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Corrections last issue: (1) On page 5 we stated that IM Daniel Fernandez is from Peru. Although born there he grew up in Florida, where he won many scholastic titles. (2) On page 28 the game Lozano-Stanley from the San Antonio City Championship gave the wrong player as White; it should have been Andrew Nathanael Lozano, not Jesse.

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Back in green: Jose Silva wins his second all-Army championship

Three-time San Antonio city champion NM Jose Silva, a medical specialist in the Army Reserve, was reactivated last November and sent to Fort Lewis, Washington. Being on active duty meant Silva, 42, was eligible to play in the All Army Chess Championship in April. He tied for first with Chris Pitts of Fort Bliss, Texas.

In May he placed third in the inter-service championship with 5.5 out of 7. And in June he went played in the NATO championship (as he did in 1995), where he finished with 4.5/7 for the best US performance!

Silva came with his family from Reynosa, Mexico to San Antonio in 1986. He joined the Army in 1993, and two years later gained the master title when he won the All-Army championship and then tied for second in the NATO championship in Gausdal, Norway.

Silva says he will be back home by November.

J. Silva (2168) vs. J. Baniel (1992) [D43] 2009 All Army Chess Championship, Fort Myers (2), 05.04.2009
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 a6 10.0-0 c5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Re1 Rc8 13.Qe2 c4 14.Bb1 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qxe7 17.e4 f6 18.Nh4 g5 19.Nf3 Nf8 20.d5 e5 21.Rcd1 Rd8 22.a4 Nd7 23.Bc2 Nc5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Qe3 Qd6 26.h4 h6 27.Ra1 Ba6 28.Nh2 Kf7 29.Bd1 Kg7 30.Bg4 Ra8 31.Nf1 Bb7 32.Ng3 Kf7 33.Nf5 Qc7 34.Bh5+ Kf8 35.Rxa8+ Bxa8 36.Ra1 Na4 37.Bd1 Qc8 38.Qa7 Qb7 39.Qa5 Nb6 40.Qxb5 Rh7 41.Qc5+ Kg8 42.Rb1 Na4 43.Rxb7 1-0

Wounded Warriors program brings chess to injured veterans

by J.P. Hyltin

Fort Sam Houston is home to the Warrior Family Support Center, a facility dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for "Wounded Warriors", soldiers recovering and rehabilitating from injuries, and to accommodate their families during their stay. On Tuesday, Aug. 11, I was invited to teach a chess lesson there by William Yates, a program associate of the center. I was treated to a meal and a tour of the facility which is roughly like a large home with some extras unique to the mission they serve. Except for the size, the rooms are not unlike a large den in any other middle American home, where you can comfortably watch movies, read, take online classes, or hold small group meetings. Other areas of the facility



NM Jose Luis Silva

allow soldiers and their families to cook meals, dine. I met army chaplains, several wounded soldiers, and volunteers.

As for the class, turnout for this event was light, consisting of four soldiers, some of their family members, and several facility volunteers. The club is in some transition, changing to meeting on Monday nights, beginning about 6, running until 8. My lesson was an overview of chess philosophy, related to key positions in a few games. The lesson was well received, and afterward those in attendance played on for about an hour as I offered help where I could.

A fledgling chess club faces challenges, mostly in establishing consistency in the experience. Changing nights won't help, but it was necessary. Changing member is inevitable for this situation. So, why try? Yates explained to me the importance of this program, that it

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TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Aug. 15, 2009

Income

2008 SW Open memberships	\$533.50
September memberships	95.00
October memberships	170.50
November memberships	25.00
December memberships	40.00
January memberships	75.00
February memberships	105.00
March memberships	367.50
April memberships	40.00
May memberships	117.50
June memberships	37.50
July memberships	145.00
August memberships (so far)	10.00
Texas Grade Tournament - November 2008	539.50
Texas Masters memberships	25.00
Texas Teams memberships	377.00
Texas Action memberships	132.50
Texas State and Amateur memberships	386.00
2008 Region 2 Scholastic tournament	147.00
2009 Region 2 Scholastic tournament	146.00
2009 Region 3 Scholastic tournament	147.00
2009 Region 5 Scholastic tournament	247.00
2009 Region 7 Scholastic tournament	72.00
2009 Region 8 Scholastic tournament	<u>1,231.00</u>
Total	\$5,211.50

Expenses

SW Open reg. Reimbursement - WY attendees	\$460.00
Courtney Jamison - International Youth Camp	250.00
Rheanna English - 2008 Polgar Inv. attendee	1,000.00
Sylvia Yang - 2008 Polgar Inv. attendee	1,000.00
Stanley Yang - 2008 Denker Inv. attendee	1,000.00
Courtney Jamison - 2009 Polgar Inv. attendee	1,000.00
Julia Jones - 2009 Polgar Inv. attendee	1,000.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Sept-Oct 2008	1,027.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Nov-Dec 2008	943.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Jan-Feb 2009	1,028.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - March-April 2009	964.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - May-June 2009	937.83
<i>Texas Knights</i> - July-August 2009	1,064.60
Texas Masters reg. reimbursed - WY attendees	625.00
Texas State/Amateur reg. reimbursed - WY ""	223.00
Texas Masters Chess Tournament	1,000.00
Chess In Education Workshop - March	975.00
C. Rendon - Final Four tmt. expense - April	326.90
2008 World Youth Attendees	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$16,024.33

August 15, 2009

WF checking account balance	\$728.33
BOA checking account balance	\$5,825.20
savings account balance	\$5,519.56
cd July 2009 - July 2010	\$20,016.82

Minutes of Fall 2008 TCA Meeting

held in Dallas, Aug. 31, 2008

Submitted by TCA Secretary Robert Sturgeon

Note: The date above is not a typo. Our webmaster, Peter Kappler, noted that the TCA website lacked minutes for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 and asked for my copies. I noted that they were never received. Robert Sturgeon found his copy for Fall 2008, and Bob James (who filled in for Sturgeon the Spring meeting) also sent his copy of the Spring 2008 minutes. Better late than never!

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

Clemente Rendon, acting TCA president, started the meeting promptly at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008.

- The minutes of the last meeting, posted on the web site, were accepted as posted, and passed 11-0.
- The financial report, as reported in the [July-Aug. 2008] issue of *Texas Knights*, was explained and updated. The checking accounts, savings accounts, and Certificate of Deposit current balances were given. The Financial Report was accepted and passed 11-0.
- The President's Report was given by Clemente Rendon, who spoke to the TCA finances, directions for the new year, and concerns and projects for the next term.
- Old Business. Luis Salinas motions on proposed By-laws changes were referred to the Bylaws Subcommittee.
- Rob Jones reported the election results. Elected for the new term was Clemente Rendon - President, Lakshmana Viswanath - Vice-President, Robert Sturgeon - Secretary, and Barbara Swafford - Treasurer/
- The following Tournament bids were passed 11-0 and awarded to Luis Salinas:
 - Texas Grade 2009
 - Texas Amateur 2009
 - Southwest Open 2009
 - Texas Scholastic 2010

7. The bid for the 2012 Texas Scholastic was accepted and awarded to TCA., to be run by Luis Salinas. Passed 11-0.

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

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

10. Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association Board of Directors is authorized to award the following players who earned a medal in the 2008 Pan American Youth and a personal right to the 2009 Pan American Youth \$600, to help pay for the expenses. The \$600 is contingent on the players attending the 2009 Pan American Youth, analyzing two games, and writing an article for the Texas Chess Association. Evan Xiang (Bronze in the Girls under 10), Sylvia Yang (Silver in the Girls under 12), and Courtney Jamison (Bronze in the Girls under 18). Referred to the Board of Directors.

11. Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association recognizes and congratulates the following Texas Players who qualified for the 2008 World Youth Championships:

1. Girls under 18: Courtney Jamison
 2. Girls under 12: Sarah Chiang, Sylvia Yang, Ellen Xiang, Caroline Zhu.
 3. Girls under 10: Evan Xiang.
 4. Girls under 8: Hannah Liu, Sarai Guillen.
 5. Boys under 18: Warren Harper
 6. Boys under 12: Darwin Yang, Jarod Pamatmat.
 7. Boys under 8: Jonatyan Chiang, Raymond Sun, Outeng He.
- Passed 11-0.

12. Advance Motion: The Texas Chess Association will award an amount determined by the Texas Chess Association Board of Directors. This award is contingent on attending the 2009 World Youth, analyzing two games and writing an article for *Texas Knights*. The following Texas players are going to the World Youth and are entitled to this award: Raymond Sun, Hannah Liu, Caroline Zhu, Jarod Pamatmat, Darwin Yang, Jonathan Chiang, Sarah Chiang, Outeng He, and Sarai Guillen. Referred to Board of Directors.

13. Motion to Adjourn. Passed 10-0.

Minutes of Spring 2009 TCA Meeting

held in McAllen, Mar. 21, 2009

Submitted by Bob James

The meeting was called to order by President Clemente Rendon at 8:30 p.m. Eleven members were present, and three Board members were present. In the absence of the secretary, Bob James was appointed to take minutes.

I. Reading of the Minutes – Waived.

II. Financial Report – very close to that published in the March/April edition of *Texas Knights*.

a. 2 regions had sent in Regional Dues, still waiting on others.

b. Income since then was about \$2,500 with expenses of around \$6400 mostly for *Texas Knights* and World Youth costs.

c. Balances

i. \$2600 in Wells Fargo Checking

ii. \$1200 in Bank of America Checking

iii. \$8500 in Savings

iv. \$26,000 in a CD to mature in July 2009

III. President's report

a. First time for the State Tournament to be held in the Valley. Things were going well.

b. The Texas State and Amateur will be held in San Antonio in May.

c. UTB will be hosting the Pan Am and the Final Four in the Valley.

d. Lots of involvement from the Regional Directors – there is a bright future.

e. We should focus on the reports of increasing membership.

f. Finances are healthy – we need to continue programs to promote chess.

g. The TCA Tournament Membership fee is \$2.00 for Major tournaments, \$1.00 for minors. Discussion arose as to why the change occurred.

IV. Old Business – none

V. New Business

a. Motion by Luis Salinas Article 9 Section 1 Paragraph P: Change from the present to include <Grades 11 and 12 may be combined if a scholarship is at stake.> Motion passed unanimously.

b. Motion that Motion #1 go into effect immediately. Passed Unanimously.

c. There was a report on the Educational Conference directed by Rusty Harwell. Motion that TCA have a Chess in Education workshop during the 2010 Texas Scholastic Championships.

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My Experience at the Denker Tournament

by William Ong

This was my first time attending the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. This year it was held in Indianapolis, Indiana from August 1-4 with a total of 48 participants. I was excited to be able to compete at the Denker, and I hoped for the best.

Getting to Indianapolis proved to be rather difficult. My estimated time of departure kept having half-hour increments until it was up to a delay of three hours. Apparently the pilot of our plane in Houston was in Tennessee. I don't know how that can happen... Anyway, I eventually arrived in Indianapolis at the Marriott hotel, checked into a room, and fell asleep. By the next day it was time for registration, the opening ceremony, and my first round.

When I registered, I received a coupon for free entry into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. The museum featured many old racecars and even allowed you to take a tour around the racetrack.

After that was the opening ceremony, where I learned about the history of the Denker Tournament, and I also received some memoirs such as a medal and a collectible card of former GM Arnold Denker.

After that, the tournament was underway. Out of six rounds, I achieved a score of 3.5. I was certainly disappointed in my result; I was ranked 14th out of the 48 competitors and came in 14th.

It may have been because of my rough start. I drew my first round as white, I was playing a QGD against the Tarrasch Defense, and I did not take the isolated d-pawn when I had the opportunity; as a result, he was able to defend it.

My second round I was paired up to Jeffrey Haskel from Florida. I

was simply outplayed in time pressure after taking a pawn which happened to give him more than enough compensation.

I won my next three rounds, and I was most satisfied with this game, my fifth round versus Ryan Farell from Oklahoma.

Benoni Defense A74

William Ong 2083

Ryan Farell 1924

Denker HS Tmt. 2009 (5)

1.d4 c5 2.d5 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.c4 d6 5.Nfd2

I play this to avoid any chance of a pin with Bg4 after I play e4.

5...e6 6.e4 exd5 7.cxd5 Nf6 8.Be2 O-O 9.Nc3 a6 10.a4

A typical Benoni-like position.

10...Ne8

He wants to try ...f5?...which will weaken his kingside. [The main lines are 10...Nbd7 and 10...Re8.]

11.O-O f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.a5 g5

Black can't develop with Nd7 because of g4...f5 was probably not a good choice, but I don't think g5 helps him.

14.Nde4 h6 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.f4



16...gxf4 17.Bxf4 Qh4 18.Bg4 Bd4+ 19. Kh1 Kh7

Probably better for Black here is 19...Nd7 or 19...Ng7, as he needs to get his pieces into the game.

20.Bh5 Rxf4

A mistake; however other options such as 20...Bxh5 are not appealing either.

21.Bxg6+ Kxg6 22.Rxf4 Qxf4

I overlooked 23.Qd3+, which is probably stronger than what I played:

23.Qh5+ Kh7 24.Qxe8 Qe5 25.Re1 Qf4

This loses immediately. [On 25...Qxe8 26.Rxe8, Black faces Na4-b6 winning a piece, or else having his pawns picked by Ne4-d6-c4.]

26.Re7+ Bg7 27.Rxg7+

To be followed by 28.Nh5+ and 29.Qe7+ [or 29.Nxf4]. He resigned.

1-0

In my sixth and final round versus Steven Breckenridge from Oregon, I blundered a pawn and then blundered again when optimistic about getting compensation.

So while I was disappointed in my result, the Denker Tournament of High School Champions was a great experience and I thank all who made it possible for me to go. ♠

2009 World Youth Invitees from Texas

Five of the 13 Texas players invited plan to attend the 2009 World Youth Championships to be held Nov. 11-23 in Akhisar, Turkey.

Girls' Division

Under 18:	Courtney Janison	2081
Under 14:	Sylvia Yang	1986
	Caroline Zhu	1936
Under 12:	Sarah Chiang*	1981
	Ellen Xiang	1883
Under 10:	Evan Xiang	1696
	Hannah Liu	1544

Boys' Division

Under 14:	Darwin Yang	2314
Under 12:	Jarod Pamatmat*	2168
Under 10:	Tommy He*	2040
	Dachey Lin*	2015
	Jonathan Chiang*	1957
Under 8:	Ruifeng Li	1684

* Confirmed they will attend

Canadian Open attracts Texas sunbirds

The Canadian Open was held July 11-19 in Edmonton, Alberta. The massive 203-player event was studied with titled players, including nine GMs. However, pre-tournament favorites Shirov and Adams were held to draws in the last round, leaving two Canadians tied for first with 7.5/9: GM Mark Bluvshtein (first on tiebreaks) and IM Edward Porper,

Austin's roving duo of Michael Langer and Joe Bradford played, and if nothing else got a respite from the Texas heat. Of course, having traveled 2,000 miles they got to play each other in round seven! (See next page.) Even more amazingly, Langer notes, the two *had never played a rated tournament game before!*

Langer finished 6-3, in tie for 22nd place. Bradford dropped out a round early and finished with 5.

Sicilian Dragon B72

Michael Langer 2313

Daniel Van Heirzeele 2137

Canadian Open 2009 (9)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Bb7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 Bg7 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Rc8 13.Kb1?

13.g5 Nh5 14.Bh3 b4 15.Nce2 Qc7 16.Rd2±
13...b4 14.Nce2 e5!



15.g5

15.Nb3? Nxe4 16.Rg1 Ng5 17.f4 Be4 18.Rc1 Nf3-+

15...Nxe4! 16.fxe4 Bxe4 17.Rg1 Qc7 18.Bh3

18.Rd2 exd4 19.Nxd4 Qb6 20.Qg7 Rf8 21.Bh3 Rc7 22.Re1 d5= 18...exd4 19.Nxd4 d5

19...Bxc2+!? 20.Nxc2 Qxc2+ 21.Ka1 Kd8 22.Qg7 Rf8 23.Qd4 Rc6 24.Rge1 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Kxe8 26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Re1+ Ne5 28.Qf6+= 20.Qg7 Rf8 21.Rge1 Rb8??

21...Rd8□ 22.Ka1 Qb6 23.Nb3 f5 24.Rxd5 Rf7 25.Qh8+ Nf8 26.Re5+ Re7 27.Rxe7+ Kxe7 28.Bf1 Kf7 29.Bc4+ Bd5=



22.Rxe4+ dxe4 23.Bxd7+

Black resigns, as 23...Kxd7 loses the queen to 24.Nb5+, while 23...Qxd7 24.Qe5+ drops a rook. 1-0

King's Indian E97

Joe Bradford 2459

Lucas Davies 2244

Canadian Open 2009 (4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Bf3 h6 13.Ne6 Bxe6 14.dxe6 fxe4

Theory and practice favor the more usual 14...c6. Even Bradford has played it, drawing Ruxton in the Catalan Bay Open 2007.

15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16. Bxe4 c6 17.b5 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Ba3 dxe4 20.Qxd8

Rfxd8 21.Bxe7 Re8 22.Bc5 Rxe6 23.Rac1



23...a6 24.b6 Bf8 25.Be3 Kf7

25...Bb4! 26.Red1 Ba5 27.Rb1 Rc8 28.h4 (28.Rd7? Bxb6! ♣) 28...Rcc6 29.Rd8+ Kf7=.

26.Red1 Rae8 27.Rc7 R6e7 28.Bc5 Rxc7 29.bxc7 Rc8?

□29...Bxc5 30.Rd8 Bb6 31.c8Q Rxd8 32.Qxb7+ Kf8 33.Kf1±
30.Bxf8 1-0

Fire on board! Langer's hero Shirov defeats the French Poisoned Pawn:

French Winawer C18

Alexei Shirov 2748

Surya Ganguly 2637

Canadian Open 2009 (7)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 Bd7 12.Qd3 dxc3 13.Qxc3 0-0-0 14.Rb1 Nf5 15.Rg1 d4 16.Qd3 Na5

16...f6 17.g4 Nh4 18.exf6 e5∞ 17.Rb4!

This fends off both ...Ba4 and ...Nc4, and in the event of ...a6 setting up ...Bb5 White prepares a2-a4.

17.g4 Ba4! worked out well for Ganguly in the Moscow Aeroflot open, where he beat Volokitin.

17...Nc6

(a) 17...Bc6 18.g4 Nh4 19.Rg3 Nf3+ 20.Rxf3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qxc2

22.Rb2+; (b) 17...a6 18.a4 Nc6 19.
Rc4 Qb6 20.Kf2 f6 21.g4 Ne3 22.
Bxe3 dxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Qxc3+ 24.
Kxe3 fxe5 25.fxe5+-.
18.Rc4 Be8 19.g4 Nh4 20.Rg3 f6
21.exf6 Bg6 22.Rxc6 Qxc6 23.Nxd4
Qh1 24.f5 exf5 25.Bf4 Be8



26.Qc4+ Bc6 27.Qe6+ Bd7 28.
Rc3+ 1-0

French Tarrasch C06

Michael Langer 2313
Joe Bradford 2459

Canadian Open 2009 (7)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5
Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4
8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4 Qe7 10.Nf3 fxe5
11.dxe5 Ndx5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.
Qh5+ Nf7 14.0-0 g6 15.Bb5+ Bd7
16.Bxd7+ Qxd7 17.Qh3



17...e5 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Nxd5
Rc8 20.Be3 Ke6 21.Rad1 b6 22.f4
Bg7 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.Nf4+ Ke7
25.Nd3 Bg7 26.Rde1 Kf8 27.Bf4

Bd4+ 28.Kh1 Bf6 29.Ne5 Kg7 30.
Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Be5 Rc6 32.g4 h6 33.
Re3 Rf8 34.h4 Kg8 35.Bxf6 Rxf6
36.Rxf6 Rxf6 37.Kg2 Rd6 38.Kf3
Kf7 39.Ra3 Rd7 40.b4 Kf6 41.Rc3
Ke5 42.Re3+ Kf6 43.Rc3 1/2-1/2

Queen's Indian E12

Joe Bradford 2459
Alex Yam 2060

Canadian Open 2009 (2)

1.Nf3 b6 2.c4 Bb7 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4
e6 5.a3 Be7 6.d5 d6 7.g3 e5 8.e4
Bc8 9.h3 a5 10.Rb1 a4 11.Bd3 Bd7
12.Bc2 0-0 13.g4 h6 14.Rg1 g5
15.Nd2 Qe8 16.Nf1 Na6 17.h4 Kg7
18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Bxg5 Nxd5 20.
Bh6+ Kxh6 21.g5+ Kg7 22.Nxd5
Rh8 23.Nfe3 Bd8 24.Nf6 Bxf6 25.
gxf6+ Kf8 26.Nd5 Qd8 27.Ne7 Nc5



28.Qh5 1-0

Giuoco Piano C50

Michael Langer 2313
Eugene Perelshteyn 2588

Canadian Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.O-O
Nf6 5.d3 O-O 6.Bb3 h6 7.Nbd2 d6
8.c3 a6 9.Re1 Ba7 10.Nf1 Ne7 11.
Bc2 Ng6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.h3 Nh7
14.d4 Qf6 15.Be3 Ng5 16.Nh2 Nf4
17.Nf5 Qg6 18.Qg4 h5 19.Qg3
Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Bxf5 21.Qxg6 Bxg6
22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Bc6 Nd3 24.dxe5
Bxe3 25.Rxe3 Rxe5 26.b4 Rxe3
27.fxe3 Ne5 28.Bd5 c6 29.Bb3 c5

30.bxc5 dxc5 31.Nf3 Re8 32.Nxe5
Rxe5 33.Kf2 Bd3 34.c4 h4 35.Rd1
Be4 36.Rd2 Rg5 37.Kf1 Rg3 38.
Bc2 Bxc2 39.Rxc2 Rxe3 40.Rd2
Rc3



41.Rd6 a5 42.Rd8 Kh7 43.Ra8
Rxc4 44.Rxa5 Kg6 45.Ke2 Rc2 46.
Kf3 Kf5 47.Ra7 Rc3 48.Kf2 Ke6
49.a4 g5 50.a5 Ra3 51.a6 Kd5 52.
Rxf7 Rxa6 53.Rf5 Kd4 54.Rxg5 c4
55.Rg4 Kd3 56.Rxh4 c3 57.Rh8
Ra2 58.Kf3 c2 59.Rd8 Kc3 60.Rc8
Kd2 61.Rd8 Kc3 62.Rc8 Kb2 63.
Rb8 Ka1 64.Rc8 Kb1 65.Kf4 c1Q
66.Rxc1 Kxc1 67.g4 Kd2 68.h4
Kd3 69.h5 Kd4 70.h6 Rh2 71.g5



71...Rf2+ 72.Kg3 Rf8 73.g6 Ke5
74.g7 Rg8 75.Kf3 Kf6 76.h7 Kxg7
77.hxg8Q Kxg8 1/2-1/2

Solution (back cover problem):

1.Nf6 (1...Kxf6 or 1...Kf5 2.Qg5#;
1...Kd4 or 1...Kd6 2.Qc5#).

Malazarte tops Summer Slammer in S.A.

by Selby Anderson

We tried a novel format for our club's end-of-summer tournament, with one section, seven rounds and game/60 time control. The response for the Summer Slammer (San Antonio, Aug. 22-23) was a healthy turnout of 45 players, close enough to quota that we paid 100% of the \$1,100 prize fund.

Andrew Istafanous, 11, had a breakout result with his first draw and his first win against experts. He finished 4.5/7 in a strong field, and took second Class B prize.

Three players from Corpus Christi won prizes: Paul Haney (=2nd), Ray Bulacanag (1st Class B) and Ethan Rodriguez, age 9 (2nd U1600).

Top-rated FM Michael Langer of Austin played the role of piñata for local experts Mitch Vergara and Ernesto Malazarte, who clipped him for losses in Rds. 4 and 6.

Between those games he had a close brush with defeat at the hands of Texas Amateur champ Paul Haney (who had beaten Langer at the recent Houston Open) – but the newly expert-rated player from Corpus Christi choked on a rather simple crush. Speaking of which...

In the final round with draw odds against Malazarte, I was in time pressure but with a solid pawn plus. He tried a bold sacrifice, which left me only one way to save (and win) the game: a desperate-looking rook sacrifice. I even considered it, but didn't play it. That cost me \$200!

Malazarte was similarly down a pawn to Langer in Rd. 6, but there too he found hidden resources that his opponent underestimated.

Martin Gordon directed for SACC.



Fast hand: Ernesto Malazarte

PRIZE WINNERS

1st: Ernesto Malazarte, 6.5; *2nd:* Selby Anderson, Gregg Stanley, Paul Haney, 5.5; *1st-2nd Class A:* Martin Gordon, Ivan Wijetunge, 4.5; *1st Class B:* Raymond Bulacanag, 5; *2nd Class B:* Andrew Istafanous, 4.5; *1st U1600:* Ethan Rodriguez, 4; *2nd U1600:* Raymond Grillo, 3.5; *1st-2nd U1400:* Alan Davis, James Nielsen, 3.0.

Pirc Defense B08

Andrew Istafanous 1645

Gregg Stanley 2086

Summer Slammer 2009 (1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bf4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nd7 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nce5 11.Be2 c6 12.Bg3 cxd5 13.exd5 Rc8 14.Re1 Re8 15.h3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Qd3 Rc8 18.Nb5 a6 19.Nc3 Qa5 20.Re3 Ne5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Rb1 b5 23.a3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Qxa3 25.Rbe1 Rc7 26.Qd4 Qc5 27.

Qd3 Qa7 28.Ra1 Rc4 29.Re4 Rxe4 30.Qxe4 a5 31.Qd3 Qb6 32.Rb1 Rb8 33.Rb2 Qc5 34.Rb1 a4 35.Ra1 a3 36.Kf1 Ra8 37.Qd4 f5 38.Ke2 Qxd4 39.cxd4 Kg7 40.c3 Kf6 41. Kd2 (Diagram)

41...e6
41...Kg5 42.Kc2 a2 43.Kb3 f4 44.Kb4 f3 45.g3 Kf5 46.Kxb5 Ke4 47.Kc4 Rc8+ 48.Kb5 (48.Kb3 Kd3+)

48...Rb8+ 49.Kc4 Rb2+
42.dxe6 Kxe6 43.f3
43.Kc2 Kd5 44.Kb3 a2 45.Rxa2 Rxa2 46.Kxa2 Kc4 47.Kb2 b4+



Position after 41.Kd2

43...Kd5 44.Kc2 Ra4?

□44...Kc4 45.Ra2 f4 46.h4 d5
47.Ra1 a2 48.Kb2 h5 49.Kc2 Re8+
45.Kb3? f4 46.Ra2 g5 47.Ra1 Ra7
48.Ra2 Ra8 49.Ra1 a2 50.Kb2
Kc6??

50...Kc4 51.Kc2 Re8 52.Kd2
Kb3+

51.Kb3 Ra4 52.Rxa2 Rxa2

52...Kd5 53.Re2 Ra1

53.Kxa2= Kd5 54.Kb3 Kc6 55.Kb4

Kb6 56.Kb3 Kc6 57.Kb4 Kb6

58.Kb3 Kc6 59.Ka2 ½-½

"A prodigy is born," remarked
Stanley after the game.

Sicilian Dragon B79

Daniel Hung 1880

Michael Langer 2297

Summer Slammer 2009 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Ne2 Nc6 3.Nbc3 g6 4.d4
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2
Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0
Ne5 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.
Bg5!?

This is a bit unusual without
...h5, the most common being 13.h4.
Nevertheless, Black doesn't exactly
refute the idea of Bxf6 and Nd5.

13...Rab8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5
Qxd2 16.Nxf6+ Kg7! 17.Rxd2
Kxf6 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nf3 Be6 20.Bxe6
fxe6 21.e5+ dxe5 22.fxe5+ Nxe5
23.Nd4 Nc4 24.Rf2+

24.Rf1+! Ke5 25.Nf3+ Kf6
26.Re2 Kg7 27.b3±.

24...Ke5 25.Nf3+ Kf6 26.Nd4+ Ke5
27.Nf3+ Kf5 28.Re2 Rf8 29.h3?

The weakening of g3 explains
how Black was able to pull out a
win.

29...Kf4! 30.Nd2 and 0-1

Center Counter B01

Andrew Widener 1964

Selby Anderson 2228

Summer Slammer 2009 (3)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6
4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.g3 Bg4 7.Bg2
Nc6 8.Bf4 Qe6+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.
Nxe2 0-0-0 11.c3 h6 12.h3 Bf5
13.g4 [13.Ne5=] 13...Be4 14.0-0 g5

15.Be5 Bg7 16.Ng3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3
Nxe5 18.dxe5 Nd7 19.Nf5



19...Nxe5 20.Bxb7+ Kxb7 21.Nxg7
Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Nh4+ 23. Kh2 Rd2
24.Rab1 Rhd8 25.Nh5 e6 26.Ng3 f5
27.Kg1 Kb6 28.Rfc1 R2d3 29.Kh2
Rf3 30.Rc2 f4 31.Re1

31.Nf1 Rdd3 32.Kg1 Rxh3 33.
Nh2 f3! 34.Rcc1 Ng6 35.Rd1 Nf4
36.Rxd3 Nxd3 37.Rd1 Nxf2! +.

31...Rdd3! 32.Rxe6+ c6 33.Nf1
Rxh3+ 34.Kg1 Rd1 35.Rce2

35.Rd2 Rh1+! 36.Kxh1 Rxf1+
37.Kh2 Nf3+ +



35...Rxf1+ 36.Kxf1 f3??, White
resigned.

A minute later, Hyltin pointed
out to me that 36...Rh1 is mate!

Pirc Defense B09

Michael Langer 2297

Nathanael Lozano 2002

Summer Slammer 2009 (3)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7
5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Qd3 Qxc5

8.Be3 Qa5 9.Qb5+ Qxb5 10.Bxb5+
Bd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bxd7 Nbxtd7
13.Rad1 Rfe8 14.Rfe1 Red8 15.e5
dxe5 16.fxe5 Ng4 17.Bf4 Bh6

17...Nc5 18.h3 Ne6 19.Bg3 Nh6
20.Bf2 b6 21.Nd5 Kf8=

18.Bxh6 Nxh6 19.e6 Nf8

19...Nf6 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Ng5+
Ke8 22.Ne6 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc8
24.Nb5 ...Rxc2 (24...b6 25.c3?) 25.
d8+ Kf7 26.Rf8+!±

20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Ng5+

21.Nd5 Ng8 22.Ne5+ Kg7

21...Kf6 22.Nce4+ Kg7 23.Rxd8
Rxd8= 24.c4 Nf5 25.b3 h6 26.Nf3
b6

6...Nd4 27.Nxd4 Rxd4 28.Nc3
Kf7=

27.Nc3 e6 28.Nb5 Rd7 29.Re2

9.g4 Ne7 30.Ne5 Rd2 31.Nxa7
Rxa2 32.Nb5±

29...a6 30.Nc3 Nd4 31.Nxd4 Rxd4=



32.Kf2 Rd3 [32...Kf6=] 33.Na4 b5?

3...Rd6 34.c5 bxc5 35.Nxc5
Kf7=

34.Nc5± Rd6 35.Ne4 Rd3

5...Rd4 36.c5 e5 37.c6 Ne6 38.
c5 Nxc5 39.c7 Rf4+ 40.Ke3 Rf8 41.
c2 Nxb3 42.axb3 Rc8 43.Ke4+
36.c5± Kf7

6...e5 37.c6 Ne6 38.Rc2 Nc7
39.Rc5 Rd5 40.Rxd5 Nxd5 41.Nc5
Kf6 42.Nxa6 Ke6 43.a4 bxa4
44.bxa4 Kd6 45.c7 Nxc7 46.Nxc7
Kxc7 47.Ke3+

37.c6 Ke7 38.Rc2

8.c7! Kd7 39.Nc5++

38...Kd8 39.c7+ Kc8 40.Rc6+- a5
41.Ke2 Rd7 42.Nd6+ Rxd6 43.

Rxd6 Kxc7 44.Ra6 a4 45.bxa4
 bxa4 46.Rxa4 Nd7 47.Ra7+ Kd6
 48.Rxd7+ Kxd7 49.Kd3 Kd6 50.
 Ke4 e5 51.g4 Ke6 52.a4 Kd6 53.a5
 Kc6 54.Kxe5 Kb5 55.Kf6 h5 56.g5
 1-0

Sicilian B80

Simarpreet Chadha 1450

John Niven 1707

Summer Slammer 2009 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Bc4 Be7
 8.Qd2 0-0 9.f4 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7
 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.Bf4 Kh8
 14.Nf3



14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 Bh4+ 16.Bg3
 Nxe5 17.0-0 Nxf3?

17...Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 Qxd3 19.
 Rxd3 Bg5+ 20.f4 Be7 21.Rhd1 Nc6
 22.Rd7 Ra7±

18.Qg2 Bg5+ 19.Kb1 b4?

19...Nd2+ 20.Ka1!? (20.Rxd2
 Bxd2 21.Qxa8 Bxc3 22.bxc3±) 20...
 Nd7 21.Ne4 Nc4 22.Bxc4 bxc4 23.
 Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Rxd7±

20.Qxf3+- bxc3 21.Qxa8 Qb6 22.b3
 Nd7 23.Qxa6 Qe3 24.Qd6 Qa7
 25.Bb5 Ra8 26.a4 Nc5 27.Bf2 Rc8
 28.Bxc5 Qxc5 29.Qxc5 Rxc5 30.
 Rd7 Kg8 31.Rhd1 g6 32.b4 Re5
 33.Bc6 Kg7 34.Rf1 Bf6 35.a5 Re2
 36.h3 Rd2 37.Rxd2 cxd2 38.Rd1
 Bc3 39.a6 Bd4 40.Rxd2 Bb6 41.
 Rd7 Kf6 42.a7 Bxa7 43.Rxa7 h5
 44.Bf3 e5 45.b5 Ke6 46.b6 f5 47.b7
 e4 48.Bxe4 fxe4 49.b8Q 1-0

Nimzovich Attack B06

Juan Carrizales 1667

James Nielsen 1331

Summer Slammer 2009 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 e6 4.d3
 Be7 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4
 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.e5 Ne8 10.0-0 Nc5
 11.Bb5 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Qe2
 Nc5 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.Ne4 Qc6
 16.Ng3 f5 17.Nd4 Qb7 18.b4 Ne4
 19.Nxe6 Nxc3 20.hxc3 Rf7 21.a3
 c5 22.c3 Qc6 23.Nf4 Nc7 24.e6 Rf6
 25.Rfe1 g5 26.Rd7 [26.b5] 26...Re8
 26...gxf4 27.Rxc7 Re8 28.b5
 Nxb5 29.Qf3 Qc8 30.Qxf4 Rxe7
 31.Qg5+-



27.b5! Nxb5

27...Qa8 28.Nh5+-; 27...Qe4 28.
 Qd2 Qa8 29.c4! gxf4 30.Rxc7 Rg6
 31.Qc3 Bf6 32.Qxf6 Rxf6 33.Bxf6
 h6 34.Rg7+ Kh8 35.Rxa7+-;
 28.Nd5 Rh6 29.Rxe7 Nd6 30.Qe5

1-0

Torre Attack D03

Mitchell Vergara 2057

Michael Langer 2297

Summer Slammer 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Nbd2
 c5 5.e3 Nc6

5...Nbd7 has certain advantages:
 it provides a replacement for the f6
 sentry to ease the defense; and after
 the fianchetto ...b6 and ...Bb7 Black
 has the possibility of ...Ne4.

6.c3 b6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Re1
 0-0 10.Qe2 Qd7

A thematic simplification is 10...
 Nd7! 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.e4 dxe4 13.
 Qxe4 Nf6 14.Qh4 Rad8=.

11.Rad1 Rad8 12.Bb1 Qc8 13.Ne5
 Rfe8

Storm clouds are building over
 the kingside. Black's defense is also
 taxed after 13...h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6
 15.Qd3 g6 16.Nxc6 fxc6 17.Qxc6+
 Bg7 18.Qh7+ Kf7 19.Bg6+ Kf6 20.
 Bh5 Ne7 21.e4 dxe4 22.Nxe4+ Bxe4
 23.Qxe4 Nf5 24.g4+-.



14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.
 Qh5+ Kg8 17.Qxf7+ Kh7

So White has a draw in hand.
 The win takes good nerves because
 of the time required to mobilize, but
 Black's reserves are cut off so badly
 that White has time on his side.

18.Ng4!

Fritz wants to play 18.Qg6+ Kg8
 19.Ng4 Rf8 20. Nh6+ Kh8 21.Nf7+
 Kg8 22.Nxd8 Nxd8 23.Nf3±
 18...Bg5

After 18...Be7 19.e4!... (a) 19...
 Rf8 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Nh6+! gxh6
 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.
 Qg6+ Kh8 25.Re3+-; (b) critical is
 19...e5! 20.Qh4+ Kg8 21.exd5 Rxd5
 22.Re3! Rd6 23.Ne4 g6 24.Nxd6±
 heading into a superior ending.

19.Nf3 Be7 20.Nfe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5
 Bf8 22.Ng4

22.e4! Re7 23.Qg6+ Kg8 24.Re3
 Qc7 25.Rh3+-

22...Kh8 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Qg6 Be7
 25.e4 Rf8 [25...dxe4 26.Nh6+-]
 26.Nh6+ Kh8



27.Qh5! Rf6

27...Rde8 28.Rd3! Rf4 29.Rg3 Bf8 30.Nf7+ Kg8 31.Ng5 Bd6 32.Rh3 Kf8 33.g3+
28.Nf5+ Kg8
 28...Rh6 29.Nxh6 gxh6 30.Qxh6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ Kf8 32.Re3+
29.Nxe7+ Kf8 30.Nxc8 Rxc8 and White won **1-0**

Petroff's Defense C42

Selby Anderson 2228
Paul Haney 2038

Summer Slammer 2009 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Nxe4!?

This used to be "the trap line" and limited to the U1400 set. Not any more! Another baroque choice out there is 3...Qe7.

4.Qe2 Qe7 5.Qxe4 d6 6.d4 dxe5 7.dxe5 Nc6 8.Nc3

A sharper attempt to squeeze something out of this position is 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Nc3 Qb4 10.Qf4 (Antonievsky-Volkman, Austria 2009).
8...Qxe5 9.Qxe5+ Nxe5 10.Nb5 Bd6

This surprised me; I expected 10...Bb4+ 11.c3 Ba5. I think I saw that in an old Soltis column.

11.Nxd6+ cxd6 12.Bb5+ Ke7 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Re1 Kf6 15.c3 a6 16.Bf1 Rad8 17.Bf4 Rhe8 18.h4 h6 19.Rad1 g5 20.Bg3 d5 21.f3!?

After this White cannot keep up the pretense of playing against the isolated pawn. Better is 21.Bxe5+ Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Kxe5 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Rd4, although a draw is likely.

21...Nc4 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Be5+ Kg6 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Sicilian Najdorf B90

Paul Haney 2038
Michael Langer 2297

Summer Slammer 2009 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3

The Weaver Adams line, sort of a smarty-pants comment on 5...a6. Adams (1901-1963) was a throwback to caveman style chess, and he derided "inchworm gambits".

6...b5 7.Nd5 Nxd5

This leads to a lasting cramp in Black's position. Some old Fischer analysis goes 7...Bb7 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.c4 Bxe4 10.cxb5 Bg7 11.Qg4 Bg6 12.Nf3 0-0=.

8.exd5 Bb7 9.c4 bxc4 10.Bxc4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Bb3 g6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4

14.Bd2!? (a) 14...a5 15.Ba4+ Nxa4 16.Qxa4+ Qd7 17.Nb5+; (b) 14...Bg7 15.Ba5 0-0 16.Rc1 Rb8 17.Qd3 Kh7 18.f4 Bf6 19.f5 g5 20.Ne6! fxe6 21.fxe6+ Kh8 22.Bc2+
14...Bg7 15.Re1 g5 16.Bg3 Qd7 17.Nc6 Bf6

17...e5! 18.Qd4 Bxc6 19.dxc6 Qxc6 20.Rad1 0-0 21.Qxd6+
18.Qh5

Here White missed 18.Nxe7! Bxc7 19.Qd4 0-0 20.Qxb6+.

18...Kf8 19.Re3 Kg7 20.Rf3 Rae8 21.Re1 Rhf8 22. Rxe7 Bxe7



23.Nd4 f5

23...Bc8!? 24.Rxf7+! Rxf7 25.Ne6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+ Kh8 27.Qxf7 Bf8 28.Qg6 Rxe6 29.dxe6 Qe7 30.Bxd6!! Qxd6 31.e7 Qxg6 32.exf8Q+ Kh7 33.Qe7+ Kh8 34.Qe5+ Kh7 35.Qc7+ Kh8 36.Bc2 Bf5 37.Qe5+--
24.Ne6+ Kh7 25.Nxf8+??

This knight was screening the black queen's defense of the f-pawn. An easy crush would have been 25.Bc2 Bxd5 26.Rxf5!, forcing mate or winning the queen by 26...Qxe6 27.Re5+--.

This would have put Haney on a 2-0 roll against Langer, after his victory in the recent Houston Open.
25...Rxf8 26.Bc2 Bxd5 **0-1**

Center Counter B01

Andrew Istafricanos 1645
Selby Anderson 2228

Summer Slammer 2009 (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bg5 Bg4 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Bh4

8.Qd2 e6 9.0-0=0=
8...e6 9.Bg3 [9.0-0] 9...Qb6 10.Na4 [10.Rb1=] 10...Qa5+ 11.Nc3

11.c3 b5 12.Nc5 Nxc5 13.dxc5 Rd8 14.Qc2 Bf5 15.Qc1 b4=
11...Bb4

11...Ba3 12.Qb1 Qb4 13.0-0 Qxb2 14.Nd1 Qxb1 15.Rxb1 b5

12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc3 14.Rb1 Qc6 [14...b5] 15.Ne5 [15.c4] 15...Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nd7 18.Rfd1 0-0 19.Bf4 b5 20.Rbcl Nb6 21.Qg4 Qe4 [21...f6?] 22.Qg3

22.f3 Qf5 23.Qxf5 exf5 24.Bxc7 Nd5 25.Be5 Nc3 26.Rd2 Rfe8 27.Kf2 Nxa2

22...c6 23.Bd6 Rfe8 24.Be5 Qg6 25.Qc3 Nc4 26.Qf3 Rac8 27.Bg3 Red8 28.c3 Rd5 29.Qd3? [29.Ra1] 29...Qxd3 30.Rxd3 c5+ 31.Rdd1 Rcd8 32.f3 cxd4 33.cxd4 Rxd4 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.Bf2 Rd2 36.a4 f6 37.axb5 axb5 38.Rb1 Nb2 39.Bc5 Rd1+ 40.Rxd1 Nxd1 41.Bb4 Nb2 42.Kf1 Nd3 43.Bd2 Kf7 44.Ke2 Nb2 45.Bb4 e5 46.Kd2 Ke6 47.Bf8 g6 48.Kc3 Nc4 49.Bc5

49.Kb4 Ne3 50.g4 Nc2+ 51.
Kxb5 Ne1-+
49...Kd5 50.Be7 f5 51.Bg5 Kc5 52.
Be7+ Nd6 53.h3 Kc6 54.Kb4 Nc4
55.Bc5 f4 56.Bf2 Ne3 57.g4 Nc2+
58.Kc3 Nd4 59.Kb4 Nxf3 60.Kc3
e4 0-1

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Selby Anderson 2228

Mitchell Vergara 2057

Summer Slammer 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

After years of nothing but 13.a4,
I have been experimenting:

13.h4 Bh6 14.g3 Kh8 15.Bg2

Short has tried 15.Bh3!? There is
a reason to facilitate this exchange...

15...Rb8 16.Ncb4 Nxb4 17.Nxb4
Bb7 18.0-0 f5

I was pleased to see this, because
18...a5 19.Nd5 with a later...Bxd5
(no hurry, it's not going away) is
practically unwinnable.

19.exf5 Rxf5 20.Bxb7?

Unless White really wants to
pick off the a6 pawn, 20.Qd3 is by
far the more logical choice. The text
helps Black coordinate his rooks on
the f-file, even as it weakens the
kingside light squares.

20...Rxb7 21.Kg2

Black gets at least a perpetual for
the a-pawn: 21.Nxa6 Rbf7 22.Nc5!
(22.Nb4 Be3!=) 22...d5 23.Qb3 Qf6!
24.Qxb5 Rxf2 (White is almost
busted) 24.Ne6! Rf8! 25.Nxf8 Be3!,
forcing a draw.

21...Rbf7 22.Qd5 Qb6?

22...Rf3! 23.Nd3 (23.Qxf3? Rxf3
24.Kxf3 Qa8+ 25.Kg4 a5!-+) 23...
Qf6 24.Nf4 Rxf4 25.gxf4 Qg6+ 26.
Kh1 Qf6=. Now White gets a grip on
the light squares.

23.f3 g5 24.hxg5 Bxg5 25.Qe4 Bd8
26.Nd5 Qa7 27.Rad1 Rf8 28.Ne3
R5f6 29.Ng4 Rg6 30.Rh1 Qg7 31.
Rh5 Bg5 32.Rdh1 h6



33.Rxg5! Rxg5 34.Rxh6+ Kg8 35.
Rxd6 Qe7 36.Qd5+ Kg7??

Also losing is 36...Kh8 37.Rd7
Qe8 38.Qd6 Rg6 39.Qxe5+ Qxe5
40.Nxe5+-, but at least Black can
fight it out.

37.Rd7 Rf7 38.Rxe7 Rxe7 39.Qd6
Rf7 40.Qh6+ 1-0

Sicilian B20

Michael Langer 2297

Ernesto Malazarte 2139

Summer Slammer 2009 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 g6
5.f4 Bg7 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c3
Bd7 9.Kh1 Qc8 10.Be3 Bh3 11.
Nbd2 Bxg2+ 12.Kxg2 Rd8 13.Qe2
Rb8 14.Rac1 b5 15.d4 Na5

15...d5!? 16.e5 cxd4 17.cxd4±
16.dxc5 dxc5 17.b4 cxb4 18.cxb4
Nc4 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.Rxc4!?

20.Qxc4 Qb7 21.Ne5!±; 20...
Qxc4 21.Rxc4 Rb7 22.Rfc1±

20...Qa6 21.Qc2 Ng4 22.Bg1



22...Qa3 23.Qb3 [⊔23.Rb1±] 23...
Rd3! 24.Qc2 Rbd8

24...Rc3 25.Rxc3 Bxc3 26.Rb1
Rxb4 27.Rxb4 Qxb4 (not 27...Bxb4?
28.Qc8+ and 29.Qxg4) 28.Bxa7±
25.Rc8 Qxb4 26.Rb1 Qa5 27.Rbb8
Bf8 28.h3??

Better is 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rxd8
Qxd8 30.Bxa7±.

28...Rd2+ 29.Nxd2 Rxd2+ 30.Qxd2
Qxd2+ 31.Kh1 Nf6 32.Rxf8+ Kg7
33.Rfd8 Qe2 34.Bd4 Qxe4+ 35.Kh2
Qe2+ 36.Kg1 Qf3 37.Kh2 Kh6 38.
Bxf6 Qf2+ 39.Kh1 exf6 40.Rb3
Qxa2 and Black won. 0-1

Center Counter B01

Ernesto Malazarte 2139

Selby Anderson 2228

Summer Slammer 2009 (7)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxd5
4.Nc3 Nb6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5
7.Nh4!

I award the "!" on psychological
grounds. I had draw odds (i.e., I was
a half point ahead of the field), so
the rather lifeless book line 7.d4 e6
8.0-0 Na5= suited me perfectly.

The text offers a choice between
equality with 7...Bg6 8.Nxg6 hxg6
9.d3 e6=, and a tempting opportunity
to "punish" the sidelined knight and
play for superiority:

7...Bc8?! 8.d3 Nd4 9.Be3 Nxb3

9...e5 10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Qh5 g6
12.Qe2+ Be7=.

10.axb3 c6

There's nothing wrong with
10...e5 11.Bxb6 cxb6 12.Nf3 Bd6=.
11.0-0 e6 12.Qg4 a6 13.Rfe1 Nd5
14.Bd2 Be7 15.Nf3 Bf6 16.Ne5 0-0
17.Qg3 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 f6 19.Rh5

Now it is a sidelined rook that
gives Black hope for an advantage.

19...Qe8 20.Qh4 Qg6 21.Ne4

More to the point is 21.f4=.
21...e5 22.h3 Be6 23.Ng3 Rfe8
24.Re1 Rad8 25.Re4 c5 26.Kh2 b6
27.Ra4 a5 28.Re4 Kh8

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GM Stopa wins Houston Open

GM Jacek Stopa, 22, won clear first at the Houston Open, (July 23-25). The returning UTD senior won his first four games and coasted into first with a draw against his teammate, IM Marko Zivanic. Tied for second with 4-1 were Zivanic, IM Daniel Fernandez and FM Chris Land.

NTD Franc Guadalupe directed for Cajun Chess. The event attracted 153 players to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in North Houston.

OPEN 1st: Jacek Stopa, 4.5; **2nd-3rd:** Marko Zivanic, Daniel Fernandez, Chris Land, 4; **4th:** Michael Langer, 3.5. **5th:** Warren Harper, Adrian Keatinge-Clay, Brad Sawyer, 3. **1st U2200:** Bob Shao, 3.5. **2nd U2200:** Jeffrey De Jesus, Mark Djmek, Adam Caveney, 3.

U2000 1st: Eric Lu, 4.5; **2nd:** Andrew Nguyen, 4; **3rd-5th:** Joseph Chun-Him Wong, Leo Bonnell, Samuel Congiundi, Danny Chen, 3.5.

U1800 1st: Jay Parashar, 4.5; **2nd-3rd:** John Masters, Raymond Han, 4; **4th-5th:** Raymond Balucanag, Ian Santos, Thejas Prasad, 3.5.

U1600 1st-5th: Athens Huff, Donald Briggs, Lawrence Tuttle, Alexander Yang, William H. Wilson, 4.

U1300 1st: Scott Shive, 5. **2nd-5th:** Sara Venkataraman, Alex Quach, Peter Pham, Hongbo Wang, 4.

Ruy Lopez C48

Jacek Stopa 2575
Adam Caveney 2093

Houston Open 2009 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Nd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Ba4 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.Ne2 Bb6 10.Ng3 Ng4 11.h3 Qh4 12.Qf3 Nf6 13.Be3 Be6 14.Bb3 h6 15.Nf5 Qh5?? [15...Bxf5 16.Qxf5=]



16.g4 1-0

Scotch Game C47

Michael Langer 2297
Paul Haney 2042

Houston Open 2009 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 Qe7+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Kxe2 Bxc3

10...cxd5 11.Nb5 Ba5 12.Bf4 Kd8 13.Rhd1 Bd7= ECO

11.bxc3 Nxd5 11...cxd5 12.Ba3± Keres 12.Kd2

12.c4 Nb4 13.Re1 Nxd3 14.cxd3 Bf5 15.Rb1 Kd7 16.Ba3± 12...0-0 13.Ba3 Rd8 14.g3 Be6= 15.c4 Nb6 16.Kc3 Na4+ 17.Kb4 Nb6 18.Rab1? [18.Kc3=]



18...Nxc4! 19.Bxc4 Rd4 20.Ka5 Rxc4 21.Rb2 Rd8 22.Be7 Re8 23.Rd1 f6 24.Rd8 Kf7 25.Rxe8 Kxe8 26.Bb4 Kd8 27.Bd2 Kc8 28.Be3 c5 29.Kb5 Kd7 30.h4



30...a6+! 31.Kxa6 Kc6 32.Ka7 32.Ka5 Bg4 33.a4 Bd1-+ 32...Ra4+?! 32...Bd5! 33.Kb8 Kd7 34.c3 Ra4 35.Rb7□ Bxb7-+ 33.Kb8 Bxa2 34.c3 Ra6 35.Bf4 Rb6+ 36.Rxb6+ cxb6 37.Ka7 Bc4 38.Bd2 b5 39.Be1 Bf1 40.Bd2 Kd5 41.Kb6 Kc4 42.Ka5 Bg2 43.g4 Bh3 44.g5 Bd7 45.gxf6 gxf6 46.h5 Be8 47.h6 f5 48.f4 Kd3 49.Be1 Ke2 50.Bh4 Kd3 51.Be7 Kxc3 52.Bxc5 Kc4 53.Be7 and Black won 0-1

Sicilian Closed B26

Larry Moss 2200
Marko Zivanic 2562

Houston Open 2009 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e5 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Nge2 Nd4 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 f5 11.Nc1 Rb8 12.Nd1 b6 13.c3 Ne6 14.Ne2 Ba6 15.Nf2 d5 16.fxe5 dxe4 17.Nf4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 exd3 19.b3 c4 20.bxc4 Bxc4 21.Rfd1 Qc7 22.Nxd3 Rfd8 23.Qc2 Bxd3 24.Rxd3 Bxe5 and 0-1

Four Knights Game C47

Jeffrey De Jesus 2178
Ju Hyung Ahn 1978

Houston Open 2009 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.a3
Bc5 5.Nxe5 Nxe5 6.d4 Bxd4 7.
Qxd4 Nc6 8.Qd1 h6 9.Be3 0-0 10.
f3 d6 11.Qd2 Be6 12.0-0-0 Ne5
13.h4 Nh5 14.f4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4
16.g4 Ng3 17.Rhg1 Nf1 18.Rdxf1
Bxf1 19.Rxf1 Qxh4 20.Qg2 c6 21.
Rh1 Qe7 22.g5 hxg5 23.fxg5 Rfe8
24.Bd4 c5



25.Bf6 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B73

Frank Brack 1953
Mark Dejmek 2139

Houston Open 2009 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 Nc6
8.Be3 0-0 9.Kh1 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5
11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Bf3 Qa5 13.Nxc6
bxc6 14.c3 Rb8 15.b4 Qc7 16.Rc1
Be6 17.Qa4 Bd5 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.
Qxa7 Qc4 20.Qxe7 Ra8 21.Qc5
Qxa2 22.Rfd1 Rfc8 23.Qxd5 Qxd5
24.Rxd5 Rxc3 25.Rb1 Rb3 26.
Rbd1 h5 27.b5 Ra5 28.Rd8+ Kh7
29.b6 Bh6 ½-½

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Andrew Widener 1964
Chris Land 2219

Houston Open 2009 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 b5

10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.c4 Bxd5
13.exd5 Nd4 14.cxb5 Bg7 15.Qd2
0-0 16.bxa6 Qh4 17.Nc2



It's time for Black to commence
"throwing patties!"
17...e4 18.Bc4 e3 19.Nxe3 f4 20.Nc2
Rfe8+ 21.Kd1 Qg4+ 22.Kc1 Qxg2
23.Re1 Nf3 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Qd1
Qxf2 26.a4 Re1! 0-1

QGD Slav D31

Chris Land 2219
Jacek Stopa 2575

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4
5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4
Qxe4+ 8.Be2 Na6 9.Bc3 Nf6 10.Nf3
0-0 11.0-0 Qf5 12.Bd3 Qh5 13.Re1
Nd7 14.Re4 f5 15.Rh4 Qe8 16.Qe2
Nac5 17.Bc2 a5 18.Re1 Qe7 19.
Rh3 Rf7 20.Nd4 Qf8 21.Qh5 Nf6
22.Qh4 h6 23.b3 Nce4 24.Bb2 Ng5
25.Rhe3 Ng4 26.R3e2 e5 27.f4 Ne4
28.fxe5 Qe7 29.Qxe7 Rxe7



30.Nxf5

"30.Bxe4 fxe4 31.h3 Nxe5 32.
Rxe4 is a clear win." – Land.
30...Bxf5 31.Bxe4 Bxe4 32.Rxe4 h5
33.h3 Nh6 34.e6 b6 35.Bc1 Nf5
36.Bf4 c5 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Nd4
39.Kg2

"39.Bd6 was the last chance for
an advantage."
39...Rae8 40.Kg3 Rxe6 41.Rxe6
Nxe6 ...

"I ran very low on time and lost
to a knight fork around move 55."

0-1

Queens Gambit D24

Marko Zivanic 2562
Ben Bailey 2085

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
Nc6 5.e3 Na5 6.Ne5 e6 7.Qa4+ c6
8.Bd2 Bd6 9.b4 cxb3 10.axb3 Bc7
11.b4 b5 12.Nxb5 Bxe5 13.dxe5
cxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nd7 15.bxa5 a6 16.
Bc6 Rb8 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Rxb7
19.Qc6 Ra7 20.Bb4 Qc7 21.Rac1
Qxc6 22.Rxc6 Kd8 23.Rd1 Re8
24.Bc5 Ra8 25.Rcd6 1-0

Sicilian Alapin B22

Jose Gonzalez 2064
Jeffrey De Jesus 2182

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.
Kxd1 e5 8.b4 e4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4
Nng4 11.hxg4 Bxg4 12.Nbd2 a5
13.a3 Nc6 14.Bb5 0-0-0 15.Kc2
exf3 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nc4 Bf5+
18.Kb2 a4 19.Bf4



19...f6 20.Rhe1 g5 21.Bh2 h5 22.
Rad1 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Be7 24.Re1
Rh7 25.Rd1 Be4 26.Nb6+ Kb7
27.Rd7+ Ka6 28.Nc8 Bf8 29.Rd8
Rf7 30.Nb6 Be7 31.Ra8+ Kb7 32.
Rb8+ Ka6 33.Ra8+ ½-½

French Winawer C17

Brad Sawyer 2207

Steven Young 1806

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5
5.Bd2 Nh6 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2
0-0 8.f4 cxd4 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 f6
11.0-0-0 fxe5 12.fxe5 Nf5 13.Bxf5
Rxf5 14.Rhe1 a6 15.Nd6 Rf8 16.
Nxd4 Qc7 17.Kb1 b5 18.Qe3 Bd7
19.Qc3 Rf4 20.g3 Rff8 21.Qd3 Qa5
22.c3 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Be8 24.Ka1
Bg6 25.Rd2 Rab8 26.Qg4 Bf5 27.
Nxf5 Rxf5



28.Rxd5 Rd8?

28...exd5 29.Qxf5 b4 30.Qe6+
Kh8 31.Qd6 Qb5 32.cxb4± Qxb4 33.
Qxb4 Rxb4 34.e6 Rb8 35.Re5 Kg8
36.Rxd5 Kf8 37.Rd6+;

∩28...h5! 29.Qg6 exd5 30.Qxf5
b4 31.Qd3 bxc3 32.Qxc3 Qxc3 33.
bxc3 Kf7=

29.Rd6 h5 30.Qg6 Rxd6 31.exd6
b4 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 33.cxb4 Qxb4
34.d7 1-0

Sicilian B57

Mark Dejmek 2149

Courtney Barnes 1945

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4
cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6? [6...e6]

7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Bxf7+
Kxf7 10.Qxd8 g6 11.Qc7 Bd7 12.
Bg5 Rc8 13.Qxe5 Bg7 14.Qc5 Bf5
15.0-0 Bxc2 16.Qc4+ e6 17.Rfe1
Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Qxa6 Rce8
20.Rac1 Be4 21.Rc7+ Kg8 1-0

King's Indian E74

Alexander Balkum 2131

Frank Brack 1953

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Bg5 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5
8.Bd2 Qxc5 9.Nf3 Na6 10.0-0 Bg4
11.Be3 Qc6 12.Nd4 Qc8 13.f3 Bd7
14.Rc1 Nc7 15.Qd2 a5 16.Rfd1
Ne6 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Na4 Nd7
19.h3 Qc6 20.c5 dxc5 21.Nxc5
Nxc5 22.Rxc5 Qb6 23.Rb5 Qc6 24.
Rc1 Qd6 25.Rxb7 Qxd2 26.Bxd2
Rfd8 27.Bf4 a4 28.Bc4 axb3 29.
axb3 Bxc4 30.bxc4 Bd4+ 31.Kh1
e5 32.Bg5 Rdc8 33.h4 Ra4 34.Bf6
Be3 35.Rc2 Bf4 36.g3 Bxg3 37.Kg2
Bf4 38.c5 Ra6 39.c6 h6



40.c7 Rxf6 41.Rb8 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B95

Cliff Bunch 1900

Michael Langer 2297

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Bd3 Be7
8.Qd2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 h6 10.Be3 Ng4
11.h3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Nd7 13.Qe2
Ne5 14.g4 b5 15.Bxb5+ axb5 16.
Ndx5 Qb6 17.Rd4 0-0 18.Rhd1
Ba6 19.a4 Rfc8 20.Qf2 Nc4 21.h4
Bxb5 22.axb5 Qxb5 0-1

Bogo-Indian E11

Naveen Balakrishnan 1953

William Ong 2065

Houston Open 2009 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2
Qe7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.
Nbx2 d6 8.e4 e5 9.d5 a5 10.b3
Na6 11.0-0 c6 12.a3 cxd5 13.cxd5
Bd7 14.Qe2 b5 15.Rfc1 Rfc8= 16.
Ne1 Qd8 17.Nd3 Rxc1+ [17... Qb6
18.b4=] 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Qf1 Nc5!?
[19...b4 20.a4=] 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.
h3 [21.Bh3±] Ne8 22.f4 f6 23.Qf2
Qc7 24. a4? [24.Qf2=] 24...bxa4
25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Nc4 Bb5 27.Nxa5
c4?

27... Qxc5 28.fxe5 fxe5 29.Rxc5
Qa1+ 30.Kh1 Qa7 +
28.Bf1? [28.Nc6=] exf4 29. Qxf4
Qa7+ 30.Kh1 Qxa5 31.d6 Qd8
32.Rd1 Qd7 33.Be2 Qxh3+ 34.Kg1
Bd7 35.Bf1 Qe6 36.Be2 c3 37.Bf3
c2 38.Rc1 Qxd6 39.Qxd6 Nxd6
40.Kf2 Rc3 0-1

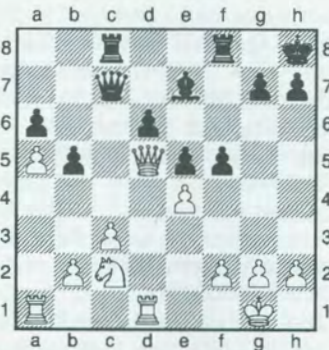
Sicilian Najdorf B90

Jacek Stopa 2575

Brad Sawyer 2207

Houston Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 e5 7.Nf3 Be7
8.Bc4 0-0 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Bb3 Nc6
11.0-0 Rc8 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5
Bxd5 14.Bxd5 Qc7 15.c3 Ne7 16.a5
Nxd5 17.Qxd5 b5 18.Rfd1 Be7
19.Ne1 Kh8 20.Nc2 f5



21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Ne3 Rf6 23.Qd2
Qc5

○23...Qd7! 24.Nd5 Rg6 25.Qe2 Rf8=
 24.Nd5 Rf7 25.Nxe7 Rcf8
 25... Rxe7 26.Qxd6+-
 26.b4!, Black resigns 1-0
 26...Qa7 27.Nd5 Rxf2 28.Qe3 Qf7 29.h3+-

Ruy Lopez Exchange C68

Bob Shao 2123
 Jeffrey De Jesus 2182

Houston Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Qd6 6.d4 Bg4?

I had to see if this variation was for real. It appears in NIC Base, with unrated players losing both games.

7.dxe5 Qg6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Bf4 h5 10.Kh1 Qe6 11.Nd4 Qg6 12.f3 Bd7 13.e6 fxe6 14.Bxc7 Rc8 15.Be5 c5 16. Nde2 h4 17.Bd6 Bd8 18.Nf4 Qh6 19.Nh3 Nf6 20.e5 Nh5 21.Ne4 b6 22.a4 a5 23.c3 Nf4 24.Nxf4 Qxf4 25.b4 Bc6 26.bxc5 g5 27.Qb3 [27. cxb6 Bxb6 28.Qb3+-] 27...Bd5 28. Qb1 h3 29.g4 Qf7, Black resigned [30.cxb6+-] 1-0

Sicilian Alapin B22

Jose Gonzalez 2064
 Mark Dejmek 2149

Houston Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.f3 Nbd7 5.Ne2?!

This is an exception to "knights before bishops" [○ 5.Be3, 5.Bd3]. 5...e5 6.dxc5 d5!?

A risky attempt to punish 5.Ne2 and prevent castling [6...Nxc5=].



7.Ng3?!
 7.exd5 Bxc5 8.Ng3 Qb6 9.Bc4 Bf2+ 10.Kf1 0-0 11.Nd2±
 7...Bxc5 8.b4 Bb6 9.Qd3 0-0 10. Be2 a5 11.Bb2 Ba7 12.a3 Nb6 13. Nd2 Na4!

Another truism ("a knight on the rim ...") is dissed. Fittingly, castling doesn't help king safety either.

14.0-0-0 Be6 15.Kb1 axb4 16.axb4 d4! 17.c4 Qe7 18.Ba3 Nc3+ 19.Kb2 b5 20.Nf5 Qc7 21. cxb5 Nxe2 0-1

Caro-Kann B14

Marc Jimenez 2063
 Alexander Balkum 2131

Houston Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Bb7 12.Qe2 Nd7 13. Ne5 Rc8 14.Rac1 Nxe5 15.Qxe5 Qc7 16.f4 Nf6 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.f5 Rfc8 19.Rfe1 Bd5 20.Ba6!? [20.a3] Rd8 21.Bg5?

21.c4! (a) 21...Bb7 22.Bf4 Re7 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.c5!±; (b) 21... Ba8 22.Bf4 Rcd7 23.d5! exd5 24. Bb5 Rb7 25.Bc6±
 21...Bxa2 22.Bf4 Rcd7 23.Re2 Bd5 24.Bb5 Re7



25.Rc1 a6!?

Black is eager to shake off the pin on the e-file and activate a rook with tempo. Fritz likes the straight-forward 25...a5 26.fxe6 Bxe6 27. Bg5 Rc7 28.Re3 Rdc8 29.Bxf6 gxf6 30.Ba6 Ra8 31. Be2 a4±.

26.Bxa6 Ra7 27.Bb5 exf5 28.Bg5 Be6 29.g4 Ra5 30.Rb2 Rc8 ½-½
 Fritz still likes Black's winning chances after 30...fxg4±.

French Tarrasch C06

Michael Langer 2297
 Victor Monsivais 1963

Houston Open 2009 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 Bradford played 7...Qe7! and drew Langer in the Canadian Open (see page 8).

8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4 Nxd4 10.Qh5+ Ke7 11.exf6+ Nxf6 12.Ng6+ hgx6 13. Qxh8 Kf7 14.Qh4 e5 15.Nf3 Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 Bf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.0-0 N

There are six options listed in NIC Base, and this isn't one of them. Langer has also played the standard 18.Bg5 previously: 18...Qa5+ 19. Kf1 Be7 20.Kg2 Rd8 21.Rg1d4 22. Rc1 Qb6 23.Kh1∞ (Langer-Trevor Jackson, Tulsa Masters 2007).

18...Bc5 19.Bg5 Qd6 20.Kh1



20...Rg8 21.Rfe1 e4 22.Rad1 Qe6 22...Qb6 23.Bxf6! Bxf2 24.Qh7 Bxe1 25.Bd4! Qg6□ 26.Qxg6+- 23.Bxf6 gxf6?

If Black jettisons the d-pawn he can hold on: 23...Qxf6 24.Qxf6+ gxf6 25.Rxd5 Bxf2 26.Red1 e3 27. Rd7+ Kg6! (27...Ke6? 28.f4! →) 28.Kg2 f2 with excellent drawing prospects in the R+P ending. 24.Rg1 Rxcg1+ 25.Rxcg1 Qe5 26. Qh5+ Ke6 27.Rg7 Be7 28.fxe4 fxe4 29.Qg4+ f5 30.Qg6+ Qf6 31.Qh7

Qh4 32.Qg8+ Ke5 33.Qe8 Ke6 34.Qg8+

Apparently faster is 34.Qf7+.

34...Ke5 35.Qb8+ Kd4 36.Qxa7+ Bc5 37.Qa4+ Ke5 38.Qe8+ Kf4 39.Rg3 Qf6 40.Qb8+ Qe5 41.Qd8 Be7 42.Qb6 Qd6 43.Qe3+ Ke5 44.f4+ Ke6 45.Rg6+ Bf6 46.Rh6 Kd7 47.Rh7+ Ke6 48.Rxb7 Bd8 49.Qg3 Qc6 50.Qg8+ Kd6 51.Qxd8+

Black resigned. 1-0

QGD Slav D30

Bob Shao 2123

Jacek Stopa 2575

Houston Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 c5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Bxd7+ Nbx7 9.0-0 c4 10.Qc2 Bb4 11.e4 0-0 12.exd5 Rc8 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qf5 Qxd5 16.Qxd5 Nxd5 17.Bd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 f6 19.Kf1 Kf7 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Rc1 Rc8 22.Bc3 b5 23.Nd2 Be7 24.Ba5 Rc6 25.a3 Nf4 26.Ne4 Nd3 27.Rc2 Ra6 28.Bc3 Bd8 29.Rd2 (illegible) ... 0-1

Modern Benoni A70

Marko Zivanic 2562

Mark Dejmek 2149

Houston Open 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 c4 11.Bc2 b5 12.Nxb5

Against 12.a3, Dejmek likes to play 12...a5!?

12...Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Rxe4 14.Bg5



14...Qd7?! N

Black has played 14...Qb6, but it's not attractive: 15.a4 Re8 16.Nd2 Qc5 17.Nxc4! Ba6 (17...Qxc4? 18.Nxd6 lost quickly in Novikov-G. Shahade, New York 2001) 18.Rc1!? Bxb5 19.axb5 Bf8 and a draw was agreed in Krageli-Jedynak, Balatonelle 2004, although White has an advantage after 20.Bf4.

15.Qc2!

Black no longer can reply ...Bf5. What follows looks very forced.

15...Re8 16.Qxc4 Ba6 17.a4 Rc8 18.Qb4 Rc5 19.Rfe1!



19...Bxb5 20.axb5 h6

20...Rxb5 21.Qf4 Bf8 22.Bh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 f6 24.Nd2 f5 25.Qh4 Rb7 26.Re6+—

21.Re7! Qxb5?

Better but still losing is 21...Qf5 22.b6 Nd7, and now either 23.Rxa7 or 23.bxa7 is strong.

22.Qf4 f5 23.Bxh6 Bxb2 24.Qg5 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B99

Brad Sawyer 2207

Michael Langer 2297

Houston Open 2009 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.fxg5 Ne5 13.Qe2 Nfg4 14.Nf3 Nxf3 15.Qxf3

The path less traveled, seeking a direct attack along the f-file instead of establishing pawn control of e5.

15...Ne5 16.Qf2

16.Qe3 Rg8! =; 16.Qh5!? Ng6 17.Bg3 hxg5 18.Qf3 Ne5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Rdf1 Rh7 21.h4 gxh4 22.Qg4 (So-Adly, Dubai 2004) 22... Kf8 23.g3 Rg7 24.Qf3 Bg5+ =..

16...Bxg5+

16...hxg5 17.Bg3 Bd7 18.Be2 Qa5 19.Rf1 Rh7 20.h3 0-0-0 (Gunnarsson-Thorhallsson 2000!).

17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.Bb5+!

18.h4 gxh4 19.Rxh4 Rxh4 20.Qxh4 Rb8= (20...b5?? 21.Bxb5+!)

18...Bd7!?

Fritz says "no prob": 18...axb5 19.Nxb5 Qe7 20.Nxd6+ Kf8+.

19.Bxd7+ Qxd7 20.Qb6 Ke7 21.Rd4 Qc6 22.Qb3 b5 23.h3 g4 24.h4 Qc5 25.Ne2 Nc4 26.g3 Rhc8 27.Rhd1 b4 28.Kb1 a5 29.Nf4 a4 30.Qd3 Ne5 31.Qe2 Rc6 32.R4d2 Nc4!?

A finesse is 32...b3! 33.cxb3 axb3 34.a3 Nc4 Δ...Nxa3+.



33.Rd5!? Qb6! 34.Qxg4 Na3+

Also strong is 34...b3!+.

35.bxa3 bxa3+ 36.Kc1 Rac8? [36... Qb2+—] 37.Qg5+ Kd7 38.Rxd6+ Rxd6 39.Rxd6+ Kxd6 40.Nd3 Qd4 41.e5+ Kd7 42.Kd2 Qe4 43.Qf6 Qg2+ 44.Nf2 Rd8 45.Qxf7+ Kc6+ 46.Ke2 Qd5 47.Nd3 Qe4+ 48.Kf2 Qc4 49.Ke3 and ... 0-1

Alekhine's Defense B04

Chris Land 2219

Marc Jimenez 2063

Houston Open 2009 (4)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 c6 6.Be2 Bf5 7.0-0

Nd7 8.Bg4 Bxg4 9.Qxg4 h5 10.Qf3
Nxe5 11.dxe5 e6 12.a3 Qc7 13.Re1
0-0-0 14.b3 Bc5 15.c3 Rdf8 16.b4
Be7 17.c4 Nb6 18.Qe2 g5 19.Nc3
Rd8 20.Bb2 Rhf8 21.c5 Nd7 22.
Ne4 Nxe5 23.Nd6+ Bxd6 24.cxd6
Qxd6 25.Bxe5 1-0

Ruy Lopez C85

Jacek Stopa 2575
Marko Zivanic 2562

Houston Open 2009 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3
Nd7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 f6 10.Nbd2 c5
11.Nc4 Nb8 12.Nfd2 Nc6 13.f4 exf4
14.Rxf4 Be6 15.Kh1 ½-½

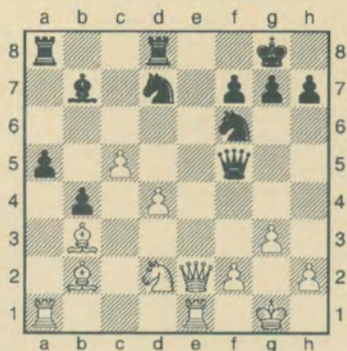
QGD Slav D31

Adrian Keatinge-Clay 2245
Chris Land 2219

Houston Open 2009 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 dxc4
5.e3 b5 6.a4 Bb4 7.Bd2 a5 8.axb5
Bxc3 9.Bxc3 cxb5 10.b3 Bb7 11.
bxc4 b4 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.
0-0 Nbd7 15.c5 Qc7 16.Re1 e5 17.
Bc2 Rfd8 18.Nd2 exd4 19.exd4 Qf4
20.g3 Qg5 21.Bb3 Qf5 22.Qe2?

Better is 22.f3= (22...Nxc5??
23. Re5+-).



22...Nxc5! 23.Bc4
23.dxc5 Rxd2! 24.Qxd2 Qf3
25.Kf1 Ng4+-
23...Re8 24.Qf1 Nfe4 25.Nxe4 Nxe4
26.Bd3 Qf3 27.Re3 Nd2 28.Rxf3
Nxf3+ 29.Kg2 Nd2+ 30.f3 Nxf1
31.Bxf1 Re3 32.Kf2 Rxf3+ 33.Ke2
Re8+ 0-1

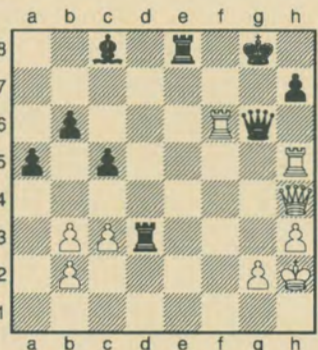
Slammer, cont'd from p. 13

I was challenging White to come up with a plan, as I was running down to five minutes.

29.Bc1 Kg8 30.f4 Nxf4 31.Bxf4
exf4 32.Rxf4 Bc8 33.Ne4 Rd4+

Black seems to be nothing but solid; but never count Malazarte out, especially in sudden death. Here he finds a dangerous winning chance:

34.c3!? Rxd3 35.Nxf6+ gxf6 36.
Rxf6



36...Qe4??

All moves lose except for one, which wins. It happened to be a move I looked at for a few seconds, but somehow turned down: 36... Rxh3+!! 37.gxh3 (37.Qxh3 Qxf6+-) 37...Re2+ 38.Rf2 Rxf2+ 39.Qxf2 Qxh5.

37.Qg5+ Kh8 38.Rf7, Black resigns
38...Qe5+ 39.Qxe5+ Rxe5 40.
Rxe5 Rd8 41.Rh5+- 1-0

TCA MINUTES, cont'd from p. 5

The budget would be the same as 2009 (\$2000) Passed unanimously.

d. A motion to accept the bid from Laredo for the 2009 Girls State Championship to be held the weekend of October 24 on a 2 day schedule. Passed unanimously

e. A request was made for \$500 from TCA to support the Girls Tournament. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously

f. Motion to increase TCA Tournament membership for all Tournaments from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Discus-

sion followed. After discussion, the motion failed.

g. A request was made to allow the 2009 Scholastic Tournament to be grandfathered in at the \$1.00 Tournament Membership fee because publicity already was out that advertised the \$1.00 fee. Passed unanimously

h. A motion was made that the Bid of the 2012 State Scholastic be given to TCA and that permission be given to sign commitments. Passed Unanimously

i. A motion was made by San Benito School District that TCA hold scholarship funds awarded by the District at this tournament in Escrow until winners enter College. Motion passed.

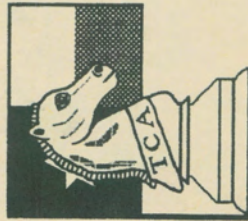
j. A motion was made that Regional Tournaments may be held after the State Tournament in 2010, but before March 30. Passed

k. A question arose about whether or not TCA subsidizes the Texas Junior Invitational - at this point in time TCA does subsidize the Texas Junior Invitational. VI. Motion to adjourn - passed unanimously at 9:30 p.m.

Warriors, cont'd from p. 3

provides several necessary ingredients in the recovery from injury for these soldiers. Chief benefits include the socialization experience and mental exercise, and that is what we hope this club provides.

I have been asked to come back for more appearances, and I am honored to do so. We have tentatively discussed one or two Mondays each month. There are few more humbling experiences than to serve those who paid such a high price in defense of our freedoms. I welcome this opportunity, and invite others to come along. Judging from the questions I fielded and the intensity of play I observed, this is a group eager to learn the game. [You may contact Fort Sam MWR at 210-916-8219.]

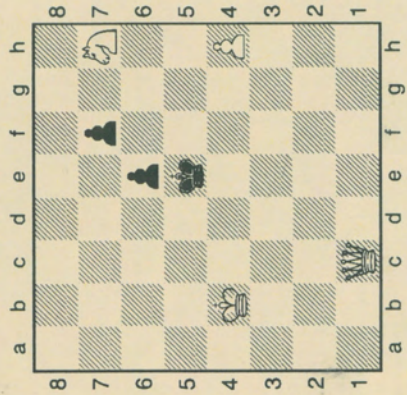


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StrateGems, 2003



White to move, mate in two

Solution: p. 8



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