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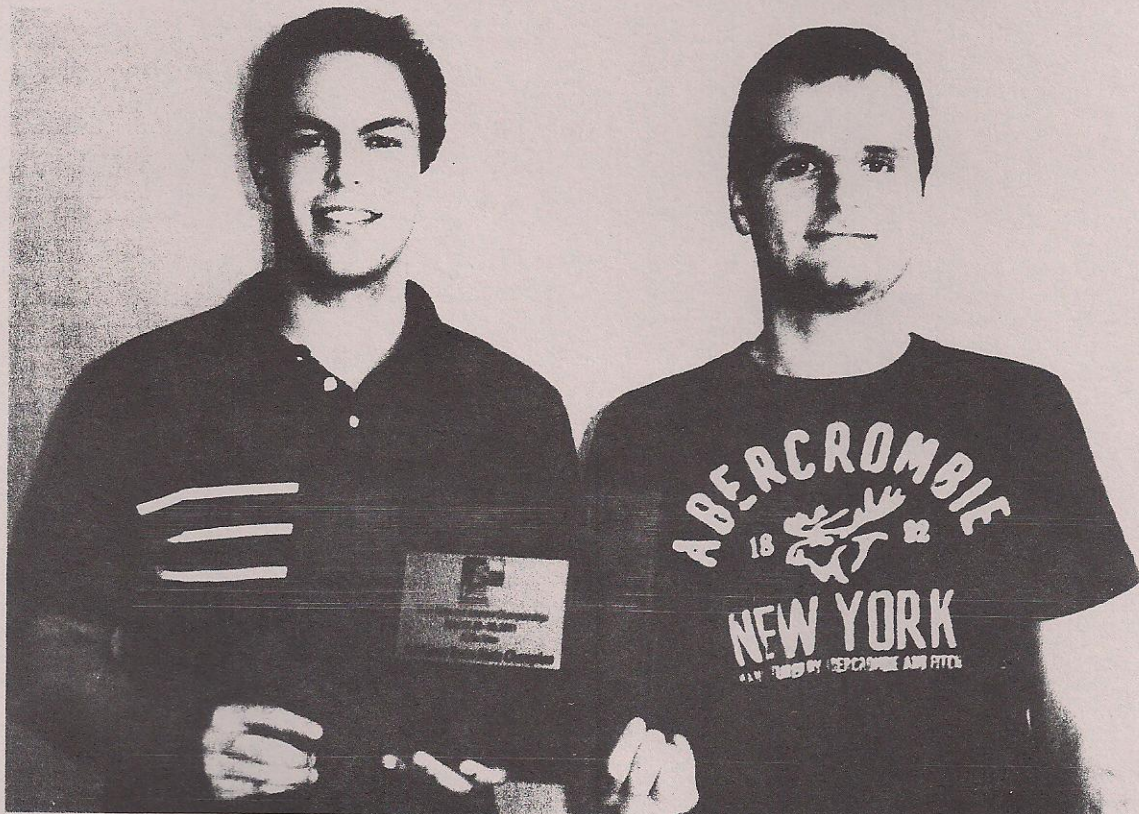
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Texas champs: Marko Zivanic and Francisco Guadalupe

by NTD Franc Guadalupe

IM Marko Zivanic and Francisco Guadalupe II drew their third-round game, both ending with five wins and two draws and in a tie for the Texas State Championship. Marko was the top seed among the 31 players in the championship, while Francisco entered as the twelfth(!) seed. In sole possession of third place was NM Artur Safin who drew both games with the co-champions.

Zivanic is a PhD candidate in computer science at UTD, where Guadalupe is completing his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Thirteen masters were in attendance in this event, which is open to players with over 2000 FIDE or USCF rating.

In the Amateur Championship, Yuri Nunez won his first six games and entered the last round with a full-point lead over Andy Shao, Bovey Liu, Alexander Jiang and Claudia Munoz. In that last game, Shao beat Nunez while Bovey beat Jiang. That allowed Shao and Bovey to tie Nunez for the championship. Claudia tried very hard to join the group but was held to a draw by the much higher rated William Molina. Claudia fell to a fourth place tie with Akshay Bangale, Austin Jiang, and Atulya Vaidya.

The Dallas Chess Club paid 75% of the prize money. In the Championship section that came out to: 1st \$750, 2nd \$375, 3rd \$187.50, 2200-2399 \$525, U2200 \$600.

IM Marko Zivanic and NM Francisco Guadalupe each had 6 points and so shared 1st place and 2200-2399 prize money (that amount was more than 2nd), or \$637.50 each. NM Artur Safin earned the 2nd place prize money (\$375) with 5 points. NM Austen Green won 3rd place prize with 4.5 points. NM

Mark Dejmek earned the U2200 prize money with 4.5 points.

In the Amateur Section, prizes were: 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150; 1600-1799: \$450 - \$225 - \$112.50; 1400-1599: \$375 - \$187.50 - \$93.75; U1400: \$375 - \$187.50 - \$93.75; U1200 \$300; U1000 \$225; Unrated \$150

Bovey Liu, Yury Nunez, and Andy Shao each had 6 points. They won 1st, 2nd, and 1st "B" or \$450 each.

Akshay Bangale, Austin Jiang, and Atulya Vaidya each had 5.5 points. they tied for 3rd or \$50 each.

WCM Claudia Munoz had 5.5 points and earned 2nd "B" or \$225

Aaron Reyes had 5 points and earned 1st U1400 \$375

Thomas Baker had 5 points and earned 3rd "B" \$112.50

Michael Andro had 4.5 points and earned 2nd U1400 or \$187.50

Luke Robitaille had 4 points and earned 3rd U1400 or \$93.75

Mahin Ganesan, Doyle Lobaugh, and William Coleman tied in Class C with 4 points and earned \$218.75

Collin Le had 2.5 points and earned the U1200 or \$300

Thomas Taylor and Tarang Sane tied for U1000 prize, \$112.50 each.

Oren Eliezer had 3 points and was the only unrated and so grabbed the unrated prize of \$150.

ROUND 1

Queen's Indian E15

Dachey Lin 2135

Andrew Whatley 2324

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 c5 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 Be7 11.e4 Qc7!? [11...d6] 12.e5 Ng4 13.Re1 f6 [13...Bc5 14.Re2 Nc6

15.Nb3 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 Nxe5=] 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.b4 a5 [15...b5 16.Bb2 a5=] 16.b5 Bc5 17.Bb2 Ng4 18.Re2 Rf5 [18...d6 19.Ng5+] 19.Rf1 d6?

Black is desperate to get his queenside developed, and he may have seen that his trick to regain the pawn doesn't work.

20.Rxe6 Qf7 21.Re8+ Qxe8 22. Qxf5 Qg6 23.Qxg6 hxg6 24.h3 Nf6 25.Re1 Kf8 26.Ng5 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Nbd7 28.Nde4 Rc8 29.Ne6+ Kg8 30.N6xc5 dxc5 31.Bxf6 gxf6 32. Nd6 Rd8 33.Re6 Kg7 34.Nb7 and White won 1-0

Dutch Leningrad A87

Mihail Bantic 2320

Vincent Zhang 2141

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Qe8 8.Qb3 c6 9.c5+ d5 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.f4 Kh8 12.a4 Ne4 13.Be3 Ndf6 14.a5 a6 15.Ra4 h5 16.Rb4 Ng4 17. Nxd4 hxg4 18.Nxe4 fxe4 19.Kf2 Bf6 20.Ke1 Kg7 21.Bg1 Qd8 22. Rb6 Qc7 23.e3 Rh8 24.Rf2 e6 25. Bf1 Bd8 26.Qa4 Qf7 27.Rb3 g5 28. Be2 Qg6 29.Ra3 Bc7 30.Qd1 gxf4 31.exf4 e5 32.dxe5 Bf5 33.h4 Qe6 34.Qd4 Kg6 35.Bd1 Rab8 36.Qd2 Qe7 37.Rf1 Rh5 38.Be2 Qd8 39. Bd4 Qe7 40.Kd1 Qe6 41.Kc1 Qe7 42.Qd1 Qe6 43.Bxg4 Bxg4 44.f5+ Bxf5 45.g4 Bxg4 46.Rf6+ Qxf6 47.Qxg4+ Rg5 48.hxg5 Qxg5+ 49. Qxg5+ Kxg5 50.Rg3+ Kf4 51.Rg7 Bxa5 52.Rf7+ Kg5 53.e6 Re8 54.e7 Kg6 55.Rf6+ Kh7 56.Rf7+ Kg6 57.Rf6+ Kh7 58.Rf7+ Kg6 ½-½

French Winawer C18

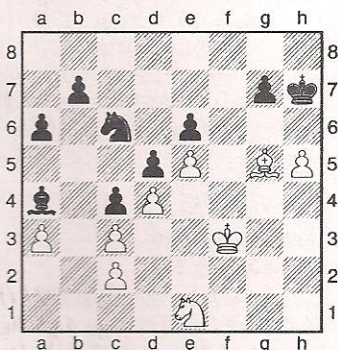
David Phillips 2072

Artur Safin 2289

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0

8.Be3 [8.Bd3 c4 9.Bh6 Ng6 10.Bxg6 hxc6] 8...Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Bd3 Nce7 12.0-0 c4 13. Bxg6 fxc6 14.Qh3 Bd7 15.Ne1 Rf5 16.g4 Rff8 17.f4 Ba4 18.Rb1 Qd7 19.Rf2 g5 20.Ng2 gxf4 21.Bxf4 Rf7 22.Rbfl Raf8 23.Qg3 Nc6 24.Ne1 Qe7 25.Bc1 Rxf2 26.Rxf2 Qe8 27. Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Qf4+ Kg8 29.h4 h5 30.Qg5 hxc4 31.Qxc4 Qf7 32.Bg5 Kh7 33.Kg2 a6 34.Kg3 Qg6 35.h5 Qf7 36.Qf3 Qxf3+ 37.Kxf3



37...Na7 38.Bc1 b6 39.Ke2?? [39.Kg4 Nb5 40.Bb2=] 39...Be8 0-1

King's Indian E62

Jeffrey Xiong 2230

Ozgur Aktunc 2034

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6 6.e4 d6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.0-0 Qd7 9.Qc2 Bh3 10.Be3 Bxg2 11. Kxg2 Ng4 12.Rad1 Nxe3+ 13.fxc3 Na6 14.h3 Nc7 15.g4 d5 16.Qb3 e6 17.c5 f5 18.e5 h6 19.Rd2 Rf7 20. Qxb7 Rff8 21.Qb3 Rfb8 22.Qc2 Bf8 23.Ne2 Qg7 24.Nf4 Be7 25. Kh2 Rf8 26.Rg2 g5 27.gxf5 exf5 28.Nh4 Qh7 29.Nfg6 Rf7 30.Rxf5 Ne6 31.Rgf2 Rg7 32.Nxe7+ Rxe7 33.Ng2 Rf8 34.Rxf8+ Nxf8 35.Ne1 Qxc2 36.Nxc2 Nd7 37.Nb4 Re6 38.Na6 Kg7 39.b4 h5 40.a4 g4 41. hxc4 hxc4 42.Kg3 Rh6 43.Kxc4 Rh1 44.Nc7 Nf8 45.e6 Ng6 46.Ne8+ Kh6 47.Nd6 Rg1+ 48.Kf5 Ne7+ 49.Ke5 1-0

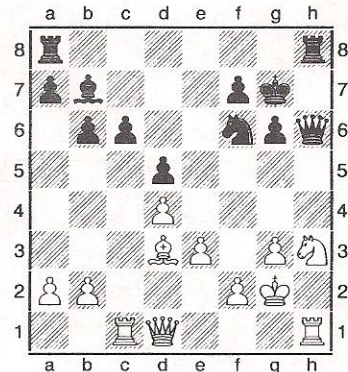
QGD Exchange D35

Tres Roring 2117

Francisco Guadalupe II 2212

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 h6 8.Bh4 b6 9.Qb3 Bb7 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.Rac1 c6 13.Bg3 Bf8 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Ng4 16.Bg3 Bd6 17.Ne2 Bxg3 18.hxc3 h5 19.Nf4 h4 20.Qd1 Qg5 21.Nh3 Qh5 22.gxh4 Qxh4 23.Bf5 Nf6 24.g3 Qh6 25.Kg2 g6 26.Bd3 Kg7 27.Rh1 Rh8



28.Nf4

28.Qa4! Kg8 29.Nf4 Qg7 30. Rxc8+ Qxc8 31.Ba6± 28...Qxh1+ 29.Qxh1 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 c5 31.f3 c4 32.Bb1 b5 33.a3 a5 34.Kf2 b4 35.axb4 axb4 36.Ke2 Ra1 37.Kd2 g5 38.Ne2 g4 39.f4 Bc8 40.Rc1 Bd7 41.e4 dxe4 42.Rxc4 Rxb1 43.Rxb4 e3+ 44.Kc2 Bf5+ 45.Kb3 Bd3 46.Nc3 e2 47.Nxe2 Bxe2 48.Kc2 Rg1 49.Kd2 Bf3 50.Rb5 Ne4+ 51.Kc2 Rxc3 52.b4 Rg2+ 53.Kb3 Bd1+ 54.Ka3 Ra2+ 0-1

English Opening A38

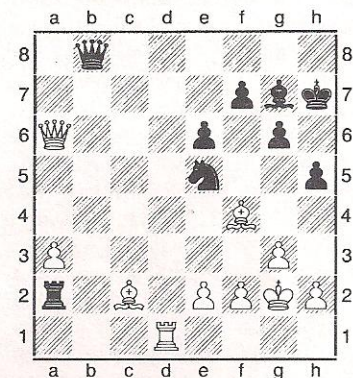
John Carr 2139

Jason Altschuler 2216

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 c5 3.g3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Nc6 8.Nc3 a6 9.Nc2 d6 10.Ne3

10.b3 Qa5 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Bd2 Qd8 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Nce3 Re8 15. Bc3 Ng4 16.Nxc4 Bxc4 17.Bxc7 Kxc7 18.Qd2 with an edge to White in Timofeev-Maslak, Moscow 2008. 10...Be6 11.Ncd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Qxd5 [13.cxd5 Ne5 14.Be3 Nc4 15.Bd4 Nxb2 16.Bxb2 Bxb2 17.Rb1 Bf6 18.Rxb7 Qa5] 13...Re8 14.Be3 [14.Rb1] 14...Bxb2? [14...e6 15.Qd2 Na5] 15.Rab1 Bg7 16. Rxb7 Ne5 17.Bb6 Qe8 18.c5 dxc5 19.Bxc5 [19.Bc7 e6 20.Qe4 f6 21.Rc1±] 19...e6 20.Qd6 Qa4 21. Qb6 Rfd8 22.Be7 Rd2 23.Rb8 Qe8 24.Rxc8 Qxc8 25.Bb7 Qe8 26.Bg5 Rb2? [26...Rxa2 27.Rd1±] 27. Qxa6± h6 28.Bc1 Rb4 29.Rd1 Kh7 30.a3 Rb1 31.Be4 Ra1 32.Kg2 h5 33.Bc2 Qb8 34.Bf4 Ra2



35.Bd3 [35.Rd2 Rb2 36.Qa5±; 35. Bb1! Qb3 36.Bxa2 Qxd1 37.Qb5±] 35...Qb3 36.Bxe5 Qxd1 37.Qb7 Qd2?? [37...Rxe2 38.Bxe2 Qxe2 39.Bxc7 Kxc7 40.a4±] 38.Qxf7 Qh6 39.Bf4 1-0

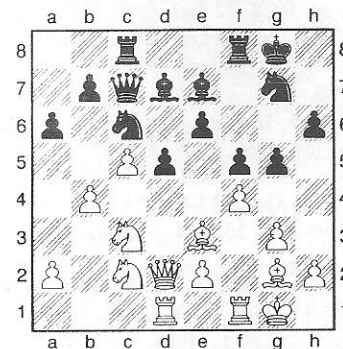
English Opening A34

Alfred Carlin 2215

Tommy He 2137

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.Ndb5 d6 9.Bf4 Ne8 10.0-0 a6 11.Na3 Bd7 12.Qd2 g5 13.Be3 f5 14.Rad1 Ng7 15.c5 d5 16.Nc2 h6 17.b4 Qc7 18.f4 Rac8



19.Bxd5! Nxb4! 20.Nxb4 Bxc5 21. Bxe6+?! [21.Bg2! Bxb4 22.Qxd7 gxf4 23.gxf4 Qxd7 24.Rxd7 Bxc3 25.Bxb7±] 21...Bxe6 22.Nbd5 Qc6 23.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Qd4 Qxd4+ 25.Rxd4 Rcd8 26.Rfd1 Kf7 27.Nb6 Rxd4 28.Rxd4 Ke7 29.e3 Rd8 30.Ncd5+ Bxd5 31.Nxd5+ Ke6 32. Nc7+ Ke7 33.Nd5+ Ke6 34.Nc7+ Ke7 ½-½

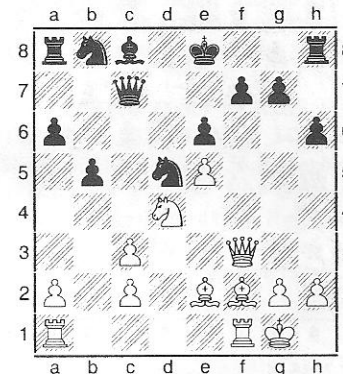
Sicilian Najdorf B96

Austen Green 2202

Odunayo Ajiboye 2028

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 h6 8.Bh4 Bc7 9.Bf2 [9.Qf3 is still the main line.] 9...b5 10.e5!? [10.Bd3] 10...dxe5 11.fxe5 Nd5 12.Qf3 Bb4 13.Be2 Qc7 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3



15...Qxe5?! [15...Nd7 16.Bxb5 0-0! 17.Bxd7 Bxd7=] 16.Rae1 0-0 17. Bxb5± Qf4 18.Be2 Nd7 19.Qxf4

Nxf4 20.Bf3 Rb8 21.Bg3 e5 22.Nc6 Rb2 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Bg4 Rc7 27.Re8+ Kh7 28.Re7 Rbb7 29.Rxf7 Kg6 30.R7xf4 Nf6 31.Bf5+ Kf7 32.Ra4 Rb6 33.Bd3 Rxc3 34.Rf5 Ke6 35.Rfa5 Rcc6 36.Rxa6 Nd7 37. Rxb6 Nxb6 38.Ra6 Kd5 39.a4 Kc5 40.a5 1-0

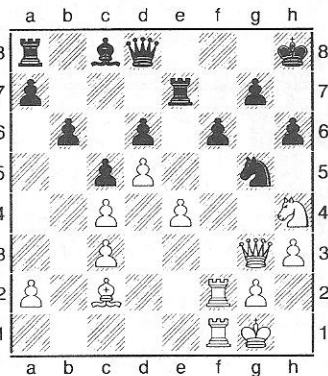
Nimzo-Indian E41

Akshay Malhotra 2012

Selby Anderson 2202

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 d6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.e4 Ng6 11.h3 11.Ne1 0-0 12.g3 Bh3 13.Ng2 Ne8 14.Rb1 Qd7 15.Rb2 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.f4∞ ECO 11...0-0 12.Ne1N [12.Nh2] 12...Qe7 13.Qe2 h6 14.Bc2 b6 15.Bd2 Nh7 16.f4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Rxf4 Qe5?! 19.Qe3 f6 20.Nf3 Qe8 21. Nd2 Rf7 22.Raf1 Re7 23.Qg3 Kh8 24.R4f2 Qd8 25.Nf3 Ng5 26.Nh4



26...Rxe4 27.Nf3 Re8?? 27...Nxf3+ 28.Rxf3 Re5 29.Qg6 f5 30.Bxf5 Bxf5 31.Rxf5 Rxf5 32.Qxf5 Qh4= 28.Nxg5 hxg5 29.Qf3 [or 29.Bg6+] Kg8 30.Bg6 Re5 31.Qh5 1-0

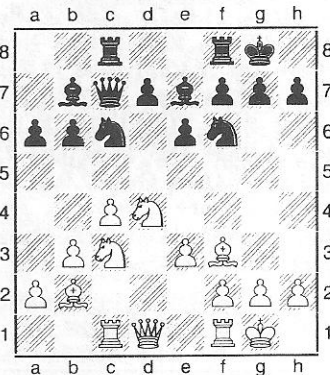
English Opening A30

James Rohrbraugh 2200

Leo Bonnel 2003

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 b6 4.e3 e6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 [10...Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.Qf4 e5 15.Qg3 Ne4] 11.Bf3 Qc7 12.Rc1 Rac8



13.Nd5! exd5 14.cxd5 Nxd4 [14... Bc5 15.dxc6 dxc6 16.Nf5] 15.Rxc7 Nxf3 16.gxf3 Rxc7 17.d6 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Bxd6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20. Qxf6 Rc6 21.Kh1 Bxh2 22.Qh4 Be5 23.Rg1+ Kh8 24.Qe7 Bg7 25.a4 Rfc8 26.Rg4 Rf6 27.Kg2 h6 28.Qxd7 Rg8 29.Rf4 Rd6 30.Qxf7 Be5+ 31.Kf1 Bxf4 32.Qxf4 Rgg6 33.Qf8+ Kh7 34.Qf7+ Kh8 35.f4 Rg6 36.Qe8+ Kg7 37.Qe7+ Kg6 38.Qe4+ Kh5 39.Qf3+ Kg6 40. Qg4+ Kf7 41.Ke2 a5 42.e4 Rd4 43.Ke3 Rb4 44.Qd7+ Kf8 45.Qd8+ Kf7 46.Qd5+ Ke7 47.f5 Rd6 48. Qe5+ Kd7 49.Qg7+ Kc6 50.Qc3+ Kd7 51.e5 Rc6 52.e6+ Rxe6+ 53. fxe6+ Kxe6 54.Qc6+ Ke5 55.Qe8+ Kf6 56.Qf8+ Ke5 57.Qg7+ Kf5 58.Qxh6 Rxb3+ 59.Kd4 Rb4+ 60. Kd5 Rxa4 61.Qh5+ Kf6 62.Qe5+ Kf7 63.Qe6+ Kf8 64.Qd6+ 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B93

Frank Brack 2001

Mark Dejmek 2161

Texas Championship 2011 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 a6 7.e5 dxe5 8.fxe5 Nd5 9.Bc4 Nxc3 10.Qf3? 10.bxc3 Bg7 (10...Qc7!?) 11.Qf3 0-0 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.

Qg3 Qa5 15.Kh1 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6
17.Bf4 Rf5 18.Rae1 Raf8 19.Rf3
Qxa2 20.Qf2 Qd5 21.Qe3 g5 22.
Bxg5 Rx3 23.gxf3 Rxf3 24.Qe4
Rf1+ 0-1 Lisenko 2236 - Vulin 2125
IBCA World-Cup, Eretria 2005
10...Qxd4 11.Bxf7+ Kd8 12.Be3
Qe4 13.Rd1+ Kc7 14.Qg3 Nxd1
15.e6+ Kc6 16.Kxd1 Bxe6 17.Bxe6
Qxe6 18.Bd4 Qd5 19.Qc3+ Kd7
20.Kc1 Bh6+ 21.Kb1 Rf8 22.Re1
Nc6 23.Qh3+ Qf5 24.g4 Qf3 25.
Qh4 g5 26.Qxh6 Qe2 27.Rc1 Rf1
28.Be3 Rxc1+ 29.Bxc1 Qe4
30.Qxg5 Nd4 31.b3 Rc8 32.Ba3
Qxc2+ 33.Ka1 Qd1+ 0-1

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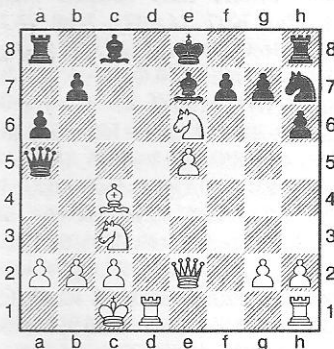
Sicilian Najdorf B96

Mark Dejmek 2161

Brad Sawyer 2316

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 e6
8.Qe2 Qa5 9.f4 h6 10.Bxf6 Nxf6
11.0-0 Be7 12.e5 dxe5 13.fxe5
Nh7 14.Nxe6



14...Bxe6 15.Bxe6 Bg5+ 16.Kb1
fxe6 17.Rhf1 Rf8 18.Qh5+ Ke7 19.
Qg6 Rxf1 20.Rxf1 Rf8 21.Qxg7+
Ke8 22.Qg6+ Kd8 23.Rd1+ Kc8
24.Qxh7 Qxe5 25.a3 ½-½

Center Counter B01

Artur Saffin 2289

John Carr 2139

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6
4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Ne5 Nbd7

White has fared somewhat better
against the alternatives such as ...Bf5
and ...g6.

7.Nc4 Qc7 8.g3 Nb6

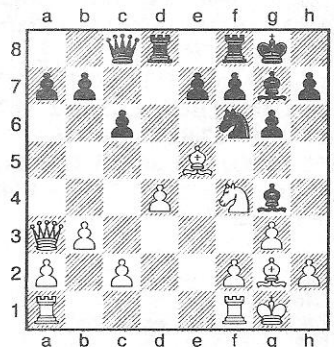
8...Nd5 9.Ne4 N7f6 10.Nxf6+
Nxf6 11.Bg2 Bf5 12.0-0 e6=
Petkovic-Jevtic, Nice 1994

9.Ne5

9.Bf4 Qd8 10.Ne5 Nfd5 11.Bd2
Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Qd5= Melts

9...Be6 10.Bg2 Rd8 11.0-0 g6 12.
Ne2 Nc4 [12...Bg7 13.Bf4 Qc8=]

13.Bf4 Qc8 14.b3 Nxe5 15.Bxe5
Bg7 16.Nf4" Bg4 17.Qc1 0-0 18.
Qa3



18...Nd5

18...g5!? 19.Nd3 Be2 20.Rfe1
Bxd3 21.cxd3 Rfe8 22.Qxa7±

19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.
Qxe7 Rfe8 22.Qc5 Re2 23.c3 Qf5
24.Rae1 Rxa2 25.Re5 Qc2 26.Bxd5
Be2 27.Rxe2 Qxe2 28.Bxb7 Re8
29.Bc6 Re6 30.d5 Rf6 31.d6 h5
32.d7 Rd2 33.Bd5 Rd1 34.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 35.Kg2 h4 36.d8Q 1-0

English Opening A34

Dion Su 2066

Jeffrey Xiong 2230

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 c5 3.c4 Nc6 4.Nc3
g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d5
8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.a3
Qd6 11.Rb1 e5 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Qd2

13.Nd2 b6 14.b4 cxb4 15.axb4
Rac8 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.Bd2 Nd4 18.
Bc3 Be6 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Nd2 Rc7

21.b5 Rfc8 22.Rc1 Qa3 23.Bc6 a5
24.Ra1 Qd6 25.Qa4 Bf8 26.Nf3 Bg7
½-½ Marszalek-Zoltek, Polish chp.,
1968

13...a5 14.Rfc1 b6 15.Ng5 Rac8
16.Ne4 Qe6 17.Nc3 Nd4 18.Bd5
Qd6 19.b3 Nb5 20.Nxb5 Qxd5
21.Nc3 Qe6 22.b4 cxb4 23.axb4 a4
24.b5 Ra8 25.Rb4 a3 26.Na4 Rfb8
27.Bh6 Bxb5 28.Bxg7 Rxa4 29.Bh6
a2 30.Rxa4 Bxa4 31.Qb4 Bc6
32.Bd2 Qd5 33.f3 Qd4+ 34.Qxd4
exd4 35.Ra1 Bd5 36.Bf4 Rc8
37.Be5 Rc2 38.Kf1 b5 39.Ke1 b4
40.Bxd4 b3 41.Kd1 Bc6 42.Rc1
Ba4 43.Rxc2 bxc2+ 44.Kd2 Kf8
45.e4 Ke7 46.f4 Ke6 47.h3 f5 48.h4
fxe4 49.dxe4 h5 50.Bc3 Bb3 51.Bb2
Ba4 52.Bc3 Bc6 53.Kxc2 Bxe4+
54.Kb2 Bd5 55.Bd4 Kf5 56.Bc3
Kg4 57.Be1 Kf3 58.Ka1 Ke2
59.Bb4 Kf2 60.Be7 Kxg3 61.Bg5
Kg4 62.Kb2 Kf5 63.Ka1 Ke4
64.Kb2 ½-½

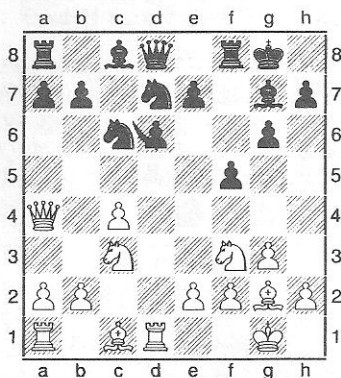
Dutch Leningrad A89

Jarod Pamatmat 2219

Dachey Lin 2135

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 f5 4.g3 Nf6
5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.d5
Na5 9.Qa4 c5 10.dxc6 Nxc6 11.Rd1
Nd7



12.Nd5 N

12.Qc2 a5 13.Be3 Ra6 14.Ng5
Nde5 15.c5 h6 16.Qb3+ Kh8 17.Nc6
Bxe6 18.Qxe6 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Rxc8
20.cxd6 exd6 21.Nb5 Nc4 22.Nxd6

Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rc7 24.Ne8 Re7 25. Nxc7 Kxg7 26.Rac1 Rb6 27.Bxc6 bxc6 28.Kf2 Kf6 29.b3 Ke6 30.Rd4 Rd7 31.Rc5 Rxd4 32.exd4 a4 33. bxa4 Kd6 34.h4 Rb4 35.e3 h5 36.a5 Rb2+ 37.Kf3 Rxa2 38.Re5 Ra1 39. Kf4 1-0 Hobaica-Claverie, Buenos Aires 2009

12...Nc5 13.Qa3 Ne4 14.Rb1 Be6 15.Ng5 Nxc5 16.Bxc5 h6 17.Be3 Bf7 18.c5 e6 19.Nb4 d5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Qa4 Qc7 22.Qh4 g5 23. Qa4 Bh5 24.f3 f4 25.Bf2 Bg6 26.Bh3 Rae8 27.b4 Bxb1 28.Rxb1 e5 29.Qc2 e4 30.a4 a6 31.b5 axb5 32.axb5 cxb5 33.Rxb5 exf3 34.exf3 fxg3 35.Bxc3 Qe7 36.c6 Bd4+ 37. Kh1 Qe1+ 38.Bxe1 Rxe1+ 39.Bf1 Rxf1+ 40.Kg2 Rg1+ 41.Kh3 Rxf3# 0-1

Sicilian Paulsen B42

Francisco Guadalupe II 2212
Akshay Malhotra 2012

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.c4 d6D 8.Nc3 Be7 9.b3 b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.Nde2 0-0 13.Bb1 Rfd8 14.Ng3 Ne5 15.Kh1 Ng6 16.f4 Nf8 17.Nh5 Qc5?!

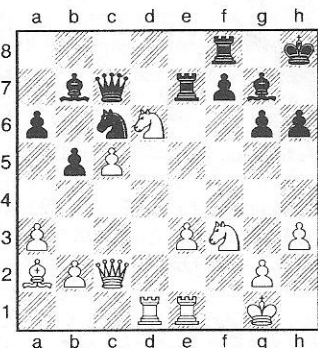
Far safer is 18...N8d7. Now White inflicts a gash in the kingside. 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Na4 Qc6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Nc3 Nd7 23.Qh5 Rg8 24.Qxf7 Rae8 25.Rf3 Rgf8 26.Qh5 Re7 27.Rh3 Rg7 28.Ne2 Rff7?? [28...Nc5] 29. Nd4 Qc5 30.Nxe6 Qxh5 31.Rxh5 Rg8 32.Nc7 f5 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34. exd5 Rgf8 35.Re1 Nc5 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Rh3 h6 38.Rg3+ Kh7 39.Rge3 Rg8 40.Kf2 Rg4 41.g3 Rgg7 42. Re8 h5 43.Rb8 Nb7 44.Re6 a5 45.h3 Rg6 46.Bxf5 Rxf5 47.Rxb7+ Kh6 48.Rxb6 1-0

Ruy Lopez C87

Tommy He 2137
Mihail Bantic 2320

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Be7 5.Re1 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 a6 8. Ba4 b5 9.Bc2 Re8 10.d4 h6 11. Nbd2 Bf8 12.Nf1 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Bb1 c5 15.a3 Nc6 16.Ng3 Bb7 17.Be3 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Qc2 g6 20.dxc5 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Qc7 22.Ne4 Bg7 23.Nd6 Re7 24.Ba2 Kh8 25. Rad1 Rf8



26.b4

26.Bd5 Ba8 27.b4 Ne5 28.Bxa8 Rxa8 29.Nd4+-
26...Ne5 27.Nxe5 Rxe5 28.Rf1 f5 29.c6 Bc8 30.e4 Be6 31.exf5 Bxa2 32.Qxa2 gxf5 33.Qc2 Rf6 34.Nxf5 Rxc6 35.Qd3 Rg6 36.Nh4 Qb6+ 37.Kh1 Rge6 38.Nf5 Qc7 39.Qd7 Qxd7 40.Rxd7 Bf8 41.Nh4 Be7 42.Rxe7 Rxe7 43.Ng6+ Kg7 44. Nxe7 Rxe7 45.Rf3 Kg6 46.Kh2 a5 47.bxa5 Ra7 48.g4 Rxa5 49.h4 Ra4 50.Kg3 b4 51.axb4 Rxb4 52.Rd3 Rb7 53.Rd6+ Kg7 1/2-1/2

Caro-Kann B15

Courtney Jamison 2017
Alfred Carlin 2215

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nbd2 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bg7 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.c3 Nf6 8.Bd3 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Nd7 10.h3 Be6 11.Ng5 Bd5 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.Qe2 0-0 14.0-0 e6 15.Nf3 Rc8 16.Qb5 Nb6 17.Ne5 f6 18.Nd3 Qd7 19.Qb3 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Qc6 21.Re2 Re7 22.Rae1 Rce8 23.Nb4 Qd7 24.Nd3 Nc4 25.Bg3 e5 26.dxe5 fxe5 27.Bh4 Rf7 28.Qd1 e4 29.Nb4 Nb6

30.Nc2 Nc4 31.Nb4 Nb6 32.Nc2 Nc4 33.Nb4 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Jason Altschuler 2216
David Phillips 2072

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.c3 Bg7 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2 0-0 14.Ncc3 Be6 15.Bd3 f5 16.0-0 Ra7 17.a4 b4 18.Qh5 bxc3 19.bxc3 e4 20.Bc2 Be5 21.f4 exf3 22.Rxf3 f4

22...Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Nd4 24.Rf2 Nxc2 25.Rxc2 Rg7=

23.Raf1± Rg7 24.Nxf4 Bf7 24...Bxf4 25.Rxf4 Rxf4 26.Rxf4 Ne5 27.Be4 Kh8 28.Qh6 Bg8 29.Rf1 with advantage 25.Qh3 Re8?

25...Bxf4 26.Rxf4 Kh8 27.Nf3 +- 26.Nf5+- Bxf4 27.Nxc7 1-0

Reti Opening A11

Selby Anderson 2202
Ozgur Aktunc 2034

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.b3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d5 7.0-0 Na6 8.d3 Bg4 9.Nbd2 Qb6 10.a3 Rfd8 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bd4 Qd6 13.b4 Nd7 14.Bxc7 Kxc7 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Rac8 17.Qb3 Nb6 18.Rac1 e6 19.Qb2+ f6 20.Rxc8? [20.e3=] 20...Rxc8 21.Rc1? [21.e4] 21...Qe5 22.Qb1 Rc3 23.Nb3 Qc7 24.Nc5 Rxc1+ 25.Qxc1 Nxc5 26.Qxc5 Qxc5 27.bxc5 Na4 28.d4 Nc3 29.e3 Kf7 30.Kf1 Ke7 31.Ke1 Kd7 32.Bd1 Kc6 33.a4

Fritz still thinks White is equal, but eventually it sees the light: 33.Bc2 b6 (33...Nb5 34.a4) 34.Kd2 Nb5 35.a4 Na3 36.cxb6 Kxb6 37.Kc3 Ka5 38.Bd1 Nc4+ 33...b6 34.cxb6 Kxb6 35.Bc2 Ka5 0-1

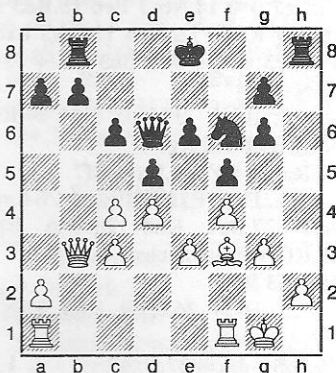
With 0-2, my worst start in any state championship, I went home.

QGD Slav D12

Karthik Ramachandran 2150
Ruifeng Li 2016

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5
5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 Bd6
8.Nh4 Bg6 9.f4 Ne4 10.Nxg6 Nxc3
11.bxc3 hxg6 12.g3 f5 13.Qb3 Rb8
14.Ba3 Nf6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Bf3



16...Ne4 17.Bxe4 fxe4 18.cxd5
exd5 19.c4 0-0 20.Rac1 Rfc8
21.Rc2 c5 22.Rd1 b5 23.dxc5 bxc4
24.cxd6 cxb3 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8
26.axb3 Rd8 27. Rxd5 Kf7 28.Rd4
Rb8 29.Rxe4 Rxb3 30.d7 Rd3
31.Rd4 Rxd4 32. exd4 Ke7 33.Kf2
Kxd7 34.g4 a5 35.Ke3 Kd6 1-0

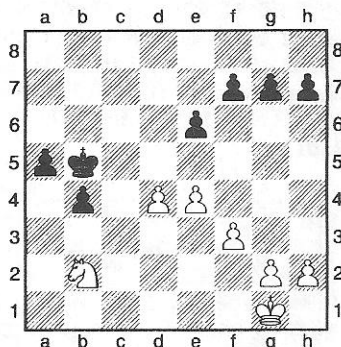
Nimzo-Indian E49

Leo Bonnel 2013
Tres Roring 2117

Texas Championship 2011 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 d5
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 b6
8.Ne2 Ba6 9.cxd5 Bxd3 10.Qxd3
Qxd5 11.f3 Nc6 12.e4 Qb3 13.0-0
Na5 14.Rb1 Qc4 15.Qxc4 Nxc4
16.Rb4 Na5 17.Be3 Nd7 18.Rd1
Rfd8 19.Bf4 Rac8 20.Be3 Ne5 21.
Kf2 Nec4 22.a4 c5 23.Rbb1 Nxe3
24.Kxe3 cxd4+ 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.
cxd4 Rc4 27.Ra1 Kf8 28.Kd3 Ke7
29.Ra2 Rb4 30.Ra3 Nc4 31.Ra2
Rxa4 32.Rxa4 Nb2+ 33.Kc3 Nxa4+
34.Kb4 Nb2 35.Kc3 Nd1+ 36.Kd2
Nb2 37.Kc3 Nd1+ 38.Kd2 Nf2
39.Nc3 a6 40.Ke2 Nh1 41.Kf1 b5

42.Kg1 b4 43.Na4 Kd6 44.Kxh1
Kc6 45.Kg1 Kb5 46.Nb2 a5



47.d5 exd5 48.exd5 a4 49.Nxa4
Kxa4 50.d6 b3 51.d7 b2 52.d8Q
b1Q+ 53.Kf2 Qc2+ 1/2-1/2

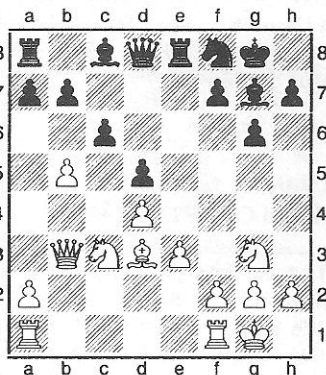
ROUND 3

QGD Exchange D35

Marko Zivanic 2533
Francisco Guadalupe 2212

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

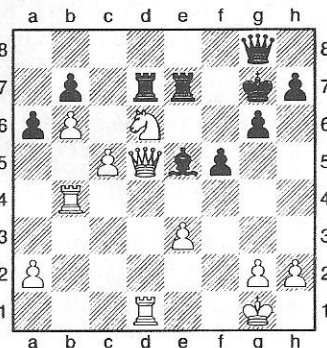
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3
Nbd7 8.Nge2 Re8 9.Ng3 Nf8 10.
0-0 c6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.b4 g6
13.Qb3 Bg7 14.b5



14...c5 15.dxc5 Be6 16.Rad1 Rc8
16...d4 17.Bc4 Qh4 18.Bxe6
Nxe6 19.Nce4+
17.Na4 Nd7= 18.Rc1 d4 19.Be4
Bxc4 20.Rxc4 dxe3 21.fxe3 Ne5
22.Rcf4 Bh6 23.Rf6 Kh8 24.Ne4

Bg7 25.R6f4 Rc7 26.Nd6 Ree7
27.Qd5 Red7 28.b6 a6 29.Nb2
29.g4 Bh6 30.Re4+
29...f5 30.Nbc4 Nxc4 31.Rxc4 Be5
32.Rd1

32.Nf7+ Kg7 (32...Rxf7 33.
Qxe5+ Qf6 34.Qxf6+ Rxf6 35.
Rd4+-) 33.Qxe5+ Rxe5 34.Nxd8
Rxd8 35.Rb1 Rxe3 36.c6 bxc6
37.Rxc6 Re7 38.a4+
32...Kg7 33.Rb4 Qg8



34.Qxg8+

34.Rbd4!! (a) 34...Qxd5 35.
Rxd5 Kf8 36.Kf2 Re6 37.Nc4+-; (b)
34...Bxd4 35.Qxd4+ Kh6 36.Qf6
Qe6 37.Qxe6 Rxe6 38.Nxf5+-.
34...Kxg8 35.Kf2 Kg7 36.Rb3 Bxd6
37.cxd6 Re6 38.Rbd3 Kf6 39.Kf3
Re4 40.a3 Ke6 1/2-1/2

QGD Slav D11

Dachey Lin 2135
Artur Safin 2289

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 a6
5.Be2 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bd3 e6
8.a4 b4 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Nc4 c5
11.a5 Be7 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Bd2 0-0
14.Qe2 Be4 15.Bxe4 Nxe4 16.Rfd1
Qb8 17.Nfe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 f6 19.
Be1 Qb5 20.Qc2 Nc3 21.bxc3 Qxc4
22.Qa4 fxe5 23.cxb4 cxb4 24.Rdc1
Qb5 25.Qxb5 axb5 26.Re6 Rfb8
27.g4 Kf7 28.Rc7 Ke8 29.a6 Kd8
30.Rc2 Rb6 31.a7 Rb7 32.Rd1+
Rd7 33.Rb1 Rdx7 34.Bxb4 Ra1
35.Bxe7+ Kxe7 36.Rxa1 Rxa1+
37.Kg2 Ra7 38.Kf3 b4 39.Ke4 b3

40.Rb2 Rb7 41.Kxe5 Rb4 42.f4
Kd7 43.g5 Ke7 44.e4 Kf7 45.f5 Ke7
46.h4 Kf7 47.fxe6+ Ke7 48.Kd5
Rb8 49.h5 g6 50.hxg6 hxg6 51.e5
Rb4 52.Kc5 Rb7 53.Kc6 Rb8 54.
Kd5 Rb5+ 55.Kc6 Rxe5 56.Rxb3
Rxc5 57.Re3 Rf5 58.Re2 g5 59.Re4
Ra5 60.Kb6 Rd5 61.Kc6 Rf5 62.
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65.Kb5 Ra3 66.Rg5 g3 67.Rg6 Re3
68.Kc4 ½-½

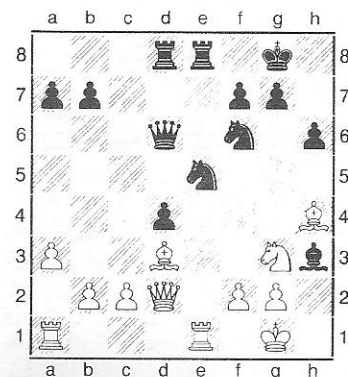
Sicilian B45

Brad Sawyer 2316

Austen Green 2202

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3
Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 9.exd5 exd5
10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 d4 12.Ne2 Bg4
13.Bg5 Re8 14.Re1 Qd6 15.Qd2
Rad8 16.Ng3 h6 17.Bh4 Ne5 18.h3
18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Nc4
20.Qc1±
18...Bxh3



19.Rxe5 Rxe5 20.Bxf6

20.gxh3 Qb6 (20...g5 21.Nf5
Rxf5 22.Bxf5 gxh4 23.Qxh6±) 21.f4
Re6 22.Rb1 a6 23.Qg2 Rd7 24.Bxf6
Rxf6 25.Qe4+-
20...Qxf6 21.gxh3 Rde8 22.Bf1 h5
23.Rd1 h4 24.Nh1 Rg5+ 25.Bg2
Rg6 26.f4 Re4 27.Rf1 Re3 28.Kh2
Qf5 29.Rf3 Rxf3 30.Bxf3 Rf6
31.Qxd4 Qxc2+ 32.Bg2 Qc7 33.
Qe5 Qxe5 34.fxe5 Re6 35.Nf2 Rxe5
36.Nd3 Re3 37.Bf1 f5 38.Kg2 g5
39.Kf2 Re7 40.b4 Kg7 41.b5 g4

42.a4 b6 43.Bg2 Kf6 44.Nb4 Kg5
45.Nc6 Rd7 46.Ne5 Rd2+ 0-1

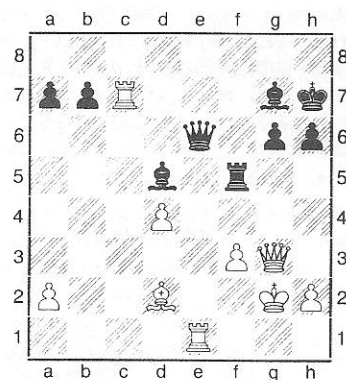
Dutch Stonewall A87

Jeffrey Xiong 2230

Mark Dejmek 22161

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Be7
5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 d5 7.0-0 c6 8.Nd2
Bd6 9.Re1 Ne4 10.Nf1 Nxc3 11.
bxc3 Nd7 12.Qc2 Nf6 13.cxd5 exd5
14.f3 g6 15.e4 Re8 16.Qb3 Kh8
17.Bb2 Bf8 18.Rad1 Bg7 19.Ng3
Rb8 20.Qc2 Be6 21.e4 fxe4 22.fx4
Ng4 23.Nf1 Rf8 24.exd5 Bg8 25.
Be2 Nf2 26.Rd2 cxd5 27.Bf3 Nh3+
28.Kh1 Re8 29.Ne3 Rxf3 30.gxf3
dxc4 31.Bc3 Qf6 32.Rf1 Nf4 33.
Qe4 Rd8 [33...Rc7] 34.Ba1 c3 35.
Bxc3 Nd5 36.Ba1 Nxe3 37.Qxe3
Bd5 38.Kg2 Rf8 39.Bc3 Qc6 40.
Rc2 Qd7 41.Qg5 Rf5 42.Qg3 h6
43.Bd2 Kh7 44.Rc7 Qe6??
44...Qb5 45.Bf4 Qb2+ 46.Rf2
Qxd4 47.Bc1±



45.Re1+- Rxf3

45...Qf6 46.Ree7 Bxf3+ 47.Qxf3
Rxf3 48.Rxg7+ Kh8 49.Rh7+ Kg8
50.Rcg7+ Qxg7 (worse is 50...Kf8
51.Bb4+ Ke8 52.Rg8+) 51.Rxg7+
Kxg7 52.Kxf3+-
46.Rxe6 Rxc3+ 47. Kxc3 Bxe6
48.d5 Kg8 49.Rxg7+ Kxg7 50.dxe6
Kf6 51.Bxh6 Kxe6 52.Kg4 Kf6
53.Bd2 b5 54.Bc3+ Kf7 55.Kg5 1-0

QP Opening D02

John Carr 2139

Jarod Pamatmat 2219

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2
h6 5.c4 c6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Nc3 dxc4
8.Qxc4 e6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nd2 Be7
11.e4 Bh7 12.Nb3 0-0 13.Qe2 Rfe8
14.Be3 Qc7 15.Rac1 Qb8 16.Rfd1
Bf8 17.Nd2 Nb6 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.
Qxc4 Nd7 20.Qb3 a6 21.d5 c5??
21...exd5 22.exd5 c5 23.Na4±
22.dxe6 Ne5 23.exf7+ Nxf7 24.Rd7
Re7 25.Rxe7 Bxe7 26.Nd5 Bd6
27.Bxc5 Bxc5 28.Rxc5 Qe5 29.Rc7
1-0

Ruy Lopez C87

Tommy He 2137

Jason Altschuler 2216

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c3 b5 7.Bc2 0-0
8.Re1 d6 9.h3 Bb7 10.d3 Re8
11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.Nf1 g6 13.Ng3 Bg7
14.d4 Re7 15.b3 exd4 16.cxd4 Qe8
17.Bb2 Nb4 18.d5 Nxc2 19.Qxc2 c6
20.dxc6 Bxc6 21.Nd2 Re8 22.Qd3
Nxe4 23.Bxg7 Nxc3 24.Rxe7 Qxe7
25.Bb2 Ne2+ 26.Kh2 Qg5 27.g3
Qd5 28.Qxd5 Bxd5 29.Ba3 Rc2
30.Nf1 Nc3 31.Ne3 Rxf2+ 32.Kg1
Re2 33.Nxd5 Nxd5 34.Bxd6 f5
35.a4 Rb2 36.axb5 axb5 37.Ra8+
Kf7 38.Rh8 Ke6 39.Bf4 Nxf4
40.gxf4 Rxb3 41.Rxh7 Rb4 42.Rb7
Kd5 43.Kg2 Ke4 44.Rb6 Kxf4
45.Rxg6 Rb2+ 46.Kg1 Rb3 47.Kg2
Rb2+ 48.Kg1 Ke3 49.h4 Rb1+
50.Kg2 Rb2+ 51.Kg1 Rb4 52.h5
Rh4 53.Rb6 b4 54.h6 ½-½

Torre Attack A48

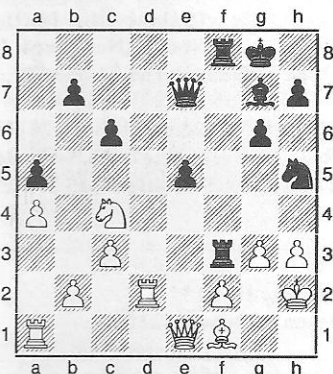
Alfred Carlin 2215

Frank Brack 2001

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.c3
d6 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.e4 e5 7.dxe5
dxe5 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qe2 c6 10.a4 a5
11.0-0 Qc7 12.Rfd1 Ne5 13.Qe3
Ne6 14.h3 Nxc5 15.Qxc5 Nh5

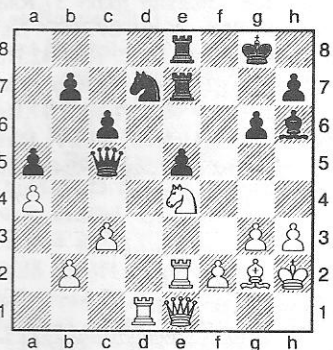
16.Qe3 Nf4 17.Bf1 Be6 18.Kh2
 Qe7 19.g3 Nh5 20.Nc4 ♯6 21.Qb6 f5
 22.exf5 Bd5 [22...Rxf5 23.Nh4
 Rff8] 23.Qe3 Bxf3? [23...Rxf5
 24.Nh4 Rf7 25.Nb6 Raf8 26.Nxd5
 cxd5 27.Rxd5 Rxf2+?] 24.Qxf3
 Rxf5 25.Qe3 Raf8 26.Rd2 Rf3
 27.Qe1



27...Qg5?

27...Qc5 28.Ne3 Nxc3; 27...
 Bh6 28.Rc2 Qc5 29.Kg2 e4 30.b4
 Qg5 ♯
 28.Bg2± R3f7 29.Nd6 Bh6 30.Ne4
 Qe7 31.Re2 Nf6 32.Nd2 Qc5 33.
 Nf3 Nd7 34.Rd1 Re7 35.Nd2
 Rfe8??

This lets White create a fork
 trick. Better is 35...Bxd2 or ...Nf6.
 36.Ne4—



36...Qc4 37.Rxd7 Rxd7 38.Nf6+
 Kf7 39.Nxd7 Bg7 40.Nxe5+ Bxe5
 41.Rxe5 Rf8 42.Re7+ Kg8 43.Qe5
 Rf7 44.Re8+ Rf8 45.Rxf8+ Kxf8

1-0

Caro-Kann B14

Akshay Malhotra 2012
James Rohrbach 2200

Texas Championship 2011 (3)

Black exploits a slight lead in
 development to refute an attempt to
 steer for a draw by trading down.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c5
 5.e3

5.cxd5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Be7 7.e4
 Nc6 8.Qd2 and now instead of
 8...Nxe4 or 8...Nxd5 Black has been
 holding his ground with 8...exd5 9.
 Bxf6 Bxf6 10.exd5 and now either
 10...Ne5, 10...Qe7+ or 10...Nd4.

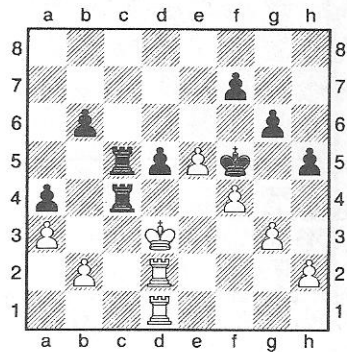
5...cxd4 6.exd4 Be7

We have transposed to a fairly
 standard position from the Panov-
 Botvinnik Attack in the Caro-Kann.

7.exd5 [7.c5; 7.Nf3] 7...Nxd5 8.
 Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Nxd5?! [9.Bd3=]
 9...exd5+ 10.Qe2 Nc6! ♯

10...Qxe2+ 11.Bxe2 0-0 12.Bf3
 Nc6 13.Ne2, draw agreed in Munk-
 Cerny, Czech Republic 1998

11.Qxe7+ Kxe7 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Ne5
 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Rac8 15.Bd3 Ke6
 16.f4 Bf5 17.Kd2 Bxd3 18.Kxd3
 Rc4 19.g3 Rbc8 20.Rad1 a5 21.
 Rd2 a4 22.Re1 h5 23.Rg1 g6 24.
 Re2 R8c6 25.Rf1 Kf5 26.Rd2 b6
 27.a3 R6c5 28.Rfd1



28...h4 29.Ke3 hxg3

A slight inaccuracy, removing
 the potential target at h2. ♫29...g5!
 30.Rd4 (30.fxg5 hxg3) 30...Rb5 ♯.
 30.hxg3 g5 31.Rxd5?

31.Rd4! Rb5 32.Rxc4 dxc4 33.
 Rd6 Kg4 34.Kd4 Rxb2 35.fxg5
 Kxg5 36.Rf6=
 31...gxf4+ 32.gxf4 Re4+ 33.Kf3
 Rxf4+ 34.Kg3 Rxd5 35.Rxd5 Re4
 36.Rb5

36.Rd6 Re3+ 37.Kh4 Rb3+—
 36...Re3+ 37.Kf2 Rb3 ♫+ 38.Rd5
 Rxb2+ 39.Kg1 Rb3 40.Rd4 Rxa3
 41.Rb4 Kxe5 42.Rxb6 f5 43.Rb4
 Ra2 44.Kf1 a3 45.Ra4 Ra1+ 46.
 Kg2 a2 47.Kh2 f4 48.Kg2 f3+ 49.
 Kh2 ♯ 0-1

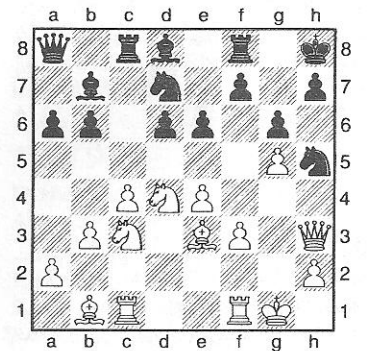
ROUND 4

Sicilian Paulsen B42

Austen Green 2202
Marko Zivanic 2533

Texas Championship 2011 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.0-0 d6
 8.Be3 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Rc1 Nbd7
 11.f3 Be7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8
 14.b3 Qb8 15.Bb1 Bd8 16.Qg3
 Kh8 17.Qh3 Qa8 18.g4 g6 19.g5
 Nh5



20.Nxe6?!

20.f4 Nc5 21.f5 Re8 (21...exf5
 22.Nxf5!) 22.fxg6 fxg6 23.Rf7 Rc7
 24.Qf3 Rxf7 25.Qxf7 Be7 26.b4
 Nd7 27.Nxe6 Ne5 28.Bd4— Crafty.
 20...fxe6 21.Qxe6 Ne5 22.f4 Nf7 ♫
 23.h4 Rc6 24.Qd5 Qc8 25.f5 Ne5
 26.Ne2 b5 27.c5 Re8 28.b4 gxf5
 29.exf5 dxc5 30.bxc5 Rf6 31.c6
 Rxc6 32.Bd4 Rxc1 33.Bxe5+ Bf6

34.Bxf6+ Nxf6 35.Qd4 Qc6 36.
Qxf6+ Qxf6 37.gxf6 Rg8+ 0-1

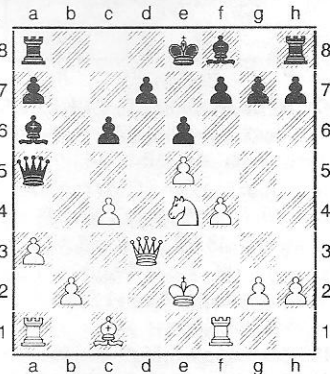
Sicilian Four Knights B45

Artur Safin 2289

Jeffrey Xiong 2230

Texas Championship 2011 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.
Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nxc6 bxc6
7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.a3
10.c4 Bb4+ 11.Ke2 Ba6 12.Kf3
remains an important main line.
10...Ne3 11.Qd3 Nxf1 12.Rxf1 Ba6
13.c4 Qa5+ 14.Ke2



14...Be7

14...f5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6
0-0 17.Be3 e5 18.b4 Qd8 19.fxe5
Qh4 20.Rf4 Qxh2 21.Raf1 Qxg2+
22.Kd1 Rae8 23.Qc3 Rf7 24.Bxa7
Re6= Novak- Mrugala, corr 2001
15.Be3 f5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6
e5 18.b4!+- Qd8 19.Kf2 cxb4 20.
axb4 Bb7 21.Kg1 0-0 22.Bd4 Qh4
23.Ra3 Be4 24.Qd2 Rf6 25.Bxf6
Qxf6 26.Qc3 Qd8 27.Qd4 Qb8 28.
Rg3 g6 29.b5 a6 30.b6 Qb7 31.h4
Kf7 32.h5 Rg8 33.hxg6+ hxg6 34.
Rh3 Rg7 35.Rf2 a5 36.Qc5 Qa8
37.Qc7 Bc6 38.Rb2 Rg8 39.Rh7+
Kf6 40.Rxd7 Bxd7 41.Qxd7 Rg7
42.Qb5 Qb7 43.Qe5+ Kf7 44.d7
Qxd7 45.Qc7 1-0

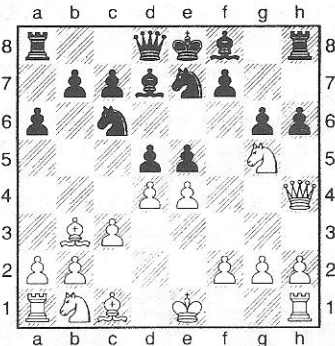
Ruy Lopez C75

Francisco Guadalupe II 2212

Dachey Lin 2135

Texas Championship 2011 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.c3 a6
5.Ba4 Nge7 6.d4 Bd7 7.Ng5 [7.Bb3
h6] 7...h6 8.Qh5 g6 9.Bb3 d5
10.Qh4



10...Na5

10...Bg7 11.Nxf7 (11.Nf3 g5+)
11...Kxf7 12.exd5 Na5+ Koffman-
Boleslavski, 1951
11.Nf3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Bg7
12...exd4 13.Qf6 Rh7 14.Qxd4
Bg7 15.Qe3 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Bc6+
13.Nxe5 Bxe5
13...Be6! 14.0-0 c5 15.exd5
Qxd5 16.Nc4 Nf5 17.Qf4 g5 18.Qd2
(18.Qc7 Rc8+) 18...Rd8=
14.dxe5 dxe4 15.Bg5 Bc6 16.Bf6 e3
[16...Rh7=] 17.fxe3
17.Bxh8 Qd5 18.f3+-
17...Qd3
17...Rh7 18.Nd2 +/-
18.Qd4± Qc2 19.Qd2 Qxd2+ 20.
Nxd2 Rg8 21.0-0 Rd8 22.Rad1
Rd7 23.e4 Kd8 24.Nc4 Re8 25.
Nd6! Rf8 26.Bg7 Rg8 27.Nxf7+
Ke8 28.e6 Rxxg7 29.exd7+ Bxd7
30.Ne5 Be6 31.Rd8+ 1-0

Reti Opening A14

Alfred Carlin 2215

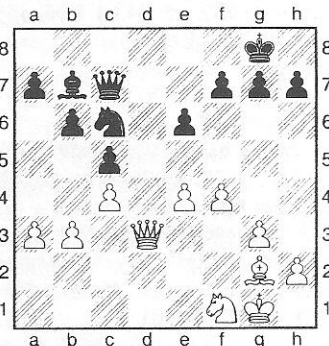
Karthik Ramachandran 2150

Texas Championship 2011 (4)

1.e4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3
Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 b6
8.d3 Bb7 9.Nbd2 c5 10.e3 Qc7
11.Qc2 Rac8 12.a3 Rfd8 13.e4
dxe4 14.dxe4 Ng4 15.Rfel Nge5
16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Nf1
Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Rd8 20.Rd2 Rxd2

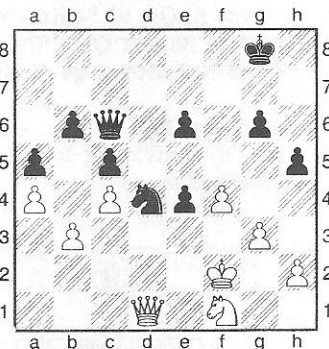
21.Qxd2 Nd7 22.f4 Bxb2 23.Qxb2
Nb8 24.Qd2 Nc6 25.Qd3

Watch out for those boring,
drawish endgame positions, as they
can bite. White should steer for sim-
plicity with 25.e5 Nd4 26.Bxb7
Qxb7 27.Qd3 Qa6 28.b4 Qa4 29.
Ne3 h6 30.Kf2 Qc6 31.Nc2=



25...Nd4 26.Ne3 [26.b4 e5+] 26...
Qd8

26...e5 27.fxe5 Qxe5 28.Nd5
Nc6 29.h3=
27.Kf2 Qa8 28.Nc2??
28.b4=; 28.e5 Bf3 29.b4 a6
30.Kf1 Bxxg2+ 31.Nxxg2 Qc6+
28...f5!
Black never lets up after this.
29.Ne3 Bxe4 30.Bxe4 fxe4 31.Qb1
a5
31...e5! 32.f5 (32.fxe5 Qf8+
33.Kg1 Qf3 34.Ng2 Nxb3+) 32...
Qc6+
32.Qd1 Qe8 33.Qb1 Qc6 34.a4 h5
35.Qd1 g6 36.Nf1



36...e5!

The final line-clearing clinches it.

37.fxe5 Qe6 38.Nd2 Qh3!?

Black trades his "extra" pawn to keep the initiative, knowing that White's e-pawn will not get far. By no means worse is the simple-minded 38...Qxe5 39.Nf1 Kf7 40. Ne3 Qf6+ 41.Kg2 Qf3+ 42.Qxf3+ exf3+ 43.Kf2 g5 44.h3 Ke6 45.g4 hxg4 46.hxg4 Ke5-+.

39.Nxe4

39.Qh1 Qf5+ 40.Ke1 e3-+

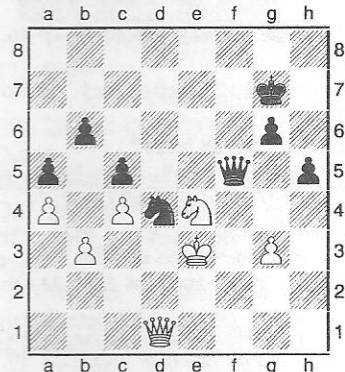
39...Qxh2+ 40.Ke3 Qh3

White has no way to support his e-pawn, so 38...Qh3 was no gamble.

41.Nf6+ Kf7 42.Qg1

42.Ne4 Kg7 43.Qg1 Qf5+

42...Qf5 43.Qf2 Qxe5+ 44.Ne4+ Nf5+ 45.Kf3 Kg7 46.Qd2 Nd4+ 47.Ke3 Qf5 48.Qd1



48...h4! 49.g4

49.gxh4 Qh3+ 50.Kd2 Nxb3+-+ 49...Qe5 50.Qh1 g5 51.Qg2 Nxb3 52.Qf3 Nd4 53.Qf2 h3 54.Kd3 Ne6 55.Qf5 Nf4+ 56.Ke2 Qxf5 57.gxf5 h2 58.Ng3 Ne2 59.Nh1 g4 60.Kd3 g3

The latter half of the game showed very convincing technique by Ramachandran. 0-1

English Opening A29

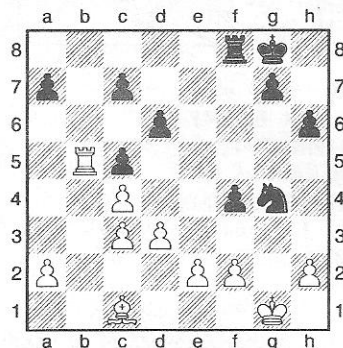
James Rohrbaugh 2200

John Carr 2139

Texas Championship 2011 (4)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2 Bxc3 6.bxc3 d6 7.d3 h6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.Ne1 Be6 11.Nc2 Qd7 12.Nb4 Bh3 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Be3 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 c5 16.Qc2 Ng4 17.Rxb8 Rxb8 18.Rb1 Qc6+ 19.Kg1 Rf8 20.Qb3 f5 21. Qb5 Qb6 22.Rb3 Qxb5 23.Rxb5 f4 24.gxf4?

The lesser of two evils was the R+P ending after 24.Bc1 fxg3 25. fxg3 Rf2! 26.h3 Rxe2 27.hxg4 Re1+ 28.Kf2 Rxc1 29.Ke3 Rxc3 30.Ra5= with counterplay sufficient to draw. 24...exf4 25.Bc1



25...f3 26.e3 Rf6!

Black is playing for mate!

27.h3 Ne5 28.d4 Rg6+ 29.Kf1 Nd3 30.Bd2 Rg2 31.Rb8+ Kf7 32.Be1 Nc1! 33.Rb2 Rh2 34.Kg1 Rxh3 35.Rc2 Ne2+ 36.Rxe2 fxe2 37.Kg2 Rh4 38.Kf3 cxd4 39.cxd4 d5 40.e5 c6 41.Kxe2 Ke6 0-1

What a blowout!

QGD D35

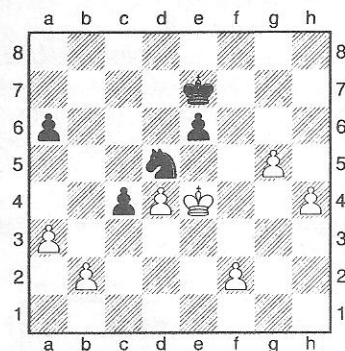
Odunayo Ajiboye 2028

David Phillips 2072

Texas Championship 2011 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Ne3 Be7 4.Bf4 Nf6 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.cxd5 cxd4 8.exd4 Nxd5 9.Bg3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Nf6 11.a3 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Re1 Rc8 14.Bh4 Rc7 15.Qa4 Nh5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Nb5 Bc6 18.Qb3 Bxb5 19.Qxb5 Qd5 20.Qa4 Nf6 21.Ba6 Qc6 22.Qxc6 Rxc6 23.Ra1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Nfd5 25.Ne5 Rd8 26.Kf1 Kf8 27.Ke2 Nf5 28.Nc6 Rd7 29.g4

Nd6 30.Ne5 Rc7 31.Rc6 Ke7 32. Rxc7+ Nxc7 33.Bd3 a6 34.Bxh7 g6 35.h4 Nd5 36.Kf3 Nf6 37.Nxg6+ fxg6 38.Bxg6 Nc4 39.g5 Nd5 40. Bd3 b5 41.Bxc4 bxc4 42.Ke4



42...c3 43.bxc3 Nxc3+ 44.Ke5 Kf7?

Black may be able to save the game with 44...Nb1 45.h5 (45.a4 Nd2 46.h5 Nj3+ 47.Kf4 Nxd4 48. Ke4 Nb3=) 45...Nxa3 46.d5! exd5 47.h6 Kf7 48.h7 (48.Kxd5 Nc2 49.f4 Ne3+=) 48...Kg7 49.g6 a5 50.f4 Nc4+ 51.Kxd5 Ne3+ 52.Ke4 Ng4 53.f5 a4 54.Kd3=

45.h5 a5 46.g6+ Kg7 47.Kxe6 Nb5 48.d5 Nd4+ 49.Ke7 Nf5+ 50.Ke8 a4 51.f3 Kh6 52.f4 Ng7+ 53.Kf7 Nf5 54.Kf6 Nd6 55.Ke6 Nb5 56.d6 Nd4+ 57.Kd5 1-0

ROUND 5

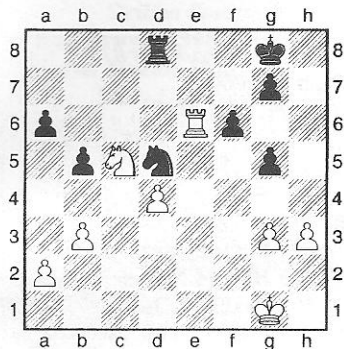
QGD Slav D11

Marko Zivanic 2533

Artur Safin 2289

Texas Championship 2011 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Bd3 b5 6.b3 Bg4 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Qc2 e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bb2 Qb8 11.Ra1 0-0 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ng5 Bg6 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.f4 c5 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Qe4 N7f6 18.Qf3 cxd4 19.Bxd4 e5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.Rc5 Bxd4 22.exd4 Qd8 23.Nde4 Ra7 24.Rc6 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Nb4 26.Rd6 Rd7 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.Qf2 Nd5 29.Qh4 f6 30.Ne5 Qd6 31.Re1 Nf4 32.Qf2 g5 33.Qe3 Rd8 34.g3 Nd5 35.Qe6+ Qxe6 36.Rxe6



36...Nc3 37.Rxa6 Rxd4 38.a3 Rd2
39.Ra7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

QGD D60

Karthik Ramachandran 2150
Francisco Guadalupe II 2212

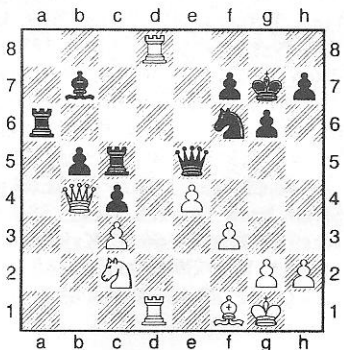
Texas Championship 2011 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.Nf3 c6
8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.Bxe7
Qxe7 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 e5
13.Qc2 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Rfe1

15.Rac1 a6 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 Qxe5
17.f4 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Rfe8 19.e5 h6
20.Qe2 (Watson-Lenderman, Fox-
woods 2004) 20...g6=.

15...a6 16.Bf1 e5 17.Rad1 c4 18.a4
exd4 19.Nxd4 Qc5 20.axb5 axb5
21.Qb2 Ba6 22.Nc2 Nf6 23.Qb4
Qe5 24.f3 Rab8 25.Nd4 Rfc8
26.Ra1 Rb6 27.Red1 g6 28.Nc2
Bb7 29.Rd4 Kg7 30.Rad1 Ra6
31.Rd8 Rc5??

31...Qc5+ 32.Qxc5 Rxc5 33.
Rb8±



32.f4?

32.R1d5!! combines decoy (32...
Rxd5?? 33.Qf8#) with interference
(32...Nxd5 33.Qxc5+-). No better is
32...Qe7 33.Qxc5 Nxd5 34.Rxd5.

32...Qc7 33.Nd4 Nxe4 34.Nxb5?
[34.g3 Bd5] 34...Qxf4+ 35.Nd6
Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Ng3+ (37.hxg3 Rh5#)
0-1

QP Opening D02

John Carr 2139

Andrew Whatley 2324

Texas Championship 2011 (5)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.c4 cxd4
5.cxd5 Qa5+ 6.Qd2 Qxd5 7.Qxd4
Nc6 8.Qxd5 Nxd5 9.Bg2 Ndb4
10.Na3 e5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ng5 Bxa2
13.Nb5 Rd8 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.
Nc7+ Kd7 16.Na6 Bc4 17.Rd1+
Kc8 18.Rxd8+ Kxd8 19.Nxb4 Bxb4
20.Rxa7 Rf8 21.Nxh7 Re8 22.Ng5
f6 23.Ne4 Bxe2 24.Rxg7 f5 25.Ng5
Kc8 26.Ra7 Kb8 27.Rg7 Rd8
28.Be3 Rd5 29.h4 e4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

English Opening A21

Brad Sawyer 2316

Dachey Lin 2135

Texas Championship 2011 (5)

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 f5
5.d3 e5 6.e3 Ne7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0
e6 9.b3 Be6 10.f4 a5 11.Ba3 Na6
12.Qd2 Rb8 13.d4 e4 14.Rad1 b5
15.cxb5 cxb5 16.Bb2 a4 17.d5 Bf7
18.Nd4 a3 19.Ba1 b4 20.Nce2 Bxd5
21.g4 Nc5 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Ng3 Nd3

24.Bh3 Qd7

24...Bxd4! 25.Bxd4 Qc8 26.Nh5
(26.Qg2 Kf7) 26...Kf7 27.Nf6 h6#
25.Qg2 Be6?

25...Kh8 26.Nh5 Rg8 27.Nxg7!
Nb2! 28.Bxf5! Qa7 (28...Nxf5 29.
Ndx5 Be6 30.Rxd6 Qxd6 31.Nxd6
Rxg7 32.Qxg7+ Kxg7 33.Nxe4+-)
29.Bxb2 axb2 30.Qxb2 Rxg7+ 31.
Kh1±
26.Nh5+- Rf7 27.Nxe6 Qxe6 28.
Bxg7 Qg6 29.Ba1 Rc8 30.Ng3 h5
31.Rd2

31.Nxh5 Qxg2+ 32.Bxg2 Rc2
33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Nxe4! Rxg2+ 35.
Kxg2 fxe4 36.Rxd3! exd3 37.Rd1+/-
31...Kh7 32.Nxe4 fxe4 33.Qxg6+
Kxg6 34.Rg2+ Kh7 35.Bxc8 Nxc8
36.Rg5 Ne7 37.Rxh5+

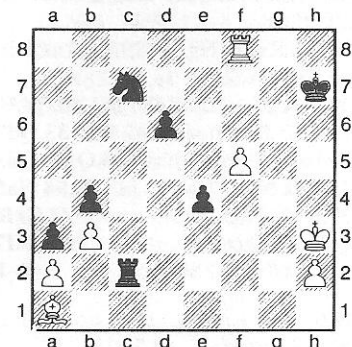
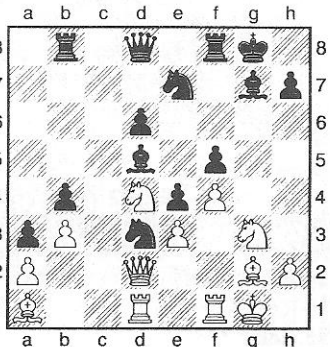
37.f5! Kh6 38.f6!! Ng6 39.
Rd5+-

37...Kg6 38.Rg5+ Kh6 39.Kh1?!
39.Bd4 Nf5 40.Bb6+-
39...Nf5 40.Rfg1 Nxe3 41.Rg6+
Kh7 42.R1g3? [42.h3±] 42...Nf5=
43.R3g5 Rc7 44.Rf6 Rc1+ 45.
Kg2??

45.Rg1 Nf2+ 46.Kg2 Nd1 47.
Kh3 Nf2+=
45...Re2+??

45...Nxf4+! 46.Kf2 Rc2+ 47.
Kg1 Nh3+ 48.Kh1 Nxg5 49.Rxf5
Nf3+-
46.Kh3??

46.Kg1 Rc1+ 47.Kg2=
46...Nf2+-+ 47.Kg2 Ng4+ 48.Kh3
Nxf6 49.Rxf5 Ne8 50.Rf8 Nc7??
[50...Rxa2-+] 51.f5!±



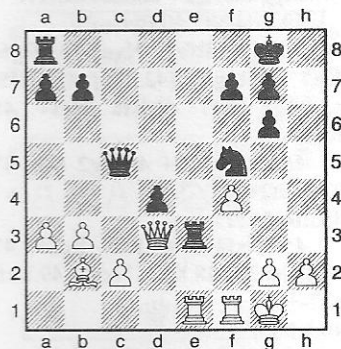
51...Rb2 52.Rf7+ Kh6 53.Rxc7
Kg5 54.f6 Kxf6 55.Rc2 Kf5 56.
Bxb2 axb2 57.Rxb2 Kf4 58.Rd2
Ke5 59.Kg2 d5 60.Kf2 d4 61.Ke2
1-0

Sicilian Four Knights B45

Jeffrey Xiong 2230
Austen Green 2202

Texas Championship 2011 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3
Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 9.exd5 exd5
10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 d4 12.Ne2 Bg4
13.f3 Bh5 14.Nf4 Bg6 15.Nxg6
hxg6 16.f4 Ne7 17.Qf3 Qd5 18.Bd2
Rfe8 19.Rae1 Nf5 20.Qh3 Ne4
21.Bc1 Nc5 22.b3 Nxd3 23.Qxd3
Qc5 24.Bb2 Re3? [24...Rac8]



25.Rxe3?

25.Bxd4! Rxd3 26.Bxc5 Rc3
27.Bf2 Rxc2 28.g4±
25...dxc3? 26.Kh1 Re8 27.Re1 e2
28.Qf3
28.Rxe2 Ng3+ 29.hxg3 Qh5+
30.Kg1 Qxe2±
28...Qxc2+ 29.Be5 f6 30.Qd5+
Kh7 31.Ba1 Re4 32.g3 Ne7 33.Qd7
Qxb3 34.Qh3+ Kg8 35.Qg2 Qd3
36.Qf2 Nc6 37.Kg2 Qd2 38.h4 Na5
39.Kh2 Nb3 40.h5 gxh5 41.Bxf6
gxf6 42.Qxa7 Qxe1 43.Qb8+ Kf7
44.Qxb7+ Re7 45.Qf3 Qg1+ 0-1

Solution: 1.g4 (1...g5 2.gxf4#; 1...
fxg4 2.Bxg4#; 1...f4 2.g5#)

French Tarrasch C06

Jason Altschuler 2216
James Rohrbaugh 2200

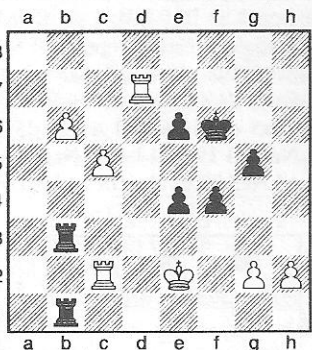
Texas Championship 2011 (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5
Nfd7 5.Ng3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3
Qb6 8.0-0 g6 9.dxc5 Qc7 10.Nb3
Ncxe5 11.Bf4 Bg7 12.Nxe5 Bxe5
13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Bb5 0-0 15.Bxd7
Bxd7 16.f4 Qf6 17.Qd4 Qf5 18.Na5
Rfb8 19.b4 b6 20.Nb3 Ba4 21.Rf2
Bxb3 22.axb3 bxc5 23.Qxc5 a6
24.Qd4 Qe4 25.Qxe4 dxe4 26.Ra4
Rb6 27.Rc2 Rab8 28.Kf2 f5 29.Ke3
Rd8 30.Ra5 [30.Rd2=] 30...Rd3+
31.Ke2 Re6 [31...Kf7?] 32.Rc5=
Rcd6 [32...Rdd6=] 33.b5 h6
34.bxa6 Rxa6 35.b4 Kf7 36.b5 Ra3
36...Ra1 37.b6 Rb1 38.Rc6
Ke7=

37.c4 Rab3 38.Rc6 g5 39.fxg5 hxg5
40.b6 Rb1 41.c5 Rdb3 42.Rc7+
Kf6 43.Rd7

43.g3 f4 44.gxf4 gxf4 45.Rh7
Rg1 46.Kf2 Rg4 47.b7 f3-+
43...f4

43...Rg1 44.Rcd2 f4 45.b7 Rbb1
46.Rd1 Rb2+ 47.R7d2 Rxc2+-+



44.c6 R1b2??

44...Rg1! 45.Rcd2 (45.Kf2 e3+!
46.Kf3 e2+ 47.Kxe2 Rxc2+ 48.Kd1
Rb1+ 49.Rc1 Rbb2-) 45...Re3+
46.Kf2 Reel 47.g4 e3+ 48.Kf3 exd2
49.Rxd2 Rb1-+
45.Rdd2 1-0

Caro-Kann B15

Dion Su 2066
Alfred Carlin 2215

Texas Championship 2011 (5)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3
dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Ng3
0-0 8.c3 Nbd7 9.Be3 Nb6 10.Bb3
Nbd5 11.Qd2 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Bf5
13.0-0 Bh6 14.Ne5 e6 15.Qe2 Ne4
16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Qd3 Bg7 18.Nxf7
Qe7 19.Ng5+ Kh8 20.Nxe4 fxe4
21.Qe2 Bh6 22.Rae1 Qg5 23.Bc2
Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 Qxe3+ 25.Qxe3
Bxe3+ 26.Kh1 Re8 27.Re1 Bd2
28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Bxe4 Bc1 30.b3
Bb2 31.d5 exd5 32.Bxd5 Bxe3
33.Bxb7 Kg7 34.Kg1 Be5 35.Kf2
Kf6 36.h3 h5 ½-½

ROUND 6

French Exchange C01

Francisco Guadalupe II 2212
Artur Safin 2289

Texas Championship 2011 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3
Bd6 5.c3 Ne7 6.Bg5 c6 7.Nd2 f6
8.Bh4 Bf5 9.Qc2 Qd7 10.Ne2 Bxd3
11.Qxd3 Qf5 12.Qxf5 Nxf5 13.Bg3
Nxc3 14.Nxc3 Kf7 15.0-0-0 Nd7
16.Nf5 Be7 17.Rhe1 Rhe8 18.g3 g6
19.Nh4 h6 20.Kc2 Rad8 21.b3 Nb6
22.Nf1 Nc8 23.Re3 Rxe3 24.Nxe3
Re8 25.Re1 f5 26.f4 Re4 27.Nf3
Ne7 28.Kd3 Kf6 29.h4 Re6 30.Ne5
Bxe5 31.fxe5+ Kg7 32.Rf1 e5 33.g4
fxg4 34.Nxc4 Nf5 35.h5 Ng3 36.
Rf6 Nxc5 37.Rxe6 Nf4+ 38.Ke3
Nxe6 39.dxc5 h5 40.Nf6 Nxe5
41.Kd4 Ne4 42.Nxd5 Ng5 43.Nf6
h4 44.Ng4 Kf7 45.Kd5 Ke7 46.e4
h3 47.Nh2 Nf7 48.b4 Nh6 49.e6
Nf5 50.c5 Ne3+ 51.Ke5 g5 52.b5 g4
53.c6 bxc6 54.bxc6 Ne4+ 55.Kf4
Kxe6 56.Kxc4 Kd6 57.Kxh3 Kxc6
58.Kg3 Kc5 59.Kf3 Kd4 60.Ke2
Kc3 61.Nf3 a5 62.a4 Kb4 63.Nd4
½-½

Sicilian Paulsen B49

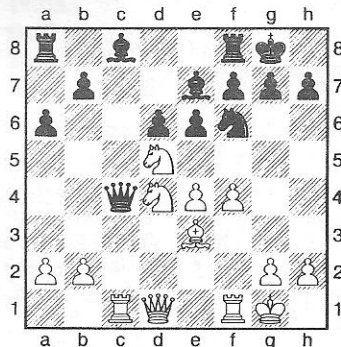
Brad Sawyer 2316
Marko Zivanic 2533

Texas Championship 2011 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Nf6
8.Be3 Bb4 9.Na4 0-0 10.c4 Be7
11.Nc3 Ne5 12.Rc1 d6 13.f4

This stock pawn sac is not as strong as it looks. Michael Adams has played 13.b3 here.

13...Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Nd5



15...Nxd5 16.Rxc4 Nxe3 17.Qc1
Nxc4 18.Qxc4 d5 19.Qd3

19.exd5 exd5 20.Qxd5 Rd8 21.
Qc4 Bd7 22.Kh1 Bf6 23.Re1 Rac8
24.Qb4 a5 25.Qb6 Bh4 26.g3 Bf6
(Kovacevic-Kontic, Belgrade 1998)
27.Kg1=, says Fritz. Still, who could
relish defending against Black's
bishop pair on an open board?

19...dxe4 20.Qxe4 Rd8 21.Rc1
Rd5 22.Nf3 Bd7 23.Ne5 Be8 24.
Rc7 Bd6 25.Rc3 Bc5+ 26.Rxc5
Rxc5 27. Qxb7 Rd8 28.Qe7 Rde8
29.b3 Rc1+ 30.Kf2 R1c2+ 31.Ke3
Rxa2 32.Nc4 Bb5 33.Nd6 Re2+
34.Kd4 Rd2+ 35.Ke3 Rd3+ 36.Kf2
Rf8 37.b4 Rd2+ 38.Kg1 Bc6 39.g3
Rg2+ 40.Kf1 Rxh2 41.f5 Rh6 42.g4
exf5 43.gxf5 Rf6 44.Kf2 h5 45.Kg3
Ra8 46.Kf4 Rb8 47.Kg5 0-1

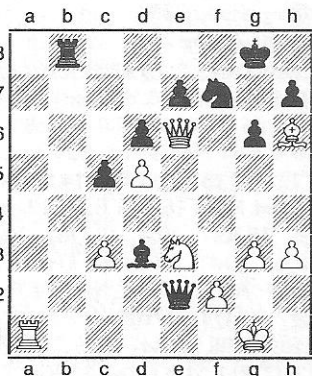
Benko Gambit A58

Mihail Bantic 2320
Jason Altschuler 2216

Texas Championship 2011 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 d6 4.c4 b5
5.exb5 a6 6.bxa6 Bxa6 7.Nc3 g6
8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nb6
11.Re1 0-0 12.e4 Nfd7 13.Rb1 Nc4
14.Bf1 Qa5 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.Bg5
Bxc3 17.bxc3 f6 18.Bh6 Rfb8 19.
Nd2 Bxa2 20.Rxb8+ Rxb8 21.Qg4
Ne5 22.Qe6+ Nf7 23.Ra1 Qa3 24.
Nc4 Qa6 25.Ne3 Qe2 26.Ng4 Bc4
27.h3 f5 28.Ne3 fxe4 29.Ng4 e3
30.Nxe3 Bd3

30...Ba6 31.h4 Rb2 32.Ng4
Qxe6 33.dxe6 Nxb6 34.Nxb6+ Kg7
35.Rxa6 Kxh6 36.Ra7±



31.Qxe7! Qf3?

31...Nxb6 32.Ra7 Qe1+ 33.Kg2
Be4+ (33...Bf1+ 34.Nxf1 Qxe7 35.
Rxe7±) 34.Qxe4 Rf8 35.Qe6+ Kh8
36.Ra2±
32.Ng4+- Kh8 33.Nf6 Be4 34.Nxe4
Nxb6 1-0

Black resigned, as 35.Ng5 is
unanswerable.

English Opening A30

Dachey Lin 2135
Jeffrey Xiong 2230

Texas Championship 2011 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 Nf6 4.g3 g6
5.Bxf6 exf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e3 0-0
8.Bg2 f5 9.Nge2 Qa5 10.0-0 a6
11.a4 d6 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.d4 Rad8
14.Nd5 Rfe8 15.Qd3 Be6 16.Rfd1
Bxd5 17.Bxd5 Nb4 18.Qd2 b5 19.
axb5 axb5 20.Bf3 Qb6 21.Nc3 bxc4
22.bxc4 cxd4 23.exd4 Nc6 24.Bxc6
Qxc6 25.Nd5 Re4 26.Qg5 Rde8
27.Nf6+ Bxf6 28.Qxf6 f4 29.c5 fxg3

30.hxg3 R4e6 31.d5 Rxf6 32.dxc6
d5 33.Rxd5 Rxc6 34.Kg2 Kg7
35.Rb1 Rec8 36.Rb5 Kf6 ½-½

ROUND 7

QGD Exchange D36

Marko Zivanic 2533
Mihail Bantic 2320

Texas Championship 2011 (7)

1.d4 d5 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 c6
8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0
Nf8 11.Rad1 Ne6??

A surprising error from an IM.
Twelve other moves are referenced
in the online database, [11...Nh5=]

12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.
Bd3 g6 15.Ng3 Kg7 16.f4 Nf8 17.
Qf2 c5 18.Bb5 cxd4 19.Bxe8 dxc3
20.Ba4 cxb2 21.e4 Qa5 22.Bb3
dxe4 23.Nxe4 Bf5 24.Nxf6 b1Q
25.Rxb1 Bxb1 26.Nd5 Bf5 27.g4
Bxg4 28.Qd4+ Kh6 29.Qh8+ Nh7
30.Qxa8 Bh3 31.Qe8 Qd2 32.Ne3
Bxf1 33.Kxf1 f5 34.Qe6 Qc1+
35.Kf2 Qb2+ 36.Kf3 Nf6 37. Qe5

1-0

Catalan Opening E04

John Carr 2139
Francisco Guadalupe II 2212

Texas Championship 2011 (7)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6
5.Bg2 dxc4 6.0-0 b5 7.Ne5 Bb7
8.a4 a6 9.Nc3

9.axb5 axb5 10.Rxa8 Bxa8
11.Nc3 Nd5 12.e4 Nxc3 13.bxc3
Nd7 14.Bf4±

9...Nd5 10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nd7
12.f4 [12.Bf4 h5] 12...Be7 13.Qg4

13.Ng4 has also been played,
with only slightly better results
(37.5% vs. 26.9%)

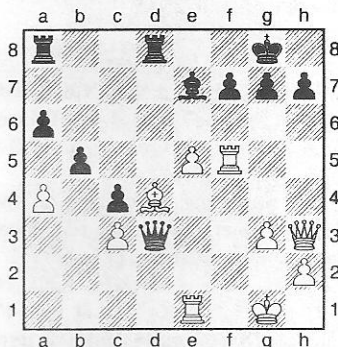
13...0-0 14.Nxd7

14.f5 has been tried, mostly with
White losing. 14...Nf6 15.Qe2 exf5
16.Rxf5 Nd7 17.Ng4 Nb6 18.Nh6+
gxh6 19.Bxh6 Kh8 20.e5 Nd5 21.
Qh5 Nxc3+ Gross-Gurevich 1998

14...Qxd7 15.e5 N

15.Be3 f5 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.g4 c5
18.gxf5 exf5 19.d5 fxe4 20.Bxe4
Bd6 and Black stood better in
Schnabel-Namyshlo 2010.

15...c5 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.Be3 Qe4
18.Rae1 Rfd8 19.Qh3 Qd3 20.f5
exf5 21.Rxf5 cxd4 22.Bxd4



22...Rxd4 23.cxd4 Qxd4+ 24.Kh1
Qd5+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 c3
27.axb5 axb5 28.e6 b4 29.exf7+
Kf8 30.Rfe5 Ra7 31.Rb5 Rc7
32.Rf1 Rc8 33.Rc1 c2 34.h4 Kxf7
35.Rb7 Kf8 36.Kf2 g5 37.Ke2 gxh4
38.gxh4 Bd6 39.Rxh7 Kg8 0-1

QGD Slav D12

Artur Safin 2289
Austen Green 2207

Texas Championship 2011 (7)

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5
5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.Nh4 Bg6
8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Qb3 Qc7 10.h3 Nb6
11.Bd2 Nxc4 12.Bxc4 dxc4 13.
Qxc4 Nd5 14.Ne2 Qb6 15.b3 Bb4
16.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.
Kd2 Ke7 19.a3 Nd5 20.e4 Nf6
21.Ke3 Rad8 22.Rhc1 Rd7 23.Rc3
Rhd8 24.b4 Ne8 25.a4 Nd6 26.Rb1
a6 27.f3 Nc8 28.b5 cxb5 29.axb5
Nd6 30.bxa6 bxa6 31.Rb4 Nb5
32.Rc6 Rd6 33.Rc2 R8d7 34.Ra4
Rc7 35.Rxc7+ Nxc7 36.Nc1 Rc6
37.Nd3 Rc2 38.g4 g5 39.Nc5 Rc3+
40.Ke2 e5 41.Nd3 exd4 42.Rxd4
Ne6 43.Rb4 a5 44.Rb7+ Kf6 45.
Ra7 Ra3 46.Ra6 Ke7 47.Ra7+ Kf6
½-½

Benoni A43

Karthik Ramachandran 2150
Mark Dejmek 2161

Texas Championship 2011 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 b5 4.a4 Bb7
5.axb5 Bxd5 6.e3 e6 7.b3 Be7
8.Bb2 Bb7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Be2 d5
11.0-0 a6 12.bxa6 Nxa6 13.Bxa6
Rxa6 14.Qe2 Qb6 15.Rfb1 Rfa8
16.Qd1 Rxa1 17.Rxa1 Rxa1 18.
Qxa1 Qa6 ½-½

Dutch Leningrad A87

Jeffrey Xiong 2230
Vincent Zhang 2141

Texas Championship 2011 (7)

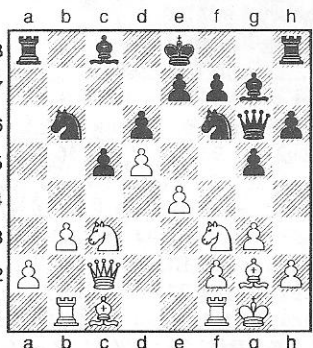
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5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Qe8 8.d5
Na6 9.Nd4 Nc5 10.b3 Bd7 11.Bb2
a5 12.Qc2 c6 13.a3 Rc8 14.b4 axb4
15.axb4 Nce4 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.dxe6
Ng5 18.Ra7 Rb8 19.Qd2 Nxe6
20.Qe3 Qd7 21.Bxc6 Qxc6 22.
Qxe6+ Rf7 23.Nb5 Ne4 24.Bxg7
Kxg7 25.Qd5 Qxd5 26.cxd5 Nf6
27.Rd1 Rff8 28.Rd4 Rfc8 29.f3 Kf7
30.Kf2 Rc1 31.h3 Rh1 32.Kg2 Rc1
33.Kf2 Rh1 34.Kg2 Rc1 ½-½

Benko Gambit A58

Odonayo Ajiboye 2028
Jason Altschuler 2216

Texas Championship 2011 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.g3 d6
8.Bg2 Bg7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Nb6
11.b3 Bc8 12.Nh4 h6 13.Qc2 Qd7
14.0-0 g5 15.Nf3 Qf5 16.e4 Qg6



17.Bb2 0-0 18.Rbc1 [18.Rfc1]±
18...Nxe4! 19.Nxe4?

19.Nh4! gxh4 20.Bxe4 f5
21.Bg2=

19...Rxa2µ 20.Nf6+
20.Rb1 Rxb2 21.Rxb2 Bxb2±

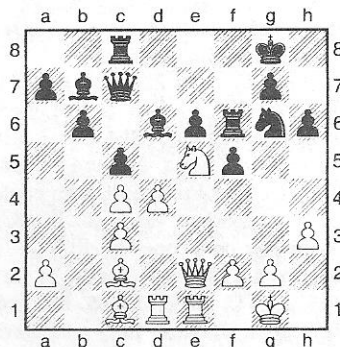
20...Bxf6+ 21.Qxg6+ fvg6 22.Bxf6
Rxf6 23.b4 cxb4 24.Rc6 Ra6 25.
Nd2 Bb7 26.Rc7 Bxd5 27.Rxe7
Bxg2 28.Kxg2 d5 29.Rc1 Ra2
30.Rcc7 Rxd2 31.Rb7 Ne4 32.Rg7+
Kf8 33.Rgc7 Rdx2+ 34.Kh3 Rf7
35.Rc8+ Kg7 36.Rxb4 0-1

English Opening A38

James Rohrbaugh 2200
Kesav Viswanadha 2102

Texas Championship 2011 (7)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4
5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.Nf3 c5
8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be4 Q7
11.d4 f5 12.Bc2 Qc7 13.Qe2 h6
14.Re1 Rf6 15.Bb2 Nd7 16.Rad1
b6 17.Qd3 Nf8 18.h3 Bb7 19.Qe2
Ng6 20.Bc1 Rc8 21.Ne5



21...cxd4 22.cxd4 Nh4 23.d5 Bxe5
24.Qxe5 exd5 25.Qxc7 Rxc7 26.Bf4
Rxc4 27.Re7 Rf7 28.Rxb7 Rxb7
29.Bb3 Kh7 30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.Rd4
c3 32.Rc4 Ng6 33.Be3 Ne7 34.Rxc3
Nd5 35.Rd3 Nxe3 36.fxe3 Kg6
37.Kf2 Kf6 38.a4 Ke5 39.Kf3 a6
40.Rc3 b5 41.Rc5+ Ke6 42.Rc6+
Kd5 43.Rxa6 b4 44.Ra8 b3
45.Rd8+ Kc4 46.Rd1 b2 47.Rb1
Kc3 48.Kf4 g6 49.g4 fxg4 50.hxg4
Kc2 51.Rxb2+ Kxb2 52.e4 Ra7 0-1

AMATEUR GAMES

QGD Tarrasch D34

Vivek Mathesh 1722

Austin Jiang 1964

Texas Amateur 2011 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7
8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6
11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e3
Be6 14.Qa4 Qb6 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.
Rfd1 Rfe8 17.Rd2 g6 18.Bf1 Bf5
19.Bd3 Bh3 20.Bf1 Bg4 21.Be2
Bxe2 22.Rxe2 Rcd8 23.Rd1 d4
24.exd4 Rxe2 25.Nxe2 e5 26.dxc5
Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qxc5 28.Qb3 ½-½

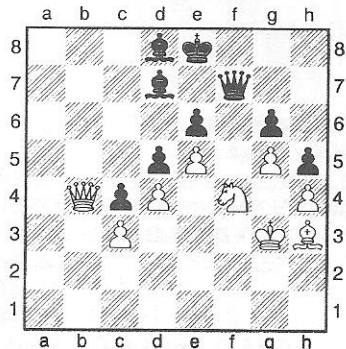
French Advance C02

Bovey Liu 1868

Claudia Munoz 1784

Texas Amateur 2011 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4 7.Be2 Nge7 8.0-
0 Ng6 9.Qc2 Be7 10.Be3 0-0
11.Nbd2 Na5 12.Rab1 Bd7 13.h3
Rac8 14.Rfe1 Qc7 15.Nh2 f6 16.f4
fxe5 17.fxe5 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4
19.g3 Rf7 20.Rf1 Rcf8 21.Bh5 g6
22.Bf3 Qd8 23.Ng4 Kg7 24.Bg2 h5
25.Nh2 Bg5 26.Ndf3 Be3+ 27.Kh1
Nb3 28.Qe2 Bh6 29.Rbe1 Qe7
30.h4 b5 31.Bh3 a5 32.g4 Kh8
33.g5 Bg7 34.Nd2 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1
Rxf1+ 36.Bxf1 Nxd2 37.Qxd2 Qf7
38.Bh3 Bf8 39.Kg2 Be7 40.Nf3 Qf8
41.Ng1 b4 42.axb4 axb4 43.Ne2
bxc3 44.bxc3 Kg7 45.Nf4 Qf7 46.
Kg3 Bd8 47.Qb2 Kf8 48.Qb4+ Ke8



49.Qd6 Ba5 50.Bxe6?

50.Qa6! Bxc3 51.Qa8+ Ke7
52.Qa3+-

50...Bxe6 51.Nxe6 Qf1= 52.Qxd5
Qg1+?

52...Qe1+ 53.Kg2 Qe2+ 54.Kh1
Qf1+ 55.Kh2 Qf2+ 56.Qg2 Qxh4+=
53.Qg2± Qe1+ 54.Qf2 Qxc3+ 55.
Kg2 Qd2 56.Qxd2 Bxd2 57.Kf2
Bb4 58.Ke2 Ke7 59.Nf4 Kf7 60.
Nd5 Ba5 61.Ne3 Bc3 62.Nc2 Ke6
63.Kf3 Bb2 64.Ke4 Bc1 65.d5+
Kd7 66.Kd4 Bb2+ 67.Ke4 Bc3
68.Nd4 Be1 69.e6+ Ke7 70.Nf3 Bc3
71.Nd4 Be1 72.Nc6+ Kd6 73.Ne5
c3 74.Nf7+ Ke7 75.Kd3 Bd2 76.
Ke2 Bf4 77.Kd3 Bd2 78.Ne5 Be1
79.Nxg6+ Kd6 80.Kc2 Bd2 81.Kd1
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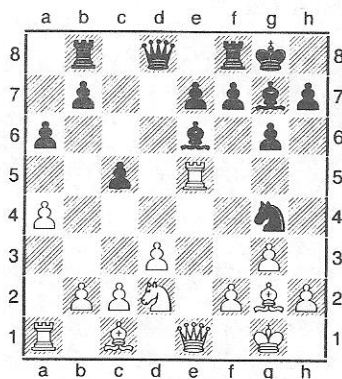
KI Attack A05

Yury Nunez 1620

Kelly Clover 1863

Texas Amateur 2011 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nf6 4.g3 g6
5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Nbd2 0-0
8.Re1 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.e5 dxe5
11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Be6 13.Qe1
Ng4??



14.Rxe6! Bd4 15.Re2 e6 16.Nf3
Bg7 17.h3 Nf6 18.Bf4 Rc8 19.a5 b6
20.axb6 Qxb6 21.c3 Rfd8 22.Ne5
Qb5 23.Nc4 Ne8 24.Ra5 Qd7
25.Nb6 Qxd3 26.Nxc8 Rxc8 27.
Rxe6 Nf6 28.Raxa6 Qd8 29.Bb7
Nh5 30.Bxc8 fxe6 31.Qxe6+ Kh8
32.Rd6 Qf8 33.Bg5 h6 34.Rd8 1-0

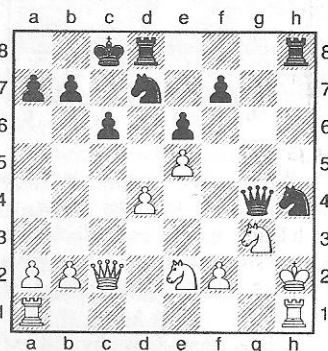
Caro-Kann B12

Curtis Fukuchi 1830

Akshay Bangale 1920

Texas Amateur 2011 (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 dxc4 6.Bxc4 e6 7.Ne2 Be7 8.g3
Be4 9.0-0 g5 10.Nbc3 Bf5 11.hxg5
Bxg5 12.Bxg5 Qxg5 13.Nf4 h4
14.Kg2 Ne7 15.Bd3 Rg8 16.Nfe2
Nd7 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Ne4 Qg4
19.Qd3 0-0-0 20.Qc2 hxg3 21.
N4xg3 Nh4+ 22.Kh2 Rh8 23.Rh1



25...Nf3+

23...Qf3 forces mate, one quaint
variation being 24.Nf4 Qg2+!! 25.
Nxg2 Nf3#!

24.Kg2 Nh4+ 25.Kf1 Nf3 26.Kg2
Nxd4 27.Nxd4 Qxd4 28.Rael Nxe5
29.Rd1 Qg4 30.Rxd8+ Rxd8 31.
Qc3 Ng6 32.Re1 f5 33.Kf1 f4 0-1

Sicilian B21

Robert Sanchez 1996

Yury Nunez 1620

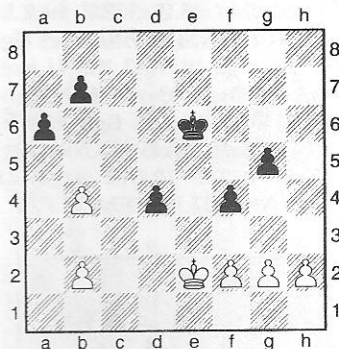
Texas Amateur 2011 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3
d6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nbd7
8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Bf4 a6 10.Rac1 e5
11.Nb5

11.Be3 Qb8 12.Ng5±
11...Qb8 12.Nc7+ Ke7 13.Nxa8
exf4 14.Bb3

14.Rfd1 Qxa8 15.e5+-
14...Ne8 15.Qe4 Kd8 16.Qxf7 Qxa8
17.Ng5 Ne7 18.Qc4 Ne5 19.Nf7+
Ke7 20.Nxh8 Be6 21.Qc2 Bxb3
22.axb3 N7e6 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxh7

Qe8 25.Ng6+ Kf6 26.Nxf8 Qxf8
27.b4 Nb3 28.Qe4? [28.Rccl+-]
28...Nxc1 29.Rxc1 Qe7 30.Re1 Nd4
31.Qxd4?? [31.g3+-] 31...exd4 32.
Rxe7 Kxe7 33.Kf1 Ke6 34.Ke2 g5



35.f3??

White's last winning chance was to creating an outside passer with h2-h3 and g2-g3, and Black's king will be sidelined to stop the h-pawn.
35...Ke5 36.Kd3 Kd5 37.g3 Ke5 38.Kc4??

White can draw by 38.gxf4+ Kxf4 39.Kxd4 b5 40.h3 Kxf3 41.Ke5 Kg3 42.Kf6=. Also good is 38.b5 axb5 39.b4=.
38...fxg3 39.hxg3 g4 40.fxg4 Ke4 41.g5 d3 42.g6 d2 43.g7 d1Q 44.g8Q Qc2# 0-1

King's Indian E97

William Molina 1972

Alexander Jiang 1931

Texas Amateur 2011 (4)

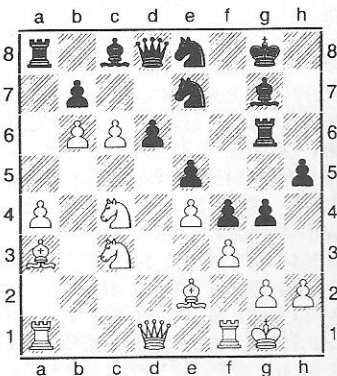
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Ne8 10.Nd2 f5 11.a4 f4 12.f3 [12.Bg4; 12.c5] 12...g5 13.Ba3 h5 14.c5 Rf6

Also played are 14...Nf6, 14...Ng6 and 14...Rf7.

15.Nc4 Rg6 16.b5 g4 17.b6 axb6 18.exb6 c5 19.dxc6? (Diagram)

Fritz likes this too, being likewise clueless about the danger to White's king! Better is 19.Kf2! Bh6 20.Ke1 g3 21.h3 and now the bishop sac flops: 21...Bxh3 22.gxh3 g2 23.Rg1 Qc8 24.Nb5 Qxh3 25.Qb3

Rd8 26.a5 Qc8 27.Na7 Qd7 28.Nc6 Rc8 29.N4xe5 dxe5 30.Nxe7+ Qxe7 31.d6+ c4 32.Bxc4+ 1-0 Karolyi-Forgacs, Ballerup 1985.



19...Nxc6 20.Nb5 g3 21.Ncxd6

21.h3 Qh4 would transpose to the game.

21...Qh4 22.Bc4+ Kh7 23.h3 Bxh3

But you didn't see that coming, right? ;)

24.gxh3 Qxh3 25.Ra2 g2 26.Kf2 g1Q+ 0-1

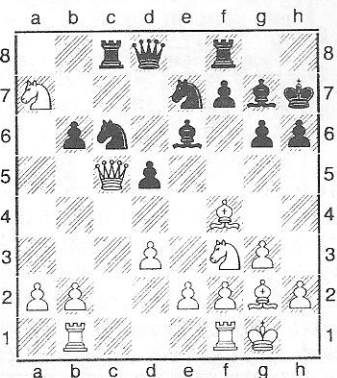
English Opening A37

Akshay Bangale 1920

Bovey Liu 1868

Texas Amateur 2011 (5)

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bd2 d5 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Qc1 Kh7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bf4 Ra8 14.Nb5 Be6 15.Qxc5 Rc8 16.Nxa7 b6



17.Qa3

This returns the pawn, while 17.Nxc6 Nxc6 18.Qb5 has every chance of winning.

17...Nxa7 18.Qxa7 Ra8 19.Qc7 Rxa2 20.b4 Qxc7 21.Bxc7 b5 22.Bd6 Re8 23.Rfe1 Nf5 24.Bc5 Bf8 25.e4 dxe4 26.Rxe4 Rd8 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Re5 Rd8 29.Rxb5 Rxd3 30.Rc5 Nd4 31.Nxd4 Rxd4 32.Ra5 Rb2 33.Raa1 Rdx4 34.Rxb2 Rxb2 35.Ba8 Kg7 36.Kg2 1/2-1/2

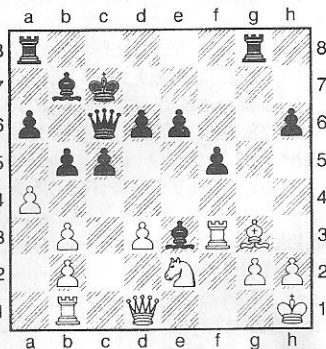
Sicilian Grand Prix B23

A. Randall Hoch 1913

Yury Nunez 1620

Texas Amateur 2011 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 d6 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Nge7 8.f5 gxf5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Qd7 11.exf5 Nxf5 12.Bf2 a6 13.a4 b6 14.Re1 Kd8 15.Nh4 Nfd4 16.Nf3 Bb7 17.Rb1 Rg8 18.Bh4+ Kc7 19.Bg3 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Nd4 21.Qd1 b5 22.Bb3 Nxb3 23.exb3 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 f5 25.Ne2 Be3 26.Rf1 Qc6 27.Rf3



27...Qxf3!

0-1

Sicilian B53

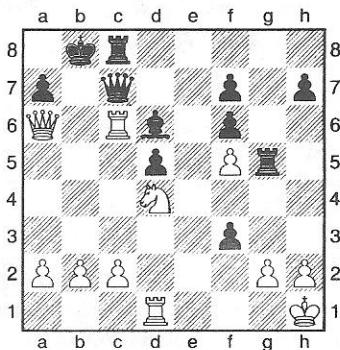
Alexander Jiang 1931

Kelly Clover 1863

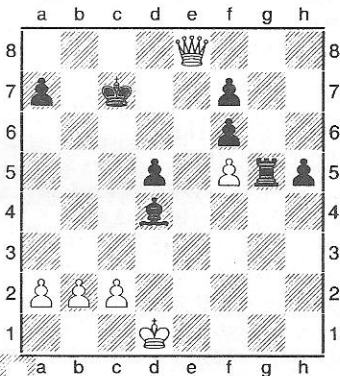
Texas Amateur 2011 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.0-0 e5 8.Qd3 Be7 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Rad1 Be6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nh4 Rg8 14.f4 exf4 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.exf5 d5 17.Kh1 0-0-0 18.Qa6+

Kb8 19.Ne2 Bd6 20.Nd4 Rc8
21.Rf3 Rg5 22.Rc3 f3 23.Rxc6??
23.g4 Qd7 24.Nxc6+ Rxc6 25.
Rxc6+-



23...fxg2+ 24.Kg1 Bxh2+! 25.Kf2
g1Q+ 26.Rxg1 Bxg1+
26...Qf4+! 27.Ke2 Qe4+ 28.Kd2
Qxd4+-+
27.Ke2 Re8+?!
27...Qe5+ 28.Kd1 Qxd4+-+ 28.
Kd1 Bxd4? [28...Qb7+-] 29. Rxc7
Kxc7 30.Qa5+ Kb8?? [30... Kd6+-]
31.Qb5+ Kc7 32.Qxe8 h5?
32...Rxf5 33.Qxf7+ Kd6 34.
Qxh7±



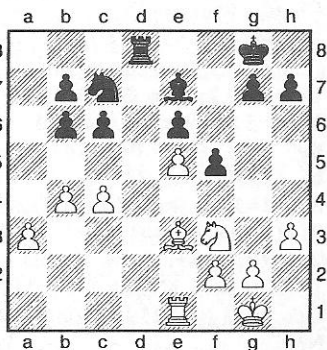
33.Qxf7+ Kd6 34.Qe6+-+ Kc5 35.
Qc8+ Kd6 36.Qe6+ Kc5 37.c3 Be5
38.Qe8+ Kb6 39.Qd8+ Kc5 40.
Qa5+ Kd6 41.Qa6+ Kd7 42.Qxa7+
Bc7 43.b4 h4 44.b5 h3 45.b6 Rg1+
46.Kc2 Rg2+ 47.Kb3 h2 48.Qxc7+
Ke8 49.b7 1-0

Caro-Kann B10

Yury Nunez 1620
Akshay Bangale 1920

Texas Amateur 2011 (6)

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.dxe4
Nf6 5.Ng3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.e5 Nd5
8.Ne4 Bg6 9.Qd4 e6 10.Bg5 Qa5+
11.Bd2 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Bd3
Nd7 14.0-0 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Nc5
16.Rfe1 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be7 18.c4
Nb4 19.a3 0-0 20.Rd1 Na6 21.b4
Rfd8 22.Ree1 Nc7 23.Bg5 f6 24.Bf4
Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Re1 f5
27.Be3



27...c5

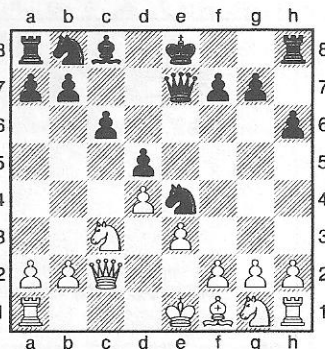
Also unpleasant is 27...b5 28.
Bb6 Rd7 29.Bxc7 Rxc7 30.cxb5
cxb5 31.Nd4±. Best seems 27...
Na8!? 28.Kf1 Rd3 29.Ra1 Rc3 30.
Nd2 b5 31.cxb5 cxb5 32.Ke2 Nc7
33.Bd4 Rc6 34.Nf1±.
28.bxc5 Bxc5 29.Bxc5 bxc5 30.Rb1
Rb8 31.Rb6! h6 32.g4 g6 33.g5 h5
34.Nd2 Kf7 35.Nb3 Na8 36.Rb5 b6
37.Nxc5 Rc8 38.Nb7 Rc7 39.Nd6+
Ke7 40.a4 Kd7 41.a5 bxa5 42.Rb8
Ra7 43.Rg8 Nc7 44.Rxg6 a4 45.
Nb5 a3 46.Rg7+ Kd8 47.Rxc7
Rxc7 48.Nxa3 Kd7 49.Kg2 Kc6
50.Kg3 Kd7 51.Kh4 Ke8 52.g6 Kf8
53.Kxh5 Kg7 54.f4 Ra7 55.Nb5
Ra4 56.Nc7 Rxc4 57.Nxe6+ Kg8
58.Kg5 Rc3 59.h4 Rh3 60.h5 1-0

QGD Exchange D36

Claudia Munoz 1784
A. Randall Hoch 1913

Texas Amateur 2011 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.e3 h6
8.Bh4 Ne4? [8...0-0] 9.Bxe7 Qxe7



10.Nxd5! cxd5 11.Qxc8+ Qd8 12.
Bb5+!

Forcing Black's hand.

12...Ke7 13.Qxb7+ Kf6 14.b4 Qd6
15.a3 Rd8 16.Qxa8 Qc7

16...Qb6 17.a4 a6 18.f3 axb5
19.Qa5!+-

17.Ne2 Qb6 18.a4

18.Ba4 Qa6 19.f3+-

18...a6 19.Nf4 Nc3 20.Rc1 g5 21.
Rxc3 gxf4 22.Rc6+!

A simplifying combination to
clarify matters.

22...Nxc6 23.Qxc6+ Rd6 24.Qxb6
Rxb6 25.Bd3 Rxb4 26.Bc2 a5
27.Kd2 1-0

Caro-Kann B12

Andy Shao 1956
Yury Nunez 1620

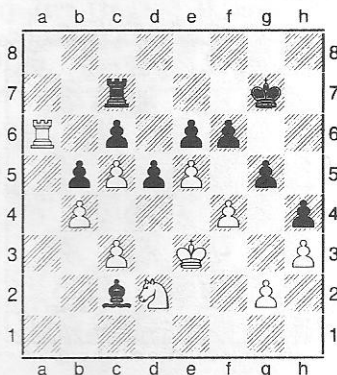
Texas Amateur 2011 (7)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be3 Nd7
5.Nd2 b5 6.a4 a6 7.Ng3 e6 8.Be2
h5 9.c3 h4 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7
Nxe7 12.h3 Ng6 13.axb5 axb5 14.
0-0 Rxa1 15.Qxa1 Nf4 16.Re1 g5

16...Rh6 17.Bf1 Rg6 18.Kh2
Bd3 19.Bxd3 (19.g3 hxg3+=) 19...
Nxd3 20.Re3 Nf4 21.Ne1 c5

17.Nh2 Nxe2+ 18.Rxe2 Rg8 19.f3
Nb6 20.Qa6 Kd7 21.Nb3 Qc7
22.Nc5+ Ke7 23.Qa3 Nc4 24.Qb4
Qa5 25.Qxa5 Nxa5 26.b4 Nc4 27.
Ra2 Rc8 28.Kf2 Nb6 29.Ra6 Rb8
30.Nf1 Ke8 31.Nd2 Bc2 32.Ke2

Na4 33.Nf1 Nxc5 34.dxc5 Rc8
35.Ne3 Bf5 36.Kd2 Kf8 37.Nf1 Rc7
38.Ke3 Kg7 39.Nd2 Bc2 40.f4 f6

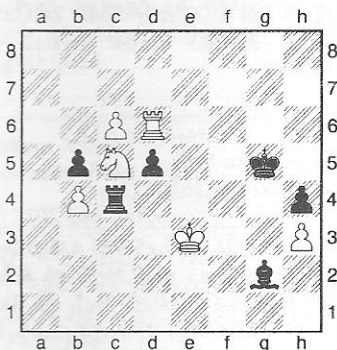


41.exf6+

41.Nf3 fxe5 (41...gxf4+ 42.
Kxf4+-) 42.fxe5 Kg6 43.Nd4

41...Kxf6 42.fgx5+ Kxg5 43.Nf3+
Kh5 44.Ra8

44.Nd4! Be4 45.Rxc6 Rxc6 46.
Nxc6 e5 47.Nxe5 Bxg2 48. Nd3!+-
44...Rg7 45.Rh8+ Bh7 46.Nd4
[46.Kf4] 46...e5 47.Nxc6 Rg3+ 48.
Kf2 Kh6 49.Nxe5 Rxc3 50.Rd8 Be4
51.c6 Rc2+ 52.Ke3 Bxg2 53.Rd6+
Kg5 54.Nd3 Rc4 55.Nc5



55...Rxb4?

55...d4+! 56.Rxd4 Bxc6 57.Rxc4
bxc4 58.Ne4+ Kf5 59.Nd6+ Ke5
60.Nxc4+ Kd5 61.Nd2 Bd7=-
56.c7 d4+

56...Bxh3 57.Re6+-

57.Kd3?

57.Rxd4! Rxd4 58.c8Q+-

57...Bxh3 58.Re6! Bf5+ 59.Kd2
Rb2+ 60.Ke1 d3??

60...Rb1+ 61.Kd2 Rb2+=

61.c8Q d2+ 62.Ke2 Bg4+ 63.Ke3
d1N+

Black sees that queening allows
mate in two: 63...d1Q? 64.Qg8+ Kh5
65.Qg6#.

64.Kd4 Rd2+ 65.Ke5 Bxe6 66.
Nxe6+ Kg4 67.Nd4+ Kg3 68.Qg8+
Kf2 69.Qf7+ Kg2 70.Qf3+ Kg1
71.Ne2+ Kh2 72.Qf4+ 1-0

Gruenfeld Exchange D85

Claudia Munoz 1784

William Molina 1972

Texas Amateur 2011 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Nf3
Bg7 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4
b6 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.0-0 e6 13.Rc1
Nc6 14.Bb1 Rc8 15.Qd2 Qd7 16.
Rfd1 Na5 17.Qb4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1
Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Qxc8 20.Bd3 Qa8
21.Nd2 Nc6 22.Qc4 Qd8 23.Nb3
Qd6 24.f3 Nb4 25.Bb1 Ba6 26.Qc3
Nc6 ½-½

QGD Slav D15

Austin Jiang 1964

Jordan Pamatmat 1786

Texas Amateur 2011 (7)

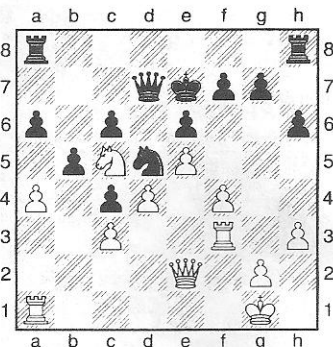
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3
dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 Nxc3

The main line of the Geller
Gambit is 7...e6 8.axb5 Nxc3 9.bxc3
cxb5 10.Ng5 Bb7 11.Qh5 g6.

8.bxc3 Bg4 9.Be2 e6 10.h3 Bh5

So far as in Weisser-Biegel,
Hessen 2005. White continued 11.g4
Bg6 12.axb5 cxb5 13.Ng5 Nc6 14.
h4 h6 15.Bf3 Qc7 16.Ra6 Nb8 17.
Nxe6! and went on to win.

11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nd7 13.Ne4
Nb6 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.0-0 h6
[15...Nxa4] 16.Bh4 Nd5 17.f4 Be7
[17...a5] 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Rf3 a6
20.Nc5



20...Qc7

20...Nxc3! 21.Rxc3 Qxd4+ 22.
Qe3 Rhd8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rxa8
Qxe3+ 25.Rxe3 Rxa8 26.Kf2 g5=-

21.f5! Rhf8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxa8
Rxa8 24.fxe6 fxe6

24...f6 25.Rg3 Kd8 26.e7+!
Qxe7 27.Rxg7!+-

25.Qf2! Ra1+ 26.Kh2 Nf6 27.Qg3
27.Rxf6! gxf6 28.Qxf6+ Ke8

29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qg7+- either
winning the queen or mating at f8.

27...Ne8

What follows is not for the
squeamish of heart.

28.Qg6 Kd8 29.Nxe6+ Kd7 30.
Rf7+ Ke8 31.Nxc7 Nxc7 32.Qxc6
Ra7 33.Rf8# 1-0

Wing Gambit B20

Lloyd Uhler 1600

Bovey Liu 1868

Texas Amateur 2011 (7)

1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 3.a3 bxa3 4.Nxa3
Nc6 5.d4 d5 6.e5 e6 7.Nf3 Bb4+
8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Nge7 10.Bd3
h6 11.0-0 0-0 12.c3 Bd7 13.Bc2 a6
14.Qd3 Ng6 15.g3 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6
17.Rae1 Nf8 18.Re3 b5 19.Ne5
Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Rc8 21.Rf1 Qc7
22.R5e3 Qc6 23.Rb1 Qd6 24.Ra1
Be8 25.Nb1 Bg6 26.Qe2 Bxc2
27.Qxc2 Rf7 28.Qb2 Rfc7 29.Nd2
Qb6 30.Nb3 Nd7 31.Rae1 Rc6
32.Qd2 a5 33.Qe2 a4 34.Nc1 Nf8
35.Na2 b4 36.Nxb4 Rxc3 37.Rxc3
Rxc3 38.Na2 Rb3 39.Qd1 a3
40.Qa1 Rb2 41.Rd1 Qb3 42.Rc1
Rxa2 0-1

San Antonio City Championship

We had an excellent turnout of 67 players for the San Antonio City Championship (June 25-26). Many people took advantage the new option to pay reduced entry for half-prizes. Another change was a return to 40/2, SD/1 time controls, which drew a mixed response and many bye requests, given that third round games might go on to midnight.

When it was over, two of last year's co-champions repeated with 4.5 out of 5. I won my eleventh city title in my first threepeat, and Mitch Vergara won his second. Mitch won the trophy on tiebreaks, as I had taken a third round bye.

Jesse Lozano, who entered the last round with the only perfect score, lost to myself after a 5 1/2 hour struggle with a study-like endgame.

Tying for third plus U2200 prize money with 4-1 were James Rohrbaugh, Ernesto Malazarte, Don Flournoy, Jesse Lozano, Gregg Stanley and Andrew N. Lozano (no relation to Jesse). Randall Schwarz also scored 4-1 to win first U2000.

PRIZE WINNERS

1st-2nd: Mitchell Vergara (trophy), Selby Anderson, 4.5, \$200; *3rd + 1st-2nd U2200:* James Rohrbaugh*, Ernest Malazarte, Donald Flournoy, Jesse Lozano*, Gregg Stanley, Andrew Lozano, 4.0, \$40; *1st U2000:* Randal Schwarz, 4.0, \$120; *2nd U2000:* Martin Gordon, 3.5, \$40; *1st-2nd U1800:* Christian Leos, Charles Allen, Charles Davis, 3.5, \$53.33; *1st U1600:* Angelo Saco, 3.0, \$120; *2nd U1600:* Glen Liu*, Michael Buttross*, 2.5, \$20; *U1400/Unrated:* Andrew Rodriguez, Dannie Mendoza, 3.0, \$80.

* Half of listed prize was paid.

Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

Ruy Lopez C96

Andrew Istafanous 1871

James Rohrbaugh 2200

S.A. City Championship (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Nf1 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Qxd4 Ne5 17.Ne3 Be6 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Rc8 20.Bb3 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Bf4 Qb6 23.Be3 Qc6 24.Qxc6 Rxc6 25.Rac1 Rfc8 26.Rxc6 Rxc6 27.Rc1 Rxc1+ 28.Bxc1 Bf6 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.Ke2 Ke7 31.Kd3 Kd7 32.b3 Kc6 33.Be3 d5

1/2-1/2

French Advance C02

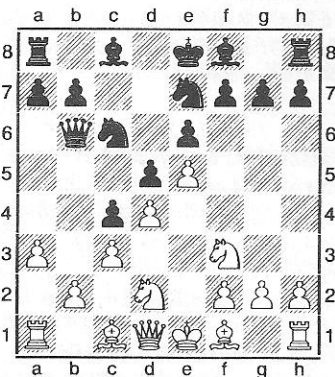
Selby Anderson 2214

Julian Hernandez 1856

S.A. City Championship (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4 7.Nbd2 Nge7?!

Better is 7...Bd7 or 7...Na5.



8.Bxc4! dxc4 9.Nxc4 Qa6 10.Nd6+

Kd7 11.Nxf7 Rg8 12.N3g5 Nd8

12...h6 13.Ne4 Kc7 14.Nfd6

Qb6 15.Nc5 Nd8 16.0-0

13.Qf3 Nf5

13...h6 14.Ne4 Kc7 15.Nfd6

14.d5 Ke8

14...Nxf7 15.dxe6+ Ke7 16.exf7

Rh8 17.Qd5 (17.Be3 Nxe3 18.fxe3

Qc4 19.Rf7) 17...Qc6 18.c4

15.Nxd8 Kxd8 16.Nxh7 Be7 17.d6 Nxd6

17...Bh4 18.g4 (or 18.g3) 18...

Qb5 19.gxf5 Qxe5+ 20.Be3+

18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Bf4 Qa6 20.0-0-0+ Bd7 [20...Ke8 21.Bg5+] 21.Bg5 Bxg5+ 22.Nxg5 e5 23.Qf7 1-0

Scotch Gambit C56

Donald Flournoy 2013

Ernesto Malazarte 2161

S.A. City Championship (3)

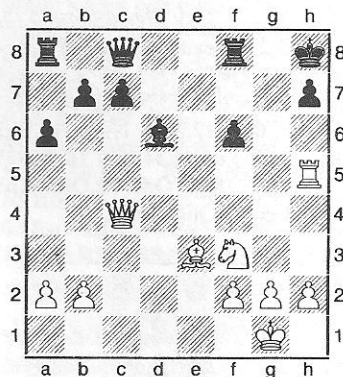
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21...Re8 22.Rg5+ (22.Bh6 Re6)

22...Kf8 23.Rxh5 Qe6

22.Rxh5+- f6

22...Qd7 23.Ng5+



23.Ng5! Qd7 [23...fxg5 24.Bd4+]

24.Rxh7+ Qxh7 25.Nxh7 Kxh7

26.h4 Rae8 27.Qg4 Re5 28.h5 Rg8

29.Qh4 Rgg5 30.g4

30.Bxg5?? Re1#

30...Rg7 31.Qxf6 Rxc4+ 32.Kf1

Rg7 33.Bd4 Reg5 34.f4 Rg4

35.Qf5+ Kg8 36.Qe6+ Kh7 37.

Bxg7 Rxf4+ 38.Ke2 Kxg7 39.Qg6+

Kf8 40.Ke3 Rf7 41.h6 Bf4+ 42.Ke4 Bxh6 43.Qxh6+ Ke7 44.Ke5 Kd8 45.Qh8+ Kd7 46.Qh3+ Kd8 47. Qb3 Re7+ 48.Kf6 c6 49.a4 b5 50. Qb4 Rc7 51.Ke6 Kc8 52.Qa5 Kb7 53.Kd6 Rh7 54.Qd2 Rh5 55.a4 Rd5+ 56.Qxd5 cxd5 57.Kxd5 b5 58.b3 Kc7 59.Kc5 Kb7 1-0

Catalan Opening E16

Andrew Widener 2099
Martin Gordon 1982

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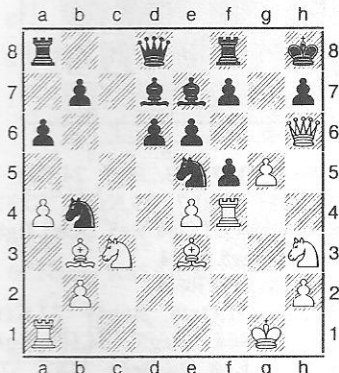
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Sicilian Smith-Morra B21

Mike Corrigan 1926
Jesse Lozano 2059

S.A. City Championship (3)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Be4 e6 5.Nf3 Qc7 6.Qe2 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8.Nxc3 Nge7 9.Be3 Ng6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ng5 0-0 12.Nh3 Nge5 13.Ba2 Nb4 14.Bb3 d6 15.f4 Nd7 16.f5 Ne5 17.g4 Bd7 18.g5 Qd8 19.Qh5 Kh8 20.Rf4 g6 21.Qh6 gxf5



22.Bd4?

22.exf5! Nbd3 23.f6 Rg8 24. fxe7 Qxc7 25.Rff1+-- 22...Rg8 23.Rh4 Rg7 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.Rh5 Bc6 26.Rd1 Qb6+ 27.Nf2 Bxg5 28.Rxg5 Rxg5+ 29.Kf1 Rg6 30.Qh4 fxe4 31.Ncxe4 Qe3 32. Rd8+ Rxd8 33.Qxd8+ Kg7 34.Qd6 Qd4 0-1

French Winawer C18

Andrew I. Smith 2057
Randall Schwarz 1900

S.A. City Championship (3)

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qa5 7.Bd2 Qa4 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Be3 c4 10.Be2 Bd7 11.Nh4 0-0 12.0-0 ½-½

Four Knights Game C47

Paul Haney 2009
Stephan Gray 1386

S.A. City Championship (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 d6 6.h3 a6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Be3 Qc8 11.Kh2 Re8 12.f4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Bc6 14.Rad1 Rd8 15.g4 d5?

This is correct strategically, but not tactically!

16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 c6 18.Qe5 Bd6 19. Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Rxd6 Re8 21.Qd4 and White won 1-0

English Opening A35

James Rohrbaugh 2200
Christian Leos 1717

S.A. City Championship (3)

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d6 7.d5 Ne5 8.Nxe5 Bxe5 9.Be2 Bd7 10.0-0 h5 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Bd4 Bg4 13.Bxe5 dxe5 14.Re1 Qb6 15.Bxg4 hxg4 16.Rxe5 Qxb2 17.Qe1 Kf8 18.Rb1 Qc2 19.Rxb7 Kg7 20.Rexe7 Rhe8 21.Rxf7+ Kh6 22.Rfe7 Rxe7 23. Rxe7 Re8 24.Qe3+ g5 25.Rxe8 Nxe8 26.Qe6+ Kg7 27.Qe7+ Kh6 28.Qf8+ Kh7 29.Qe7+ Kh6 30. Qe6+ Kg7 31.Qe5+ Nf6 32.Qxg5+ Kf7 33.Qe3 Ne4 34.Qf4+ Kg7 35. Qxg4+ Kh8 36.Qh5+ Kg8 37.Qg4+ Kh8 38.Nd1 Qxc4 39.Qh5+ Kg7

40.Qe5+ Kg8 41.h3 Qc2 42.Qb8+ Kg7 43.Qxa7+ Kg8 44.Qd4 Nd2 45.Ne3 Qxa2 46.d6 Kf7 47.d7 Qa1+ 48.Qxa1 Nf3+ 49.gxf3 Ke7 50.Qd4 Kd8 51.h4 Ke7 52.d8Q+ Kf7 53.Q4f6# 1-0

Three Knights Game C46

Jesse Lozano 2059
Don Flournoy 2013

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Nxe5 Bxf2+ 5.Kxf2 Nxe5 6.Be2 Qf6+ 7.Kg1 h5 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.d4 c6 10.dxe5 cxd5 11.Be3 dxe4 12.Qd5 f5 13.Bxh5+ 1-0

Ruy Lopez C70

Selby Anderson 2214
Andrew I. Smith 2057

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 d6 7.c3 Qf6

I was expecting the Graz variation 7...Bg4.

8.d4 exd4 9.Bg5 Qg6 10.Bd5 Bd7

The only line that is remotely playable is 10...Bb7 11.cxd4 Bb6 12. Qc1 Kd7, not to call it attractive.

11.cxd4 f6

11...h6 12.Bh4 Bb6 13.Qc1!+--; 11...Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 c6 14.Bf4 cxd5 15.exd5 Ne7 16. Re1+--;

12.Be3+- Bb6 13.Nh4 Nge7

13...Qg4 loses the house after 14.Qxg4 Bxg4 15.Bxc6+ and Bxa8.

14. Nxc6 hxg6 15.Nc3 1-0

QGD D50

J.P. Hyltin 2049
James Rohrbaugh 2200

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.d4 d5 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Be7 7.Nf3 exd5 8.e3 Nc6 9.Qa4 0-0 10.Bd3 h6 11.Bh4 Bd7 12.Qd1 Be6 13.0-0 a6 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Bb1 Qd7 16.Na4 Na5 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.Qc2 Qxc2 19.Bxc2 Rc8 20.Nd4 Nc4 21.Bf5 Bxf5 22.Nxf5 Bd8 23.b3 Nd2 24.Ra1 b5 25.Nb2 g6 26.Nd4 g5

27.Bg3 Nde4 28.Nd3 Nxc3 29.hxc3
Bb6 30.Nf3 Kh7 31.Rc1 Rxc1+
32.Nxc1 a5 33.Nd3 b4 ½-½

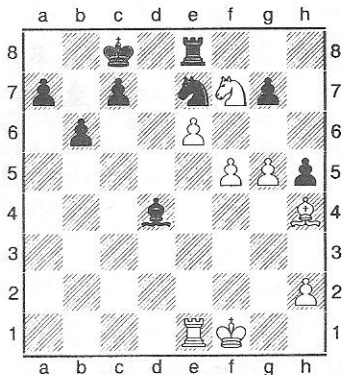
Petroff's Defense C42

Martin Gordon 1982

Paul Haney 2009

S.A. City Championship (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Nxe4
4.Qe2 Qe7 5.Qxe4 d6 6.d4 dxe5
7.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 8.dxe5 Bf5 9.Bd3
Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nc6 11.0-0 0-0-0
12.Bf4 Nb4 13.Nc3 Nxd3 14.Bg3
Bc5 15.Ne4 Bd4 16.Ng5 Rd7 17.
Rad1 Nxb2 18.Nxf7 Nxd1 19.Nxh8
Nc3 20.Re1 Re7 21.e6 Nxa2 22.Nf7
Nb4 23.Kf1 Nc6 24.f4 Bf6 25.Bf2
b6 26.g4 h5 27.g5 Bd4 28.Bh4 Re8
29.f5 Ne7



30.f6 Nf5?

30...gxf6 31.gxf6 Nd5 32.Ne5
Rxe6 33.f7 Bc5±

31.e7! gxf6

31...Kd7 32.Nd8 gxf6 33.gxf6
Nxc4 34.f7 Ng6 35.Nc6 Rxe7 36.
Nxc7 Nf8 37.Nd5±

32.gxf6 a5 33.Ne5 Nxe7?

33...Nd6 34.f7 Nxf7 35.Nxf7
Bc5 36.Nh6 a4 37.Nf5 Kd7 38.Rd1+
Bd6 39.Bg3+-

34.f7

1-0

Center Counter B01

Jesse Lozano 2059

Selby Anderson 2214

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6
4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d3!?

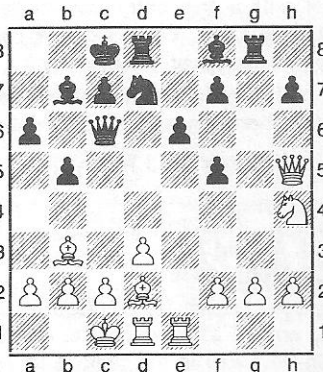
Jesse had draw odds, while I had
to win for a piece of the title. I do
my best to create dynamic chances.

5...a6 6.Nf3 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.Qe2
e6 9.Bd2 Nbd7 10.Ne4 Qc6! 11.
Nxf6+ gxf6 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.
Rhe1

13.d4 Nb6 14.Bf4=

13...Rg8 14.Nh4 f5

14...Nc5 15.Kb1 Nxb3 16.axb3
Rd7 17.Qh5 h6 18.f4 f5 19.Re2=
15.Qh5



I had not anticipated this, and at
first thought I might be in trouble.

15...Nc5 16.Kb1 Nxb3 17. axb3
Qd7 18.g3

18.Qxh7 Bc5±

18...h6 19.Qe2 Qd5 20.Bf4 b4 21.
Qd2 h5 22.Qe2 Rg4 23.Bc1 Bc5
24.h3 Rg7 25.d4 Bxd4 26.Be3 c5
27.Qxh5 Qc6

27...f4! 28.Qxd5 Bxd5 29.Bxf4
Bxf2±

28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Nxf5?!

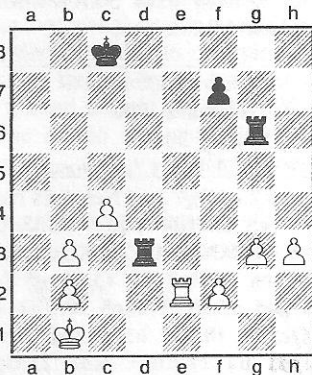
I was concerned about 29.Rxd4!
but it works out to equality: 29...
Rxd4 30.Qh8+ Rd8 31. Qxg7 Qc7=
The text reflects White's frustration
with his knight being sidelined for
the last 15 moves.

29...exf5 30.Qxf5+ Qd7 31.Qc5+
Qc7 32.Qxb4 a5

32...Qd6 33.Qc4+ Kb8±

33.Qb5 Rg6 34.Re5 Ba6 [34...Rc6]
35.Qxa5 Qxa5 36.Rxa5 d3 37.e4

Bb7 38.Re5 Bf3 39.Rd2 Be2 40.
Rexe2 dxe2 41.Rxe2 Rd3?



With time control past I was still
playing fast. Imagine my shock
when Fritz pointed out 41...Re6!
with a speedy mopping-up operation.
42.Kc2 Rf3 43.b4 Rgf6 44.Re7
Rxf2+ 45.Kb3 R6f3+ 46.Ka4 Rxc3
47.c5 Rxb2 48.b5 Ra2+ 49.Kb4
Rxb3 50.b6

Later I observed that the f-pawn
was essential to Black's win, so why
not pick it off? The problem is that
White's king gets pushed back into a
stalemate mating attack: 50.Rxf7
Rh4+ 51.Kb3 Rg2+-.

50...Rb2+ 51.Kc4 Rc2+ 52.Kb5
Rh5 53.Ka6 Ra2+ 54.Kb5 Rb2+
55.Kc6 Rh6+ 56.Kd5 Rd2+ 57.Kc4
Rd7 58.Re5 Re6 59.Rf5 Kb7
60.Kb5 f6 61.Rh5 Rf7 62.Rh1 f5
63.Ra1 Rff6 64.Ra7+ Kb8 65.Rh7
Rc6 66.Rh8+ Rc8 67.Rh3 f4 0-1

QP Opening D02

Mitchell Vergara 2117

Martin Gordon 1982

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6
5.0-0 Nf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Nbd2 Nbd7
8.b3 a5 9.Bb2 a4 10.c4 axb3 11.
axb3 Bb4 12.Qc2 Rc8 13.Ra7 Ra8
14.Rxb7 Qc8 15.c5 Qxb7 16.c6
Qc8 17.cxd7+ Nxd7 18.Rc1 Ra2
19.Nb1 0-0 20.Nc3 Ra5 21.Na4 c5
22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Ng5 g6 24.h4 Qe8
25.Nc3 f6 26.Nxe6 Bxc3 27.Qxc3

Qxe6 28.Qxa5 Kg7 29.Kh2 Qc6
30.Qd2 Nb6 31.Bd4 c4 32.Bxb6
Qxb6 33.bxc4 dxc4 34.Rxc4 Rd8
35.Rd4 and White won 1-0

Modern Defense A40

Randall Schwarz 1900
Gregg Stanley 2050

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4 Nc6 4.d5 Nd4
5.Ne2 c5 6.Nxd4 Bxd4 7.Bd3 d6
8.0-0 a6 9.Nd2 Qc7 10.Qc2 Bd7
11.a4 b6 12.Ra2 h6 13.b3 g5 14.
Nf3 Be5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Bb2 a5
17.Qc3 f6 18.Be2 h5 19.Qd3 Qd6
20.Qd1 h4 21.Bh5+ Kd8 22.Bg4
Nh6 23.Bxd7 Kxd7 24.Bc1 Rag8
25.f3 Kc7 26.Re2 Nf7 27.h3 Kb7
28.Bb2 Ka6 29.Qc2 Qb8 30.Kf2
Qf8 31.Ke1 Qh6 32.Qd2 Rd8 33.
Qe3 Rc8 ½-½

Dutch Defense A90

James Rohrbaugh 2200
Victor A. Florez 1818

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.e4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5
5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2
0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Rc1 Qe8 10.e3 Ne4
11.cxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Qf7 13.Nxe4
dxe4 14.Nd2 Rb8 15.Qxf7+ Rxf7
16.a3 a5 17.Re5 g6 18.Rfcl Rd7
19.Bf1 Kf8 20.Bb5 Re7 21.Bxc6
bxc6 22.b3 a4 23.b4 Bb7 24.Nc4
Re6 25.Na5 Ke7 26.Rxc6 Rxc6
27.Nxc6+ Bxc6 28.Rxc6 Kd7 29.
Ra6 Rb6 30.Rxa4 Rc6 31.Ra5
Re1+ 32.Kg2 Rc3 33.b5 Rb3 34.a4
Kd6 35.Ra6+ Kd7 36.Ra7 Rb1
37.Ra6 Rb4 38.h3 Rc4 39.a5 Rb4
40.b6 cxb6 41.Rxb6 Rxb6 42.axb6
Kc6 43.g4 fxg4 44.hxg4 g5 45.f3
exf3+ 46.Kxf3 Kxb6 47.Ke4 Kc6
48.Kf5 1-0

Cent4er Counter B01

Andrew Istafanous 1871
Ernesto Malazarte 2161

S.A. City Championship (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Qxd5 4.c4
Qe4+ 5.Ne2 e5 6.Nbc3 Bb4 7.Qa4+
Nc6 8.f3 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qh5 10.d5 Bd7

11.dxc6 Bxc3+ 12.Nxc3 Bxc6
13.Qc2 Bxf3 14.Bg2 0-0 15.0-0
Bxg2 16.Qxg2 c6 17.Be3 Rfe8
18.Qf3 Ng4 19.Kg2 Qxh2# 0-1

Malazarte, Hyltin club co-champs

Ernesto Malazarte and J.P. Hyltin shared the SACC championship with 3.5 out of 4. Malazarte wins the trophy on tiebreaks, and they each get half a free entry into the city championship. There were 19 players (see last page for standings.)

J.P. Hyltin told me this was one of the best games he has played:

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

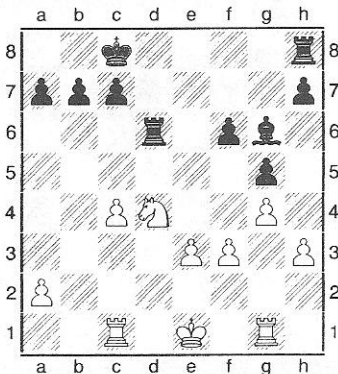
Nimzo-Indian E34

C.J. Arvind 2232
J.P. Hyltin 2049

SACC Championship (2)

CJ arrived 25 minutes late, and that played a role in the game. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Ne6 [Standard is 6...c5, while Romanishin's 6...Qf5!? has stood up to tests. The text was played by artist Marcel Duchamp in 1932! - SKA] 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 [I didn't know this specific position, but I knew the general idea.] 9.g3 [This looked like a mistake. I expected 9.e3 and I was trying to decide if 9...e5 worked. Marklund-Sax, 2001, continued 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 0-0 and White is better, but Black won. Playing for practical chances is typical of this opening, and Sax has a number of fascinating games in the d5 line of the classical Nimzo-Indian.] 9...e5 10. dxe5 Bf5 [A thematic play in this opening. My time advantage had evaporated now, but he started to use more time defending the position.] 11.Qb3 Qc5 12.e3 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 Be4 15. Bg2 Nxe5

16.Nxe5 [I expected 16.Nh4, and intended to play 16...Bxg2 17.Nxg2 0-0-0. Fritz says 16.Ke2 is about equal. - SKA] 16...Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bd5 [I took some time considering this move, and decided that now White has some problems to solve. I was happy to see him proceed from here to put all his pawns on White squares, but I'm not sure he has a choice.] 18.c4 Be6 19.Rc1 f6 20.Nd3 0-0-0 21.Nf4 Bg4 22.h3 Bf3 23.g4 [Later Arvind suggested that 23.Ne6 Rd6 24.Nd4 Be4 25.f3 offered better resistance.] 23...g5 24.Ne6 Rd6 25.Nd4 Be4 26.f3 Bg6 [Right about here I started to see how h5 would work well.]



27.e5 [Better is 27.Rc3 first, e.g. 27... Rb6 28.Ra3 a6 29.Rb3=] Ra6 28.Rg2 Ra3 [Now White is getting squeezed.] 29.Nb3 h5 [Now he drained his time down to two minutes, against my ten-plus, and I knew this gave me a huge advantage.] 30.Rb2 hxg4 31.hxg4 a5 [I also considered 31... Bf7 and 31... Rh3, but decided the text was more appropriate to the time situation, and that it gave him no chance to defend.] 32.e4 a4 33.Na5 [This loses immediately. 33.Nd2 Rh1+ 34.Nf1 Rxf3 is hopeless.; 33.Nd4 Rh1+ 34.Kd2 Rh2+ 35.Ne2 Rxf3 is no better.] 33...Rh1+ 34.Kd2 Rh2+

0-1

Priya Trakua wins Polgar Qualifier

The 2011 Texas Polgar qualifier was held May 14 in Corpus Christi. It was attended by two players: Priya Trakua a fourth grader from Hudson Elementary in Brownsville, and Evelyn Karabanoff, a third grader from Central Catholic Elementary in Corpus Christi. The girls played a best of three match, which Priya Trakru won with two straight wins. She was declared the Texas qualifier to the Susan Polgar Girls' Invitational, to be held July 24-29 in Lubbock.

Daniel Deleon
Director, South Texas Chess Center

The Magnificent Seven

Recently I was teaching the elements of opening strategy to the elementary students at St. Luke's Episcopal School in San Antonio, where chess is part of the enrichment curriculum in grades 1-6. The key (*as we know!*) is to mobilize the big pieces from the back row -- except for the king, of course!. Eight back row pieces minus one makes seven.

It occurred to me that the 1961 movie *The Magnificent Seven* makes a perfect narrative for this fight. In the movie, a village of farmers (*peones*) and their elder hire seven professional gunfighters to defend the town against bandit raids.

The word for chess pawn in most languages means peasant or farmer -- e.g. *peon* (Spanish) or *bauer* (German). The frail village elder could be represented by the king, who has stature but is not an outstanding fighter and requires protection. The *seven* would correspond to the rooks, knights, bishops and the queen. (You can decide who is Yul Brynner and who is Steve McQueen!)

Naturally, while they would want to castle, i.e. hide the village elder away in a safe room where perhaps he can wield an iron pot against intruders. The professional fighters on the other hand need to get out in front of the farmers and lead the fight. Thus the narrative is a perfect analogy to the opening strategy for open games that has been in place since the Italian School of the 1600s. Morphy brought that school to fruition in a dazzling way; but that became very hard to do after Steinitz, once known as "The Austrian Morphy", turned his tactical acuity toward defense.

There is a strong counterexample in the Philidor-Staunton school, with pawns in front of the pieces, anticipating modern systems like the King's Indian. I'm just not sure beginners, especially children, are ready for closed games. (What do you think?)

The Magnificent Seven was essentially a retelling of *The Seven Samurai*, a 1954 movie by Akira Kurosawa set in the late 16th century Japan. It is intriguing to consider that shogi or Japanese chess, with a similar disposition of forces to our game, had already been introduced by that time. I have no idea whether Kurosawa played shogi, but if he did it is just possible that the movie was intended as an allegory to the game.

— Selby Anderson

TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for June 15, 2011

Income	
September memberships	\$257.50
October memberships	57.50
November memberships	25.00
December memberships	110.00
January memberships	152.50
February memberships	125.00
March memberships	100.00
April memberships	65.00
May memberships	497.50
June memberships(so far)	50.00
2009 Texas State Scholastic tournament	1415.00
2011 Region III Championships tournament	164.00
2011 Region V Championships tournament	246.00
2011 Region VIII Championships tournament	1350.00
2010 SW Open memberships	544.00
2010 Tx Grade, \$316 donation + membership	1587.50
2011 Texas Team memberships	172.00
2011 Texas State Scholastic and memberships	2818.00
2011 Texas State and Amateur memberships	372.50
Donation from Dachev Lin	300.00
Total	\$10,409.00

Expenses	
2010 SW Open Tournament Fund	\$3,000.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Sept-Oct 2010	894.50
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Nov-Dec 2010	827.20
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Jan-Feb 2011	971.50
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Mar-Apr 2011	892.65
<i>Texas Knights</i> - May-June 2011	942.40
SW Open reg. Reimbursement - WY attendees	69.00
2010 World Youth Attendees	1,800.00
Bob Shao - 2010 Denker representative	1,000.00
USCF Affiliate dues (2 years)	80.00
2nd Intl. Koltanowski Conf. on Chess and Educ.	5,000.00
Total	\$15,477.25
June 15, 2011	
WF checking account balance	\$7,854.33
BOA checking account balance	\$5,144.53

Kamsky takes World Open title on tiebreak over Adams

By Jamaal Abdul-Alim

July 5, 2011

Philadelphia -- As Fourth of July fireworks lit up the sky here in the city where America was born, more than a thousand chess enthusiasts were busy watching or setting off fireworks of a different sort at the 39th annual World Open.

If there was a grand finale at the seven-day mega chess tournament, it definitely included the exhilarating blitz tie-breaker between GMs Gata Kamsky and Michael Adams -- the two top open competitors who both emerged with 7 points in the 9-round Swiss tournament, enabling them to split the top prize at \$14,267 a piece, plus a first place bonus of \$308 to Kamsky for winning the tiebreak.

World Open Armageddon game

Philadelphia 2011

White: Kamsky, Gata

Black: Adams, Michael

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.h3 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bd3 d5 10.0-0 a6 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.Qe2 b5 13.a4 bxa4 14.Nxa4 Nb4 15.Bc7 Qe8 16.Nb6 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Ra7 18.Ne5 a5 19.Rfd1 Bb4 20.Qc2 Qb5 21.Nd3 Be7 22.Na4 Rc8 23.Nc3 Qe8 24.Bb6 Raa8 25.Ra1 Bd8 26.Bxd8 Qxd8 27.Nc5 Bc6 28.Ra3 Nd7 29.Nd3 h6 30.Rda1 Bb7 31.Qd2 Nb6 32.b3 Nd7 33.Na4 Ba6 34.Ndc5 Bb5 35.Nxd7 Bxd7 36.Nc5 Bb5 37.Rxa5 Rxa5 38.Rxa5 Rb8 39.Ra7 Qb6 40.Qa2 g6 41.Ra8 Kg7 42.Rxb8 Qxb8 43.Qa5 h5 44.h4 Be2 45.b4 Bc4 46.Nd7 Qd6 47.Ne5 Qe7 48.b5 1-0

The win by Kamsky sealed his place as the official champion of the 2011 World Open. But like many GMs who take top honors at major open events, Kamsky kept his eyes on future tournaments. He said the World Open gave him a chance to "get the rust off" in preparation for the World Chess Team Championship he'll be competing in in China later this month.

"Now, I feel like I can play some chess," Kamsky said in an interview with *Chess Life Online*, almost as if all of his recent enviable accomplishments -- including winning the 2011 U.S. Championship -- didn't already constitute evidence enough of his prowess on the 64 squares.

Kamsky said he was particularly pleased to see so many youths in attendance at the World Open because of what it signifies about the vibrancy of chess.

"I was happy to see young faces here," Kamsky. "It means chess is getting more and more popular."

Indeed, among the various feats at the World Open that have the potential to light a chess fire among America's youth, one of most significant would be the performance of James Black, Jr., who -- at the age of 12 -- evidently got enough rating points through his three wins and two draws in the Under 2400 section to earn the title of National Master.

"Yes!" an excited James said as he held up his arms Rocky-style in a third-floor walkway at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel, where Chess Life Online just happened to be at the precise moment that James used a rating estimator to determine that he had surpassed the 2200 level -- 2204 to be exact, based on James' estimate.

"It feels good to be a master," James told *Chess Life Online*. "It feels great to do it. Like this is like the biggest tournament in the world, if not, the U.S. And so many players are here."

While the National Title master is still technically unofficial, observers say the likely accomplishment puts James at a height that most players will never reach, let alone those who will do so at as young an age as James.

"What he's done at 12 is really a great accomplishment," said Daaim Shabazz, operator of *The Chess Drum*, a website devoted to the chess world in general and the African diaspora in particular.

Shabazz said James' experience shows what can be accomplished when you put in work.

Indeed, James said that he studies chess as much as six hours per day. His next goal is to break GM Ray Robson's record of becoming America's youngest GM at the age of 14.

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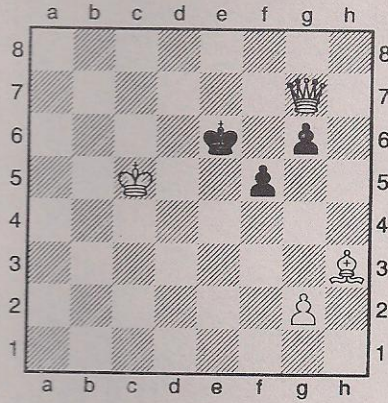
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