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Test Your Tactics!  

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**3. Black to move**
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**4. Black to move**
Chumhong-Boskovic, UTD 2007

**5. White to move**
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**6. White to move**
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**7. White to move**
Robson-Panchanathan, UTD 2007

**8. Black to move**
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**9. Black to move**
Krush-Bradford, US Champ. 2007
A Message from the President

The biggest chess headline in the past two months has to be the passing of Bobby Fischer, the only modern American world champion, whose brilliant chess mind ignited a surge of interest in American chess in the 1970s, but whose subsequent actions, most notably his rejoicing in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and his increasingly fervent anti-Semitism, also color his legacy. Meanwhile, in Texas, news of the recent death of Lynne Babcock has been slower to disseminate but equally sad to chess players of my vintage and beyond. Lynne moved to Houston in 1970, establishing the Houston Chess Club, which counted Ron Henley among its members. She later moved to Austin in the late 70s, where she resided for more than 30 years before passing away in July of last year. Lynne was an active force in the Austin Chess Club and Austin Chess Enterprises.

By the time you are reading this, it will almost be time for the annual Scholastic State Championship in Houston, which takes place from March 8 through March 9. As always, there will be a TCA business meeting during the tournament. This meeting will take place at 8:35 p.m. (sharp!) in Room 335B at the playing site, the Hilton Americas Hotel in Houston. Please recall that the meeting has an emphasis on matters pertaining to scholastic chess. If you have an item that you wish to be brought up at the meeting, please attend the meeting and try to have a written motion to be considered by the members present.

I hope everyone enjoyed the January/February 2008 issue of Texas Knights. I've received lots of compliments on the magazine. Those should mostly be directed to Selby Anderson, our editor (clap, clap) and to the high level of chess competition that we've had in the past three or four months.

That's it for now. Hope to see you in Houston!

Michael M. Simpson
TCA President

TCA Treasurer’s Report
Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Feb. 15, 2008

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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Swafford

Chess-in-education workshop slated
TCA will hold a Chess in Education workshop Mar. 8 from 1-5 p.m. at the Hilton Americas in Houston, during the Texas Scholastics. Keynote speaker: Russ Harwood on the Brownsville chess boom and how to duplicate it. Fees: $15 advance, $20 at door.

Treasure Chess contest: no takers?
Alexey Root’s Treasure Chess quiz in the Jan.-Feb. issue resulted in exactly zero responses, so the autographed copy signed by Bruce Pandolfini still seeks a home. We are therefore extending the contest deadline to Apr. 15.
The 2008 Texas Team Championship, held Jan. 26–27 at TNI, drew a record low of six teams. The winner with 4-0 was top-ranked (2169) Committee to Elect Garry Kasparov Selby Anderson, Jim Rohrbaugh, Don Sutherland and J.P. Hytlin. This was largely thanks to a mighty performance on the lower three boards, assisted by a ratings advantage. Rohrbaugh and Sutherland had perfect scores, and Hytlin gave just one draw (to Zhao). Anderson took back-and-forth losses against Rylander and Malazarte, and finished with 2-2.

Clear second with 3 was X-treme (2034), with Dennis Rylander, Paul Haney, Clemente Rendon and Clayton Swafford. Top U1900 team on tiebreaks was Walking Tal (Ernesto Malazarte, Mitch Vergara, John Niven and Zhao) with 2-2. They tied with Barbaric Bishops (Gregg Stanley, Martin Gordon, Nathanael Lozano and Daniel Lozano). The lowest-ranked team had the memorable (maybe inevitable!) name, Don’t Taze My King, Bro.

Prizes were cut in half, but not trophies. Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

The 2008 Texas Team 2008 (1

- 2008 (1)

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- 2008 (1)

- 2008 (1)
Trying to throw White off balance, and it works. Lackluster was 22...Rxh7 23.Nxb7

Notes by J.P. Hytlin

Reti Opening A14

Texas Team 2008 (2)

Daniel Lozano 1520
Barbaric Bishops
J. P. Hytlin 2079
C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (1)


Notes by J.P. Hytlin

Queen's Indian E17

Dennis Ryalander 2357
X-trane

Seby Anderson 2234
C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.d4 0-0 7.d5 exd5 8.Nh4 c6 9.exd5 Nxd5

Notes by J.P. Hytlin

Texas Team 2008 (1)


Notes by J.P. Hytlin

Texas Team 2008 (1)

1...f5! 22.Na5 Bxe4 23. Nxe4 Rx e4
22.Na5 Bc3!?

No better is 41.Re1 Rd8 42.Ne4 Bf4+ 43.Rxf4
gx e4+ 44.Kf4 Bxe4 45. Kxe4 Kf7 46. Rxd6

Notes by J.P. Hytlin

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Texas Team 2008 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.d4 0-0 7.d5 exd5 8.Nh4 c6 9.exd5 Nxd5

Notes by J.P. Hytlin

Texas Team 2008 (1)

1...f5! 22.Na5 Bxe4 23. Nxe4 Rx e4
22.Na5 Bc3!?
19... Rxe8 20.Qxb7 1-0

English Opening A35
James Rohrbaugh
2200
C.E.G.K.
Paul Haney 2015
X-trime

Texas Team 2008 (2)
1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 [3... Nf6!? 4.e3 Bg7]

Easier play comes from 4... Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.exd4, with a reversed
Tarrasch Defense.

5.d4 Nh6 6.d5 Na5 7.e4 0-0 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.f4 Nfxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Qh4+
Kf7

Playing against the weakened kingside is more effective than winning the Exchange.

23... Kxg7 24.f5 Kg8 25.Bh6 Rf6 26.Bg5 Rf8

26... Rxf7 27.f6+ Rxf6 28.gxf6 Rxe6 29.Qe4 Qxe4 30.Bxe4 Nd8 31.a4 Ne7
44.Nc5 Kxg6 45.Kf2 Kg7 46.Kg3 Kg5 47.Kh4 Kg6

Nimzo-Indian E44
J.P. Hyttn 2079
C.E.G.K.

Cayton Swafford 1897
X-trime

Texas Team 2008 (2)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 Bb7 6.a3 Be7 7.d5 d6 8.g3
0-0 9.Bg2 e5 10.0-0 Nxe8 11.g4 Bc8 12.Ng3 g6 13.f4 Bf6 14.f5 Nd7 15.
Rc2 Kh8 16.b3 Ng7 17 Ra2 f4 18.fxe6 hxg6 19.fxg6 20.Bf3 Ng8 21.Rg2 f5
22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Nxf5

Bxe6 Rf6 27.Bf5+ Kf8 28.Qh5+ Rh6 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Rxf2 1-0

Torre Attack A48
Seby Anderson 2234
C.E.G.K.
Ernesto M Alazarte 2174
Walking Tal

Texas Team 2008 (3)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.
Nbd2 h6 5.Bh4 d6 6.e4 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Bb5 Bg4 [8... Bd7] 9.h3 Bd7
13.dxe5
13...dx5 [13...Nxe5] 14.Nh2 Qe7 [14...Qe8] 15.Ng4 Qg4 16.Bg3 Rf8
17.Ne3 Na5 18.Bc2 c5 19.h4 g4
20.h5 Nc6 21.Bh4 Rad8 22.Ndf1
22.Nd5 Qe6 23.Qc3 Kh7= 22...Be6 23.Ng3 Qd7 24.Nfg5
[24.Rd1 Qe8] 24...Nd4

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xa b c d e f g h y
+e5 + d3 30.Rd1 dxe2 31.Qxc2+ Bf8 32.Nf5) 29.Rd1??
28...Kxh7 29.Rd1 c4?!!
29...Bxb7 30.Nxh6 dxe2 31.Qd2+ Kh8 32.Qd4 d5?
30...Bxb7 31.Nxh6 Kxh6 32.
Qxe4+ Kh7 33.b3 Be6 34.e5 f5 35.
.exd6+ Bf6 36.Kd2 d3 37.Kc1f7
31.Qg5??

Unaccountably, I overreact after time control. 31.Bxd3 Bxh6 32.Rh3

and White is two pawns up, or 31...
Bxd3 32.Qxg5 Rxh4+ 33.Ne3??
31...Rxe6+ 32.Kd2
32.Kf1 dxc2+ 33.Kg1 cxd1Q+
34.Kh2 Rh4+ 35.Qxb4 Qc2??
32...dxc2+ 33.Kxc2 Bd3+ 34.Kd2
34.Kc1 Rc4+ 35.Kd2 Bf1+ with
forced mate.
34...Bc2+ 35.Kc2 Bc4+

There is still a way to lose: 35...
Bxd1? 36.Kb1 Be2+ 37.Kc1??!
36.Kb1 Qxd1+ 37.Ra1Rx d1= 0-1

Torre Attack D03
Mitch Varga
2030
Walking Tal
James Rohrbaugh 2200
C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (3)
b6 5.Bh4 0-0 6.Nbd2 b6 7.0-0
Ba6 8.c4 h6 9.Bh4 Nd7 10.Re1
12.Nxc4 c5 13.Qa4 Qc8 14.Qb3
Qb7 15.Rf1 Rb8 16.Nf6 e4 cd4
17.exd4 [17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Rxd4]
Qd5 18.Bb3 Nxe5 19.b5exd4
20.Bx4c4 Qxe5 21.Bb5 Rxcl
22.Rxc1 Qf4 23.Qd4 Qxc4 24.Rc4
Rd8 25.Rc2 Rxd1+ 26.Bf1 g5 27.
Bg3 N5d5 28.a3 Bc5 29.Bb5e6 f6 30.
Bb8 a5 31.Qg3 Bc6 32.Kg2 Nc6 33.
Bc7 Nd4 34.Bb2?!

34.Rc4 puts up better resistance.
Fritz gives 34...Nbd3 35.Rc3 Rd2! 36.
Rxb3 Rxf2+ 37.Kh3 f5 38.gf4 a4
39.Rb5 Rxf1 40.Bxb6 Bb6 41.Kg2
Kb2 42.gx5 exf5 43.Bd4 Bx3?!
34...Rd6 35.Rxc5 bxc5 36.Bc4 Rb1
37.Ba6 Nb3 38.Bb5 Rc2

Closed Sicilian B24
Don Sutherland
C.S.3.4.1.2.6.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.

C.E.G.K.
J ohn Niven 1723
Walking Tal

Texas Team 2008 (3)
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.f4 g6
5.d3 Bh7 6.Bb5 d6 7.0-0 Bd7 8.
Nge2 h6 9.0-0 Ne6 10.h3 d6 11.d4
cdx4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 0-0

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lines: (a) 27.Kg2? Rxf3! 28.Kxf3 Qxh3+ 29.Ke4 Qxg4+ 30.Kc3 Qf4 mate; (b) 27.Re3 Qh3 28.Qc2 Rf4 29.Qf1 caused me to reject the sac, but 29...Qh5 30.Qg2 Ng7# good for Black. (c) 27.Nh2 Qxh3 28.Re4 Rf6 29.Rg4 Rh6 30.Qg2 looks like an adequate fortress, but I missed 30...Nxd5! 31.Rxd5 Ne6?+


Dutch Defense A45

James Thomas 1539
Don’t Taze My King Bro’

Dennis Rylander 2357
X-treme

Texas Team 2008 (3)


Notes by J.P. Hytlin

Ruy Lopez C96

Zhao Su Ye 1723
Walking Tal

J. P. Hytlin 2079
C.E.G.

Texas Team 2008 (3)


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25...Rxf3 26.gxf3 Qh4 works out well for Black with best play, but it is very complicated. Some sample
UT Dallas Keeps Grip on Pan-American Chess Title
Triumph in fifth round nail-biter helps clinch win in 'world series' tournament

by Jim Stallings

The UT Dallas "A" team reeled off five consecutive match victories, hesitating only in the final round when it played to a draw, to clinch first place in the 2007 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship.

The victory in Miami on Sunday, after six rounds of play over four days (Dec. 27-30), means UT Dallas will keep the title it won in last year's competition.

Known as the "world series of college chess," the Pan American championship is the most prestigious tournament of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

UT Dallas chess coach Rade Milovanovic said the turning point of the tournament was the final round match against UMBC. "The time scramble had a large influence on that match," he said.

"The team was very strong in the last two boards but we were very strong in the top two boards," Milovanovic said.

"The match was even until our board 4, freshman Salvijus Bercys, finally won, and that gave us a victory of 2-5-1.5," Milovanovic said.

"Sal was winning, but his clock got down to 18 seconds at one point," said Jim Stallings, director of the UT Dallas chess program. "The entire championship was riding on one last play. You scored and won the game; or you lost everything."

"The time scramble had a large crowd silently frozen as they watched," Stallings said.

The UTD-A team's top board, Axel Bachmann, finished undefeated with 5-1 to win the first board prize.

UTD's B team racked up scores of 4.5-1.5 to finish in a three-way tie for second place with teams from UMBC and New York University.

The tournament, held this year at the Miami Dade College campus, is the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship. UT Dallas, UMBC, NYU and Miami Dade now qualify to play in the Final Four in April.

UT Dallas and UMBC have emerged as the two best college chess teams in the nation. One or the other has won the Pan Am during the past ten years.

In the Final Four of Chess, another major annual college chess competition, no team other than UT Dallas and UMBC has won the event in its seven-year history.

Since 2000, UTD has won or shared first place at the Pan American Intercollegiate six out of eight times.

Notes by GM Panchanathan

Pirc Defense B07
Magesh Panchanathan 2508
Pavel Blehm 2500
Pan Am Intercollegiate 2007 (5)

This was the most critical match for UTD given that we were playing our arch rivals UMBC. We believed that we were favorites going into the game since the ratings showed that they were slightly better in the top two boards but we were very strong in the last 2 boards.


We have reached a standard Sicilian position. I was very com-
fortable with the outcome of the opening since I like to play such positions. The position is very dynamic and it gives a lot of opportunities for both sides.

11...Be7 12.g4 b5 13.h4 b4 14.Nxe2 d5

This is one of critical moments of the game. Blehm here started off with a small miscalculation, which eventually led to a comfortable position for White.

15...Qc7 16.Qd3 Bc5 17.g5

I realized at this point that I have a lot of pressure on the Black king, and he needs to play accurately to stay in the game. Given that he was much lower on time I knew that a mistake from his side was inevitable; I just wanted to make sure I latched on to it.


I realized that opening the h-file can only be good for White as it makes Black's king more vulnerable.

20...hxg5 21.hxg5 Rxh1

Now we have the same position as before except Black cannot play Qg6 and that solves all White's problems.

28.Kd8 Rxf7

The rest of the game is a simple execution of a completely winning position.

29.Nf8 30.Bxf8 Bxf8 31.Qxf8+ Kc7 32.e6 Rxe6 33.Qf7+ Kb8 34.Qxe6 1-0

**WINTER OPEN**

The Winter Open, held Feb. 23-24 in San Antonio, drew 26 players. Ernesto Malazarte (2127) was clear first in the 14-player Open section with 3.5 out of 4. Tied for second and U2200 with 3 were expert Don Sutherland and John Niven (rated 1702, he was "playing up"). Anderson was eliminated in the last round, losing to Sutherland.

**Anderson-Sutherland (Rd. 4)**

I was again very happy with the structure I got into. Like I had mentioned before the knight on d4 looks much more in control than the bishop. Also, Black's bishop is not very active, though it has good potential if he has time to play a5 and Ba6, which he never did during the game.

18...Qc7 19.Bd3 Bc5 20.g5

I had a choice here either to play h5 followed by g5 or go with g5 directly. I chose the latter since I realized that opening the h-file can only be good for White as it makes Black's king more vulnerable.

20...hxg5 21.hxg5 Rxf1 22.Rxf1 Qb6 23.Qf2

This move still gives very good execution of a completely winning position.

26...Rg6 27.f5 exf5

This is one of critical moments of the game. Blehm here started off with a small miscalculation, which eventually led to a comfortable position for White.
Chess master helps give school kingly status

by Christopher Sherman
Associated Press
Saturday, February 16, 2008

Since Axel Bachmann arrived at the University of Texas-Brownsville on a full chess scholarship last year, the young Paraguayan immigrant has elevated his game, earning the grandmaster title and winning Sportsman of the Year in his native country.

The 18-year-old with a mop of brown hair and diamond stud in his left ear gives much of the credit to the chess incubator at UT’s southernmost campus.

In recent years, the school has joined the ranks of the chess elite. The University of Texas at Dallas, University of Maryland at Baltimore County and Miami Dade College might sound foreign to Division I football devotees, but they are renowned in college chess.

At UTB, Bachmann trains with another grandmaster, chess team coach Gilberto Hernandez of Mexico, and practices with teammates who include chess Olympians from Peru, Colombia and Mexico. Five team members are on full scholarship, and the others have partial scholarships.

But Bachmann is the first team member to achieve grandmaster status, a group of fewer than 1,000 chess players worldwide. He’s also a strikingly normal teenager. Those who know him and know chess say he’s more balanced than many grandmasters, as comfortable at the chess board as he is on the soccer field.

“I’m feeling really good here,” Bachmann said. “I’m really happy here.”

It was another UTB chess team member, Daniel Fernandez, who knew Bachmann from playing tournaments in South America, who suggested chess program director Russell Harwood take a look. After the 2006 chess olympics, where Bachmann beat a Cuban grandmaster, Harwood offered Bachmann a scholarship and a chance to move to the U.S. based on his play, his rating as an international master at the time, his solid grades and Fernandez’s recommendation that he was “a good kid.”

Coming was “one of my hardest decisions ever,” Bachmann said, “because it’s not easy to come alone.”

At that point, he had never been to the United States and never heard of the school — last year named Chess College of the Year.

In Brownsville, Bachmann found a chess haven unlike anything he ever saw in Paraguay.

Chess haven

The reputation of elementary and high school chess teams in the area actually preceded the university’s fame. And before the university offered him a scholarship, it offered full rides to two local elementary school kids who were taking the chess world by storm.

“I understand the relationship of learning a game of great discipline and rigor like chess and learning,” said Juliet V. Garcia, UTB president. “It just makes sense when you have this pool of chess babies.”

Garcia said children in South Texas have tremendous potential for chess, despite living in one of the poorest regions of the country. The region has produced Fernando Spada and Fernando Mendez, the Brownsville boys to whom Garcia offered scholarships. At 9, they were No. 3 and No. 4 in the country in their age group last year.

It’s also a source of pride for a relatively young school in a far-flung locale. Last year the school’s team beat Yale and Stanford head-to-head and finished ahead of schools including Harvard, Duke, Northwestern and Johns Hopkins.

“How often are you going to get in that arena?” Garcia said.

Being in the U.S. gives Bachmann the chance to play more frequently in tournaments against some of the game’s best players. In Paraguay, where chess is a small but growing sport, Bachmann honed his skills largely on the Internet. He faces opponents in cyberspace with the handle “Olimpus,” a name that makes him blush in person.

Bachmann’s success may be helping kids coming up behind him in Paraguay, where the nation’s mainstream media track his accomplishments and refer to him as “nuestro campeon” or “our champion.”

More Paraguayan schools are starting chess programs. “We didn’t have any tradition and now we are getting some attention in the media,” he said.
Julio Ingolotti, general secretary of the Paraguayan Chess Federation and Bachmann’s first coach at age 5, wrote in Spanish in an e-mail that Bachmann deserves some of the credit for that.

Setting an example

“Chess is not a very popular sport in Paraguay, but in recent years the number of children playing has increased notably,” Ingolotti wrote. “An idea important for that, since he is very well known in our country and children look at him as an example.”

This weekend, Bachmann is in Morelia, Mexico, playing the toughest tournament of his life. He’s the lowest ranked of 12 grandmasters and right in the middle of the 24-person Ibero-American Chess Championship field. Each player represents a different Spanish-speaking country. At collegiate competitions, Bachmann plays for his school, but he beams at the thought of representing Paraguay.

“My idea is to be in the best 100 in the world,” Bachmann said he did not get to prepare as much for this tournament as he would have liked because juggling chess with college is a challenge. Still, he managed to spend two weeks learning his opponents’ openings and studying their earlier losses.

Bachmann wants to finish school and start playing full time.

“My idea is to be in the best 100 players,” he said. “I’m like 900 now.”

Update: In the first part of the Ibero-American Championship (Feb. 13-20) Bachmann, the fourth-rated in his six-player section, won with an undefeated 4-1. Part two runs Feb. 29-Mar. 7 - SCA

Some of Bachmann’s games:

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Lynne Babcock (1925-2007)

The doyenne of Texas chess, Lynne Babcock, died in an Austin hospice on July 8. By her side were her daughter, Dinah, and her son Jeffrey. Her other daughter, Barbara, and her other son, David, had come from out of town to be with her before her death, as had other family and friends.

Lynne was born January 17, 1925. She graduated from college (rare for a woman at that time). In the Northwest, listening to the radio at night, she heard a remarkable voice, a woman who would later meet and marry, Frank Babcock. He went on to great success as a television spokesman for Cadillac and the Jolly Green Giant, and as a co-owner of WGN-TV in Chicago. At her premature death in 1970, Lynne moved with her children to Houston where her home became the full-time Houston Chess Club. Future grandmaster Ron Henley was one of many young players who flourished there. She personally sponsored the Houston International, won by Robert Robbins.

A brilliant writer and a contributor to The Atlantic and other notable publications, Lynne gained her greatest fame with a co-authored joke book, There's an Elephant in My Sandwich. When Ed Edmondson asked her to take charge of a USCF membership campaign in the 1970s, her own piece for a March issue of Chess Life, exhorting further effort, was titled with her inimitable wit, “The Chides of March.”

Lynne found her true Texas home, Austin, a blue oasis in a red desert, in the late 1970s. For thirty years, I was her frequent houseguest there. She introduced me to Austin sites such as Esther’s Follies and the first Whole Foods store, and to such quintessential Austin pastimes as watching half a million bats fly out from under Congress Avenue Bridge (now Ann Richards Bridge) over Town Lake (now Lady Bird Johnson Lake) every evening while sipping Margaritas, and attending Spamparana, with events such as the Spam Toss and the Spam Cook-off (one year’s winner: “Spam Tartar,” an opened tin of Spam with a plastic fork stuck in it).

Lynne was an editor of Texas Knights and active in the Texas Chess Association for thirty years. A smoker for thirty years, she quit thirty years ago, but died of lung cancer. She was my dear, dear friend, and I loved her. Who is there now to share a joke with? Four children, five grandchildren, and (so far) one great-grandchild survive her.

- Tim Redman

Solutions

Back cover: 1.Qd5! (cutting off ...Kf7) with four possible replies: 1…Qxe4 or Qe6 2.Qd7#; 1…Qe7 2.Qg8#; and 1…Ke7 2.Rxe5#.

Test Your Tactics (p. 3)

1. 1...Qxc3+! 0–1 (2.bxc3 Ba3# is the Labourdannais mate).
2. 1.Rxh6+! Kxh6 2.Qh5#.
3. 1...Qxf4+ 0–1 (2.Kxf4 Bc6#). 4. 1...Bxg3+! 0–1 (2.fxg3 Re2#)
5. 1.Rxg6+! Kxg6 2.Rg1+ Kh6 3.Qg5+ Kh7 4.Qxh5#.
6. 1.Rd7! N8xd7 2.Qxh7+ Kh8 3.Ne6 1-0.

Texas Midwest Memorial

December 8th saw the Abilene Chess Club and John Williams host the Texas Midwest Memorial. Players from San Angelo, Mason, Lubbock, and Abilene competed in a four round, eight-man Swiss.

Chase Watters, home from Texas Tech, blazed through a tough field playing all three players from San Angelo for a perfect 4.0 result. Allen Eckert came in second with 2.5, drawing Charles Thomas, Robert Sturgeon and Brian Backlund, and defeating Michael Mathews. Three players tied for third place with 2: Robert Sturgeon, Neal Aylor and Harry Taylor. Sturgeon had draws against Eckert, Mathews, and a win against Neal Aylor, before losing to Watters in the last round.

Upcoming events include the Region IX Scholastic in August, and Spring Community Day Saturday April 5th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theme of this year’s event will be James Bond, and the San Angelo Chess Club will again be participating. We are looking for volunteers to man our mega chessboards and take on all challengers. Prizes will be furnished from our booth by Chess Buddies and the San Angelo Baskin-Robbins. Logan says that he will dress up as Oddjob! A four-round Swiss is planned, with food and beverages provided with entry fee, please email callrps@uddenlink.net for details.

- Rob Sturgeon
Region VIII scholastic in Brownsville sets record

The Region VIII Scholastic was held Feb. 16-17 at Hanna High School in Brownsville. This event set a new record for attendance, with an official tally of 1,331 entrants.

The top three players in each section were awarded trips to the state scholastic in Houston, paid for by the Brownsville School District. Many school districts use this event as a qualifier for their teams, paying all expenses to state and/or nationals if they finish in the top brackets. Brownsville, Harlingen, San Benito and Los Fresnos are among the districts that do this.

In the K-1 division, Hudson Elementary had the top team and Maverick Resa (7.0) of Dr. Cash Elementary was top individual.

In Primary JV, Alysia Hernandez (7.0) won, and led her Dr. Garza Elementary team to victory.

In Elementary, Fernando Mendez (6.5) of Garden Park was top individual, and Dr. Cash Elementary was the winning team.

In Middle School JV, Ismael Garcia (6.5) and his school Miller Jordan were top individual and team.

In Middle School, Vela was the top team and Simon Vasquez (6.5) of Miller Jordan the top individual.

In High School JV, San Benito won team honors, and Jesus Rivera of Hanna HS was top individual.

In High School, Juan Delgado and his team from Hanna HS were winners. Delgado was awarded a $1,000 scholarship to the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

In Collegiate, UT-Brownsville was the top team, with a three-way tie for top individual: Vicente Flores, Joseph Molina and Alan Gracia. They each scored 2.5 in the four round event. (All the K-1 scholastics were seven rounds.)

The event ran quite smoothly with only the usual first round sluggishness and small glitches here and there that are to be expected at an event of this size. The crew, staff and volunteers were well prepared and quite professional.

I would like to extend my thanks and the thanks of everyone in our Region to Hanna High School (especially Nelda Rogers!), the Brownsville School District, Paperclip Pairings, Victor J. Flores, Victor A. Flores, Victor Bailey, Tony Meza, Vicente Garcia, Joseph Molina, Lakshmana Viswanath, Dan DeLeon, Matthew Gracia, Michael Pena, Eddie Lopez Sr., Jaime Flores, Jared Korab, Jose Arguelles, Angelo Saco, Freddie Munoz, David Valdez, J.J. Garza, Astrid Santoyo, Daphne Wang, Margarita Flores and Victor Antonio Flores, all volunteers, all staff and especially all the players, their coaches and parents for a truly wonderful event.

See you next year in El Valle in McAllen, Texas for the 2009 State Scholastics!

Ed Guitzow
TCA Region VIII Director

Sicilian B27

Jeffrey Hung 1749
Simon Vasquez 1619

Region VIII MS (6)


Simon Vasquez 1619
J an Santos 1572

Region VIII MS (7)


GAMES FROM CLUB EVENTS

The Methodist Hospital Chess Club in San Antonio began almost nine years ago. It has steadily picked up players for the Wednesday night tournaments, lately averaging about 18 entrants. The G/90 format (originally it was G/60, a tad fast for Patty and myself!) has produced some good fighting chess.

English Opening A28
Nathanael L ozano 1863
Selby Anderson 2234

MHCC February (3)

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3

This doesn’t get much attention, but it is a practical choice with a healthy winning percentage – 61%, compared with 53% for 4.g3 and 52% for 4.d4 (NIC Base).

4... Bc5 5.a3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bb5 Nc6 8.Bxc6+?

The resulting light square weakness in White’s camp is worth at least a pawn to Black. Better is 8.bxc3 Qd6 9.d4=.

B...Bxc6 9.bxc3 e4 10.Ne5?!

10.Nd4 Qd5 11.Qd4 Bd7??

10...Qd5 11.Qa4 0-0!
... 12.Nxc6
Qh5 17.f3 Bh4+ 18.Kd1 Qf5= White would have been considerably worse.
(16...Bf6 17.Rb6 Rf6 18.Qe1 c6 19.Qc3 Qg5 20.Qg3 Bh4+ 21.Kd1 Bf3+ 22.Kc1 Bxe2#
(a) 27...Rh8 28.Qe1 Qg5 29.Qe4 Qh6 looks strong, but 30.Qg1! even
wins 30...Qxe4+ 31.Kf2 Qxd2 32.Kd3 Ke6 34.g4=
(b) I looked at 27...Qh4! but was worried about leaving my king unat-
tended. Wrong! White runs out of checks with either 28.Qf4 Rh8 29.
Qg5+ Kf7?Kor 28.Qc1 Qxb3 29. Rb1 Qd3 30.Rxb5+ Kg6. 28.Kf2 Rh8 29.Qg2 Re8 30.Qf3
Rh8 31.Rh1 Rxh1 32.Qxh1 Qh6 33.Qg3=

Now Black must tread carefully. Trading queens loses instantly by the
outside passed pawn decoy. 33... Kxh6 34.Kf3 Qg5 35... Qh6 36.Kg3 Qxh4 37.
Kh2 1½-½
Shawn Noland’s ten-year-old son Quintin toppled club veteran Ray
Smith, who has been playing since 1965. In an e-mail that day, Shawn
wrote (prophetically!): “Quintin may surprise if not taken seriously.”

French Defense C13
Raymond Smith 1700
Quintin Noland 960
MHCC January (2)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Nxe4 dxe4 8.Bb2 f5 9.Qe1 Qf6
10.Ne2 Bc6 11.0-0-0-0-0 12.Qf3
Nf5 13.Re1 Bh7 14.h3 Ne4 15.Nxe4

Qh5 17.f3 Bh4+ 18.Kd1 Qf5=
16...Bh4 17.Bb2 Qf5 18.0-0-0-0 19.Qd1
(7...Qa4) 19.Bf3 Bf3+ 20.Kg1 Bc7 21.Na2 Ba4+ 22.Kc1 Bb3 7A
14...Bb7? 15.Ne2 Qc4!
White’s queen is utterly cut out of play. I anticipated 16.Bb2 Ba6
17.Nc1 Rh8 18.Rb1 Rb7??! with ...Bc7 or ...Rab8 to follow.

QP Opening D02
Greg Wren 1693
Selby Anderson 2234
MHCC February (1)
1.d4 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2
Greg used to play this opening in practice games against me 25 years
ago. If I slowed down my play now, I might have recalled that my
best results had been with 3...e6 4.0-0 c5 5.c3 (he would never play the Cat-
alan 5.c4) – and that 4...c6, although logical, tended to produce flat play.
This game bears that out.
4...c6 5.Nf3 Bf5 5.0-0 h6 6.Nbd2
Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.b3 Be7 9.a4!
I was expecting something like 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Ne5.
9... a5 10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Rxa3 Qe6
12.a4 Qa6 13.Na3 Be7 14.h3 Ne4

17.Nc1 Rfb8 18.Rb1 Rb7
White’s queen is utterly cut out of
10 serious defense here.
18.Qd8+ Kf7 19.Qh8? White’s queen is utterly cut out of
10 serious defense here.
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10 serious defense here.
French Defense C11
David Pacheco 1192
Natalie Noland 664
MHCC January (5)
16...gxf4 17.Bxf4 cxd4 18.cxd4= 17...dxe5 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Qd2 0-0 20.Qe3;
18...Be7 19.Bxe7 Qe7 20.Qxe7 Rxe7 21.Rfd1
11.Qxc3 Qe7 1 also considered 11...Ne4 12. Qc2 (12.Qd3 Nf6=) 12...f5 13.d5
12.b4 Bg4!? 13.bxc5 Bxf3 14.Bxf3
16...Nxb5 17.Rd4 Bb6 18.Rd8 cxd4 19.Qc1 Ne4 20.Qxe3 Nxe3
11...Nc6 6.dxc5? [4.Bg5; 4.e5; 4.exd5] 4...c5?! 5.Nf3 Bc5 6.e5 Bxe5
15.Nd5 Rd8 16.c3 Be6 17.Rhd1
I viewed the closing of the center (what’s left of it) with relief, as open
lines favor the bishop pair. It turns
out, however, that my proud knights
will be precariously placed.
17...Bb6 18.Qc3 Nc6 19.Rd4 Rde8 20.Bg5 Qd8
White should turn the heat on the knight at d4, e.g.: 21.Be3! Re7 22.
12...Bb6 13.Bf4 d5 14.Nf3 Be7 15.d5 Ne5 16.dxe5 Bxe5
Kd8
31.Rd1
Rc8 32.Bb7 Rxc8+ 33.Kb1
32.Qe2 Rb8 33.Qxe2 Rb8
Black is also winning after other
defenses, but he must thread his way
carefully:
(a) 26.h4 Nxe2+ 27.Kg2 gxh4
30.Rb1 Rfx2+ 31.Kh1 Nd5 32.g4
4f2?? 28...Kf7 29.Rb7 Kg6! 30.Bxe2
h3+ 31.Kh2 Rxe2 32.Rb1 Rfx2+ 33.Kh1 Qg7++?w
(b) 26.Kg2 g4 27.h4 gxh3+ 28.
Rb7+ Kg6 32.Rxa7 Rxf1 33.Ra6+ Kf7
34.Ra7+ Kg6 35.Qxe4+ Ne6 36.
Rb8+ Kg7 37.Ra7+ Kg8 38.Rc7+ Kd8??
26...Qh3?? 27.Rb8+ Kg7 28.f4
Nce2+ 29.Kf2 Qxf1+ 30.Kc3 Nxf4+
31.Kd2 Qxd3+ 0-1
Sicilian Najdorf B66
Michael Oakes 1517
Mark Mctue 1952
MHCC December (1)
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0
26...Bb6 27.Qd2 Qd5 28.Qxd5
Rxf3 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Qd4
Qxf5
6.Kf1 Qf7 25.Ba5 =
26.Ba5= 26...cxb5
18...Nh5 19.Bf4 0-0 20.Bxh6
12.a4 Nc6 13.Qd2
0-1
English Opening A17
Nathanal Llozano 1845
Seby Anderson 2231
MHCC January (2)
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qc2 c5 4.Nf3
3.Nc6 5.a3 Bb5 6.Qe2 a6 7.Bg3
8.0-0 d5 9.d4 a5 10.Ba4
Karpov-Adams, Groningen 1995
9.d3 h6 10.e3 e5 11.h3? Karpov
...cxd4! 11.exd4 exd4 12.Nb5
...cxb5 16.Nc7 Bxb8 17.Nb5=
11.Qxc3 Qe7
12.Qc2 (12.Qd3 Nf6=) 12...f5 13.d5
I also considered 11...Ne4 12.
Ne7 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Bxd2?
12.Qxe3 f5 11.Qc2 Qf6 11...f5
Nh5 16.Nf3 Bf5 17.Bf4 g6
f4 17...Nh5 18.Qd3 f5 19.gxf5
Qxf5
27.Qxh4
17.Bb2 Rf8 18.Qd3+ Nf6
d6+?)
32.Qxb7 Rb8 33.Kf1 Qe3
30.Rbb1 Rxb1+ 31.Kb2 Qgxh3
16...Rd8 20.d5= 17.Rd1
5+ 2-+ =+
P
2...+P+=P"
1+=-+eL=K!-
xa b c d e f g h y
25...Qh6?! A mistake would be 25...f4? 26.
Bxf4, but interesting is 25...g4?!
26.Rh8+ (26.Qg2 Qh3 27.Rh4
gxh3+ 28.Kh2 Qc1 29.Bf4 Qa1 30.Rb8+
Kf7 31.Rb7+ Kg6) 26...Kf7 27.
Bh4 Ncc2+ 28.Kg2 Nxf4+ 29.gxf4
Qh6 30.Rb7+ Kg6 31.Qg3 Qh3+ 32.
Qxh3 gxh3+ 33.Kd6??
White can turn the tables with
31.Rc1 Na3 32.Bxh4 d4 33.Nb3
d3 34. b6 d2 35.Rd1=8d0
31...Nxax7 32.Rxa7 Kf7 33.Kf1 Ke7 34.h4 Kd7 35.b4 Kc7 36.b5 K b6
[36...Rb7 37.Raf8 Rb6=] 37.Ra6+ Kxb5 38.Rxg6 Rxb7 39.Rg5 Kc4
40.Rfxf5 Kd3 41.Rxe5?

41.g4 Ke4 42.Rf8 d4 43.h5 d3
44.Qe1 Rb1+ 45.Kd2 Rb2+ 46.Kc1
Rc2+ 47.Ke1 Ra2 48.h6 Ra1+ 49.Kd2 Ra2+ 50.Kc3 Re2+ 51.Kb3
Rc1 52.Ke2 d2 53.Re8 Rh1 54.Kc3
d1Q 55.Rxd1 Rxd7 56.Rd3?A
41...Rb1+ 42.Rel Rxe1+ 43.Kxe1
Kc2

Perfectly timed.
44.f4 d4 0-1

**Diemer Gambit D00**

Charles R. Davis 1564
Nathanael Lzoano 1805

MHCC October (5)

1.e4 c6

Black wins a pawn with 1...c5!, as one annotator cheekily wrote of a Ken Smith game in San Antonio 1972. (The favorite son from Dallas went 0-3 with his gambit, a Davis favorite.) But Davis has another gambit lined up for the Caro-Kann.

2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.f3!? exf3
5.Nxf3 Bg4

Also good is 5...Bf5. Now the most popular idea is 6.h3, but Davis' move 6.d3 has merit.

Qe1

X B A C D E F G H Y
8r + x q k b - g -
(7p p + n + p p p' -
6- + p + p + - + - + &
5+ - - - - - - - %
4- + - - + + + $
3- - - - - - - - + #
2P p + + + + + + +'
1B + - + Q R K - +
X b c d e f g h y
9...Qc7

The next month, Lozano varied with 9...Bx3 10.Rxf3 Bb6 11.Bf4
Bxf4 (11...Qb6!! ?? Fritz) 12.Rxf4

Qc7 13.Qf2 0-0 14.Rf1 e5 15.dxe5
Qxe5 16.Rf5 Qc7 17.Qh4 Qb6+
18.Kh1 Rfe8 19.Ne4! Qxb2
22.Qxh7+ Kf8 (diagram):

X A B C D E F G H Y
8r + - + r k - + +
(7p p + - + p + Q
6- - p + - + - + &
5- - - - - - + + %
4- - - - - + + $
3+ - + L + + + - #
2P q p + - + p z
1+ - - - + R + K!

x a b c d e f g h y

Now Davis could have won with 23.Bc4! Ke7 24.Rd1! Rf8 25.Qf5
Rfd8 (25...Rad8 26.Qx5 Ke6 27.
Rx d8+ ??) 26.Qc5+ Ke8 27.Kc1+
Qf4+ ??; A lovely illustration of encirclement tactics! Instead White gave a merry king chase, leading to a murky ending which Black won.

10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Qg3 Bd6

Even better is 11...Nh5!, which appears to win a piece.

bxc3 Qe5 15.Qd4 Qh5 16.Bxf6 gxf6
17.Qxh6 Rg8 18.Rae1 Rd8??

X A B C D E F G H Y
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(7p p + - - p + p
6- - - p + + - + &
5- - - - - - - + %
4- - - - - - + $
3- - - - - - - + #
2P + P + - + -
1+ - - - - - - + R + K!

x a b c d e f g h y


20.Bxf5! is even more incisive, but maybe Davis is keeping out the

QR. [20...Rg2+??] (20...Qf5 21.
Rd2= 22.Rf7??
20...Qg6 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rf3 Kc7

24...f5 25.Ra4 e5 26.Rh4 Rg7 27.
Rh3 b3 28.Rh7 Kf6 29.Rxg7 Kxg7
30.Rf3?

Awkward rook play almost turns the tables on White. Best is 30.c4! Rxc5 31.Bf1 Kf6 32.Kf2 e5 33.c3
bxc4 34.Kc3 Rb5 35.Bxc4 Rh2 36.
g3 and Black's central pawn duo has been stopped. Compared to holding the open h-file by staying put, 30.Rf3? practically seeks to draw fire from the black pawns.

30...e5 31.c4 Rc5 32.Rf2 bxc4 33.
Bf1 c3 34.Ba6 e4 35.Kf1 Kf6 36.g4
Kxe5 37.gxf5 gx5 38.h4 f4 39.h5

X A B C D E F G H Y
8- + - - - - - (-
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5- - z - - - - + P%
4- + p p - - $%
3- - p - - - - #
2P + P - - - -
1+ - - - - K + + + !

x a b c d e f g h y

33...f3?

39...Rd5!, seeking out the strong d2 square, is strong enough to hold the draw: 40.Ke1 e3 41.Rf1 Rd2 42.
Bd3 Rh2 43.Be2 a4 44.a3 c5 45.
Rg1 Kd4= with a standoff.

40.h6?? Kf4 41.Rh2 Ke3 41...
Rd5 42.Ke1 (Black threatens mate in two!) 42...Rd8 43.h7
Rh8 44.Bh7?? RwBlack is pacified and will run out of good moves.

42.h7 1-0

**Smith-Morra Gambit B21**

Charles R. Davis 1564
Selby Anderson 2226

MHCC October (4)

1.e4 c5 2.d4
The mild-mannered ex-Air Force mathematician is a swashbuckler on the board. His forays in the Diemer Gambit are seen earlier.

2... cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Ne6 5. Ng3 Qe6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Ng7 8. Qe2


10...Qa5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ncxe5 13.Bd3 Nxd3

13...Qxc3 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Be3 d5?

14.Rxd3 d5 15.Ng5 e5

14.Rxd3 d5 15.Ng5 e5

I anticipated his coming sac.

16.Qh5 h6

(Diagram next column)

17.Nxf7 Rxh6 18.Bxh6 Bf5!

Much better than 18...gxh6.

19.Rg3

The better try was 19.Rf3, but 19...gxh6 20.Rxf3 Rg7 or 19...Ne7 20.Bg5 Bg6 wins for Black.

Position after 15...e5

8r+1+7 2c4+1 17+2p a5+1 28z Qc5

X A B C D E F G H Y
8r+1+7 2c4+1 17+2p a5+1 28z Qc5

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Exit north on Fredericksburg Road, turn left on Medical Drive. Free parking. 210-575-6719

Prizes: $750 (based on 40 players, 2/3 gtd.): $250 1st, $125 2nd

U2100 $100, U1900 $75, U1700 $75, U1500 $75, U1300 $50, Unr. $50

Unrateds eligible only for top or unrated prizes

Entry fee: $25 if rec'd by 4/26, $30 at site. TCA membership required.

Junior U19 or Sr. 65+ entry $15 by 4/26, $20 site, counts 2/3 toward "based on".

Reg.: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Half point bye available any one round, notice before Rd. 2

Rounds begin noon with 15 min. breaks, approx. 12 – 1:15 – 2:30 – 3:45 – 5

Entries: San Antonio Chess Club, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023-0501

Hotels nearby at IH-10 and Wurzbach: Motel 6 (210)-593-0013; Holiday Inn (210) 561-9300.

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Texas State and Amateur Championship
May 23-26 or 24-26 7 Round Swiss
DFW Marriott Airport South, 4151 Centreport Blvd., Fort Worth TX 78155
Rates: $85/85/85/85. 800-228-9290 reserve by 5/1 and ask for Texas State and Amateur rate.

$ 8,350 prize fund (b/175 full entries)

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Time Controls
Rds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec increment
Rds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec increment
FIDE rated with USCF rules

Rounds: 4-day Fri. 7:45 p.m.; Sat. 2:30 - 8:30; Sun. 10 - 4; Mon. 9 - 2:30
3-day Rd. 1 Sat. 10 a.m., then merge with 4-day schedule
Up to two ½ point byes available if requested before round 2.
Byes for both round 6 and 7 not permitted.

Entry Fees: Adult $69 if received by 5/17, $80 later. Add $5 for CC phone entries.
Junior (under 19): $60 by 5/17, $72 later. Counts 90% toward prize base.
Senior (over 65), handicap or additional family member: $40 by 5/17, $55 later, counts 60% toward base. Pre-registration requires pre-payment. After 5/21 all registration and changes on-site only. All changes including withdrawal $10 after 5/20.
All: TCA membership required, other states accepted.

On-site registration: 4-day: Fri. 5/23, 6:15-7:15 p.m. 3-day: Sat. 5/24 9-9:30 a.m.

Mail entries (with payment) to Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. NS. NC. W. FIDE.

K-12 Scholastic Event (Sat. May 24): 5-rd. Swiss (Rds 1-3 G/30, Rds 4-5 G/45)
Entry fee: $26 by 5/17, $39 after. CC phone entries add $5. Onsite registration 8:15-8:45 a.m. Round 1 at 9:30 a.m., rest ASAP with short lunch break.
Sections: K-12 Championship and K-12 under 750.
Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, 5 teams in each section.
Medals to plus scores who do not win a trophy.

For more info, contact Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com www.swchess.com