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Content for the next issue needs to be delivered to the Editor by **January 10th!**



From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas,

I'm afraid this issue of Texas Knights is running a little behind. Work just hit me hard the last couple of weeks and time just wasn't available to spend on TK.

This is our holiday issue and I've tried to provide some cheer in the form of holiday-themed photos in past Nov-Dec issues... my wife, again, took time out of her busy schedule to set-up and take the photos so that I could do so again. Thanks!

The December digital issue of Chess Life was available a bit early this time, which allows me to say; if you have the opportunity, check out the December 2016 issue of Chess Life. GM Jeffery Xiong made the Cover and there is also an article, starting on page 22, about his win at the World Junior Championships in Baku, India this year. Jeffery also participated in the Millionaire Chess Tournament in Las Vegas this year. You can find additional information at <http://millionairechess.com>.

I was heavy on content last issue, but this issue it was very light. Lately, I haven't had the time to go searching for content. So, if you have tournament results, games, photos, stories, etc. please send them to me. You can email me or send me submissions through us mail. My email address and P.O. Box address can be found on page 2.

As always. a huge thank you to those that provided submissions for this issue.

The next issue should be in your mailbox sometime around the 1st week of February 2017.

Best wishes this Holiday Season. Be safe and I'll see you next year!

— *Jeff French*



From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone, I just want to take a moment to wish everyone a great Thanksgiving holiday. Hope you all find yourselves in good health and if you can; spending time with family and good friends. Thank you everyone, without you, chess would not be active in Texas.

Sorry I missed you at state grades, however, I've heard it was a blast. Thank you Luis Salinas and your staff.

Now as we round the bend to 2017, we come to some very competitive events. In the scholastic area, every Region is actively preparing their scholastic regional, not to mention that this is the first year we host both north and south State Scholastics. Lots of chess activity there.

In the open category, the Texas Open and the Texas Team tournaments will also be hosted. I'm currently working on bringing the Texas Seniors back as well. Hopefully, TCA has provided sufficient events to keep your interest.

I do hope you will help spread the word on these events and support the hosts by participating. Many of these events are already posted to the TCA calendar (thanks to Lori). See you at the boards.

— Eddie

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Income		Expenses	
September memberships	\$150.00	Texas Knights Sept-Oct 2016	\$919.60
October memberships	\$45.00	Jeffery Xiong stipend	\$400.00
November memberships	\$25.00	Affiliate USCF dues (2 years)	\$80.00
2016 SW Open memberships	\$497.00	Total	\$1399.60
2016 Texas Girls State Championship	\$110.00		
2016 Texas Grade & Collegiate and memberships	\$416.00		
Smile Amazon Donation	\$21.34		
Total \$1,264.34			



November 15th, 2016	
WF checking account balance	\$14,843.93
BOA checking account balance	\$9,835.08

20th Annual Texas Grade Championships

For additional info: <http://dallaschess.com/2016%20Texas%20Grade/index.htm>

Photos provided by Lucas Anderson and Parents of participants.

The **Texas Grade Championships** were played in Houston from November 11th to November 13th. The results from each grade are below.

There were 9 Twelfth Grade participants. **NM Curran Han** won with a score of 5.5/6.0.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	NM Curran Han	2231	W3	W5	D2	W4	W6	W8	5.5
2	Duy Minh Nguyen	2085	W7	W4	D1	W5	L3	W6	4.5
3	Sarah Brown	1594	L1	L6	B---	W7	W2	W9	4.0
4	Sanjay Annigeri	1961	W8	L2	W6	L1	W7	D5	3.5
5	Alexander M Quach	1839	W9	L1	W7	L2	W8	D4	3.5
6	Andy Hudson	1613	H---	W3	L4	W8	L1	L2	2.5
7	Mateo Garza	1235	L2	W9	L5	L3	L4	B---	2.0
8	Sang Duong	1221	L4	B---	W9	L6	L5	L1	2.0
9	Viola N Dagher	1188	L5	L7	L8	B---	H---	L3	1.5

There were 8 Eleventh Grade participants. **NM Sam L Capocyan** was undefeated with a score of 6.0.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	NM Sam L Capocyan	2225	W5	W2	W3	W7	W4	W6	6.0
2	Clarissa L Abella	1793	W7	L1	W6	W5	W3	W8	5.0
3	Jason Yao	1410	H---	W8	L1	W6	L2	W7	3.5
4	Tate Song	1382	H---	L6	W7	W8	L1	W5	3.5
5	Elias Wolkiewiez	1159	L1	W7	W8	L2	W6	L4	3.0
6	Marlon A K Myers	1257	H---	W4	L2	L3	L5	L1	1.5
7	Brian Giang	852	L2	L5	L4	L1	W8	L3	1.0
8	Jacqueline Galvan	383	B---	L3	L5	L4	L7	L2	1.0



There were 17 Tenth Grade participants. **Hiren Premkumar** won with a score of 5.0/6.0.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Hiren Premkumar	2133	W11	W4	W2	W6	W5	L3	5.0
2	Adarsh Hullahalli	2070	W7	W3	L1	W10	W8	D5	4.5
3	Priya Trakru	2026	W13	L2	D10	W7	W6	W1	4.5
4	Ritik Verma	1945	W16	L1	L9	W13	W12	W8	4.0
5	Ray Yu	2043	W12	D10	D6	W11	L1	D2	3.5
6	Khoa Minh Nguyen	2033	W9	W8	D5	L1	L3	W14	3.5
7	Eunice Bao	1644	L2	D13	W14	L3	W11	W9	3.5
8	Stephen Wells	1797	W15	L6	W12	W9	L2	L4	3.0
9	Sanjithkarthikesh Chockan	1621	L6	W15	W4	L8	W10	L7	3.0
10	Yian Wong	1756	W17	D5	D3	L2	L9	W15	3.0
11	Jonathan Huerta	1718	L1	W14	W17	L5	L7	W13	3.0
12	Anuraag Madabushi	1630	L5	W16	L8	W15	L4	B---	3.0
13	Jacob Berg	1329	L3	D7	W16	L4	B---	L11	2.5
14	Lukas Johnson	1368	H---	L11	L7	W17	W16	L6	2.5
15	Khari Muhammad	804	L8	L9	B---	L12	W17	L10	2.0
16	Joshua Robinson	853	L4	L12	L13	B---	L14	W17	2.0
17	Miles Ewing	373	L10	B---	L11	L14	L15	L16	1.0

There were 20 Ninth Grade participants. **Ronit Kirumaki** was undefeated with a score of 6.0.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Ronit Kirumaki	2190	W11	W7	W2	W4	W3	W5	6.0
2	Nathaniel Fernandes	1757	W16	W13	L1	W10	D5	W6	4.5
3	Eric Tang	1766	H---	W9	W5	W6	L1	D4	4.0
4	Dhanvi Marrapu	1584	H---	W14	W8	L1	W9	D3	4.0
5	Pranav R Thatte	1686	W19	W12	L3	W13	D2	L1	3.5
6	Sudharsan Ramapriya	1055	W18	D8	W7	L3	W14	L2	3.5
7	Justin M Sun	1597	W15	L1	L6	W11	D13	W10	3.5
8	Pranav Gopalakrishnan	1577	W10	D6	L4	L14	W19	W13	3.5
9	Aaron Johnson	1442	H---	L3	W19	W15	L4	W14	3.5

(Ninth Grade results continued)

10	Andy Giang	605	L8	B---	W11	L2	W12	L7	3.0
11	Everett K Dagher	1021	L1	W17	L10	L7	W20	W16	3.0
12	Carlos Garcia II	1307	W20	L5	L13	W18	L10	W17	3.0
13	Jayden Bryant	1070	W17	L2	W12	L5	D7	L8	2.5
14	Isaiah Pipkin	1083	H---	L4	W20	W8	L6	L9	2.5
15	Jose Mendoza	612	L7	H---	W17	L9	L16	W19	2.5
16	Ava Flowers	931	L2	H---	U---	W20	W15	L11	2.5
17	Daemien Rodriguez	unr.	L13	L11	L15	B---	W18	L12	2.0
18	Courtland Lindsey	unr.	L6	L19	B---	L12	L17	W20	2.0
19	Katriel Cole	666	L5	W18	L9	H---	L8	L15	1.5
20	Melvin Cruz	unr.	L12	H---	L14	L16	L11	L18	0.5

There were 50 Eighth Grade participants. **Maanav Ganthapodi** won with a score of 5.5/6.0.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Maanav Ganthapodi	2033	W35	W13	W9	D7	W8	W4	5.5
2	Dang Minh Nguyen	1969	W31	W10	W14	L4	W11	W8	5.0
3	Jacob Buergler	2012	W36	W16	L4	W10	W15	W7	5.0
4	Max Huang	1914	W37	W23	W3	W2	H---	L1	4.5
5	Charles Hawthorn	1973	W25	W18	W15	L8	D7	W9	4.5
6	Miguel Liu-Schiaffini	1600	W44	L7	D29	W22	W34	W14	4.5
7	Kai Tsuei	1940	W27	W6	W12	D1	D5	L3	4.0
8	William G Fan	1921	W28	W17	W11	W5	L1	L2	4.0
9	Collin Le	1887	W30	W21	L1	W17	W16	L5	4.0
10	Kylan Naidoo	1716	W20	L2	W25	L3	W30	W23	4.0
11	Andrew Sun-Rong Mao	1822	W29	W46	L8	W18	L2	W21	4.0
12	Daniel Archer	1816	W41	W22	L7	W23	D14	D15	4.0
13	Jai Shet	1736	W45	L1	W35	L14	W22	W24	4.0
14	Anirudh Ganesh	1868	W33	W19	L2	W13	D12	L6	3.5
15	Abhiram Chennuru	1856	W42	W24	L5	W21	L3	D12	3.5
16	Abhinav Krothapalli	1784	W40	L3	W19	W24	L9	D18	3.5
17	Siddhant Patil	1677	W43	L8	W27	L9	D19	W30	3.5

(Eighth Grade results continued)

18	Angela Cheng	1714	W32	L5	W36	L11	W35	D16	3.5
19	Timothy McLeod	1188	W47	L14	L16	W29	D17	W31	3.5
20	Aiishik Biswas	671	L10	W31	L21	D36	W33	W34	3.5
21	Anjie Zhou	1376	W26	L9	W20	L15	W25	L11	3.0
22	Charles Bowyer	1274	W48	L12	W32	L6	L13	W40	3.0
23	Pranav Venkatesh	1348	W39	L4	W46	L12	W27	L10	3.0
24	Dimanthi Perera	1330	W38	L15	W26	L16	W37	L13	3.0
25	Christian J Ayala	1091	L5	W44	L10	W26	L21	W39	3.0
26	Alfredo Garcia	573	L21	X42	L24	L25	W42	W35	3.0
27	Braxton A Jones	971	L7	W41	L17	W46	L23	W37	3.0
28	Carlos Lopez Rodriguez	964	L8	D38	W43	L30	W32	D36	3.0
29	Devanik Ghosh	799	L11	W39	D6	L19	W36	L33	2.5
30	Henry Hansen	887	L9	D43	W48	W28	L10	L17	2.5
31	Monish Civunigunta	1035	L2	L20	W38	D32	W43	L19	2.5
32	Alyssa Higginbothan	647	L18	W37	L22	D31	L28	W45	2.5
33	Jose Nerio	871	L14	D48	W45	L34	L20	W29	2.5
34	Shreya Ravichandar	1161	H---	L35	W47	W33	L6	L20	2.5
35	August Gross	1173	L1	W34	L13	W40	L18	L26	2.0
36	Ronak Randeep	1167	L3	W40	L18	D20	L29	D28	2.0
37	Joaquin Rivera	958	L4	L32	W44	W39	L24	L27	2.0
38	Rishav Bhattacharya	480	L24	D28	L31	L42	D44	W46	2.0
39	Roynal L Gallow	504	L23	L29	B---	L37	W41	L25	2.0
40	Dwight Ross	711	L16	L36	W41	L35	W47	L22	2.0
41	Shahaab Mehra	749	L12	L27	L40	W44	L39	W47	2.0
42	Matthew Kulkarni	807	L15	F26	U---	W38	L26	W43	2.0
43	Jaslynn Rogers	607	L17	D30	L28	W47	L31	L42	1.5
44	Hector Cuevas	600	L6	L25	L37	L41	D38	B---	1.5
45	Alexander X Perez	690	L13	H---	L33	W48	U---	L32	1.5
46	Kaleya Ervin	105	X49	L11	L23	L27	U---	L38	1.0
47	Jordan Marson	102	L19	B---	L34	L43	L40	L41	1.0
48	Sarah Laskin	unr.	L22	D33	L30	L45	H---	U---	1.0
49	Evan Davis	1311	F46	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
50	Da'Lon Jam George	1070	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

There were 36 Seventh Grade participants. **Peter Peng** was undefeated with a Score of 6.0.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Peter Peng	1929	W25	W22	W7	W2	W11	W5	6.0
2	Advaith Prabu	1995	W24	W16	W3	L1	W4	W6	5.0
3	Austin K Yan	1848	W10	W15	L2	W23	W7	D4	4.5
4	Baron T Niu	1857	W30	W17	W6	D11	L2	D3	4.0
5	Sreenevash Ramesh	1846	W19	W29	L11	W22	W9	L1	4.0
6	Jayden Lu	1729	W20	W9	L4	W15	W8	L2	4.0
7	Nikhil Hakeem	1711	W18	W34	L1	W29	L3	W13	4.0
8	Jane Reistle	1158	L11	W21	W34	W12	L6	W18	4.0
9	Emily Garcia	1167	W35	L6	W18	W16	L5	W19	4.0
10	Xavier J Sanchez	914	L3	W36	W17	L13	W15	W20	4.0
11	Anish Vivekananthan	2166	W8	W12	W5	D4	L1	U---	3.5
12	Aaron Wu	1396	W21	L11	W24	L8	W14	H---	3.5
13	Santosh Kolluri	1525	H---	W33	L23	W10	W16	L7	3.5
14	Arnav Sriram	1162	H---	L23	W33	W17	L12	W26	3.5
15	Justin Hung	1228	W36	L3	W19	L6	L10	W30	3.0
16	Suyog Valsangkar	1521	W28	L2	W25	L9	L13	W23	3.0
17	Evan M Wilson	1270	W27	L4	L10	L14	W24	W29	3.0
18	Kartikeya Gullapalli	842	L7	W31	L9	W25	W33	L8	3.0
19	Sergio Lopez	904	L5	W27	L15	W32	W29	L9	3.0
20	Zackary M Donovan	861	L6	W35	L29	W21	W30	L10	3.0
21	Diego Mandujano	554	L12	L8	W26	L20	X31	W33	3.0
22	Patrick Macartney-Filgate	1339	W32	L1	W30	L5	W23	U---	3.0



(Seventh Grade results continued)

23	Rafael Avila	1367	D26	W14	W13	L3	L22	L16	2.5
24	Celian Butre	1030	L2	W26	L12	D28	L17	W32	2.5
25	Jaziel E Gonzalez	1007	L1	W32	L16	L18	D27	W34	2.5
26	Pranav Dubey	527	D23	L24	L21	W36	W28	L14	2.5
27	Sumair Nibber	507	L17	L19	W35	L30	D25	W36	2.5
28	Luis O Carrisalez	624	L16	L30	W36	D24	L26	W35	2.5
29	Sterling Adams	1175	W31	L5	W20	L7	L19	L17	2.0
30	Rianne Olivares	961	L4	W28	L22	W27	L20	L15	2.0
31	Caleb Wee	unr.	L29	L18	L32	W35	L21	B---	2.0
32	Lazo Attar	511	L22	L25	W31	L19	D34	L24	1.5
33	Saketh Marrapu	1177	H---	L13	L14	W34	L18	L21	1.5
34	Aidan Cunningham	454	B---	L7	L8	L33	D32	L25	1.5
35	Donavuan Ryan Greene	unr.	L9	L20	L27	L31	W36	L28	1.0
36	Arriana Salinas	unr.	L15	L10	L28	L26	L35	L27	0.0

There were 40 Sixth Grade participants. It was a 3-way tie between **Henry Hawthorn, Anh Nguyen** and **Shashvat Chathapuram**, each with a score of 5.0/6.0.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Henry Hawthorn	1901	W22	W13	W9	W5	W3	L2	5.0
2	Anh Nguyen	1962	W18	W11	L3	W8	W5	W1	5.0
3	Shashvat Chathapuram	1620	W36	W26	W2	W6	L1	W10	5.0
4	Venkata Pullabhotla Jr	1786	W21	D14	L8	W16	W17	W7	4.5
5	Krishna Gurung	1574	W30	W12	W10	L1	L2	W18	4.0
6	Frewin Alexis	1688	W25	W15	W7	L3	D9	D8	4.0
7	Benjamin Walmer	1041	W34	W16	L6	W11	W12	L4	4.0
8	Ganesh Kumarappan	1912	W23	D17	W4	L2	W15	D6	4.0
9	Gaurav Darshan	1616	W28	W20	L1	W19	D6	D14	4.0
10	Jia-Syuan Eric Jang	1660	W27	W19	L5	W20	W18	L3	4.0
11	Neil Shet	1595	W37	L2	W24	L7	W22	W17	4.0
12	Wesley Yeung	1915	W24	L5	W22	W17	L7	W19	4.0
13	Evan Lai	1425	W33	L1	W21	L18	W23	W20	4.0
14	Nitin Akella	1462	W40	D4	L17	W28	W27	D9	4.0

(Sixth Grade results continued)

15	Sangkarshan Singh	1355	W31	L6	W23	D27	L8	W21	3.5
16	Kavin Saravanan	1008	H---	L7	W29	L4	W28	W27	3.5
17	James Maxwell	1419	W35	D8	W14	L12	H---	L11	3.0
18	Yashvasin Srinivasan	1033	L2	W29	W34	W13	L10	L5	3.0
19	Zishan Pirani	1163	W38	L10	W25	L9	W24	L12	3.0
20	Siddharth Sivakumar	1148	W39	L9	W32	L10	W25	L13	3.0
21	Nirjar Bhattacharya	825	L4	W35	L13	W34	W26	L15	3.0
22	Grayson Rorrer	897	L1	W33	L12	W31	L11	W30	3.0
23	Shlok Shetty	949	L8	W40	L15	W32	L13	W35	3.0
24	Rahel Joshi	1013	L12	W30	L11	W37	L19	W32	3.0
25	Carter Cunningham	765	L6	W31	L19	W30	L20	W33	3.0
26	Naymetha Perera	1152	W32	L3	L27	W36	L21	W29	3.0
27	Zanir Pirani	702	L10	W38	W26	D15	L14	L16	2.5
28	Alondra Castillo	276	L9	W39	H---	L14	L16	W36	2.5
29	Leif Eric Johnson	933	H---	L18	L16	X40	W36	L26	2.5
30	Dawn Earles	135	L5	L24	W38	L25	W31	L22	2.0
31	Rohan Mahendru	unr.	L15	L25	W35	L22	L30	W37	2.0
32	Timur Sholokhov	unr.	L26	W36	L20	L23	W38	L24	2.0
33	Gaayathri Binoj	unr.	L13	L22	L36	W38	W34	L25	2.0
34	Eric Van Loo	unr.	L7	W37	L18	L21	L33	W39	2.0
35	Julian Blanco	unr.	L17	L21	L31	W39	W37	L23	2.0
36	Kevin Wang	616	L3	L32	W33	L26	L29	L28	1.0
37	Emma Martinez	198	L11	L34	W39	L24	L35	L31	1.0
38	Gabriel Ortega-Tavares	unr.	L19	L27	L30	L33	L32	B---	1.0
39	Jaden Marson	unr.	L20	L28	L37	L35	B---	L34	1.0
40	Shaan Singh	127	L14	L23	B---	F29	U---	U---	1.0

There were 38 Fifth Grade participants. There was a tie between **Shelev Oberoi** and **Rohun Trakru**, each with a score of 5.5/6.0.

There were 57 Fourth Grade participants. **John Pat Capocyan** won with a score of 5.5/6.0.

There were 50 Third Grade participants. **Nethul Perera** won with a score of 5.5/6.0.

There were 41 Second Grade participants. **Kevin Duong** was undefeated with a score of 6.0.

There were 22 First Grade participants. There was a tie between **Jacob Li** and **Nikolas Ham**, each with a score of 5.0/6.0.

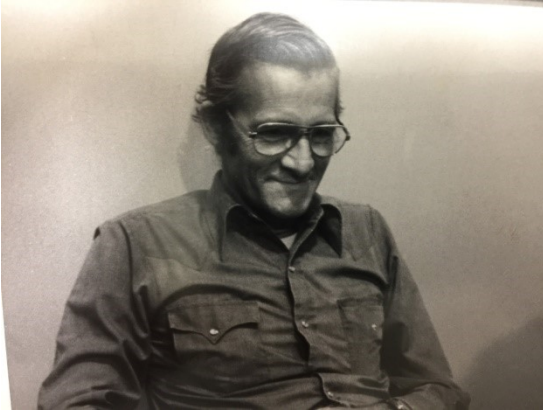
There were 21 Kindergarten participants. There was a 3-way tie between **Sri Yashvi Raghuraja**, **Sahisnu Adhikari** and **Antony Palladino**, each with a score of 5.0/6.0.

More Photos from the Tournament



En Passant

By Chess Expert Jim Hollingsworth



Cliff Wagner

Texas Tournament Director

(October 15, 1934 to Sept. 17, 2016)

Except for his last 1675 rating, USCF's online records barely mention Cliff Wagner and ignore his significant contributions to chess in Central Texas. His was a time before computers ran tournaments. But, he didn't need them. He was a master of pairing cards and cross tables. He had every copy of the any rulebook ever published and memorized the contents from cover to cover. And he touched the lives of hundreds of chess players in the 1970's and early 1980's.

I first met Cliff Wagner shortly after I reported for duty at the 2nd Armored Division (July 1982). He was the official "greeter" and welcomed everyone who walked through the door. He was a superb chess ambassador, always smiling, and directed a lot of chess tournaments. He was also a strong chess player and used his knowledge to teach and help others improve. He was stronger than his Class B rating and was surely close to expert strength in his prime.

At every meeting he would pull out a huge notebook filled with cross tables from the U.S. Chess Federation. He would open them up and talk excitedly about the latest tournament results and how well all the club members were doing. And he directed a lot of tournaments which resulted in a lot of players developing into experts because of all the playing opportunities he gave them.

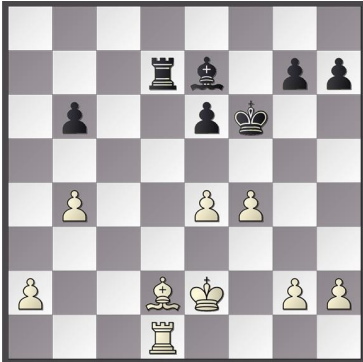
Cliff was an old Soldier and he loved Soldiers, especially ones who played chess. He was always available to go over their games and coach. Several of the Soldiers he helped went on to become experts and played in the All Army Championships and higher. These include Experts Tom Nichols, Steve Ledford, Greg Williams, and me.

The Chess World lost a good one when Cliff left us. He will always be missed. TCA extends our deepest sympathies to Cliff's family and friends.

More info at: http://kdhnews.com/obituaries/death_notices/clifton-j-wagner/article_6541d170-7ed3-11e6-9af4-93b109da36ea.html#user-comment-area

Tactics Time!

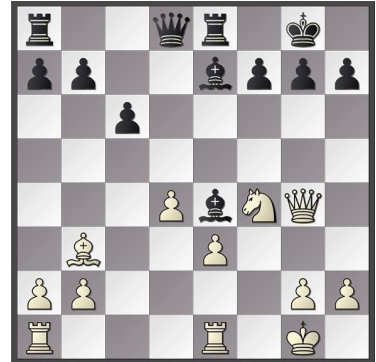
These positions came from games played in Texas or elsewhere by (at least one) Texas Player. **Answers can be found on page 18.**



1. Ernest Terry - Curtis Felkner
JC Thompson Memorial 2000
 White to Move



2. William Martz - Jeff Carter
JC Thompson Memorial 2000
 Black to Move



3. Brad Holtzclaw - Gene Pershwitz
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4. Peter Yeh - Carmen Chairez
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5. Aurelio Gonzalez - Samuel Irby
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6. Tom Chi - Sherif Ebadly
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7. Gray Bullis - Gregory Cooper
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8. Lee Williams - Mark Kile
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Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **31. Bc3+** with a discovered attack on the rook
2. **17...Ne2+** forks the King and Queen
3. **17. Bxf7+! Kxf7** or **Kh8 18. Ne6** attacking the Queen and threatening Qxf7#
4. **29...Rxb2+! 30. Kxb2 Qh4#** (variation from the game)
5. **26. Rh5+ Nxb5 27. Qh7#**
6. **25.Qxh6+ gxh6 (25...Qh7 26.Qxh7#) 26.Rxg8#**
7. **29...d4** and the bishop is trapped.
8. **38...Qg1+ 39.Kh3 (39.Kf3 Qg3#) 39...Qh1+** skewers the King and Queen.

Cover. 10...exd4 forks the Knight and Bishop

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Opinion by Chess Expert Jim Hollingsworth

Is Your Chess Club Using the Official Texas Clearing House?

Is it my imagination or are some organizers overlooking the importance of notifying the official Texas Clearing House about their planned tournaments? Using a clearing house the right way means:

Bigger turnouts.

More revenue from entrance fees.

More incentive for organizers to organize more chess tournaments as they are less likely to lose their shirts.

Increased prize funds for the players (always a good thing).

How do you know if your chess club's tournament organizers are using the official Texas Clearing House?

Look at your club's calendar on its website.

Look at the TCA's calendar on its website.

IF THEY DON'T MATCH IT AIN'T HAPPENING!

The real pity here is Lori Balkum is our official Texas Clearing House. She is a dedicated talented volunteer

and an outstanding ambassador for Texas Chess!

Chances are, when you ask your chess club's tournament organizers why their event isn't listed with the official Texas Clearing House their faces will turn red and they'll start stammering with:

"But, I sent it to USCF."

Then please remind them USCF says:

"The submission of a Tournament Life announcement should be the last step in the process of scheduling a tournament — after the date has been coordinated with the dates of other organizers through the clearinghouses."

That's my \$0.02 . . .



BRAZOS

**Annual Invitation Team Match Between the
Most Serious Chess Players in North Central Texas**

Tarrant Tops Waco 10-8

By Jim Hollingsworth
Chief TD, BRAZOS

Hillsboro, Texas (29 October 2016). The Tarrant County Chess Team, captained by Adam Hart, fell behind early and trailed at halftime against the Waco Chess Team 5-4. However, a strong second half surge, led by Tarrant Ace Helen Jamison, ensured the victory. Helen Jamison achieved the honor of being the first BRAZOS “Ace” with her sweep of Board 9. Helen’s two points proved to be the exact margin of victory in this hard fought match. Jason Lund paced the Waco Chess Team with his 2-0 sweep of Board 5.

John De Vries, Waco Chess Team Captain, was co-organizer of this first annual event, called BRAZOS, along with Chief TD Jim Hollingsworth. The Honorable Edith Turner Omberg, Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, Texas, officiated the opening ceremonies

at Hill College. She also issued an official proclamation declaring Saturday, October 29, 2016, “BRAZOS Chess Day.”

BRAZOS is modeled after the Red River Shootout (RRSO), the annual team match between the most fanatical chess players in Oklahoma and Texas. A key difference between BRAZOS and RRSO is all BRAZOS boards are decided and announced at least three weeks prior to give all players an opportunity to prepare. As the games show, the players put their preparation time to good use. All 17 games were hard fought and exciting.

Adam Hart, Helen Jamison, John De Vries, Danny Dunn, Tom Crane, and Jim Hollingsworth are all members of the Texas Chess Team.

Tarrant			Waco	
Score	Player	Board	Player	Score
1.0	George Jemty (1734)	1	Darryl West (1739)	1.0
1.0	Danny Dunn (1700)	2	John Martinez (1306)	1.0
1.0	Russ Heise (1670)	3	James McKethan (1624)	1.0
1.5	Zachary Graber (1663)	4	Daniel Guel (1522)	0.5
0.0	Tom Crane (1581)	5	Jason Lund (1519)	2.0
1.0	Bob Curtis (1445)	6	John De Vries (1411)	1.0
1.5	Ben Davis (1248)	7	Ulices Arias (1410)	0.5
1.0	Adam Hart (1291)	8	Bram Foster (1342)	1.0
2.0	Helen Jamison (1130)	9	Dave Lemper (0981)	0.0
10.0			8.0	

**West, Darryl (1739) –
Jemty, George (1734) [A00]**

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.1), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

{ Black was awarded a win by forfeit because his opponent could not get off work. }
0-1

Martinez, John (1306) –

Dunn, Danny (1700) [A46]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.2), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.d4 c5 [Old Benoni ...]

2.Nf3 [Accepting the Benoni Gambit is rarely played as Black regains the pawn quickly with an even game ... 2.dxc5 Qa5+ (Also rare is the Comorant Gambit ... 2...b6; The old Benoni Trap goes this way ... 2...e6 3.b4 a5 4.c3?? axb4 5.cxb4 Qf6!!) 3.Nc3 Qxc5=]

2...Nf6 3.Bf4 cxd4 4.c3 e6 5.Nxd4 Be7 6.e3 a6 7.Bd3 d5 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Nh5 10.Re1 Nxf4 11.exf4 0-0 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Ndf3 Nc5 [Black needs defenders on his Kingside and should play ... 14...Nf6]

15.Bxh7+! [Busting Black's Kingside wide open.]

15...Kh8 [15...Kxh7?? 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Qh5!]

16.Ng5 g6 17.Nxg6+ [Just as good is ... 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Nxg6+ Kg7 19.Qh5 Ne4 20.Qh7+ Kf6 21.Nxe4+ dxe4 22.Qxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxf8 Kg7 24.Nxe6+ Bxe6 25.Rxe4 Kf6 26.Rae1 Re8 27.f5!]

17...fxg6 18.Bxg6 Kg7 19.Qh5 Rh8 20.Bh7 Rxh7 [20...Qe7? 21.f5! Bd7 (21...Rxh7?? 22.Qxh7+!! Kf8 23.Qh8#) 22.Qg6+ Kf8 23.f6!]

21.Qxh7+ Kf6 22.Qh6+ Ke7 23.Qh7+ Ke8 24.Qxc7 Bxc7 25.Nxe6 Nxe6 26.f5! Kf7 27.fxe6+ Bxe6 28.g3 Bh3 29.Rad1 Rd8 30.Rd4 Kf6 31.Rh4 [31.f4?? Bb6!]

31...Bd7 32.Rh7 Bd6?? 33.Rh6+!! [White resigned.] 1-0

McKethan, James (1624) –

Heise, Russ (1670) [A45]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.3), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 [Black wants to avoid

the hassle of defending c7 against an attack by two pieces ...]

[The Verasov Attack opens this way ... 2...d5 3.Bg5]

3.Bf4 Nh5 4.Bg5 [4.Bd2 e5 5.e3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bc4 e4 8.Ng1 (8.Nxe4 d5) 8...f5 9.Nge2 c6 10.d5 c5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ng3 Nxc3 13.fxc3 Ne5 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Bb3 Bd7 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.Bc3 a6 18.Nc7 Rac8 19.Ba5 c4 20.Ne6 Bxe6 21.dxe6 cxb3 22.cxb3 Nd3 23.g4 Qxe6 24.gxf5 Rxf5 25.Rxf5 Coddens, Barbara ... Corke, Anya (2222) ... Wch U20 Girls ... Istanbul ... 11/09/2005 ... 0-1]

4...h6 5.Bd2 [5.Bh4 g5 6.Bg3 This line avoids losing tempo and allowing a trade at g3 should give White a good game. The rook file will be opened, e4 can be played to control the center, Qd2 will allow queenside castling, and all of White's pieces can be eloped easily ...]

5...Nf6 6.e4 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Bc4 Be7 [8...b5! 9.Bd3 b4 10.Nce2 cxd5 11.exd5 a5 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Nbxtd7 14.Nf3 Nb6 And White loses his d-pawn ...]

9.a4 a5 10.Nge2 Na6 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Ng3 0-0 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.f3 Qb6 15.Kh1 [15.b3? Ncxe4+ 16.Be3 Nxc3 17.Qd2 c5 18.Qxc3 And Black has the upper hand ...]

15...Qc7 16.Be3 Na6 17.Qf2 Nb4 18.Bb3 Nh7 19.Rad1 Kh8 [Setting the stage for a future push by Black on the Kingside ...]

20.Bb6 Qd7 21.Be3 Bg5 22.Bxg5 Nxg5 23.h4 Nh7 24.h5?! [A better plan for White would be ... 24.Nf5 Qd8 25.g4! Bxf5 26.gxf5 g6 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.Rg1 gxf5 29.exf5 Qf6 30.Ne4 Rad8 31.c3 Na6 32.Rg2 Qxf6 33.Nxd6 Qf6 34.Ne4 Rxd1+ 35.Bxd1 Qd8 36.Bb3 Qb8 37.Bc4 Nc7 38.Nd6 Ne6 39.Nf5 Nf4 40.Rg7 Nf6 41.Rxf7 Rxf7 42.Bxf7 Nd3 43.Qg3 Qf8 44.Qg6!]

24...Qd8 25.dxc6! Nxc6 26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.exf5 Nd4 28.Bd5 Qg5 29.g4! Qe7 30.Ne4! Nf6 31.Nxf6 Qxf6 32.c3! Nc6 33.Kg2 Rab8 34.Qb6 Rfd8 35.Qe3 Ne7 36.b4 axb4 37.cxb4 Nc6 38.Bxc6 bxc6 39.Rb1 g6?? 40.Qxh6+! Kg8 41.hxg6! fxg6 42.fxg6! Qg7 [No good is ... 42...Rd7 43.Rh1 Qg7 44.Qg5 Kf8 45.Rh7 Qg8 46.Qf5+ Ke8 47.Rxd7!]

43.Qh5 d5 44.Rfe1 Re8 45.Qf5 Qe7 46.Rh1 Rf8 47.Qh5 Qg7 48.Qg5 Qf6 49.Qh5?? [Snatching defeat from the jaws of victory ...]

49...Qxf3+!! [White resigned ...] 0-1

Guel, Daniel (1522) –

Graber, Zachary (1663) [A46]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.4), 29.10.2016
[Graber, Zachary]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 b6 6.h3 Bb7 7.Be2 d6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nbd2 Nd5 10.Bh2 f5 11.e4 fxe4 12.Nxe4 0-0 13.Qd2 Nf6 14.Nxf6+ Rxf6 15.d5 exd5 16.Qxd5+ Kh8 17.Qd2 Qc7 [Self-Pinning maybe not the best idea ...]

18.Rad1 Raf8 [Certain ideas of an exchange sacrifice came into my thoughts with this move ...]

19.Bg3 Nd8 20.Bh4 Rg6 21.Bg3 Qd7?!

22.Ne5! [I missed this shot as I was moving somewhat fast in the home that he would lose his composure as he only had 6 seconds left when he made this move ...]

22...Qe6 23.Nxg6+ Qxg6 24.Bd3 Qh5 25.Qe2 Qd5 26.Qe4! [A nice simplification trick that makes use of the alignment of the Black Bishops ...]

26...Qxe4 27.Bxe4 Bxe4 28.Rfe1 d5 29.f3 Bc2 [29...Bxf3 was better and a switch-ing ...]

30.Rd2 Bf6 31.Rxc2 d4 32.cxd4 cxd4 33.Bd6 Rg8 [forced ...]

34.Be5 d3 35.Rd2 Re8 36.Rxd3 Nc6 37.Bg3 [f4 and Bc3 were also good ...]

37...Bd4+ 38.Kh2 [38.Rxd4?! Rxe1+ 39.Bxe1 Nxd4 gives me some unnecessary chances ...]

38...Rxe1 39.Bxe1 Bxb2 40.Rd6? [Missing the Bishop fork. This was probably the worst move possible although otherwise it made sense ...]

40...Be5+ 41.Bg3 Bxd6 42.Bxd6 b5 [I then had dangerous wing pawns but he had a superior Bishop and we went on to draw.]

43.Kg3 b4 44.Kf4 a5 45.Ke4 a4 46.Kd5 b3 47.axb3 axb3 48.Ba3 Nb4+ 49.Kc4 Nc2 50.Kxb3 Ne3 1/2-1/2

Lund, Jason (1519) –

Crane, Tom (1581) [D04]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.5), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.d4 d5 [Black expects the usual 2.c4 leading to a Queen's Gambit or similar opening ... 1...Nf6 ... is better because it provides options if White chooses the Colle or

Stonewall openings ...]

2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 [Now White's plan is clear ... Colle system ...]

3...Bf5 [Black wants to avoid a cramped destiny ...]

4.Bd3 [4.c4! Recommended by I.A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld in their classic "How To Think Ahead In Chess" ... ; 4.c4 e6! (Comment from I.A. Horowitz in his book "Chess Openings: Theory and Practice" ...) 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.Nc3 c6 7.Bd2 Nbd7 8.Rc1 Bd6 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 h6+]

4...Bxd3 5.cxd3 [Keeps e4 free of pesky knights ...]

5...c6 6.0-0 e6 7.Nc3 Bd6 [7...Be7 8.Qb3 b6 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Bd2 Nfd7 11.f4 Nxe5 12.fxe5 c5 13.Rac1 Na6 14.Nb5 Nc7 15.Nxc7 Qxc7 16.Rf3 Qd8 17.Qd1 Rc8 18.Rh3 g6 19.Qe2 Bg5 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Rxc5 bxc5 22.Rf3 Qc7 23.Bc3 Qd7 24.d4? c4 25.Rf1 Qc6 26.Qf3 Qb7 27.a3 f5 28.g3 Rb8 29.Qe2 Qd7 30.Kf2 Rb3 31.Qd2 Qa4 32.Re1 Bd8 33.Rc1 Rb5 34.Ke2 Ba5 35.Bxa5 Rxa5 36.Kf3 Rb5 37.Rc2 Qa6 38.h4 Qb7 39.Kf4 Qb6 40.Qe2 Rb3 41.Qd1 Qd8 42.Kf3 Kg7 43.Kf2 Qb6 44.Qe2 Qd8 45.Qf3 h6 46.Ke1 Qb6 47.Qf2 Rd3 48.Rd2 Qb3 49.Rxd3 Qxd3 50.Qd2 Qe4 51.Kf2 g5 52.Qb4 Qc2+ 53.Ke1 Qc1+ 54.Kf2 Qc2+ 55.Ke1 Kg6 56.hxg5 hxg5 57.Qb8 Qc1+ 58.Ke2 Qc2+ 59.Ke1 Qc1+ 60.Ke2 Qc2+ 61.Ke1 Kh5 62.Qe8+ Kg4 63.Qxe6 Kf3 64.Qxd5+ Kxe3 0-1 ... Fell, Lloyd Stanley (1774) ... Reitmans, Quentin (1974) ... Doeberl Cup Major 41st ... Canberra ... Round: 4.6 ... 04/19/2003 ...]

8.e4 [Threatens a devastating fork at e4 ...]

8...dxe4 9.dxe4 Bb4 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Bg5 Qb6 [Relieves the pin and activates Black's Queen ...]

12.Rad1 0-0 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Rac8 15.c4 h6 16.Bf4 Rfe8 17.Rd2 Nf8 18.Rfd1 Ng6 19.Be5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Nh7 21.Rd7 Rcd8 22.Rb1! [Winning a pawn with pressure on f7 ...]

22...Qa6 23.Rbxb7 Rxd7 24.Rxd7 Qxa3 25.Qd1 Qa5 26.h3 Nf8 27.Rb7 Qa6 28.Bb1 Qxc4 29.Rxa7 Qb5? [Loses a pawn ...]

[Better is ... 29...Ng6 30.Qb7 Rf8 31.Ra6 Qxe4 32.Qxc6 Qxc6 33.Rxc6]

30.Qxb5 cxb5 31.Rb7 Ng6 32.Rxb5 Rc8 33.Nd2 Nf4 34.g3 Nd3 35.Kf1 Rc2 36.Ke2 Nc5 37.Rb8+ Kh7 38.Rc8 Kg6 39.Kd1 Rc3 40.Nb1 Rc4 41.Nd2 Rc3 42.Nb1 Rb3 43.Nd2 Rb5 44.Ke2 Nd7 45.f4 Rb2 46.Rc3 Ra2 47.Ke3 Ra1 48.Kf3 Rh1 49.Kg2 Rd1

50.Nf3 Ra1 51.Rc2 Ra3 52.g4 Re3 53.f5+ Kh7 54.Rc7 Nb6 55.Rxf7 Rxe4 56.fxe6 Nd5 [Black resigned ...] **1-0**

De Vries, John (1411) – Curtis, Robert (1445) [B12]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.6), 29.10.2016 [Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.d4 d5 2.e4 [All BRAZOS players knew their assigned opponents at least three weeks prior and could prepare. John De Vries is very active on Facebook with his local club and published at least 100 of his favorite games, as White playing the Blackmar Deimer Gambit ...]

2...c6 [It seemed obvious Bob looks at Facebook and wanted nothing to do with John's favorite weapon ... In mid 1981 (Columbus, Georgia) the late Grand Master Boris Kogan gave a fascinating one-hour class. Someone had shown me this opening a couple of months earlier and I was very excited about playing it. But, I didn't know the name. I used the opportunity to ask GM Kogan what is the opening's name? ... He scoffed and shook his head ... "It has no name and White is a pawn down!" ... I protested ... "But, look at it. There's a lot White can do with this." ... He shook his head again ... "It has no name and White is a pawn down!" ... Then he walked away ... I never played this opening again ...]

3.c4 dxe4 [Bob changed his mind ...]

4.Nc3 Nf6 5.f3 exf3 6.Nxf3 Bg4 7.Be3 e6 8.Bd3 [8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 h6 12.Rh2 Rc8 13.Re2 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Rxd5 Bxe3+ 17.Rxe3 Nf6 18.Rde5 0-0 19.g5 hxg5 20.Rxg5 Qd4 21.Ree5 Kh8 22.Bd3 Rfd8 23.Rh5+ Nxh5 24.Rxh5+ Kg8 25.Bh7+ Kf8 26.Qa3+ Rd6 27.Qf3 Rxc4+ 28.Bc2 ... 0-1 ... Pilotte, Benoit (1757) ... Germain, Emile (1438) ... Sherbrooke CC-ch ... Round 1 ... 04/15/2005 ...]

8...Bb4 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Rc1 Qc7 11.a3? [11.h3 is better ...]

11...Bd6 12.c5 Bxh2+! 13.Kh1 Nh5! 14.Ne2 Ng3+ 15.Nxg3 [15.Kxh2? Nxf1+ 16.Kg1 Nxe3 ... And Black is having a lot of fun ...]

15...Bxg3 16.b4 h5! 17.Qc2 h4! 18.Ng5! [Desperation ...]

18...f6?? [18...h3!! 19.gxh3 Bxh3 20.Rxf7 Bf5+ 21.Kg2 Rh2+ 22.Kf1 Rxc2 23.Nxe6 Rxc1+ 24.Bxc1 Bxd3+ 25.Kg2 Kxf7 26.Nxc7

Bxc7 ... And White's King dies of acute exposure ...]

19.Bg6+!! Ke7 20.Qe4!! Nf8 21.Qxg4! f5 22.Bxf5! exf5 23.Rxf5!! [... When it rains in Texas ... it pours ...]

23...Qc8 24.Rf7+ Ke8 25.Qe4+ Ne6 26.Rcf1!! a5 27.Nxe6! h3 [... Too little too late ...]

28.Nxg7+!! Kd8 29.Qe7# [... Black played well up until his 18th move ... There was pressure on him, however the pressure on White's King was even greater ... This game offers excellent teaching points for chess instructors about keeping the initiative (even when it hurts) and punishing weak moves ... White dodged a bullet however he did an outstanding job of bringing all his pieces into play at the critical moment ... A very educational and fun game to watch from both sides ...] **1-0**

Arias, Ulces (1410) – Davis, Ben (1248) [B01]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.7), 29.10.2016 [Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 [The Scandinavian Defense is an excellent weapon for Black's arsenal ... Quite often Black's Queen stirs things up then returns to d8 none the worse for wear ...]

3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.Qf3 [5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e6 8.d3 Bd6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Qe5? 11.Bxc6+± ... Jim Hollingsworth (1800) ... David Medrano (1581) ... 2016 Texas State and Amateur Championship ... 27-30 May 2016 ...]

5...Be6 6.c4 Qe5+ [Smart move ... It's way to early to trade queens and the Rook at a8 remains safe ...]

7.Be2 Nc6 8.Qc3 [{ Avoiding the threat of a pesky knight fork at c2 ...]

8...g6 9.Nf3 Qxc3 10.bxc3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.a3 Na5 13.Rb1 Rab8 14.c5 Nb3 15.d4 Nxc1 16.Rfxc1 Bf5 17.Rb2 Rfe8 18.Nh4 Be4 19.f3?! [Blocks his only Bishop ...]

19...Bc6 20.Rd2? [Intending to gain space in the center, but loses the exchange ...]

20...Bh6! 21.Rcd1 Bxd2 22.Rxd2 Bd7 23.f4 [Avoids getting his Knight trapped ...]

23...f6 24.h3 Rbd8 25.Nf3 a6? [25...Kg7 protects the King from pesky checks at

c4 ...]

26.d5 e6? [26...Kg7 Same comment ...]

27.Bc4! exd5 28.Bxd5+ Kg7 29.Nd4 c6 30.Bb3 Bc8 31.Kf2 f5 32.Kf3 Re4? 33.Nxf5+! Bxf5 34.Rxd8 Re7 35.g4 Be4+ 36.Kg3 Bb1 37.Rg8+ Kf6 38.g5+ Kf5 39.Rf8+ Ke4 40.Rd8?? [White misses two ways to win ...]

[40.Rf7 Rxf7 41.Bxf7 Kd3 42.Bg8 Kxc3 43.Bxh7 Kb3 44.h4 Kxa3 45.h5 Kb4 46.Bxg6 Ba2 47.h6 Bg8 48.h7 Bxh7 49.Bxh7 a5 50.g6 a4 51.g7 a3 52.g8Q+; 40.Rf7 Re8 41.Rxb7 Kd3 42.Bc4+ Kxc4 43.Rxb1 Re3+ 44.Kh4 Rxc3 45.Rb6 Rxa3 46.Rxc6 Kd5 47.Rc7 a5 48.Rxh7 Kxc5 49.Rg7 a4 50.Rxg6 Ra1 51.Ra6 Kb5 52.Ra8 a3 53.f5 a2 54.f6 Kb4 55.f7 Rf1 56.Rxa2 Rxf7 57.Kg4 Kb3 58.Ra6+]

40...Kf5 ½-½

Foster,Phillip Bram (1342) – Hart,Adam (1291) [B27]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.8), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 [Hyper Accelerated Drag-on]

3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bc4 Nc6 5.d3 [Transition to the Closed Sicilian]

5...Nf6 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Ng4 8.h3 Nxe3 9.fxe3 [9.Qxe3 0-0 10.0-0 Nd4 11.Rac1 e6 12.Rfe1 Qb6 13.Na4 Qb4 14.Bb3 Nxb3 15.axb3 b5 16.Nc3 Ba6 17.Ra1 Bb7 18.Rab1 d5 19.Qd2 Rfd8 20.Kh1 a5 21.Kg1 c4 22.bxc4 dxc4 23.Qe2 Rac8 24.Red1 Ba6 25.Kh1 cxd3 26.cxd3 Bxc3 27.bxc3 Qxc3 28.Rbc1 Qb3 29.Rb1 Qa3 30.Ra1 Qb4 31.Rab1 Qd6 32.Ne1 b4 33.Ra1 Rc3 34.Rxa5 Bxd3 35.Nxd3 Rxd3 36.Rxd3 Qxd3 37.Qxd3 Rxd3 38.Ra1 Kf8 39.Kg1 f5 40.exf5 exf5 41.Kf1 Ra3 42.Rb1 b3 43.Rb2 Ra1+ 44.Ke2 Ra2 45.Rd2 b2 46.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 0-1 ... Laussac, Stephane (1330) ... Dubessay, Bastien (1420) ... FRA–chT 0102 U18 ... Round: 5.10 ... 01/05/2002 ...]

9...e6 10.Rb1 a6 11.a3 b5 12.Ba2 b4 13.axb4 cxb4 14.Ne2 Bb7 15.d4 Qa5 16.Ra1 Rc8 17.0-0 Qb6 18.Ng3 0-0 19.Ng5 Nd8 20.h4 h6 21.Nh3 a5 22.Rac1 d5? [Black worries about protecting f7 ... But this plan transforms an active Bishop attacking the White King's sanctuary into a bad Bishop ...]

[Better is ... 22...e5 23.dxe5 Bxe5 24.Rf3 a4 25.c3 b3 26.Bb1 Qa5 27.Nf2 a3 28.Nd3 a2 29.Nxe5 axb1Q 30.Rxb1 Qxe5+]

23.e5 a4 24.c3 b3! 25.Bb1 Ba6 26.Bd3? [This is a "good" Bishop actively attacking Black's sanctuary and supporting a future push in the center ... Yet, White trades it for a piece out of play ...]

26...Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Rc4 28.Nf2 Qa5 29.Nfe4!? a3 30.Bxa3 Qxa3 31.Ra1 Qe7 32.Nd2 Qxh4 33.Nxc4 dxc4 34.Qxc4 Qxg3 35.Rf3 Qg4 36.Qxb3± [Outside passed pawn ...]

36...Nc6 37.Qb7! Nd8 38.Qd7 Qh4 39.Rh3 Qg5 40.c4! f5 41.Ra8 Nf7 42.Rxf8+ Kxf8 43.c5! Nd8 44.c6! Qe7 45.Qc8 Kf7 46.e4?? [46.c7! Nc6 47.Qb7 Nd8 48.Qb6 Ke8 49.cxd8Q+ Qxd8 50.Qxe6+ Qe7 51.Qxg6+ Qf7 52.Qxf7+ Kxf7 53.Rf3 Ke6 54.g4+]

46...fxe4 47.Rc3 Bxe5 48.dxe5 Qa7+ 49.Kh2 [Black lost on time ...] 1-0

Lemper,David (981) – Jamison,Helen (1130) [D55]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (1.9), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 [Queen's Gambit Declined ... Lasker's Defense Variation ... In their book "How To Think Ahead In Chess" ... I.A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld wrote ... "The object of this defense is simplification. From the very start Black has in view the exchange of several pieces. These exchanges free his game by ridding him of pieces that past experience tells us will have little mobility. And these Black pieces are to be exchanged against White pieces which, as we likewise know from experience, will have considerably more mobility than their Black opposite numbers."]

5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 Bd7 [6...h6 7.Bh4 Ne4! ... Recommended by I.A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld ...]

7.Bd3 Bc6! [Black's Queen Bishop is well placed to support future Kingside operations ...]

8.0-0 b6 [8...dxc4! 9.Bxc4 Ne4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 And Black is slightly better ...]

9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Rfe1? [10.cxd5! Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Bd3±]

10...dxc4! 11.Bxc4 h6 12.Bh4 Bxf3! 13.gxf3 Nh7 14.Bg3+ [White's Kingside is weakened and Black has plenty of pieces to exploit this ...]

14...Ng5 15.Kg2 Bd6 16.Ne4 Bxg3 17.fxg3 Kh8 18.f4 Nh7 19.Bd3 f5 20.Nd2 a6 21.a4 Ra7 22.Nf3 g5 23.fxg5 Nxc5 24.Nh4 [Threatening to fork with check at g6 ...]

24...Qa8+ 25.e4 Kg7 26.Nf3 Nxf3! [Draws White's King out of hiding ...]

27.Kxf3 c5? [Much much stronger is ... 27...fxe4+ 28.Ke3 Rf3+!! 29.Kd2 (29.Ke2?? exd3+!!) 29...Rxd3+!! 30.Kc1 c5!]

28.Qc3 Rf6 29.Ke3 Qb8 30.Rg1 Kf7 [The immediate threats to his King seem over ... White tries getting back into the game ...]

31.Raf1 Qd6 32.e5 Qxd4+!! 33.Qxd4 cxd4+ 34.Kxd4 Rg6 35.g4 Rg5 36.h4 Rg7 37.gxf5 Rxc1 38.Rxc1 Nc5 39.f6 Rd7+!! 40.Kc4 Nxd3!! 41.Rg7+ Ke8 [41...Kf8 Works just as well ... 42.Rg1 Nxe5+ 43.Kc3 Rd3+ 44.Kb4 Rf3]

42.Rxd7 Nxe5+!! 43.Kd4 Nxd7!! [White resigned ...] 0-1

Jempty,George (1734) – West,Darryl (1739) [B22]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.1), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 [Sicilian Defence ... Alapin's Variation ...]

2...Nc6 [In his book "MCO-14, Modern Chess Openings Completely Revised" ... Nick de Firmian says ... 2...Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 c4 7.Bc2 Qc7 8.Qe2 g5! 9.e6 dxe6 10.Nxg5 Qe5 ... has no problems for Black ...]

3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 Nf6 5.d5 Ne5 6.f4 Ng6 7.Nc3 [Fritz 5.32 recommends 7.e5! Ng8 8.Qa4 Qb6 9.Nc3 Nh6 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.Qe4 Ngh4+]

7...d6 8.Be2 [8.Be3 e6 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.Bc4 a6 11.a4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 d5 13.Ng5 Bb4+ 14.Kf1 dxc4 15.Qxd8+ Kxd8 16.Nf7+ Ke7 17.Nxh8 Nxh8 18.Bd4 Kf8 19.Nf3 Nf7 20.Kf2 Bd7 21.Rhd1 Bc6 22.Rdc1 Bd5 23.a5 Rd8 24.Ra4 Be7 25.Bb6 Rc8 26.Nd2 Nd6 27.Bd4 Bc6 28.Raa1 Bd5 29.Nf3 Nf5 30.Bb6 Bf6 31.Ne5 Nd6 32.g4 g5 33.Nd7+ Ke7 34.Nxf6 Kxf6 35.Bd4+ Kg6 36.fxg5 Kxg5 37.h3 h6 38.Be3+ Kg6 39.Kg3 Rf8 40.Rf1 Ne4+ 41.Kh2 Rc8 42.Bd4 Rd8 43.Rad1 Bc6 44.Bb6 Rxd1 45.Rxd1 Bd5 46.Rf1 Nd2 47.Rf8 Nb3 48.Kg2 h5 49.gxh5+ Kxh5 50.Kf4 Kg6 51.Ke5 Nd6 52.Rf6+ Kg7 53.Rxe6 Bxe6 54.Kxe6 Ne4 55.Kd7 Kg6 56.Bd4 Nd2 57.Kc7 Nb3 58.Bc3 Nc5 59.Kb6 Ne4 60.Kxb7 Nxc3 61.bxc3 Kf5 62.Kxa6 1-

0 ... Jackson, Sheila (2180) ... Lie, Ol ... Troll Masters, I, Gausdal ... Round 8 ... (1996) ...]

8...a6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Qd4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.Qb4 Nd7 13.f5 Nc5 14.fxg6?? Nd3+!!
[White resigned ... and a blunder is a sad way to end any chess game ... All BRAZOS boards were decided and announced nearly four weeks prior ... This gave all players an opportunity to research and prepare ... It is obvious George Jempty used his time preparing well ... His opponent has gained fame and perhaps notoriety with many of his games online ... George saw something and prepared well with this rare anti-Sicilian opening ... His plan almost worked! Credit needs to go to Darryl West for recognizing and taking advantage of an immediate opportunity to win ...] **0-1**

Dunn,Danny (1700) – Martinez,John (1306) [B08]
BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.2), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 [Pirc/Ufimtsev Defense ... Also known as the Robatsch Defense ...]

4.h3 [4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Qd2 c6 6.Bh6 Bxh6 7.Qxh6 Qa5 8.Bd3 Na6 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.b3 c5 12.Nge2 cxd4 13.Qxd4 Rb4! 14.Qd2 Qc5 15.f3 a5 16.Na4 Qc7? (16...Qe5! 17.0-0 Bd7 18.c3±) 17.0-0 0-0 18.Rac1 Bd7 19.Nb2 Rf8 20.Nd3 R4b7 21.c4 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Rc7 23.e5! dxe5 24.Nxe5 a4! [With counter play ...] 25.Qf4 axb3 26.axb3 Be8! 27.c5? Rxc5 28.Nxf7 Rxc1 29.Nh6+ Kg7 30.Nxc1 Nh5?! 31.Qe5+ Kxh6 32.g4 Nf6 [1/2-1/2 ... Hubner (2600) ... Van Der Wiel (2540) ... Tilburg (Interpolis) 1988 ... Commentary by Van Der Wiel ...]

4...Bg7 5.Be3 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qd2 0-0 8.Be2 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Ne8 12.g4 c6 13.Bh6? [It's too early to try exchanging Bishops ... Black has too many resources protecting his King ... A better strategy is to move the Rook at d1 to g1 and then advance the pawns and create a half-open Rook file ... Then offering to trade Bishops becomes more promising ...]

13...b4 14.Ne2 cxd5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.exd5 f5! [Threatening to fork two pieces ...]

17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Ng5! [White threatens a devastating fork at e6 ...]

19...Nc7 20.Ng3 Rf4 21.Qe2 Nexd5 22.Rxd5 Qxg5! 23.Rd2 d5 24.Rg1!
[Threatening Black's Queen ...]

24...Kh8 25.Kb1 Raf8 26.Rf1 e4 27.Qe3 Rxf2 [Better is 27...Nb5 28.Qb6 R4f6 29.Qe3 Qxe3 30.fxe3 Rxf1+ 31.Nxf1 Rxf1+ 32.Rd1 Rxd1#]

28.Qd4+!! Qf6 [No better is 28...Kg8 29.Rdxf2 Rxf2 30.Qxf2]

29.Qxf2!! Qxf2 30.Rdxf2 Rxf2 31.Rxf2 e3 32.Rf7 Ne6 33.Re7 [Black resigned ...] **1-0**

Heise,Russ (1670) – McKethan,James (1624) [B13]
BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.3), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 c6 [... Caro-Kann Defense ...]

2.d4 d5 3.exd5 [3.Nc3 [A famous trap is shown in I.A. Horowitz's book ... "New Traps in the Chess Opening" ...] 3...dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Qd3 e5? 6.dxe5 Qa5+ 7.Bd2 Qxe5 8.0-0! Nxe4? 9.Qd8+ Kxd8 10.Bg5+ Kc7 11.Bd8#; 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.h5 Bh7 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bf4 Nd5 12.Bd2 Bd6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Ng5?? hxg5 15.h6 g6+ 16.c4 Nf4 17.Qe4 Nd7 18.Bc3 Kh7 19.d5 cxd5 20.cxd5 Nc5 21.Qf3 e5 22.Ne4 Rc8 23.g3 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 f5 25.Qe3 Nh5 26.Qxa7 Qe7 27.Rhe1 Kxh6 28.Kb1 Nf6 29.Bxe5 Bxe5 30.d6 Qd7 31.Rxe5 Rfe8 32.f4 gxf4 33.gxf4 Qc6 34.Qf2 Rxe5 35.fxe5 Qe4+ 36.Ka1 Qxe5 37.d7 Rd8 38.Re1 Rxd7 39.a3 Qd4 0-1 ... Klenda,M (1730) – Berry,J (1950) ... 3rd Jerry Hanken FIDE Open Stillwater, OK (3.9), 18.02.2012 ...]

3...cxd5 4.c4 [[... Exchange Variation ... In their book ... "Chess Openings for White Explained" ... GM Lev Alburt, GM Roman Dzindzichavili, and IM Eugene Perelshteyn say ... "The Exchange System of the Caro-Kann is one of the least anticipated guests at modern tournaments. Because of the system's apparently non-aggressive approach, most opening books don't take it seriously and guarantee Black equality -- even though this system has been used successfully by Bobby Fischer in his match with Tigran Petrosian, certainly one of the greatest defenders of all time! ...]

4...e6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbx2 Nf6 8.c5 Nc6 9.a3 a5 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 b6 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne5 Bb5 15.Qb3 Ba6 16.c6 Qc7 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Qc3 Rac8 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 Rd6 21.Qa3 Bb5 22.g4 Ne8 23.g5 f6 24.gxf6 gxf6 25.Qg3+ Ng7 26.Nd7 Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Qxg3+ 28.hxg3 Rxc6 29.Nxf6+ Kf7 30.Ng4 Rc2 31.Ne5+ Ke7 32.Ndf3 Nf5 33.Ra1 h6

34.g4 Nd6 35.g5 [Better is 35.Ra7+ Kf6 36.Rh7 Rc1+ 37.Kh2 Rc2

a) 37...Ne4?? 38.Rf7#;

b) 37...Be2 38.Rxh6+ Ke7 (38...Kg7 39.Rg6+ Kh7 40.Ng5+ Kh8 41.Nxe6 Rf1 (41...Ne8 42.Nf7+ (42.Ng5 Rc7 43.Rh6+ Kg8 44.Rxb6+-) 42.Kg2+-) 39.Ng5 Rf1 40.Rxe6+! Kf8 41.Rxd6 Rxf2+ 42.Kg3 Rf1 43.Rxd5+-;

38.Kg2 Rb2 39.Rxh6+ Ke7 40.Ng5 Rxb4 41.Rxe6+ Kd8 42.Rxd6++]

35...hxg5 36.Nxg5 Kf6 37.Ngf3 Be2 38.Ra3 Bxf3 39.Rxf3+ Ke7 40.Ra3 b5 41.Kg2 Rb2 42.Kg3 Ne4+ 43.Kg4 Nxf2+ 44.Kh5 Ne4 45.Ra7+ Kd8 [45...Kd6?? 46.Rd7#]

46.Nf7+ Kc8 47.Ra6 Rxb4 48.Rxe6 Kd7 49.Rb6 Kc7 50.Ra6 Ra4! 51.Re6 b4 52.Ne5 Nd6 53.Re7+ Kb6 54.Rd7 Ne4 55.Kg6 Nc3 56.Rd8 Kc7 57.Rd7+ Kc8 58.Rd6 Kc7 59.Rd7+ Kb6 60.Rd8 Ka6 61.Nd3 Kb5 62.Rb8+ Kc4 63.Nb2+ Kb3 64.Nxa4 Nxa4 65.Kf5 Kc4 66.Ke5 b3 67.Rc8+? [67.Rxb3 Kxb3 68.Kxd5 ... White has at least a draw ...]

67...Kd3 68.Rb8 Kc4 69.Rc8+? [69.Rxb3 Kxb3 70.Kxd5 ... And again White has at least a draw ...]

69...Kb5! 70.Rc1 [70.Rb8+?? Nb6!!+]

70...b2 71.Rb1 Kc4! 72.Kf4⊙ Kxd4 73.Rd1+ Kc4 74.Kf3 d4 75.Kf2 [75.Ke4?? Nc3+!]

75...Kc3 76.Ke2 Nc5! 77.Ke1 d3 78.Rb1 Kc2 79.Rd1 b1Q 80.Rxb1 Kxb1 81.Kd2 Kb2 82.Kd1 Nb3 83.Ke1 Kc2 [... White resigned ... A very instructive Endgame ...] **0-1**

Graber,Zachary (1663) – Guel,Daniel (1522) [C36]
BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.4), 29.10.2016
[Graber, Zachary]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 d5 [... Modern Defense ...]

4.exd5 Nf6 [... Taking with the Queen is also played but it can lose tempo ...]

5.Bb5+!? [... The main idea of inserting this check is to either trade off the Bishop and be able to castle next move or damage his pawn structure ...]

5...c6 6.dxc6 Nxc6!? [... I was expecting bxc6 with gain of tempo, to that I would have replied Bc4 or Be2 ...]

7.0-0? [... I needed to just take the Knight as I forgot about the Queen's path to b6 ...]

7...Qb6+ 8.d4 [... Looking to push central pawns and try for counter chances ...]

8...Qxb5 9.a4 Qb6 10.Bxf4 Be7 11.a5 [... A side effect of me losing the piece was that I gained some momentary initiative. If Nxa5 then the King's position in the middle could be felt after a move like Qe1 or simply Re1 ...]

11...Qd8 12.Nc3 a6 [... Seems a bit passive but there was the threat of Nb5-c7+ ...]

13.d5! Bc5+ 14.Kh1 [... Otherwise d6 was killer, now the Bishop will not be trapped on that move ...]

14...Ne7 15.d6 Nf5 16.Re1+ Be6 17.Ng5 [... At this point there is clearly some legitimate counter-play for me. If he castles now then I take twice on e6 and get another pawn back. Nevertheless he should have done that ...]

17...Qd7 [... Keeping King in the center too long ...]

18.Nd5! [... Utilizing various pins and threatening Nc7+ ...]

18...Nxd5 19.Qxd5 [... Forking c5 and f5 ...]

19...Bxd6 20.Bxd6 0-0-0 [... Nxd6 21. Nxe6 would have been dangerous since I can still win the piece back with Rxe6+. Now I have won back my material and am a bit better but it was not hopeless for him and he should not have lost as quickly as he did. Likely he got a bit discouraged by the change of events. ...]

21.Qc5+ Qc6 22.Qxc6+ bxc6 23.Bf4 Kd7?? [... He makes a dubious King walk to the other side ...]

24.Rad1+ Ke7 25.Rxd8 Rxd8? [... Kxd8 was forced though it still lost a pawn ...]

26.Nxe6 Rb8 [... If fxe6 then 27. Bg5+ wins the exchange since the f-pawn is not available to block with f6 ...]

27.Nc5+ Kd8 28.Bxb8 [... Down too much material ... Black resigned ...] **1-0**

Crane,Tom (1581) – Lund,Jason (1519) [C42]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.5), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 [... Petroff Defense ... Can be a tough nut for White to crack ... Recommended for use against stronger players who like opening with 1.e4 because of it's tough drawish nature ... Far too often White will attempt a costly move to avoid a draw ...]

3.d3 [3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.Nf3 Ndf6 7.Bg5 Nxc5 8.Nxc5 h6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Rfe1 Rf8 15.c3 Kf8 16.Re2 Bd6 17.Rae1 Re7 18.Nh4 Rae8 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Rxe7 Kxe7 22.Bxf5 Nb6 23.b3 Bf4 24.Nf3 Bc1 25.Bd3 Bb2 26.c4 dxc4 27.Bxc4 Nxc4 28.bxc4 c6 29.Kf1 Kd6 30.Ke2 b5 31.Kd3 b4 32.Kc2 Bc3 33.Kb3 c5 34.dxc5+ Kxc5 35.a3 a5 36.g4 Bf6 37.axb4+ axb4 38.Ne1 Bh4 39.Nd3+! Kd4 40.Nxb4 Bxf2 41.c5 Bg1 42.c6 Bxh2 43.Na6 Ke4 44.Kc4 f5?? 45.Nc5!! Kf4?? 46.c7 fxg4 47.c8Q g3 48.Qf8+ Ke3 49.Qxg7 Kf2 50.Qf6+ Kg2 51.Qxh6 Kh1 52.Nd3 ... Black resigned ... 0-1 ... Jim Hollingsworth (1988) ... Mike Tubbs (1969) ... Lawton (OK) City Championship (1988) ...]

3...d6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.g3 Be6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 h6 8.Bd2 0-0 9.Re1 c6 10.c3 Re8 11.d4 Qc7 12.Na3 Rad8 13.Nc2 Bf8 14.b3 Bg4 15.Qb1 d5 16.Ne3? [Better is ... 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.dxe5 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nxe5 19.Bg2 Nd3 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Ne3=]

16...Bxf3 17.Bxf3 dxe4 18.Bxe4?? [Better is ... 18.Bg2 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb6 20.Bc3 Nbd5 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.Bb2 Bb4 23.Re2 Bc3 24.Qd1 Bxb2 25.Rxb2 Rc8 26.Bh3 Rcd8 27.Qd2 a6 28.Re1 [... And White can hold ...]

18...Nxe4 19.Qxe4 exd4 20.Qxd4 Nf6 21.Qxa7 Rxd2 22.c4 Qb8 23.Qa5 Red8 24.Nf1 R2d7 25.Qc3 Bc5 26.Qc2 Qa7 27.a4 Re7 28.Rxe7 Bxe7 29.Re1 Bc5 30.Re2 h5 31.h3 Qb8 32.Qf5 Bb4 33.Qc2 Qd6 34.Kg2 Qd3 35.Qa2 h4 36.Re3 Qd1 37.Re2 Qc1 38.Rc2 Qg5! 39.Re2 hxg3 40.Nxg3 Rd1 41.Qc2 Rd2 42.Rxd2 Qxd2 43.Qf5 Qd7 44.Qe5 c5 45.Nf5 Qe8 46.Ne7+ Kf8 47.Qc7 Qxe7 48.Qc8+ Ne8 [... Black resigned ...] **0-1**

Curtis,Robert (1445) – De Vries,John (1411) [C31]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.6), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 [Falkbeer Counter Gam-

bit ...]

[2...exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nc4 Be7 8.d4 Nh5 9.Be2 Bxh4+ 10.Kd2 Qg5 11.Kd3 Nc6 12.a3 Bf2 13.Nd5 Bxd4 14.Nxc7+ Kd8 15.Nd5 f5 16.Nxd6 fxe4+ 17.Kc4 Qxd5+ 18.Kxd5 Nf6+ 19.Kc4 Be6+ 20.Kb5 a6+ 21.Ka4 b5+ 22.Nxb5 axb5+ 23.Kxb5 Ra5+ 24.Kxc6 Bd5+ 25.Kd6 Ne8# ... 0-1 ... Matschigo ... Faulkbeer ... Vienna (1853) ...]

3.Nf3 [... A famous trap goes this way ... 3.exd5 e4 4.d3 Nf6 5.dxe4 Nxe4 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.Qe2 f5 8.Nfd2 0-0 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Be3 Qxd5?? 11.Qc4 Qxc4 12.Bxc4+ Kh8 13.Bxc5+; ... Another famous trap goes this way ... 3.exd5 exf4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 Nxd5 6.c4 Bb4+ 7.Nbd2 Ne3 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qb3 Qe7 10.Kf2 Nd1+ 11.Kg1 Nc3 12.h3 Ba4+ ... And White's Queen is lost ...]

3...dxe4 4.Nxe5 Nf6 5.d4 Be7 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.c3 Nb6 9.Bb3 Be6 10.f5 Bxb3 11.axb3 a6 12.Nd2 c5 13.Ndc4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc8 15.Be3 Nxc4 [... If 15...Nbd5 16.Qe2 b5 17.Na3 (17.Na5? Bb4!) 17...Nb4 18.Rac1 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Nd3 20.Nc6 Qd7 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Rc6=]

16.bxc4 Re8 17.Qb3 Bd6 18.Bf4 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 [19.dxe5 Nd7? (19...Qd4+! 20.Kh1 Ng4 21.h3 Nf2+ 22.Kh2 Nd3 23.Qc3 Qxc3 24.bxc3 Rxc4 25.Rad1 Nxf4 26.Rxf4 Rxc3 27.Rxe4 Kf8 28.Rd7 b5 29.Ra7 Ra3#) 20.Rfd1! Nc5 21.Rxd8 Nxb3 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rd1±]

19...Ng4 20.Qg3 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Qxe5 23.Qg4 f6! 24.b3 Red8 25.Rae1 e3 26.Qe2 Re8 27.Rf3 Qb8 [... Better is ... 27...Rcd8 28.Rxe3? Qxe3! 29.Qxe3 Rxe3 30.Rxe3 Rd1+!! 31.Re1 Rxe1#]

28.Rxe3 Kf8 29.Re7 Rxe7 30.Qxe7+ Kg8 31.g4 b6 32.h4 Qa8+ 33.Qe4 Qxe4+ 34.Rxe4 Rc6 35.b4 Kf7 36.Rd4 Ke7 37.Kg2 Rd6 38.Re4+ Kd7 39.g5 fxg5 40.hxg5 h6 41.gxh6 Rxb6 42.Rg4! Rh7 43.Rg6 Kc7 44.Kf3 a5 45.bxa5 bxa5 46.Ra6 Rh3+ 47.Ke4! Ra3 48.Ra7+!! Kd6 49.Rxg7 Kc5 50.f6! Ra4 51.f7! Rxc4+ 52.Ke5 Kc6 53.f8Q!! Rc5+ 54.Ke6 [... Black resigned ...] **1-0**

Davis,Ben (1248) – Arias,Ulices (1410) [C34]

BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.7), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 [... King's Gambit Accepted ... Knight's Gambit Variation ...]

3...g6N [... A well known trap is 3...Be7 4.Bc4 Bh4+ 5.g3 fxg3 6.0-0 gxh2+ 7.Kh1 Be7? 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Ne5+ Ke6 10.Qg4+ Kxe5 11.Qf5+ Kd6 12.Qd5#; 3...g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 Nf6 6.d4 d6 7.Nd3 Nxe4 8.Bxf4 Bg7 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 c5 11.Be2 cxd4 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Bxg4 0-0 14.Bxc8 Rxc8 15.Qg4 f5 16.Qg3 dxc3 17.Rae1! Kh8 18.Kh1 Rg8 19.Bxd6 Bf8? 20.Be5+ Nxe5 21.Qxe5+ Rg7! 22.Rxf5 Qxh4+ 23.Kg1 Qg4 24.Rf2 Be7 25.Re4 Qg5 26.Qd4 Rf8? 27.Re5! Rd8 28.Qe4 Qh4 29.Rf4 [... Black resigned ... 0-1 ... Boris Spasski ... Bobby Fischer ... Mar del Plata 1960 ... Annotations by I.A. Horowitz ...]

4.d4 Bg7 5.Bxf4 Ne7 6.Bc4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Qe2+ Be6 9.Be5 0-0 10.0-0 c6 11.Nbd2 Nd7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Rad1 Nf4 14.Qf2 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 Nf6 16.Nfe5 N4d5 17.Ne3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Nd5? [Better is ... 18...Nd7 19.Ng4 Qh4 20.Qf3 h5 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Rad8 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Qc3 Qe7=]

19.Qg3 Qd6 20.c4!! [... Forces the Knight to retreat or else move to b5 where it will be irrelevant ...]

20...Ne7 [20...Nb6?? 21.c5!!; 20...Nc7 21.c5 Qd8 22.Qf4 Nd5! 23.Qf3=]

21.Qf3 Rad8 22.Nxf7!! Qc7 23.Qf6+!! [... Black resigned ...]

[23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Qh8#] **1-0**

Hart,Adam (1291) – Foster,Phillip Bram (1342) [A08]
BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.8), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.g3 [1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 Nc6 8.Re1 b5 9.h3 Bb7 10.Nf1 dxe4 11.dxe4 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Nxe4 13.Ne1 Nd4 14.Nd2 f5 15.g4 Rad8 16.Kf1 e5 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Be3 b4 19.c3 bxc3 20.bxc3 Ba6+ 21.Kg1 Ne2+ 22.Kh2

Nxc3 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Bxc5 Rd7 25.Rc1 Ne2 26.Rc2 Rd1 27.Rxe2 Bxe2 28.Nc2 Bd3 29.Ne3 Ra1 30.a3 Bh6 31.h4 a5 32.h5 Bf8 33.Bxf8 Kxf8 34.hxg6 hxg6 35.g5 Ke7 36.Nd5+ Ke6 37.Nc7+ Kf5 ... 0-1 ... Tyrone Greenfield ... Jim Berry ... U.S. Open ... Fort Lauderdale ... 08/07/2004 ...]

1...d5 2.Bg2 g6 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 [Barcza System ... In his book ... "Chess Openings Lexicon" ... Roy Devault writes ... "Barcza System: named after the player. Term used to describe an opening piece and pawn set-up for White illustrated by 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3, in which White continues with 3 Bg2 and 4 O-O almost regardless of what BLACK DOES. Typical is 2...c5 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 O-O." ...]

5...0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 d4 8.Nc4 b5?? [... Better is 8...Nc6 9.Re1 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Qd7 12.e5 Ne8 13.Qd5 Rd8 14.Qxd7 Rxd7 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Na5 Rc7 17.Bf4 e6 18.b3 h6=]

9.e5!! Ng4 10.Ncd2 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Bxa8!! Bh3 13.Bg2 Qd7 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.Qe2 Bd6 16.Bxh3 [16.Bh6 Re8 17.Rfe1 e5! 18.Bxh3 Qxh3 19.Bd2 f6 20.Qe4 Qd7 21.Qd5+ Kg7 22.Qe4 f5 23.Qh4 Kg8 24.Bh6 e4 25.dxe4 fxe4 26.Ng5 Be7 27.Qh3 Qxh3 28.Nxh3=]

16...Qxh3 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Ne4 Qh3 19.Nxd6 exd6 20.f4 f6 21.Qg2 Qd7 22.Bd2 a5 23.Rae1 Nb4? [... Generally it's not a good idea to offer a trade when you're down a rook ...]

24.Bxb4 axb4 25.Qd5+! Kg7 26.Re6! Re8 27.Rfe1! Rxe6 28.Rxe6!! [... Black resigned ...] **1-0**

Jamison,Helen (1130) – Lemper,David (981) [B30]
BRAZOS Hillsboro, TX (2.9), 29.10.2016
[Hollingsworth, Jim]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d3 e5 5.Be2 [... Sicilian Defense ... Rossolimo Variation ... without playing White's Bishop to b5 ...]

5...d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nbd2 [7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 Re8 9.Nf1 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Ne3 Nf4 12.Nc4 Nxe2+ 13.Rxe2 Bf6 14.Ne3 Be6 15.Qc2 Qc7 16.Bd2 Rad8 17.Be1 b5 18.Rd2 Qb6 19.Rad1 a5 20.c4 Nd4 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Nf1 bxc4 23.dxc4 g6 24.Ng3 Bg5 25.Rd3 f5 26.Rb3 Qc7 27.Rb5 Ra8 28.h3 Bd7 29.Rb3 Ba4 30.Qd3 Bxb3 31.Qxb3 a4 32.Qf3 Qd6 33.Qd3 Bf4 34.Ne2 Bg5 35.Ng3 Bd8 36.Qf3 Ba5 37.Bxa5 Rxa5 38.Qd3 Ra7 39.Rf1 Rae7 40.Kh1 Re1 41.Kg1 Qf4 42.Qc2 Rxf1+ 43.Nxf1 Re1 44.Qxa4 Qc1 45.Qa8+ Kg7 46.Qb7+ Kh6 47.Qc7 Rxf1+ 48.Kh2 Rh1+ 49.Kg3 d3 50.Qd6 Qg5+ 51.Kf3 d2 52.Qf8+ Kh5 53.Qd6 d1Q+ 54.Qxd1 Rxd1 55.a4 Rd3+ 56.Ke2 Qd2+ 57.Kf1 Qd1# ... 0-1 ... Juan Fernando Escobar (1450) ... Jorge Cori Tello (2063) ... Pan American U-10 Championship ... Balneario Camborlu ... Round 6 ... 06/15/2005 ...]

7...0-0 8.Re1 a6 9.h3 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Nf1 Qc7 12.Ng3 Bc8 13.Bf1 [... Avoids busting up White's Kingside with a Bishop sacrifice at h3 ...]

13...Be6 14.Ng5 Bd7 15.Nf5 Bd8 16.Be2 Ne7 17.Bh5 Nxh5?? [... Not a good trade for Black ... This Knight is needed for defense ...]

18.Qxh5 h6 [18...g6 19.Qxh7#]

19.Nxh6+!! gxh6 [19...Kh8 20.Nhx7+ Kg8 21.Qh8#]

20.Qxh6 Re8 21.Qh7+!! Kf8 22.Qxf7# [... Very pretty ending ... Helen's 2-0 sweep enabled her to earn the honor of being the first "Ace" in BRAZOS history ... Her two points was also her team's winning margin in this first ever BRAZOS ... the annual invitation team match between the most serious chess players in North Central Texas ...] **1-0**

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Holidays!



Coach's Corner - e4!

Losing to Win

by Robert L. Myers

I have lost hundreds of games, mostly because I did something dumb, wasn't paying attention or I was playing too many games concurrently. My record is 80 games at once, lost only 4, I can live with 95% victories. Then there were times when I simply didn't understand what to do and was too lazy to take the time the figure out which move to make and ran out of time. Cue Fred Sanford from the 70's sitcom Sanford and Son speaking to his son Lamont, "You big dummy!" Then those losses could have been as I wrote in the January – February column of Coach's Corner, one of the Dirty Dozen/Baker's Dozen that caused me or us to lose games, 1. Not Activating the Pieces, 2. Horrible Development, 3. Abandoning the King, 4. Underestimating Threats, 5. Early Aggression, 6. Overlooking Pins, 7. Inaccuracies, 8. Recklessness, 9. Pawn Grabbing, 10. Creating Weaknesses, 11. Carelessness, 12. Poor Clock Management and 13. Of course is my favorite, Self-doubt. That one is a killer.



Coaching a high school basketball team at a Title – I school has its merits and disadvantages, all educators know exactly what that means. Anyway, I learned something after our Freshmen team took a 72 – 14 loss, our Junior Varsity took a blistering L, loss, 74 – 28 and our Varsity team, the cream of our crop, fell in an embarrassing showing 80 – 29 all in the same KNIGHT

to inferior teams. I learned that those loses are scars, bruises, scratches and broken bones. I've broken 11 bones on three continents. So I know a thing or two about broken bones. Bones are stronger once broken and healed. They build character and character builds integrity. Integrity builds endurance and endurance insures success and success, yields victories. Keep that burning desire, dedicated discipline and you'll reap a harvest of blessings if you faint not. I learned that weeping endures but a KNIGHT but joy comes in the morning. I digress quoting passages of scripture but it's all true. I learned that it's okay to fall but you must get back up. I encouraged my team by telling them on our group chat after someone posted a team picture of themselves saying, "We look good." My response, "It's great to look uniformed but even better to be unified. We've got work to do team."

The avoidance of mistakes is the beginning, as it is the end, of mastery in chess. – Eugene Znosko-Borovsky. That is why we lose and therein why we win. One cannot appreciate a victory until the taste of defeat is soaked in misery and swallowed. That bitter taste should fuel us to be more, do more, study more, practice more, train more to achieve more. The will and sheer desire to win is realized in defeat as it brings out character and reveals who you truly are. Chess does that along with other pursuits. Chess as in poker, reveals who you really are, like football, basketball, nearly any other team sport where defeat can be shared along with victory. David Dudley in his New York Times' article, In Case of Blizzard Do Nothing sites, "Cities need blizzards every few years to flush out incompetence, expose incipient dysfunction and generally stress-test the fabric of civilization. Like war, illness and poker, snow ruthlessly reveals true character." I believe chess does the same although not as chilly as snowflakes. With that revelation comes the

patience of knowing when to act. Should I move, block or capture when in check? How's the time on my clock? Do I have enough time? Should I use my time expeditiously or should I act now? Which brings me to now. "NOW" is very important in playing chess. We call it "Tempo." It's when you can get an opponent to lose a move or make a different move, a forced move opposed to the move they wish they could make. Some refer to this as Zugzwang, a German word for "compulsion to move", when a player is at a disadvantage due to having to move a piece even though any move will give the other player an advantage. As in the television drama Criminal Minds, season 8 episode number 12 titled "Zugzwang." It has also been adapted for usage in a situation in which someone is forced to make a decision, especially an uncomfortable decision which will place the person moving precariously at a disadvantage. It is a move that if made isn't the move chosen by the individual but rather forced or calculated by his opponent. It presents itself and can be gone if not acted upon immediately. At The Chess Academy we call an opportunity to make such a move the Order of Operations. In Algebra when students use the term "PEMDAS" to solve a problem, parentheses, exponents, multiplication, division, addition then subtraction, if any one of those operations is calculated out of sequence the answer will inevitably be incorrect. If a Queen or any other piece isn't captured at the precise moment that piece may not be available on the next move. Carpe diem is possibly more accurate. An omen I hadn't realized on the way to the Texas Grades K - 12 State tournament in transit on a Texas license plate on a very nice luxury SUV in front of me at the signal light before turning on the Beltway. It read, "KRP8DM." It's Latin for seize the day. That, "Now" absolutely must be done in chess at every possible moment as in life. Here's a very a personal digression that my "significant other" may not find amusing but I will share with you but must kept between us. It was my Sophomore year in undergrad. A few of my classmates and a relative where out at an upscale swanky restaurant on the lower East Side of Manhattan. I forget the name of the place, that isn't significant but what happened there is very important. It is so vivid until it has crossed my mind at least once a week for

the past 30 years, sometimes daily for weeks. I was sitting eating and the ambiance was perfect, soft jazz playing in the background. The sun, moon and stars must have been all aligned because this is where the evening became very interesting. This extremely gorgeous woman in her early twenties, about 5'6" tall, perfect shape, size and measurements for my taste, was about 20 feet away from me directly seated, eating with friends, smiling, having a great time it seemed. She kept looking, glaring, staring even in my direction. "Surely she isn't looking at me" I thought to myself. Ten minutes of this had gone by maybe even more. Now I'm thinking as I turn around, "There must be a clock over my head." I finally muster up the courage to approach her table. I said, "I'm going over to introduce myself and ask her name and least say hello and so forth" as soon as I swallow this unusually unhealthy large bite of the biggest fully loaded baked potato I've ever eaten." Too late. I should insert a sad face emoticon with a tear right here. With a mouth full of bacon bits, sour cream, butter even broccoli (possibly stuck in my teeth) to my surprise I looked up and there the most beautiful woman I had ever seen was standing a mere 5 feet from me about to walk out of the door. She looks right through my soul with those piercing hazel eyes and points to her watch and mouths the words, "I gotta go." I respond by jumping from the table, trying my best not to choke, swallowing as much as I could as fast as possible, racing after those killer legs, incredible shape, curly long hair, in a cute pearl necklace and firm fitting black dress. As I exited the building chasing after her just like a summer's breeze she was gone. "NOW" some 3 decades later I'm still chasing her. I see her in every missed



opportunity. She haunts my very existence to the core with whispers of "Could have, should have, and what would have been." As my students would say, "The killing part is this," I don't even know her name. I'm now having thoughts of the film *The Adjustment Bureau* starring Mat Damon. So at every opportunity, especially in chess I always *carpe diem*. Seize the day because you may never have this opportunity again.

But why is now so terribly important? It is because in the time space continuum, of the three events, past, present and future, now (the present) is the only one piece in this fantastically infinite piece puzzle called life, that can actually have an impact on the others. Now is the quintessential piece of actuality. In chess one should not look for the most complicated solution. The past, previous mistakes, are fuel and training to use as kindling for future games. When asked by the various parents of students that I coach, "How did you get so good at chess?" I usually answer that query with, "I've lost lots of games." So, it isn't how many games that you've lost but what knowledge did you gain from those losses? I was playing a former student at Fuddruckers, a restaurant we call our home base, as we've practiced there on Saturdays for three years before entering a single chess competition. In playing this student, Jarrod Foster, no USCF rating, he had gotten pretty good and was, "trash talking" so I decided to get another Queen and really beat him badly. While losing he was still "mouthing off" so I promoted and got another Queen. He started laughing as that promotion ended in a Stale Mate. We played four more games and I was winning in each one of them but they all ended in Stale Mates because I was too eager to beat this kid and I wasn't focused. That was over 15 years ago. I haven't made that mistake since. We must learn in chess how to win at losing. I was winning but counted it a loss because I hadn't learned from the four previous mistakes. Chess/life is confusing enough on its own merits. Master Vladimir Kramnik, 2288, says, "Chess is an infinitely complex game, which one can play in infinitely numerous and varied ways." Invariably the complications will present themselves as the quandary unfolds. No matter how sanitary the position is in chess, the Mid-Game or End - Game will reveal an enigma and there will always be

something unpleasant to deal with, especially in tournament chess. For some the stress is almost unbearable. I know exactly what Jennifer Shadae meant when she said, "Tournament chess is not relaxing, and it's stressful even if you win." Our team, at this year's K - 12 Grades State Scholastic Chess Championship Tournament, which consisted of five different schools of players, and a very nervous novice was the most important tournament of the year and it gave me pause. As most coaches will attest, nothing is more important than practice. Our practices had been less than stellar and pleasant over the past few weeks. Although, we had won all tournaments we competed over the previous year I was really uneasy because of much internal strife on the team a major officer within the club had been removed from office and coupled with an inter-squad dating scandal victory did not appear apparent. One would think this was a prime time soap opera to say the least. So as Director/Head Coach of The Chess Academy, I was less than comfortable going into this very strong tournament against the best in Texas, Awty International High School, National Champions from 2015, Westwood High School, Austin, Westside High School, Baylor College of Medicine and a few other strong contenders. So losing was definitely in the back of my mind if not the forefront as winning is usually prevalent. I choose not to look for issues. If they happen to arise on the horizon I address them immediately. But now I was even bracing for defeat. Stress was at an all-time high level. My stomach was upset throughout the entire three days.



In this game we love one must not look for issues but deal with them as they arrive and address them head on and they will arise. However, even if you lose the goal should be to learn from the loss what not to do, as some of those situations will undoubtedly arise, again. Then and only then must we address an issue like an inevitable Fork, Pin or Skewer keeping a careful eye on as my four year old student Benjamin calls them in that squeaky pre-K voice, "Sneaky Bishops." Preventative maintenance is a cautionary tale I share quite often. So we must work on what we have built our plan of attack after first developing our pieces and protecting the King. You must multipurpose your pieces as much as possible by seizing center control. That is what is meant in the jewel The Count of Monte Cristo. It is where Edmond Dantes, The Count, is giving the toast to Albert, pronounced, Ahl-bear, at his 16th birthday party a very important day, remarking of how the youth handled adversity when captured in the catacombs in Rome by a band of kidnapers as they threaten to cut off one of his fingers. He says of Albert, the young man kidnapped, (although he knows not yet that this is his son) "Life is a storm, my young friend. You will bask in the sunlight one moment, be shattered on the rocks the next. What makes you a

man is what you do when that storm comes. You must look into that storm and shout as you did in Rome. "Do your worst, for I will do mine!" Then the fates will know you as we know you: as Albert Mondego, the man!"

I wish I could say that the forecast of chess games calls for clear skies and no turbulence, unlike my flight into Vegas at the Millionaire Open II, but there were huge crosswinds and gusts of 30 knots. My pilot in his mid 50's had obviously flown through crosswinds such as this before and we landed uneventfully. What previous experience gives a pilot is the ability to recall issues he has faced or otherwise call on experience he would not have. Games that are mostly uneventful and easy wins are fun but if there were no issues at all that would not only be boring but we wouldn't grow. If we lose and don't learn then we truly have lost; however, if we learn when we've lost we haven't lost at all, we've won at losing. Those events, those games that are arduous allow us to grow into the persons we are and have the relationships and games we have. After all, what is life if it isn't eventful? Let us seize the day, carpe diem, win, lose or draw. Opponents, "Do your worst, for I shall do mine."



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Info: See advertisement on page 31.

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Tactics Time!

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Tim Henderson – Aaron Weinberg
JC Thompson Memorial 2001
Black to Move