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Second place UTB squad: GM Timur Gareev, IM Max Cornejo,
WIM Luciana Morales, GM Mauricio Flores, GM Axel Bachmann, WIM Nadia Ortiz

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Correction last issue (Mar.-Apr. 2010): On p. 9 the player of the White pieces should be Ju Hyung Ahn, not Alex Chua.

TCA Nominations: Candidates for TCA office must have nominations in writing to the *TK* Editor (POB 501, Helotes, TX 78023 or schachlied@yahoo.com) by June 15. The positions are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Both nominator and nominee must be TCA members. Each candidate gets a free 100 word statement in the magazine, more at the ad rates posted above. Candidates running as a 'slate' may pool their allotments of free space.

Cover photo: Christopher Trejo

Robert W. Smeltzer
Feb. 18, 1930 – Mar. 28, 2010

Robert Wayne Smeltzer, 80, of Garland, Texas died March 28 at Richardson Methodist Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 18, 1930, in Wakarusa, Ind., to Arthur R. and Goldia Belle (Blocher) Smeltzer. He married Mary Ann Knoll on Aug. 12, 1950, in Goshen, Ind.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Ron (Deb) of Elkhart, Ind., Terry of Elkhart, Ind., and Tim of Garland, Texas; one sister, Shirley (Gene) Leinbach; and three grandchildren. One son, Roger, and one sister, Marcile Mabry of Ohio, preceded him in death.

Mr. Smeltzer lived most of his working life in Elkhart, having worked at CTS, Miles and in the band instrument industry. After the death of his oldest son, Roger, he bought an ice cream business in Florida. After closing the business, he moved to Texas. He has lived at various places in the Dallas area, where he retired. He liked all kinds of sports and was a longtime member of the Dallas Chess Club.

Mr. Smeltzer was featured on the cover of the June 1996 issue of *Chess Life* magazine for a record number of sanctioned games [2,266] played in one year.

What no dry newspaper obituary can express is the wave of heartfelt e-mails that followed in Robert's wake from people who knew him at the Dallas Chess Club, where he was a fixture (unless it was Plano club night.). All attest to his pure love of the game, and of people.

“Robert was one of the really great people in chess who made the club experience so much more enjoyable for everyone. The guys in Shreveport still talk of him and his “Smeltzer variations” from time to time. I’m sure you remember Luis his joy at the tournament game where he got a draw in a hopeless position against me by continually sacrificing his rook for perpetual check! He will really be missed by all the chess players who had the good fortune to have met him”
– *Sonny Kamberi*

“I remember four years ago I first walked into the DCC room and I saw him sitting on a chair near the entrance. His smile showed while I walked past to register. Later I played him in a game and he played moves no one else played. My respect for him grew as after the game he told me he didn't have any opening and just played with his creativity. He was a good man and will be forever cherished.”
– *Derek Chang*

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Robert Finley McGregor Sept. 16, 1928 – Mar. 4, 2010

Robert Finley “Bob” McGregor, 81, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Conroe Regional Hospital in Conroe, Texas. He is survived by his wife Frances and his children and grandchildren.

Robert was born September 16, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois to Ralph James and Katherine McGregor. He was a proud graduate of Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College. He earned a B.S. in chemistry and zoology at the University of Illinois in 1948. After four years at Armor Laboratories, he went west to the University of Wyoming to earn a M.S. degree in Chemistry in 1955. He was the state food and drug chemist for two years in Laramie, Wyoming. Bob came to Houston, Texas to Baylor University's graduate school of biomedical sciences for his PhD in biochemistry. His career in teaching and research took him to the University of North Dakota school of medicine before he returned to M.D. Anderson in Houston. He spent ten years in research at Texas A&M University and retired in 1993. He came out of retirement in 2007 to teach chemistry at Sam Houston State University.

Bob learned chess as a very young boy from his parents. His mother was a competitive tournament chess player in Illinois at a time when you didn't see women play much. Bob was the state champion of Wyoming in 1954 and 1955, Texas amateur champion in 1979, and was the Texas senior champion multiple times. Until recently Bob was a very active member of the USCF and TCA, traveling statewide to play in tournaments.

He always had a positive attitude whether winning or losing. He loved reading *Texas Knights* and would usually disappear for hours on end to analyze the games. If there was an especially interesting game, members of the Huntsville Chess Club could expect to see it brought forth the following Saturday. Many of us have won games, tournaments and titles but Bob's chief claim to fame was a drawn game against Bobby Fischer in 1964 when Fischer was in Houston on his national simul tour (see p. 26). He will be missed by the players he met.

Memorials may be made to the chemistry department of the University of Wyoming in Memory of Dr. Robert F. McGregor. From all of us in the Huntsville Chess Club and the TCA, “Well met and well played Sir”

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Andor Lilienthal (1911-2010) was of the first GMs, with wins against Lasker, Capablanca and Alekine. He trained Smyslov and Petrosian in the 1950s. He was 99.

TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Apr. 15, 2010

Income	
2009 SW Open memberships	\$ 533.50
2010 Texas Team memberships	245.00
2010 Texas Masters memberships	95.00
2009 Texas State Girls tournament	50.00
2009 Texas State Grade tournament	471.00
2010 Texas State Scholastic tournament	2,098.00
August memberships	10.00
September memberships	85.00
October memberships	105.00
November memberships	90.00
December memberships	92.50
January memberships	80.00
February memberships	157.50
March memberships	172.50
April memberships (so far)	60.00
Region II Scholastic tournament	64.00
Region III Scholastic tournament	139.00
Region V Scholastic tournament	177.00
Region VI Scholastic tournament	282.00
Region VII Scholastic and \$10 donation	300.00
Region VII Girls Scholastic tournament	<u>18.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,282.50

Expenses	
SW Open Prize Fund to guarantee \$10,000	\$ 2,500.00
SW Open registration, WY attendees	400.00
Texas Masters registration, WY attendees	670.00
Texas Knight - Sept-Oct 2009	896.50
Texas Knight - Nov-Dec 2009	892.00
Texas Knight - Jan-Feb 2010	895.21
Texas Knight - March-April 2010	916.50
2008 World Youth Attendees	3,000.00
2009 World Youth Attendees	1,200.00
William Ong. 2009 Denker representative	1,000.00
2009 Texas State Girl's Tournament	500.00
2010 Texas Master's Tournament	1,100.00
Kings of Brownsville Project	1,000.00
Robert Sturgeon Funeral flowers	<u>102.82</u>
Total	\$ 15,073.03

WF checking account balance	\$ 616.33
BOA checking account balance	\$ 511.40
cd July 2009 - July 2010	\$ 20,132.20

Note: The next periodic balloon payment toward income is in 2012, when TCA is organizer of the state scholastic. Without this context, the casual reader might look at the current loss with alarm.

Challenging Opponents from Across the World

By Dachev Lin

Imagine getting a high rating and seizing the opportunity to travel to Antalya, Turkey to compete in a World Youth Chess Championship tournament. Experiencing this voyage, one might meet challenging opponents, in a vast tournament room filled with comfortable chairs, plastic tables, and ongoing chess games. Asphalt black and mustard yellow plastic kings, queens, rooks, knights, bishops, and pawns danced across the rubbery chess boards that were dotted with grassy green and parchment white squares.

Intense chess rounds started promptly at 3 p.m. each day. Players who did not show up on time forfeited their games immediately. An arbiter spoke in a microphone that was situated on a long, black, stand in order to start all the games. At the board, the chess clock was set for the game time, which was 90 minutes. After any player made a move, the person pressed the clock and it would automatically add 30 seconds. During the rounds, players focused on what strategies they would use to defeat their opponent. In the game, the top three boards are electronic, so you can see the games online. Getting checkmated or using all of your time can cause you to lose. In order to tie, you can get stalemated, end with insufficient mating material, or be in a drawn position.

Day 1

My first round loss, against a weak and unrated player named Modi Sachin, was extremely disappointing. He had 3 points at the end of the tournament. This was not a good overall score because there were 11 time-consuming rounds. It was disappointing to lose to a player who had a score lower than mine. Something was ringing in my ears. It was

the repetitive sound of failing to win against a weaker player. This first round loss made me more determined to work even harder. Reflecting back, I need to be careful to avoid any mistakes next time. This round was a wake-up call.

QGD Chigorin D07

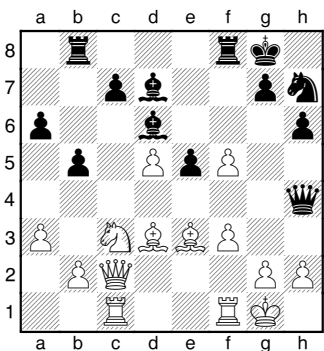
Dachev Lin 1742

Sachin Modi (unrated)

World Youth Under-10 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.d5 Ne5 5.Qd4 Nc6 6.Qxc4 Ne5 7.Qd4 Ng6 8.e4 e5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qb3 Rb8 11.Bc4 b5 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Be3 a6 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rac1 h6 17.a3 Nh7 18.Qc2 Nh4 19.Nxh4 Qxh4 20.f3 f5 21.exf5?

I thought I won a pawn.



21...e4!

Then I lost a bishop, and eventually the game.

22.g3 exd3 23.Qxd3 Qh3 24.Ne4 Bxf5 25.Bc5 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Rfe8 27.Qd3 Bxc5+ 28.Rxc5 Qd7 29.Qc3 Rec8 30.Rc1 Nf6 31.Qb3 Kh8 32.Re1 c6 33.dxc6 Rxc6 34.Rce5 Re8 35.Rxe8+ Nxe8 36.Qb4 Nf6 37.Qf4 Qa7+ 38.Kg2 Rc2+ 39.Kh3 Rxb2 40.Rd1 Qe7 41.Qf5 Rxh2+ 42.Kxh2 Qe2+ 43.Kh3 Qxd1 44.Qc8+ Kh7 45.Qf5+ Kg8 46.Qe6+ Kf8 47.Kh2 Qd2+ 48.Kh1 Qc1+ 49.Kh2 Qxa3 50.Qc8+ Kf7 51.Qb7+ Kg6 52.Qc8 Qxf3 53.Qc2+

Qf5 54.Qc6 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qa2 56.Qd6 Qa4 57.Qd2 Qg4+ 58.Kh2 Ne4 59.Qd4 Qxg3+ 60.Kh1 Qe1+ 61.Kg2 Qf2+ 62.Qxf2 Nxf2 63.Kxf2 0-1

Day 2

My opponent seemed intensely focused on the game, however, he blundered an unprotected pawn. Excited and surprised by this mistake, I secretly wished there might be another one to follow. Sure enough, ten minutes later, he accidentally gave away another pawn. Winning this game made me feel calm, cool, and collected.

Day 3

I thought my opponent from Macea [Romania] was pretty strong in the opening. At the starting line up, he had an advantage, but then the game took a turn. Even though my opponent had perseverance to stay in the game, I defeated him in the end.

Day 4

My luckiest round took place on the game board this afternoon. There were places my competitor could have beaten me, but I did not let him win. No! I hung on to the very edge like a person hanging onto the rooftop in a flash flood storm. Luckily, the inattentive player did not attempt to execute my only king that remained on the game board, along with a shy pawn. My armed peasant or pawn was free to follow its goal to the eighth rank, promote to a queen, and rule over the board.

Ruy Lopez C77

Berk Vatanserver (unrated)

Dachev Lin 1742

World Youth Under-10 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.Re1

Qc7 12.Nbd2 Bb7 13.Nf1 Nc6 14. Ng3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Qe2 Rfe8 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Bf6 21.Bxd5+ Kf8 22.Be4 Re6 23.Be3 Na5 24.Rad1 Red6 25.Bc1 c4 26.dxc4 bxc4 27. Bxb7 Nxb7 28.Ne4 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Qc6 31.Qf3 Ke7 32.b3 cxb3 33.axb3 Na5 34.Ba3+ Kd7 35.Qf5+ Kc7 36.Nc5 Nb7 37. Nxb7 Kxb7 38.c4 a5 39.Qd3 e4 40. Qd2 Ka6 41.Bb2 Bg5 42.Qe2 g6 43.Bd4 h5 44.f3 exf3 45.Qxf3 Kb7 46.Qf7+ Kc8 47.Qf8+ Bd8 48.Qc5 Kb7 49.Kf2 Qe6 50.Qa7+ Kc8 51. Qa8+ Kd7 52.Qb7+ Ke8 53.Qb5+ Kf8 54.Qe5 Qf7+ 55.Ke3 Bc7 56. Qf6 Qxf6 57.Bxf6 Kf7 58.Bd4 Ke6 59.Ke4 g5 60.Be3 Bd8 61.Bd2 h4 62.Kd4 Kd6 63.c5+ Kc6 64.Kc4 Be7 65.Bxa5 Bxc5 66.Bd8 Be3 67. b4 Kd7 68.Bf6 Ke6 69.Bd4 Bf4 70. Kc5 Kf5 71.Kd5 g4 72.hxg4+ Kxg4 73.Ke4 Bb8 74.b5 Kg3 75.Be5+ Bxe5 76.Kxe5 Kxg2 77.b6 h3 78. 1/2-1/2

Day 5

This game was my first win against a higher-rated player, Viktor Haring. He gave me a postcard from Slovakia, which let me know where he was from. This postcard reminds me of the fun time I had at the tournament. Maybe I will visit his country in the future. My victory was sweet considering this was one of my most time-consuming games.

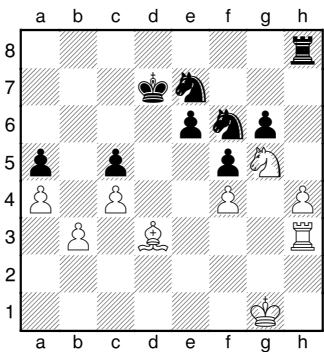
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Viktor Haring 1884
Dachey Lin 1742

World Youth Under-10 (5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.c4 Nf6 7.Nc3 e6 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 c6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Bg2 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Be7 13.0-0 Nb6 14.b3 Qd7 15.Qd2 Rd8 16. Rad1 0-0 17.a4 a5 18.Na2 Ra8 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Be3 Qc7 21.Bf4 Qd7 22.Qe3 Bd8 23.Qg3 Rc8 24. Qc3 Ra8 25.Rd3 Bc7 26.Be5 Qe7 27.f4 Red8 28.Rde3 Qd7 29.Nc1

Ne8 30.Ne2 f6 31.Bxc7 Nxc7 32. Qc2 Kf7 33.g5 Nc8 34.gxf6 gxf6 35.Rg3 Ne7 36.Be4 Rg8 37.Qc3 b6 38.Qf3 Rad8 39.h4 f5 40.Bb1 Rh8 41.Rh3 Ne8 42.Rd1 Nf6 43.Nc1 c5 44.Ne2 Qc7 45.Rd3 cxd4 46.Nxd4 Qc5 47.Qe3 Rd6 48.Nf3 Rxd3 49. Ng5+ Ke8 50.Bxd3 Kd7 51.Qxc5 bxc5



52.Nf7(?)

Although Fritz approves of this choice at first, some bloodletting (pawn trades) would help the bishop, and maybe let the queenside pawns come to life: 52.Re3! Rxf4 53.Nxe6 ... (a) 53...Ne4 54.Nf8+ Ke8 55. Bxe4 Kxf8 56.Bg2 Rxf4 57.Re5±; (b) 53...Kc6 54.Nf8 Rg4+ 55.Kh2 Neg8 56.Re6+ Kb7 57.Be2 Rxf4 58. Nxg6 Rd4 59.Bf3±. SKA 52...Rh7 53.Ne5+ Kd6 54.Bc2 Kc7 55.Kg2 Nh5 56.Kf3 Rg7 57.Rh2 Nc6 58.Nxc6 Kxc6 59.Rg2 Nf6 60.Rg5 Kd6 61.Rg2 Ke7 62.Rg5 Rg8 63.Rg1 Ng4

By this point it is plain that Black stands better, as he has the only viable pawn majority.

64.Kg3 Rd8 65.Rd1 Rg8 [65...Rd4] 66.Rd3 Rd8 67.Rxd8 Kxd8 68.Bd1 Nf6 69.Bc2 Kd7 70.Kf3 Kd6 71. Bd3 e5

This was inevitable.

72.fxe5+ Kxe5 73.Ke3 Ng4+ 74. Kf3 Kd4 75.Ke2 Kc3 76.h5 gxh5 77.Bxf5 Kxb3 78.Bg6 Kxc4 79. Bxh5 Ne5 80.Be8 Kb4 81.Kd2 Nc4+ 82.Kc1 Nb6 83.Bf7 Nxa4 84. Kc2 c4 85.Bg6 Nc5 86.Bf7 Nb3

87.Bd5 Nd4+ 88.Kb2 a4 89.Be4 c3+ 90.Kb1 a3 91.Bg6 Nb3 92.Bf7 Nd2+ 93.Kc1 Nc4 94.Kb1 Kb3 95. Bg6 Nd2+ 96.Kc1 a2 97.Bf7+ Ka3 98.Bxa2 Kxa2 99.Kc2 Ne4 0-1

Day 6

Happiness exposed itself upon my face as my opponent “suicided,” meaning he dropped a bishop and got his rook trapped. We both played quickly, as if we were about to run out of time. Our game was probably the first game completed.

Day 7

My concentration was taken away during this game. Dropping a few pawns motivated me to try and get accidentally stalemated. Guess what! It did not work. In fact, I got checkmated just a few moves after the pawn loss.

Day 8

My opponent concentrated very hard on the game because he wanted to win. Being proactive by preparing for his opening attacks, I gripped an undefended pawn. A few moves later, I missed a golden opportunity of defeating him quickly. Later in the game, I blew my chance of winning because I didn’t think of the move that would win it all. Unfortunately, I learned you can always make last-minute mistakes. It was irritating to not have won.

Day 9

One of my US teammates beat my opponent. My goal was to beat him, too. The position was considered equal until my opponent dropped two pawns. Then I dropped two pawns. My king was far away from my only pawn on the h-file. His king was closer to my pawn. We both had one knight, which was easily drawn. This was frustrating because I could have won if I wouldn’t have given away my two pawns.

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Final Four: UMBC beats Brownsville to retain title

By GM Timur Gareev and WIM Luciana Morales

Chess Life Online, April 14, 2010

The Final Four, arguably the strongest in the history of collegiate chess, ended in a thrilling duel between the University of Maryland Baltimore County, the defending champions, and University of Texas at Brownsville, the home team. Both teams defeated Dallas and Texas Tech in the previous rounds but while Maryland only needed a draw to win the tournament, UTB was striving for a victory. Two draws on the third and fourth board left all the excitement to the top boards. Gareev came victorious in his clash with Kritz, giving UTB the lead. However, Erenburg confidently transformed his positional advantage against Flores into the decisive win securing a tie in the match and the victory in the tournament.

UMBC's half-point-gap over UTB came thanks to a more fortunate victory over Texas Tech. Maryland scored 3-1 whereas UTB succeeded with a minimal advantage as they scored 2.5-1.5. While in the final round UMBC and UTB were competing for the championship, Texas Tech faced UTD to decide the third place.

FINAL STANDINGS

1 Univ. of Maryland-Baltimore County (8.0)		
GM Leonid Kritz	2667	2.0
GM Sergey Erenburg	2608	3.0
GM Giorgi Margvelashvili	2534	2.0
IM Sasha Kaplan	2521	1.0
WGM Sabina Foisor (alt)*	2356	0.0
2 University of Texas-Brownsville (7.5)		
GM Timur Gareev	2641	2.5
GM Mauricio Flores	2631	1.0
GM Axel Bachmann	2611	2.0
IM Max Cornejo.	2450	2.0
WIM Nadya Ortiz (alt)*	2226	0.0
WIM Luciana Morales (alt)*.	2143	0.0
3 Texas Tech (4.5)		
IM Davorin Kuljasevic	2576	1.0
IM Gabor Papp,	2569	1.5
IM Gergely Antal	2570	1.5
Chase Watters	2087	0.5
4 University of Texas-Dallas (4.0)		
IM Marko Zivanic	2585	0.5
IM Daniel Ludwig	2532	0.5
IM Julio Sadorra	2487	0.0
IM Puchen Wang.	2521	1.0
IM Salvius Bercys (alt).	2489	2.0

* These alternates saw no play, so the score is moot.

UTB's Gareev, Flores and Cornejo vs. UMBC

This year's President's Cup featured six International Grandmasters, ten IMs, one WGM and two WIMs. As opposed to previous years, the competition revolved around the UMBC and UTB confrontation. Our new coach Ronen Har-Zvi's involvement in preparation gave our team extra strength and motivation to compete.

This year's final four was one of the best-organized collegiate tournaments. UTB chess program director Russell Harwood put in his best effort to create a great atmosphere for guests and locals. On the first day, a dinner would welcome all the action figures and their coaches. The seating arrangement allowed for people to interact with members of other teams.

Local media and even the crew of a renowned national TV program followed the event with attention every round. The ever-humorous IM Almeida provided live commentary of the games to a loyal audience every round.

Rusty expressed his gratitude to IA Frank Berry for conducting the tournament in an impeccable way and to Luis Salinas for facilitating the Monroi transmission.

Most competitors expressed their fascination with campus and the kindness displayed by everyone around. UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia honored the participants and especially the UTB team members with her presence and motivating words.

We would like to thank the UTB officials for their unconditional support as well as the visitors, who came by to show some Scorpion pride.

Overall our team, UTB, was in good shape and motivated. We came very close to winning first place in this tournament, thus improving the third place obtained last year in the President's Cup held in Dallas – but there's certainly room for development. In the meantime, we need to go back to the college student life. No more ICC games or chess exercises for a while. *Hasta la vista!*

Let's take a look at what happened game-by-game in the last round: Kritz chose the Chebanenko variation of Slav defense, 4...a6. Gareev seized the initiative after an original pawn sacrifice in the middle game. Black had to accept an inferior endgame in order to ease the pressure. Due to an inaccuracy by White, Kritz got a chance to exchange rooks and secure a draw. However, after two consecutive blunders, Leonid missed his chances and had to submit. Here are the annotations, by GM Timur Gareev himself:

Notes by GM Timur Gareev

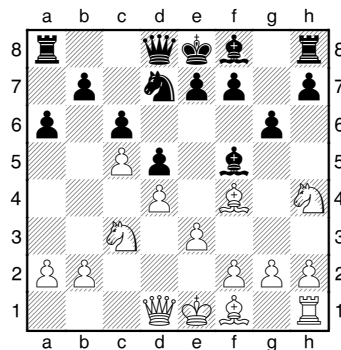
QGD Slav D15

Timur Gareev 2641 UTB

Leonid Kritz 2667 UMBC

Final Four 2010 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.c5 Bf5 6.Bf4 Nbd7 7.e3 g6 8.Nh4!



8...Be6

8..Bg4 is a more viable option

9.f3

9.Qb3 e5! 10.Bg3 exd4 11.exd4 Qe7+

9...Be6 10.g4 Bg7 11.Bd3 with a slight edge for White

9.h3 Bg7 10.Bd3 b6

10...0-0 11.Bh2?! b6 12.b4 (12.cxb6 is better) 12...bxc5 13.bxc5 Ne4! 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bxe4 Nxc5! 16.dxc5? Qa5+ 17.Ke2 Rad8 18.Qc2 Qb5+ 19.Kf3 f5 20.Kg3 fxe4 21.Qxe4 Bd5 22.Qc2 Qb4 0-1

Kacheishvilli-Gareev, Mesa, Arizona 2008

11.cxb6

11.b4 gives a solid edge: 11...0-0 (11...a5 12.b5!; 11...Nh5 12.Ne2) 12.Rc1 and White is ahead.

11...Qxb6 12.a3!

First used in Lenderman-Ramirez, World Open, Philadelphia 2009.

12...c5

12...Qxb2 13.Na4 Qb7 14.Rb1 Qa7 15.Qc2 White has strong compensation.

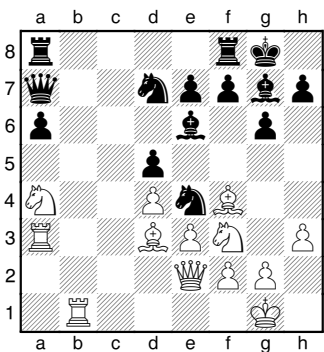
13.Na4 Qa5+

13...Qa7 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Be5 0-0 17.Rc1 Qa5+ 18.Bc3 Qb6 19.Nf3 with advantage for White.

14.b4 cxb4 15.0-0 0-0

15...bxa3 16.Qc2 Ne4 17.Nf3 Qd8 18.Rfc1 0-0 19.Rxa3 Bf5 20.Nh4 e6 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Nc5 white has initiative

16.axb4 Qxb4 17.Qe2 Ne4 18.Nf3 Qb7 19.Rfb1 Qa7 20.Ra3



Obtaining the b-file

20...Nd6

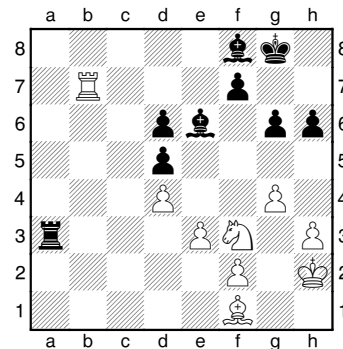
This results in a difficult endgame for Black. Better was 20...a5 21.Rab3 Rac8 22.Rb5 followed by Qe1 putting pressure and getting a pawn back (22.Ba6 Rc6 23.Bb5 Rcc8 24.Bxd7 Bxd7 25.Rb7 Rc1+ 26.Kh2 Qa8)

21.Bxd6 exd6 22.Nb6 Nxb6 23.Rxa6 Qc7 24.Raxb6 Rfb8 25.Qb2 Rxb6 26.Qxb6 Qxb6

26...Qc3 27.Qb3 Qa5 28.Qb4

27.Rxb6 Ra1+ 28.Kh2 Bf8 29.g4 Ra3 30.Bf1 h6 31.Rb7

Preventing the Be7-f6 maneuver.



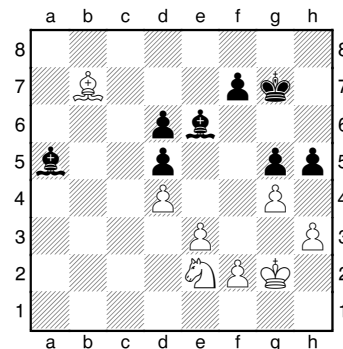
31...Kg7 32.Kg3 g5 33.Bb5?

White has played a flawless game up until this point. The idea of Bb5-d7 along with knight transfer to g3 secures a winning edge. White can be putting significant pressure as long as the rooks are on the board. Rc7 is the necessary step. 33.Rc7 Rb3 (33...Kg6 34.Bb5 f5 35.Bd7 Bxd7 36.Rxd7 fxc4 37.hxc4 Kf6 38.Nh2 followed by a knight transfer to f5-h5) 34.Ba6 Rb8 35.Ra7 Kf6 36.Bb7 Be7 37.Bc6 Rb6 38.Ba8 Rb8 39.Ng1 Black has to counter threats against the d5 pawn. Knight transfer to g3 will create tactical possibilities giving white the decisive edge.

33...Rb3 34.Bc6 Rxb7 35.Bxb7

Now Black has a much easier time defending.

35...Be7 36.Ng1 Bd8 37.Ne2 Ba5 38.Kg2 h5!



39.gxh5 Kh6 40.h4

40.Ng3 f5

40...gxh4

40...Kxh5 41.hxg5 Kxg5 42.Nf4 with significant practical chances for White.

41.Nf4 h3+ 42.Kg3 Be1 43.Bxd5 Bxd5 44.Nxd5 h2 45.Kxh2 Bxf2 46.Nf6

46.Kg2 Bh4 47.Nf4 f5 48.Kf3 Bg5 49.e4 fxe4+ 50.Kxe4 Bf6 51.d5 Kg5 Black easily holds a draw.

46...Bh4 47.Ne4 Be7 48.Ng3 Bg5?

This move loses time. With 48... Bh4! 49.Nf5+ Kxh5 50.Nxd6 Kg4 51.Kg2 f5 followed by ...f4, Black secures a draw.

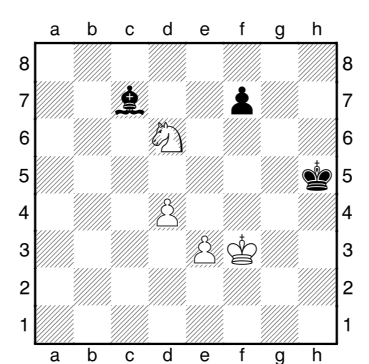
49.Kg2

49.Kh3 f5 50.d5 f4 51.exf4 Bxf4 52.Ne2 Be3 53.Kg4 Bf2 54.Nc3 Bd4 55.Ne4 Be5 56.Ng5 Kg7 57.Kf5 Bb2 58.Ne4 Ba3 59.Kg4 Kh6 60.Ng3 Kg7 with unbreakable defense.

49...Bh4 50.Nf5+ Kxh5 51.Kf3

51.Nxh4 Kxh4 52.Kf3 Kg5 53. Ke4 Kf6 54.Kd5 Ke7 55.Kc6 Ke6 56.e4 f6 57.d5+ Ke5 58.Kd7 Kxe4 59.Kxd6 f5 is a draw.

51...Bd8 52.Nxd6 Bc7?



This final blunder allows White to pick a second extra pawn. With 52...Kg6 53.Ke4 Kf6 (53...Bg5 54.d5 Bd8 (54...Kg7 55.Ke5 Kf8 56.e4 Ke7 57.Nc4 Bf6+ 58.Kf5 Bg7 59.e5 Kd7 60.Nd2 Ke8 61.Ne4 Kd7 62.d6 Ke8 63.Ng5) 55.Nc4 Bg5 56.d6) 54.Kd5 Ba5 55.Nc8 Kg7 56.e4 Bc3 57.e5 Bb2 58.Nd6 Kf8 59.Ne4 Ke7 60.Nf6 Bc1 61.Ke4 Bg5 62.Nd5+ Kd7 63.

Kf5 Bd8 64.Nf6+ Kc6 65.d5+ Kc5 66.d6 Kc6 67.Ne4 Kd7 68.Ng5 Ke8 (68...Bxg5 69.Kxg5 Ke6 70.Kh6) 69.Nh7 Kd7 70.Ke4 Kc6, Black manages to hold the position.

53.Nxf7

53.Nxf7 Kg6 54.Ne5+ Bxe5 (54...Kf6 55.Nd3 Ba5 56.Ke4 Bd2 57.Ne5 Ke6 58.d5+ Kf6 59.Nc6 Be1 60.Kd3 Bg3 61.e4 Bd6 62.Kd4) 55.dxe5 Kf5 56.e6 with a simple winning pawn endgame. 1-0

Paraguayan GM Axel Bachmann faced GM Giorgi Margvelashvili on third board. Giorgi played an active variation of the Caro-Kann and strived for an even game. Axel centralized his pieces and accumulated an edge, so Giorgi was forced to give up a pawn to secure counterplay. Despite the extra material Bachmann did not manage to convert to a win. They agreed for a draw after black demonstrated his ability to hold the defense and actively counter white's advances.

Caro-Kann Advance B12

Axel Bachmann 2611 UTB

Giorgi Margvelashvili 2534 UMBC

Final Four 2010 (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 8.Bg5 Qd7 9.Bxe7 Bxe7 10.Nxf5 exf5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bb5 a6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Re1 Rfe8 16. Nd2 g6 17.Nf3 Qb7 18.b3 Bc5 19. Rad1 Rad8 20.h4 Qb6 21.Re2 Qb5 22.c4 Qb6 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.h5 a5 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Ng5 Be7 27.Nh3 Qb4 28.e6 Bf6 29.exf7+ Kxf7 30. Rxe8 Rxe8 31.Qxd5+ Kg7 32.Qf3 Qe4 33.Rd7+ Kh6 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 35.Kf1 a4 36.bxa4 Rxa4 37. Rd2 g5 38.g3 Kg6 39.Rc2 f4 40.gxf4 g4 41.Ng1 Rxf4 42.Kg2 Bh4 43.f3 Kf7 44.Re2 Ra4 45.fxg4 Rxg4+ 46.Kh2 Bf6 47.Nf3 Rb4 48. Kg3 Rb2 49. Ng5+ Kg6 50.Rxb2 Bxb2 51.a3 Bc1 52.Kg4 Bxa3 1/2-1/2

The game between Sasha Kaplan and Max Cornejo ended in a draw after a double-edged fight. Kaplan faced an Accelerated Dragon and worked towards an aggressive setup in the opening. Max received chances for counterplay and seized the initiative in the middlegame. In a time scramble, Cornejo offered a draw with an exchange down. Kaplan assessed the situation on other two boards and agreed having only eight seconds left on the clock (time control was one hour 30 minutes plus 30 seconds increment).

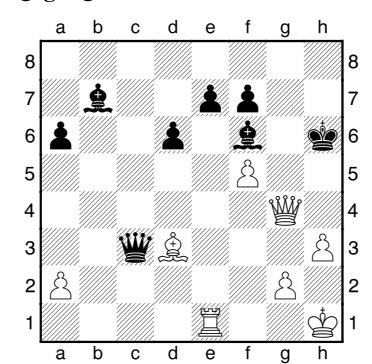
Sician Dragon B34

Sasha Kaplan 2521 UMBC

Max Cornejo 2450 UTB

Final Four 2010 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Re1 d6 10.Bf1 b5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Re8 13.Nd5 Nd7 14.c3 Nb6 15.f4 Bb7 16.Kh1 Rc8 17.Qg4 Nb8 18.Rad1 Nxd5 19.exd5 Nd7 20.Re3 Nf6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Bd3 h5 23.Qh3 Kg7 24.Be4 Rc4 25.Nd4 Bc8 26.f5 Qb6 27.Qf3 g5 28.Qxh5 Rh8 29.Qg4 Rh4 30.Qg3 Kh6 31. h3 b4 32.Bd3 Rc7 33.Nc6 bxc3 34. bxc3 Rxc6 35.dxc6 Qxc6 36. Rde1 g4 37.Re4 Bb7 38.Rxg4 Rxg4 39. Qxg4 Qxc3



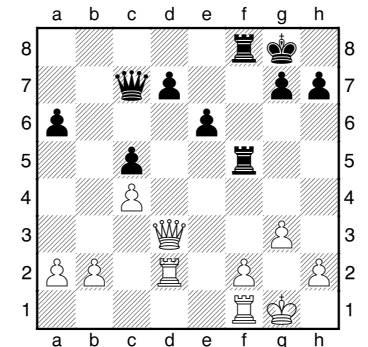
1/2-1/2

Meanwhile, Erenburg was putting pressure and strengthening his positional advantage against last year's

MVP Mauricio Flores. Mauricio lost a pawn and had to give up another one to fight for counterplay. Sergei's technique proved decisive in offsetting any attempts to seize the initiative by black. Erenburg exchanged the queens and converted the extra pawns in a rook endgame.

Sicilian Paulsen B49
Sergey Erenburg 2608 UMBC
Mauricio Flores 2631 UTB
Final Four 2010 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 Nf6 8.0-0 Bb4 9.Na4 Be7 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nb6 Rb8 12.Nxc8 Qxc8 13.Bd4 0-0 14.e5 Nd5 15.c4 Nf4 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.g3 Ng6 18.Qe2 c5 19.Bc3 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Rad1 Ne7 23.Be4 Nf5 24.Bxf5 Rxf5 25.Rd2 Rbf8 26.Qd3



26...R8f7
 26...d5! (Fritz) 27.Re1 Rf3 28.Qe2 R3f6 and if 29.cxd5 exd5 30.Rxd5 Rxf2=.

27.Qe4 a5 28.Rfd1 Qc8 29.Re2 h5 30.Rd6 Qb8 31.Ra6 Qc7 32.Qa8+ Rf8 33.Qa7± Qd8 34.Rd6 R8f7 35.Red2 Qf6 36.Rxd7 Qe5 37.Qa8+ Kh7 38.Rxf7 Rxf7 39.Kf1 h4 40.Re2 Qh5 41.Qe4+ Kg8 42.Qxe6 h3 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.g4 Qg6 45.Qe4 Rd7 46.f3 Rd4 47.Qxg6+ Kxg6 48.Kf2 Rxc4 49.Kg3 Kf6 50.Kxh3 a4 51.Kg3 Rc1 52.h4 Rc4 53.a3 Rd4 54.Rc2 c4 55.Re2 Rd1 56.Re4 Rc1 57.Kf4 Rc2 58.h5 g5+ 59.hxg6 Kxg6 60.g5 Kf7 61.Kg4 Kg6 62.

Re6+ Kf7 63.Rc6 Ke7 64.f4 Kd7 65.Rb6 c3 66.bxc3 Rxc3 67.g6 Ke7 68.f5 Rb3 69.f6+ Kd7 70.Ra6 Rxa3 71.f7 1-0

The match between Texas Tech and University of Texas in Dallas ended in a draw as well. Marko Zivanic and Davorin Kuljasevic agreed for a draw after Davorin equalized comfortably with black.

Sicilian Paulsen B41
Marko Zivanic 2585 UTD
Davorin Kuljasevic 2576 Tx Tech
Final Four 2010 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Nh4 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.e3 e6 10.Bxc4 Bb4 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Kf1 Nbd7 13.Kg2 Qa5 14.Na2 Bd6 15.Nc3 Bb4 16.Na2 Bd6 17.Nc3 Bb4 1/2-1/2

IM Gergely Antal and IM Puchen Wang reached peace after repetition of moves in a materially unbalanced position.

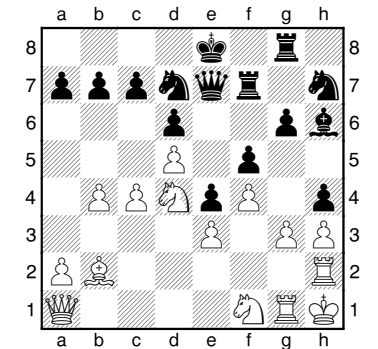
Sicilian Paulsen B40
Puchen Wang 2521 UTD
Gergely Antal 2570 Tx Tech
Final Four 2010 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nb3 d5 7.exd5 exd5 8.0-0 Be7 9.N1d2 0-0 10.h3 a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.Nd4 Ne4 14.c3 Bxb5 15.axb5 Nd3 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qg4 Re8 18.Qxe4 Nxc1 19.Raxc1 Bg5 20.Qxb7 Bxc1 21.Rxc1 a4 22.Ra1 h6 23.Qc6 Qg5 24.Nf3 Qd8 25.Nd4 Qg5 26.Nf3 Qd8 27.Nd4 1/2-1/2

In the fourth board Bercys managed to break through Watters' defense and win the game.

QP Game A49
Chase Watters 2087 Tx Tech
Salvijus Bercys 2489 UTD
Final Four 2010 (3)

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 e5 7.Bb2 e4 8.Ne1 Bf5 9.c4 Qc8 10.Nc2 Bh3 11.d5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nbd7 13.Ne3 Re8 14.Qc2 h5 15.h3 Nf8 16.Nd2 N8h7 17.Rh1 Qd7 18.Rag1 Rac8 19.Qb1 Qe7 20.Qa1 Bh6 21.Rh2 Nd7 22.Ndf1 f6 23.Kh1 Kf7 24.Nd2 Rg8 25.Ndf1 Rcf8 26.Nc2 Ke8 27.Nd4 Rf7 28.b4 f5 29.f4 h4 30.e3



30...hxg3 31.Rxg3
 31.Nxg3 Nhf6=; 31...Bg7 32.Ne6±; 31...Nhf8?? 32.Ngxf5+.

31...Nhf8 32.Ne2 a6 33.Bd4 Bg7 34.Rhg2 Rh8 35.Ng1 Rh4 36.Rh2 Bh6 37.Qe1 g5 38.fxg5 Bxg5 39.Rhg2 Bh6 40.Ne2 Ne5 41.Nd2 Rh7 42.Qf1 Rh5 43.Nf4 Bxf4 44.exf4 Rxh3+ 45.Rxh3 Rxh3+ 46.Rh2 Rxh2+ 47.Kxh2 Qh4+ 48.Kg1 Ng4 49.Qg2 Ng6 50.Be3 Qe1+ 51.Nf1 Kf7 52.Bd2 Qh4 53.Bc1 Nf6 54.Qg5 Qxg5+ 55.fxg5 Nh7 56.Ng3 Nh4 57.Nh5 Nxg5 58.Kf2 Ngf3 59.Nf4 Ne5 60.Ne6 Nd3+ 0-1

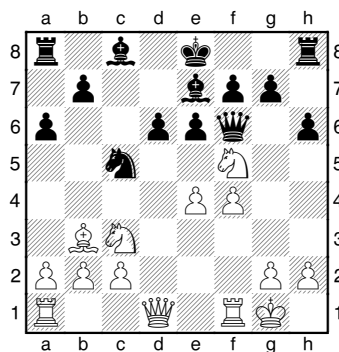
Texas Tech board two IM Gabor Papp played an interesting game against International Master Daniel Ludwig. IM Papp came out aggressively against Ludwig's Sicilian Najdorf, achieving a significant advantage after the opening which allowed him to win a pawn. The game reached an endgame where Gabor used a few tactical subtleties to convert the extra material with ease. The draw in the match secured Texas Tech the third place.

Sicilian Najdorf B86

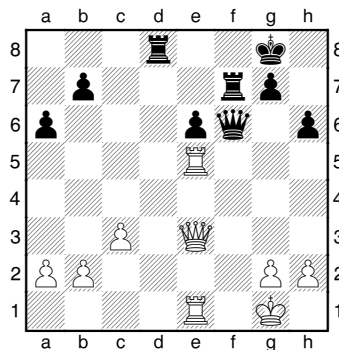
Gabor Papp 2569 Tx Tech
Daniel Ludwig 2532 UTD

Final Four 2010 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be4 a6 7.Bb3 Nbd7
 8.Bg5 Nc5 9.f4 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6
 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nf5

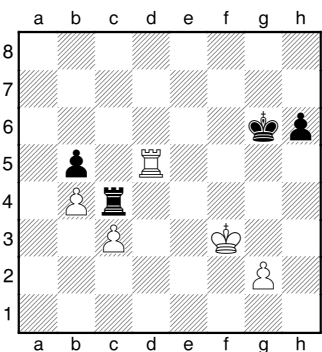


Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Qxf5 14.Nxd6+
 Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Bd7 16.Rae1 Rd8
 17.Re5 Qf6 18.Rfe1 Bc8 19.Qb4
 Qe7 20.Qc3 0-0 21.f5 Qf6 22.fxe6
 Bxe6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24. Qe3 Rf7
 25.c3



25...Rd6?
 Fritz differs with Gareev's assessment of the situation: 25...Rd8! (Δ ...Qf1+) 26.h3 Qf2+=
 26.Rxe6 Rxe6 27.Qxe6 Qf2+ 28. Kh1 Kh7 29.h3 Rf4 30.Qe2 b5 31. Qd3+ Kg8 32.Re2 Qc5 33.Re8+ Kf7 34.Qd7+ Kg6 35.Qe6+ Rf6 36.Qg4+ Kf7 37.Qd7+ Kg6 38. Qg4+ Kf7 39.Re1 Qd5 40.Qe2 Kg8

41.a3 Qc5 42. Qe8+ Kh7 43.Qe4+ Kh8 44.Rd1 Rf8 45.Qg6 a5 46.Qd3 Rf2 47.Qe4 Qf8 48.b4 axb4 49. axb4 Rf4 50.Qd3 Rc4 51.Qd8 Qxd8 52.Rxd8+ Kh7 53.Rd3 Kg6 54.Kg1 Kf5 55. Kf2 g5 56.Ke3 g4 57.hxg4+ Rxc4 58.Rd5+ Kg6 59. Kf3 Rc4



60.Rc5 Rxc5 61.bxc5 Kf5 62.c6 Ke6 63.Kg4 Kd6 64.Kh5 Kxc6 65. Kxh6 Kc5 66.g4 Kc4 67.g5 Kxc3 68.g6 b4 69.g7 b3 70.g8Q b2 71. Qg6 1-0

That ends the report on CLO. Let's go back to the beginning, when the perennial favorites of past years, UTD and UMBC, clashed. With a noticeable rating deficit on every board, UTD only salvaged a point. Team captain Marko Zivanic observed that, "after three hours we had good chances to win the match, which would have completely changed the flow of the tournament. After the loss, it was more difficult."

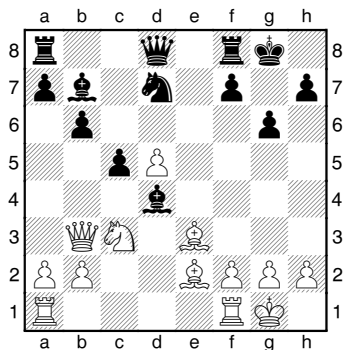
Round 1

Gruenfeld Defense D80

Marko Zivanic 2585 UTD
Leonid Kritiz 2667 UMBC

Final Four 2010 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7
 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.Ne2
 0-0 8.Nc3 Qd8 9.Be2 c5 10.d5 e6
 11.e4 exd5 12.exd5 b6 13.0-0 Bb7
 14.Qb3 Nd7 15.Be3 Bd4

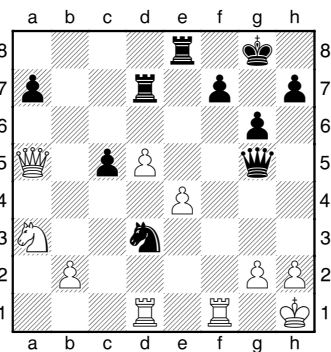


16.Rad1 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Qg5 18.e4 Qe3+ 19.Kh1 Ne5 20.a4 Rab8 21. Rde1 Kg7 22.Ba6 Qg5 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Nb5

This begins a queenside demonstration which backfires. Steadier is 24.Ne2 Rd7 25.Nf4 Rd6, but Black is pretty much equal.

24...Rd7 25.Qc3 Kg8 26.Na3 Re8 27.a5? [27.Nc4=] 28...bxa5! 28. Qxa5 Nd3 29.Rd1

Black also stands better after 29.Re2 Nf4 30.Rc2 Rxe4.



29...Rxd5! 30.Rd2
 30.exd5?? Re2+
 30...Rxe4 31.Qxa7 Rf5 32.Rdd1 Rxf1+ 33.Rxf1 Qf4 34.Ra1 Nc1 0-1

Sicilian Scheveningen B80

Sergey Ehrenburg 2608 UNBC
Daniel Ludwig 2532 UTD

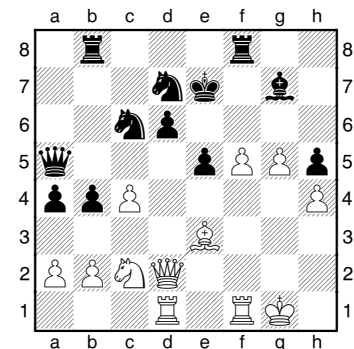
Final Four 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 b5
 8.Qd2 b4 9.Nce2 e5 10.Nb3 Nc6

11.g4 h6 12.c4 Be6 13.Ng3 g6 14.h4 h5 15.g5 Nd7 16.Rc1 a5 17.Bh3 a4 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Na1 Nc5 20.0-0 Bg7

More logical is 20...Be7 to cover d6 (Milovanovic) with an edge to Black – Rybka gives it a -0.34..

21.Rcd1 Ke7 22.Nc2 Rb8 23. Qf2 Qa5 24.f4 exf4 25.Bxf4 e5 26. Be3 26.Qd2! Qc7 27.Be3 Rhf8 28. Bxc5 dxc5 29.Ne3+ 26...Rhf8 27.Nf5+?! 27.Qd2 Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1± 27...gxf5 28.exf5 Nd7 29.Qd2



29...Nd4?

□ 29...Qc7 30.b3 a3 31.Qd5 Nd8 32.c5 Nxc5 33.f6+ Bxf6 34.gxf6+ Ke8 35.Bh6 Rf7=

30.f6+ Nxf6

30...Bxf6 31.gxf6+ Rxf6 32. Nxd4 Rg8+ 33.Bg5 exd4 34.Kh1 Rxc5 35.hxc5 Qa8+ 36.Kh2 Rxf1 37.Rxf1 Ne5 38.Qf4 Kd7 39.Qf5+ Kc7 40.Rf4±

31.gxf6+ Bxf6 32.Bg5+- Qd8

32...Qc5 33.Nxd4 exd4 34.Rde1+±

33.Nxd4 exd4 34.Rxf6 Rxf6 35.Rf1 1-0

King's Indian E69

Julio Sadorra 2487 UTD

Giorgi Margvelashvili 2534 UMBC

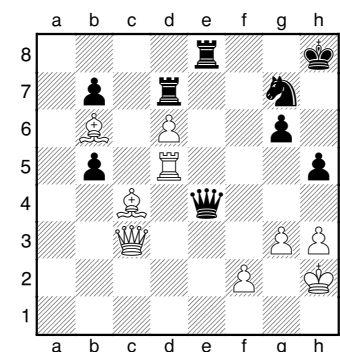
Final Four 2010 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 Re8 10.Be3 exd4 11. Nxd4 Nc5 12.Qc2 a5 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Nfd7 15.b3 Na6 16.Rd2

Ndc5 17.a3 Bd7 18.Rb1 f5 19.exf5 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Bxf5 21.Qd1 Bxb1 22.Qxb1 Nc7 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 N5e6 25.Rd1 Qg7 26.Qc1 Rac8 27.Ne4 Red8 28.Nxd6 Ra8 29.Kh2 Ne8 30.c5 Qe7 31.Qd2 Nxd6 32. cxd6 Qf7 33.Bb6

White is winning with 33.b5! Rac8 34.bxc6 bxc6 35.Bf1 Δ Bc4 (Milovanovic) and the Fritz numbers quickly go from ± to +.

33...Rd7 34.Bf1 Ng7 35.Qc3 Kh8 36.Bc4 Qf8 37.Qd3 Re8 38.Rd2 Qf5 39.Qc3 h5 40.b5 cxb5 41.Rd5 Qe4



42.Rd4??

42.Bxb5 Qxd5 43.Bxd7 Rf8 44. Qb4 Nf5 45.Be6! (45.Bxf5 Rxf5 46. Qc3+ Kh7 47.Qc7+ Rf7±) 45...Qxe6 46.d7 Qf6 47.Qxf8+ Qxf8 48.d8Q= 42...Qc6 0-1

Dallas' MVP (IM Bercys went 2-2) saves some face for his team:

Sicilian Scheveningen B43

Sasha Kaplan 2521 UNBC

Salvijus Bercys 2489 UTD

Final Four 2010 (1)

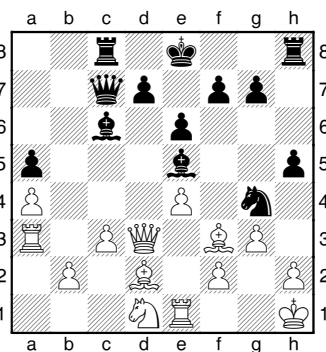
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2

This standard move has a lackluster record in this line where Black delays knight development. Besides the logical 6.g3 and 6.Bd3, alternatives with high winning percentages are 6.Qf3 and 6.g4!?

6...b5 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Bf3 Nc6 9.Re1 Bd6 10.Kh1?!

Better is 10.g3 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Be5 12.Qd3 Ne7, although Black is at least equal (Panchenko-Miles, Las Palmas 1978).

10...Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Be5 12.Qd3 Nf6 13.a4 b4 14.Nd1 Rc8 15.Bd2 a5 16.c3 b3 17.Ra3 h5 18.Rxb3 Bc6 19.Ra3 Ng4 20.g3



White cannot avoid returning the pawn with interest, meaning control of the long white square diagonal.

20...Bd6 21.Ra1 Ne5 22.Qe2 Nxf3 23.Qxf3 f5 24.Kg1 h4 25.Bf4 hxc3 26.fxc3 Bxe4 27.Bxd6 Qxd6 28.Qf4 Qxf4 29.gxf4 Ke7 30.Nf2 Bc6 31. Re3 Rh4 32.Rg3 Rxf4 33.Rxc7+ Kf6 34.Rg3 Rh8 35.Rf1 e5 36.Rd1 Rxa4 37.h3 e4 38.Kh2 Ra2 39.Rg2 e3 0-1

UTB plays it safe against Tech and lets the fourth board mismatch (where Cornejo was up a pawn after the opening) tip the score, 2.5-1.5.

Nimzo-Indian E54

Davorin Kuljasevic 2576 Tx Tech

Timur Gareev 2641 UTD

Final Four 2010 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b6 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 exd4 11.exd4 Bb7 12.d5 exd5 13. Nxd5 Re8 14.Be3 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Qc7 17.Qb5 Nf6 18. Rdd1 Bf8 19.Rac1 Qb7 20.Bg5 a6 21.Qc6 Qxc6 22.Rxc6 Bc5 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Kf1 Rad8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.b4 Bxb4 27.Rxb6 a5 28.Rc6

Rd1+ 29.Ke2 Ra1 30.Rc2 Kg7 31. Nd4 Re1+ 32.Kd3 Kg6 33.Nc6 Rd1+ 34.Kc4 Rb1 35.Kb5 Be1+ 36. Ka4 Rb6 37.f3 f5 38.a3 Kg5 39.Ne5 f4 40.Nd3 Bh4 41.Rc4 f5 42.Nxf4 Be1 43.Nd3 Bd2 44.Rc2 Be3 45.g3 Rd6 46.f4+ Kg4 47.Ne5+ Kh3 48. Nc4 Rd4 49.Kxa5 Bg1 50.Kb5 Bxh2 51.a4 Bxg3 52.a5 Bxf4 53.a6 Bb8 54.Kb6 Rd3 55.Na5 Bh2 56. Rc1 Bf4 57.Rh1+ Kg2 58.Rxh7 Be3+ 59.Kb7 f4 60.Rg7+ Kf1 61. Rf7 Ke2 62.a7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Sicilian Dragon B78

Mauricio Flores 2631 UTB
Gabor Papp 2569 Tx Tech

Final Four 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rb8 11.Kb1 b5 12.Ndxb5 Ne5 13. Be2 Qa5 14.Nd4 Rfe8 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.g4 Be6 17.g5 Nh5 18.Bd4 a5 19.f4 Nxf4 20.Qxf4 a4 21.h4 axb3 22.cxb3 Rb4 23.Qf2 Qb7 24.Rhf1 Bxb3 25.axb3 Rxb3 26.Nd5 e6 27. Ba6 Qxa6 28.Ne7+ Kh8 29.Nxc8 Qxc8 30.Qc2 Qxc2+ 31.Kxc2 Rb7 32.Ra1 Rc7+ 33.Kd1 h6 34.gxh6 Bxh6 35.Rf3 Bg7 36.Rc3 Rb7 37. Ra4 Kh7 38.b4 Kh6 39.Rb3 Nc4 40.Bxg7+ Kxg7 41.b5 d5 42.exd5 exd5 43.Kc2 Kf6 44.Kc3 Ke5 45. Rxc4 dxc4 46.Kxc4 Kd6 47.Rd3+ Kc7 48.Kc5 Rb8 49.Ra3 Rh8 50. Ra7+ Kb8 51.Rxf7 Rxh4 52.Kb6 Rh8 53.Rg7 g5 54.Rxg5 Rh6+ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Scotch Game C45

Gergely Antal 2570 Tx Tech
Axel Bachmann 2611 UTB

Final Four 2010 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Bb4+

Paradoxical, as compared to 4... Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 the text seems to lose a tempo. However, it does avoid the line with 4...Bc5 5.Nb3. 5.c3 Bc5 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Bd3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd2 d5 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.exd5 Bxe3 12.Nc4 Bb6 13.dxc6

bxc6 14.Qf3 Qd5 15.Qg3 Bf5 16. Rad1 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rfd8 18.Qe2 Re8 19.Rxd5 Rxe2 20.Rd7 Rae8 21.g3 g6 22.Kg2 Rc2 23.Rd2 Rxd2 24.Nxd2 Re2 25.Nc4 f6 26.a4 Rc2 27.Nxb6 cxb6 28.Rb1 Kf7 29.Kf3 a5 30.g4 Ke6 31.h4 h5 32.gxh5 gxh5 33.Ke3 Kd5 34.f3 Ke5 35. Kd3 Rf2 36.Ke3 Rh2 37.b3 Rxh4 38.Rd1 Rh2 39.Rd8 Rb2 40.Rh8 Rxb3 41.Rxh5+ Kd6 42.Kd3 Rb2 43.Rf5 Ke6 44.Rf4 b5 45.Re4+ Kf5 46.Rd4 Ke6 47.Re4+ Kf5 48.Rd4 Kg6 49.Rd6 bxa4 50.Rxc6 a3 51. Rc5 a4 52.Ra5 a2 53.Rxa4 Kg5 54. Ke3 f5 55.c4 Rb3+ 56.Kd4 Rb2 57.Ke3 Rc2 58.Kd3 Rf2 59.Ke3 Rb2 60.Ra8 Rc2 61.Kd3 Rf2 62. Ke3 Rc2 63.Kd3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Caro-Kann B10

Max Cornejo 2450 UTB
Chase Watters 2087 Tx Tech

Final Four 2010 (1)

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Nc3 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.d6 0-0!?

ECO gives 8...exd6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 as equal, but cites the text in a footnote as offering comp for the pawn. 9.dxe7 Qxe7+ 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bd3 b5 12.a3 Bb7 13.0-0 Nh5 14.Be3 f5 15.Qd2 Qd6 16.f3 Rad8 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Kh1 Rd7 19.Bh6 Re8 20. Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qg5 Qf6 22.Qxf6+ Nxf6 23.Rfe1 Rde7 24.Kg1 Nfd5 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.Kf2 Bb3 27.Rd2 Bc4 28.Bc2 Kf6 29.b3 Bf7 30.Rb1 Nd5 31.Bd3 Rc7 32.Rbb2 Ke7 33. Rdc2 Kd6 34.Rxc7 Nxc7 35.a4 Ra8 36.axb5 axb5 37.Nc3 Ra3 38. Nxb5+ Nxb5 39.Bxb5 Bxb3 40.Be2 Kd5 41.Rd2 Ba2 42.Bd1 Bc4 43. Be2 Ba2 44.Bd3 h6 45. h4 Ra4 46. Ke3 Kd6 47.h5 gxh5 48. Bxf5 Ra5 49.Be4 Be6 50.Rb2 Ke7 51.Rb7+ Kf6 52.Rb6 Ke7 53.Kf4 Ra4 54. Ke5 Bf7 55.d5 Be8 56.Rb7+ Kd8 57.Rb8+ Ke7 58.d6+ Kf7 59.Bd5+ 1-0

Round 2

UMBC defeats Texas Tech, 3-1.

French Defense C11

Leonid Kritz 2667 UMBC
Davorin Kuljasevic 2576 Tx Tech

Final Four 2010 (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qb6 9.a3 Bc5 10.Ncb5 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 0-0 12.b4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.Nxd4 a5 15.Rb1 axb4 16.axb4 Nb6 17.Bd3 Bd7 18.Ke2 Ra4 19.Nb3 Rxb4 20.Nc5 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Na4 22.Nxd7 Nc3+ 23.Ke3 Nxb1 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7 25. Nxf8+ Kg8 26.Nd7 Na3 27.Kd3 Nc4 28.g4 Nb2+ 29.Kd4 Nd1

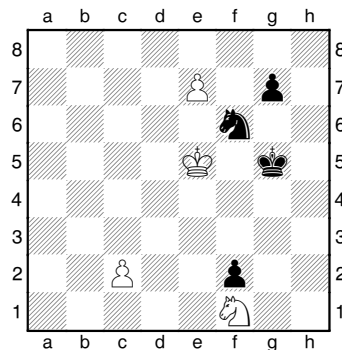
Less tortuous is 29...Nc4 30.h4 Na3 31.Kd1 Nc4=.

30.Nc5 Nf2 31.g5 b6 32.Na4 b5 33.Nc3 b4 34.Na2 Kh7 35.f5!?

35.Nxb4 Kg6 36.Nc6 Kh5 37. Nd8 Kg6 38.h4 Nh3 39.Ke3 Kf5 40. h5! Nxf4 41.h6!+-.

35...exf5 36.h4 f4 37.Nxb4 f3 38.Nxd5 Ng4 39.Ne3 f2 40.Nf1 Kg6 41.Ke4 f6 42.e6

42.exf6 gxf6 43.Kf4 Ne5 44. gxf6 Kxf6 45.Ne3 leads to a K+N +cP vs. K+N ending where the winning changes are vanishingly small. 42...fxg5 43.hxg5 Kxg5 44.e7 Nf6+ 45.Ke5



45...Kg6??

Kul-J loses his cool and throws away the draw: (The match appears

to have already been decided at this point, so it was not a clutch play.) The key is 45...Kg4! 46.c4 Ne8 47.c5 g5 48.Ke4 Nf6+ 49.Ke3 Nd5+ or 48.Nd2 Kh3 49.c6 g4 50.Kf4 g3 51.Kf3 f1Q+ 52.Nxf1 g2 53.Kf2.

46.Ke6

Black resigned, as White now wins the queening race handily. **1-0**

Petroff's Defense C43

Gabor Papp 2569 Tx Tech

Sergey Erenburg 2608 UMBC

Final Four 2010 (2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.0-0 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Nc3 Nxd3 9.Qxd3 c6 10.Be3 Be7 11.f4 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Bxa7

Black is so well compensated for this pawn, 13.Bc5 Kf7 14.Rae1 g6 15.Qd2= seems the way to go.

13...0-0 14.Bc5 Bf5 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Rae1

16.Rfd1 Qa5 17.Bd4 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Bxc2 19.Re1 Qa6

16...Rxe1 17.Rxe1 d4 18.Ne2 Qd5 19.Ba3

19.Qb4? b5! 20.Nxd4 Ra4

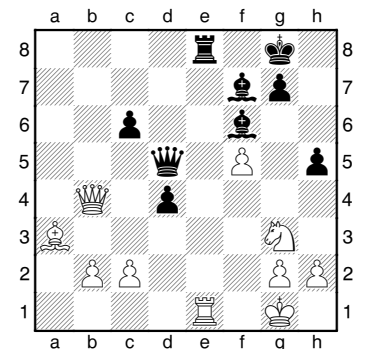
19...Qc4 20.Rc1 Re8 21.Ng3 Bg6 22.f5 Bf7 23.Qb4?

Better is 23.b3 Qa6 24.Bc5 Qxa2 25.Rd1=.

23...Qxa2! 24.Qxb7

24.Ne4 Be5 25.Re1 Qd5

24...Qd5 25.Qb4 h5 26.Re1



26...Re3 27.Rxe3?

A better chance to stay in the game was 27.Rf1 h4 28.Nh1 Re2 29.

Nf2, but Black is clearly better after 29...Rxc2.

27...dxe3 28.Qd6

28.Qe1 h4 29.Nf1 Bd4+; 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Qf4 Be5 30.Qf3 Bxg3 31.hxg3 Qd2 32.Bc5 e2+.

28...Qd2 29.Qf4 Bd4 0-1

English Opening A16

Giorgi Margvelashvili 2534 UMBC

Gergely Antal 2570 Tx Tech

Final Four 2010 (2)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qh4 Nxc3

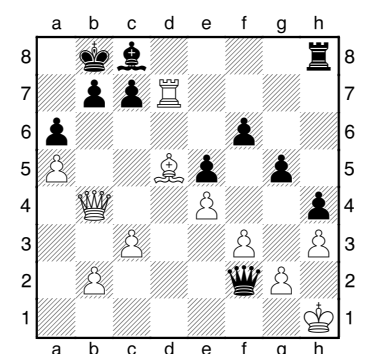
7.dxc3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Bg7 9.Bh6 Bf6 10.Qg3 e5 11.e4 Qe7 12.Bc4 0-0-0

13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 f6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Bb5 Nb4 17.0-0 Nc2 18.

Rac1 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Kb8 20.a4 Qd6 21.a5 h5 22.Ba4 Qd2 23.Qe5

Qf4 24.Qb4 Bc8 25.Rcd1 h4 26.Bc6 a6 27.h3 g5 28.f3 Qe3+ 29.Kh1

Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Qe2 31.Rd7 Qf2 32.Bd5



32...b5 33.axb6 Bxd7 34.bxc7+ Kxc7 35.Qb7+ Kd6 36.Qxa6+ Kc7

37.Qb7+ Kd6 38.Qa6+ Ke7 39.Qa3+ Kd8 40.Qa5+ Ke7 41.Qa3+ Kd8 42.Qa5+ Ke7

1/2-1/2

QP Opening D02

Chase Watters 2087 Tx Tech

Sasha Kaplan 2521 UMBC

Final Four 2010 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 c6 5.b3 e6 6.0-0 h6 7.Bb2 Be7

8.Nbd2 0-0 9.c4 Nbd7 10.Ne5 a5 11.a3 Qb6 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.e4

dxe4 14.Nxe4 Rfd8 15.Re1 Nf6

16.Nd2 Rd7 17.Qe2 Rad8 18.c5 Qa7 19.Nc4 Nd5 20.Bxd5 cxd5

21.Nb6 Rc7 22.b4 Bf6 23.Qb5 Re7 24.Qxa5 Qxa5 25.bxa5 Bd3 26.

Rac1 Rc7 27.Re3 Bb5 28.Rb3 Ba6 29.Re1 g5 30.Rb4 Kg7 31.Bc1 Kg6

32.f4 g4 33.Be3 Kf5 1/2-1/2

A dispirited UTD team again goes down 3-1, this time to Brownsville. On board one, Gareev's combination against Zivanic was one of the highlights of the event.

QGD Semi-Slav D31

Timur Gareev 2641 UTB

Marko Zivanic 2585 UTD

Final Four 2010 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd2 Nbd7 6.Rc1 b6 7.cxd5 exd5

8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Qf3 Be7

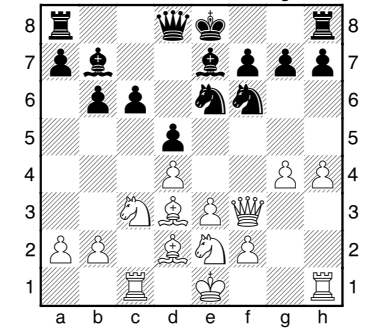
9...c5 10.Nge2 Qb8 11.g4 h6 12.h4 c4 13.Bb1 b5 14.Nxb5 Bc6

15.Nbc3 Qb7 16.Ng3 Bb4 17.g5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qf4 Nf8 20.

gxf6 Rxf6 21.Nf5 Rg6 22.h5 Ne6 23.Qe5 Rg5 24.h6 gxf6 25.Rxf6

0-0-0 (Franco Alonso - Simutowe, World Jr Chp. 2001) 26.Kf1±.

10.Nge2 Nf8 11.g4 Ne6 12.h4



12...g6

12...h6 13.Ng3 0-0 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 Nxe5 16.Qg2 g6 17.Nge2

12...Nd7 13.g5 h6 14.Qh5∞

13.h5 Rg8 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nd5?!

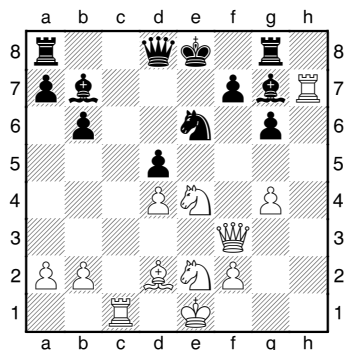
16...Rc8 17.Be3 Bb4+=

17.Rh7 Bf6?

17...Rg7 18.Rh8+ Nf8 19.Nf4±

18.Bc4 Bg7

18...Nf8 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qxf6
Nxf6 21.Rxf7 Rh8 22.Ng3 N8d7
23.Bg5 Rf8 24.Rg7 0-0-0 25.Rxg6
Rde8+ 26.Be3+-
19.Bxd5 cxd5

**20.Rxg7! Rxg7**

20...Nxg7 21.Nf6+ Kf8 22.Bb4+
Qe7 23.Bxe7+ Kxe7 24.Rc7+;
20...dxe4 21.Qxf7#
21.Nf6+ Kf8 22.Bb4+

Black resigned, not wanting to
continue with 22...Nc5 23.dxc5 a5
24.Ba3 Rg8 25.c6+ Kg7 26.Nxg8
Kxg8 27.cxb7. **1-0**

King's Indian E81

Daniel Ludwig 2532 UTD
Mauricio Flores 2631 UTB

Final Four 2010 (2)

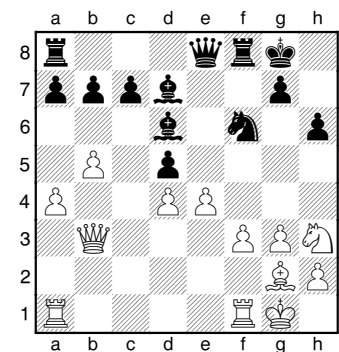
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5.f3 0-0 6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3
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h5 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Qd2 Nh7 14.Bh6
Ne5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.f4 Ng4 17.
0-0 h4 18.Nh1 Nh6 19.Rae1 f5 20.
exf5 Nxf5 21.Bxa6 Qf7 22.Bb5 Nd4
23.h3 Nf6 24.Nf2 Bf5 25.Bc4 b6
26.b4 Rfe8 27.Nb5 Nxb5 28.Bxb5
Red8 29.Bc6 Ra7 30.Re2 Nh5 31.
Rfe1 Qf6 32.a5 bxa5 33.b5 c4 34.
b6 c3 35.Qc1 Rf7 36.b7 Rb8 37.
Re3 Nxf4 38.Rf3 g5 39.Rxc3 a4 40.
Rc4 Nxg2 41.Re8 Rfb7 42.Kxg2
Rxe8 43.Bxe8 Rb2 44.Rc7+ Kh6
45.Rf7 Qxf7 46.Qxb2 Qxe8 47.
Qf6+ Bg6 48.Qxd6 Qe2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Dutch Defense A96

Axel Bachmann 2611 UTD
Julio Sadorra 2487 UTD

Final Four 2010 (2)

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 f5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0
Be7 5.d4 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Ne4
8.Bd2 Nd7 9.b4 Ndf6 10.b5 Bd7
11.Ng5 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 h6 13.Nh3
Ne4 14.Bb2 Qe8 15.f3 Nf6 16.a4 d5
17.cxd5 exd5 18.Qb3 Bd6 19.e4

**19...fxe4 20.fxe4 Bxh3 21.Bxh3**

Qxe4 22.Bf5
22.Rae1 Qg6 23.Be6+ Kh8 24.
Bxd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1
Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Bxf8 28.Qc4 Qe4
29.a5=

22...Qe2 23.Rae1 Qh5

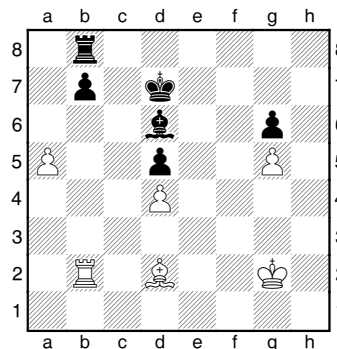
23...Qd2 24.Bc3 Qg5 25.Be6+
Kh8 26.Bb4 Rae8+
24.Qc2 Ng4?

24...Rae8! Δ 25.Bg6 Rxe1 26.
Bxh5 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Ng4+ 28.Kg1
Rf1+ 29.Kxf1 Ne3+ 30.Ke2 Nxc2
31.Bg6=
25.Be6+ Kh8 26.Qe2 Rxf1+ 27.
Rxf1 Nf6 28.Qxh5 Nxb5 29.Bxd5
Rb8 30.Bf3 Nf6 31.Kg2 a6 32.Bc3
h5 33.Rb1 axb5 34.Rxb5 c6 35.Rb2
Kg8 36.a5 Kf7 37.Bd2 Ke6 38.h3
g6 39.g4 hxg4 40.hxg4 Kd7

40...Rh8 41.g5 Rh2+ 42.Kg1
Ng8 43.Bg2 Rh7 44.Kf2±
41.g5 Nd5

41...Nh5 42.d5 (a) 42.Be4 Bf4
43.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 44.Kf3 Ne6 45.Ke3
Kc7=; (b) 42...cxd5 43.Bxd5 Nf4+

44.Bxf4 Bxf4 45.Rb6 Bxg5 46.a6
Be3 47.Rb3 Bd4 48.axb7 Kc7 49.
Be4 g5

42.Bxd5 cxd5**43.Rb6!**

Threat: 44.Rxd6.

43...Rh8 44.Rxb7+ Kc8 45.Rb2
Rh4 46.a6 Rxd4 47.a7 Ra4 48.Be3
Ra3 49.Rb5 **1-0**

QGD Tarrasch D32

Puchen Wang 2521 UTD
Max Cornejo 2450 UTB

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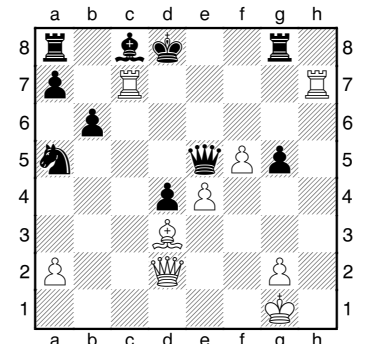
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10.e3 dxe3 11.Qxe3+ Qxe3+ 12.
Bxe3 Nge7 13.Bc4 0-0 14.0-0 Bg4
15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Nc6 17.Be3
Rfe8 18.Rfc1 Be6 19.Bb5 Rec8
20.a3 a6 21.Be2 Ne7 22.Bc5 Nd5
23.Bf3 Rc7 24.b4 Rd7 25.g3 Nf6
26.Be3 Bd5 27.Be2 Rdd8 28.Rd1
Bc6 29.Bd4 Ba4 30.Bxf6 Bxd1
31.Bxd8 Bxe2 32.Re1 Bb5 33.Bb6
Rc8 34.Rd1 f6 35.Bc5 Re8 36.Be3
Kf7 37.Rc1 Bc6 38.Kf1 Bf3 39.Ke1
Rd8 40.Rc7+ Kg6 41.Bd2 h5 42.
Rc3 Re8+ 43.Re3 Rxe3+ 44.Bxe3
h4 45.gxh4 Kh5 46.Be5 Kxh4 47.
Kd2 Kg4 48.Be7 Bc6 49.Ke3 Kf5
50.Bf8 g6 51.Be7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

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Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	
1 MD	SERGEY ERENBURG 13674544 / R: 2608 ->2637	3.0	W 15	W 8	W 10	
2 TX	TIMUR GAREYEV 13262157 / R: 2641 ->2655	2.5	D 11	W 14	W 3	
3	LEONID KRITZ 13388170 / R: 2667 ->2671	2.0	W 14	W 11	L 2	
4 TX	AXEL BACHMANN 13651871 / R: 2611 ->2614	2.0	D 9	W 17	D 5	
5 IN	GIORGI MARGVELASHVILI 13405153 / R: 2534 ->2543	2.0	W 17	D 9	D 4	
6 NY	SALVIJUS BERCYS 12909023 / R: 2489 ->2498	2.0	W 13	U 0	W 16	
7 TX	MAX CORNEJO 14183905 / R: 2450 ->2456	2.0	W 16	D 12	D 13	
8 TX	GABOR PAPP 14244681 / R: 2569 ->2571	1.5	D 10	L 1	W 15	
9 TX	GERGELY ANTAL 13714777 / R: 2570 ->2569	1.5	D 4	D 5	D 12	
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11 TX	DAVORIN KULJASEVIC 13218291 / R: 2576 ->2572	1.0	D 2	L 3	D 14	
12 TX	PUCHEN WANG 14006417 / R: 2521 ->2520	1.0	U 0	D 7	D 9	
13	SASHA KAPLAN 14193834 / R: 2521P19->2482P22	1.0	L 6	D 16	D 7	
14 TX	MARKO ZIVANIC 13218311 / R: 2585 ->2572	0.5	L 3	L 2	D 11	
15 FL	DANIEL J LUDWIG 12717400 / R: 2532 ->2521	0.5	L 1	D 10	L 8	
16 TX	CHASE MILES WATTERS 12864104 / R: 2087 ->2091	0.5	L 7	D 13	L 6	
17 TX	JULIO CATALINO C SADORRA 12697187 / R: 2487 ->2471	0.0	L 5	L 4	U 0	
18 MD	SABINA-FRANCESCA FOISOR 14012260 / R: 2356 ->2356	0.0	U 0	U 0	U 0	
19 TX	NADYA ORTIZ 12929750 / R: 2226 ->2226	0.0	U 0	U 0	U 0	
20 TX	LUCIANA MORALES 13458094 / R: 2143 ->2143	0.0	U 0	U 0	U 0	

World Championship

Anand defeats Topalov in game 12, retains title 6½ –5½

(1) Topalov (2805) - Anand (2787) [D86] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Na5 11.Bd3 b6 12.Qd2 e5 13.Bh6 cxd4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.cxd4 exd4 16.Rac1 Qd6 17.f4 f6 18.f5 Qe5 19.Nf4 g5 20.Nh5+ Kg8 21.h4 h6 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Rf3 Kf7 24.Nxf6 Kxf6 25.Rh3 Rg8 26.Rh6+ Kf7 27.Rh7+ Ke8 28.Rcc7 Kd8



29.Bb5! Qxe4

29...Nb7 30.Rc4 Bxf5 31.exf5 Nc5 32.Rxd4+ Kc8 33.Qc3 a5 34.Rd8+ Rxd8 35.Qxe5

30.Rxc8+ Black resigns

30...Kxc8 [30...Rxc8 31.Rd7+ Ke8] 31.Qc1+ Nc6 32.Bxc6 Qe3+ 33.Qxe3 dxe3 34.Bxa8+ 1-0

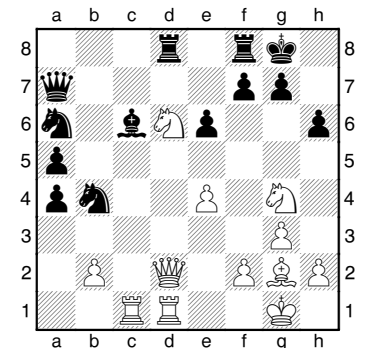
(2) Anand (2787) - Topalov (2805) [E04] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.Ne5 c5 7.Na3 cxd4 8.Naxc4 Bc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd2 Nd5 11.Rc1 Nd7 12.Nd3 Ba7 13.Ba5 Qe7 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Qa3 Qxa3 16.bxa3 N7f6 17.Nce5 Re8 18.Rc2 b6 19.Bd2 Bb7 20.Rfc1 Rbd8 21.f4 Bb8 22.a4 a5 23.Nc6 Bxc6 24.Rxc6 h5 25.R1c4 Ne3 26.Bxe3 dxe3 27. Bf3 g6

27...Rd6! 28.Rxd6 Bxd6 29.Rc6 Rd8 30.Rxb6 g6=

28.Rxb6 Ba7 29.Rb3 Rd4 30.Rc7 Bb8 31.Rc5 Bd6 32.Rxa5 Rc8 33.Kg2 Rc2 34.a3 Ra2 35.Nb4 Bxb4 36.axb4 Nd5 37.b5 Raxa4 38.Rxa4 Rxa4 39.Bxd5 exd5 40.b6 Ra8 41.b7 Rb8 42.Kf3 d4 43.Ke4 1-0

(3) Topalov (2805) - Anand (2787) [D17] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 c5 8.e4 Bg6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nfd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bxc4 a6 14.Rc1 Rg8 15.h4 h6 16.Ke2 Bd6 17.h5 Bh7 18.a5 Ke7 19.Na4 f6 20.b4 Rgc8 21.Bc5 Bxc5 22.bxc5 Rc7 23.Nb6 Rd8 24.Nxd7 Rxd7 25.Bd3 Bg8 26.c6 Rd6 27.cxb7 Rxb7 28.Rc3 Bf7 29.Ke3 Be8 30.g4 e5 31.Rhc1 Bd7 32.Rc5 Bb5 33.Bxb5 axb5 34.Rb1 b4 35. Rb3 Ra6 36.Kd3 Rba7 37.Rxb4 Rxa5 38.Rxa5 Rxa5 39.Rb7+ Kf8 40.Ke2 Ra2+ 41.Ke3 Ra3+ 42.Kf2 Ra2+ 43.Ke3 Ra3+ 44.Kf2 Ra2+ 45.Ke3 Ra3+ 46.Kf2 ½-½

(4) Anand (2787) - Topalov (2805) [E04] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 c6 9.a4 b5 10.Na3 Bd7 11.Ne5 Nd5 12.e4 Nb4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rfd1 Be8 15.d5 Qd6 16.Ng4 Qc5 17.Ne3 N8a6 18.dxc6 bxa4 19.Naxc4 Bxc6 20.Rac1 h6 21.Nd6 Qa7 22.Ng4 Rad8? [...f6!]



23.Nxh6+! gxh6 24.Qxh6 f6

24...Qe7 25.e5 Bxg2 26.Rd4+—

25.e5 Bxg2 26.exf6 Rxd6

26...Qh7 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Rc4

27.Rxd6+- Be4 28.Rxe6 Nd3 29. c2 Qh7 30.f7+ Qxf7 31.Rxe4 Qf5 32.Re7 1-0

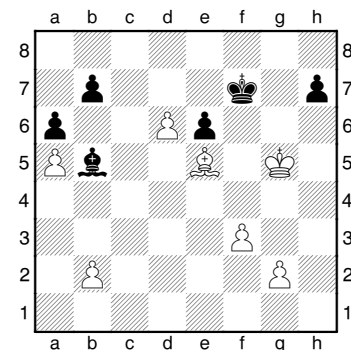
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(6) Anand (2787) - Topalov (2805) [E04] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.Ne5 c5 7.Na3 cxd4 8.Naxc4 Bc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nd3 Ba7 13.Qa4 Nc6 14.Rac1 e5 15.Bxc6 b5 16.Qc2 Qxc6 17.Ncxe5 Qe4 18.Qc6 Bb7 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 20.Rc2 Rfe8 21.Rfc1 f6 22.Nd7 Bf5 23.N7c5 Bb6 24.Nb7 Bd7 25.Nf4 Rab8 26.Nd6 Re5 27. Nc8 Ba5 28.Nd3 Re8 29.Na7 Bb6 30.Nc6 Rb7 31.Ncb4 a5 32.Nd5 a4 33.Nxb6 Rxb6 34. Nc5 Bf5 35.Rd2 Rc6 36.b4 axb3 37.axb3 b4 38. Rxd4 Rxe2 39.Rxb4 Bh3 40.Rbc4 Rd6 41.Re4 Rb2 42. Ree1 Rdd2 43.Ne4 Rd4 44.Nc5 Rdd2 45. Ne4 Rd3 46.Rb1 Rdx3 47.Nd2 Rb4 48.f3 g5 49.Rxb2 Rxb2 50.Rd1 Kf7 51.Kf2 h5 52. Ke3 Rc2 53.Ra1 Kg6 54. Ra6 Bf5 55.Rd6 Rc3+ 56.Kf2 Rc2 57.Ke3 Rc3+ 58.Kf2 Rc2 ½-½

(7) Anand (2787) - Topalov (2805) [E10] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Bf4 dxc4 9.Ne5 b5 10. Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Bxc6 Bd7 12.Bxa8 Qxa8 13.f3 Nd5 14.Bd2 e5 15.e4 Bh3 16.exd5 Bxf1 17.Qxf1 exd4

18.a4 Qxd5 19.axb5 Qxb5 20.Rxa7 Re8 21.Kh1 Bf8 22.Rc7 d3 23.Bc3 Bd6 24.Ra7 h6 25.Nd2 Bb4 26.Ra1 Bxc3 27.bxc3 Re2 28.Rd1 Qa4 29.Ne4 Qc2 30.Rc1 Rxh2+ 31.Kg1 Rg2+ 32.Qxg2 Qxc1+ 33.Qf1 Qe3+ 34.Qf2 Qc1+ 35.Qf1 Qe3+ 36.Kg2 f5 37.Nf2 Kh7 38.Qb1 Qe6 39.Qb5 g5 40.g4 fxc4 41.fxc4 Kg6 42.Qb7 d2 43.Qb1+ Kg7 44.Kf1 Qe7 45. Kg2 Qe6 46.Qd1 Qe3 47.Qf3 Qe6 48.Qb7+ Kg6 49.Qb1+ Kg7 50. Qd1 Qe3 51.Qc2 Qe2 52.Qa4 Kg8 53.Qd7 Kf8 54.Qd5 Kg7 55.Kg3 Qe3+ 56.Qf3 Qe5+ 57.Kg2 Qe6 58.Qd1 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

(8) Topalov (2805) - Anand (2787) [D17] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 c5 8.e4 Bg6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nfd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13. Bxc4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.Ke2 f6 17.Rhd1 Ke8 18. a5 Be7 19.Bb6 Rf8 20.Rac1 f5 21. e5 Bg5 22.Be3 f4 23.Ne4 Rxc1 24. Nd6+ Kd7 25.Bxc1 Kc6 26.Bd2 Be7 27.Rc1+ Kd7 28.Bc3 Bxd6 29. Rd1 Bf5 30.h4 g6 31.Rxd6+ Kc8 32.Bd2 Rd8 33.Bxf4 Rxd6 34.exd6 Kd7 35.Ke3 Bc2 36.Kd4 Ke8 37. Ke5 Kf7 38.Be3 Ba4 39.Kf4 Bb5 40.Be5 Kf6 41.Bd4+ Kf7 42.Kg5 Bc6 43.Kh6 Kg8 44.h5 Be8 45.Kg5 Kf7 46.Kh6 Kg8 47.Bc5 gxh5 48. Kg5 Kg7 49.Bd4+ Kf7 50.Be5 h4 51.Kxh4 Kg6 52.Kg4 Bb5 53.Kf4 Kf7 54.Kg5



54...Bc6??

Now the bishop cannot defend h7, so Black's king gets tied down. Almost everything else draws, e.g. 54...Bd3 or 54...Ke8.

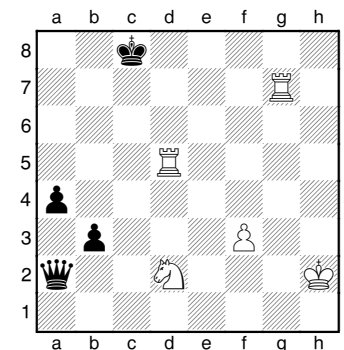
55.Kh6 Kg8 56.g4, Black resigns

White's king will penetrate via g6: 56...Bd7 57.g5 Be8 58.Bg7 Bd7 59.g6 hxg6 60.Kxg6 Be8+ 61.Kf6 Bd7 62.Ke7 Bc6 63.d7+ 1-0

(9) Anand (2787) - Topalov (2805) [E54] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nf3 d5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b6 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13. Bd3 Re8 14.Qe2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Bh4 Nh5 17.Ng5 g6 18.Nh3 e5 19.f3 Qd6 20.Bf2 exd4 21.Qxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rxe8+ Nf8 23.cxd4 Nf6 24.Ree1 Ne6 25.Bc4 Bd5 26.Bg3 Qb4 27.Be5 Nd7 28.a3 Qa4 29. Bxd5 Nxe5 30.Bxe6 Qxd4+ [Nd3=] 31.Kh1 fxe6 32.Ng5 Qd6 33.Ne4 Qxa3 34.Rc3 Qb2 35.h4 b5 [35... a5+] 36.Rc8+ Kg7 37.Rc7+ Kf8 38. Ng5 Ke8 39.Rxh7 Qc3 40.Rh8+?

40.Re4!+- "Don't chase, trap!" 40...Kd7 41.Rh7+ Kc6 42.Re4 b4 43.Nxe6 Kb6 44.Nf4 Qa1+

44...Qc1+ 45.Kh2 Nc6 46.Rg7± 45.Kh2 a5 46.h5 gxh5 47.Rxh5 Nc6 48.Nd5+ Kb7 49.Rh7+ Ka6 50.Re6 Kb5 51.Rh5 Nd4 52.Nb6+ Ka6 53.Rd6 Kb7 54.Nc4 Nxf3+ 55.gxf3 Qa2+ 56.Nd2 Kc7 57.Rhd5 b3 58. Rd7+ Kc8 59.Rd8+ Kc7 60.R8d7+ Kc8 61.Rg7 a4



62.Rc5+??

62.Rdd7 a3 63.Kg3 Qa1 (63...b2

64.Rc7+ Kd8 65.Ra7 66.Ra8+! Qxa8 67.Rg8+ Kd7 68.Rxa8+-) 64. Rc7+ Kb8 65.Rb7+ Ka8 66.Nxb3+- 62...Kb8 63.Rd5 Kc8 64.Kg3? [64. Rdd7!] 64...Qa1 65.Rg4 b2 66. Rc4+ Kb7 67.Kf2 b1Q 68.Nxb1 Qxb1 69.Rdd4 Qa2+ 70.Kg3 a3 71.Rc3 Qa1 72.Rb4+ Ka6 73.Ra4+ Kb5 74.Rcxa3 Qg1+ 75.Kf4 Qc1+ 76. Kf5 Qc5+ 77.Ke4 Qc2+ 78.Ke3 Qc1+ 79.Kf2 Qd2+ 80.Kg3 Qe1+ 81.Kf4 Qc1+ 82.Kg3 Qg1+ 83.Kf4 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

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(11) Anand (2787)-Topalov (2805) [A29] 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 Be6 10.d3 f6 11.Ne4 Qe8 12.Nc5 Bxc5 13. bxc5 Nd5 14.Bb2 B8 15.Qc2 Nde7 16.Rab1 Ba2 17.Rbc1 Qf7 18.Bc3 Rd7 19.Qb2 Rb8 20.Rfd1 Be6 21.Rd2 h6 22.Qb1 Nd5 23.Rb2 b6 24.cxb6 cxb6 25.Bd2 Rd6 26. Rbc2 Qd7 27.h4 Rd8 28.Qb5 Nde7 29.Qb2 Bd5 30.Bb4 Nxb4 31.axb4 Rc6 32.b5 Rxc2 33.Rxc2 Be6 34.d4

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Red River Shootout VIII

Texans win biggest match yet, 38-22

	OKLAHOMA	FIDE	USCF	Score	USCF	FIDE	TEXAS
1	FM Movsisyan	2238	2270	2 – 0	2260	2281	FM Keith Hayward
2	Mark Hulsey	2165	2250	0 – 2	2228	2050	Austen Green
3	Sergey Galant	2184	2170	0.5 – 1.5	2205	2195	Nick Schoonmaker
4	Shi Pan	2123	2140	0.5 – 1.5	2222	2153	Abhishek Mallela
5	Tom Braunlich	2182	2130	1 – 1	2095	1780	Jeff Xiong
6	D.L.P. Ballard		1900	0.5 – 1.5	2100		Mike Richards
7	Tom Patton	2078	2005	1.5 – 0.5	2100	1823	Tommy He
8	Tom Nichols		1966	0.5 – 1.5	2215	1778	Dachey Lin
9	Alejandro Roig	2124	1960	1 – 1	2100	1801	WCM Sarah Chiang
10	Shaun Graham	2010	1940	1 - 1	2036	1758	John D Wilson
11	Joe Dean Veal	1976	1925	1 – 1	2025	1748	Akshay Malhotra
12	Chuck Johnson	1742	1900	1.5 – 0.5	1945	1677	Jonathan Chiang
13	Bran Whitcomb	1989	1885	1 – 1	1957		Ben Wheeler
14	J. Mike Crockett	2035	1872	1 – 1	1936	1452	Dion Su
15	Carl Latino	2015	1850	0 – 2	1880		Rafael Llanos
16	Odell Hall	2050	1825	0 – 2	1900	1589	Glenn Baumann
17	Judson Temple	1915	1803	0.5 – 1.5	1885		Aurelio Gonzalez
18	Jim Berry	2009	1800	0.5 – 1.5	1835	1867	Julie O'Neill
19	Mike Tubbs		1800	0.5 – 1.5	1830		Frank Adams
20	Eric Jones		1766	1.5 – 0.5	1800		Jim Hollingsworth
21	Paul Hodgden		1670	1 – 1	1730		W.K. Morrow
22	Mark Anderson	1806	1680	0 – 2	1750		David Chiang
23	E Maldonado Sr		1600	0 – 2	1715		Tom Buckley
24	E. Maldonado Jr		1620	1.5 – 0.5	1676		Paul Huspeni
25	Bill Sparks		1603	0.5 – 1.5	1594		Tom Crane
26	Bruce Wells		1550	1.5 – 0.5	1540		Rob Jones
27	Roger Baxter	1716	1500	1 – 1	1509		Fred Burklow
28	Skip Fritze	1793	1440	0.5 – 1.5	1440		Jaimie Jones
29	Robert L. Jones		1250	0 - 2	1405		Bill Vesely
30	Jerry Coffey		1150	0 - 2	1380		Wayne Xiong
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Report by Wayne Xiong

Apr. 18, 2010 is one of those Sundays that would be horrible for golf, but wonderful for chess. On such a rainy and cold Sunday, sipping a nice cup of coffee, playing a couple of chess games with a lot of your chess buddies on your side in an event like the Annual Red River Shootout with a rich tradition is just a very enjoyable thing.

Kudos to the Berry brothers and Rob Jones – this is a very well organized chess event. The venue is a great selection, a centralized location very easy for all the play-

ers from the two states to travel to, and the lovely ladies at the casino are extremely friendly. I particularly liked the history lesson that everybody can learn from the posters on the wall about the previous seven events in this series. The Annual Red River Shootout series is like our economy: It has gone through some highs and lows, but with an overall upward trend. The fact that this year we are hitting an all-time high of 60 players might suggest that a nice rebound of the economy is just ahead of us. For those folks who have lost a big chunk of their life-

time savings in the last couple of years, and are desperately looking for some lead indicators of the financial market to make some important trading decisions, it would be a good idea for them to come to the Red River Shootout to get some inspiration. If some of the brainy chess people in the room develop a new theory called Red River Shootout effect: in a year that Texas wins the Shootout, the stock market will go up or down. It might be more accurate than the out-of-date Super Bowl effect. I am sure I already have Wall Street's attention.

Snopes.com says the Super Bowl Indicator has a track record of 33 out of 41, or 80%, with NFC wins being bullish for the Dow and AFC wins bearish.

The time control of G/60 with 30 second increments is also nicely set. It is long enough to have high quality games, but short enough to allow two games in one day and traveling time. For a lot of people like me, we could not concentrate on any time longer than that anyway.

The record-breaking size of the crowd had a good mix of people who have been to this event a lot, and the first timers. The Texas team captain Rob Jones has done a wonderful job of bringing out some of the best youth in Texas to the competition. The World Youth Championship and Pan American Championship medalists Sarah Chiang and Tommy He, the top-ten finishers at those international tournaments Dachey Lin and Jonathan Chiang, the current state middle school champion Akshay Malhotra, and current state elementary school champion and also the 4th grade national champion Jeffery Xiong, all of them are expert level players from Dallas Chess Club, are on the Texas team roster. They certainly have given their more experienced opponents some good games, scoring a combined 5.5 out of 12. You may have heard somebody say that with the same rating, the adults

have some psychological advantages than the youngster because of their experience. As a chess daddy, I have found that the youngsters actually have their own offsetting psychological advantages: they have a chauffeur to drive them to the competition venue, without any worry of looking at the map, getting lost, traffic jam, being late, etc.; they have a personal assistant to get them their favorite food and drink, without any worry of where is the restaurant, and how to squeeze the trip to the restaurant between rounds; they have a cheer leader to cheer them up when they lost a game; and most importantly, they know they will get a lot of praise for being concentrated on the game, whereas their adult opponents may get blame from their wives or girlfriends for paying too much attention to the game, and worry about forgetting buying flowers on their birthdays and anniversaries, or missing some items on the honey-do lists, etc. while they are trying to calculate a complicated variation OTB. Nick and Julie on the Texas team definitely have the winning formula. This couple certainly had spent some quality time together on this Red River Shootout weekend, and the nice combined result of 3 out of 4 is just icing on the cake.

The folks carpooling together have definitely enjoyed the few hours they could chat and joke around in the car. They have been fierce competitors trying to beat each other in their intra-state competitions. Now they are on the same team, supporting each other, and helping each other to win. This is certainly a precious experience for everybody.

A big thank-you to the Berry brothers and Rob Jones for organizing this outstanding chess match and giving everybody a wonderful weekend. We are looking forward to the 9th Red River Shootout and many more to come.

Veresov Attack D01

Keith Hayward 2260 (TX)

Movses Movsisyan 2270 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 c5 4.Bxf6 gxf6 5.e3 cxd4 6.exd4 Nc6 7.Qh5 e6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Nge2 Bg7 10.0-0 a6 11.Ba4 Na5 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Nf4 0-0-0 14.Nd3 b6 15.Qe2 Nc6 16.Nf4 Bh6 17.g3 Kb7 18.Kb1 Bxf4 19.gxf4 f5 20.Rhg1 Rdg8 21.Rg3 Qe7 22.Qe3 Qf6 23.Na4 Rg4 24.c4 Qd8 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Nc3 Qd6 27.Rxg4 fxc4 28.Re1 h5 29.Qd3 Qxf4 30.Nxd5 Qd6 31.Qb3 b5 32.Nc3 Qg6+ 33.Kal Rd8 34.Nxb5 axb5 35.Qxb5+ Ka8

GAMES FROM TOP TEN BOARDS!

36.d5 Na7 37.Qc5 Qd6 38.Qxd6 Rxd6 39.Re5 Rf6 40.Rxh5 Rxf2 41.a4 Kb7 42.Ka2 Nc8 43.Ka3 Nd6 44.b3 Kb6 45.Kb4 Rf4+ 46.Kc3 Kc5 47.Kb2 f5 48.Rh8 Kxd5 49.a5 Nb5 50.a6 Rf2+ 51.Kb1 Nc3+ 52.Kc1 Ra2 53.Rh6 f4 0-1

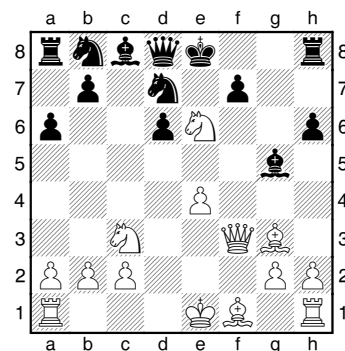
Sicilian Najdorf B98

Austen Green 2228 (TX)

Mark Hulse 2250 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.2)

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 13...Ke7 14.Rd1 Qb6+
 14.Bxd6+ Kg7 15.h4 Nf6?

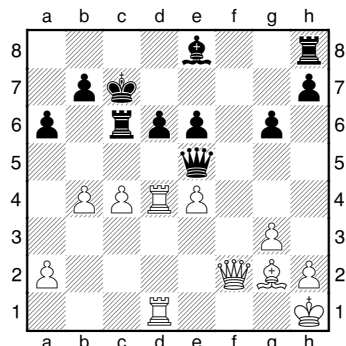
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 16.Qd1+- Ne8 17.Be5+ Kh7 18. hxc5 Qxc5 19.Bxh8 Qg3+ 20.Kd2 Qf4+ 21.Ke2 Kxh8 22.Qd8 Bd7 23.Rh4 Qe5 24.Rd1 Qg7 25.e5 Bc6 26.Rd3 b5 27.Rdh3 Nd7 28.Rxh6+ Kg8 29.Qh4 Qxe5+ 30.Re3 Qf5 31.Rh8+ Kf7 32.Rh7+ Ng7 33. Rxc7+ Kxc7 34.Qe7+ Kh6 35. Rxe6+ Kh5 36.Ke1 Bxc2 37.Be2+ Bf3 38.Qxd7 Rf8 39.Bxf3+ Qxf3 40.Qh7+ Kg4 41.Qg7+ 1-0

Sicilian Closed B24

Nick Schoonmaker 2205 (TX)
 Sergey Galant 2170 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 Qa5 7.Nge2 Nd4 8.0-0 Nxe2+ [8...Ne7=] 9.Qxe2 Ne7 10.f4 Bd4 11.f5 d6 12.fxe6 fxe6 13.Qf2 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Qb4 15.Qf4 Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe5 17.Qf7+ Kd8 18.Rad1 Bd7 19.d4 cxd4 20.Ne2 Be8 21.Qf2 Nc6 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23. Rxd4 Rc8 24.Rfd1 Rc6 25.c4 Kc7 26.b4 a6



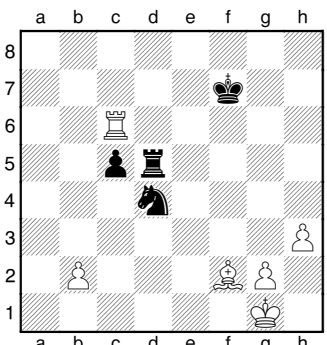
27.a4! g5 28.b5 Rc5 29.Rxd6 Bh5 30.Rxe6 Qxe6 31.Qxc5+ Kb8 32. Qd6+ Qxd6 33.Rxd6 axb5 34.axb5 Be2 35.b6 Bxc4 36.e5 Bb5 37.Bh3 h5 38.Bf5 Bc6+ 39.Kg1 h4 40.g4 Re8 41.e6 1-0

Modern Benoni A77

Sbhishek Mallela 2222 (TX)
 Shi Pan 2140 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nd2 Nbd7 8.e4 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qc2 h5 12.h3 Rb8 13.a4 Nh7 14.f4 Ndf6 15.Bd3 h4 16.Be2 b6 17.Nc4 Bb7 18.Bf3 Ba6 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.axb5 Qd7 21.e5 dxe5 22. Nxe5 Qc7 23.Rd1 Bf8 24.Qf2 Bd6 25.Nc4 Ne4 26.Bxe4 Rxe4 27.Nxd6 Qxd6 28.Rxa7 Nf6 29.Qxh4 Nxd5 30.Qg5 Rd4 31.Rf1 Qf6 32.Qg3 Ne7 33.f5 Re8 34.fxc6 Qxc6 35. Qxc6+ fxc6 36.Re1 Rdd8 37.Bg5 Nf5 38.Rxe8+ Rxe8 39.Kf2 Nd6 40. Re7 Rf8+ 41.Kg1 Rf5 42.Re6 Nxb5 43.Rxc6+ Kf7 44.Rxb6 Nd4 45.Be3 Nc2 46.Bf2 Rd5 47.Rc6 Nd4



48.Bxd4

48...Rc7+ Kg6 49.g4
 48...cxd4 49.Rc2 Kf6 50.Kf2 Kf5 51.Ke1 Ke4 52.Kd2 Rf5 53.Ke1 Kd3 54.Rd2+ Ke3 55.Re2+ Kd3 56.Re8 Rb5 57.Re2 Rc5 58.b4 Rc2 59.Re5 Rxc2 60.h4 Rg6 61.h5 Rh6 62.b5 Kc2 63.Rc5+ Kd3 64.Kf2 Kd2 65.Kf3 d3 66.Kg4 Ke3 67.Rf5 Rd6 68.Re5+ Kf2 (Ending notation not clear.) ½-½

Caro-Kann B13

Jeff Xiong 2095 (TX)
 Tom Braunlich 2130 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.5)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 Nb6 10.Be3 10.d5 Nd4 11.Qd1 e5 12.dxe6 Nxe6 13.Bb5+ Nd7 14.Be3=

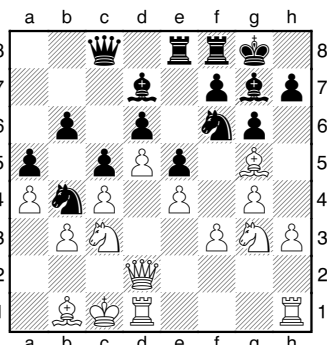
10...e6 11.Bb5 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rad1 Nb4 14.Kh1 N4d5 15.Rg1 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qd5 17.Qxd5 exd5 18.Bf4 Rac8 19.Rc1 a6 20.Bd3 Na4 21.Bd2 b5 22.Rg3 g6 23.f4 Bd6 24.Rgg1 f5 25.Rge1 Kf7 26.Kg2 Ba3 27.Rc2 Rfe8 28.Rb1 Rc7 29. Rb3 Bf8 30.Kf1 Rec8 31.Be2 Bg7 32.Bf3 Ke6 33.Ke2 Bxd4 34.cxd4 Rxc2 35.Ke1 Nc3 36.a3 Ne4 0-1

King's Indian E74

Mike Richards 2100 (TX)
 D.L.P. Ballard 1900 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.6)

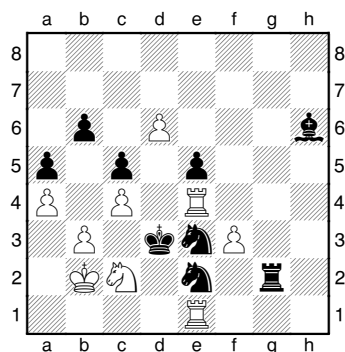
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 e5 8.g4 a6 9.a4 a5 10.f3 Na6 11.Qd2 Nb4 12. 0-0-0 Bd7 13.Bd3 Qb6 14.Bb1 Rae8 15.Nge2 Qa6 16.b3 b6 17. Ng3 Qc8 18.h3



Ballard comments: "I was trying to dominate the black squares throughout. It was an entirely positional game. When White sacrificed his dark-squared bishop it meant that Black's strategy was justified. Notice that after 18.h3 that all of White's pawns are on light squares."

18...Kh8 19.Rdg1 Ng8 20.h4 f6 21.h5 fxc5 22.hxc6 h6 23.Nf5 Rf6 24.Qxc5 Rxf5 25.exf5 Qd8 26.Ne4 Qxc5+ 27.Nxc5 Bf8 28.Nf7+ Kg7 29.g5 hxc5 30.Rh7+ Kf6 31.Nxd6 Re7 32.Ne4+ Kxf5 33.Rxc5+ Kf4 34.Rh4+ Ke3 35.Rg3 Nd3+ 36.Kc2 Nf4 37.Rh1 Bf5 38.Re1+ Kd4 39. Kb2 Bxc6 40.Nd6 Bxb1 41.Kxb1 Nh6 42.Nb5+ Kd3 43.Rgg1 Nf5

44.Re4 Ne3 45.Re1 Ne2 46.Kb2
Bh6 47.d6 Rg7 48.Na3 Rg2 49.Nc2



49...Nd4?

49...Nxc2 50.Rd1+ Bd2 51.d7
Nc3! 52.d8Q+ Nd4 53.Ree1 Nxd1+
54.Rxd1 Ke3 55.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 56.
Kb1 Rd1+=

50.R4xe3+ Bxe3 51.Rxe3+ Kd2
52.d7 Rg8

52...Nc6 53.Rxe5 Nxe5 54.
d8Q+ Nd3+ 55.Ka3 Kxc2

53.Rxe5+- Rd8 54.Rd5 Ke2 55.Na3
Nc6 56.Nb5 Kxf3 57.Rd6 Nb8 58.
Rxb6 Nxd7 59.Rd6 Ke4 60.Na7
Ke5 61.Rd5+ Ke6 62.Nc6 Ra8
63.Kc2 Ra6 64.Nd8+ Ke7 65.Nb7
Ra7 66.Nxc5 Nxc5 67.Rxc5 Kd6
68.Rd5+ Kc6 69.Kc3 Ra8 70.Kd4
Ra7 71.c5 Rh7 72.Rd6+ Kb7 73.
Kc4 Rh3 74.Rd3 Rh4+ 75.Rd4 Rh3
76.Rd5 Rf3 77.Rd7+ Kc6 78.Rd6+
Kb7 79.Rd4 Rh3 80.b4 axb4 81.
Kxb4 Rh1 82.Rd6 Ra1 83.Rb6+
Kc7 84.Kb5 Rb1+ 85.Ka6 Rc1 86.
Rb5 Kc6 87.a5 Rxc5 88.Rxc5+
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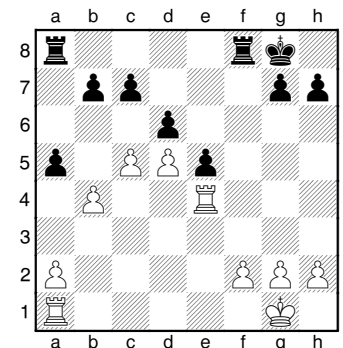
Ruy Lopez C75

Tommy He 2100 (TX)

Tom Patton 2000 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.7)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
d6 5.0-0 Bd7 6.c3 Nge7 7.d4 Ng6
8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.d5 Nb8
11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3 Nf4 13.Bxd7
Nxd7 14.Ne2 Qf6 15.Nxf4 Qxf4
16.Re1 Ne5 17.Qd2 Qxd2 18.Nxd2
f5 19.b4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 fxe4 21.
Rxe4 a5 22.c5



22...axb4 23.Rxb4 dxc5 24.Rxb7
Rfd8 25.Rxc7 Rxd5 26.g3 Rad8
27.Rc1 Rd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 29.
Kg2 Ra1 30.Rxc5 Rxa2 31.Rxe5
Kf7 32.Kf3 Rb2 33.Re2 Rb3+ 34.
Kg4 Rb4+ 35.f4 Kf6 36.Rc2 Rb6
37.Rc5 Rb2 38.h3 Rb3 39.Rc6+
Kf7 40.h4 h5+ 41.Kxh5 Rxc3 42.
Ra6 Rg1 43.f5 Rg2 44.Ra4 Kf6
45.Rf4 Rg1 46.Rf2 Rg3 47.Rf4 Rg1
48.Rg4 Rf1 49.Rg6+ Kf7 50.Rg5
Rf4 1/2-1/2

QGD D31

Dachey Lin 2211 (TX)

Tom Nichols 1966 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.8)

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Nd7
5.Bg5 Qb6 6.Qc2 Ngf6 7.e3 Ne4
8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Nd2 Qa5 10.Bf4
Bb4 11.Be2 0-0 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.
Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Re8 15.Kc3
e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Rhd1 Bf5 18.
Rd6 Ng6 19.Rad1 Nxf4 20.exf4
Be6 21.c5 Kf8 22.Kd4 Bd5 23.Ke3
Re6 24.Rxe6 Bxe6 25.Rd4 Bd5 26.
Bc4 Bxc4 27.Rxc4 f5 28.Rd4 Re8
29.Rd6 Re7 30.b4 Kf7 31.Kd4 g6
32.h3 Ke8 33.a4 a6 34.g4 e3 35.
fxe3 Re4+ 1/2-1/2

QGD Slav D15

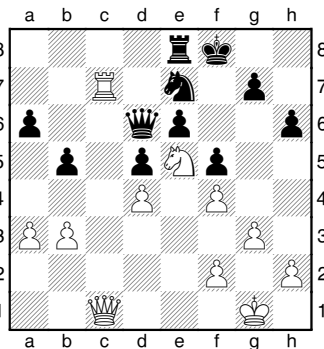
Sarah Chiang 2100 (TX)

Alejandro Roig 1937 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6
5.b3 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bd3 Bb4 8.Qc2
Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ne4 10.Bd2 Nxd2
11.Qxd2 Nd7 12.0-0 f5 13.a3 Bd6

14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Na4 0-0 16.Rfc1
Qe7 17.Qb2 b5 18.Nc3 Rfc8 19.
Ne2 Nb6 20.Nf4 Rxc1+ 21.Qxc1
Rc8 22.Qb2 Bxf4 23.exf4 Qc7
24.Qe2 Re8 25.Qe3 Qd6 26.g3 h6
27.Rc1 Rc8 28.Rc5 Re8 29.Ne5
Nc8 30.Qc1 Ne7 31.Rc7 Kf8



32.Rd7 Qb6 33.Rxd5 Qb7 34.Rd7
Qb6 35.Qd1 Rd8 36.Qh5 1-0

Pirc Defense B06

John D. Wilson 2039 (TX)

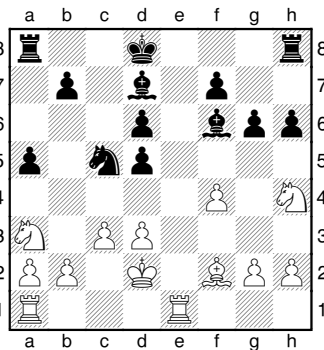
Shaun Graham 1934 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (1.10)

1.e4 g6 2.f4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.d3 c6 6.Bb3 a5 best 7.c3
Nbd7 8.e5 Nd5 9.exd6 exd6

9...0-0! 10.dxe7 Qxe7+ 11.Qe2
Re8 12.Qxe7 Rxe7+ 13.Kd1 Nc5=
10.Bxd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ Qe7 12.
Qxe7+ Kxe7 13.Be3 Nc5 14.Kd2
Bf5 15.Nh4 Bd7=

15...Bxd3 16.Bxc5 Bxb1 17.
Bxd6+ Kxd6 18.Raxb1 b5 19.Nf3
16.Re1 Kd8 17.Na3 Bf6 18.Bf2 h6



19.Rad1?! g5 20.fxg5 [20.Nf3] 20...hxg5 21.Nf3 g4 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.Ne5 Bxe5

Winning is 23...Rxb2! 24.Re2 (24.Nxf7+ Kc7 25.Re2 Rf8 26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.Rxe5 Rxb2+ 26.Kc1 Be6+).

24.Rxe5 Rxh2 25.Rxd5 Rxg2+ 26.Ke3 Kc7 [26...Ra6!] 27.Rxc5+ Kd6 28.Rxa5 Rxa5 29.Nc4+ Kc7 30.Nxa5 Rxb2 31.Rd2? [31.Nb3] 31...Rxd2 32.Kxd2 Be6

Winning is 32...g3! 33.Ke2 f5 34.Kf3 f4 35.Nc4 Bc6+.

33.c4 b5 [33...g3! still wins.] 34.cxb5 Bxa2 35.Nc4 Bb3 36.Ke3 Bxc4 1/2-1/2

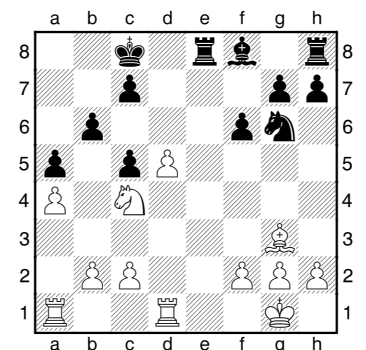
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Movses Movsisyan 2270 (OK)

Keith Heyward 2260 (TX)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 f6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 c5 8.Nb3 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bd7 10.Be3 b6 11.Nc3 0-0-0 12.a4 a5 13.Nd2 Ne7 14.Nc4 Re8 15.Bf4 Be6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Ng6 18.Bg3



18...Ne5?!

18...Ne5?! 18...Re4 19.b3 f5 20.f3 Re2= 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Re1 Bd6 21.Re4 Rhf8 22.Rae1 Kd7 23.g3 Re7?

23...g5 24.Nxe5+ Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 h6 27.Re6± 24.f4+- Ree8 25.fxe5 Be7 26.d6 cxd6 27.Nxb6+ Kd8 28.exd6 Bxd6 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kxe8 31.Kg2 Kf7 32.Kf3 Ke6 33.Ke4 h5 34.Nd5 g5 35.Ne3 Be5 36.c3 Bc7

37.g4 hxg4 38.Nxg4 Bd6 39.h3 Bc7 40.Nf2 Bd6 41.Nd3 Be7 42.Nc1 Bd8 43.Nb3 Bb6 44.c4 Kd6 45.Kf5 Bd8 46.Nd2 1-0

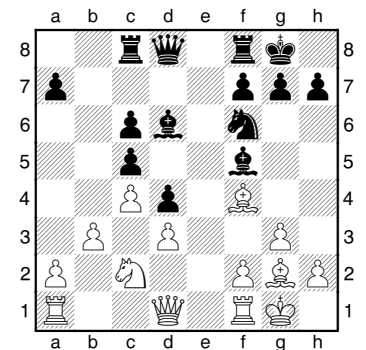
Reti Opening A30

Mark Hulsey 2250 (OK)

Austen Green 2228 (TX)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.2)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 d5 6.b3 d4 7.e3 e5 8.exd4 exd4 9.d3 Be7 10.Na3 0-0 11.Bf4 Bf5 12.Ne5 Re8 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nc2 Bd6



15.Qd2? [15.Bxd6] ...Bxf4 16.gxf4

Hulsey must have overlooked the d-pawn hanging.

16...Nh5 17.Rae1 Qh4 18.Re5 g6 19.f3 Nxf4 20.Rxc5 Bxd3 21.Rd1 Bxc2 22.Qxc2 d3 23.Qf2 Qe7 24.Bf1 Ne2+ 25.Bxe2 dxe2 26.Re1 Rfe8 27.Ra5 c5 28.a3 Rc7 29.Rb5 a6 30.Rb6 Rd7 31.b4 Rd1 32.bxc5 Qg5+ [33.Kh1 Qc1] 0-1

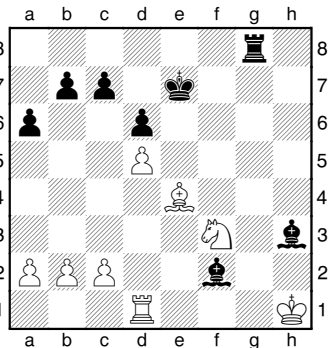
Pirc Defense B06

Sergey Galant 2170 (OK)

Nick Schoonmaker 2205 (TX)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.3)

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Bc4 e6 5.0-0 Ne7 6.Nc3 a6 7.d5 e5 8.h3 0-0 9.Nh2 f5 10.f4 Nd7 11.exf5 Nxf5 12.Ne4 exf4 13.Rxf4 g5 14.Rf1 Nc5 15.Bxg5 Qe8 16.Nf2 Ne4 17.Re1 Nxf2 18.Rxe8 Nxd1 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.Rxd1 Bd4+ 21.Kf1 Be3 22.g4 Bxg5 23.gxf5 Bxf5 24.Bd3 Bxh3+ 25.Kf2 Bh4+ 26.Kg1 Ke7 27.Bxh7 Rh8



28.Be4

Each side had about ten minutes left.

28...Rg8+ 29.Kh1 Bf2 30.Nf3 Bg2+ 30...Rh8 31.Nh2 Bg3 32.Nf3 Be5! 33.Re1 Bxb2 34.Bf5+ Be5 35.Bxh3 Rxh3+ 36.Kg2 Rh5+ 31.Kh2 1/2-1/2

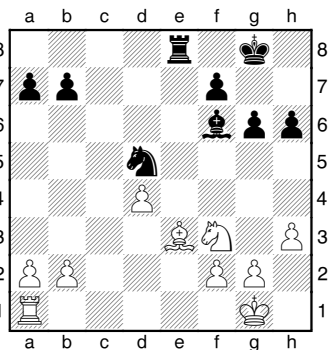
Sicilian Alapin B14

Shi Pan 2140 (OK)

Abhishek Mallela 2222 (TX)

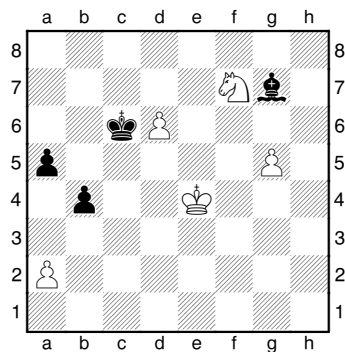
Red River Shootout 2010 (2.4)

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23...Nxe3 24.fxe3 [24. Re1!] 24... Rxe3 25.Kf2 Re4 26.Rd1 Kf8 27.Rd3 h5 28.g3 g5 29.d5 g4 30.hxg4

hgx4 31.Nd2 Rd4 [31...Ra4] 32.Ke2 Rxd3 33.Kxd3 Bxb2 34.Nc4 Bf6 35.Ke4 Ke7 36.Kf5 b5 [36...Bd4] 37.Na3 b4 38.Nc4 Bd4 [38...Bc3] 39.Kxg4 Kd7 40.Kf5 Kc7 41.g4 Kb7? [41...Bc3] 42.Nd6+ Kb6 43.Nxf7 a5 44.d6 Kc6 45.Ke4 Bf6 46.g5 Bg7



Here Pan – who must have been worn out – commits two blunders to lose the game.

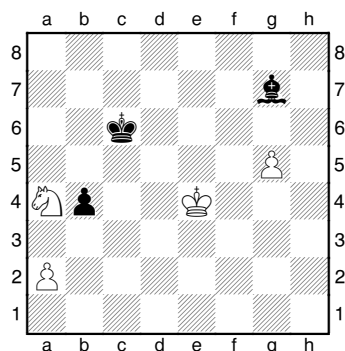
47.Nd8+! Kd7

47...Kxd6 48.Nb7+ Ke6 49.Nxa5+

48.Nb7 a4 49.Nc5+?

49...Kd5! b3 50.Nc5+ Kd8 51.Nxb3! axb3 52.axb3 Kd7 53.g6 and Black's bishop is overworked and can't stop the outside pawns from advancing.

49...Kxd6 50.Nxa4 Kc6=



Now comes the second blunder. Thinking his knight was trapped, White resigned. But it's a drawn position! [50...Kc6 51.Kd3 Kb5 52.

a3! bxa3 53.Nc3+ Kb4 54.Na2+ Kb3 55.Nc1+ Kb2 56.Kc4 Kxc1 57.Kb3 Bb2 58.Ka2 Kc2 59.g6 Kd3 60.g7 Bxg7 61.Kxa3=] 0-1

– Notes by Mike Crockett

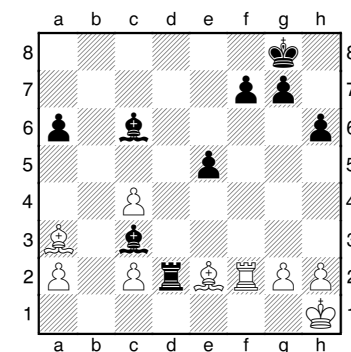
Colle System A47

Tom Braunlich 2130 (OK)

Jeff Xiong 2095 (OK)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.5)

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30.Bc5 Rxc2 31.Bf1 Rc1 32.Kg1 Be4 33.Be3 Rd1 34.g3 Bd4 35.Bxd4 exd4 36.Rf4 Bd3 37.Kg2 Rd2+ 38.Rf2 Rd1 [38...Be4+] 39.Bxd3 Rxd3 40.c5 Rc3 41.Rd2 Rxc5 42.Kf3 Rc3+ 43.Ke4 d3 44.Rxd3 Rxd3 45.Kxd3 Kf8 46.Kd4 Ke7 47.Ke5 f6+ 48.Kd5 h5 49.h3 Kf7 50.Kd6 g5 51.g4 hxg4 52.hxg4 f5 0-1

KI Attack A08

D.L.P. Ballard 1900 (OK)

Mike Richards 2100 (TX)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Nbd2 b6 8.Re1 d5 9.c3 a5 10.a4 Ba6 11.Bf1

Ra7 12.Qc2 Rd7 13.e5 0-0 14.d4 Bxf1 15.Nxf1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rc7 17.Qb3 Nb4 18.Ne3 h6 19.Bd2 Nec6 20.Rac1 Qe7 21.Rc3 Rfc8 22.Rec1 Kh7 23.Kg2 Rf8 1/2-1/2

Notes by Tom Patton

Trompovsky Attack A08

Tom Patton 2000 (OK)

Tommy He 2100 (TX)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.c3 h6

This expresses overconfidence – as though getting the two bishops would give him the advantage.

4.Bxf6 exf6 5.Qb3 b6 6.e3 Bb7 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc8 11.Rfd1?!

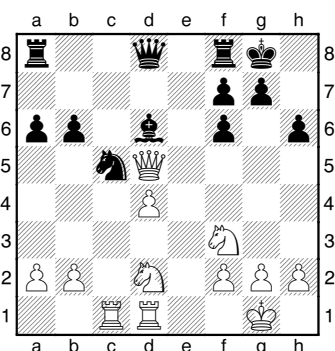
11...Ra1 first

11...c5 12.c4 cxd4 13.exd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 a6 15.Rac1

The IQP was favorable to me, as it is a strong passed pawn.

15...Qd8 16.Bd5 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Nc5!?

I saw this and allowed it.



18.Qc4 [18.dxc5 Bxh2+] 18...b5 19.Qc2 Ne6 20.g3 Rc8

Overconfidence – again thinking the IQP was a weakness rather than a strength.

21.Qxc8 Qxc8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Ne4 Bf8 24.d5

After this he surprised me with 24...Ng5!?

24...f5 or 24...Nc5= SKA

25.Nfxg5 fxe5?!

Another surprise. [Fritz likewise

prefers the text over 25...hxg5, the point being now Black can answer 26.g4 with 26...g6 Δ...f5.]

26.d6

26.g4 g6 27.Kg2 f5 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Ng3 f4 30.Ne4 Kf7= SKA

26...f5 27.Nc3 Rd8

My game was hanging by a thread with

28.Rd5!

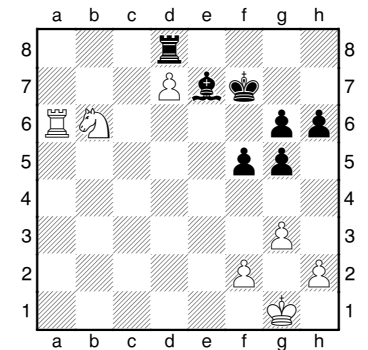
Then he played the safe

28...g6? =

... and it was a sea change.

[28...Rxd6 29.Rxf5 Rd2 30.b3 Rc2 31.Rf3 b4± SKA]

29.a4 bxa4 30.d7 a3 31.bxa3 Bxa3 32.Na4 Kf7 33.Nb6 Ke6 34.Ra5 Be7 35.Rxa6 Kf7



36.Nc4 Kg7? [36...Bf6±] 37.Ra7 Bf6??

The losing move. Black's king must attend: 37...Kf6 (or 37...Kf7) 38.Na5 Ke6= SKA.

38.Na5+- Kg8 39.Nc6 Rf8 40.Rc7 Kh8 41.Rc8 Kg8 42.d8Q Bxd8 43.Rxd8 Rxd8 44.Nxd8 Kf8 45.Nc6 Kf7 46.Kf1 Ke6 47.Ke2 Kd6 48.Nb4 Kc5 49.Nc2 Kc4 50.Ke3 Kd5 51.Nb4+ Kc5 52.Nd3+ Kd5 53.f4 Ke6 54.Kd4 gxf4 55.Nxf4+ Kf6 56.Nd5+ Kg5 57.Nf4 Kg4 58.Nxg6 Kh3 59.Nh4 f4 60. gxf4 Kxh4 61.Ke5 1-0

QP Opening A45

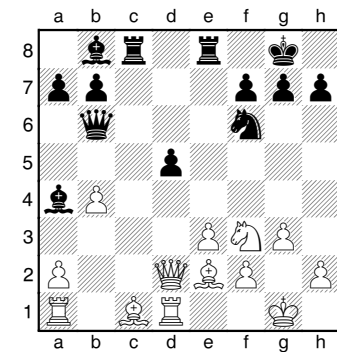
Tom Nichols 1966 (OK)

Dachey Lin 2211 (TX)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.8)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 c5 3.c3 d5 4.Bd3 Nc6

5.Nd2 e5 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Be2 Bd6 9.Ng3 0-0 10.0-0 Bc6 11.Qc2 Rc8 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nf3 Bb8 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.g3 Rfe8 16.b4 cxb4 17.cxb4 Qb6 18.Qd2 Ba4



19.Re1 Ne4 20.Qd4 Qxd4 21.Nxd4 Bd6 22.a3 Be5 23.Bb2 Nc3 24.Bd3 Bd7 25.Rac1 Na4 26.Ba1 Kf8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Ne6+ fxe6 29.Bxe5 g6 30.e4 Nc3 31.h4 Ke7 32.h5?

32...dxe4 33.Bxe4?? Nxe4+ 34.Rxe4 Rc1+ 35.Kg2 Bc6 36.Bb2 Rb1 0-1

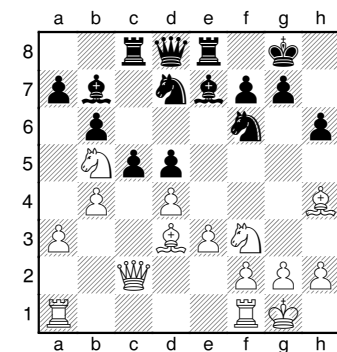
QGD D38

Alejandro Roig 1937

Sarah Chiang 2100

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 0-0 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.e3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bh4 Bb7 11.0-0 Re8 12.a3 Be7 13.b4 Rc8 14.Nb5 c5



15.bxc5 bxc5 16.Nxa7 Ra8 17.Nb5

c4 18.Bf5 Bc6 19.a4 Qa5 20.Rab1 Rec8 21.Ne5 Bxb5 22.axb5 g5 23.Nc6 Qa3 24.Bg3 and 1-0 in 14

Reti Opening A13

Shaun Graham 1934 (OK)

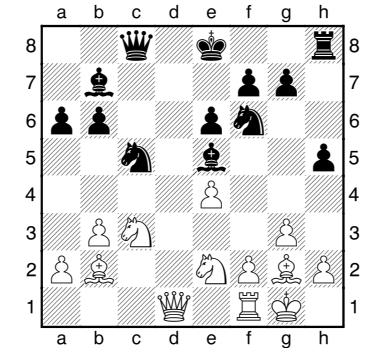
John D. Wilson 2039 (TX)

Red River Shootout 2010 (2.10)

[Graham] 1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.Nd4 Bb7 9.Nc3 Rc8 10.cxd5 cxd5

Also losing are 10...Nxd5? and 10...exd5? 11.Nf5 Bf8 12.Re1 Nc5 13.e4 d4 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.e6 Qf6 17.exf7+ Kxf7 18.Bh3

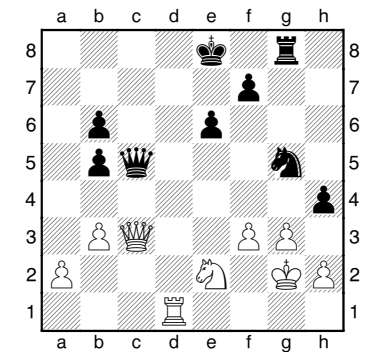
11.Ncb5 Bb8 12.Rc1 a6 13.Rxc8 Qxc8 14.Nc3 Bd6 15.d3 h5 16.e4 Be5 17.Nde2 dxe4 18.dxe4 Nc5



19.Nb5 axb5 20.Bxe5 Bxe4 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Bxe4 Nxe4 23.Qd4 Qb7 24.f3 Ng5 25.Qxf6 Rg8 26.Rd1

Winning is 26.h4! Nh7 27.Qh6 Nf8 28.Qxh5.

26...Qe7 27.Qc3 Qc5+ 28.Kg2 h4



29.g4?=
29.Qxc5! with a strong advantage 29...bxc5 30.Rc1 h3+ 31.Kf2 c4 32.bxc4 bxc4 33.a4 e5 34.Rxc4+-.

29...Qxc3?!± 30.Nxc3 b4 31.Na4 b5 32.Nc5 Ke7 33.f4?!± [33.Rd7+ Kf6 34.Na6 Rc8 35.Nxb4 is probably winning for white] 33...Rc8 34.fgx5 Rxc5 35.Rd4= Draw, guess I just didn't want to win :(1/2-1/2

Smeltzer, cont'd from p. 3

"When we came to know last Sunday from Rob Jones that Mr. Smeltzer passed away, everyone in Plano Chess Club was shocked and saddened. Mr. Smeltzer shows up every Saturday in Plano Chess Club without fail and tries to play all rounds except on those days when he gets late for his Saturday tournament in Dallas Chess Club. Such was his discipline and love for the game of chess. All the kids coming to Plano Chess loved him so much as he always teaches them the right way to play. He taught the moral to everyone here that winning is not always everything but playing right is and that will get you the victory eventually. He encourages and also gives a tough fight. On behalf of all the members of Plano Chess Club, I pass on our heartfelt condolences to the family and all chess friends. We will co-ordinate with Dallas Chess Club and will sponsor a Smeltzer memorial here in PCC shortly.

– Sri K Srikanth, Plano Chess Club

"It has been about ten years since I first met Mr. Smeltzer – one of the first friendly faces I met at the Dallas Chess Club. I still remember walking into the tournament hall, staring in disbelief at the framed picture of him on the wall that read "2,266 games" and glancing down to find him sitting right beneath his photo ... unbelievable. As a beginner, it wouldn't be until another couple of years before the day came when I had the

privilege of playing Mr. Smeltzer in a tournament game. Already nervous from sitting across the table from a local hero, I was completely thrown off-guard by his unorthodox style and quickly found myself overwhelmed by his infamous pawn storm. I remember distinctly after one game when he told me that he 'never read an opening book'.

"Over the years, my respect for him has only grown. The generation of young chess players that he's influenced, me included, was undeniable. I remember very fondly the "Smeltzer matches" that used to take place at the local Barnes and Nobles. Both my brother and I will never forget those games – the ability to survive his flank attacks would serve as a milestone for all of us sharpening our defensive skills. Regardless of whether he won or lost, he would always keep his composure behind those shaded glasses, always easy-going and generous in healthy laughter.

"He was truly a remarkable man and will forever be a figure of inspiration for me."
–Albert Yeh

McGregor, cont'd from p. 4

Damiano Defense C20

Robert James Fischer

R.F. McGregor

Houston simul 3/28/64

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f6 3.Nxe5 Qe7 4.Nf3 d5 5.d3 dxe4 6.dxe4 Qxe4+ 7.Be2 Bf5 8.Nd4 Nc6 9.Nxf5 Qxf5 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bg4 Qb5 12.Nc3 Qc4 13.Be2 Qf7 14.Bb5 0-0-0 15. Qg4+ f5 16.Qh3 Nge7 17.Ne4 h6 18.Nxd6+ Rxd6 19. Bf4 Rd4 20.Be3 Rb4 21.Bxc6 Nxc6 22.b3 Re4 23.Rfd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.Rd1 Qe6 26.g3 Rxe3 1/2-1/2

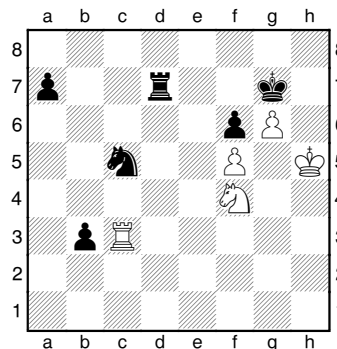
– Forrest Marler

Solution (back cover): 1.Bd8, and either reply allows 2.Rh7#.

World Championship

Continued from p. 18

34...e4 35.Nd2 Qxd4 36.Nxe4 Qxb2 37.Rxb2 Kf7 38.e3 g5 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.f4 gxf4 41.exf4 Rd4 42.Kf2 Nf5 43.Bf3 Bd5 44.Nd2 Bxf3 45.Nxf3 Ra4 46.g4 Nd6 47.Kg3 Ne4+ 48. Kh4 Nd6 49.Rd2 Nxb5 50.f5 Re4 51.Kh5 Re3 52.Nh4 Nc3 53.Rd7+ Re7 54.Rd3 Ne4 55.Ng6 Nc5 56.Ra3 Rd7 57.Re3 Kg7 58.g5 b5 59.Nf4 b4 60.g6 b3 61.Rc3



61...Rd4 [61...b2?? 62.Rxc5!+-] 62.Rxc5 Rxf4 63.Rc7+ Kg8 64.Rb7 Rf3 65.Rb8+ Kg7 1/2-1/2

(12) Topalov (2805)-Anand (2787)

[D56] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Ne4 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Rc1 c6 10.Be2 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd7 13.0-0 b6 14.Bd3 c5 15.Be4 Rb8 16.Qc2 Nf6 17.dxc5 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 bxc5 19.Qc2 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rfd8 21.f3 Ba6 22.Rf2 Rd7 23.g3 Rbd8 24.Kg2 Bd3 25.Qc1 Ba6 26.Ra3 Bb7 27.Nb3 Rc7 28.Na5 Ba8 29.Nc4 e5 30.e4 f5! 31.exf5? [31.Nd2] e4 32.fxe4 Qxe4+ 33.Kh3 Rd4 34.Ne3 Qe8 35.g4 h5 36.Kh4 g5+ 37.fxg6 Qxg6 38.Qf1 Rxg4+ 39.Kh3 Re7 40.Rf8+ Kg7 41.Nf5+ Kh7 42.Rg3 Rxg3+ 43.hxg3 Qg4+ 44.Kh2 Re2+ 45.Kg1 Rg2+ 46. Qxg2 Bxg2 47.Kxg2 Qe2+ 48.Kh3 c4 49.a4 a5 50.Rf6 Kg8 51.Nh6+ Kg7 52.Rb6 Qe4 53.Kh2 Kh7 54.Rd6 Qe5 55.Nf7 Qxb2+ 56.Kh3 Qg7 0-1

De Jesus wins Texas Action Championship

NM Jeffrey De Jesus from Houston scored 4.5 out of 5 to win the Texas Action (G/30) Championship, held Apr. 24 in San Antonio. There is often a luck factor in the faster time controls, and he needed plenty to survive, let alone win his Round 3 game with expert Justin Ballard.

Tied for second plus U2100 with 4 points were Selby Anderson, Ernesto Malazarte, Matthew Liu and Ju Hyung Ahn. Andrew Istafanous was top U1900 with 3.5, and Louis Rimpel won U1700 with 2.5. Tied for U1700 plus U1300 were David Pacheco and Ross Leone with 2.

Martin Gordon directed a field of 34 players at the Hornbeak Building in the South Texas medical center. Prizes totaled \$750, or 75% of the amount based on 40 full entries.

London System D02

Andrew Thall 1800
Jeffrey De Jesus 2223

Texas Action 2010 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.e3 Qb6 6.Qb3 c4 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nbd2 b5 9.Be2 e6 10.0-0 Be7 [10...b4] 11.Ne5 [11.a3] 11... Nxe5 12.Bxe5 0-0 13.f3 [13.a3] 13...b4 14.Rfc1 bxc3 15.bxc3 Bd7 16.g4 h6 17.Kg2 Ra3 18.Nb1 Ra7 19.Kg3 Rfa8 20.Rc2 Bc6 21.h4 [21.Kg2] 21...Nd7 22.Kh3 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Bc5 0-1

Sicilian Dragon B77

Selby Anderson 2212
Kelly Clover 1800

Texas Action 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.0-0-0 Bxb3 13.cxb3 Rfc8

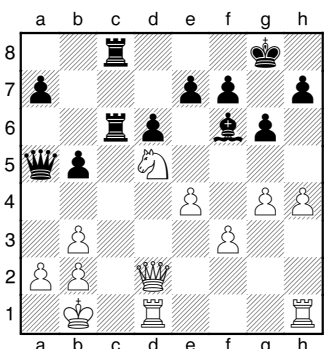
I was unfamiliar with this line. In order for White to pursue his

usual kingside attack, he must accept a slightly worse endgame structure.

14.Kb1 Rc6 15.g4 Rac8 16.h4 b5

NICBase gives 16...h5 17.g5 Ne8 18.Bxg7 Nxc7 19.f4 a6 20. Rfd1 e6 and although Fritz prefers Black, he got outplayed in Winants-Sosonko, NLD 1992.

17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5



18...Qxd2 19.Rxd2!?

19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.Rxd2 Kf8=

19...Bxh4? [19...Kf8!=] 20.Rdh2?

I missed the finesse 20.a4! (now the bishop is threatened) 20...Bf6 21.f4! Kf8 22.axb5±; or 20...e6 21.Nb4 Bg5 22.Nxc6 Rxc6 23.Rc2±. 20...Bf6 21.Nxf6+ exf6 22.Rxh7

22.a4 b4 23.Rxh7 Kf8 24.Rd1 Ke7= 22...Rc1+ 23.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 24.Kxc1 Kxh7 25.Kd2 Kh6 26.f4 f5 27.gxf5 gxf5 28.Ke3 Kg6 29.b4 Kf6 30.b3 Ke6 31.a4 a6 32.axb5 axb5 33.Kd4 f6 34.Ke3 fxe4 35.Kxe4 d5+ 36.Kd4 Kd6 37.f5 Kc6 38.Kd3 Kc7 39.Ke3 Kd7 40.Kd3 Ke7 1/2-1/2

Diemer Gambit D00

Allen Eckert 1710
J.P. Hytlin 2059

Texas Action 2010 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 c6 9.Qe1 Bg4 10.Rd1 Nbd7

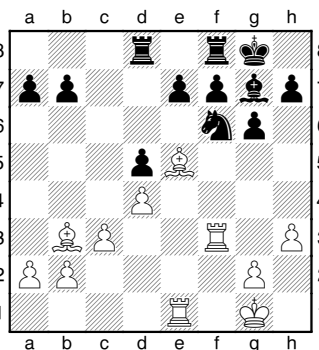
11.h3 Bxf3 12.Rxf3 Nb6 13.Bb3 Nbd5

13...a5!? 14.a4 Nbd5

14.Be5 Qa5

14...Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qd7

15.Nxd5 Qxe1+ 16.Rxe1 cxd5 17.c3 Rad8



18.Bc7?

18.Bf4! Ne4 (18...Rd7 19.Ba4 b5 20.Bxb5 Rb7 21.a4±; 18...Rfe8 19.Ba4) 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Rxe4= 18...Rd7 19.Be5 b5 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bc2 Nh5 23.g4 Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Ng7 25.Bd3 [25.g5 Ra8 26.Bd3] 25...Rb8 26.Re2 e6

26...b4! is a thematic minority attack. 27.g5 bxc3 28.bxc3 Rc7 27.h4 h5 28.g5 Nf5 29.Bxf5 gxf5 30.Rg3 Rb6 31.g6 f6 32.Rge3 Rdd6 33.Rg3 Kg7 34.Reg2 Ra6 35.Kf2 Ra1 36.Kf3

36.Rg1 Rda6 37.Rxa1 Rxa1 38.Re3 Ra6+ 36...Rh1+ 37.Ke3 Rxh4 38.Kd3 Rg4 39.b3 Kxg6 40.c4 dxc4+ 41.bxc4 bxc4+ 0-1

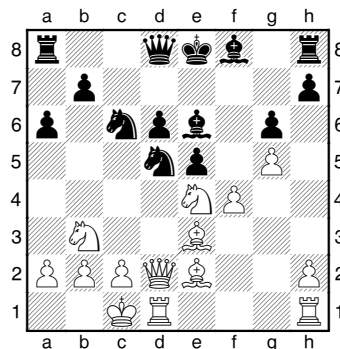
A 70-year-old club regular outplays the national 10th grade champion:

Sicilian Najdorf B92

Matthew Liu 2050
John Niven 1700

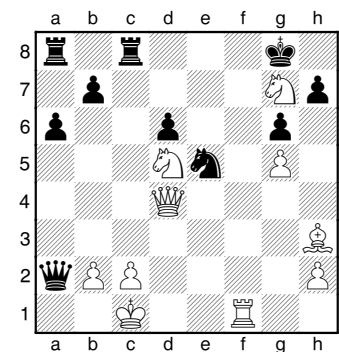
Texas Action 2010 (1)

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 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 g6 7.g4 e5
 8.Nb3 Be6 9.Be3 Nc6 10.g5 Ng8
 11.Qd2 f5
 11...h6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5
 Nce7=
 12.f4 Nge7
 12...fxe4 13.Rd1 Bf5 14.Nd5
 Rc8=
 13.0-0-0
 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Nb8
 15.c4±
 13...fxe4
 13...Bxb3 14.cxb3 Bg7 15.Qxd6
 Qxd6 16.Rxd6±
 14.Nxe4 Nd5



15.Bc4?!
 15.c4 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Be7 17.
 Nbc5 Bc8 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxd6+
 Bxd6 20.Ne4+-
 15...Nxe3 16.Bxe6 Nxd1 17.Nf6+?
 17.fxe5 Nxe5±.
 17...Ke7 18.Bh3?
 18.Rxd1 Kxe6 19.Qd5+ Ke7
 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Qc5+ Kf7 22.Qc4+
 Kg7 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Na5±
 18...Nf2 19.Qxf2 Bg7 20.fxe5 Nxe5
 21.Nd4 Qa5 22.Ne6 Rhc8 23.Qd4?
 23.Rd1 Rf8 24.Qg2 Rfb8 25.Qf1
 Bh8 26.Nc7!+-
 23...Qxa2 24.Nd5+
 24.Qe4 Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Qxb2
 26.Nd5+ Kf7 27.Nec7 Bf8 28.Rf1+
 Kg7 29.Qf4 h5 30.Bxc8 Rxc8
 31.Ne6+ Kh7 32.Nxf8+ Rxf8
 33.Qxf8 Qd4+ 34.Ke2 Qc4+ 35.Kf2
 Qd4+ 36.Kg2 Qg4+ 37.Kh1 Qe4+=
 24...Kf7 25.Rf1+ Kg8 26.Nxg7

26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.Nxc8 Qa1+
 28.Kd2 Qxf1+-



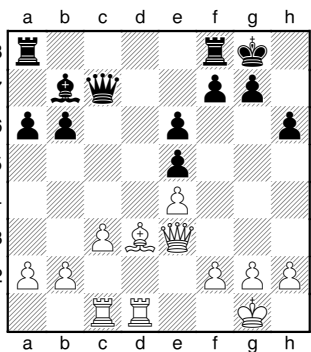
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 Nf3+ 29.Ke3 Nxd4 30.Kxd4 Kxg7
 31.Nb6 Rf8 32.Bd3 Rad8 33.Nd5
 Rf2 34.h4 Rh2 35.Nc7 Rxh4+ 36.
 Kd5 Kf7 37.c4 Rh3 38.Be2 Rg3
 39.Ne6 Re8 40.Nd4 Rxg5+ 0-1

Sicilian B21

Charles R. Davis 1635
 Mitchell Vergara 2049

Texas Action 2010 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.Bxd3
 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Bg5 e6
 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Na3 a6
 11.Nc2 0-0 12.Ne3 Ne5
 12...h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Nh5=
 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Ng4 Nxg4 15.
 Qxg4 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 h6 17.Qe3 b6
 18.Rac1 Bb7



19.c4?

A strategic error of the first
 magnitude, this cedes control of d4

and makes the doubled e-pawn a
 force to be reckoned with.

Instead, White should pursue a
 policy of trading off all the heavy
 pieces along the d-file. Only when a
 bishop ending is reached should he
 start advancing the queenside, with
 some winning chances.

19...Qc5 20.Qxc5 bxc5 21.Bc2 Rfd8
 22.f3 Rd4

This state of affairs was foreor-
 dained by White's 19th move.

23.Bd3

White should bite the bullet and
 dig in: 23.Rxd4 exd4 24.Rd1 e5 25.
 Kf2 Bc6 26.Ke2 Rb8 27.b3 a5
 28.Kd3=.

23...Rad8 24.Rc3??

White hogties his pieces in one
 swoop. Better is 24.Bc2 Rd2 25.
 Rxd2 Rxd2 26.h4 a5±.

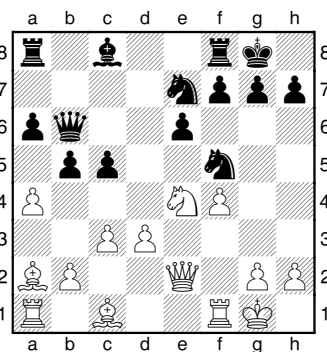
24...f5!+- 25.Kf2 fxe4 26.fxe4 Bxe4
 27.Ke3 Bxg2 28.Rg1 Bh3 29.Rg3
 Bf5 30.Bxf5 exf5 and 0-1

Sicilian B23

Jeffrey De Jesus 2223
 Alok Kumar 1937

Texas Action 2010 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 e6
 5.Bc4 a6 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nf6 8.0-0
 d5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Ne5 Nd4 11.Ba2
 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nd5 13.c3 Nf5 14.
 Qe2 b5 15.Nc6 Qb6 16.Nxe7+
 Ndx7



17.g4?! [17.Qf2±] 17...c4+ 18.Qf2
 Qxf2+ 19. Kxf2 Nh6 20.g5 Ng4+
 21.Kg3 h5 22.gxh6 Nxh6 23.dxc4

bx4 24.Nd6 Nef5+ 25.Nxf5 Nxf5+ 26.Kf2 Bb7

26...Bd7 27.Bb1 Rac8 28.Rd1 Rfd8 29.Bc2 Kf8 30.Bxa4 Bxa4 31.Rxd8+ Rxd8 32.Rxa4± 27.Bb1 Bc6 28.Bc2 Rfd8 29.Rd1 Rxd1 30.Bxd1 Rd8 31.Bc2 Nd6 32.Bxa4 Ne4+

32...Bb7 33.Bb3 Rc8 34.Ra4± 33.Ke3 Bb7 34.Bc2 Nf6 35.Kf2 Ne4+ 36.Bxe4 Bxe4 37.Be3!? [37. Rxa6+-] 37...Bb7 38.c5 Rd5 39. Ra4 Rh5 40.Kg3 Rf5 41.Rb4+- Bh1 42.Rb6 e5 43.c6 exf4+ 44.Bxf4 g5 45.c7 gxf4+ 46.Kg4 Rc5 47. Rb8+ Kg7 48.c8Q 1-0

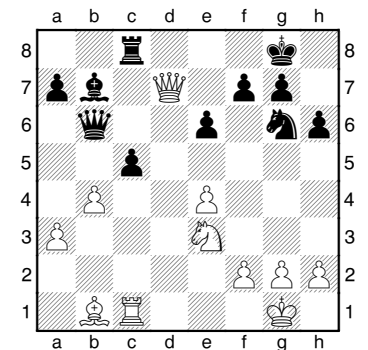
QGD D52

J.P. Hyltin 2059

Andrew Istafanous 1826

Texas Action 2010 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.Nf3 c6 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxe4 Qc7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 h6 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5 15.Qd2 b6 16. Rac1 Bb7 17.Bb1 Rac8 18.e4 Ne7 19.Qc2 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 c5 21.Ne3 Qc6 22.dxc5 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 bxc5 24.b4 Qb6 25.Qd7 Ng6



26.bxc5

26.Nc4! Qc7 27.Qxc7 Rxc7 28. Nd6±

26...Qb2 27.Qd1

27.Rf1 Rxc5 28.e5 Nf8 29.Qe7 Rc8=

27...Nf4 [27...Qxa3±] 28.Rc2 Qxa3 29.g3 Nh3+

29...Bxe4! 30.gxf4 Bxc2 31. Qxc2 g6±

30.Kg2 Nf4+ 31.gxf4 Bxe4+ 32. Kg1 Bxc2 33.Qxc2 Rxc5

33...g6! 34.c6 Qd6±

34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Be4 Rc1+ 36.Kg2 Qb2

36...Qb4 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qa8 Rc7±

37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qa8 Rc7 39.f5 Qf6 40.fxe6 Qg5+ 41.Kf3 Qh5+

42.Kg2 Qg5+ 1/2-1/2

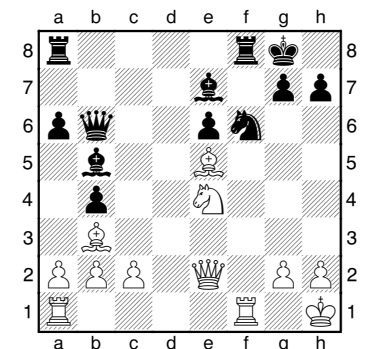
Sicilian Scheveningen B88

Kelly Clover 1800

Brian C. Smith 1811

Texas Action 2010 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Nc6 8. 0-0 Bd7 9.Be3 Be7 10.f4 Qc7 11.f5 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 0-0 13.fxe6 fxe6 14. Qe2 b5 15.e5 [15.a3!] 15...dxe5 16. Bxe5 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 b4 18.Ne4 Bb5



19.Nxf6+?

White self-destructs, when almost equal was 19.Bc4.

19...Bxf6 20.Rxf6 Rxf6 21.Qe4

21.Qd2 Qf2+-

21...Bc6+- 22.Qg4

22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.Bxd4 Rg6+-

22...Rg6 23.Bxe6+ Kh8 24.Bd4 Rxd4 25.Bxb6 Rxd2 26.h3 Rg6+

27.Kh2 Rxe6 28.Rg1 Rf8 29.Bd4 Rg6 30.Rxd6 hxd6 and ... 0-1

Sicilian B27

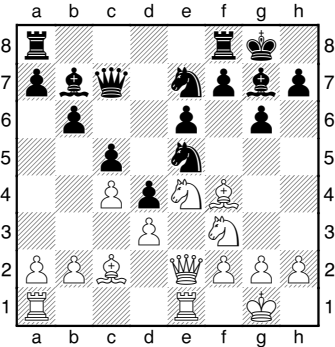
Justin Ballard 2029

Jeffrey De Jesus 2223

Texas Action 2010 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.Bc4 e6 5.Qe2 Nc6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.e5 d5 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Bc2 d4 11.c4 b6 12.d3 Bb7 13.Bf4 Nb8 14. Nbd2 Nd7 15.Ne4 Nxe5??

The long morning drive from Houston is telling.



16.Nxe5 Bxe4 17.Qxe4

17.Nxg6!? e5 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qxe4+-

17...g5 18.Bg3?!

18.Bxg5! f6 19.Nf3 e5 (19...fxg5 20.Qxe6+ Rf7 21.Nxg5+-) 20.Bd2 f5 21.Qh4+-

18...f5 19.Qe2 f4 20.Ng4 fxd3 21.Qxe6+ Rf7 22.hxg3 Qc6 23. Qxc6 Nxc6 24.Ba4 Nb4 25.Rad1 Raf8 26.a3 Na6 27.f3 Nc7 28.Bc6 Rd8 29.Kf2 h6 30.Re2 Rd6 31.Bb7 Kf8 32.Rh1 Ne8 and... 0-1

QP Opening D02

Ariel Medina 2015

Selby Anderson 2212

Texas Action 2010 (3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.d4 Bf5 4.Bg2 c6 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.b3 e6 7.Nbd2 h6 8.Bb2 Be7 9.Re1 Ne4 10.Nh4?!

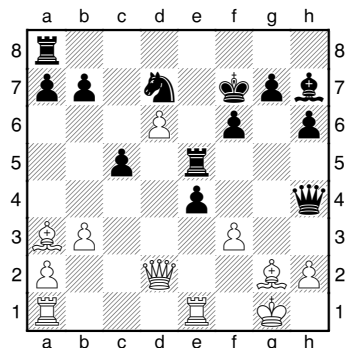
Not an oversight – Ariel played this as a gambit to prepare a central thrust with f3 and e4.

10...Bxh4 11.gxh4 Qxh4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3 Bh7 14.Ba3 f6 15.c4 Kf7 16.cxd5 exd5 17.e4 Rhe8 18. Qd2 dxe4 19. d5 c5

19...exf3! 20.dxc6 Ne5+-.

20.d6 Re5?!

Simpler is 20...Kf8+-.



21.f4 e3 22.Rxe3 Qxf4 23.Rae1 Qd4 24.Qf2?

24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.Rxe5 fxe5 26.Rf1+ Ke8 27.Bxb7 Rd8 28.Bc6 Rc8 29.Bxd7+ Kxd7 30.Rf7+ Kc6 31.Rxa7 Bb1=

24...Rae8+ 25.Bb2 Rxe3! 26.Bxd4 Rxe1+ 27.Bf1 Bd3 28.Qh4 Rxf1+ 29.Kg2 Re2+ and 0-1

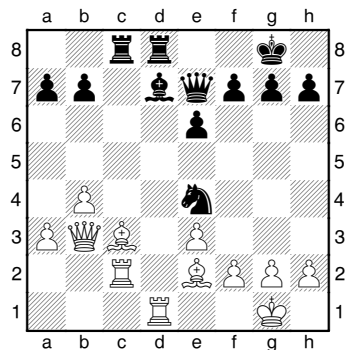
QGD D30

Brian Smith 1911
J.P. Hyltin 2059

Texas Action 2010 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 Be7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Qc2 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.b4 Bd6 10.Bb2 Bd7 11.Rd1 Rc8 12.Qb3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Bb8 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Rd2 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Be2 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Ne4 20.Rc2??

20.Rd3 Nxc3 21.Rxc3=



20...Ba4!-+ 21.Qxa4

21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Qxa4 Nxc3 forces 23.Rxc3 to avoid mate.

21...Nxc3 22.Qb3 Nxd1 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Qxd1 Qc7 25.g3 Qc2 26.Kg2 Qxd1 27.Bxd1 Rc1 28.Bf3 b6 29.a4 Rc4 0-1

Caro-Kann B10

Jeffrey De Jesus 2223
Mitchell Vergara 2049

Texas Action 2010 (4)

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Ne5

This has been tried in European opens quite a lot recently.

4...Nf6 5.d4 g6 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.h4!? Nbd7 8.Nd2 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.Nf3 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.h5 Bd7 13.c3 Qc7 14.Qb3 Bc6 15.Be3 b6 16.a4 Bf4 [16...Bg7] 17.hxg6 fxe3 18.Bxg6+ Kd7 19.Bd4 Be5 20.Bh5

20.Bf7 e6 21.Rh6±

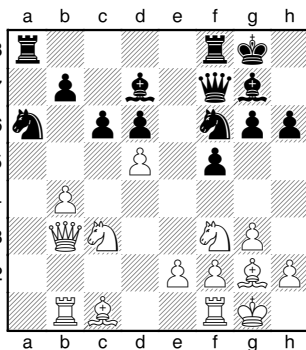
20...Bxd4 21.cxd4 Qf4 and 1-0

Dutch Leningrad A87

Selby Anderson 2212
Ju Hyung Ahn 1990

Texas Action 2010 (4)

1.d4 f5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Qe8 8.d5 a5 9.Rb1 Na6 10.a3 Bd7 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 c6 13.Qb3 h6 14.c5!? [14.Bb2=] 14...Qf7 15.cxd6 exd6



16.Bf4?

△16.dxc6 Qxb3 17.Rxb3 bxc6 18.Rd1 d5 19.Ne5 Be8 20.Ba3 Ne4 21.Nxe4 fxe4 22.b5!± with a pull.

16...Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Be6!± 18.Qe3

18.Bxd6 Bxd5 19.Qe3 Rfe8 20.Qb6 Re6 with a Black initiative.

18...Bxd5 19.Bxh6 Rae8 20.Qd2 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Rxe2 22.Ng5 Qg7 23.Bxd5+ cxd5

Black's advantage has been minimized.

24.Qh4 Rfe8 25.Rfd1 Qh8?

Now the tactics blow White's way. Better is 25...Nc7 26.Rbc1 R2e7±.

26.Qxh8+ Kxh8 27.Nf7+ Kg7 28.Nxd6 R8e7 29.Rxd5 Re1+ 30.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 31.Kg2 Nxb4 32.Rb5 Nd3 33.Rxb7+ Kf6 34.Rb3 Ne5 35.Re3 Rxe3 36.fxe3 1/2-1/2

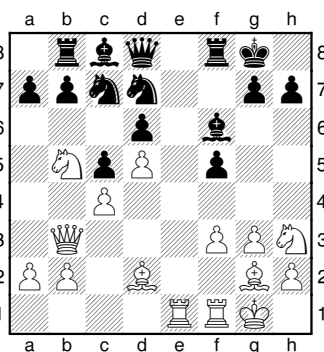
English Opening A41

J.P. Hyltin 2059

Don Sutherland 2178

Texas Action 2010 (4)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 e4 4.Ng5 f5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 c6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Nh3 Na6 9.0-0 Nc7 10.Qb3 0-0 11.d5 c5 12.f3 exf3 13.exf3 Rb8 14.Bd2 Nd7 15.Rae1 Bf6 16.Nb5?! Better was 16.a4 or 16.Nf4.



16...Nxb5 17.Qxb5 Ne5 18.Qb3 b5 19.cxb5 Bd7

Also good is 19...c4 20.Qc2 (20.Qa4 Nd3±) 20...Rxb5±.

20.a4 a6 21.Qc2 axb5 22.a5 b4 23.Ra1 Bb5

23...b3! 24.Qb1 Nc4±

24.Nf4 Qd7 25.Rfe1 Rfc8 26.Ne6 Bd3 27.Qd1 c4 28.Be3 Qb5 29.Nd4 Qa6 30.Bf1 Bxf1 31.Rxf1 g6 32.Ne6 Nd3 33.Qd2 Bxb2 34.Bd4 Bxd4+ 35.Nxd4 Qa7 36.Qe3 Re8 37.Kh1 Rxe3 38.Nc6 Qa8 39.Nxb8 Qxb8 40.a6 Qa7 0-1

Caro-Kann B12

Martin Gordon 1918

Justin Ballard 2029

Texas Action 2010 (4)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 f5
5.exf5 exf5 6.Bc4 Nh6 7.0-0 Be7
8.Re1 d5 9.Ne5 dxc4 10.Qh5+ Kf8
11.g4 Qe8 12.Qxe8+ Kxe8 13.g5
Nf7 14.Nxc4 Na6 15.c3 Nc7 16.h4
Be6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 h6 19.Kf2
Nd5 20.Rg1 f4 21.Rg2 hgx5 22.
hxg5 Bf5 23.a3 Be4 24.Rg1 Rh2+
25.Ke1 Bd3 26.b3 f3 27.Kd1 Bc2+
28.Ke1 f2+ 29.Kd2 fxg1Q# 0-1

Sicilian B36

Ju Ahn 1900

Jeffrey De Jesus 2223

Texas Action 2010 (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4
5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4
8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Qa5
11.0-0 Be6 12.Rfc1 Rac8 13.b3 a6
14.Rab1 Qd8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Zuckertort Opening A46

Mitchell Vergara 2049

Selby Anderson 2212

Texas Action 2010 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 e6 4.Nbd2
b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.b3 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7
8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb2 d6 10.Qe2 Nbd7
11.Rfe1 Re8 12.c4 Bf8 13.Rac1
Rc8 14.Bb1 Qc7 15.Ng5 h6 16.
Nge4 Qb8 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.Rc3
e5 19.d5 g6 20.Rh3 b5 21.Bc1 bxc4
22.bxc4 Ba6 23.Rb3 Qc7 and ... 0-1

Dachey Lin, cont'd from p. 6

Day 10

In this tournament, I faced my first Russian opponent. It is a known fact, that Russians are usually strong, however, my opponent was not. Using all my friendly forces in the short battle, I eventually dominated him. To have a game like this published in a magazine; I had to use clever strategies to outwit my opponent on the chess battlefield.

Day 11

Trading pieces to make a draw was my opponent's method during this game. This strategy perplexed me, since he was a higher rated player than me. I prevented a draw by getting a position advantageous to me. It included a passed pawn he could not prevent when I supported it with my helpful king. I eventually defeated my opponent.

After this tournament I reflected on WYCC 2009. Every opponent I met was different. If you don't look up to your opponent, you may be punished over the board disgracefully. I learned about all of my opponents' strategies in every round I played. Being a part of this tournament was fun and educational. It was the highlight of my year. I am looking forward to another opportunity to play in the WYCC 2010 in Greece.

WORLD YOUTH

My Round 6 Game
By **Tommy O He**

My opponent is from Russia, with a rating of 2088. Which is the #1 ranking on the wall chart. And his name is Ildus Gamil. My game started like this: first I all prepared for a Sicilian. Then when the round started I touched the wrong PIECE!! In fact I wanted to touch the c-pawn but I touched the d-pawn!

So I played a Scandinavian instead of the Sicilian. I thought for a long time about how to start my game. By move 27, I only had three minutes and 28 seconds! At first I didn't actually know how to play it, so I trapped my bishop and it had nowhere to move. Then I offered a draw, but he declined it. But then a few moves later, my position actually improved a lot so that he offered me a draw. I was winning at that time! How could I accept a draw in that position? I shook my head. Then

the next thing I knew, he started crying! Well, that actually didn't work well for me so I didn't really care what he did.

Finally I got up two pawns and traded queens. I had two passed pawns on the kingside, and I promoted and checkmated him. The game took four hours and 37 minutes.

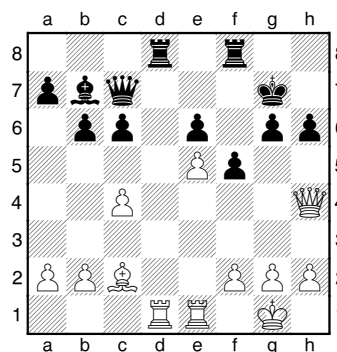
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Ildus Galimov 2088

Tommy He 1794

World Youth Under-10 2009 (6)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Qxd5
4.Nc3 Qa5 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 c6 7.d4
Qc7 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Re1 Be7 10.Bb3
0-0 11.Qe2 h6 12.Bh4 Nb6 13.Bxf6
Bxf6 14.Ne4 Bd8 15.e4 Nd7 16.Qe3
Nf6 17.Bc2 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 g6 19.
Qe3 Kg7 20.Qe4 Bf6 21.Rad1 b6
22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Bb7 24.Qh4
f6 25.Qg4 f5 26.Qh4 Rad8



27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Qf4 Rf7 29.h4?

29.Rd1 Rd7 30.Rd6= SKA

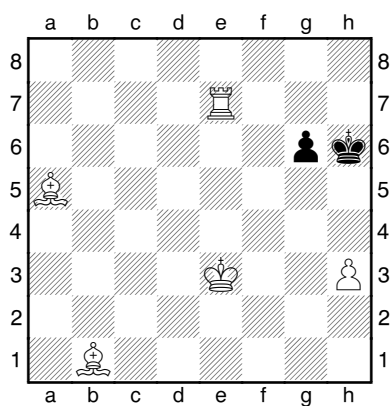
29...Rd7 30.g4?? [30.c5] Rd4 31.
Qe3 Rxc4+ 32.Kf1 Rxh4 33.Rd1
Rh1+ 34.Ke2 Rxd1 35.Bxd1 c5
36.Ba4 Qd4 37.Qxd4 cxd4 38.Kf1
h5 39.Kg1 g5 40.Be8 h4 41.Bd7
Kf7 42.Ba4 Bf3 43.Bc2 Ke7 44.b4
Kd7 45.Bd3 Be4 46.Be2 Bb1 47.a3
d3 48.Bf3 Bc2 49.Kh2 g4 0-1

Dachey Lin finished with 7.5 for =9th place. Tommy He was a half point behind, with 7.0 (=18th out of 148). The three winners scored 9-2.

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White to move, mate in two
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