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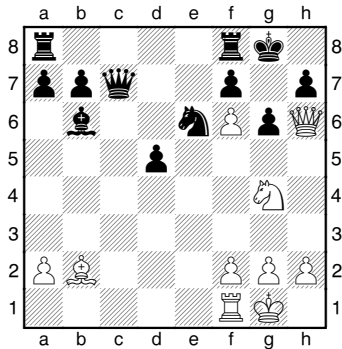
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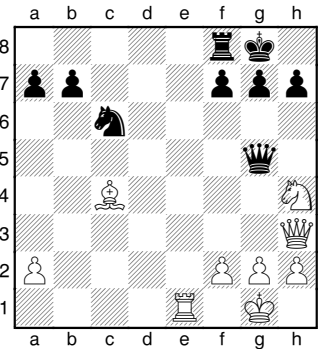
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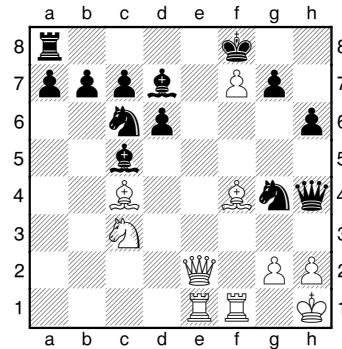
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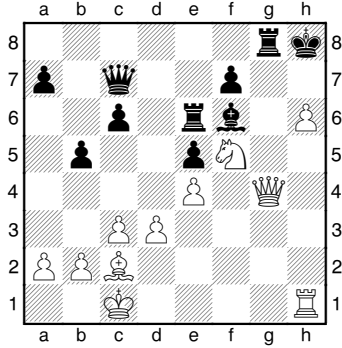
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Bird-Pinkerley, London 1850



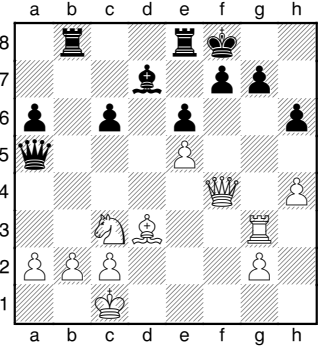
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Anderssen-Neumann, Berlin 1860



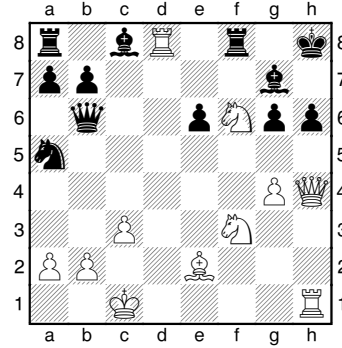
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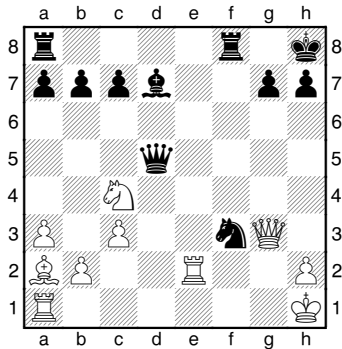
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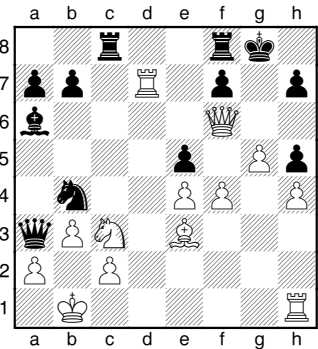
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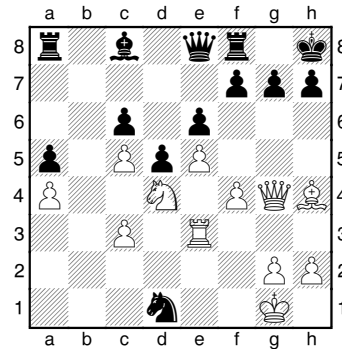
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Barle-Jelen, Potoroz 1979



8. White to move
Anand-Mestel, London 1985



9. White to move
Waitzkin-Frumkin, NY Open 1987

A Message from the President

Dear Texas Chess Players,

Best wishes for a prosperous new year!

The United States Chess Federation's annual delegates meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida, August 6-7, 2011. This meeting is critical for the future of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), as the delegates vote on many important governance and policy motions.

Traditionally, Texas is awarded 11 delegates. In past years, Texas has not filled those 11 spots. One of the resolutions of the Texas Chess Association (TCA) is to have all 11 slots filled. And, moreover, to ask all 11 delegates to attend the Florida meeting.

So far we have eight members that are interested, with four slots remaining: Selby Anderson, Lori Balkum, Franc Guadalupe, Rusty Harwood, Rob Jones, Michael Langer, Clemente Rendon and James Stallings.

Please read through the delegate selection guidelines below. I ask that only those serious about attending the Florida meeting contact me to be considered as a delegate. If you meet the criteria mentioned in the guidelines below and would like to be appointed please send an e-mail to TCA President Clemente Rendon (crendon44@hotmail.com).

TCA Guidelines (adopted at the fall 2010 TCA meeting):

- 1) Receive a total count of delegate slots from the USCF (this year we had 11 slots)
- 2) To be considered a delegate one must be over the age of 18, have valid USCF and TCA memberships, be a Texas resident, and commit to attending the meeting in August. Preference will be given to past delegates who communicate with us promptly, if not "first come, first serve." Preference will then also be given to new nominees who if appointed as a delegate before cancelled at least 90 days before the event.

3) On September 5th, announce through our Web site and Facebook fan page that if any of our past Texas delegates are interested to contact the TCA secretary for appointment. We will ensure they meet the above criteria and appoint them on a "first come, first serve" basis; any overflow will be placed on an alternate list. If any of the above criteria is not met there will be a 15-day deadline to comply, otherwise they will not be considered.

4) After September 20th, then we will allow nominations for anyone who meets the above criteria (through Texas Knights, our Web site, and Facebook fan page). Again "first come, first serve" basis; any overflow will be placed on an alternate list.

5) The TCA secretary will confirm with all appointed delegates on May 1st to ensure that they are planning to attend. If they cancel then they will need to formally resign and we will appoint the first alternate, etc.

14th annual Texas Grade & Collegiate Championships

The Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships were held Nov. 13-14 in Brownsville. NTD Franc Guadalupe was chief TD with 632 players. Players who tied are considered grade co-champions.

K	Maggie Ni
1	Diego Costa
2	Jacob Buegler
3	Emily Nguyen Ramses Linan
4	William T. Cooper, Jr.
5	Barrett Winchell
6	Duy Nguyen Brianna Guillen Jonathan Olivares
7	Akshay Malhotra
8	Perry Johnson Fernando Mendez, Jr.
9	James Ukoli Ian Santos
10	Simon Vasquez III
11-12	Matthew Michaelides
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UTD wins Pan-Am Intercollegiate

by FM Alex Betaneli

The 2010 Pan American Intercollegiate Championships were co-organized by the United States Chess Federation and the Wisconsin Chess Academy this year. The tournament took place Dec. 27-30 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Crowne Plaza Hotel was an excellent host, providing top-level services all around. Twenty-eight teams attended the event. The standings, prizewinners and other details of the event can be found at

www.panamerican.wichessacademy.com.

Running such a famous, prestigious event was certainly exhilarating. Having organized national events for over a decade, I realized that this would be something special. However, having two NTDs and a senior TD who has run tournaments for 40 years provided a sense of confidence that any unusual difficulties would be resolved successfully. I would like to believe that the event was a huge success and judging from the overwhelmingly positive response of the players, this was one of the most enjoyable Pan Ams in recent years.

Rounds 1-2: Milwaukee is a famous city for chess players. This is where a Physics professor by the name of Arpad Elo came up with the rating formula that is still used today. This is also the “city of misery” for the only American world champion Bobby Fischer: he tried to conquer the tournaments held on Wisconsin soil, but without any success. Thus, some GMs started the tournament carefully, perhaps even with trepidation, as if they were afraid to follow Fischer’s footsteps. This extra caution may have prevented overconfidence as the top four seeds and heavy favorites (University of Texas-Brownsville (2612), University of Maryland-Baltimore (2585), University of Texas-Dallas (2552), and Texas Tech University (2487)) swept their first two matches.

Round 3: University of Texas-Brownsville defeated Texas Tech University, while University of Texas-Dallas dropped one game against the University of Maryland-Baltimore B team:

Round 4: Two rival schools from Texas produced spectacular chess on board one. Dallas beat Brownsville by the slimmest margin (2 ½ : 1 ½), setting up a dream pairing in round 5.

Round 5: While University of Texas-Dallas was busy knocking out the top seed, University of Maryland-Baltimore took full advantage of the slightly easier pairings and won all 16 games! This tension-filled match could have gone either way, but in the end Dallas got the required 2 ½ points to claim victory.

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TCA Treasurer’s Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Dec.. 15, 2010

Income

2009 Texas State Scholastic tournament	\$1415.00
September memberships	257.50
October memberships	57.50
November memberships	10.00
December memberships	35.00
2010 SW Open memberships	544.00
2010 Texas Grade, \$316 donation, membership	1,587.50
Total	\$3,906.50

Expenses

2010 SW Open Tournament Fund	\$3,000.00
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Sept-Oct 2010	894.50
<i>Texas Knights</i> - Nov-Dec 2010	827.20
SW Open Registration - WY attendees	69.00
2010 World Youth Attendees	1,800.00
Bob Shao - 2010 Denker representative	1,000.00
2nd Intl. Koltanowski Conf. On Chess and Educ.	5,000.00
Total	\$12,590.70

WF checking account balance	\$4,522.33
BOA checking account balance	\$5,672.03

Test Your Tactics! (p. 3):

1. Qg7+! Nxf7 2.Nh6+ Kh8 3. fxf7#. (It was a rook odds game, if you’re curious about the material deficit!)
2. 1.Bxf7+!! 1-0 (1...Kxf7 2.Qe6#; 1...Rxf7 2.Re8+ Rf8 3.Qe6+ Kh8 4. Rxf8#; 1...Kh8 2.Ng6+ Qxg6 3. Bxg6 h6 4.Qf5, winning easily).
3. 1.Qe8+! Rxe8 2.fxe8Q+ Bxe8 3.Bd6#! 1-0. What a clearance sac!
4. 1.Qg7+! Rxg7 (1...Bxg7 2.hxg7 mate) 2.hxg7+ Kg8 3.Rh8# 1-0.
5. 1.Rxg7!! Kxg7 2.Qf6+ Kf8 3.Bg6 1-0. On 2...Kg8 3.Qxh6 Black has no defense against the coming Bh7+, Bg6+ and Qh7+ with mate at f7 (or at h8 after 3...Re7.) If 3...f5 4.exf6, etc.
6. 1.Qxh6+ 1-0 (1...Bxh6+ 2.Rxh6+ Kg7 3.Rh7+ Kxf6 4.Rxf8#).
7. 1...Ne1+ 2.Kg1 Qh1+!! 3.Kxh1 Rf1+ and White resigned in view of 4.Qg1 Bx6+ 5.Rg2 Bxg2#.
8. 1.g6! 1-0 (1...hxg6 2.Rg1 Rxc3 3.Rxg6+ fxf6 4.Qg7#).
9. 1.Qxg7+!! Kxg7 2.Bf6+ Kg6 (2...Kh6 3.Rh3+ transposes) 3.Rg3+ Kh6 4.Bg7+ Kh5 5.Rg5+ Kh4 6.Nf3# 1-0.

Combinations are from Joel Johnson, *Formation Attacks* (Joel Johnson, 2010; 500 pages paperback).

Back cover solution: 1.Rf6!

Texas juniors report on 2010 World Youth in Greece

Jeffrey Xiong

As reported last issue, Jeffrey Xiong of Plano won the silver on tiebreaks in the Open Under-10. Here is his report, plus two others from Devina Devagharan and Dachey Lin.

We were having our last meal with my good friend Tommy He's family last Oct. 31 at the beautiful Porto Carras Resort in Halkidiki, Greece, before we headed to the airport. The dining hall, which had been so crowded for the last two weeks, was so empty, I could not believe the wonderful event of World Youth Chess Championship 2010 has already come to an end. I think every chess kid like me should have an experience like this, two weeks of chess with the nearly 1,400 brightest young players from 87 countries, tasty and healthy Greek food, on a beach resort in the magnificent Aegean Sea. What else do you ask for?

What made this even better is that so many of my chess friends from Dallas Chess Club were going with us: Jonathan, Tommy, Dachey, Sarah, Claudia, Devina, Kaavya plus kids from other parts of Texas. Twenty percent of Team USA were from our club – can you believe that? I really liked starting my day with a ping-pong match with Jonathan. Several families going together had also made the travel a lot more enjoyable. Tommy and I could find a little space at any time to put a board on the floor to start our blitz game, as long as his little brother William did not mess up our pieces.

I had a good tournament in Greece. Right before we left for Greece, my coach Babakuli [Annakov] got us to his home, and gave me some lucky pens. He said I would win a lot of games if I use those pens to write the notation. He

has been training me for a long time for this most important tournament this year. He has played this kind of top-level chess competition in the world like the World Junior Championship and the chess Olympiad; he knows a lot of secrets of how to do well in this tournament. I have always liked going to his house for those classes. In those exciting days of medal hunts, he and my dad talked to each other every day. He would tell us what was the right strategy to play the next game. Those strategies have certainly worked very well.

My tournament coach Aviv went over my games every day and also helped me to prepare for the day's game. He is a very nice person and he is extremely organized.

I have also enjoyed several other coaches on Team USA, too. Every coach has his style. John Fedorowicz from New York is so funny that I could always remember his joke and the chess message he is trying to teach me. Sam Palatnik speaks slowly but always with great chess insight. The head of our delegation, Michael Khodarkovsky, is a great leader. I am so happy I will see him soon because he has invited me to Kasparov's chess camp in New York in December.

My first three games were very smooth. I was almost always the first to finish in Team USA. At the time I went to the team area to go over my game with Aviv and the other coaches, all the other players were still playing. I got to have a relaxed meeting with the coaches.

I was paired with my teammate Cameron Wheeler in round 4. He is an excellent player from the Bay Area in California. He won first place in the Super National in Nashville last year, in which I won the

second place, but did not get a chance to play him. He played a very strong game and got a significant advantage in the game. This was the first time in the tournament that I had to use my defensive skills to survive. I made several strong defensive moves, while Cam started to be conservative. Little by little I got myself back into the game. I got into a position that I had no chance to lose, but took very good skill to win it. Probably Magnus Carlsen can win that kind of position. I need to do a lot of work to get there. Sam showed me several ideas to find good winning chances in that position. I have learned a lot. With a draw with Cameron, I got 3.5 out of 4, which is a reasonable start.

The next day was a double-header day, the only day in the tournament that we had to play two games. My opponent is a Polish boy. Coach Babakuli told me the Polish boy is strong in attack, so I needed to be very careful. So I played a very solid game to get a good advantage. I was thinking that my opponent did not seem to be as strong as I coach said. This is the kind of bad thinking that got me into trouble in this game. With my weakened intensity, I made a couple of seemingly natural but weak moves and my opponent pulled ahead. I should still be okay if I could focus and find good defensive moves, but the swing of the position really shook me off my balance, I found myself in a losing position.

I was extremely sad on losing this position. I stayed in our hotel room looking at this game over and over. Sometimes you just have to go through such a painful process to learn an important lesson. My dad told me I could still have a great tournament if I could win the rest of the games. He said he was glad that I

lost this game in round 5, not in round 10. I suddenly remembered that Sam Shankland had a start even worse than mine in the US Junior Championship tournament. He won his last six games and eventually became champion. I needed to do what he did. There was no time to do any preparation for the next game, but I knew that I would play a game with the most focus I could possibly have. My dad told me if I play well, I am capable of beating anybody in my section.

By the time I took my nap and started to walk upstairs to the playing hall, I became very focused. I was just so confident that I will get a win tonight. My opponent was from Russia, which has the best chess tradition in the world. They sent over 100 players to WYCC this year. But I totally out-played him with black, and gave him no chance in the game. I came out with a very solid win, and I felt I was totally back to my championship mode.

The next day was a rest day. My sister Meryl had always been waiting for this day, so my parents could take us to tour this beautiful country with a rich history. The tournament organizers got some travel agencies to provide several tours. Meryl picked one that would take us to Mt. Olympus and the royal tombs. She has done a lot of reading in Greek history and myths. She could tell a lot of stories about those Greek gods.

Thinking the next day with no game, all of us had the best sleep. The sleep was so good, that all of us overslept. By the time we got to the gate, where we were supposed to board the bus, we were already almost half an hour late. The Greeks are very nice people. In order to give us a good experience in Greece, they called the tour bus driver and got him to drive the bus back to take us. We were so happy, especially Meryl.

Her social study homework is dependent on this trip.

We had so much fun in this tour. Greece is a country with a rich culture and history. The tour guide lady told us a lot of very interesting stories about the kings, the queens, the princes, the soldiers in the royal tombs. Mount Olympus is a beautiful mountain. The top of the mountain were immersed in the fog on the day we visited there. All of us were wondering what those gods were doing behind that fog.

What was most fun is that we made a lot of friends on the bus. Several Chinese players were there, along with their coach. The coach of China's Macao team was there. She used to share a room with Xie Jun, the Chinese woman world champion, when they were young going to the same training camp. Xie Jun has always been one of my favorite players, because we have the same birthday. I am looking forward to going to China someday for an international tournament. One of the greatest things of chess events is that you get to know a lot of people from all over the world, and we do a lot of non-chess things together.

After the day of nice break, I was more energized than ever to play again. My next 2 games were very solid. I beat a kid from Slovakia in round 7. This is the game:

Ruy Lopez C84

Jeffrey Xiong1824

Viktor Haring 1893

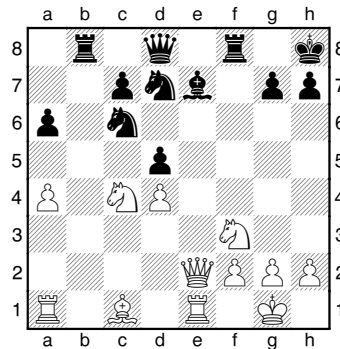
2010 World Youth U10 (7)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

My coach Babakuli had been given me ideas how to play over Skype. He got this good idea, inspired by the recent wonderful win by Magnus Carlsen, a great player and my role model. This leads to a very quiet position. Babakuli has analyzed my opponent very care-

fully. His strategy is that in this variation, my better positional understanding would enable me to win it in middle game, because I have done so much middle game training with Babakuli since I studied with him. On the game day my tournament coach Aviv went over this variation to make sure I got it right.

6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a4 b4 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 bxc3 13.bxc3 Rb8 14.d4 Nd7 15.Nc4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Qe2 Kh8



Several pawns have been traded as a normal outcome of this opening. But I felt comfortable with my position. Babakuli told me I need to have a lot of patience in this line.

19.Ne3 Nb4

This move is a little over stretch. Bb4 would be more flexible.

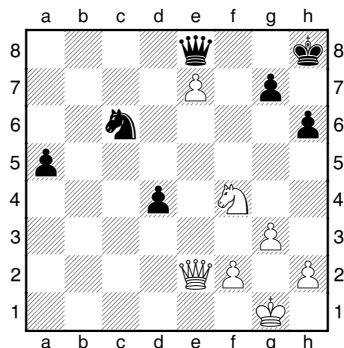
20.Ba3

After my Ba3, this game becomes hard to play for my opponent. I am glad our game plan is going well, and my patience has paid off.

20...c6 21.Rab1 Bd6 22.Rec1 Qa5 23.Bxb4 Rxb4 24.Rxb4 Bxb4 25.Rxc6

After all the exchanges, I won a pawn. To win the game, it is just a series of techniques.

25...Nb8 26.Re6 Qxa4 27.g3 Qd7 28.Re5 a5 29.Ng5 h6 30.Ne6 Re8 31.Nf4 Rxe5 32.dxe5 d4 33.Ned5 Qe8 34.e6 Bd6 35.e7 Bxf4 36.Nxf4 Nc6



37.Qe6

I had chosen a route that the queens would be traded and my opponent had no chance to have a tactic I would miss. [37.Ng6+ is also good, but the text is more clear-cut. – SKA]

37...Nxe7

On 37...a4 White carries out his threatened 38.Ng6+ Kh7 39.Nf8+ Kh8 40.Qg6!+- SKA.

38.Qxe7 Qxe7 39.Ng6+ Kg8

Now the win is very clear and I can see all the way to the end. 40.Nxe7+ Kf7 41.Nc6 a4 42.Nxd4 a3 43.Kf1 a2 44.Nb3 Ke6 45.Ke2 Kd5 46.Kd3 g5 47.f4 Ke6 48.Ke4 h5

This move made my win a lot easier. After I took his g-pawn, my opponent resigned.

49.fxg5 h4

1-0

In Round 8 I played with my ping-pong buddy Vuk from Serbia. Vuk has a lot of training in Ping-pong, he beat a lot of us in Ping-pong, but I was lucky to win my game with him.

In the meantime a kid from Canada, Jason Cao, was making news. He beat the highest ranked player in this tournament, Samuel Sevian from California. Samuel was ahead in the beginning of the game. Then Samuel went for the kill and launched a pawn storm. When he found the campaign for the mate did not work, he was already in trouble. The loss was devastating for Samuel,

and it was a big blow for Team USA.

In the Rd. 8 Jason Cao beat my Dallas Chess Club friend Tommy He. This was a wake-up for Team USA. Jason's performance surprised everybody, including his own parents and himself. When I played in Montreal in the summer in the North America Youth Championship, I met pretty much all the strong players from Canada in my age group, and nobody mentioned to me they have a strong player hiding in Victoria. Jason's dad set a goal for him that if he could win 2 games, they would buy him a Wii. Well, after the first round draw, Jason was on a hot roll and won 7 games in a row. By the time he beat Tommy, he looked like he is unstoppable. The coach of Team Canada joked with Aviv, my tournament coach, after Jason beat 2 of the strongest players on Team USA: "Are you running out of kids to play Jason?" Aviv said: "I got one more." In Aviv's mind I was the last line of defense for Team USA. Both my coach Babakuli and my tournament coach Aviv did a lot of good work to prepare me for Jason. I was quite confident when I got into the playing hall.

I felt like I had been trained all my life for this kind of game. I was in Columbus, Ohio when I started to play chess. For anyone who has a little bit knowledge about Columbus, you would know that is Buckeye country. In those days the Buckeyes were having a fantastic championship run. I envy the kicker ready to kick a field goal in the last 5 seconds of the game when the Buckeyes were behind, and the happiness he brought to the town. I would do my best to win this game for Team USA. Jason is truly a great player. He played a very strong game and got me into big trouble. I was prepared for a dog fight like this and

would never give up. I slowly came back. Please see the game:

Sicilian Najdorf B92

Jeffrey Xiong1824

Jason Cao (unrated)

2010 World Youth U10 (9)

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

Jason chose to play the Najdorf, which is a line I have played against a lot.

6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 h6 9.a4 Be6 10.f4 Qc7 11.f5 Bc4 12.Be3 Bxe2

This is out of my preparation. But after recapture by my Q, I think I am better.

13.Qxe2 Nbd7 14.Nd2 Rc8 15.Kh1

This is not a very efficient move. 15a5 would be better.

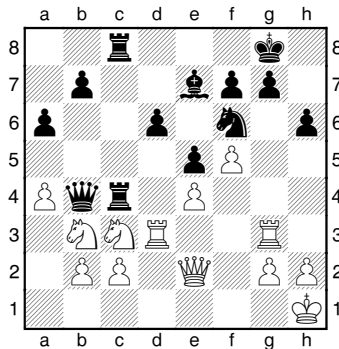
15...Nb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.Nb3 0-0 18.Rad1 Qb4 19.Rf3

Jason played very strong, while I played passively, under his attack.

19...Rc4 20.Rg3 Rfc8

20...Nxe4 21.Nd5 Nxc3+ 22.hxg3 Qxa4 23.Nxe7+=

21.Rdd3



21...Bf8

Jason missed 21...Nxe4, giving me a chance to get back to the game. [21...Nxe4 22.Nd5 (22.Rge3 Nxc3 23.bxc3 Qxa4+-) 22...Rxc2! 23.Qf1 Nf2+ 24.Kg1 Qh4 25.Rd2! Ne4 26.Rxc2 Rxc2 27.Rh3 Qg5 28.Qf3 Rc4+-]

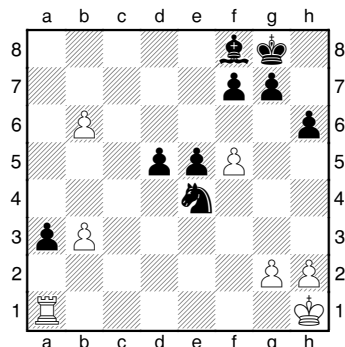
22.Rge3 a5 23.Rd2

I made this blunder out of a miscalculation that I could trap his queen if he plays ...b5.

23...b5 24.axb5 a4 25.Nc1 Qxb2 26.N1a2 a3 27.Rd1 Rxc3 28.Nxc3 Rxc3 29.Rxc3 Qxc3 30.Qd3 Qb2 31.Qb3 Qxb3 32.cxb3 Nxe4

After all the exchanges, I am already in a losing endgame. I took a deep breath, ready to play my best endgame defense. I am not going to lose without a big fight.

33.Ra1 d5 34.b6



Jason told a very interesting story: I unconsciously grabbed a queen after I made this move. This somehow made him think my pawns on the 7th rank and one move away from getting promoted, and he needed to stop that.

34...Bd6?

34...Nf6 35.b7 Nd7+ - SKA.

35.b4 d4 36.Rxa3

After I win back a pawn, he became more nervous and made one weak move after another.

36...d3 37.Kg1 d2 38.Rd3 Bxb4 39.b7 Bc5+ 40.Kf1 Ba7

While I am totally winning, I made a move in the wrong sequence. This totally threw away the win unless Jason did not see it. And under the big game pressure, he missed it, too.

41.Ke2?? Kh7??

41...d1Q+! → with a knight fork after either capture. - SKA.

42.Ra3 Bb8 43.Ra8 Bc7 44.Rc8 Bd6 45.Rc4 Nc5??

This is another big mistake. After I played this easy tactic, the game is over. *[45...Nf6 46.Rc6±]*

46.Rxc5!

1-0

When I went to our team area to meet all the coaches and my teammates, everybody was so happy. My teammates Steven Zierk and Kayden Troff also had extremely strong performance and were very promising contenders for gold medals in their sections. It was such a great feeling to represent the country, and bring victories to USA.

Going into the last round, I was half a point ahead of everybody else playing on board 1. Jason Cao was on board 2 playing against my friend Cameron Wheeler. I would like to give my opponent Gupta from India a lot of credit. He prepared a line to surprise me and played very solidly. I tried very hard but could not find a way to win.

My draw with Gupta and Jason's win gave me and Jason an equal score, but Jason got a better tie-breaker and the gold medal. I will just have to wait for another year for a chance to bring the gold medal back to Texas.

I hope more kids from Dallas and Texas can go to WYCC and we can have fun together. The US has so many strong players in my age group. In the last round, 4 of the 6 players are from USA! With our hard work and a lot of support from everybody, we will do great. I am really looking forward to WYCC 2011 in Brazil.

Devina Devagharan

I left Texas Oct. 15 to visit my cousin in London. Spending three days in London was a true cultural experience for me. I got to ride on the "double-decker bus" and listen to people speak English in a funny way.

On the 19th my mom, dad and I arrived in Thessaloniki. It was fun at the airport because we managed to hook up with the rest of the US team that had all arrived from different routes. We got to travel on the same bus to our hotel in Porto Carras.

As we traveled by bus, I noticed that Greece has a lot of olive trees. It was an exciting feeling to be in Greece because before this I only knew Greece from the Percy Jackson novels. Our first day was very quiet. We checked into our room and spent the rest of the evening relaxing and getting ready for dinner. We had a team meeting that night and I got to meet my coach, who was GM Johnny [Fedorowicz]. He was very warm and funny, and I felt very at ease with him.

The competition began the next day and everybody had their game face on, some more than others. I played a girl from Slovakia in the first round and I was very nervous because it was my first international tournament. I did not use my time wisely, and it ended up in a draw. We both looked relieved at the end of the three hours and 15 minutes. She was very nice and she gave me a necklace and a book about her country. I gave all my opponents a US dollar, some Hershey kisses and a bag of chocolate chip cookies.

The next rounds I played were against Canada, Portugal, India, France, Macau, Russia, Ukraine, Austria and Netherlands. I lost to India, Macau and Ukraine. The rest were all draws except two wins against Portugal and Canada.

Center Counter B01

Rita Maria Jorge 1698

Devina Devagharan (unr.)

2010 World Youth Girls U10 (4)

1.e4 d5

On this move she took five minutes before she made her next move.

2.exd5 Qxd5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.Nf3 c6 6.Be2 Bf5 7.0-0 e6 8.Bf4 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Rfe1

My move on Bb4 was to take the knight on c3 and if bXc3, then Ne4. If Q takes Bishop, then trade queens and win the c2 pawn.

10...Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Qxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc2

And I won the pawn.

14.c4 Nbd7 15.Rac1 Bf5 16.Nh4

Here, I wasted a move by moving my Bishop to f5 then back to g6. I should have just used one move to move it to g6.

16...Bg6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Bf3 Nb6 19.h3 Rad8 20.Red1 Rd7 21.Be2

Here I felt there was no point bringing her bishop back to e2. Maybe g4 could have helped her out in her endgame.

21...Rfd8 22.Be3 Kh7 23.Bf3 Nc8 24.g4 Kg8

Another wasted move by moving my King to h7 and then back!

25.Rb1 Nd6 26.Rbc1 Nc8

We both made wasted moves here. She moved her Rook to the b-file and then moved it back to the c-file. I moved my knight to d6 and then back to c8.

27.Bg2 c5 28.d5

Here it took me a while to calculate whether I will be up from this huge trade. At the end, I figured I would be up a pawn.

28...exd5 29.cxd5 Nxd5 30.Rxc5 Nce7 31.Bxd5 Nxd5 32.Ra5 b6 33.Rb5 Nxe3 34.Rxd7 Rxd7 35.fxe3 Rd3

Here I would win either pawn.

36.Kf2 Rxa3 37.Rd5 a6 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Rd7 f6 40.Rb7 b5 41.Ke2 Ra2+ 42.Kd3 Rh2 43.Ra7 b4 44.Rxa6 b3 45.Rb6 b2 46.Kc3 Rxh3 47.Rxb2 Rxe3+

And at this point she resigned.

0-1

My routine while I was there was pretty much the same every day. In the mornings, I would go to GM Johnny for our coaching session.

Then I would head out to the playground to play with other girls from different countries. Once I played in the playground with girls from Wales, Spain and Zimbabwe. It was a lot of fun.

Our meals were all provided by the hotel and the food was not too bad. It wasn't as spicy as I would have liked it to be but I survived on my favorite food: spaghetti, pasta, French fries, kiwi fruit and lots and lots of dessert.

I enjoyed my stay in Greece a lot because the beach was a short distance and I could go there everyday. On some days the water was really warm and on other days, it was too cold even to the touch.

On the day that we had a break, we took a boat taxi to a nearby city called Maramas and we shopped around with our fellow teammates and their families. We actually walked back to the hotel from this town. It was about 20 minutes but it was really nice because we walked along the beach.

At the end of my first international tournament I had five points. I know I could have done better, but for a first timer this was pretty satisfying. We took a lot of team photos with our coaches on the final day of the tournament, and everybody was happy. I had really enjoyed myself in Greece, and will miss all my teammates but I know the only way to see them again is to make it to the team next year! If I keep working hard at chess, I know that my opportunities are endless and I will be able to travel to a lot of cool places around the world and meet lots of new people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the USCF and the Texas Chess Association for funding my trip to Greece. Thank you very much for making my dream to play for Team USA come true!

Dachey Lin

At last! I've been qualified to participate in the WYCC 2010 in Greece! What is the WYCC? It's the World Youth Chess Championships. The strongest young people can participate and then play for their home countries, like I play for America. It would be cool to have a team jacket, a team shirt, and everything. I am also a bit nervous because, being born in December, 1999, I was one of the youngest kids in the U12 section. In the U12 section, most players were born in 1998. I hope I get a good score!

Round 1

Usually in the first round, I played a much weaker opponent, but this time I played Jan-Krzysztof Duda, a very strong player from Poland who's starting rank was second seed in the tournament with an ELO of 2247 and actually won the silver medal in U12 last year. As expected, the board was broadcasted live on the internet. My game was an unfortunate drama scene. At one point I was winning by so much that anybody could tell I was winning. I had a menacing knight on d6 supported by a proud pawn on e5 and control of the open c-file with 2 rooks. Somehow, my opponent created a counterplay by trading his b-pawn for my a-pawn and took control over the b-file. Then he invaded my open position and gradually mated my king. I consider this to be the best wake-up call that I ever had because it was a good training for me to play against high-rated players.

QGD Noteboom D31

Dachey Lin 1805

Jan-Krzysztof Duda 2247

2010 World Youth U12 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bb4 6.e4 Nf6 7.Bg5 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Bd2 Nxd2

11.Qxd2 Qd5 12.Be2 O-O 13.O-O Na6 14.Qe3 Nc7 15.Nd2 b6 16.Bxc4 Qd8 17.Ne4 Ba6 18.Bxa6 Nxa6 19.Qg3 Kh8 20. f4 c5 21.Nd6 cxd4 22.cxd4 f5 23.Rac1 Nb4 24.Rc4 Nd5 25.Rfc1 Qd7 26.Qf3 h6 27.h4 a6 28.Rc6 Rab8 29.g3 b5 30.Qb3 Qa7 31.R1c5 bxa4 32.Qxa4 Rb1+ 33.Kg2 Rb2+ 34.Kg1 Qb8 35.Rc8 Rb1+ 36.Kh2 Qb2+ 37.Qc2 Qa1 38.Rxf8+ Kh7 39.Qe2 Ne3 40.Rh8+ Kxh8 41.Nf7+ Kg8 42.Nxh6+ Kh7 43.Qf3 Kxh6 44.g4 Rb2+ 45.Kh3 fxg4+ 46.Qxg4 Qh1+ 47.Kg3 Nf1# 0-1

Round 2

Because of a minor injury in points, I am forced to play an unrated player, Isaev Chyngyz from Kyrgyzstan. I think unrated players are the hardest opponents because they have unknown strength. I was not a juicy target for my opponent, but he still wanted to beat me. In the game, I made many manouvers and a very cheap tactic that got me a queen for a bishop and a knight. After blundering another bishop, my opponent resigned.

Modern Benoni A60

Isaev Chyngyz (unr.)

Dachey Lin 1805

2010 World Youth U12 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Bg5 a6 7.a4 Nbd7 8.Nf3 h6 9.Bh4 g6 10.e4 Bg7 11.Bd3 O-O 12.O-O Qb6 13.Qc2 Ng4 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.h3 Nge5 16.Be2 g5 17.Bg3 Ng6 18.Nc4 Nde5 19.Ne3 Bd7 20.Rfb1 Rab8 21.a5 Rfc8 22.Qd2 Ne7 23.Na4 Bb5 24.Nb6 Re8 25.Nec4 N7g6 26.f3 Rbd8 27.Ra2 Bf6 28.b3 Kg7 29.Rf1 Qe7 30.Ne3 Kh7 31.Nf5 Qf8 32.Qe3 Ne7 33.Qf2 Nxf5 34.exf5 Nd3 35.Bxd3 Bd4 36.f6+ Bxd3 0-1

Round 3

I must be having an unlucky tournament this year if this will be the

second 2200+ encounter in just three rounds. His name is Vetoshko Volodmyr from Ukraine and his starting rank in the tournament is 6th place. I played a carefully prepared opening which turned against me and a wacky middlegame, which led to an uneasy endgame. Because I used so much time, I was unsuccessful in trying to go past 40 moves in time pressure without blundering. Unfortunately, he converted the piece advantage into a win and I got mated on exactly the 60th move. I wasn't very happy about this game.

English Opening A18

Dachey Lin 1805

Volodmyr Vetoshko 2211

2010 World Youth U12 (3)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.d4 c5 8.Nf3 h6 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Nc6 13.O-O O-O 14.Qe3 Rd8 15.Rad1 b6 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.f4 Rac8 18.Bg4 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Qe7 20.Be2 Ba6 21.Rc1 Qb4 22.a3 Qb2 23.Rfd1 Qa2 24.Rd6 Rxd6 25.exd6 Rd8 26.Qd3 Qb2 27.Rd1 Bb7 28.c5 Qf6 29.cxb6 axb6 30.Qe3 Qb2 31.Bf1 Bd5 32.Rd2 Qc1 33.Qxb6 Rxd6 34.Qb2 Qc5+ 35.Rd4 Bb7 36.Qxb7 Qxd4+ 37.Kh1 Qxf4 38.Kg1 Qe3+ 39.Kh1 Qf4 40.Kg1 Qe3+ 41.Kh1 Qxa3 42.Qc8+ Kh7 43.h3 Qa7 44.Qc2+ g6 45.Kh2 Qd4 46.Qb3 Qf4+ 47.Kg1 Rd2 48.Qb1 Qd4+ 49.Kh2 Rd1 50.Qb5 Re1 51.Qa6 Kg7 52.Qb5 Qf2 53.Qc4 Rxf1 54.Qc3+ Qf6 55.Qg3 Qf4 56.Qxf4 Rxf4 57.Kg3 Rf1 58.Kh4 e5 59.g4 Rg1 60.g5 hxg5# 0-1

Round 4

This was a loss against an unrated. (Remember: unrated = unknown strength.) I played a competitor from the country of United Arab Emirates by the name of Al-Mayed Ali Rashedi. He played an opening unknown to me. Basically, he finished me off in the opening. After the

game, my team coach said I gave everything he wanted to him: an active bishop, an open file, and much more. This is the worst game I had played in this tournament that I wanted to remember.

Vienna Game C26

Mayed Al-Rashedi (unrated)

Dachey Lin 1805

2010 World Youth U12 (4)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.d3 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Na4 Bb6 6.Nxb6 axb6 7.f4 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.O-O O-O 10.c3 exf4 11.Bxf4 Ne5 12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Rxf3 b5 15.Bb3 b4 16.Qe2 Qd6 17.Raf1 bxc3 18.bxc3 Rae8 19.Qe3 Re7 20.Qg5 Ne8 21.Kh1 Rd7 22.d4 exd4 23.cxd4 h6 24.Qg4 Re7 25.e5 Qd8 26.Rxf7 Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Rxf7 28.Qe6 Nf6 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.exf6 gxf6 31.Bc2 Qg8 32.Qxf6+ Qg7 33.Qd8+ Qg8 34.Qxg8+ Kxg8 35.Kh2 1-0

Round 5

Today we have the 2-round day. The first game is scheduled at 9:00AM and the second one 16:00PM. The fifth round was not hard. I played a fellow competitor from Thailand by the name of Ithanon Srijomtong. This was the quickest game I played in the tournament. My opponent blundered a pawn with a not-so-cheap tactic. By the way, this opponent was also unrated.

Gruenfeld Defense D90

Dachey Lin 1805

Ithanon Srijomtong (unr.)

2010 World Youth U12 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Bf4 Bg7 7.h3 Nc6 8.e3 O-O 9.Bd3 Nb4 10.Bb1 b6 11.a3 Nc6 12 O-O Bb7 13.Ba2 e6 14.Rc1 b5 15.Nxb5 Qb6 16.Nc7 Rac8 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.Bxb3 Ne4 19.Ba4 Ne7 20.Bd7 Rcd8 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Nxe6 Ba6 23.Rfe1 Rxf4 24.exf4 Rb8 25.Nxg7 Kxg7 26.Rc7 Kf6 27.Rxa7 Bc4 28.Ne5 1-0

Round 6

In this round the cheap tactics were successfully utilized by my opponent. Obviously, he prepared a little against my opening. My opponent's name is Martin Schweighoffer and he comes from Switzerland. In the event of trying to defend, I was panic at his strong move and forgot to save the game with 21...Rfa8. I was very disappointed at the sight of only having 2 points in the last 6 rounds, so I decided to work harder for the rounds to come.

Ruy Lopez C60

**Martin Schweighoffer (unr.)
Dachey Lin 1805**

2010 World Youth U12 (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4. O-O d6 5.d4 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.a4 Bb7 10. Re1 Nc6 11.Bd5 Be7 12.e5 Na5 13. Bxb7 Nxb7 14.axb5 O-O 15.bxa6 dxe5 16.Rxe5 Bf6 17.Rb5 Nd6 18. Rd5 c6 19.Rh5 Qb6 20.b3 Rxa6 21. Qd3 g6 22.Rxa6 Qb7 23.Rha5 Re8 24.Bd2 Qe7 25.Ra7 Qe6 26.g3 h5 27.Ra8 Nc8 28.Kg2 h4 29.Rc5 h3+ 30.Kf1 Be7 31.Rc4 c5 32.Rca4 Kg7 33.R4a6 Bd6 34.Na3 Qd7 35.Qf3 Rh8 36.Bg5 Re8 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38. Rxd6 Nxd6 39.Rxe8+ Nxe8 40. Qe7 Qc6 41.Nc4 Ng7 42.Qxf7+ Kxf7 43. Ne5+ Ke6 44.Nxc6 Kd6 45.Na5 Kd5 46.Nc4 Ne6 47.Bf4 g5 48.Be5 g4 49.Bf4 Ke4 50.Bd6 d3 51.cxd3+ Kxd3 52.Ne5+ Kc3 53.Nxg4 Kxb3 54.Bxc5 Nxc5 55.f4 Kc4 56.Nf2 Kd4 57.Ke2 Nd7 58.Kf3 Nf6 59. Nxb3 Ne4 60.Ng5 Nf6 61.g4 Kd5 62.h4 Ng8 63.h5 Kd6 64.Ke4 Nh6 65.Nf7+ Nxf7 66.Kf5 Ke7 67.Kg6 Kf8 68.h6 Kg8 69.h7+ Kf8 70.g5 Nh8+ 71.Kf6 Nf7 72.g6 Nh6 73. h8=Q+ Ng8+ 74.Qxg8+ Kxg8 75.g7 Kh7 76.Kf7 Kh6 77.g8=Q Kh5 78. Qg5# 1-0

Round 7

I played the brother of Ithanon Srijomtong. His name is Oraric Srijomtong and he is also from Thailand. He's a bit harder to play against than his brother, but he did not see the saving move that would make the position become less worse. Instead, he resigned, because he thought the checkmate was inevitable.

QGD D52

**Dachey Lin 1805
Ithanon Srijomtong (unr.)**

2010 World Youth U12 (7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Bd6 7.Qc2 O-O 8. cxd5 cxd5 9.Bd3 Qc7 10.O-O a6 11.Rac1 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 Qxc2 14.Rxc2 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Bxg3 17.Nxg3 a5 18.Rfc1 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.b3 Raa8 21.Ne2 g4 22.Ne1 Nh7 23.Nd3 Ng5 24.Rc7 Rfd8 25. Ng3 f6 26.Nh5 Ne4 27.f3 gxf3 28. gxf3 Nc3 29.Kf2 Kh8 30.Rg1 Rac8 31.Ra7 Ra8 32.Rxa8 Rxa8 33.Rg6 Rf8 34.Rg7 Rd8 35.Re7 e5 36.dxe5 fxe5 37.Nxe5 Nxe5 38.Nf6 1-0

Round 8

This was a very close game. My opponent, Alexandar Konstantinov, took over a pleasing outpost on e6. In the middlegame, I blundered a precious pawn and tried to save the position. Fortunately, he didn't see my bishop and played an enormous blunder on impulse and after I took his rook with my bishop, he resigned. To me this was the greatest save I had made.

Ruy Lopez C60

**Alexandar Konstantinov (unr.)
Dachey Lin 1805**

2010 World Youth U12 (8)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.d3 d6 5.O-O Bd7 6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Be7 8. d5 Nb8 9.Be2 O-O 10.Nbd2 Nf4 11.Re1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nf1 Nd7 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.Bd3 Bg4 16.h3 Bh5 17.N1d2 Nc5 18.Qc2 Nxd3 19. Qxd3 Qd7 20.Nd4 Rf7 21.N2f3 Bf6

22.Ne6 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Be5 24.Rab1 Qa4 25.Qd3 h6 26.c4 b6 27.a3 Qd7 28.b4 Qe7 29.Qf3 Qf6 30.Rec1 g5 31.c5 Qg6 32.cxd6 cxd6 33.Qe2 f3 34.Qc2 Qf6 35.g4 Re8 36.Qe4 Bf4 37.Rc3 Be5 38.Rc2 Kh8 39.Rbc1 h5 40.Rc8 Rfe7 41.gxh5 g4 42.Qg6 Qxg6 43.hxg6 gxh3 44.R1c7 h2+ 45.Kh1 Kg8 46.b5 Kh8 47.a4 Kg8 48.g7 Kh7 49.Rxe8 Rxe8 50.Ng5+ Kg6 51.Nxf3 Bxg7 52.Kxh2 Ra8 53.Kg3 Kf6 54.Rd7 Bf8 55.Kf4 a5 56.Nd4 Re8 57.Nc6 Re2 58.Kf3 Ra2 59.Rb7 Rxa4 60.Rxb6 Ra3+ 61.Kg2 Rd3 62.Ra6 Rxd5 63.Rxa5 Rd2 64.Ra4 d5 65.b6 Rb2 66.Rb4 Bxb4 0-1

Round 9

Starting from this round my drawing streak began. It would continue till the end of the tournament. In this round I played Terry Song from Canada. Just to let you know, he is the number one player in U12 from Canada and the only player in a wheelchair in this tournament due to a DUI accident happening 5 years ago. (A drunk guy ran into Terry's family vehicle. His parents got minor injuries, but Terry became paralyzed from waist down because his spinal cord was damaged.) I made friends with Terry two days before this round. He is very good at math and violin. I tried a new opening I never played before. It wasn't exactly a success but it wasn't a failure, either. I had somewhat good chances in the endgame, but he found an amazing perpetual check and we drew.

Benko Gambit A59

**Dachey Lin 1805
Terry Song (unr.)**

2010 World Youth U12 (9)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 Nbd7 11. Nf3 O-O 12.Re1 Ng4 13.Re2 Qb6 14.Rc2 Nge5 15.Nd2 Qa6 16.Nf1

Nd3 17.Bd2 Rfb8 18.b3 Nb4 19. Rcc1 Qd3 20.a3 Na6 21.f3 Nc7 22. a4 f5 23.exf5 Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Qxd5 25.Rab1 Qxf5 26.Qe2 Ne5 27.Ne3 Qd3 28.Qxd3 Nxd3 29.Rc4 Nb2 30. Re4 Rxb3 31.Rxe7 Rxa4 32.Ng4 Kf8 33.Rbe1 Be5 34.Rxh7 Nd3 35. Re2 Rb2 36.Nxe5 dxe5 37.Bh6+ Ke8 38.Rxb2 Nxb2 39.Bg5 Nd3 40. g4 Ra2+ 41.Kg3 c4 42.Rc7 Rc2 43. h4 Ne1 44.Re7+ Kf8 45.Rxe5 Rg2+ 46.Kh3 Rh2+ 47.Kg3 Rg2+ 48.Kh3 Rh2+ 49.Kxh2 Nxf3+ 50.Kg3 Nxe5 51.h5 gxh5 52.gxh5 Nf7 53.Bf6 Kg8 54.Kg4 Kh7 55.Bc3 Nh8 56. Bd2 Ng6 57.Kf5 Ne7+ 58.Ke4 c3 59.Bg5 Ng8 60.Ke5 c2 61.Ke4 Nf6+ 62.Kd3 c1=N+ 63.Bxc1 Nxb5 1/2-1/2

Round 10

My opponent was Colin Slolwijk from Netherland. In my game against him, I won a pawn in the opening. I was quite happy about it, and I started to relax. Unfortunately, relaxing put me in a losing state. I used the fact that rook endgames are always drawn to draw this game. Only 1 blunder turned the game from winning to losing. I was upset about this game.

Ruy Lopez C60

Colin Slolwijk (unr.)

Dachey Lin 1805

2010 World Youth U12 (10)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4. O-O d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Nbd2 O-O 9.Re1 Qe8 10. Nf1 Nxd4 11.cxd4 Bxb5 12.Ng3 Bd7 13.Qd2 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15. gxf3 Nh4 16.Qe2 Qd7 17.Kh2 Qe6 18.Rg1 Kh8 19.Rac1 c6 20.f4 f5 21. Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Qg4 h5 23.exf5 hxg4 24.fxe6 exf4 25.Bd2 gxh3 26.d5 c5 27.Bc3 Bf6 28.Bxf6 Rxf6 29.Rg4 Re8 30.Rcg1 Re7 31.Rg6 Rf8 32. Kxh3 Kh7 33.Rg5 f3 34.Kg4 g6 35.Kh3 Rf6 36.Rh1 b5 37.Kg3+ Kg7 38.Rh4 c4 39.Rf4 Rxf4 40. Kxf4 Kf6 41.Rg3 Rh7 42.Rxf3 a5 43.Ke4+ Ke7 44.Rg3 Kf6 45.b3

cxb3 46.Rxb3 Rh4+ 47.f4 b4 48. Kf3 Rh3+ 49.Ke4 Rh2 50.a3 Rh4 51.axb4 axb4 52.Rxb4 g5 53.Kf3 Kf5 54.e7 g4+ 55.Kg3 Rh3+ 56. Kg2 Re3 57.Rb7 Kxf4 58.Rd7 Re2+ 59.Kf1 Kf3 60.Rxd6 Rxe7 61. Rf6+ Kg3 62.Rf2 Rd7 63.Rd2 Rd6 64.Kg1 Kf3 65.Rd3+ 1/2-1/2

Round 11

This last game played between me and Gijir Munkhbayar from Mongolia was too tactical for me. I think of myself as more of a positional player. The game lasted only 20 moves.

English Opening A18

Dachey Lin 1805

Gijir Munkhbayar (unr.)

2010 World Youth U12 (11)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4 5. exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.d4 b6 8. Nf3 h6 9.Be2 Bb7 10.Be3 Bd6 11. Qc2 Nd7 12.a4 O-O 13.a5 c5 14. Qa4 Rad8 15.O-O e5 16.axb6 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 cxd4 18.bxa7 Nb6 19.Qb5 dxe3 20.c5 e4 1/2-1/2

Last year I was in U10 section, most games were finished within 2 hours. This year by playing in the U12 section I have found out that the players are much more mature and serious. A lot of them may be planning to gain IM or GM titles in the near future. The U12 competition became much harder than U10. Most of my games last from 3 to 4 hours, only two lasted for about 2 hours. I usually played fast, for example, I usually would have 30 to 90 minutes left on my game clock for G/90 games. But this time I had felt time pressure starting from round 1. U12 players took much longer time calculate their moves, it made me wonder what they were thinking, so I spent long time guessing what they were thinking. It was a very unusual experience for me. To win you have to out-calculate your opponent. Out of

the above, I only have about one of the qualities, i.e. that I might be said to be very creative, but not very precise in calculation. My hands usually moved the chess pieces before my brain finished calculation and I was not completely focused. To win here you really have to be determined and focused or you will not have a strong finish. Even though my final score 5.5/11 is not impressive, it still was a very good experience for me. ♠

Atulya Vaidya wins National 6th grade

Atulya Vaidya won the national 6th grade championship with first place on tiebreaks in five-way tie that included Kesaw Viswanadha, Kendrick Nguyen, Agata Bykovtsev and Michael Gianatasio. All scored 6-1.

The championship was part of the National K-12 Scholastic Championships, held Dec. 10-12 at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Here is Vaidya's dashing final round attack with white against Joshua Kowal:

QGD Exchange D35

Atulya Vaidya 1817

Joshua Kowal 1703

National Grade 6 Chp. 2010

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 O-O 10.Nf3 Re8 11.O-O-O b5 12.h3 Nb6 13. Rdg1 a5 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.g4 Nfd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.g5 h5 18.f4 Bf8 19.Bh7+

19.Qe2! g6 20.f5 followed by Qf1 attacking on the f-file (Fritz).

19...Kh8 20.g6 f6 21.Qe2 Qf5 22. Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Qxh5 Bb4 24.Rg4 Be???

Forced is 24...Bc8 25.Rh4 Qf5.

25.Bg8+ 1-0

Fighting chess at the UTD GM Invitational

by GM Alejandro Ramirez
Chess.com

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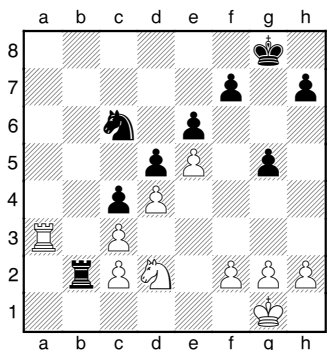
French Defense C19

Ioan-Cristian Chirila 2492

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

UTD Invitational 2010 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.a4 c4 10.Ba3 0–0 11.0–0 Bc8 12.a5 a6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.axb6 Qb7 15.Ba4 Bd7 16.Qb1 Bxa4 17.Rxa4 a5 18.Qb5 Nc6 19.Rb1 Rfb8 20.Ra2 Ra6 21.Rab2 a4 22.Qc5 a3 23.Ra2 Rxb6 24.Rxb6 Qxb6 25.Qxb6 Rxb6 26.Nd2 Rb2 27.Rxa3 g5



28.g4

28.Kf1 Rxc2 29.Ke2 Nxd4+ 30.Kd1 Rxd2+ 31.Kxd2 Nc6=.

28...Rxc2 29.Nf1

Chirila loses the thread hereabouts. Better is 29.Nf3 h6 30.h4 gxh4 31.Nxh4 Kg7 32.Kg2 Rb2 33.Ra6 Ne7 34.Ra1 Rb3 35.Rc1 f6=.

29...Ne7 30.Ng3 Kg7 31.Ra7 Ng6 32.Nh5+ Kh6 33.Rxf7 Rxc3 34.Kf1

34.Nf6?? Rc1+: 35.Kg2 Nh4+! 36.Kg3 Rc3+ 37.f3 Rxf3 mate.

34...Rd3 35.Nf6 Nf4 36.Ke1 Kg6 37.Rc7

37.Rxh7 Rxd4 38.Re7

37...Rxd4 38.Ng8

Angling for a perpetual, but the fall of the g-pawn with take that away.

38...Nd3+ 39.Kf1 Rxc4 40.Ne7+ Kh5 41.Ng8 Rf4 0–1

French Defense C11

Ioan-Cristian Chirila 2492

Puchan Wang 2468

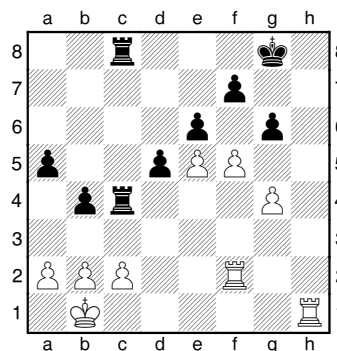
UTD Invitational 2010 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qd2 0–0 10.0–0 Qa5 11.Nd4 Bxd4 12.Bxd4 Rb8 13.Kb1 b5 14.h4 Ba6 15.Ne2 b4 16.Nc1 Bxf1 17.Rhxf1 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Rfc8 19.Nd3 Nc5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Rf2 g6 22.g4 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 a5 24.f5 Rb7 25.h5 Rbc7 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Rd1

27.f6 Rc4

27...Rc4 28.Rh1

28.f6 Rxc4 29.Rh2 Rg5 30.Rdh1 Rh5 31.Rxh5 gxh5 32.Rxh5 Rc4 33.a3 bxa3 34.bxa3 Rc3=



28...exf5 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Rxf5 R8c6

30...Rxc2 31.e6 Rg2 32.exf7+ Kg7 33.Rhf1 Rf8 34.Rxd5±;

30...Rg4 31.Rhf1 Rg2 32.Rxf7 Rxc2 33.Rf8+=

31.Rhf1 Re4 32.Rxf7 Rxe5 33.R7f5 Rxf5 34.Rxf5 Rc5 35.Kc1 Kg7 36.

Kd2 Kg6 37.Rf2 Rc4 38.Kd3 Rh4
39.b3 Rh1 40.Kd4 Ra1 41.c4 bxc3
42.Kxc3 Rd1 43.Rf4 Rc1+ 44.Kd4
Ra1 45.Rf2 Rd1+ 46.Kc5 a4 47.
bxa4 d4 48.a5 d3 49.a6 Rc1+ 50.
Kb5 Rc2 51.a7 Rxf2 52.a8Q d2 53.
Qd8 Kf5 54.a4 Kf4 55.Kc4 Kf3
56.Kc3 Re2 57.a5 1-0

Reti Opening A13

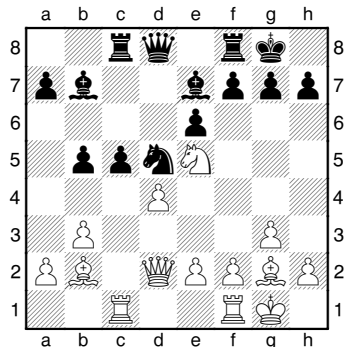
Julio Sadorra 2473

Darwin Yang 2417

UTD Invitational 2010 (3)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.c4
dxc4 5.Na3 Be7 6.Nxc4 c5 7.b3 0-0
8.Bb2 Nc6 9.0-0 Nd5 10.d4 b5
11.Nce5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bb7 13.Rc1
13...dxc5 Bxc5 14.e4 Nf6 15.Qe2
Qb6=

13...Rc8 14.Qd2



14...cxd4

□14...f6 15.Ng4 c4 16.e4 Nb4
17.bxc4 bxc4

15.Qxd4 f6 16.Qxa7 Rxc1 17.Rxc1
Qa8 18.Qxa8 Rxa8 19.Nc6 Bxc6
20.Rxc6 Kf7 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.a3
Bxa3 23.Rc7+ Be7 24.Bd4 Ke6 25.
Be5 Bxc5 26.Rxc5 Kd6

26...Ra5 27.b4 Kd6 28.Kf1 Ra1+
29.Kg2 Ra2 30.Kf3 Ra3+ 31.e3 Ra5
32.h4±
27.Rxb5 Kc6 28.Rb4 g5 29.Kg2 f5
30.h4 h6 31.Ra4 1-0

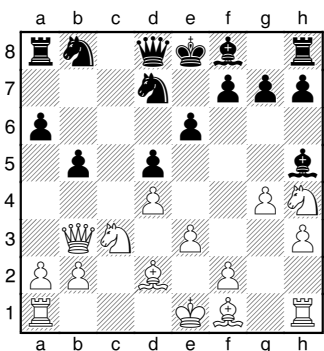
QGD Slav D12

Salvijus Bercys 2447

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

UTD Invitational 2010 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd2 e6 7.Nh4 Bg4
8.Qb3 b5 9.cxb5 cxb5 10.h3 Bh5
11.g4 Nfd7



12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Qxd5 Ra7 14.
Qxh5 g6 15.Nxg6 fxe6 16.Qd5 Qf6
17.Qe4+ Be7 18.Bg2 0-0 19.0-0
Nb6 20.b3 Ba3 21.f4 Qd6 22.Rad1
Re7 23.Qf3 N8d7 24.g5 Rc8 25.Rf2
Bb2 26.Kh1 Bc3 27.Bc1 h6 28.e4
hxg5 29.e5 Qe6 30.d5 Qf5 31.e6
Nf6 32.fxe5 Qxf3 33.Bxf3 Nxd5
34.Bxd5 Nxd5 35.Rxd5 Be1 36.Rf1
Rxc1 37.Rd8+ Kg7 38.Rd7 Rxd7
39.exd7 Rd1 40.d8Q Rxd8 41.Rxe1
Rd5 42.Rg1 a5 43.Kh2 a4 44.h4
Rd4 45.Kh3 Rd3+ 46.Rg3 Rd2 47.
bxa4 Rxa2 1/2-1/2

Scotch Game C45

Steven Zierk 2403

Magesh Panchanathan 2546

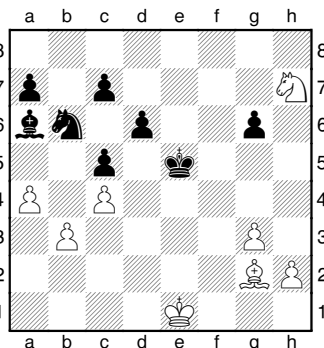
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.
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7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.b3 g6 10.g3
Bg7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Bg2 Rae8 13.
0-0 Nb6 14.Nd2 f6 15.f4 fxe5 16.
fxe5 Bxe5 17.Rxf8+ Qxf8 18.Bxe5
Qc5+ 19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Kxf2 Rxe5
21.Nf3 Re7 22.Rd1 c5 23.Ng5 Kg7
24.a4 d6?

□24...h6 25.Ne4 d6

25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Kxe1 Kf6 27.
Nxe7+ Ke5?

27...Kg7 28.Ng5 Kf6 29.h4 Nd7
30.Kd2±



28.Nf8 g5

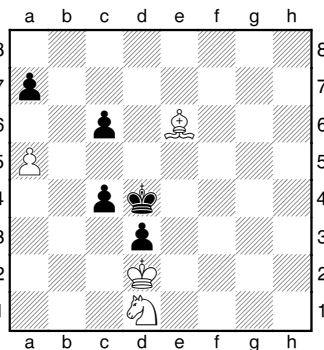
28...Kf5 29.a5 Nc8 30.Bh3+±

29.a5± Nxc4

29...Nc8 30.Nd7+ Kd4 31.Nb8

Bxc4 32.Nc6+ Kc3 33.bxc4 Kxc4
34.h4+±

30.bxc4 Bxc4 31.Nd7+ Kd4 32.h4
gxe4 33.gxe4 Bf7 34.Nb8 d5 35.
Nc6+ Ke3 36.Ne5 Be6 37.h5 c4 38.
h6 Bf5 39.Bh3 Bb1 40.Ng4+ Kf4
41.Nf6 d4 42.h7 Bxe7 43.Nxe7 Ke3
44.Nf6 c6 45.Ng4+ Kf4 46.Nf2 d3
47.Nd1 Ke4 48.Kd2 Kd4 49.Be6



1-0

King's Indian E81

Aleksey Dreev 2674

Tyler Hughes 2267

UTD Invitational 2010 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.f3 0-0 6.Nge2 c5 7.Be3 Qa5 8.
Nc1 cxd4 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Nxd4 Nc6
11.Be2 a6 12.Rc1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4
Be6 14.b3 Nd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.

0-0 Qa5 17.f4 f5 18.exf5 Qxf5 19.
Qd2 Rac8 20.Kh1 Nf6
20...b6 21.Qe3 Qf7 22.Rfe1±
21.Bd3 Qg4?
21...Qh5 22.Rce1 Ng4 23.h3+
22.Rce1! Nh5
22...Bf7 23.Rxe7
23.Be2 1-0

Sicilian Paulsen B48

Puchen Wang 2468

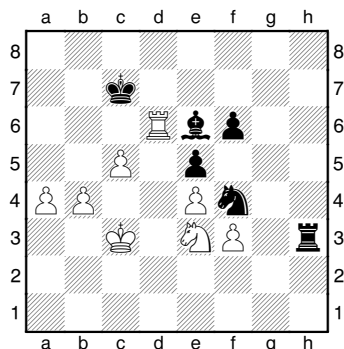
Tyler Hughes 2267

UTD Invitational 2010 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6
8.0-0 Be7 9.f3 h5 10.Kb1 b5
11.Nb3 d6 12.Bxb5

A standard piece "sac" (if you
can call it that) for three pawns.

12...axb5 13.Nxb5 Qb8 14.Nxd6+
Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Ne5
17.Rhd1 0-0 18.Bf4 Nc4 19.Rd8 e5
20.Bg5 Rb8 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.
Rd8+ Ne8 23. Kc1 f6 24.Bd2 Ke7
25.Rd5 Be6 26.Rd3 Nxd2 27.Nxd2
Nd6 28.b3 g5 29.h3 Kd7 30.a4 Kc6
31.Kb2 Nf7 32.c4 Nh8 33.Kc3 Ng6
34.Nf1 Nf4 35.Rd2 g4 36.hxg4
hxg4 37.b4 gxf3 38.gxf3 Rh8 39.c5
Rh1 40. Rd6+ Kc7 41.Ne3 Rh3



42.Nd5+ Bxd5 43.exd5 Rxf3+ 44.
Kc4 Nd3?

44...Rd3 (a) 45.Rxf6? Rd4+
46.Kb5 Rxb4+! 47.Kxb4 Nxd5+ -+;
(b) 45.Rc6+ Kd7 46.Rd6+ Ke7
47.b5 Rd4+ 48.Kb3 Nxd5=.

45.Re6 f5

45...Nb2+ 46.Kb5 Nd3 47.d6+
Kd8 48.c6 Rf4 49.c7+ Kd7 50.Re8

Rxb4+ 51.Ka5 Rc4 52.Rd8+ Ke6
53.c8Q+ Rxc8 54.Rxc8 f5 55.Kb5 f4
56.Rf8 e4 57.a5 e3 58.a6 e2 59.
Re8++-

46.d6+ Kd7

46...Kd8 47.c6 Nb2+ 48.Kb5
Rd3 49.Rh6+-

47.Re7+ Kd8 48.c6 1-0

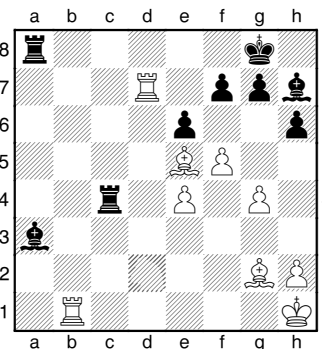
KI Attack A07

Magesh Panchanathan 2546

Aleksey Dreev 2674

UTD Invitational 2010 (4)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.0-0 e6
5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.b3 0-0
8.Bb2 a5 9.a3 h6 10.Qe1 c5 11.e4
Bh7 12.Ne5 a4 13.f4 axb3 14.cxb3
Nfd7 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Kh1 b5 17.
g4 c4 18.dxc4 dxc4 19.bxc4 Nc5
20.Be3 bxc4 21.Nxc4 Qc7 22.Qe2
Rfc8 23.Be5 Qc6 24.Rab1 Nd7 25.
Rfd1 Qxc4 26.Qxc4 Rxc4 27.Rxd7
Bxa3 28.f5



28...Bf8 29.h3 Re8 30.Bg3 Rc3
31.Be1 Rc2 32.Bg3 Rc3 33.Be5 Rc4
34.Bd4 e5 35.Bxe5 Rxe5 36.Rd8 g6
37.f6 Rc6 38.Rbb8 Rxf6 39.Rxf8+
Kg7 40.Rfe8 Rfe6 41.Rxe6 Rxe6
42.Rb5 Kf6 43.Kh2 g5 44.Rb4 Ra6
45.Kg3 Bg6 46.Bf3 Ke5 47.Rb5+
Kd4 48.Rb4+ Kc5 49.Rb3 Ra4
50.h4 Kc4 51.Rb7 Ra3 52.Rc7+
Kd4 53.Rd7+ Kc4 54.hxg5 hxg5
55.Kf2 Ra2+ 1/2-1/2

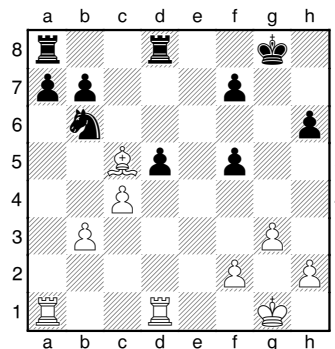
QGD Slav D23

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

Steven Zierk 2403

UTD Invitational 2010 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qb3
dxc4 5.Qxc4 Bf5 6.g3 h6 7.Bg2 e6
8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 Ne4
11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Nh4 Qxb3 13.axb3
Nd6 14.Nxf5 Nxf5 15.Rd1 Bf6
16.e3 0-0 17.Ne2 Rfd8 18.e4 Ne7
19.Be3 Ne8 20.Nc3 Ndb6 21.d5
Bxc3 22.bxc3 cxd5 23.exd5 exd5
24.c4 Ne7 25.Be5 Nf5 26.Bh3 g6
27.Bxf5 gxf5



28.Rxa7! Rxa7 29.Bxb6 Raa8 30.
Bxd8 Rxd8 31.Rxd5 Rxd5 32.cxd5
Kg7 33.Kg2 Kf6 34.Kh3 1-0

Gruenfeld Defense D85

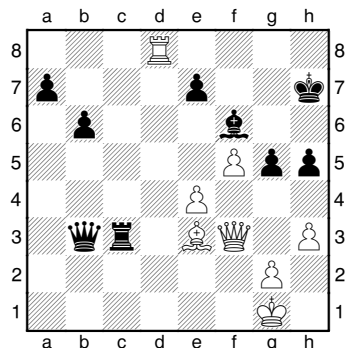
Julio Sadorra 2473

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UTD Invitational 2010 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3
0-0 8.Be3 c5 9.Qd2 cxd4 10.cxd4
Bg4 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Rd1 Rc8 13.0-0
Qa5 14.h3 Bd7 15.Qb2 Rfd8 16.
Be4 Qb4 17.Qe2 [17.Qxb4=] 17...
Nxd4 18.Bxf7+ Kxf7 19.Nxd4 Kg8
19...e5 20.Rb1 Qc4 21.Rfc1=
20.Qf3
20.f4 Ba4 21.Rb1 Qd6 22.e5=
20...Ba4± 21.Rb1 Qc4 22.Nb3 b6
22...Bc6 23.Na5 Bxe4 24.Nxc4
Bxf3 25.gxf3 Rxc4 26.Rxb7=
23.Qg4 Qf7

23...Bd7 24.Qh4 Bf6±
24.f4? [24.Rfd1=] 24...Rc3 25.Bf2
Rc2 26.Rbd1 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 h5
28.Rd8+ Kh7 29.Qh4 Bxb3 30.
axb3 Bf6 31.Qg3 Rc3 32.Be3 Qxb3
33.f5 g5 34.Qf3



34...g4 35.hxg4 Rxe3 36.Qf1 Rxe4
37.g5 Qe3+ 0-1

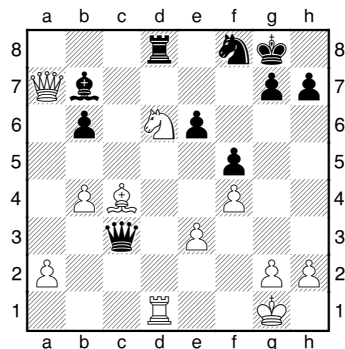
Dutch Stonewall A84

Salvijus Bercys 2447

Ioan-Cristian Chirila 2492

UTD Invitational 2010 (5)

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5.Bd3 f5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.b3 Qe7 8.Bb2
0-0 9.Qc1 b6 10.Ba3 Nbd7 11.
Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nc3 Ne4 13.Qb2
Bb7 14.Rfd1 Rac8 15.Rac1 Nxc3
16.Rxc3 c5 17.Be2 Qb8 18.Rccl
Rfd8 19.dxc5 Rxc5 20.Nd4 Qe5
21.b4 Rc7 22.Qa3 dxc4 23.f4 Qf6
24.Nb5 Rcc8 25.Nd6 Rc7 26.Rxc4
Rxc4 27.Bxc4 Nf8 28.Qxa7 Qc3



29...Bxe6+!

White sidesteps the traps that accompany plausible alternatives:

(a) 29.Qxb6? Qc2! (threatens mate on g2) 30.Bf1 Qxd1 31.Nxb7 Rd2±; (b) 29.Qxb7? Rxd6 30.Rxd6 Qxe3+ 31.Kf1□ Qxf4+ and Qxd6 32.Kg1 Qxd6±.

29...Nxe6 30.Qxb7± Qxe3+ 31.Kh1
Rxd6 32.Qb8+ Rd8 33.Rxd8+
Nxd8 34.Qxd8+ Kf7 35.Qd7+ Kg6
36.Qd6+ Kh5 37.Qd1+ Kh6 38.
Qg1 Qxf4 39.Qxb6+ g6 40.h3 Qf1+
41.Qg1 Qc4 42.Qb1 f4 43.Qb3
Qc1+ 44.Kh2 Qc7 45.Qf3 Qc4 46.
a3 Kg7 47.Qf2 g5 48.Qc5 1-0

QGD Slav D12

Aleksey Dreev 2674

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

UTD Invitational 2010 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6
8.0-0 Be7 9.e4 0-0

9...b5 10.b3 b4 11.e5 bxc3
12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Qxc3 c5 14.cxd5
cxd4 15.Nxd4 0-0 16.Be3 Qxd5 ½-
½ Johannessen,L (2519) - Nielsen,P
(2663) Drammen 2005

10.Bf4 dxe4

10...Nbd7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.e5
Ne8 13.Nd2 Nc7 14.Be3 f5 15.f4 g6
16.Nf3 Ne6 17.Kh1 Rf7 18.Rf2
Ndf8 19.Rg1 Ng7 ½-½ Sokolov,I
(2684) - Vallejo Pons,F (2635) Pam-
plona 2002

11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 Nd7 13.
Rfe1 Re8 14.Rad1 Qa5 15.Qc2 Bb4
15...Rac8 16.b3 Qh5= (Fritz)
16.Rf1 Nf8 17.Qb3 Ng6 18.Bg3
Be7

18...b5 19.c5 Qa4□ 20.Qxa4
bxa4 21.Rc1 a3 22.bxa3 Ba5 23.
Rb1±

19.Qxb7 Qxa2 20.b3

20.Nd2!?! (Δ 21.Ra1) Qa4 21.b3
Qa2±

20...Qa3 21.c5 a5 22.Ra1 Qb4
23.Qxc6 Qxb3 24.Rxa5 Rac8 25.
Qe4 Qc4 26.Qb7 Bf6 27.Ra7 Ne7
28.Bd6 Qd5 29.Qxd5 Nxd5 30.Rb1
Ne7 31.Rd7 Nc6 32.Rbb7 Red8
33.Rxd8+

33.Rxf7 Nxd4 34.h3 Nxf3+ 35.
gxf3 h5 36.f4+—

33...Nxd8 34.Ra7 Nc6 35.Ra4 Be7
36.Bxe7 Nxe7 37.Kf1 f6 38.Ke2
Nd5 39.Kd3 Rc7

39...Nf4+ 40.Ke4 Nxc2

40.Nd2 Kf7 41.g3 e5 42.Nc4 Ne7
43.Nd6+ Ke6 44.Nb5 Rb7 45.Kc4
exd4 46.Ra6+ Kd7 47.Rd6+ Kc8
48.Rxd4 Rb8 49.Na7+ Kc7 50.
Nb5+ Kc8 51.Rd6 Ra8 52.Re6 Kd7
53.Rd6+ Kc8 54.c6 Ra2 55.Kc5
Rxf2 56.c7 Rf5+ 57.Kb6 Rxb5+
58.Kxb5 Kxc7 59.Kc5 Nf5 60.Rd5
g6 61.Rd3 h5 62.Rd2 h4 63.g4 Nh6
64.h3 Nf7 65.Rf2 Ng5 66.Kd5
Nxb3 67.Rxf6 Kd7 68.Ke5 g5
69.Kf5 Ke7 70.Re6+ Kf7 71.Re3
Ng1 72.Re1 Nh3 73.Rh1 1-0

Reti Opening A13

Puchen Wang 2468

Magesh Panchanathan 2546

UTD Invitational 2010 (6)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.b3 c5
5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 dxc4 7.bxc4 Be7
8.Nc3 0-0 9.d3 Bd7 10.Rb1 b6
11.Nb5!?

The agent provocateur, and Magesh is happy to take the bait.
11.Bf4 Ng4=

11...a6 12.Nc3 b5 13.cxb5 axb5
14.Nxb5 Nd5 15.a4 Qa5 16.Ra1
Bf6 17.Bd2

The die-hard 17.Ra3 doesn't save the pawn, but there are other points: 17...Nb6 18.Nd6 Nxa4 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h6 21.Nc4 Qb5 22.Ne4 Rfb8 23.Rxa4 Qxa4 24.Qxa4 Rxa4 25.Nxc5 (the point of all this) Nd4 26.Nxd7 Nxe2+ 27.Kh1±.

17...Ncb4 18.d4

18.Rc1 Bxb5 19.axb5 Qxb5=

18...cxd4 19.Nfxd4

19.Nbxd4 Bxa4 20.Qb1=

19...Bxb5! 20.Bxd5

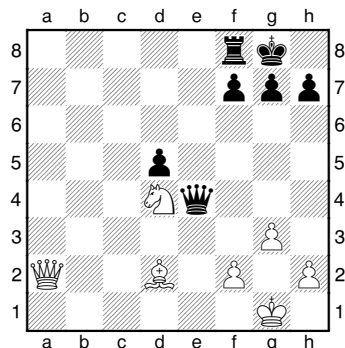
20.Nb3 Bxa4 21.Nxa5 Bxd1 22.
Raxd1 Rxa5 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.
Bxb4=

20...exd5 21.Nb3 Qb6

21...Bxa4 22.Nxa5 Bxd1

23.Raxd1 Nc2 24.Kg2 Rfe8±

22.axb5 Na2 23.Qc2 Bxa1 24.Rxa1
Qxb5 25.Rxa2 Rxa2 26.Qxa2 Qxe2
27.Nd4 Qe4



28.Bc3?

28.Qb2 Ra8 (28...Rc8 29.Qb7 Rd8 30.Bc3±) 29.Be3±

28...Rb8 29.Nc2 h5 30.Ne1 d4 31.Bd2 Rb1 32.Qa5 Rd1 33.Bb4 h4 34.Qd8+?

34.Bd2 h3 35.f3 Qe7 36.Kf2=

34...Kh7 35.Qxh4+

35.Qa5 g6 36.gxh4 Qg4+ 37.Kf1 d3 38.h5 Qxh5 39.Qxh5+ gxh5 40.Kg2 d2-+

35...Qxh4 36.gxh4 d3 37.Kg2 d2-+ 38.Bxd2 Rxd2 39.Nf3 Ra2 40.Kg3 Kg6 41.Ne5+ Kf6 42.Nc4 Ra4 43.Ne3 Ke5 44.f3 f5 45.Ng2 Ra1 46.h5 Rg1 47.Kf2 Rh1 48.Kg3 Ra1 49.Nf4 Rg1+ 50.Ng2 f4+ 51.Kh3

51.Kf2 Rh1 52.h4 Ra1 53.Ke2 Ra2+ 54.Kf1 Kd4 55.Nxf4 Ke3 56.Ng6 Kxf3 57.Ne5+ Kg3 58.Ng6 Rb2 59.Ne5 Rf2+ 60.Ke1 Rf5 61.Nc6 Rxh5 -+

51...Kf5 52.Nh4+ Kg5 53.Ng2 Rd1 White resigns (54.Nh4 Rd3-+) 0-1

King's Indian E61

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

Tyler Hughes 2267

UTD Invitational 2010 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 c5 6.d5 b5 7.cxb5 a6 8.e3

This resembles a Benko Gambit, but the useful move Bg5 would not be available ahead of e2-e3.

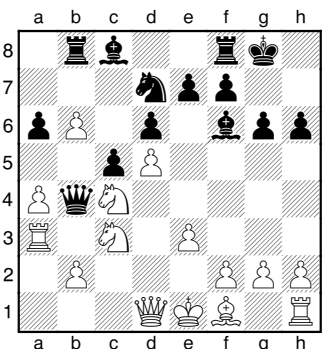
8...d6 9.Nd2 Nbd7 10.a4 Qa5 11.Ra3 h6 12.Nc4 Qb4 13.Bxf6

13.Bxh6 axb5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rb3 bxc4 16.Rxb4 cxb4 17.Nb5+-;

13.Rb3 hxg5 14.bxa6 Bxa6 15.Rxb4 cxb4 16.Na2+-

13...Bxf6 14.b6! Rb8

14...Nxb6 15.Rb3+-



15.a5 Ne5 16.Ra4 Nxc4 17.Rxb4 cxb4 18.Ne4 Nxa5 19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.Qd4 1-0

QGD Semi-Slav D45

Darwin Yang 2417

Aleksey Dreev 2674

UTD Invitational 2010 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Be7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 0-0 12.Ne5 c5 13.Ng5!?

13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Rd1 Qc7=

13...g6 14.Bc4 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.Rd1 Bxg5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Rxd5 Rad8 20.Rad1 Rxd5 21.Rxd5 Re8 22.Qc3 Qf5! 23.h3

[23.Qe1 f6 24.Qd1 Rxe5 23...Qb1+ 24.Kh2 Qxa2 25.Rd6 Qa4 26.g3 Qb4 27.f4 Qxc3 28.bxc3 Rb8 0-1

KI Attack A07

Ioan-Cristian Chirila 2492

Steven Zierk 2403

UTD Invitational 2010 (6)

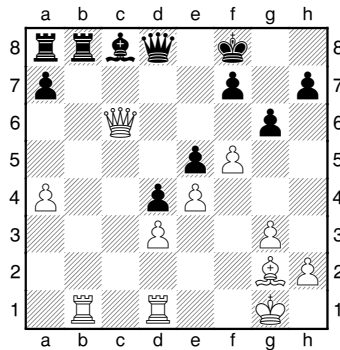
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 Nf6 5.c4 c6 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Qc2 e5 9.Rd1 b6 10.e4 d4 11.b4 Qe7 [11...a5!?] 12.a4 Bb7

12...c5 13.bxc5 Nxc5 14.a5 bxa5 15.Nb3=

13.c5 bxc5 14.bxc5 Rfb8 15.Nc4 Ne8 16.Ba3 Nf8 17.Nfd2 Ne6 18.Na5 Bf8 19.Qc4 Qc7 20.Ndb3 Bc8 21.Rab1 Nf6 22.Bh3 Ng5 23.Bg2 Nd7 24.f4 Ne6

24...exf4 25.gxf4 Ne6 (25...Qxf4 26.Nxc6) 26.Nxc6 Qxc6 27.e5 Qa6 25.f5 Nexc5 26.Nxc5 Nxc5

26...Qxa5 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Rf1± 27.Bxc5 Qxa5 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Qxc6 Qd8=



30.Rdc1 Qe7?

30...f6 31.Qc5+ Qe7=

31.f6! Qe6?

31...Qd8 32.Qc5+ Kg8 33.Qxe5±

32.Qc5+ Ke8

32...Kg8 33.Rxb8 Rxb8 34.Qc7+-

33.Bh3

33.Rxb8 Rxb8 34.Qc7+-

33...Qxf6 34.Rxb8 Rxb8 35.Bxc8 Qf3 36.Qxe5+ Kf8 37.Qd6+

37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Rc7+ Kd6 39.Qd8+ Ke5 40.Rc5#

37...Kg8 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Qxd4+ Kh6 40.Rf1 Qe2 41.Bh3 1-0

King's Indian E76

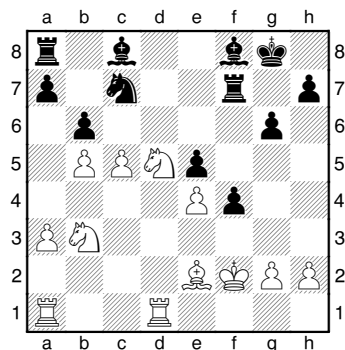
Julio Sadorra 2473

Salvijos Bercys 2447

UTD Invitational 2010 (6)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 Na6 7.Bd3 e5 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.d5 Ne8 10.0-0 c5 11.Be3 Qe7 12.a3 Bd7 13.b4 f5 14.Nd2 f4 15.Bf2 Nf6 16.Nb3 Ng4 17.d6 Qxd6 18.Be2 Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 Bc8

20.Nd5 Nxf2 21.Kxf2 Rf7 22.b5 Nc7 23.Nxc5 b6 24.Nb3 Bf8 25.c5



25...Bxc5+

25...Nxd5 26.exd5 bxc5 27.Rac1 Rc7 28.Nd2 Bf5 29.g4 fxc3+ 30.hxc3 h5

26.Nxc5 bxc5 27.Bc4 Ne6 28.b6 Kg7 29.Rab1 Rb7 [29...Rd7 30.Nc7±] 30.Nc7± Rxc7 31.bxc7 Nxc7 32.Rd6 a5 33.Rc6 Ne8 34.Bd5 Bg4 35.h3 Bh5 36.Rxc5 Rd8 37.Rb7+ Kh6 38.Rxa5 Rc8 39.Rb2 Nf6 40.Rab5 Kg5 41.Bb7 Rc3 42.Rxe5+ Kh4 43.Re6

43.Re7 Rxa3 44.Rf7+

43...Nd7 44.Rd6?!

44.Ra2 Nc5 45.Re7+

44...Nc5 45.Bc6 Rxa3 46.Rbd2 Re3?

46...g5 47.R6d4 Re3 48.Bd5±

47.g4 Bxg4 48.hxg4 Kxg4 49.Re2 Nd3+ 50.Rxd3 Rxd3 51.e5 f3 52.Re4+ Kf5 53.e6 1-0

Gruenfeld Defense D97

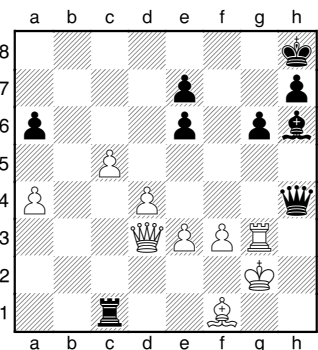
Salvijus Bereys 2447

Puchen Wang 2468

UTD Invitational 2010 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 a6 8.e5 b5 9.Qb3 Nfd7 10.e6 fxe6 11.Be3 Nf6 12.a4 b4 13.Qxb4 Nc6 14.Qa3 Rb8 15.Rc1 Ng4 16.h3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Bh6 18.Ne4 Na5 19.b4 Bb7 20.Ned2 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 Qd6 22.Rc5 Qg3+ 23.Ke2 Nb7 24.Re5 Nd6 25.Qb3 Kh8 26.h4 c5 27.Rh3 Qg4 28.Rxc5 Nf5 29.Re5 Rbc8 30.Qd3 Rc1 31.Kf2 Nxh4

32.Rg3 Nxf3 33.gxf3 Qh4 34.Kg2 Rfc8 35.Rc5 R8xc5 36.bxc5



36...Kg7 [36...e5 37.dxe5 Bxe3=]

37.Qe4 Qf6 [37...Qxe4 38.fxe4±]

38.f4 a5 39.Qe5 Kf7 40.Rh3 Kg7 41.Bb5 Rc2+ 42.Kf3 Qxe5 43.fxe5 Bg5 44.Ke4 h5 45.Bd7+- Rc3 46.Bxe6 Bh6 47.Bd7 Bg5 48.Kd5 Bxe3 49.c6 Kh6 50.Rxe3 1-0

Sicilian Scheveningen B85

Steven Zierk 2403

Julio Sadorra 2473

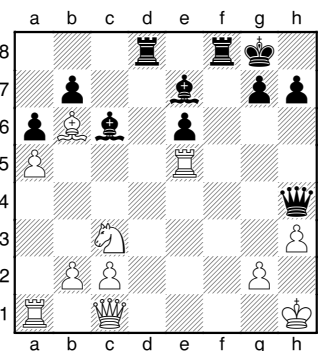
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 d6 9.f4 Be7 10.f5 Ne5 11.a4 Bd7 12.Kh1 Rc8 13.a5 Nc4 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nf3 Bb5 18.Re1 Rd8 19.Qc1 Ng4 20.Bb6 Bc6 21.h3

21.Bxd8 Bxd8 22.Nxe5 Nxe5

23.Rxe5 Bxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Qg4+=

21...0-0 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Qh4 [23...Rde8 24.Qe1 Bd6]



24.Re3? [24.Qe3 Rde8=] 24...Rf2! 25.Ne4 Rdf8?

25...Rxc2! (a) 26.Bxd8 Bxe4+-; (b) 26.Qe1 Rdd2 27.Qxh4 Rh2+ 28.Kg1 Bxh4+-; (c) 26.Kxg2 Bxe4+ 27.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 28.Kg1 Rd5+-.

26.Nxf2 Rxf2 27.Qg1

27...Qe1 Rxc2 28.Qxh4 Bxh4 29.Rxe6 Rxc2+ 30.Kg1 Bg3+ White is close to equalizing in the game, but slowly crumbles under pressure.

27...Rxc2 28.Qxc2 Bxc2+ 29.Kxc2 Qg5+ 30.Kh1 Qd5+ 31.Kg1 Bd6 32.Rf1 h5 33.Re2 Qb5 34.Rd2 Bf4 35.Rdf2 e5 36.b3 Qc6 37.Rg2 Qc3 38.h4 Qh3 39.Bf2 Kh7 40.Be1 Qe3+ 41.Bf2 Qc3 42.Be1 Qe3+ 43.Bf2 Qh3 44.Rd1 e4 45.Rd5 g6 46.Bd4 Be3+ 47.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 48.Kh2 Qf4+ 49.Kg1 e3 50.Rd7+ Kh6 51.Rd3 Qxh4 52.Rxe3 Qd4 53.Kf2 Qd2+ 54.Kf3 Qxa5 55.Re4 Qc3+ 56.Kf4 g5+ 57.Rxc5 Qd2+ 58.Re3 Qxe3+ 0-1

QGD D61

Aleksey Dreev 2674

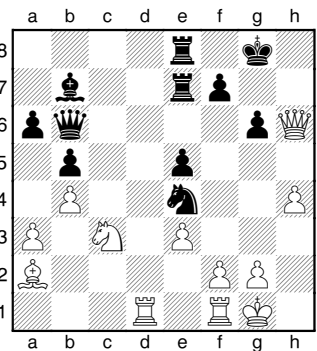
Ioan-Cristian Chirila 2492

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Qc2 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Rd1 a6 9.a3 h6 10.Bh4 dxc4 [10..b5 11.c5 a5=] 11.Bxc4 b5 12.Ba2 Qb6 13.Ne5 Re8 14.0-0 c5 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Bb1 g6

17...f5 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.e4±

18.Qe4 Bb7 19.Qh4± Rae8 20.Qxh6 e5 21.dxc5 Nxc5 22.b4 Nd7 23.h4 Nf6 24.Ba2 Ne4



25.h5! Black resigns

25...Re6 26.Bxe6 Qxe6 27.Nxe4 Bxe4 28.f3+; 25...Nxc3 26.hxg6 Qf6 27.gxf7+ Qxf7 28.Bxf7+ Rxf7 29.Qg6+ 1-0

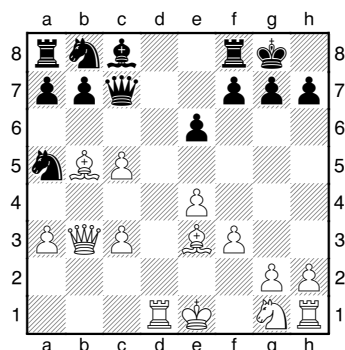
Nimzo-Indian E25

Tyler Hughes 2267

Darwin Yang 2417

UTD Invitational 2010 (7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.e4 Ne7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qb3 Qc7 12.Bb5 Nec6 13.Rd1 Na5



14.Qa4

14.Qb4 Nbc6 15.Qa4 e5 16.Rd6 ± Hughes-Panchanathan, Rd. 5. 14...e5 15.Ne2 Be6 16.Rd5 a6 17.Bd3 Nd7 18.Qb4 Rac8 19.0-0 g6 20.Rxd7?

[20.Rd6 Nxc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 22.Qxc5 Rxc5 23.Rb1=

20...Qxd7 21.Rd1 Nc6 22.Qb1 Qe7 23.g3 Rfd8 24.f4 Bg4 25.Rf1 Rd7 26.Nc1 Rcd8 27.Bc2 exf4 28.gxf4 Bh3 29.Re1 Qh4 30.Ne2 Qg4+ 31.Ng3 h5 0-1

English Opening A30

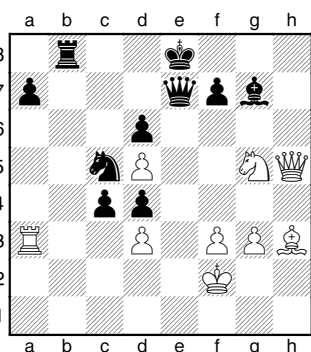
Magesh Panchanathan 2546

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

UTD Invitational 2010 (7)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 e5 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.h4 h6 8.Bd2 d6 9.Qc1 Be6 10.a3 Qd7 11.b4!? cxb4 12.axb4 Nxb4 13.h5 gxh5 14.Rxh5 Bg4 15.Rh1 Nec6 16.Kf1 h5 17.Ng5 Nd4 18.f3 Bf5 19.Qb1 Na6

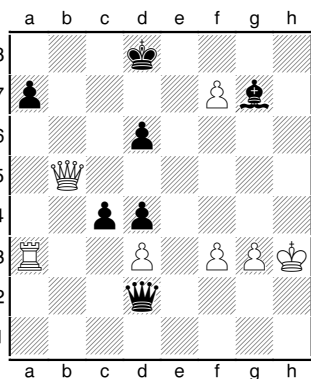
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33.Be6 Nxe6?

33...Nxd3+ 34.Rxd3 cxd3 35.Nxf7 Rb2+ 36.Ke1 Kf8 37.Nxd6 Rg2 38.Qg6 Bf8 39.Kd1 Rh2+ 34.dxe6 Rb5??

34...Rb2+ 35.Kf1 Rb1+ 36.Kg2 Rb2+ 37.Kh3 Rb7 38.exf7+ Kd8 39.Qg6 Bf8 40.dxc4+ 35.exf7+ Kd8 36.Ne6+ Qxe6 37.Qxb5 Qe3+ 38.Kg2 Qd2+ 39.Kh3



[39...Qh6+ 40.Kg4 Qe6+ 41.Qf5 Qe7 42.Rxa7! (among others) 42...Qxa7 43.Qg5+ Qe7 44.Qxg7+] 1-0

French Tarrasch C03

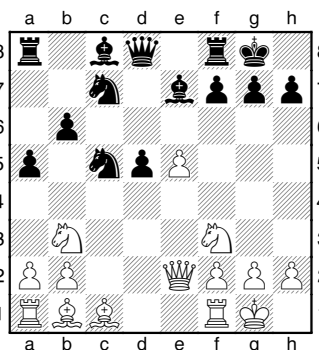
Puchen Wang 2468

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

UTD Invitational 2010 (8)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5

5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 0-0 7.Ng3 a5 8.0-0 Na6 9.e5 Nd7 10.c4 Ndx5 11.Bb1 Nc7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nb3 b6



14.Nxc5

14.Qc2 g6 (14...Ne4 15.Be3±) 15.Nbd4 Bb7= In the game, Black's hanging pawns rule the day.

14...bxc5 15.h3 Ba6 16.Qc2 g6 17.Rd1 d4 18.Bh6 Re8 19.a3 Bb7 20.Qd3 Bd5 21.Bc2 Ne6 22.Bb3 Rb8 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Qc2 c4 25.Rac1 Rec8 26.b3 Bxa3 27.bxc4 Bxc1 28.Rxc1 Qd8 29.Nd2 Qh4 0-1

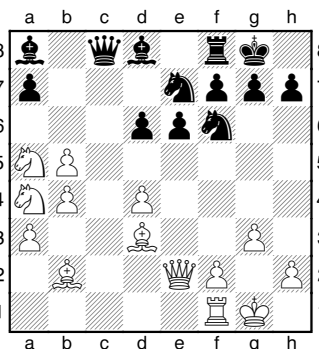
Nimzo-Indian E43

Darwin Yang 2417

Magesh Panchanathan 2546

UTD Invitational 2010 (8)

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21.Rc1 Qd7 22.f3 h6 23.Nc3 Bb6
24.Ne4 Nfd5 25.Nc4 Bc7 26.Nf2
Nf5 27.Re1 Qd8 28.Bb1 Qd7 29.
Bd3 Rc8 30.Qd2 Bd8 31.Ne4 Nb6
32.Ne3 Nxe3 33.Qxe3 Nc4 34.Bxc4
Rxc4 35.Qd3 Bd5 36.Rc1?

There is no need to return the pawn so easily. 36.Nd2 Rc8 37.a4±
36...Qxb5 37.Rc3 Qc6 38.b5 Rxc3
39.Bxc3 Qc7 40.Bb4 Qc1+ 41.Qf1
Qb2 42.Qf2 Qa1+ 43.Kg2 Bb6
44.Nxd6 Bxd4 45.Qe2 g5 46.Kh3
Qh1 47.Ne4 f5 48.Nd2 g4+ 0-1
49.fxg4 Bg2+ 50.Qxg2 [50.Kh4
Qxh2#] 50...fxg4+→

Sicilian Alapin B22

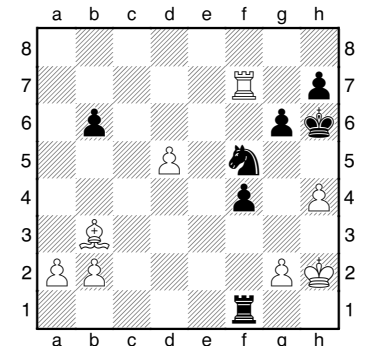
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Tyler Hughes 2267

UTD Invitational 2010 (8)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5
5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6
8.Bb3 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nc6 10.Nf3 Nb4
11.Nc3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Bd7
14.Ne5 Bc6 15.Qg4 N4d5 16.Bh6
Bf6 17.Ne4 Kh8 18.Nxf6 Qxf6
19.Bg5 Qf5 20.Qxf5 exf5 21.Nxc6
bxc6 22.Be7 Rfe8 23.Bc5 g6 24.Kf1
Kg7 25.Rac1 Nf4 26.Re3 Rxe3 27.
fxe3 Nfd5 28.Bxb6 axb6 29.Rxc6
Nxe3+ 30.Kg1 [30.Kf2 Ng4+ 31.
Ke2 b5 32. Rc7±] 30...Re8 31.h3
Re4 32.Rd6 [32.Kf2 f4 33.Rxb6
Rxd4 34. Rb7±] 32...Rf4 33.Rd7

33.Rxb6 Rf1+ 34.Kh2 f4 35.Rb7
Nf5 36.Bc4!

33...Rf1+ 34.Kh2 f4 35.Rxf7+ Kh6
36.d5 Nf5 37.h4??



Better is 37.Bc2 Ng3 38.Rxf4
Rxf4 39. Kxg3 Rd4; 37.Bc4! Rf2
38.Bd3 Ne3 39.Be4±

37...Ne3! White resigns

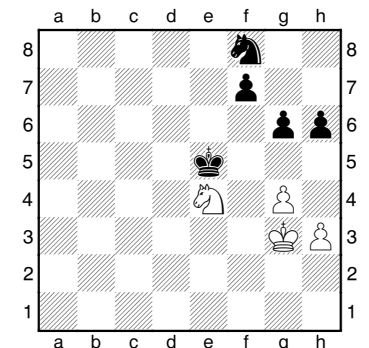
Black threatens mate in three,
e.g. 38.d6 Ng4+ 39.Kh3 Nf2+
40.Kh2 Rh1#, and there is no good
defense (38.g4 fxg3+ 39.Kxg3
Rxf7→). 0-1

Reti Opening A07

Julio Sadorra 2473
Aleksey Dreev 2674

UTD Invitational 2010 (8)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 Nd7 4.c4
e6 5.d3 c6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.0-0 Ngf6
8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Re8 10.Qc2 e5
11.Rae1 a5 12.Nh4 a4 13.h3 Be6
14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4
axb3 17.axb3 Qb6 18.Re2 Ra2 19.
Ra1 Rea8 20.Rxa2 Rxa2 21.Qd1
Bc5 22.Nf3 Bxf2+ 23.Kh2 Bc5 24.
Ng5 Nf8 25.Bxe5 Rxe2 26.Qxe2
Bg1+ 27.Kh1 Bd4 28.Bxd4 Qxd4
29.Kh2 h6 30.Nf3 Qc3 31.Qd1 Bf5
32.d4 Bc2 33.Qd2 Qxb3 34.d5
Qxc4 35.Ne5 Qc5 36.dxc6 bxc6 37.
Nxc6 Ba4 38.Qd4 Qxd4 39.Nxd4
Bd7 40.g4 g6 41.Kg3 Kg7 42.Bd5
Kf6 43.Nf3 Be6 44.Bc6 Bc4 45.Nd2
Bd3 46.Be4 Bxe4 47.Nxe4+ Ke5



48.Nf2 Ne6 49.Kf3 Kd4 50.h4 Nc5
51.Kf4 f6 52.Kf3 Nd3 53.Nd1 g5
54.Ne3 Ne5+ 55.Kf2 Ke4 56.h5
Nd3+ 57.Ke2 Ne5 58.Kf2 Kf4
59.Nd5+ Kxg4 60.Nxf6+ Kh4 61.
Kg2 Ng4 62.Nd5 Kxh5 63.Kg3 Ne5
64.Ne7 Nc4 65.Kh3 g4+ 66.Kg3
Kg5 67.Nc6 Nd6 68.Ne5 h5 69.Kg2

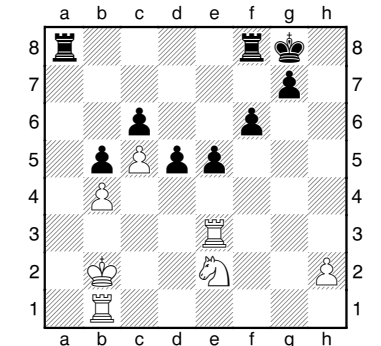
h4 70.Kh2 Kf5 71.Nd3 Ne4 72.Kg2
Ng5 73.Nf2 Ne6 74.Nd1 Nf4+ 75.
Kf2 Nd5 76.Nb2 Ke4 77.Nc4 g3+
78.Kg1 Ne3 79.Nd2+ Kf4 80.Kh1
h3 81.Kg1 h2+ 82.Kh1 Ng4 0-1

QGD Slav D12

Salvijus Bercys 2447
Steven Zierk 2403

UTD Invitational 2010 (8)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5
5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6
8.a3 Nbd7 9.g3 Be7 10.f4 0-0 11.c5
b6 12.b4 a5 13.Rb1 axb4 14.axb4
b5 15.Bd3 Nh7 16.g4 Bh4+ 17.Kd2
g5 18.Qf3 [18.Bb2 Qf6 19.Ne2=]
18...Qf6 19.Rf1 gxf4 20.exf4 Qxd4
21.Ne2 Qf6 22.g5 Nxg5 23.fxg5
Bxg5+ 24.Kd1 Qxf3 25.Rxf3 Bxc1
26.Kxc1 Ne5 27.Rg3 Nxd3+ 28.
Rxd3 e5 29.Re3 f6 30.Kb2



30...d4 31.Rg3 Ra4 32.Kc2 Kf7
33.Rbg1 g5 34.Rf3 e4 0-1

Torre Attack A48

Aleksey Dreev 2674
Salvijus Bercys 2447

UTD Invitational 2010 (9)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.
Nbd2 0-0 5.e4 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5
7.Nb3 a5 8.a4 h6 9.Bd2 b6 10.c3
Qd6 11.Bb5 c6 12.Bc4 Nd7 13.0-0
Bb7 14.Qc2 Rfe8 15.Rad1 Rad8
16.Rfe1 Qc7 17.h3 e6 18.Bc1 Kh7
19.Nbd2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Bb5
Bc6 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Bxb5 24.
axb5 Nb7 25.Qd3 Re8 26.Nf3 Qc2
27.Qa3 f6 28.Nh2 Kg7 29.Ng4 h5
30.Ne3 Qc7 31.Bd2 Qd7 32.Nxd5

Qxd5 33.Qe3 Kf7 34.Rc1 Nd6 35.
Rxc8 Rxc8 36.Qh6 Rg8 37.Qh7+
Rg7 38.Qh8 Rg8 39.Qh7+ Rg7
40.Qh8 1/2-1/2

Nimzo-Indian E43

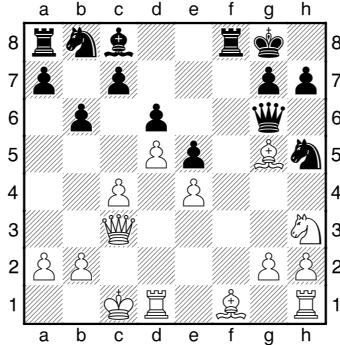
Tyler Hughes 2267

Julio Sadorra 2473

UTD Invitational 2010 (9)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6
5.f3 0-0 6.e4 Nh5 7.Nh3 f5 8.Bg5
Qe8 9.Qb3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 fxe4
11.fxe4 e5 12.d5 Qg6 13.0-0 d6

14.Bd2 [14.Qe3=] Nd7 15.Be2 Nc5
16.Bxh5 Qxh5 17.Ng5 h6 18.b4
hxg5 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Rdf1 Ba6



21.Qd3 Qg4 22.g3 Qd7 23.Qc2
Qh3 24.Qd3 g4 25.Qe2 Rf3 26.
Rxf3 gxf3 27.Qxf3 Bxc4 0-1

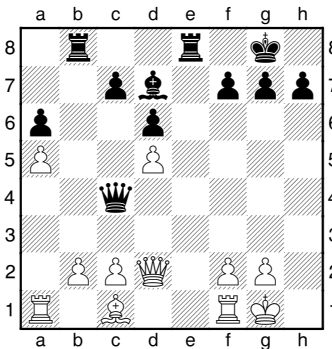
Ruy Lopez C78

Magesh Panchanathan 2546

Ioan-Cristian Chirila 2492

UTD Invitational 2010 (9)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.a4 Bb7
8.d4 d6 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nc3 Nxf3+
11.Qxf3 0-0 12.Re1 b4 13.Nd5
Nxd5 14.exd5 Bf6 15.a5 Re8 16.
Rf1 Bc8 17.Bc4 Bd7 18.Qb3 Be5
19.Qxb4 Rb8 20.Qd2 Bxh2+ 21.
Kxh2 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Qxc4



23.b3 Qe2 24.Qc3 Qe5 25.Qxe5
Rxe5 26.Rd1 Rb5 27.c4

27.Bf4 Rxd5 28.Re1 Rb7!±
27...Rxb3 28.Bf4 Re4 29.Rab1
Rxb1 30.Rxb1 f6 31.Be3 Rxc4 32.
Rb7 Bb5 33.Ba7 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Rd1
35.Rxc7 Rxd5 36.Be3 Rd1 37.f4 d5
38.Rc8+ Kf7 39.Rc7+ Ke6 40.Rxg7
d4 41.Bf2 d3 42.Kg3 Rc1 43.Be3
Re1 44.Bd2 Re2 45.Bb4 d2 46.
Re7+ Kf5 0-1

Catalan Opening E04

Alejandro Ramirez 2577

Puchen Wang 2468

UTD Invitational 2010 (9)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4
5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7
8.Na3 cxd4 9.Naxc4 Be7 10.Qb3
Qc7 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Nxc6 Nxf4
13.Nxe7 Nxc2 14.Qb4 a5 15.Nd6+
Kxe7 16.Nf5+ Kf6 17.Qe7+ Kg6
18.Nxd4 Rhe8 19.Qa3 e5 20.Rac1
Qb6 21.Nf3 Qb4 22.Kxg2 Qxa3
23.bxa3 Bc6 24.Rc5 f6 25.Rfc1
Red8 26.Kf1 Bxf3 27.exf3 Rd2
28.R1c2 Rad8 29.Rxd2 1/2-1/2

2010 UTD GM Invitational -- final standings

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Tot
1	GM Aleksey Dreev	2674	W8	W7	W10	D5	W2	W9	W6	W3	D4	8.0
2	GM Alejandro Ramirez	2577	W6	W3	D4	W8	L1	W10	L5	W7	D9	6.0
3	IM Julio C Sadorra	2473	W5	L2	W9	D6	L7	W4	W8	L1	W10	5.5
4	IM Salvijus Bercys	2447	W10	D5	D2	D9	W6	L3	W7	L8	D1	5.0
5	GM Magesh Panchanathan	2546	L3	D4	L8	D1	D10	W7	W2	W9	L6	4.5
6	GM Ioan-Cristian Chirila	2492	L2	W9	W7	D3	L4	W8	L1	L10	W5	4.5
7	IM Puchen Wang	2468	W9	L1	L6	W10	W3	L5	L4	L2	D8	3.5
8	IM Steven C Zierk	2403	L1	D10	W5	L2	L9	L6	L3	W4	D7	3.0
9	FM Darwin Yang	2417	L7	L6	L3	D4	W8	L1	W10	L5	D2	3.0
10	FM Tyler B Hughes	2267	L4	D8	L1	L7	D5	L2	L9	W6	L3	2.0

Thanksgiving Benefit

Four players tied for first at the Thanksgiving Benefit (San Antonio, Nov. 27-28): rising juniors Nathanael Lozano and Andrew Istafanous, and the old guard represented by 50-somethings Gregg Stanley and Selby Anderson. Each scored 3-1, winning \$132.50.

J.P. Hyltin directed a field of 43 players at the Hornbeak Building. The event raised funds for local after-school chess programs.

Open: 1st + 2nd + U2100 + U1900: Selby Anderson, Greg Stanley, Andrew Lozano, Andrew Istafanous, 3.0, \$132.50.

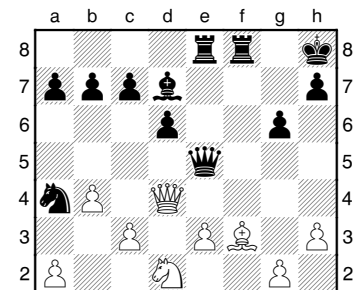
Reserve: 1st, 2nd, U1700: Anthony Nguyen, Alfredo Garcia, and Raymond Grillo, 3.5, \$103.33. U1500: James Nielsen, 3.0, \$65. U1300: Michael Lange, 2.0, \$65.

London System A45

Ivan Wijetunge 1886
Selby Anderson 2220

Thanksgiving Benefit (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d6 3.Nf3 Nbd7 4.e3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 Qe8 8.c3 e5 9.Bh2 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Qb3+ Kh8 13.dxe5 Nc5 14.Qa3 Bxe5 15.Bxe5+ Qxe5 16.Rad1 Bd7 [16...f4 17.b4! Ne6 18.Nf3 Qf6=] 17.Qb4 Rae8 18.Qd4 f4 19.b4 Na4 20.Bf3 [20.Rc1 fxe3 21.fxe3 Rxf1+ 22.Bxf1 Nb6 23.Nf3=] 20...fxe3 21.fxe3



21...c6?

Δ21...Nxc3 22.Rc1 Qxd4 23.exd4 Rxf3! (I missed this) 24.Nxf3 Ne2+≠

22.Qxe5+ dxe5=

Δ22...Rxe5 23.Nc4 Re7 24.Rxd6 Nxc3 25.a3 Be6≠

23.Ne4 Be6 24.Rd2 Bd5 25.Rc1 Bxe4 26.Bxe4 Rd8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.b5 cxb5 29.Bxb7 Rd2 30.c4 bxc4 31.Rxc4 Rxa2 32.Rc8+ Kg7 33.Rc7+ Kf6 34.Rxh7 Nc3 35.Rc7 Nd1 36.Bd5 Ra1

This comes perilously close to losing! Simpler is 36...Rd2 37.Be4 Nxe3 38.Rxa7=.

37.Rf7+ Kg5 38.Rf1 Rb1 39.Be4 Rb4 40.Rxd1 Rxe4 41.Ra1 Rxe3 42.Rxa7 Kf4 43.Kf2 Rb3 44.Rf7+ Kg5 ^{1/2-1/2}

Ponziani Opening C44

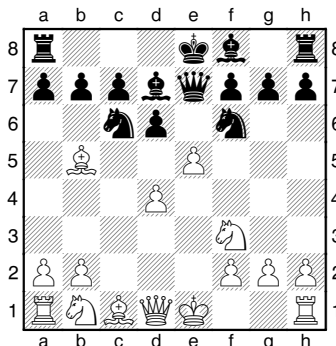
Ernesto Malazarte 2130
Andrew Istafanous 1855

Thanksgiving Benefit (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 Qe7!?

This is certainly an improvement on ECO's 5...Ne4 6. Qe2 f5 7.exf6 d5 8.Nbd2±. I can't find a bust, and neither can Fritz.

6.cxd4 d6 7.Bb5 Bd7



The earliest stem game I can find for 5...Qe7 continued 7...dxe5 8. dxe5 Qb4+ 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Qd5 Nxc3 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ Kd8 13. bxc3 Qb7 14.Bg5+ f6 15.0-0-0+ and White's attack continued into the endgame (Stanojovski-Stojanovski, Struga 1991).

8.0-0 dxe5 9. Bxc6

White seeks to open the e-file, but Black's development is just in time to avoid disaster.

9.dxe5 appears in three games on NICBase.

9...Ng4!? got Black a draw in Stiri-Gutierrez, Peniscola ESP 2002. Now instead of the tempo-wasting 10.h3, White gets an advantage with 10.Nc3 Ngxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12. Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Qe2 Qe6 14.Qb5+ c6 15.Qxb7 Rd8 16.Qxa7.

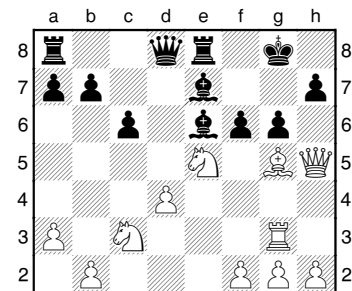
9...Ne4 10.Qe2 Nc5 11.Nc3 (Stiazhkina-Volkova, St. Petersburg 2000) 11...a6! 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Bg5 Qc8 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Rfd1 Ne6=.

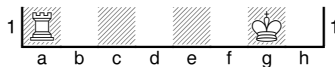
9...Bxc6 10.Nxe5 Bd5 11.Qa4+ [11.Nc3 0-0-0=] 11...c6 12.Nc3 Qb4 13.Qd1 Be7 14.Re1 0-0 15.a3 Qd6 16.Bf4 Qd8 17.Re3 Re8 18.Rg3 g6 [18...Be6 19.Bh6 Bf8≠] 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Qf3 Nh5

20...Kg7 21.Rd1 Nd5 22.Bxe7 Nxe7≠

21.Qxh5!? [21.Bxe7+≠] 21...f6

21...Bxg5 22.Rxg5 f6 23.Rxg6+ hxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Ng6 f5 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Ne5+ Ke7 29.Qg7+ Kd6 30.Qxb7 Qb6±





22.Nxg6! fxg5 23.Nxe7+ Rxe7
23...Qxe7 24.Rxg5+ Kh8 25.
Re1+
24.Qxg5+ Kf8 25.Qf6+ Ke8 26.Re1
Kd7 27.Rg7 Qe8 28.Qxe6+ 1-0

An auspicious start for Ernesto, but after a Rd. 2 draw with Nathanael Lozano he lost a difficult ending to Martin Gordon in Rd. 3.

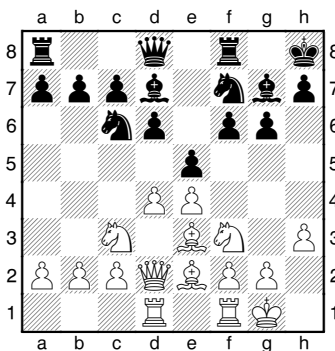
Modern Defense B06

Kelly Clover 1843

Gregg Stanley 2044

Thanksgiving Benefit (1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Be2
Nc6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Bg5 f6 7.Be3 Nh6
8.h3 Nf7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qd2 Kh8
11.Rad1 Bd7



12.dxe5 fxe5 13.Ng5 Nd4 14. Nxf7+
Rxf7 15.f4?!

15.Bc4! Rf8 16.f4 Nc6=
15...Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 Qe7 17.fxe5
Bxe5 18.Rxf7 Qxf7 19.Bd4 Re8
20.Nc3 Qg7 21.Nd5 [21.Bxe5
Rxe5] 21...Bc6 22.Bxe5 Rxe5
23.Rf1 Rxe4 24.Nf6 Re6 25.Qg5?
[25.Nd5] 25...Re2 26. Nh5 gxh5
27.Qd8+ Re8 0-1

Having little choice in the position, I go Tal-istic on the kid who beat me at the Southwest Open in Corpus Christi.

Sicilian Najdorf B90

Selby Anderson 2200

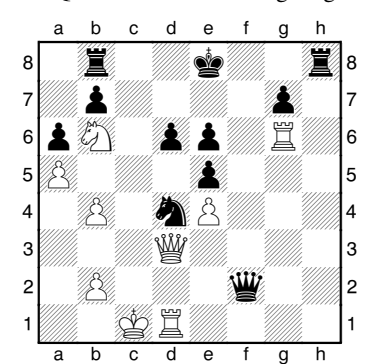
Naveen Balakrishnan 1880

Thanksgiving Benefit (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Rg1 e5 7.Nb3 Be7
8.g4 Be6 9.g5 Nfd7 10.Qf3 Nc6
11.Be3 Bxb3 12.cxb3 Nd4 13.Qd1
Ne6 14.h4 Rc8 15.a4 Nb8 16.a5
Nc6 17.Bb6 Qd7 18.Bh3 Bd8
19.Nd5 Rb8 20.b4 Bxb6 21.Nxb6
Qd8 22.g6!??

Psychologically this looks like the way to intimidate a lower rated player, but it's not really sound.

More solid is Fritz's suggestion of 22.Rc1 0-0 (22...Nxb4 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Qb3 Nc6 25.Qxe6+ Qe7 26.Qxe7+ Kxe7 27.Rg3±) 23.Rg3±. 22...hxg6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Rxg6 Nd4 25.Qd3 Qxh4 26.0-0-0 Qxf2 26...Rf8! 27.Qc4 (27.Rxe6+ Nxe6 28.Qxd6 Qh6+ 29.Kb1 Rd8-+) 27...Qf4+ 28.Rd2 Kf7 29.Rg3 Kg8±



27.Rxe6+ Nxe6 28.Qxd6 Kf7(?)

Black misses a finesse that makes White play perfectly to force a draw: 28...Qf4+ 29.Kb1 Qxe4+ 30.Ka1 Kf7 31.Qd7+ Kf6 32.Nd5+ Kg5 33.Qe7+ Kg4 34.Qxe6+ Kh4 35. Nf4!! (Fritz) 35...Qxf4 36.Rh1+ Kg3 37.Qg6+ Kf3 38.Rf1+ Ke3 39. Re1+ Kf2 40.Qg1+ Kf3 41.Rf1+ Ke2 42.Qg2+ Ke3 43.Re1+ Kd4 44. Rd1+ Ke3□ (44...Kc4?? 45. Qc2+ Kxb4 46.Qc3+ Ka4 47.Qa3+ Kb5 48.Rd5+ Kc4 49.Qc5+ Kb3 50. Rd3+ Ka4 51.b3#) 45.Re1+=. 29.Qd7+ Kf6 30.Nd5+ Kg5 31. Qe7+ Kg4 32.Qxe6+ Kh4 33.Qg6 Rbc8+ 34.Nc3 Qf3 35.Kc2 Kh3??

The clock and the position conspire in this pin-enabling blunder.

35...Rh5? 36.Qxg7 Qxe4+ 37. Kb3 Qf3 38.Qe7+ Kg3 39.Qd7! Qf5□ 40.Qg7+ Rg5 41.Ne4+!-; 35...Rc7! 36.Qg1 Rhc8 37.Qh2+ Kg5 38.Qxe5+ Kg6 39.Rd3 Qe2+ 40.Rd2 Qg4 41.Kb1=. 36.Rd3 Qxd3+ 37.Kxd3 Rcd8+ 38.Nd5 Kh2 39.Qxg7 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B71

Andrew Istafanous 1852

Kelly Clover 1843

Thanksgiving Benefit (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Bg7 7.e5 Nh5
8.g4?

8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nxe6
Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qc8=
8...dxe5? [8...Nxf4!] 9.Bb5+ Kf8??
9...Bd7 10.fxe5 Bxe5 11.gxh5±

10.Ne6+ fxe6 11.Qxd8+ Kf7 12.
Qd3 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.0-0-0 a6
15.Bc4 Nc6 16.Ne4 Rd8 17.Qe2
Nd4 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Qe4 Rb8
20.Bxe6+ Bxe6 21.Nxe6 24.Qb4 f3
25.Rhf1 Bh6+ 26.Kb1 Rf8 27.
Qc3+ Bg7 28.Qb3 f2 29.Qg3 Rbd8
30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qxf2 Rf8 1-0

Modern Defense B06

Selby Anderson 2200

Gregg Stanley 2044

Thanksgiving Benefit (3)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.h3 Nc6
5.Nc3 e5 6.Be3 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nxd4

Gregg has played this simplifying line in blitz, but I think 7...Nge7 is more likely the best.

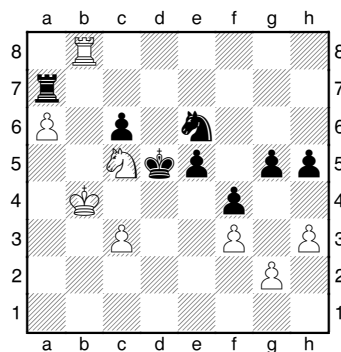
8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9. Qxd4 Qf6 10.Qe3
Ne7 11.0-0-0 Bd7 [11...a6!]? 12.
Be4 Be6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Ne4 Qf4
15.Qxf4 exf4 16. Bxe6 fxe6 17.Nc5
e5 18.Nxb7 Nc6 19.Nc5 0-0 20.
Rd7 Rf7 21.Rhd1 Re8 22.Ne4 Ree7
23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.c3 h6 25.b4 Kf7
26.Rd5!?! [26.a4] 26...Ke6 27.Rc5
Nd8 28.Ra5 c6 29.f3 Kf5 30.Ra6
Ke6 31.Kc2 Rc7 32.b5 Kf7 33.b6
axb6 34.Rxb6 Ra7 35.Kb3 Ke7
36.a4 Kd7 37. Nc5+ Kd6?

○37...Kc7 38.Rb4 Nf7 39.Re4 g5 40.Kb4 Ra8 41.Re2 Rb8+ 42. Ka5 Rb1 43.Ka6±

38.Kb4 g5 39.a5 Kd5?

39...Kc7 40.Ra6 Rxa6 41.Nxa6+ Kb7 42.Nc5+ Ka7 43.Nd3 Nf7 44.Kc5±

40.a6 h5 41.Rb8 Ne6



42.c4+

A wicked trap is 42.Rb7? Rxb7+ 43.axb7?? Nxc5 44.b8Q Na6+ and Black wins! The text steers Black's king to d6 so that I will queen the pawn with check.

42...Kd6 43.Rb7 Rxb7+ 44.axb7

1-0

Sicilian Najdorf B90

Ernesto Malazarte 2141

Martin Gordon 1929

Thanksgiving Benefit (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 Qc7 7.g4 e6 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Be3 Bd7 11.a4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc6 13.a5 h6 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Bb6 Qb8 16.f4 Nd7 17.Bf2 Qc7 18.Rfd1 Bf6

18...Rfc8 19.Qd2 e5 20.g5 hxg5 21.fxg5 b5 22.axb6 Nxb6 23.Bf1 Bb7 24.Be3±

19.Qd3 Nc5

19...Be7 20.b4!?! e5 21.f5 Rfc8 22.Ra2 Nf6 23.Bb6±

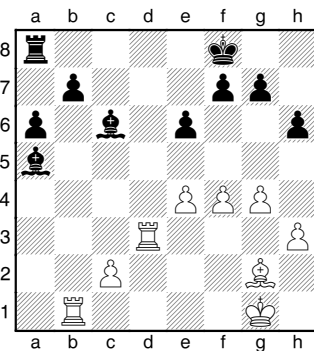
20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Bxc3 22. Bxc5?

Better is 22.bxc3 Nd7 (22...Nxe4 23.Rxc6 bxc6 24.Bxe4+-) 23.Rad1 Nf6 24.R6d4+- with a dominating position for White's bishop pair.

22...Bxb2 23.Rb1

After 23.Ra2 Bc1 24.Rd1 Bxf4 25.Bxf8 Kxf8 26.Kf2±. White would not have to worry about a passed a-pawn, but he would have four pawn islands compared to two in the game.

23...Bc3 24.Rd3 Bxa5 25.Bxf8 Kxf8



Winning the Exchange for a pawn seems like less of a good deal as the game advances.

26.c4± Rc8 27.Kf2 f6 28.Bf3 Bc7 29.Ke3 e5 30.f5 Bb8 31.Kf2 Ba7+ 32.Kg3 [32.Ke1±] 32...Bc5 33.h4 a5± 34.g5 a4 35.Ra1 Ke7 36.gxh6 gxh6 37.Kh3 Ra8± 38.Ra2 a3 39. Kg4 Ra4 40.Rc3 Be8 41.Be2 b6 42.Bd1 Ra8 43.Bb3 Bc6 44.Re2 Rg8+ 45.Kh3 Rg1 46.Ba2 Rh1+ 47.Kg3 Rd1 48.Kh2 Bxe4 49.Rxe4 Rd2+ 50.Kh3 Rxa2 51.Rg4 Rf2 52. Rg7+ Kd6 53.Ra7 a2 54.Kg4 e4 55. Kg3 e3 56.Rd3+ Kc6 57.Rd1 Bd6+ 58.Kg4 Rd2 59.Re1 e2 60.Kf3 Be5 61.Ke3 Bc3 62.Ra3 Rc2 63.Rxc3 Rxc3+ 64.Kxe2 Rxc4 65.Kd3 Rxh4 66.Kc3 Rf4 67.Kb3 Rf2 68.Ka3 Kd5 69.Kb3 h5 70.Re6 a1Q 71. Rd6+ Kxd6 0-1

Sicilian Taimanov B48

Nathanael Lozano 1988

Selby Anderson 2200

Thanksgiving Benefit (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.0-0 Ne5 9.f3 b5 10.Kh1 Bb7 11.a3 Rc8 12.Qe2 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Qxc4 Rxc4 15.Rfd1 Be7

16.Rd3 0-0 17.Rad1 Rfc8 18.Nde2 b4 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Dragon B71

Andrew Istafanous 1852

Kelly Clover 1843

Thanksgiving Benefit (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Bg7 7.e5 Nh5 8.g4?

8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nxe6 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qc8=

8...dxe5?

8...Nxf4!± (ECO) 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.exd6 Nh3 11.Be3 exd6 12.Qf3 Qh4+ 13.Kd2 Bh6±

9.Bb5+ Kf8??

9...Bd7 10.fxe5 Bxe5 11.gxh5± 10.Ne6+ fxe6 11.Qxd8+ Kf7 12. Qd3 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.0-0-0 a6 15.Bc4 Nc6 16.Ne4 Rd8 17.Qe2 Nd4 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Qe4 Rb8 20.Bxe6+ Bxe6 21.Nxe6 24.Qb4 f3 25.Rhf1 Bh6+ 26.Kb1 Rf8 27. Qc3+ Bg7 28.Qb3 f2 29.Qg3 Rbd8 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qxf2 Rf8 1-0

Pan-Am, contd. from p. 5

French Winawer C18

Leonid Kritz 2671

Alejandro Ramirez 2664

Pan-Am Intercollegiate (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Be3 Nce7 12.h4 f6 13.Qg4 cxd4 14.cxd4 fxe5 15.dxe5 Qc3+ 16.Ke2 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Nc6 20.Be5 Rf6 21.f3 e5 22.Rhd1 Be6 23.Bb5 Bf7 24.Be3 a6 25.Ba4 d4 26.Bd2 Bc4+ 27.Kf2 b5 28.Bb3 e4 29.Bg5 Rf5 30.Kg3 e3 31.Bxc4+ bxc4 32.Rdb1 h6 33.Rb6 Rc8 34.Bf4 g5 35.hxg5 hxg5 36. Bd6 Rd5 37.Bb4 a5 38.Be1 d3 39.Bc3 d2 0-1

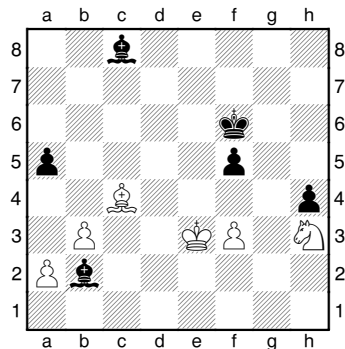
QGD D43

Marko Zivanic 2594

Sergey Ehrenburg 2646

Pan-Am Intercollegiate (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7
8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 g6 10.0-0 Bg7
11.e4 0-0 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Qe2 Qe7
14.e5 b6 15.Rfe1 a6 16.Ne4 c5
17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Bb3 Nxe5 19.Nxc5
Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Ra7 21.Nd3 Rc7
22.Qg3 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Bb7 24.Rc7
Rd7 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Bc4 Qc6
27.b3 Qe4 28.h3 Bf8 29.Qg4 Qxg4
30.hxg4 a5 31.Kf1 Kg7 32.f3 Kf6
33.Ke2 Bd6 34.Bb5 e5 35.Nf2 Ke7
36.Ne4 Bb4 37.Kd3 f5 38.gxf5 gxf5
39.Ng3 Ke6 40.Ne2 h5 41.Ng1 h4
42.Bc4+ Kf6 43.Nh3 e4+ 44.Ke3
Bc5+ 45.Kf4 exf3 46.gxf3 Bd4 47.
Bd3 Bc8 48.Bc4 Bb2 49.Ke3



49...f4+ 50.Nxf4 Bc1+ 51.Ke4 Bf5+
52.Kd5 Bxf4 53.Kc5 h3 54.Bf1 h2
55.Bg2 Bh3 0-1

KI Attack A09

Gi Margvelashvili 2543

Ioan Chirila 2527

Pan-Am Intercollegiate (5)

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 e5
5.d3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.0-0 Bxd2
8.Nbxd2 Nf6 9.b3 0-0 10.a3 Re8
11.Qc2 h6 12.Qb2 Qd6 13.Rab1
Be6 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 b6 16.Rfc1
Rab8 17.b5 Nd8 18.Qb4 Qxb4 19.
Rxb4 Bg4 20.Ra4 Nd7 21.Ra7 Ne6
22.h3 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Ndc5 24.Bd5
Re7 25.Nf3 Ng5 26.Nh4 Rc8 27.
Nf5 Ree8 28.h4 Nh7 29.Bc6 Re6
30.Rca1 Nf6 31.h5 g6 32.hxg6 fxg6
33.Nh4 Kg7 34.Nf3 Re7 35.Kg2
Rf8 36.Nd2 Rf7 37.Nf3 Rf8 38.
R1a3 Ng4 39.Ra8 Rxa8 40.Rxa8

Nf6 41.Ne1 e4 42.Kf1 Kf7 43.dxe4
Nfxe4 44.Nf3 d3 45.Bd5+ Kg7 46.
exd3 Nxd3 47.Ra2 Nb4 48.Re2
Nxd5 49.cxd5 Kf6 50.Nd4 Nc3 51.
Rc2 Nxd5 52.Rc6+ Kf7 53.f4 Re3
54.Kf2 Rc3 55.Rxc3 Nxc3 56.Ke3
Ke7 57.g4 Kd6 58.f5 Nd5+ 59.Kf3
g5 60.Ne6 Nc3 61.Nd4 Ke5 62.
Nc6+ Kd5 63.Nd4 Ke5 64.Nc6+
Kd6 65.Nd4 Nd5 66.Ne6 Nf6 67.
Nd8 Kc5 68.Nf7 Kxb5 69.Nxb6
Kc4 70.Nf7 Nh7 71.Nxg5 Nxg5+
72.Kf4 Nf7 73.g5 Kd5 74.g6 Kd6
0-1

Round 6: Dallas was a point ahead of the field, but had to at least tie the determined Texas Tech University in order to win the tournament. This was arguably the most dramatic match of the event and a worthy conclusion of the tournament. Dallas offered draws early on in order to clinch the title, but Texas Tech did not want to leave Wisconsin without trying to win the championship! Indeed, at times it appeared that not only would Texas Tech win, but do so by a crushing score. Nevertheless, when all the dust has settled, it was University of Texas-Dallas that the won the match (2 ½ - 1 ½ yet again), effectively deserving a coronation for their amazing performance.

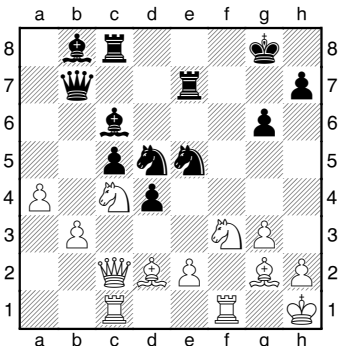
Benko Gambit A59

Davorin Kuljasevic 2572

Alejandro Ramirez 2664

Pan-Am Intercollegiate (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 d6 8.
Bg2 Bg7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Rb1 0-0
11.0-0 Qa5 12. Bd2 Bb7 13.b3 Qa6
14.Bc1 e6 15. dxe6 fxe6 16.a4 d5
17.Nb5 Rac8 18.Bf4 Ne8 19.Bh3
Rf7 20.Rc1 d4 21.Ng5 Re7 22.Qc2
Ndf6 23.f3 Nd5 24.Bd2 Qb6 25.
Kh1 Ba6 26.Qe4 Nef6 27.Qc2 Nd7
28.Ne4 Be5 29.f4 Bb8 30.Ng5 Bb7
31.Bg2 Bc6 32. Na3 Qb7 33.Nf3 e5
34.fxe5 Nxe5 35.Nc4

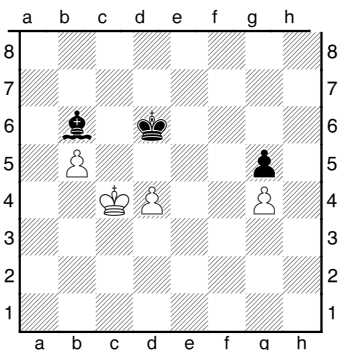


35...d3 36.exd3 Nxf3 37.Na5

¹37.Bxf3 Nb4 (37...Nf4 38.gxf4
Bxf3+ 39.Kg1 Re2 40.Rf2 Rxf2 41.
Kxf2 Bh1 42.Be3±) 38.Qd1 Nxd3
39.Rb1 Rf8 40.Bxc6 Qxc6+ 41.Kg1
Rxf1+ 42.Qxf1 Qe4=
37...Nxd2 38.Nxb7 Ne3 39.Qxd2
Bxg2+ 40.Qxg2

40.Kg1 Bxf1 41.Nxc5 Bh3 42.b4
Rf8 43.Qa2+ Ref7 44.Ne4 Ba7 45.
Kh1 Bg2+ 46.Kg1 Kg7 47.Qb2+
Kh6+

40...Nxg2 41.Rxc5 Rce8 42.Kxg2
Rxb7 43.Rb1 Bd6 44.Rc6 Bf8 45.
Rc2 Reb8 46.a5 Ra8 47.Ra2 Ra6
48.Ra4 Rb4 49.Rxb4 Bxb4 50.Ra1
Rxa5 51.Rxa5 Bxa5 52.Kf3 Kf7
53.Ke4 Ke6 54.Kd4 Bb6+ 55.Ke4
Bc5 56.g4 Bg1 57.h4 Bf2 58.h5 Kf6
59.hxg6 hxg6 60.b4 Kg5 61.Kf3
Bb6 62.b5 Kf6 63.Ke4 Ke6 64.Kf4
Bd8 65.Ke4 Kd6 66.Kd4 Bc7 67.
Kc4 Bb6 68.d4 g5



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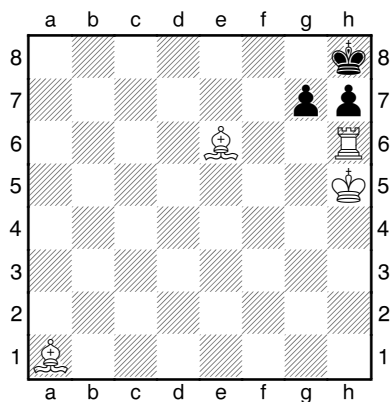
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White to move, mate in two
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