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## World Youth report

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Xiong** of Plano on winning the silver in the World Youth Under 10 Championship! He tied for first with 9/11 but lost the gold on tiebreaks to Jason Cao of Canada. **Tommy He** placed 15th with 7

Team USA was out in strength and force this year, with 40 players and a coaching staff that included Sam Palatnik, John Federowicz and Aviv Friedman. The event was held Oct. 20-30 in Halkidiki, Greece.

The big news was in the Under 18 championship, where **Steven Zierk** of Los Gatos, CA won the gold with an undefeated 9.5/11, clinching the IM title and making a GM norm. The other US medallist was NM Kayden Troff of Utah, who won silver in Under 12.

Honorable mention goes to Texans **Emily Nguyen**, who placed 9th (7.5/11) in Under 8 Girls; and to WCM **Sarah Chiang**, who placed 23rd (6.5/11) in Under 14 Girls.

### TCA Treasurer's Annual Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Sept. 1, 2010

<b>Income</b>	
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
2010 Texas Action memberships	106.00
2010 Texas State and Amateur memberships	358.50
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	70.00
May memberships	120.00
June memberships	35.00
July memberships	365.00
August memberships	80.00
Region II Scholastic tournament	64.00
Region III Scholastic tournament	139.00
Region V Scholastic tournament	177.00
2009 Region VI Scholastic tournament	282.00
2010 Region VI Scholastic tournament	237.00

## Texas Girls' Scholastic

Fifty-eight players turned out for the Texas Girls' Scholastic Championship, held Oct. 2-3 in Corpus Christi. In the high school section Ivana Santos and Kristin Ramos tied for first with 4-1, ahead of five other players. Texas Tech University awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the winner. The option to play a blitz playoff was passed on, so on tiebreaks the scholarship went to Ivana Santos from Hanna High School in Brownsville.

Yvonne Trang won clear first with 5-0 in the middle school division, with eight players competing. The largest section was elementary with 19 players, won by Priya Trakru with 4.5. Evelyn Karabanoff won the nine-player primary section with 5. Sarah Diaz won the K-1 division (15 players) with 5. TD Dan DeLeon said this was the best turnout in four years.

A nonrated parent/daughter tournament was held Friday night, with 14 teams participating. The winning team was Hector and Kristin Ramos from San Benito.

Region VII Scholastic tmt. + \$10 donation	300.00
Region VIII Scholastic tournament	1,200.00
Region VII Girls Scholastic tournament	18.00
Interest Income from CD	<u>198.90</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,035.40</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
2009 SW Open prize fund to gtd. \$10,000	\$2,500.00
SW Open reimbursement - WY attendees	400.00
Texas Masters Reimbursement - WY attendees	670.00
Texas Amateur reimbursement - WY attendees	283.00
2010 SW Open tournament fund	\$3,000.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Sept-Oct 2009	896.50
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Nov-Dec 2009	892.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Jan-Feb 2010	895.21
<i>Texas Knights</i> - March-April 2010	916.50
<i>Texas Knights</i> - May-June 2010	1,219.60
<i>Texas Knights</i> - July-August 2010	1,042.75
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
2010 Texas State GM appearance fee	300.00
Kings of Brownsville project	1,000.00
Robert Sturgeon funeral flowers	<u>102.82</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,918.38</b>

<b>WF checking account balance 9/1/10</b>	<b>\$2,224.83</b>
<b>BOA checking account balance 9/1/10</b>	<b>\$15,793.20</b>

# Denker Tournament of HS Champions

by Bob Shao

I recently came back from the Denker Tournament of High School Champions (July 31-Aug. 3) held in Irvine, CA. Getting to meet and talk with other high school state champions from around the country, play blitz games and analyze with fellow peers was a great overall experience for me. It was also a nice opportunity to revisit my old childhood in Los Angeles, where I lived for seven years. Everything from my elementary school to our old house had been completely renovated from what I could remember (unfortunately not much).

In terms of my chess, my play was very unsteady to say the least. I knew the Denker was a tough tournament, but my form was a very unpleasant surprise throughout the tournament. There were many games involving getting passive hopeless positions, frequent miscalculations, and getting into time trouble.

In my second game against a 2000 player, I was better in the middle game but lost the thread in the position and reached a complicated, but probably much worse double rook ending. My opponent was in serious time trouble, however, relying on only the 30 second increment and I got lucky when he blundered a rook. I wasn't as fortunate in the next game, however. After reaching a dubious position, I missed a serious chance for counterplay and duly lost afterwards.

After grinding out a win in the fourth round, I was again losing in the fifth round to another 2100 player, but managed to make a miraculous save in a crazy endgame that involved 5(!!!) queens and a frantic time scramble.

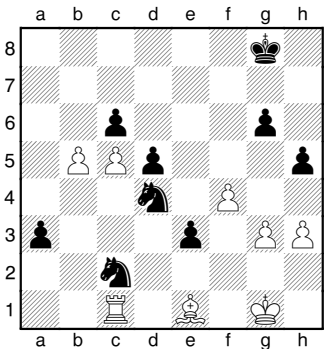
## QGD Semi-Slav D45

Bob Shao 2213 (Texas)

Matt Anzis 2071 (Iowa)

### Denker HS Tournament (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Be7 7.b3 a6 8.Be2 b5 9.c5 O-O 10.b4 a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.O-O b4 13.Nb1 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.Bb2 Qb5 17.Rfb1 Bd8 18.Nb3 Ne4 19.Ne1 f5 20.Nd3 Ra7 21.f3 Nef6 22.Bc1 Qc4 23.Rb2 Be7 24.Bd2 e5 25.Rc1 e4 26.fxe4 fxe4 27.Nf4 Bxf4 28.exf4 Qe2 29.Re1 Qh5 30.Nc1 Rab7 31.h3 Nf8 32.Be3 Ne6 33.Qe2 Qh4 34.Qf2 Qxf2 35.Rxf2 Ra8 36.Rb2 g6 37.Rb3 Nh5 38.Rf1 Ng3 39.Rd1 h5 40.Bf2 Nf5 41.g3 Ra3 42.Rxa3 bxa3 43.Nb3 e3 44.Be1 Rxb3 45.axb3 Nfxd4 46.b4 Nc2 47.Rc1 Ned4 48.b5



48...Ne2+ 49.Kh2 Nxc1 50.bxc6 a2 51.Bc3 d4 52.c7 dxc3 53.c8=Q Kg7 54.Qc7 Kg8 55.Qd8 Kf7 56.Qd7 Kf8 57.c6 a1=Q 58.c7 Qa6 59.c8=Q Qxc8 60.Qxc8 Kf7 61.f5 e2 62.Qe6 Kg7 63.Qxg6 Kf8 64.f6 e1=Q 65.Qg7 Ke8 66.f7 Kd7 67.f8=Q Kc6 68.Qxc3 1-0

After this win, I was somehow still in contention to win the tournament despite playing some of my worst chess in recent memory. I went into the last round half a point behind the leader and eventual winner, Steven Zierk. The last game, unfortunately, was a complete disaster.

I was confused in the opening against Washington State representative Alex Guo and quickly reached a much worse position. I tried to obtain some counterplay, but was quickly pushed back and went down without much of a fight.

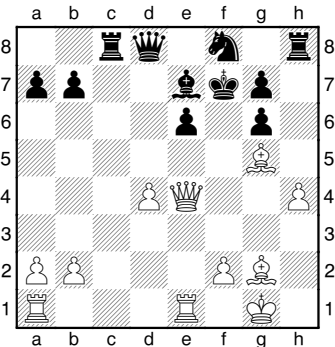
## Reti Opening A11

Alex Guo (Washington) 2133

Bob Shao (Texas) 2213

### Denker HS Tournament (6)

1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Ne5 Bh5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Qa4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 e6 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4 Bd6 11.d4 h6 12.Nxg6 fxe6 13.Qc2 Kf7 14.g5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Rc8 16.Qd3 Qa5 17.O-O Be7 18.Rfe1 Qd8 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Nf8



22.d5 Bxg5 23.dxe6 Kg8 24.hxg5 Qe7 25.Rac1 Re8 26.Qxb7 Qxb7 27.Bxb7 Re7 28.Bd5 Rh4 29.Rc4 Rxc4 30.Bxc4 Nh7 31.f4 Kf8 32.Bd3 Kg8 33.Bxg6 Nf8 34.Bf7 Kh7 35.f5 Nd7 36.Kg2 1-0

A very disappointing last round game, but I learned a great deal from this tournament. I think I played too passively, with lots of inaccurate moves which slowly led to my downfall. Though I was not happy with my performance I still had a wonderful time, with the fond memory of representing the great state of Texas in the Denker tournament.



# Mauricio Flores wins U.S. Class

by NTD Franc Guadalupe

GM Mauricio Flores, a second-year student at University of Texas at Brownsville, was the big winner at the U.S. Class Championships, held Oct. 1-4 in Houston. Going into the last round Mauricio was a full point ahead of the field, and his fifth-round draw against fellow UTB student and top seed GM Timur Gareyev clinched the title. This was a hard-fought, 40-move game between teammates, as Timur had a chance to tie for first with a win.

*Sicilian Rauzer B67*

**Mauricio Flores 2612**

**Timur Gareyev 2685**

*US Class Championship (5)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.O-O-O Bd7 9.f3 Rc8 10.Kb1 b5 11.g4 Ne5 12.Bd3 h6 13.Be3 b4 14.Nce2 d5 15.Bf4 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.h4 c3 18.Qd3 cxb2 19.g5 Nh5 20.g6 Be7 21.gxf7+ Kxf7 22.Be5 Qa5 23.f4 Bb5 24.Qf3 Bc4 25.Nb3 Bxb3 26.cxb3 Nf6 27.Bxb2 Qh5 28.Qe3 Rhd8 29.Nd4 Bc5 30.Rhg1 Qxh4 31.Qf3 Bxd4 32.Bxd4 Qh2 33.Rg2 Rc3 34.Qf2 Qh3 35.Qg1 g5 36.Bxf6 Rxd1+ 37.Qxd1 Rd3 38.Rd2 Rxd2 39.Qxd2 Kxf6 40.Qd8+

1/2-1/2

For his efforts, Mauricio, originally from Valparaiso, Chile, earned the Champion's plaque and the \$1,200 check! Here are two of his critical wins, over University of Texas at Dallas graduate Keaton Kiewra and UTD student IM Salvijus Bercys.

*Sicilian Rossolimo B52*

**Mauricio Flores 2612**

**Keaton Kiewra 2415**

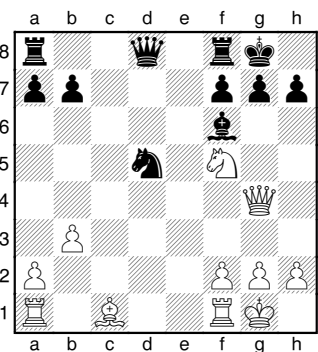
*US Class Championship (1)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.c4 Ngf6 6.Nc3 e6

7.O-O Be7 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 O-O 10.b3 d5?!

This bid for instant equality just falls short. A slow maneuvering game with Rc8, a6, Re8, Bf8 and Nc5 was indicated, as in Short-Timman, London 1980.

11.exd5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nb6 14.Qg4 Nxd5 15.Nf5 Bf6



16.Bh6 g6

16...Bxa1 17.Bxg7! h5 18.Qg3 Kh7 19.Bxa1 Rg8 20.Qf3 Rg5 21.Rd1+-.

17.Rad1 Qa5

17...Re8 18.Qf3 gxf5 19.Rxd5 Qe7 20.Rxf5+-.

18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Nd6 Ne7 20.Qc4 1-0

*King's Indian E92*

**Salvijus Bercys 2511**

**Mauricio Flores 2612**

*US Class Championship (4)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 c6 10.0-0 Nh6 11.d5 Qe7 12.Ne1 g5 13.Bg3 Nd7 14.Nc2 f5 15.exf5 Nf6 16.c5!? dxc5 17.d6 Qe8 18.Bc4+

18.Ne3! Nxf5 19.Qb3+ Kh8 (19...Be6 20.Bc4! Nd4 21.Qxb7±)

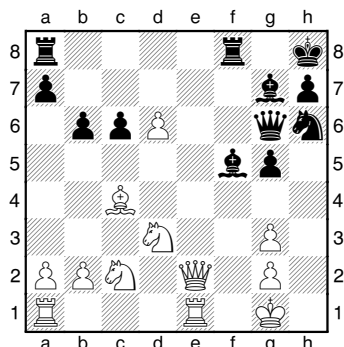
20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.Qxb7± 18...Kh8 19.Re1 Nh5 20.Ne4

20.Be6 Nxc3 21.Bxc8 Qxc8 22.hxc3 Qxf5±

20...Bxf5 21.Nxc5 b6 22.Nd3?

22.Ne4 Qg6 23.Qe2 Nxc3 24.hxc3 Rad8±

22...Nxc3 23.hxc3 e4 24.f3 Qg6 25.fxe4 Bxe4 26.Qe2 Bf5, White resigns



There might have followed:  
27.Rad1 (27.Ne5 Qxd6 28.Nf3 g4 29.Nh4 Qxg3 30.Nxf5 Nxf5+-; 27.Ne3 b5 28.Nxf5 bxc4+-) 27...Ng4 28.Ne3 Qh5 (28...Bd4 29.Ne5 Bxe5 30.Nxc4 Bxc3+-) 29.Nxc4 Bxc4 30.Qd2 Bxd1+-.

0-1

Seven other class champions were crowned in Houston:

Master: GM Mauricio Flores (4.5/5)  
Expert: Mark Dejmek (4.5/5)  
Class A: Frank Brack (4.5/5)  
Class B: Donald Briggs, Jr (4.5), on tiebreaks over Don Burrus.  
Class C: Josh Pruett (5/5!)  
Class D: Ted Ingram (4.5/5), on tiebreaks over Malik Coleman.  
Class E: John Warren (5/5!)  
Unrated: Mario Acero (5/5!)

The Scholastic winners were:

K-12: Nathan John (4.5/5)  
K-9: Nick Troutman, Nancy Zhou, Vishnu Thiagarajan, Yovanni Cervantes, and Brian Chau (4/5)  
K-6 : Vikram Mullick (4.5/5)  
K-3: Zachary Guo (5/5!)

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# Ramirez, Cornejo tie at Southwest Open

The Southwest Open was held Sept. 3-6 on the top floor (11th) of the Best Western Marina Grand Hotel, Corpus Christi. The playing area had full-glass walls on two sides, giving the 110 players attending a great view of the marina and the bay!

Tying for first were GM Alejandro Ramirez and Max Cornejo with 5.5/7. Tying for 3rd were Marko Zivanic, Ioan Cristian Chirila and Julio C. Sadorra with 5/7 each.

Lakshmana Viswanath orgnized the event. – NTD Franc Guadalupe

## PRIZE WINNERS

OPEN: *1st-2nd:* Alejandro Ramirez, Max Cornejo, 5.5. *3rd:* Marko Zivanic, Ioan Chirila, Julio Sadorra, 5.0. *U2400:* Alex Chua, Michael Langer 4.5. *1st U2200:* Vincent Zhang 4.0. *2nd U2200:* Mark Dejmeck 3.5.

RESERVE (U2000): *1st:* Rizal Abarientos, 6.0. *2nd-3rd:* Austin Jiang, Alok Kumar, Ivan Wijetunge, 5.5. *1st-3rd: Class B (12-way tie!):* Henry Imperial, Andrew Jacob, Steven Villarreal, Bovey Liu, David Sharp, Julia Jones, Sam Capcyan, Wallace Brady, Duy Nguyen, Ethan Rodriguez, Rohit Bhatta, 4.0. *1st Class C:* Thomas Mings, 4.0. *2nd-3rd C:* David Hsieh, Rohit Kaliyur, Heather Har-Zvi, Henry Velasquez, Doyle Lobaugh, 3.0. *1st Unrated:* Manuel Perez, 4.5

NOVICE (U1400): *1st:* Royal Bernhard, 6.0. *2nd:* David Burnett, 5.5. *3rd:* Sanjay Annigeri, Usman Quereshi, 5.0. *U1200+U1000:* Rey Contreras, Louis Fernandes, 4.0

## Caro-Kann B01

Michael Langer 2313

Bill Wheeler 1991

## Southwest Open 2010 (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bd2

c6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.Qe2 Be7 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qc7 14.Bh6 Bf8 [14...f5=] 15.Bxf8 Nxf8 16.d5 cxd5 17.Rhe1 0-0-0 [17...Rg8 18.g3 Rd8] 18. Qd4 Qa5 19.Qxf6 Nd7 20.Qd4 Qxa2 21.Rd3 Nb6?? [21...Qa1+ 22. Kd2 Qa5+ 23.Kc1 Qa1+=] 22.Ra3 Qc4 23.Rc3 1-0

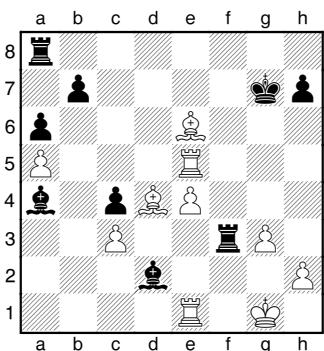
## QGD Slav D15

Alexander Chua 2261

Alejandro Ramirez 2574

## Southwest Open 2010 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 a6 5.g3 dxc4 6.a4 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 9.a5 Nd5 10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 c5 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Ne5 Bb5 14.f4 cxd4 15.Bxd4 f6 16.Nf3 Nd7 17.f5 Ne5 18.Nxe5 fxe5 19.Bb6 Qxd1 20. Raxd1 Bc6 21.Rfel Kf7 22.Bh3 gxf5 23.Bxf5 e6 24.Bg4 Bf6 25.Rd6 Kg7 26.Bxe6 Be7 27.Rd2 Bg5 28. Rdd1 Ba4 29.Rd5 Rf3 30.Rxe5 Bd2 31.Bd4



31...Bxc3 32.Bxc3 [32.Rd5+ Kh6 33.Rf1 Raf8 34.Be3+ Rxe3 35.Rxf8 Rxe4=] 32...Rxc3 33.Rc5 Bc6 34. Rxc4 Rxc4 35.Bxc4 Rd8 36.Bd5, Draw agreed (36...Bxd5 37.Rd1 Kf6 38.exd5 Ke5 39.Re1+=) 1/2-1/2

I had a good game against GM Ioan Chirila, a Romanian student at UTB. but despite the 30 second increment I crumbled in crunch time. - SKA

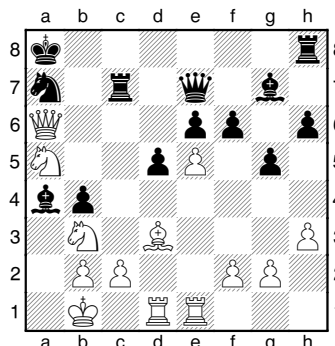
## Torre Attack A46

Selby Anderson 2200

Ioan Chirila 2541

## Southwest Open 2010 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.e4 d6 6.Nc3 g5 7.e5 Qe7 8.h3 Bg7 9.Qd2 a6 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Qe3 Bd7 12.0-0-0 d5 13.Kb1 0-0-0 14.Rhe1 Kb8 15.a3 b5 16.a4 b4 17.Na2 a5 18.Nc1 Na7 19.Nb3 Bxa4 20.Nxa5 c5 21.dxc5 Rc8 22. Nd2 Rxc5 23.Ndb3 Rc7 24.Qb6+ Ka8 25.Qa6 f6? [25...h5=]



26.Nd4! fxe5 27.Nxe6 Rhc8 28.b3 Bd7 29.Nxc7+ Rxc7 30.Bh7 Bc8 31.Qb6 Qc5 32.Nc4! Nb5 [32... dxc4?? 33.Be4+] 33.Qxc5

33.Rxd5 Nc3+ 34.Kb2 Qxb6 35. Nxb6+ Kb7 36.Rd6 Bf8 37. Nxc8+-.

33...Rxc5 34.Nxe5

34.Nb6+ Kb7 35.Na4+-

34...Nc3+ 35.Kc1 Ra5 36.Nc6 Ra1+ 37.Kd2 Nxd1 38.Rxd1 Bc3+ 39.Ke2 Ba6+ 40.Bd3 Bxd3+ 41. Rxd3 Rc1 42.Rxd5 Rxc2+ 43.Ke3 Be1 44.Rd8+

44.Ra5+! Kb7 45.Nxb4! Bxf2+ 46.Kd3 Rb2 47.Ra2+

44...Kb7 45.Na5+ Ka6 46.Ra8+ Kb5 47.Nc4 Bxf2+ 48.Kf3 Be1 49.Ra5+ Kc6 50.Ra6+ Kc5 51. Rxh6 Rf2+ 52.Ke4 Rxc2 53.Rf6 Rg3 54.Rf5+ Kc6 55.Ne5+ [55. Rf3=] 55...Kd6 56.Nf3 [56.Nc4+

Ke6 57.Rf3] 56...Bc3 57.Nxg5 Bb2  
58.Nf7+Ke7 59.Ng5 Rxb3 60.h4  
Rc3 61.Nf3 b3 62.Rb5 Bc1 63.Nd4  
b2 (time) 0-1

*Modern Benoni A67*

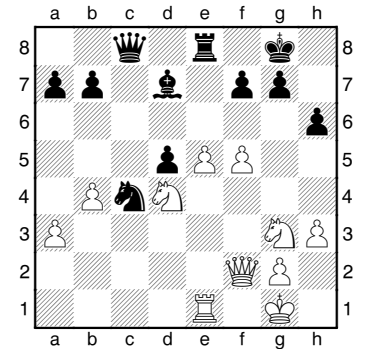
Leo Bonnell 1983  
Mark Dejmek 2130

*Southwest Open 2010 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5  
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+  
Nbd7 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nh5 11.e6  
Qh4+ 12.g3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qxh1  
14.exd7+?

As the saying goes, that knight  
wasn't going anywhere. Better is  
14.Be3.

14...Bxd7 15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.  
Qa4+ Kc8 17.Be3 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3  
Qxd5 19.Rd1 Qe6 20.Kf2 Re8 21.  
Re1 Qc6 22.Qxc6+ bxc6 23.Rb1  
Rb8 24.Rxb8+ Kxb8 25.Bxc5 Rd8  
26.Ne2 Rd5 27.Be7 Kc7 28.a3 Rf5+  
29.Ke1 Ra5 30.Kd2 Rd5+ 31.Ke1  
Kb6 32.Bf6 Kb5 33.Nf4 Rf5 34.  
Bd4 c5 35.Be3 Kc4 36.Kd2 g5 37.  
Nh3 Rd5+ 38.Kc2 Rd3 39.Bd2 f6  
40.Nf2 Rxg3 41.Ne4 Rf3 42.Nd6+  
Kd5 43.Nb5 h5 44.Kd1 h4 45.Ke2  
g4 46.Be3 a5 47.Bf2 h3 48.Bg1 a4  
49.Nc7+ Kc4 50.Ne6 Rf5 51.Bh2  
Kxc3 0-1



*Sicilian B23*

Bill Wheeler 1991  
Alexander Balkum 2227

*Southwest Open 2010 (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3  
Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2 Nge7

8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2 Rb8  
11.Nd1 b5 12.c3 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3  
Qc7 14.d4 f5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.dxc5  
Be6 17.b4?! [⊠17.Qd6±] 17...Rbd8  
18.Qg2 f4 19.Be1 Qd7 20.Nf2 Bc4  
21.Re1 Nc6 22.a3 Qf7 23.g4 g5  
24.Nd1 Ne7 25.Nb2 Bb3 26.Qe2 a6  
27.a4 bxa4 28.Nxa4 Bc4 29.Qf2  
Ng6 30.Nb2 Nh4 31.Be2 Bxe2 32.  
Rxe2 f3 33.Rd2 Rxd2 34.Bxd2 Qe6  
35.h3 Qg6 36.Re1

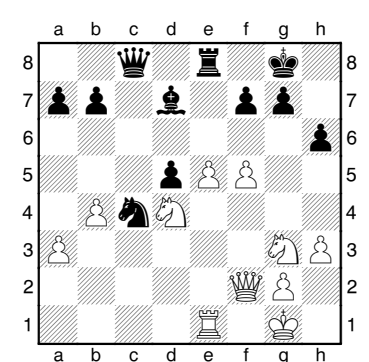
36.Nc4 Qxe4 37.Nd6 Qg6 38.  
Be3±  
36...Ng2 37.Nd1 Nxe1 38.Qxe1 h5  
39.Qe3? hxg4 40.hxg4 Qh6 41.Nf2  
Qh4 42.Kf1 Qg3 43.Be1??  
43.Qd3 Qg2+ 44.Ke1 Qg1+  
45.Qf1=  
43...Rd8 44.Nd3 Qg2+ 45.Ke1  
Rxd3 0-1

*Sicilian B22*

Max Cornejo 2472  
Marko Zivanic 2582

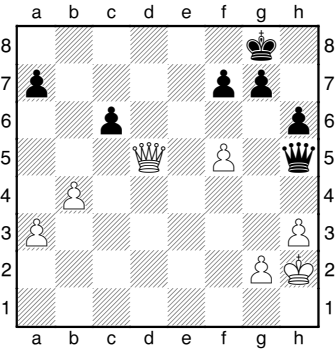
*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4  
5.cxd4 e6 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bc4 Nc6 8.0-0  
Nb6 9.Bd3 Nb4 10.Bg5 Be7 11.  
Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nc3 dxe5 13.dxe5  
0-0 14.Be4 Rd8 15.Qb1 h6 16.Rd1  
Rb8 17.a3 N4d5 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.  
Rd4 Be6 20.Qd3 Rbc8 21.b3 Rc6  
22.h3 Rdc8 23.Ne2 Nd7 24.Qe3  
Ra6 25.b4 Rac6 26.Rd3 Nb6 27.  
Nfd4 Rc4 28.f4 Bd7 29.Ng3 R4c7  
30.Re1 Re8 31.Qf2 Qh4 32.Nf3  
Qd8 33.f5 Qc8 34.Nd4 Rc1 35.  
Rde3 Rxe1+ 36.Rxe1 Nc4



Has White overextended and  
gotten himself in trouble? No, not  
really! Fritz takes a couple of min-  
utes to go from ♞ to ±.

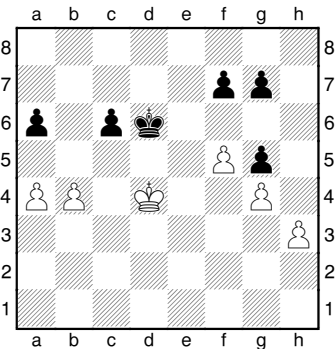
37.Nh5 Rxe5 38.Rxe5 Nxe5 39.Qg3  
Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qg5 41.Qxe5 Qxh5  
42.Qxd5 Bc6 43.Nxc6 bxc6



44.Qd8+!

White steers for a K+P ending  
where Black slides into zugzwang.  
Unclear at best is 44.Qxc6 Qxf5  
45.Qa8+ Kh7 46.Qxa7 Qe5+.

44...Kh7 45.g4 Qg5 46.Qxg5 hxg5  
47.Kg3 Kg8 48.Kf3 Kf8 49.Ke4  
Ke7 50.Kd4 Kd6 51.Kc4 Kd7 52.  
Kc5 Kc7 53.a4 a6 54.Kc4 Kd7  
54...a5 55.bxa5 Kb7 56.Kc5  
55.Kd3 Kc7 56.Ke4 Kd6 57.Kd4



57...Kd7 58.Ke5 Ke7

58...f6+ 59.Kd4 Kc7 60.Kc5  
Kb7 61.Kd6 Kb6 62.Kd7 a5 63.  
bxa5+ Kxa5 64.Kxc6+-.

59.f6+ gxf6+ 60.Kf5 Kd6 61.Kxf6  
a5 62.bxa5 c5 63.a6 Kc6 64.Kxg5  
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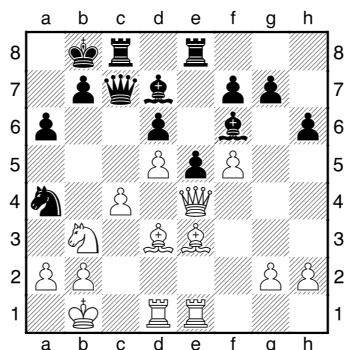
*Sicilian Najdorf B99*

Ioan Chirila 2541

Michael Langer 2313

*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Qh3 Nb6 12.f5 e5 13.Nb3 Bd7 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.Be3 Na4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Kb8 18.Qg4 Bf6 19.Qe4 Rhe8 20.Kb1 Rc8 21.c4



21...Bxf5!?? [21...Bg5=] 22.Qxf5 e4 23.Bf1 Bxb2 24.Qf2 f5 25.Bd4 Bc3 26.Qxf5 Bxd4 27.Rxd4 Rf8 28.Qh3 Qe7 29.Qe3 Qe5 30.Be2 b5 31.Na5 bxc4 32.Nc6+ Rxc6 33.dxc6 Nc3+ 34.Ka1 [34.Qxc3] 34...Nxe2 35.Rxe2 Rf1+ 36.Kb2 Rd1 37.Red2 Rxd2+ 38.Qxd2 1-0

*King's Indian E92*

Alexander Chua 2302

Salvijus Bercys 2521

*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Na6 8.d5 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bc1 Nh6 11.0-0 c6 12.a3 Nf7 13.b4 c5 14.Rb1 f5 15.Ne1 Ng5 16.f3 h5 17.Nd3 Nh7 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.a4 Re8 20.Be3 f4 21.Bf2 Bf8 22.Rb5 Qc7 23.Qb1 Rb8 24.Rb3 Ra8 1/2-1/2

*French Defense C11*

Nipun Ramakrishnan 1607

Julio Sadorra 2469

*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5

Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Qe1 g5 12.Qg3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bc5 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Bxc5 gxf4 16.Qxf4 Qxc5+ 17.Kh1 0-0-0 18.Bd3 Rdf8 19.Rf3 d4 20.Ne4 Qxe5 21.Nd6+ Kc7 22.Nxf7 Qxf4 23.Rxf4 Rhg8 24.Rf2 e5 25.Raf1 Rxf7 26.Rxf7 Bxg2+ 27.Kg1 Bd5+ 28.Kf2 Bxf7 29.a3 Bd5 30.Rg1 Rxf7 31.Kxg1 e4 32.Be2 Ne5 33.Kf2 e3+ 34.Kg3 Be4 35.Bh5 Kd6 0-1

*Sicilian Dragon B76*

Bradley Sawyer 2297

Roberto Rodriguez 2122

*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.h4 Rfe8 13.h5 Qa5 14.a3 Rab8 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Qg5 a6 18.Rh2 Rc6 19.Rdh1 Rbc8 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 Rc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.c3 Qa4 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Qxf6 1-0

After losing to a former chess camp student from Katy, I withdrew to enjoy the rest of the weekend. After the TCA meeting I saw *Inception* (like *The Matrix*, only more confusing), and had a good karaoke night.

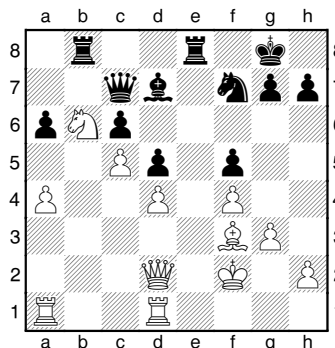
*Budapest Defense A52*

Naveen Balakrishnan 1960

Selby Anderson 2200

*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Nh3 Nxe5 5.e3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nbc6 8.Be2 a6 9.Nf4 0-0 10.0-0 Be6 11.b3 Ng6 12.Nd5 f5 13.Nbc3 a6 14.Rfd1 Nce5 15.f4 Nf7 16.g3 c6 17.Nb4 Ne7 18.Nc2 b5 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Bf3 bxc4 [20...Rb8 21.cxb5 axb5 22.a4 b4 23.Nce2 c5 24.Nc2 Be6 25.Qd3 Qa5=] 21.bxc4 Rb8 22.Nb3 Qc7 [22...Be6 23.c5 Bxb3 24.axb3 dxc5=] 23.c5 d5= 24.Na4 Nc8 25.Nd4 Re8 26.Kf2 Na7 27.Nb6 Nb5 28.a4 Nxd4 29.exd4



29...Rxb6??

29...Nd6! (a) 30.cxd6 Qxb6=; (b) 30.Qd3 Ne4+ 31.Kg2 Bc8=; (c) 30.Nxd7 Nc4 31.Nf6+ gxf6 32.Qc3 Rb2+ 33.Kg1 Qd7 34.Re1 Reb8 35.Bd1± with advantage White, but better than the game continuation. 30.cxb6 Qxb6 31.Rab1 Qa7 32.Qb4 Nd8 33.Qb6 Qa8 34.Qc7 Qc8 35.Qxc8 Bxc8 36.Rb8 Ne6 37.Rb6 Nd8 38.Rc1 Bb7 39.Re1 Rxe1 40.Kxe1 Kf8 41.a5 Ke7 42.Be2 Kd6 43.Kd2 1-0

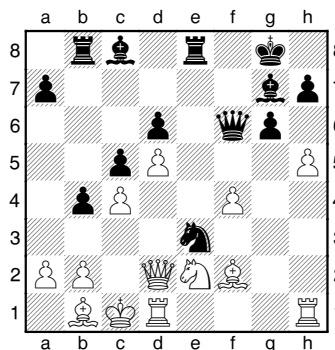
*Pirc Defense B06*

Nadya Ortiz 2226

Gregg Stanley 2060

*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

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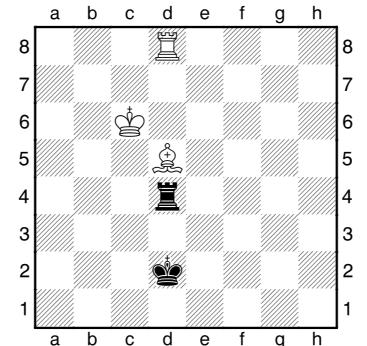


23.Bxe3 Rxe3 24.Rdg1 Rxe2 25. Qxe2 Qxf4+ 26.Kd1 Qd4+ 27.Bd3 Bf5 28.Rg3 Be5 29.Rf3 Bg4

29...b3! 30.a3 Bg4 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Rhf1 Qxb2 33.Qe4 Bh5 +-.  
30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Rhf1 Qxb2 32. Qxb2 Bxb2 33.Kc2 Bxf3 34.Rxf3 Be5 35.Bxg6 Rb7 36.Bf5 Kg7 37. Be6 Kg6 38.Kb3 Kg5 39.Ka4 Rh7 40.Rf2 Rh4 41.Rc2 Bc3 42.Kb5 Kf6 43.Rf2+ Ke5 44.Kc6 Re4 45. Rf5+ Kd4 46.Kxd6 Kxc4 47.Kc6 Kd4 48.Bf7 Be1 49.d6 c4 50.Rd5+ Kc3 51.Rh5 Rd4

51...Bh4 52.Rxh4 Rxh4 53.d7 Rh8 54.Be8+-.

52.d7 b3 53.axb3 cxb3 54.Rh3+ Kb2 55.Rxb3+ Kc2 56.Ra3 Bh4 57.Rxa7 Kd2 58.Bd5 Kc3 59.Ra3+ Kd2 60.Rh3 Be7 61. Rh7 Bd8 62.Rh8 Bf6 63.d8Q Bxd8 64.Rxd8



and White won. 1-0

*Dutch Defense A87*

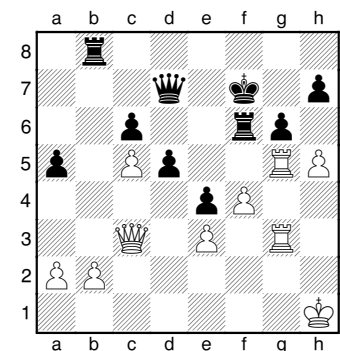
Leo Bonnell 1983

Vincent Zhang 2146

*Southwest Open 2010 (3)*

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Qe8 8.d5 Na6 9.Rb1 Nc5 10.Nb5 Qd8 11. Nbd4 a5 12.h3 Bd7 13.Be3 c6 14. Nd2 Qc8 15.Kh2 Nh5 16.f4 Nf6 17.Qc2 Re8 18.N4b3 Nce4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.exd6 bxc6 21.Nd2 Nf6 22.Nf3 e5 23.Rfd1 e4 24.Ne1 d5 25.Bd4 Be6 26.c5 Nh5 27.Qc3 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 Qc7 29.Nc2 Bc8 30. Rg1 Ba6 31.Bf1 Ng7 32.Rd1 Rab8 33.e3 Bxf1 34.Rdxf1 Qa7 35.Nd4

Rec8 36.g4 fxd4 37.Rxg4 Qc7 38. Rf2 Rf8 39.Rfg2 Rbe8 40.Rg5 Ne6 41.Nxe6 Rxe6 42.Kh1 Ref6 43.h4 Kf7 44.h5 Qd7 45.R2g3 Rb8



46.hxg6+ hxg6 47.Qxf6+ Kxf6 48. Rxg6+ Kf7 49.Rg7+ Ke8 50.Rxd7?

50.Rg8+ Ke7 (a) 51.R3g7+ Ke6 52.Rxd7 Rxg8 53.Rd6+ Kf5 54.Kh2 Rb8 55.b3 a4 56.bxa4 Rb2+ 57.Kg1 Rxa2 58.Rxc6±; (b) 51.Rxb8! Qe6 52.Rg7+ Kf6 53.Rh7 Kg6 54.Rbh8 Qf5 55.Rh6+ Kg7 56.Rh5 Qg4 (56...Qg6 57.f5) 57.R5h7+ Kf6 58.Rf8+ +-.

50...Kxd7 51.Rg7+ Ke6 52.Rg2 Rb5 53.Rc2 Kf5 54.Kg2 d4 55.exd4 Kxf4 56.Kf2 e3+ 57.Ke2 Ke4 58.b3 Rb4 59.d5 Kxd5 60.Kxe3 Rb5 61.Kd3 Rxc5 62.Rxc5+ Kxc5 1/2-1/2

*QGD Slav D30*

Alejandro Ramirez 2662

Max Cornejo 2472

*Southwest Open 2010 (4)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Qc2 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Nf6 6.g3 b5 7.Qc2 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nbd7 9.Nc3 b4 10.Na4 Qa5 1/2-1/2

*Modern Benoni A45*

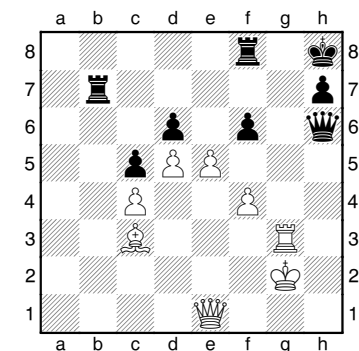
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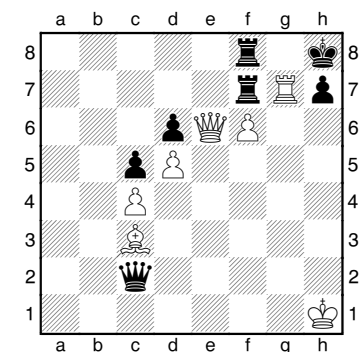
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Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Nc4 Rb8 16.Nb6 Qd8 17.Nxc8 Rxc8 18.e4 Bd4 19. Ra3 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Rd3 Nf6 22.Re1 Nd7 23.Bf1 b4 24.Kg2 Qb6 25.b3 Bc3 26.Bd2 Ne5 27.Rxc3 bxc3 28.Bxc3 Rb8 29.Bc4 f6 30.h4 Rb7 31.h5 g5 32.h6 Rf8 33.Qd2 Qd8 34.f4 gxf4 35.gxf4 Nxe4 36. bxc4 Qe8 37.Re3 Kh8 38.Qe1 Qg6+ 39.Rg3 Qxh6 40.e5



40...Qxf4 41.exf6 Rbf7 42.Qe2 Ra8 43.Bb2 Qf5 44.Qe6 Qc2+ 45.Kh3 Raf8 46.Bc3 Qb1 47.Rg7 Qd3+ 48.Kh2 Qc2+ 49.Kh1



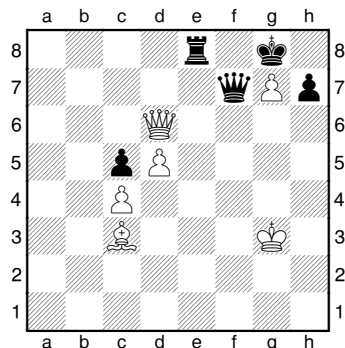
49...Qd1+?

49...Qxc3!! 50.Rxf7 Qf3+ 51. Kg1 (51.Kh2 Qh5+) 51...Qg3+ 52.Kf1 Ra8+

50.Kg2 Ra8 51.Qe3

51.Rxh7+!! Rxh7 52.Qe8+ Rxe8 53.f7+ Rg7+ 54.Bxg7+ Kxg7 55. fxe8Q=

51...Qh5 52.Kg3 Rxg7+ 53.fxd7+ Kg8 54.Qe6+ Qf7 55.Qxd6 Re8



56. Be5?

56. Qf6! Re3+ 57. Kg2 (a) 57... Re4 58. Kg3 Qxf6 59. Bxf6 Rxc4 60. d6 Rc1 61. d7 Rd1 62. d8Q+ Rxd8 63. Bxd8 Kxg7 64. Kf4=; (b) 57... Qg6+ 58. Qxg6 hxg6 59. Bf6 Re4 60. d6 Rxc4 61. Kf3 Rb4 62. d7 Rb8 63. Ke4 Kf7 64. d8Q Rxd8 65. Bxd8 Kxg7=

56... Qf5+ 57. Bf4 Qd3+ 58. Kh4 Qxc4 59. Kg5 Qd4 60. Kf5 Qxg7 0-1

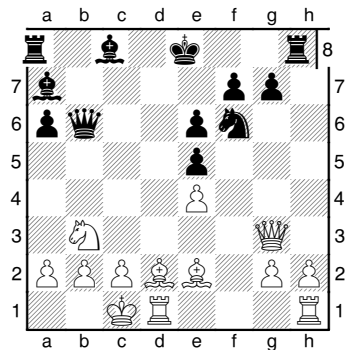
*Sicilian Paulsen B42*

Michael Langer 2313

Nadya Ortiz 2226

*Southwest Open 2010 (4)*

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17... Qf2 18. Qxg7 Rg8 19. Qxh6 Rg6 20. Rfh1 Qxe2 21. Qh8+ Ng8 22. Qh7 Bf2 23. Rde1 Qg4 24. Rxf2

Rg7 25. Qh8 Bb7 26. Nc5 0-0-0 27. Nxb7 Kxb7 28. Bh6 Qh4 29. Qxg7 Qxf2 30. Rh1 Nxb6 31. Qxh6 Qxg2 32. Re1 Qf2 33. Qe3 Qxh2 34. Qb3+ Ka7 35. Qc3 Rd7 36. b3 Kb7 37. Qb4+ Ka7 38. Qc3 Kb7 39. a4 Qf2 40. Re3 a5 41. Rd3 Qg1+ 42. Kb2 Rxd3 43. Qxd3 Qd4+ 44. Qxd4 exd4 45. c3 dxc3+ 46. Kxc3 f5 47. exf5 exf5 48. b4 axb4+ 49. Kxb4

1/2-1/2

*Dutch Defense A81*

Marko Zivanic 2582

Mark Dejmek 2130

*Southwest Open 2010 (4)*

1. d4 f5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 e6 4. Nh3 Be7 5. c4 d6 6. Nc3 0-0 7. 0-0 e5 8. d5 a5 9. f3 Na6 10. e4 fxe4 11. fxe4 Bd7 12. Nf2 h6 13. Be3 Nh7 14. Nd3 b6 15. Rxf8+ Qxf8 16. Qe2 Qf6 17. b3 Qg6 18. Rb1 Nf6 19. Nf2 Rf8 20. a3 Ng4 21. Nng4 Bxg4 22. Qd2 h5 23. h4 Bf3 24. Kh2 Nc5 25. Bxc5 bxc5 26. Rf1 Bxg2 27. Rxf8+ Kxf8 28. Qxg2 Qg4 29. Qf2+ Ke8 30. Qf1 g6 31. Qg2 (score illegibile) 1-0

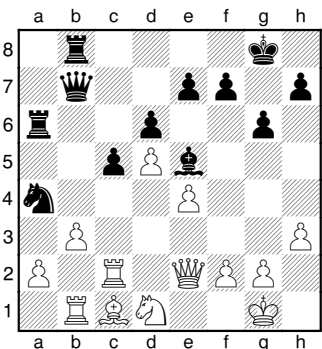
*King's Indian E90*

Anjali Datta 1975

Chris Land 2229

*Southwest Open 2010 (4)*

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 0-0 5. Nf3 d6 6. h3 c5 7. d5 a6 8. Bd3 b5 9. cxb5 axb5 10. Nxb5 Ba6 11. Nc3 Nbd7 12. 0-0 Qc7 13. Re1 Rfb8 14. Bxa6 Rxa6 15. Re2 Nb6 16. Rc2 Qb7 17. Qe2 Na4 18. Nd1 Nd7 19. Rb1 Ne5 20. Nxe5 Bxe5 21. b3



Qa8 22. Bd2 Ra7 23. Rbc1 Nb6 24. Bc3 Nd7 25. Bxe5 Nxe5 26. Nc3 Rb4 27. f4 Nd7 28. Rf1 f6 29. Nb5 Rb7 30. Nc3 Qd8 31. Rfc1 Kg7 32. Na4 Qa8 33. Rc4 R4b5 1/2-1/2

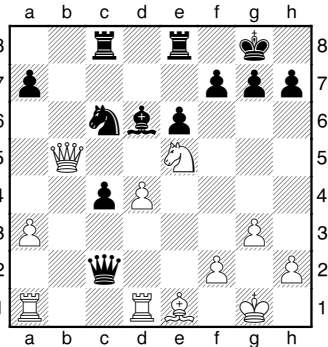
*QGD Semi-Slav D30*

Salvijus Bercys 2521

Alejandro Ramirez 2662

*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 e6 5. Nbd2 c5 6. b3 cxd4 7. exd4 Be7 8. Bb2 b6 9. Bd3 0-0 10. 0-0 Nc6 11. Rc1 Bb7 12. Qe2 Rc8 13. Rfd1 Re8 14. Nf1 dxc4 15. bxc4 Qc7 16. Ng3 Qf4 17. a3 Bd6 18. c5 Bb8 19. Ba6 Bxa6 20. Qxa6 Nd5 21. Ne2 Qf5 22. Nc3 Bf4 23. Ra1 Nxc3 24. Bxc3 bxc5 25. Qb5 Qc2 26. Be1 c4 27. g3 Bd6 28. Ne5



28... a6 29. Qxc4?

Losing a piece. Black is still much better after 29. Qxa6 Bxe5 30. dxe5 Nxe5+ with his faster pawn and light square control.

29... Nxe5, White resigns

30. Qxc2 Nf3+ 31. Kg2 Nxe1+ 32. Rxe1 Rxc2+ 0-1

*Sicilian Paulsen C42*

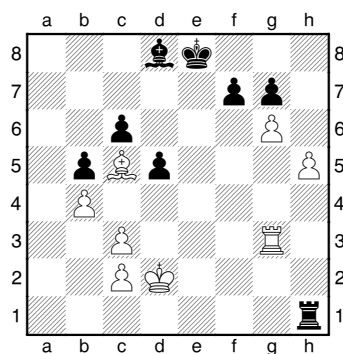
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*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. Nc3 Nxc3 6. dxc3 Be7 7. Be3 Nd7 8. Qd2 0-0 9. h4 Ne5 10. h5 h6 11. 0-0-0 Be6 12. Nd4 Qd7 13. Nxe6 Qxe6 14. Kb1 Rfe8 15. Be2 Ng4 16. Bxg4 Qxg4 17. f3 Qf5 18. Qf2

Bg5 19.f4 Bf6 20.Qf3 Qe4 21.Rh3 Qxf3 22.Rxf3 Re4 23.Rd3 Rae8 24.Kc1 d5 25.Kd2 =? 25...c6 26.g3 b6 27.Rf1 Be7 28.b4 Bf6 29.Re1 b5 30.Bf2 Rxe1 31.Bxe1 a5 32.a3 Ra8 33.Bf2 axb4 34.axb4 Kf8 35.Bc5+ Ke8 36.g4 Ra1 37.Rg3 Rh1 38.g5 hxg5 39.fxg5 Bd8 40.g6



40...f6

Not 40...Rxb5?? 41.Re3+ Kd7 42.gxf7+-.

41.Rg1 Rh2+ 42.Kd3 Rh3+ 43.Kd2 Bc7 44.Ra1 Rxb5 45.Ra7 Kd8 46.Ra8+ Kd7 47.Ra7 Rh8 48.Ke2 Kc8 49.Ra6 Kb7 50.Ra7+ Kb8 51.Ra6 f5 52.Bd4 Re8+ 53.Kf3 Re6 54.Ba7+ Kb7 55.Ra1 1/2-1/2

*King's Indian E92*

Marko Zivanic 2582

Keaton Kiewra 2405

*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.f3 c6 10.Bf2 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.c5 Nh5 14.Qd2 Be5 15.g3 Ng7 16.Rfd1 Be6 17.Nxe6 Nxe6 18.Qxd5 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Qf6 20.Qd2 Rad8 21.Qc2 Ng5 22.Rxd8 Qxd8 23.Kg2 Ne6 24.Qd1 Qc8 25.Qd5 (illegible) 1-0

*QGD Semi-Slav A45*

Julio Sadorra

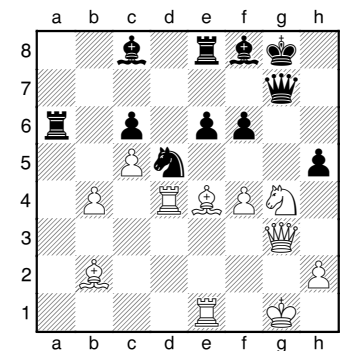
Puchen Wang

*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nbd2 e6 5.g3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.b3 Bb7 10.Bb2 Rc8

11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf6 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.Rfe1 Rfe8 16.Rad1 h6 17.Ne5 Rcd8 18.c5 Nd5 19.a3 Bf8 20.b4 Rc8 21.f4 bxc5 22.dxc5 a5 23.Rd4 axb4 24.axb4 Ra8 25.Be4 Ra2 26.g4 Bc8 27.Qb3 Ra6 28.g5 f6 29.gxf6 gxf6 30.Qg3+ Qg7 31.Ng4 h5?

31...Kf7 32.Qh4 Nxf4 (32..Be7 33.Kh1 Rh8 34.Rg1 Kf8 35.Rd2±) 33.Bxc6 Rxc6 34.Rxf4 e5 35.Rxe5 Bxg4 36.Rxg4 fxe5 37.Rxg7+ Bxg7 38.b5!+-



32.Rxd5! Qxg4

32...cxd5 33.Nxf6+ Kf7 34.Qxg7+ Bxg7 35.Nxe8 Bxb2 36.Bd3+-

33.Rxb5 Qxg3+ 34.hxg3 Bg7 35.Rd1 e5 36.f5 Bf8 37.Rd2 Re7 38.Bd3 Kf7 39.Rh7+ Bg7 40.Bc4+ Ke8 41.Bxa6 Bxa6 42.Rd6 Kf7 43.Rxc6 Bd3 44.g4 Be2 45.g5 1-0

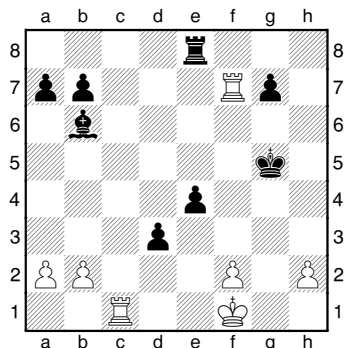
*French Tarrasch C06*

Michael Langer 2313

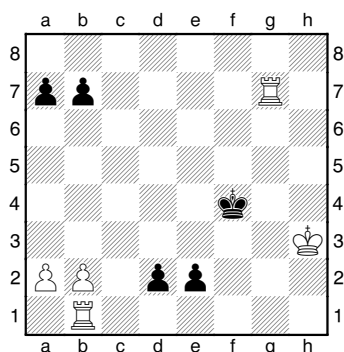
Karina Vazirova 2096

*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4 Nxd4 10.Qh5+ Ke7 11.exf6+ Nxf6 12.Ng6+ hxg6 13.Qxh8 Kf7 14.Qh4 e5 15.Nf3 Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 Bf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Bg5 d4 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Qxf6+ Kxf6 21.Ke2 Be5 22.Rac1 Bb6 23.Rhg1 e4 24.fxe4 fxe4 25.Rg4 Re8 26.Rf4+ Kg5 27.Rf7 d3+ 28.Kf1



28...Bxf2 29.Rxf2 e3 30.Rf3 Re5 31.Rb1 Kg4 32.Rf7 Rh5 33.Kg2 d2 34.h3+ Rxh3 35.Rxg7+ Kf4 36.Kxh3 e2



37.Rgg1 Kf3 38.b4 Kf2 39.Rg2+ Ke3 40.Rb3+ Kd4 41.Rg4+ Ke5 42.Re3+ Kf5 43.Rxe2 d1Q 44.Rgg2 Qd3+ 45.Kh2 Qd6+ 46.Kh3 Qxb4 and a draw was soon agreed. 1/2-1/2

*Catalan Opening A15*

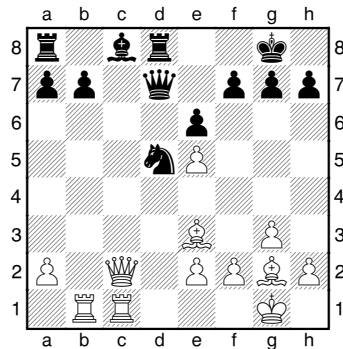
Bradley Sawyer 2297

Anjali Datta 1975

*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Rb1 Qc7 11.Qa4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Rd8 13.Be3 Bf6 14.Rfc1 Qd7 15.Qc2 Ne7 [15...h6=] 16.Ne5 Bxe5 16...Qe8 17.Bxb7 Bxb7 18.Rxb7 Rac8 19.Qb1 Rxc1+ 20.Qxc1 Bxe5 21.dxe5± 17.dxe5 Nd5?

Better is 17...h6. Now White commences an impressive series of "power plays" -- all but one of the remaining moves carry threats!



18.Bg5 Re8 19.e4 Ne7 20.Rd1 Qc6  
21.Qb3 Ng6 22.Rbc1 Qa6 23.Bf1  
Qa5 24.Bb5 Rf8 25.Bd2 Qb6 26.  
Be3 Qa5 27.Bc5 Rd8 28.Bb4 Qb6  
29.Rxd8+ Qxd8 30.Rd1 Qb6 31.  
Rd6 Qc7 32.Qc4 Qe7 33.Qd4 1-0

*Caro-Kann B15*

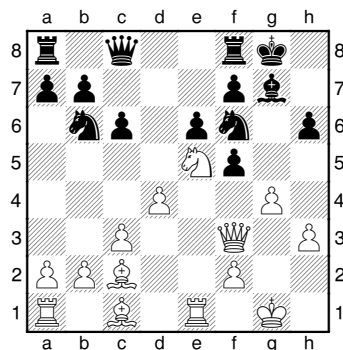
Chris Land 2229

Gregg Stanley 2060

*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1.e4 g6 2.d4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.h3 dxe4  
5.Nxe4 Nd7 6.Bc4 Ngf6 7.Ng5 Nd5  
8.N1f3 h6 9.Ne4 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0  
11.c3 Qc7 12.Re1 N7b6

12...Rd8 13.Qe2 b6 14.Bb3 a5=  
13.Bb3 Bf5 14.Ng3 Be6 15.Ne5  
Qc8 16.Bc2 Nf6 17.Qe2 Bf5 18.  
Nxf5 gxf5 19.Qf3 e6 20.g4



20...fxg4 21.hxg4 Nbd7 22.Qh3  
Re8 23.Bxh6 Nf8 24.g5 Nd5 25.

Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Ng4!?

27.Re4! with mate in 6; or  
27.Bh7+! Nxb7 28.g6+-.

27...e5 28.Nxe5 Rxe5 29.Rxe5  
Qg4+ 30.Kf1 Nf4 31.Qh2 Qf3  
32.Re3 Qg4 33.Qg3 Qh5 34.Qxf4  
Qh1+ 35.Ke2 Qxa1 36.Bb3 Qxb2+  
37.Kf3 Ne6 38.Rxe6 Rf8 39.Re3

Or 39.Rg6+ Kh7 40.Qh4+ Kxg6  
41.Qh6+ Kf5 42.Qf6#

39...Qb1 40.Kg2 Kg7 41.Qf6+ Kg8  
42.g6 1-0

*French Defense C06*

Roberto Rodriguez 2122

Deepyaman Datta 2248

*Southwest Open 2010 (5)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5  
Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4  
8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6  
11.0-0 Qc7 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Bh4 Nh5  
14.Bg3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Qb6 16.Ng5  
h6 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.Nf4 Bxf4  
19.gxf4 Qxd4 20.Qh5 Qxf4 21.Nh3  
Qe5 22.Qg6 Qf5 23.Qxf5 exf5 24.  
Bg6 f4 25.Rad1 Bxh3 26.gxh3 Ne5  
27.Bc2 Rad8 28.Kg2 Rf6 29.Rfe1  
Ng6 30.Kf3 Kg8 31.Bxg6 Rxg6  
32.Re7 Rf6 33.Rxb7 Rf7 34.Rxf7

Kxf7 35.Kxf4 Ke6 36.Rc1 Kd6

37.h4 Re8 38.Kf3 Re4 39.Rg1 Re7  
40.h5 d4 41.b4 Kd5 42.Rc1 d3 43.  
Rc8 Kd4 44.Rd8+ Kc3 45.b5 d2  
46.Rc8+ Kb2 47.Rd8 Kc1 48.Rc8+  
Kd1 0-1

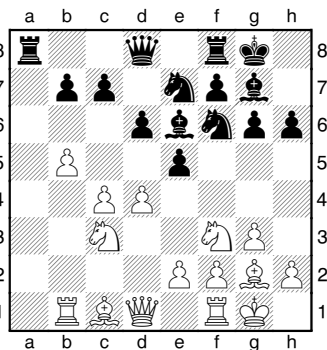
*English Opening A26*

Alejandro Ramirez 2662

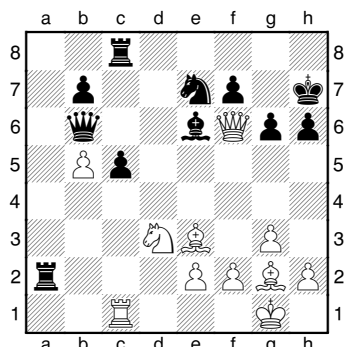
Ioan Chirila 2541

*Southwest Open 2010 (6)*

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg2  
Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Rb1 a5  
8.a3 0-0 9.b4 axb4 10.axb4 Be6  
11.d3 h6 12.b5 Ne7 13.d4



13...Bxc4 14.dxe5 Nfd5 15.Nxd5  
Bxd5 16. exd6 Qxd6 17.Bf4 Qb6  
18.Qc1 Ba2 19.Rb2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2  
Kh7 21.Be3 c5 22.Ne5 Be6 23.Nd3  
Rfc8 24.Rc1 Ra2 25.Qf6



25...Ng8 26.Qe5 Qxb5??  
26...Rxe2 27.Nf4 Rxe3 28.Qxe3  
Bf5 29.Qb3 Rc7±  
27.Bd4 1-0

*KI Attack A08*

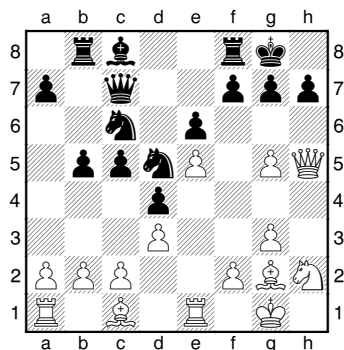
Keaton Kiewra 2405  
Nadya Ortiz 2226

*Southwest Open 2010 (6)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5  
5.Nbd2 Nf6

I find that 5...Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 is  
easier for the defense in practice.

6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7  
9.Re1 Qc7 10.Qe2 Rb8 11.h4 b5  
12.Nf1 d4 13.N1h2 Nb6 14.Ng5  
Nd5 15.Qh5 Bxg5 16.hxg5



16...f5

16...Nce7 17.Be4 Ng6 18.Ng4  
Nb4 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.exf6 Kh8

21.Kg2+—  
17.exf6 Qf7 18.Qxf7+ Kxf7 19.  
Bxd5 exd5 20.Bf4 Rb7 21.fxg7 Rd8  
22.Be5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Kxg7 24.  
Rae1 Kf8 25.f4 Rf7 26.Kf2 b4  
27.Kf3 c4 28.Ng4 Bxg4+ 29.Kxg4  
a5 30.Re6 a4 31.Rb6 b3 32.axb3  
axb3 33.cxb3 Rc7 34.bxc4 dxc4 35.  
dxc4 Rxc4 36.Ree6 d3 37.Rbd6  
Rd4 38.Rxd8+ Rxd8 39.Re1 d2 40.  
Rd1 Rd5 41.Kf3 1-0

*Modern Benoni A70*

Deepyaman Datta 2248  
Michael Langer 2313

*Southwest Open 2010 (6)*

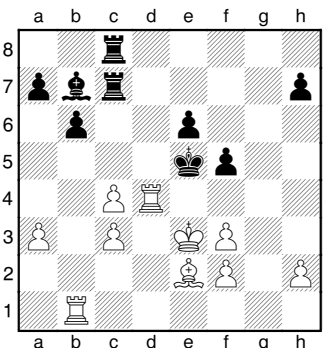
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5  
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.h3  
0-0 9.Nf3 b5 10.Bxb5 Nxe4  
11.Nxe4 Qa5+ 12.Nfd2 Qxb5  
13.Nxd6 Qa6 14.N2c4 Nd7 15.0-0  
Ne5 16.Nxc8 Raxc8 17.Nxe5 Bxe5  
18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Bg5 Qd6 20.Qa4  
Qxd5 21.Rad1 Qa8 22.b3 ½-½

*Nimzo-Indian E32*

Salvijus Bercys 2521  
Bradley Sawyer 2297

*Southwest Open 2010 (6)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2  
0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bd2 Nbd7 7.a3  
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 b6 9.e4 c5 10.e5 cxd4  
11.exf6 dxc3 12.fxg7 Kxg7 13.  
Qxc3+ Qf6 14.Rd1 Qxc3+ 15.bxc3  
Ne5 16.Rxd6 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Bb7  
18.Ke2 Rfd8 19.Rd4 f5 20.Rg1+  
Kf6 21.Rh4 Rd7 22.Ke3 Ke5 23.  
Rd4 Rc7 24.Be2 Rac8 25.Rb1



26...Rc5?!

Better is 25...Ba6 26.f4+ Kf6  
27.Rb4 Rg8, and White has at best a  
minimal edge.

26.Rh4 Ba6 27.f4+ Kf6 28.Rxh7

The passed h-pawn is now a  
factor.

28...Bxc4 29.Bh5 R5c7 30.Rxc7  
Rxc7 31.Rg1 Bd5 32.Rg6+ Kf7 33.  
Kd4 Rc5 34.Rg3+ Kf6 35.Be2 Ra5  
36.c4 Ra4 37.Rc3 b5?

37...Bb7 38.h4±

38.Kc5! Black resigns

38...Bxc4 [38...bxc4 39.Kb5+]  
39.Bxc4 Rxc4+ 40.Rxc4 bxc4  
41.Kxc4+— 1-0

*QGD Slav D17*

Puchen Wang 2557  
Marko Zivanic 2582

*Southwest Open 2010 (6)*

1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3  
dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4  
Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4  
Nfd7 11.Bg2 g5 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.  
Qd4 f6 14.0-0 Be7 15.Nxe5 Qxe5  
16.Qxe5 fxe5 17.Be4 Be6 18.Rfd1  
0-0 19.Bb1 Kg7 20.Ba2 Bf5 21.  
Rd2 Rad8 22.Rad1 Rxd2 23. Rxd2  
Rd8 24.Rxd8 Bxd8 25.Bb1 Be6  
26.Ba2 Bf5 27.Bb1 Be6 28.Ba2 Bf5  
½-½

*QGD Semi-Slav D43*

Alexander Chua 2302  
Chris Land 2229

*Southwest Open 2010 (6)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6  
5.Qd3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qd3 Be7  
8.e4 b4 9.Na4 Ba6 10.Qc2 Bxf1  
11.Kxf1 0-0 12.g3 Qa5 13.b3 Nbd7  
14.Be3 Qh5 15.Kg2 Ng4 16.Bd2  
Rac8 17.Rac1 f5 18.h3 Nh6 19.  
Rhe1 f4 20.Qd3 g5

△20...fxg3 21.fxg3 Nf7 22.g4  
Qg6=

21.g4 Nxg4 [21...Qg6 22.Qa6+—] 22.  
hxg4 Qxg4+ 23.Kf1 Qh5 24.Ke2 g4  
25.Rg1 Kh8 26.Ne1 Ne5 27.dxe5  
Rcd8 28.Qc4 f3+ 29.Kd1 Bh4 30.  
Nd3 g3 31.Kc2 g2 32.Nac5 Rfe8 33.  
Bxb4 Qg4 34.Ba5 Rc8 35.Bc3 Bg5

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## National Chess Day celebrated across the land

### Texas Tech in Lubbock held a Chess Day event at 10 a.m. in SPICE Chess Park.

Did you know Oct. 9 was National Chess Day? Neither did I!

National Chess Day has been around as a concept since 1976. President Ford issued a letter in support of National Chess Day, but it slowly faded away over the years. It became a half-remembered celebration because it wasn't official.

It became more official on Sept. 29, 2010, when the U.S. Senate in SR 672 proclaimed Oct. 9, 2010 as National Chess Day, to "encourage the people of the United States to observe 'National Chess Day' with appropriate programs and activities."

National Chess Day was started in South Carolina by the late Bill Dodgen, who was President of the

South Carolina Chess Association for a number of years. It was originally a state chess day in South Carolina, but Bill quickly expanded it to a nationwide effort, and was appointed National Chess Day Chairman. Bill's idea was to encourage local and state chapters to organize events to bring in beginners and others who enjoyed the game of chess but had never played in an organized event.

*Chess Life Online* reported on the following Texas events:

**Denton, Texas** by Dr. Alexey Root: The Jack E. Singley Academy (JESA) of the Irving Independent School District celebrated National

Chess Day 2010 by holding the Scott Watson Memorial Chess Tournament. JESA's first scholastic chess tournament awarded \$1,000 in scholarships, numerous trophies, and a medal for every one of the 108 participants. Full coverage of the tournament will be in the Dec. 2010 issue of *Chess Life for Kids* with an article by Dr. Alexey Root (pdf).

**Corpus Christi**, by Ivan Wijetunge: Corpus Christi celebrated National Chess Day by holding a four-round G/60 event. As the name BBQII suggests, the entry fee also included a delicious meal, cooked up by TD and GM (grill master) Eddie Rios.

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## Darwin Yang earns 2nd IM norm at SPICE Cup

13-year-old Darwin Yang clinched his second IM norm with a round left to go at the SPICE Cup B group round robin. The event, named for the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence, was held at Oct. 28-Nov. 7 at Texas Tech University.

Darwin earned his first earlier this year at the Spring SPICE Cup.

GM Anatoly Bykhovsky and GM Gergely Antal of Israel tied for first in the B group with 6/9.

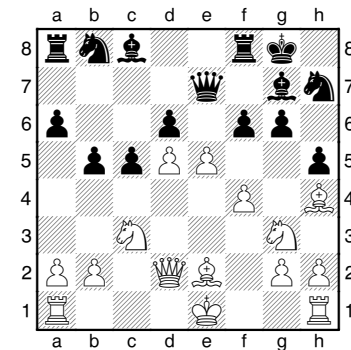
In the A group, Alexander Onischuk took first place under the three points for a win system. 1. GM Onischuk 18.0 +3 2. GM Meier 17 points +3 3-4. GM Almasi (+2), GM So (+1) 14.0 5-6. GM Robson, GM Perelshteyn 7.0.

### *King's Indian Saemisch A65*

**Darwin Yang 2402**  
**Andre Diamant 2498**

### *SPICE Cup-B (5)*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 O-O 6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bg5 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.Qd2 h6 11.Be3 b5 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Be2 Nh7 15.Bh4 f6 16.f4 Qe7 17.e5**



**17...dxe5 18.d6 Qe6 19.f5 gxf5 20.O-O Nc6 21.Nxf5 Qf7 22.Bf3 Bxf5 23.Bxc6 Be6 24.Bxa8 Rxa8 25.Ne4 c4 26.Rf2 Qa7 27.Rd1 Rf8 28.h3 Rf7 29.Qe2 f5 30.Qxh5 Rd7 31.Qe8+ Nf8 32.Nf6+ Bxf6 33.Bxf6**

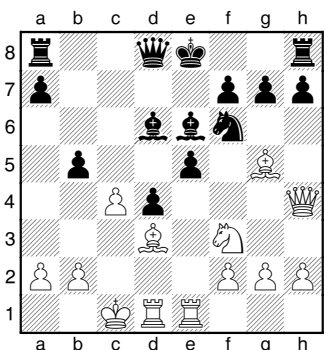
**Rf7 34.Bxe5 Bd7 35.Qd8 Qe3 36. Bc3 Bc6 1-0**

### *QGD Semi-Slav D45*

**Darwin Yang 2402**  
**Ben Finegold 2534**

### *SPICE Cup-B (3)*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.e4 Nxe4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Qxe4 Nf6 10.Qh4 c5 11.Bg5 cxd4 12.O-O-O e5 13.Bd3 Be6 14.Rhe1 b5**



**15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Rxe5 bxc4 17.Bf5 c3 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rxe6+ Kf7 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rde1 h5 22.Qe4 d3 23.Re3 Rc8 24.Re7+ Kf8 25.bxc3 Qd6 26.Re8+ Kf7 27.Rxc8 1-0**

### *US Class, contd. from p. 5*

The U.S. Class was held at the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport Hotel, the site of this year's record-breaking U.S. Junior Open.

The main event attracted 234 players and an additional 105 students played in the Scholastic event. With four Grandmasters and six International Masters in attendance, it was probably the strongest U.S. Class ever. The games were hard-fought and full of excitement. Also exciting to the players was the fact that inasmuch as we had 195 full-paid entries, we paid 100 percent (\$10,750) of the b/200 full-paid entries prize fund. All players in the

Unrated and Class E divisions, and Juniors in the Class C and D paid a reduced rate. Also in attendance, as a player, was the Executive Director of the USCF, Mr. Bill Hall. A last-round defeat cost Bill a share of second place among Experts, but he still finished with a respectable 3/5.

The event was organized and directed by Franc Guadalupe. Susan Breeding was floor chief, and Leonard Fusselman assisted her. Many of the top games were transmitted live and are available on Monroi. Luis Salinas from the Dallas Chess Club took care of the Monroi transmission and assisted on the floor.

### *Chess Day, contd. from p. 14*

There were two sections, 1300+ with 11 players and under 1300 with 6.

It was a memorable day for me. Not only did I win the top section, I also got my rating over 1900 for the first time. I have been trying to get an expert's rating for several years (and have been blogging on my progress), but had not had much progress until recently. I hope I can get the remaining 91 points in short order.

This is my the last round game:

### *Dutch Defense A80*

**Ivan Wijetunge 1889**  
**James R. Shaw 1872**

### *BBO II (5)*

**1.d4 f5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.h3 a5 8.Qe2 O-O 9.Rg1 Nd5 10.Bh2 Nb4 11.g4 Nxd3+ 12.cxd3 f4 13.Bxf4 Rxf4 14.exf4 Nc6 15.a3 Bf6 16.Qe3 Ne7 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.Qd2 Qf8 19.g5 Be7 20.Rg4 d6 21.Ke2 Ba6 22.Nc3 Qf5 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Nh4 Qd7 25.f5 Re8 26.Kf1 Bf8 27.f6 g6 28. Rg3 Kf7 29.Re3 Bc8 30.Kg2 h6 31.f4 hxg5 32.fxg5 c5 33.Rh1 c4 34.Rxe8 Qxe8 35.Re1 Qd7 36.Re3 Ba6 37.dxc4 dxc4 38.Qc2 1-0**

## Daniel Fernandez wins October G/60 Slammer

IM Daniel Fernandez, a graduate of UT Brownsville, won the October Slammer, 4.5-.5, winning \$175. He had draw odds going into the last round, and forced an early draw against Malazarte.

Tied for second with 4-1 were Selby Anderson and Ernesto Malazarte (\$52.50 each). Also scoring 4 were Joel Saucedo and Nathanael Lozano, who shared 1st-2nd Class A (\$52.50 each). Five players tied for 1st-2nd Class B with 3-2 scores: Jonathan Manion, Charles Davis, Daniel Lozano, Brett Hendrick and Kevin Yang (\$24.60 each). Four players scored 2 points to share U1600+U1400: Dan Castillo, David Pacheco, Sadia Qureshi and Nathan Ray Lozano (\$44 each).

Martin Gordon directed a field of 31 players for the San Antonio Chess Club.

A note to anyone who decides to withdraw from a tournament: not only is it considerate to notify the TD that you are withdrawing – it would be better to ask for a zero point bye if there is just one round to go! Charles Ventimiglia would have been in line for first U1600 if he had done so! The USCF rulebook (32C1 states): "Unless the director decides otherwise, players who fail to complete the tournament are not entitled to prizes."

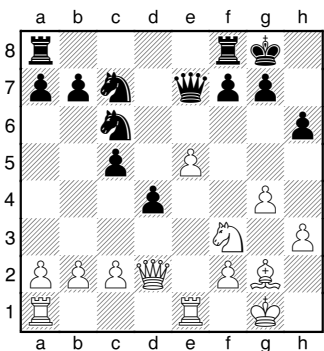
### Sicillian B40

Martin Gordon 1928  
Daniel Fernandez 2450

### October Slammer (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.exd5 [6.Nbd2] exd5 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bg5 0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nc3 h6 13.Bf4 d4 14.Ne2 Nd5 15.Bg3 Bd6 16.Qd2 Bxg3 17.Nxg3 Qd6 18.Ne4 18.Nh4! Nf4 19.Ngf5 Qc7 20.Bxc6! bxc6 21.Re4±

18...Bxe4 19.dxe4 Nc7 20.e5 20.Nh4 Ne6 21.Nf5 Qe5 22.Rad1 Nf4± 20...Qe7



21.Re2?! 21.g5! hxg5 22.Nxg5 Ne6 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Qg5= 21...Ne6± 22.Nh2 Qg5! 23.Qxg5 hxg5

The clampdown on f4 is complete, isolating the e5 pawn forever.

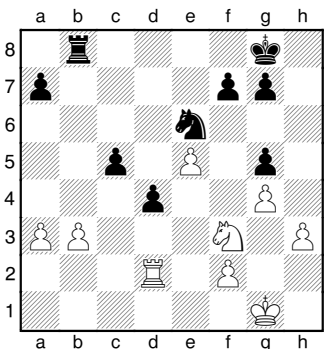
24.Bxc6

Other moves Fritz considers are Nf3, Rd1 and a3, all about equal. The doubling of the c-pawn actually seems to backfire in this game.

24...bxc6 25.Nf3 Rab8 26.b3 c4

Black turns the doubled pawns into an asset.

27.bxc4 [27.Rd1 c5] 27...c5 28.Rd2 Rb4 29.a3 Rxc4 30.Rb1 Rc3+ 31.Rb3 Rxb3 32.cxb3 Rb8



33.Rb2?

Better is 33.b4 cxb4 34.axb4 Rxb4 35.Ra2 Rb7 36.Kf1 Kf8 37.Ke1 Ke8± with prospects for long term resistance.

33...c4+ 34.b4 d3 35.Rb1 c3

It looks bad for White, and is.

36.Kf1 d2 37.Nxd2 cxd2 38.Ke2 Rd8 39.Kd1 Nf4 40.Rb3 Nd3 41.Ke2 0-1

### Sicilian B34

Kelly Clover 1864  
Don Flournoy 2033

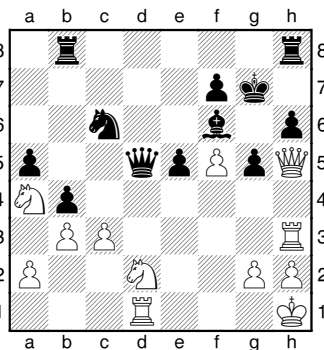
### October Slammer (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Bg5 b5 10.f4 b4 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Na4 d6 13.Bf3 e5

My first reaction to this move is that it is butt-ugly! In a Dragon one never wants to plug the long diagonal while weakening d6. [13...Bb7=] 14.f5! Qc7 15.c3 a5?!

15...gxf5 16.exf5 Rb8 17.Qd2 Rd8=

16.Bg4± g5 17.Nd2 Ba6 18.Be2 Rab8 19.Bxa6 Qa7+ 20.Kh1 Qxa6 21.Qh5 Kg7 22.Rf3 h6 23.Rd1 Qb5 24.Rh3 Rh8 25.b3 d5? [25...Rbd8 26.c4±] 26.exd5 Qxd5



27.Nf1

27.Nc4!+- and the only queen moves that don't get captured are



met with Nd6! doubly attacking the queen and threatening Qxf7 mate!  
**27...Qe4 28.Ng3 Qc2 29.Qf3 Rbd8**

29...e4! 30.Qf1 Bxc3 offers some counterplay.

**30.Nh5+ Kf8 31.Rxd8+ Bxd8 32.Qf1 Qxa2 33.Rd3 Qxb3?**

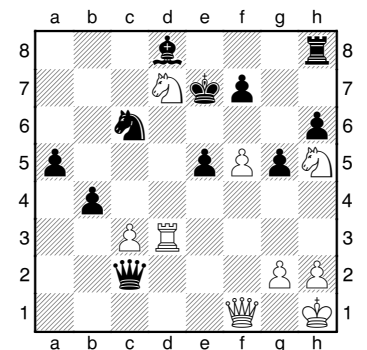
33...Kg8 34.Rd6 Qxb3 35.Nc5 Qxc3 36.Rg6+!! Kf8 37.Rxc6 Kg8 38.Rg6+ Kf8 39.Qd1 Qd4 40.Rd6!+-

**34.Nc5!+- Qc2 35.Nd7+?!**

35.Ne6+! fxe6 (35...Kg8 36.Rxd8+! Nxd8 37.Nf6#) 36.fxe6+ with forced mate.

**35...Ke7?**

Better is 35...Kg8 36.Rd6 Kh7 (36...Qxc3 37.Rg6+! fxc6 38.fxc6+-) 37.Rf6! Re8 (37...Bxf6 38.Ndxf6#!) 38.Rxc6+- with many a move left to play.



**36.f6+ Ke6 37.Ng7# 1-0**

*Sicilian B40*

**Ernesto Malazarte 2141**

**Daniel Fernandez 2450**

*October Slammer (5)*

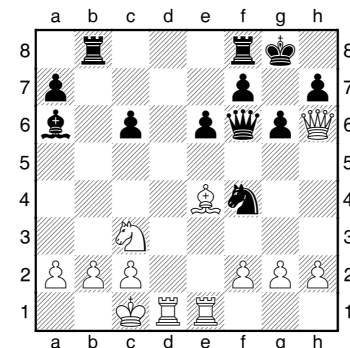
**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3**

Morphy's move, avoiding sharp lines with 5.Nc3 Bb4.

**5...Nc6 6.Be3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bd2**

9.Bd4! Nb4 was seen in Stein-Furman, USSR Spartakiad 1959.

**9...Bd6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qh6 Qf6 13.Nc3 Bf4 14.Bxf4 Nxf4 15.Be4 Rb8 16.0-0-0 Ba6 17.Rhe1**



**17...Rxb2 18.Kxb2 Rb8+ 19.Kc1 Qxc3 20.Qxf4 Qb2+ 21.Kd2 Qd4+ 1/2-1/2**

*Queen's Indian A47*

**Selby Anderson 2200**

**Martin Gordon 1928**

*October Slammer (5)*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Nxe4 Bxe4 6.Nd2 Bg6 7.d5!?**

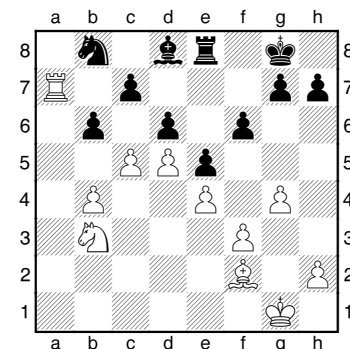
7.e4 d5 8.Bd3! c6 9.c3±

**7...f6 8.Bh4 e5 9.e4 d6?!**

9...Bc5 10.Bd3 c6 11.Nb3 Qe7=

Now Black gets a cramped game.

**10.f3 a6 11.c4 Be7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.g4 Nd7 14.0-0 Bf7 15.Bf2 Nc5 16.Bc2 a5 17.b3 Re8 18.a3 Nd7 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Qa8 22.Ba4 Rd8 23.Nb3 Be8 24.Bc6 Qxa1 25.Rxa1 Nb8 26.Bxe8 Rxe8 27.Ra7 Bd8 28.c5**



This is so textbook! Given a chance, I would snooker the knight with c6, and then Rb7 would either trap him or get the c7 pawn.]

**28...bxc5 29.bxc5 dxc5**

29...Kf8 30.c6 g6 31.Be1+-

**30.Nxc5 Be7**

30...g6 31.Ra8 Be7 32.Na6+-

**31.Rxc7 Bd6 32.Ra7 Rc8 33.Ne6 g5 34.Kg2 Rc2 35.Rg7+ Kh8 36.Kg3 Rc1 37.Rf7 Kg8 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rb7 Rc8 40.h4 h6 41.Rf7 Kg8 42.Rxf6 gxh4+ 43.Kh3 Rc3 44.Bxh4 Nd7 45.Rg6+ Kf7 46.Rg7+ Ke8 47.Kg3 Bb4 48.Rh7 Rc1 49.Rxh6 Rg1+ 50.Kh2 Rf1 51.Rh7 Rxf3 52.Nc7+ Kf8 53.Rxd7 and White won. 1-0**

*Bird's Opening A02*

**Nathanael Lozano 1968**

**Kevin Yang 1692**

*October Slammer (5)*

**1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 c5 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nh4 Bd7 9.f5 Rb8 10.a4 a6 11.Bg5 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.Qd2 b4 14.Nd5 Ne5 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Qf4 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Qe8 18.Bh6 Bh3 19.Bg2 Bxg2 20.Nxg2 Qc6 21.e4 Ra8 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.Ne3 e6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.h4 Qd8 27.Qf4 Kg7 28.Nc4 Nxc4 29.dxc4 d5? 30.cxd5 exd5 31.Qe5+ f6 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.exd5 Rd8 34.Rd1 Rd6 35.Kf2 f5 36.Ke3 Kf7 37.c4 bxc3 38.bxc3 Rb6 39.Kd3 Rb2 40.Rd2 1-0**

Southwest Open, contd. from p. 13

**36.Rcd1 h5 37.Ne1 Rc7 38.Nd7 h4 39.Nf6 Bxf6 40.exf6 Rf7 41.Qd3 e5 42.Qxf3 Qxf3 43.Nxf3 h3 44.Nxe5 1-0**

*Sicilian Scheveningen B80*

**Matthew Liu 2080**

**Courtney Jamison 2051**

*Southwest Open 2010 (6)*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 a6 7.a4 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.g4 Nc6 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.g5 Nd7 12.f4 Nc5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Rb1 e5 17.fxe5 Bxg5 18.0-0 Rd2 19.Rf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 Rxc2 21.Bxa6 Rxc3 0-1**

## Team UTD beats Indian rivals in Internet faceoff

Video system enables battle between competitors separated by 10,000 miles

Oct. 25, 2010 – The UT Dallas chess team prevailed against top-rated players from India in an exhibition match between opponents who faced each other across a distance of almost 10,000 miles.

Cisco Systems Inc. furnished its TelePresence technology for the Oct. 16 match to both teams, allowing seamless play for the rapid-style chess match. UT Dallas' four-man team played from Cisco's Richardson facility while the six collegiate chess masters playing for the Chennai District Chess Association gathered in Chennai for the rounds. Chennai, formerly Madras, is located in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

The UT Dallas players appreciated the immediacy TelePresence provided for the match.

"We could see our opponents perfectly, as if we were in the same room and not almost 10,000 miles apart," said International Master (IM) Marko Zivanic (BS '09), a PhD student in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science. "The image resolution was really high, and we could hear what they were saying without any delay. The fact that we could see our opponents' facial expressions and behavior during games, which is not typical for an Internet match, made the encounter more intense. We could tell what our opponents thought about positions."

After two rounds, UT Dallas emerged victorious with a final score of 5-3.

"The line-ups of the two teams had very similar player ratings," said chess program Director Jim Stallings. "There were again many twists and turns due to the rapid rate of play, but the UT Dallas victory was decisive in the second round."

The match was the first outing for the team's newest grandmaster, GM Cristian Chirila, a freshman who is studying international political economy in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences.

"Overall, the match was a great success, although a very competitive one," said Chirila. "Of course we are happy because we won it."

The match represented the first time the UT Dallas chess team played college-level players from India. Since its inception in 1996, the chess team has played teams from four other countries.

The UT Dallas chess team will next face the University of Belgrade via Internet for the fifth year in a row on Nov. 5. All 16 games may be viewed on the Internet Chess Club beginning at 1 p.m. CST.

The TelePresence system made UT Dallas' competitors appear to be seated directly across the table when they actually were playing in Chennai, India. Cisco Systems lent the UT Dallas team its system for the Oct. 16 match.

### Match Results

UT Dallas won the exhibition match against the Chennai District Chess Assn., 5-3. Following are results by round.

#### Round 1

UT Dallas	CDCA	Score
GM Alejandro Ramirez (b)	GM B. Adhiban .	5-5
GM Cristian Chirila (w)	IM S.P. Sethuraman	5-5
IM Marko Zivanic (b) IM	P. Karthikeyan	1-0
IM Julio Sadorra (w)	Arun Karthik	0-1
<b>Score for Round</b>		<b>2-2</b>

#### Round 2

UT Dallas	CDCA	Score
GM Alejandro Ramirez(w)	IM Vishnu Prasanna	1-0
GM Cristian Chirila (b)	GM B. Adhiban	1-0
IM Marko Zivanic (w)	IM S.P. Sethuraman	1-0
IM Julio Sadorra (b)	IM M. Shyam Sundar	0-1
<b>Score for Round</b>		<b>3-1</b>

**UPDATE:** The UT Dallas chess team fell to opponents from the University of Belgrade on Nov. 5, bringing the Comets' three-year winning streak in the annual Transatlantic Cup to an end. The match ended with a final point tally of 11.5-4.5 in favor of Belgrade's team.

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## About those TCA Minutes ...

As we go to press, the minutes of the TCA meeting at the Southwest Open are still a work in progress. TCA Secretary Stephanie Ballom is working from a recording.

Some of you may also wonder what happened to the Round 7 games from the Southwest Open. This editor left early to drive home ahead of the approaching tropical storm. When I contacted TD Franc Guadalupe, he referred me to the organizer, Lakshmana Viswanath, who in turn referred me to Franc Guadalupe!

I can tell you that Alejandro Ramirez took a quick *pro forma* draw, while Max Cornejo had to defeat Bercys to share first.

**Solution:** 1.Bd3 (1...Kc5/d5 2.Qe5#; 1...c5 2.Qe4#).

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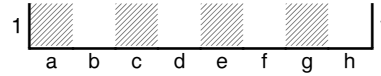
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**White to move, mate in two**  
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