

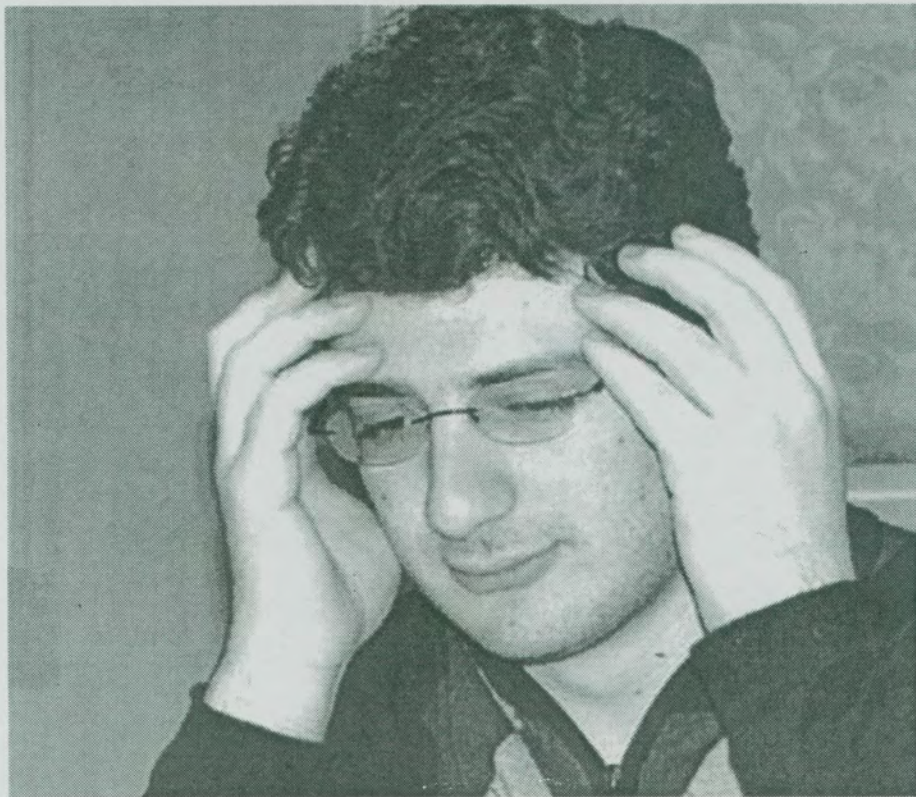
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Correction last issue: We omitted to mention the date and place of the Red River Shootout! The date was Apr. 18, and as before, the event was held at the Treasure Valley Casino in Davis, Oklahoma.

**Cover photo:** GM Izoria at the 2007 Foxwoods Open, taken by Michael Atkins (*ChessBase News*).

**Congratulations to GM-elect Davorin Kuljasevic!** Texas Tech's top gun got his final GM norm at the huge (287-player) Pula Open, held June 19-26 in Croatia. He cinched the needed last round draw to finish 7-2 in an eight-way tie for fourth. Tied for first with 7.5 were GMs Robert Zelcic, Ognjen Jovanic and Sinisa Drazic. Ex-champion Boris Spassky was the guest of honor.



# GM Gareev wins National Open

GM Timur Gareev won the National Open (Las Vegas, June 10-13) with an exciting last round win over GM Varuzhan Akobian, who went in with a perfect 5-0. Gareev finished in clear first with 5.5/6 for \$6,000. He was the first clear winner in a National Open since 1989!

*QGD Tarrasch D34*

**Timur Gareev 2599**

**Varuzhan Akobian 2637**

*National Open 2010 (6)*

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 e5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 c4 10.Ne5 Be6 11.b3 h6 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.Bd2 Bb4 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qc2 Qa6 16.Nxd5! Nxd5 17.bxc4 Rfc8 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Qd1 Ba3 20.e4 Rd8 21.Qh5 Qc4 22.Bc1

Bf8 23.Be3 Ba3 24.Bc1 Bf8 25.Be3 Ba3 26.Rab1 Rac8 27.Rb7 dxe4 28.Bxe4 a6? [28...Bf8 29.Rc1±]



29.Bxh6! Qxd4 30.Bh7+! Kxh7 30...Kh8 31.Bf4 Bg4 32.Qh4 Qf6 33.Bg5+; 30...Kf8 31.Bf5 Rd7 32.Bg5 g6 33.Qh6+ Kg8 (33...Qg7 34.Bxe6 fxe6 35.Rxd7+) 34.Bxe6 Rxb7 35.Qxg6+ Qg7 36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37. Bxc8+; 30...Kh8 31.Bf4 Bg4 32.Qh4 Qf6 33.Bg5+.

31.Be3+ Kg8 32.Bxd4 Rxd4 33. Qa5 Be5 34.Rc7 Rxc7 35.Qxc7 Rc4 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Qd3+ g6 38.Re1 Rd4 39.Qxa6 Rd2 40.Rxe6 fxe6 41.Qxe6 Rxf2 42.Kh1 Rc2 43.a4 Rc1+ 44.Kg2 Rc2+ 45.Kf3 Rxb2 46.Qf7+ Kh6 47.Qf4+ 1-0

Coming in a tie for second place and earning just over \$1500 were: GMs Varuzhan Akobian, **Alejandro Ramirez**, Artur Kogan and Aleksandr Lenderman. IM Irina Krush earned the Under 2500 prize clear, good for \$1603, while there was a huge tie for the Under 2400/Under 2300 prize between Sabina Foisor, Tatev Abrahamyan, **Michael Langer**, Edward Formanek, Edison Ruge and Joshua Gutman.

NTD **Bill Snead** of Amarillo directed a combined field of 693 players. "We had players from over twenty countries represented, from Mongolia to Mexico," he noted.

## TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for June 15, 2010

### Income

2009 SW Open memberships	\$533.50
2010 Texas Team memberships	245.00
2010 Texas Masters memberships	95.00
2009 Texas State Girls tournament	50.00
2009 Texas State Grade tournament	471.00
2010 Texas State Scholastic tournament	2,098.00
2010 Texas Action memberships	106.00
2010 Texas State and Amateur memberships	358.50
August memberships	10.00
September memberships	85.00
October memberships	105.00
November memberships	90.00
December memberships	92.50
January memberships	80.00
February memberships	157.50
March memberships	172.50
April memberships	70.00
May memberships	120.00
June memberships (so far)	10.00
Region II Scholastic tournament	64.00
Region III Scholastic tournament	139.00
Region V Scholastic tournament	177.00
2009 Region VI Scholastic tournament	282.00

2010 Region VI Scholastic tournament	237.00
Region VII Scholastic tournament + \$10 donation	300.00
Region VII Girls Scholastic tournament	18.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,166.50</b>

### Expenses

SW Open Prize Fund to guarantee \$10,000	\$2,500.00
SW Open registration, WY attendees	400.00
Texas Masters registration, WY attendees	670.00
Texas State/Amateur registration - WY attendees	283.00
Texas Knight - Sept-Oct 2009	896.50
Texas Knight - Nov-Dec 2009	892.00
Texas Knight - Jan-Feb 2010	895.21
Texas Knight - March-April 2010	916.50
Texas Knight - May-June 2010	1,219.60
2008 World Youth Attendees	3,000.00
2009 World Youth Attendees	1,200.00
William Ong - 2009 Denker representative	1,000.00
2009 Texas State Girl's Tournament	500.00
2010 Texas Master's Tournament	1,100.00
2010 Texas State GM Appearance Fee	300.00
Kings of Brownsville Project	1,000.00
Robert Sturgeon Funeral flowers	102.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,875.63</b>
<b>WF checking account balance</b>	<b>\$634.83</b>
<b>BOA checking account balance</b>	<b>\$ 94.30</b>
<b>cd July 2009 - July 2010</b>	<b>\$20,182.48</b>



# GM Izoria is Texas state champion

GM Zviad Izoria, 26, from the Republic of Georgia, went 6-1 to win the Texas State Championship (Dallas, May 28-31). Now a Texas resident, he received the C. Harold Bone memorial trophy and \$750. Rated 300 points above the field, he won in a walk with draws to Deepyaman Datta (first Expert, \$525) and Alex Chua (clear second place with 5, \$375). Five players tied with 4.5 (see below). Prizes were the 75% baseline. **Crosstable: p. 26.**

Franco Guadalupe directed for the Dallas Chess Club.

## PRIZE WINNERS

**CHAMPIONSHIP:** 1st: Zviad Izoria, 6.0, \$750. 2nd: Alexander Chua, 5.0, \$375. 1st Expert: Deepyaman Datta, 4.5, \$525. 3rd+U2400: Michael Langer, Bradley Sawyer, Alfred Carlin, Mihail Bantic, 4.5, \$140.63. 2nd

*Expert:* Vincent Zhang, Alexander Balkum, Abhishek Mallela, Courtney Jamison, 4.0, \$56.25.

**AMATEUR:** 1st: Mario Marshall, 6.5, \$600. 1st Class B: Seth Davis, 5.5, \$450. 2nd+3rd: Ruifeng Li, Andrew Istafanous, Aurelio Gonzalez, 5.5, \$150. 2nd B: Dhurv Garg, 5.0, \$225. 3rd B: Duy Minh Nguyen John Masters, Samuel Baker, Suchinder Kalayan, Atulya Vaidya, Marshall Rogers, Huy Dang, Julia Jones 4.5, \$14.06. 1st C: Nathan Choate, 4.5, \$375. 2nd+3rd C: Aaryamaan Atriwal, Anthony Nguyen, Ade Kujimiyo, 4.0, \$93.75. 1st U1400: Adam Drake, 3.0, \$300. 1st U1200: Haneesh Kaku, 3.0, \$300. 1st U1000: Atreya Vaidya, 3.0, \$300. 2nd+3rd U1400: Patrick Magee, Steve Kuzma, Vishnu Yelakanti, Spencer Christian, Prakash Murthy, Ross Leone, 2.5, \$46.88. 1st Unr.: Anhvan Nguyen, 2.5, \$150.

## Round 1

### QGD D60

Zviad Izoria 2641

Arthur Safin 2164

### Texas State Championship (1)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 e6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.Be2 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.0-0 N5b6

11...Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Re8 13. Rfd1±

12.Qb3 e5 13.Rfd1 exd4

13...e4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Qc2 Bf5=

14.Nxd4 Nf6= 15.a4 e5 16.Qa3 Bg4

17.a5 Bxe2 18.Ndxe2 Nc4 19.Qb3



19...Ne5

19...Nxe3! 20.fxe3 Qxe3+ 21. Kh1 Ne4 22.Rf1 Nf2+ 23.Rxf2 Qxf2

24.Qxb7 Rfb8 25.Qd5 Rd8 26.Qb7 Rdb8=

20.Nf4 Rad8 21.h3 Nc6 22.Nfd5 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Qe6 24.Qc4 Nb4

24...Nd4 25.exd4 Rxd5 26.Re1 Qf5=

25.e4 Nxd5?! [25...Na6=] 26.exd5± Qd6 27.Qb5 Rd7 28.Rac1 b6 29. b4! cxb4 30.Rc6 Qe5 31.axb6 axb6 32.Qc4 Rfd8 [32...Rd6=] 33.d6 g6

33...Qc3 34.Qd5 Qb2=

34.Qxb4 b5 35.g3 Qe6

35...Qh5 36.Qb3 Qxh3=

36.h4 h5?

36...Qe2 37.Rd5±

37.Qxb5± Kg7 38.Qc5 Qf6 39.Qd5

42.Ra6 Kh7 43.Ra7 Rxd6 44.Rxd6

Rxd6 45.Rxf7+ Qxf7 46.Qxd6

46...Qf5 47.Qd4 Qb1+ 48.Kg2 Qb7+ 49.Kf1 Qf3 50.Ke1 Qf5 51. Kd2 Qf3 52.Qd7+ Kg8 53.Qe8+ Kh7 54.Qe7+ Kg8 55.Qe3 Qd5+ 56.Kc3 Kh7 57.Kb4 Qc6 58.Qe7+ Kg8 59.Qc5 Qb7+ 60.Ka5 Qb1 61.Ka6 Qa2+ 62.Kb6 Qb3+ 63.Kc7 Qd3 64.Kc8 Qe4 65.Kd7 Kf7 66. Qc7 Kg8 67.Qc6 Qd4+ 68.Ke7 Qg7+ 69.Kd8 Qd4+ 70.Kc7 Qxf2 71.Qxg6+ Kf8 72.Qg5 Qf3 73.Kd6 Qd3+ 74.Ke5 Qb5+ 75.Kf4 Qe8 76. Qf5+ Kg8 77.Kg5 Qe3+ 78.Qf4 Qe8 79.Kh6 Qc6+ 80.Kxh5 Qe8+

1-0

### QGD Semi-Slav D45

Mihail Bantic 2365

Karthik Ramachandran 2118

### Texas State Championship (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.b3 Bd6 7.Be2 0-0 8. 0-0 Ne4

8...dxc4 9.bxc4 e5 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Qc2 exd4 12.exd4 Nf8=

9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Nd2 f5 11.f4 exf3 12.Nxf3 e5 13.c5 Bc7 14.Bc4+ Kh8 15.e4! fxe4

15...exd4 16.Ng5 Nf6 17.exf5 Qe7 18.b4 b5 19.Be6±

16.Ng5 Rxf1+?!

16...exd4 17.Rxf8+ (17.Nf7+ Rxf7 18.Rxf7 Be5 (18...d3 trans-





poses) 19.Bb2 d3 (19...b5 20.cxb6 d3 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.b7) 20.Rxd7 Bxb2+ 21.Kxh2 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Bxd7 ♯) 17...Qxf8 18.Ne6 Bxb2+ 19.Kxh2 Qf6 20.Bg5 Qe5+ 21.Bf4 Qf6 22.Qxd4±;

16...Nf6 17.dxe5 Qxd1 18.Rxd1 Nd5 19.Bxd5 Bg4 20.Nf7+ Rxf7 21.Bxf7 Bxd1 22.Bb2 Bc2 23.e6 Bd8 24.Be5 Be7 25.Bd6 Bf6 26.Rc1 Bd3 27.e7+—

### 17.Qxf1 Qf8

17...Qf6 18.Nf7+ Kg8 19.Qe2 Kf8 20.Ng5 Ke8 21.Qh5+—

18.Nf7+ Kg8 19.Nxe5+ Kh8 20.Nf7+ Kg8 21.Bg5 b5 22.cxb6 Bxb6 22...axb6 23.Nd8+ Kh8 24.Qxf8+ Nxf8 25.Rf1 Nd7 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Ne5+ Kh8 28.Nxd7 Bxd7 29.Rf7+—

### 23.Qf2 Ba6??

23...Nf6 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Re1+ 24.Bxa6 Qxf7 and Black resigned in view of 25.Be4. 1-0

### Modern Benoni A67

George Qi 2156

Michael Langer 2308

### Texas State Championship (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 Na6 10.Nf3 Nb4 11.0-0 12.Re1 a6 13.Bf1 Re8 14.h3 f5 15.Qb3 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Bd2 Rxe1 19.Rxe1 Bf5 20.Bxb4 Qb6 21.g4 Bd7 22.a5 Qxb4 23.Qxb4 cxb4 24.Re4 Rc8 25.Rxb4 Rc1



26.g5?

26.Rxb7 Bb5 27.Rxb5 axb5 28.a6 (28.b4 Rb1 29.Kf2 Rxb4 30.a6 Rb2+ 31.Ke3 Bd8 32.Ng5 Bb6+ 33.Ke4 Rb3♯) 28...Rb1 29.Kf2 Rxb2+ 30.Ke3 Bd8 31.Ng5 Bb6+ 32.Ke4 Rb3♯;

26.Kf2 Rc2+ 27.Ke3! Rxb2 28.Rxb2 Bxb2 29.Nd2 (29.Ng5 Bc1+ 30.Kf3 Ba3) 29...Bc1 30.Be2 Kf7 31.Kd3=

### 26...Bxb3 27.Nh2

27.Kh2 Rxf1 28.Kxh3 Rxf3+ 29.Kg4 Rd3 30.gxf6 Rxd5 31.Rxb7 h5+ 32.Kh4 Rxa5 33.Rg7+ Kf8 34.Rxg6 Kf7 35.Rg5 Ra4 36.Kxh5 Rxf4 37.Ra5 Kxf6 38.Rxa6 Ke5♯ 27...Bg7 28.Kf2 Rc2+ 29.Kg3 Bxf1 30.Nxf1 Rxb2 31.Rxb2 Bxb2 32.Ne3 Bc3 33.Nc4 Bb4 34.Kg4 Kg7 35.Kg3 Kf7 36.Kg4 Ke7 37.f5 Be5 38.Nd2 b5 39.axb6 Bxb6 40.f6+ Kd7 41.Nc4 Be5 42.Kf4 Ke8 43.Ke4 Kf7 44.Na5 h5 45.Nc6 Bb6

0-1

### Reti Opening A14

Alexander Chua 2288

Tommy He 2125

### Texas State Championship (1)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Be7 6.b3 d5 7.Bb2 d4 8.d3 0-0 9.e4 e5 10.Nbd2 Ne8 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Kh1 g6 13.Ng1 Bg7 14.f4 f5



15.exf5 Bxf5? [15...Rxf5] 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.fxg5 Nc7 18.Rae1 Re8 19.Ng3 g5 20.Ne4 Bh3 21.Nexg5 Bxf1 22.Qe4 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 h6 24.Qh7+

Kf8 25.Rf1 Re7 26.Nxd4+ Ke8 27.e6 Nxe6 28.Ngxe6 1-0

### Four Knights Game C47

Bradley Sawyer 2274

Paul Haney 2145

### Texas State Championship (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.a3 d5 5.Bb5 d4 6.Ne2 Nxe4 7.d3 Nf6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Nxe5 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nc4 c5 12.Ng3 0-0 13.Nf5 Qd7 14.Nfxd6 cxd6 15.Bf4 d5



15...Qc6 16.f3 d5 17.Na5 Qb6 18.Nxb7 Qxb7 19.Bd6 Rfe8 20.b4 Nd7 21.bxc5 Qc6=

### 16.Na5 Ba6 17.b4 c4 18.a4

18.dxc4 dxc4 19.Be5 Rad8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.a4

### 18...cxd3 19.b5 Qf5?

19...dxc2 20.Qxc2 Bb7 21.Be5± 20.Bd6± dxc2 21.Qxd4 Rfd8 22.Be7 Rd7 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Ra2 Rc7 26.Rc1 d4

26...Rac8 27.bxa6 d4 28.Ra3± 27.Raxc2+- Rxc2 28.Rxc2 d3 29.Rd2 Rc8 30.f3 Rc1+ 31.Kf2 Rc2 32.Ke3 Be8 33.Rxd3 Kf8 34.Nc6 Bf5 35.Rd8+ Kg7 36.Nd4 Rc3+ 37.Kd2 Rd3+ 38.Ke2 Bg6 39.Nf5+ Bxf5 40.Rxd3 Bxd3+ 41.Kxd3 1-0

### Reversed Gruenfeld D02

Karthik Ramachandran 2128

Austen Green 2242

### Texas State Championship (1)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.c4 Be7 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nc3 e4 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.



Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Rfd1 0-0 15.Qd4 Nb6 16.Rac1 Qb7 17.b3 Rac8 18. h3 Na8 19.Na4 Rc7 20.Nc5 Qc8 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Qd2 Nb6 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Rc1 Qe5 25.e3 Nd7 26. Qc3 Qf5 27.Rf1 Ne5 28.Qc7



28...g5?

28...Nf3+ 29.Bxf3 exf3 30.Kh2 (30.g4 Qe4) 30...Qd3 31.Rc1 Qe2 32.Qc2 e5! 33.b4 d4 34.exd4 exd4 35.Qc4+ (35.Qb3+ Kh8 36.Rc2 h6 -) 35...Qxc4 36.Rxc4 Rd8 37.Rc2 d3 38.Rd2 h5! -+ and White's king cannot arrive at the scene in time. 29.Qxa7 h5 30.b4 g4 31.h4 Nd3 32.b5 Qe5 33.Qe7 Rf7 34.Qg5+ Qxg5 35.hxg5 Ra7 36.Rb1 Rxa2 37.b6 Ra8 38.Bf1 Ne5 39.Rc1 Nb7 40.Rc7 Rb8 41.Ba6 Ne5 42.Rc8+ Rxc8 43.Bxc8 Kf7 44.Kf1 e5 45.b7 Na6 46.Bf5 Ke7 47.Bg6 Ke6 48. Bxh5 Kf5 49.g6 Kf6 50.Ke2 Kg7 51.Bxg4 Kxg6 52.Be6 d4 53.g4 Kf6 54.Bf5 Kg5 55.Bxe4 Kxg4 56.exd4 exd4 57.Kd3 1-0

## Round 2

*Franco-Indian A40*

Deeptyaman Datta 2197

Zviad Izoria 2641

*Texas State Championship (2)*

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxf3 6.exf3 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 d5 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Rd1 0-0 10.h4 c6 11.b3 Nd7 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Qe3 Rfd8 15.e5 Qc7

16.b4 a5 17.a3 axb4 18.axb4 bxc5 19.bxc5 Qa7 ½-½

*French Tarrasch C05*

Michael Langer 2306

Matthew Liu 2116

*Texas State Championship (2)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 f6 11.Nf4 cxd4

11...fxe5 12.dxe5 c4 13.Nxe6!? (13.Bc2 Nc5 14.b4 cxb3 15.axb3±) 13...Rxf3 14.Qxf3 cxd3 15.Qxd5 Kh8 16.Nf4± 12.Nxe6! Re8

12...fxe5 13.Nxf8 Bxf8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.b4 Bd6 16.Bb3 Nf6 17.cxd4 e4 18.Rxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxd5+ Kh8 20. Bxe4 Bg4 21.Be3+-

13.Bxh7+! Kxh7 14.Nfg5+! fxxg5 15.Qh5+ Kg8 16.Qxe8+ Nf8 17. Nxf8 Bxf8 18.e6 Qc7

18...Qd8 19.Qf7+ Kh7 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Bxg5 Be7 22.Qf7+ Kh7 23. Bxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxe7 Nxe7 25. cxd4+- (+1.75)

19.Bxg5 Rb8 20.e7 Nxe7 21.Rxe7 Qd6 22.Qf7+ 1-0

*Benoni A43*

Abhishek Mallela 2173

Dachey Lin 2111

*Texas State Championship (2)*

1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.Nc3 a6 4.e4 d6 5.a4 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 e6 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Ng5 Qd7 [11...Qc7 12.Bf4 Rd8=] 12.e5 dxe5 13.Qxd7 Nbx7 14. Nxe6± Rfc8 15.f4 [15.Bg5] 15... Rc6 16.Nxg7 exf4?! [16...Kxg7] 17. Nf5± gxf5 18.Rxf4 Re8 19.Rxf5 Re5 20.Rxe5 Nxe5 21.Bf4 Ng6 22.Rf1 c4 23.Be3 Ng4 24.Bc1 Nf6 25.Bg5 Ne8 26.Nd5 Rc5 27.Ne7+ Kh8 28.Nxg6+ hxg6 29.Rf8+ Kg7 30.Rxe8 Rxc5 31.Re7+ Kh6 32. Rxb7 Rd5 33.Rf7 Rd2 34.Rf2 Rd1+ 35.Rf1 Rd2 36.Rc1 a5 37.h3 Kg5 38.Kh2 Kf4 39.Rf1+ Ke3 40. Rf3+ Kd4 41.Rc3 Rd1 42.Rg3 Rd2



43.b3??

43.Rxg6 Rxc2 44.Rb6+-

43...Rxc2??

43...c3 44.Rg4+ Ke3 45.Rxg6 Rxc2 46.Rc6 Kd3=

44.Rg4+-+ Kc5 45.Rxc4+ Rxc4 46. bxc4 Kxc4 47.h4 Kb4 48.g4 Kxa4 49.h5 gxh5 50.gxh5 1-0

*Sicilian Four Knights B45*

Austen Green 2242

Jason Jia 2127

*Texas State Championship (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.c4 Bb4+ 11.Ke2!

11.Bd2? Qe3+ 12.Qe2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2 Nxf4+± 11...Ba6 12.Kf3! f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nxf6+ gxf6



16.c5!

This locks in a White advantage. Black is denied any hope of ...d5 with a strong center.



16...Bxf1 17.Rxf1 Qd8 18.Qd4 Ba5  
19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Kf2 Bc7 21.Kg1

What a long, strange trip it's been! This is an extreme case of manual castling. But the reward for a walk on the wild side is a superior position with pressure on the d-file.

21...Rd8 22.Qe4 0-0 23.Rd3 Rf7  
24.Rfd1 Kh8

24...f5 25.Qc4 Rg7 26.g3 a5  
27.Qa6±

25.Qc4 Qf8 26.Qa6 Qh6 27.g3 Bb8  
28.Rxd7 Rfxd7 29.Rxd7 Rg8  
30.Qd3 Qh5 31.Rd8 Bc7 32.Rxg8+  
Kxg8 33.Qd7 Qe2 34.Qxe6+ Kg7  
35.Qe7+ Kg6 36.f5+ Kh5 37.Qe8+  
Kg4 38.Qe4+ 1-0

*Modern Defense A10*

Nicholas Schoonmaker 2200

Courtney Jamison 2022

*Texas State Championship (2)*

1.g3 Nc6 2.Bg2 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3  
e6 5.e4 Nge7 6.Nge2 d6 7.d4 0-0  
8.Be3 f5 9.f3 a6 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.  
Bh6

11.Rb1 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.b4  
fxe4 14.fxe4 d5 15.e5 Nf5 16.Bg5±  
11...b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.h4

13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nd1 b4 15.  
Ne3 fxe4 16.fxe4 e5 17.d5 Na5=  
13...b4 14.Na4 [14.Nd1] 14...Ba6  
15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nf4

16.h5 Bxe2 17.hxg6 Nxg6 18.  
Kxe2±

16...Qd7 17.b3 Bb5



18.Nb2?

18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Nd8 20.  
Qxb4 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Qe6+ 22.Kf2  
Qxd5 23.Qc3+ Qe5 24.f4±  
18...e5?

△18...fxe4 19.fxe4 Nxd4 20.  
Nxg6 Nf3+ 21.Bxf3 Rxf3±

19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.h5

△20.Qxb4! fxe4 21.Qxe4 Nf5  
22.Kf2 Rfe8 23.Bh3=

20...g5 21.h6+ Kh8 22.Nh3?!

22.Nh5 fxe4 23.Qxg5 N7g6 24.  
fxe4 Qc6! 25.Rc1 Qb6 26.Rc2 Ra8±  
22...fxe4 23.f4

23.Qxg5 Rf7 24.fxe4 Rg8 25.  
Qe3 Qg4±

23...Qg4+ 24.fxe5 Qxg3+ 25.Kd1  
e3 26.Qd4 dxe5 27.Qe4 Bc6 28.  
Qxc6 Nxc6 29.Bxc6 Rb6 30.a4 Qg2  
0-1

### Round 3

*Philidor Defense C41*

Michael Langer 2308

Mihail Bantic 2365

*Texas State Championship (3)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Bd3 b5  
8.0-0 a6 9.Re1 c5 10.Nf5 Bxf5  
11.exf5 0-0 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Be4  
Nc7 14.Bxa8 Nxa8 15.Bf4 Nc6  
16.f6 Bxf6 17.Bxd6 Re8 18.Qd5  
Nd4 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Qxc5 h6  
21.c3 Ne6 22.Qa7 Qc6 23.Qb8+  
Kh7 24.Rd1 Nb6 25.Qa7 Nd5  
26.Bg3 Ndf4 27.f3



27...Ne2+

27...Bd4+!! 28.Rxd4□ (28.cxd4?  
Qc2-+) 28...Nxd4 29.Bxf4 (29.

Qxd4? Ne2+→) 29...Ne2+ 30.Kf1  
Nxf4 31.Qxf7 Qd6-+

28.Kh1 Nxg3+ 29.hxg3 Ng5 30.  
Qd7 Qe4 31.Qd3+ Qxd3 32.Rxd3  
Ne6 33.Rd6 Ne5 34.Rc6 Be7 35.a3  
f6 36.b4 Na4 37.c4 bxc4 38.Rxc4  
Bd8 39.Rc6 Nb6 40.Rd6 Bc7 41.  
Rc6 Bd8 42.Rc5 Be7 43.Rc7 Nd5  
44.Rd7 Bxb4 45.axb4 Nxb4 46.Rb7  
Nd5 47.Rb3 Kg6 48.Ra3 Nc7 49.  
Rc3 Nd5 50.Rc6 Ne3 51.Kg1 a5  
52.Rc5 a4 53.Ra5 Nf5 54.Kf2 h5  
55.Rxa4 Nd6 56.Ke3 Nf5+ 57.Kf4  
Ne7 58.Rc4 Nd5+ 59.Ke4 Ne7 60.  
Rc7 Nf5 61.Kf4 Nd4 62.Re7 Nf5  
63.Rd7 Nh6 64. Rd5 Nf7 65.Ke4  
Ng5+ 66.Ke3 Ne6 67.Ra5 Ng5 68.  
Kd4 Nf7 69.Kd5 Nh6 70.Ke6 Ng8  
71.Ra7 Nh6 72.Ke7 Nf5+ 73.Kf8  
Kh6 74.g4 hxg4 75.fxg4 Nd4 76.  
Kf7 Nc6 77.Ra4 Ne5+ 78.Kf8  
Nd7+ 79.Kg8 Ne5 80.Ra7 g6 81.  
Ra6 Kg5 82.Kg7 Nxg4 83.Ra5+  
Ne5 84.Ra3 Ng4 85.Ra6 Kf5 86.  
Ra5+ Ne5 87.Rb5 Kg5 88.Rb1 Ng4



The game was drawn at move  
133! ½-½

*Sicilian B23*

Bradley Sawyer 2274

Vincent Zhang 2080

*Texas State Championship (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4  
e6 5.Nf3 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.d3 d6  
8.Be3 Bf6 9.a4 a6 10.Ng5 h6 11.  
Nh3 Ne7 12.f4 0-0 13.Rf2 Rb8  
14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Na4 Rb8  
17.c3 Ndc6





18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxc5 Nf5 20.Bc1 Na5 21.Nxa6 Bxa6 22.Bxa6 Nb3 23.Ra3 Nxc1 24.Qxc1 exf4 25.Nxf4? [25.Ra1=] 25...Bd4 26.Bc4?? 26.Qc2 Ne3 27.Qd2 Rxb2 28.Qxb2 Nd1-+; 26.Nh3 Bxf2+ 27.Nxf2 Qc6 28.Nd1 Nh4 29.Qd2 Ra8+ 26...Be3 0-1

*English Hedgehog A34*

Alexander Chua 2288  
Mark Dejmek 2123

*Texas State Championship (3)*

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 b6 4.e4 d6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bb7 7.Bd3 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.f3 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.b3 Re8 13.Rfd1 a6 14.Rac1 e6 15.Nde2 Qc7 16.Bb1 Bf8 17.Bd4 Qb8 18.Kh1 Be7 19.Qh6 Bf8 20.Qh4 Be7 21.Qf2 Ba8 22.a4 Nc5 23.Bc2 Ncd7 24.Ng3



24...Bd8

24...d5! 25.exd5 exd5 26.cxd5 Nxd5= 25.Rd2 Ne5 26.Rcd1 Nc6 27.Be3

Bc7 28.Nge2 Nb4 29.Bd4 Bd8 30. Bb1 Nc6

30...d5 31.cxd5 exd5 32.Bxf6 Bxf6 33.Nxd5 Nxd5 34.exd5± 31.Be3 Bc7 32.Qh4 Nd7 33.Bf4 Nce5 34.Bg5 b5?

34...Nc6 35.Qh6 f6 36.Bf4 Nde5 37.Bg3± 35.axb5 axb5 36.Nxb5 d5 37.f4 f6 38.Bh6 Nf7 39.f5 exf5 40.exd5 Nc5 40...Bxh2 41.Qxh2 Qxh2+ 42. Kxh2 Nxb6 43.Nd6+ 41.Nxc7 Qxc7 42.Bf4 Qb7 43.Nd4 Ne4

43...Nxb3 44.Nxb3 Qxb3 45. Ba2 Qc3 46.d6 g5 47.Qg3 Qxg3 48.Bxg3 Red8 49.Bf2 Kf8 50.c5± 44.Bxe4 Rxe4 45.Qxf6 Rce8 46.Ne6 Nd8 47.Be5 Rxe5 48.Qxe5 f4 49. Qxf4 Qxb3 50.Rf1 1-0

*Ninzo-Indian E44*

Alexander Balkum 2174  
Tommy He 2125

*Texas State Championship (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 Bb7 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.b4 c5 12.f3 Rc8 13.Nb5 Ra8 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.Re1 Bc6 16. bxc5 bxc5 17.Nc7 Rac8 18.Na6 Bb7

18...Rfe8 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Bb4 Ba4 21.Bxc5 Rxc5 22.Qxa4 Rc3= 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Nd7 21.Bb4 Nxc5 22.Rc1 a5



23.Bxa5±

23.Bxh7+! Kxh7 (23...Kh8 24. Bxa5 Kxh7 25.Bb4+)- 24.Qc2+ f5

25.Bxc5 Qh4 26.Qd2+ 23...Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Qg5 26.Qd4 h6 27.Bb6 Ba6 28.a4 Bc4 29.a5 Ra8 30.Ra1 Qf6? [30... Be2 31.h4±] 31.Qxf6 gxf6 32.Kf2 Kh7 33.Ke1 f5 34.g3 Kg6 35.Kd2 Kh5 36.Rb1 Ra6 37.Rb2 Ra8 38. Kc3 Kg6 39.Kd4 Re8 40.Be5 Ra8 41.Bb6 Re8 42.Bc7 Ra8 43.Kc5 Re8 44.Rb6+ Kg7 45.Bf4 f6 46.a6 Ra8 47.Rb7+ Kg6 48.a7 Be2 49. Kb6 Bxf3 50.Rb8 d4 51.Rxa8 Bxa8 52.exd4 Kh5 53.Kc7 Kg4 54.Kb8 Be4 55.a8Q Bxa8 56.Kxa8 Kh3 57.d5 Kxh2 58.d6 h5 59.d7 Kg2 60.d8Q 1-0

*French Tarrasch C06*

Jeffrey Xiong 2096  
Arthur Safin 2164

*Texas State Championship (3)*

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.Bg5 0-0 13.Bh4 Nh5 14.Bg3 Nng3 15.Nxg3 g6 16. Re1 Qg7 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Re1 Qf6 19.Qe2 Rac8 20.Rc2 Rc7 21.a3 Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rxc6 23.Rxc6 bxc6 24.b4 Bc7 25.Nf1 Bb6 26.Qd2 Qf4 27.Qxf4 Rxf4 28.N1d2 Kg7

28...Bxd4 29.g3 Rg4 30.Nxd4 Rxd4 31.Nf3 Re4 32.Rxe4 dxe4 33.Ng5 e3 34.fxe3 Kg7 35.Ne4± 29.Nh3 Kf6 30.Nc5 Ke7 31.Kf1 g5 32.h3

32.Nxg5 Bxc5 33.dxc5 a5 34. bxa5 Rc4 35.Re3 Rxc5 36.Rh3± 32...h5 33.Ne5! Be8





33...Bxc5 34.Ng6+ Kf7 35.Nxf4  
Bxd4 36.Nxh5±  
34.Nxc6+ Bxc6 35.Rxe6+ Kf7 36.  
Rxc6 Rxd4 37.Nd7 Rd1+ 38.Ke2  
Ra1 39.Nxb6 axb6 40.Rxb6 Rxa3  
41.Rd6+ Ra2+ 42.Kd3 Ra3+ 43.  
Kd4 Ra2 44.Rxd5 Kf6 45.Ke3 Rb2  
46.Rb5 Rb3+ 47.Ke4 Rb2 48.Rb6+  
Kg7 49.Kf5 Rxf2+ 50.Kxg5 Rxg2+  
51.Kxh5 Rd2 52.b5 Rg2 53.Rb7+  
Kf6 54.b6 Rg1 55.Rc7 Rb1 56.Rb7  
Rg1 57.Rh7 Rb1 58.b7 Rb4 59.h4  
Kf5 60.Rc7 Kf6 61.Rh7 Kf5 62.  
Kh6 Kf6 63.h5 Rb3 64.Rc7 Rb5  
65.Rc6+ Kf7 66.Rg6 Ke7 67.Rg8  
1-0

## Round 4

*Pirc Defense B06*

Vincent Zhang 2080

Zviad Izoria 2641

*Texas State Championship (4)*

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bc4  
Nf6 5.Qe2 0-0 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Nbd2  
Nc6 8.c3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.h3 Bd7  
11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ne1 g5 13.Nd3 Ng6  
14.Nf3 Nf4 15.Nxf4 gxf4 16.Kh2  
Rg8 17.Rg1 Bh6 18.g3? [18.Bd2;  
18.c4] 18...Qc8 19.gxf4 exf4  
20.Rxg8+ Qxg8 21.Bd2 [21.Nh4  
Qg5 22.Ng2 Qe5 23.Qf3 (23.f3  
Bxh3-)] 23...Nxe4]



21...Bxh3 22.Rg1

If 22.Kxh3 then 22...Qg4+ 23.  
Kh2 Qh5+ quickly forces mate  
22...Bg4 23.e5 Qg6 24.Nh4 Qg5  
25.Rxg4 Nxg4+ 26.Kh3 Nxe5 0-1

*Modern Benoni A70*

Dachey Lin 2197

Michael Langer 2308

*Texas State Championship (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5  
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.h3  
0-0 9.Nf3 b5 10.Bxb5 Nxe4 11.  
Nxe4 Qa5+ 12.Nfd2 Qxb5 13.Nxd6  
Qa6 14.N2c4 Nd7 15.0-0 Ne5  
16.Nxe5 Qxd6 17.Nc6 [17.Nc4 Qa6]  
17...Bb7 18.Qf3 Bxc6 19.dxc6 Rfc8  
19...Rac8 20.Rd1 Qxc6 21.Qxc6  
Rxc6 22.Rd7 Re8 23.Be3 a6 24.Rb1  
c4=  
20.Rd1



20...Qf6 [20...Qxc6?? 21.Rd8++]  
21.Qxf6 Bxf6 22.Rd5 Bd4 23.Rd6  
23.Be3 Bxe3 24.fxe3 Rxc6  
25.Rd7 c4 26.Rf1 f5 27.e4 Rb6=  
23...Be5 ½-½

*QP Opening A45*

Paul Haney 2145

Alexander Chua 2288

*Texas State Championship (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7 4.Nd2  
0-0 5.g4!? d6 6.g5 Nfd7 7.h4

This is far and away the most  
baroque opening system I've seen  
from this event.

7...e5 8.Ng3 d5 9.dxe5 Nxe5  
10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.f4 Bg7 12.h5 c5  
13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Kf2 c4 15.Be2  
Na6 16.b3??

16.e4 c3 17.bxc3 Bxc3 18.Rb1  
Nc5 19.Bf3±  
16...Bxa1 17.Ba3 Bg7 18.Qg1 f6  
19.Qh2 Kf7 20.Qg2 Rh8



21.Nxc4 Ne7!-+

21...dxc4 22.Bxc4+ Ke8 (22...  
Be6 23.Bxe6+ Kxe6 24.Qe4+ Kd7  
(24...Kf7?? 25.Qc4+ Ke8 26.Qe6+)  
25.Qxb7+ Nc7 26.Rd1++-) 23.Qe4+  
Kd7 24.Rd1+±]  
22.Nd6+ Kg8 23.Bf3 Rxh1 24.  
Qxh1 fxg5 25.fxg5 Be6 0-1

*Sicilian Lowenthal B32*

Jason Altschuler 2115

Alexander Balkum 2174

*Texas State Championship (4)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 a6 6.Nd6+ Bxd6  
7.Qxd6 Qf6 8.Qd2 Nge7 9.Nc3 d6  
10.Bc4 Be6 11.Nd5 Qg6 12.0-0  
12.Nc7+!? Kd7 13.Nxa8 Qxe4+  
14.Qe2 Qxg2 15.Nb6+ Kc7 16.Qf1  
Qe4+ 17.Be3 d5 18.Bd3 Qb4+ 19.c3  
Qxb2 20.Rc1=  
12...Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nd4 14.Qb4

14.f4 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qxc2 16.  
fxe5 dxe5±

14...Rb8 15.Qa4+ b5 16.Qxa6  
Nxd5 17.exd5 0-0 18.Bd2?? [

18.c3 Ra8! 19.Qb7 Nb3±;  
□18.Be3 Ra8 19.Qb7 Nxc2  
20.Rac1 Rxa2±

18...Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Nxd2 20.Rfd1  
Ne4 21.Kg1 Ne5 22.Qa7 Qxc2 23.  
b4 Ra8 24.Qc7 Rxa2 25.Rf1 Rxa1  
26.Rxa1 Qb2 27.Rf1 Ne4 28.Qa5  
Qe2 29.h4 Qc4 30.f3 Nc3 0-1

*QGD Semi-Slav D45*

Abhishek Mallela 2173

Matthew Liu 2116

*Texas State Championship (4)*



1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6  
5.e3 Bd6 6.g4 Nxc4 7.Rg1 Nxb2  
8.Nxb2 Bxh2 9.Rxc7 Qf6 10.Rg2  
Bd6 11.e4 Qd8 12.Bh6 Nd7 13.Bg7  
Rg8 14.Qh5 Bf8 15.Qxh7 Rxc7  
16.Rxc7 Bxc7 17.Qxc7 Qf6 18.  
Qxf6 Nxf6 19.cxd5 exd5 20.exd5  
Nxd5 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.Rc1



22...Bd7

22...Kd7! 23.Bh3+ Kd8=  
23.Rc5 Rc8 24.b4 Rxc5 25.dxc5  
Ke7

25...b6 26.Ba6 bxc5 27.bxc5±  
26.Kd2 Kf6 27.Ke3 Be6 28.Kd4  
Bd7

28...b6 29.Bg2 bxc5+ 30.bxc5  
Ke7 31.Bxd5 Bc8 32.Kc4±  
29.Bg2 Be6?

29...Ke7 30.Bxd5 b6 31.c6 Bc8  
32.b5±

30.Bxd5+- a6 31.Bxc6 bxc6 32.Ke4  
Ke6 33.a4 Kf6 34.Kd4 Ke6 35.Kc4  
Kd7 36.b5 cxb5+ 37.axb5 axb5+  
38.Kxb5 f5 39.Kb6 Kc8 40.f4 Kb8  
41.c6 Kc8 42.c7 Kd7 1-0

*Nimzovich Defense B00*

Courtney Jamison 2022

Bradley Sawyer 2274

*Texas State Championship (4)*

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Qe2 e5 4.c3  
Be7 5.d4 d6 6.Nbd2

□6.d5 Nb8 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3  
6...0-0 7.d5 Nb8 8.h3 a5 9.g4 c6  
10.c4 b5 11.dxc6 bxc4 12.Qxc4  
Qc7 13.Qa4 Na6 14.Bb5

14.g5 Nh5 15.Bb5 (15.Bc4 Nb4  
=) 15...Rb8 16.Nb3 Nb4 17.Rb1 f5=

14...Rb8 15.0-0?

15.Qc4 Nb4 16.a4 Be6 17.Qc3  
d5±

15...Nc5 16.Qc4



16...Rxb5! 17.Nb3

On 17.Qxb5 Ba6, the queen is  
trapped. White resigned. 0-1

*Caro-Kann B15*

Mark Dejmek 2123

Alfred Carlin 2205

*Texas State Championship (4)*

1.e4 g6 2.d4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3  
dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.  
Nxf6+ Bxf6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.c3 0-0  
10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nd7 12.Bh6  
Bg7 13.Bg5 Nb6 14.Bb3 Nd5 15.  
Rf1 Re8 16.Rad1 Qd7 17.c4 Nf6  
18.d5 cxd5 19.cxd5 h6 20.Bh4 g5  
21.Bg3 a6 22.Be5 Nh7 23.Bc2

23.d6 e6 24.Bc2 Rac8 25.Bxc7  
Kxc7 26.Be4 Rb8 27.Qg3±

23...Nf8 24.Bf5 Qb5 25.Bxc7 Kxc7  
26.Qc3+ Kg8 27.h4 f6 28.hxc5  
hxc5 29.Qa3 Kf7 30.Qh3 Rad8



31.Qh5+

31.Bg4! Kg7 (31...Qb4 32.a3!  
Qf4 33.g3! Qa4 34.b3! Qxa3 35.  
Qh8!+- with forced mate) 32.Bh5  
Qxb2 33.Bxe8 Rxe8 34.d6+-

31...Kg7 32.Be6 Ng6 33.Bf5 Nf8

A draw was agreed, but White  
could still play for a win: 34.Re3 e6  
35.Bxe6 Nxe6 36.dxe6 Rxd1+ 37.  
Qxd1+- ½-½

*KI Attack A07*

Nicholas Schoonmaker 2200

Karthik Ramachandran 2118

*Texas State Championship (4)*

1.g3 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e5 4.0-0  
Nc6 5.d3 Bf5 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.f4 e6  
8.c3 Be7 9.Na3 0-0 10.Qe1 Ne8  
11.Nxc6 hxc6 12.e4 Nc7 13.Nc2  
Qd7 14.e5 f5 15.h4 Kf7 16.Bf3 Rh8  
17.Kg2 Rh6 18.Bd2 R8h8 19.Qe2  
Qd8 20.Rh1 R8h7 21.Rag1 Qh8  
22.Kf1 Nd8 23.c4 d4 24.Qg2 b6  
25.b4 Qe8 26.b5 Nxb5 27.cxb5  
Qxb5 28.Ne1 c4 29.Bc1 c3 30.Qc2  
Nc6 31.a4 Qe5 32.Ba3 Qxa3 33.  
Bxc6 Qc5 34.Bg2 Rh8 35.Nf3 Rb8  
36.Ke2 Rhh8 37.Ng5+ Bxc5 38.  
hxc5 Rxc8 39. Ra1 b5 40.axb5  
Rxb5 41.Rhb1 Rcb8 42.Rxb5 Rxb5  
43.Rb1 Rxb1 44.Qxb1 c2 45.Qc1  
Qc3 46.Bb7 a5 47.Ba6



47...Qc6 48.Bc4?

48.Bb7! Qxb7 49.Qxc2 Qg2+  
50.Kd1 Qg1+ 51.Kd2 Qe3+ 52.Kd1  
a4 53.Qxa4 Qxd3+ 54.Kc1=  
48...Qg2+ 49.Ke1 Qg1+ 50.Kd2  
Qf2# 0-1



# Round 5

## Caro-Kann B14

Zviad Izoria 2641

Michael Langer 2308

### Texas State Championship (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 e5 4.e3 cxd4  
5.exd4 d5 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5

This is one of those positions that can be reached by a Caro-Kann, Nimzo-Indian or QGD.

8.Qc2 Nc6 9.Bd3

9.a3 Ba5! (9...Be7 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.Be3=) 10.Bg5 Qd6 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Bd3 h6=

9...Nf6

9...Nxc3! 10.bxc3 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Bb5+ Kf8 13.Bb2 Qe5+ 14.Be2 Ba5+

10.0-0 Be7 11.a3 0-0 12.Bg5 h6?

12...g6 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Nxc6=

13.Be3 b6 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.Rad1 Re8



16.Bxh6! gxh6 17.Qxh6 Re8

17...Qd6 18.Rfe1 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Rxc3 20.Qg5+ Kh8 21.bxc3 Qd5 22.Re5+; 17...Na5 18.Ng5 Rxc3 19.bxc3 Bd5 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.Bg6+ Kg8 22.Rd3+-

18.Ng5 1-0

White will have a forced mate starting with Bh7+.

## Catalan Opening E07

Alexander Chua 2288

Abhishek Mallela 2173

### Texas State Championship (5)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.Nd2 Rc8 11.Rc1 b5 12.c5 e5 13.b4 Qc7 [13...exd4 14.Ncb1=] 14.Nb3 Ne8 15.e4 exd4

15...dxe4 16.Nxe4 Rd8 17.Qe2± 16.Nxd4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bb7

17...Ne5 18.Qe2 Nc4 19.Ba1 Bb7 20.Nf5±

18.Nf5 Bf6 19.Nxf6+ Ndx6 20.Qe2 Rd8 21.Be5 Qd7 22.Rfd1!+- Nd5 23.Bh3 Kh8 24.Nxg7! Qxh3 25.Nxe8+ Kg8

25...f6 26.Nxf6+-

26.Nd6

26.Nf6+ Nxf6 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Bxf6 Rf8 29.Qe5 Qg4 30.f3 Qg6 31.Rd1+-

26...f6 27.Nxb7 Rde8 28.Qf1 Qxf1+ 29.Rxf1 fxe5 30.a3 Rf3 31.Ra1 Nc3 32.Na5 Re6 33.Rfe1 e4 34.Re3 Nd5 35.Rxf3 exf3 36.Nb3 Nc3



37.Nd4 Ne2+ 38.Nxe2 Rxe2

38...fxe2 39.Re1 a5 40.bxa5 (40.f4 axb4 41.axb4 Re4 42.Kf2 Rxb4 43.Rxe2±) 40...Kf7 41.Kg2 Re4 42.Kf3 Ra4 43.Rxe2 Rxa3+ 44.Ke4 Rxa5 45.Ke5 Ke7 46.f4 b4 47.Kd4+ Kf6 48.Rb2+-

39.g4

39.h4 Re7 40.Rd1 a5 41.bxa5 Ra7 42.Rd3+-

39...Kf7 40.h3 Rd2

40...Kf6 41.Rd1 Ke5 42.Rd7 a5 43.bxa5 Ra2 44.Rd3+-

41.Re1 h5 42.gxh5 Rd5 43.Re3+- Rg5+ 44.Kh1 Rxb5 45.Rxf3+ Ke6 46.Rd3 Ke5 47.Kg2 Ke4 48.Rd6

Rg5+ 49.Kf1 Rh5 50.Rxc6 Rxb3 51.Re6+ Kd5 52.Re3 Rh7 53.Kg2 a5 54.Rc3 axb4 55.axb4 Kc6 56.f4 Rh4 57.Kg3 Rh8 58.Rd3 Rh6 59.Rd6+ Rxd6 60.cxd6 Kxd6 61.Kg4 Ke6 62.Kg5 Kf7 63.Kf5 Ke7 64.Kg6 Kf8 65.Kf6 1-0

## Benko Gambit A57

Alexander Balkum 2174

Deepyaman Datta 2197

### Texas State Championship (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 d6 5.e4 b4 6.Nf3 a5 7.Bd3 g6 8.a4 Bg7 9.Ra2 Nbd7 10.b3 Ng4 11.Bb2 Nde5 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.h3 Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 Nf6 ½-½

## French Tarrasch C06

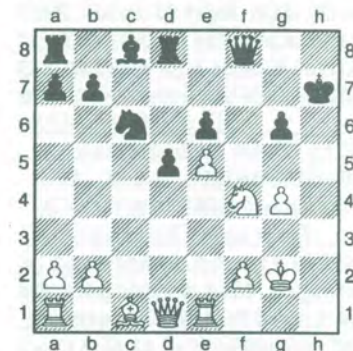
Matthew Liu 2116

Arthur Safin 2164

### Texas State Championship (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.exd4 f6 9.Nf4 Qe7 10.Nf3 Qf7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 fxe5 13.dxe5 0-0 14.h4 Rd8 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.hxg5 Nf8 17.Bxh7+ Nxh7 18.g6 Qf5 19.g4 Qf8 20.gxh7+ Kxh7 21.Kg2 g6??

21...Kg8 22.Qd3 Qf7 23.Ng6 Nb4 24.Qb1 Qc7 25.Rh1 Re8 26.Rh3 Qc2 27.Bg5 Qxb1 28.Rxb1 Kf7 29.Nh8+ Kg8 30.a3 Nc6 31.f4 b6 32.Kf2±; □ 21...Qb4! 22.Rh1+ Kg8 23.Qd3 Qe4+ 24.Qxe4 dxe4=



22.Rh1+ Kg7

22...Kg8 23.Rh8! Kxh8 24.Nxg6+-



23.Nxe6+! Bxe6 24.Bh6+- Kg8  
25.Bxf8 Rxf8 26.Qd3 Nxe5 27.Qh3  
1-0

*Petroff's Defense C42*

Jason Altschuler 2115

Paul Haney 2145

*Texas State Championship (5)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Nxe4  
4.Qe2 Qe7 5.Qxe4 d6 6.d4 dxe5  
7.dxe5 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.0-0 0-0  
10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Qg4+ Kb8 12.Re1  
h5 13.Qf4 Qe6 14.Nc3



14...Bc5

14...Be7 15.Ne4 h4

15.Be3 g5

15...Be7 16.f3 g5 17.Qg3 g4 18.  
f4 h4 19.Qf2 g3

16.Qf6 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qxf6 18.exf6  
Rd6 19.Ne4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Rxf6  
21.Re5 Rg8 22.Rd1 Kc8 23.Rdd5  
Re6 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.Ra5 a6 26.h4  
gxf4 27.Rxf4 Rg4 28.b3 Rd4 29.f3  
b6 30.Kh2 Rd2 31.Rxf4 Rxc2  
32.Ra4 Kb7 33.f4 b5 34.Re4 Rxa2  
35.Rxe6 Kc8 36.Kg3 a5 37.f5 Ra3  
38.Re3 and White won. 1-0

*Dutch Defense A81*

Alfred Carlin 2205

Craig LaSalle 2088

*Texas State Championship (5)*

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 f5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg2 g6  
5.c4 Bg7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d5 Qe7 8.Bf4  
Ne4 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Nd2 exd5 11.  
cxd5 Rxf4 12.gxf4 e3 13.fxe3 Qxe3  
14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.Nxb3 Bxb2 16.  
Rb1 Be3+ 17.Kf2 Na6 18.Rhc1 Bg7  
19.d6 c5

19...cxd6 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8 21.  
Bxb7 Rc6 22.Bxc6 dxc6 23.Na5+  
20.Bd5+ Kh8 21.e3 g5 22.Nxc5  
Nxc5 23.Rxc5 gxf4 24.Rbc1 fxe3+  
25.Ke2 1-0

## Round 6

*QGD Semi-Slav D43*

Alexander Chua 2288

Zvia Izoria 2641

*Texas State Championship (6)*

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6  
5.Qd3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qd3 Nbd7  
8.e4 b4 9.Na4 Bb7 10.Ne5 Qa5  
11.Nxd7 ½-½

*Gruenfeld Defense D94*

Deeptyaman Datta 2197

Mihail Bantic 2365

*Texas State Championship (6)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 g6  
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7  
8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Qb3  
e5 11.Qxd5 exd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5  
13.Qxd8 Nxd3+ 14.Kd2 Rxd8 15.  
Kxd3 Bf5+ 16.Ke2 Bxd4 17.exd4  
Rxd4 18.Be3 Rb4 19.b3 a5 20.  
Rhd1 a4 21.bxa4 Rbxa4 22.a3  
Rxa3 23.Rxa3 Rxa3 24.Rd8+ Kg7  
25.Bd4+ Kh6 26.Be3+ Kg7 27.  
Bd4+ f6 28.Rd6 Bd3+ 29.Ke1 ½-½

*English Opening A30*

Kalin Nonchiev 2254

Alexander Balkum 2174

*Texas State Championship (6)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2  
Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.Nc3 Be7 7.b3 0-0  
8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qf4 Qb8  
11.Rd1 Rd8 12.Qxb8 Raxb8 13.Bf4  
d6 14.Nb5 Ne8 15.Rac1 f6 16.Nfd4  
Nxd4 17.Nxd4 e5 18.Nf5 Kf7 19.  
Bxb7 Rxb7 20.Bd2 g6 21.Ne3 f5  
22.Nd5 Nf6 23.Bb4 Rdd7 24.Nxf6  
Kxf6 25.Rd5 Ke6 26.a4 Rbc7 27.  
Rcd1 Rc6 28.Kg2 a6 29.R1d2 Bf8  
30.h3 h5 31.f4 e4 32.g4 hxg4 33.  
hxg4 Rh7 34.g5 Rh4 35.e3 Rg4+  
36.Kf2 Rh4 37.Kg2 Rg4+ 38.Kf1  
Rh4 39.Kg1 Rh3 40.Kf2 Rh1 41.

Ba3 Ra1 42.Bb2 Rb1 43.a5 Be7  
44.b4 bxa5 45.Rxa5 Rxc4 46.Rxa6  
Rxb4 47.Bd4 Rb5 48.Ra7 Rb7  
49.Ra6 Rh1 50.Ra1 Rxa1 51.Bxa1  
Bf8 52.Ra2 Bg7 53.Bxg7 Rxc7  
54.Ra5 Rb7 55.Ke2 Rb2+ 56.Kd1  
Rb7 57.Ra8 Rb3 58.Kd2 Rb2+  
59.Kd1 Rb7 60.Re8+ Kf7 61.Rh8  
Ke6 62.Rg8 Kf7 ½-½

*Sicilian Najdorf B92*

Matthew Liu 2116

Bradley Sawyer 2274

*Texas State Championship (6)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7  
8.g4 h6 9.Be3 Be6 10.f3 Nh7  
11.Qd2 Bh4+ 12.Kf1 0-0 13.Rd1  
Nc6 14.Qxd6 Qf6 15.Nd5 Qg6  
16.Nc5 Rad8 17.Qc7 Rc8 18.Qxb7  
Nd4 19.Nd3 Bxd5 20.Qxd5



20...Nf6 21.Qxe5 Nxe2 22.Kxe2

22.Rd2 Nxc4 (22...Rfe8 23.Qf5  
Qxf5 24.gxf5 Nxe4 25.fxe4 Rxe4  
26.Rxe2) 23.fxc4 Rfe8 24.Qf5  
Qxf5+ 25.gxf5 Rxe4 26.Rxe2 Rce8  
27.Rg1 Rxe3 28.Rxe3 Rxe3 29.Rg4  
Bf6 30.Ra4+

22...Rxc2+ 23.Rd2

23.Bd2 Nxc4 24.Qf4 f5 25.exf5  
Re8+ 26.Kf1 Ne3+ 27.Qxe3 Rxe3  
28.fxc6 Rxd3 29.Ke2=

23...Nxc4 24.Qa5

24.Qf4 Nxe3 25.Rxc2 Nxc2  
26.Qxh4 Qg2+ 27.Nf2 Rb8  
24...Nxe3 25.Kxe3 Bd8  
25...Bg5+ 26.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 27.f4  
Qg2  
26.Qb4



26.Qxd8 Rxd2 27.Qa5 Rc2+  
26...Bb6+-+ 27.Ke2 Qg2+ 28.Nf2  
Qxf2+ 29.Kd1 Rxd2+ 30.Qxd2  
Rd8 0-1

*Sicilian Najdorf B92*

Jeffrey Xiong 2096  
Abhishek Mallela 2173

*Texas State Championship (6)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3  
cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3  
Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Be6 10.f4 exf4  
11.Bxf4 Nc6 12.Kh1 d5 13.exd5  
Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.c4 Qxd1  
16.Raxd1 a5 17.Bd6 Bxd6 18.Rxd6  
Ne5 19.Rf4 Rfc8 20.Nd2 Rd8 21.  
Rfd4 Nc6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.  
Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.Ne4 b6 25.Nc3 Kf8  
26.Na4 Ke7 27.Nxb6 Kd6 28.Na4  
Ke5 29.Kg1 Kd4 30.b3 Bd7 31.Nb6  
Bf5 32.a3 Kc3 33.Bd1 Kd2 34.Bf3  
Kc3 35.Bd1 Kd2 36.Bf3 Kc3 ½-½

*Torre Attack A48*

Alfred Carlin 2205  
Kevin Chandra 2091

*Texas State Championship (6)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 d6 4.Nbd2  
h6 5.Bxf6 exf6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Bd3 0-0  
8.0-0 d5 9.c3 dxe4 10.Nxe4 f5  
11.Ned2 Nd7 12.Re1 b6 13.a4 Bb7  
14.Qc2 e5 15.dxe5 Nxc5 16.Bc4  
Rc8 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.h4 Ne4 19.h5  
Nxd2 20.Nxd2 Qf4 21.Re7?!  
21.hxg6 Rxc4 22.Nxc4 Qxc4 23.  
Qxf5 Qc6 24.gxf7+ Rxf7 25.Qg4=



21...Ba8?

21...Bxg2! 22.Bxf7+ (22.Kxg2  
Qg5+-) 22...Rxf7 23.Qb3 Bd5 24.

Qxd5 Qg4+ 25.Kh2 (25.Kf1 Qxd1+  
-) 25...Qxh5+ 26.Kg2 Qg5+-+  
22.Bxf7+ Rxf7??

○ 22...Kh8 23.Rxa7 Qg4 24.  
Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Bxg6±  
23.Qb3+- Rcf8 24.Rxf7 Qg4 25.f3  
Bd4+ 26.Kf1 Qh4 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8  
28.Qb4+ Kf7 29.hxg6+ Kxg6 30.  
Qxd4 Qh1+ 31.Qg1 Qh4 32.b3 f4  
33.Qf2 Qd8 34.Qe2 Qh4 35.Qe6+  
Kh7 36.Qf7+ Kh8 37.Qf8+ Kh7  
38.Qxa8 Qh1+ 39.Ke2 Qxg2+ 40.  
Kd3 Qf2 41.Qe4+ Kg8 42.Qxf4 a6  
43.Ne4 Qg2 44.Qg4+ Qxg4 45.fxg4  
1-0

## Round 7

*QGD Exchange D35*

Zviad Izoria 2041  
Kalin Nonchiev 2254

*Texas State Championship (7)*

1.d4 d5 2.e4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3  
Be7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qc2  
c5 8.dxc5 h6 9.Bd2 Bxc5 10.e3 0-0  
11.Bd3 a6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Ne2 Nc5  
14.Bc3 Bg4 15.Bf5 Bxf3 16.gxf3  
Qe7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Ng3 Ne6  
19.f4 Rfe8 20.Qb3 Ne4 21.Bxe4  
dxe4 22.Nf5



**Black resigns??**

An amazing save is 22...Qc7!  
23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Be5 Nc5! 25.Bxd6  
(25.Qc2 Rg6+ 26.Kh1 Qc6+) 25...  
Qc8!=. Black may be a rook down,  
but with threats of perpetual check  
(...Qg4+) or taking the queen, he is  
assured of a draw! 1-0

*English Opening A32*

Mihail Bantic 2365  
Alexander Chua 2288

*Texas State Championship (7)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.Nc3  
cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Qa4  
Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0  
0-0 11.e4 e5 12.h3 Be6 13.Be3 b5  
14.cxb5 cxb5 15.Qd1 Rad8 16.Qe1  
Rc8 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Rd1 Bb3  
19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Nd5 ½-½

*Sicilian B23*

Alexander Balkum 2174  
Michael Langer 2308

*Texas State Championship (7)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3  
Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 Nxb5 7.Nxb5  
d6 8.d3 Nf6 9.Qe1 b6 10.a4 a6  
11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Bd2 Qd7 13.Rb1  
0-0 14.h3 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Qh4  
b4 17.Ne2 Qc6 18.f5



18...Nxe4 19.fxg6 fxg6 20.dxe4  
Qxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxe4 22.Ne1 b3  
23.Nc3??

23.Rxf8+ Rxf8 24.Rc1 bxc2  
25.Nc3 Bd4+ 26.Kh2=  
23...Bd4+ 24.Kh2 Rxf1 25.Nxe4  
bxc2 26.Rc1 Bg1+ 27.Kg3 d5  
28.Nf3 Rxc1 29.Bxc1 Ra1 0-1

*French Defense C10*

Bradley Sawyer 2274  
Deepyman Datta 2197

*Texas State Championship (7)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3  
Nf6 5.e5 Ne4 6.Bd3 Bb4 7.0-0  
Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bxc3 9.Rb1 h6 10.Be3



Qe7 11.g3 Na5 12.Nh4 Bd7 13.Qg4  
0-0-0 14.Qxg7 Rdg8 15.Qf6 Qxf6  
16.exf6 Nc6 17.Bb5 Nxd4 18.  
Bxd7+ Kxd7 19.Rxb7 Nc6 20.f4  
Bxf6 21.Nf3 Rb8 22.Rb3 a5 23.  
Ne5+ Nxe5 24.fxe5 Rxb3 25.axb3  
Bxe5 26.Rxf7+ Kd6 27.Bd2 Ra8  
28.Bxh6 a4 29.bxa4 Rxa4 30.Kg2  
Ra2 31.Bf8+ Kc6 32.Rf2 Bd4 33.  
Rd2 Bc3 34.Rf2 Bd4 ½-½

*Sicilian Closed B20*

Jason Altschuler 2115  
Alfred Carlin 2205

*Texas State Championship (7)*

1.e4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.Ne2  
Nc6 5.0-0 b6 6.d3 Bb7 7.Nd2 e6  
8.f4 Nge7 9.e5 d5 10.c3 Nf5 11.Nf3  
h5 12.a3 Qd7 13.b4 Bf8 14.Kh1?  
[14.Rb1=] 14...h4 15.Kg1  
15.g4? h3! ♯

15...hxg3 16.hxg3 Be7 17.Rb1  
0-0-0 18.Bd2

18.bxc5 Bxc5+ 19.d4 Bf8 20.  
Qd3 Nb8! ♯

18...d4 19.c4 Ne3 20.Bxe3 dxe3  
21.b5

21.bxc5 Bxc5 22.Rb3 Rh6 23.  
Qc2 Rdh8 ♯

21...Na5 22.Nc1

22.Nc3 Kb8 (22...Qxd3 23.Nd5  
Qxd1 24.Nxe7+ Kd7 25.Rbxd1+  
Kxe7+) 23.Qe1 Qxd3 24.Rd1  
Qc2+

22...Nxc4 23.Qe2 Nxa3 24.Ra1  
Nxb5 25.Ne1 Kb8 26.Nb3 Bd5  
27.Qb2 Bxg2 28.Nxg2 Qxd3 29.  
Na5 Nd4 30.Ra2 e2 0-1

*Dutch Leningrad A87*

Abhishek Mallela 2173  
Vincent Zhang 2080

*Texas State Championship (7)*

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nf3  
Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Qe8  
8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 Qb5 10.Ng5 h6  
11.a4 Qb6 12.Ne6 Bxe6 13.dxe6 c6  
14.Be3 d5 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.a5 Qc7  
17.Rfc1 Qd6 18.f4 Qxe6 19.Bf2  
Nd7 20.e3 Nf6 21.Qb4 Rab8  
22.Qc5 a6 23.b4 Rfe8 24.Qc2 Ne8  
25.Qd3 Nd6 26.Rc2 Qd7 ½-½

*Sicilian Alapin B22*

Courtney Jamison 2022  
Jeffrey Xiong 2096

*Texas State Championship (7)*

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4  
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6  
8.Bb5 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0  
11.Qe2 f5 12.Bf4 d5 13.Rfc1 Bd7  
14.a4 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.b3 Rc8  
17.a5 Nd7 18.Qe3 Bb4 19.Ne2  
Bxa5 20.Bg5 Qb6 21.Be7 Rfe8  
22.Qg5 h6 23.Qh4 Bb4 24.Bxb4  
Qxb4 25.Nf4 Qe7 26.Qg3 Qf7  
27.h4 Bb5 28.h5 Nf8 29.Nh4 Bd7  
30.Kh2 Qe7 31.Nhg6 Nxg6 32.  
Nxg6 Qb4 33.Qe3 a5 34.Rxc8 Rxc8  
35.Rc1 Rxc1 36.Qxc1 Bc6 37.Qe3  
Be8 38.Nf4 Qe7 39.g3 Qg5?

39...b5 40.Qc1 a4 41.bxa4 bxa4 ♯  
40.Qc3± Bxh5  
40...Qe7 41.Qxa5±  
41.Qc8+ Kh7 42.Qxe6 Bf3 43.  
Qf7+- Qd8 44.e6 Qg8 45.Qg6+ 1-0

**AMATEUR GAMES**

*French Advance C02*

Patrick Foster 1447  
Samuel Baker 1748

*Texas Amateur (1)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6  
5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bxe7 ♯  
Ngxe7 8.c3



8...Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Bxb5 10.Qb3 a6  
11.a4 Bc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.dxc5  
Rb8 14.Qc2 0-0 15.0-0 Nf5 16.Nd2

d4 17.Rab1 dxc3 18.Qxc3 Nd4  
19.Qe3 Qd5 20.Nf3 Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3  
Rfd8 22.b4 Qxf3 23.gxf3 h6 24.b5  
axb5 25.axb5 Rxb5 26.Rxb5 cxb5  
27.Rb1 Rb8 28.c6 Rc8 29.Rc1 b4  
30.Kf1 b3 31.Ke2 b2 32.Rb1 Rxc6  
33.Rxb2 Kh7 34.Ke3 Kg6 35.Kf4  
Kf6 36.Re2 e5+ 37.Rxe5 g5+ 38.  
Ke4 Rc4+ 39.Kd5 Rc5+ 40.Kxc5  
Kxe5 41.Kc4 Kf4 42.Kd4 Kxf3 43.  
Ke5 Kxf2 44.Kf5 Kg2 45.Kg4  
Kxh2 46.Kh5 f5 47.Kxh6 g4 48.  
Kg5 g3 49.Kxf5 g2 50.Kg4 g1Q+  
51.Kh4 Qg7 52.Kh5 Kg2 53.Kh4  
Kf3 54.Kh5 Kf4 55.Kh4 Qh6# 0-1

*French Rubinstein C10*

Jack Van Hummel 1592  
Sylvia Yang 1964

*Texas Amateur (1)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4  
Nd7 5.Nf3 Be7 6.c3 Ngf6 7.Bd3 b6  
8.0-0 Bb7 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Re1 Rc8  
11.h3 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.c4 h6  
14.b3 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4  
Bf6 17.Rb1 Qa5 18.Qc2 Ne5 19.  
Re3 Nc6 20.Bd2 Qa6 21.Bc3 Nd4  
22.Qe4 Nxf3+ 23.Rxf3 Bxc3 24.  
Rxc3 Qxa2 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.Rd1  
Rfd8 27.Rcd3 Qb6 28.Qe2 Rd4 29.  
Qc2 e5 30.Re1 Qd6 31.Rde3 f6 32.  
Qg6 Qe7 33.Rg3 Kf8 34.Qf5 Re8  
35.Qh7 Qf7 36.Re4 Rxe4 37.Qxe4  
e5 38.Rf3 0-1

*Pirc Defense B07*

Mario Marshall 1968  
Chris Fuqua 1724

*Texas Amateur (2)*

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5  
Bg7 5.e5 dxe5 6.dxe5 Ng4 7.Qxd8+  
Kxd8 8.Rd1+ Bd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Bc4  
Ke8 11.Nf3 c6 12.0-0 b5 13.Bb3 a5  
14.Rfe1 e5 15.a3 a4 16.Ba2 Bf5  
17.h3 Nh6 18.Nxe5 1-0

*QGD Tarrasch D40*

Joshua Allen 1904  
David Hsieh 1535

*Texas Amateur (2)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 Nf6  
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b6



8.Bb5 Bb7 9.Qa4 Qc7 10.Ne5 Rc8  
11.Qxa7 Bd6 12.Bxc6+ Bxc6 13.  
Qxc7 Rxc7 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.dxc5  
Bxc5 16.Ke2 Ke7 17.a3 Ra8 18.  
Bd2 Bd6 19.h3 Rc5 20.Rhc1 Be5  
21.f4 Bd6 22.e4 e5 23.f5 Rc4  
24.Nd5+ Nxd5 25.Rxc4 Nf6 26.Bg5  
Be5 27.Rd1 Ra7 28.Rd5 Rc7 29.  
Rxe5+ Kd6 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Rd5+  
Ke7 32.b4 Bd6 33.Rxc7+ Bxc7 34.  
Kd3 Be5 35.Kc4 1-0

*Benko Gambit A57*

Steven Chen 1989

Steven Villarreal 1745

*Texas Amateur (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.Nd2  
bxc4 5.e4 d6 6.Bxc4 g6 7.f4 Nbd7  
8.Qa4 Qc7 9.Ng3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bg7  
11.Re1 0-0 12.Qc2 Nb6 13.Rb1 a5  
14.b3 a4 15.Bb2 Rfb8 16.Bxf6 Bxf6  
17.Rbd1 Bg7 18.Nb1 axb3 19.axb3  
Nxc4 20.bxc4 Be8 21.Nc3 Ba6  
22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.cxb5 Rxb5 24.e5  
Rba5 25.e6 f5 26.g4 Ra2 27.Qb1  
Rb2 28.Qd3 fxc4 29.Nd2 Raa2  
30.f5 g5 31.f6 Bxf6 32.Rf1 c4 33.  
Qe2 Qc5+ 0-1

*Giuoco Piano C55*

Sylvia Yang 1964

Adam Rinkleff 1802

*Texas Amateur (4)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Be4  
Be5 5.0-0 0-0 6.a3 a5 7.d3 d6 8.h3  
Be6 9.Bg5 Bxc4 10.dxc4 Qd7  
11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nd5 Kh8 13.Nxf6  
Qe6 14.Nxh7 Rg8 15.Nfg5 Qg6  
16.Qg4 Rg7 17.Qf5 Qxf5 18.exf5 f6  
19.Nxf6 Rxf5 20.g4 Nd4 21.Ne4  
Rgg8 22.Nxc5 dxc5 23.Kh1 Nxc2  
24.Rac1 Nd4 25.Rc1 Rae8 26.Re4  
Kg7 27.Rfe1 Nc2 28.Rd1 Nd4 29.  
Kh2 Rd8 30.Kg2 Nc6 31.Rd5 b6  
32.g5 Kf7 33.h4 Rxd5 34.cxd5 Ne7  
35.Rxe5 Rd8 36.g6+ Kf8 37.h5  
Rxd5 38.g7+ Kxg7 39.Rxe7+ Kh6  
40.Rxc7 Kxh5 41.f6 Rd6 42.f7 Rf6  
43.Kf1 Kg6 44.Rc6 Kxf7 45.Rxf6+  
Kxf6

We all know the outside passer  
wins. *Under the right conditions!*



46.Ke2?

46.a4! Ke5 47.Ke2 Kd4 48.f3 c4  
49.Kd2+—

46...a4! 47.Kd3 b5 48.Ke4 Ke6  
49.f4 b4 50.f5+ Kd6 51.f6 c4??

51...Ke6 52.f7 Kxf7 53.Kd5  
bxa3 54.bxa3 Ke7 55.Kxc5 Kd7=  
52.Kd4??

52.axb4 c3 53.Kd3 cxb2 54.Kc2  
a3 55.b5+—  
52...c3 0-1

*Goering Gambit C44*

Steven Villarreal 1745

Mario Marshall 1968

*Texas Amateur (5)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 d5  
5.exd5 Qxd5 6.cxd4 Bg4 7.Be3 0-  
0-0 8.Nc3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 Qh5 10.Bg2  
Be5 11.d5 Bxe3 12.fxe3 Nf6 13.f4  
Qh4+ 14.Ke2 Rhe8 15.Qa4 Ng4  
16.Ne4 f5 17.h3 Rxe4 18.Bxe4  
Qf2+ 19.Kd1 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Qxb2  
21.Rc1 Nf2+ 0-1

*QGD Semi-Slav D45*

Austin Jiang 1944

Ruifeng Li 1955

*Texas Amateur (5)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6  
5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd2 Bd6 7.Rc1 0-0  
8.Qc2 Qe7 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7  
11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Bg5 h6  
14.Bh4 Rac8 15.Rfe1 cxd4 16.Nxd4  
Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Ne5 18.f4

□18.Re2 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Rfd8  
18...Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Be5 20.Kh1  
Rfd8

20...Nxe4!— is resignable.

21.Qe3

21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Rd1 Rd6 23.b4  
Bxb4 24.Qb3 Rcd8 25.Qxb4 Rxd4  
26.Rexd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Qxd4 28.h3  
Qxf4+—

21...g5 22.Nf5 exf5 23.Rxe7 Bxe3  
24.Rxe3 gxh4 25.Re5 Rc5 26.Re7  
Rd7 27.Rccl Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Rxc4  
29.h3 and ... 0-1

*French Advance C02*

Mike Clark 1909

Samuel Baker 1748

*Texas Amateur (5)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6  
5.Be3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Qa5  
8.Qd2 Nge7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Nf3 Bd7  
11.0-0 Nf5 12.g4 Nxe3 13.fxe3  
Bxc3 14.bxc3 Rac8 15.Rac1 Ne7  
16.c4 Qxd2 17.Nxd2 dxc4 18.Rxc4  
Nd5 19.Rf3 a6 20.Rh3 g6 21.Ne4  
Kg7 22.Nd6 Rxc4 23.Bxc4 b5  
24.Bb3 f5 25.g5 a5 26.Rf3 Be6  
27.Rf2 a4 28.Bxd5 Bxd5



29.Rc2?

29.a3 Rb8 30.Rc2 b4 31.axb4  
Rxb4 32.Rc7+ Kf8 33.Ra7=

29...b4? 30.Rc7+  
30.Kf1 b3 31.axb3 axb3 32.  
Rc7+ Kg8 33.Nc4 Ra8+—

30...Kg8 31.Re7 [31.Rc2 a3+]  
31...b3+ 32.axb3 axb3 33.Ne8 b2  
34.Nf6+ Rxf6 35.gxf6 b1Q+ 36.Kf2  
Qc2+ 37.Ke1 Qc1+ 38.Ke2 Be4+  
39.Kf2 Qf1+ 40.Kg3 Qe1+ 41.Kf4  
Qf2+ 42.Kg5 Qg2+ 43.Kh6 Qh3+  
44.Kg5 Qg4+ 45.Kh6 Qh5 mate

0-1



Zuckertort Attack D05

Ruifeng Li 1955  
Mario Marshall 1968

Texas Amateur (6)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5  
5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Qc7 7.0-0 Nb4 8.c4  
Nxd3 9.Qxd3 cxd4 10.exd4 Be7  
11.Nc3 0-0 12.Rac1 dxc4 13.bxc4  
b6 14.Nb5 Qf4 15.d5 exd5 16.cxd5  
Ba6 17.Qb3 Qb4 18.Qxb4 Bxb4  
19.a4 Bxb5 20.axb5 Nxd5 21.Rfd1  
Rfd8 22.Ne5 Ne7 23.Nc6 Nxc6  
24.bxc6 Bd6 25.Rd4 Rac8 26.Rcd1  
Rxc6? [26...Bc7 27.Rxd8+ Bxd8+]



27.Ba3 Bxb2+ 28.Kxh2 Rxd4 29.  
Rxd4 h6 30.Rd3 Kh7 31.Kg3 Kg6  
32.Rd6+ Rxd6 33.Bxd6 Kf5 34.Kf3  
h5 35.Bf8 g5 36.Bd6 b5  
36...a5 37.Bc7 a4 38.Bxb6 a3  
39.Ba5+  
37.Bb4 Ke5 38.Ke3 h4 39.f3 Kf5  
40.Be1 1/2-1/2

QGD Noteboom D31

Claudia Munoz 1720  
Sylvia Yang 1964

Texas Amateur (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 dxc4  
5.e3 b5 6.a4 Bb4 7.Bd2 Bb7 8.axb5  
Bxc3 9.Bxc3 cxb5 10.b3 a5 11.b4  
axb4 12.Bxb4 Nc6 13.Bd2 Nf6 14.  
Rxa8 Qxa8 15.Qb1 Qa6 16.Be2  
0-0 17.0-0 Ra8 18.Rc1 Ne7 19.Ne1  
Be4 20.Qb2 Qa2 21.Qxa2 Rxa2  
22.Rd1 c3 23.Bxc3 Rxe2 24.Bd2  
Bd5 25.Nd3 Bb3 26.Ra1 h6 27.Bb4  
Ned5 28.Nc1 Rc2 29.Nxb3 Nxb4  
30.Nc5 Nbd5 31.h3 Nc3 32.Ra8+

Kh7 33.Ra7 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Nce4  
35.Nxe4 Nxe4 36.Rxf7 Kg6 37.Rb7  
Rb1 38.Rb6 Kf7 39.Rb7+ Kf6 40.  
Rb6 Nc3 41.Kg3 b4 42.f3 Nd5  
43.Rb5 Nxe3 44.Re5 Nf5+ 45.Kf4  
Nxd4 46.Re4 Nc2 47.g4 b3 48.Re5  
g5+ 49.Ke4 Re1+ 50.Kd3 Rxe5  
51.Kc3 Rb5 52.Kb2 Na3 53.Kxa3  
b2 54.Ka4 b1Q 55.f4 Qb4# 0-1

Sicilian B53

Sylvia Yang 1964  
Steven Villarreal 1745

Texas Amateur (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4  
a6 5.c4 Nc6 6.Qd2 Nf6 7.Nc3 e6  
8.b3 Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Rd1 Qc7  
11.Bd3 Rd8 12.0-0 Nb4 13.Bb1 d5  
14.Qe2 dxc4 15.bxc4 Nd7 16.e5  
Nc6 17.Rfe1 Na5 18.Qe4 f5 19.exf6  
Nxf6 20.Qh4



20...h6  
20...Nxc4 21.Nd5! exd5 22.Bxf6  
Bxf6 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.Rxd5+  
21.Ne4 Rf8 22.Be5 Qxc4 23.Rd4  
Qb5 24.Nxf6+ Bxf6  
24...Rxf6 25.Rg4 (25.Bxf6  
Bxf6 26.Rd8+ Kf7 (26...Bxd8 27.  
Qxd8+ Kf7 28.Bh7!+-) 27.Qf4) 25...  
Kf8 26.Qg3 g5 27.Nxg5 hxg5 28.  
Rxc5 Ke8 29.Bxf6 Bxf6 30.Rg8+-  
25.Bxf6 Rxf6 26.Rd8+ Kf7 27.  
Ne5+ Ke7 28.Qd4 Nc4 29.Nxc4  
Qb4 30.Rd1 b5 31.Re8+  
Black resigned. [31.Qd7+ Bxd7  
32.R1xd7#; 31...Kxe8 32.Qd8+ Kf7  
33.Ne5#] 1-0

Caro-Kann B14

Mario Marshall 1968  
Akshay Bangale 1912

Texas Amateur (7)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 e6  
5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0  
8.b3 dxc4 9.bxc4 b6 10.0-0 Bb7  
11.Bb2 Nc6 12.Rc1 Re8 13.Qe2  
Nb4 14.Bb1 Ba6 15.Ne4 Nbd5  
16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Ne5 g6 18.Qf3  
Qc7 19.d5



19...Ne8  
19...exd5 20.cxd5 Qd6=  
20.Ng4  
20.dxe6! fxe6 21.Qh3 Rf6 22.  
Ng4 Bxc4 23.Bd3+-  
20...Bg5 21.h4 h5?  
21...Bxc1 22.Rxc1 f6 23.Ba3±;  
21...Bf4 22.Nc3 e5=  
22.hxg5 hxg4 23.Qxg4 Ng7 24.  
Rfd1 e5 25.d6 Qc5 26.Rd5 Qc6  
27.Bxe5 Bxc4 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.d7  
1-0

Zuckertort Attack D05

Ruifeng Li 1955  
Sylvia Yang 1964

Texas Amateur (7)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 c5  
5.b3 Qc7 6.Bb2 c4 7.Be2 Bd6 8.0-0  
0-0 9.Ba3 Bxa3 10.Nxa3 Qa5  
11.Nb1 b5 12.Ne5 c3 13.Qd3 b4  
14.Qb5 Qxb5 15.Bxb5 Bd7 16.  
Bxd7 Nfxd7 17.a3 Nxe5 18.dxe5  
Nc6 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Nxc3 Nxc2  
21.Rac1 Nb4 22.Rfd1 Rfd8 23.Nb5  
a6 24.Nd4 Rac8 25.f4 Kf8 26.Kf1  
Ke7 27.g4 1/2-1/2







22.d5 Rd6 23.Re1 Rc8 24.f4 f6  
25.Nc6=

22...Rac8 23.Rc2 b5 24.e5  
f6 25.Nf3 Rxc5 26.dxc5

26.Rxc5 Nxc5 27.Re3 Nb7 28.  
Rxe6 Nd6

26...Rxd3 27.Kf1 Rc3 28.Rxc3  
Nxc3 29.Nd4 b4 30.axb4 axb4  
31.c6 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kf7 33.Kd2 Ke7  
34.Kd3 Kd6 35.Ke4 g6 36.Kb5 e5  
37.Nb3 f5 38.Na5 e4 39.Nb7+ Ke7  
40.Nc5 Kd6 41.Nb7+ Ke5 42.Nc5  
f4 43.Nb3 e3 44.fxe3 fxe3 45.Nc1  
Kd4 46.e7 Nxc7+ 47.Kxb4 Nd5+  
48.Kb3 Nf4 49.g3 e2 0-1

*Torre Attack D03*

Mitchell Vergara 2053

Robert Skipper 1635

*S.A. City Championship (1)*

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.Nbd2  
Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 b6 7.0-0 Nc6  
8.c3 Bb7 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 a5  
11.Rfe1 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.e4  
Nxe4 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nxe4 dxe4  
16.Rxe4 Nd5 17.Rae1 Ra8 18.Ne5  
Nf6 19.Rh4 a4 [19...Nd7 20.Nf3±]  
20.h3 b5 21.a3 Qd5?

21...Nd7 22.Nf3 c6 23.Rhe4±



22.Re3! Rad8 23.Rg3 Kh8

23...h5 24.Rf4 Ne8 25.Rg5+

24.Qc1 Nh7 [24...Ng8 25.Qg5+] 25.Rxg7! 1-0

*Pirc Defense B07*

Selby Anderson 2203

Nathanael Lozano 1959

*S.A. City Championship (2)*

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3  
Bg7 5.Qd2 c6 6.f3 b5 7.Bd3 a6  
8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.a4 b4 10.Nd1 a5  
11.Nf2 Nb6 12.0-0 0-0 13.b3 e5  
14.dxe5 dxe5 15.c3 bxc3 16.Qxc3  
Qc7 17.Rfe1 Bd7 18.Bb5 Rfc8 19.  
Qe5 Bf8 20.Qxb6 Qxb6 21.Bxb6  
cxb5 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Nd3 Rc2  
24.Kf1



24...bxa4 25.bxa4 Rc4 26.Nxe5  
Rxa4 27.Rxa4 Bxa4 28.Bxa5 Bd6  
29.Bc3 Bxe5 30.Bxe5 Nd7 31.Nc3  
Bb3 32.Bd4 Kf8 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.  
Kd3 Ke6 35.Nb5 h5 36.h4 Nb8  
37.Bc5 Nc6 38.Nc7+ Ke5 39.g3  
Bd1 40.f4+ Kf6 41.Nd5+ Ke6 42.  
Nc7+ Kd7 43.Nb5 Bf3 44.Nd6 Ke6  
45.Ke3 Bg4 46.Ba3 Bh3 47.Ne8  
Bg4 48.Bb2 Ne7 49.Ba3 Nc6 50.  
Ng7+ Kd7



51.f5 Ne5 52.Kf4 Nd3+?

52...f6 53.fxg6 Nxg6+ 54.Ke3±

53.Kg5 Nf2

53...Ne5 54.Kf6 Nc4 55.fxg6  
fxg6 56.Bb4+

54.fxg6 fxg6 55.e5 Ne4+ 56.Kxg6  
Nxg3 57.Kf7 Nf5 58.e6+ Kd8

58...Kc6 59.Nxf5 Bxf5 60.e7  
Bd7 61.e8Q Bxe8+ 62.Kxe8 Kd5  
63.Kf7+ It is White's good luck to  
have the bishop which controls h8!  
59.Nxf5 Bxf5 60.e7+ 1-0

*Pirc Defense B07*

Martin Gordon 1912

James Rohrbaugh 2200

*S.A. City Championship (2)*

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2  
Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Bg5 h6  
8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Qc1 Kh7 10.Nd5  
Nxd5 11.exd5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4  
13.c4 e5 14.f4 f5 15.Bf3 Re8 16.Re1  
b6 17.b4 a6 18.a4 Ra7 19.fxe5 dxe5  
20.c5 Rae7 21.d6 Re6 22.Bd5 Rf6  
23.Bc6 Bd7 24.Bb7 Bc8 25.Bc6  
Bd7 26.Bd5 Be8 27.a5 b5 28.Qd1  
Rff8 29.Qb3 Rf6 30.Rac1 Qd7  
31.Re2 Rff8 32.Be1 Bf6 33.Bf2 h5  
34.Rce1 h4 35.h3 g5 36.Qd1 g4  
37.hxg4 fxg4 38.Rf1 Bg5 39.Kh1  
Kg7 40.Rxe5 Rxe5 41.Bxd4 Rxf1+  
42.Qxf1 Bf6 43.Bxe5 Bxe5 44.d4  
Bxd4 45.Qf4 Bf6 46.c6 Qe8 47.Qe4  
Qxe4 48.Bxe4 Kf7

48...Be6 49.c7 Be5 50.Bb7 Bxd6  
51.c8Q Bxc8 52.Bxc8 Bxb4 53.Bxa6  
Bxa5 54.Bxb5=



49.d7 Bxd7 50.cxd7 Ke7 51.Bb7  
Kxd7 52.Bxa6 Kc6 53.g3 hxg3  
54.Kg2 Be5 55.Bc8 Kd5 56.a6 Bb8  
57.Bxg4 Kc4 58.Be2+ Kxb4 59.  
Bxb5 Kxb5 60.a7 Bxa7, Draw  
agreed. ½-½



*Sicilian Grand Prix B23*

**Paul Haney 2147**  
**Alok Kumar 1930**

*S.A. City Championship (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 d5 4.exd5  
exd5 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.Qe2+ Be7 7.Nf3  
a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Re1  
Ra7 11.b3 0-0 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Ne5  
Bb7 14.d3 Ba8 15.Na4 Qa5 16.c4  
Bd6 17.Qf2 d4 18.Re2 Rae7  
19.Rae1 h6 20.h3 g6 21.g3 Nh5  
22.Kg2 Kg7 23.Bc1 Qc7 24.g4 Nf6  
25.Qf3 Ng8 26.Qe4 Kf8 27.Ba3



27...Kg7?

Either 27...Qa5 or 27...Nf6 first  
would continue the standoff.

28.Bxc5 Bxc5 29.Nxc5 Qa5 30.  
Qxd4 f6 31.Rf1

31.Kf1 fxe5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.  
Rxe5 Rxe5 34.Qxe5+ Kh7 35.f5+  
31...fxe5

31...g5 32.Re4!? fxe5 33.Rxe5  
Kh7 34.Rf2±

32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.fxe5+ Qd2+ 34.  
Rf2 Qg5 35.Qd7+ Qe7 36.d4 Qxd7  
37.Nxd7 Ne7 38.e6 Ng8 39.Rf7+  
Kh8 40.Nf8 Ne7 41.Kf2 Kg8??

41...g5 42.Nd7 Ng6 43.Nb6 Nf4  
44.Ra7 Nxe6 45.Nxa8 Nxd4 46.  
Rxa6+

42.Nd7 (Mate is forced.) 1-0

*King's Indian E81*

**Robert Bradley 1863**  
**Derek Chang 2082**

*S.A. City Championship (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.f3 0-0 6.Nge2 Nbd7 7.Be3 c5

8.Qd2 a6 9.Nc1 cxd4 10.Bxd4 Nb8  
11.Be2 Nc6 12.Be3 Be6 13.0-0 Re8  
14.Rb1 Bd7 15.Rd1 Na5 16.b3 Nc6  
17.Bf1 Ne5 18.Nd3 Nxd3 19.Bxd3  
Be6 20.Rbc1 Nd7 21.Bf1 Re8 22.  
Nd5 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Qe7 24.g3 Qe6  
25.Bh3 Rcd8 26.Kf2 Nf6 27.Qa5  
Nd7 [27...Rb8±]



28.c5!± dxc5

28...Bb2 29.Rc4 Qb5 30.Qxb5  
axb5 31.Rb4 Nxc5 32.Rxb5±

29.Rxc5!?

This wins, but even stronger is  
29.Rxd7! Rxd7 30.Rxc5 Qd6 31.  
Rd5+

29...Nxc5 30.Rxd8 Ne6 31.Rxe8+  
Qxe8 32.Bxe6 fxe6 33.Qc7 1-0

Notes by Mitchell Vergara

*Caro-Kann Advance B12*

**Titus Shanks 1851**

**Mitchell Vergara 2053**

*S.A. City Championship (2)*

*[Deep Shredder 11 (60s)]*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6  
5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 h6

The last book move and not the  
best.

7.Nf4 Bh7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3

Black has a cramped position.

9...Nd7 10.g5

A strong attacking player, Titus  
does not miss the opportunity to  
make things murky. [10.Be3 Rc8=]

10...Ne7

10...Qxg5!? Is better, and Black  
can hope to survive: 11.Nxe6 Qg2

12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8 Qxh1+ 14.  
Ke2 Qg2± (14...Qxh2 15.Qf5±)



11.g6± Nxg6

11...Nf5!? 12.Bd2 Qe7±

12.Nxg6± fxg6 13.Qxg6+ Ke7  
14.Qh5

White pressures Black by attack-  
ing his King.

14...Qb6

Threatening to win material by  
Qxd4.

15.Be3

Loses material [15.Ne2 c5 16.  
Rg1 cxd4 17.Nf4±]

15...Re8

Playing by momentum; stronger  
is 15...Qxb2! 16.Kd2 Qa3= And if  
White tries 17.Bg5+? then 17...hxg5  
18.Qxh8 Qb4 19.Qh3 Qxd4+.

16.0-0-0± Kd8 17.Rhg1 Qa5 18.f4  
Nb6

Black fights for the initiative.

19.Kb1 Nc4 20.Bc1

20.Rd3 Qc7 21.Bc1 a5± 22.Qg6  
b5 (22...Qd7 23.Na4 b5 24.Nc5 Bxc5  
25.dxc5 a4 26.b3 axb3± and either  
pawn capture by White is followed  
by capturing the underprotected g7  
pawn.

20...Na3+± 21.bxa3 Qxc3

Now Black threatens White's  
King.

22.Rg3 Qa5 23.f5 exf5 24.Qxf5

White has a new protected  
passed pawn: e5. Black has a  
cramped position

24...g5

Attempts to free Black's game.

25.Rb3



Threatens to capture b7 and occupy the seventh rank.

25...Qc7

25...b5? 26.Qf6++

26.h4 gxh4 27.Bf4

27.Rg1 Be7 28.Rg7 Rhf8 29.Qg6 Rf1 30.Qxh6 c5= Black has counterplay.

27...b6 28.e6?!

White plays fast since Black is very short on time. Better is 28.Rg1!?=.

28...Bd6 29.Bxh6 Kc8

Black's king safety is improved. [29...Rxb6? 30.Qg5+ Qe7 31.Qxh6±]

30.Bg5 Kb7 [30...Qh7+] 31.Qg4? [31.Rh3 Qh7+] 31...Qg7?

31...Reg8! with the decisive threat of ...Be7

32.Rf3

32.Rg1 h3 33.Rf3+

32...Rhf8

Better is 32...Qg6!? 33.Re1 Be7+

33.Rxf8= Qxf8

33...Rxf8? 34.e7 Bxe7 35.Qd7+ Ka6 36.Qxe7 Qxe7 37.Bxe7+-; 33...Bxf8?! 34.Rf1=

34.e7 Bxe7 35.Qd7+ [35.Bh6!]=

35...Ka6 36.Re1??

Further deteriorates White's position. [36.Bxe7!? Qxe7 37.Qxc6+]



36...Bxg5?

Played in time pressure and missing a winning king attack. [36...Bxa3 37.Qc8+ Rxc8 38.Bd2 Qf2 39.Bc3 Rg8 40.Bb4 Rg2 41.Rc1

Qxc2+ 42.Rxc2 Rg1+ 43.Be1 Rxe1+ 44.Rc1 Rxc1#]

37.Qxe8+ Qxa3 38.Qe2+

38.Qxc6 is impossible due to 38...Qb4+ and the rook goes.

38...b5

Better is 38...Ka5!? [or Kb7]

39.Rd1 Qb4+ 40.Ka1 h3+-.

39.Rd1 Qb4+ 40.Ka1

White offered a draw.

40...Qc3+ 41.Kb1 Qb4+

41...Kb6 42.Qe5 Qg3 43.Kb2

42.Ka1 h3?

42...Qc3+!? 43.Kb1 Kb6 Black still squeeze a win in this position?

43.Qg4=

Threatens the Bishop and Qc8+.

43...Qc3+ 44.Kb1 Qb4+ 45.Ka1 Bd2 46.Qc8+ Kb6 47.Qb8+

White offered a draw.

47...Ka6 48.Qc8+ Kb6 49.Qb8+ Ka6 50.Qc8+

With Black again in time pressure but with delay on the clock, White does not lose his head. 1/2-1/2

*Nimzo-Indian E46*

William Molina 2006

Claudia Munoz 1766

*S.A. City Championship (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 b6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 Bb7 8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0 d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Na4 Nbd7 12.Bd2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Re1 Ne4 15.f3 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Qf6 [16...f5!?] 17.Qf2 Rfe8 18.Bb5 Bc6 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.Nc3 cxd4 21.Nxd5 Qd6 22.e4 d3 23.Qd4 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Nc5

24...Ne5 25.f4 Ng6 26.g3±; 24...Qe5 25.Qxe5 Nxe5 26.Kf2 f5! 27.Ke3 fxe4 28.fxe4 Ng4+ 29.Kxd3 Nf2+ 30.Ke3 Nxe4 31.Rc8 Nd6+ 32.Rxe8+ Nxe8 33.Ne7+ Kf7 34.Nc8±

25.Rd1 Qc6 26.b4 Na4

26...Qa4!? 27.Qa1 Nb3 28.Qa2 Nc5 29.Qb1±

27.Rxd3 Qc1+ 28.Kf2 Qc2+ 29.Rd2 Qb3

29...Qc6 30.Ne3 f6 31.Qd7+-



White now forces the win of a piece with a nice combination.

30.Ne7+! Kf8 31.Nf5 f6 32.Qd7 Qf7 33.Qxa4 Qe6 34.Qd7 Qxd7 35.Rxd7 g6 36.Nd6 Re7 37.Rxe7 Kxe7 38.Nc8+ Kd7 39.Nxa7 Kc7 40.Nb5+ Kc6 41.Nd4+ Kd6 42.Ke3 Ke5 43.f4+ Kd6 44.Kd3 1-0

*Center Counter B01*

Jesse Lozano 2042

Selby Anderson 2203

*S.A. City Championship (3)*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Be3 Bg4 6.Qd2 e6 7.Nge2



7...h5!?

7...Qb4! 8.Ng3 Bd6 9.f3 Bxg3+ 10.hxg3 Bf5 11.0-0 Nc6= 8.0-0 Nc6 9.f3 Bf5 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Nge4 Nxe4 12.fxe4 0-0-0 13.a3 a6= 14.Be2 f6 15.Bf3 Be7 16.Qe2 e5 17.d5 Nb8

17...Nd4!? 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.Rxd4 Qf4+ 20.Kb1±



18.Na4 Qd7 19.Ne5 Bxc5 20.Bxc5  
Qb5 21.Qf2 Nd7 22.Bb4 a5 23.Bc3  
Nc5 24.Rhe1 h4 25.b3 Qb6 26.Qd2  
a4 27.b4 Nd7 28.Qd3 c5 29.Bg4  
Bh5 30.Bxh5 Rxb5 31.Kb1 Kb8  
32.Ka1 Rc8 33.Rb1 c4 34.Qh3 Qd6  
35.Rf1 Rch8 36.Ka2 b5 37.Rf2  
Nb6 38.Rb1 Kb7 39.Qe3 Rc8  
40.Rf3 Rc7 41.Qe2 Rh8 ½-½

*Nimzo-Indian E45*

William Molina 1996

Paul Haney 2147

*S.A. City Championship (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6  
5.Nge2 Ba6 6.Ng3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d5  
8.Ba3 Bxc4 9.Bxc4 dxc4 10.Qa4+  
Qd7 11.Qxc4 Qc6 12.Qxc6+ Nxc6  
13.c4 0-0-0 14.Ke2 Rd7 15.Rhc1  
Rhd8 16.Rab1 g6 17.f3 h5 18.Bb2  
Ne8 19.Ne4 Kb7 20.h4 f5 21.Ng5  
Nd6 22.c5

22.Nxe6 Re8 23.d5+-

22...Nf7 23.Nxf7

23.Nxe6 Re8 24.Nf4 Nxd4+  
25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.Nxg6±

23...Rxf7 24.g3 Rfd7 25.Bc3 Rd5

26.cxb6 axb6 27.Rc2 e5 28.dxe5  
Nxe5 29.Bd4



The passive defense of e3 will mean Black has all the initiative. It may be nominally equal, but it is psychologically difficult for White. [29.e4! Rc5 30.Rbc1 fxe4 31.fxe4 Ng4 32.Bg7=] 29...Nc6 30.Bf6 Re8 31.Kf2 Re6 32.Bg7 Rd7 33.Bc3 Rd3 34.Bd2 Ra3 35.Rbc1 Rd3 36.Ke2 Rd7 37.Kf2 Ne5 38.Rb1 c5 39.Bc3?

9.Ke2 Kc6 40.a4= 39...Nc4 40.Re1 Rd3 41.e4 fxe4 42.Rxe4 Rxe4 43.fxe4 Nd6+ 44. Be5

44.Ke2 Rxb3 45.Be5 Rg2+ 46. Kd1 Rg1+ 47.Ke2 Nxe4+-

44...Nxe4+ 45.Kg2 Kc6 46.Re2 Kd5 47.Bf4 b5 48.a4 bxa4 49.Ra2 Rd4 50.Be3 Rb4 51.Kf3 Rb3 52. Kf4 Nxb3 53.Bxc5 Kxc5 54.Rxa4 Nf5 55.Kg5 Rg3+ 56.Kf6 Rg4 57.Ra8 Nxb4 0-1

*QGD D31*

James Rohrbach 2200

Alan Rodenstein 1942

*S.A. City Championship (3)*

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nf6 8.Ng3 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.Bd3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Rfe1 0-0 13.b4 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.b5 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Rd8 17.Qc3 Kh8 18.a4 Qf4 19. Be4 h5 20.a5 h4 21.Nf1 Ne5 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.Rxe3 Nxc4 24.Rc3 Rd4 25.Ne3 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Nxe4 27.fxe4 Rxe4 28.Rxc5 Rd8 29.Rac1 Kh7 30.R1c2 Rd1+ 31.Kf2 Ra4 32.a6 Rb1



33.Rc7 Rxb5 34.Rxa7 Rb6 35.Rxf7 Rbxa6 36.Kf3 R6a5 37.e4 Rg5 38.Kf4 Rg6 39.Rc3? [39.Rb2+] 39...Ra2 40.h3 Rag2?

40...Rf2+! 41.Rf3 Rxf3+ 42. Kxf3 Rg3+ 43.Kf4 Kg6 44.Rc7 Rxb3+-

41.Ke5 R2g3 42.Rc6 Rxb3 43.Rxe6 Ra3 44.Rxg6 Kxg6 45.Rf1 Ra5+

45...Kh5! 46.Kf5 (46.Kd6 g5 47.e5 Rd3+ 48.Kc7 Re3 49.Kd6 g4 50.e6 g3+-) 46...Ra8 47.Rg1 Rf8+ 48.Ke5 g5+- 46.Kd6 Ra6+ 47.Ke7 Ra5 48.Kd6 Ra6+

White claimed a draw, as Ke7 repeats the position a third time. ½-½

*Torre Attack D03*

Mitchell Vergara 2053

Paul Uhlig (unr.)

*S.A. City Championship (3)*

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5 8.c3 c4 9.Bc2 Ng4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.h3 Ngf6 12.Rel b5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bb7 15.Qe2 Nb6 16.Ne5 Rad8 17.Ng5 h6

17...Nbd5 18.Qd2 a6 19.Nexf7 Rxf7 20.Rxc6±

18.Ngxf7 Rxf7 19.Nxf7 Kxf7

19...Qxf7 20.Qxc6 Qxc6 21. Rxe6 Nbd5 22.Rael±

20.a4



20...Ba6

20...Nbd5! 21.axb5 (21.Qd2 b4+) 21...Nf4 22.Qxc4 Rc8 (22... Bxg2 23.Qc5 Qxc5 24.dxc5 Rd2 25.Rxa7+ Kf8 26.c6+-) 23.Qa2 Nxb2 24.Red1 Nf4 25.h4 Ng4 26. Qxa7 Nh2!!+-

21.axb5 Bxb5 22.f4 a6?

22...Nbd5 23.Qe5 a6=

23.f5± Rd6 24.fxe6+ Rxe6?? [24... Kg8 25.Rad1±] 25.Bg6+ Kxg6 26. Qxe6+- Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Nbd5 28.g3 Kf7 29.Re5 Ne7 30.Kf2 Ng6 31.



Re3 Ne7 32.Ke2 Ned5 33.Re5 Nb6  
34.Kd2 Nbd5 35.Kc2 g6 36.b3 Nh5  
1-0

*Pirc Defense B06*

Allen Eckert 1742  
Gregg Stanley 2092

*S.A. City Championship (3)*

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.f4 c6 4.Nf3 d5  
5.e5 h5 6.Nc3 Nh6 7.h3 Nf5 8.Kf2  
h4 9.Bd3 b6 10.Ne2 e6 11.c3 Ba6  
12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Qa4 Nb8 14.Bd2  
Bf8 15.Rac1 b5 16.Qb3 Qb6 17.  
Rhd1 Nd7 18.a4 Be7 19.axb5 cxb5  
20.Ra1 0-0 21.Rg1 Kg7 22.g4  
hxg3+ 23.Nxg3 Qc6 24.Nxf5+ exf5



25.Rh1

White gets a modest initiative with 25.Qc2 Qe6 26.Ng5 Qc6 27. Qd3 Rh8, but nothing Black can't defend, e.g. 28.Rg3 a5 29.Re1 Nf8 30.Nf3 Rh5 31.Reg1 Ne6=.

25...Rh8 26.Rh2 a5 27.Rah1 Nf8 28.h4 Rh5 29.Qd1 Ne6 30.Qg1 Qc4 31.Qf1 Qb3 32.Bc1 a4 33.Qd1 Qc4 34.Rg2 a3 35.bxa3 Qxc3 36.Bd2 Qxa3 37.Bc1 Qc3 38.Bd2 Ra2 39.Ke1 Nxf4 40.Rgh2 Nd3+ 41.Kf1 Qa3 42.Kg2 Bb4 43.Kg3 f4+ 44. Bxf4 Rxh2 45.Rxh2 Rf5 46.h5 Nxf4 47.hxg6 fxg6 48.Kg4 Nh5 49.Qh1 Rf4+ 50.Kg5 Be7# 0-1

*Scotch Gambit C56*

Paul Haney 2146  
Ernesto Malazarte 2139

*S.A. City Championship (4)*

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.Nf3 exd4 4.Be4 Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bd7

8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 e5 10.Nb3 c6  
11.f3 Ng5 12.f4 Ne4 13.f5 Qe7  
14.Nc3 Qxe5 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Qe2  
Bxf5 17.Bf4 Qe6 18.Be3 Bd6 19.  
Bxc5 Bxc5+ 20.Nxc5 Qe5 21.Qf2  
Bg6 22.Nxe4 0-0 23.Nc3  
Rab8 24.Na4



24...Bxc2??

This after turning down Haney's draw offer! Malazarte was pretty disgusted with himself.

25.Qxc2 Qd4+ 26.Kh1 Rb5 27.Nc3 Rh5 28.Qf2 Qd6 29.Qf4 Qg6 30. Rae1 h6 31.Rf2 Rd8 32.Ref1 Rd7 33.Kg1 Rg5 34.Qe4 Qxe4 35.Nxe4 Re5 36.Nc3 g6 37.Rf6 c5 38.h3 Kg7 39.Kh2 h5 40.R6f4 f5 41.R1f2 a6 42.Rc4 Rd4 43.Rxd4 cxd4 44.Ne2 Re4 45.Ng3 Re5 46.Rd2 h4 47.Ne2 g5 48.Nxd4 Kg6 49.Nf3 Ra5 50.a3 Kh5 51.g3 hxg3+ 52.Kxg3 Rb5 53.Kh2 g4 54.hxg4+ Kxg4 55.Kg2 Rb3 56.Nd4 Rg3+ 57.Kf1 Rh3 58.Rg2+ Kf4 59.Rf2+ Ke4 60.Nxf5 Rh1+ 61.Ke2 Rb1 Rb1



62.Nd6!?

Also good is 62.Ng3+ Kd4 63. Kf3 Kc4 64.Ne4+ and the pawns are safe from Black's king.

The text underlines the fact that the pawns are essential to White's win, not the knight.

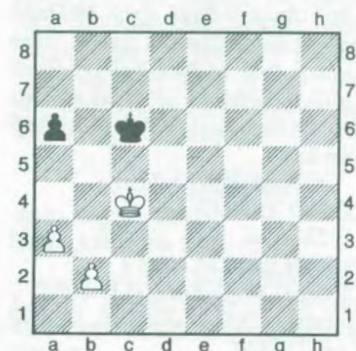
62...Kd5 63.Kd3!

Not to worry, everything is under control.

63...Kxd6 64.Kc2

Now either the rooks come off, or White harvests the a-pawn.

64...Re1 65.Rf6+ Re6 66.Rxe6+ Kxe6 67.Kc3 Kd5 68. Kb4 Kc6 69.Kc4



69...Kd6

69...a5 70.a4 Kb6 71.Kd5

70.a4

70.b4 Kc6 71.a4 Kd6 72.Kd4 Kc6 73.Ke5 transposes to the game.

70...Kc6 71.Kd4 Kd6 72.b4 Kc6 73.Ke5 Kc7 74.Kd5 Kd7 75.Kc5, Black resigns.

75...Kc7 76.a5 Kb7 77.Kd6+—

1-0

*King's Indian E70*

Selby Anderson 2203  
Alex Jiang 1863

*S.A. City Championship (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.Ng3 e5 7.d5 Nfd7!?

7...c6 and 7...a5 are standard.

8.h4!? f5 9.exf5 gxf5 10.Nh5 Nf6 11.Nxg7 Kxg7 12.g3 c6 13.Bg2 Ng4 14.f3 Nf6 15.h5 h6 16.Be3 Qe8 17. dxc6 Qxc6 18.Qd2 Rh8 19.0-0-0





29...Qxc4 20.Qxd6 Re8??

Almost equal is 20...Nc6 except for 21.g4! f4 (21...fxg4 22.fxg4 Bxg4 23.Rd7! Rf8 24.Bd5 Qb4 25.Bc5 Qa5 26.Rhg1+) 22.g5! hxg5 23.h6+ Kg6 24.Bf1 Qe6 25.Bc5=.

21.Bxh6+ Kxh6

Black commits hara-kiri. [21...Kf7 22.g4! Be6 (22...fxg4 23.fxg4 Qe6 24.Rhf1+) 23.g5+] 1-0

22.Qxf6+ Kh7 23.Qg6+

*Scotch Gambit C55*

Avinash Thangirala 1884

James Rohrbach 2200

*S.A. City Championship (4)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Be10 10.f3 Ng5 11.f4 Ne4 12.Be3 Qe7 13.Nd2 Nd6 14.Qf3 Nf5 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.c3 h5 17.b4 Bb6 18.Nb3 Rh6 19.Bc5 Qd7 20.Rfe1 Be4 21.Rxe4 dxe4 22.Qxe4 0-0-0 23.Bd4 Qd5 24.Qe2 h4 25.h3 Rg6 (score incomplete) 1-0

Notes by Gregg Stanley

*English Opening A13*

Gregg Stanley 2092

Andrew Istafanous 1851

*S.A. City Championship (4)*

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.b3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.d4 cxd4 8.exd4 Ne4

I gave this a !? as it creates an unbalanced position giving Black chances. An alternative was 8...Bd4. 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Ne5 Bb4+

10...f6 11.Ng4 Nc6 12.d5 Bb4+  
11.Bd2 Ba3 [11...Na6] 12.Bc3  
2.Qc2 Qxd4 13.Bc3 Bb4+  
12...Qg5  
12...f6 13.Ng4 Nc6 14.0-0 f5  
15.Ne5=  
13.0-0 Nd7



14.Nxd7

14.b4 Nxe5 15.dxe5 a5 16.bxa5 Be7 17.Qc2+

14...Bxd7 15.b4

The weakness of computer chess analysis, such as it is, comes from the horizon effect. After analyzing so many billions of positions and rendering a verdict, the computer cannot see further than its end of analysis horizon.

For us humans our horizon is closer, but we do have a sense of the frigid lands beyond – a sense that we can act upon. For the computer there is no sense to it. There are three types of positions that lend themselves to such long, computer unfriendly horizons. The most common and understood are closed positions. The others are the transition from middlegame to endgame; and the least likely, trapped pieces whose capture is beyond some of the horizon analysis. What I like is that this game has the last two. For the next several moves the trapped bishop may be influencing Fritz.

15...e5 16.Bd2

16.dxe5 Bh3 17.g3 Bxf1 18. Bxf1=

16...Qg6 17.Qb3

17.Bh5 Qa6 18.b5 Qd6 19.d5 f5 20.Qb3 a6=  
17...exd4 18.Rfd1  
18.Qxa3 d3 19.Bd1 Bh3 20.g3 Bxf1+  
18...Qa6  
18...d3 19.Bf1 Qa6 20.Be3 Qa4+  
19.f3 e3?

19...d3! 20.Bf1 f5 21.Re1 Rfe8 22.Re3 Qa4 23.fxe4 fxe4 24.Rae1 Qxb3 25.axb3 Bc6 26.g4 Bb2+  
20.Be1 Qa4 21.Rab1?  
21.Rd3 Qxb3 22.Rxb3+  
21...Qxb3 22.Rxb3 Ba4 23.Rxa3 Bxd1 24.Bxd1



Here we are in that middlegame to endgame transition. The computer evaluates the position as about even, but it is an easy win for White. The rooks have no scope and cannot prevent white from surrounding and destroying the passed pawns. Black doesn't even have an effective pawn sac to liberate the rooks. The computer blindness is so complete that it lasts for several moves.

24...Rfe8 25.Be2 Rad8 26.Kf1 a6 27.Bd3 g6 28.Ke2 h6 29.Bg3 f5 30.Ra5 Rf8 31.Bh4!?

31.Be5! Kf7 32.f4 Rg8 33. Rd5+

31...g5 32.Be1 f4 33.Be4 Rd7 34. Kd3 Re8 35.Rd5 Red8 36.Kxd4 Rxd5+ 37.Bxd5+ Kg7 38.Ke4 Kg6 39.g3 Re8+ 40.Kd3 Rd8 41.gxf4 gxf4 42.Ke4 e2 43.Kxf4 b5 44.Ke3 bxc4 45.Bxc4 Rd1 46.Kxe2 1-0



Ruy Lopez C63

Martin Gordon 1912

J.P. Hyltin 2065

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.0-0 Bxc3 7.bxc3 fxe4 8.dxe4 d6 9.Qe2 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Ba3 Nd7 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Nh2 Ne7 14.Ng4 Bxg4 15.hxg4 Kh8 16.g3 Ng6 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.f3 Rf7 19.Kg2 Rd8 20.Bc1 d5 21.Bg5 dxe4 22.Qxe4 Re8 23.Rad1 Qe6 24.Rh1 b6 25.a3 Nf8 26.Rd5 Qg6 27.Qxg6 Nxg6 28.Rhd1 h6 29.Rd8 Rxd8 30.Rxd8+ Rf8 31.Be7 Rxd8 32.Bxd8 c6 33.Kf2 Kg8 34.Ke3 Kf7 35.Ke4 Ke6 36.Bc7 b5 37.f4 exf4 38.gxf4 Ne7 39.f5+ Kf7 40.Kd4 Nd5 41.Bb8 Nf6 42.Bxa7 Nxg4 43.Bb8 Kf6 44.c4 Kxf5 45.cxb5 cxb5 46.c4



46...bxc4 47.a4 c3 48.Kxc3 Ke6 49.a5 Kd5 50.a6 Kc6 51.a7 Kb7 52.Kd4 Nf6 53.Ke3 Nd7 54.Bc7 Kxa7 55.Ke4 g6 56.Bd8 Kb7

Black is one tempo shy of a win (Kc6+ if it was his turn).

57.Kd5 Kc8 58.Be7 Kc7 59.Ke6 Kc6 60.Bd8 Kc5 61.Kf7 1/2-1/2

Gruenfeld Exchange D85

Robert Bradley 1863

William Molina 2006

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 e5 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Qd2 Qa5 9.Rc1 exd4 10.cxd4 Qxd2+ 11.Kxd2 0-0 12.Bd3

Rd8 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.Rc4 e6 15.Rb1 Na5 16.Rc5 b6 17.Rc7 Bb7 18.f3 Rac8 19.Rbc1 Kf8 20.Bg5 Rxc7 21.Rxc7 f6 22.Be3 Re8 23.Bb5 Re7 24.Rc2 a6 25.Bd3 Kf7 26.Nc3 Rc7 27.Na4 Rxc2+ 28.Kxc2 b5 29.Nc5 Bf8 30.Nxb7 Nxb7 31.Bd2 e5 32.a4 exd4 33.axb5 axb5 34.Bxb5 Nc5 35.Bc4+ Kg7 36.Bd3 Bd6 37.g3 Kf7 38.Bc1 h5 39.Bb2 h4 40.f4 hxg3 41.hxg3 Nxd3 42.Kxd3 g5 43.Bc1 gxf4 44.gxf4 f5 45.e5 Bb8 46.Kxd4 Ke6 47.Ba3 Ba7+ 48.Bc5 Bb8



49.Bb6⊙ Kd7 50.Kd5 Ke7 51.Bc5+ Kf7 52.e6+ Kf6 53.Bd6 Ba7 54.e7 Kf7 55.Ke5 1-0

Center Counter B01

Paul Haney 2147

Selby Anderson 2203

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.d4 Nf6 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 0-0-0 8.0-0 e5

8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4 Rxd4 11.Be3 Rd7 12.Bxa7=

9.dxe5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 11.Nxd1 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nxe5 13.Bg2 1/2-1/2

The board 2 game had a lot riding on it, and went over five hours. A win for Vergara would have made him absolute city champion. Widener would have equal first with Haney if he won, and I would share of the city title but receive no money!

Notes by Mitchell Vergara

Torre Attack A48

Mitchell Vergara 2053

Andrew Widener 2043

S.A. City Championship (5)

[Deep Shredder 11 (60s)]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Nb4 8.Bc4 h6 9.Bh4 Bf5 10.Bb3

10...e5 11.a3 Nc6 12.c3 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Nc6±

Overprotecting d4 a la Nimzovich.

12...b5 [12...g5 13.Bg3=] 13.Re1 g5 14.Bg3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.exd4 Re8

Alert and not missing Black's next move that attacks e7 and b5.

17.Qe2 Qb6 [17...Rb8=] 18.Rad1 Shredder suggests 18.a4 bxa4

19.Rxa4 a5±. 18...Rac8 19.Kh1 Bg6 20.h3

Controls g4 20...a5 21.Rc1 Nh5 22.Bh2 a4

Black threatens to win material: a4xb3 [22...e5 23.Nf3=]

23.Ba2 23.Bc2 Bxc2 24.Rxc2 Nf6=

23...Nf6 [23...e5!?] 24.f4=



24...Qb7 25.fxg5 25.Nf3 gxf4 26.Bxf4 Be4±

25...hxg5= 26.Bb1 Bxb1 27.Rxb1 e5 [27...Qd5 28.Kg1=] 28.dxe5 dxe5

Black has a new passed pawn. 29.Qe3

29.Bxe5? doesn't solve anything: 29...Nd7 30.Nf3 Nxe5 31.Nxg5 Qd7+.



**29...g4 30.h4**

Practically forced. The e5 pawn also continues to be poisoned.

**30...Nd5**

30...Rcd8!? is worth looking at: 31.Nf1 e4±.

**31.Qg5=**

The pressure on e5 grows. White also threatens the g4 pawn.

**31...Qd7 32.Rbd1 f6 33.Qg6**

Continues to pressure Black's king but does not have enough backup. [33.Qh5 Rcd8=]

**33...Ne7**

33...Rcd8 34.Ne4±

**34.Qb1**

Black's king safety has improved.

**34...Qc6 35.Ne4 Rcd8 36.Ng3 Qe6 37.Rf1 Rxd1 38.Rxd1 f5 39.Qd3**

Doubling on the d-file and threatening the b5 pawn.

**39...f4****40.Nh5?**

In time pressure, White makes the time control with a blunder. Much better is 40.Qxb5 Rc8 41.Ne4±.

**40...g3+ 41.Bxg3**

White makes the most of it and tries to prolong the game as best he can. During the post mortem Widener erroneously thought White had enough to keep the position murky. [41.Qxb5 Nf5 42.Re1 Nd6 43.Qxa4 gxh2+]

**41...fxg3**

41...Qg4 keeps an even firmer grip 42.Qf3 (42.Nxg7?? fxg3 43.Qd7

Qxh4+ 44.Qh3 Qxh3+ 45.gxh3 Kxg7+)

**42.Qxg3**

42.Qxb5 Nf5 43.Re1 e4+

**42...Qg6 43.Qxg6 Nxg6 44.g3 e4 45.Kg2 Re5**

45...Ne5 might be the shorter path 46.Re1 Nc4 47.Re2+

**46.Rd8+ Kh7 47.Nxg7 Kxg7 48.Kf2 Kh6**

48...Ne7!? and Black can already relax.

**49.Ke3 Kh5??**

Black lets it slip away 49...Ne7 would have given Black the upper hand: 50.Rd2 Kh5+.

**50.Rd4= Kg4?**

50...Nf8= is a viable option.

**51.Rxe4± Kf5****52.Rxe5+?**

Hands over the advantage White missed the excellent chance 52.g4! Ke6 53.h5±. The Black knight will be busy defending against White's connected pawns. White's idea is to further improve his king position followed by a timely c4. White will have a centralized king compared to what occurred in the game.

**52...Kxe5=**

52...Nxe5? 53.Kd4 Nc4 54.Kc5 Nxb2 55.Kxb5+

**53.h5 Nf8 54.g4 Ne6 55.h6 Ng5**

The Black knight can hold both pawns at bay while his king fends off the enemy king.

**56.Kd3 Kd5 57.Ke3 Ke5 58.Kd3 Kd5**

½-½

*Sicilian B50*

Zhaosu Ye 1781

Martin Gordon 1912

*S.A. City Championship (5)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be6 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nd5 h6 7.a3 a6 8.c3 b5 9.Ba2 a5 10.d4 c4 11.b3 cxb3 12.Bxb3 a4 13.Ba2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Rc8 16.Rb1 Rc5 17.Qb4 Ne7

17...Nf6 18.Be3+

**18.Be3****18...Bxd5 19.Bxc5?**

19...exd5 Nxd5 20.Qe4+ Qe7 21.Bxd5 Qxe4 22.Bxe4 Rxc3 23.Rxb5+

**19...dxc5?**

19...Bxa2! 20.Qxb5+ Qd7 21.Qb8+ Qc8 22.Rb7 Qxb8 23.Rxb8+ Kd7 24.Bb4 Ng6 25.Kd2 Be7 26.Rxh8 Nxh8±

**20.Qxb5+ Bc6 21.Qxc5 Bd7**

21...Bxe4 22.0-0 Qc8 23.Qxc8+ Nxc8 24.Rfe1+

**22.0-0**

22.Qc4! Qa8 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.0-0+

**22...Ng6**

22...Nc8 23.Qd5 Qf6 24.e5 Qe6 25.Qd2 Qf5 26.Rb7 Be7 27.Qd4 Be6 28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.Qxa4++ 23.Qa7+- Bd6 24.Rfd1 Qc7 25.Rb7 Bxh2+ 26.Kh1 Qxc3 27.Rdxd7 0-0 28.Kxh2 and White won. 1-0

**Solution:** 1.Kb6 Δ 2.Qa5/b5#. If 1... bxc2 2.Qa2#, or 1...Nd7+ Qxd7#;



## 2010 Texas State Championship

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	GM Zviad Izoria	2641	2632	W18	D3	W13	W8	W4	D2	W10	6.0
2	NM Alexander Chua	2288	2302	W22	L13	W21	W24	W11	D1	D7	5.0
3	NM Deepyaman Datta	2197	2226	W28	D1	W15	D4	D9	D7	D5	4.5
4	FM Michael Langer	2308	2315	W16	W17	D7	D3	L1	D13	W9	4.5
5	NM Bradley J Sawyer	2274	2268	W24	D15	L8	W12	D14	W17	D3	4.5
6	NM Alfred Carlin	2205	2207	D14	L8	D29	D21	W28	W15	W13	4.5
7	NM Mihail Bantic	2365	2366	W19	W25	D4	H---	H---	D3	D2	4.5
8	Vincent Zhang	2080	2122	D9	W6	W5	L1	L10	W25	D11	4.0
9	Alexander Balkum	2174	2182	D8	D14	W22	W13	D3	D10	L4	4.0
10	NM Kalin K Nonchev	2254	2252	L17	W16	W25	D14	W8	D9	L1	4.0
11	NM Abhishek Mallela	2173	2172	D27	W20	D12	W17	L2	D14	D8	4.0
12	Courtney Jamison	2022	2057	H---	W29	D11	L5	D25	H---	W14	4.0
13	Jason Altschuler	2115	2137	W31	W2	L1	L9	W24	D4	L6	3.5
14	Jeffery Xiong	2096	2108	D6	D9	W18	D10	D5	D11	L12	3.5
15	Kevin Chandra	2091	2106	W26	D5	L3	D23	D22	L6	W24	3.5
16	George Qi	2156	2152	L4	L10	L28	W30	D20	W27	W17	3.5
17	Matthew Liu	2116	2123	W10	L4	W23	L11	W18	L5	L16	3.0
18	Artur K Safin	2164	2157	L1	W28	L14	W20	L17	D19	D21	3.0
19	Jason Jia	2127	2123	L7	L23	W30	D28	D21	D18	D20	3.0
20	Dachey Lin	2111	2108	D29	L11	D26	L18	D16	W30	D19	3.0
21	NM Mark W Dejmek	2123	2120	H---	D27	L2	D6	D19	D26	D18	3.0
22	CM Tommy O He	2125	2128	L2	W26	L9	W27	D15	U---	H---	3.0
23	NM Austen J Green	2242	2222	L25	W19	L17	D15	H---	D24	H---	3.0
24	Paul A Haney	2145	2135	L5	W31	W27	L2	L13	D23	L15	2.5
25	Karthik Ramachandran	2118	2120	W23	L7	L10	W29	D12	L8	U---	2.5
26	NM Larry Moss	2200	2175	L15	L22	D20	H---	D27	D21	H---	2.5
27	Akshay Malhotra	2014	2007	D11	D21	L24	L22	D26	L16	U---	1.5
28	Craig A La Salle	2088	2082	L3	L18	W16	D19	L6	U---	U---	1.5
29	NM Nicholas Schoonmaker	2200	2179	D20	L12	D6	L25	U---	U---	U---	1.0
30	Robert Sanchez	2034	2015	U---	U---	L19	L16	H---	L20	H---	1.0
31	NM Christopher Toolin	2209	2190	L13	L24	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0



# 76th Annual Southwest Open

Sept. 3 or 4 - 7

7 Round Swiss

Three sections

Best Western Marina Grand Hotel, 300 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78401

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	U2400	U2200		B	C	U1200	U1000	unr.		
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2nd	\$500		\$400	\$400	\$300	\$250	\$250			
3rd	\$250			\$200	\$150	\$125	\$125			

**Time Controls:** OPEN: Rd. 1-3 G/90, 30 sec. inc., Rds. 4-7 G/120 + 30 sec.

RESERVE: 30/90, SD/1. Rd. 1 of 3-day: G/120 (deduct 5 min. for delay)

**Round 1:** 7:45 p.m. Friday (4-day) or 10 a.m. Saturday (3-day)

**Rounds 2-7:** Saturday 2:30 - 8; Sunday 12:30 - 6:15; Monday 9 - 2:45

Up to two ½ point byes available if requested before end of Rd. 2 (and before any 1 point bye is awarded). Byes for both round 6 and 7 not permitted.

**Entry Fees:** \$79 if received by 8/26. \$89 at site. TCA membership required, o.s.a.  
Junior (U19) entry: \$68 by 8/26 \$78 later. **Re-entry \$50** (not available in Open).  
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**Entries:** checks payable to "Postal Center Plus", send to SW Open, 7917 McPherson Rd, Suite #205-500, Laredo, TX 78045.

**Registration:** 4-day: Fri, evening 6:15 - 7:15. 3-day: Sat. 9 - 9:30 a.m.

**K-12 Scholastic Event (Sat. Sept. 4):** Two Sections: Championship and U750  
5 Round Swiss (no elimination), Rounds 1-3 G/30 and Rounds 4-5 G/45.

EF: \$15 by 8/26, \$25 later. Reg. 8-8:40 a.m. USCF membership required.

Rd. 1 at 9:30 a.m., others a.s.a.p. with lunch break.

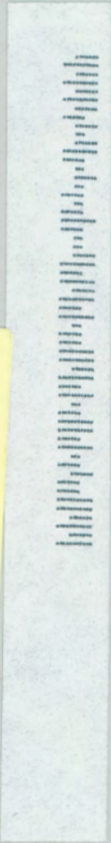
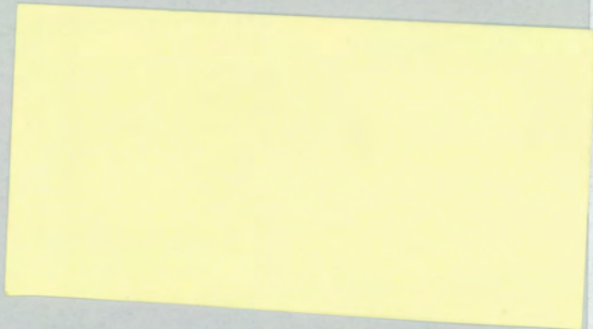
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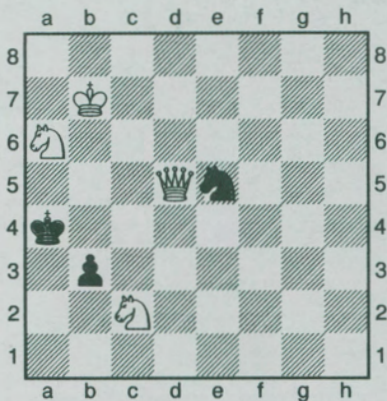


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**White to move, mate in two**  
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