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



From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas,

Spring is here and so are the Chess Tournaments. In the Events List, you will find over 30 tournaments to play in April alone (includes weekly events). And May is already starting to fill up. So, get out there and play!

Last month we were also pretty busy. Two major Texas State Scholastic Championships totaling literally thousands of participants. You can find some of the results, some photos and even some games from the tournaments in this issue.

Some of you already know about this but I thought I'd share with everyone. I plan on speaking with the Managing Editor of newly started American Chess Magazine (ACM) to discuss requirements for a 'Chess in Texas' article in ACM. I know 'Chess in Texas' is vague, but the next issue of ACM (Issue #2) will have a Colorado article that we can get some ideas from. As I have stated, I don't mind getting the format of the article correct for submission, but I believe that actual content should come from the Chess leaders in Texas. I'll be sharing details that I hope to learn about sometime around the middle of the next month.

Also, regarding ACM... there are musings and games from GM Jeffery Xiong in the very first issue. So, check it out, if you have an opportunity.

Even though I have another reminder later in this issue, it's important to remind you here that if you want to vote in the next TCA election (this July) you need to make sure we have your current email address, or you have to let us know that you want a paper ballot. We will not be distributing paper ballots automatically this year. You must request a paper ballot if that's your preference. So, remember, if we don't have a correct email address and you don't request a paper ballot, you won't get a ballot and you won't be able to vote.

The next issue should be in your mail box around the first week of June. Stay safe.

— *Jeff French*



From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone.

I just finished with the second of two state tournaments, things went well. I'm working with a knowledgeable committee to develop a training program of sorts to help educate new tournament directors so we can recruit more. With numbers going up, the pool of available directors is dwindling. The purpose is to educate, we don't certify. It is also time for schools to start sending in their bids for next years regionals to their region directors. The Southern State has already been awarded for next year. Thank you everyone for your involvement in both. I saw

some players at both tournaments.

Congratulations to Laredo players in my region. Both of her teams placed in the High School Section. Lucy, thanks for what you do to promote chess in Laredo. It was good to see familiar faces at both North and South tournaments. It was my pleasure to work with a whole bunch of hard working tournament directors and assistants at both events. Thank you to the organizers for hosting these events. Not an easy task to undertake.

But wait, State competition is not over, The Texas Junior Teams is being hosted by Victor Baily. Then I'm running the Texas Open with a scholastic section attached to it. Then I follow up with the Texas Seniors, probably in June. If that's not enough, we still have Super Nationals at Nashville in May. I will be there too!

See you at the boards.

— Eddie.

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September memberships	\$150.00	Texas Knights Sept-Oct 2016	\$919.60
October memberships	\$45.00	Texas Knights Nov-Dec 2016	\$883.09
November memberships	\$25.00	Texas Knights Jan-Feb 2017	\$886.00
December memberships	\$10.00	2016 Denker Representative Bovey Liu	\$300.00
January memberships	\$0.00	Jeffery Xiong stipend	\$400.00
February Memberships	\$22.50	Affiliate USCF dues (2 years)	\$80.00
March Memberships (so far)	\$80.00	Total	\$3,468.69
2016 SW Open memberships	\$497.00		
2016 Texas Girls State Championship	\$110.00		
2016 Texas Grade & Collegiate and memberships	\$416.00		
2017 Texas Teams (\$5 membership for each)	\$120.00		
Region 2 Scholastic Championships	\$154.00		
Region 3 Scholastic Championships	\$186.00		
Region 5 Scholastic Championships	\$249.00		
Region 7 Scholastic Championships	\$50.00		
Louis Thurston Donation	\$500.00		
Smile Amazon Donation	\$21.34		
Total	\$2,635.84		
March 10th, 2017			
		WF checking account balance	\$13,284.84
		BOA checking account balance	\$9,835.08

In Passing - Arthur E. Crawford from Houston (Life Member);
Donald C. Hoffman from Carrollton; **Brian Velasquez** from Pharr, records show he was 13



Vote for our own Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath for USCF Board this May

I am Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath. I served the Texas Chess Association (a 501c3) as a Vice President for four years and as President for another four years until August of 2016. I am also an NTD and NA. I love to play chess and ran several scholastic and adult tournaments. Chess grew tremendously in Texas during the past decade, in part due to my leadership and support.

I hold three Masters level degrees in Meteorology, Computer Science, and Counseling Psychology and worked in universities for about 25 years and have been a successful small business owner for the past 10 years. I have served as TD at several Supernationals and am excited to serve at the USCF Board level.

As a child I learned how to play Chess and mostly played for fun. I never got back into chess until my sons were in primary school. Initially when they were playing, I will be wandering the hallways. Slowly but surely, I started volunteering and helped when ever I could. My sons have left school/home and I am still continuing my passion for chess and run several tournaments and promote chess whenever/ wherever I can.

Just this past weekends in March we had two Scholastic championships here in Texas. The North one had 481 players and the South one 1397 players. This is the first year we split the tournament into North and South as we could not keep them together with the growing numbers. Both the tournaments were a great success. I was the Chief TD for both of these events. In the past years I had also run the TCA's major open tournaments South West Open and Texas State and Amateur, among others.

I will be joining the Board with no personal agendas and will do everything to promote chess. I fully understand that this position is voluntary. I will neither have mail outs nor campaign promises. I am semi-retired and have ample time to dedicate to the Board. I hope that you consider my candidacy and vote for me. You can reach me in facebook under Vish Viswanath. Thank you. Your support is appreciated.

— Vish

2017 Texas State Scholastic Championships

Additional Info North/Central: <http://dallaschess.com/2017%20Texas%20Scholastic/index.htm>

Additional Info South: <http://www.utrgv.edu/chess/tournaments/south-texas-scholastic-chess-championship/index.htm>

This year the Texas Scholastic Championships were played in two places at two different times. There was a North/Central State Tournament played in Arlington from March 3rd to March 5th and a South State Tournament played in Edinburg from March 10th to March 12th. Below are some of the Individual results.

Top 4 High School Individual - North/Central - 64 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1	NM Curran Han	2233	W54	W14	L7	W15	W19	W12	W5	6.0
2	2-4	Benjamin Frenkel	2180	W21	W15	W18	W7	D5	D6	D3	5.5
3		NM Jonathan Chiang	2335	W46	W13	D12	W23	W6	D5	D2	5.5
4		Hiren Premkumar	2144	W34	W20	W10	L5	W18	D8	W13	5.5

Top 5 High School Individual - South - 140 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1	Priya Niki Trakru	2013	W63	W53	W18	W25	W12	W2	W6	7.0
2	2-5	Camille Y Kao	1969	W85	W82	W32	W20	W11	L1	W15	6.0
3		Polo Stein	1709	W69	W58	D10	W14	W27	D6	W16	6.0
4		Genta Kaieda	1888	W52	W41	L39	W43	W25	W22	W17	6.0
5		Fabian Olivares	1614	W78	W16	W54	L39	W41	W11	W13	6.0

Top 5 Middle School Individual - North/Central - 79 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1	NM Justin Wang	2296	W26	W22	W4	W6	W3	W2	W15	7.0
2	2-5	Daniel Hung	2151	W53	W14	W18	W9	W5	L1	D3	5.5
3		Thomas Kung	2176	W42	W21	W8	W16	L1	W17	D2	5.5
4		Anirudh Ganesh	1881	W51	W38	L1	W30	W20	W22	D13	5.5
5		Benjamin Romo	1894	W62	W25	D10	W15	L2	W28	W16	5.5

Top 6 Middle School Individual - South - 143 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1	Adolf Balderas Jr	1865	W81	W78	W45	W10	W8	W12	D2	6.5
2	2-6	William H McNutt	1898	W68	W34	W20	W30	D3	W7	D1	6.0
3		Ve Pullabhotla Jr	1752	W97	W53	W11	W17	D2	D4	W18	6.0
4		Carlos Deleon	1842	W62	W47	W31	D7	W9	D3	W16	6.0
5		Benjamin Romo	1894	W48	W44	W14	W6	L12	W25	W15	6.0
6		Nitin Srin Akella	1519	W90	W70	W33	L5	W19	W21	W12	6.0

Top 9 Elementary Individual - North/Central - 43 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1	Rohit Gundam	1877	W14	W16	W25	W12	W6	W3	D2	6.5
2	2	William Hwang	1581	W20	D32	W11	D3	W5	W6	D1	5.5
3	3-9	Eric Jang	1650	D11	W29	W7	D2	W25	L1	W12	5.0
4		Vinh Welsh	1598	W15	W17	L12	W8	W13	D10	D7	5.0
5		Kabir Ahmed	1746	W8	L13	W32	W27	L2	W15	W10	5.0
6		Vinh The Pham	1530	W36	W31	W26	W13	L1	L2	W17	5.0
7		Vedant Patil	1504	H---	W37	L3	W20	W22	W11	D4	5.0
8		Rocco Renda	1135	L5	W23	W18	L4	W35	W25	W20	5.0
9		Anant Ghuman	1496	W30	L26	L27	W29	W33	W14	W13	5.0

Top 9 Elementary Individual - South - 222 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1-2	Rohun Trakru	2025	W72	W100	W18	W21	W5	D2	W3	6.5
2		Michael Casas	1761	W213	W16	W45	W11	W37	D1	W10	6.5
3	3-9	Joaquin Razo	1605	W7	W65	W4	W6	W19	W38	L1	6.0
4		Evelyn M Velador	1040	W20	W23	L3	W117	W56	W15	W25	6.0
5		Austin R Mei	1384	W60	W58	W116	W42	L1	W26	W19	6.0
6		Brandon A Tovias	1170	W64	W59	W117	L3	W76	W17	W16	6.0
7		Christian A Mata	1013	L3	W115	W164	W63	W69	W37	W38	6.0
8		Massimo Meneses	1311	D41	D17	W133	W132	W116	W22	W18	6.0
9		Daniel Yai Huerta	1097	W129	W159	W75	L15	W70	W47	W24	6.0

Top 8 Primary Individual - North/Central - 40 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1	Sri Avishkar Raghuraja	1612	W25	W15	W4	D3	D2	W12	W9	6.0
2	2	Shubh Jayesh Laddha	1391	W23	W8	W13	W14	D1	D3	D10	5.5
3	3-8	Yash Jayesh Laddha	1319	W32	W17	W5	D1	W10	D2	L4	5.0
4		Ethan Wu	1305	W28	W7	L1	W22	W5	L9	W3	5.0
5		Ramya Elangovan	1130	W18	W19	L3	W24	L4	W20	W12	5.0
6		Zaem Alam	1097	D11	W26	L9	W19	W32	D13	W14	5.0
7		Alexis Hwang	1016	W35	L4	W18	L13	W24	W16	W20	5.0
8		Gael N Gonzalez	1051	W33	L2	W34	L12	W23	W17	W13	5.0

Top 6 Primary Individual - South - 161 Participants

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	1	Shubh Jayesh Laddha	1449	W101	W13	W41	W9	W7	W3	D2	6.5
2	2-6	Yash Jayesh Laddha	1350	W47	W18	W15	D17	W11	W19	D1	6.0
3		Nicholas Ant John	1231	W38	W25	W89	W39	W12	L1	W18	6.0
4		Zaeem Alam	1197	W32	W16	W43	L11	W40	W28	W14	6.0
5		Emily Ham	1232	W50	L20	W98	W61	W24	W22	W12	6.0
6		Kaitlynn L McNutt	1280	X---	W49	W34	L12	W35	W39	W13	6.0

Below are JV, Novice and K-1 winner results.

High School JV (U1000)

North/Central - **Patrick Lee Wang** won with a score of 6.0/7.0

South - 81 Participants - **Oscar R Fernandez** won with a score of 6.5/7.0

Middle School JV (U900)

North/Central - Two-way tie of **David Ramirez** and **Abhinav Sivakumar** with a score of 6.0/7.0

South - 149 Participants - Brandon Ja Moreno was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

Middle School Novice (U600)

North/Central - **Issac Mendoza** was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

Elementary JV (U800)

North/Central - 38 Participants - **Sanjeev Raman** won with a score of 6.0/7.0

South - 205 Participants - **Julian Valdez** was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

Elementary Novice (U500)

North Central - 62 Participants - Three-way tie of **Isaiah Johnson**, **Ivan Jones**
And **Fabian Hernandez** with a score of 6.0/7.0

Primary (U600)

North Central - 25 Participants - **Anika A Mandra** won with a score of 6.0/7.0

South - 205 Participants - **Julian Valdez** was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

K-1

North Central - 22 Participants - **Jacob Li** won with a score of 6.0/7.0

South - 159 Participants - Sunny Zhang won with a score of 6.5/7.0



Isaiah Johnson, 1 of 3 winners in the Elementary Novice (U500).
Photo provided by Parents.



Games from the South Texas Scholastic Tournament

Priya Niki Trakru was undefeated in the High School individual section of the 2017 South Texas Scholastic Championship. Below are each of her 7 winning games.

Trakru, Priya – Montoya, Rober III [C62]

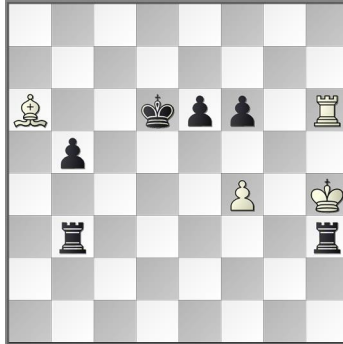
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f6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 Qd7 9.d5
Ba4 10.b3 Bxb3 11.axb3 c6
12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Rd1 f5
14.Nxe5 Qc7 15.f3 Rd8
16.Nc4 Nf6 17.Bf4 0-0
18.exf5 Rf7 19.Qe6 1-0



Cruz, Ronaldo – Trakru, Priya [B40]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 a6 4.d4
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4
7.f3 Qc7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 d5
10.cxd5 exd5 11.0-0 dxe4
12.Nxe4 Qe5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6
14.Qc4 Bd6 15.b3 Nd7
16.Bb2 Qe5 17.g3 Nf6 18.Qc2
Bc5 19.Rad1 Rd8 20.Qd2
Nd5 21.Rfe1 Bb4 22.Bc4 Qf6
23.Ne6 Bxd2 24.Bxf6 fxe6
25.Rxd2 gxf6 26.f4 Kf7
27.Kf2 b5 28.Be2 Bb7
29.Bh5+ Ke7 30.Bf3 Bc6
31.Rc2 Rac8 32.Rc5 Bb7
33.Bxd5 Rxc5 34.Bxb7 Rc2+

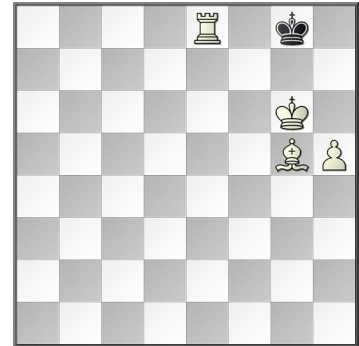
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37.Bxa6 Rb2 38.Rc7+ Kd6
39.Rxh7 Rxb3+ 40.Kg4 Rg8+
41.Kh4 Rgxc3 42.Rh6 Rh3+
0-1



Trakru, Priya – Castillo, Osiel [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 a6 4.Nf3
h6 5.Be2 d5 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.0-0
b5 8.Ne5 Ra7 9.Bf3 Qd8
10.Bf4 Bb7 11.a4 b4 12.Be3
Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Rc7 14.dxc5
bxc3 15.Nxc3 Nf6 16.b4 Be7
17.Rac1 0-0 18.Rfd1 Qc8
19.Nc4 Qb7 20.Qxb7 Rxb7
21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Rc8
23.c6 Nxc6 24.bxc6 Rxc6
25.Na5 Rxc3 26.Rxc3 Rb8
27.Nc6 Rb7 28.Nxe7+ Rxe7
29.Rc8+ Kh7 30.Bc5 Rb7
31.Bd4 Nd5 32.g3 Kg6
33.Rg8 f6 34.Re1 Ne7 35.Re8
e5 36.Bc5 Nc6 37.Re6 Nd8
38.Rb6 Kf5 39.Rxb7 Nxb7
40.Bf8 Kg6 41.Rc1 Nd8
42.Be7 Ne6 43.Kg2 h5
44.Rc6 Nd4 45.Rc7 Kf5
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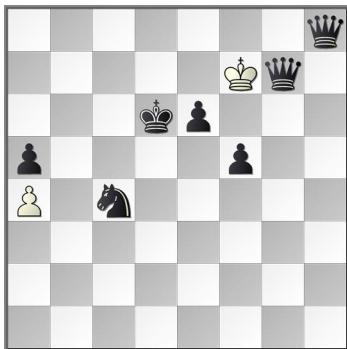
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53.Ra4 Kg6 54.Kf3 Ng7 55.g4
f5 56.Ra6+ Kh7 57.gxf5 Nxf5
58.Bg5 Nd4+ 59.Ke4 Kg7
60.Kxe5 Nf3+ 61.Kf4 Nd2
62.Kf5 Nc4 63.Ra7+ Kf8
64.Ke6 Kg8 65.Kf6 Nb6
66.Rb7 Nd5+ 67.Kg6 Ne7+
68.Rxe7 Kf8 69.h5 Kg8
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Banelos Flores, J – Trakru, Priya [D05]

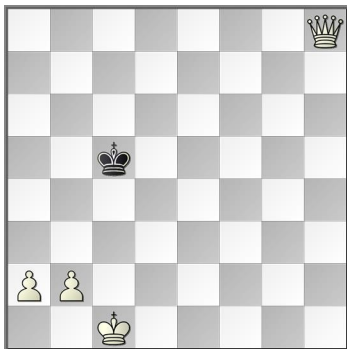
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9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4
11.Bxe4 Rd8 12.c4 Nf6
13.Bd3 Be7 14.Qc2 h6 15.h3
b6 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.Ne5 cxd4
18.Rad1 Bc5 19.a3 a5 20.Re2
Qe7 21.a4 Nh5 22.Be4 Nf4
23.Red2 d3 24.Bxd3 Bxg2
25.Bh7+ Kf8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8
27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Bd3 Bxh3
29.Nf3 Qxd3 30.Qxd3 Nxd3
31.Kh2 Nxb2 32.Kxh3 Bxf2
33.Kg2 Bc5 34.Ne5 f6

35.Nd7+ Ke7 36.Nxc5 bxc5
 37.Kf3 Kd6 38.Ke3 Nd1+
 39.Kd2 Nf2 40.Ke3 Ng4+
 41.Kf4 Ne5 42.Ke4 g5 43.Ke3
 f5 44.Ke2 h5 45.Kf2 g4 46.b4
 cxb4 47.Kg2 Nxc4 48.Kg3 b3
 49.Kh4 b2 50.Kxh5 b1Q
 51.Kg6 g3 52.Kg5 g2 53.Kh4
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 Qh8+ 56.Kf7 Qgg7# 0-1



Trakru, Priya –
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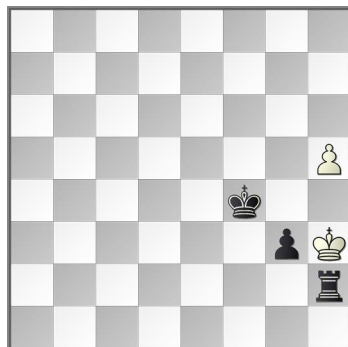
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 Bd6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Bg5 Be5
 9.c3 Qd6 10.Nbd2 Qe6 11.h3
 Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nxe5 Qxe5
 14.f4 Qb5 15.f5 0-0-0 16.Bxf6
 gxf6 17.Qc2 Rxd3 18.0-0-0
 Rhd8 19.Nb3 c5 20.Rxd3
 Rxd3 21.c4 Qd7 22.Nxc5 Qd4
 23.Nxd3 Qxe4 24.Re1 Qc6
 25.fxg6 fxg6 26.Nb4 Qd6
 27.Qd2 Qf8 28.Nd5 Kb8
 29.Qf4 Qc5 30.Qxc7+ Qxc7
 31.Nxc7 Kxc7 32.Re7+ Kc6
 33.Rxh7 b6 34.Rf7 f5 35.gxf5
 gxf5 36.Rxf5 b5 37.cxb5+
 axb5 38.h4 Kb6 39.h5 Ka5
 40.h6 Ka4 41.Rxb5 Kxb5
 42.h7 Kc5 43.h8Q 1-0



Kao, Camille –
 Trakru, Priya [B22]

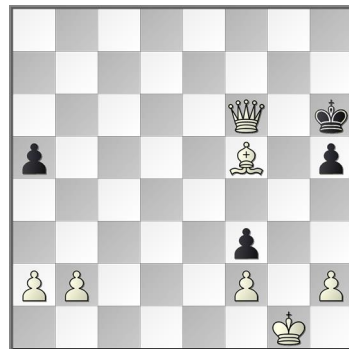
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5
 4.Bc4 e6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 d6
 7.exd6 Bxd6 8.d4 cxd4
 9.cxd4 0-0 10.Nc3 Nxc3
 11.bxc3 Qc7 12.Qc2 h6 13.a4
 Kh8 14.Qe4 f5 15.Qh4 f4
 16.Bd3 Qf7 17.g3 e5 18.Ba3
 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 exd4 20.cxd4
 Be6 21.Be4 Bd5 22.Ng5 Qd7
 23.Bf3 Nxd4 24.Rd3 Bxf3
 25.Rxf3 Nxf3+ 26.Nxf3 Qd8
 27.Qg4 Qf6 28.Nh4 Kh7
 29.Qf3 fxg3 30.Qe4+ Kg8
 31.hxg3 Rae8 32.Qxb7 Rf7
 33.Qb5 Qe5 34.Qc4 Qe4
 35.Qb5 Re5 36.Qb8+ Kh7
 37.Qb1 Qxb1 38.Rxb1 Re4
 39.Ra1 Rb7 40.a5 Rbb4
 41.Nf5 Ra4 42.Rd1 Rxa5
 43.Nd6 Re7 44.Nc4 Rc5
 45.Ne3 a5 46.Ra1 Ra7 47.Ra4
 Rb5 48.Nc4 Rc7 49.Ne3 Rbc5
 50.Kg2 Rb7 51.Kf3 Rb4
 52.Ra3 a4 53.Ke2 Rb2+
 54.Kf3 Rb4 55.Kg2 Ra5
 56.Kf1 Rb3 57.Ra2 a3 58.Nc4
 Ra4 59.Nd2 Rb2 60.Rxb2 ax-
 b2 61.Ke2 Ra1 62.Kd3 b1Q+
 63.Nxb1 Rxb1 64.Ke4 Rb2
 65.Kf3 Kg6 66.Ke3 Kf5 67.f3
 Rb3+ 68.Kf2 g5 69.Kg2 g4

70.f4 h5 71.Kf2 h4 72.gxh4
 Kxf4 73.h5 g3+ 74.Kg2 Rb2+
 75.Kh3 Rh2# 0-1



Trakru, Priya –
 Huerta, Jonathan [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.exd5
 exd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0
 cxd4 8.Re1+ Nge7 9.cxd4 Rc8
 10.Nc3 a6 11.Ba4 Bg4 12.Bb3
 Bxf3 13.gxf3 g6 14.Nxd5 Bg7
 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxf6+
 Kf8 18.d5 Kg7 19.dxc6 Qxd1
 20.Raxd1 Kxf6 21.Re6+ Kf7
 22.Rd7 Rhe8 23.Rexe7+ Kf6
 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.cxb7 Rb8
 26.Bd5 Ke5 27.Be4 h5 28.Rc7 g5
 29.Rc8 Rxc8 30.bxc8Q g4
 31.Qf5+ Kd6 32.Qd5+ Ke7
 33.Bf5 gxf3 34.Qe6+ Kf8 35.Bg6
 Kg7 36.Qf7+ Kh6 37.Qf6 a5
 38.Bf5# 1-0



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North/Central Scholastic Championship 2nd Place Team from Awty International School



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Middle School Trophy Winners



Priya Trakru and Rohun Trakru



Venkata Pullabhotla vs William McNutt



Sunny Zhang and Kaitlynn McNutt



Rohun Trakru vs Joaquin Razo



A Non-Tournament Blitz Game

Jason Howell Crowned Waco City Champion

Dominates Janes Cup field with near perfect 5.5 score

Phillip Foster wins Runner-up award

By Chief TD Daniel Guel

Jason Howell triumphed over the competition in the 2017 Janes Cup (also known as the Waco City Championship) in clear 1st by 1-1/2 points, with a final score of 5-1/2 points. When all was said and done there was a three-way tie for second place between Daniel Guel, Jason Lund, and Phillip Foster. Foster won the rapid tie-breaks, defeating both Guel and Lund to win the 2nd place award. Six rounds were played overall in the main tournament. In the end, Jason Howell is our 2017 Waco City Chess Champion, and Phillip Foster is our runner-up. The 2017 Janes Cup was a one-game-per-week event, which began January 1st 2017, and ended February 14th 2017.

After two rounds, when the smoke cleared, Jason Howell and Daniel Guel were sitting alone at 2 points. Jason Howell won their mutual matchup in 18 moves with White, sacrificing two pieces to achieve a pretty checkmate. Howell was off to a hot start after three rounds, only to be slowed on the tracks, drawing Daniel Rupley, the only player able to hold Howell all tournament. Phillip Foster sat at an impressive 3 points after four rounds, tied for 2nd place. Phillip was put to the test in the penultimate round against Jason Howell only to knock himself out of winning contention. Daniel Guel, who won solid games against Ulices Arias and Daniel Rupley in rounds 4 and 5 respectively, appeared to be in good hands for the 2nd place award in the Janes Cup. Guel was in 2nd place, with Jason Lund and Phillip Foster trailing him in 3rd with 3 points. Howell clinched the Janes Cup victory early in the final round with a win against Ulices

Arias. Guel had to take the Black pieces against his nemesis Jason Lund, and could win 2nd with a win or draw. In a game with many dramatic moments, and with seconds on the clock for both players, Lund emerged victorious, ensuring a 3-way tie for 2nd place with 4 points. The tie-break was an all-play-all rapid exhibition. Foster ended up scoring double while Lund and Guel drew their mutual game.

The Janes Cup was named after Bill Janes (1916-1999) who was the leading player of the Waco Chess Club in his time and was among the best players in the United States in the 1940s. The Janes Cup has had previous editions, but this particular tournament created a major milestone in Waco Chess Club history in that it was the first Janes Cup ever to be rated by the United States Chess Federation.

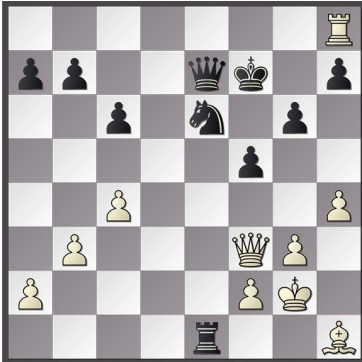
The 2017 Janes Cup was sponsored by the Waco Chess Club. The Waco Chess Club was founded in 1936 by Bill Janes and is affiliated with the United States Chess Federation. Our primary playing venue is our local Target store on Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 PM. We currently host roughly 8-12 players per meeting. The Waco Chess Club also runs Saturday tournaments once every 2-3 months at Uncle Dan's Restaurant; those tournaments have attracted approximately 30 players from various locations in Texas. Daniel Guel, John DeVries, Phillip Foster, Jason Lund, and Ulices Arias are all members of the Waco Chess Team. John DeVries and Phillip Foster are also members of the Texas Chess Team.

#	Name	Rtng	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Tot
1	Howell, Jason	1900	W3	W8	W2	D7	W4	W5	5.5
2	Foster, Phillip	1342	W9	L2	W11	W8	L1	W7	4
3	Lund, Jason	1546	L1	W12	L5	W10	W6	W2	4
4	Guel, Daniel	1602	W6	W4	L1	W5	W7	L3	4
5	Arias, Ulices	1372	H	D9	W3	L2	W8	L1	3
6	Morgan, Robert	1103	L2	L7	W9	X	L3	W12	3
7	Rupley, Daniel	1500	L8	W6	W10	D1	L2	L4	2.5
8	Guel, Eric	1163	W7	L1	D12	L4	L5	X	2.5
9	Downs, Walton	900	L4	D5	L6	W12	D11	D10	2.5
10	DeVries, John	1332	H	D11	L7	L3	D12	D9	2
11	Spyrison, Jeffrey	1404	D12	D10	L4	F	D9	F	1.5
12	Shafer, Logan	910	D11	L3	D8	L9	D10	L6	1.5

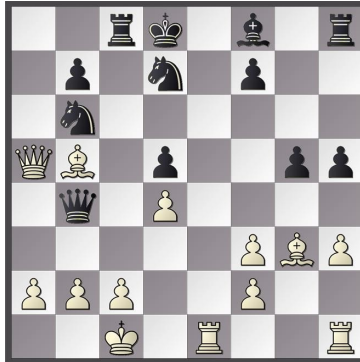
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Tactics Time!

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



1. Alexander Velikanov – Emily Nguyen
Dallas UT Fall 2016
 Black to Move



2. Samuel Irby – Heather Flewelling
Texas Amateur 2000
 White to Move



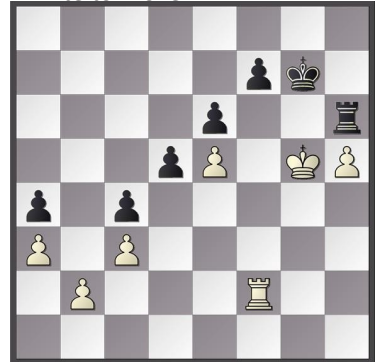
3. Aizaz Shaukat – Todd Appelbaum
Texas Amateur 2000
 White to Move



4. Matthew Berki – Mark McCue
Texas Amateur 2000
 White to Move



5. Steve Young – Tim Pernes
Texas Amateur 2000
 White to Move



6. Kenneth Dowlen – William Martz
Texas Amateur 2000
 White to Move



7. William Gibson – Brian Young
Texas Amateur 2000
 White to Move




8. Sharon Pernes – Christian Leppert
Texas Amateur 2000
 Black to Move

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Women Age 65 and Over			Girls Age 15 (continued)			Girls Age 10		
3	O'Neill, Julia	1815	29	Zhu, Yining	1564	7	Chennuru, Anshu	1655
			36	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1468	17	Furman, Jessica	1455
Women Age 50 and Over			40	Le, Tu Boi	1399	18	Naidu, Suchitra	1381
2	Alston, Angela Jennifer	2045	42	Garza, Ariel Francis	1363	34	Solis, Natalie	1238
11	O'Neill, Julia	1815	53	Flores, Victoria I	1209	35	Pulido, Emma Rose	1236
54	Hardesty, Brenda	1198	57	Cervera, Maria B	1175	44	Vasquez, Izabel	1136
60	Lamont, Olga A	1125	67	Hernandez, Victoria Ann	1036	46	Hernandez, Sarah	1130
63	Jamison, Helen	1074	72	Delgado, Victoria E	998	51	Athila, Akshaya	1112
76	Irwin, Marla	953	75	Castillo, Julianna Deanda	961	55	Bandaru, Tanvi	1095
Girls Under 21			82	Chryst, Bailey	877	65	Vijay, Samiya	1039
5	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2292	86	Voliber, Alyssa	841	75	Duggirala, Bhavyashree	1000
12	Chiang, Sarah	2232	87	Harris, Rachelle	828	91	Luo, Helen Hanqi	947
20	Xiang, Evan	2120	94	Higginbothan, Alyssa	766	96	Yong, Tiffany	936
32	Devagharan, Devina	2066	Girls Age 14			100	Zermeno, Mia	912
40	Munoz, Claudia E	2026	2	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2292	Girls Age 9		
43	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2013	27	Cheng, Angela	1729	10	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1460
51	Kao, Camille Y	1969	32	Bao, Yuliang Eunice	1666	11	Balaji, Sai Sangeetha	1441
53	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1967	44	Bautista, Ilse V	1470	23	Ham, Emily	1232
56	Palang, Caissa	1947	55	Murgulet, Ioana	1319	24	Jacinto, Gianna G	1227
62	Chu, Yue	1921	65	Solis, Gabriela	1215	30	Uviedo, Violette	1175
62	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1921	67	Boren, Isabel	1207	42	Gomez, Frida Mariela	1087
66	Zhao, Annie	1912	71	Tovias, Lauren	1186	52	Hwang, Alexis	1033
67	Palakollu, Samritha	1911	72	Ravichandar, Shreya	1181	74	Lopez, Kathya Vanessa	932
69	Ravi, Saisree	1909	76	Oliveira, Lauren R	1152	75	Reddy, Tanvi	931
Girls Age 18			91	Babaria, Niyati Rakesh	1016	79	Yi, Bella	904
5	Xiang, Evan	2120	93	Gonzalez, Yolie Marie	1000	80	Chamaria, Vedika	898
10	Palang, Caissa	1947	94	Young, Ashley	986	87	Kanyaboyina, Tarini	877
11	Zhao, Annie	1912	Girls Age 13			92	Espinosa, Sarah E	871
24	Leos, Emily	1253	25	Zhou, Julia	1539	100	Sandoval, Sofia	818
26	Trang, Yvonne U	1235	26	Manohar, Riya	1525	Girls Age 8		
29	Dagher, Viola N	1157	28	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1505	8	McNutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1280
34	Saenz, Viviana	1043	36	Bautista, Reyna	1418	12	Gao, Tianwen	1235
37	Rivas, Cristina	970	41	Perera, Dimanathi	1387	16	Elangovan, Ramya	1177
42	Guzman, Vanessa Renee	898	47	Vasquez, Angelica	1334	17	John, Natalie Michelle	1127
Girls Age 17			50	Garcia, Emily Alexis	1319	22	Sinha, Tavishi	1035
15	Brown, Sarah	1718	54	Salinas, Brianna Christina	1305	37	Balci, Ayda	883
29	Guillen, Brianna	1492	62	Manoj, Aswathi	1246	38	Nair, Pallavi	862
44	Moya, Savannah	1170	68	Reistle, Jane	1207	53	Villarreal, Rebecca A	789
45	Martinez, Yvette	1151	76	Iyer, Ramya	1140	59	John, Ashley Danielle	770
50	Alba-Jimenez, Sandra Michelle	947	78	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1132	60	Akella, Sravya Suparna	768
51	Rodriguez, Esmeralda E	910	85	Ramirez, Patricia N	1066	69	Rodriguez, Eleticia Ruby	726
56	Davila, Priscilla N	815	93	Miller, Ashlyn	1010	77	Vela, Arely	687
57	Uhlig, Sarah D	806	94	Byrapaneni, Siri	998	86	Camacho, Kaitlyn	645
60	Alvarez, Anna M	730	Girls Age 12			94	Tanous, Briana Marilyn	605
62	Solorzano, Roxana L	687	5	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1921	96	Back, Iliana	601
66	Villalpando, Lindsey	633	12	Ayinala, Shree	1748	Girls Age 7 and Under		
73	Acevedo, Caristen M	480	34	Kao, Simona Y	1487	2	Li, Rachael	1672
Girls Age 16			60	Flores, Madelyn A	1291	8	Zhang, Sunny	1067
7	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1967	72	Madhugiri, Shruthi	1204	39	Cruz, Vivica R	766
9	Palakollu, Samritha	1911	78	Gunukula, Renee	1163	42	Yong, Evelin	754
16	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1796	96	Castillo, Isabella Deanda	1064	43	Gutierrez, Victoria Angelique	737
30	Rodriguez, Dominique	1589	Girls Age 11			48	Gomez, Nelly Daniela	680
38	Salazar, Lilliana	1503	2	Yellamraju, Ambica	1759	49	Ramirez, Isabella	662
47	Ortiz, Felicia	1337	6	Yellamraju, Aparna	1691	55	Contreras, Rosario Nayeli	625
48	Solis, Crystal Marie	1332	32	Padilla, Karlee	1384	75	Caldera, Sophia	534
51	Guillen, Sarai A	1271	53	Wang, Catherine	1215	78	Penk, Kaylin	519
60	Torres, Citlalli	1157	58	Lu, Maggie	1194	80	Sudarsan, Abhirami	507
64	Reed, Ambriette D	1132	62	Wu, Alison	1153	86	Rodriguez, Jayden Ella	495
67	Kotha, Anvita	1125	66	Delgado, Gisele Josephine	1127	86	Abrego, Michelle	495
73	Morrison, Nicole Leigh	1051	76	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1103	89	Lopez, Celeste Catalina	487
79	Capetillo, Emily	994	80	Dasagi, Aakanksha	1074	90	Leal, Madison	484
86	Christensen, Asha Taylor	915	83	Ghatti, Saisneha	1065	92	Munoz, Maya Juliana	472
Girls Age 15			86	Aggarwal, Manika	1055	100	Yu, Karina	397
3	Devagharan, Devina	2066	86	Pattil, Srushiti	1055			
7	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2013	93	Gonzalez, Alyssa	1021			
10	Kao, Camille Y	1969	95	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh	1013			
28	Zhao, Vivian	1565	98	Gogada, Vimudha	996			

Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **40...Nf8** and the white rook is trapped. **41.h5 Kg7**
2. **22.Qxb6+!! (22...Rc7 23.Qxc7#) 22...Nxb6 23.Re8#**
3. **9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.Qf7#**
4. **13.c4** attacks the knight, which is pinned to the bishop on b7. Variation from the game.
5. **8.e4 Bg6 10.e5** forks the bishop and knight. Variation from the game.
6. **46.Rxf7+! Kxf7 47.Kxh6** wins a pawn and transposes into a winning endgame.
7. **21.Be3** attacks the knight a second time, which can't be defended a second time.
8. **19...c5 20.Qc4 b5** and the white queen cannot maintain the defense of the bishop on c3.
Cover. 15.Qxg6 wins a piece and leads to checkmate. The f7 pawn is pinned.

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Regional News

Region IX - by Charlie Vetter

The price of gas is back below \$ 50, but all talk of rig counts and pump jacks are put on hold out here in West Texas because the Midland Scholastic Chess League has started its season.

There are seven schools in the league this season, but after two weeks, it looks like the title will again be fought over by the two traditional city powerhouses, the Trinity Chargers and Hillander Owls. Trinity started its season with a 40.5 - 13.5 drubbing of the Emerson Roadrunners, while Hillander more than kept up beating the Greenwood Rangers 33.5 - 5.5. Trinity kept up their furious pace beating the Carver Hornets 33.5 - 14.5 in week two.

Two years ago Trinity went undefeated for the Midland Scholastic Chess League season before being upset by Hillander in the Regionals. Last year it was the reverse with Hillander winning the Hillander -Trinity match and going undefeated for the season before Trinity beat them in the Regionals. Both teams have many key players back and the season looks to be between them again this year. The Regionals are always tougher to predict. The last five years have been won by either Trinity or Hillander, but with strong teams always coming in from Odessa, and unknown teams coming from as far as San Angelo and the rural oil patches, it's always an exciting day.

In the first game against Emerson, Trinity's top six boards, led by last year's Regional champ Conner Garcia scored 17 wins, no losses and one draw. They're ready for Hillander and the Regionals, but Hillander looks just as strong.

In the fight for third place, the Midland Christian Mustangs got off to a good start, edging the Fasken Aviators 20-16, while Emerson came back to slip past Greenwood 28.5 - 25.5. Though they were drubbed by Trinity, Carver may still be the favorite in the not Trinity or Hillander competition.

The Midland Scholastic Chess League has been going for about 10 years with both public and private schools. Students can play up to sixth grade. Each team plays each other team once during the season. Then the teams play a team of teachers from their school and the season ends with the West Texas Regionals, this year to be held at Trinity School in Midland on May 13.

Thanks go to the coaches of each school, volunteers from the Midland County Chess Club who give considerable time, each in charge of their own team, celebrating every skewer and lamenting every stalemate. This year's coaches are Bill Brooks, Ross Camerling, Jason Gould, Brian Grzelewski, Charlie Vetter, Fernando Villegas, and Tom Wynne.

UTRGV Spring Break IM-norm International Tournament

The UT Rio Grande Valley Spring Break IM-Norm International Tournament was held in Brownsville from March 13th to March 19th, 2017. **Justin Wang**, the Top Age 11 player in Texas and the country, participated in the tournament. Below are the results of the Tournament and the nine Justin Wang games.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Tot
1	GM CARLOS HEVIA ALEJANO	2492	D2	D5	W4	W8	W10	D3	W6	W7	-9	6.5
2	IM JOSHUA D RUIZ CASTILLO	2343	D1	W9	W7	W5	D4	W8	W10	D3	-6	6.5
3	IM GUILLERMO VAZQUEZ	2436	D4	W8	W10	W7	W6	D1	W9	D2	-5	6.5
4	IM FELIX YNOJOSA APONTE	2378	D3	D6	L1	W9	D2	D5	W7	W8	-10	5
5	FM YANNICK KAMBRATH	2353	L6	D1	W9	L2	D7	D4	W8	W10	-3	4.5
6	JUSTIN WANG	2177	W5	D4	D8	W10	L3	L7	L1	W9	-2	4
7	CHAO ZHANG	2223	W9	W10	L2	L3	D5	W6	L4	L1	-8	3.5
8	JEFFREY M SERNA	2022	W10	L3	D6	L1	W9	L2	L5	L4	-7	2.5
9	FM DALE R HAESSEL	2142	L7	L2	L5	L4	L8	W10	L3	L6	-1	1
10	WILLIAM H MCNUTT	1729	L8	L7	L3	L6	L1	L9	L2	L5	-4	0

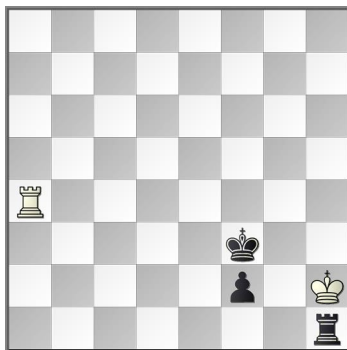
Kambrath,FM Yannick (2353) – Wang,Justin (2177) [E12]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Bb7
5.Nc3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bd2 Nd7
8.Qc2 c5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.e4 Bb7
11.d5 exd5 12.exd5 Be7 13.0-0 0-0
14.Bc3 Bf6 15.Bb5 Bxc3 16.Qxc3
Nf6 17.Rhe1 Rc8 18.Qe5 c4 19.Bc6
Qc7 20.Qxc7 Rxc7 21.Bxb7 Rxb7
22.Ne5 Rc8 23.Rd4 Kf8 24.f4 b5
25.Kc2 g6 26.g4 [Had a game inter-
ruption for clock malfunction: Black's
rocker arm stopped working, and it
would no longer indicate a move.
Clock replaced with alternate, time
showing 4.52 – 49.23.]

26...Rd8 27.Red1 Rd6 28.a4 bxa4
29.g5 Nd7 30.Rxc4 Nb6 31.Rc5 Rb8
32.Rc7 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Rxd5 34.Nd7+
Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Rb4 36.f5 gxf5
37.Rxa7 Kg7 38.Ra6 Rh4 39.h3
Rxb3 40.Rxa4 Rg3 [White's clock
rolled over with times showing 30.00 –
57.05.]

41.b4 Rxc5 42.b5 f4 43.Rb4 f3
44.Kd2 Re5 45.b6 f2 46.Rg4+ Kf8
47.Rf4 Rb5 48.Ke2 Rxb6 49.Kxf2
Kg7 50.Ra4 Rg6 51.Ra5 h6 52.Kf3
Rg5 53.Ra6 h5 54.Ra4 Rg4 55.Ra6
f6 56.Ra8 Rb4 57.Kg3 Kg6 58.Ra5

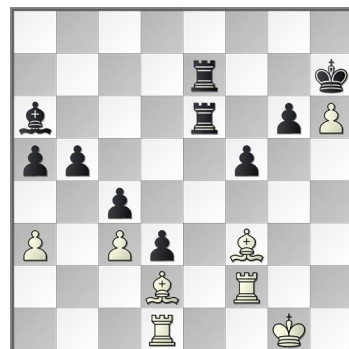
Rg4+ 59.Kh3 f5 60.Ra8 Kg5 61.Rg8+
Kf4 62.Rh8 Rg3+ 63.Kh2 Rg5 64.Ra8
Kg4 65.Kg2 f4 66.Rf8 h4 67.Rh8 Rg7
68.Rh6 Ra7 69.Rg6+ Kf5 70.Rg8
Ra2+ 71.Kh3 f3 72.Rf8+ Ke4
73.Re8+ Kf4 74.Rf8+ Ke3 75.Kxh4
Kf2 76.Kh3 Ra7 77.Rh8 Re7 78.Kh2
Ke2 79.Ra8 f2 80.Ra2+ Kf3 81.Ra3+
Re3 82.Ra1 Re1 83.Ra4 Rh1+ [White
Resigns. [0.34 – 52.21]] 0-1



Wang,Justin (2177) [B30] – Ynojosa Aponte,IM Felix (2378)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0
Nge7 5.Re1 Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3
a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.d3 Bc5 10.Nd2 0-0
11.Nb3 d6 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.g3 e5
14.f4 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qd6 16.Be3 Rd8

17.Qe2 f6 18.Rab1 Rb8 19.Qf2 b6
20.f5 a5 21.Red1 Ba6 22.g4 Qc7
23.h4 Rd6 24.Qb2 Qd8 25.Qc2 Kh8
26.Rd2 Rb7 27.Rbd1 Rbd7 28.g5
Ne7 29.gxf6 gxf6 30.h5 Qe8 31.h6
Qh5 32.Rh2 Qg4+ 33.Kf2 Nxf5
34.exf5 e4 35.Qe2 Qxf5+ 36.Kg1
exd3 37.Qh5 Qg6+ 38.Qxg6 hxg6
39.Bf4 Re6 40.Rf2 c4 41.Bh3 f5
42.Bd2 Rde7 43.Bg2 b5 44.Bf3 Kh7
45.a3 [Draw Agreed. [11.16 – 25.30]]
½-½



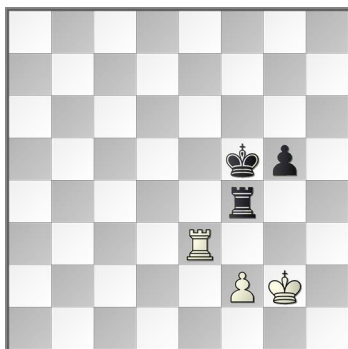
Serna,Jeffrey M (2022) – Wang,Justin (2177) [C47]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3
d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 c6

11.Qf3 Rb8 12.Ne2 Bd6 13.Nd4 Bd7
 14.Rfe1 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Bxg3
 17.Qxg3 c5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5
 Rxb2 20.h4 Rb4 21.hxg5 Nh5 22.Qf3
 Qxg5 23.Re5 Kh8 24.Rae1 Nf6
 25.Be6 Rf4 26.Qh3 Qg7 27.Bxd5
 Rd4 28.Bf3 c4 29.Qf5 Nh7 30.Re8
 Rd8 31.R8e7 Rd6 32.Rxa7 Rf6
 33.Qg4 Ng5 34.Kh1 Nxf3 35.Qxg7+
 Kxg7 36.gxf3 Rxf3 37.Kg2 Rc3
 38.Re2 Rg8 39.Rc7 Kf6+ 40.Kf1 Rg5
 [Rollover into second period: 30.00 –
 58.12.]

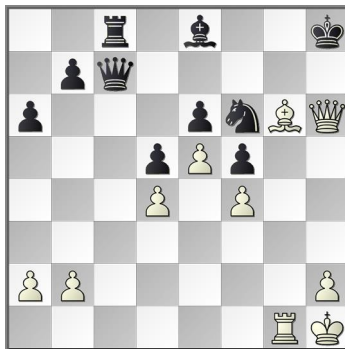
41.Re4 Rxc2 42.Rexc4 Rxa2 43.Rf4+
 Kg6 44.Rcx7 Ra1+ 45.Ke2 Ra2+
 46.Kf1 Ra1+ 47.Ke2 Re5+ 48.Kf3
 Ra3+ 49.Kg2 Rg5+ 50.Kf1 Ra6
 [Declining the repetition which would
 have occurred after Ra1+ or Ke2.]

51.Rf8 Re6 52.Rg8+ Kh5 53.Rxg5+
 hxg5 54.Rf3 Kg4 55.Kg2 Rh6
 56.Rg3+ Kf5 57.Rf3+ Kg6 58.Re3
 Rh4 59.Rg3 Kf5 60.Re3 Rf4 [Draw
 Agreed. [26.33 – 57.06]] ½-½



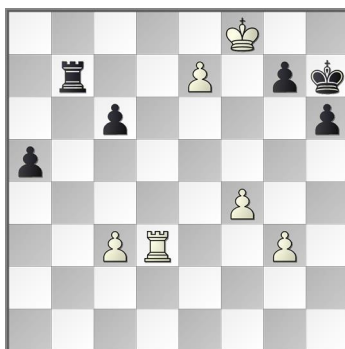
Wang,Justin (2177) –
 McNutt,William H (1729) [C05]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
 5.f4 c5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.Nb3 cxd4
 8.Nbxd4 Bc5 9.c3 a6 10.Be3 Qe7
 11.Bd3 f5 12.0-0 h6 13.Qe2 0-0
 14.Rac1 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4
 16.cxd4 Nb8 17.g4 Nc6 18.Rc5 g6
 19.Kh1 Kh8 20.gxf5 gxf5 21.Qh5
 Qh7 22.Rcc1 Bd7 23.Bf2 Rf7 24.Rg1
 Be8 25.Qh3 Ne7 26.Bh4 Ng8 27.Be2
 Rg7 28.Rxg7 Qxg7 29.Qc3 Bc6
 30.Bh5 Rc8 31.Rg1 Qh7 32.Bg6 Qc7
 33.Qh3 Be8 34.Bf6+ Nxf6 35.Qxh6+
 [Black Resigns. [59.57 – 23.55]] 1-0



Vazquez,IM Guillermo (2436) –
 Wang,Justin (2177) [D02]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6
 5.Nd2 d5 6.Ngf3 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0
 8.Bb5 Ne7 9.Bd3 cxd4 10.exd4 Nf5
 11.Qe2 a6 12.a4 Re8 13.a5 Nng3
 14.hxg3 h6 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5
 Nd7 17.Nf3 f5 18.Nd4 Nc5 19.f4 Bd7
 20.g4 Ne4 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.g3 Rc8
 23.Kf2 Rc5 24.Rad1 Qe7 25.gxf5
 exf5 26.Qh5 Rxa5 27.Qg6 Kh8
 28.Rh2 e3+ 29.Kxe3 Bc6 30.Qxf5
 Kg8 31.Nxc6 bxc6 32.Rd7 Qe6
 33.Qxe6+ Rxe6 34.Ke4 Re8 35.Rhd2
 Ra1 36.Kf5 Rg1 37.Rd8 Kf8
 38.Rxe8+ Kxe8 39.Rd3 Kf7 40.Rd7+
 Kf8 41.Ke6 Kg8 42.Rd8+ Kh7 43.Rd3
 Rb1 44.Kf7 Rxb2 45.e6 a5 46.e7 Rb7
 47.Kf8 [Black Resigns. [30.06 –
 27.57]] 1-0



Zhang,Chao (2223) –
 Wang,Justin (2177) [C63]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 fxe4
 5.dxe4 Nf6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Bxc6 bxc6
 8.Nxe5 0-0 9.Nc3 d6 10.Nd3 Bd4

11.Qe1 Qe8 12.Be3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3
 Qxe4 14.Rae1 Qa4 15.b3 Nd5
 16.Qxg7+ Kxg7 17.bxa4 c5 18.Bd2
 Bf5 19.Re2 Kf7 20.Rfe1 Rfe8
 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Rxe8 Kxe8 23.Ne1
 Kd7 24.h3 h5 25.f3 Nf6 26.g4 Bg6
 27.Kf2 hxg4 28.hxg4 c4 29.Ke3 c5
 30.Kf4 Ke6 31.Kg5 Kf7 32.c3 Nd7
 33.Ng2 Bb1 34.a3 a5 35.Nh4 Nf8
 36.f4 Bc2 37.f5 Nd7 38.Kh6 Ne5
 39.g5 Kg8 40.Bf4 Ng4+ 41.Kh5 Bd1
 42.Kg6 Bxa4 43.f6 Be8+ 44.Kf5
 Bd7+ 45.Kg6 Be8+ 46.f7+ Bxf7+
 47.Kf5 Nf2 48.Bxd6 Nd1 49.g6 Be8
 50.Be5 Ne3+ [Rollover into second
 period at 45.15 – 30.00.]

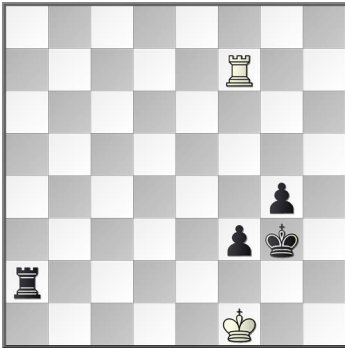
51.Ke6 Ba4 52.Bf4 Nd1 53.Nf5 Bc2
 54.Ne7+ Kg7 55.Be5+ Kh6 56.g7
 57.f7.g8Q Bxg8+ 58.Nxg8+ Kh7
 59.Kf7 [Black Resigns. [23.16 –
 41.30]] 1-0



Wang,Justin (2177) [B06] –
 Hevia Alejano,GM Carlos (2492)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 e6
 5.0-0 Nd7 6.Re1 Ne7 7.c3 0-0 8.a4 c5
 9.Bf4 cxd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.exd5 Nb6
 12.Bb3 Nbx5 13.Be5 b6 14.Na3
 Bb7 15.Nb5 Nf5 16.Bc2 a6 17.Bxf5
 exf5 18.Nd6 Bc6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7
 20.Nc4 Nb4 21.Nfe5 Bb7 22.a5 bxa5
 23.Rxa5 Rb8 24.Rc5 Re8 25.Qd2
 Ba8 26.Rd1 Bd5 27.Ne3 Ba8
 28.N3c4 Be4 29.f3 Bd5 30.Ne3 Ba8
 31.Qc3 f6 32.N5c4 f4 33.Ng4 Nd5
 34.Qd2 Rb7 35.Re1 Rbe7 36.Rxe7+
 Qxe7 37.h3 g5 38.Qf2 h5 39.Nh2
 Qe1+ 40.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 41.Kf2 Rd1
 42.Rc8 [Rollover into second period.
 [30.33 – 30.00]]

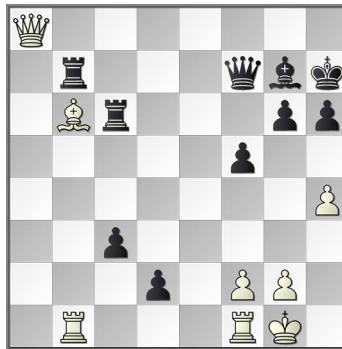
42...Rxd4 43.Nd6 Ne3 44.Ne8+ Kf7
 45.Rxa8 Rd2+ 46.Kg1 Rxd2+ 47.Kh1
 Rxb2 48.Kg1 Rb1+ 49.Kf2 Rh1
 50.Nd6+ Ke6 51.Rxa6 Rxh2+ 52.Kg1
 Rxh3 53.Ne4+ Ke5 54.Ra5+ Ke6
 55.Rxd5 Rxf3 56.Rxh5 Rf1+ 57.Kh2
 f5 58.Ng5+ Kf6 59.Nh3 Rf3 60.Rh4
 Ke5 61.Rh8 Ng4+ 62.Kg2 Rg3+
 63.Kf1 f3 64.Re8+ Kd6 65.Nf2 Rg2
 66.Nxg4 fxg4 67.Re4 Kd5 68.Re8
 Kd4 69.Re7 Ra2 70.Rg7 Ke3
 71.Re7+ Kf4 72.Rf7+ Kg3 [White
 Resigns. [27.37 - 20.13]] 0-1



Haessel,FM Dale R (2142) -
 Wang,Justin (2177) [A58]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.e5
 Ne8 9.Nf3 d6 10.exd6 exd6 11.Be2
 Bxa6 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Nb5 Nb6 14.a4
 Nc7 15.Bg5 Qd7 16.Nxc7 Bxe2
 17.Qxe2 Qxc7 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bf4

Nxd5 20.Bg3 Rfd8 21.Rad1 Nb4
 22.b3 Qc6 23.Qe7 Rd7 24.Qe2 Rad8
 25.Qd2 Qb6 26.h4 Nc6 27.Re3 d5
 28.Ne5 Nxe5 29.Bxe5 d4 30.Ree1
 Qxb3 31.Qf4 f6 32.Bc7 Rc8 33.Rb1
 Qf7 34.Bb6 d3 35.a5 c4 36.a6 d2
 37.Rf1 c3 38.a7 Rb7 39.Qe4 f5
 40.Qc6 Rxc6 41.a8Q+ Kh7 [White
 Resigns. [0.44 - 35.58]] 0-1

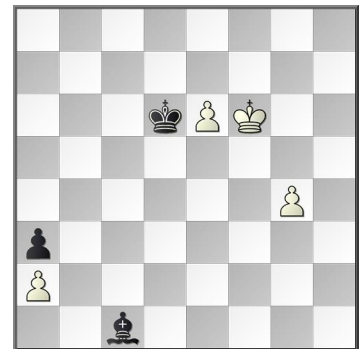


Wang,Justin (2177) [B27] -
 Ruiz Castillo,IM J D (2343)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4
 5.cxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Bd3
 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Qe2
 Qd7 12.Re1 Nc6 13.Ba3 Nd8
 14.Rac1 Ne6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Rb1
 Bb7 17.Nh4 Qa4 18.Bc1 Ba6 19.Rb4
 Qa5 20.Bb1 Rac8 21.Rb3 Bc4
 22.Ra3 Qb5 23.Bc2 a5 24.Ba4 Qa6
 25.Bxe8 Rxe8 26.Qd1 Nc7 27.f4 e6
 28.g4 Nb5 29.Rb3 Bxb3 30.Qxb3 a4

31.Qb2 a3 32.Qe2 Rc8 33.Bd2 Rc4
 34.Qe3 Qa4 35.Rc1 Na7 36.f5 Qb5
 37.Qg5 Rc8 38.fxe6 fxe6 39.Qe7
 Qe2 40.Qxe6+ Kh8 41.Bg5 Rf8
 42.Qxd5 Nb5 43.Qg2 Nxc3 44.Bd2
 b5 45.Re1 Qd3 46.Bxc3 Qxc3
 47.Qe4 b4 48.Qe3 [Rollover into the
 second period occurs. [30.00 -
 1:12.16]]

48...Bh6 49.Nxg6+ Kg7 50.Qxc3
 bxc3 51.Nxf8 Kxf8 52.d5 c2 53.Kg2
 c1Q 54.Rxc1 Bxc1 55.Kf3 Bg5
 56.Ke4 Ke7 57.Kf5 h6 58.h3 Bh4
 59.Kf4 Kd7 60.Kf5 Ke7 61.Kg6 Bg5
 62.h4 Bxh4 63.Kxh6 Bg3 64.e6 Bf4+
 65.Kg6 Bd2 66.Kf5 Bc1 67.d6+ Kxd6
 68.Kf6 [Black Resigns. [18.10 -
 1:15.54]] 1-0



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Following are the games of Jason Howell

Games 1-4, 6 annotated by Jason Howell, Game 5 annotated by Dave Love

Howell, Jason (1935) – Lund, Jason (1546) [B54]

[Chess Expert Jason has a degree in computer programming and works in management for a major vending company. Notable achievements include 1st in the Texas State Amateur Championship in 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, and 2012, and 1st A prize in the 1998 Southwest Open where he played six masters and scored 4 points (3 wins, one loss, two draws). Jason is the 2017 Waco City Champion.]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6!? [Black employs a sort of accelerated Najdorf. I decide to bear down on d5.]

5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Be2 e6 8.Nc2 [The Knight removes itself from the center to take watch over the dark squares and give the Bc1 more scope when it goes to e3.]

8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 Qc7 11.f4 Rd8 [Black is trying to get d5 in.]

12.Bf3 Rb8 13.Qe2 b6 14.Qf2 b5 15.e5!? [The beginning of some risky business by White. He is obviously looking to f7.]

15...dxe5 16.Bxc6 exf4! [I like this move, and Black's game for that matter. After this, I was certain that 15. e5 was premature and should have been played only after the King was on h1.]

[16...Qxc6 17.fxe5]

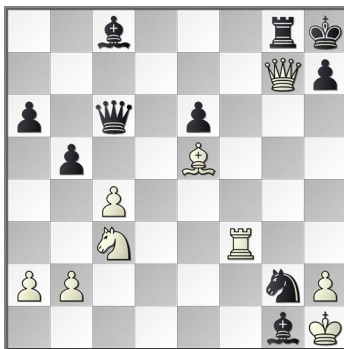
17.Bxf4 Qxc6! 18.Bxb8!? [After a long think about what will ensue on the e3 square, I decided to accept the rook and be ready to give back a piece and just be up the exchange. There was no doubt Black was going to have good compensation.]
18...Bc5! 19.Ne3 Ng4??? [A blunder that allows some pretty finishing fireworks for White.]

[I like 19...Bb7! attacking the b8 bishop while pressuring g2 and e3. Black has excellent compensation here.]

20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Kh1 Nxe3 22.Rf3 Nxe2? 23.Be5! Rg8 24.Rg1! Bxe1 [24...Nh4 25.Bxe7+ Rxe7 26.Qxe7#; 24...Bd6 25.Nd5 exd5 26.Rf6+–]

25.Qxe7+ [Black resigns.]

[25.Qxe7+ Rxe7 26.Rf8#] 1-0



Guel, Eric (1163) – Howell, Jason (1935) [D00]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 [The London System. An opening that requires little study, but has creepy crawly venom against unalert players.]

2...Nf6 3.e3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bd3 g6 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.c3 0-0 8.Qc2 [8.h3]

8...Nh5 9.Bg3 f5 [There is nothing wrong with snatching up the Bishop pair with 9...Nxe3 10.hxe3 e5= but I just didn't feel like an open h-file game.]

10.Ng5 Ndf6 11.Be5 Ng4 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.h3 Nxf2!? [With this sacrifice, Black aims to prevent Queenside castling and start a pawn storm that coaxes White to at least return the piece.]

14.Kxf2 e5! 15.h4 e4 16.Be2 h6 [16...f4!?!]

17.Nh3 f4 18.Nxf4 g5 19.g3 [Here I thought Eric should have opened the h-file with 19.hxg5! hxg5 20.g3± and Black is in no hurry to capture the Knight and open the g-file as well until he absolutely has to, as 20...gxf4? 21.gxf4 Qf6 22.Rag1 suddenly gives White a large advantage.]

19...gxf4 20.gxf4 Nf5 21.h5 Qf6 [21...Kh7!]=]

22.Rag1+ Kh7 23.Rg6 Qe7 24.Rhg1?? [Eric has played very well, but this move lets the Black Queen move in with decisive effect.]

[Much better is 24.Qb3 planning c4.; or 24.Qd1 relocating to the Kingside. White has very good chances of converting the extra pawn.]

24...Qh4+ 25.R6g3 [25.Kf1 Nxe3#; 25.Kg2 Nxe3#]

25...Nxe3! 26.Nf3 Qxe3+ 27.Rxe3 Nxc2 28.Rg4 exf3 0-1



Howell, Jason (1935) – Guel, Daniel (1602) [C05]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 [The Tarrasch variation of the French Defense. White plays the Knight to d2 instead of c3 to avoid the Bb4 pin.]

3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Be7!? [More frequent is 7...Qb6, pressuring d4. Black adopts a flexible plan of deployment and rules out any Bxh7ch funny business after he castles. 8.0-0]

[The play here is slow maneuvering by both sides.]

8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Qb6 10.Nf1 [The Knight heads for the Kingside.]

10...h6 11.Ng3 cxd4! [Fixing the pawns before White can use the d4 square for his knights with dxc5.]

12.cxd4 Nb4 [12...f6! is the right recipe for Black here, with pressure on e5 and d4. White also has to watch the f2 square since he has played his Rook to e1.]

13.Bb1! [The white bishop vacates the d3 square for the queen. Black has to be aware of a possible queen-bishop battery here.]

13...Qc7? [I'm not sure what Black's idea is here, but he needed to prepare his kingside for White's mating threats.]

[13...f5 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.a3± And Black has chances to defend.]

14.a3 Nc6 15.Qd3 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6 [16...Nxf6 Nxf6 would seem better, since the Knight defends the h7 square, but 17.Nh5!± ΔNhx5 18.Qh7+ Kf7 19.Bg6+ Kf6 20.Bxh5±]

17.Nh5 Rf5 18.g4! Rxf3 19.Qh7+ [Not 19.Qxf3? Nf8 and Black can struggle on.]

19...Kf8 20.Qh8+ Kf7 21.Bg6+! [And Black resigned after seeing 21.Bg6+ Kxg6 22.Qxg7#] **1-0**



Rupley, Daniel (1500) – Howell, Jason (1935) [E30]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 [The Leningrad variation of the Nimzo-Indian. White answers the pin with a pin of his own.]

4...c5 5.e3!? [5.d5 is the usual move here. The move played allows Black to play some tricks based on the loose Bishop on g5 combined with the pressure on the c3 Knight.]

5...Qa5! 6.Qc2?! [6.Nge2 Ne4 7.Qd3!? Nxc3 8.h4! is wild and complicated and probably White's best try. He will at least get an open h-file for a pawn after recapturing the piece.]

6...Ne4! 7.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 8.Kd1 Be1? [Such an ugly move. I mistakenly thought White had to play Qc2.]

9.Qc2 [And he does, but 9.Nf3! wipes out any advantage Black might have had from White's King moving early.]

9...cxd4 10.Nf3 [White cannot recapture the pawn with 10.exd4 because of 10...Qxg5]

10...Bb4 11.a3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 0-0? [Another terrible move, being very lackadaisical about the Bishop on b4, since White can't capture it immediately.]

[12...Be7 straight away is much better, with a slight edge for Black.]

13.Bd3 [13.c5 d6 14.Rb1 Bxc5 15.b4! would have been soul-crushing.]

13...h6? [And again, I leave the Bishop on b4. 13...Be7 must be played now!]

14.Ke2 [Again ... 14.c5!]

14...Be7 15.b4 Qc7± 16.Qd2 f5 17.Bxh6? [17.Rhe1 17.Rhe1 followed by moving the King to f1 might be the best here.]

17...gxh6 18.Qxh6 Rf7! 19.g4 Bf8 20.Qh5 [20.Qh4]

20...Rh7 21.Qg6+ Rg7 22.Qh5 fxc4? [Black needs to play 22...d5 and 23...Nd7 now and consolidate the advantage. Instead he opens more lines for White.]

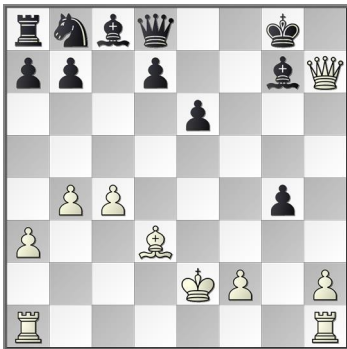
23.Ne5!= Qd8?? [This should be the final blunder, but it goes on for both sides.]

24.Ng6? [24.Rag1!! Nc6 25.Nxc4!+- is crushing.]

24...Rxcg6? [24...Rh7 25.Qxc4 Bg7 26.Rag1 Nc6 27.Ne5 Qf6 28.Bxh7+ Kxh7 29.Qh5+ Bh6 and Black is about to get a lot of checks in with his Queen after the Knight on e5 vacates. The game should be dead equal.]

25.Qxcg6+ Bg7 26.Qh7+ [and I offered a draw, which Dan accepted. I think White is winning here because his rooks will come into the game way before Black can develop his Queenside pieces for the defense.]

[26.Rag1 Qf6 27.Qh7+ Kf7 28.Rxc4 Qb2+ (28...Qh6 29.Qxh6 Bxh6 30.Rhg1 Nc6 31.Rh4 Bf8 32.Rh7+ Kf6 33.Rg8 Bd6 34.c5 Bc7 35.Ke3! and Black will lose the Bishop on c8 before too long after the rooks are doubled on the 8th rank.) 29.Ke3 Qe5+ 30.Kf3 Nc6 31.Rhg1 Nd4+ 32.Kg2 and after Kh3, doom on g7 follows.] ½-½



Howell, Jason (1935) – Foster, Phillip (1342) [B38]

[Round 5, Board 1 This one game in the Janes Cup 2017 collection decided the Tournament and Waco City Champion. National Chess Master Dave Love generously agreed to share his thoughts and outstanding analysis for this most crucial game. Mr. Love's chess experience spans over 60 years. He is a postal Chess Master and served on the USCF Policy Board (1979-1982). He edited and produced the New York State Chess Federation's magazine and won chess journalism awards for a number of articles about different kinds on chess. His titles include Rochester (NY) Chess Club Champion, Rochester (NY) City Chess Champion, and Rochester (NY) Absolute Chess Champion. He once tied for 1/2/3 at the U.S. Amateur. Mr. Love is fond of cats and the Number One Fan of the Chicago Cubs. He doesn't play OTB anymore, but is extremely active in online chess (FICS).]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 [Appears nearly universally, but not the only move and perhaps not the best move. GM Larsen wondered whether or not giving up a center pawn for a semi-center pawn was a good idea. As well, 2 ...d6 guards what isn't attacked.]

[I like 3.Bb5+ and play it regularly.]

3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 [Also possible is 4.c3 transposing in most cases into the Smith Morra Gambit.]

4...g6 [Allowing the bind try 5. c4, but Black seems not to mind.]

5.Be3 [White doesn't enforce 5.c4]

5...Bg7 [Black could have prevented White's next move with 5...Nf6]

6.c4! Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 Nc6 [Black has a little pressure on the black squares and has ...Ng4 in mind.]

9.0-0 Bd7 [Not bad, but White had allowed ...Ng4 and the Bg7 begins to speak.]

10.Qd2 [White is rightfully unconcerned about "losing" the two bishops.]

10...Rc8 11.Rad1 Ng4 12.Nxc6 Rxc6 13.Bxg4 Bxg4 14.f3 Be6 [And White is a little better, with his command of the center and a pawn structure friendly to Knights; there are several points of pawn support for invasion and occupation, and White's pawn structure is on the color of the bishop he exchanged; thoughts now or earlier on of taking on a7 may lead to the thief being trapped with ... b6.]

15.b3 Bxc3?? [The loser; the idea of getting ... b5 in is a good one, but the patient ... a6 is much better. The dark squared bishops are the stars here, and Black will soon miss his.]

16.Qxc3 b5 [But ... he had to try 16...f6]

17.Bh6 f6 [(only!)]

18.Bxf8 Kxf8 [18...Qxf8 is more active and ...]

19.c5 [... seals the deal!]

19...Qc7? [19...Qc8 keeps playing.]

20.cxd6 Qb6+ 21.Qd4 Qxd4+ 22.Rxd4 exd6 23.Rfd1 Ke7 24.Kf2 Rc2+ [24...f5 looks to me like the only idea, but the game is lost.]

25.R1d2 Rxd2+ 26.Rxd2 [this is an easy win. The idea is to open a file or two to attack things that can't be de-

fended and to show how many more squares the Rook controls than the Bishop. And White does this efficiently.]

26...a5 27.Ke3 g5 [Allowing the opening of a file in a few moves.]

28.g4 [So that h4 and then the h and files are open to invasion; the Black forces can't stop the Rook roaming free.]

28...h6 29.Rc2 Kd7 30.h4 Bf7 31.hxg5 hxg5 [And two files are open to invasion.]

32.Rh2 Ke7 33.Kd4 a4 [But ... White will be able to win the a pawn, even if that involves giving back the exchange, with an easy K+P ending win. Black will need to watch the passed a pawn and so won't be able to defend his kingside pawns.]

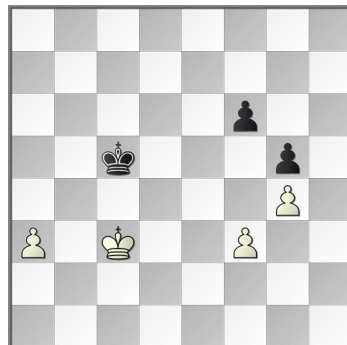
34.bxa4 bxa4 35.a3 Bb3 36.Rh1 [Stops a little annoyance with ...Bd1.]

36...Ke6 37.Rb1 [Threatening to take the Bishop, eat the pawn and you know the rest.]

37...d5 [Losing quickly, but even 37...Bc2 38.Rc1 Bb3 39.Rc3 masters the Bishop.]

38.exd5+ Kd6 [38...Bxd5 loses the bishop.]

39.Rxb3 axb3 40.Kc3 Kxd5 41.Kxb3 Kc5 42.Kc3 [White built a fine game and took advantage of everything that was offered. Black was right there until the losing ... Bxc3 and ... b5 sequence.] **1-0**



**Arias, Ulices (1373) –
Howell, Jason (1935) [C02]**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Nh6!?** [An alternative to the usual Milner–Barry lines.]

7.h3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bd7 9.Bc2
[9.Bxh6? Qxb2 10.Nbd2 Nb4#]

9...Nb4 10.Bb3?! [10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.0-0!? looks like a better try for complications without the problem of White being unable to castle.]

10...Qa6! 11.Bxh6 gxh6?
[Recapturing routinely and missing a huge advantage after the intermediate move 11...Nd3+!]

**12.Bc2 Rc8 13.Nc3 Nxc2+ 14.Qxc2
b5 15.Qe2 Qa5# 16.Nd2!?** [16.Qd2 b4
17.Ne2 Ba4 18.Rc1 Rxc1+ 19.Qxc1!

**b3+ 20.Nc3 bxa2 21.0-0= ΔBb3
22.Nd2]**

**16...b4 17.Nb3 Qb6 18.Nd1 a5!
19.Rc1 a4!?** [19...Rxc1 20.Nxc1
Qxd4#]

20.Rxc8+ Bxc8 21.Qc2 Bd7 [21...Bb7
22.Nc1 b3 23.axb3 Qxd4#]

**22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.Qxc5 Qxc5 24.dxc5
Bb5 25.Ne3 Kd7 26.Kd2 Kc6# 27.Rc1
Rg8 28.g3 Rg5 29.Ng4?** [The losing
move.]

[White had to try the tricky 29.Nc2!?
Kxc5 (29...Kd7 30.Nd4 Ba6 31.Re1!±)
30.Ne1+ Kb6 (30...Kd4?? 31.Nf3+-)
31.Nf3 Rf5 32.Ke3 h5 and Black is up
a pawn, but it is doubled and there is
quite a bit of work ahead to win the
endgame.]

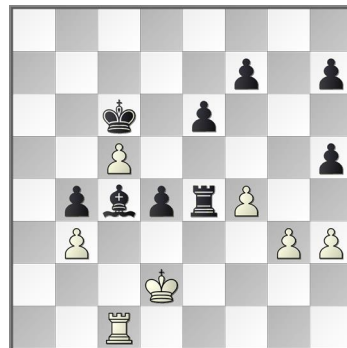
29...h5 30.Ne3 Rxe5+ 31.f4 Re4

32.b3 [32.Nc2 h4+]

32...axb3 33.axb3 d4 34.Nc4 [34.Nc2
Kxc5 35.Na3+ Kb6+]

34...Bxc4 [and White resigned.]

[After 34...Bxc4 35.Rxc4 Re3 is hopeless.] **0-1**



2017 Region VIII Scholastics

For additional info: http://www.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201702052932.9

The Region VIII Scholastics were held in Brownsville February 4th and 5th. Below are the individual winners followed by some photos from the event.

High School Championship - 122 Participants - **Jesus Guillen Jr.** won with a score of 6.5/7.0

High School JV - 30 Participants - Three-way tie between **Noe Guadalupe Leon, Eliut Moren** and **Jonathan Solis** with a score of 5.5/7.0

Middle School Championship - 155 Participants - Three-way tie between **William Howard McNutt, Carlos Deleon** and **Luis E Gonzalez** with a score of 6.5/7.0

Middle School JV - 78 Participants - **Joanna Monet Vega** won with a score of 6.5/7.0

Elementary Championship - 267 Participants - **Rohun Trakru** was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

Elementary JV - 113 Participants - **David A Rodriguez** won with a score of 6.5/7.0

Primary Championship - 270 Participants - **Gael A Gonzalez** was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

Primary JV - 101 Participants - **Julian Lerma** was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

Kinder-1st - 201 Participants - **Sunny Zhang** was undefeated with a score of 7.0/7.0

Photos from the 2017 Region VIII Scholastic

Provided by Howard Lee McNutt, III



Samuel Quin vs Sunny Zhang



William McNutt vs Carlos DeLeon



Rohun Trakru vs Michael Casas



K-5, K-8, K-12



K-1



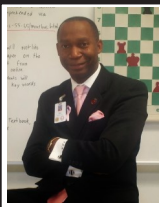
Felix Saldivar vs Gael Gonzalez Felix



Kaitlynn McNutt



Ramses Linan vs Michael Thomas



Coach's Corner - e4!

Bread and Butter

by Robert L. Myers

If you were in a contest on a cooking show what would you cook, a new dish or something you are familiar with? What's your go-to meal? What's your "Bread and Butter?" Bread and Butter is an idiom or contemporary nomenclature, as in someone's basic income; someone's livelihood—the source of one's food. "I can't miss another day of work. That's my bread and butter." It's an ordinary routine, as in "Don't worry about it; this is just a bread and butter assignment." In chess one should always, especially in the Opening, go with the "bread and butter." Trying a new opening can be catastrophic.

Many years ago I took 33 students to play in one of Houston's largest local scholastic tournaments. I took no parent volunteers, no additional teachers as chaperones, nothing. Just me albeit and a new board, a new notating device, approved by the Federation, my pieces and a new bag I purchased from Cajun Chess (our favorite chess distributor) and of course my new opening that I only used on a few of my students. I was playing in the adult section. Let me tell you my entire tournament play was catastrophic. I didn't go with my bread and butter, e4. I tried something that was foreign to me, alien even, b3. I lost all of my games except the last game against a guy that had only been playing for a week and he too had lost all of his previous games before me. I wish someone had told me this then.

So how does one get that bread and butter? For novice players this can be a challenge but here are a few simple rules to keep in mind. A.B.C. Activate your pieces. Be safe with your King. Control the center of the board. Activating your pieces: when we were kids we always wanted to play pickup games, Hide and Go Seek, we had water gun fights in the summer, Captain May I? Red Light, Green Light, Dodge Ball and of course stick ball, the occasional football and kick ball. I know you that you know that basketball was a staple in my community. Many times no one had a ball but we really knew how to improvise. In all of these games invariably we had to pick sides or teams. The one thing I will always remember with my playmates at the time, Todd, Gazy, Kenney Boy, Mike (Snag) because he had a "snaggled tooth" and Dirt, AKA, Pookey because he was always filthy. Dirt would just follow this kid like Pig-Pen on Charlie Brown; Kids can be so cruel, nevertheless, with all of us, no one wanted to be chosen last. Here is my point, everybody wanted to play. So it is with chess. Every piece wants some action. Everyone, Rooks, Knights, Bishops, Queens and Kings want to play. Get them active. Even Pawns can be powerful. "A well-placed Pawn can be more powerful than a King.

Be safe with your King: the only way to lose is careless King play. Once an opponent cancels your castle, with say a diagonal attack with a



WCM Claudia Munoz and Coach Myers

Bishop then followed by a Fork with a Knight, it's going to be a long day. Get the King in a position where he can be safe and ultimately when the attacking threat from your opponent is abated get the King active.

Controlling the Center: e4, e5, d4, and d5 are arguably the most important squares on the board. From these four positions an attack can be mounted assaulting your opponent's pieces and beginning your attack after your pieces are developed. This balances your plan of attack and gives you options. You may have heard the phrase "Knights on the rim are dim." This is because when Knights are on the edge of the board they diminish half of the squares they can attack. "The knight in the center can move to eight different squares, while the "cornered" Knight has two possible moves!" Control of the center provides various options and possible decoys for your opponent to consider. When your opponent has more to consider, this is good for your game because there are more decisions he has to and threats to consider. To mount a successful attack you will need to use your pieces in "combination to attack." You will need enough pieces to defend

your pieces. This is done best with Center Control.

I have had discussions and played games with many Grand Masters over the years, GM Maurice Ashley, GM Timur Gareyev, GM Hikaru Nakamura, GM Irina Krush, GM Julio Sadorra and GM Susan Polgar. There are many things they all have in common. I have extrapolated a list of good ideas, bread and butter thoughts, to use in chess, here are a few. All agree that you must have a plan, think about the Endgame in the Opening and the Mid-game or there will be no Endgame. Make the best possible move, know what the pieces are worth, develop quickly and well, control the center, keep your King safe, know when to trade pieces, focus, use your time wisely, practice, practice and practice some more. Jim Liptrap has possibly held more tournaments, and had more rounds of chess and has been the TD, tournament director, for more chess games, rounds, than any other person on Earth. The one thing I have heard Jim say in his announcements before every tournament is, "Have fun, win if you can."

This quote is from the United States Chess Federations web page, "Every time your opponent makes a move, you should stop and think: Why was that move chosen? Is a piece in danger? Are there any other threats I should watch out for? What sort of plan does my opponent have in mind? Only by defending against your opponent's threats will you be able to successfully carry out your own strategies. Once you figure out what your opponent is attempting to do, you can play to nip those plans in the bud."

I concur completely. Ask yourself these questions: Are all of my pieces protected? Are all of my opponent's pieces protected? Does my opponent have Mate in one? Do I have Mate in one, two or even three? Are my pieces on better squares than the ones they are on now? How can I improve my position? What move can I make that will be more effective in my attack? Does this move help to defend against my opponent's attacks? How can I get the most out of each piece? Can these pieces be multi-purposed? Can I move my piece that is under attack and place it on a safe square? Can I make this Pawn move more powerful? "If it's another piece, consider: Can the enemy drive it away, thus making me lose valuable time?" How can I put my opponent in a tactical position where he is forced to respond, Zugzwang? Emanuel Lasker, a former world champion, said: "When you see a good move, wait---look for a better one!" Following this advice is bound to improve your chess. We call them the Seven Deadly Sins and the Magnificent 7. Because these are the things we don't want to and really want do in chess.

Seven Deadly Sins:

1. Every move must have purpose
2. Don't over task your pieces
3. Protect every piece, and anticipate an attack
4. When ahead trade
5. When behind, protect
6. A. B. C. A-lways B-e Looking for C-heckmate Check Mate from my opponent and Check Mate against my opponent.
7. Multi-purpose your pieces

These Magnificent 7 have become known across all Chess Academy campuses as the

bread and butter because in the nearly infinitesimal possibilities in a game of chess it mirrors our lives and these are the things that are truly awe-inspiring. If mastered they will afford you to say, "Check Mate." The ultimate chess player knows all the moves before the first move and until the last move. Now wouldn't that be great?! However, such is not the case but there are seven things, tactics that one can do during a chess match that will make an opponent (Calvera) feel as if you know their next move as you set up traps. In no specific order they are: 1) Fork, 2) Skewer, 3) Pin, 4) Promote, 5) Zugswung, 6) Check, 7) Check Mate. When these questions are asked, answered and tactics mastered and invariably concluded your chess will improve and you will have a solid foundation. A petulant player on our team said to me, "How did you become such a good chess player, what makes you such a great Master Coach? How did you get where you are? My response, I've made many, many mistakes. This gave birth to life, our bread and butter.



Coach Myers with Grand Masters Maurice Ashley, Julio Sadora, Hikaru Nakamura, Timur Gareyev, Susan Polgar, Irina Krush and Héðinn Steingrímsson

Upcoming Events

APRIL 2017

MAR. 31-APR. 2 OR 1-2 Lone Star Open
Info: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971

APR. 1 Arlington Chess Club Open #21
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7715.tla>

APR. 1 April Fools Fundraiser Chess Tournament
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7913.tla>

APR. 1 Wisdom Weekly Classic #7
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7902.tla>

APR. 1-2 2017 DCC FIDE Open IV
Info: 214-632-9000

APR. 2 Austin Chess Club G/24 Quick-Rated Swiss
Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/777>

APR. 2 FOUR Rated Games at the North Texas Chess Academy
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6827.tla>

APR. 8-9 6th Annual Austin-San Antonio Shoot Out
Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/774>

APR. 8 Texas Junior Team 2017
Info: <http://www.austinchestournaments.com/files/TexasJuniorTeam2017.pdf>

APR. 15 Fire Breathing Dragon Classic
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7887.tla>

APR. 15 Many Springs 99
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7568.tla>

APR. 15 Austin Kids 2 #2 at Hyatt Place Austin/Arboretum
Info: <http://chessaustin.com/post/austinkids2>

APR. 16 MTGK Math Institute - Murphy (East Plano) K-12 Spring Championships
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7903.tla>

APR. 22 GAME 70 Open Championships V 2017 Kingsville Chess Academy
Info: <http://texasregionvii.blogspot.com/>

APR. 28-JUL. 28 Girls Night Out Blitz Challenge (Boys Welcomed As Well)
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7915.tla>

APR. 29 Red River Shoot Out XV
Info: http://rrsochess.net/rrso_home.html

APR. 30 Austin Chess Club G/24 Quick-Rated Swiss
Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/782>

MAY 2017

MAY. 6 Arlington Chess Club Open #22
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7717.tla>

MAY. 6 2016 Texas Open and KCA Scholastic IV
Info: <http://austinchestournaments.com/files/2016TexasOpen.pdf>

MAY. 13-14 2017 DCC FIDE Open V
Info: 214-632-9000

MAY. 20 Many Springs 100
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7569.tla>

MAY. 20 2017 Waco Chess Club Spring Swiss
Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/785>

MAY. 26-29 OR 27-29 72nd Annual Texas State and Amateur Championships
Info: See Advertisement on Page 31

WEEKLY EVENTS

APR. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; MAY. 6, 13, 20, 27 Plano Weekly Spectacular
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7918.tla>

APR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; MAY. 7, 14, 21, 28; JUN. 1 NTCA Sunday Swiss
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7048.tla>

APR. 6, 13, 20, 27; MAY. 4, 11, 18, 25 NTCA Thursday Blitz
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6855.tla>

APR. 9, 16, 23 Austin Chess Club April Swiss
Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/778>

MAY. 7, 14, 21 Austin Chess Club May Swiss
Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/784>

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72nd Annual Texas State and Amateur Championships

MAY 26-29 OR 27-29

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Championship: This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. The tournament will use USCF ratings for pairings and prize purposes. Must be rated 2000 or above by either USCF or Fide to play in this section. Defending Texas State Amateur Champion may also play in this section. Texas Scholastic High School Champions (either South or North Central) may also play in this section. Foreign unrateds may play in this section and at TDs discretion may be required to play in Championship section. G/90 with 30 sec. increment. Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play in Championship section. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. \$\$ 1,000-500-250, 2200-2399 \$750, U2200 \$750. **Amateur:** U2000 & unrated. Rds. 1-7 G/90 with 30 sec increment. \$\$ 800-400-200. B \$\$ 600-300-150, C 500-250-125, U1400 \$500-250-125, U1200 \$400, U1000 \$300 Unrated \$200. Both: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. EF: \$89 if received by 5/19, else \$99. \$80 Junior (U19) if received by 5/19 else \$90, Senior (over 65)/Handicapped/ additional family participant \$53 if receive by 5/19 else \$65. Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg requires pre-payment. After 5/24 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 5/24. 4 day: Reg. Friday 5/26, 6:15 pm-7:15. Rds. Fri: 7:45, Sat: 2:45 pm - 7:30, Sun: 11:00 am - 5:15 pm, Mon: 9:30 am - 2:15 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 5/27, 9-9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Championship section. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. HR: \$99/99/99/99, 972-929-8181 or 800-222-8733 reserve by 5/6 and ask for Chess rate. Note that tournament players and/or their families can purchase a hot breakfast for \$12. Inquire at cash register in the atrium near the hotel front desk. Free Parking. Up to two 1/2 pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2 and before receiving full point bye, but byes for both rounds 6 AND 7 not permitted. **K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 5/27.** 5-SS, Rds. G/30 d5, EF: \$29 by 5/19, \$45 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 5/24 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 5/19. No refunds after 5/24, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 5/24. Registration 8:15-8:45 am, Rd. 1 at 9:30 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: **K-12 Championship** and **K-12 U1000**. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, top five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also top three unrateds. Medals to those who do not win a trophy. Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com www.dallaschess.com.



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Tactics Time!

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Tyson Slesnick – Gary Blanchard
Texas Amateur 2000
White to Move