bid should be awarded at the June 15 deadline rather than the Fall business meeting.

It was noted that we have no Southwest Open bids for next year.

Simpson, on a point of information, recapped the summer's bids contest between the Rio Grande Valley organizers (San Benito ISD) and the Dallas Chess Club. A Board vote was held on whether the two bids for the 2011(?) state scholastic were comparable. The Board decided by one vote that the bids were comparable; otherwise the bid would have gone to the mail ballot.

Luis Salinas moved that TCA award the 2013 Texas Scholastic to the San Benito Independent School District, which meant waiving the Bylaws procedure. There was no second for this motion. Therefore, SBISD would have to wait until 2011 (in accordance with Bylaws) to have its bid considered.

New Business

Under new business, the meeting turned to considering seven advance motions submitted by Luis Salinas.

It was noted that the Bylaws Committee should review these motions, as Motion 1 and 2 may be bylaws changes which have a higher criteria for passing.

Motion 1 - Rule clarification. Schools like the Texas Academy of Math and Science (TAMS) and similar schools such as UTB/TSC Mathematics and Science Academy in Brownsville are to be considered high schools for TCA events such as Regionals, Texas Grade and Collegiate, and The Texas Scholastic Championships.

Rationale: These schools are high schools. The students are still eligible for college scholarships and TAMS competes in High School Activities. The TAMS FAQ says graduates get an high school degree with some college credits. Note that TAMS is located on the University of North Texas Campus while the Brownsville program is located at the University of Texas At Brownsville.

The motion *passed*.

Motion 2 - Rules Clarification. Students with dual attendance such as a high school student taking college courses or an elementary student taking middle school courses shall be eligible for only one division. Once a player has played in the higher division in a TCA event, that player may never play in the lower division. Players who have played "up" before this rule change shall be grandfathered and not be limited to playing in the higher division unless they play up again. (Example: A high student taking college classes should play in High School but if this student plays in a TCA Collegiate section, then this particular high school student may not play in a TCA event as a high school player.)

The motion *passed* unanimously.

Motion 3. Motion 2 goes into effect immediately. *Passed unanimously.*

Motion 4. The World Youth participants shall be awarded a stipend after they write an article for *Texas Knights* and annotate a couple of games. The TCA board will determine the amount of the stipend. Note that if a participant has financial difficulties, the stipend may be awarded before the article for *Texas Knights*.

Rationale: I make this motion every year, but I now think this should be automatic.

The motion *passed* unanimously.

Motion 5. The Pan American Youth medalists who earn a personal right to compete in the next Pan American Youth by virtue of winning a medal shall be awarded a stipend after they write an article for *Texas Knights* and annotate a couple of games. The TCA board shall determine the amount of the stipend.

The motion *passed* unanimously.

Motion 6. The TCA awards the Dallas Chess Club \$1,200 to run the Texas Masters. The tentative weekend is Martin Luther King weekend in 2010 at UTD.

Discussion: Salinas noted that this is \$200 higher than for previous Texas Masters events, but that FIDE fees and other charges have gone up.

The motion *passed*, with one abstention.

Motion 7 - Bylaws change. The Texas Chess Association will set its voting age to at least 16 years old. September 1st will be used as the day to determine age. If this passes, the Bylaws Committee will come up with the wording to change the bylaws.

Rationale: Several TCA members believe that this has already passed, but I am making the motion anew as it does not look like the change has been made or there is a belief that this did not pass.

Discussion: The 2007 minutes stated that the motion did not pass with the required 2/3 majority..

The motion *passed* unanimously.

Motions from the Floor

San Benito ISD spokesman Jack Garcia moved that the 2010 Southwest Open and 2011 Texas Scholastic be awarded to the SBISD. Franc Guadalupe seconded.

Luis Salinas (speaking for the Dallas Chess Club) expressed concerned there is no Southwest Open bid for 2010. He said he would be willing to give up the 2011 bid if San Benito would hold the 2010 Southwest Open.

Michael Simpson noted that this motion would undo a bid awarded at the present meeting, which would require a two-thirds vote. There being no actual bid yet received for 2013, DCC could only give up the 2011 bid.

Salinas said the DCC gave him permission to trade 2011 for 2013, but not to give it away.

The motion *failed* 6-1, with 5 abstaining.

Michael Simpson moved to amend TCA Bylaws Article IX Section 3.E (rotation rules for major tournaments), thus: *change "city" to "organizer"* Sarkisian seconded.

Simpson then spoke against his motion, saying city rotation was the original idea behind this bylaw. Pat Ready spoke in favor of the change, noting that freedom to choose the city gives organizers a safeguard against contingencies such as hurricanes. Franc Guadalupe answered that such possibilities can be addressed *ad hoc* by e-mail. Viswanath said that we need to have *both* city and organizer in the Bylaws. Lori Balkum asked, what if TCA received three bids, of which two organizers are in the same city? Simpson said organizers' experience would be a factor when weighing multiple affiliates in the same city. He added that non-comparable bids would go to ballot, so the scenario Balkum brought up was not a problem. Luis Salinas noted that some bids have been awarded with the city to be determined.

The motion *failed* by a 2 to 9 vote.

Luis Salinas moved that the Board draw up a motion for its 2010 spring meeting on a way to appoint its delegates to USCF. Mike Simpson seconded. Franc Guadalupe said there has been a problem in selecting delegates who will actually attend the USCF meeting. Viswanath said we need criteria for selection. Salinas suggested that the vote take place either in September at the Fall TCA meeting (where there may be an idea of who will go to the US Open) or in the summer mail ballot before that meeting.

The motion *passed* unanimously.

Viswanath asked Jack Garcia whether San Benito ISD is interested in holding the 2013 Scholastic. Garcia said the school board would have to consider it. The bid, noted Viswanath, is not due until 2011.

Viswanath noted that the 2010 Southwest Open bid overdue, and is likely to be awarded to the first bidder. Mike Simpson added that TCA would be obliged to run the event if no bids were received.

Peter Kappler observed the trend of poor turnouts at the Texas State/Amateur Championship. One factor he noted is that school is out, and many foreign college players have gone home. He said that over the last three years this event has had just two players rated over 2400, compared to 23 players in the Southwest Open for the same period. He said the state championship was longer prestigious, and queried whether we should move the date. Franc Guadalupe offered that we could make it a class tournament. [Note: *The Texas Class Championship is already an official TCA event, although it has not been held in some time.*] Kappler replied that Championship section is the one that suffers poor attendance, not the Amateur. Franc Guadalupe countered, why have a closed Championship section?

Michael Simpson moved that the Board create a new committee to come up with ways to increase participation by top players in the state championship. Franc Guadalupe seconded. The motion *passed* unanimously.

Lori Balkum moved to adjourn. Luis Salinas seconded, and on a voice vote the meeting was ended at 11:29 a.m.

Region IX Scholastic Championship

January 9th, 2010 Five Rounds, Game/30
Trinity School of Midland, 3500 Wadley, Midland
Rounds: 10-11-1:30- 2:30-3:30 Reg. 8:30-9:45 a.m.
Entry fee (includes lunch onsite): \$ 20 at site, \$15 if rec'd by Jan 1. Extra lunches: \$6 adult, \$4 kids.
Individual trophies to top three in K-5 Elementary, 6-8 Middle school, 9-12 High School.
Team trophies to top two schools per category.
A team can be any size, but only top 3 scores from the school are counted for team score. See TCA website for rules on school team composition.

This tournament is a rated chess event following TCA and U.S. Chess Federation rules. Please bring chess clocks, and boards if possible, as a limited number of sets and boards will be available. USCF Scholastic or Youth membership required; please see www.uschess.org for details.

Contact: Charlie Vetter, 432-296-9279 c, 432-520-7232 w, midlandchessclub@yahoo.com

Beginners' events build USCF membership

About 16 to 17 years ago, a group of volunteers came together as an organization dedicated to promoting scholastic chess in the coastal bend area. This group was backed by the Optimist Club of Corpus Christi, Texas. It was my privilege to have sat in on those meetings. Over the years, this organization has come to realize that one of the biggest financial barriers to recruiting new chess players was the USCF membership fees. Therefore, the club came up with a "Beginners Tournament", and has hosted one every year at the start of the scholastic year. This tournament allows the club members to work one on one with new incoming tournament players as well as preparing their parents in the way of tournament chess. This tournament also allows the club to pay for the players' registrations to USCF and automatically signs the players into the next upcoming tournament. In this manner, this club helps underprivileged children to participate in scholastic chess tournaments. Therefore, scholastic chess will not become a game for an elite group. Let's face it, entry fees, USCF memberships, food, traveling expenses; all take a bite out of a parent's wallet. Some parents have more than one child participating. Now multiply that expense by several weeks and the numbers quickly add up for the parents and coaches.

This past weekend [Sept. 19] it was my honor to help on this years "Beginners Tournament", and I had the opportunity to work one on one with these children, it was very rewarding. I was excited to see their enthusiasm while they played. Some of them would not have even considered participating because of the cost.

The name of this organization is the Optimist Coastal Bend Chess Federation. However, they are not the only organization implementing this practice of helping kids in Region VII. Mr. Dan DeLeon and his wife Criselda own and operate South Texas Chess Center of Corpus Christi also host a tournament to help players pay for their membership fees. Laredo Chessplayers Association also does the same. These organizations also help the school clubs host tournaments as fund raisers designed to cover the costs for their members. I wish to thank all of you wonderful volunteers in Region VII and throughout the state who give of their time and funds to provide a means for the children to participate in scholastic chess instead of having idle hands and worse "idle minds". Thank you all. P.S. If I left anyone out, I apologize. - Eddie Rios.

Dear Texas Chess Players:

Help us make it two in a row after last year's 32.5-21.5 defeat of the Oklahoma squad led by Jim and Frank Berry. Date: Apr. 18 (Sun.), 2 rd. G/60, 30 sec increment. I realize it is early, but e-mail me if you have an interest.

Rob Jones, Texas co-captain <jonesoc@juno.com>

IM Antal wins big haul at 75th Southwest Open

By NTD Francisco Guadalupe

The 75th Annual Southwest Open, held at the DFW Marriott Airport South, Fort Worth, Texas, had 160 players in attendance and the strongest field in many years, if not ever, with two GMs and six IMs leading the way. The organizers also held a one-day scholastic side event that drew 81 players. The event was sponsored by the Texas Chess Association and organized by Luis Salinas and Barbara Swafford from the Dallas Chess Club. Lori Balkum and Binny Nanavat directed the scholastic tournament and Lori assisted me in the main event.

In the Open Division, IM Gergely Antal continued his hot streak and took home the \$1,500 first prize as the outright winner! Just last month in Indianapolis, Gergely finished in a tie for seventh place at the U.S. Open and also won the Tournament of College Champions. The fifth-seeded Antal must have felt like he was back in Indianapolis at the collegiate event, as the top eleven seeds were players from the "big three" Texas college chess programs: UT-Dallas, UT-Brownsville and Texas Tech. This event, however, was much stronger than the collegiate championship in Indianapolis. It would have had quite a few more collegiate players, but several of the UTB players went to a tournament in Mexico while some of the UTD students played in Oklahoma.

Although there were a few quick draws among the top players, the last round was highly contested. On Board One, the game between IM Davorin Kuljasevic from Tech and GM Timur Gareev from UTB did end in a draw, but it was a hard-fought game. A Bishop-Rook-Pawn ending for both sides forced the outcome. This allowed Davorin to take home the \$800 second place

prize while while Timur had to settle for only one-tenth of that for his tie for third. Antal, also from Texas Tech, took advantage of the draw on the top board, and defeated John Bryant from UTD on Board two. On Board Three, however, UTD reversed the tables on Tech as IM Julio Sadorra defeated the second-seeded IM Gabor Papp. This year's state champion IM Daniel Fernandez from UTB must have been a little bit surprised as he sat across nine-year-old expert Tommy He on Board Four! Tommy, the top 9-year old in the country, had a great event and raised his rating by 45 points to 2110. Daniel, however, quickly overcame his shock and went on to beat his young opponent to tie for third with Gareev, Sadorra, GM Amon Simutowe and IM Daniel Ludwig, the last two also from UTD. Amon and Daniel had to do some college work, so they took last round byes.

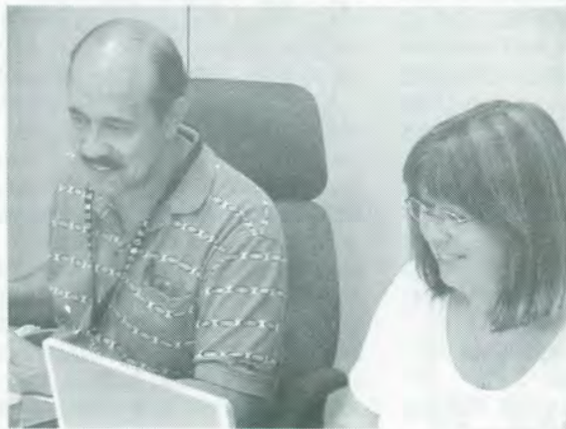
In the Reserve Division (U2000), Phung Nguyen finished with a perfect 7-0 and pocketed the \$1,000 first place prize. Leo Bonnell and Ruifeng Li, the top 7-year old in the Nation, tied for second place with 5.5 points. Leo was awarded the \$500 second prize while Ruifeng earned \$600 as the top Class B while raising his rating to 1861! In the Novice Division (U1400), we had a three-way tie between Adam Drake, Anthony Nguyen and Frank Rilling with 5.5 points and each earning \$433.

The scholastic event had two divisions. We had a three-way tie in the K-12 Championship between Kevin Li, Elizabeth Ukoli and Venkat Tejah Kotta. David Howe won the K-12 U750.

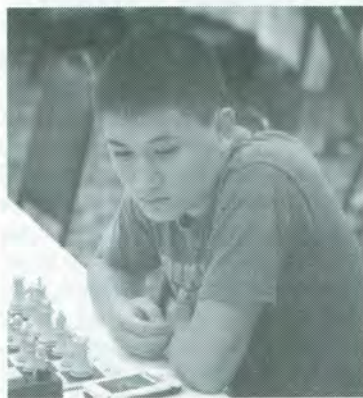
PRIZE WINNERS

OPEN: *1st:* Gergely Antal, 6.0, (\$1,500); *2nd:* Davorin Kuljasevic, 5.5 (\$800); *3rd:* Timur Gareev, Daniel Fernandez, Julio Sadorra, Daniel Ludwig, Amon Simutowe, 5.0 (\$80 each); **2200-2399:** Chris Land, 4.5 (\$500); **U2200:** Lu Gao, Alexander Balkum, 4.5 (\$500 each).

RESERVE: *1st:* Phung Nguyen, 7.0 (\$1,000); *2nd:* Leo Bonnell, 5.5 (\$500); *3rd:* Erick Vallarino, Tommy Lu, Jonathan Allen, William Molina, Joshua Osbourn, Julie O'Neil, Rodney Thomas, Ivan Wijetunge, 5.0 (\$31.25 each); **1st Class B:** Ruifeng Li, 5.5 (\$600); **2nd-3rd B:** Akshay Bangale, Henry Imperial, Robert Redman, 5.0 (\$150 each); **1st Class C:** Gregory Reinhart, 4.5 (\$600); **2nd C:** Doyle Lobaugh, 3.5 (\$300); **3rd C:** Adrian Andreescu, Armand Behrooz, Mark Marshall, Vivek Mathesh, Michael Perkins, Sunay Nanavat, 3.0 (\$25 ea.) **NOVICE:** *1st-2nd + 1st U1200:* Adam Drake, Anthony Nguyen, Frank Rilling, 5.5 (\$433.33 each); *3rd:* Hongbo Wang, Lee Ming Zheng, 5.0 (\$75 each). **1st U1000:** Vinay Sateesh (\$300).



TDs Franc Guadalupe and Lori Balkum



Seth Thompson

Seth Thompson, an Austin area homeschooler who turns 16 in November, defeats an IM! He returned to chess at the 2008 US Open after a year's break, and has since climbed from 1700 to 2100 in 14 months.

Queen's Gambit D24

Julio Sadorra 2513

Seth Thompson 2074

Southwest Open 2009 (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.e4 a6

The main book line is 5...c5.
6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Qe2 Be7 9.a3

A more incisive line of play is 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Rd1 0-0 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Rc8 13.Nfg5 with good attacking prospects, e.g. 13...g6 14.Qg4 Nb4 15.Qh3 h5 16.Be2! with a sac looming at h5.
9...Nbd7 10.b4 h6 11.Rb1 Nb6 12.Be3 0-0 13.Nd2 a5 14.Nxb5 axb4 15.axb4 Ra4 16.Bc2 [16.0-0±] 16...Rxb4 17.Qd3 Ba6 18.Rxb4 Bxb4 19.e5 Qd7 20.exf6 g6 21.h4?!

So this is why White deferred castling?! Survivable is 21.Bxh6! Bxb5 22.Qg3 Ra8 23.Bxg6 fxg6 [23...Ra1+?? 24.Bb1+] 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Bg7+=

21...Bxb5 22.Qb3 Nd5 23.Bxh6 Ra8



24.Qb1 Bc3!?

24...Qc6! 25.Bxg6 Nxf6 26.f3 Bc3 27.Kf2 Ra1+

25.Bg7??

A last ditch stand is 25.Bxg6 Nxf6!? (25...fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Kh8 27.Bg7+=) 26.Rh3 Ra1 (26...Bxd2+ 27.Bxd2 fxg6 28.Rg3 Kh8 29.Rxg6 Nh7 30.Bc3 Qc6 31.Bb2 Qd5) 27.Rxc3 Rxb1+ 28.Bxb1 Qxd4 29.Rg3+ Ng4 30.Be3 Qg7. 25...Nf4!

There's nothing wrong with 25...a1 26.Qxa1 Bxa1 27.h5, as long as Black mops up pawns with 27...Bxd4 28.hxg6 Nxf6. The text is even stronger, preparing to launch a mating attack with ...Bxd2+.

26.Rh3 Nxb3 27.Bxg6 fxg6 0-1

Modern Benoni A70

Davorin Kuljasevic 2562

John Bryant 2440

Southwest Open 2009 (3)

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e6 3.c4 exd5 4.cxd5 d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.h3 0-0 9.Nf3 b5 10.Nxb5 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Re8 12.Ng5 h6 13.Ne6 Qa5+ 14.Nc3 Ba6

14...Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Bd2 Qc4 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 fxe6 19.dxe6 Rxe6 20.Kf3 Rxe4 21.Kxe4 Bb7+ 22.Kd3 Nc6 23.f3±

15.Bd2 fxe6 16.dxe6 Rxe6 17.Qg4!+- Bc4 18.Nd5

18.0-0-0! h5 19.Qf3 Nc6 20.Bxc6 Rf8 21.Qg3+-

18...Bxd5 19.Qxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bxa5 d5 21.Bxg6 Nc6

21...Bxb2 22.Rb1 Bf6 23.Rb7 Nc6 24.Bd2 Ne7 25.Bc2+-
22.Bc3 d4 23.Bd2 Bd5 24.0-0 Ne5 25.Bc2 Rb8 26.b3 d3 27.Bd1 c4 28.Bc3 Rb6 29.Re1 1-0

Sicilian B52

Gergely Antal 2517

Seth Thompson 2037

Southwest Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.d3 e6 7.Ng5!?

I tried this against Fernandez in 2007. (I got a good game but lost from time pressure errors.). It enjoys a better reputation against 6...g6, but of course I feel vindicated seeing it played by a 2500 player.

I wonder how Antal would play against the minimalist 7...Nf6 8.f4 Be7 - launch a full tilt pawn storm? 7...h6 8.Nh3 g6 9.f4 Nge7 10.Be3 Bg7 11.c3 Rd8 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nf3 b6 14.Nf2 Kh7 15.d4 f5



16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Qc2 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nd5 19.Rae1 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 e5

20...Rxf4? 21.Nfg5+ hxg5 22.Nxg5+-

21.Nh4 Qg4

21...exf4 22.Nxg6 Kxg6 23.Nxd6+ Kh5 24.Qe2+ Kg6 25.Qc2+= 22.Nxg6 Qxg6 23.f5! Rxf5

23...Qe8 24.f6 Kg8 25.Rg3 Rf7 26.Qc1+-

24.Rxf5 (Diagram next page)



24...Ne7

24...Qxf5 25.Rf3! Qg6 26.Rg3 Qf5 27.Nf6+ -

25.Rf2 d5 26.Nxc5 d4 27.cxd4 Qxc2 28.Rxc2 Nf5 29.Ra3 Nxd4 30.Rc4 Rf8 31.h3 Rf7 32.Ne4 Rf4 33.Rxa7 Kg6 34.Rcc7 Bf8 35.Ra6+ Kh5 36.Ng3+ Kh4 37.Rg6 1-0

The top eight-year-old in the country gets a master scalp. Ouch.

Budapest Defense A52

Tommy He 2088

Selby Anderson 2234

Southwest Open 2009 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.e4 Nxe5 5.f4 Ng6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bc5 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qe2 Bg4 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Bxd4 Bxd4 12.g3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qf6 14.Rc1 Ne5?

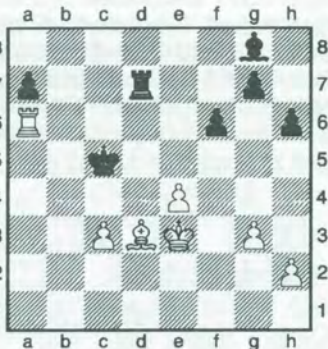
14...0-0 15.0-0 Rfe8

15.fxe5 Qxf3 16.Qxf3 Bxf3 17.Rf1 Bg4 18.exd6 cxd6 19.Kd2 Ke7 20.Rce1 f6 21.Rh1 Rac8 22.Rb1 b6 23.Rb4 Rc7?!

Sloppy play (∆23...Rc5) reveals that I was taking my opponent for granted, and I get a rude shock.

24.a4 Rc5 25.Ra1 Rhc8 26.a5 bxa5 26...Rxa5 27.Rxa5 bxa5 28.Rb7+ Bd7 29.Bc2 Kd8 30.Rxa7 Rc5

27.Rb7+ R8c7 28.Rxc7+ Rxc7 29.Rxa5= h6 30.Ke3 Bc8 31.Kd4 Be6 32.c5 dxc5+ 33.Rxc5 Rd7+ 34.Ke3 Kd6 35.Ra5 Bg8 36.Ra6+ Kc5 37.Ra5+ Kb6



38.Rb5+ Kc6?? [38... Kc7=] 39.Rb8, Black resigns(?)

Obviously I was shocked and discouraged by my previous mistake, and I didn't see my way to a pawn-down bishop ending: 39...Bf7 40.Bb5+ Kc7 41.Ra8 Kb7 42.Rxa7+ Kxa7 43.Bxd7± . 1-0

Ruy Lopez C77

Mark Dejmek 2155

Steven Chen 1990

Southwest Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 Qe7 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Nf1 Bg6 13.Bg5 Nd8 14.d4 Bb6 15.Ne3 c6 16.Ng4 Ne6 17.Bh4 Rad8 18.Nfh2 Nf4 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Ng4 Nh5 21.Qf3 Kg7 22.Rad1 c5 23.dxe5 dxe5 24.Bd5 c4 25.g3 Rd6 26.a4 Bd8 27.Qe3 Qd7 28.axb5 axb5 29.Ra1 Bb6 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Kg2 Re8 32.Ra6 f5 33.exf5 Qxf5



34.Rxb6! Rxb6 35.Qe3 Qd3

So White does not win a piece after all, but he has improved his position.

36.Qxb6

Fritz curiously recommends not regaining the Exchange, but playing 36.Qc5!? with pressure on the e-pawn: 36...e4 37.Re3 Qd2 38.Qxb6 Qxd5 39.Qf6! +-.

36...Qxd5+ 37.Kh2 e4

37...f5 38.Nxe5! Qd2 (38...Rxe5 39.Qb8+) 39.Nf3 Qxb2 40.Rxe8+ Bxe8 41.Qe6+ Bf7 42.Qe3± 38.Bf6

38.Qf6! forces 38...h6.

38...Rc8 39.Bd4 Qc6 40.Qxc6 Rxc6 41.Ra1 f5??

41...Rc8 42.Ra5±; 41...f6 42.Ra5±

42.Ra8+ Be8 [42...Kf7 43.Ne5+] 43.Rxe8+ Kf7 44.Ne5+ Kxe8 45.Nxc6 Kf7 46.Na7 b4 47.cxb4 1-0

Zukertort Attack A47

Stephen Pamatmat 1915

Alexander Balkum 2121

Southwest Open 2009 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 d5 6.Qe2 c5 7.b3 Nc6 8.a3 Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.f3 Nxd2 14.Rxd2 Rac8 15.c4 b5 16.Kb1 a5 17.Rc1 a4 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Bf5 axb3 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Qxb5 c4 22.Rd4 Bc6 23.Qa6 Ra8 24.Qxa8+ Bxa8 25.Rg4 Qa5 0-1

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Gergely Antal 2517

Davorin Kuljasevic 2562

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

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 ½-½

QGD Slav D15

Timur Gareev 2652

Daniel Fernandez 2454

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 h6 8. Be2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Be6 10.0-0 Bd5 11.Ba3 e6 12.Bxf8 Kxf8 13.Nd2 Nd7 14.f4 Nb6 15.axb5 cxb5 16. Bf3 g6 17.Ra6 Kg7 18.Ne4 Bb7 19.Ra2 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Nd5 21.Qf3 a5 22.g4 h5 23.gxh5 Rxh5 24.Rg2 Kf8 25.Bxg6 fvg6 26.Rxg6 Rf5 27.Qh3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

French Tarrasch C07

Gabor Papp 2622

Amon Simutowe 2476

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7. Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 Ne7 10.c4 Qc7 11.Qh5 Ng6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Be3 Bxb2 16.Rab1 Bf6 17.Bc5 Qa5 18. Rb7 g6 19.Qf3 Qxc5 20.Qxf6 0-0 21.Be2 Bc8 22.Re7 Qc2 23.Bf3 Ba6 24.Re1 Rab8 25.h4 Rb2 26.Bg4



26...Rb1 27.Rxb1

27.Bxc6!! Rxe1+ 28.Kh2 Rh1+ (28...Bc4 29.Rxf7+-) 29.Kxh1 Qd1+ 30.Kh2 Qd6+ 31.e5 Qxe7 32. Qxe7+-

27...Qxb1+ 28.Kh2 Qxe4

28...Bc4 29.h5 Qc1 30.f4+-

29.Bxe6! Bc4 30.Rxf7 Qxh4+ 31. Qxh4 1-0

QP Opening D00

Julio Sadorra 2513

Tyler Hughes 2376

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4

Bg7 5.Qd2 0-0 6.Bh6 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Bxg7 Kxg7 9.e4 e6 10.e5 Nfd7 11.h4 h5 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13. Re1 Qxc5 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 gxf3 16.hxg6 fvg6 17.Bd3 Ndx5 18. Rxe5 Nxe5 19.Qh6+ Kf7 20.Qf4+ Ke8 21.Qxe5 Kd8 22.Rh7 Bd7



23.Bb5! Bxb5 24.Nxb5 Rc8 25. Nd4+- Re8 26.Qf6+ Qe7 27.Nxe6+ Kd7 28.Nf8+ 1-0

Modern Benoni A62

Daniel Yeager 2364

Tommy He 2088

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8. Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Qc7 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Nc4 Re8 13.Bf4 Ne5



14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.d6 Qd8 16.a5 Rb8 17.Na4 Be6 18.Ncb6 c4 19.Nc5 e4 20.d7!?

He probably expects Black to resign in a few more moves.

20...Re7 21.Nc8?



Tommy He

21.Qd6! Bf8 22.Qf4+ 21...Rxd7 22.Nxd7 Nxd7 23.Nd6? 23.Nb6! Bxb2 24.Rb1 c3 25. Bxe4= 23...Bxb2 24.Rb1 c3 25.Nxe4 Qxa5 26.Qd6 Rc8 [?] $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Dutch Defense A80

Bob Shao 2148

Chris Land 2242

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e3 Be6 6.Bd3 c6 7.Qf3 g6 8.Nge2 Nd7 9.h4 h5 10.Nf4 Bf7 11.Qe2 Qa5 12.a3 Bd6 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Nce2 Nb6 15.b3 Qe7 16.c4 dxc4 17.bxc4 0-0 18.c5 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Nd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.0-0 b6 22. Rfc1 Rfe8 23.a4 Qd7 24.Bc4 Kg7 25.Bxd5 Qxd5 26.Qc3



26...f4 27.exf4?

27.cxb6 fxe3 (27...axb6 28.Qxc6 Qxc6 29.Rxc6 b5 30.a5 fxe3 31.fxe3 Rxe3 32.Rb6±) 28.fxe3 Qe4 29.a5 axb6 30.axb6 Rxa1 31.Rxa1 Qxh4 32.d5!+-

27...Re4 28.cxb6 axb6 29.Qxc6??

29.Rab1 Rxf4 (29...Rxa4 30.Rxb6 Rxf4 31.g3 Rfxd4 32.Rb7+ Kg8 33.Qe3+-) 30.Rxb6 Qxd4 31.Qxd4 Rxd4 32.Rxc6±

29...Re1+ 30.Rxe1 Qxc6 31.Reb1 Qd6 32.d5 Ra5 0-1

QGD Slav D18

Alexander Balkum 2121

Jarod Pamatmat 2191

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nh4 Bg4 10.f3 Bh5 11.g4 Nd5 12.Qe1 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.e4 Qc7 15.f4 Ne7 16.Qe2 0-0-0 17.Na2 Ba5 18.g5 Rh3 19.b4 Bb6 20.Be3 [20.Bb2 e5] 20...Ne5! 21.a5 [21.fxe5 Rxe3!+-] 21...Nxc4 22.axb6 Qxb6µ 23.Bf2 Qc7 24.Bg3 Rxd4 25.Rad1 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 b5 27.Kg2 Rh5 28.Rd3 f6 29.f5?

29.Nc1 e5 30.gxf6 gxf6 31.fxe5 Nxe5 (31...fxe5 32.Nb3=) 32.Qa2 Kb7 33.Qe6 Rg5 34.Qxf6 Rg4 35.Rd1±

29...Rxg5 30.fxe6 Qe5!+-



31.h4 Rxg3+ 32.Rxg3 Qxe6 33.Nc3 g5 34.hxg5 Ng6 35.Kh2 Nce5 36.Qa2 Qd7 37.Ne2 Ng4+ 38.Kh1 fxc5 39.Qb2 Nf4 40.Qd4 Qe6 41.Nxf4 gxf4 42.Rg2 f3 43.Rd2 Qh6+

44.Kg1 f2+ 45.Rxf2 Nxf2 46.Qxf2 Qg6+ 47.Kh2 Qf6 48.Qxa7 Qf4+ 49.Kg1 Qxe4 50.Qc5 Kd7 51.Qf8 g6 52.Qg7+ Ke6 53.Qg8+ Ke5 54.Qg7+ Kd5 55.Qf8 Kc4 56.Qc5+ Kb3 57.Kh2 Qc2+ 0-1

Caro-Kann B15

Seth Thompson 2037

Alfred Carlin 2224

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.exd5 cxd5 5.Bf4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nc6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Ne5 c5 13.d5 Bb7 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.d6 exd6 16.Qxd6 Qf5 17.Bg3 Rfe8 18.Nc4 Rac8 19.Qd2 Ba6 20.Nd6 Qd7 21.Rfe1!? Red8 22.Qa5 Rc6



23.Nxf7 Qxd1 24.Nxd8 Rd6 25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.Rxe4 Bc8 27.Re8+ Bf8 28.Qe1 Bd7 29.Re2 Bb5 30.Rd2 Qc7 31.Qe6+ Kg7 32.c4 Qf4 33.Rc2 Qc7 34.Qd5 Bd7 35.Rd2 Bf5 36.Qxf5 Qxd8 37.Qe5+ 1-0

Semo-Slav D45

Abhishek Mallela 2206

Artur Safin 2110

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 e5 9.g5 Nd5 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Qe4+ Qe7 12.Qxd4 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Qxd5 Bg4 17.Qe4 Bh5 18.Bb4 Bd6 19.Qxe7+ Bxe7 20.Bxe7+ Kxe7 21.Be2 Bg6 22.Bf3 Rac8 23.Rd1 Rc2 24.Rd2 Rhc8 25.Bd1 Rc1

26.0-0 R8c5 27.f4 Be4 28.Bb3 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 f6 30.Rd4 Bc6 31.h4 h6 32.gxh6 gxh6 33.Kf2 a5 34.Rc4 Rb5 35.Rc2 Rb6 36.Bc4 Be4 37.Rd2 a4 38.Be2 Bb1 39.Bc4 Be4 40.b3 axb3 41.Bxb3 Ra6 42.Ke1 Ra5 43.Kd1 Rh5 44.Rh2 Rc5 45.Rh3 Kd6 46.Kd2 Ra5 47.Kc3 Bb1 48.Kb2 Be4 49.Kc3 Bb1 50.Rh2 Rc5+ 51.Kb2 Be4 52.Rd2+ Ke7 53.Rd4 Bc6 54.Bd1 Rb5+ 55.Kc3 Ra5 56.a4 Ra8 57.Kb4 Rg8 58.Kc5 Rg2 59.Bb3 Rb2 60.Bd5 Rc2+ 61.Kb6 Rb2+ 62.Kc7 Bxd5 63.Rxd5 Rb4 64.a5 Kf7 65.h5 Rb3 66.Kc8 Ke6 67.e4 f5 68.Re5+ Kd6 69.exf5 Rb4 70.Re6+ Kc5 71.Rb6 Rxf4 72.f6 Rd4 73.f7 1-0

Queen's Indian E14

Nicholas Schoonmaker 2205

Matthew Michaelides 2092

Southwest Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.exd4 0-0 9.Qe2 [9.a3 d5 10.Re1] 9...Nc6 10.Rd1 Re8 11.h3 d5 12.Be3 Nb4 13.Bb1 Ba6 14.b3 Rc8 15.a3 Nc6 16.Bd3 Na5 17.Nd2



17...Nxb3 18.Nxb3 dxc4 19.Bb1 cxb3 20.Qxa6 Rxc3 21.Qxa7 Bd6 22.Qa6 Bb8 23.Bd2 Qxd4 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7 25.Bxc3 Qxc3 26.Qxb6 Qc7 27.Qxb3 Qh2+ 28.Kf1 Qh1+ 29.Ke2 Qxg2 30.Qf3 Qg5 31.Rg1 Qe5+ 32.Qe3 Ne4 33.Kf3 f5 34.Rad1 Rc8 35.Rd7 Rc3 36.Rd3 Rxd3 37.Qxd3 Qf4+ 0-1

Catalan Opening E05

Davorin Kuljasevic 2562
Gabor Papp 2622

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7
5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6
8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Be4
11.Qc1 Bb7 12.Qc2 Be4 13.Qc1
Bb7 ½-½

Gruenfeld Defense D80

Daniel Ludwig 2543
Gergely Antal 2517

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5
Ne4 5.Bf4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.e3
0-0 8.Nf3 c5 9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Be2
cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.0-0 Bf5 13.
Qa4 Qa5 14.Qb3 Be4 15.Rfc1 Rac8
16.Ng5 Bd5 17.Bc4 Bxc4 18.Rxc4
Qf5 19.Qb1 Qd5 20.Rc5 Qd7
21.Nf3 b6 22.Rc1 Na5 23.Qe4 Nc4
24.h4 b5 25.h5 Rfd8 26.hxg6 hxg6
27.Be5 Bxe5 28.dxe5 Kg7 29.a4
Nd2 30.Nxd2 Rxc1+ 31.Rxc1 Qxd2
32.Rb1 bxa4 33.Qxa4 a5 34.Qa3
Qc2 35.Rf1 Qc7 36.e6 f6 37.Rc1
Qa7 38.Qa4 Qb6 39.Rc6 Qb1+
40.Kh2 Rh8+ 41.Kg3 Qf5 42.Ra6
[42.f4=] 42...Rh5

42...Qg5+ 43.Kf3 Rh4 44.g4
Qd5+ 45.Ke2 Rxc4!#

43.Qf4?

43.Qa3 Qg5+ 44.Kf3 f5 45.Ke2=



43...Qd5+ 44.f3 Qd2 45.Qd4
Rg5+ 46.Kf4 Rf5+ 47.Kg3 Qe1+
48.Kg4 Qe2 0-1

Scotch Game C45

John Bryant 2440
Timur Gareev 2652

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.
Nxd4 Qf6 5.Be3 Bc5 6.c3 Nge7 7.
Bc4 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.f4 0-0-0 10.b4



Nxd4 11.bxc5 Ne6 12.Qa4 Nxc5
13.Bxc5 bxc5 14.Nd2 d5 15.exd5
Nxd5 16.Qxa7 Nxc3 17. Nf3 Qb6
18.Qa3 Qb4 19.Qb3 Qxb3 20.axb3
f6 21.Rfc1 Ne4 22.Be6+ Kb8 23.
Bf5 Nd2 24.Nxd2 Rxd2 25.Bh3 g5
26.fxg5 fxg5 27.g3 Rhd8 28.Rxc5
Rd1+ 29.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Kf2 Rh1
31.Be6 Rxh2+ 32.Ke3 Rh1 33.Kd4
h6 34.Ke5 Rf1 35.g4 Bf3 36.Rb5+
Ka7 37.Rb4 Bc6 38.Bf5 Be8 39.Kf6
Rf4 40.Rxf4 gxf4 41.Be4 Kb6 42.g5
hxg5 43.Kxg5 Kc5 44.Kxf4 Kd4
45.b4 Bb5 46.Bg2 Ba4 47.Bf3 ½-½

French Advance C03

Chris Land 2242
Julio Sadorra 2513

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Nh6 6.Bd3 Nf5 7.0-0 c4
8.Bc2 b5 9.b3 Rb8 10.Be3

10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Nxa3 Qa5 12.
Bxf5 exf5 13.Nb1=
10...Be7 11.Nbd2 Nxe3 12.fxe3
Qa5 13.b4?

13.Nb1 cxb3 14.Bxb3=
13...Qa3 14.Nb1 Qb2 15.a3 Qxa1
16.Qc1 a5 0-1

QGD Slav D19

Daniel Fernandez 2454
Jarod Pamatmat 2191

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4
8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.h3 h6
11.Rd1 Qe7 12.e4 Bg6 13.Bd3 Bh5
14.g4 Bg6 15.Ne5 Bh7 16.g5 hxg5
17.Bxg5 Qe8 18.Kh1 Nxe5 19.dxe5
Nd7 20.f4 Be7 21.Rg1 Bxg5
22.Rxg5 Kh8 23.Rag1 Rg8 24.Qh5
Nf8 25.Qg4 Ng6 26.f5 Nxe5



27.Qh4 g6 28.Rh5! Rg7 29.f6 gxh5
30.Rxg7 Nxd3 31.Rxh7+ 1-0

English Opening A27

Amon Simutowe 2476
Seth Thompson 2037

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.d4
exd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Nc2 d6 7.h4 h6
8.e4 Nf6 9.Be2 Qe7 10.f3 Nh5
11.Nd5 Qd8 12.Kf2 Ne7 13.g4
Nxd5 14.cxd5 Nf6 15.Be3 Qe7
16.Bd4 0-0 17.Ne3 Bd7 18.Rc1 c5
19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.g5 Nxe4+ 21.fxe4
Qxe4 22.Bxg7 Qf4+ 23.Bf3 Rfe8
24.Ng2 1-0

QGD Hennig-Scharra D32

Tyler Hughes 2376
Mitchell Powell 2130

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5
cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 Na6 7.e4
Nb4 8.Qd1 exd5 9.exd5 Nf6 10.Nf3
Bd6 11.Bc4 Rc8 12.Qe2+ Qe7 13.

Qxe7+ Kxe7 14.Bb3 Nd3+ 15.Ke2 Nxc1+ 16.Raxc1 b5 17.Rhe1 Bc5 18.Kf1+ Kd8 19.Ne5 Be8 20.Nc6+ Bxc6 21.dxc6 Rxc6 22.Nxb5 Ng4 23.Bd5 Rc8 24.Bb7 Nxh2+ 25.Kg1 Ng4 26.Rcd1+ Bd6 27.Rxd6# 1-0

QGD Semi-Slav D45

Matthew Michaelides 2092

Daniel Yeager 2364

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 a6 6.a4 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5 h6 18.Qe4 g6?

18...f5 19.Qe2 Kh8 20.Bc4 (20.Rac1 Qe5 21.Qh5 Qf6 22.Nf3 Be6=) 20...g6 21.Nf3 f4 22.Bd3±



19.Nxf7!+- Rxf7 20.Qxg6+ Kf8 21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Bc4 Bf5 23.Ra3 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B92

Tommy He 2088

Abhishek Mallela 2206

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Nc6 12.Nd4 [12.Kh1] 12...Re8

12...Qb6 13.Be3 Qxb2 14.Qd2 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Qa3 16.Rf3 Qa5 17.Rg3 Ne8±

13.Kh1 Qb6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxd6 Red8 16.e5 Bxd6 17.exf6 Qxb2 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Bd3 g6 20.Rb1 Qd4 21.Qf3 h5

21...Bxa2 22.Qh3 h5 23.Rbd1 Bd5 24.c3 Qb6±

22.h3 Bc7 23.g4 Qe5 24.Rf2 h4

24...Bxa2 25.Rb7 Rdb8±

25.Rg2 [25.Qe3] 25...Qf4 26.Qe2 Re8 27.Rf1 Qe5 [27...Qh6=] 28.Qe3! Bd6?

28...Kh7 29.c4 Rad8 30.Re2±

29.Qh6 Bf8 30.Qxh4+- Bd5



31.Ng5 Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Qd5+ 33.Rf3 Qxg5 34.Qxg5 Kh7 35.Qh5+ Kg8 36.Bxg6 1-0

Caro-Kann B12

Mark Dejmek 2155

Sarah Chiang 2036

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 h6 7.Be3 Nd7 8.Qd2 Ne7 9.f4 a6 10.h4 h5 11.f5 exf5 12.g5 Nb6 13.Nf4 Qd7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Bf2 Kb8 16.Bd3 Nec8 17.Rhe1 Be7 18.Nce2 Nc4 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.d5 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Qb5 22.Nec3 Qa5 23.Qf4 b5



24.Bb6!+- Nxb6 25.Nxe7 Rc8 26.e6+ Ka8 27.Nxc8 Rxc8 28.e7 f6 29.Rd8 Be8 30.Qc7 Qb4 31.Qxb6 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E33

Dachey Lin 2017

Alexander Balkum 2121

Southwest Open 2009 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 e5 8.d5 Nb8 9.e4 h6 10.h3 a5 11.b3 Na6 12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Nc5 14.Nd2 Nh5 15.g3 f5 16.Bc2 Qf6 17.Ra2 Bd7 18.Kf1 Qg6 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Qe3 Nd3 22.Ke2 e4 23.Rf1 Rae8 24.g4 Nhf4+ 25.Kd1 Qe5 26.Kc2 Ng2 27.Qe2 Ndf4 28.Qd1 e3 0-1

English Opening A38

Gabor Papp 2622

Gergely Antal 2517

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.a3 a6 8.Rb1 Rb8 9.b4 cxb4 10.axb4 b5 1/2-1/2

QGD Slav D15

Julio Sadorra 2513

Davorin Kuljasevic 2562

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 Bf5 6.Bf4 Nbd7 7.e3 g6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.h3 Be4 10.0-0 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 0-0 12.b4 Re8 13.Bg3 e5 14.Qd2 exd4 15.exd4 Nf8 16.Rfe1 Ne6 17.Rad1

17.Be5 Bf8 18.Re2 Nd7 19.Bf4 Bg7 20.Be2=

17...Nd7 18.Nxd5! cxd5 19.Bxd5 Qc8 20.Bf3 Ndf8 21.Be5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Qc7 23.Rde1

23.Ree1 Ng7 24.d5 Qd7= 23...Nd7 24.R5e3 Ng7 25.g4 Rad8 26.Re7??

26.d5 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Ne5 28.Be2 Re8 29.f4 Nd7 30.d6 Qc8 31.Bf3= 26...Rxe7 27. Rxe7



27...Ne5! 28.Rxc7 Nxf3+ 29.Kg2
Nxd2 30.Rxb7 Ne6 0-1

Sicilian Najdorf B92

Daniel Ludwig 2543

Daniel Fernandez 2454

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7
8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qd3 Nc6
11.0-0-0 Qb6 12.Qxd6 Qxf2 13.
Bh5 g6 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Rd8
16.Qc5 Qxc5 17.Nxc5 Nd4 18.Bf3
Rc8 19.Ne4



19...Be7 20.d6 Bf8

On 20...f5 21.Nc3! it is not clear
that Black will get enough comp for
his doomed queenside pawns.

21.Nf6+ Kd8 22.Bxb7 Rxc2+ 23.
Kb1 Rc5 24.Ne4 Rb5

24...Ra5 25.Ng5! spells trouble.

25.Bxa6 Rb6 26.Ng5!

... and it still does.

26...Bxd6

Just marginally better is 26...f6
27.Nf7+ Kd7 28.Bc4! +-.

27.Nxf7+ Ke7 28.Nxb8 Rxa6 29.
Rhf1 Nf5 30.Rd3 Ra8 31.Nf7 e4
32.Nxd6 exd3 33.Nxf5+ gxf5 34.
Rxf5 Ke6 35.Rf3 Rd8 36.Kc1 Rc8+
37.Kd2 Rc2+ 38.Kxd3 Rxb2 39.
Re3+ 1-0

A long, balanced struggle seems
headed for drawsville, but some end-
game finessing by Gareev wins it.

King's Indian E73

Timur Gareev 2652

Tyler Hughes 2376

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.Nf3 Qe8
8.Nd2 Nd7 9.d5 e5 10.Rb1 f6
11.Bh4 c5 12.Nb5 Qe7 13.a3 h5
14.f3 Bh6 15.b4 Rf7 16.Rb3 Qf8
17.0-0 Rg7 18.Kh1 Bf4 19.Rg1
Kh8 20.Nf1 Rh7 21.Qb1 Qe7
22.Qe1 Nf8 23.Bf2 Bg5 24.g3 Bh6
25.Ne3 Bd7 26.Ng2 Be8 27.Nh4
Bg5 28.Bf1 b6 29.Bh3 Bd7 30.Bxd7

Qxd7 31.Ng2 Re7 32.bxc5 Nxc5
33.Bxc5 bxc5 34.Qa5 Rb8 35.Rgb1
Rb6 36.Nc3 Bd2 37.R1b2 Re8
38.Rb5 Bxc3 39.Qxc3 Reb8 40.Qa5
Qb7 41.a4 Nd7 42.Qd2 Kg7 43.Ne3
Qc7 44.Qa5 a6 45.Rxb6 Rxb6
46.Rxb6 Qxb6 47.Qxb6 Nxb6
48.a5 Nd7 49.Kg2 Kh6 50.f4 Kg7
51.Kf3 Kh6 52.Ng2 Kg7 53.Ke3
Kh6 54.Nh4 Kg7 55.Nf3 Kh6
56.Ne1 Kg7 57.Nd3 Kf7 58.Kf3
Kg7 59.Nf2 Kh6 60.Ke3 Kg7
61.Nd3 Kf7 62.Ne1 Kg7 63.Nf3
Kf7 64.h4 Kg7



GM Timur Gareev

65.f5!

It might seem ridiculous to call this the "decisive breakthrough" after such a long buildup, but that could be the truth of the matter.

Black doesn't want to clear e4 with 65...gx f5 66.ex f5, as Nd2-e4 will take a dominating position, then Kf3 and g4 create an outside passer.

However, 65...Nf8 may offer salvation. White can jockey for the same chance he gets in the game, with Nd2-f1-e3 and g3-g4, but Black is better placed to deal with it: 65...Nf8 66.fxg6 (66.Nd2 g5=) 66...Nxg6 67.Nd2 Nd7 68.Kf3 Kg6 69.Nf1 f5=.

65...Kf7 66.fxg6+ Kxg6 67.Nd2 Kh6

67...f5 68.exf5+ Kxf5 69.Ne4+ is not a serious option.

68.Kf3 Nf8 69.Nf1 Ng6 70.Ne3 Ne7 71.g4 Kg6



72.gxh5+ Kxh5 73.Kg3 Kg6 74.Kg4 Kh7 75.Nf5 Nc8 76.Kh5 1-0

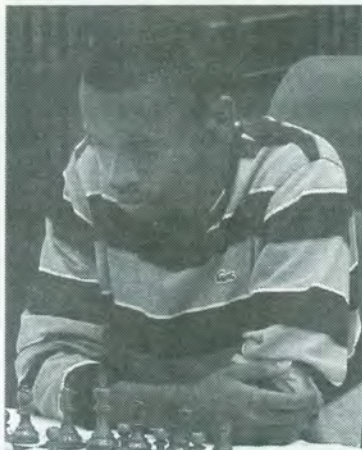
Black has landed in a rather harsh zugzwang.

Bogo-Indian E11

**Drew Sarkisian 2147
Amon Simutowe 2476**

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 Qe7 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Bxd2 d6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.Qc2 e5 11.Be2 Re8 12.0-0 Nf8 13.Rac1 g5 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bg3 Ng6 16.Rfe1 Nh5 17.Nd2 Ng7 18.f3 h5 19.c5 g4 20.fxg4 hxg4 21.Bc4



GM Amon Simutowe

21.c6 is a Fritz suggestion, with evaluations in the high "±" range.
21...Kh7 22.Rf1 f5 23.b4 Be6 24.Bd3 Rad8 25.Nc4 Qg5 26.Qe2 Bd5 27.Rcd1



27...f4!?

27...e4 28.Bc2 Bxc4 29.Qxc4 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Qxc3+†

28.Bxg6+

28.Nxe5!? Qxe5 29.Bxg6+ Kxg6 30.Qxg4+ Kh7 31.Bxf4 with three pawns for the piece.

28...Qxg6 29.Nxe5 Rxe5 30.Bxf4

30.Rxf4!? keeps the pressure on g4: 30...Re4 31.Rxe4 Qxe4 32.Rd4 Qb1+ 33.Rd1 Qb3 34.Re1 Be6 35.Bxc7 Rd7†.

30...Re7 31.Qf2 Qh5 32.Qb2 Rdd7 33.Qf6 Bc4 34.Rxd7 Rxd7 35.Re1

White resigned. **0-1**

King's Indian E97
**Matthew Michaelides 2092
John Bryant 2440**

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Ne8 10.Nd2 f5 11.c5 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.Nc4 g5 14.a4 Ng6 15.Ba3 Rf7 16.b5



GMs Ftacnik and Epishin played all this around 1990. A typical line is 16...Bf8 17.b6 cxb6 18.cxd6 Ne8∞; results generally favored White.

16...dxc5 17.Bxc5 h5

17...Bf8 18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.a5 h5 20.b6 g4 21.bxc7 Rxc7 22.d6 Rg7 23.fxg4 ± Farago-Krum Geroghiev, Baile Herculane 1982.

18.Bf2 Bf8 19.a5 g4 20.b6 cxb6 21.d6?!

Fritz prefers 21.axb6 a6 22.Rc1 Rg7 23.Qb3 h4 24.fxg4=.

21...bxa5 22.Rxa5 Be6 23.Qa1 Nd7 24.Rc1 Qg5 25.Kh1 g3 26.Bg1



26...Nh4 27.Bd4
27.Bf1 Nxf3! 28.gxf3 Bxc4+
27...gxh2 28.g4 fxg3 29.Nxe5 Bh3
30.Rg1 Qf4 0-1

QGD Semi-Slav D46

Jarod Pamatmat 2191
Tommy He 2088

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6
5.Nbd2 Bd6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0
8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4
Nf6 11.Bc2 h6 12.b3 c5 13.Bb2
cxd4 14.Nxd4 e5 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.
Bxf5 Bc7 17.Qe2 Qe7 18.Rfe1 Rfe8
19.a3 a5 20.Bc3 Bd6 21.Qb2 Qc7
22.Re3 a4 23.b4 Qxc4 24.Bxe5
Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Rxe5 26.Qxe5 Re8
27.Qg3 Qe2 28.h3 Ne4 29.Bxe4
Qxe4 30.Rc1 Re6 ½-½

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Seth Thompson 2037
Chris Land 2242

Southwest Open 2009 (6)

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 0-0
13.Nce3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Ne7 15.a4
bxa4 16.Rxa4 Bb7 17.Bd3 a5 18.
0-0 Bc6 19.Ra1 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5
21.Qh5 e4 22.Bc4 g6 23.Qe2 Nf4
24.Qg4 Qc7 25.Qg5 Bd7



26.Nd5

White has better chances with
26.f3!, disturbing the knight at f4:
26...Be6 27.fxe4 Nxg2 28.Bxe6
Nxe3 29.Bxf7+±

26...Nxd5 27.Bxd5 Rab8 28.Rxa5
Rxb2 29.Rc5 Qb6 30.Qe7 Rb1
31.Bc4 Be6 32.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 33.Bf1
Qc1 34.Qg5 Qxg5 35.Rxg5 f5 36.g4
Kf7 37.gxf5 gxf5 38.f4 h6 39.Rg3
Rc8 40.Be2 Kf6 41.Kf2 Bc4 42.Bh5
Bf7 43.Be2 Ra8 44.Rh3 Ra2! 45.
Rxb6+ Kg7



46.Ra6??

After the forced 46.Rh3 Bc4
47.Re3 Rc2, Black regains the pawn
with good winning chances based on
his protected passer and the weak
White pawns.

46...Rxe2+ 0-1

Budapest Defense A52

Davorin Kuljasevic 2562
Timur Gareev 2652

Southwest Open 2009 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4
g5!?



5.Bg3 Bg7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h4 Ngxe5
8.hxg5!?

8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.e3 g4= (ECO).

8...Nxf3+ 9.gxf3 Bxb2 10.Nd2
Qxg5 11.Bxc7 d5 12.Rb1 Bc3
13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Qc2 Qd4 15.Rb3
Bxd2+ 16.Qxd2 Qa1+ 17.Qd1
Qxa2 18.e3 Be6 19.Rxb7 Rc8 20.
Rh5 f5 21.Rh6 0-0 22.Qd2 Qa1+
23.Qd1 Qxd1+ 24.Kxd1



24...Bd5

24...Nd8 leads to complications
favoring Black: 25.Rxa7 Rf7 26.Bb6
Rxa7 27.Bxa7 Bb3+ 28.Ke2 Rc2+
29.Kd3 Nf7 30.Rb6 Ne5+ 31.Kd4
Nxf3+ 32.Kd3 Ba4±, says Fritz.

25.e4 fxe4 26.fxe4 Bxe4 27.Bc4+
Kg7 28.Bf4+ Kh8 29.Rxc6 [29.Bf7
Rcd8+ 30.Kc1±] 29...Rxc6 30.Be5+
Rff6 31.Rxa7 Rxc4 32.Bxf6+ ½-½

Sicilian Najdorf B92

Gergely Antal 2517
John Bryant 2440

Southwest Open 2009 (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3
cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3
Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Kh1 Be6 10.f4 Qc7
11.f5 Bc4 12.g4 d5 13.g5

Also topical is 13.exd5 Rd8 14.
Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Bg5 Nbd7 16.Qf3.

13...Nxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.f6 Bd8
Playable is 15...Bb4 16.Bxc4
Qxc4 17.fxg7 Kxg7 18.Be3 Nc6=.

16.fxg7 Kxg7 17.Be3 Be7 18.Nd4!
Kh8

18...Bxc2 19.Nf5+ Kh8 20.Qxe2
Nc6 21.Qh5 Nd8 22.Rf2 (Saulin-
Brikov, Tula 2002) 22...Ne6 23.
Raf1±
19.Nf5 Be6 20.Qe1 Bc5

20...Bxf5 21.Rxf5 Qxc2 22.Rxe5 Nc6 23.Rc1 Qxb2 24.Rxe4 Bb4 (24...f5 25.Bd2! Bxg5 26.Bc3+ Qxc3 27.Qxc3+ Bf6 28.Qb3 fxe4 29.Qxb7+-) 25.Qf1 Rfe8 26.Rb1 Qg7 27.Bd3 Rxe4 28.Bxe4 Qe5 29.Qf4± 21.Qh4 Nd7 22.Bg4 Bxe3 23.Nxe3 Bxg4 24.Qxg4 Rad8 25.Rad1 Nc5 26.Qf5 Qe7 27.b4 Na4

27...Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Ne6 29.Qxe5+ f6 30.gxf6 Qxf6 31.Qxe4± 28.Ng4 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Qe6 30.Qf6+ Qxf6 31.gxf6 Nc3 32.Rd7 h5 33.Nxe5 e3 34.Kg2 Kh7 35.Kf3 e2 36.Kf2 b5 37.a3 Kh6 38.h4 Rg8 39.Re7 Rf8

39...Nd5 40.Nxf7+ Kg6 41.Nd6 Rd8 42.Nb7 Nxe7 43.Nxd8 Kxf6 44.Kxe2 Nf5=

40.Ke1 Rg8 41.Kd2 Rg3 42.Nd3 Nb1+ 43.Kxe2 Kg6?

43...Nxa3 44.Rxf7 Nxc2 45.Rd7 Rg2+ 46.Kf3 Rd2=



44.Kf2! Rh3

Black's rook must go to a fork square; somewhat better than the text is 44...Rg4 45.Re1 Nxa3 46.Ne5±. 45.Re1+- Rh2+ 46.Kg1 Rxc2 47.Rxb1 Rc3 48.Nc5 Rxa3 49.Rf1 a5 50.Nd7 axb4 51.Ne5+ Kh7 52.Nxf7 Ra8 53.Ng5+ Kg6 54.f7 Rf8 55.Rb1 Rh8 56.Rxb4 Rb8 57.Kg2 Rh8 58.Rxb5 Rf8 59.Rb6+ 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E27

Julio Sadorra 2513

Gabor Papp 2622

Southwest Open 2009 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3

Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 0-0 6.f3 Nh5 7.Nh3 f5 8.Bg5 Qe8 9.e4 e5 10.exf5 exd4+ 11.Kf2 dxc3 12.g4 Nf6 13.c5 Qe7 14.Be3 Re8 15.Bc4+ Kf8 16.Re1 b5 17.cxb6 Bb7 18.Nf4 Nc6 19.g5 Ne5 20.Bd4!

20.gxf6 Qxf6 21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Qxf5 23.Nxc7 Nd3+ 24.Kf1 (24.Qxd3!? Qxd3 25.b7 Rab8 26.Bc5+ Kg8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Nxe8 Qb5 29.Re1=) 24...Nxe1 25.Qxe1 Qxf3+ 26.Qf2±



20...Ne4+! 21.Rxe4

21.fxex4 Nxc4 22.bxc7 Nd2± 21...Bxe4 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Qxd7 Qc5+ 24.Kg3 Qxc4?

24...Qxf5 25.Qxf5+ Bxf5+- 25.Ne6+ Rxe6 26.fxe6 Kg8 27.fxe4 27.e7 Qc6! 28.Rd1 Qxd7 29.Rxd7 Re8 30.fxe4 cxb6= 27...Qxe4?

27...Qc5! 28.bxc7 Qe3+ 29.Kg2 Qe2+=

28.Qf7+ Kh8 29.Rf1 Qe3+ 30.Kg4+- Rg8 31.bxc7 Qe4+ 32.Kh3 Qa8 33.e7 Qc8+ 34.Kh4 [34.Qf5 +-] 34...c2 35.Qxg8+ Qxg8

35... Kxg8 36.Rf8+ Qxf8 37.exf8Q+ Kxf8 38.c8Q+- 36.c8Q 1-0

Catalan Opening E01

Daniel Fernandez 2454

Tommy He 2088

Southwest Open 2009 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Nxd2 0-0 7.Ngf3 c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.0-0 Qxc5

10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Qe7 12.Nfe5 Rd8



13.Nd6!! Nc6 14.Rxc6!

14.Nexf7!? Qxf7 15.Nxf7 Rxd1 16.Rfxd1 Kxf7 17.Bxc6± 14...bxc6 15.Nxc6 Qxd6 16.Nxd8+- Nd5 17.e4 Qxd8 18.exd5 Ba6 19.Re1 exd5 20.Bxd5 Rb8 21.Qa4 Bd3 22.Qxa7 Bg6 23.Bc6 f6 24.b3 Rc8 25.Qd7 Qxd7 26.Bxd7 Rc2 27.Be6+ Kf8 28.a4 Rb2 29.Bc4 Bf7 30.Bxf7 Kxf7 31.Re3 g5 32.g4 Kg6 33.h3 h5 34.Kg2 hxg4 35.hxg4 Rd2 36.Re4 Rd6 37.a5 f5 38.Ra4 fvg4 39.a6 1-0

Caro-Kann B16

Chris Land 2242

Alexander Balkum 2121

Southwest Open 2009 (7)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.c3 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.g3 Qd5 9.Qe2 Nd7 10.Bg2 Qe4 11.Be3 Qd3 12.Nh4 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Bg6 14.f4 Bh5+ 15.Kf2 f5 16.Bf1 Nf6 17.Re1 0-0-0 18.Nf3 c5 19.dxc5 Ng4+ 20.Kg2 Nxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Bxc5 22.Re5 Bb6 23.Bc4 1/2-1/2

Solution (back cover problem)

1.Nf6, with the threat of 2.Qc3# (1...Bc4 2.Nf3#; 1...Rc5 2.Qe4#; 1...Re3 2.Qd5#).

MOVING? Don't leave Texas Knights en passant! Send your new address to Barb Swafford, barboundsg@gmail.com.

Haney wins Octoberfest Benefit

The Octoberfest Benefit tournament (San Antonio, Oct. 24-25) drew a somewhat disappointing 32 players. Thanks to some donations, the tournament tentatively made \$120 for the SACC sponsors' benefit fund for area scholastic clubs.

Paul Haney of Corpus Christi won the 14-player Open section with

4-0, defeating Titus Shanks in the last round. Ernesto Malazarte and Ju Hyung Ahn (3-1) shared second and U2100 prizes. Shanks tied with Martin Gordon for the U1900 prize (2.5).

In the Reserve section Jonathan Rea (rated 1255) scored two upsets of 436 and 387 points on his way to sharing first place in with Raymond

Grillo, each with 3.5. Charles Davis was top U1700 with 3-1.

Fernando Mendoza and David Pacheco shared the U1500 prize with 2-2, and tying that score was top U1300/unrated Ross Johnson.

The tournament was directed by J.P. Hyltin for the San Antonio Chess Club.

Dutch Defense A90

Ju Hyung Ahn 1970

Paul Haney 2110

Octoberfest Benefit (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 f5 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 0-0 8.a4 Nbd7 9.Ba3 Qe7 10.e3 Ne4 11. Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nbd2 b6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Qc2 Ba6 15.Rfc1 Rac8 16.a5 b5 17.Qb2 c5 18.dxc5 Ndx5 19.Qd4 b4 20.Qxb4



20...Nxf2 21.Ne1 Nfe4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.Ra2 Qh6 24.Rc3 Nd3 25. Rxd3 exd3 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.Qd2 Qf6 28.h3 Qf1+ 29.Kh2 Rc2 30. Rxc2 dxc2 31.Bg2 Qf2 32.Qxc2 Qxe1 33.Qc5 Qf2 34.Qxa7 Bf1 35.Qb7 Bxg2 36.Qxg2 Qxe3 1-0

A local high school rivalry between two of San Antonio's most upwardly mobile players (both regulars at out Wednesday night tournaments) continues to produce sharp, creative

chess. Shanks, who has previously played From's Gambit (1.f4 e5) as Black against Nathanael Lozano, tries an interesting gambit for White against the Dutch Defense:

Dutch Defense A80

Titus Shanks 1785

Nathanael Lozano 1981

Octoberfest Benefit (3)

1.d4 f5 2.Qd3 d5 3.g4! ffg4

The stats don't favor accepting this wing gambit - White is at 70% on NIBCBase. The rarely played 3... e6 puts Black at almost 80%!

4.Bf4 Nf6 5.h3 g3 6.Bxg3 g6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.a3 Bf5 10. Qd2 Bg7 11.f3 Be6 12.e4? [12.0-0=] 12... dxe4 13.fxe4 Qxd4 14.Qg5

14. Bxc7 Rc8

14...h6?

14...0-0 15.Nge2 Qb6

15.Qxg6+ Bf7 16. Qxg7 Qe3+ 17. Nge2 Rg8



18.Bf4! Qb6?

18...Rxxg7 19.Bxc3 Rxxg2 20. Bxh6 0-0-0 19.Qxh6 Rxxg2 20.0-0-0 Na5 21. Be3 c5 22.Rhg1 Rxxg1 23.Bxxg1 Nc4 24.Na4 Qc6 25.Nxc5 Rc8 26. Nd4 Qxc5 [26...Qb6 27.Ndb3+] 27.Ne6

Also good is 27.Nf5 Δ 27...Qb5 28.Ng7+ Kf8 29.Ne6+ and 30.Qf8#. 27...Qb6

More stubborn is 27...Bxe6 28. Bxc5 Rxc5 29. Qh8+ Ng8 30.Rg1 Kf8 31.h4+.

28.Qf8# 1-0

Ragozin System D38

Robert Bradley 1931

Andrew Istafanous 1751

Octoberfest Benefit (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5

Playable, although Nimzo-Indian purists may prefer 4...b6 or 4...c5. 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.Ne5 Bxc3+?

Jumping the gun - better is 6... Bd7 waiting to see how White will trade; then 7.Nxd7 Qxd7 8.a3 Bxc3+ is about equal. Now White's bishops and pawn center are way too strong. 7.bxc3 Bd7 8.Nxd7 Qxd7 9.e3 Ne4 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Bd3 f5 12.0-0 Rf6 13.f3 Ng5 14.Bd2 Qf7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.c4 Qh5 17.Bxf5 Rh6 18.h3 Rf8 19.Bg4 Qf7 20.cxd5 Qxd5 21.Qb3 Qxb3 22.axb3 Rd6 23.e4 Nf7 24.d5 a5 25.Be3 1-0

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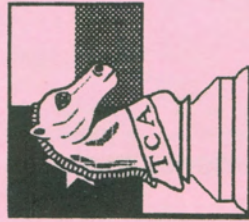
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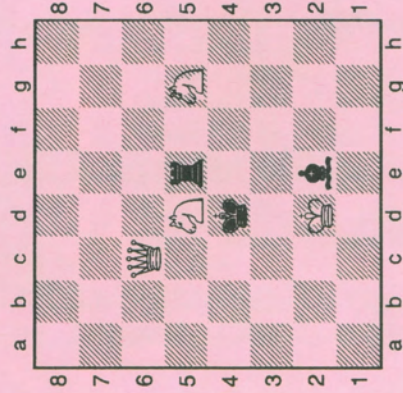


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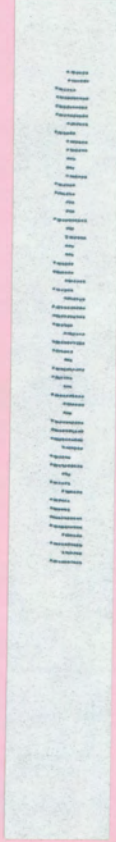
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