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13th annual Texas Grade & Collegiate Championships

The 13th annual Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships were held Nov. 21-22 at the Hilton Americas in Houston. Total attendance (417) was down 16% from last year. Here are the winners, co-champions if tied:

K	Maggie Ni
	Ricardo Pena
1	Collin Khoi Le
2	Sudarshana Jagadeeshi
3	Bovey Liu
4	Alex Liu
5	Andrew Jacob
6	Akshay Malhotra
7	Alexander Jiang
	Rae Crowe
8	Vincent Zhang
9	Kevin Chandra
10	Bob Siyuan Shao
11-12	William C. Ong
	Matthew Michaelides
C	George Antal

Michaelides was awarded a UT Dallas scholarship, which William Ong already had won at the last state scholastic

Texas Grades: a TD perspective

Lakshmana Viswanath

Luis was wondering if I could help out in the state grade championships to be held in Houston. I had always attended these tournaments for several years now. This is the only tournament that had a parent-child event, which my sons and I had played in for several years. I had fond memories of playing in those tourneys. But my sons had grown older and were not going to play this year, so I was not planning to attend. The fact that a parent and a child were competing gave it a special meaning to my sons and me. Why don't more parents play?

Of course I could not say no to Luis, and promised that I will be there. I was given the High school/College section. Each section has its advantages (and disadvantages). Being a TD in this section meant you do not have to crisscross the ballroom with hundreds of hands going up. However, from experience I knew that at least a few games would last the full time frame. Then I looked at the flyer. One thing caught my eye "All rounds are game in 90 minutes with 30 second increment"

I tried to comprehend that I had not directed a tournament with that time control in the past. Ninety minutes with 30-second increments. Apparently this is a new

norm getting acceptance in the tournament world. I had seen several endgame blitzes where players could make several moves even with couple of seconds left in their decrementing clocks. I had nightmares that two players could play on forever with an infinitely increasing clock. Little did it help to know that even in the last five minutes, you still had to notate. As one could notate and still has a lot of time left to add to the AT&T's unused minutes, to be carried over until I became ninety years old. Yeah, that is going to happen!! There are more than ten GM, or NM, or FM rated players. They will be playing all day and night. Can I back out, Luis?

It was with a little apprehension that I saw Luis on Saturday morning. The first good thing was he had ten digital clocks with the increment feature. He showed me how to use them. The good old faithful Chronos had always had this feature to be set up. Even though a player may play without a clock at all, they cannot use a different time control. This made several clocks that you see around obsolete, as they did not have the increment feature. I was able to give a clock to every game. This sure helped in the timing process. Contrary to my worst fears, the games took no longer than four hours. An average game is about 60 moves. So with the time control we had

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TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Dec. 15, 2009

	Income
2009 SW Open memberships	\$533.50
August memberships	10.00
September memberships	85.00
October memberships	105.00
November memberships	90.00
December memberships (so far)	42.50
Region VI Scholastic tournament	<u>282.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,148.00
	Expenses
SW Open Prize Fund to guarantee \$10,000	\$2,500.00
SW Open reimbursement - WY attendees	400.00
Texas Knights - Sept-Oct 2009	892.00
2008 World Youth Attendees	3,000.00
William Ong - 2009 Denker representative	1,000.00
2009 Texas State Girl's Tournament	500.00
Kings of Brownsville Project	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,292.00
WF checking account balance	\$279.83
BOA checking account balance	\$630.87
Savings account balance	\$1,390.31
cd July 2009 - July 2010	\$20,083.13

K-12 National Scholastic Championships

Dallas hosted the K-12 National Scholastic Championships (Dec.11-13) at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, with 1,211 players in 13 sections.

Six of the first place trophies went to Texas players: Ruifeng Li (grade 3), Jeffrey Xiong (grade 4) Jarod Pamatmat (grade 7), Vincent Zhang (grade 8), Matthew Liu (grade 10) and William Ong (grade 12).

Honorable mention: Maggie Ni (3rd K) Jacob Buegler (4th, G1), Tommy He and Dache Lin (=2nd, G4), Atulya Vaidya (=2nd, G5), Steven Chen and Derek Chang (=2nd, G8), George Qi (3rd, G9) and Andrew Widener (=2nd, G12).



Tenth grade champ **Matthew Liu** won against four higher rated players in a row to top by a full point. (Photo: Polly Wright)

Congratulations also to team winners Village School, Houston (grades K, 4); Canyon Vista MS, Austin (G8); Westwood HS, Austin (G10); and Bellaire HS, Houston (G12).

CL Online had the following games:

QGD Semi-Slav D10

Jason Zhao 1201
Ruifeng Li 1828

National G3 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 e6
5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.Nge2 O-O
8.O-O dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7
11.f3 a6 12.e4 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5+
14.Kh1 Qe7 15.Bg5 Rfd8 16.Qc2
Rac8 17.e5 Nxe5 18.Bxh7+ Kh8
19.f4? [19.Be4] 19...Neg4 20.Bxf6
Qxf6 21.f5



21...Bxg2+!

Would you believe Fritz has nine moves it prefers over this? Of these, Qh4 and Qh6 force mate next move.
22.Kxg2 Ne3+ 23.Kh1 Nxc2 24.
Rac1 Ne3 25.Rf4 Kxh7 26.Ne4 Qe5
27.Rh4+ Kg8 28.N2g3 Qxb2 29.
Re1 Qg2# 0-1

Queen's Indian 15

Jarod Pamatmat 2202
Bryan Hu 2075

National G7 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Ba6
5.Qb3 c5 6.d5 d6 7.Bg2 e5 8.Nc3
Bb7 9.e4 g6 10.O-O Bg7 11.Ne1

O-O 12.Nd3 Nbd7 13.f4 exf4 14.
gxf4 Ng4 15.h3 Nh6 16.Bd2 f5 17.
e5 Qh4 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Rae1 dxe5
20.Nxe5 Nf8 21.Re2 Nf7 22.Nxf7
Kxf7 23.Rfe1 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Bf6
[24...Rd7] 25.Nb5 a6 26.Nc7 Rac8
27.Ne6



27...Nxe6 28.dxe6+

28.Rxe6 b5 29.Qb3 Rb8=

28...Ke7

28...Kg7 29.Bxb7 Rxd2 30.Bg2
Rcd8 31.e7 Rxe2 32.Rxe2 Bxe7+
29.Bxb7 Rxd2 30.Bg2 Qxf4??
30...Rc7 31.Qxa6 Rxe2 32.Rxe2
Qxf4 33.Qxb6 Be5 34.Rxe5 Qxe5
31.Rxd2 Qxd2 32.Rd1 b5 33.cxb5
Qf2

33...Qe2 34.bxa6 Rd8 35.Rg1
Bd4 36.a7+

34.Qxa6 Rd8 35.Qb7+ Kxe6 36.
Bd5+ Kd6 37.Qc6+ Ke5 38.Qc7+
Rd6 39.Bg2 Qd4 40.Rxd4 cxd4
41.b6 d3 42.b7 d2 43.Bf3 1-0

Pamatmat went to Turkey to compete in the World Youth Under-12 championship (Nov. 11-23) where he finished 11th of 142 with 7.5/11, just 1.5 points below the winner.

French Tarrasch C06

Vahap Sanal 2093

Jarod Pamatmat 2029

World Youth U12 (6)

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.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6
11.Nf3 Qc7 12.g3 0-0 13.Bf4 Ng4
14.Re1 Bb7

Instead of this move I could have sacked the Exchange immediately with 14...Bxf4 15.Nxf4 Rxf4 16.gxf4 Qxf4 and having compensation with an attack on his king and piece activity following e5.

15.Rc1 Bxf4 16.Nxf4



16...Rxf4!

I get good compensation for the exchange

17.gxf4 Qxf4 18.Bf1 Rf8 19.Bg2 Rf6 20.h3 Nh6 21.Qd3 Nf5 22.Ne5? [22.Rcd1 Be8 23.Qd2=] 22...Nxe5 23.dxe5 Rg6 24.Kf1 h6 25.Re3? Bb5! winning his rook and the game.

Even the best defense, 25.Rc2 Qh2 26.f3 would get crushed by 26...a6! Δ...Bb5. 0-1

In Under-10, Dachev Lin scored 7.5 to finish in a nine-way tie for 9th place. Tommy He scored 7 and tied for 18th in a field of 147.

Sawyer wins New Year Open

Brad Sawyer of Houston won the New Year Open (San Antonio, Jan. 2-3) with 5-0, defeating Malazarte and Anderson in the last two rounds. Five players tied for 2nd+U2200+2000 with 4-1: James Rohrbaugh, Paul Haney, Gregg Stanley, William Molina and Matthew Liu.

Mark Gafert tied with Charles Allen for U1800 with 3.5. Jonathan Rea was top U1600 with 3. Huy Van Nguyen and Cornelius Woodard tied for U1400 with 2.5.

Turnout was excellent, with 50 players competing at the Hornbeak Building in the Medical Center. Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club, and Selby Anderson assisted.

Queen's Gambit D20

Steven Chen 1961

Paul Haney 2137

New Year Open (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3
exd4 5.Bxc4 Nc6 6.0-0 Qf6!?

NIC Base considers nine moves for Black at move 6, but not this.

7.e5 Qg6 8.Ng5?!

Better is 8.Bd3 Qh5 9.Be4 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3=.

8...Nh6 9.f4

9.e6 fxe6 10.Nxe6 Bxe6 11.Bxe6 Qxe6 12.Re1 Ne5 13. 0-0-0? 9...Bc5 10.Kh1

10.e6 Bxe6 11.Bxe6 d3+ 12.Kh1 fxe6 13.Nxe6 Bd6?

10...0-0 11.Nd2 Bg4 12.Ndf3 Nf5 13.Qe1 h6 14.Ne4 Bb6 15.Bd3 Qe6 16.Nh4 Ba5! 17.Qf2 Nb4 18.Bb1 Bb6 19.h3

19.Qe1 Nnh4 20.Qxh4 Bf5?

19...d3+ 20.Qd2

20.Qe1 Nnh4 21.Qxh4 Bf5 22.Ng3 Nc2 23.Bxc2 dxc2 24.Nxf5 Qxf5 25.Bd2 Rad8 26.Bc3 Be3+ 20...Nnh4 21.hxg4 Qxg4 22.a3?



22...Be3!

0-1

Sicilian Najdorf B90

Selby Anderson 2220

Brad Sawyer 2225

New Year Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0 a5 11.a4 Nc6 12.Bb5 Nb4 13.Qf2 Nd7 14.g4 Qc7 15.Kb1 b6 16.Bxd7?

Picking a pawn of great price, this ruins the queenside lockdown White has constructed. Better is 16.Nc1 Nc5 17.Rd2 Rfd8 18.Rhd1 with a firm grip on key squares.

16...Qxd7 17.Bxb6 Rfb8 18.Nb5 Qc6!?

18...Bc4 19.Nc3 Nxc2?



19.Ba7?

9.Be3 Bc4 20.Ba7 Bxb5! 21.axb5 (21.Bxb8 Bxa4+) 21...Rxb5+ 19...Rxb5!?

19...Rxa7! 20.Qxa7 (20.Nxa7 Qxa4 21.h4 Nxc2+) 20...Qxc2+ 21.Ka1 Rc8+ (21...Nc6+) 20.axb5 Qxb5 21.Nc1 Qa4 22.b3 Qa3 23.Qb6

23.c3 a4! 24.cxb4 axb3 25.Qb2 Qxa7 26.h4 Rb8 27.Nd3 Qe3 28.Rh1 Bc4 29.Qc3 Rc8+ 23...Bg5! 24.Rxd6 h6

White resigns, seeing 25.f4 Bxf4 26.Rd8+ Kh7 27.Rxa8 [or 27.Qxb4 Qxb4 28.Rxa8 Qxe4+] 27...Bxc1 forcing mate

0-1

Scotch Game C45

Brad Sawyer 2225
Ernesto Malazarte 2139

New Year Open (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Bxd4 6.Bxd4
Nxd4 7.Qxd4 Qf6 8.e5 Qg6 9.Nc3
Ne7 [9...Qxc2 10.Nd5 Ne7 11.Bd3
Qc6 12.Nxe7 Kxe7] 10.Bd3 Qb6
11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Nb5 Kd8 13.f4
Nc6 14.c3 Na7 15.Nd4 g6 16.h4
Nc6 17.Nf3 h5 18.Ng5 Ke7 19.0-0
Rd8 20.f5 gxf5 21.Rxf5 Rf8
22.Raf1 Nd8 23.Bc4 d5 24.exd6+
cxd6 25.Re1+ Be6 26.Nxe6 Nxe6
27.Rxh5 Ra5 [27...Rad8 28.Rh6
Rh8 29.Rxh8 Rxh8 30.g3] 28.Rh6
Re5 29.Rxe5 dxe5 30.Bxe6 fxe6
31.Rh7+ (illegible) ... 1-0

Modern Defense B06

Ernesto Malazarte 2139
Gregg Stanley 2072

New Year Open (5)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bg5
Qb6 5.Nge2 Qxb2 6.Rb1 Qa3 7.
Qd2 d6 8.g3 Nf6 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.
0-0 0-0 11.Rb3 Qa5 12.Nd5 Qd8
13.Nxf6 Nxf6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Bh6
Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Qa5 17.a3 Be6 18.
Rxb7



18...Qa6 19.e5 Qxe2 20.Rf1 dxe5
21.Rxe7 exd4 22.Qg5 Nd5 23.Bxd5
cxd5 24.h4 Rfe8 25.Qf6 Rxe7 26.
Qxe7 Qxc2 27.h5 gxh5 28.Re1 Qf5
29.f4 0-1

Dutch Leningrad A89

James Rohrbach 2203
Steven Chen 1961

New Year Open (4)

1.c4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7
5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.d5
Na5 9.Qd3 e5 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.b3
c5? [11...Nc6=] 12.Bf4!?

Fewer complications arise from
12.Ng5 Bc8 13.Bb2±
12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Re8



15.Rad1!

15.Ng5!? (Fritz) Δ 15...Bxc4?
(Δ15...Bxa1 16.Nxe6 Qf6 17.Bh3±)
16.Qxc4+!! Nxc4 17.Bd5+ Kf8 18.
Nxb7+ Ke7 19.Bg5+—

15...Bxc4 16.Qb1 Bxe2 17.Rxd6
Qe7 18.Re1 Qf8?

18...Rad8 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Nxd2
Qd8 21.Ne4 Bd3 22.Qc1±
19.Ng5+— Bb5 20.Bd5+ Kh8 21.
Ne6?!

There is a crush with 21.Nf7+
Kg8 22.Rd8! Rxd8 23.Nxd8+ Kh8
24.Nf7+ Kg8 25.Nd6+ and Nxb5.

21...Qe7 22.Re3 Bc6 23.Qe1 Bxd5
24.Rxd5 Qf7 25.Qxa5 b6 26.Qe1
Qb7 27.Rd8 Rxd8 28.Nxd8 Rxe3
29.Qxe3 Qd7 30.Ne6 Bf6 31.Qe4
Qe8 32.Nxc5 Qc8 33.Be5 Kg7 34.
Bxf6+ Kxf6 35.Qf4+ Ke7 36.Qe5+
Kf7 37.Ne4 Qc1+ 38.Kg2 Qc6 39.f3
Qc2+ 40.Kh3 Qc8+ 41.g4 Qc1 42.
Nd6+ Kg8 43.Qe6+ Kg7 44.Qe7+

Black resigns (44...Kh6 45.Qf8+
Kg5 46.Nc4#). 1-0

Chess Teaches Grammar?

I never guessed that chess could help build language skills. Math? Sure. But language? Apparently, it does – at least in German.

This summer instead of going on holidays, a group of researchers from the University of Trier in Rhineland-Palatinate, studied the experimental introduction of chess in elementary school for the new academic year.

The results show that six-year-old children that have begun to learn chess learn not only math but also German grammar more easily. In other words, researchers proved that children who play chess are doing better during all the years of the primary school.

For this reason chess is now considered an established educational method in Germany's primary schools.

Chess helps children develop logic and represents a great workout for their brain; chess can also be useful to facilitate the integration of foreign scholars (more than eight million students in Germany are immigrants or children of immigrants).

This new method of using chess to improve students' performances in traditional disciplines like grammar and math is now used in all primary schools in Germany.

The biggest problem for the teachers was when children learned how to play chess and started to beat them. We must say that this is clear evidence of how the pupils can overcome their masters. For this reason, teachers are now assisted by regular chess players during the "chess hours".

Whether you live in Germany or not, scientific evidence shows that chess is a great educational game and can help children to develop not only math capabilities, but also grammar and literacy skills.

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Pan-Am in South Padre: UMBC wins with perfect score

The University of Maryland Baltimore County won clear first at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Championships, held Dec. 27-30 in South Padre Island, Texas. The team earned a perfect 6-0 score, dominating what was expected to be a tight competition. They defeated the only other teams with an average over 2500, University of Texas at Dallas and University of Texas at Brownsville. Last year they tied for first with University of Texas at Dallas's "B" team, but lost out on tiebreak.

Members of the winning squad were GMs Leonid Kritz and Sergey Erenburg, IM Giorgi Magedvelashvili, IM Sasha Kaplan and WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor.

In Rd. 4 UMBC clashed with perennial rival UTD-A Dallas' Alejandro Ramirez and Marko Zivanic were unable to win with White, and Daniel Ludwig and Wang Puchen went down with Black, for a 3-1 UMBC win.

Tied for 2nd-4th were University of Texas at Dallas's A and B teams and Texas Tech University, with 4.5/6 each. This will mark Tech's first entry to the Final Four.

UT-Brownsville will not be returning to the Final Four, having finished in a tie for 5th-7th with UMBC-B and UTB-B. Before the event their top board, GM Timur Gareev, mused: "We need cheerleaders! Soccer players have cheerleaders," (reported by WIM Luciana Morales in *Chess Life Online*.)

There were 118 players representing 28 teams, from as far as away Stanford, the University of Toronto and the University of the West Indies in Barbados.

The University of Texas at Brownsville hosted the event at the Sheraton-South Padre Island.

UMBC-A (2599.0, 6-0)	Rating	Score/Rds.
1. GM Leonid Kritz *	2654	5.5 / 6
2. GM Sergey Erenburg	2602	4.0 / 5
3. IM Giorgi Magedvelashvili	2527	4.0 / 5
4. IM Sasha Kaplan *	2453	5.5 / 6
5. WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor	2363	1.5/2

UT Dallas-A (2574.5, 4.5-1.5)	Rating	Score/Rds.
1. GM Alejandro Ramirez	2610	2.5 / 5
2. IM Jacek Stopa	2594	2.5 / 4
3. IM Daniel Ludwig	2543	3.0 / 5
4. IM Marko Zivanic	2551	4.5 / 5
5. IM Puchen Wang	2515	3.5 / 5

Texas Tech (2428.8, 4.5-1.5)	Rating	Score/Rds.
1. IM Davorin Kuljasevic	2568	5.5 / 6
2. IM Gabor Papp	2592	4.5 / 6
3. IM Gergely Antal	2537	5.0 / 6
4. Chase Watters	2018	4.0 / 6

UT Dallas-B (2574, 4.5-1.5)	Rating	Score/Rds.
1. IM Julio Sadorra	2531	4.0 / 6
2. IM Salvijus Bercys	2521	4.0 / 6
3. FM John D. Bryant	2458	3.5 / 5
4. FM Daniel Yeager	2350	2.5 / 3
5. GM Amon Simutowe	2482	2.0 / 4

Board Prizes

1. GM Leonid Kritz	2564	UMBC	5.5
IM Davorin Kuljasevic	2568	Texas Tech	5.5
2. IM Gabor Papp	2592	Texas Tech	4.5
3. IM Gergely Antal	2537	Texas Tech	5.0
4. IM Sasha Kaplan	2453	UMBC	5.5

Sicilian Closed B23

Daniel Schwarz 2313 (Stanford)

Jacek Stopa 2594 (UTD-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.g3 b5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.d3 e6 6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Re1 Ngf6 9.Bf4 e5 10.Bd2 g6 11.Qc1 Qc7 12.a4 b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 0-0-0 15.c3 Bxd5 16.cxb4 Qc6 17.Nh4 h5 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.b4 Be7 20.b5 Qd6 21.Nf3 h4 22.d4 hxg3 23.hxg3 e4 24.dxc5 Qxc5 25.Be3 exf3 26.Bxc5 Bxc5 27.Qd1 Ba8 28.Bxf3 Ne5 29.Bxa8 Rxd1 30.Raxd1 f6 31.Rxe5 fxe5 32.Rc1 Kd7

33.Rxc5 Rxa8 34.Rxe5 axb5 35.axb5 Rf8 36.Kg2 Kd6 37.Rg5 Rf6 38.f4 Kc7 39.Kf3 Re6 40.Rc5+ 1-0

QGD Exchange D38

Haonan Zhao (Princeton)

Davorin Kuljasevic 2568 (Tx Tech)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Qa5 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 c4 11.Bf5 Re8 12.Nd2 g6 13.Bxd7 Nxd7 14.h4 f6 15.Bh6 Nb6 16.f3 Bd7 17.e4 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Na4 19.Rac1 Re6 20.h5 gxh5 21.Nb1 Be8

22.Qf2 Bg6 23.Qg3 Kh8 24.e5 fxe5 25.f4 Rg8 26.fxe5 Qd8 27.Qh3



27...Be4!→ 28.Rf8 Rxf8 29.Qxe6 Rg8 30.Qh3 Rxc2+ 31.Qxg2 Bxg2 32.Kxg2 Qg8+ 33.Kh2 Qg6 34.Bf4 Qg4 35.Rf1 Qe2+ 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Rf2 Qd1+ 38.Rf1 Qg4+ 39.Kh2 Qe2+ 40.Kg1 Nb2 0-1

English Opening A31

Amon Simutowe 2482 (UTD-B)

Lu Gao 2192 (UT-Austin)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (2)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5

It might seem that this move, so playable with 1.e4, would be equally good against 1.c4. Yet Black scores just 20% with the text in NIC Base.

6.Ndb5 d6 7.g3

Customary is 7.Bg5, but the text is also logical.

7...Be6 [a6] 8.Nd5 Bxd5 9.cxd5 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.Qb3 Nbd7 12.Qxb7 Rb8 13.Qc6 Be7 14.Bh3 Qd8 15.0-0 0-0 16.Qa4 a5 17.Rd1 Rb4 18.Qc2 Qb8 19.b3 Rc8 20.Ba3 Rb7 21.Qd2 Rcc7 22.Na4 Qa7 23.Bg2 Nb6 24.Nxb6 Qxb6 25.Rac1 Nd7 26.Rc6 Qd4 27.Qxd4 exd4 28.Rdc1 1-0

The match between Brownsville "A" and Dallas "B" ended in a tie.

QGD D50

Timur Gareev 2644 (UTB-A)

Julio Sadorra 2531 (UTD-B)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (3)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Qxb4 Nxb4 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.Nf3 Bc6 12.e3 Rg8 13.Rc5 0-0-0 14.h4 Ne7 15.Rh2 Rd5 16.Rxd5 Bxd5 17.Bd3 h6 18.a3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Rg1+ 20.Kd2 f5 21.Rh3 Kd7 22.Rg3 Rh1 23.Rg7 Ke8 24.Rh7 Rxh4 25.Rh8+ Kd7 26.Rf8 Rh2 27.Ke1 Rh1+ 28.Kd2 Rh2 29.Ke1 f4 30.e4 Nc6 31.Rxf7+ Kd8 32.e5 Nxd4 33.Rxf4 Nc6 34.Re4 Rh1+ 35.Ke2 h5 36.f4 h4 37.Bb5 Rb1 38.Bxc6 Rxb2+ 39.Kf3 bxc6



40.f5 Rb3+ 41.Kf4 exf5 42.Kxf5 Rf3+ 43.Ke6 Rh3 44.Rg4 Kc8 45.Rg8+ Kb7 46.Kd7 c5 47.e6 Rd3+ 48.Ke8 Rf3 49.Kd7 Rd3+ 50.Ke8 Rf3 51.Kd7 Rd3+ 52.Ke7 Rf3 ½-½

Neo-Gruenfeld D79

Salvijus Bercys 2521 (UTD-B)

Mauricio Flores 2663 (UTB-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6 6.0-0 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.f4 Nc6 11.Be3 Ne7 12.g4 f6 13.Nd3 Nb6 14.h3 Nc4 15.Bf2 f5 16.e3 Bf6 17.b3 Nd6 18.Ne5 Bd7 19.Rc1 Bb5 20.Nxb5 Nxb5 21.Be1 Re8 22.Qe2 a6 23.Bb4 Nd6 24.Rc2 Ne4 25.Rfc1 Bxe5 26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.dxe5 Rd7 28.Kh2 Qe7 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Rg1 Kh8 31.Bxe4 dxe4 32.Qh5 Rad8 33.Rcg2 b5 34.Qh6 Rf8 35.h4 a5 36.Rg6 Re8 37.Kh3 a4 38.bxa4 bxa4 39.Rf6 a3 40.Rg3 Rc7 41.Rfg6 Qf7 42.Rf6 Qe7



43.Rg2 Rc6?? 44.Rxf5 Rc3 45.Rf6 Rc7 46.Qg5 Qd7 47.Qh6 Qe7 48.f5 exf5 49.e6 Rc3 50.Rf7 Rxe3+ 51.Qxe3 Qxe6 52.Qd4+ 1-0

Caro-Kann Advance B12

Axel Bachmann 2595 (UTB-A)

Amon Simutowe 2482 (UTD-B)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.c4 dxc4 7.Nc3 Bd3 8.Bxd3 cxd3 9.Qxd3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Ne7 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Ndb5 Nec6 13.0-0-0 h6 14.Be3 Qa5 15.f4 Bb4 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Qb4 18.Qxb4 Nxb4 19.a3 N4a6 20.Nb5 b6 21.Rd6 Ke7 22.Rhd1 Rc8+ 23.Kb1 Nc5 24.Bxc5 bxc5 25.Nc3 g5 26.g3 gxf4 27.gxf4 a6 28.Na4 Ra7 29.Nb6 Rg8



30.f5 Re8 31.f6+ Kf8 32.Rg1 Rb7 33.Rd3 1-0

Texas Tech narrowly lost to UTD-A, 1.5-2.5. Here on top board, "Kul-J" comes up with a nice mating combo:

Budapest Defense A52

Davorin Kuljasevic 2568 (Tx Tech)

Alejandro Ramirez 2610 (UTD-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4 g5 5.Bg3 Bg7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h4 Ngxe5 8.hxg5 Nxc4 9.Nc3 d5

Alternatives are not appealing:

9...d6 10.Qc2 f5 11.gxf6 Bxf6 12.Qe4+ N4e5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Rxh7+;

9...Nxb2 10.Qc2 Na4 11. Nb5 d6 (11...Bxa1 12.Bxc7 Nd4 13.Qxa4 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Qxg5 15.Bf4 Qg6 16.Nc7+--+) 12.Rd1 Nb6 13. Rxh7 Rxh7 14.Qxh7 Kf8 15.e4 Ne7 16.Be5 Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Be6 18.g6+-.

10.Rc1
10.Nxd5 Nxb2 11.Nxc7+ Qxc7 12.Bxc7 Nxd1 13.Rxd1 Bc3+ 14. Nd2 Be6±

10...Be6 11.b3 N4e5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.e4 d4 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nc5 Bg4 16.Qd2 c6

16...Nd7 17.Nxd7 Qxe4+ 18.Be2 Bxd7 19.0-0 Bc6 20.Bf3 Qg6 21. Qb4 f5 22.gxf6 Bxf6 23.Bxc6+ bxc6 24.Rxc6+-

17.f4 Nd7?
17...Ng6 18.Kf2 h6 19.f5 hxg5 (19...Qxg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.Rxh8+ Nxh8 22.Nxb7+-) 20.Rxh8+ Nxh8 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.Qxg5±

18.Nxb7 Qxe4+ 19.Kf2 Kf8 20.Bd3 Qe7 21.Rhe1 Ne5 22.Na5 Nxd3+ 23.Qxd3 Qd7 24.Nxc6 h6 25.Ne5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 hxg5 27.fxg5 Rd8 28.Kg1 Bh5 29.Rf1 Kg8 30.Rf6 Rh7 31.Rc5 Qe7 32.Re5 Qd7 33. Re1 Qd5

33...Qg4 34.Rf4 Qxg5 35.Rxd4 Rc8 36.Bh4+-

34.Be5! Re8 [34...Rg7 35.Rh6+-]



35.Qxh7+! 1-0
Black resigns in view of 35... Kxh7 36.Rh6+ Kg8 37.Rh8#, or 35... Kf8 36.Bd6+ Qxd6 37.Qh8#.

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon B36
Gergely Antal 2537 (Tx. Tech)
Marko Zivanic 2551 (UTD-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (3)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 d6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 a5 11.Bd4 a4 12.0-0 Be6 13.f4 Qa5 14.Qe3 Rfc8 15.e5 dx e5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Qxd5 19.Bf3 Qb5 20.e6



20...Bxd4 21.exf7+ Kf8 22.Qxd4 Qc5 23.Rad1 Rc7 24.Qxc5

Better is 24.Bd5 Nf6 (24... Qxd4+ 25.Rxd4 Nc5 26.Bc4 e5 27.Rh4 h5 28.g4±) 25.Be6 Ne4 26. Bc4 Ng5 27.b3 Qxd4+ 28.Rxd4 e5=. 24...Nxc5 25.Rd4 e6 26.Rh4 Kg7 27.Rc4 Rf8 28.Rfc1 Rfc8 29.b4 axb3 30.axb3 b6 31.Be2 Kf8 32. Rb4 Nd7 33.Rf1 Rc1 34.Bd1 Kg7 35.Ra4

35.Rd4 Nf8 36.Rb4 R8c6 37. Rbf4 Rc7±
35...Rf8 36.Ra7 Ne5 37.Be2 Rxf1+ 38.Bxf1 Rxf7 39.Ra6 Rb7 40.b4 Kf6 41.Ra8 Rd7 42.Rb8 Rd6 43. Rb7 h5 44.h3 h4 45.Kf2 Nf7 46. Be2 Nh6 47.Bf3 Nf5 48.Be2 Ke5 49.Rb8 Kf4 50.Rc8 e5 51.b5 e4 52. Ke1 Nd4 53.Bf1 Rd5 54.Rf8+ Ke3 55.Rc8 Nxb5 56.Bxb5 Rxb5 57. Rc3+ Kf4 58.Rc6 g5 59.Kf2 Rb2+ 60.Kf1 b5 0-1

Here is the pivotal Round 4 match between UTD-A and UMBC.

Bogo-Indian E11
Alejandro Ramirez 2610 (UTD-A)
Leonid Kritz 2654 (UMBC)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Ne5 Nd5 12.Nxc4 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Nd7 14.e3 Qc7 15.Qc2 Rac8 16. Rfd1 a6 17.a4 Rfd8 18.f5 exf5 19. Qxf5 g6 20.Qe4 Bf8 21.Qh4 c5 22.d5 Re8 23.d6 Qb8 24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.Nd5 Rb8 26.b4 Qc6 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5 Qxb5 29.Nc7 Qc6 30.Nxe8 Rxe8 31.Qg3 b5 32.Na5 Qb6 33.Nb3 c4 34.Nd4 Bxd6 35. Qh3 Nf6 36.Nxb5 Bxh2+ 37.Qxh2 Qxb5 38.Qf4 Re4 39.Rb1 Qxb1 40. Rxb1 Rxf4 41.exf4 Nd5 42.f5 Kg7 ½-½

Sicilian Dragon B80
Sergey Erenburg 2602 (UMBC)
Daniel Ludvig 2543 (UTD-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (4)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 Nb6 10.a4 Nc4 11.Bxc4 bxc4 12.a5 Bb7 13.Na4 Rc8 14.Nb6 Rc7 15.g5 Nd7 16.Ne2 Be7 17.0-0-0 0-0 18.Rhg1 Qe8 19.Nc3 Nxb6 20.axb6 Rd7 21.f4 f5 22.gxf6 Bxf6 23.e5 Be7 24.exd6 Bxd6 25.Qe2



25...Bd5
Better is 25...Bxf4 26.Bxf4 Rxf4 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.Re1 Bc8 29.Qe5 Rf8 30.Rd1 Qb7 31.Qc7 Re8 32.h4,

and White has compensation for the pawn.

26.Kb1 Rf5 27.Bd4 g6 28.Nxd5 Rxd5 29.Bc3 Be5

Somewhat better was 29...Bxf4 30.Rxd5 Rxd5 31.Re1. White retains a plus in the endgame ensuing from 31...Qc6 32.Qxe6+, etc.

30.Rxd5 Rxd5 31.b7 Kf7 32.Re1 Bd6 33.Qxc4 Qd7 34.Qc8 Bxf4 35.Qxd7+ Rxd7 36.Rf1 Rxb7 37.Rxf4+ Ke7 38. Bb4+ Ke8 39.Rf8+ Kd7 40.Rf7+ 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E20

Marko Zivanic 2551 (UTD-A)

G. Margvelashvili 2527 (UMBC)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c6 7.e4 dxe4 8.fxe4 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Qa5 10.Ne2 Qf5 11.Qxg7 Qf2+ 12.Kd1 Qf6 13.Qxf6 Nxf6 14.Ng3 Nbd7 15.Bd3 b6 16.Rf1 Rg8 17.Ra2 Ba6 18.Re2 0-0-0 19.Kc2 h5 20.Rf4 Rg7 21.a4 Rh8 22.Re2 h4 23.Nf1 Ng4 24.Rxf7 Nxf2 25.Rxg7 Nxd3 26.Kxd3 h3 27.gxh3 Rxh3+ 28.Rg3 Rh8 29.Bg5 e5 30.h4 exd4 31.cxd4



32...b5 32.Ne3

A better winning try is 32.a5! keeping Black's knight out of play: 32.a5 bxc4+ 33.Kc3 Kc7 34.Ne3 c5 35.d5+.

32...bxc4+ 33.Kc3 Nb6 34.Kb4 Kd7 35.Rf3 Rh7 36.Rf5 Bb7 37.Nxc4 Nxc4 38.Kxc4 Ba6+ 39.Kc5 Bd3 40.Rf8 Kc7 41.a5 Rd7 42.Bf4+ Kb7 43.Be5 Rd5+ 44.Kb4 c5+ 45.

Kc3 Be2 46.Re8 Kc6 47.Re6+ Kb5 48.a6 Bg4 49.Rg6 Be2 50.Rg2 Bf3 51.Rf2 Bg4 52.Rb2+ Kxa6 53.Kc4 Be6 54.Kc3 1/2-1/2

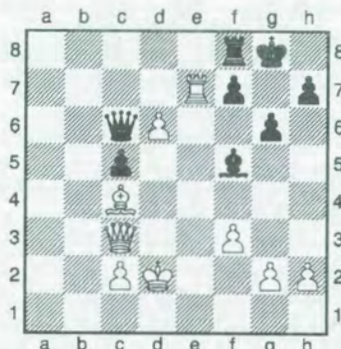
Sicilian Dragon B78

Sasha Kaplan 2453 (UMBC)

Wang Puchen 2515 (UTD-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Be4 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.exd5 a5 16.a3 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Qxb4 Rc5 19.Rhe1 Kg8 20.Rd3 Qa8 21.Rxe7 Bf5 22.Rc3 Qa1+ 23.Kd2 Qxb2 24.Rxc5 dxc5 25.Qc3 Qa3 26.Bc4 Qa4 27.d6 Qc6



28.Qf6 Be6 29.Bxe6 Qxd6+ 30.Kc1 1-0

UT-Brownsville defeated New York University by 3.5-.5.

Torre Attack A47

Zhe Quan 2403 (NYU)

Timur Gareev 2644 (UTB-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Be7 5.Nbd2 b6 6.c3 Bb7 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.exd4 d6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.a4 a6 11.Re1 0-0 12.h3 Re8 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Ne3 Nf8 15.Nd2 Ng6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.g3 Nf8 18.h4 g6 19.h5 Bg7 20.Be4 Nd7 21.Qf3 d5 22.Bd3 Rad8 23.Qh1 Nc5 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Bc2 f5 26.Nf3 Ne4 27.Ng2 Bf6 28.Nf4 Kg7 29.Qg2 Qd6 30.Nd3

Rh8 31.Nfe5 Rh6 32.f3 Rdh8 33.fxe4 dxe4 34.Nf4 Bxe5 35.dxe5

35.Nxe6+ Qxe6 36.dxe5 Qxe5+ 0-1



35...Rh1+ 36.Qxh1 Qc5+ 0-1

It's all bad: 37.Kg2 e3+, or 37.Kf1 Rxh1+ 38.Ke2 Rh2+.

English Opening A25

Evan Rosenberg 2259 (NYU)

Axel Bachmann 2595 (UTD-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (4)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 Bb4 6.Bg5 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qe8 9.Nh3 f4 10.Bxf6 Rxf6 11.Ng5 d6 12.c5 Kh8 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.Qb3 Qe7 15.Bd5 Nd8 16.gxf4 Rxf4 17.h4 Bd7 18.e3 Ba4 19.Qb2 Rf8 20.Qb4 Bc6 21.Qe4 g6



22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.f4 Ne6 24.d4 Rae8 25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.hxg5 dxe5 27.Qxg6 exf4 28.0-0-0 fxe3 29.Qd6 e2 30.Qd4+ Kg8 31.Rde1 Qxa3+ 32.Kc2 Qa2+ 33.Kc1 Rb8 0-1

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Malazarte wins S.A. Turkey Shoot

Forty-three players attended the San Antonio Turkey Shoot, held Nov. 28-29 at the Hornbeak Building. Ernesto Malazarte was clear first with 6-1 (\$225), with his second clear victory in the G/60 format we tried out at the Summer Slammer.

James Rohrbaugh was second with 5.5 (\$135), holding Anderson to a last round draw in a tense game.

Four players shared the Class A money with 5 points: Matthew Liu, Martin Gordon, Jesse Buentello and Alok Kumar (\$39.38 each). In Class B, Andrew Istafanous and Dhurv Garg each scored 4.5 to win \$78.75...

There was a three-way split for the Under 1600 prizes, with Anthony Ngyun, Rittik Verma and David Pacheco scoring 4 points for \$52.50 each. Emily Nguyen won first U1400 with 2.5 (\$67.50) and Nathan Ray Lozano won second U1400 with 1.5 (\$67.50)

Martin Gordon directed, and Selby Anderson assisted.

Bird's Opening A03

Nathanael Lozano 1962

James Rohrbaugh 2206

S.A. Turkey Shoot (1)

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nc3 d4 8.Ne4 Nxe4 9.dxe4 Qb6 10.e3 Nc6 11.e5 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.e4 e5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 Nxe5 17.Bh6 Bd7 18.b3 Nf7 19.Bd2 Rf8 20.a4 Ne5 21.Qe2 c4 22.a5 Qc5 23.b4 ½-½

Nimzo-Indian E21

Robert Bradley 1903

Selby Anderson 2242

S.A. Turkey Shoot (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Ne4 5.Qc2 f5 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Nd7 10.Nd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 e5 12.c5 dxc5 13.Ba3



13...c6 14.dxe5? [14.dxc5=] 14...Qa5! 15.e6 Nf6 16.e7 Re8 17.Qb2 Rxe7 18.Rfd1 Be6 19.Rac1 Bc4 20.Bf3 Rae8 21.Rd2 Nd7 22.Rcc2 Ne5+ 23.Bg2 Bf7 24.Qc1 Nc4 25.Bb2 Nxd2 26.Rxd2 Rxe2 27.Ba1 Re1+ 0-1

Dunst Opening A00

Ernesto Malazarte 2141

Selby Anderson 2242

S.A. Turkey Shoot (4)

1.e4 d5 2.Nc3 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.Nf3 f6 5.Ng3 Be6 6.d3 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 Ne7 9.Nh4 Qd7 10. Be2 c5 11.f4 Nbc6 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14. Nhf5 N7c6 15.b3 Qf7 16. a3 a6 17.Rab1 Rd7 18.b4 cxb4 19. axb4 h5 20.Nh4 g5 21.Nhf5 h4 22. Nh1 Bxf5 23.Rxf5 Na7 24.Nf2 Rc7 25.Ng4 Nxc4 26.Bxc4 Kb8 27.Rbf1 Qa2 28.Bd1 Nb5 29.Rxf6 Nc3 30. R6f2 Rg8 31.Bg4 Qb2 32. Be6 Rg6 33.Bb3 Qa3 34.Rf8+ Ka7 35.Rd8 Qxb4 36.Rff8 Qc5 37.Qf2 Rd6 38. Rxd6

38.Ra8+ Kb6 39.Rf5 Qa3 40. h3±.

38...Qxd6 39.Rf6 Qb4= 40.Qe1 a5 41.e5 [41.Rf5] 41...a4 42.Bc4 a3 43.e6 a2 44.Rf1 Re7?

44...Qa3 45.Qa1 Kb8 46.Rf7 g4± 45.Qe5 Qb6 and ... 1-0

Malazarte's clock advantage held him in good stead as I self-destructed.

Ruy Lopez C63

Andrew Istafanous 1777

Titus Shanks 1972

S.A. Turkey Shoot (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.Nxe5 Qf6 6.d4 fxe4 7.0-0 d5 8.f3 Bf5 9.fxe4 dxe4 10.g4 Bxg4 11.Qxg4 Qd6 12.Qxe4 Nf6 13. Qxc6+ 1-0

Two Knights Defense C55

Ernesto Malazarte 2141

James Rohrbaugh 2206

S.A. Turkey Shoot (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nxd4 [5.0-0; 5.e5] 5...Nxe4! 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qd5+ Kg7 9.Nxc6 bxc6

Malazarte explained that he was seeking a draw by going into this variation. Besides Rohrbaugh's reply, there is also 9...dxc6 10.Qxd8 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Rxd8 13.Nxe4 Re8 14.f3 Bf5±.

10.Qxe4 Qe7

ECO gives 10...Qe8! 11.Qxe8 Bb4±.

11.Qxe7+ Bxe7 12.0-0 Rf8 13.Re1 Bf6 14.c3 Rb8 15.Nd2 Ba6 16.Ne4 Rfe8±



17.Bh6+ Kxh6 18.Nxf6 Rxe1+ 19. Rxe1 Rxb2 20.Nxd7 Rxa2 21.h4 Be2 22.Kh2 Rc2 23.Ne5 c5 24.g4 Kg7 25.g5 Bb5 26.Ng4 Kf7 27.Re3 a5 28.Kg3 a4 29.Ne5+ Kf8 30.c4

Bxc4 31.Nd7+ Kf7 32.Ne5+ Kg7
33.Ng4 Rb2 0-1

Ruy Lopez C98

Selby Anderson 2242

James Rohrbough 2206

S.A. Turkey Shoot (7)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6
8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4
Qc7 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.d5 Nd8 14.a4
Rb8 15.b3

15.b4 c4 16.Nf1 Ne8 17.axb5
axb5 18.N3h2 f6 19.f4 Nf7 20.Nf3
g6 21.f5 Ng7 22.g4 Bd7 23.Be3±
Karpov-Spassky, USSR Chp. 1973.

15...Ne8 16.Nf1 f6 17.Ng3 g6
18.Nh2 Nf7 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 Ne5
21.h4 h5 22.Qd2 Bd7 23.axb5 axb5
24.Ra6 Ng7 25.Re1 Rfc8 26.Bd1
Qd8 27.Nf3

I forgot that he might challenge the a-file, or I probably would have played 27.Qa2. The text works out well, however.

27...Ra8 28.Nxe5 fxe5 29.Bg5 Bxg5
30. Qxg5 Qxg5 31.hxg5 Rxa6
32.Rxa6 Ne8

Fritz says the position is equal, but I don't believe it!

33.Be2 b4 34.cxb4 cxb4 35.Bc4
Rb8 36.Nf1 Rb7 37.Kf2 Kf7 38.
Ne3 Ke7 39.Ra8

Now against passive play my plan was Be2, Nc4, Kg3-h4 and g4. Kohrbough bravely lets my rook penetrate so that he can get counterplay on the a-file.

39...Nc7 40.Rh8 Be8



41.g4

I had a wild hair to play 41. Nf5+! Fritz says I should have let her rip: 41...gxf5 42.exf5 Ra7 43. Kf3 Kd7 44.g6 Ke7 45.g7 Bf7 46. g8Q Bxg8 47.Rxg8±.

41...hxg4 42.Nxg4 Ra7 43.Kg3 Ra1
44.Rh7+ Kd8 45.Nf6 Rg1+ 46.Kf3
Rxc7 47.Rxc7 Kxc7 48. Nxe8+ and
the game was eventually drawn.

½-½

Pacheco takes down our top rated high school player with a nice attack.

Pirc Defense B08

David Pacheco 1436

Nathanael Lozano 1962

S.A. Turkey Shoot (7)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3
Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Bg5 b5
8.Qd2

Better is 8.a3. Now Black could play 8...b4 9.Nd1 Nxe4 10.Qxb4 Nxc5 11.Nxc5 e5±.

8...a5 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.a3 Bb7 11. Nd1 Qb6 12.e5 Bg7 13.c3 e5 14. Ne3 Bh6?! [14...dxc5±] 15.Nd5= Bxd5 [15...Bxd2 16.Nxb6 Ra6 17.Nxd2 Rxb6=] 16.Qxh6 Bxf3?

After this Black is on a slippery slope. The last chance to equalize was 16...f6!±.

17.Bxf3 Nc6 18.Rfe1± Rac8

Barely better is 18...Kh8 19.Re4 Rg8 20.exd6 exd6 21.Qf4!±.



19.Re4!± f6 20.Rh4 Kf7 21. Qxh7+ Ke8 22.Qxg6+ Kd8 23.exd6 exd6 24.Re1 cxd4 25.Bxc6 Qxc6

26.Qg7 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Rh8
Qxh8 29.Qxh8+ Kc7 30. Qxf6 dxc3
31.Qxc3+ Kb7 32.Qxc8+ Kxc8 33.
h4 Kd7 34.Kf1 Ke6 35.Ke2 b4 36.
axb4 axb4 37.Kd3 Ke5 38.h5 b3
39.h6 Kf6 40.Kd4 Kg6 41.Kd5
Kxh6 42.Kxd6 Kg5 43.Kc5 Kf4 44.
Kc4 Ke4 45. Kxb3 Kd3 46.g4 Ke4
47.Kc4 Kf3 48.g5 and 1-0

Leftovers

We reported last issue that Paul Haney won the Octoberfest Benefit. Missing was this crucial Rd. 2 game between the second place finishers:

Catalan Opening E04

Ju Ahn 1970

Ernesto Malazarte 2156

Octoberfest Benefit (2)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6
5.Bg2 Nbd7 6.0-0 dxc4 7.a4 c5!?

7...b5 8.axb5 cxb5 9.Nc3 Qb6
10.b3 Bb4 11.Na2 Be7 12.bxc4 bxc4
13.Nd2± Fine-Euwe, NY 1951.

8.Qc2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 e5 10.Nf5 Nc5
11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Na3 Bd7

12...Bxf5 13.Qxf5 Ne6 14.Nb5
Qb8 15.Bd2 a6 16.Be3!! axb5 17.

Bxe5 Qa7 18.Bxf6 Bc5 (18...gxf6
19.Qxb5+) 19.Be5 bxa4 20.Bd5 0-0
21.Be4 Rfd8 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.e3±
13.Nb5!?

13.Nxc4 Bxf5□ 14.Qxf5 Ncd7
15.b3±

13...Bxb5 14.axb5 g6 15.Bg5 Nfd7
16.Ne3 Nb3

16...Ne6 17.Nd5 Qc8 18.Bf6
Bg7 19.Bxg7 Nxg7 20.Ra4+±

17.Nd5 Qc5 18.Ra4 Rc8 19.Nf6+
Nxf6 20.Bxf6 Nd4 21.Rxd4 [21.
Qe4!] 21...Qxd4 22.Bxh8 Bc5 23.e3
Qd3 24.Rxc4 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 Kd7
26.Bxe5 b6 27.Bd4 Bd6 28. Rxc8
Kxc8 29.Bd5 f5 30.Bg8 h6 31.Bg7
Kc7 32.Bxh6 Be5 33.Bf4 Kd6 34.
Bh7 Bxf4 35.exf4 Kc5 36.Bxg6 1-0

Solution (back cover problem):

1.Nb5 (threatens 2.Rxd2# or 2.Rc1#)
1...Kc2 2.Nc3#.

Jayakumar, Gao win Ken Smith Memorial

The Dallas Chess Club held the ninth annual Ken Smith Memorial over Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 27-29) at the DFW Marriott in Fort Worth. Turnout was lean this year, with 65 players in seven sections.

PRIZE WINNERS

OPEN: 1st+U2400: Adarsh Jayakumar, Lu Gao, 4. 2nd+1st U2200: Tommy He, Kalin Nonchiev, 3.5. 3rd+2nd U2200: Alex Balkum, Matthew Michaelides, 3.

U2000: 1st-2nd: David Iyore, Danny Chen, 4. 3rd: Derek Chang, Jonathan Allen, 3.5. **U1900:** Austin Jiang, Alex Jiang, Mack Williams, 2.5.

U1800: 1st: Kevin Xie, 5. 2nd: Anshuman Atriwal, 3.5. 3rd+U1700: Eric Chen, Devina Devagharan, Dion Su, 3.

U1600: 1st: Daniel Salazar, 4. 2nd-3rd: Charles Fricks, Bradford Corbett, 3.5. **U1500:** Duy Nguyen, Nipun Ramakrishnan, Aaryamaan Atriwal, 3.

U1400: 1st-2nd: Sowmithri Jagadeeshi, David Hsieh, 4. 3rd: Rajeev Kumar, 3.5. **U1300:** Sudarshana Jagadeeshi, Khoa Minh Nguyen, 2. **U1200:** 1st: Huy Van Nguyen, 4.5. 2nd: Kartik Kulkarni, 3.5. 3rd: Revanth Vedula, 3. **U900:** Max Motlagh, 1.

Ben Wheeler was chief TD, assisted by Luis Salinas and Jaimie Jones

Sicilian Dragon B74

Tommy He 2086

Kalin Nonchiev 2257

Ken Smith Memorial (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nb3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Be6 10.f4 Rc8 11.g4 a6 12.f5 Bxb3 13.axb3 Ne5 14.g5



14...Rxc3! 15.bxc3 Nxe4 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.c4 Nc3

17...Nc6! snags the Exchange no matter how White squirms (18.Rc1 Bb2). Black holds an edge after 18. Bf3 Bxa1 19.Qxa1 Nc5 20.Bd5 Nb4 21.Qd1 Nxd5 22.cxd5 f5 23. gxf6 Rxf6

18.Qe1² Qc8 19.Bd2 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Qc6+ 21.Kg1 Nxe2+

Of course Black had a draw for the asking. Now he has more problems than he bargained for.

22.Qxe2 Nf3+ 23.Qxf3 Qxf3 24. Rxf3 Bxa1 25.c3



25...a5

Fritz threads a narrow way to equality: 25...Bb2 26.Rf1 Rd8 27.b4 d5 28.Rb1 Ba3 29.Ra1 dxc4 30.Be1 Bb2 31.Rb1 Ba3 32.Ra1=.

26.Rf1 Bb2 27.Rb1 Ba3 28.b4 axb4 29.cxb4 Ra8

The last hope is 29...Rc8 30.Rb3 Ra8 31.Kf1 Ra6 32.Rb1 e6 33.Bc3 d5 34.Ke2 dxc4 35.Rd1 Ra8 36.Ra1 Ra4 37.b5 Kh7=.

30.Kf2 Kf8 31.Ke2 e5

31...Ra6 32.Bc3 d5 33.Rd1 Re6+ 34.Kd3 d4 35.Bxd4 Rd6 36.Kc3 Ke8 37.Rb1±

32.Ra1 Rc8 33.Rxa3 Rxc4 34.Ra8+ Ke7 35.Ra7 Rh4 36.Rxb7+ Ke6 37.b5 Rxb7+ 38.Kd1 d5 39.Ra7 d4 40.b6 Rh8 41.b7 Rb8 42.Bb4 f6 43.gxf6 Kxf6 44.Bc5 1-0

Modern Benoni A68

Steven Chen 1966

Adarsh Jayakumar 2208

Ken Smith Memorial (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 a6 11.Be2 Nf6 12.h3 Nh5 13.0-0 Ng3 14.Re1 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Re8 16.a5 Nd7 17. Qc2 Rb8 18.Be3 b5 19.axb6 Qxb6 20.Rab1



20...Qb4 21.Bf2 Nb6 22.Recl Bd7 23.Nd2 Nc4 24.Nxc4 Qxc4 25. Re1 Rb3 26.Re3 Bd4 27.Rf3 Bxc3 28. Rxc3 Rxc3 29.Qxc3 Rxe4 30.Qf6 Qxd5 31.b4 c4 32.Qa1 Bc6 0-1

Caro-Kann B10

Lu Gao 2213

Akshay Malhotra 1948

Ken Smith Memorial (1)

1.c4 c6 2.e4 e5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3

Bc5? 5.Nxe5 Qe7 6.d4 Bb4 7.f3 0-0
8.Nd3 Ba5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 d6
11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Bb6 13.Bf2
Re8 14.b4 a5 15.a3 Nf8 16.c5 dxc5
17.bxc5 Bc7 18.d5 cxd5 19.exd5
Be5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Bd4 Qg5 22.
f4 Qg6 23.Bf3 Bg4 24.Rb1 Re7 25.
d6 Rd7 26.Bxg4 Nxb4 27.h3 Nf6
28.Bxf6 Qxf6 29.Nd5 Qd8 30.Nb6
Rb8 31.Qd5 Nh7 32.Nxd7 Qxd7 33
c6 Nf6 34.cxd7 Nxd5 35.Rxb7 1-0

Sicilian Smith-Morra B21

Robert Sanchez 1943

Alexander Balkum 2178

Ken Smith Memorial (1)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3
Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7
8.Bg5 b5 9.Bb3 f6 10.Bf4 Ng6
11.Bg3 Be7 12.Nd5 0-0 13.Nxe7+
Ngxe7 14.Bd6 Bb7 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.
Qd2 Re8 17.Qf4 Ng6 18.Qg3 Na5!



19.Bc7 [19.Bc2 Nc4?] 19...Nxb3!
20.Bxd8?

20.axb3 Qe7 21.Bd6 Qf7

20...Nxc1 21.Re1 Nd3 22.Rf1 Ngf4
23.Qh4 Rxd8 24.Ne1 Rc1 25.f3
Ne2+ 26.Kh1 Nxe1 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+
28.Qxe1 Rc8 0-1

Catalan Opening E01

Adarsh Jayakumar 2208

Tommy He 2086

Ken Smith Memorial (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 c6
5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2
0-0 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Qe7 10.e4
dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 Nf6

13.Qe2 c5 14.Rad1 Re8 15.Ne5
cxd4 16.Rxd4 Qc7 17.Rfd1 Rb8



18.g4 h6 19.h4 Nh7 20.Rd6 Qe7 21.
Qd3 Rf8 22.Rd8 Rxd8 23.Qxd8+
Qxd8 24.Rxd8+ Nf8 25.Nd7 1-0

Benko Gambit A57

George Qi 2086

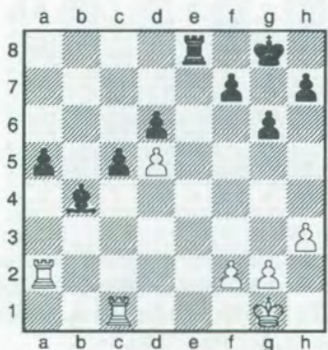
Lu Gao 2213

Ken Smith Memorial (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.b6 Qxb6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 d6 8.h3
Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0
a5 12.a4 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Qxa6 14.Nb5
Rab8 15.Qe2 Nb6 16.Qc2

16.Re1! Nxa4 17.Nxd6=

16...Nxa4 17.Nc7 Qa7 18.Rxa4
Qxc7 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.Bc3 Nd7 21.
Rfa1 Qb3 22.Qxb3 Rxb3 23.Nd2
Rxc3 24.bxc3 Bxc3 25.Rd1 Nb6 26.
Ra2 Bb4 27.Rc1 e6 28.Nc4 Nxc4
29.Rxc4 exd5 30.exd5 Re8 31.Rc1



31...Re5 32.Rd1 c4 33.Kf1 Re7 34.
Re2 Rc7 35.Rc2 c3 36.Ke2 Rc5

37.Rd3 Rc4 38.Ke3 Bc5+ 39.Ke2
Bb4 40.Ke3 1/2-1/2

Modern Benoni A65

Alexander Balkum 2178

Dachev Lin 2064

Ken Smith Memorial (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 a6 7.a4 g6 8.f4 Bg7
9.Be2 Qe7 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Nf3 Bg4
12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Bd2 Rfe8 14.Rae1
Nh5 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.
Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bxg4 Qd4+ 19.Kh1
Qxg4 20.Ne4 Bd4 21.Qd3 Rad8
22.d6 f5



23.Qb3+

23.Ng5! Rxe1 24.Qb3+ Kh8 25.
Rxe1 f4 26.Nf7+ Kg7 27.h3+-

23...Kh8 24.h3 Qxe4!

24...Qh4? 25.Bg5±

25.Rxe4 Rxe4= 26.Re1 Rxd6 27.g4
Nf6 28.g5 Ng8 29.Qf7 Rxe1+ 30.
Bxe1 Bxb2 31.Qxb7 Be5 32.Bf2
Rd2 33.Kg2 c4 34.Qxa6 1/2-1/2

QP Zuckertort D30

Kalin Nonchiev 2257

Austen Green 2235

Ken Smith Memorial (2)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6
5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 Ne4
8.0-0 f5 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rc1 Qf6
11.Rc2 Qh6 12.Ne2 Ndf6 13.h3
Bd7 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Qc1 Nd7 16.f3
Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nc5 18.Rd1 Nxd3
19.Rxd3 Be7 20.Ba3 Bxa3 21.Qxa3
f4 22.Rcc3 Bg6 23.Rd1 fxe3 24.Qc5

Rfd8 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.Qxe3 Qxe3+
27.Rxe3 Be8 28.Nd4 Kf7 29.Rc3



29...Rdc8 30.Rdc1 Bd7 31.f4 Ke7
32.Kf2 Kd8 33.g4 Rxc3 34.Rxc3 g6
35.Ke3 Rc8 36.Rxc8+ Bxc8 37.Nb5
Bd7 38.Nd4 Ke7 39.a4 a5 40.Kf3
Kf7 41.Kg3 Be8 42.Kh4 Bd7 43.
Kg5 Kg7 44.f5 h6+ 45.Kf4 Kf7
46.f6 Ke8 47.h4 Kf7 48.g5 h5 49.
Ke3 Ke8 50.Kd3 Kf7 51.Kc3 Be8
52.b4 axb4+ 53.Kxb4 b6 54.a5
bxa5+ 55.Kxa5 Bd7 56.Kb6 Ba4
57.Kc7 Bd1 58.Kd6 Bg4 59.Kd7
Kf8 60.Kc6 Kf7 61.Kd6 Bh3 62.
Ne2 Bf5 63.Nd4 Bg4



Take some time to see if you can
find the win here; it's not trivial.
64.Nc6 Ke8 65.Nd8! d4 66.f7+ Kf8
67.Nxe6+ Kxf7
67...Bxe6 gets mated, and just in
time: 68.Kxe6 d3 69.Kf6 d2 70.e6
d1Q 71.e7#.
68.Nxd4 Ke8 69.e6 Bh3 70.Ke5
Ke7 71.Nc6+ Ke8 72.Kf6 Bf5
73.Ne5 1-0

Ruy Lopez Open C82

Jeffrey Xiong 2041
Steven Chen 1966

Ken Smith Memorial (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5
8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0
11.Nxe4!? dxe4 12.Ng5 e3?!
[12...Bxb3 13.axb3 e3=]



13.Bxe6?
13.Bxe3 Qxd1 14.Bxd1 Bxe3
15.fx3 Bc4 16.Rf5±
13...fxe6?
13...exf2+ 14.Kh1 Qxd1 15.
Rxd1 fxe6 16.Rf1 Rae8+
14.Qg4?
14.Bxe3 Bxe3 15.Qxd8 Raxd8
16.fx3 Rfe8 17.Nf3 Rd5 18.e4 Rc5
19.Kh1±
14...Rxf2!→



15.Qxe6+ Kh8 16.Bxe3 Rxf1+
17.Kxf1
17.Rxf1 Bxe3+ 18.Kh1 Nxe5+
17...Qd3+ 18.Kg1 Bxe3+ 19.Kh1

Bxg5 20.Qxc6 Rf8 21.h3 Rf1+
22.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 23.Kh2 Bf4+ 24.g3
Qf2+ 25.Kh1 Qe1+ 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E43

Vivek Mathesh 1563
Matthew Michaelides 2134

Ken Smith Memorial (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6
5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.Bxe4 Bxe4
8.Bd2 Bb7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 Bxc3
11.Bxc3 Ba6 12.Nd2 d5 13.b3 Nd7
14.Re1 f5 15.f4 Nf6 16.Bb4 Re8
17.c5 Bd3 18.Nf3 Be4 19.Rf1 a5
20.Be1 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 bxc5 22.dxc5
Ne4 23.b4 Qf6 24.Rb1 axb4 25.
Bxb4 c6 ½-½

King's Indian Averbakh E73

Alexander Balkum 2178
Vivek Mathesh 1563

Ken Smith Memorial (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qd2 e5
8.d5 Nb6 9.f3 Bd7 10.g4 Nc8 11.h4
Ne7 12.h5 Ne8 13.Bh6 a6 14.Bxg7
Nxxg7 15.Nh3 f6 16.Nf2 g5 17.0-0
h6 18.b4 b6 19.Nd3 a5 20.a3 Qe8
21.Qe3 f5 22.Nb5 f4 23.Rf2 Qb8
24.Nc3 Nc8 25.c5 Ne7 26.Rf1 a4



27.cxd6 cxd6 28.b5 Rc8 29.Rc1
Ra5 30.Nb4 Rc5 31.Na6 Qc8
32.Nxc5 Qxc5 33.Qxc5 bxc5 34.b6
Ra8 35.Rab1 Rb8 36.Bb5 Bxb5
37.Rxb5 Nc8 38.Rcb1 Ne8 39.Nxa4
Nf6 40.b7 Ne7 41.Ra5 Nd7 42.Ra8
Kf7 43.Rxb8 Nxb8 44.Rb6 Kg7
45.Rxd6 c4 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B36

Lu Gao 2213

Adarsh Jayakumar 2208

Ken Smith Memorial (3)

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5.e4 d6 6.Nc3 Nxd4 7. Qxd4 Nf6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qd1 Be6 11.Be3 b6 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.b3 Qd7 14.f3 Qb7 1/2-1/2

Nimzo-Indian E24

Steven Chen 1966

Kalin Nonchiev 2257

Ken Smith Memorial (3)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Nc6 6.f3 b6 7.e4 Na5 8.Bd3 Ba6 9.Qe2 Qc8 10.f4 Qb7 11.Nf3 0-0-0 12.0-0 d5 13.cxd5 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 exd5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Ng5 Rdf8 17.Ra2 Qc6 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Qh3+ Kb7 20.f5 f6 21.e6 g6 22.Re2 Re8 23.Qh4

□23.Rf4±

23...gxf5 24.Rxf5 Qxe6= 25.Rxf6 Qc4

25...Qd5 26.Rf4 Nb3 27.Bb2 Rhg8=

26.Qe1 Rhg8 27.Rf4 Nb3 28. Rxe4?

28.Rfxe4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Nxc1 30.Qxc1 Qa2 31.Qf1±



28...Qd5!± 29.c4

29.Bb2 Nd2 30.Qxd2 Rxe4+ 29...Rxe4 [29...Qxd4+-+] 30.Rxe4 Qxc4 [30...Qc6 31.Bf4 Nxd4±] 31. Bf4 [31.Bb2 Qd5 32.Bc3=] 31...Qd5

31...Nxd4 32.Qf2 Rd8 33.h3 Qd5±

32.Qe2 Rg7 33.Be5 Re7 34.Re3?

34.Qg4 Nxd4 35.Rxd4 Qxe5

36.Qf3+ c6±

34...Nxd4 35.Bxd4 Qxd4 36.Qf3+ c6 37.Kf2 Qd2+ 38.Re2 Qxe2+ 39. Qxe2 Rxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Kc7 41.Ke3 Kd6 42.Kd4 b5 43.Kd3 c5 44.Kc3 Kd5 45.Kd3 a5 0-1

Ruy Lopez Closed C78

Tommy He 2086

Austen Green 2235

Ken Smith Memorial (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.Re1 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Nf1 Rfe8 14.Ng3 Bf8 15.Be3 Nc6 16.Rc1 g6 17.d4 Rad8 1/2-1/2

Caro-Kann B13

Austen Green 2235

Atulya Vaidya 1780

Ken Smith Memorial (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.c3 Nc6 6.Ne2 e6 7.Bf4 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3 Bd7 11.0-0 Rfe8 12.Qc2 Rac8 13.Rfe1 Nb4 14.Qb1 Nxd3 15. Qxd3 Qb6 16.Qb1 Bb5 17.Ng3 Qd6 18.h3 Nd7 19.Ng5 g6 20.Nf3 e5?! [20...f6=] 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22. Nxe5 Rxe5 23.Rxe5 Qxe5 24.Qe1 Re8 25.Qxe5 Rxe5 26.Rd1 Bc6 27.f4 Re8 28.Kf2 h5 29.Ne2 f6 30.h4 Rf8 31.Nd4 Re8 32.Rd3 Kh7 33.Re3 Re4 34.g3 Bd7



35.Nf3 Bg4 36.Nd2 Rxe3 37.Kxe3 b6 38.Kd4 Be6 39.Nf1 Kh6 40.Ne3 g5 41.f5 Bf7 42.Nxd5 Kg7 43.c4 Be8 44.c5 bxc5+ 45.Kxc5 Bd7 46. Ne3 Kf7 47.Kd6 Be8 48.b4 a6 49. Nc2 Bb5 50.Nd4 Bc4 51.a4 Bd3 52.b5 axb5 53.axb5 Be4 54.b6 gxh4 55.gxh4 Bg2 56.Nc6 1-0

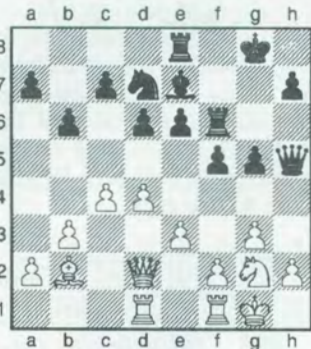
Queen's Indian E19

Kalin Nonchiev 2257

Matthew Michaelides 2134

Ken Smith Memorial (4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d4 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 Be4 10.b3 f5 11.Bb2 d6 12.Bh3 Qe8 13.Rad1 Qh5 14.Bg2 Nd7 15.Qd2 Rae8 16. Ne1 Bxg2 17.Nxg2 g5 18.e3 Rf6



19.f3 Rh6 20.Ne1 Nf6 21.Nd3 Bf8 22.Rde1 g4 23.Nf4 Qg5 24.d5 e5 25.Ne6 Qg6 26.f4 Ne4 27.Qg2 Rxe6 28.dxe6 1/2-1/2

Bogo-Indian E11

Adarsh Jayakumar 2208

Alexander Balkum 2178

Ken Smith Memorial (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.e4 e5 10.d5 Nb8 11.b4 a5 12.a3 Na6 13.Qe2 Bg4 14.Rab1 c6 15.Rfc1 axb4 16. axb4 c5 17.b5 Nb4 18.Ra1 b6 19. Qf1 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 h6 21.Qd1 Nh7 22.Nf1 g6 23.Ne3 Qb7 24.h4 Nf6 25.h5 Kg7 26.Kg2 Na2 1/2-1/2

Benko Gambit A57

Dachey Lin 2064
Lu Gao 2213

Ken Smith Memorial (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.b6 Qxb6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 d6 8.Be2
Bg7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.h3 0-0 11.0-0
a5 12.Re1 Ba6 13.Rb1 Rfb8 14.Bf4
Ne8 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.e5 Rb4 17.
Bg3 Qb7 18.Qc2 c4 19.h4 Nc5 20.
Re2 Nd3 21.a3 Rb6 22.Na4 Rb5
23.Qxc4 Nxe5 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.
Bxe5 Rc8 26.Qg4 h5 27.Qh3 Rb3
28.Re3 Rxe3 29.Qxe3 Rc4 30.Bxg7
Nxb7 31.Nc3 Rxb4 32.Qc5 Nf5 33.
g3 Rg4 34.Ne2



35...Qb8 35.Qc2

35.Qxa5 h4 36.b4 hxg3 37.f4
Nd4! (37...Kg7 38.Qc5 Qh8+) 38.
Qa6 Rh4+

35...h4 36.f3 Nd4

36...Qb6+! 37.Kh1 hxg3 Δ Qf2
37.Nxd4 Qxg3+ 38.Kh1 Rxd4 39.
Qg2 Qf4 40.Re1 Rxd5 41.Rxe7
Rd1+ 0-1

QGD Semi-Slav D45

George Qi 2086
Akshay Malhotra 1948

Ken Smith Memorial (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6
5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Be2 0-0
8.0-0 e5 9.b3 e4 10.Nd2 Re8 11.
Bb2 Nf8 12.Rae1 Bf5 13.f3 Qc7 14.
f4 Qc8 15.Rc1 Ng6 16.cxd5 cxd5
17.Nb5 Qd8 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Qc5
Qe6 20.Qb4 b6 21.Ba6 Ng4 22.
Rfe1 Nh4 23.h3 Nh6 24.Kf2?



24...Qg6?

Courage! All Black has to see is
24...Bxh3! 25.gxh3 Qxh3 26.Rg1
Qh2+ 27.Kf1 N6f5, and White must
return material while still getting
attacked: 28.Qc3 Ng3+ 29.Rxg3
Qxg3 30.Rc2 Qh3+ 31.Ke2 Ng2 32.
Rc1 Qg4+ 33.Kf1 Nxf4! 34.Ke1 (34.
exf4 e3+) 34...Qg3+ 35.Kd1 Nd3
36.Bxd3 exd3 37.Qxd3 Rxe3+.
25.Rg1 Bd7 26.Rc7 Rad8 27.Ba3
N6f5 28.g4

Black is thrown back in disarray.
28...Nh6 29.Be2 f5 30.g5 Nf7
31.Rxa7 Qe6 32.Rb7 1-0

Sicilian Rossolimo B31

Jeffrey Xiong 2060
Tommy He 2086

Ken Smith Memorial (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6
dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Qc7 7.Be3 b6
8.h3 e5 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Nd2 Nh5
11.Ne2 0-0 12.Nb3 Rd8 13.Qc1
Ba6 14.Nd2 f5 15.Bg5 Rf8 16.exf5
gxf5 17.Re1 h6 18.Bh4 Rae8 19.f3
Qf7 20.c4 Kh8 21.Qc2 Rg8 22.Kh1
Qg6 23.Rg1 Bf6 24.Bxf6+ Nxf6 25.
Raf1 Bb7 26.b3 Bc8 27.f4 Nh5 28.
Qb2 Qg7 29.Rf3 exf4 30.Qxg7+
Rxb7 31.Nc3

31.Nxf4 Nxf4 32.Rxf4 Re2 33.
Nf3 Rxa2 34.d4 Rb2+
31...Rge7 32.Kh2 Rd8 33.Ndb1
Re3 34.Rd1 Kg7 35.Kg1 Rxf3 36.
gxf3 Kf6 37.Kf2 Kg5 38.Ne2 Kh4
39.Nbc3 Rg8 40.a4



40...Rg3! 41.Nxg3 fxxg3+ 42.Kg1
Nf4 43.Rd2 Nxxh3+ 44.Kh1 Ng5
45.f4 Nf3 46.Rg2 Ne1 47.Rg1 g2+
48.Rxxg2 Nxxg2 49.Kxxg2 Kg4 50.Ne2
h5 51.d4 cxd4 52.Nxd4 Kxf4 0-1

English Opening A18

Lu Gao 2213
Alexander Balkum 2178

Ken Smith Memorial (5)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4
5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.d4 c5
8.Nf3 h6 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 Bd6
11.Rb1 0-0 12.Qe2 b6 13.Qe4 Qf5
14.Qxc6 Qxd3 15.Be3 Ba6 16.Qxd6
Qxc4 17.Rfc1 Bb7 18.Qg3 Kh8
19.dxc5 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E46

George Qi 2086
Kalin Nonchiev 2257

Ken Smith Memorial (5)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 d5
5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5
8.g3 a5 9.Bg2 Na6 10.0-0 c6 11.f3
c5 12.Nf4 Nc7 13.Na4 Na6 14.Nc3
Be5 15.Nce2 Nc7 16.Bd2 b6 17.Rc1
Bc8 18.Bc3 c4 19.e4 dxe4 20.fxe4
Bb7 21.Qc2 Re8 22.Rcd1 Bf8 23.d5
Ng4 24.Qd2 Nb5 25.Nd4 Nxc3 26.
Qxc3 Ne5 27.Kh1 g6 28.Nc6 Qd6
29.Nxe5 Qxe5 30.Qxe5 Rxe5 31.
Nh3 Rd8 32.Rf6 Rd6 33.Rdf1 Rxf6
34.Rxf6 Bc5 35.Nf2 h5 36.Nd1 Kg7
37.Rf1 b5 38.Re1?? [38.Nc3 Ba6] 38...
Bxd5+ 39.Nc3 Bc6 40.Rd1 b4
41.axb4 axb4 42.Nd5 Ba4 43.Ra1
Bc2 44.Re1 b3 45.Nc3 Bb4 46.Bf1
Bxc3 47.bxc3 Bxe4+ 0-1

English Opening A37

Matthew Michaelides 2134
Adarsh Jayakumar 2208

Ken Smith Memorial (5)

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2
Bg7 5.Nf3 e5 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 d6
8.Rb1 0-0 9.a3 f5 10.Nd5 a5
[10...Nxd5 11.cxd5 Nd4=] 11.Bd2
Kh8 12.Qc1 e4!? 13.dxe4 fxe4
14.Ng5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Nd4



16.Re1?

16.Qd1! (a) 16...Qe7 17.Nxe4
Bh3 18.f3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2±; (b) 16...
Rf5 17.Nxe4 Rxd5 18.e3 Nc6 19.
Qb3 Re5 20.Bc3 Re6 21.Rbd1±; (c)
16...Bg4 17.Re1 Rf5 18.Nxe4 Rxd5
19.Nc3 Re5 20.Bf4 Re8 21.Bxb7±.
16...Nb3 17.Qd1 Nxd2 18.Qxd2



18...e3!-+ 19.Qxe3 Bd4 20.Qd2
Bxf2+ 21.Kh1 Bxe1 22.Rxe1 Bd7
23.Qc3+ Kg8 24.Ne4 Qe7 25.g4

0-1

Center Counter B01

Tommy He 2086
Dachey Lin 2064

Ken Smith Memorial (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4
Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7
8.Nc3 0-0 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.h3 Bh5
11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 c5 13.Nb3
cxd4 14.Bxd4 a6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.
Rfe1 Rac8 17.Qf3 Rfe8 18.c5 e5
19.Be3 Nxc5 20.Nxc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5
Qxc5 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Qf3 Qc7
24.b3 Qa5 25.Na4 Rbd8 26.Qc6
Rd4 27.Kh2 Red8 28.Rxd4 exd4
29.Qb6 Qxb6 30.Nxb6 Kf8 31.Kg3
Ne8 32.Nc4 Nd6 33.Nxd6 Rxd6
34.Kf3 Rf6+ 35.Ke2 Re6+ 36.Kd2
Rxe1 37.Kxe1 Ke7 38.Kd2 Kd6
39.b4 Kc6 40.a4 Kd5 41.Kd3 h6



A canonical endgame is reached,
with the outside candidate passer as
the decoy. Excellent lesson material!
42.f4 f6 43.g4 g6 44.h4 h5 45.g5
fxg5 46.fxg5 Ke5 47.b5 Kf4 48.
bxa6 Kg4 49.a7 Kxh4 50.a8Q
Kxg5 51.Qg2+ Kh4 52.Qxg6 Kh3
53.Qxh5+ Kg3 54.a5 Kf2 55.a6
Ke1 56.Qe2# 1-0

Pan-Am (contd. from p.10)

English Opening A16

Amon Simutowe 2482 (UTD-B)
Gergely Antal 2537 (Tx. Tech)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qh4 Nxc3 7.

dx3 Nc6 8.e4 e5 9.Bg5 Be7 10.
Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Qxe7+ Kxe7 12.Be2
f6 13.Nd2 Nd8 14.0-0 Ne6 15.g3
Rad8 16.f3 Bc6 17.Nc4 Bb5 18.b3
Ng5 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Rf1 Nf7 21.
Re1 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 Nd6 23. Bf1 h5
24.Bg2 h4



The pawn at h4 is the seed of
White's future discomfort.

25.Rd1 Rh8 26.Rh1 f5 27.Re1

Better seems 27.Rd1 hxg3 28.
hxg3 Rh2 29.Rd2 - at least there's
no cheap as happens with the rook
at e2 in a couple of moves. However,
Black's threat of king penetration
tips the scale in this Fritz-based
study: 29...Kf6 30.Kc2 Kg5! (30...
fxe4 31.fxe4 Kg5 32. Bf3=) 31.exf5
(else Black makes good on the threat
to play .. fxe4 and ...Kg4) 31...Nxf5
32.f4+ exf4 33.gxf4+ Kxf4 34.Bxb7
Ne3+ 35.Kd3 Rxd2+ 36.Kxd2 c5 37.
Kd3 g5 38. Ke2 g4 39.Ba8 g3 40.
Bb7 g2 41.Kf2 Nd1+ 42.Kxg2 Nxc3
43.a3 Ke3 44. Ba6 Kd4 45.Kf2 Nb1
46.Ke2 Kc3-+.

27...hxg3 28.hxg3 Rh2 29.Re2 fxe4
30.fxe4 Nxe4 31.Rxe4 Rxd2 32.
Rxe5+ Kf6 33.Re3 Rxa2 34.Rf3+
Kg7 35.Rd3 Rf2 36.Kd1 Rf7 37.
Ke2 Kf6 38.Kf3 Kg5+ 39.Kg2 c6
40.Rd4 a6 41.Rd8 Kf6 42.Rd6+
Kf5 43.c4 g5 44.c5 Re7 45.Rd4 Re4
46.Rd3 Rb4 47.Kf3 g4+ 48.Ke3
Ke5 49.Kf2 Rb5 50.Rc3 Kd5 51.
Ke3 Rxc5 52.Rxc5+ Kxc5 53.Kf4
a5 54.Kxg4 b5 55.Kf5 a4 56.bxa4
bxa4 57.g4 a3 58.g5 a2 0-1

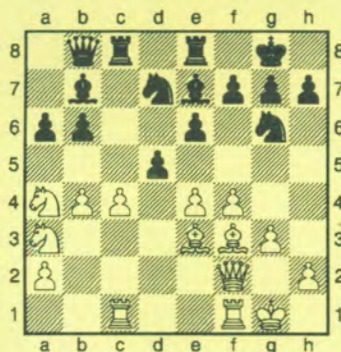
Sicilian Hedgehog B44

Leonid Kritz 2654 (UMBC)

Timur Gareev 2644 (UTB-A)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11. Be3 Ne5 12.f4 Ng6 13.g3 Bb7 14. Bf3 Qc7 15.Rc1 Rfe8 16.Qe2 Rac8 17.Qf2 Nd7 18.b4 Qb8 19. Na4 d5



Black's central thrust is thematic but has a shot-in-the-dark quality. Alternatively, 19...Qa8 20.Nxb6 Nxb6 21.Bxb6 Bxe4 looks equal. 20.exd5 Bxb4 21.Nc2 Bc5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Nxb6 Nd3 24.Qd4 Nxc1 25.Nxc8 Qxc8 26.Rxc1

The smoke has cleared, and Black's in trouble. 26...Ne7 27.Ne3 Nxd5 28.Rb1 Nc3 29.Bxb7 Ne2+ 30.Kf2 Nxd4 31.Bxc8 Rxc8 32.Rb6 h5 33.Ke1 a5 34.Kd2 Rd8 35.Kc3 Ne2+ 36.Kc2 h4 37.c5 hxg3 38. hxg3 Kf8 39.c6 Rd6 40.c7 Nd4+ 41.Kc3 1-0

Blumenfeld Countergambit E10

Marko Zivanic 2551 (UTD-A)

Ryan Goldenberg 2178 (UMBC-B)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 b5 5.Bg5 exd5 6.cxd5 d6 7.e4 a6 8.a4 Be7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qc2 bxa4 11. Rxa4 Nd7 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.Bd3 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.0-0 Bd7 16. Ra3 Bb5 17.f4 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Rb8 19.Bxb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ra8 21.Rxa8 Qxa8 22.Nf3 Be3 23.g3 f5

23...c4 24.b3 Rc8 25.bxc4 Rxc4 26.Qd3 Bc5= 24.Re1 fxe4 24...Bd4 25.Nxd4 cxd4 26.Qb3 Qa5 27.Re2 fxe4 28.Rxe4 Rc8 29. Re2= 25.Ng5 h6? 25...Bxf4 26.gxf4 Rxf4 27.Ne6 Rf5 28.Qc3 Rf7 29.Rd1± 26.Ne6 Qxd5 27.Nxf8 Bd2 28.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 29.Rxe4 Kxf8 30.Re6 d5 31.Re5 Kf7 32.Rxd5 Be3 33.f5 Bd4 34.b4 1-0

QGD Exchange D36

Davorin Kuljasevic 2568 (Tx Tech)

Alex Chua 2265 (UT-Austin)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Be7 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nf3 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13. Rae1 g6 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Be6 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.Nc5 b6 18.Nxe6 Nxe6 19.Bc4 Qd6 20.Re5 Kg7 21. Rf1 Nd5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Ng5 Nc7



24.Qe3 f6??

24...h6 25.Nxf7!? (25.Nf3=) 25...Kxf7 26.Qxh6 Rh8 27.Re7+ Qxe7 28.Rxe7+ Kxe7 29.Qg7+= 25.Re7+ Kg8 26.Nxh7 f5 27.Qg5 Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Ne8 29.Nf6+ Kf8 30.Nd7+ Kg8 31.Qh4 1-0

The final round was anticlimactic, with UMBC shutting out seventh seeded UTB-B 4-0. In acknowledgment of the inevitable outcome, the

match for also-ran honors between UTD-A and Brownsville-A saw peace break out all over, with four quick, uneventful draws.

Sicilian Paulsen B42

Leonid Kritz 2254 (UMBC)

Nadia Ortiz 2220 (UTB-B)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Qg4 g6 8.Qe2 d6 9.Na3 Nc6 10.0-0 h5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.Nc4 e5 13.Be3 Be6 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.f3 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.Qf2 Nb4 20.Bb6 Qc8 21.Qe3 Nxd3 22.Rxd3 Qe6 23.Bc7 Rc8 24.Qxe5 0-0 25.Rxd5 1-0

Gruenfeld D84

V. Aradhyula 2228 (Stanford)

Gergely Antal 2537 (Tx Tech)

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2009 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.Bxc7 Na6 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.Qf3 Qb5 11.Qxa8 Qxb2 12.Rd1 Bg4 13.Qc6 Qb4+ 14.Kf1 Bxd1 15.g3 Ba4 16.Qc5 Qb7 17.f3 Rc8 18.Qa5 Bb5+ 0-1

TD perspective, cont'd from p. 3

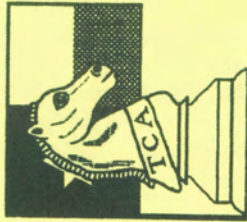
it was three hours plus 60 moves on the average. A players clock can increment only 30 minutes in sixty moves, giving a total of four hours. It sure was an experience.

I would recommend this time control only to seasoned players. Make sure that you have enough clocks to use for all your players. Even though theoretically the game can never end, it will. I still had a lot of time left doing nothing, as I ran out of sudoku and crosswords.

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Source: Games for Educators online newsletter. If anyone can find a reference to the German study cited, I'd like to share it.

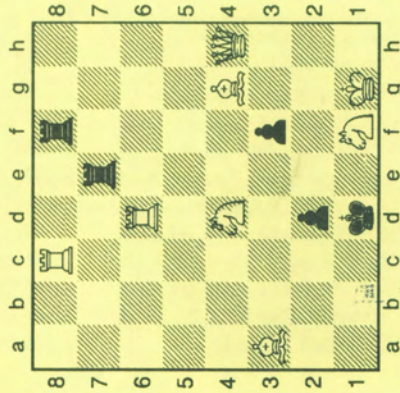


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White to move, mate in two
Solution: p. 12

