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TCA on Facebook!

Dear Texas Chess Players,

TCA now has a fan page on Facebook! We hope this will facilitate communication and interaction with Texas Chess Players.

- * Any Facebook member can become a fan of the Texas Chess Association
- * Any fan can quickly and easily add content to the page's wall including links to tournament results, photos, events, news and links to tournament results
- * We are considering moving more of our published content on-line. This fan-page will allow us to do so and reach a new audience.

To become a fan, visit our Facebook page and click on 'become a fan'.

Regards,
Clemente Rendon

2010 US Class and Junior Open coming to Houston

NTD Francisco Guadalupe writes:

In my continuing efforts to bring more chess to the State of Texas, I submitted bids for the 2010 US Class and 2010 US Junior Open Championships. Both of these are considered National events. I am pleased to inform you that yesterday, Bill Hall, the Executive Director of the USCF, awarded me both events! Of course, in order to continue this trend of having prestigious tournaments in our area, we need good attendance. To that end, I am soliciting your support in spreading the word. For those of you who have weekend chess events near the Houston area, I am also asking that you consider not scheduling conflicting events.

As you may or may not know, the class winners of both events are considered National Champions and listed as such in the USCF Annual Yearbook. As always, there will also be articles on CLO and *Texas Knights* about them.

Both events will take place at the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport, so they will be very convenient to those flying in!

The **US Junior Open** will take place **July 23-25** and the **US Class** on **October 1-3**. So...mark your calendars and, again, spread the word!

July 23-25. 2010 U.S. Junior Open. 6SS, G/120. Hilton Hobby Airport, 8181 Airport Blvd, Houston. www.houstonhobbyairport.hilton.com. Free parking! \$89 HR valid until 7/19, Reserve early! 713-645-3000, Group Code: USJO. **4 Sections based on age: Under 21, Under 15, Under 11 and Under 8. July Rating Supplement.** Ages for entry and prizes as of 1/1/2010. [...]

See Chess Life or texaschess.org for more details.

Gareev, Bachmann and Yang top strong South Houston Open

The South Houston Open (Feb. 12-14) drew 116 players to the Houston Hilton Clear Lake. The strong 30-player Open section ended in a three-way tie among GM Timur Gareev, GM Axel Bachmann and FM Darwin Yang, each with 4-1. Tied for 4th-5th prizes with 3.5. were GM Alejandro Ramirez, IM John Bartholomew, FM Max Cornejo, IM Alfonso Almeida and IM Aibek Iskakov. Top U2200 honors were shared by Bob Shao, Matthew Michalides, Bryan Vaughan, Rene Phillips and Naveen Balakarishnan, each with 3.0.

Leo Bonnell won the Under 2000 clear with 4-1, ahead of Aleksandar Karaivanov, Moshe Maor Danil Safin and Robert Schuckhart with 3.5.

In U1800, Sam Capocyan and Brian Whipple tied for first with 4. Tied for 3rd-5th were Jesus Sanchez, Cornelius Jones and John Schulke with 3.5.

Rohit Bhatta won the U1600 with 4.5, ahead of Joel Pallapati, Christopher Chen and Michael Alvarez with 4.

Usman Qureshi and Songjie Liu tied with 4 to top the U1300 section.

NTD Franc Guadalupe directed for Cajun Chess, assisted by Jean Troendle.

Edward James Olmos visits UTB/TSC to talk chess

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS – FEBRUARY 17, 2010 – Actor and activist Edward James Olmos visited Brownsville on Tuesday, Feb. 16, to generate support for a film project on the development of chess in this border city.

He represented the Pasadena, Calif.-based Foundation for Advancements in Science and Education to discuss the “Kings of Brownsville” documentary being produced by Higher Ground Entertainment. The film will include interviews and footage from Brownsville Russell Elementary School’s chess students winning in local, state and national tournaments.

“It was an inspirational moment in time,” Olmos told about 400 students, staff and area residents at an evening lecture at the Student Union – Gran Salon.

He said the development of chess at Morningside Elementary School and its spreading to other schools has helped make Brownsville one of the top producers of chess players in the nation.

Olmos said chess is a beautiful game that can inspire.

“You are there and do one thing only – to see how much you know about this game,” said Olmos. “It’s a game that challenges the player and opponent. It never gives you a break.”

Olmos said he wished he played chess as much as baseball when he was growing up in East Los Angeles.

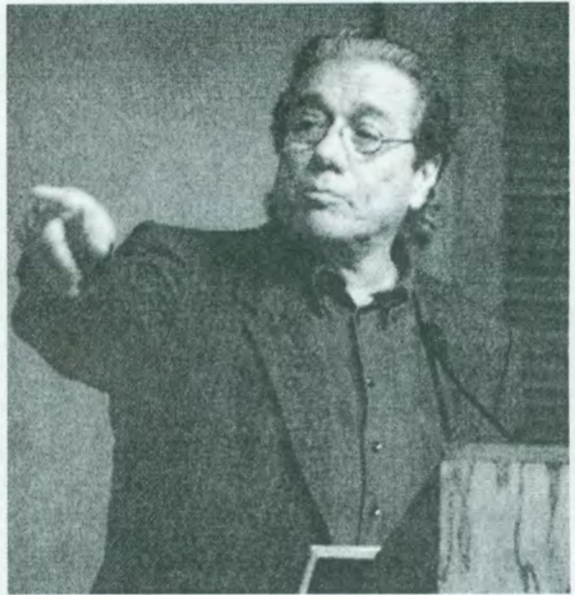
“It’s more conducive to exercising the mind more than the body,” he said.

J.J. Guajardo, a former coach of Brownsville Russell Elementary School’s chess team and now a social studies coordinator for the Mission Consolidated Independent School District, said Olmos’ visit gave legitimacy to the documentary project.

“It showed that this is a true and worthy enterprise and that what the students, the parents, the University and the community as a whole have been able to accomplish are much more than just success; it’s about a community exceeding all expectations and going beyond the norm,” said Guajardo, a UTB/TSC alumnus. “And, this is a phenomenon that should be celebrated, acknowledged and recognized in its proper context.”

Olmos also gave insights to audience questions at his evening lecture:

On science fiction films receiving attention from the Academy Awards: “District 9” is a very interesting and important film, especially when you are talking about integration and other people’s opinions toward one another.”



On advice for Hispanic film makers: “Don’t ever stop now. Now is the best time to get into this art form.”

Lecture attendee Abel A. Guerra III, 24, a criminal justice major from Brownsville, said he cherished the opportunity to see Olmos.

“We are not used to seeing actors in Brownsville,” Guerra said. “I take every opportunity to come to such events of this caliber.”

Earlier in the day, Olmos spoke to area media at a press conference at Brownsville – South Padre Island International Airport and appeared before board members of the Brownsville Independent School District.

Olmos, a California native, began in music when he was a teenager but studied acting while in college. His stage and television roles have included El Pachuco in the musical stage production “Zoot Suit” and as Lt. Martin Castillo on “Miami Vice” in the mid to late 1980s. He most recently played Admiral William Adama on the science fiction show “Battlestar Galactica.”

Olmos has also been successful in movies, with roles in “Blade Runner,” “Stand and Deliver” and “Selena.” He will play the role of Michael Axford in “The Green Hornet” set for release later this year.

Some of his work has gone beyond the camera. Olmos is a United States Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF and is involved in the UCLA School of Film and Theater, the Southwest Voter Registration Project and the Miami Children’s Hospital. The National Council of Space Directors has a literary scholarship fund in his name.

From UTD/TSC Online: www.utb.edu/newsinfo/

TCA Minutes

Texas Chess Association met at the Texas Scholastic Chess Championships on Saturday, February 20, 2010, Clemente Rendon presiding.

President Rendon honored the memory of Rob Sturgeon, TCA Secretary who passed away on January 11, 2010.

Motion made by Forest Marler and seconded that reading the minutes of the previous meeting be waived. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was published in the last *Texas Knights*. Motion made by Eddie Rios and seconded that the reading of the financial report be waived. Motion carried.

President's Report

Reports and funds have been received from the regional tournaments, which built good momentum toward the state tournament. However, numbers at the state tournament have decreased. There have not been any requests for TCA-sponsored events so far. A few cases have been referred to the Scholastic Committee. *Texas Knights* has been published on time, the website has been kept updated with the limited information made available to TCA.

Old Business

President Rendon read motions that were passed at the Fall meeting.

The Board was requested to prepare a plan to appoint delegates to the annual USCF membership meeting. Options include:

- 1) Current governance of TCA (Board, committees) select delegates
- 2) Appoint a new position in TCA with the responsibility of selecting delegates
- 3) Ask for volunteers using a first-come, first-selected, with a waiting list and an August/September window for volunteering
- 4) Add a write-in spot on the officer ballot
- 5) Members at the Southwest Open meeting nominate and elect the delegates

Discussion included setting criteria and perhaps a ranking system, especially if using the volunteer option. Members were reminded that the delegates are the Board of Directors of USCF. Whichever process is chosen will need to be added to the TCA Bylaws, and will need to be ready for the Fall meeting to be incorporated immediately so delegates can be selected at that meeting.

There was a question about a motion from a previous meeting which allowed 11th and 12th grades to be combined into one section at the State Grades tournament. Clarification was given that the motion stated that 11th and 12th grades may be combined.

New Business

There were no advance motions.

Motion was made by Clemente Rendon on behalf of Lakshmana Viswanath and seconded by Eddie Rios to award the 2010 Southwest Open to Lakshmana Viswanath, with TCA to pay \$3000 to secure the location and be paid back from the profit on the tournament. Motion carried.

There was discussion about giving a stipend to another tournament since there is no Polgar tournament this year.

Motion was made by Bob James and seconded to nominate Stephanie Ballom to fill the vacant TCA Secretary position. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bob James and seconded that, if sections at the State Grades tournament are merged, the organizer will provide individual trophies for each grade level. Team trophies will be left to the discretion of the organizer. Motion carried.

Bob James moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy James, acting secretary

Solution (back cover problem) 1.Bh8 (1...Kf7 2.Qe8#; 1...Kh6 2.Qg5#; 1...h6 2.Qf5#; 1...h5 2.Qg7#)

2010 Texas Scholastic Championships

The Texas Scholastic and Southwest Collegiate championships drew 1,049 players to the Sheraton Dallas. The numbers were down from last year by 350 players, no surprise given that the event was held Feb. 20-21, three weeks before spring break. NTD Francisco Guadalupe headed the TD staff, with Gary Gaiffe supervising the middle school divisions. Section chiefs were Fred Roper, Ben Wheeler, Eddie Rios, Rob Jones, Nam Van Nguyen, Stephanie Ballom, Jamie Jones, Tony Meza, Thomas Boone, Criselda DeLeon and Dan DeLeon. Floor TDs were Glenn Baumann, Feliciano Delapaz, Astrid Santoyo, Miguel Guajardo and Victor Flores.

Sponsors included the The University of Texas at Dallas, and the Texas Chess Association. Chief TD was Franc Guadalupe, assisted by Victor Flores. Luis Salinas worked the MonRoi uplink for the Collegiate section.

Southwest Collegiate Championship

(21 players, 5 rounds. TD: Fred Roper)

1	GM Axel Bachmann	2602	UTB	4.0
2	IM Jacek Stopa	2575	UTD	4.0
3	GM Timur Gareev	2633	UTB	4.0
4	NM Tyler Hughes	2337	UTD	4.0
5	IM Marko Zivanic	2527	UTD	3.5
6	NM Tautvydas Vedrickas	2252	UTD	3.0
7	GM Amon Simutowe	2454	UTD	3.0
8	WIM Nadya Ortiz	2216	UTB	3.0

Southwest Collegiate Team

1	UT-Dallas	14.5 pts.
2	UT-Brownsville/TSC	13.5

High School Championship

(90 players, 7 rounds. TD: Ben Wheeler)

1	Bob Shao	7.0	Clements	Sugarland
2	Matthew Michaelides	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
3	William C. Ong	6.0	Bellaire	Houston
4	Arnold Liao	5.5	TAMS	Denton

There was a massive 15-way tie for fifth place with 5-2: Jason Jia, Joseph Wong, George Qi, Matthew Liu, Kevin Chandra, Dion Su, Andrew Nguyen, Sean Li, Jeff Feng, Avinash Thangirala, Vincent Madsen, Andrew Widener, Courtney Jamison, Titus Shanks, and Seth Thompson.

High School Team

1	Bellaire	Houston	21.5
2	Westwood	Austin	20.0
3	Hanna	Brownsville	16.0
4	Klein	Spring	16.0

High School JV (U1000)

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

1	Raymond Xue	6.5	Klein	Spring
2	Chris Ashley	6.0	Marble Falls	Marble Falls
3	Blake Matheus	6.0	Lake Country	Fort Worth
4	Michelle Valdiviez	6.0	J.M. Hanks	El Paso
5	Duke Howard	6.0	Mexia	Mexia

High School JV Team

1	Klein	Spring	20.0
2	Sharyland	Mission	18.5
3	Mexia	Mexia	18.5
4	North High School	Edinburg	18.0
5	Marble Falls	Marble Falls	18.0

Middle School Championship

(109 players, 7 rounds. TD: Rob Jones)

1	Akshay Malhotra	6.0	Universal Acad.	Coppell
2	Jeffrey Hung	6.0	Vela	Brownsville
3	Sylvia Yang	6.0	PFWLR	
4	Derek Chang	6.0	Canyon Vista	Austin
5	James Ukoli	5.5	Vela	Brownsville
6	Perry Johnson	5.5	Idea Quest	Edinburg
7	Christian Leos	5.5	CCHAAS	
8	Christopher Koenig	5.5	North JH	Sharyland

Middle School Team

1	Vela	Brownsville	21.5
2	Canyon Vista	Austin	19.0
3	Idea Quest Academy	Weslaco	16.0
4	Faulk	Brownsville	15.5

Middle School JV (U900)

(76 players, 7 rounds. TD: Nam Van Nguyen)

1	Christian Roxburgh	7.0	South MS	Edinburg
2	Teodoro Mendez	6.0	Coakley	Harlingen
3	Nicholas Martinez	6.0	B.L. Gray	Sharyland
4	Nathan Garcia	5.5	South MS	Edinburg
5	Dustin Da Lac	5.5	B.L. Gray	Sharyland
6	Aaron Delgado	5.5	B.L. Gray	Sharyland

Middle School JV Team

1	B.L. Gray	Sharyland	22.0
2	South MS	Edinburg	21.0
3	Coakley	Harlingen	20.0

Full results at swchess.com

Middle School Novice (U600)

(57 players, 7 rounds. TD: Stephanie Ballom)

1	Diego De Santos	7.0	Wiggs	El Paso
2	Trenton Goins	6.0	DDEERP	
3	Edgar Marroquin	5.5	Stillman	Brownsville
4	Nick Troutman	5.5	FWSTBK	

Middle School Novice Team

1	Sloan Creek	Fairview	17.0
2	Trautman	Laredo	15.5
3	Long	Houston	15.0

Elementary Championship

(116 players, 7 rounds. TD: Jaimie Jones)

1	Jeffrey Xiong	7.0	CDNTRC	
2	Sam Capocyan	6.0	Walker Station	Sugar Land
3	Vivek Mathesh	6.0	PMATHW	
4	Claudia Munoz	6.0	WCITV	
5	Kevin Li	5.5	Laurel Mtn.	Austin
6	Eduardo Gonzalez	5.5	Hudson	Brownsville
7	Brian Gu	5.5	PRBRCH	
8	Duy Minh Nguyen	5.5	RRCTRN	
9	Edgar Santoyo	5.5	A. Paredes	Brownsville

Elementary Team

1	Laurel Mountain	Austin	20.5
2	Americo Paredes	Brownsville	19.0
3	Hinojosa	Sharyland	16.0
4	Greenhill	Addison	15.0

Elementary JV (U800)

(138 players, 7 rounds. TD: Tony Meza)

1	Haneesh Kaku	6.5	Universal	Coppell
2	Jonathan Gonzalez	6.0	O. Garza	Sharyland
3	Valeria Lerma	6.0	Ben Milam	Harlingen
4	Yutika Raina	6.0	Laurel	Austin
5	Stephen Kruger	6.0	Carson	San Antonio
6	Sriram Rameshbabu	6.0	PMATHW	
7	Zoe Wang	6.0	LHARTE	

Elementary JV Team

1	Orlivero Garza	Mission	20.0
2	Sharyville	Sharyville	20.0
3	Ben Milam	Harlingen	20.0
4	Universal Academy	Coppell	19.0

Elementary Novice (U500)

(83 players, 7 rounds. TD: Thomas Boone)

1	Rohit Chittimalla	7.0	Universal	Coppell
2	Manu Reddy	6.0	SASST	
3	Tyler Del Rosario	5.5	ARHOME	
4	Snand Singh	5.5	Universal	Coppell

5	Eduardo Ortiz	5.5	Garza	Brownsville
6	Abshiek Obil	5.5	Universal	Coppell

Elementary Novice Team

1	Universal Academy	Coppell	23.0
2	Reynaldo Garza	Brownsville	20.0
3	R. Hinojosa	Sharyland	16.5
4	Arlington Classics	Arlington	16.5

Primary Championship

(60 players, 7 rounds. TD: Criselda DeLeon)

1	Priya Trakru	6.5	Hudson	Brownsville
2	Ritik Verma	6.0	CCMRL	
3	S. Jagadeeshi	5.5	CMCCOV	
4	William Cooper	5.5	John Cooper	The Woodlands
5	Aaron Chang	5.5	Village School	Houston

Primary Team

1	Hudson	Brownsville	18.5
2	R.L. Martin	Brownsville	15.0
3	Laurel Mountain	Austin	13.5

Primary JV (U700)

(116 players, 7 rounds. TD: Daniel DeLeon)

1	Forrest Park	7.0	ClAKSD	
2	Strauss Bourdon	6.0	O. Garza	Sharyland
3	Sebastian Gutierrez	6.0	EPLCHV	El Paso
4	Gabriel Martinez	6.0	H. Shimotsu	Sharyland
5	Taggart Chandler	6.0	Sharyland	Sharyland
6	Gustavo Maas	6.0	EPEWDM	El Paso

Primary JV Team

1	Harry Shimotsu	Sharyland	20.5
2	Sharyland	Sharyland	20.5
3	Ben Milam	Harlingen	19.5

K-1

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

1	Dang Minh Nguyen	7.0	Cactus Ranch	Round Rock
2	Diego Costa	6.5	Episcopal Day	Brownsville
3	Nathaniel Morales	6.0	Canterbury	Edinburg
4	Jacob Buergler	6.0	St. Mark's	Houston
5	Christian Galvan	6.0	Russell	Brownsville

K-1 Team

1	Canterbury	Edinburg	20.0
2	Egly	Brownsville	19.5
3	Benavides	Brownsville	16.5

Texas Team champions: Your Queen Wants to Mate Me

Eighteen teams (77 players) played in the 2010 Texas Team Championship, held Jan. 9-10 in Austin. This is probably the largest turnout ever for this event, and certainly the largest in the USCF's online database, which goes back to 1992.

First place (\$500 + trophy) went to "Your Queen Wants to Mate Me", a Houston-based team captained by NM Alex Chua. They scored 4-0, a half-point ahead of Austin's "Barely Legall", led by FM Michael Langer. In the under-1900 section, "Austin Powers" took first with 3 points.

The Team Championship has traditionally been a 4-round event, but with more than 16 teams in the field, a 5-round schedule would guarantee that two teams don't each finish with perfect scores. Also, in this year's event, the first and second place teams never faced each other.

Thanks to TD Lori Balkum for an extremely well-run event!

Board prizes:

Board 1 - FM Michael Langer (4.0)

Board 2 - Seth Thompson (4.0)

Board 3 - Bob Shao (3.5)

Board 4 - Josh Newsham, Arindam Raina, Matthew Michaelides (3.5)

A bizarre mishap occurred in Rd. 3, as Richard Ketcham (2220) was coasting to a sure endgame win against Andrew Widener (2000):



69.Kxe5?? [69.Kg6+--] 69...Bg3+
White resigned, because Black's next is 70...Rd6 mate. 0-1

Benko Gambit A57

Alexander Balkum 2173

Barely Legall

Titus Shanks 1848

Chess Assassins

Texas Team 2010 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 g6
5.e4 d6 6.cxb5 a6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Nf3
Nbd7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 axb5
11.Nxb5 Ba6 12.a4 Ng4 13.Bd2
Bxb5 14.Bxb5 Nde5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5
16.h3 Nf6 17.Bh6 Re8 18.Bxe8
Qxe8 19.Bd2 c4 20.Qxc4 Bxb2
21.Rab1 Rxa4 22.Qc6 Ra2 23.Qc2
Qa8 24.Rxb2 Rxb2 25.Qxb2 Nxe4
26.Bh6 1-0

Sicilian B23

Richard Ketcham 2333

Nietzscheans

Joe Binder 1900

Esprit de Corps Four

Texas Team 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 g6 4.Nge2
Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6? 7.
Ndb5 Nf6 8.Qd6 Qe7 9.Nc7+ Kd8
10.Qxe7+ Nxe7 11.Nxa8 b6 12.
Nxb6 axb6 13.Be3 1-0

Pirc Defense B07

Andrew Istafanous 1793

Chess Assassins

Drew Sarkisian 2138

Barely Legall

Texas Team 2010 (1)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5
dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bc4 Be6
7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.Be3 a6
10.0-0-0 Ke7 11.Rhe1 b5 12.Bg5
Nbd7 13.a3?
13.h3 Rad8 14.Re3±
13...Rhb8 14.Ne2 b4 15.a4 b3
16.Ng3
16.c3 Nc5 17.Nf4! Nxa4 18.
Nd3 h6 19.Bh4 Rb5 20.Bg3 Nc5±

16...bxc2 17.Kxc2 Nc5 18.Ra1 Rb4
19.a5 Rab8 20.Ra2 Nb3 21.Nh5
Kf7 22.Nxf6 gxf6 23.Be3?
□23.Bd2 Nxd2 24.Nxd2 Bc5
25.f3 Rd8±

23...Rxe4 24.Ba7?

24.h3 Bc5 25.Nd2 Rxe3 26.fxe3
Nxd2 27.Kxd2 Bb4+±

24...Rc4+-- 25.Kd3 Rbb4 26.Ra3
e4+ 27.Rxe4 Nc1+ 28.Kd2 Rxb2+

29.Kd1 Rxe4 30.Kxc1 Bxa3 0-1

Giuoco Piano C53

Joshua Newsham 2105

Barely Legall

Alfredo Garcia 1745

Chess Assassins

Texas Team 2010 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
d6 5.b4 Bb6 6.a4 a5 7.b5 Nce7
8.Qb3 Nh6 9.d4 0-0 10.dxe5 Ng6
11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Bxh6?! gxh6
13.Nbd2 Qc5

13...Nf4 14.g3 (14.0-0 Bh3
15.g3 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nd3=) 14...Nd3+

15.Bxd3 Qxd3 16.c4 Qxb3 17.Nxb3
Re8 18.Nfd2 f5 19.c5 Ba7 20.f3±

14.0-0 Nf4 15.e5 Bf5 16.Qa3?!
Qxa3 17.Rxa3 Bd3?! 18.Bxd3

Nxd3 19.Ne4 Rad8 20.Raa1 Kg7
21.Rad1?! Rfe8?! 22.Nd6 cxd6 23.

Rxd3 dxe5 24.Rxd8 Bxd8 25.Rd1
e4 26.Nd4 Kg6 27.Kf1 f5 28.Ne6

□28.Nb3 with the idea of Rd6,
b6

28...Bf6 29.Rd6 Rc8 30.Nf4+ Kf7
31.Nd5 Be5 32.Rxh6 Bg7 33.Rb6

Bxc3 34.Rxb7+ Kg6 35.Ne7+ 1-0

Sicilian Scheveningen B80

Seth Thompson 2109

Our Name is DUG

Sanjay Bhandari 1674

The Icy Hand of Death

Texas Team 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5
8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 h6 10.h4 Bb7



Your Queen Wants to Mate Me: Matthew Michaelides,
Bob Shao, Alex Chua, Jeffrey De Jesus



First place under-1900: Austin Powers
George Qi, Austin Jiang, Alexander Jiang, Matthew Liu

11.Bh3 b4 [11...Ne5=] 12.Nce2 d5
13.g5



13...hxg5

13...dxe4!? 14.gxf6 exf3 15.
fxg7 Bxg7 16.Ng3 Qxh4 17.0-0±;
13...Ng8 14.g6 e5 15.gxf7+ Kxf7
16.Ne6 Qxh4+ 17.Kd1±; ♠13...Nh7!
14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Nf4 Ne5=

14.hxg5 Ng8 15.g6 Rxh3

15...Qh4+ 16.Bf2 Qe7 17.exd5±
16.gxf7+ Kxf7 17.Rxh3 e5 18.Nf5
d4?

♠18...dxe4 19.fxe4 Ndf6 20.
Rd1 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Bxe4 22.Nh4±
19.Bg5 Ngf6 20.Qd3 Qc7?

20...Nc5 21.Qc4+ Ne6 22.
0-0-0+
21.Qb3+ Kg6 22.Nh4+ Kxg5 23.
Qf7 Bxe4 24.fxe4 1-0

Sicilian Scheveningen B89

Alex Chua 2265

Your Queen Wants to Mate Me

Alexander Balkum 2173

Barely Legall

Texas Team 2010 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.
Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 0-0
13.h4 Bh6 14.Nce3 b4 15.Qa4 Bd7
16.Nf5

16.cxb4 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Ne7=
16...Bxf5 17.exf5 bxc3 18.Nxc3
18.bxc3 Ne7 19.Bc4 Nxf5♣
18...Nd4 19.Bd3 Rb8 20.b4 d5 21.
Rd1 Re8 22.Bxa6?? [22.a3 Ra8♣]



22...Rxb4!-+ 23.Rxd4 exd4+ 0-1

Sicilian Scheveningen B89

Mark Dejmek 2141

Full of Benoni

Jonathan Chiang 1936

Dallas Chess Fireworks

Texas Team 2010 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Bb3 Bd7 11.g4 Nxd4 12.Rxd4 b5 [12...Nc6 13.g5 Nd7] 13.g5 Ng4? [13...Ng8 14.Rhd1±] 14.Qxg4 e5 15.Qf3 exd4 16.Qxf7+ Kd8 17.Nd5 Be8 18.Qxg7 Qb7 19.Bxd4 Rf8 20.Bb6+ Kc8 21.Nxe7+ 1-0

King's Indian E95

Drew Sarkisian 2138

Barely Legal

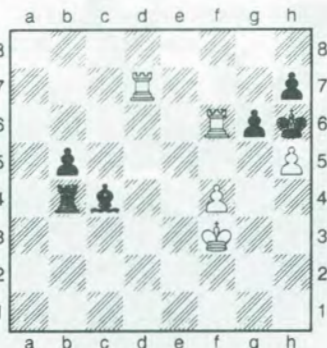
Yuri Mirgorodsky 1916

The Siberian Gambit

Texas Team 2010 (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 Nbd7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 e5 8.Re1 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.Bf1 Re8 11.f3 Qd7 12.Be3 b6 13.Qd2 Bb7 14.Rad1 a6 15.Qf2 Rab8 16.Qh4 Ne6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.cxd5 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Qa4 20.Qf2 Re7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.b3 Qb4 23.Rc1 Qa5 24.a4 Qb4 25.Qb2+ f6 26.Red1 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rd4 Qa5 29.Ra1 Qb6 30.Bd3 Rbe8 31.Qf2 c5 32.dxc6 Qxc6 33.Rb4 Ba6 34.Qd4 Rb8 35.Ra2 Qb6 36.Rc2 Qxd4+ 37.Rxd4 Rb6 38.b4 Bb7 39.Ra2 Bc6 40.Rxd6 Bxe4 41.Rxb6 Bxd3

42.Raa6 Re1+ 43.Kf2 Re2+ 44.Kg3 Rb2 45.Ra7+ Kh6 46.Rd7 Bf1 47.f4 Rxc2+ 48.Kf3 Rb2 49.Rxf6 Bc4 50.h4 Rxb4 51.h5



51...Rb3+ 52.Ke4 Rh3 53.hxg6 hxg6 54.Rf8 Kh5 55.Rh8+ Kg4 56.Rxh3 Kxh3 57.Kf3 Kh2 58.Rd2+ Kh3 59.Rd6 Kh4 60.Rxg6 Bd5+ 61.Ke3 b4 62.Kd4 Ba2 63.Rg2 b3 64.Kc3 Kh5 65.Kb2 1-0

Sicilian Scheveningen B86

John Durston 1909

The Siberian Gambit

Joshua Newsham 2104

Barely Legal

Texas Team 2010 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Be7 7.Bb3 Na6 8.f4 Nc5 9.0-0 Nfxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.f5 e5 12.Qf3 Nf6 13.Ne2 Qc7 14.g4 h6 15.Nc3 Bd7 16.Be3 Bc6 17.Qg3 d5 18.Bd4



18...Bd6

18...0-0! 19.Bxe5 Bc5+ 20.Kg2 (20.Kh1 d4+ 21.Nd5 Rxd5! -+) 20...d4+ 21.Kh3 Qe7 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Nd1 g5+ 19.Rfe1 0-0-0 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qb6+ 22.Kf1 Nxc4 22...Rhe8 23.Qg3 d4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Nd1 Bb5+ 26.Kg2 Re2+ 27.Kh3 Nh7-+ 23.Qf4 h5 24.h3 d4 25.Ne4 Ne3+ 26.Kg1 Bxe4 26...Rhe8 27.Nd6+ Rxd6 28.Qxd6 d3 29.Kh2 27.Qxe4 Rhe8 28.Qf4 Qc6 29.Qf2 Re5 30.h4 Rxf5 31.Qg3 Rd6 32.Rxe3 dxe3 0-1

Bird's Opening A02

John Bell 2158

Nietzscheans

Jeffrey De Jesus 2225

Your Queen Wants to Mate Me

Texas Team 2010 (2)

1.f4 g6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Bg7 4.Be2 e6 5.0-0 Ne7 6.c3 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.exd4 b6 9.Nbd2 d6 10.Nc4 Bb7 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Ne3 Nd7 13.Qe1 Nf6 14.Rd1 Nf5 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Qh4 h6 17.Rde1 Rfe8 18.Bb5 Bc6 19.Bd3 Be4 20.Bb5 Re7 21.h3 Qb7 22.Rf2 a6 23.Ba4 b5 24.Bd1 Rae8 25.Kh2 Qd7 26.Rg1 Qd8 27.g4 fxg4 28.hxg4 Bxf3 29.Bxf3 Ne4 30.Bxe4 Rxe4 31.Qxd8 Rxd8 32.a3 d5 33.Kg3 Rde8 34.Kf3 Kf8 35.Rgg2 Ke7 36.Re2 Kd7 37.Rxe4 dxe4+ 38.Ke3 Kc6 39.f5 g5 40.Rf2 f6 41.Be1 Kd5 42.b3 Bf8 43.a4 Bd6 44.Ra2 Bf4+ 45.Ke2



45...b4 46.cxb4 h5 47.gxh5 Rh8
48.Rc2 Bd6 49.b5 axb5 50.axb5 g4
51.b6 Rxb5 52.Rc8

52.b7 Rh2+ 53.Bf2 e3 54.Kxe3
Rh3+ 55.Ke2 Rxb3 56.Bh4 Rxb7 57.
Bxf6 Rf7 58.Bh8 Rxf5 59.Rc3 Rf8
60.Bg7 Rg8 61.Bh6 Kxd4

52...Rh2+= 53.Kf1 Rb2 54.Bh4

54.b4 Bxb4 55.Bxb4 Rxb4

52...Rh2+ 53.Kf1 Rb2 54.Bh4 e3
55.Rd8



55...Ke4!! 56.Rxd6 Kf3 57.Re6
e2+??

57...Rxb3 58.b7 Rb1+ 59.Be1 g3
60.Rxe3+ Kxe3 61.Kg2 Rxb7+
58.Kg1?? [58.Kel+] 58...g3 59.
Bxg3 Kxg3 60.Re3+ Kf4 61.Re8
Kf3 62.b7 Rxb3 63.b8R Rxb8
64.Rxb8 e1Q+ 65.Kh2 Qg3+ 0-1

Sicilian Defense B52

Michael Feinstein 2228

Our Name Is DUG

Brad Sawyer 2249

Chess-nuts

Texas Team 2010 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.
Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.
d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 g6 9.0-0 Bg7
10.Nde2 0-0 11.Bg5 Rfc8 12.f3
Qd8 13.Qd2 a6 14.Be3 Rab8 15.
Rac1 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.b3 Qa5
18.Rfd1 Kf8 19.Nf4 Nd7 20.Ncd5
Qxd2 21.Rxd2 e6 22.Rdc2 exd5
23.Rxc6 Rxc6 24.Rxc6 dxe4 25.
Rxd6 Ke7 26.Ra6 exf3 27.Nd5+
Kf8 28.gxf3 Ne5 29.Kg2 Rd8



30. Bc5+

30.Nc7! Nd3 31.Nxb5 Be5 32.
Ra4 Ne1+ 33.Kf2 Nd3+ 34.Ke2
Bxh2 35.Rh4 Bg3 36.Rxh7±

30...Kg8 31.Bd6 Nd3 32.a4 bxa4
33.bxa4 Be5 34.Bxe5 Nxe5 35.Nf6+
Kg7 36.Ne4 Rd3 37.f4 Rd4! ½-½

French Tarrasch C06

Michael Langer 2287

Barely Legal

Mark Muecke 2068

The Siberian Gambit

Texas Team 2010 (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5
Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4
8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4 Qe7 10.Nf3 g6 11.
exf6 Nxf6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Re1 0-0
14.Qe2 Re8 15.Bd2 Bd7 16.Bc3
Bh6 17.Nh3 Rac8 18.Ne5 Nxe5
19.Qxe5 Rf8 20.a3 Rfe8 21.Re2
Nh5 22.Rae1 a6 23.Qxd5 exd5 24.
Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Rxe7 Bf8 26.Re3
Bh6 27.Re1 Kf7 28.f3 Ng7 29.Nf2
Ne6 30.Ng4 Bg7 31.Ne5+ [illegible.
Black resigned on move 38.] 1-0

Modern Benoni A70

Chris Land 2248

Full of Benoni

Michael Langer 2287

Barely Legal

Texas Team 2010 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 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.Nc4 Qa6 18.Ne3

Rb8 19.Qc2 Bd4 20.Rd1 f5 21.Qe4
[21.Qd3] 21...Qf6 22.a4

22.Rb1 Ba6 23.Qa4 Rfd8 24.a3

Rb6 25.b4±

22...Ba6= 23.Qc2 Qd6 24.Ra3 f4

25.Ng4 Qxd5 26.Rf3



26...Qd6

26...g5 27.b3 Qe6 28.Bd2 Be2

29.Re1 Qa6

27.b3 Rbe8 28.b4 Re2 29.Qb3+

29.Rd2 Re1+ 30.Kh2±

29...c4 30.Qb1?

30.Qa3! BC8 31.b5=

30...Bb7 31.Ba3

31.Bb2 Rxb2 32.Qxb2 Bxb2

33.Rxd6 Bxf3 34.gxf3 Rc8+

31...Bxf3 32.gxf3 Rd8 33.Qc1 c3

34.b5 Qe6 35.Qxf4 Bxf2+ 36.Nxf2

Rd1+ 37.Nxd1 Re1+ 38.Kg2 Qe2+

39.Nf2 Qf1+ 40.Kg3 Qg1+ 41.Kh4

Qxf2+ 42.Kg5 Qd2 0-1

Sicilian Closed B24

Richard Ketcham 2333

Nietzcheans

Andrew Widener 2000

Senioritis

Texas Team 2010 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7

5.Nge2 Nc6 6.0-0 Rb8 7.a4 a6 8.f4

Bd7 9.d3 Nf6 10.h3 b5 11.axb5

axb5 12.Qe1 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4

14.Ne2 e5 15.Bd2 0-0 16.Bb4 Ne8

17.c3 dxc3 18.bxc3 f6 19.Kh2 Rf7

20.Qf2 Ra8 21.d4 Be6 22.d5 Bd7

23.f5 Bf8 24.Rfb1 Qc8 25.g4 Nc7

26.Rxa8 Qxa8 27.Nc1 Na6 28.Ra1

Qb7 29.Nb3 Nxb4 30.cxb4 Be8

31.Rc1 Bh6 32.Na5 Qa7 33.Qxa7

Rxa7 34.Rc2 Bf4+ 35.Kg1 Be3+
 36.Kf1 Bb6 37.Nc6 Ra1+ 38.Ke2
 Kf8 39.Kd2 Bxc6 40.dxc6 Bc7
 41.Bf3 Ra4 42.Rb2 Ra6 43.Be2
 Rxc6 44.Bxb5 Rb6 45.Bc4 Rb8
 46.Bd5 Bb6 47.b5 Bd4 48.Rb3 g5
 49.Kd3 Ke7 50.Kc4 Be5 51.Bc6
 Bd4 52.Ra3 h6 53.Kd5 Bc5 54.Ra2
 Bd4 55.Ra6 Bc5 56.Kc4 Be3
 57.Kd5 Bc5 58.Ra2 Bd4 59.Rh2
 Be3 60.h4 Bf4 61.Rh3 gxh4
 62.Rxh4 Bg5 63.Rh3 Bf4 64.Ra3
 Bd2 65.Ra7+ Kf8 66.Kxd6 Bb4+
 67.Ke6 Rd8 68.Kxf6 Be1



69.Kxe5??
 69.Kg6 Bh4 70.f6+-
 69...Bg3+ 0-1

QGD Exchange D35

Michael Feinstein 2228

Our Name Is DUG

Alex Chua 2265

Your Queen Wants to Mate Me

Texas Team 2010 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 0-0
 8.Nge2 Ne4 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Qc2 f5
 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rae1 Qg5 13.b4 a6
 14.a4 b5 15.Ra1 Rb8 16.axb5 axb5
 17.Ra7 Nb6 18.Rfal Ne4 19. Bxc4
 bxc4 20.R1a4 Qh4 21.Ng3 Nd6
 22.Qe2 g6 23.Nf1 Bb7

A sad bishop thus far ...

24.Nd2 Rbe8 25.Nf3 Qf6 26.Ne5
 Rxe5 27.dxe5 Qxe5 28.Qd2 f4 29.
 Ra1 f3 30.Qd4 Qg5 31.g3 Qf5 32.
 Qd1 Rf7 33.Qb1 Qe5 34.R1a3 Re7
 35.h3 Nf5 36.Qd1?

Better is 36.Qf1±.



36...Nxe3 37.Qxf3
 37.fxe3?? Qxg3+ etc.
 37...Nf5 38.Ra1 Rf7 39.R7a2
 39.Ne2 Nxc3 40.Qxg3 Qxe2±
 39...d4

So much for the bad bishop.



40.Re2?

The precarious position of both knight and queen requires a twofer:

40.Qe2! Qd6 41.Ne4 Qxb4 42.
 Rb2 d3 43.Rxb4 dxe2 44.Rxc4 Re7
 45.f3 c5 46.Kf2 Nd4=; or

40.Qe4! Qd6 41.Ne2 c5 42.dxc5
 Qxc5 43.Qe8+ Rf8 44.Qe6+=.

40...Qc7 41.Re8+

41.Ne4 d3 42.Ree1 c5 43.bxc5
 d2 44.Red1 Qe5 45.Qf4 Qxf4 46.
 gxf4 Bxe4 47.Rxd2 Rc7-+

41...Kg7 42.Ne4

42.Qe4 c5 43.Nd5 Qd6 44.Qe5+
 Qxe5 45.Rxe5 Bxd5 46.Rxd5 cxb4
 -+

42...Nd6-+ 43.Ng5 Rxf3 44.Ne6+
 Kf7 45.Nxc7 Nxe8 46.Ra7 c3 47.
 Nxe8 Kxe8 48.Rxb7 c2 0-1

Caro-Kann B10

Alex Chua 2265

Your Queen Wants to Mate Me

Chris Land 2248

Full of Benoni

Texas Team 2010 (4)

1.c4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5
 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.Nf3 e6 7.d4 Nc6
 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Bf6 10.a3 0-0
 11.Re1 b6? [11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 b6=]



12.Nxd5 exd5

12...Qxd5 13.Be4 Qd6 14.Qc2
 Bb7 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Be4±

13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qc2+ Kg8 15.
 Qxc6 Bf5 16.Bf4 Rc8 17.Qb5 Be4

18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Re5 20.Qb3
 Qd7 21.Qg3 Qe6 22.f3 Bc2 23.Be3

Rc4 24.Qf2 Rfc8 25.Bd4 Qf5 26.
 Bc3 Ba4 27.Re2 Qg6 28.Rd2 Bb3

29.Re1 Qg5 30.Rd3 Qf5 31.Qd2
 R4c6 32.g4 Qd7 33.h3 Be4 34.Rd4

Rh6 35.Kg2 Qe7 36.f4 Ba6 37.Re3
 Bb7 38.Rg3 Rhc6 39.Kh2 Rc4 40.

Rdd3 Qd7 41.f5 Qa4 42.Qg5 d4



Only slightly better is 42...Qc2+
43.Rd2 Qe4 44.Re3 Qf4+ 45.Qxf4
Rxf4 46.e6+—
43.f6 Qc2+ 44.Bd2 Kf8 45.Qxg7+
Ke8 46.e6 fxe6 47.Qe7# 1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B96

Michael Langer 2287

Barely Legall

Brad Sawyer 2249

Chess-nuts

Texas Team 2010 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7
8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7
11.a3 Qb6 12.Nb3 Re8 13.Qe2
Rxc3 14.bxc3 d5 15.e5 Bxa3+ 16.
Kb1 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.f5 Bd5
19.Ka2 Bc5 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Qh5+
g6 22.Qh3 Qc6 23.Rhf1 Bf8 24.Bf6
Nxf6 25.Rxf6 Bg7?

25...Be7 26.Rxg6 e3∞



26.Rxd5!+— Qxd5 27.Rxe6+ Kf7
28.Rd6 Qxe5 29.Rd7+ Kg8 30.
Rd8+ Bf8 31.Nd4 h5

31...Qe7 32.Qc8 e3 33.Ne6 Kf7
34.Rd7 Kxe6 35.Rxe7+ Kxe7 36.
Qc5+—

32.Qd7 Qg7 33.Qd5+ Kh7 34.Rd7
Be7 35.Qxe4 Re8 36.Nc6 Qxc3
37.Rxe7+ Rxe7 38.Nxe7 Qf6 39.
Nd5 Qc6 40.Qe7+ Kh6 41.Qf8+
1-0

Bird's Opening A03

John Bell 2158

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Matthew Liu 2045

Austin Powers

Texas Team 2010 (4)

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 Nf6
5.Bg2 Bf5 6.0-0 e6 7.c3 Bd6 8.Qc2
c4 9.Nh4 Qb6+ 10.Kh1 cxd3 11.
exd3 0-0-0 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.a4 h5
14.d4 g6 15.Na3 h4 16.Kg1 Bxa3
17.bxa3 Na5 18.Rb1 Qd6 19.Rb5
Nc4 20.Rc5+ Kb8 21.Qb3 Ne4 22.
Bxe4 fxe4 23.Rxc4 dxc4 24.Qxc4
hxg3 25.Qxf7 gxh2+ 26.Kh1 e3
27.d5 e2 28.Re1 Qxd5+ 29.Qxd5
Rxd5 30.Be3 Rd1 31.Bf2 Rh3 32.
a5 a6 33.a4 Kc7 34.c4 Kc6 35.e5
Kd5 36.f5 gxf5 37.c6 bxc6 38.
Rxd1+ exd1Q+ 39.Bg1 hxg1R# 0-1

QP Opening D00

Adrian Kelijberg 2217

Full of Benoni

Jeffrey De Jesus 2225

Your Queen Wants to Mate Me

Texas Team 2010 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Qb6
5.Qb3 c4 6.Qxb6 axb6 7.Nd2 Nc6
8.e4 e6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Ng3 b5 11.Be2
b4 12.0-0 b5 13.cxb4 Nxb4 14.a3
Nc6 15.Be3 Nb6 16.Ng5 Be7
17.Nh3 0-0 18.f4 b4 19.axb4 Bxb4
20.Nf3 Bd7 21.g4 Na5 22.Nd2
Bxd2 23.Bxd2 Nb3 24.Rxa8 Rxa8
25.Bc3 Na4 26.f5 Nxc3 27.bxc3
Nd2 28.Rc1 Rb8 29.Nf4 Rb1
30.Rd1 Ba4 31.Rxb1 Nxb1



32.fxe6 fxe6 33.Nxe6 Nxc3 34.Kf2
Ne4+ 35.Ke3 c3 36.Nc5?? [!36.Nf4
c2 37.Nd3=] 36...Nxc5 37.dxc5
d4+!-+ 0-1

Busted!

An alert reader in Austin caught a bogus solution to the back cover problem in our Jan.-Feb. issue:

Rauf Aliovsadzade

StrateGems, 2002



White to move, mate in two

The solution printed on p. 12 is wrong. 1.Nb5 mates in most lines, but not against ...Rd8, nor against ...Rd7! If ...Rd8, then, voila, 2.Nc3+ is not mate, 2.Qe1+ is not, and 2.Bxf3 is not (due to the interposition). Furthermore, 2.Rc1+ allows ...Ke2, and 2.Rxd2+ allows simply ...Rxd2! Aha! (2.Ne3+, too, allows the K to flee – up to e2!) 1...Rd7, likewise an effective defense to Nb5, stops all the mate in two tries, in rather similar fashion.

The problem itself is fine, however, since 1.Nxf3 solves it neatly!

Here are the main lines: 1...Rxf3 2.Rxd2#; 1...Re2 2.Rc1#; 1...Rd7 2.Qe1#; 1...Rd8 2.Ne5#; 1...Ke2 2.Rxd2#; 1...Rc7 or 1...Rxc8 2.Rxd2#!

Sincerely,
John Bell



TEXAS MASTERS

DALLAS, JAN. 15-17

GM Alejandro Ramirez scored his third consecutive win in this event with 4.5/5, but this year UTD's top player had to share the glory with rising star Conrad Holt from Kansas. The 2008 U.S. Cadet champion put his rating over 2400 with this result.

The event, held Jan. 15-17 at the UT Dallas student union, drew 30 players, plus an additional 55 players in the Texas Class Championships, held concurrently. Luis Salinas directed for the Dallas Chess Club.

PRIZE WINNERS

Masters: *1st:* Alejandro Ramirez, Conrad Holt 4.5. *3rd:* John Batholemew, 4.0. U2400: Tyler Hughes, Tautvydas Vedrickas, Jarod Pamatmat, 3.5.

U2200: *1st:* Jeffrey Xiong, 4.0. *2nd:* Jason Jia, 3.5. *3rd:* Jeremy T. Hall, 3.0.

U2000: *1st:* Alex Shaffer, 4.0. *2nd:* Anjali Datta, 3.5. *3rd:* Suchinder Kalyan, 3.0.

U1800: *1st-2nd:* Matthew Ussery, Chris Malone, 4.0. *3rd:* Jordan Pamatmat, Fridrick Karlsson, 3.5.

U1600/U1400: *1st-3rd:* Sam Ecton, John Enderle, Frank Rilling, 3.5. *1st-2nd U1400:* Carleton Furbush, Vinay Sateesh, 2.5.

U1200/ U1000: *1st:* Michael Nickels, 5.0. *2nd:* Segev Eliezer, 4.0. *3rd:* Vishnu Yelakanti, Malanie Kneen, 2.5.

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QGD Ragozin D38

Alejandro Ramirez 2623
Kalin Nonchiev 2258

Texas Masters 2010 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.e3 c5 8.Bd3 Qa5 9.0-0 0-0 10.dxc5 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc5 12.Rc1 h6 13. Bh4 Qa5 14.Nd4 Re8 15.Nf5 Qb6 16.Rb1 Qc5 17.Bb5



17...Re5 [17...Qxc3 18.Qf3 Qe5=] 18.Bxd7 Nxd7 19.Qg4 g6 20.Nxh6+ Kg7 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bf4 Rh5?

22...Nb6 23.Qg3 Re4 24.h4 Qc6 25.f3 Re8 26.Rfel± 23.Qe6 Rxh6 24.Rxb7!+- g5 25. Bd6 Qc4 26.Qe7+ Kg6 27.Qe8+ Kf5 28.f3 Ne5 29.g4+ Nxc4 30. fxg4+ Kxg4 31.Rb4 1-0

QAGD Slav D23

Adarsh Jayakumar 2223
Daniel Ludwig 2547

Texas Masters 2010 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qc2 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Bf5 6.g3 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Bg6 11.e4 b5 12.Qxc6 b4 13.e5 Rc8

14.Qa6 bxc3 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.bxc3 Rxc3 17.Qxa7 Be4 18.Re3 Rc7



19.Qa5?? Rxc1+ 0-1

Sicilian B30

Nelson Lopez 2202
Salvyjus Bercys 2508

Texas Masters 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Na5 4.Be2 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 a6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Bf3 Rb8 9.b3 b5 10.Bb2 Nf6 11. Re1 d6 12.Nd2 Be7 13.c4 b4 14. Nc2 Nc6 15.Nf1 Ne5 16.g4 h5 17.g5 Nfd7 18.h4



18...Ng6 19.Bxh5 Nf4 20. Ng3 Ne5 21.Bc1 Ned3 22.g6 Nxc1 23.gxf7+

Kf8 24.Rxc1 Qc5 25.Bg4 Rxb4 26.
Ne3 Qg5 27.f3 Qc5 28.Rc2 Kxf7
29.Rh2 Rxb2 30.Kxb2 Bb7 31.Qd2
Rh8+ 32.Kg1 Bh4 33. Ngf1 0-1

QGD Slav D11

John Bartholomew 2499

Arthur Safin 2156

Texas Masters 2010 (1)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.e3 a6
5.Qb3 e6 6.Nc3 b5 7.c5 Nbd7 8.a4
Bb7 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1
Qc7 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Rxa8
14.Qc2 e5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5
Qxe5 17.b4 Bc8 18.Bb2 Bf5 19.
Qb3 Qe6 20.Bf1 Ne4 21.Ne2 Qd7
22.f3 Nf6 23.Nd4 Bg6 24.Ra1 Qb7
25.Rxa8+ Qxa8 26.Qa3 Qb7?

26...Qc8 27.Bd3= 27.Qa5?
Nd7

27.Qa5 Nd7

27...Bf8 28.Qb6 Qxb6 29.cxb6
Nd7 30.b7 Nb8 31.Nxc6+-



28.Bxb5 cxb5 29.c6 Qc8 30.
Qa7!- Nf8

30...Bg5 31.Qxd7 Qxd7 32.cxd7
Bxc3+ 33.Kf1 Bg5 34.Ke2 Kf8 35.
Nc6+-

31.Qxe7 f6 32.c7 Be8 33.Qd8 Bd7
34.Qxc8 Bxc8 35.Nxb5 Ng6 36.Nd6
Ne7 37.b5 1-0

Sicilian Scheveningen B80

Tommy He 2118

John Bryant 2453

Texas Masters 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 Be7
8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Qc7 10.Kh1 Nc6

11.Nb3 b5 12.a3 Bb7 13.g4 d5 14.
exd5 Rad8 15.f5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5
Rxd5 17.Qe1 Nd4 18.Nxd4 Rxd4
19.Qe2 exf5 20.gxf5 Re8 21.c3 Rh4
22.Bf3



22...Bf8 0-1

Modern Benoni A61

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2333

Alejandro Ramirez 2623

Texas Masters 2010 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.c4 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7
8.Nc4 0-0 9.Bf4 Ne8 10.e3 b6
11.Be2 Ba6 12.a4 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 a6
14.e4 Qe7 15.Qe2 Nc7 16.0-0 Nd7
17.Bg3 Bd4 18.Kh1 Rfe8 19.Rae1
Nf6 20.Bh4 Qd7 21.Qf3 Qg4 22.
Bg3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Rad8 24.Ne2 Be5
25.f4 Bxb2 26.f3 b5 27.axb5 axb5
28.Rb1 bxc4 29.Rxb2 Nh5 30.Bh4
Rb8 31.Rfb1 Rb3



32.Rxb3 cxb3 33.Rxb3 Nxd5 34.
Rd3 Ndx4 35.Nxf4 Nxf4 36.Rxd6
Re8 37.Rd8+ Rxd8 38.Bxd8 Nd3

39.Kg2 Kf8 40.Bf6 Ke8 41.Kf1
Kd7 42.Ke2 Ke6 43.Bc3 Ne5 44.
Ke3 g5 45.Be1 Ng6 46.Kd3 h5
47.Bf2 Ne5+ 48.Ke2 c4 49.h4 Nd3
50.Bg3 Nf4+ 51.Kd2 f6 52.Kc2 Ne2
53.Bf2 gxh4 0-1

French Tarrasch C03

Daniel Ludwig 2547

Conrad Holt 2362

Texas Masters 2010 (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5
5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 0-0 7.Ng3 a5
8.c3 Nfd7 9.0-0 Nxc5 10.Bc2 b6
11.Rd1 Bb7 12.Nb3 Nbd7 13.exd5
exd5 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.Nxd7 Qxd7
16.Nd4 Rfe8 17.Qf3 g6 18.Be3 Be5
19.h3 Rac8 20.Bd3 Nxd3 21.Rxd3
Bg7 22.Qd1 Bf8 23.Qb3 Bc5 24.a4
Re4 25.Qb5 Qd6 26.Rad1 Ra8 27.
Qb3 Qc7 28.Qc2 Rae8 29.b3 Rc8
30.Qb2 Ba6 31.R3d2 Bb7 32.Rd3
Ba6 33.R3d2 Bb7 34.Rd3 1/2-1/2

Benoni A43

Mihail Bantic 2260

Puchen Wang 2531

Texas Masters 2010 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.b3 Bg7
5.Bb2 0-0 6.g3 b5 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.c4
d6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 Rb8 11.
Rb1 Ba6 12.Qc2 e6 13.dxe6 fxe6
14.Ng5 Re8 15.Nde4 Qe7 16.Bh3
Nf8 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Ne4 Bxb2
19.Qxb2 e5 20.Rbd1 Red8 21.f4
Bb7 22.Bg2 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Nd7
24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.cxb5 Nf6 26.fxe5
dxe5 27.Bc6 Ng4 28.Qc3 c4 29.
Rxd8+ Rxd8



30.Qxc4

30.Qf3 Qe6 31.h3 Nh6 32.
bxc4+
30...Ne3 31.Qf7 Qxf7 32.Rxf7
Rd1+ 33.Kf2 Rf1+ 34.Kxe3 Rxf7
35.a4 Kg7 36.a5



36...Rf1??

36...Rf6 37.Bg2 Rf7 38.Bd5 Rd7
39.Ke4 Kf6 40.b6 axb6 41.axb6 Rd6
42.b7 Rb6 43.h4±
37.b6 a6
37...axb6 38.a6 Ra1 39.Ba4 +
38.b7 Rf8 39.b4 1-0

King's Indian E68

Salvijus Bercys 2508

Tyler Hughes 2337

Texas Masters 2010 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2
0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5
8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re4 10.Re1 a6
11.Nc2 Rb8 12.Rb1 Ne5 13.b3 b5
14.cxb5 axb5 15.a3 Be6 16.h3 Qc8
17.g4 h5 18.g5 [18.f4±] 18...Nh7
19.f4



19...Bxh3! 20.fxe5 Rxe5 21.Bh1
Nxc5 22.Nd5 Bg4 23.Qd3 Nh3+
24.Kg2 Qd7 25.Nf4 Ng5 (Δ
...Bf3+) 26. Kgl Rc5 27.Bb2 Be5
28.Nd5 Nh3+ 29.Kf1 Qe6 30.Bxe5
Qxe5 31.Qd2 c6 32.Ndb4

32.b4 Rxc2 33.Qxc2 cxd5 34.
Rb3 Qf4++
32...Qf6+
32...Qg3! 33.Bg2 Qh2+
33.Kg2 Rg5! 34.e5 dxe5
34...Be2+ 35.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 36.
Kxh3 c5-+
35.Kh2 Rd8 36.Qe3 Rf5 37.Bg2
Rf2
37...Nf4 38.Nxc6 Nxc2 39.Kxc2
Bf3++
38.Rf1 Qh4 39.Qg3
39.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 40.Kg1 Nh3+
41.Bxh3 Bxh3-+



39...Rxc2+! [40.Kxc2 Rd2+] 0-1

QGD Cambridge Springs D52

John Bartholemew 2499

Mihail Bantic 2260

Texas Masters 2010 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 exd5
8.Bd3 Ne4 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4 Nxc3
11.bxc3 Bd6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rfe1 c5
14.Bh7+ Kh8 15.Bf5 Nb6 16.Ne5
Bxe5 17.dxe5 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Rae8
19.e4 Qxc3 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Rad1
Ne7 22.Qd7 Ng6 23.Re3 Qc4 24.
Bg3 Rd8 25.Qxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxd8+
Kh7 27.h4 Qxa2 28.Rd7 b5 29.e6
fxe6 30.h5 Nf8 31.Rc7 Qd5 32.Re5
Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Nd7 34.Rxe6 Qxh5+
35.Kg1 ½-½

QGD Slav D12

Tyler Hughes 2337

Daniel Ludwig 2457

Texas Masters 2010 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Ne5 Nbd7?
7...Nfd7! 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nxc6 hxg6
10.Bg2 Nc6 11.h3 Nb6 12.b3 g5 13.
Qd3 Rc8= Shamkovich-Keres 1973.
8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h6 10.Nxc6 fxc6
11.Bd3 Kf7 12.Qf3 Bb4 13.g5 hxg5
14.hxg5 Rxh1+ 15.Qxh1 Ne4 16.
Qf3+ Kg8 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4
Qb6 19.Bd2 Be7 20.f4
20.Qxg6 Nf8 21.Qh5
20...Kf7 21.0-0 Re8 22.Kb1 Bb4
22...Ba3 23.Qc2 Nb8 24.e4 Kg8
25.d5+
23.d5- Ne5 24.dxe6+ Nxe6 25.
Nd5 1-0

Modern Benoni A70

Conrad Holt 2362

Keaton Kiewra 2349

Texas Masters 2010 (3)

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



13...Qd7?!

The correct 13...Qa6 was played
in Land-Langer, Texas Team Rd. 3.

14.N2c4 Ba6

14...Qe7+ 15.Be3 Nd7 16.0-0
Nb6 17.Re1± Cvita-Velimirovic,
Vrsac 1989

15.0-0 Bd4 16.Qf3 Rd8 17.Re1
Kg7

17...Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Na6 19.d6
Re8 20.Be3+
18.Bg5 f6 19.Bf4 Bxc4 20.Nxc4
Qxd5?
20...Na6 21.d6 Re8 22.a3+
21.Qxd5 Rxd5 22.Re8 Bxf2+ 23.
Kxf2 Rd4 24.Bxb8 Rxc4 25.Rae1
1-0

Movses Movsisyan in the Oklahoma
Chess Forum writes of this game:

"I let the opening advantage slip
and we entered a middlegame where
my opponent had the pair of bishops
and a mild attack on my king, but I
would've had the better endgame in
any exchange scenario. In other
words, it was a roughly equal posi-
tion in my opinion. Then my oppo-
nent went astray and decided to "fin-
ish me off" with unjustified compli-
cations. I went on to counter-attack
that left him a piece down five
moves later."

Sicilian Taimonov B47

Movses Movsisyan 2257
Salvyjus Bercys 2508

Texas Masters 2010 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
Nxd4 Qc7 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0
Nf6 8.Kh1 Bb4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6
gxf6 11.f4 h5 12.a3 Be7 13.Qd2 b5
14.Nxc6 dxc6 15.a4 Bb7 16.axb5
cxb5 17.Bf3 Rd8 18.Qc1 Rg8 19.
Ne2 Qc4 20.b3 Qc5 21.c4 b4 22.
Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 f5 24.Qd3
Qf2 25.Rg1 Be5??
25...h4 26.h3 Ba8=



26.Rd1 Kf8 27.Qd8+ Kg7 28.Qg5+
Kh7 29.Qxh5+ Kg7 30.exf5 1-0
There might have followed 30...
Bxf3 31.gxf3 Kf6 32.Ng3 Rxg3
[32...Ke7 33.Qh4+] 33.Qh4+

QGD Slav D15

Babakuli Annakov 2474
Arthur Safin 2156

Texas Masters 2010 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 a6
5.e3 b5 6.b3 Bg4 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0
e6 9.a4 b4 10.Nb1 Bd6 11.Bb2 0-0
12.Nbd2 c5 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Ne5
Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Rfc8 16.Qf3 Nf8
17.e4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Qc7 19.Nd3
dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxh2+
22.Kh1 Bd6 23.c5 Be7 24.Nxb4
Nd7 25.Nd5 exd5 26.Qxe7 Qc6
27.Qg5 f6 28.Qf5 Re8 29.Rfe1 a5
30.Qf4 Ne5 31.Re3 Re6 32.Rce1
Rae8 33.Qf5 g6 34.Qh3 h5 35.Qg3
Kf7 ½-½

Dutch Defense A80

Tautytas Vezrickas 2333
Karina Vazirova 2103

Texas Masters 2010 (3)

1.d4 f5 2.h3 d6 3.g4!? fxd4 4.hxd4
Bxd4 5.Qd3 Nf6 6.Bh3 Bxh3
7.Nxh3 Nc6 8.Ng5 Qd7 9.c3 e5 10.
d5 Ne7 11.c4 e4 12.Qb3 c6 13.Nc3
b5 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.cxb5 Ne5 16.
Bf4 Ng6 17.Be3 h6 18.Ne6 d5 19.
Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Bb4+ 21.Kf1
Qxd5 22.Nc7+ Kd7 23.Nxd5 Bd6



24.Rg1 Ne5 25.Rxg7+ Ke6 26.Nf4+
Kf6 27.Nh5+ Ke6 28.Rd1 Nc4 29.
Bf4 Bxf4 30.Nxf4+ Kf6 31.Nh5+

Ke6 32.Rdd7 Rhg8 33.Rge7+ Kf5
34.Rd5+ Black resigns
34...Kg6 35.Nf4+ Kf6 36.Re6+
Kg7 37.Rg6+ Kf7 38.Rf5+ Ke7 39.
Nd5+- Kd7 40.Rf7+ Ke8 41.Re7+
Kf8 42.Rf6# 1-0

Caro-Kann B13

Michael Langer 2292
Dachey Lin 2055

Texas Masters 2010 (3)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.d4
cxd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5
Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qc7
10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Bb5 e6?
11...Bxf3 12.gxf3 e6=
12.Ne5 Bf5 13.Nxc6 1-0

Benko Gambit A57

Tyler Hughes 2447
Alejandro Ramirez 2623

Texas Masters 2010 (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 b4
5.a3 g6 6.axb4 cxb4 7.Be3 a5 8.g3
Bg7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Bb7 11.h3
Qe8 12.Nbd2 d6 13.Nd4 Nbd7 14.
f4 Nc5 15.Bf2 a4 16.Qc2 b3 17.Qc3
Nfd7 18.Qf3 Ra6 19.Rab1 Qc7 20.
e4 Qa5 21.Qe2 e6 22.Rfd1 Qd8
23.e5



23...dxe5 24.Nc6 Qc7 25.fxe5

25.d6!? Qb6 (25...Qxd6 26.Nxb3
Qc7 27.Nxc5 Nxc5 28.Bxc5 Bxc6
29.Bxf8±) 26.Nxe5 Nxe5 27.Bxb7
Qxb7 28.Bxc5 Nd7 29.Ba3 e5=
25...Bxc6 26.dxc6 Rxc6 27.Bxc6
Qxc6 28.Bd4
△28.Nf3 Qc7 29.Ra1 f6 30.exf6
Bxf6 31.Nd4±

28...Qc7 29.Nf3

29.Re1 f6 30.Rbd1 fxe5 31.Bxc5
Nxc5 32.Ne4 (32.Kg2 e4) 32...Nxe4
33.Qxe4 Qc5+ 34.Kh1 Qf2 35.Qg2
Qxg2+ 36.Kxg2 e4 37
29...f6



30.Re1

30.Bf2! fxe5 31.Ng5 Qc6 32.
Re1 Rf5 33.Ne4 Nxe4 34.Qxe4
Qxe4 35.Rxe4 Bf8=

30...fxe5 31.Nxe5

31.Bxe5 Nxe5 32.Nxe5 Rf5 33.
Ng4 Qxg3+ 34.Qg2 Qxg2+ 35.Kxg2
Nd3+; 31.Bxc5 Nxc5 32.Ng5 e4
33.Kg2 Qc6 34.Nxe4 Bd4+

31...Rf5! → 32.g4 Rxe5 33.Bxe5
Qxe5 34.Qxe5 Nxe5 35.Re2 Kf7
36.Kf2 Ned7 37.Kg3 Bf6 38.Kf4
g5+ 39.Kg3 Nb6 40.Rc1 Be5+
41.Kf3 Nd3 0-1

Movsisyan continues: "In round 4 I was paired against another young star: John Bartholomew (2500). The 20-move book line left me with a slightly worse endgame. I defended fairly well, but instead of going for a R+2P vs. R+N+2P, which would have been a clear-cut draw (I'd be able to exchange the pawns), I opted for a weaker continuation that was losing."

Belgrade Gambit C47

Movses Movsisyan 2257

John Bartholomew 2499

Texas Masters 2010 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.Nd5 Nxe4 6.Qe2 f5 7.Ng5

d3 8.cxd3 Nd4 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qh4
c6 11.dxe4 exd5 12.exd5 Bg7

Black opts for something saner
than 12...Qa5+ 13.Kd1 Qxd5 14.Bc4
Qxc4 15.Re1+ Be7 16.Rxe7+ Kxe7
17.Ne4+ Ke6 18.Qf6+ Kd5 19.Nc3+
Kc5 20.b4+ or 20.Be3 – unclear for
humans, but probably a forced win
for computers with Black.



13.Kd1 h6 14.Nf3 Qxh4 15.Nxh4
Kf7 16.d6 b6 17.Bc4+ Ne6 18.Bd5
Rb8 19.h3?!

Since Black can seal off the
kingside with ...f4, better is 19.Re1
Bb7 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Nf3=.

19...Bb7 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.g4
f4 22.Re1 Rc8 23.Nf3 Rc6 24.
Ne5+ Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Rxd6+ 26.Bd2
Ng5+ 27.Re2 Nxh3 28.Kc2 Rc7+
29.Bc3 Re6 30.Rxe6 dxe6 31.Rh1
Nxf2 32.Rf1 Nh3 33.Rf3 Ng5 34.
Rxf4+ Kg8 35.Kd3 Rd7+ 36.Kc4
Kh7 37.Kb5 e5 38.Rf8 Ne6 39.Ra8
Nd4+ 40.Ka6 h5 41.gxh5 gxh5 42.
Re8 Nf3 43.Rf8 e4 44.Re8 h4 45.
Rxe4 h3 46.Re8 Kg6 47.Rg8+ Kf5
48.Rh8 h2 49.a4 Kg4 50.Rxh2
Nxh2 0-1

QGD Slav D18

Mihail Bantic 2260

Conrad Holt 2362

Texas Masters 2010 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4
8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne2 c5

9...Nbd7 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Nh4 c5
12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qe2
Nfe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Qg4 Nf6

17.Qf3 Qc7 18.b3 Qc5 19.Ra2 Ne4=
Rubinstein-Alekhine, London 1922
10.Bd2 Bxd2 11.Nxd2 Nbd7 12.
Rc1 Rc8 13.f3 Nd5 14.Qb3 Nb4
15.e4 Bg6 16.Rfd1 Qe7 17.Bb5
Rfd8 18.a5

18.dxc5 a5 19.Bxd7 Rxd7 20.
Nf4 Qg5=

18...Nb8 19.dxc5 N4a6 20.Qa3
Nxc5 21.Nb3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qf8
23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Nc3 Rc8 25.
Qxf8+ Kxf8 26.Kf2 Ke7 27.Ke3?

27.Rc1 Kd8 28.Ke3=



27...Rc5 28.Kd4 Rh5 29.b4 Rxb2
30.Rd2 Rh1 31.Ba4 f6 32.b5 Be8
33.Rc2 Ra1 34.Kc4 Nd7 35.Na2 b6
36.Kb4

36.axb6 Nxb6+ 37.Kb4 Nxa4
38.Kxa4 a6+

36...Rb1+ 37.Ka3 Nc5

37...bxa5?! 38.Rc7 Rg1 39.Rxa7
Rxb2 40.b6 Kd6!=

38.Nb4

38.axb6 axb6 39.Nc3 Ra1+ 40.
Kb4 g5 41.Rd2 h5 37

38...Kd6 39.axb6 axb6 40.Rd2+
Kc7 41.Bc2 Ra1+ 42.Kb2 Ra5
43.e5 Rxb5 44.Kc3 Bg6 45.exf6
gxf6 46.Bd1 Ra5 47.g4 Ra3+ 48.
Kc4 Bf7 49.f4 e5+ 50.Nd5+ Kc6
51.Kb4 Rd3 52.Ne7+ Kd7 53.
Rxd3+ Nxd3+ 54.Kc3 Nf2 0-1

French Tarrasch C03

John Bryant 2453

Kalin Nonchiev 2258

Texas Masters 2010 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ng3
Nf6 5.Bd3 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Nxe4

7.Bxe4 c5 8.Be3 Nd7 9.Qe2 0-0
10.0-0 Qc7 11.c4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 a6
13.g3 Nf6 14.Bg2 e5 15.Nf3 Bg4
16.h3 Bh5 [16...Be6 17.b3 Ne4=]
17.g4 Bg6 18.Rfd1 Be4

18...Rac8 19.Nh4 Qxc4 20.Qxc4
Rxc4 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.Bxb7 a5
23.b3±
19.Bg5 Bxf3 20.Qxf3² Rab8 21.b3
h6 22.Be3 Be5?

22...b6 23.g5 hxg5 24.Bxg5
Nh7=

23.Bxh6 Rfe8 24.Be3 e4 25.Qf4
Qb6 26.Rd2 Red8 27.Rad1 Re8
28.Bxc5 Qxc5 29.Qe3 Qxe3 30.fxe3
g5 31.Rd6 Kg7 32.Rf1 Re6
33.Rxe6 fxe6 34.Rd1 Rc8 35.Rd6
b5 36.cxb5 Rc1+ 37.Kh2 axb5
38.Rxe6 Rc2 39.Re5 Kh6 40.Kg3
Rxa2 41.Bxe4 Rb2 42.Bf5 Rxb3
43.Re7 Ra3 44.Rf7 Rxe3+

Better is 44...Ra6, but White still
wins the knight: 45.h4! b4? (*It's all
bad*) 46.hxg5+ Kxg5 47.Rg7+ Kh6
48.Rg6+ Kh7 49.Rxf6+ winning the
rook as well.
45.Kg2



A picturesque plight for the knight!
1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B96

Michael Langer 2292

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2333

Texas Masters 2010 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7
8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7
11.Rhe1 Qb6 12.Nd5



12...Qxd4 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Bxb5
Qc5 15.Nxf6+ Kd8 16.Nxd7 Qxb5
17.Nxf8 Rxf8 18.Qa3



12...Qxd4 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Bxb5
Qc5 15.Nxf6+ Kd8 16.Nxd7 Qxb5
17.Nxf8 Rxf8 18.Qa3 Ke8 19.Rxd6
Rc8 20.Rd2 Qc4 21.Qd6 Qc7 22.
Qb4 a5 23.Qb5+ Be6 24.Qg5 f6
25.Qh5+ Rf7 26.e5 f5 27.Re3 Rd8
28.Qh6 Bd5

28...Rxd2 29.Qxe6+ Qe7! 30.
Qxe7+ Rxe7 31.Kxd2 Rd7+ 32.Rd3
Bxg2=

29.Rxd5?!

○29.Rg3 Qc5 30.Qh5 Qf8 31.
Rgd3=

29...exd5± 30.Rc3 Qa7 31.Qe6+
Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Qe6+ Qe7
34.Qh6 Rg7 35.Rc6 Rg6 36.Qh5

36.Rxg6 hxg6 37.Qxg6+ Qf7
38.Qc6+ Kf8 (38...Rd7?? 39.e6+-)
39.Qh6+ Ke7 40.g4 fxg4 41.Qg5+
Kd7 42.Qxg4+ Qe6±

36...Qf7-+ 37.e6 Qa7 38.b3 Qe3+
39.Kb1 Qg1+ 40.Kb2 Qd4+ 41.

Ka3 Qxf4 42.Qxh7 Qb4+ 43.Kb2
Qd4+ 44.Ka3 Qg7 45.Qh5 Qe7+
46.Kb2 Qg5 47.Qh8+ Rg8 48.Qh3
a4 49.Rc7 a3+ 50.Kc3

50.Kxa3?? Qc1+ followed by
...Qf5+ winning the rook.

50...d4+ 51.Kc4 d3 52.Kb5 f4+
53.Rc5 Rb8+ 54.Kc4 dxc2



55.Rxg5 c1Q+ 56.Kd4 Rb4+ 57.
Kd3 Qd1+ 0-1

Catalan Opening E04

Alejandro Ramirez 2623

John Bartholomew 2499

Texas Masters 2010 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
5.g3 dxc4 6.Bg2 b5 7.0-0 Nbd7
8.e4 Bb7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ng5 Be7
11.Qh5 g6 12.Qh6 Bf8 13.Qh4 h6
14.Qh3 Be7 15.Nce4 Kf8 16.Nd6
Bxd6 17.exd6 N7f6 18.Bxd5 cxd5
19.Re1 Ne4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Bf4
Bd5 22.g4 g5 23.Bd2 Qxd6 24.
Bxg5 Kg7 25.Be3 f6 26.Kg2 Kf7
27.Qg3 Qxg3+ 28.Kxg3 a5



A draw was agreed, although Black could certainly play for a win. ½-½

Benoni A43

Conrad Holt 2362

John Bryant 2453

Texas Masters 2010 (5)

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e6 3.c4 exd5 4.cxd5 d6 5.e4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 a6 8.a4 Bg4 9.Be2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nf6 11.0-0 12.Re1 Nbd7 13.Be2 Re8 14.Bf1

14.f3 Rc8 15.a5 c4= O'Kelly-Damljanovic, Havana 1968.

14...Ne5

14...Qc7 or 14...Rc8 followed by ...c4 is a typical Benoni theme.

15.a5

15.f4 Ned7 16.Bd3 Qa5 17.Be3 Qb4=

15...Nfg4?!

This "caveman" attack on White's king lacks sufficient basis in the position. [15...Rc8 16.Be2 c4 17.Qc2 Rc5 18.f4 Nd3 19.Bxd3 cxd3 20.Qxd3 Rxa5=]

16.h3 Qh4?

16...Nf6 17.f4 Ned7 18.g4±

17.g3 Qf6

17...Qh5 18.hxg4 Nxg4 19.Bg2

+

18.hxg4

Even stronger is 18. f4!+

18...Nf3+ 19.Kg2 Nxe1+ 20.Qxe1 h5 21.Qe2 h4 22.g5 Qe7 23.gxh4 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Qxe4+ 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Be3 Rxh4 27.Bd3 Kf8 28.Kg3 Rh8 29.Rb1 Ra7 30.Rb6 Ke7 31.Bf4 Rd8 32.Be2 Raa8 33.Rxb7+ Rd7 34.Rb6 Rh8 35.Bxa6 Rh1 36.Bb5 Rd8 37.a6 Ra1 38.c4 1-0

King's Indian A65

Tautvydas Vedrickas 2333

Tyler Hughes 2337

Texas Masters 2010 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nge2 exd5 9.exd5 h6 10.Be3 a6 11.a4 Nbd7 12.Qd2 h5 13.Nc1 Ne5 14. Be2 Nh7 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bxg4 Bxg4 17.0-0 Re8 18.Nd3 Bxc3 19.bxc3

Nf6 20.e5 Nxd5 21.Bf2 Rc8 22.h3 Bf5 23.exd6 Qxd6 24.Ne5 Rcd8 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Be4 27.Bg3 Nf6 28.Qxd6 Rxd6 29.Rfe1 Rd2 30.Bf2 Bd5 31.Rad1 Rxd1 32.Rxd1 Bb3 33.Rb1 c4 34.Bd4 Nd5 35.Nd7 Bxa4 36.Nf6+ Nxf6 37.Bxf6 g5 38.Rb2 Re1+ 39.Kf2 Rcl 40.Ke3 Re1+ 41.Kd4 Be6 42.fxg5 Bf3 43.Kc5 Re2 44.Rb1



½-½

JG's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers Texas Masters final standings

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 TX	ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ 12688291 / R: 2616 ->2625	4.5	W 11	W 5	W 7	4	D 3
2 KS	CONRAD HOLT 12937909 / R: 2362 ->2405	4.5	W 19	D 21	W 8	W 9	W 7
3 MN	JOHN D BARTHOLOMEW 12718516 / R: 2499 ->2504	4.0	W 14	W 27	D 9	W 13	D 1
4 CO	TYLER B HUGHES 12799460 / R: 2337 ->2368	3.5	W 29	W 28	W 21	L 1	D 5
5 TX	TAUTVYDAS VEDRICKAS 13744777 / R: 2333 ->2345	3.5	W 24	L 1	W 25	W 10	D 4
6 TX	JAROD M PAMATMAT 12894895 / R: 2220 ->2236	3.5	H 0	L 8	W 26	W 14	W 13
7 TX	JOHN DANIEL BRYANT 12796667 / R: 2439 ->2436	3.0	W 30	W 10	L 1	W 11	L 2
8 NE	KEATON KIEWRA 12642647 / R: 2349 ->2345	3.0	D 25	W 6	L 2	W 16	D 12



Texas Action Championship

April 24

5 round Swiss
Game/30

John Hornbeak Building, 3rd floor
4450 Medical Dr., San Antonio, TX. Free parking.

Prizes: \$1,000 b/40 2/3 guaranteed
1st/2nd: \$300/150; U2100: \$125; U1900: \$125;
U1700: \$125; U1500: \$100; U1300/unr. \$75

Entry fees: adult \$30 if received by 4/22, \$35 at site.

Junior (18/under) or Senior (65+) \$20 by 4/22, \$35 at site

Junior & senior entries count as 2/3 adult entry toward prizes.

TCA membership required (\$10 reg., \$7.50 junior or student)

Registration: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Rounds begin at noon with 15 min. breaks.

1/2 point bye any one round with notice before round 2.

Advance entries: SACC, PO Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023-0501.

Info: www.sanantoniotechess.com ; 210-695-2324

It will be a Fiesta weekend in S.A. — see www.fiesta-sa.org

Texas State and Amateur Championship

May 28-31 or 29-231

7 Round Swiss

Crowne Plaza Dallas Near the Galleria, 14315 Midway Rd., Addison, TX 75001

www.cpgalleria-nr.crowneplaza.com Direct Line: 972-980-8877 or 1-800-972-2518

Rates: \$84/84/84/84. Reserve by 5/11 (or rate may go up) & ask for Dallas chess tournament rate.

\$ 8,350 prize fund (b/175 full entries, 75% guaranteed)

Championship (2000+)

		U2400	Expert
First	\$1,000	\$500	\$700
Second	\$500		\$300
Third	\$250		

Time Controls

Rds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec increment

Rds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec increment

FIDE rated with USCF rules

Amateur (U2000 & unrated)

	Class B	Class C	U1400	U1200	U1000
First	\$800	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300
Second	\$400	\$300	\$250		Unr.
Third	\$200	\$150	\$125		\$200

Time Controls

Rounds 1-7 : 30/90 SD/60

(Round 1 of 3 day schedule is G/120, deduct 5 min. for delay)

Foreign unrated must play in Championship section.

Rounds: 4-day Fri. 7:45 p.m.; Sat. 2:30 - 8:00; Sun. 10 - 4; Mon. 9 - 2:30

3-day Rd. 1 Sat. 10 a.m., then merge with 4-day schedule

Up to two ½ point byes available if requested before round 2.

Byes for both round 6 and 7 not permitted.

Entry Fees: Adult \$74 if received by 5/21, \$85 later. Add \$5 for CC phone entries.

Junior (under 19): \$65 by 5/21, \$77 later. Counts 90% toward prize base.

Senior (over 65), **handicap or additional family member:** \$45 by 5/21, \$55 later, counts 60% toward base. **Add \$5 for credit card phone entries.** Pre-registration requires pre-payment. After 5/26 all registration and changes on-site only.

All changes including withdrawal \$10 after 5/26.

All: TCA membership required, other states accepted.

On-site registration: 4-day: Fri. 5/28, 6:15-7:15 p.m. 3-day: Sat. 5/29 9-9:30 a.m.

Mail entries (with payment) to Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. NS. NC. W. FIDE.

K-12 Scholastic Event Saturday, May 29: 5-round Swiss (Rds 1-3 G/30, Rds 4-5 G/45)

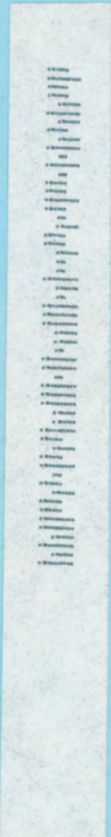
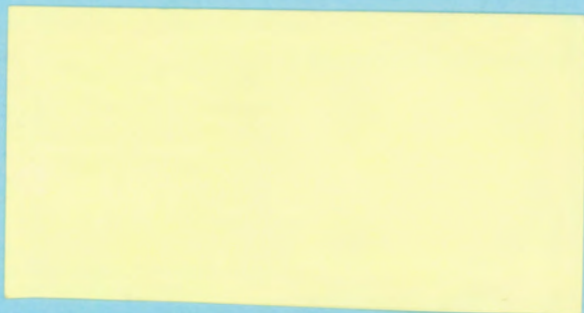
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Two sections: **K-12 Championship** and **K-12 under 750**. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, 5 teams in each section. Medals to plus scores who do not win a trophy.

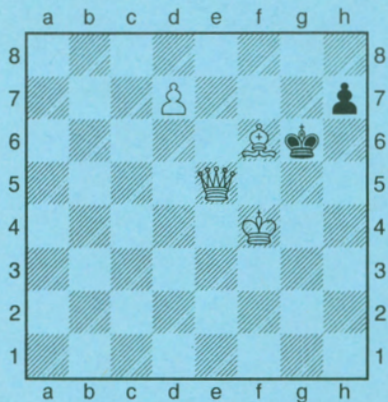
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White to move, mate in two
Solution: p. 5