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Left to right: GM Andre Diamant, SM Faik Aleskerov, GM Anatoly Bykhovsky, IM Istvan Sipos, GM Davorin Kuljasevic, and program director GM Susan Polgar

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# Texas Tech's Knight Raiders win Final Four

by Jamaal Abdul-Alim  
Chess Life Online

In a groundbreaking victory that literally hinged on the last match of the last round of a collegiate tournament known as the "Final Four of Chess," fourth-seeded Texas Tech University, with an average rating 50 below the other teams, clinched the title.

Comprised of three GMs and one IM and coached by GM Susan Polgar, the Texas Tech Knight Raiders Chess Team bested long time exclusive dominators of the tournament — the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) — in a two-day, three-round tournament held here April 2 and 3.

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) placed second on tie-breaks over the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College (UTBTSC), both with 6.0 match points. Defending champion, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, (UMBC), finished last with 4.5 points.

The upset win not only means that Texas Tech gets to bring home the Final Four tournament's prestigious President's Cup and all that it symbolizes home to Lubbock, TX.

It also means the players — GMs Anatoly Bykhovsky, of Israel, Davorin Kuljasevic, of Croatia, Andre Diamant, of Brazil, IM Istvan Sipos, of Hungary and Faik Aleskerov, of Azerbaijan — will be given top consideration for any summer internships for which they might qualify at international strategic and technological firm Booz Allen Hamilton, a Virginia-based defense contractor that sponsored and hosted the Final Four tournament, as well as a simul by GM Ray Robson and a scholastic chess tournament for area students.

The firm's decision to support and host the chess tournament was not mere corporate philanthropy. Rather, company executives say the firm is seeking the best and most strategic minds in the world to help the company meet its objectives.

Michael Hoffpauir, a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton who served as TD for the Final Four event, explained the company's rationale for its corporate support.

"It's important that we help our clients solve the toughest problems," Hoffpauir said. "Chess players have demonstrated that they are very skilled at solving some very tough problems. There's a natural linkage there."

Like most of the competitors in the Final Four event, the Knight Raiders were all foreign students. As such, jobs that involve defense contract work may lie out of reach, but they might be able to secure some of the various jobs that Booz Allen Hamilton has abroad.

As the Texas Tech players move closer to graduation and consider life after college and beyond the chessboard, some — including team captain Kuljasevic — say the company's offer of a summer internship represents an offer they plan to give a serious look.

"I'm graduating now. I'll be returning to Europe," Kuljasevic said. "I'm definitely interested in working after school."

Employment prospects aside, observers said this weekend's tournament represented the most competitive in its history.

Among other things, James Stallings, Chess Program Director at UTD noted that while in previous tournaments "you almost always knew" that UTD or six-time champions UMBC would win, this year

collectively the teams all had several titled players and established chess programs that made victory less certain. The tournament itself featured 10 GMs, 9 IMs, and one SM.

## ROUND 1

*Benko Gambit A57*

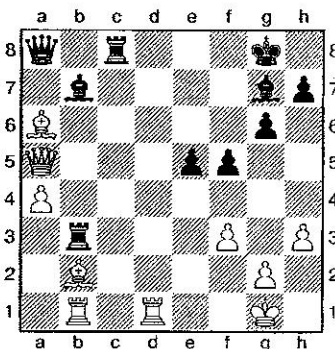
Anatoly Bykhovsky 2649 TTU

Timur Gareyev 2676 UTB

*Final Four 2011 (1)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.b6 Bg7 7.Nc3 d6 8.h3 Nbd7 9.e4 0-0 10.Be2 Rb8 11.0-0 Qxb6 12.Re1 Ne8 13.Nd2 Qa7 14.Nc4 Ne5 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.a4 Rb4 17.Qc2 e6 18.Rb1 Bb7 19.b3 exd5 20.exd5 f5 21.Bb2 Qa8 22.Nc4 Nxd5 23.Nxe5 dxc5 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Qxc5 Re4 26.f3 Rc8 27.Qa5 Re3 28.Bxa6 Rxb3 29.Red1 Bb7??

Black stands well after 29...Bf7 30.Rd7 Rf8 31.Kh2 g5+ (Fritz). In this line, a blunder would be 30.Rbc1?? Qa7+! 31.Kh2 Ra8 32.Rc6 e4+.



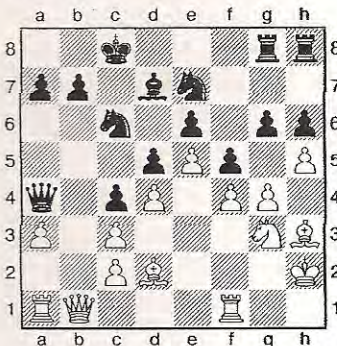
30.Bc4+! — Rxc4 31.Rd8+ Qxd8 32.Qxd8+ Bf8 33.Qf6 Bc5+ 34.Kh1 Rxf3 35.Qe6+ Kf8 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.gxf3 Bxf3+ 38.Kh2 Rc2+ 39.Kg3 Be4 40.Qe6+ Kf8 41.Ba3 Rg2+ 42.Kh4 Bxa3 43.Qf6+ Ke8 44.Rb8+ Kd7 45.Qd8+ Kc6 46.Rb6+ Kc5 47.Qd6+ Kc4 48.Qxa3 1-0

*French Winawer C18*

Mauricio Flores 2613 UTB  
Davorin Kuljasevic 2558 TTU

*Final Four 2011 (1)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5  
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.h4 Qa5  
8.Bd2 Qa4 9.Qb1 c4 10.h5 h6 11.g4  
Nbc6 12.Ne2 Bd7 13.Ng3 0-0-0  
14.Bh3 f6 15.f4 Rdg8 16.0-0 f5  
17.Kh2 g6



18.hxg6 fxg4 19.Bxg4 h5 20.Bh3  
Rxxg6 21.Qd1 Nf5 22.Nxf5 exf5  
23.Be1 h4 24.Rg1 Rxxg1 25.Kxxg1  
Ne7 26.Kh2 Be8 27.Qd2 Bh5  
28.Qg2 Rg8 29.Qd2 Bg4 30.Bg2  
Rh8 ½-½

*Sicilian Closed B23*

Max Cornejo 2497 UTB  
Andre Diamant 2544 TTU

*Final Four 2011 (1)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 a6 4.g3 b5  
5.Bg2 Bb7 6.d3 d5 7.e5 Ne7 8.Nf3  
Nf5 9.Ne2 h5 10.h3 Nc6 11.0-0 Be7  
12.c3 d4 13.cxd4 Ncxd4 14.Nexd4  
cxd4 15.g4 hxg4 16.hxg4 Ne3 17.  
Bxe3 dxe3 18.Qe2 Qb6 19.d4 Rd8  
20.Qxe3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxd4 22.  
Qxd4 Rxd4 23.Rad1 Bc5 24.Kg2  
0-0 25.Rxd4 Bxd4 26.b3 g5 27.Rd1  
Bc3 28.fxxg5 Kg7 29.Be4 Bxe5 30.  
Rd7 Rc8 31.g6 Rc7 ½-½

*French Defense C03*

Sergey Erenburg 2672 UMBC  
Alejandro Ramirez 2662 UTD

*Final Four 2011 (1)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5  
5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 0-0 7.Ngf3 a5  
8.c3 Nfd7 9.0-0 Nxc5 10.Be2 b6  
11.Rd1 Ba6 12.Qe3 Nc6 13.Nf1  
Ra7 14.exd5 Rd7 15.Ng5 h6 16.  
Nh7 Re8 17.Qh3 Rxd5

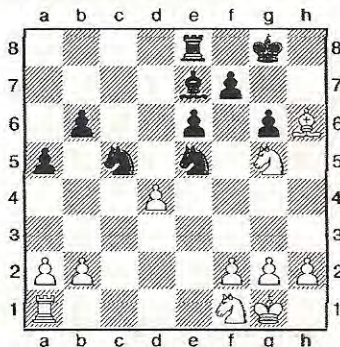


18.Bxxh6 Bd3

18...gxxh6 19.Ne3 Rxd1+ 20.  
Rxd1 Bd3 21.Qxxh6 Ne5 22.f4 Ng6  
23.Ng4+

19.Bxd3 Rxd3 20.Qg4 g6 21.Rxd3  
Qxd3

21...Nxd3 22.Ng5 Nce5 23.Qg3±  
22.Ng5 Ne5 23.Qd4 Qxd4 24.cxd4



24...Ng4 25.dxc5 Bxc5??

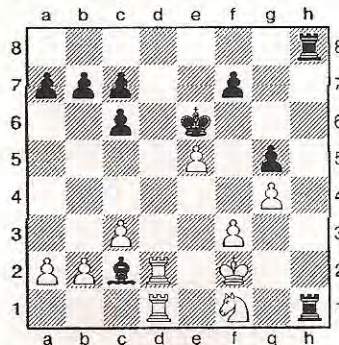
25...Nxxh6 26.Ne4 bxc5=  
26.Ne4+ Nxxh6 27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.  
Nxe8 Kxe8 29.Ne3 f5 30.Rd1 Ke7  
31.Kf1 f4 32.Nc4 Ng4 33.f3 Nf6 34.  
Ne5 g5 35.Nc6+ Kf7 36.Ne5+ Ke7  
37.Nc6+ Kf7 38.Rd8 Nd5 39.Ke2  
Bg1 40.h3 Bc5 41.Ne5+ Kg7 42.  
Kd3 Be7 43.Rd7 Kf8 44.Rb7 Bd6  
45.Nd7+ Ke8 46.Nxb6 Nb4+ 47.  
Ke4 Nxa2 48.Nc4 1-0

*Ruy Lopez C67*

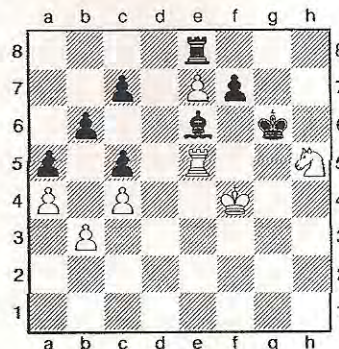
Cristian Chirila 2541 UTD  
Leonid Kritz 2672 UMBC

*Final Four 2011 (1)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0  
Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5  
Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3 Ke8  
10.h3 h5 11.Rd1 Bb4 12.Ne2 Be6  
13.Bg5 Bd5 14.Nfd4 Nxd4 15.Rxd4  
Bc5 16.Rd2 Bb4 17.Rd4 Bc5  
18.Rd2 Bb4 19.c3 Be7 20.Bxe7  
Kxe7 21.Nf4 Be4 22.f3 Bf5 23.g4  
hxg4 24.hxxg4 g5 25.Nh5 Bg6  
26.Ng3 Rh3 27.Kg2 Rxxh8 28.Nf1  
Ke6 29.Rad1 Rh1 30.Kf2 Bc2



31.Re1 c5 32.c4 Ba4 33.f4 gxf4  
34.Re4 f3 35.Rf4 Bc6 36.Rf6+ Ke7  
37.Rd3 R8h4 38.Rf4 Ke6 39.Re3  
Rh6 40.g5 Rg6 41.Rf6+ Ke7 42.e6  
Rxf6 43.gxf6+ Kxf6 44.e7 Rh8  
45.Ng3 b6 46.b3 a5 47.a4 Kg6  
48.Re5 Re8 49.Nh5 Bd7 50.Kxf3  
Be6 51.Kf4



Black resigned. After 51...Rxe7 52.Rg5+ Kh6 53.Nf6, the only way to deal with the threat of Ng8+ is to offer up the Exchange: 53...Rd7 54.Nxd7 Bxd7 55.Rg8 f6 56.Rd8 Be6 57.Re8, and the c-pawn soon falls.

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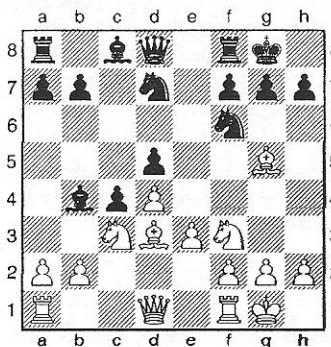
*Ragozin System D38*

Giorgi Margvelashvili 2544 UMBC

Julio Sadorra 2518 UTD

*Final Four 2011 (1)*

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0 c4



10.Nxd5 Qa5 11.Nxb4 Qxb4 12.Be2 b5 13.Qc2 Bb7 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Ne5 Ne4 16.Bf3 f5 17.b3 c3 18.a3 Qe7 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Qxc3 Rac8 21.Qe1 Rc2 22.f3 Bd5 23.Rf2 Qc7 24.Rxc2 Qxc2 25.Rc1 Qxb3 26.Rc3 Qa2 27.Qc1 Be6 28.Rc7 a5 29.h3 h5 30.Qc5 Qe2 31.Qc3 Kh7 32.Kh2 Rf6 33.Re7 Bc4 34.d5 Kh6 35.Qd4 Qf2 36.h4 f4 37.Nf7+ Rxf7 ½-½

## ROUND 2

*English Opening A16*

Alejandro Ramirez 2662 UTD

Anatoly Bykhovsky 2649 TTU

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.h4 h6 6.e4 Nb6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Be3 c6 9.Qd2 Be6 10.b3 N8d7 11.Be2 a5 12.Rc1 Bg4 13.0-0 e6 14.



Ramirez battles Bykhovsky in Round 2

d5 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Qxh4 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Qd6 Qe7 18.Qg3 Qf7 19.Be2

19.Bg4 h5 (19...0-0 20.Qh3; 19...Nc8) 20.Bh3 Be5 21.f4 Bc7= 19...0-0 20.f4

20.Qh3 Kh7 21.Bg4 Rae8+ 20...a4 21.e5 axb3 22.Bd3 bxa2 23.Bxg6 Qe7 24.Bd3 Rf7

24...Nc5 25.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 26.Kh1 Qd4 27.Ne2 Qd7 28.Qg6 Rf7 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Bg6 a1Q 31.Rxa1 Rxa1 32.Rxa1 Bxe5 33.Qxf7+ Qxf7 34.Bxf7 Bxa1 35.Bxe6 Ke7+ 25.Bg6 Rff8 26.Bc2 Ra3 27.Qg6 Rf7 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Bg6 Nc4

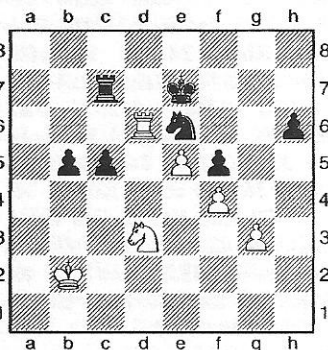
29...a1Q? 30.Rxa1 Rxc3 31.Bxf7 Kxf7 32.f5! exf5 33.Rxf5+ Ke8 34.Qg8+ Bf8 35.Bxb6 Nxb6 36.Raf1+ 30.Bd4 Nd2 31.Bxf7 Qxf7 32.Nxa2!?

32.f5 Nxf1 33.fxe6 Qxe6 34.Rxf1+ Ke8 35.Qxg7 a1Q 36.Qh8+ Ke7 37.Qg7+ Kd8+ 32...Nxf1 33.Rxf1 Qf5

33...Rxa2 34.f5 Bxe5 35.Qxh6+ Ke7 36.Bxe5 Nxe5 37.Qh4+ Qf6 38.Qb4+ Ke8 39.Qxb7 Rd2+ 34.Qxf5+ exf5 35.Nc1 Ke8

35...c5 36.Bb2 Ra4 37.Ne2 Ke7+

36.Rd1 Nf8 37.Bb2 Ra4 38.g3 Rb4 39.Ba3 Rb1 40.Kf2 b5 41.Bd6 Ne6 42.Ke3 Bf8 43.Bxf8 Kxf8 44.Kd3 Ra1 45.Kc2 c5 46.Rd6 Ke7 47.Kb2 Ra7 48.Nd3 Rc7



49.g4! fxe6 50.f5 Nd4 51.Nf4 Rd7 51...Ke8 52.Nd5 Ra7 53.Rxh6 Nxf5 54.Nf6+ Kf7 55.Rh7+ Ng7 56.Nxg4 Ke6+ 52.f6+ Ke8 53.e6! Nxe6 54.Rxe6+ Kf7 55.Re5 Kxf6 56.Rxc5 b4 57.Nh5+ Kg6 58.Nf4+ Kf6 ½-½

*OGD D30*

Davorin Kuljasevic 2558 TTU  
Cristian Chirila 2541 UTD

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Qc2  
dxc4 5.Qxc4 b5 6.Qc2 Bb7 7.e4  
Nd7 8.Bd3 a6 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.a4  
Ngf6 11.Qe2 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 bxa4  
13.Na3 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.Nc4  
Qc7 16.e5 Ne8 17.Na5 e5 18.Nxb7  
Qxb7 19.Ng5 h6 20.Bh7+ Kh8  
21.Be4 Qb5 22.Bxa8 hgx5 23.Bf3  
cxd4 24.Qxd4 Nxe5 25.Be2 Qb8  
26.h4 g4 27.0-0 Nf6 28.Rfd1 g3  
29.fxg3 Nc6 30.Qd6 Qb6+ 31.Kh2  
Rd8 32.Qa3 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Ne5  
34.Rf1 Nfg4+ 35.Bxg4 Nxc4+  
36.Kh1 Nf2+ 37.Kh2 Ng4+ ½-½

*Reti Opening A11*

Julio Sadorra 2518 UTD  
Istvan Sipos 2458 TTU

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2  
dxc4 5.0-0 e6 6.Na3 b5 7.d3 cxd3  
8.Ne5 Bxa3 9.Nxc6 Qb6 10.Be3  
Qa6 11.Nxb8 Rxb8 12.bxa3 dxe2  
13.Qxe2 Bb7 14.Bxb7 Qxb7 15.Be5  
Ne4 16.Qe3 Nxc5 17.Qxc5 Rc8  
18.Qd6 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Qxd6 20.  
Rxd6 Ke7 21.Ra6 Rc7 22.Rb1 Rb8  
23.Rb4 Rbb7 24.Ra5 Rc4 25.  
Rxb5 Rxb5 26.Rxb5 Ra4 27.  
Rb7+ Kf6 28.Rb3 g5 29.Kg2 h5  
30.h3 Kf5 31.Kf3 g4+ 32.hxg4+  
hxg4+ 33.Ke3 Ke5 34.Ke2 f5 35.  
Ke3 Kf6 36.Ke2 e5 37.Kd3 f4 38.  
Ke2 f3+ 39.Kd3 Kf5 40.Rc3 Rd4+  
41.Kc2 Re4 42.Rd3 Re2+ 43.Rd2  
Ke4 44.a4 a5 45.Rxe2+ fxe2 46.  
Kd2 Kf3 47.Ke1 e4 48.a3 e3 49.  
fxe3 Kxg3 50.e4 Kh2 0-1

*OGD Slav Exchange D13*

Andrew Diamant 2544 TTU  
Salvijus Bercys 2556 UTD

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5  
cxd5 5.Nc3 a6 6.e3 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7  
8.Ne5 0-0 9.Bd2 Bf5 10.Bxf5 gxf5  
11.g4 fxg4 12.Nxg4 Nbd7 13.Rg1

Kh8 14.Qf3 e6 15.0-0-0 Nxc4 16.  
Qxg4 Rg8 17.Rg3 f5 18.Qh5 Qe8  
19.Qh3 Bf6 20.Ne2 Rxc3 21.hxg3  
Nf8 22.Kb1 Be7 23.Nf4 Bd6 24.  
Nd3 Qg6 25.Qf1 Nd7 26.Rc1 Nf6  
27.Ka1 Re8 28.Bb4 Bb8 29.Ba5  
Qg7 30.Qd1 h6 31.Qb3 Ne4 32.a3  
Kh7 33.Qa4 Rf8 34.Rc2 Rg8 35.  
Bb6 Bd6 36.Kb1 Rf8 37.Qa5 Qg4  
38.Qe1 Qg7 39.Qc1 Re8 40.Bc7  
Rc8 41.Bxd6 Rxc2 42.Qxc2 Nxd6  
43.Nf4 Qd7 44.Qe2 Qf7 45.Ka2  
Ne4 46.Qc2 Nd6 47.g4 Qd7 48.gxf5  
Nxf5 49.Qe2 Qf7 50.Qg4 Ng7 51.  
b3 Nf5 52.Kb2 Ng7 53.Qd1 Nf5 54.  
Qc2 h5 55.Qd1 Kh6 56.Qf3 Nd6  
57.Qh3 Ne4 58.Qh4 Ng5 59.a4 Ne4  
60.Qd8? [60.a5=] Nxf2 61.Qh8+  
Kg5 62.Qe5+ Kg4 63.Ka3 Qf8+  
64.b4 Qf5 65.Qg7+ Kf3 66.Qg2+  
Kxe3 67.Qg3+ Ke4 68.Nxe6 Qf3+  
69.Qxf3+ Kxf3 70.a5 Ne4 71.b5 h4  
0-1

*OGD D31*

Timur Gareyev 2676 UTB  
Sergey Erenburg 2672 UMBC

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6  
5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 b6 7.Nf3 Bb7  
8.Bd3 Be7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Ne5 Rc8  
11.0-0 0-0 12.f4 g6 13.Qe2 Ne4  
14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bb5 Nf6 16.Ra1  
Qd6 17.Rc4 Bd5 18.g4 Bxc4 19.  
bxc4 a6 20.Bxa6 Ra8 21.g5 Nh5  
22.Ng4 Rfb8 23.Nh6+ Kf8 24.d5  
Rxa6 25.Be5 Qd8 26.e5 Rba8  
27.d6 bxc5 28.dxe7+ Qxe7 29.Rb1  
Qd7 ½-½

*Sicilian Paulsen B48*

Leonid Kritz 2672 UMBC  
Mauricio Flores 2613 UTB

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4  
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2  
Nf6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.f3 0-0 10.g4  
Rd8 11.g5 Nh5 12.Nb3 b5 13.Qf2  
Rb8 14.f4 b4 15.Na4 d5 16.Be2 d4  
17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxh5 b3 19.axb3  
Nxb3+ 20.Kb1 Na5 21.Be5 Rxd1+  
22.Rxd1 Bd7 23.Bxe7 Bxa4 24.Qc5

Qb7 25.Rd8+ Rxd8 26.Bxd8 Nc6  
27.Bb6 Qd7 28.b3 Bb5 29.e5 Ne7  
30.Ba5 Nd5 31.c4 Nxf4 32.cxb5  
Nxb5 33.Qd6 1-0

*Caro-Kann B12*

Axel Bachmann 2608 UTB  
Giorgi Margvelashvili 2544 UMBC

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be3 e6  
5.Nd2 Nd7 6.Be2 Ne7 7.Ng3 Qb6  
8.Nb3 Bg4 9.a4 a5 10.0-0 Nf5  
11.Bf4 Be7 12.c3 0-0 13.h3 Bxf3  
14.Bxf3 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Nxc5  
Bxc5 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Bh2 Nh4 19.  
Be2 Qe7 20.Bd3 f5 21.Kh1 Ng6  
22.f4 Qc7 23.Qe2 Ne7 24.Rf1  
Rfc8 25.g4 Bb6 26.Bg3 Rf8 27.b4  
Rac8 28.Rc2 Qd7 29.b5 Rc7 30.  
Rd1 Qc8 31.Rdcl Bc5 32.Kh2 Kh8  
33.Rd1 Bb6 34.Rdcl Bc5 35.Rf1  
Bb6 36.Be1 Qe8 37.Bd2 Qg6 38.  
Rccl Qh6 39.Kg2 Qg6 40.Rf3



40...fxg4!? 41.Bxg6 gxf3+ 42.Qxf3  
Nxc6 43.Qg4 Rf5 44.c4 dxc4 45.  
Kh1 Ne7 46.Qe2 c3 47.Rxc3 Rxc3  
48.Bxc3 Rxf4 49.Qe1 Rxa4 50.Qd1  
Rc4

50...Rf4 51.Qd6 Rf1+=  
51.Qd7± Ng8 52.Qxb7 Rxc3  
52...Bd8 53.Qd7 Rxc3 54.Qxd8  
a4 55.Qa5±  
53.Qxb6 a4 54.Qxe6 Rb3 55.Qa6  
a3 56.Kg2 h6 57.b6 a2 58.Qxa2  
Rxb6 59.Kf3 Rb4 60.Qd5 Ra4 61.  
Qc5 Rh4 62.Qc8 Rb4 63.Qd8 Kh7  
64.h4 Kh8 65.h5 Kh7 66.Qd6 Ra4  
67.Qc6 Rb4 68.Qc5 Rh4 69.e6 1-0

*Sicilian Accelerated Dragon B34*  
**Sasha Kaplan 2497 UMBC**  
**Max Cornejo 2497 UTB**

*Final Four 2011 (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
 Nxd4 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Nb3 Nf6  
 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Re1 d6 10.Bf1  
 b5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Nd7 13.Rb1  
 Nb6 14.Nd5 Re8 15.c3 Bb7 16.Qd2  
 Nc4 17.Qe2 g5 18.Bg3 e6 19.Ne3  
 N6e5 20.Nxc4 Nxc4 21.Qh5 e5  
 22.h4 Rc8 23.f3 Re6 24.Bxc4 bxc4  
 25.Nd2 Rg6 26.Nf1 d5 27.Rbd1  
 gxh4 28.Bxh4 Qb6+ 29.Bf2 Qe6  
 30.Ng3 Rg5 31.Qh3 Qxh3 32.gxh3  
 d4 33.Kh2 d3 34.Be3 Rg6 35.Nf5  
 Bf8 36.Rg1 Kh7 37.Rd2 Rxg1 38.  
 Kxg1 Rc6 39.Kh2 Bc8 40.Ng3 Be7  
 41.Rd1 Bh4 42.Nf1 f5 43.exf5 Bxf5  
 44.Nd2 Be6 45.Rg1 Bd5 46.Rc1  
 Be7 47.Rg1 Bd6 48.Ne4 Bxe4 49.  
 fxe4 Bc5 50.Bxc5 Rxc5 51.Kg3 Ra5  
 52.a3 Rb5 53.Rg2 Rb6 54.Kf3 a5  
 55.a4 Rf6+ 56.Ke3 Rf1 57.b3

57.b4 Re1+ 58.Kd2 Ra1 59.Rf2  
 Rxa4 60.b5 Ra2+ 61.Ke3 Ra1  
 62.Rb2 a4 63.b6 a3+  
 57...Re1+ 58.Kf3 cxb3 59.c4 Re2  
 60.Rg1 b2 61.c5 Rc2 62.Rb1 d2

0-1

## ROUND 3

Five of the eight games in the final round ended in a draw, making the games that were played to the end all the more essential.

Some of the draws were clearly strategic. For instance, the match on Board 1 between Texas Tech's Anatoly Bykhovsky and UMBC's GM Sergey Erenburg, ended in a draw by agreement after a mere eight moves.

*KI Attack A07*

**Anatoly Bykhovsky 2649 TTU**  
**Sergey Erenburg 2672 UMBC**

*Final Four 2011 (3)*

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0  
 Bg4 5.d4 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Re1 0-0  
 8.e4 dxe4  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

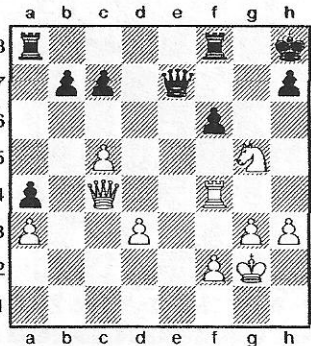
But one of the more interesting draws took place between Texas Tech's IM Istvan Sipos and UMBC's Sasha Kaplan.

*English Opening A29*

**Istvan Sipos 2458 TTU**  
**Sasha Kaplan 2497 UMBC**

*Final Four 2011 (3)*

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3  
 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0  
 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 Be6 10.Rb1 f6  
 11.d3 Qd7 12.Ne4 Nd5 13.Bb2  
 Rfd8 14.Qc2 a5 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.  
 bxc5 a4 17.Ba1 Ra7 18.Rfd1 Nde7  
 19.Rd2 Nf5 20.e3 Na5 21.e4 Nd4  
 22.Bxd4 exd4 23.e5 Nb3 24.exf6  
 Nxd2 25.Qxd2 gxf6 26.Rb4 Bd5  
 27.Rxd4 Raa8 28.h3 Kh8 29.Qc3  
 Qe7 30.Rf4 Rf8 31.Ng5 Bxg2  
 32.Kxg2 Kg8 33.Qc4+ Kh8



34.Qc3

34.Nxh7! Kxh7 (34...Qxh7 35.  
 Rh4+-) 35.Rh4+ Kg7 36.Qg4+ Kf7  
 37.Rh7+ Ke8 38.Rxe7+ Kxe7  
 39.Qe4+ Kd7 40.Qxb7+-

34...Kg8  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Sipos agreed to a draw even though he had a winning combination. The problem was that he didn't see the winning combination until Kaplan showed it to him after the clock was turned off.

"I should have taken on h7," said a disappointed-looking Sipos, referring to the strong possibility of 34.Nxh7.

Sipos said if he was playing as an individual he might have sent the

knight on what at the time appeared to be a risky expedition, but not seeing a clear path to victory he did what he thought was best for the team.

All of the third-round draws made the last game in progress – the one on Board 7 – the most critical. If UTD's IM Salvijus Bercys, who had already won his first two games, won this particular game, UTD would have taken the title.

Instead, GM Axel Bachman, of the University of Texas at Brownsville, won in the endgame with the advantage of an extra pawn.

*Nimzo-Indian E38*

**Salvijus Bercys 2556 UTD**  
**Axel Bachmann 2608 UTB**

*Final Four 2011 (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2  
 c5 5.dxc5 Qc7

This is one way to revitalize an ancient line.

6.Nf3 a6 7.g3 Bxc5 8.Bf4 d6 9.Bg2  
 h6 10.0-0 e5 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Rac1  
 Nc6 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Bc3

14.b4! Ba7 (14...Nxd5 15.hxc5  
 Ndb4 16.Qb2 dxc5 17.a3+) 15.Qd3  
 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Ne7=

14...Bg4

Black may rate the opening a success.

15.e3 Rc8 16.Nd2 Nxd5 17.Bxd5  
 Qd7 18.Qd3 Kh8 19.Bg2

19.Ne4 f5 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.f3  
 Bh5 22.Rcd1=

19...f5 20.Nb3 Qe7 21.h3 Bh5 22.f4  
 Ba7! 23.Kh2 Rce8 24.Rce1 e4

25.Qc2 Qe6 26.Rf2 Rc8 27.Rd2 b5  
 28.cxb5 axb5 29.g4 fxg4 30.Qxe4  
 Qxe4 31.Bxe4 b4 32.Bd4 Nxd4

33.Nxd4 gxh3 34.Kxh3 Rce8 35.  
 Bc6 Re7 36.Kg3 Bc5 37.e4 Bf7

38.Nf5 Re6 39.Bd5 Rg6+ 40.Kf3  
 Rf6 41.Kg3

41.Bxf7 R8x7 42.Rh1 Ra7  
 43.b3 Kh7 44.Rhh2±

41...Rg6+ 42.Kf3 Rf6 43.Kg3 Be8  
 44.Rh1 h5 45.Rh4 g6 46.Nd4 Bxd4

47.Rxd4 g5 48.fxg5 Rf3+ 49.Kg2

Rf2+ 50.Kg1 Rf1+ 51.Kg2 R8f2+  
52.Kg3 Rf3+ 53.Kg2 R1f2+ 54.Kg1  
Rxb2+ 55.Rd1 Rf2 56.Rf1

56.Rb1! Rg2+ 57.Kh1=

56...Rg2+ 57.Kh1 Kg7 58.Rh3 Bg6  
59.Rc1 [59.Rb1=] 59...Rxc5 60.Rh2  
Rxb2+ 61.Kxb2 Kf6 62.Rc4 Ke5  
63.Rxb4 Rg4 64.Rb5 Bxe4 65.  
Bc4+??

65.Bxe4+ Kxe4 66.Rxb5 d5  
67.a4 d4 68.a5 d3 69.Rh8 d2 70.Rd8  
Ke3 71.a6 Rg8! 72.Rd7 Re8 73.a7  
Ke2 74.Re7+! Rxe7 75.a8Q Rh7+  
76.Kg3 Rg7+ 77.Kh4 d1Q 78.Qe4+  
Kf2 79.Qf4+=

65...d5 66.Bf1 Rh4+ 67.Kg3 Rh1  
68.Be2 h4+ 69.Kg4 h3 70.Rb2 Bf5+  
71.Kf3 Rg1 0-1

The Texas Tech team members  
all thanked Bachmann for essentially  
handing them a victory by defeating  
Bercys.

But in actuality, what happened  
during the tournament was just one  
of several factors that determined the  
outcome. Preparation for the event  
actually began back in the fall when  
the Knight Raiders started using a  
computer-based chess analysis pro-  
gram to study the previous games of  
their prospective opponents, as well  
as their playing styles.

"We expected a very close battle  
even though we were the fourth-  
ranked team," GM Polgar said.

"Often times, a strategy, not just  
on the board but 'off the board,' that  
makes the difference," Polgar said,  
comparing what her team did to how  
various sports teams might study  
films of their opponents in action.

But even after learning more  
about whether their opponents fa-  
vored an open game, an attacking  
game, or a defensive game, running  
such reconnaissance, if you will, was  
only half the battle. The other part  
was execution against top flight  
competitors.

"This was, without any doubt,  
the strongest Final Four," said James  
Stallings.

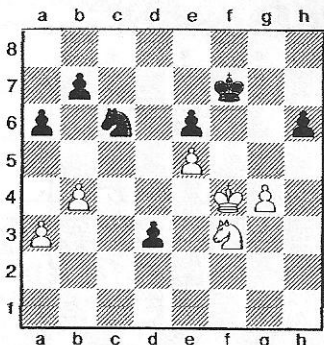
### French Winawer C17

Leonid Kritz 2672 UMBC

Davorin Kuljasevic 2558 TTU

### Final Four 2011 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5  
5.Bd2 Ne7 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-  
0 8.dxc5 Nd7 9.f4 Nxc5 10.Bd3  
Qb6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Nd4 Nc6 13.  
Nf3 Nb4 14.Kb1 Rac8 15.Rc1  
Ncx3 16.cxd3 Bb5 17.Nxb5 Qxb5  
18.d4 Rc4 19.b3 Nd3 20.Rc2 Rxc2  
21.Kxc2 Rc8+ 22.Kb1 Nxf4 23.Rc1  
Qd3+ 24.Qxd3 Rxc1+ 25.Kxc1  
Nxd3+ 26.Kd2 Nb4 27.a3 Nc6 28.  
g4 f6 29.h4 Kf7 30.Kd3 Kg6 31.  
h5+ Kh6 32.Ke3 fxe5 33.dxe5 g6  
34.hxg6 Kxg6 35.Kf4 h6 36.b4 Kf7  
37.Kg3 a6 38.Kh4 Kg6 39.Kg3 Kf7  
40.Kh4 d4 41.Kg3 d3 42.Kf4



42...Nd4 43.Nd2 Nc2 44.Ke4 Nxa3  
45.Kxd3 Nb5 46.Ne4 b6 47.Nf6  
Kg6 48.Nd7 Kg5 49.Nxb6 Kxg4  
50.Nd7 h5 51.Ke3 Kf5 52.Nc5 Nc7  
53.Nd3 Nd5+ 54.Kf3 h4 55.Kf2  
Nc3 56.Kg2 Na4 57.Kh3 Ke4 58.  
Nc1 Kxe5 59.Kxh4 Kd4 60.Kg4  
Kc3 61.Ne2+ Kxb4 62.Nd4 Nc5 63.  
Kf4 a5 64.Ke5 a4 65.Nc2+ Kc4 0-1

### King's Indian E98

Sabina Foisor 2401 UMBC

Andre Diamant 2544 TTU

### Final Four 2011 (3)

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.Ne1 Nd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4  
g5 12.Bg3 f5 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.Ne4  
Nf6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Nc2 Nxe4

17.Bxe4 Qe8 18.Qd2 Qe7 19.Rae1  
Qf6 20.f3 h5 21.Bf2 g4 22.fxg4  
hxg4 23.Be3 Qg6 24.g3 b6 25.Rf2  
Qh5 26.Re1 Rf7 27.Qd3 Raf8  
28.b3 Nxe3 29.Rxf7 Nxf1 30.Rf1  
Rxf1+ 31.Qxf1 Qg5 32.Qf2 Bh6 33.  
Kg2 Kg7 34.Nb4 Qc1 35.Nd3 Qg5  
36.Nb4 a5 37.Nd3 a4 38.Qe2 Kf7  
39.Nf2 a3 40.h3 gxh3+ 41.Nxh3  
Qd2 42.Qxd2 Bxd2 43.Nf2 b5 44.  
c5 dxc5 45.Nd3 Ke7 46.Nxc5 Be8  
47.Kf3 Bf7 48.g4 Kd6 49.Nb7+  
Ke7 50.Nc5 Bh6 51.Ke2 Kd6 52.  
Nb7+ Ke7 53.Nc5 Kd6 54.Nb7+  
Ke7 55.Nc5 Kd6 ½-½

### King's Indian E90

Alejandro Ramirez 2662 UTD

Timur Gareyev 2676 UTB

### Final Four 2011 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-  
0 5.Nf3 d6 6.h3 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5  
8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Nd5 Na6 10.Bg5  
Rd6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Rd1 Bg7  
13.b4 Rd7 14.a3 c6 15.Ne3 Rxd1+  
16.Kxd1 Nc7 17.Kc2 a5 18.Kb2  
axb4 19.axb4 Be6 20.Bd3 Na6  
21.Nc2 Rd8 22.Kc3 c5 23.b5 Nb4  
24.Rd1 f5 25.Be2 Rxd1 26.Bxd1  
Nxc2 27.Bxc2 Bf6 28.Bd3 Kf8  
29.Be2 Ke7 30.Nd2 Kd6 31.Kd3  
Bd8 32.g4 fxg4 33.Bxg4 Bf7 34.Be2  
Bh4 35.f4 exf4 36.e5+ Ke7 37.Ne4  
b6 38.Nc3 h5 39.Nd5+ Ke6  
40.Nxb6 Kxe5 41.Na4 Kd6 42.Bf3  
g5 43.b6 Bg6+ 44.Ke2 g4 45.hxg4  
hxg4 46.Bxg4 Be8 47.b7 Kc7  
48.Nxc5 Be7 49.Ne6+ ½-½

### Ruy Lopez C70

Mauricio Flores 2613 UTB

Cristian Chirila 2541 UTD

### Final Four 2011 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.c3  
a6 5.Ba4 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d4 exd4  
8.cxd4 b5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.d5 Na5 11.  
Be2 d6 12.Nd4 c5 13.dxc6 Naxc6  
14.Nxc6 Nxc6 15.Nc3 Bb7 16.Be3  
Rc8 17.Rb1 Ne5 18.Bb3 Re8 19.  
Bd4 Qh4 20.f3 Bh6 21.Qe2 Nc4

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# Axel Bachmann wins Laredo Open



Chess-wise, Laredo has been known as a good place to be *from*; its most famous export is uber-organizer/TD Luis Salinas, hub of the Dallas Chess Club. But tournaments have been lacking, despite lots of chess talent across the border and a Senior TD, Lakshmana Viswanath, in residence. The only question was sponsorship.

Local pharmacist Joel Saucedo stepped up to the plate, and underwrote a \$5,600 prize fund that attracted players from UT-Brownsville such as GM Axel Bachmann and IM Max Cornejo, and top players from Austin, Houston and San Antonio.

Kevin Yang helped roll out the red carpet for out-of-town players, putting up several of us free at the Gateway Inn. He treated the UT Brownsville contingent, along with a few other south Texas chess celebs, to a meal at Fuddrucker's.

Lakshmana Viswanath was the organizer, and Eddie Rios was TD. The event was held Apr. 16-17.

The minor irritants of a first-time event in an "adult day care center" (e.g., the beeping security monitor at the front door) were largely overcome, and a good playing environment was the rule. The hospitality of the locals made a strong impression, and I think next year's event will improve on the turnout. With 64 paid entries (74 players) at \$45 entry, this was truly a philanthropic venture.

## PRIZE WINNERS

**OPEN** 1st: GM Axel Bachmann, 4.5, \$1,200; 2nd/3rd/U2400: IM Robert Martin del Campo, IM Alfonso Almeida, NM Selby Anderson, 4.0, \$633. U2200: Alexander Jiang, 3.5, \$500. U1900: Anthony Guerra, 3.0, \$500.

**RESERVE** 1st: Kevin Yang, 4.5, \$400. 2nd/U1600: Emily Nguyen, Ross Johnson, 3.5, \$200. 3rd/U1600: Anthony Nguyen, Christian Leos, Mauro Gutierrez, Charles R. Davis, Wesley Anderson, Duane Solley, Charles Ventimiglia, Priya Trakru, 3.0, \$25. Unrated: Gomez Mendoza, 2.0, \$50.

**NOVICE** 1st: Roger Rodriguez, 5.0, \$200. 2nd: Martin Robert del Campo, Jr., 4.0, \$100. 3rd: Fernando Mendoza, Andrew Stock, 3.5, \$25. Unrated: Noe Torres, 4.0, \$50.

## King's Indian E68

Austin Jiang 1955  
Axel Bachmann 2608

## Laredo Open (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 Re8 9.h3 exd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.b3

A bit out of order, compared to the book line 11.Re1 Rb8 12.Rb1 Ne5 13.b3.

11...Rb8 12.Be3 c5 13.Nde2 b5 14.Qxd6?

14.cxb5 axb5 15.Bf4 b4 16.Bxd6 Rb6 17.Na4 Rxd6 18.Qxd6 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Rxe4 14...b4 15.e5 Nh5 16.g4?

16.f4 dxc3 17.g4 avoids major material loss, although the desperado ...Nxf4 will bust up the White pawns advantageously.

16...Bxe5 17.Qd3 Nhf6 18.f4 Bxc3 19.Nxc3 bxc3 20.Qxc3 Bb7 21.Rad1 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qc7 23.Qd3 Rbd8 24.f5 Ne5 25.Qe2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Qc6+ 27.Kg1 Nf3+ 28.Kf1

Nd4 29.Qf2 Qh1+, White resigns  
30.Qg1 Qf3+ 31.Qf2 Qxd1+-+ 0-1

## KI Attack A08

Anthony Guerra 1874  
Max Cornejo 2485

## Laredo Open (1)

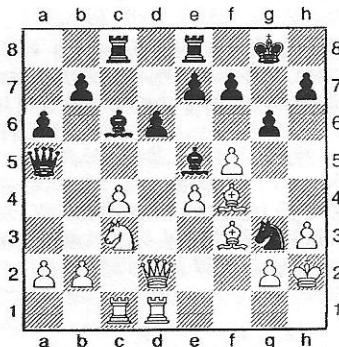
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 d4 5.d3 Nc6 6.e4 dxe3 7.fxex3 Bg4 8.Qe1 e6 9.b3 Bd6 10.Bb2 0-0 11.a3 Nd7 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Nc4 Be7 14.a4 Rac8 15.Rf2 b6 16.Qc3 Bf6 17.Qd2 Bxb2 18.Nxb2 h6 19.Raf1 Bh5 20.Nd1 f5 21.Nc3 Nf6 22.Ne1 a6 23.Bf3 Ng4 24.Rg2 Nce5 25.Be2 Be8 26.Nf3 Bc6 27.h3 Nf6 28.Qe1 Qb7 29.e4 Nf7 30.exf5 exf5 31.Rg2 Qb8 32.Kh2 Nh5 33.Rg1 f4 34.g4 Ng3 35.Nb1 Rce8 36.Nb2 Ng5 0-1

## Sicilian Accelerated Dragon B38

Duy Nguyen 1881  
Alfonso Almeida 2442

## Laredo Open (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.h3 a6 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.Kh1 Qa5 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.f4 [14.Nd5!?] 14...Na5 15.Nxa5 Qxa5 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Rac1 Rfe8 18.Bf3 Nh5 19.f5?! [19.Kh2=] 19... Ng3+ 20.Kh2 Be5 21.Bf4



21...Nxe4! 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.fxg6 Bxg6 24.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 25.Kh1 Rxc4

26.Re1 Qd4 and Black won 0-1

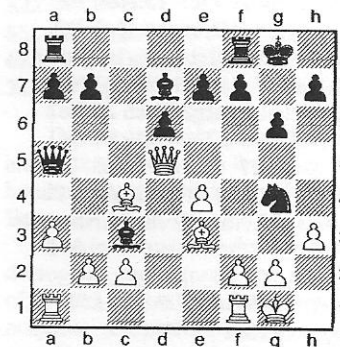
*Sicilian Dragon B35*

Michael Langer 2310  
Simon Vasquez 1816

*Laredo Open (1)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 d6 10.a3 Bd7 11.Qd2?

An oversight – better is 11.f4.  
11...Nxd4 12.Qxd4  
12.Bxd4 Nxe4! winning a pawn.  
12...Ng4 13.Qd5 Bxc3



14.Qxb7  
14.hxg4 Qc7! 15.bxc3 Be6+  
14...Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bf6  
15...Rac8! 16.Qxd7 Rxc4 17.bxc3 Rxe4+. The opposite color bishops now offer drawing chances.  
16.Qxd7 Qc5 17.Bd5 Qxe3+ 18.Kh1 Rad8 19.Qa4 Bxb2 20.Rf3 Qd4 21.Qxd4 Bxd4 22.Raf1 e6 23.Bb3 Kg7 24.Kh2 Rc8 25.Kh1 Rc3 26.Rxc3 Bxc3 27.g3 Rc8 28.Kg2 Be5 29.Rd1 Rc3 30.Rd3 Rxd3

Plainly, Black must be playing for a draw by trading the last set of rooks.

31.cxd3 Kf6 32.Bc4 Bd4 33.Kf3 Ke5 34.g4 f5 35.gxf5 gxf5 36.exf5 exf5 37.Bg8 h6 38.a4 a5 39.h4 Bb2 40. h5 Bc1 41.Bf7 Kd4 42.Bc4 Kc5 43. Be6 Kb4 44.Bd7 Bg5 45.Be8 d5 46.Bd7 Bc1 ½-½



That 'soul patch' on Axel's chin in the photo is actually someone's hair!

*Center Counter B01*

Perry Johnson 1826  
Selby Anderson 2211

*Laredo Open (1)*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.a3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.Nxc6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.g5 Nh5 12.d5 Rd8 13.Bg2 Nf4 14.Be4 Qe5 15.Qg4 Nxd5 16.f4 Qd4 17.Bxd5 Rxd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.Rh2 e6= 10...Qxc6 11.Rg1?!  
11.d5 Qb6 12.Bg2 0-0-0 13.g5 Nd7 14.h4 e5= 11...0-0-0 12.Be3?

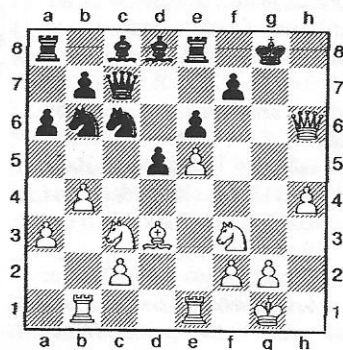
12.g5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14. Be4 would stay in the game.  
12...e5 13.Qd2 exd4 14.Bxd4 Bc5 15.Nc2 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 Qe4+ 0-1

*French Defense C11*

Max Cornejo 2485  
Austin Ziang 1966

*Laredo Open (2)*

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 h6 This sows the seeds of defeat by a bishop sac. [7...Nc6 8.Bf4 f6=] 8.h4 Nc6 9.Bf4 Qb6 10.0-0 a6 11. Rb1 Qc7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Qd2 Nb4 14.Bf1 Nb6 15.a3 Nc6 16.b4 Be7 17.Bd3 Re8 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qxh6 Bd8



20.b5!?

Many roads to Rome. Fritz likes 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.h5!, and against Qd7 or Nc4, 22.Bg6+ Kg8 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.h6! with a mating attack.

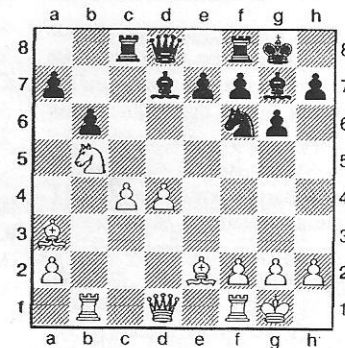
20...Na5 21.bxa6 Nac4 22.Nb5 Qd7 23.Bh7+ Kh8 24.Nd6 Nxd6 25.exd6 f6 26.Bg6+ Kg8 27.axb7 and White won. 1-0

*Sicilian Dragon A35*

Gregg Stanley 2052  
Daniel Fernandez 2444

*Laredo Open (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.e3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 [8.Bf3] 8...d5 9.b3 dxc4 10.bxc4 Bd7 11.Rb1 b6 12.Ba3 Rc8 13.Ncb5 Nxd4 14.exd4 [14.Nxd4]



14...Ne4! 15.Qc2  
15.Qe1! Bxb5 16.Rxb5 Qxd4 17.Rd5 Qc3 18.Bxe7 Rfe8 19.Rd7 Qe5 20.Bd3 Rxe7 21.Rxe7 Qxe7 22.Qxe4 Qxe4 23.Bxe4 Rxc4+ 15...Bxb5 16.Rxb5 Qxd4 17.Bb2 17.Bxe7 Rfe8 18.Bd3 Nc3-+ 17...Nc3 18.Bxc3  
18.Kh1 Rxc4!; 18.Rc1 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Qf4 20.g3 Qc7+ 18...Qxc3 19.Qxc3 Bxc3 20.Rd5 Rfd8 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Rd1 Bd4 23.Kf1 Kg7 24.Bf3 f5 25.Ke2 Kf6 26.Bd5 Bc5 27.f3 Rc8 28.Bb7 Rc7 29.Ba6 Bd6 30.h3 h5 31.Kf1 Rc5 32.Rd2 Ra5 33.Bb7 Ra4 34.Rc2 g5 0-1

*Ragozin System D38*

Alfonso Almeida 2432  
Dan Castillo 1600

*Laredo Open (2)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 Nxd5 [5...exd5=] 6.Bd2

Nxc3 7.bxc3 Be7 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 Nd7 10.0-0 Rb8 11.e4 b6 12.Bf4 Bd6 13.e5 Be7 14.Qa4 a5 15.Rad1 Bb7 16.c4 c6 17.Qc2 b5 18.c5 Re8 19.h4 g6 20.Nd2 Rc8 21.Ne4 Nb8 22.Bg5 Bxg5 23.hxg5 Re7 24.Bf3 Kg7 25.Kg2 Na6 26.Qd2 Qc7 27.Rh1 Ree8 28.Rh6 Rh8 29.Rdh1 f5 30.gxf6+ Kg8 31.f7+ Qxf7 32.Nf6+ Kf8 33.Rxh7 Rxh7 34.Rxh7 Qxh7 35.Nxh7+ 1-0

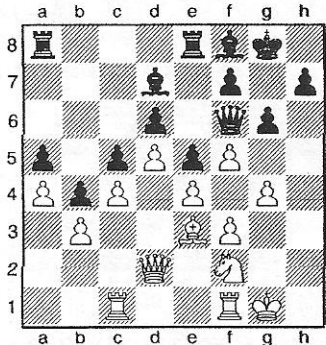
While IM Almaida's opponent was barely above Class C, mine - paired as an unrated - had a Mexican federation rating over 2100.

*Old Indian Defense A55*

Selby Anderson 2211  
Noe Torres 2134

*Laredo Open (2)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Nf3 e5 6.d5 Qc7 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne1 Re8 10.Be3 Nf8 11.Nd3 Ng6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Rc1 c5 14.Bg4 Nng4 15.hxg4 Qc8 16.f3 a6 17.Ne2 Qd8 18.Qd2 b5 19.b3 b4 20.Ng3 Nh4 21.Nf5 Nxf5 22.gxf5 a5 23.a4 Bf8 24.g4 g6 25.Nf2 Qf6?



Better was 25...Bg7=. Now it is clear that White can win handily by swamping Black's kingside: 26.g5 Qd8 27.f6 h5 (on 27...h6 White plays no differently) 28.Kg2 Bc8 29.Rh1 Qd7 30.Rh4 Bb7 31.Rch1 Rad8 32.Qd1 Ba8 33.Qg1 Bb7 34.Qh2 with a winning rook sac on h5. 26.Kg2? Qg7 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.g5 Be7 29.Ng4 Bxg4 30.fxg4 Rf8 31.

Rxf8+ Rxf8 32.Rf1 1/2-1/2

*Modern Benoni A75*

Austin Jiang 1955  
Michael Langer 2310

*Laredo Open (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nf3 a6 8.a4 Bg4 9.Be2 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Re8 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.a5 Qc7 15.Rc1 Nbd7 16.b4 Ne5 17.bxc5 Qxc5 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Qa4 Qa7 21.Qb4 0-1

*Catalan Opening A45*

Daniel Fernandez 2444  
Axel Bachmann 2608

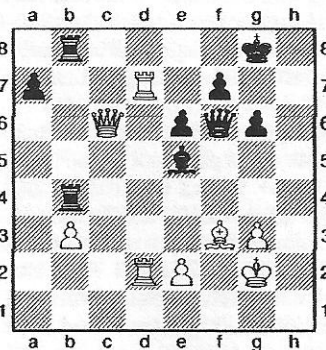
*Laredo Open (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Qc2 dxc4 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qc2 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nbd7 9.Bg5 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Qb3 b4 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.Nc4 Bd5 15.Nfd2 h6 16.Bf4 Nh5 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Bxd5 Bxd2 19.Bf3 Nc5

19...Rxc4 20.Qxc4 Ne5 21.Qe4 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Qg5+ 20.Qc2 Nng3 21.hxg3 Bg5 22.Rfd1 Qc7 23.Nd6 Rb8 24.Ne4 Be7 25.Rac1 Rfc8 26.Nxc5 Bxc5 27.Kg2 Qe7 28.Qa4 Bb6 29.Rc6 g6 30.Rcd6 h5 31.a3

31.Rd7 Qc5 32.e3 Rd8+ 31...Bc5 32.Rd7 Qf6 33.R1d2 h4 34.axb4 Rxb4 35.Qa6 Rcb8 36.Qc6 h3+ 37.Kxh3 Bxf2 38.Kg2 Bd4 39.b3 Be5!

Also good is 39...Be3 40.R2d3 Rxb3+.



40.Qc5 40.R2d3 Qg5 41.g4 Qh4+ 40...Rxb3

More incisive is 40...Qg5! 41.Qf2 Rxb3 42.Rc2 Rb1! Δ 43.Rxa7 Bxg3!+. Bachmann seems content to keep the position on low simmer, and his patience is rewarded. 41.Qxa7 Qg5 42.Qf2 Rc8 43.Ra2 [43.Rd1 Rc2+] 43...Rc7 44.Ra7 Rxa7 45.Rxa7 Qf6 46.Rd7 Rc3 47.Qb6 Kg7 48.Qf2 Rc1 49.Qe3 Ra1 50.Qf2 Qf5 51.Rb7 Bf6 52.Qe3 Qe5 53.Qf2?

White's best chance was in the endgame with 53.Qxe5 Bxe5+ 53...Qc3 54.Qb6

54.Ra7 Rd1 (54...Bd4 55.Rc7+ 55.Bg4 Qb4 56.Qf3 Qc5 57.Ra3 Qg1+ 58.Kh3 Be7 59.Ra4 Rd8 60.Ra8 f5 61.Rxd8 fxg4+ 62.Kxg4 (62.Qxg4 Qh1#) 62...Bxd8+ 54...Qc1+ 55.Kh2 Qh6+ 0-1

*Sicilian B52*

Martin del Campo 2423  
Alfonso Almeida 2432

*Laredo Open (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c4 g6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.f3 Rc8 11.b3 1/2-1/2

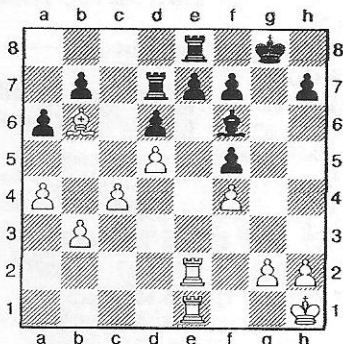
*Sicilian B34*

Mark Dejmek 2161  
Max Cornejo 2211

*Laredo Open (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f4 d6 8.Be2 0-0 9.Qd2 Qa5 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Nb8 13.c4 Nd7 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Rac1 Bf5 16.Bd3 Qd7 17.Kh1 Rfc8 18.Nd4 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 a6 20.b3 Ng4 21.Bg1 Nh6 22.Rce1 Re8 23.Re2 Rac8 24.Rfe1 Bf6 25.a4 Rc7 26.Bf2 Nf5 27.Nxf5 Qxf5 28.Qxf5 gxf5 29.Bb6 Rd7

This is a hard position for either side to win. Fritz gives White the ± nod (+.94), but how to proceed?



30.Re3 h6 31.Kg1 Kh7 32.R1e2 h5  
33.Kf2 Kg6 34.Rg3+ Kh6 35.Rge3  
Bh4+ 36.Kf1 Bf6 37.Kf2 a5 38.Kg3  
Ra8 39.Rd3 Ra6 40.Bf2 Rc7 41.  
Be1 Rc8 42.Bc3 Kg6 43.Be1 Re8  
44.Rde3 b6 45.Bf2 Ra7 46.Rd3  
Rb7 47.Bg1 Rg8 48.Bf2 Kg7 49.  
Be1 Kf8+ 50.Kf3 Ke8 51.b4?

This creates losing chances where there were previously none.

51... axb4 52.Bxb4 Kf8 53.a5 bxa5  
54.Bxa5 Kg7 55.Rc2 Rc8 56.Bc3  
Rc5 57.Bxf6+ Kxf6 58.Rdc3 Rb4

By now White is surely regretting his earlier decision.

59.Ke2 e6 60.dxe6 fxe6 61.Kf2 Kf7  
62.Ke2 Kg6 63.Kf2 Kf6 64.Ke2 e5  
65.fxe5+ dxe5 66.Rh3 Rbxc4 67.  
Rxc4 Rxc4 68.Rxh5 Rc2+ 69.Kf1  
Rc8 70.Rh7 Kg6 71.Rh3 e4 72.Rb3  
Kf6 73.Rb6+ Ke5 74.Ke2 Rc2+  
75.Kf1 e3 76.Ra6 f4 77.h4 Kf5  
78.Ra5+ Kg4 79.h5 Rc1+ 80.Ke2  
Rh1 81.Rb5 Rxh5 82.Rxh5 Kxh5  
83.Kf3 Kh4 0-1

### Saragossa Opening A00

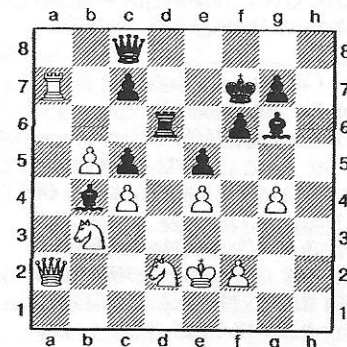
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Michael Langer 2310

### Laredo Open (3)

1.c3 e5 2.Qc2 d5 3.d3 Nf6 4.Bg5  
Nc6 5.Nd2 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e4 0-  
0 8.Ng3 Be7 9.Be2 dxe4 10.dxe4  
a5 11.Bb5 f6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Rd1  
a4 14.0-0 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.Rfe1  
Qb8 17.Rb1 Qa7 18.Rf1 Bc5 19.b4  
axb3 20.axb3 Rfd8 21.b4 Bb6  
22.c4 c5 23.b5 Ba5

23...Qa2 24.Qxa2 Rxa2 25.Rfd1  
Rda8 26.g4 Bf7 27.Kg2 Kf8+  
24.Ra1 Qb7 25.Nb3 Bb4  
25...Bxf3 26.Nxc5 Qb6 27.Na4  
Qa7 28.gxf3 Rd2 29.Qb3 Qd4 30.  
Nc3±  
26.g4 Bg6 27.Nfd2 Rd6?!  
27...c6! 28.bxc6 Qxc6 29.Rxa8  
Rxa8 30.Rd1 Ra7 31.Kh2 Rd7+  
28.Rxa8+ Qxa8 29.Ra1 Qd8 30.  
Ra2 h6 31.Kf1 h5 32.Ke2 hxg4 33.  
hxg4 Kf7 34.Ra7 Qb8 35.Qa2 Qc8



36.Ra6??

After 36.f3 followed by Nf1-d5  
White is slightly better despite  
Black's bishop pair, as the pawn  
structure favors the knights.

36...Qxg4+ 37.Ke3 Qf4+ 38.Ke2  
Bh5+ 39.Kf1 Qh2 40.f3 Bxf3 0-1

### Nimzo-Indian E20

Anthony Rivera 2173

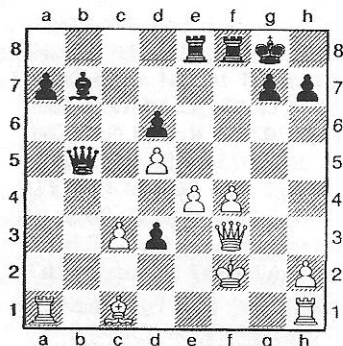
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### Laredo Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 c5  
5.d5 exd5 6.cxd5 Nh5 7.g3 f5!?

My own patent. Yakovich in  
*Play the f3 Nimzo-Indian* does not  
give this approach, which seems a  
hybrid of Modern Benoni and Dutch  
ideas. Now Fritz likes 8.e4 Qe7 9.  
d6!? (9.Bg2 d6=) 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3  
Qe5 with equal play.

8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Nh3 d6  
11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Kf2 Nd7 13.Bd2  
Ne5 14.e3 b5 15.a4 c4 16.axb5  
Qxb5 17.Bc1 Bb7 18.Nf4 Nxf4 19.  
gxf4 Nd3+ 20.Bxd3 cxd3 21.e4 fxe4  
22.fxe4 Rae8 23.Qf3

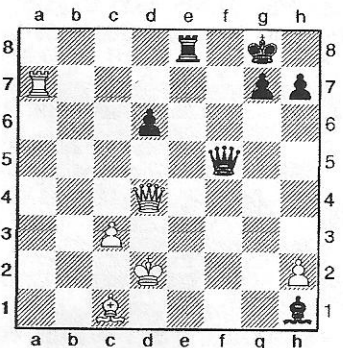


I started to think I had made a  
mistake by trading pawns instead of  
playing 21...Rae8 directly, forcing  
22.Re1 (which, as it turns out, is  
equal - and 23.Re1! would trans-  
pose.) Then I saw a tactic:

23...Rxe4! 24.Qxe4 Bxd5 25.Qd4!

Greed doesn't pay: 25.Qe1 Re8!  
26.Qf1 Re2+ 27.Kg3 d2 28.Bxd2  
Qd3+ 29.Kh4 Bg2, with the win of  
White's queen and/or forced mate.

25...Bxh1 26.Rxa7 Qg5 27.Ke3  
Re8+ 28.Kxd3 Qg6+ 29.f5 Qxf5+  
30.Kd2



30...Qg5+?

There is a time to refrain from  
checking, and 30...Qg6! defends g7  
while keeping White's king in the  
frying pan. 31.c4 Qh6+ 32.Kc2 (32.  
Kd1 Bf3+ 32.Kc2 Qxh2+) 32...  
Qxh2+ 33.Kb1 Qe5+.

Also good was 30...Re5 (Δ Rd5)  
31.c4 Qf3 32.Kc2 Re2+ 33.Kb1  
Qe4+ 34.Qxe4 Bxe4+ 35.Ka1  
Rxh2-+

31.Kc2 Qg6+ 32.Kb2 Rb8+ 33.Ka3 Bb7 34.Bf4 Qb1 35.c4

35.Bxd6 Qa1+ 36.Kb4 Qb2+ 37.Ka5 Rc8 38.Qb4 Qa2+ 39.Kb6 Qd5 40.Rxb7 Rc6+ 41.Ka7 Qxd6= 35...Ra8

I offered a draw. I was wary of losing, and there are opportunities.

A win is still available with 35...Re8! 36.Bd2 Re4 37.Qc3 Re7-+.

½-½

I was kicking myself for not converting a winning advantage in two straight games, but the draws set me up for a "back door" finish, as the luck of the Swiss would play out.

*KI Attack A07*

Alex Bachmann 2608

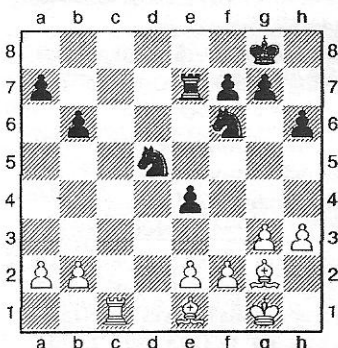
Max Cornejo 2485

*Laredo Open (4)*

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.d3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 e5 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Nxf3 e4 9.Nh4 Bc5 10.c4 0-0 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Nf5 Re8 13.dxe4 dxe4 14.Nd6 Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Nb6

15...Rc8 16.Be3 Rc2 17.Bxa7 Rxe2 18.Bd4±

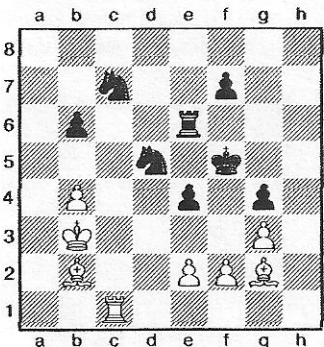
16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.Bg5 Nbd5 18.Rfd1 h6 19.Bd2 b6 20.Be1 Rc8 21.Rac1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc7



White's command of the outer file plus the bishop pair must count for something.

23.Kf1 Kf8 24.Rc8+ Re8 25.Rc4 Re7 26.Rd4 g5 27.Bd2 Kg7 28.Ke1 Kg6 29.b3 Kf5 30.Bc1 h5 31.Bb2 g4 32.Rc4 a5 33.a3 Rc6 34.Bd4

Rd6 35.Bb2 Re6 36.Kd2 Kg6 37.Kc2 Kf5 38.Bd4 Kg6 39.Kb2 Kf5 40.b4 axb4 41.axb4 Ne8 42. Kb3 Nd6 43.Rc1 Nb5 44.Bb2 Nbc7 45. hxc4+ hxg4



**46.Rh1 Kg6**

This was a good time for 46...b5 when it is not clear what White can achieve on the h-file.

47.Rd1 f5 48.e3 Kf7 49.Bf1 Rh6 50.Bc4 Ke6 51.b5 Rh2

Better resistance is available with 51...Rh7 52.Bd4 Rd7 53.Rh1 (53.Bxb6 Nxb5) 53...Rd6 54.Rh7 Ne8 55.Rb7 Nef6 56.Bxb6±.

52.Bd4+ Ke7 53.Be5 Ne6 54.Rxd5 Rxf2 55.Rd6 Nc5+ 56.Kb4 Rf3 57.Rxb6 Nd3+ 58.Bxd3 exd3 59. Kc3 Rxe3 60.Bf4 1-0

*Sicilian Rauzer B67*

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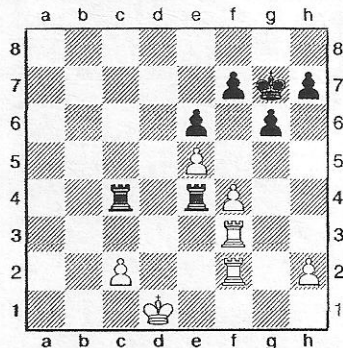
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16.Bxc6 Rxc6 17.fxe5 Nd5 18. Bxd8 Rxd8 19.Rd2 Kf8 20.Rhd1 Ke7 21.Nxd5+ Rxd5 22.Rxd5 exd5 23.Rxd5 Ke6=

16...Nd5 17.Bd2 Nxc3 18.Bxc3 Bg5+ 19.Bd2 Bxd2+ 20.Rxd2 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rc5 22.f4 Rc4 23.Rf1 g6 24.Rd6 Rf8 25.Rf2 a5 26.b3 Re4 27.Kd2 b4 28.axb4 Rxb4 29.Ke3 a4 30.bxa4 Rxa4 31.Rfd2 Kg7 32.

Rd7 Ra2 33.Kd3 Ra3+ 34.Ke2 Rac3 35.Kd1 R8c4 36.Rf2 Re4 37. Rd3 Rcc4 38.Rdf3



White's passive rook deployment does not bode well for him. The rule of thumb in rook endings is that the side with fewer pawn islands stands better.

38...Kf8 39.c3 Ke7 40.Kd2 h6 41. Kd3 h5 42.Rf1 Ra4 43.R1f2 h4 44.Rf1 f6 and Black won 0-1

One possibility is 45.Ra1 Rxf4 46.Rxa4 Rxf3+ 47.Ke4 Rf1 48.Ra7+ Kd8 49.exf6 Rxf6+ (Fritz).

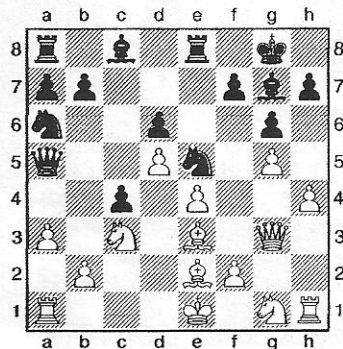
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*Laredo Open (4)*

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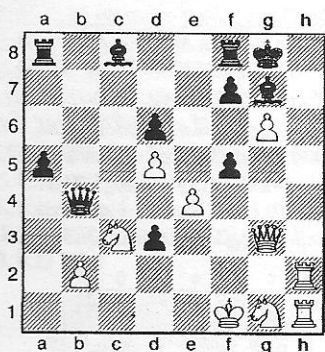


15.Rd1 Ne5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.h5 b5 18.hxc6 hxg6 19.Kf1 b4 20.axb4



UTB chess director Rusty Harwood watches Almeida-Fernandez

**Qxb4 21.Rd2 a5 22.f4 Nd3 23.f5 gxf5 24.g6 Rf8 25. Bxd3 cxd3 26. Rdh2**



**26...Qd4**

26...fxe4! (a) 27.gxf7+? Rxf7+ 28.Ke1 Kf8 29.Rh8+ Ke7! 30.Qh4+ Rf6 31.Qg5 d2+-, (b) 27.Rh8+!! Bxh8 28.Rxh8+ Kxh8 29.g7+ Kg8 30.Qh4!= with a forced perpetual. 27.gxf7+ Kxf7 28.Nf3 Qf6 29.Ng5+ Ke7

29...Ke8 30.Nh7 Qe5 31.Qg6+ Rf7 32.Ng5 Raa7 33.Nxf7 Rxf7 34.Rf2 d2 35.Ke2±

**30.Nh7 Qe5 31.Qg5+**

31.Qh4+ Bf6 32.Nxf8 Kxf8 (32...Bxh4 33.Ng6+ Kf6 34.Nxe5 Bg3 35.Nxd3+-) 33.Qh6+ Bg7 34. Qg5±

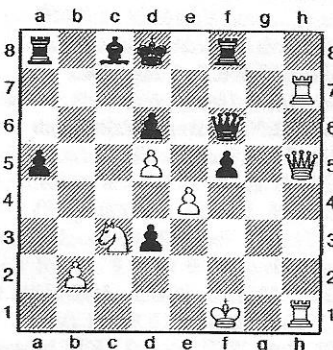
**31...Bf6 32.Nxf6**

32.Nxf8! Bxg5 33.Ng6+ Kf6 34. Nxe5 Kxe5 35.Rh8±

**32...Qxf6 33.Rh7+ Ke8**

33...Kd8 34.Qxf6+ Rxf6 35.Ke1 Rb8 36.Rh8+ Kc7 37.R1h7+ Kb6=

**34.Qh5+? [34.Qxf6=] 34...Kd8**



**35. Rh6 Qe7?**

35...Qe5 36.Qh4+ Kc7 37.Nb5+

**Kb8 38.Qf2 Ra6+-**  
**36.Rh7 fxe4+ 37.Ke1 d2+ 38.Kd1 Qe5?**

38...Qf6 39.Nxe4 Qf4 40.Qg5+ Qxg5 41.Nxg5 Rb8=

**39.Qxe5?**

39.Qh4+! Ke8 (39...Qf6 40.Rf1!) 40.Nb5+-

**39...dxe5 40.Kxd2 Rb8 41.Rg7 Rxb2+ 42.Kc1 1-0**

What a wild ride!

*French Advance C02*

**Selby Anderson 2211**

**Jim Shaw 1871**

*Laredo Open (4)*

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 f6**

6...c4 Δ Na5-b3 is standard fare.

**7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 f5 9.Nc3 Bd7 10.Na4 Qd8 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Ngxe7 13.Nc5 b6?**

I think he overlooked the idea of Nb7-d6.

**14.Nb7 Qb8 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Ba6 Nd8 17.Rc1 Nf7 18.Bb7 Nxd6 19. exd6 Qxb7 20.Rc7 Qxc7**

20...Qa6 21.Ne5 (21.dxe7+ Kxe7 22.Ne5 Rhd8 23.Qc1±) 21...Ng6 22. Nxd7+ Kg8 23.Qe2 Qxe2+ 24. Kxe2+-

**21.dxc7 Rc8 22.0-0 Rxc7 23.Qd2 Kf7 24.Ne5+ Kf6 25.Qf4 Rhc8 26.Qh4+ g5 27.Qxh7**

Mate is forced. My favorite is 27...Be8 28.Qh8#. 1-0

*French Advance C02*

**Martin del Campo 2423**

**Axel Bachmann 2608**

*Laredo Open (5)*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.d4 Nge7 6.Na3 Nf5 7.Nc2 Be7 8.Bd3 cxd4 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Ncxd4 Be6 11.h4 h6 12.Qd3 Qd7 13.Bf4 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 ½-½**

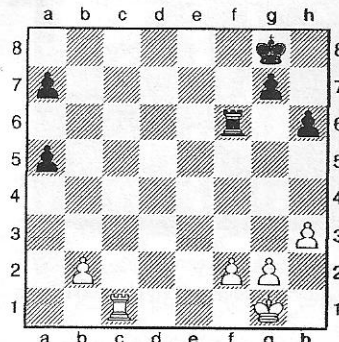
*Sicilian B50*

**Max Cornejo 2485**

**Alfonso Almeida 2432**

*Laredo Open (5)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.h3 Nbd7 5.Bd3 b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Re1 Qc7 8.Bc2 Rc8 9.d3 e6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Bh4 Ne5 13.Bg3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 0-0 15.a4 Qd8 16.Rac1 Nd7 17.Nc4 e5 18.Qg4 Nf6 19.Qe2 Ne8 20.Rcd1 Bg5 21.Rf1 Nc7 22.d4 cxd4 23.cxd4 Ba6 24.dxe5 Bxc4 25.Qxc4 Ne6 26.Qd3 Qc7 27.Bb3 dxe5 28.Bxe6 fxe6 29.Qd6 Qxd6 30.Rxd6 Rc4 31.a5 bxa5 32.Rxe6 Rxe4 33.Rxe5 Rxe5 34.Bxe5 Bf6 35.Bxf6 Rxf6 36.Rc1



36...Rb6 37.Rc8+ Kh7 38.Rc5 and a draw was soon agreed. [38...Rxb2 39.Rxa5 Rb7 40.Rc5=] ½-½

#### Center Counter B01

Mark Dejmek 2161  
Selby Anderson 2211

#### Laredo Open (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bg4 6.f3 Bh5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.Bf4 Qd7 9.d5!? Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Bxc7 e6

11...e5? 12.Bf5±

12.Nf4

△12.c3 Qg5 (12...Be5 13.Be4±)

13.0-0 Bg6=

12...Qd7 13.Nxh5 Qxc7

White sees the threat of ...Qe5+, as well as the fork on the b-pawn after 14.0-0 Qe5! 15.Ng3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qd4+±. Black has piece pressure after 14.Ng3 Bd6 15.Nf1 Qb6 16.Qb1 Rd8±. So naturally ...

14.Qe2?? Qa5+

Sometimes you get lucky. 0-1

#### Scotch Game C45

Michael Langer 2310  
Perry Johnson 1926

#### Laredo Open (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.Nb5 Bxc3 7.fxe3 Kd8 8.N1c3 a6?? [8...Nge7] 9.Nxc7 Rb8 10.N7d5 Qg5 11.Qd2 Nf6 12.0-0-0 Re8 13.Nxf6 Qxf6 14.Bc4 Ne5 15.Bb3 b6 16.Nd5 Qd6 17.Qe1 Qg6 18.Qc3 Qc6 19.Qe1 Qg6 20.Qh4+ f6 21.Nf4 Qh6 22.Qe1 Bb7 23.Qb4 Bc6 24.Qd6 Rc8 25.Bd5 Re7 26.Bxc6 Nxc6 27.Nd5 Re6 28.Qf8+ Re8 29.Qa3 Ne7 30.Nxb6 Rb8 31.Rxd7# 1-0

#### Sargossa Opening A00

Noe Torres 2134

Gregg Stanley 2052

#### Laredo Open (5)

1.c3 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d3 d5 4.Qc2 c5 5.e4 Nc6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Rfe1 Rb8 12.Rad1 b6 13.Nf1 d4 14.Ng3 Qd6 15.a3 dxc3 16.bxc3 Bg4 17.a4 Be6 18.Nd2 Qe5 19.Rc1 Rbd8 20.Red1 Na5 21.Ngf1

f5 22.Nf3 Qf6 23.N1d2 Bd7 24.c4 Qb2 25.Qxb2 Bxb2 26.Rb1 Bg7 27.exf5 Bxa4 28.Re1 gxf5 29.Bf1 Bc2 30.Rbc1 Bxd3 31.Bxd3 Rxd3 32.Rxe7 Rf7 33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Kf1 Bf6 35.Re6 Kg7 36.Ke2 Rdd7 37.Kf1 Rfe7 38.Rxe7+ Rxe7 39.Re1 Rxe1+ 40.Kxe1 Bc3 41.Kd1 Kf6 42.Kc2 Bxd2 43.Nxd2 and Black won 0-1

A tour de force by eight-year-old Emily Nguyen:

#### Sicilian Smith-Morra B21

Charles R. Davis 1674

Emily Nguyen 1622

#### Laredo Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 0-0

10...a6 11.e5 Nh5 12.Bg5 Bxg5

13.Nxg5 Nf4 14.Qf3 dxe5±

11.Nb5 Qb6 12.Nxd6 Bxd6 13.Bxd6 Rd8 14.e5 Ne8 15.Ng5 [□ 15.Ba3±] 15...Nxd6 16.Qh5? [16.exd6±] 16...h6

Not 16...Nxc4? 17.Qxf7+ Kh8 18.Qh5 Kg8 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Qh8+ Ke7 21.Qxg7+ Ke8 22.Qf7#.

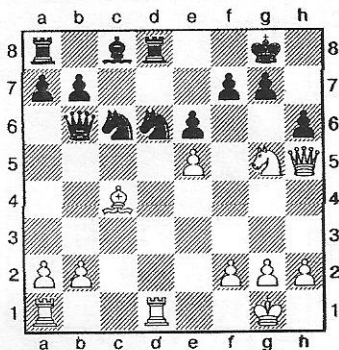


Girl power in the Reserve: Priya Trakru (3.0) and Emily Nguyen (3.5)



Top L to R from Vela and Hanna: Brianna Gullen, Yamile Sandoval, Elizabeth Vasquez, Elizabeth Ukoli, Margaret Saco, Lauren Rogers, Kathleen Preeble, Ivana Santos. Bottom center, L to R: Victoria Flores from Paredes ES and Priya Traku from Hudson ES.

Besides the text, also good is 16... Nxe5 17.Qxh7+ Kf8 18.Bb3 Ng4+.



17.Bd3?

17.Rxd6 hxc5 18.Rad1 Re8+ 17...Nxe5 18.Ne4 Nxd3 19.Rxd3 Nxe4 20.Rf3 Nf6 21.Qh3 Qd4 22.Rf1 e5 23.Qg3 Nh5 (Ouch!) 0-1

That put Emily in a tie for second in the Reserve, edging out Priya Traku by half a point.

A week earlier, Priya had won a national title with first place in the Under 10 division of the National

Girls' Chess Championships, held Apr. 8-10 in Chicago.

In addition, her hometown teams from Brownsville's Hanna High School and Vela Middle School placed first in the Under 18 and Under 16 divisions (see above photo).

**Final Four (contd. from p. 8)**

22.Bf2 Qg5 23.Bxc4 Rxc4 24.Qd3 Qf6 25.Rfd1 Bf4 26.a4 Bc6 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ne2 Bxe4 29.fxe4 Bxb2+ 30.Kf1 Rxc4 31.Rd2 h5 32.Rbd1 b4 33.Qf3 Qg5 34.g3 h4 35.gxh4 Qe5 36.Rd5 Qxb2 37.R1d2 Qb1+ 38.Kg2 Be5 39.h5 gxh5 40.Qxh5 Re6 41.Ng3 Rf4 42.Rb5 Re8 43. Qg5+ Qg6 44.Qxg6+ fxg6 45.Ne2 Rc4 46.Nd4 Rf8 47.Nc2 Rg4+ 48. Kf1 Rg4 49.Kg2 Rg4+ 50.Kf1 Rh4 51.Rxb4 Rxb4 52.Nxb4 Bc3 53. Rxd6 Bxb4 54.Rxg6+ ½-½

*French Rubinstein C10*

**Max Cornejo 2497 UTB**

**Puchen Wang 2541 TTU**

*Final Four 2011 (3)*

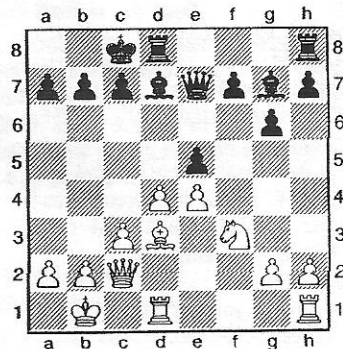
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Be3

This is directed against ...c5, but it leads to a baroque pawn structure.

5...Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Nf3 Nd5

White could steer to normal (i.e., boring) Rubinstein channels with 8. Bg5 Be7, but it seems like an admission of error. He prefers to bite the bullet and try to prove that his center is strong.

8.Bd3 Nxe3 9.fxe3 g6 10.c3 Bg7 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Kb1 0-0-0 14.e4 e5



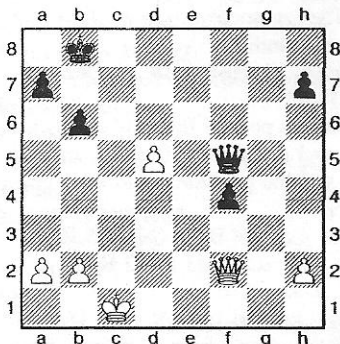


Now Fritz likes 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Qf2 Ba4!?, or better yet, 17... Kb8! 18.Qxf7 Ba4! with excellent play for Black.

15.d5 Kb8 16.Nd2 c6 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Nb3 Qc7 19.Qe2 b6 20.Bc4 Qb7 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Re1 f5 23.exf5 gxf5

Ironically, now it is Black who has the strong center.

24.g3 f4 25.gxf4 exf4 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Qg7 28.d5 Re8 29.Qf2 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Bd7 31.Qf2 Qe5 32.Bd3 Bf5 33.Bxf5 Qxf5+ 34.Kc1



It's a duel in the sun now, two queens and two future queens. The relative position of kings and passed pawns puts White in a bad way.

34...f3 35.d6 Qf4+ 36.Qd2 Qc4+ 37.Kd1 Qf1+ 38.Kc2??

38.Qe1 Qd3+ 39.Kc1 (39.Qd2?? Qb1+-) 39...Qxd6 40.Qe8+ Kb7 41.Qf7+ Qc7+ 42.Qxc7+ Kxc7 43.Kd2 Kd6 44.Ke3 Kd5 45.Kxf3 Kd4 is an ending that looks winnable for Black.

38...f2 39.b3 Qa6 40.Qg5!?

A final bluff, as otherwise it's 40.d7 Qxa2+ 41.Kc3 Qxd2+ 42.Kxd2 Kc7 with a trivially easy win for Black in the K+P ending.

40...flQ 0-1

**Solution** (back cover): 1.Rh6 (1... Kd5 2.Nxc3#, 1...Kf5 2.Nd6#).

## Austin - San Antonio SHOOTOUT GAMES

Here are most of the games from the 20-board team match that Austin won from San Antonio in February, by a score of 21-19.

### French Tarrasch C06

Michael Langer 2310

James Rohrbough 2204

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Qxb2 14.Re1 0-0 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Rxe6 Rae8 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Rb1 Qxa2 19.Rxb7 Ne4 20.Qf1 Nd2 21.Qc1 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Nd8 23.Rb8 Rf8 24.Qe3 Qa4 25.Kg2 Qc6 26.Qe5 Ne6 27.Bf5 Nd8 28.Rc8 Qf6 29.Qxd5+ Kh8 30.Bd3 Ne6 31.Rxf8+ Nxf8 32.Bc4 Qg6+ 33.Kh3 Qh6+ 34.Kg3 Qg6+ 35.Kf4 Qh6+ 36.Ke4 Qg6+ 37.Kf4 Qh6+ 38.Kg3 Qg6+ 39.Kh3 Qh6+ 40.Kg2 Qg6+ 41.Kf1 Qb1+ 42.Ke2 Qc2+ 43.Ke3 Qc3+ 44.Kf4 Qc1+ 45.Kg3 Qg1+ 46.Kh3 1-0

### Sicilian Lowenthal B32

Selby Anderson 2201

Alexander Balkum 2211

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5!?

The only Texas master I've seen play the Lowenthal is Gary Simms! 5.Nb5 a6 6.Nd6+ Bxd6 7.Qxd6 Qf6 8.Qd1

I wanted to fall back on Pachman's recommendation of the Spassky line 8.Qa3, but didn't feel sure about 8...Qg6. [9.Be3 Qxe4 10.Nc3 Qb4 11.Qxb4 Nxb4 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Bc5 Nbc6 14.f4 d5 15.fxe5 Be6 16.Bd6 d4 17.Ne4 Bd5 18.Bd3 Ng6 19.c4!± Spassky-Utjackij, Kislovodsk 1960; 8...Nge7 9.Nc3 Rb8 10.Be3 b5 11.Nd5 Nxd5

12.exd5 b4 13.Qa4 Nd4 14.Bc4 0-0 15.0-0 Nf5 16.Bd2 d6 17.Rae1± Gufeld-Gaprinidashvili, USSR 1981.

8...Qg6 9.Nc3 Nge7 10.Be3

10.h4 h5 11.Bg5 d5 12.exd5 Nb4 13.Bxe7 Kxe7 14.d6+ Kd8 15. Bd3 Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 Qxd3 17.cxd3 Bf5 18.0-0-0 Kd7 19.d4 e4 20. Rhe1± ECO

10...0-0

10...d5! 11.exd5 Nb4 12.Bd3 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Bf5 14.Qd2 Qxg2= ECO

11.h4 h5 12.Be2 d5 13.Bxh5 Qh7 14.exd5 Nb4 15.Bc5!?

15.Rc1 Bf5 16.0-0 Bxc2 17.Qf3 e4 18.Qg4 Bd3 19.Bc5 Nbx5 20.Rfe1±

15...Nxc2+ 16.Kf1

16.Kd2! Nxa1 17.Bxe7 Re8 18. Bc5 Nc2 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qxc2±

16...Re8 17.Rc1 Nd4 18.d6 Nec6 19.Nd5 Bf5 20.Rc3

20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Nxf5 Qxf5 23.Rc7 Rf8 24.Bg4 Qf6 25.d7 Qb6 26.Rc8±

20...Rad8 21.Rg3

Low on time, I flail about for cheapos. [21.Nc7 Rf8 22.Be2±]

21...Qh6 22.Ne7+?

22.Kg1 Rd7 23.Re3±

22...Nxe7 23.dxe7 Rd5 24.b4??

Played fatalistically. Maybe I was punishing myself for the undeveloped KR. [24.Rc3±]

24...Bc2+ 25.Qe1 Qxh5 26.Bxd4 Rxd4 0-1

### King's Indian E62

John Bell 2139

Bobby Moore 2200

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 c6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Qd2 Nxf4 11.gxf4 Nd7 12.e4 c5 13.d5 Qa5 14.Rae1 Nb6 15.Qd3 Qb4 16.Nd2 Qxb2 17.e5 Bf5 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Nd7 20.Rb1 Qa3 21.Rxb7 Rad8 22.Nf3 Qa6 23.Rb1 Rb8 24. Rbe1 Qa3 25.R4e3 Rb2 26.e6 Qxc3 27.Qxc3 Bxc3 28.Rxc3 Nb6 29.Ra3

fxe6 30.Rxe6 Rxf4 31.Rxg6+ Kh7  
 32.Re6 Nxc4 33.Rxe7+ Kg6 34.Rc3  
 a5 35.Kg2 Rb8 36.Kg3 Rb8 37.h3  
 Nb6 38.Re6+ R8f6 39.Nd2 Nxd5  
 40.Rxf6+ Rxf6 41.Ra3 Nb6 42.  
 Rxa5 c4 43.Ne4 Re6 44.Nc3 Nd7  
 45.Rd5 Nf6 46.Rd4 d5 47.Nxd5  
 Nxd5 48.Rxd5 Ra6 49.Rc5 Rxa2  
 50.Rxc4 Ra1 51.Kh4 Rf1 52.Rc6+  
 Kg7 53.Kh5 Rxf2 54.Rg6+ Kh7  
 55.Rxb6+ Kg7 56.Ra6 Rf5+ 57.  
 Kg4 Rf6 58.Ra7+ Rf7 59.Ra5 Rf1  
 60.h4 Rb1  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

*KI Attack A08*

Don Sutherland 2168

Joshua Newsham 2129

*Austin vs. San Antonio (1.4)*

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ng3  
 Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-  
 0 8.Re1 f6 9.c3 d4 10.Nc4 e5  
 11.Qb3 Kh8 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.Bd2  
 Rb8 14.a4 Be6 15.h4 b6 16.Rec1 a6  
 17.Qd1 Bb4 18.Qe1 Bxd2 19.Qxd2  
 Bxc4 20.dxc4 a5 21.Ne1 Nb4  
 22.Ra3 Qd6 23.Nc2 Nxc2 24.Qxc2  
 Rfe8 25.Rb3 Rc5 26.Bf1 Ne6  
 27.Bd3 Nb4 28.Qe2 Rbc8 29.Ra3  
 R5c7 30.Raa1 Na6 31.b3 Nc5  
 32.Rab1 g6 33.Re1 Re8 34.Kg2  
 Kg7 35.h5 g5 36.g4 Ne6 37.Qd2 h6  
 38.f3 Qa3 39.Kf2 Nf4 40.Red1  
 Rec8 41.Qb2 Qb4 42.Qd2 Qc5  
 43.Qb2 Nh3+ 44.Kg2 Nf4+ 45.Kf2  
 Nh3+  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

*Queen's Indian E16*

Drew Sarkisian 2120

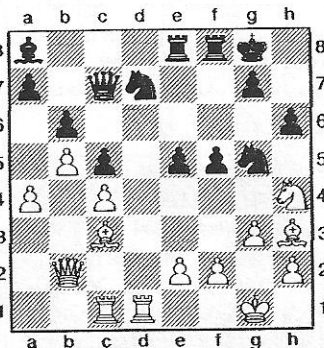
Mitchell Vergara 2074

*Austin vs. San Antonio (1.5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7  
 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0  
 Bxd2 8.Bxd2 d6 9.Rc1 Nbd7 10.b4  
 c5 11.Qa4 Qc7 12.Rfd1 h6 13.Bf4  
 Bc6

13...cxd4 14.c5 bxc5 15.bxc5  
 Nxc5 16.Qxd4 Bd5 17.Bxb6 looks  
 chaotic, but is probably equal.  
 14.b5 Be4 15.Qa3 e5 16.dxe5 dxe5  
 17.Bd2 Rad8 18.Bc3 Ba8 [18...

Bf5!?] 19.Qb2± Rde8 20.a4 [20.  
 Bh3!] 20...Ne4 21.Bh3 f5 22.Nh4  
 Ng5



23.Bf1

I'd originally intended 23.Bxf5  
 but allowed myself to be scared off  
 by ghosts: 23...Rxf5 24.Nxf5 Nh3+  
 25.Kf1 Rf8 26.Ne7+ This move I  
 missed, White can force Black to  
 close the long diagonal. 26...Kh7  
 27.Qc2+ e4 and White is clearly on  
 top.

23...Ne4 24.Be1 Kh7 [24...g5] 25.f3  
 g5 26.fxe4 gxh4 27.exf5 Qb7 28.  
 e4! Nf6 29.Bg2 Qg7? [29...Nxe4]  
 30.Qe2+ Rd8 31.Rc3?

31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.a5±

31...Rxd1 32.Qxd1 Bxe4 33.Bxe4  
 Nxe4 34.Re3 Ng5 35.Qg4?

Awful. 35.g4 made more sense.

35...Qf6?! [35...h3] 36.Bc3? [36.  
 gxh4] 36...Qxf5 37.Qxf5+ Rxf5  
 38.Kg2?? [38.gxh4+] 38...h3+→  
 39.Kg1 Rf3 40.Rxf3 Nxf3+ 41.Kf2  
 Nxb2 0-1

*English Opening A21*

Gregg Stanley 2057

Peter Kappler 2092

*Austin vs. San Antonio (1.6)*

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d4 e4  
 5.Bg5 Nf6 6.Ng1 Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.h4  
 c6 9.Nh3 Na6 10.Nf4 Nc7 11.Be2  
 Nc6 12.Nxe6 Bxe6 13.Qc2 d5 14.c5  
 h6 15.Bf4 Bf7 16.h5 Nh7 17.0-0-0  
 Ng5 18.Kb1 Be6 19.Ka1 Qd7 20.b4  
 Bd8 21.b5 Be7 22.Rb1 Bxf4  
 23.exf4 Nh7 24.Rb3 Qc7 25.g3 Bd7  
 26.b6 axb6 27.Rxb6 Ra7 28.Nd1

Rfa8 29.Ne3 Nf6 30.Rb2 Bc8  
 31.Qd2 Ra4 32.Bd1 Ra3 33.Bb3  
 Ng4 34.Ng2 Qa5 35.Qxa5 R8xa5  
 36.Kb1 Nf6  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Notes by J.P. Hylltin

*Ruy Lopez C84*

Craig LaSalle 2083

J.P. Hylltin 2052

*Austin vs. San Antonio (1.7)*

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0  
 Be7 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 Nc6  
 8.Re1 Qc7 9.Nf1

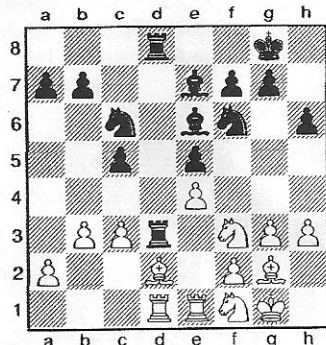
The maneuver that follows  
 seemed familiar.

9...dxe4 10.dxe4 Rd8 11.Qe2 e5  
 12.c3 h6

At this point, I figured I got every-  
 thing I could want from the open-  
 ing, and the position could only get  
 better.

13.h3 Be6 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Rad1  
 Qd3 16.Qxd3 Rxd3 17.b3 Rad8

I considered 17...c4 but after  
 18.b4 I kind of have to play 18...b5  
 to keep him from kicking my  
 Knight. But, it's hard to find an ac-  
 ceptable move for White here.  
 Instead, I decided I could play c4 next  
 move.; I looked at 17...Bxh3 know-  
 ing it's bad, and I did find 18.Bxh3  
 Rxf3 19.Be3 Nxe4 ? (other Knight  
 moves are better, but they allow  
 Rd7) 20.Bg2



18.N1h2 a6

I mostly was preventing the  
 bishop from getting to b5. I thought  
 18...c4 had been prevented by 19.

Bf1, but now 19...R3d7 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.bxc4 Na5 is overwhelming. 19.Bf1 R3d7 20.Re2 c4 21.Rb1

A move I never considered, but it allows a long combination.

21...cxb3 22.axb3 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf5 24.Rbe1 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxd2 26.Nxd2 Rxd2

White has some Black square weaknesses (f2), and Black owns the only open file.

27.Nf3 Rd5

27...Rc2 28.Nxe5 Nxe5 (28...Bc5 29.Nxc6 Rxf2 is interesting until 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Bd3+ g6 32. Ne5) 29.Rxe5 Bf6 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Bd3+. 28.Bc4 Rd1+ 29.Kg2

Now I realized my Rook on the d file was dominating.

29...Bd6 30.Nh4

A nice move, and I have to start planning

30...Kf8 31.Nf5 Rd2

He threatened Rg4 so I had to play actively.

32.Re2

I didn't mind allowing the bishop to be traded for the knight, as it takes a few drawing possibilities off the board. [32.Rg4 Bc5 (32...g6 33. Nxb6 Nd8 is interesting, but I had no confidence in it.) 33.Nxg7 Rxf2+ 34.Kh1 seemed playable.

32...Rd1

I should play 32...Rxe2 but I was concerned about 33.Nxd6 Rc2 34.Nxb7.

33.Ne3 Rc1 34.Rd2 Be7 35.Rd7

And now I saw it ...

35...Na5 36.Bd5

I didn't consider his other moves. [36.Bf1 Ke8 37.Rd3 Nxb3; 36.Be2 Ke8 37.Bg4 h5 38.Rd1 Rxc3

36...Ke8

Yay! His rook is trapped.

37.Rxb7 Nxb7 38.Bxb7 Rxc3 39. Bd5 Bc5 40.Nc4 f6 41.f4 exf4 42. gxf4 Rxb3 43.Nd6+ Bxd6 44.Bxb3 Bxf4 45.Kf3 g5 46.Kg4 Kd7 47. Kf5 Be5 48.Ke4 Kc6 49.Kd3 Kc5 50.Kc2 f5 51.Be6 f4 52.h4 Kd4 53. Kd2 f3 54.Bf5 Bg3 55.hxg5 hxg5

56.Bc2 a5 57.Kd1 Ke3 58.Ba4 Bf2 59.Bd7 Kf4 0-1

### French Defense C13

Andy Smith 2038

Derek Chang 2076

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.8)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 h6 7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Qg4 f5 9.Qg3 a6 10.Be2 c5 11.Bh5+ Kd8 12.Nge2 cxd4 13. Nxd4 Nc6 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Nxc6+ bxc6 16.Qxe7+ Kxe7 17.f4 Rb8 18. 0-0-0 Bb7 19.Rhg1 c5 20.g4 d4 21.gxf5 Rxf5 22.Rg7+ Kd8 23.Bg4 Rxf4 24.Bxe6 Nxe5 25.Na4 Bf3 26.Re1 Nc6 27.Nxc5 Rxb4 28. Rd7+ Ke8 29.Bg4+ Kf8 30.Bxf3

1-0

### English Opening A25

Alan Laverty 2072

Ariel Medina 2009

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.9)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Nd5 Bc5 6.e3 0-0 7.Ne2 Re8 8.0-0 Nxd5 9.cxd5 Ne7 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 d6 12.e4 Bd7 13.Be3 Qc8 14.Qd2 Ng6 15.f4 a6 16.Kh1 Bh3 17.Rae1 Bxg2+ 18.Qxg2 Qd7 19.h4 Qg4 20.Nf5 Bxe3 21.Nxe3 Qd7 22.h5 Ne7 23.f5 f6 24.h6 gxh6 25.Qh3 Kg7 26.Rf4 Ng8 27.Rh4 Re7 28.Ng4 Kh8 29.Nxh6 Nxh6 30.Rxh6 Rf7 31.Qh4 Qe7 32.Kg2 Re8 33.Kf3 Rg8 34.Rh1 Rgg7 35.Rg6 ½-½

### QGD Slav D30

Virgil Aluyen 1973

Matthew Liu 2050

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.10)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.a4?! Nf6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Bg5 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.e3 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Bd3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b5 12.axb5 cxb5 13. Bd3 Bb7 14.0-0 a6 15.Ne2 Rac8 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Ng4 19.Nf4 Nxe3 20.Qh5 h6 21.Nxe6 Qd2 0-1

### French Tarrasch C10

Michael Simpson 1979

Robert Bradley 1981

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.13)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Qe2 Bxe4 9.Bxe4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 c6 11.Re1 Be7 12.c4 0-0 13.a3 Rc8 14.b4 b5 15.cxb5 cxb5 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Be3 Qb7 18.Rad1 Nf6 19.Ne5 Nd5 20.Qf3 Qa6 21.Bd2 Rc7 22.Rc1 Bd6 23.Rxc7 Bxc7 24.Nd7 Rc8 25.Nc5 Qd6 26.g3 Bd8 27.Kg2 Rc7 28.h4 Nf6?? [28...Rc8] 29.Bf4 Qxd4?? 30.Rd1

1-0

### Sicilian B21

Altan Kartaltepe 1715

Alok Kumar 1936

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.16)

1.e4 c5 2.f4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Qe2+ Be7 7.0-0 Bxb5 8.Qxb5+ Qd7 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.fxexd4 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.Ne4 Ke6 14.d3 h6 15.Bf4 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Rae1 Kd7 18.Be5 Ng4 19.Bxg7 Rhg8 20.Rf7 Ne3 21.Rxe3 dxe3 22.Bxh6 e2 23.Bd2 Rg8 24.Rf2 c4 25.d4 Rfe8 26.Rxe2 Kc6 27.c3 Bd6 28.g3 Re6 29.d5+ Kxd5 30.Nf6+ Rxf6 31.Bg5 Rf5 32.Rd2+ Kc6 33.Be3 Re8 34.Bd4 a5 35.Kg2 Rg8 36.Re2 b5 37.Re4 b4 38.g4 Rf4 39.Rxf4 Bxf4 40.h3 Kd5 41.Kf3 Bc1 42.Bb6 Bxb2 43.cxb4 axb4 44.Ba5 Ba3 45.h4 c3 46.Bb6 c2 47.Be3 c1Q 48.Bxc1 Bxc1 49.g5 Bxg5 0-1

### English Opening A34

Louis Rimpel 1600

Duy Nguyen 1774

#### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.18)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 e6 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nh3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 Bf6 10.Ne4 Be7 11.e3 a6 12.Rb1 b5 13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Nf4 Rd8 15.Re1 Ne5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.d4 Bxd4 18.exd4 Qxd4 19.Re4 Nf3+ 20.Bxf3 Qf6 21.Bg2

Bb7 22.Re1 Rac8 23.Qe2 Qf5  
 24.Be4 Nxf4 25.Bxf4 Bxe4 26.Qxe4  
 Qxe4 27.Rxe4 Rc2 28.Be5 f6  
 29.Rd4 Rdc8 30.Bd6 Re2 31.b4  
 Rcc2 32.Bc5 Ra2 33.Rd3 Kf7  
 34.Rc1 Kg6 35.Kf1 Kf5 36.Kg2 e5  
 37.Rd7 Kg6 38.Rc3 Red2 39.Rxd2  
 Rxd2 40.Be3 Rd6 41.Rc7 Rd3  
 42.Bc5 Rxa3 43.Bf8 a5 ½-½

*Sicilian Najdorf B91*

James Rohrbach 2204

Michael Langer 2310

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.1)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7  
 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Nc6 10.Be3 Qc7  
 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.Rac1 Rac8 13.  
 Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5  
 b5 16.Bd4 Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.  
 Rfe1 Rfe8 19.Re3 Qc5 20.c3 Rc7  
 21.Rce1 Nb6 22.b3 Kf8 23. R1e2  
 Nd7 24.Kh2 Nf6 25.g4 Qa7 26.f4  
 Rc5 27.Bf3 Rc7 28.Qe1 Rc5 29.  
 Qd2 Rc7 30.Qe1 Rc5 ½-½

*Nimzo-Indian E42*

Alexander Balkum 2211

Selby Anderson 2201

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5  
 5.Nge2 cxd4 6.exd4 0-0 7.a3 Be7  
 8.g3 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bg2 Nc6  
 11.0-0 Bf6 12.Ne4 b6 13.Be3 Bb7  
 14.N2c3 Na5 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Rac1  
 Be7 17.a4 Nb3 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.  
 Rc3 Qd7 20.Qd1 Rxc3 21.Nxc3  
 Bc4 22.Re1 Rd8 23.d5 exd5 24.Bf4  
 Bb4 25.Re5 Bd6 26.Rh5 Bxf4 27.  
 gxf4 f5 28.Rh3 d4 0-1 (time)

*Alekhine's Defense B03*

Bobby Moore 2200

John Bell 2139

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.3)*

1.e4 c5 2.d4 Nf6 [2...cxd4 3.c3 Nf6]  
 3.e5 Nd5 4.c4 Nc7 5.d5 d6 6.exd6  
 Qxd6 7.Bd3

I would have played to overprotect  
 d5 by 7.Nc3 e6 8.g3 Be7 9.Bg2.  
 7...e6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Nc3 Nba6 10.  
 Ne4 Qb6 11.d6 Bxd6 12.Nf3 Bd7

13.Nfg5 Be7 14.0-0 h6 15.Qh5 g6  
 16.Nd6+ Bxd6

16...Qxd6! 17.Bxg6 Bxg5 18.

Bxg5 Qf8!-+

17.Bxg6 0-0-0

17...hxg5 18.Qxh8+ Bf8 19.Bh5

0-0-0 20.Bxf7 Be7±

18.Nxf7 Rd8 19.Rd1 Rxf7 20.

Bxf7 Ne8 21.Be3 Ng7 22.Qg6 Nf5

23.Bxe6 Bxh2+ 24.Kxh2 Bxe6

25.Bf4 Rg8 26.Qf6 Nc7 27.g3 Nd4

28.Bxc7 Kxc7 29.b4 Qc6 30.Rxd4

cxd4 31.Qxd4 Rg4 32.Qxa7 Qb6

33.Qxb6+ Kxb6 34.c5+ Kb5 35.a3

Rc4 36.Rd1 Bg4 37.Rd6 Bf3 38.

Rxh6 Ka4 39.Rf6 Bc6 40.f4 Kxa3

41.g4 Kxb4 42.g5 Rc2+ 43.Kg3

Rg2+ 44.Kh3 Rg1 45.Kh2 Rh1+

46.Kg3 Kxc5 47.f5 Rg1+ 48.Kf4 b5

49.Rf8 b4 50.f6 Bd5 51.Kf5 Bc4

52.f7 Rf1+ 53.Kg6 b3 54.Rc8+ Kb4

55.f8Q+ Rxf8 56.Rxf8 b2 0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

*Benoni A56*

Mitchell Vergara 2074

Drew Sarkisian 2120

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5

No Trompowsky today!

3.d5 d6 4.c4 g6 5.b3? Bg7?

Unbelievable. We both missed

5...Nxd5.

6.Bb2 0-0 7.Nbd2 e5 8.dxe6 fxe6

9.e3 Nc6 10.Bd3 d5 11.0-0 d4

12.exd4 cxd4 13.Ne4 Nh5

Looking towards the dark  
 squares on the kingside.

14.Ba3 Rxf3!?

What the heck. I doubt it's sound,  
 but it does generate a nice initiative,  
 and was definitely fun to play!

15.Qxf3 Ne5 16.Qd1 Nf4 17.Bb1  
 d3 18.Bd6

During the game I thought this  
 was a good move, but 18.Qd2 is  
 probably better.

18...Qh4?

Impatient. Black should keep

building the pressure with 18...Bd7.

19.Bc2??

Losing. During the game I noticed  
 that 19.f3! beats off the attack.  
 19...dxc2 20.Qxc2 Qg4??

This is downright embarrassing.  
 Simply 20...Nf3+ 21.gxf3 e5 wins.

21.f3 Qf5 22.Rad1 Nc6 23.Qd2

Bd4+ 24.Kh1 e5 25.Ba3 Be6 26.

Nd6 Qh5 27.Nxb7 g5 28.Nd6 Rd8

29.Ne4 Kg7 30.Bb2? Bg1 31.Kxg1

Rxd2 32.Rxd2 g4 33.fxg4 Qxg4

34.Ng3 Ng6 35.Rdf2 Nd4 36.Re1

Be8 37.Rd2 Bb7 38.Rf1 Nh4 39.

Bxd4 exd4 40.Rf4 Qg5 41.Rdxd4

Ng6 42.Nf5+ Kg8

Fritz 12 suggests 42...Kh8 which  
 allows me to play one of the tactics I

was looking for: 43.Rf2 Bxg2 44.

Rxg2 Qxf5±.

43.Rf2

... with a well-timed draw offer  
 which I decline, and immediately  
 blunder.

43...Bxg2 44.h4 Qc1+

Black's only chance is 44...Nxb4

45.Rg4 Nf3+ 46.Rxf3 Qxg4 47.Rg3

Qxg3 48.Nxg3.

45.Kxg2 Qa1 46.h5 1-0

Notes by Peter Kappler

*Caro-Kann B15*

Peter Kappler 2092

Gregg Stanley 2057

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.6)*

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Be3 d5

5.e5 Nh6 6.f4 Qb6 7.Bc1 Bg4

8.Qd2 Nf5 9.Nge2

9.h3!? Ng3 10.hxg4 Nxh1 11.

Qe3 h5 12.g5 h4 13.Qh3 Ng3

14.Qc8+ Qd8 15.Qxb7 Nd7 I

analyzed this far but failed to notice that

I'm winning the c6-pawn, too!

16.Qxc6 Nxf1 17.Kxf1 e6 18.Nb5

0-0 19.Nd6±.

9...e6 10.Na4 Qd8 11.c3 Bxe2

12.Qxe2 h5 13.Qf2 Nd7 14.Be3?!

It's important to keep an eye on  
 c5, but this is too awkward, tying the  
 queen to the defense of the bishop.

14...Bf8?!

14...Qa5 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5

Bf8 and Black has much better

pieces and pawn structure.

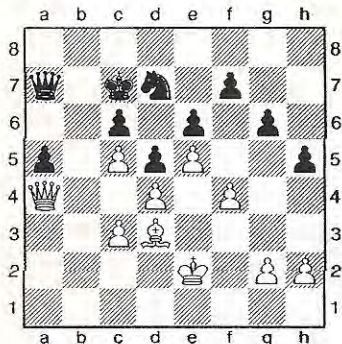
15.Bd3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Qa5 17.Bc2 b5 18.b4 Qc7 19.Nc5 Bxc5?

Perhaps Black was concerned about piece sacrifices on e6 or g6, but this exchange leaves him with a very bad knight against White's good bishop.

20.bxc5 Ke7 21.0-0 Rab8 22.a4 a5 23.axb5 Rxb5 24.Rfb1 Rxb1+ 25.Rxb1 Ra8 26.Ba4 Qc8 27.Qe2 Kd8 28.Rb3 [28.f5!] 28...Kc7 29. Kf2 Rb8 30.Rxb8 Nxb8 31.Qa2 Qa6 32.Bd1 Nd7

Here the computer finds a save for Black 32...Qd3! 33.Qxa5+ Kc8 34.Be2 Qe4! 35.g3 Qh1=.

33.Be2 Qa7 34.Qa4 Nb8 35.Bd3 Nd7 36.Ke2



White's plan is to place his king on a4 and queen on c3, winning the a5 pawn.

36...Qa8 37.Kd2 Qa7 38.Kc2 Qa8 39.Kb2 Qa7

Here I noticed that my intended 40.Ka3 allows Black to sacrifice his knight for two pawns and activate his queen. I was out of time and playing on the 30-second increment, so calculating lengthy checking variations didn't appeal to me.

40.Qa3

40.Ka3 Nxc5! 41.dxc5 Qxc5+ 40...Qb7+ 41.Qb3 Qa7 42.Ka2 Kd8 43.Be2 Ke7 44.Qa4 Qa8 45. Qc2 Qa7 46.Qd3 Nb8 47.Ka3 Kd8 48. c4?

Ugh - playing c4 at the worst possible moment. The next few

moves are a comedy of errors by both sides.

48...Nd7?

48...Na6 49.cxd5 Nb4 50.Qb3 Nxd5± 49.cxd5 Nxc5? 50.Qc4 Ne4 51. dxc6 Kc7 52.Ka4? Qb6 53.Bd3 Nd2 54.Qc3 Nb1??

54...Qxc6+ 55.Qxc6+ Kxc6 56. Bb5+ Kd5 57.Be8=. I was afraid Black might be better here, with White's king so far from the action, but the computer says it's a draw.

55.Bxb1 Qxb1 56.Qxa5+ Kxc6 57. Qc5+ Kd7 58.Qb5+

This may be what Black missed. 58...Qxb5+ 59.Kxb5 Kc7 60.Kc5 Kd7 61.Kb6 Kc8 62.Kc6 Kd8 63. Kd6 Ke8 64.g3 Kd8 65.h3 Ke8 66.Kc6 Kd8 67.g4 hxg4 68.hxg4 Ke7 69.Kc7 Ke8 70.Kd6 Kd8 71. d5 exd5 72.Kxd5 Ke7 73.f5 gxf5 74.gxf5 Kd7 75.f6 Kd8 76.Kd6 Ke8 77.e6 Kf8 78.e7+ Ke8 79.Ke5 Kd7 80.Kf5 Ke8 81.Kg5 1-0

Notes by J.P. Hylltin

*Dutch Leningrad A86*

J.P. Hylltin 2052

Craig LaSalle 2083

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.7)*

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nh3 d6 7.d5 Na6 8. 0-0 Nc5 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd4 e5 11.dxc6 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Nxe6 13. Qd2 Qf6

I thought about several moves here, but clearly I picked the wrong one, mostly out of dissatisfaction with the winning chances of the others. And, I didn't look really close at the move I played.

14.e4

14.Nd5 Qg7 15.Ng5 Nxc5 16. Qxc5 h6 was how I thought Black would get in f4 again; 14.Nf4 Nxf4 15.Qxf4 g5 allows him to play f4 and attack.

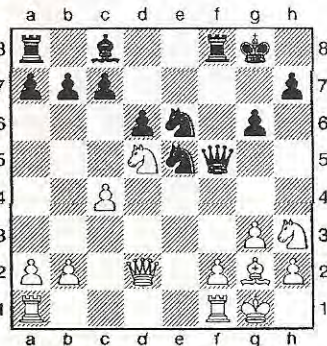
14...Ne5

... and now I just panicked.

15.exf5

15.Nd5 Qg7 16.exf5 Rybka 16... Rxf5 17.Rac1 Nf3+ 18.Bxf3 Rxf3 19.Nhf4; 15.Qe2 Nd4; 15.b3 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf3+ 17.Bxf3 Qxf3 18. Nhg5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 isn't nearly as bad as it looks.

15...Qxf5 16.Nd5



16...Qxh3

I never saw it coming. My students have all seen this in seconds. 17.Qc3

I was determined not to go down easy. [17.Ne7+ Rybka 17... Kf7 18.f4 Qh5 19.fxe5+ Kxe7 20. exd6+ cxd6 21.Rxf8 Nxf8 22.Re1+ Ne6]

17...Qh6 18.f4 Nc6

18...Ng4 19.h3;

18...Nf7 19.Ne7#

19.Nf6+

As I played this, I knew the two pieces versus a rook position was very bad. Instead he let me back in the game.

19...Kf7

19...Rxf6 20.Qxf6 Qg7 gives Black a simple winning edge, though there are a lot of moves to play still.. 20.f5 Now I wondered what I missed, but then he hit himself in the head in frustration and I felt a lot better. Still, Black is just fine.

20...gxf5 21.Rxf5 Ke7 22.Raf1

Rybka now says it's roughly equal.

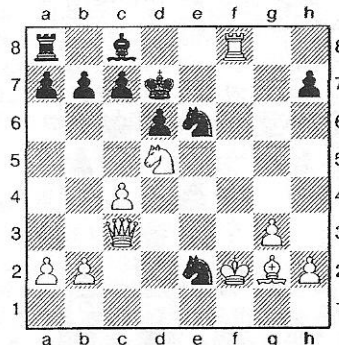
22...Ncd4

That pesky knight again.

23.Nd5+ Kd7 24.Rxf8

And suddenly I realized a mate possibility, and thought I was going

to win. 24...Qxf8 This miraculous move saves Black. 24...Ne2+ 25. Kh1 Nxc3 26.Nb6+ axb6 27.R1f7#. 25.Rxf8 Ne2+ 26.Kf2



Only now in the next day's analysis am I struck by several possibilities that just barely miss the mark. 26.Kf1 Nxc3 27.Rg8 (a) 27.Rh8 Nxd5 (27...Nd1 28.Rxh7+ Ke8 29.Bh3 c6 30.Bxe6 cxd5 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Bxc8 dxc4 34.Bxb7 Nxb2 looks like fun) 28.cxd5 Nd8 (28...Ng5 29.h4 Nf7 30.Bh3+ Ke7 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.Bxc8) 29.Rxh7+ Ke8 gives Black good chances to hold on to a win.; (b) 27.Bh3 Nxd5 28.cxd5 Ke7 29.Rh8 Nf8 wins; 27...Nxd5 28.cxd5 Nd8 29.Rg7+ Ke8 wins] 26...Nxc3 27.Rf7+.

27...Ke8 28.Re7+  
Nor is 28.Rxh7 good enough: 28...Nd1+ 29.Ke2 Nxb2 30.Bh3 Kf8 31.Bxe6 Bxe6 32.Rh8+ Bg8. 28...Kd8 29.bxc3 c6 30.Rxh7 cxd5 31.Bxd5 Nc5

Rybka confirms White is probably winning. 31...Nc5 32.h4 Nd3+ 33.Ke3 Ne5 34.h5 Ng4+ 35.Kf4 Nf6 36.Rh8+ Kc7 37.h6. ½-½

*Modern Benoni A65*

Derek Chang 2076  
Andy Smith 2038

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.8)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 a6 7.a4 g6 8.f4 Qe7 9.Bd3 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 f5 11.Qe2 fxe4 12.Bxe4 Bg7 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.0-0

0-0 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.h3 Bxf3 17. Bxf3 b5 18.Bg4 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 b4 20.Bd2 Nf6 21.Be6+ Kh8 22.f5 Nh5 23.Rf3 gxf5 24.Bxf5 Qe5 25.Be1 Rae8 26.Bh4 b3 27.Qd3 Nf4 28. Qf1 Qxf5 29.Bg3 Be5 30. Bxf4 Bxf4 31.g3 Qxd5 32.gxf4 Rxf4 33. Kg2 Rg8+ 0-1

*Ruy Lopez Cozio C60*

Matthew Liu 2050  
Virgil Aluyen 1973

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.10)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.0-0 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Ne2 a6 7.Bc4 b5 8.Bb3 Na5 9.d4 Nxb3 10.axb3 exd4 11.Nexd4 Bb7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bf4 c5 14.Ne2 Bxb2 15.Rb1 Bg7 16.Bd6 Re8 17.Nf4 Re8 18.Nd3 Qb6 19.e5 Nf5 20.b4 c4 21.Bc5 Qc6 22.Nf4 d6 23.exd6 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Nxd6 25.Ne5 Qe4 26.Bxd6 Qxf4 27.Rd1 Re8 28.g3 Qf5 29.Qe3 Bxe5 30.f4 Qxc2 31.Rd2 Qc1+ 32.Kf2 c3 0-1

*QGD Slav D17*

Robert Bradley 1881  
Michael Simpson 1979

*Austin vs. San Antonio (2.13)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.Nxc4 0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Nbd7 11.e4 Bh7 12.Qb3 a5 13.Be2 g5 14.Bf2 Qe7 15.0-0 e5 16.Na2 exd4 17.Nxb4 axb4 18.Bxd4 c5 19.Bf2 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 Nf8 21.Nb6 Rab8 22.Bc4 N8d7 23.Nxd7 Nxd7 24. Bb5 Nf8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rd1 b6 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Qd3 Qxd3 29. Bxd3 Nd7 30.Bb5 Ne5 31.a5 bxa5 32.Bxc5 f5 33.Bd4 Nf7 34.e5 1-0

*QGD Tarrasch D32*

Vasfi Gucer 1973  
Gary Zintgraff 1766

*Austin vs. San Antonio (1.14)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qd1 Bc5 10.e3 Qe7 11.Be2 0-0-0 12.0-0 g5 13.b4 Bxb4 14.Bb2 Rhg8 15.Qc2

Kb8 16.a3 Ba5 17.Rfd1 g4 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 g3 20.hxg3 Bb6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5 Re8 23.Be5+ Ka8 24.Qb2 Bc6 25.Rdd1 Rce8 26.Bf4 h5 27.Bb5 Qe4 28.Bxc6 Qxc6 29.Rd6 Qe4 30.Qb4 Qxb4 31. axb4 Bc7 32.Rd7 Bxf4 33.gxf4 Rg8 34.Rad1 a6 35.R1d5 f5 36.b5 Re6 37.Rh7 a5 38.b6 Rxb6 39. Rxa5+ Ra6 40.Rb5 Ka7 41. Rbxb7+ 1-0

*Danish Declined C21*

Charles R. Davis 1722  
William Molina 1971

*Austin vs. San Antonio (1.15)*

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qc4 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qe2+ Qxe2+ 11.Kxe2 0-0-0 12.Be3 Bb4 13.a3 Ba5 14.Nc3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne7 16.Rhd1 Rhe8 17.c4 Nf5 18.Kf3 h5 19.h3 Rd7 20.g4 hxg4+ 21.hxg4 Nd6 22.c5 Ne4 23. Rh1 Nf6 24.Rab1 Nd5 25.a4 Rde7 26.Rb3 a6 27.Rhb1 Kd7 28.Rh1 Kc8 29.Rhb1 Re4 30.Rb8+ Kd7 31. Rxe8 Rxe8 32.a5 Nc3 33.Rb7 Nb5 34.g5 Kc8 35.Rxb5 cxb5 36.Ke2 c6 37.Kd3 Kd7 38.Kc2 Ke6 39.Kd3 Kd5 40.Kc3 Re4 41.Kd3 Rh4 42. Kc3 Rh1 43.Kd3 Ra1 44.Kc3 Rxa5 0-1

*Ruy Lopez C92*

Alok Kumar 1860  
Altan Kartaltepe 1715

*Austin vs. San Antonio (1.16)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 d6 6.h3 Be7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Re1 0-0 9.c3 Re8 10.d3 h6 11. Nbd2 Na5 12.Bc2 c5 13.Nf1 Nc6 14.Ng3 Bf8 15.Nh2 Ra7 16.Qf3 Nh7 17.Nf5 Ng5 18.Qg3 Qf6 19. Ng4 Qg6 20.Nh4 Qh5 21.f4 exf4 22.Bxf4 Ne5 23.Bxe5 dxe5 24.Rf1 f6 25.Rxf6 Be7 26.Bd1 Kh8 27. Rxh6+ gxh6 28.Qxe5+ Kh7 29.Qxe7+ Raxe7 30.Nf6+ Kg7 31. Nxb5+ Kg8 32.Nf6+ Kg7 33.Nxe8+ Rxe8 34.Bh5 Re5 35.Nf3 Nxb3+

(Continued on page 24)

# Malazarte wins Spring Open

Ernesto Malazarte won the Spring Open (Mar. 26-27), scoring 3.5 out of 4 in the Open to win \$187.50. Five players tied for second with 2.5: James Rohrbaugh, Mitch Vergara, Gregg Stanley and Martin Gordon (\$37.50 each). Anthony Guerra was top U1900 with 2, winning \$75.

Top-rated Selby Anderson withdrew after scoring ½ point in two rounds, losing to Martin Gordon and drawing Andrew Istafanous.

In the Reserve (U1800) section John Niven, the oldest participant, tied for first with 13th-rated Sadia Qureshi (1391), who was the next-youngest player there. They each scored 3.5 to win \$93.60. Four were tied for U1700: Thomas Mings, Gabriel Guerra, Alan Davis and Raymond Grillo (2.5, \$18.75 each).

U1500 and U1500 honors were shared by David Pacheco and Nathan Lozano, also with 2.5 (\$56.25 each).

Martin Gordon directed 34 players at the Hornbeak Building of the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

## Sicilian Najdorf B90

Selby Anderson 2200

Martin Gordon 1943

### Spring Open 2011 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Rg1

Like 6.h3, this has its own attractions compared to the popular 6.Be3. 6...e5 7.Nb3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nc6 10.g4?!

10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxf6 (11.0-0-0 Nxe4?) 11...Bxf6 12.0-0-0 =.

10...d5! 11.exd5

11.Bg5 d4 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd5 Qd6 =

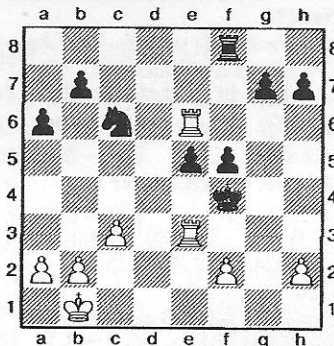
11...Nxd5 12.Bd2 Be7 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Ne4

14.Rge1 Rc8 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Qe6 =

14...Qc7 15.Kb1 Rac8 16.Ba5 Nf4!

17.Bxc7 Nxe2 18.Rge1 Rxc7 19.Rxe2 f5 20.Nec5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Re7 22.g5 Kf7 23.c3 Kg6 24.Rd6+ Kxg5 25.Ne6+ Rxe6 26.Rxe6 Kf4 27.Re3

27.Rd2 Rf7 28.Kc2 e4 29.Re8 Ne5 30.Kd1 Nf3 31.Rd6 Nxe2 32.Ke2 Nf3 33.Rh8 g6



27...Rf7 28.Rd6 e4 29.h3 Ne5 30.Rd4 Rf6 31.Rg3

31.Kc1 g5 32.Kd1 Nf3 33.Rd7 Rh6 34.Rxb7 Rxh3

31...g5 32.Kc2 h5 33.Rd5 Nf3 34.Kd1 h4 35.Rg2 g4+ 36.Ke2

36.hxg4 h3 37.Rg3 h2 38.Rh3 Kxg4 39.Rh7 Nh4+

36...gxh3 37.Rg7 h2 38.Rd1 Rd6

0-1

Gordon defeated Malazarte in February from a similar ending, down the exchange for a pawn.

## Bird's Opening A02

Andrew N. Lozano 1998

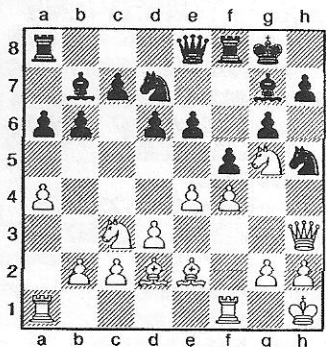
Ernesto Malazarte 2166

### Spring Open 2011 (4)

1.f4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.d3 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qe1 e6 9.Kh1 a6 10.a4 0-0 11.Qh4 Nh5 12.Qh3 f5 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.Bd2!

14.g4!? Nhf6 (14...Bxc3 15.gxh5 Bh8 16.hxg6 Qxg6 17.Bh5 Qf6 18.Nxh7!! Kxh7 19.Rg1!+) 15.Bf3

fxe4 (15...h6 16.exf5 Bxf3+ 17.Nxf3+) 16.Ncxe4 Rb8 =



14...h6 [14...Nhf6!±] 15.Nf3?

15.exf5! (a) 15...exf5 16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.Rael Qg6 18.Ne6 Rfc8 19.Nxg7 Qxg7 20.Re3 Kh8 21.Ne2 +-;

(b) 15...hxg5 16.fxg6 Bxg2+!? (16...Nhf6 17.fxg5+-) 17.Qxg2! (17.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Ne4 e5=) 17...Nxf4 18.Bxf4 gxf4 19.Nd5!+-

15...fxe4 16.dxe4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.Bc4 Nf8

18...Nc5 19.Nd2 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Kh7+

19.Nh4 [19.Nd2] 19...Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Kh7 [20...Bxc3-+] 21.Nf3

Qe7 22.Qg4 Re8 23.h4

23.Bd3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 e5+-

23...Nd7 24.h5 g5 25.e5 Bxf3 26.Bd3+ Kg8 27.Qxf3 Nxe5 28.Qb7

Nxd3 29.cxd3 Rf8 30.Rxf8+ Qxf8 31.Qxc7 Qf1+ 32.Kh2 Be5+ 33.Kh3

33.g3 Qf2+ and mate in six: 34.Kh1 Qf3+ 35.Kg1 Bd4+ 36.Kh2 Qf2+ 37.Kh3 g4+ 38.Kxg4 Qf5+

39.Kh4 Bf6#.

33...Qh1+ 34.Kg4 Qxg2# 0-1

## Modern Defense A40

Andrew Istafanous 1882

Gregg Stanley 2057

### Spring Open 2011 (4)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6  
5.h3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.Be2 f5 8.Nc3  
Nf6 9.Qc2

9.exf5 gxf5 10.Ng5 0-0 11.Qb3  
c6z

9...0-0 10.0-0 f4 11.b4 Ne8 12.c5  
Bf6 13.Qb3 g5 14.a4 Kh8 15.Nh2  
Ng6 16.c6 Qe7

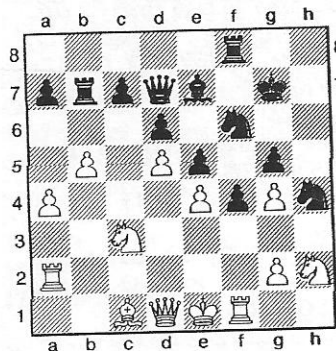
16...bxc6 17.dxc6 a6 18.Bb2±  
17.Bg4 Bxg4 18.hxg4 Rb8  
18...bxc6 19.dxc6 Bg7 20.Nd5  
Qf7 21.Nf3 h6 22.Qd3 a6=

19.cxb7 Rxb7 20.f3  
20.b5 Bg7 21.Qc2 Nf6 22.Bb2±  
20...Ng7 21.Kf2 Nh4 22.Ra2 h5  
23.Kel

23.Rh1 Kg8 24.Qc4±  
23...hxg4 24.fxg4  
24.Nxg4 Nh5 25.Rh1 Ng3 26.

Rh2 Rfb8 27.Ba3±  
24...Ne8 25.Nf3 Qd7 26.Nh2

26.Ra2 Qxg4 27.Rh1±  
26...Be7 27.b5 Nf6 28.Qd1 Kg7



29.g3  
29.Rh1 Ra8 30.Qe2 Ng6 31.  
Nd1±

29...Ng6!  
29...fxg3 30.Bxg5 Nxg4 31.  
Qxg4 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qxg4 33.  
Bh6+ Kxh6 34.Nxg4+ Kh5±

30.gxf4  
30.Rg1 Rh8 31.Nf3 Nxg4 32.  
gx4 exf4 33.Rag2 N4e5 34.Nxg5  
Bxg5 35.Rxg5 Qh3 36.Qd4 Kf7 37.  
Rf5+ Ke8 (37...Qxf5 38.exf5 Nf3+  
=) 38.Kd1 Nf3 39.Qg7 Ne7 40.Rf7  
Nc8±  
30...exf4 31.Bb2 Rh8 32.Ba1 Ne5  
33.Rg1 Rh3 34.Kf1 Rb8 0-1

### French Rubinstein C10

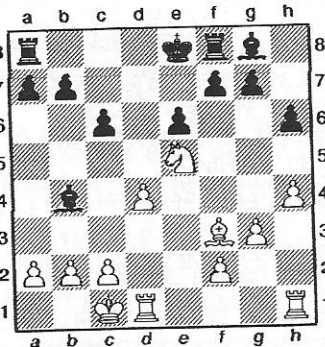
Alfredo Garcia 1806  
Robert Bradley 1881

### Spring Open 2011 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4  
Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.Be3  
Ngf6 8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Be2 h6 10.  
Qd2 Be4 11.0-0-0 c6 12.Qa5 Qd8  
13.Qc3 Be7 14.h4 Nf6 15.Ne5 Nd5  
16.Qd2??

16.Qb3 Qb6 17.Bc4 0-0-  
16...Nxe3??  
A comedy of errors! 16...Bb4  
17.c3 Nxc3! 18.bxc3 Ba3+ +  
17.Qxe3 Bh7 18.g3 Rf8 [18...0-0=]  
19.Bh5 Bg8 20.Bf3 Qa5? [0 20...  
Qb6] 21.Qb3?

21.Nxc6! Qxa2 22.Nxe7 ±  
21...Qb4  
21...0-0-0 22.Bxc6! bxc6 23.  
Nxc6 Qc7 24.Nxd8 Rxd8 25.Rd3 =  
22.Qxb4  
22.Nxc6! Qxb3 23.axb3 Bh7 24.  
Nxe7 Kxe7 25.Bxb7+  
22...Bxb4



23.Nxc6 Bd6?  
23...bxc6 24.Bxc6+ Ke7 25.  
Bxa8 Rxa8 26.c3 Bd6=  
24.Na5+ Rb8 25.Nxb7 Bc7 26.Nc5  
Rb6 27.Rhel f6 28.d5 e5 29.Bh5+  
Ke7 30.Ne4 Bh7 31.c4 Re8 32.Nc3  
Bd6 33.b3 Bb4 34.Kb2 Rxc4 35.  
bxc4 Ba5+ 36.Nb5 a6 37.a4 axb5  
38.axb5 Bxe1 39.Rxe1 Kd6 40.Kc3  
Kc5 41.Ra1 g5 42.Ra7 Bf5 43.hxg5  
hxg5 44.g4 Be4 45.Bf7 Bf3 46.Be6  
Be2 47.Rc7+ Kd6 48.Rc6+ Rxc6  
49.bxc6 1-0

### CaroKann B10

Martin Gordon 1943  
Ivan Wijetunge 1915

### Spring Open 2011 (4)

1.e4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6  
5.f4 h5 6.h3 Bf5 7.Bb5 e6 8.Bxc6+  
bxc6 9.d3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Qb6 11. Rb1  
Qa6 12.Ra1 Rb8 13.b3 c4 14.d4 c5  
15.Be3 Qa5 16.Nge2 cxd4 17.Bxd4  
Rc8 18.a3 cxb3 19.cxb3 Bxa3 20.  
Qc1 Bxc1 21.Rxa5 Bb2 22.Rxa7  
Bd3 23.Kd2 Bg6 24.b4 Nh6 25.Be5  
Nf5 26.Na4 Bd4 27.Bxd4 0-0  
28.Be5 d4 29.Nb6 Rc6 30.Bxf8  
Kxf8 31.Nd7+ Kg8 32. Ra8+ Kh7  
33.Nf8+ Kh6 34.g4 Ne3 35.g5# 1-0

Austin-SA Match (from p. 22)

36.gxh3 Rxh5 37.a4 Bxh3 38.axb5  
axb5 39.Ra5 Bg4 40.Ne1 b4 41.  
cxb4 cxb4 42.Rxh5 Bxh5 43.Kf2  
Kf6 44.d4 Bg6 45.Ke3 h5 46.Ng2  
Kg5 47.Kf3 h4 48.Nf4 Be8 49.  
Nh3+ Kh5 50.e5 Bb5 51.d5 Kg6  
52.Kg4 Be2+ 53.Kxh4 Kf5 54.e6  
Bb5 55.Kg3 Ke5 56.Nf4 Be8 57.  
Kf3 Ba4 58.Ke3 Bb5 59.Kd2 Ba4  
60.Kd3 Bb5+ 61.Kc2 Ba4+ 62.b3  
Be8 63.Kd3 Bb5+ 64.Ke3 Be8  
65.Kf3 Bb5 66.Kg4 Be8 67. Kg5  
Bb5 68.Kg6 Kd4 69.d6 Kc3 70.d7  
Kxb3 71.d8Q Kc3 72.Nd5+ 1-0

### Nimzo-Indian E21

Duy Nguyen 1774  
Louis Rimpel 1600

### Austin vs. San Antonio (1.18)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nc3  
c5 5.a3 cxd4 6.axb4 dxc3 7.bxc3  
0-0 8.Bf4 d5 9.e3 dxc4 10.Bxc4  
Nd5 11.Be5 Nc6 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.  
0-0 Bg4 14.Bg3 Qf6 15.h3 Bh5  
16.b5 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3  
Ne7 19.Bd6 Rfe8 20.Rfd1 h6 21.  
Bxe7 Rxe7 22.Rxd5 b6 23.Rad1  
Rc8 24.R1d3 Rec7 25.Rd8+ Rxd8  
26.Rxd8+ Kh7 27.Ra8 Kg6 28.Kg2  
f6 29.f4 Kf5 30.Kf3 Kg6 31.Kg3 h5  
32.Kf3 Rxc3 33.Rxa7 Rc5 34.Rb7  
Rxb5 35.e4 Rb3+ 36.Kg2 b5 37.h4  
b4 38.e5 Kf5 39.exf6 ½-½



# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Red River Shootout

## Oklahoma - Texas 2011 Team Chess Match

**Treasure Valley Casino (exit #55, I-35) - Davis, OK (host: Connie Dunn)**

Event Gawdfather: Jim Hollingsworth, Fort Worth. Event # 201 04 24 0201

TD Staff: All Certified USCF TDs present. Sunday 24 April 2011 G.60 + 30 sec

Team Captains: Rob Jones (Denton, Texas) and IA Frank Berry (Stillwater, Oklahoma)

**Final score: Texas wins "threepeat", 23.5 – 18.5**

OKLAHOMA	From	USCF	Score	USCF	TEXAS	From
1 Tres Roring	Duncan	2135	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	2255	FM Keith Hayward	Corinth
2 Tom Nichols	Pauls Valley	1955	<b>0 – 2</b>	2265	FM Jeff Xiong	Coppell
3 FA Jim Berry	Stillwater	1930	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	2120	Mike Richards	Fort Worth
4 Raymond Griffin	Okmulgee	1925	<b>1 – 1</b>	2020	Ivan Zuniga	Garland
5 Joe Dean Veal	O K C	1915	<b>1.5 – 0.5</b>	1870	Fred Pennington	Fort Worth
8 Herschel Counts	O K C	1830	<b>0 – 2</b>	1915	Suchinder Kalyan	Plano
9 Judson Temple	O K C	1815	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	1855	Aurelio Gonzalez	Arlington
10 Mike Tubbs	Lawton	1800	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	1830	Jim Hollingsworth	N. Richland Hills
11 IA Frank Berry	Stillwater	1800	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	1838	WCM Claudia Munoz	Wichita Falls
12 Eric Jones	Ardmore	1755	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	1755	P.J. Huspeni	Fort Worth
13 Jake Ferguson	Stillwater	1740	<b>2 – 0</b>	1700	Tom Buckley	Denton
14 Rubin Wells	Ardmore	1605	<b>1 – 1</b>	1680	Hendry Gomez	Denton
15 Jeff Williams	Edmond	1610	<b>2 – 0</b>	1470	Tom Crane	N. Richland Hills
16 Bruce Wells	Ardmore	1555	<b>2 – 0</b>	1450	Wayne Xiong	Coppell
17 Roger Baxter	OKC	1500	<b>1 – 1</b>	1400	Jaimie Jones	Denton
18 James Hill	Ardmore	1455	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	1425	Bill Vesely	Arlington
19 Jesse Bohanan	Chickasha	1375	<b>2 – 0</b>	1470	Sriram Rameshbabu	Plano
20 Brandon Cully	Shawnee	1235	<b>0.5 – 1.5</b>	1380	Atreya Vaidya	Plano
21 Tyler Stevahn	Ardmore	1150	<b>0 – 2</b>	1165	Vaidya Subramanian	Plano
<b>Average</b>		<b>1710</b>	<b>18.5 – 23.5</b>	<b>1750</b>		

**“After I made this move I had almost no time left, but with the extra 30 seconds per move I was still able to stand and fight!” – Alexei Shirov in *Fire on Board Part II***

Frank Berry noted that on the top seven boards (average ratings 1950/OK vs. 2050/TX) Texas won 8.5-5.5. In the middle seven (1765/OK vs. 1800/TX), Texas won 9-5. On the bottom seven (1400/OK vs. 1410/TX), Oklahoma won 8-6. Oklahoma played White in the first round and Black in the second.

“Texas wins yet again as NM Pan, NM Braunlich, Tom Patton, FM Hulsey, Bran Whitcomb, James Crockett, and other notable Oklahoma payers decided to skip this RRSO due to the Easter date. It truly was a close match. The best games in the match were Roring-Hayward in Rd. 1 and NM Richards-USCF President Jim Berry in Rd. 2. Both of these were VERY key wins for Texas, especially the Hayward game, which finished last. Texas won Round 1, 11-10. I do believe the perception that many of the Oklahoma players had going into Round 2 would have been different if they had taken Round 1. Several players from OK have stated they took draws rather than fight out what they thought were wins due to the thought that hope was gone. My experience is that the team that wins Rd. 1 wins the match.” – Rob Jones

*Gruenfeld Defense D93*

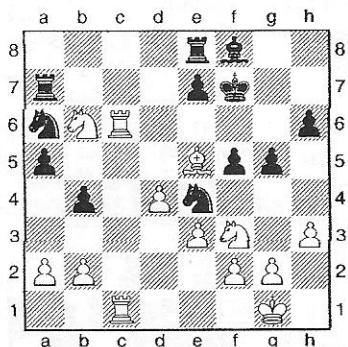
Tres Roring 2135 TX  
Keith Hayward 2255 OK

*Red River Shootout IX (1.1)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qb3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Be2 a5 10.h3 Ba6 11.0-0 b4 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Na4 Nc4 14.Qc2 f5 15.Qxc6

After this the question is, How did White not win this game?

15...Qe8 16.Qxe8 Rfxe8 17.Rac1 h6 18.Rc6 g5 19.Be5 Bf8 20.Rfc1 Kf7 21.Nb6 Ra7



22.Nc4 a4

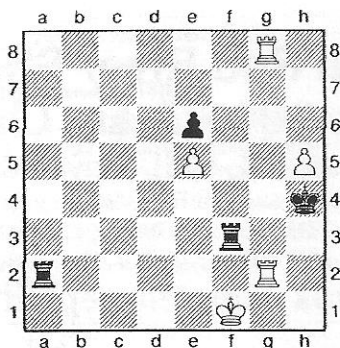
Smart play, trying to loosen up c3 for the knight on e4.

23.Nfd2 a3 24.Nxe4 axb2

At least token counterplay is assured. Notably, Fritz says White is + throughout most of what follows.

25.Nxg5+ hxg5 26.Nxb2 Nb8 27.Rb6 Nd7 28.Rxb4 Nxe5 29.dxc5 Rxa2 30.Rc7 Rd8 31.Rc2 Rda8 32.f4 gxf4 33.exf4 Ra1+ 34.Kh2 R8a2 35.Rbc4 Bh6 36.Nd3 Ra3 37.Nc1 Re3 38.g3 Bf8 39.Kg2 Re1 40.Nc2 Ra3 41.Kf2 Rh1 42.Kg2 Re1 43.Rc7 Ke6 44.Nd4+ Kd5 45.Nxf5 e6 46.Rd7+ Ke4 47.Nd6+ Bxd6 48.Rxd6 Raa1 49.h4 Rh1 50.Re2+ Kf5 51.Kf3 Rhf1+ 52.Kg2 [52.Rf2+] 52...Rg1+ 53.Kf3 Raf1+ 54.Ke3? [54.Rf2+] 54...Rxc3+ 55.Kd2? Rxf4 56.h5 Rh3= 57.Rd8 Ra4

57...Rxb5 58.Rf8+ Kg4 59.Rf6= 58.Rf8+ Kg5 59.Rg2+ Kh4 60.Rfg8 Ra2+ 61.Ke1 Re3+ 62.Kf1 Rf3+



63.Kg1??

The last line in a bizarre tragicomedy. [63.Kel=]

63...Ra1+ 64.Kh2 Rh3# 0-1

In Round 2 another monster swindle plays out! This time Texas is the beneficiary as the USCF president makes multiple fumbles.

*Gruenfeld Defense D80*

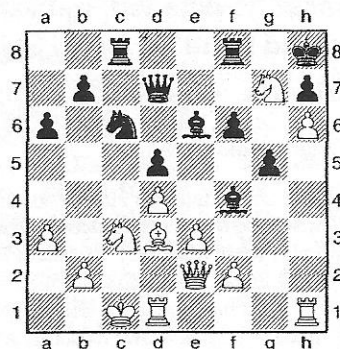
Mike Richards 2120 TX

Jim Berry 1930 OK

*Red River Shootout IX (2.3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 c6 5.Bxf6 exf6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.e3 Bb4 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Nge2 Be6 11.h4 Kg7 12.h5 Qd7 13.Qc2 Bd6 14.a3 f5 15.g3 Rac8 16.Nf4 a6 17.Qe2 g5 18.h6+ Kh8 19.Nh5 f6 20.Ng7 f4 21.gxf4 Bxf4 22.0-0-0

22.exf4 Bg4 23.Qe3 Rfe8 24.Nxe8 Rxe8 25.Be4 Bf5 26.0-0-0 Bxe4 27.Rdel g4 28.Rhg1± (Fritz)



22...Nxd4

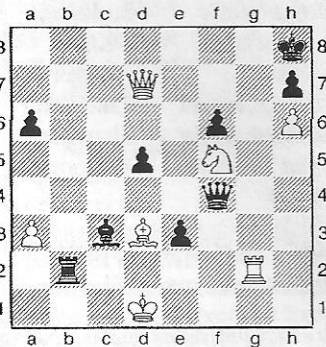
22...Bg4! 23.Qf1 Nxd4 24.exf4 Bxd1 25.Qxd1= Fritz  
23.Qf1 Rxc3+?! [23...Nb3+ 24.Kb1 Be5 25.Bc2 d4 26.Nxe6 Qxe6 27.Qd3 f5 28.Bxb3 Qxb3 29.exd4 Bd6³ Fritz] 24.bxc3 Qa4

Q24...Qc6! 25.Kb2 Qb6+ 26.Ka1 Qb3! 27.cxd4 Qxa3+ 28.Kb1 Qb3+ 29.Ka1= (29.Kc1?? Rc8+--+)] 25.Rd2? [25.cxd4! Qxa3+ 26.Kd2+-] 25...Nb3+ 26.Kd1 [26.Kc2 d4 27.Nxe6 dxc3+-] 26...Bg4+! 27.Ke1 27.f3 Bxf3+ (Δ27...Bxe3 28.Bc2 Qxa3+-) 28.Qxf3 Nd4+ 29.Bc2± 27...Nxd2?

27...Qxa3! threatening mate in two 28.f3 Qc1+ 29.Kf2 Qxd2+-. 28.Kxd2 Be5 29.Qb1 Rc8 30.f3 Bxc3+?

Δ30...Bxf3 31.Rc1 Qh4 32.Be2 Qh2 33.Qd3 (33.Re1 Bxc3+--+)] 33...Be4, trapping White's queen!  
31.Ke2 Bd7 32.Qxb7 Be5 33.f4? [33.Rd1=] 33...gxf4 34.Nf5 fxe3 [34...Rb8] 35.Rg1 Qf4

35...Rc2+ 36.Bxc2 Qxc2+ 37.Kxe3 Qe4+--+  
36.Rg2 Rb8! 37.Qxd7 Rb2+ 38.Ke1 Bc3+ 39.Kd1



39...Rxc3

39...e2+ (obstruction sacrifice)  
40.Rxe2 Qf1+ 41.Re1 Qxe1#

40.Nxe3

Black overlooks the discovered threat against h7!

40...Qxc3??

40...Qf3+ forces mate handily, with every move a check.

41.Qxh7#

1-0

## TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Apr. 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 (so far)	20.00
2009 Texas State Scholastic tournament	1,415.00
2011 Region III Championships tournament	164.00
2011 Region V Championships tournament	246.00
2011 Region VIII Championships tournament	1,350.00
2010 SW Open memberships	544.00
2010 Texas State Grade: donation	316
plus memberships	1,587.50

2011 Texas Team memberships	172.00
2011 Texas State Scholastic & memberships	2,818.00
Donation from Dachey Lin	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,444.00</b>

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
SW Open reg - 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
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## South Houston Open

The South Houston Open (March 11-12) ended in a three-way tie with Alex Chua, Tres Roring and Michael Langer all scoring 4-1 in the 35-player Open section.

In the Reserve (U2000), Atul Kannon won first with 5-0 ahead of Nathan Fewel, clear second with 4.

In the U1800 section there was a five-way tie with 4: Duy Nguyen, Christopher Chen, Bo Huang, Neph Diaz and Songjie Liu.

In U1600 Sam Dillon won first with 4.5, with Phillip Brown and Doyle Lobaugh tied for second with 4.

Nicholas Webster topped the U1300 with 5, ahead of Joseph Binder (sic) with 4.

A total of 130 players turned out, plus 62 in the scholastic event. Thomas Boone directed for Cajun Chess.

## Notes by FM Michael Langer

### *Modern Benoni A64*

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### *South Houston Open (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5  
5.cxd5 d6 6.g3

The fianchetto line against the Benoni is recommended by Boris Avrukh in his repertour book *1.d4 Volume II*.

6...g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0  
Re8 10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.h3 a6 12.a4  
Qc7

A lot less popular than Rb8.

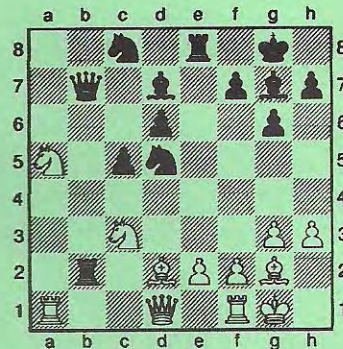
13.Nc4 Nb6 14.Na3 Bd7 15.Bd2  
Rab8 16.a5 Nc8 17.Nc4 b5 18.axb6  
Nxb6 19.Na5 Nc8

We are still clinging to the theory book here by a thread.  
20.Nc6

This is the first new move, and it doesn't work out. I was lucky to stumble upon the refutation.

20...Rxb2 21.Rxa6 Qb7 22.Ra1  
Nxd5 23.Na5

At a glance, it looks like Black is losing a piece, but ...



23...Qb4!

... and the White knight on c3 is 1) attacked 2) pinned to the bishop on d2.

24.Bxd5 Bxc3

The rest is mop-up.

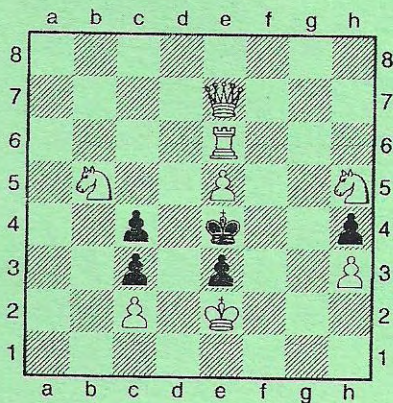
25.Bxc3 Qxc3 26.Nc4 Rbx2 27.  
Ra3 Qc2 28.Rf3 Qxd1 29.Bxf7+  
Kg7 30.Rxd1 Ref1+ 0-1

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**White to move, mate in two**  
Solution: p. 17