Warren Harper wins Denker Tournament of High School Champions
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A Message from the President

The last two months have brought some exciting news to Texas. Warren Harper, the Texas High School Champion, is now the Arnold Denker Tournament champion, after winning the tournament with a rare clear first place.

Warren, whose rating in 2004 was 1479, is 2294 and will probably be over 2300 when you read this. Joe Bradford, who has already had two draws with Warren, opines that Warren has the talent to be a senior master by the time he graduates from high school. Those of you grown ups who got to beat Warren when he was coming up the ladder better frame those scoresheets, because they are going to become rarer and rarer.

Meanwhile, I've asked the Board of Directors to take on an ambitious project for the future: to have the 2010 World Youth Championship held in Texas. This event has recently been held in Crete, France, and the Democratic Republic of Georgia; this year, it will be held in Turkey. To my knowledge, it has never been held in the United States. We've received the support of Susan Polgar, newly elected to the USCF Board of Directors, and later this year, I'll be traveling to Antalya, Turkey, to learn more about the logistics of the event itself and to make personal connections with FIDE officials who have input into the final awarding of the bid. I'll be making a fuller report on this project at the business meeting at the Southwest Open.

By now, you may have visited the new TCA web page. We've also moved the Texas Chess forums to a Texas Chess group, in Google groups. I'm a bit miffed that the groups haven't seen more use. This is a good location to find files relevant to TCA governance, and I hope it will eventually grow into the primary site for discussion of all issues concerning Texas Chess. All you need to join the groups is a Google user ID. Check out the group at http://groups.google.com/group/texaschess. I'll buy a free regular membership for the member who starts the best thread in September-October!

And that's it for now. Hope to see you at the business meeting or at a chess tournament near you soon.

Michael M. Simpson
TCA President

TCA Treasurer’s Report
Aug. 20, 2007

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Notes by NM Warren Harper

**French Defense C18**

**Ethawn Peake 1894**

**Warren Harper 2294**

_Denker THSC (1)_


Of course Fritz condemns this move, but moves like Kg7 and Rh8 did not appeal to me; this way at least Black obtains an initiative which is not immediately obvious to stop.

15.Nxe6 Qe7 16.Nxf8 fxes5?! 17.Bb2?

17.h5!, followed by Bc2, would have made life very difficult for Black.

17...Rxf8 18.Qd2 Ng4!

Now White cannot run to either side of the board; White is in a practical sense lost.


**King's Indian E62**

**Warren Harper 2294**

_Denker THSC (2)_

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nfd7??

A highly unusual move; but after the game, my opponent said that he was equally surprised: he had never seen White fianchetto against the King's Indian Defense ever!


**g5 14.Bh3 Nf6 15.Bxc8 Qxc8 16.g4 h5 17.h3 hxg4 18.hxg4 Kf7 19.a4 c6?**

Not necessarily a bad move, but after all of his preparation to attack me on the kingside, quite perplexing.

20.dxc6 Nxc6 21.Nb5 Qe6 22.f5 d5 23.Nd6+ Kg6?

And after all of his play in the center, Black still wants to attack me on the kingside! After the simple Kg8, although the position is quite complex, Black would more than likely have slightly better chances. Now White shows the weakness of Black's king:

**24.exd5 Nxd5 25.Nf2 Nd4?**

Black should have considered e4 or Ne3; now his position proves quite difficult.

26.Rb1!

The exclaim is not for the strength of the move (26.Re1 was possibly even stronger) but for the psychological effect. My opponent sat for nearly 45 minutes (he had only used about 30 minutes for the whole game at this point!). After the game he said he couldn't believe such a quiet move was so strong!

**XA B C D E F G H Y**

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36.Rh1+ Kg6 37.Be3 Be5 38.Rh6+ Kf7 39.Re6 Bxd6 40.Rxd6
White went on to win in time pressure. 1–0

KI Attack A08
Adithya Balasubramanian 2184
Warren Harper 2294
Denker THSC (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0–0 0–0

Apparently a novelty to my opponent; he had only seen a4 before. After the game we had a curious discovery: we both had just about opposite records with this opening! He had lost only one game in the past two years, beating two IMs on the way, while I have never lost from this position, scoring about five or six wins against experts. He said he was very confident he would beat me from here, but I have never thought of White’s attack as exactly bone-chilling, and in fact it turns out to be an illusion the entire game.

XABCDEFGHY

6...Bg6 is the normal move.
7.Qb3 Qb6 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bh6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Bg2 Nb7 12.0–0

A fatal mistake, quite similar to what Kramnik did against Topalov in their match. Now White has little to worry about.

13.Qxc4 Bxd6 14.f4 c5?!
Black is enticed to try breaking up White’s center as soon as possible, but Rd8 or 0–0–0 would have

QGD Slav D12
Warren Harper 2294
Tony Cao 2192
Denker THSC (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg4?!

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Now it is just a matter of technique.
been more prudent.

15...d5 e5 16.f5 gxf5 17. Rxf5 g6
18.Rf2 a6 19.a4 Qa5?

Black feels like he has to justify his a6 move, but this simply wastes a vital tempo. It may not be immediately obvious, but every single one of Black’s pawns after b5 prove to be a weakness! I have not had many games where I am up 6 pawns, but here he proved to be quite helpless.

20.Bd2! b5?

Black could have avoided losing immediately with 20...Qd8 21.Raf1 Rf8.


Desperation.


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1- + + + + - + - K - !
xa b c d e f g h y
31... Nxe4 32.Rxc7 Rxc7 33.Rxd6!

Eliminating any possible counterplay.

33...Nxd6 34.Bh5 Rc8 35. Qxh4 Rd7 36.b4 Kc7 37.Bh2 Kb8 38.e5 Ra7 39.Qb6+ Nb7 40.a6+ Ka8 41.e7 Rc8 42.Qc6

I was shocked that after the game my opponent stated that after 32...Bxc7 instead of ...Rxc7 he would have had counterplay! My opponent was visibly upset, so I told him he should probably look earlier for improvements. I listened while he described imaginary variations where he plays ...Bh2+ and ...Rc2+

and somehow obtains perpetual check. I noted that being up 5, possibly 6 pawns, I could even play Qd6 or sacrifice somehow. He finally seemed to stubbornly agree with me. I could tell from talking with him that he was quite prejudiced in the line with Black; I could also tell from the way he slammed his pieces half the game. Any case, I still had to calculate a lot to make sure he wouldn’t be able to swindle me. At this point I felt very good about my chances in the tournament. I led the field by a half-point with two rounds to go. 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E25

Tyler Hughes 2203
Warren Harper 2294

Denker THSC (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5
8.dxc5 f5 9.Nh3 0-0?!

A novelty introduced to me by a book, but after the game I might prefer the simpler Qa5, with approximate equality.

10.c4 Qa5+ 11.Nf2 Nc7 12.e3 Nc6
16.Qe2 e5 17.Nd3 Qh6!

My opponent had only seen Nxd3 Bxd3, when White has a slight edge. Now it is the other way around.

21.Rxd1

After the game, we both thought White was better at this point, but here both of us suddenly changed our opinions. Despite White’s menacing bishop pointed at my kingside, Black just moves his knight to the edge of the board to force a draw! Quite unusual indeed! Even though I drew, this was probably one of my favorite games of the tournament.

31.Bxg7+ Rxf7 32.Qe6+ Rg8 33.
Qe5+ Rh7

Throughout the game, I was constantly (but incorrectly) thinking that he was better, so here I went for a complicated move that provokes him to go for the draw (my opponent had about ten minutes compared to my hour). Instead, 30...g3! would have set White more problems, e.g. 31.h3 Qh5! 32.Qg4 Qxg4 33.hxg4 Rxd8 34.f5 Na5.

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xa b c d e f g h y
30...Na5

Still, the strength of this move fascinated us both! During the game we both thought White was better at this point, but here both of us suddenly changed our opinions. Despite White’s menacing bishop pointed at my kingside, Black just moves his knight to the edge of the board to force a draw! Quite unusual indeed! Even though I drew, this was probably one of my favorite games of the tournament.

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Luckily for me, Jeffrey Haskel drew Maxx Coleman, so I retained my half-point lead going into the last round. I could have drawn and at least obtain the title of co-champ, but I wasn't even sure if I would win on tiebreaks. I found it ironic that the same person I defeated for the Cadet title was the same person I would play for the Denker! Draw
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3
After the game he told me he had prepared a bunch of lines in 2.c4 e5, so at least he was thrown off a bit.
2...c5 3.d5 b5 4.Bg5
Why not play a line that Susan Polgar introduced in Chess Life for the Denker championship! (The Polgar was literally taking place side by side).
4...Qa5+?!
I am not even sure if Polgar mentioned this move, but it does not appear to be very good.
11.a5 Qb7 12.Bxa6
Strangely enough, Nbd2 was even stronger, heading for c4.
12...Nxa6 13.0-0 e6 14.Nc1 0-0 0-0
15.Ne2 Bh6 16.Ng3 Rh8 17.Nh5 Bg7 18.Qd3 Nc7 19.a6!!
The brave pawn marches forward to certain death, but it proves to be a worthy sacrifice.
19...Qb6 20.Ra4?!

The simple Nd2! was nearly devastating, e.g. 20...Kb8 21.Nc4 Qb5 22.Ra5 Qd7 23.cxb4...

Moving? Please send you new address to Barb Swafford, roundsiel@dot11net.net

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Barbara Swafford
Seven tie at U.S. Open … Shabalov cools Simutowe streak

Dutch Defense A89

Amon Simutowe 2455
Hikaru Nakamura 2749

U.S. Open 2007 (6)


As Black, Hikaru Nakamura played a Dutch Defense against Amon Simutowe.

After the leaders drew, Simutowe lost to US Champion Alex Shabalov and missed the winners' circle with a draw to Tegshsuren Enkhbat.

On 27… Kxg7 White has two ways:

1. 28.Qxg5 Bxe6 29.Qe7, or
2. 28.Qh6+ Kh8 29.Bxf5.

Final Standings

3b=7th: Boris Gulko, Sergey Kudrin, Benjamin Finegold, Alexander Shabalov, Michael Rohde, Michael Mulyar and Anton Del Mundo all scored 7.5/9, good for $2,263. Gulko won the title on tiebreak.

Texas chess fans were wowed as IM Amon Simutowe, recent UTD grad and 2005 Texas champ, briefly led the tournament (along with Finegold) with a perfect score after defeating GM Nakamura in Rd. 6:

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- Hikaru Nakamura 2749

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Finale

Hikaru Nakamura

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Simutowe wins Houston Open

IM Amon Simutowe warmed up for the US Open by winning the Houston Open (July 20-22). The 2005 Texas champ and former UTD student from Zambia held off a credible challenge in the last round from Warren Harper, who had a chance to make it a three-way tie but only came up with a draw.

There were 156 players competing in the cash prize sections, and 77 in the four scholastic sections. Prizes paid were 63.75% of the advertised amount. Juniors counted as one-half and re-entries as one-third.

Francisco L. Guadalupe directed for Cajun Chess.

PRIZE WINNERS


U1600 1st: Moshe Maor, 4.5, $510. 2nd-5th: Jesus Sanchez, Danny Purdy, William Fink, Miguel Ceballos, 4, $119.53.


King’s Indian E74

Warren Harper 2289
George Qi 1892

Open 1 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Nb6 7.Qd2 c5
8.d5 Qa5 9.Nf3 a6 10.0-0 Rc8
11.a4 Qb4 12.Qc2 Qa5 13.Nd2 h6
14.Bh4 e5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Bg3 e4
17.f4 Rfe8 18.f5 g5 19.Rfd1 Qc7
Nxd5 23.Qxd5+ Kh7 24.Qf7 Qd8
25.Rxd6 Re7

21...exd4? 22.cxd4? E 21...Qc7!
22.Qd3 gxh7 y 21...Kh8 22.b4 Bb6
23.a5 Bc7 24.Nb3 gxf3

2b4 gxf3 23.Nxf3 Bd4+?

Better was 2b...exd4, keeping the c-file blocked: 24.bxc5 dxc5 25.
Qxc3 h3 26.g3 d4 27.

24.cxd4 e4?!

White’s pressure on the c-file now becomes bone-crushing. Best was 24...Kh8 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.
dxe5 with an edge to White.

25.Nxe5 Qc7 26.Rfc1 Rh7 27.Qe2??

The queen should go to f2, d1 or d2. Now Black would wiggle out of losing a piece with 27...Qb6!, when 28.Nxe5 only gives White an edge.

27...Rg8?? 28. b5

1-0

Closed Sicilian B24

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Houston Open (1)

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.Nge2 d6 4.g3
c5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.d3 e5 7.Nd5 Nge7
8.Ne3 0-0 9.Bc4 Nd4 10.h4 h5
11.Nxf7+ Qxe7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.c3
g4 hxg4 17.Bxg4 f5 18.exf5 dxg5
Bb6 22.Qd2 Rf7 23.0-0-0 Kf8 24.
Kb1 Kc7 25.d4 cxd4 26.exd4 exd4
27.Qb4 Bd5 28.Bxe1 Kd7?

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Black’s pieces now sweep the entire board, and White collapses quickly in his urge to create the illusion of counterplay.


White plays for the desperate attack because he thinks his queen is lost after 33.Qe1 Nxe3 34.Qe2+ Bxd4

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(35.Bd5+! Bd5 36.Qxd4 Bb3? – Fritz)

Faced with material loss, in addition to time trouble (while his opponent had a comfortable 50 moves), he resigned.

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Closed Sicilian B25
Salvador Infante 2192
Ali Marshedi 2324

Houston Open (4)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 0–0 5.e4 d6 6.0–0 c5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8. h3 e5 9.Bb3


18.Rg1 Bd7 19.Raf1 Rg8+?

18...Nh5 19.c3 h5 20.gxh5 Qh6 21. Rhi Qh5 22.Kg1 Rg8 23.Kf1 Bd7 24.Nh2 [24.Ne1 Rg2?!]

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QGD Meran D49
Warren Harper 2289
J effrey DeJ esus 2196

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31.Rxe3 Rxe3 32...Nx e3! 32...Nd4 Qh5 33.Rxe3 c2! 34.Nxe3 Qe2! `??`?

32.Bxe3 Nf5 33.Qxg6

Draw

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Draw
A horrible way to draw someone!

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12..Nxc6?!
12...Rc1! sets Black very difficult problems.

White resigned in view of 32...Nd5! with more material losses on the way to stave off mate.

Solution (back cover problem): 1.h4
(1...Nxe4 2.Nf4#; if 1...Nf5 other then 2.Ng3#; 1...Ng4-any 2.Nf6#).

Mexico to host world championship

World Champion Vladimir Kramnik will defend his title in Mexico City Sept. 12-Oct. 1, 2007. In a double round robin with $1.3 million at stake, he faces seven challengers:

1 Anand, Viswanathan IND 2792
5 Morozevich, Alexander RUS 2758
7 Leko, Peter HUN 2751
8 Aronian, Levon ARM 2750
12 Svidler, Peter RUS 2735
13 Gelfand, Boris ISR 2733
14 Grischuk, Alexander RUS 2726

With an average rating over 2750, this will be a rare Category XXI event. Kramnik, who is ranked #3 in the world with a 2769 rating, won a unification match last fall from FIDE world champion Veselin Topalov. Kramnik was the classical world champion, having beaten Kasparov in 2000 and narrowly defended his title against Peter Leko in 2004.

The venue will be the Sheraton Centro Historico, a five-star resort hotel in the heart of Mexico City and 15 minutes from the airport. Travel packages are offered by Especta, the official travel agency for this world championship.

For details see the official event site at www.chessmexico.com. Click “English” in the upper left corner for translation.
Summer Open

by Selby Anderson

Forty players turned out for the Summer Open, held Aug. 4-5 in San Antonio at the Texas Neurosciences Institute.

I won the Open section thanks to a lucky win in the last round against FM Dennis Rylander (2360), recent UTD grad from Sweden now living in Austin. Going into this game, he had a 2-0 record against me. After being roundly outplayed in a QGD Slav, I mixed things up with five moves left to time control. After mutual blunders he flagged as he locked in his 30th. I finished in clear first with 3.5 out of 4, having drawn Ju Ahn (1812) in Round 2.

Four players tied with 3, including Rylander, Don Sutherland, Gregg Stanley and J.P. Hyltin. Stanley had a chance to tie for first if he had coverted his extra pawn against Hyltin in the last round, but he got counted in his 30th. I finished in clear first with 3.5 out of 4, having drawn Ju Ahn (1812) in Round 2.

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Special mention goes to Juan Zhaosu Ye, Joanna Slusarewicz was second, and Daniel Lozano, Samuel McLemore and Rheanna English third, each with 3.5.

In the Reserve, three players scored 3.5 to tie for first, second and under-1600 prizes: Andrew Nathanael Lozano, Samuel McLemore and Zhaosu Ye. Joanna Slusarewicz was top U1400 with 2.5. Lloyd Lyssyj won the unrated prize with 2.5.

Prizes paid were 85% of the advertised amount. Martin Gordon directed. See www.gordonmd.com/Summer2007.html for crosstables.

OPEN 1st Selby Anderson, 3.5, $170; 2nd+U2200: Dennis Rylander, Don Sutherland, Gregg Stanley J.P. Hyltin, 3.0 $37.25. U2000: Kevin Lu, Steven Chen, 2.5, $32.

RESERVE 1st+2nd+U1600: Nathanael Lozano, Samuel McLemore, Zhaosu Ye, 3.5, $71. U1400: Joanna Slusarewicz 2.5 $43 Unrated: Lloyd Lyssyj, 2.0, $43.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.d5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.h4!?! 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.h4!?! (8.Bd3) Nbc6 9.Rh3

9.Nf3 has been the main try. Then 9...Qa5 10.Bd2 f5 11.Qf4 Qa4! and the bridge-burning attack with 12.h5 was all bark and no bite in Faynberg-Pfaff, GER 2006.

12.Bg5 e5 13.Qe2 Rxe6

Also good is 13...Nf5 first. 14.dxc5 Nf5 15.Rf3 Qxc5 16.Qb5+

White now develops, but suffers through a typical French endgame where Black’s structural superiority (here, his glorious pawn center) is parlayed into a win.


23.Bb3 Ne4 24.Ne2 Nf6 25.a4


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33.Kf2?
33... Kf3! (= says Fritz) avoids loss of the h-pawn, and the active king plus the bishop pair counterbalance White’s inferior pawn structure.

33... Ne4+ 34.Kg1 Nxe4 35.cxd4 Nf6 36.Be3 Nf5 37.Ra3 Ne6 38.Bb5 N4g 39.Rd3 cxd3 40.Bxd3 Ngxe3 41.Qd4 Rxd3 42.cxd3 Ng4 43.Kg2 h5 44. Kf3 Ne6 and White resigned in a few moves. 0-1

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French Defense C19
Selby Anderson 2200
J u Aihn 1812
Summer Open (2)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 c5
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Qd2
8.Bd2 is far more popular.

8... b6 9.c4 Qxb2+ 10.Nxd2 Nd7
10...Bxe5= Short-Noguerias, Wijk aan Zee 1987.

11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bb5 0-0 13.c4
An impulse of the hand saves me from the unsound speculation I was fixated on: 13.Bf4?! Rb8 14.c4 Ne7 15.d5 exd5! 16.cxd5 Re5! 17.0-0 Nxc6 18.dxc6 Nxb8?

13...Ne7 14.Bbxd7 Bxd7 15. dxc5
Nxe3 19.Kxe3

OGD D55
J .P. Hyltin 2064
Dylan Smith 1591
Summer Open (2)
1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5
8.Rc1

12...Bb7 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Rc8
11.a3 Re8 12Nb5 a6 13.Na7 Ra8

Nee 17.Bh4 Nf8
17...Ne4 18.Bh5 g6 19.Bxe7
Qxe7 20.Bg4 f5 21.Bf3?.

Rc1 a5 (21...Be7 22.Nxf6+ Nxf6 23.
Rxe7+ Kxf7 25.Ne5+ Nxe5 26.dxe5
Kg8 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.
Qg4+ Kh8 30.Rd1!?)

19...Ne4 20.Nd3 Nxd3 21.hxg3

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21...Nd7
21...Ng6! 22.Nf4 Ne7 23.Rc3 e6
consolidates Black’s game: 24.Rc1
Qd7 25.Bf3 h6, with equality.

22.Nf4 Nf6 23.Qf5 Qc8
Fritz finds the elaborate defense
23...Bxf4 24.gxf4 Ra7 25.Bf3 Ne4
26.Rc1 g6 27.Qh3 Nbd2 28.Be2?!.
gxf4 Kf8 27.Rf1c8 Ra8 27.Rxh6 Kd8
29.Bc6 Kd7 30.Rxf6 gxf6 31.Bg4+
Kd8 32.Bc6 Kxc8 33.Rc6 Rb7 34.
Rxe6 Rb6 35.Rxh6 Rbl+ 36.Kh2
Rb2 37.Kg3 Raa2 38.Rxf7 1-0

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King's Indian E72
Dale Dike 2011
Juan Carriales 1699
Summer Open (2)
1.e4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3
0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5
8.d4?
White gets a good game with the Botvinnik setup 8.d3 Nh5 9.Bc3.

The text arrives a move late if White wanted to transpose to the KID, because Black could now play 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxe4! 10.Nxe6
Nxc3 with advantage: 11.bxc3 bxc6
12.Bxc6 Bh3 13.Re1 Bxc3+Q This state of affairs exists until 10.d5.

8... a6?! 9.h3?! Re8? 10.d5 Ne7
Now several good moves beckon
White, for instance 11.b4 answering to both b5 and c5. Also 11.Be3
and 11.f4!? are possible.

11.a4 Ne8 12.Bc4 c5!
Putting a damper on queenside
play.

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Now Black must watch out for
his weak dark squares. A sharp
alternative is 14.f4!!, to open lines.

14...Bxf6 15.Qxh6
15...fxe4! 16.g4?? Nf6 17.Ng3
Kh8 18.Nce4=.

16.0-0?
Now White’s defensive attitude
gets the better of him. It was a
perfect time for 16.f4! exf4 17.Nxf4
fxe4 18.g4! taking away f5 from
Black’s pieces, and the e-pawn is
not running away. White’s queen is
a very unpleasant, obstinate guest.

16...fxe4 17.Kh2 Bf5 18.g4 Bxg4!

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An experienced player knows a
good “whoopie” attack when he sees
it! The extra move required to let out
Black’s queen makes this especially
pleasing: 19.hxg4 Nxg4+ 20.Kg1
(not 20.Kg3?? Nf5+!) 21. Kxg4 Qh4
27...Rd7! N8xd7 28.Qxf7+ Kh8 29.
Ne6, Black resigns.
A beautiful coup.

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Center Counter B01
Chris Doolen 1836
Seyb Anderson 2200

Summer Open (3)
1.d4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.
Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 a6 6.Bb5+ c6 7.0-0

IM Michael Mehts in
Scandinavian Defense the
Dynamic...
Qb6 gives 10.Rad1 Rd8 11.h3
Bf5 12.a3 0-0 13.Bf4 Qd7 14.Re1
Bb6 15. Qc1 Qc8 16.Be3 Rd7
17Nb1 Rd8 18.c3 Nd5 19.Bg5 f6
20.Bh4 Bd6 with play for both
sides.
10.Qxd7 11.Rad1 Rd8 12.Qe3 Qb8

13.Rf1 Nb4 14.Qc1 c5 [14...Bf5?]
15.a3 Nc6 16.Bd3 cxd4
16...Bxd3 17.Bxf3 Nxd4 18.
Bxd4 cxd4 19.Ne2 0-0 20.h5
Nc3 Nxd5 26.Qd4 Nce3 27.Nc6
Qxc6 28.Qd3 Nf7 29.Bg5 Nce5
30.Qc3 Ne5.

Modern Defense A40
J u Ahn 1812
Gregg Stanley 2070

Summer Open (3)
1.e4 e5 2.d4 Bb4? 3.c4 Nb6 4.
Nf3 Nf6 5.d5 Ne4 6.Nc3
d5 4.Nxd4 exd4 7.Bd3 d6 8.0-0
Bd2!? Korchnoi-Tal, Moscow 1975.
xf5 10.h4 Nf6 11.f3 Nh5. 12.
Bf3?? [12.exf5] ...Qc7 13.Qc2? 12..
exf5 gxf5 13.Qc2 0-0 7.
13...f4 g4

The only way to save the bishop.
Now White is systematically hosed.
14...fxg3 15.0-0 0-0 16.Ng5 f6
Qd7 20.Qh5 Qxh3 21.Qh5 Exg5+
Qxh4+ 25.Kb1 Qe2 26. Rc1 Qxf3
27.Bh6 Qxe4+ 28.Ka1 Qf4 29.
Bxf7+ Qxf7 30.Qg2 Rf8 0-1

Nimzo-Indian E24
Steven Chen 1675
J. P. Hyttin 2064

Summer Open (3)
Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Qb6 0-0 7.a3 d6
0-0 Bb6 12.f4!
White makes the most of his
chances.
12...Nd7 13.Ng3 g6 14.d5?!
Normally one expects 14.exd5
first, to force the pawn structure.
14...Nc5 15.Qe2 exd4 16.Bxd4 Ne5

Another surprise. The Benoni-
style 16...Qe7! establishes piece
control of e5, and White’s attack is a
non-starter: 17.Qg4 Kh8 18.Bg5 f6
20.Ne3 Bc8 21.Raf1 Nb7 22. Qf2
Kg7
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qb3

Dennis Rylander 2360

Summer Open (4)

1...e6 2.c4 dxc4 3.dxc4 Nf6 4.e3

Selby Anderson 2200

QGD Slav D11

Denny Rylander 2360

1...e6 2.d4 c5 3.Nf3 d6 4.c4

Summer Open (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qc3

Intending to answer 9...e4 with 9...e4 and White must trade center pawn for flank, at least.

1.e4 a6

Giving away a vital square. In the Dutch Accepted (4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4) White routinely makes this concession, but he has an advantageous pawn center to balance it.


White's fantasies about taking the bishop are over.

15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17. Bf4 Qe7 18.e4 Be6

If only my queen could teleport to e2, everything would be fine. Instead Black gets 'ownage' of the only open file, essentially for as long as he pleases. What is most annoying is the knowledge that Black will win the a4 pawn.


Opening objectively best is 26.Qf2 Nd3 27.Bxd3 Rxd3 28.Ne2 Bb2 29. Bxd2 Rd2 30.Qc3 Red8 31.Nf4 Qe5 32.Qc3 with a superior ending for Black. I had that slipper feeling and wanted a way to mix it up while we were both under five minutes.


28.Bxd4 Qd5 29.Qe3??

29.Nf2 Nf6 30.Qd3= 29...Nd6?? (29...Bd2) 30.Qd3 c5

Rylander took a second too long to make this move and after he pushed the clock I pointed out that the flag icon just appeared. I immediately apologized. 1-0 (time)

French Defense C00

Gregg Stanley 2070

Summer Open (4)

J.P. Hytyn 2064

1.c4 e5 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.exd5 Nb6 5.a4+!

Similar to an idea in the 2P's Caro-Kann. I have drawn Langer a couple of games after 5.Nc3.


Fritz likes 9...a5! 10.a4 Bb4 or 10.Nf3 a4, in either case regaining the pawn with equal play.

10.Nf3 Bc5 11.0-0 Qg4 12Nb5 12.Bg5! is also annoying. 12...Qf5 13.Rfe1 Bf4 14.d4 Qxe4 15.Qxe4 Bb7 16.Bf3

I thought J.P. was toast.

15... Nxc4 16.Qxc4 dxe5 17.Bxe5

Casually looking at this position, I thought J.P. was toast.

18...Nxd5

A beginner trap is 18.Bxf8?? Qg4! and mate in two.

18...Nxd5
19.Qb3!?  

19... Rd8 20.Bg6 b6 21.Rfe1 Ne7 22.Kh1 Nf5 23.Re4  
This show of force turns out to be little more than a parade for the heavy artillery. If instead 23.d5, the paradoxical 23...f6! 24.d6+ Kh8 25. Bg3 Nxd6 is more than equal.


avoid the pin Bg5, and plays 6... d6 (6.Nc3; 6.a4).


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White just can’t get a break.
Chess becomes teaching tool
By Matthew Zabel / Staff Writer
The Denton Record-Chronicle, Aug. 18, 2007

If your children come home from school and announce that they played chess that day, don’t worry. They might have learned something anyway.

It might have been part of that day’s math lesson.

Jerry Nash, the scholastic director of the U.S. Chess Federation, told educators who gathered at Texas Woman’s University on Friday how chess could teach many math skills to young children.

“Will chess solve all the problems? No, but it is a tool that enables teachers to do more efficiently what they are required to do,” Nash told the group. “The math and the critical-thinking skills are inherent in the game.”

Nash said he began to see the benefits of chess when he worked as a college minister in Lake Charles, La.

Students with problems would come talk to him, he said, and they would want him to tell them how to make things better.

The problem, he determined, often centered on the students’ inability to think for themselves and make intelligent decisions.

However, he found students who could do those things when he taught chess at a school in St. Charles.

“My [college] students didn’t know how to think about their future; they didn’t know how to think about their past,” he said. “The fourth- and fifth- graders I was coaching in chess could out-think my college students.”

Such programs should appeal to business, he said, which needs good problem solvers.

Sixteen adults and four children attended the workshop.

While Nash discussed the benefits of chess in teaching geometry, planning, how to read a grid, critical thinking and other lessons, five children sat around a table in the back of the room.

Within one hour, 10-year-old William Root taught three others the game’s basic rules.

His “students” had never played before but were all doing well, he said afterward.

“One of my students, she was brilliant,” William said. “She could definitely play a chess game and play fairly well.”

His mother, Alexey W. Root, a senior lecturer at the University of Texas at Dallas and the associate director of the university’s chess program, wrote a book on the subject.


Root said she had organized a chess program at Evers Park Elementary School and a tournament for Denton’s middle schools.

Robert Jackson, a teacher at Seguin Elementary School in Grand Prairie, took an online class that Root taught, he said, and he uses chess in his classroom.

“Usually when I would teach them to read coordinates and grids, I’d go over it and over it and over it, and about half of them still wouldn’t get it,” he said. “The first time I taught them coordinates and grids with chess, all but one got it. I said ‘Yes!’”

Paige Owens, 11, contemplates her next move at a workshop on using chess to teach math skills to children Friday at Texas Woman’s University. William Root, who had just taught Paige how to play, watches.
TEXAS GIRLS’ SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted in Conjunction with Kingsville Chess Academy, South Texas Chess Center, and the Optimists’ Coastal Bend Chess Federation. Sanctioned by the Texas Chess Association.

October 6-7 6 round Swiss system

Bayfront Plaza Hotel, 601 N. Water, Corpus Christi, TX. (361) 883-7271
Mention “girl” for $69 rate, 4/room, includes hot breakfast. Reserve by Sept. 22.

SIX SECTIONS: K-1, Primary (K-3), Elementary (K-5/6), Middle School (6-8/9),
High School (9-12) Collegiate (must be full time student, and able to prove current enrollment)

Check-in: 8:30 a.m. Saturday. On-site registration 7:30-9 a.m., requires ½ point bye in Rd. 1

ROUNDS: Saturday (G/45): 9-11-1:30-3:30; Sunday (G/60): 9:30-12 noon followed by awards.

ENTRIES: $29 in advance, must be postmarked no later than 9/24, or received by 9/29. Proof of USCF membership required, or pay dues. Any later or on-site entry will cost $45. Entries without payment will not be considered officially registered. For school groups contact Eddie R. Rios Sr. (361) 455-3682 or e-mail www.teacher@intcomm.net. Please do not e-mail entries. One half-point bye available if requested before Rd. 2. Byes are irrevocable. All additional byes: zero points. Refunds and cancellations no later than Thursday, 10/4. No substitutions allowed.

Pre-registration list available at www.southtexaschesscenter.com. Equipment and tee-shirt sales as well as chess memorabilia will be available throughout the tournament.

PRIZES: Scholastic K-12: trophies 1st-10th, medals to next 10. Team trophies 1st-3rd. (A team is two or more players, top 4 scores used.) UTD will award a scholarship to the top high school player. Details on other pending scholarships will be made available as they are acquired. Collegiate: trophies 1st-6th, medals to next 6. Team trophies 1st-3rd.

SIDE EVENTS

Open Girls Blitz Tournament: Saturday, October 6, 2007—7 p.m.—5 rounds (G/5)
Prizes—Trophies to top 5—medals to next 10—awards presentation will follow – no onsite.

Open Rated Tournament (boys and adults welcome): Saturday, 4 round G/30. Three Sections: Open, U1100, U500. Prizes: trophies 1st-5th, medals to next 5. EF $10 advance or $15 on site with ½ point bye. Rd. 1 at 9:30, others TBA. Check in and late registration 8:30-9 a.m.

Make checks payable to Eddie R. Rios, mail with registration to Eddie R. Rios Sr., 213 E. Fairview, Kingsville, TX 78363
Info: Eddie Rios, (361) 595-7736 after 6 p.m., cell (361) 455-3682; e-mail teacher@intcomm.net.
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