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A Message from the President

Fellow Texas Chess Players,

It is truly amazing that 2008 is almost at a close. I hope that it has been a very rewarding year for everyone. As the year draws to a close, it is wise to reflect on the opportunities that we have for the coming year. Traditionally, individuals make resolutions that they want to accomplish for the New Year. In that spirit, I want to make our organizational objectives a wish list for the following year.

One of the greatest challenges that our organization faces is where its time and energy should be devoted. It is far too easy for the mission to be clouded in times of prosperity.

Very simply put: “We are corrupted by prosperity.” – Publius Cornelius Tacitus

The most pragmatic approach is to clearly define what the objectives for the year are. It is crucial that everyone in the organization understands what we want to achieve so that we can work towards a common purpose.

The three objectives that I have mapped out with the board are:

1. **Create a list of all TCA tournaments:** which will include awarded/un-awarded bids, the date bids are due and the status of bids. This list will be regularly published in Texas Knights and the Web site http://www.texaschess.org

2. **Standardize operating procedures:** Currently as an organization we are very reactive. The way that most problems are fixed is we wait for someone to e-mail the board, deliberate, and then present a resolution. Unfortunately, we fail to take preventive action.

To resolve this, we want to set criteria for different items. One of the most pressing ones is tournaments which TCA awards funds to. We need to establish consistent award amounts and criteria/deadlines for applying for those awards.

Similarly we current have several procedures which need to be improved for the efficiency of our operation.

3. **Improve membership count:** We are not giving enough members a bang for their buck. We have tournaments that attract more than 1,000 participants, yet our TCA membership remains under 300. I feel that we should do a better job recruiting while re-examining the services that our organization offers. By the end of September 2009, our collective goal should be to improve the membership count by at least 25%.

With these items alone, the board has its work cut out for it. However, the challenge should not solely rely on the top of the organization; rather it should have the buy-in from all members of the organization.

How can you help? Here are some ideas that will help us to achieve our objectives:

1) **Bid on a TCA tournament.** We will make the process simpler and more transparent for organizers to bid on, but we need for you to make the bid

2) **Encourage TCA membership at your tournaments:** always have forms handy

3) **Ask a friend to join TCA**

4) **Contribute to Texas Knights.** The editor is constantly looking for statewide or local stories. If there is a chess personality in your area that you want to write about, please do so.

5) **Give us feedback.** Let us know what we can do as an organization for you. My e-mail address is crendon44@hotmail.com.

“A good companion shortens the longest road.”

- Turkish Proverb

Take up the challenge and help us to end this year the right way.

Cordially,
Clemente Rendon
TCA President

Texas Girls' Championship

The Texas Girls’ Championship was held Oct. 25 as a one-day game/30 tournament in Kingsville. Despite the format change, the turnout of 80 was on a par with last year (84, also in Kingsville). Brownsville had the top turnout of 193 in 2005, while Corpus Christi was getting just over 100.

There were five divisions. In 1-K (6 players) Sarah Lee Sang won with 3-0.

In 2-P (19 players) there was a four-way with Amarie Wallett, Sadia Qureshi, Alexis Marquez and Priya Trakru all scoring 4-1.

In 3-E (18 players) the winner was Evan Xiang with 5-0. Victoria Mortera was second with 4-1.

In 4-M (22 players) the winner was Ellen Xiang, also with 5-0. Tied for second with 4-1 were Kristin Ramos and Tabitha Lee Sang.

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Test Your Tactics!

Combinations from recent events. Solutions: page 9

1. White to move
   Zvamic-Georges, SWO '08

2. White to move
   Bercys-Rakic, UTD-U. Belgrade '08

3. White to move
   Stoja Ramirez, SWO '08

4. Black to move
   Kappler-Carlin, SWO '08

5. Black to move
   Stanley-Anderson, Octoberfest '08

6. White to move
   Yang-English, Tx. Polgar Qualifier '08

7. Black to move
   Kramnik-Anand, WC m3 2008

8. Black to move
   Kramnik-Anand, WC m5 2008

9. White to move
   Ray Robson-Brian Wall, Fla. Chp. 2008
FM Darwin Yang wins bronze in World Youth U12

Darwin Yang of Dallas scored 8/11 to win the third place bronze medal in the under-twelve division of the World Youth Championships, held Oct.20-31 in Vung Tau, Vietnam. He had led the event after six rounds.

Of the 28 players from the US, the only other medallist was Samuel Shankland of California, who tied for first in under-18 and won bronze on the tiebreak. His result gained him the title of International Master.

Two other Texas representatives performed notably: Jonathan Chiang (fifth in under-8) and his older sister Sarah Chaing, 13th in under-12 girls.

The US contingent won three team medals.

India had the powerhouse team, helped by proximity and perhaps given a boost by Anand’s parallel help by and perhaps proximity and perhaps giving a boost by Anand’s parallel help by Anand’s parallel. They won eight individual plus eleven team medals.

OGD Semi Slav D45

Darwin Yang 2182
Pin-Hung Chen 1700

World Youth U12 (5)

| 11.Nf1 Ne7 12.Qg4 Nf6 13.Nf5 d5 | 13… Qa5? |

In the final round, Shankland outplayed Le Quang Liem (2583) in the ending (see diagram next column). Black has just played 42…Rb8-e8, a mistake which Shankland exploits fully. Best was 42…Rh8, probably drawing with best play.

**TEXAS GIRLS**, contd from p. 3

In 5-H (16 players) the Polgar champion Courtney Jamison won with 4.5 (drawing Angel Bohannon). Tied for second were Julia Jones and Rheanna English with 4-1.

Eddie Riess directed for the Kingsville Chess Club.

Regrettably, no scholarship was awarded as in past years. James Stallings, director of the UT Dallas Chess Program, explained that their sponsorship was pulled because the change of tournament format had not been made explicit when the bid was submitted to TCA.

To avoid similar surprises in the future, Stallings has provided TCA with a form setting out conditions for the award of UTD scholarships. These include providing a link to the UTD website three months in advance of a tournament, and mentioning UTD in advertisements (including TLAs) and in articles about the event. Any major change in format (such as number of days or time control) after the signing of a bid may be grounds for withdrawal of the scholarship award.
By Jenni Huffenberger

UTD press release

UT Dallas chess players stumped the competition Friday when they triumphed over the international powerhouse team from the University of Belgrade during the third annual Trans-Atlantic Cup competition. UT Dallas competitors made their moves from laptop computers connected to the Internet. A large video screen helped spectators follow some of the action from select games.

As was the case in the 2006 and 2007 matches, UTD built up an early lead with four consecutive wins followed by two draws. The score stood at 5-1.

At that point we weren’t totally confident of a win since the same thing happened in 2006, and we went on to lose,” Stallings said. “And yet, the wins kept coming in...

35.Bh6+ Ke8 36.Rc1 Qd7 37.Qxg4 equal after 34... Bd4 35.Bh6+ Ke8 Rxg4+ 34. Kh3 Qc8 31.g4 Rhg8 32.Bc1 Nxg4 33.Bxg4

28... Kh8

The poison on the d-pawn is clear after 28... Nxd5 29.Kh2 Bc7 30.Qc2! h4 31.g4 Kf8 32.Bg2

29.Qf3 Kg7 30.Rh1 h4

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

x a b c d e f g h y


Qf3 Rg8 32.Bc1 Nxe4 33.Bxe4 Rxg4+ 34. Kh3 Qc8


X A B C D E F G H Y
8- - + + k + + + +

7q - + + + p + + 6p - - - - + + & 5+p + P P - - + % 4- - - - - + + $ 3P - - - + K + + # 2- - - + Q P L # 2- - - + K # 1++ + R R + + +

This position has come up a lot in recent years. NICBase has White winning at 92% (six wins and one draw) after 14.f4.


Better is 21.Ng3! Nc4 22.Qc1 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Bg6 24.Bh3??

21...Nd4 22.Ne1


22... Qb8 23.Bh3

X A B C D E F G H Y
8r q - - + + + + + 7+ - + n k p p p p 6- - - - - - - - 5- - + P p - - - % 4- + n - + - - $ 3P p + N k - - - L # 2- - - - - - - + R! x a b c d e f g h y


If 27.Kb1 Ra1+! promotes the pawn: 28.Kxa1 h2+ 29.Kb1 Na3+ 30.Ka2 b1Q+ and mate in a few.

27... Ra8, White resigns.

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

Anand retains world title by 6½-4½ over Kramnik

GM Viswanathan Anand of India successfully defended his title in a rematch with Vladimir Kramnik of Russia, played Oct. 14-29 in Bonn, Germany. Anand had racked up 6-3 in the best of twelve match and needed only to draw one of the three remaining games, which he did in Game 11. Kramnik’s win to delay remaining games, which he did in Game 11. Kramnik’s win to delay

As agreed before the match, the players equally split the prize fund of 1.5 million euros.

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**OQD Slav D14**

Viswanathan Anand

Vladimir Kramnik

World Championship 2008 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.cxd5

QGD Slav D14

Viswanathan Anand

Vladimir Kramnik

World Championship 2008 (4)


QGD Meran D49

Vladimir Kramnik

Viswanathan Anand

World Championship 2008 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6

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**Nimzo-Indian E25**

Viswanathan Anand

Vladimir Kramnik

World Championship 2008 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5

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**OQD D37**

Viswanathan Anand

Vladimir Kramnik

World Championship 2008 (6)


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**OQD D49**

Viswanathan Anand

Vladimir Kramnik

World Championship 2008 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6

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Vimたくさんの方々がお集まりいただき、ありがとうございます。
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\begin{array}{l}
39. Qg5 + Kh8 \\
Qc4 \\
37. Qg5 + Kh8 \\
38. Qf6 + Kg8 \\
34. Qg5 \\
31. Qh4 Kg7 \\
32. e5 f5 \\
33. Qf6 + Kg8 \\
29. Kh8 \\
Kh8 \\
26. Kg2 Rd8 \\
27. Qh5 Kg8 \\
28. Qg4 + Kh8 \\
24. a4 Qf7 \\
25. Bf1 Be5 \\
26. Ra1 c4 \\
27. dxe5 b6 \\
28. b4 Rc4 \\
29. Rxc4 \\
24. h3 Kf7 \\
25. Kf2 Kg6 \\
26. Ke2 fxe5 \\
22. Bd6 g5 \\
18… c5 \\
19. Qa5 Rfc8 \\
20. Ba3 Qc3 \\
21. Bxg6 hxg6 \\
17. Nd3 Qb6 \\
18. Ne1 Bg6 \\
16. Qa4 Nb6 \\
17. Qb4 Qh5 \\
15. 0-0 Bg6 \\
12. Ne5 Qe7 \\
13. 0-0 Bd7 \\
10. Qe2 Bg6 \\
8. Qe2 Qa5 \\
9. Bd2 \\

\end{array}
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Malazarte wins Octoberfest

Emesto Malazarte won the Octoberfest tournament (San Antonio, Oct. 4-5) with 4.5 out of 5, defeating Selby Anderson and Don Flournoy, only drawing Hyltin. Don Flournoy (2106), a club regular in the 80s now playing his first tournament in years, was picked in the first round by Seth Davis (1517) but was playing on top board by the last round. Tied for second plus U2200 prizes were Andrew Nathanael Lozano and Martin Gordon, both with 4. The U2000 prize was won by Zhaosu Ye with 3. The U1800 prize was split by Daniel Martin Gordon, both with 4. The U2000 prize was won by Zhaosu Ye with 3.

Caro-Kann Defense B12

Nguyen Tuan 2200
Nathanael Lozano 1942

Octoberfest (2)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6
5.Be2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.b3 Ng8 8.a3
cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc8 10.b3 Be7 11.Bb2
Rc1 Qd7 15.Nb3 Rc7
15...Na4 16.Ba4 a6= (Fritz).
16.Nc5 Qe8 17.Qc3 Nb7
17...Qa5!? 18...Rf8.
18.Qe3 Nc5 19.dxc5 a5
A less forcing line with …a6 or …Rd8 leaves the onus on White to
come up with a plan.
20.b5 Nb8 21.Bd4
1...e5 2.Nbd2 Nb6 13.b4 Rc8 14.
Nc5 Qc8 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.bxc6 Qc8
17...Nbd4 Rac8 18.h3 Nd5 19.Rdc1
Qe7 19...Qxc1+ 20.Qd2 h6
21.Rxc8 21.Rxc8= Rxc8 22.Rc1
1...Qe8
I was expecting 21...Nd7 22.h6
Rxc5 23.Bxc5 Bxc5 when 24.Nd4!
?Nxf5 is interesting. Fritz gives
24...B6g 25.Bb5 Nxb6 26.Qc3 Bxd4
27. Qxd4 Qd8 28.Rfe1? U
22.Qd2 f6 23.Qxf6 Bg7 24.Nd2 g5
There was nothing to fear from
27.Qxg5 Rg6 28.Qe3 Rge7 29.Nh4, but
the text is certainly annoying. On
27...h6 White can keep the heat on
with 28.fd4 xd4 29.Qxd4, with play
on both sides of the board.
27...Rg7 28.c6 bx6 29.bxc6 Qc8
30.c7 Rxc7 31.Qxg5+ Rg6 32.Nxg6
Bxg6 33.Bg4 Kf7 34.Qf4+ 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E44

J.P. Hyltin 2031
Zhaosu Ye 1722

Octoberfest (2)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6
5.Nxe2 Bb7 6.a3 Be7
In Rd. 1 played 6... Bbxc6+.
7.d5 exd5
Better is 7...0-0 8.e4 d6 9.g3 c6.
8.cxd5 0-0 9.g3 Re8 10.Bg2 d6
11.0-0 Nfd7 12.b4 Bf6 13.Nd4 Ne5
14.f4 c5?
After this Black is never let back
in the game. Better is 14...Ng6 15.
Qe3 a5 16.Bb2 Na6, although White
is favored in the complications: 17.Ne4!
21...Qe8
I was expecting 21...Nd7 22.h6
Rxc5 23.Bxc5 Bxc5 when 24.Nd4!
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27...Rg7 28.c6 bx6 29.bxc6 Qc8
30.c7 Rxc7 31.Qxg5+ Rg6 32.Nxg6
Bxg6 33.Bg4 Kf7 34.Qf4+ 1-0

French Defense C00

Martin Gordon 1887
Seth Davis 1517

Octoberfest (2)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.g3 Nf6
Nd4 cxd4 9.Bd3 Bb4 10.0-0 0-0
Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bd4 Qf5 16.f4 e3
11.Nxd5 exd5 12.e6 Qb6
12...Qxf4+ 13.gxf4 Nc4 15.0-0
exf7+ Kf8 15.Qxb4 Nxb4 16.a3
Nc6?! 13.exd7+ Bxd7 14.Qb3
14.Rxd5 Qxb2 15.Ne5 Qe1+ 16.
Rxd5 Nxe5 17.Rxe1 Bxa4 18.Rxe5+}

Smith-Morra Gambit B21

Seth Davis 1517
Don Flournoy 2108

Octoberfest (1)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dx3 4.Nc3
Nd5 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bc4 Bc5 7.0-0 Nc6
8.Qe2 Ng7 9.Rd1 b5 10.Bb3 Qb6
14.axb3 f5 [14...Bx6 15.Rxd6
17.Nbd4 Rac8 18.h3 Nd5 19.Rdc1
Qe7 [19...Qxc1+ 20.Qd2 h6
21.Rxc8=] Rxc8 22.Rc1
1...Qe8
I was expecting 21...Nd7 22.h6
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22.Qd2 f6 23.Qxf6 Bg7 24.Nd2 g5
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with 28.fd4 xd4 29.Qxd4, with play
on both sides of the board.
27...Rg7 28.c6 bx6 29.bxc6 Qc8
30.c7 Rxc7 31.Qxg5+ Rg6 32.Nxg6
Bxg6 33.Bg4 Kf7 34.Qf4+ 1-0
XAB C D E F G H Y
8r + + + k + - z ( 7+ p + l + p p + 6p q n + n + - + + & 5+ + p + + + - % 4- k + - k - + $ 3+ q + + n N P - # 2P P + + - P - P " 1+ - K R + L + R !  

19...fxe6 20.Bxe6+ Kg7 21.Rhf1 Qc5 22.Rd7+ with a massive onslaught: 22...Rc7 23.Be3 Qe5 24. Bxd7+ 23...Qa6 24.Rf7+
20.Qd4!

White extricates the knight.

1-0

English Opening A13

GREGG STANLEY 2068

Selby Anderson 2200

Octoberfest (3)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.g3 Nf6 4.a3 Bxc3 5.bxc3 d6 6.h4 c5 7.d3 e5 8.f4 N6 9.fx5 e6 10.Nh4 Ng4 11.Qd6 Qf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ne4 f5

14.Bg5 f6 15.Nxc5 Nf6


15...fxe6 16.Ng4 Bg4 17.gxf6

17.h3 Be6 18.Bg4 Qd7


22...fxe3 23.Bxe3 Rxf1+ 24. Qxf1 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Qf6 26.c4 Nxc4 27.dxc4 Rxe37

23.Bxe6 Rxe6 24.Kh1 Rg6 [24...g5]

25.Be3 Rgf6 26.Bf2 Rde6 27.d4

Nxd4 28.Qg4 Qf7 29.Qe2?

Setting up a cheapo (30.d5 threatens both the knight and Bxc5) at the cost of giving up a huge tempo, for a pawn wedge that is the basis for the final assault.

29...Qf3 30.Qc2 Rg6 31.Rg1 Qg2

8xh3 Bc5 8...c5 9.Bc4 Bxc3 10.bxc3 d6 11.Bg2 c5 12.d3 e5

Selby Anderson 2200

Octoberfest (4)

ERNESTO M ALAZARTE 2140

A. J. Hyttn 2031


ECO says the position is equal.

12...Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Bf5 14.Ng3 Qd7 15.Qc5

White gains nothing from 15. Qxd7 Bxd7 16.Rc7 Rad8 17.Rd1 Bh5=

15...Be6 16.Rad1 Qc8 17.Qc3 f6 18.Rd3 c6 19.Rde8 Bd5 20.Rd7

Kh8 21.Rh3 b5 22.Nh5 Qf5? 22...Rf7 23.a3?N

23.Qxg7 Qg6 24.g4 Rg8 25.Nh5 Rf8 26.Kh2?


Sidlllan Sveshnikov B33

Selby Anderson 2200

Ernesto M Alazarte 2040

Octoberfest (4)


XAB C D E F G H Y

8- + + + + + z ( 7- + p + + + p p + 6- p q n - + + + & 5+ + p + + + - % 4- - k + - k + + $ 3- + q + + n N P - # 2P P + + - P - P " 1- + - K R + L + R !

14...Qxg7 26...Qxg7 27.Qxg7 Rg2+ 28.Kh1 Rg3+ 29.Nf3 Bxf3+ 30.Qxf3 Rxf3 31. Kg2 Rf5 = 32.Rxa7 Rg8+ 33.Kh1 Rg5 34.Kh2 Rf5 35.Ra2 b4 36.a4 bx3 37.bxa3 h6 38.a4 Re7 39. Ra8+ Kh7 40.a5 Rf3 41.a6 Ra3 42. Rf8 Rxa6 43.Rf6 Ra5 44.Rc6 Rf5 45.c4 Rf3 46.c5 Rf3 47.Rd2 Rg5 48.Rd7+ Rg7 49.Rxg7+ Kxg7 50.Rc7+ Kf6 51.h4 Kg6 52.Kg2 Kxh5 53.Kc6 Kh4 54.Kh6+ Kg5

55.Rc6 Kf5 56.Rh6 Ke5 ½-½
23.Kh1 Ra8 24.f4 Bf6 25.g4 g6 26.
Nxf5 gxf5 27.Rg1+ Kg8 28.Bf1 Ra1 29.Qg2 Qd8 30.Qh3 Qd7 31.Nc2 
Rb1 32.Ne3 Nc3 33.Qg3 Qc8 34. 
Nd5???

"When the win is in sight, sit on 
your hands." – Siegebert Tarrasch

An easy win is 34.Bxd3 Rxe1+ 
35.Qxe1 Bxd3 36.Qxd3 Qxd3 37.Nxd3 
Kf7 38.Rxe6 Rxe6 39.Qxg6+ hxg6 40.Qe4+ 
Kf7! 40...Qg6+ 41.Rxe6 e3 0–1

Benko Gambit A57

J. P. Hyltin 2031

Marten Gordon 1887

Octoberfest (4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d3 d5 b5 4.exd5 
Qa5+ 5.Bd2 Qxb5 6.Nc3 Qb7 7.e4 
g6 8.Be3 d6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.0–0 
0-0 11.Qc1 Nf7 12.b3 Qb6 13.Bb2 
Nxe2 a5 17.Ra3 Qd8 18.Nc3 Qf6 
xg5 22.Qxg5+ Kh7 23.Rh5+ Nh5 
24.Qxh5+ Kg7 ½–½

QP Game A45

Ernesto M alazarte 2140

Don Flourny 2108

Octoberfest (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d3 d5 a5 4. 
Ng3 Nc6 5.c3 Qxc5 6.Nh3 Qh5 
7.Qd3 d5 [7...g6?!] 8.Bg5 Nc4

The d-pawn is taboo because of 
the lateral pin: 9.Qxd5?? h6.

9...cxd5 10. Qxe6 h6 11.Bb5??

XABCD EFGHY

8...+ - + + - + K + ( 
7p - + - + - + p - 
6- + n + - - + 
5+ + L + - + - + q 
4- - + - + - + q 
3+ N + - - + + 
2P - - - + - + p 
1R - - + - K + - R !

Although this gets rewarded, a 
more solid approach is 11.Bb4 Bf5 
12.Qd4 Bd7 13.0–0 with an edge.

11...Qg6?

After this Black’s pawns are 
compromised far beyond whatever 
comp the bishop pair offers. Better is 
11...Kd7 when 12.Rd1!! hxg5 13. 
Rxd7 is answered by 13...Nf6! with 
Bxh6 Qxc5 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Qe5! 
and White is lucky to get out with 
near equality.

Bf4 g5 15.Bg3 e6 16.0–0 Nf6 17. 
Ne5 Bd7 18.Rhe1 Nc8 19.Nxc6 Kf7 
20.Nxe5+ Kg8 21.Rxe6 Kh7 22.Rd8 
Kf7 23.Ne5+ Kg8 24.Nc5 1–0

Nimzo-Indian E45

J. P. Hyltin 2031

Selby Anderson 2200

Octoberfest (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 
10...d4 dxc4 11.bxc4 Qd7 12.Nb5 
Qe7 16.0–0 Rac8 17.Rfd1? ECO. 
10...Nf7 11.Rc1 dxc4 12.bxc4 Bb7 
13.0–0 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Qb3 
Rbb8 16.a2 Nf5 17.Rd1 Qd7 18. 
Rb1 Ne4 19.Bel Nxc3 20.Bxc3 Qg5 
24.Bxf3 Qxf3 25.Qd2 h5 
25...Rxb8 26.Rxb8 Qxe4 27.Re1=

26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Re1=

27.Be5 Rf8 28.Qd3 Qg4 = 
27...h4 28.Qe2 Qxe2 29.Rxe2=

XABCD EFGHY

8+ - + - + + K + ( 
7p - + - + - + p - 
6- + n + - - + 
5+ + L + - + - + q 
4- - + - + - + q 
3+ N + - - + + 
2P - - - + - + p 
1R - - + - K + - R !

29... Rb3+!

29...Rg3 30.Qg3 Nf6??

30.Bb2 h3 31.Rc2 Rd6 32.Kf1 
Nxc4 [a5!] 33.Rx4 Rxb2 34.Rxc5 
g4 Rg2 38.Rh5 Rgl 39. Rxh3 Ra1 
40. Rf5 Rx3a 41.Rb5 Kg7

Better but not conclusive is 
41...a6 42.Rb7 Rc3 43.Ra7 Rc6.

42.Kg3 Kc7 43.Rb7 f6 44.Rc7 e5 
45.Kf3 a5 46.Ra7 Ra4 47.Kg3 Ra3 
48.Kf3 Kh6 49.Kg3 g6 50.Ra6 Kg5 
51.Ra7 Ra4 52.f4+ ef4+ 53.exf4+ 
Kc6 54.Ra6 Kg7 ½–½

Dutch Defense A85

Gregg Stanley 2068

Nathanael Lozano 1942

Octoberfest (5)

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 g6 4.f3 Bg7 
4...c5 5.d5 Bg4 6.Nh3 0-0 7.e5 
Ng5 8.Bxe7 e6 9.Bg5 Bxe7 10.Bc4 
Na5 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Qe2 Qe6 15.e3 
Re8 16.a3 a5 17.Kc2 b5 18.Bxb5 
Bxb5 19.a4 Nd4 20.a5 e5 21.Bxe5 
Bxe5 22.Qf3 Qd7 23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24. 
Re5 Rh3 25.Qxe5 Rxe5 26.Qxe5 
Kg7 27.a4 e4 28.Qxa4 Kf6 29. 
Qe4+ Qe7 30.Qxe7 Rxe7 31.Kf3 
Kf6 32.Kg4 Kf5 33.Rxe7 Rxe7 34. 
Kxg5 Kf6 35.Kf4 Ke6 36.Kf5 Kd7

12...Qe8 22.Bxe8??

22.Ng3 Ne6 23.f4 Ng6 24.Nc2 
7 targeting d4 and f5.

22... Qxh5 23.Bd6 Rd8 24.Bxc7? 
Re7 Bxe5? 27.Bg4 Qh3 28.Qxv2 fx8 
Kg1 Qxg4+ 32.Kf2 Qd4+ 33.Qd4 
Rxh4 34.Ne2 Rxv4 35.Rd1 Rc2 36. 
Kf3 Rxa2 37.Rxd4 Rb8 38.Ng3 
Rxb2

0–1
IM Bryan Smith tops Okie Masters

IM Bryan Smith of Philadelphia won the Okie Masters, held Labor Day weekend in Tulsa, OK. He scored an impressive 6.5 out of 7 in the round robin, drawing only WIM Bayaraa Zorigt, a UTD student from Mongolia. She finished in a tie for second at 4-3 that also included Conrad Holt and UT student Alex Chua.

Besides the eight-player Okie Masters, there was another eight-player Challengers round robin (rated 2145-2216), won by Nelson Lopez and Mihail Bantic with 4.5.

The Okie Open with 52 players ended in a four-way tie, with James Long, Tim Steiner, George Trammell and Charles Johnson all scoring 5.5 in the seven-round event.

Kudos to organizer Frank Berry for copying us the database for this event, which had several Texas players, and also to the annotators.

French Tarrasch C06
Bayaraa Zorigt 2200
Chaitanya Vaidya 2200
Okie Masters 2008 (1)


My coach/boyfriend (FM Ceqmed Batchuluun - 2346) taught me this variation.

14...Ng5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5 16.Ne2 Qh4

I did not expect this move. The usual variation continues 16...Qf6 17.Qe3 a6 18.Rac1 Bd7 19.a3 Qe7 20.Rcd1.

A bad move, losing a tempo. Better is 20.Rce1! 20...d6 21.Qh3 g6 22.Qg3

I thought if I exchanged my queen it should be a better position for me, because of the e6 weak pawn. But this move was not good. 22...Qe7 23.Bb1 Qg7 24.Qe3 Rae8 25.Rfe1 [25.f4!] 25...Na5 26.Bd3 b5 27.b3 Qe7 28.Qg3 Re6 29.Qc7 Qd8 30.Qxd8 Rxd8

I feel a little more relaxed now.

31.Bc2 Rdb 32.d2 g5 33.Nc1 Be6 34.Na2 Bg6 35.Bxg6 Rxg6 36.Rc3 Kf7 37.h3 g4 38.Nb4 Rc1+ 39.Kh2 Rg8 40.Rd2 e4 41.Nxc6 [?#1.Nd3] 41...Rxc6 42.Kc3 Ndb 43.Kg4 Kf8 44.f3 Rf6 45.Kg2 Qg5 46.Rf1 Nf6 47.f4 Rxf4 48.gxf4 Rf8 49.Kg3 Nf7 50.Re8 Nxf5 51.Kf2 Rg8 52.Kg3 Qg5 53.Rf1 Kf7 54.Re1 Kg7 55.Kf2 Qd8 56.Re2 Kg6 57.Kg1 Qf6 58.Kf2 g4 59.Kf1 h4 60.Kg1 Kf5 61.Kf2 Kg4 62.Kg1 Kh4 63.Kh1 Rh2 64.Rd1

xa b c d e f g h y
8- + + - + + - + -
7- + + R + - - -
6- + + - + + - +
5+ + + + + + + +
4- - - - P - - -
32 P + P + K + + -
2+ + - + - - -
1+ - - - - - -
xa b c d e f g h y

Now I'm happy with my position.

64...e5 65.fx5+ Kxe5 66.h6 Ke6 67.h7 Rh5 68.Ra7 [68.Kg4!] 68...Nfx5 69.Rxd3 Ke5 70.Kg2 Nh4+ 71.Kf2 Nfx5 72.Rd8 1-0

Sicilian Dragon B78
M vosses M mvoisian 2265
M ayaraya Zorigt 2200
Okie Masters 2008 (2)


Actually I prepared for 3.Bb5+, because he played it against me last year. But I was happy to play a Dragon.


I have not played this variation for a long time. But I remember analyzing this position with my friends.

16.Bg5 Be6 17.Rdg1

I wasn't impressed with this move.

17...b5 18.g4 b4 19.Nd5

I was expecting 19.Ne2 so that he can defend his c2 pawn with N(h3)-d4.

19...fxd5 20.exd5 Rce8 21.Na1 hx4 22.h5 Nhx5 23.Bh6 Bc3 24.0-0 Be5 25.Rxe5?! I thought that this slows down his attack.

25...gxf6 26.Qf5 Qb6 27.Rh1 Qd4 28.Bc1Bg7

Well I was happy with my position but I still had to be wary of his ability to attack.

29.Qxh5 gxf6 [70...g3] 30.Qxf3 Qe4 31.Qd1 Rd4 32.Qf1 Rxd5 33.Rg1 Qe5 34.Qh3 Rd5 35.Qb3 Kf8 36.Rf1 f5 37.Qxb4

xa b c d e f g h y
8- + + - + + + (7 p - - + - p - - -
6- + + p - - - + &
5+ + - - - p + + %
4- - - - - p - + $
3+ + + - - - - #
2P $ P + + + + +
1Bl K + + R + + !
xa b c d e f g h y

37...Qe2 37...Rb5! 38.Qa3 Re4 39Nb3 Qe2??
38.Qf4 Qe5 39.Qg5 e6 40.Rd1 a5 41.Qg2 a4 42.c3 a3 43.Nb3 Rc4 44.Nd4 axb2 45.Bxb2 Rxc3 46. Bxc3 Rxc3 47.Qa8+ Kf7 48.Qa7+ Kf6 49.Rg1 Rg3 50.Rc1 Qe4+ 51. Rxc2 Rg1+ 52.Kb2 Kg6 53.Rd2 Rg4 54.Qd7 Bxd4+ 0-1

Modern Defense B06
Allex C Hua 2262
Bryan Smith 2394

[Andersen] 1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.e4 c5 4.d5 Nf6?!

White could still make a Schmid Benoni with 5.Nc3, but prefers to take up the challenge.


Inviting 16.Nxd6 Qf6! hitting f4 and b2.

16.Nd4 Nc5 17.Qd2 Qb6

Xa B C D E F G H Y
8r + l + - z k + ( 7+ p p+ + p # 6p Q - p - p + & 5+ - . - h k P + & 4+ - - z k - k P + $ 3+ + + - - + & 2P P P Q - P - " 1+ - K R + L + R ! x a b c d e f g h y

18.Nb3

Fritz likes White after 18.f3 Na4 19.b3 Nc5 20.h4 despite the counterplay with 20...a5 – so I fed it along: 21Nb5 a4 22.b4 (??) Nb3+ 23.cxb3 axb3 24.a3 Bd7 25.Be3 Qa6 and behold, Fritz had done a 180° flip in its evaluation, now a "??",


22...Nc3 23.Nc6 Qc7 24.Ne7+ Kf8 25.Nxc8

Xa B C D E F G H Y
8r + l + - z k + ( 7+ p q + p + p' 6- - p - p + & 5p - P - + + & 4- - - - + p + $ 3+ P z k - z k - + P # 2P + P O - P L + " 1+ - K R + L + R ! x a b c d e f g h y

25...Nxd1??

25...Nxa2+ 26.Kh1 Nc3+ 27.Kc1 Rxe7

26.Kb1??

26Nb6 Nc3 27.Nxa8 Qd8 28. Qxe3 Qxa8 29.Re1??

26...Nc3+ 27.Kc1 a4 28Nb6 axb3 29.Nxa8 Qa5 30.Qd3 Ne2+? [30... bxa2??] White resigns

26...Qd3+ 27.Kc1 a4 28Nb6 axb3 29.Nxa8 Qa5 30.Qd3 Ne2+? [30... bxa2??] White resigns


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Queen's Indian E12
Nicholas Schoonmaker 2222
Bayaraa Zorigt 2200


I seem to remember that 5... Be7 was an opening mistake.

6...d6 7.e4 d5 8.d3 0-0 9.h3 Nbd7

Black does not have an active position and is waiting further developments.


– Maybe White had better moves in this one.


Xa B C D E F G H Y
8r + l + r z k + ( 7N - p q + p + p' 6- - - - - - - + + $ 5- + P - - + % 4- + - - + - + $ 3+ P z k - z k - + P # 2+ - - - P P " 1R R + - - K + - ! x a b c d e f g h y

25...Bd6

25...Nxa2! How did I miss this good move? 26.Kxg2 Qxh3+ 27.Kg1 Bg4 (with the attack)


I considered offering a draw. I felt like White was winning with 28. dx6


Yep! Now it's a draw.

38...Nc3 39.f3 Kg8 40.Nc4 ½-½

Sicilian B86
Movses Movsisyan 2268
Nicholas Schoonmaker 2242


Variation 2...Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6!?

I consider this position to be the more 'solid' Scheveningen game. In our first encounter, Movses clean won. I played the Kalashnikov variation 2...Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 e5.
3...d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6
6.Bg5 e5 7.Qf3 0-0 8.Bb3 Na6

This avoids some of the sharper theory associated with the other
more standard knight moves.
9.f4 Nc5 10.e5

This seems a little premature. I believe that White should have sim-
ply continued to develop his pieces.
10...dxe5 11.fx5 Nxb3 12.axb3
Bc5 13.Bg3 Nc5 15...Qc7=.

I was quiet satisfied with my posi-
tion at this point.
14.Bf2

I took my first long think after
this move. I was quite attracted to a big
somewhat

White is 14...Nf4 15.Qd2? Qg5

with 15.Nf3 or 15.Qg4. Per the
obtaining the more com-
fortable position at this point.
15.Bxe4

The problem is that White
can avoid these tactics and simply
obtain the more comfortable game
with 15.Nf3 or 15.Qg4. Per the
discussion above, a sample trap for
White is 14...Nf4 15.Qd2? Qg57
with powerful threats that cannot be
satisfactorily met.
15.bxc3 Qd5?

But I halted slightly with this
move. I was too attracted to a big
attack down the a8-h1 diagonal to
the white King (with the subsequent
...b7-b6 and ...Bb7). This queen
move loses time to the inevitable c3-
c4 to follow. Better was simply
15...Qc7=.
16.Qe2 b6?

I was too fixated on my plan.
Fritz suggests 16...f6 instead, elimi-
nating White's spearhead pawn on
e5, with only a slight disadvantage to

Black. I tend to agree.
17.c4? Qd7 18.Rad1 Bb7 19.Qg4

Qc7 20.Rfe1

I was happy to see this move, as
Moves removed this piece from the
dangerous open f-file.
20...Bxd4

But now I erred again, being
fearful that White's knight could
become a very strong piece. I should
have kept the two bishops and
played to open the a-file with
20...a5.

This provides some necessary
breathing space around my king.
23.Qg3 a4 24.Rd6 f4!

XABCD EFGHY
8r + + - + t k +
7+ l -p - + p p’
6- p - R p + - + &
5+ - + - P - + - %
4p + P - - - P - + - $
3+ P + - - - Q - #
2- + P - + - P P’ w
1+ - - - R - K+- !
xa b c d e f g h y

This diverts White's attack from
my weak b-pawn and opens up the f-
file, allowing my rook to potentially
penetrate to his King.
25.Bxf4 axb3 26.cxb3 Ra2 27.Rd2?

Now I get the upper hand.
27.Bd2 was necessary, which main-
tains an edge for White.
27...Qc5+ 28.Be3

Everything else loses quickly.
28...Rxex2 29.Bxc5 bxc5 30.Qg4

White has to play very actively.
Otherwise, I will soon be able to get
doubled rooks on the seventh rank,
obtaining a winning position.
30...Bxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Bxg2 32.Kf3
Rxg2 33.Rb1 Re5 35.Rb4 Kf7

35...Rc2+ appears stronger, in
which case this rook can quickly
move behind White's c-pawn with a
chance to advance. I would
have maintained better winning
chances than in the actual game.
36.Rc+ f6 37.Rc7 h5 38.c5 g5
39.c6 Rf5 40.Rc8 Ke5 41.f4 Kd6

This is premature. The position
might be drawn in any event, but
White would have more chances to
go wrong if I had played moves that
didn't leave any material hanging.
For example I could have played
41...h4 (or perhaps 41...g4 with a
similar idea), so that once my king
eventually does move to d6, all my
kingside pawns are protected.
42.Rh8 Kxc7 43.Rh5 Kd6 44.Rf3
Ke7 45.Kg4 Kf6 46.Rh6+ Kf7
47.Kh5 Rf5 48.Kg4 Re5 49.Kh5
Rf5

½–½

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Exchange French C01
Alex Chua 2260
Thomas Gossell 2250

[Exchange] This was my first tournament since the 2007 NAO, and the 1
year break was the longest of my
career. After losing my first two
games, I managed to finish with a
decent result despite being somewhat rusty, which shows in this
game. I played well to reach a win-
ning position but lost the thread around move 30 and couldn't convert
the winning endgame.
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.e3

Going for the French exchange. I
don't think either of us really knew
any theory in this line, but Black's
quick development was the key here.
3...e6 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 Nf6
6.Bb5 Bb4 7.a3?

Amounts to a waste of a move.
Once White develops his kingside
and castles, black will probably play
Bxc3 anyway. The University of
Texas-Austin player said afterward
that having the white pieces gave
him a false sense of security here.
7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Nf3 Bg4

It's hard for White to come up with
a good plan here. The h3-g4

...
idea allows him to develop at the cost of long-term king safety.

10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bh6 12.Nd2 Re8
13.g5 Nh5 14.Qg4 f5! 15.Qgxf6 Nxf6
16.Qg5 K h8 17.h4 Q d7 18.h5 Be4
19.Rg1 h6 20.Q h4 dxc4 21.Lxc4

White actually threatens Bxh6 here.

21...Q f5 22.Bf7 Re7 23.Bg6 Q d5
24.Bxe6

24.0–0–0 might be possible here.
24...Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Rxe6 26.Qg3 R e7 27.Q h4

I got the feeling here that I was one tactical shot away from a win, but couldn't quite find it. Instead I made a string of imprecise moves.

27...Rae8

27...Qc4 keeps the king in the center.

28.Kf1 Rf8 29.Rg3 Rf5 30.Rc1

XA B C D E F G H Y
8- + - + + - - - h n(1
7 p p p t - - - -
6- + n + + - - p &
5- + +q + r + + p %
4- + - P - + R - #
3- + P + - - + Q $
2- + + + P - + - +
1- + - K - + + - +

30...Rxb5?

Two better alternatives: (a) 30...Rx e5 31.Rxe5 Rxh5 32.Qg4 Rh1+ 33.Kc2 Rx e1 34.Qg6 Q h5+ 35.Kf3
Nxd4+ 36.cxd4 Qc6+ 37.Qxc6 Rx e6+-; (b) 30...b5!, which prevents c4, prepares Na5-c4, and leaves White without any play.

31.c4!

Now Black has several ways to exchange queens. After using up most of my remaining time, I pick the worst way to do so.

31...Qh1+?

31...Qxc 4 + 32.Rxc Rxh4 was the best way to enter the endgame. While now has a weak d-pawn which also makes Black's knight superior to White's bishop. In the game, White had the superior minor piece, which gave drawing chances.

32...Qh1+ R xh1+ 33.Kg2 R xc1
34.Bxc1 Nxd4 35.Rd3 c5 36.Bf4 b6
37.a4 Re1?

The winning plan was to activate the king, then get the kingside pawns moving.

38.a5 Ne6?

But this lets the win vanish completely.

39.B e 3 Nd4 40.axb6 axb6 41.Lxb4 xd4
42.Rxd4 R e 6 43.Rd5 R c6 44.
R b5 K h7 45.Kg3 K g6 46.f4 K f6
47.Kg4 g6 48.Kg3 K e 6 49.Kg4 K f6
50.Kg3 g5 51.fxg5+ hx g5 52.Kf3
K g6 53.Kg3 K h6 54.Rd5 R xc4
55.Rd6+ K h5 56.Rxb6 R c3+ 57.
K g2 K h4 58.Rb2 g4 59.Ra 2 1/2–1/2

K1 Attack A07
Bayaraa Zorigt 2000
Bryan Smith 2394

Okei Masters 2008 (4)

[ (TomBraunlich)] 1.N f 3 N f 6 2.g 3 d 5
3.Bg 2 c 6 4.d 4 B g 4 5.Nbd 2 e 6 6.c 4
Nbd 7.0–0 Be 7 8.b 3 0–0 9.Bb 2
Q a 5 10.a 3 dxc 4 11.bxc 4 c 5 12.d 5 ?
exd 5 13.cxd 5 Nxd 4 15.N b 3 Q b 6 !
[14...Qb 5 15.Qxd 5 Be 6 16.Nb 4 !]
15. Qxd 5 Be 6 16.Qd 2 Qxb 3 17.
Rab 1 Qd 6 18.Qe 3 Qh 5 [18...
Rad 8!] 19.Ne 5 Ne 6 20.Bxe 5=
Rae 8 21.Rxb 7 Bc 8 22.Ra a 7 Bf 6
23.f4 Bc 6 24.Qxc 5 [24.fxe 5
Rxe 5 ?] 24...Qxe 25.fx e 5 Rx e 5

XA B C D E F G H Y
8 - + I q - - - - + ( 7 - + - - - - - -
6 - + p + - - - + &
5+ - - + r - + + %
4- + + + + + + +
3- - - - - - - #
2- + + + + + + + +
1- + - - K - + + -+

30...Rxb 5

31...Qc4+ 32.Rxc Rxh 4 was the best way to enter the endgame. White now has a weak d-pawn which also makes Black's knight superior to White's bishop. In the game, White had the superior minor piece, which gave drawing chances.

32...Qh 1+ R xh 1+ 33.Kg 2 R xc 1
34.Bxc 1 Nxd 4 35.Rd 3 c 5 36.Bf 4 b 6
37.a 4 Re 1 ?

The winning plan was to activate the king, then get the kingside pawns moving.

38.a 5 Ne 6 ?

But this lets the win vanish completely.

39.B e 3 Nd 4 40.axb 6 axb 6 41.Lxb 4 xd 4
42.Rxd 4 R e 6 43.Rd 5 R c 6 44.
R b 5 K h 7 45.Kg 3 K g 6 46.f 4 K f 6
47.Kg 4 g 6 48.Kg 3 K e 6 49.Kg 4 K f 6
50.Kg 3 g 5 51.fxg 5 hx g 5 52.Kf 3
K g 6 53.Kg 3 K h 6 54.Rd 5 R xc 4
55.Rd 6+ K h 5 56.Rxb 6 R c 3+ 57.
K g 2 K h 4 58.Rb 2 g 4 59.Ra 2 1/2–1/2

Sicilian Paulsen B46
Bryan Smith 2394
Nicholas Schoolmaker 2242

Okei Masters 2008 (5)

1.e 4 c 5 2.Nc 3 a 6 3.Nf 3 e 6 4.d 4 cxd 4
8.0–0 Nf 6 9.Re 1 d 4 10.Na 4 e 5
11.b 3 Bd 6 12.Bg 5 0–0 13.f4 h 6 14.Rh 4 g 5 15.fxg 5 Nh 7 16.Rf 1 hx g 5 17.Bg 7 K g 7 18.Bc 4 f 6 19.Ra 2 Re 7 20.g 2 a 5 21.Ra f 1 Q e 8 22.Nb 3 Ba 3
h 4 g 4

Rxf 7+ 29...Qe 1+=

28.Rx g 7+ K h 8 29.Rh 6+ K g 8 30.
R h g 7+ K h 8 31.Rh 7 + K g 8 32.
R h g 7+

½–½

Alex Chua 2259
Movses Movsisyan 2265
Oliver Masters 2008 (5)

1.e 4 c 5 2.Nc 3 a 6 3.Nf 3 e 6 4.d 4 cxd 4
8.0–0 Nf 6 9.Re 1 d 4 10.Na 4 e 5
11.b 3 Bd 6 12.Bg 5 0–0 13.f4 h 6 14.Rh 4 g 5 15.fxg 5 Nh 7 16.Rf 1 hx g 5 17.Bg 7 K g 7 18.Bc 4 f 6 19.Ra 2 Re 7 20.g 2 a 5 21.Ra f 1 Q e 8 22.Nb 3 Ba 3
h 4 g 4

Rxf 7+ 29...Qe 1+=

28.Rx g 7+ K h 8 29.Rh 6+ K g 8 30.
R h g 7+ K h 8 31.Rh 7 + K g 8 32.
R h g 7+

½–½

Larsen's Opening A01

[Chua] This was an important game for me, since I needed to win after my slow start.
1.b3

I wanted to play something different. This is the Larsen Nimzovich opening.

1...e 5 2.Bb 2 Nc 6 3.c 4
After this move, I intended to play a hedgehog system. I thought that I had played a little too loosely and decided to tighten up my playing style. Thus, the hedgehog which is generally a slow, maneuvering system seemed perfect.

3...Nf6 4.e4 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.a3

This is basically a reversed open Sveshnikov Sicilian which I figured would be good for me since I normally play this system as Black.

6...Bd6 7.d3 0-0 8.Nf3 f5

This move is very aggressive. Because of this move, I delay casting so that an attack on the kingside would not be effective.

9.Nbd2 f4?!

Too early! An attack must be prepared first.

10.e4 Nb6

This is very similar to a Sveshnikov Sicilian now. Here the main thing is to control the d4 square. Whoever does a better job of that will usually get some advantage.

11.b4 a6 12.Rc1 Qf6 13.Nb3?

Controlling d4.

13...a5?!

Again, premature. Black should first develop more of his pieces. This move reminded me very much of a line I play as Black. I was able to use this information to play the next part of the game essentially from memory.

14.b5! Na7 15.d4!

This move defends the b5 pawn and unbalances all of my pieces.

15...exd4 16.Nbxd4 a4 17.Qc2?!

When you have a temporary advantage, it is very important to strike while the iron is hot. This move threatens Nf5 with a discovered attack on the queen. But, perhaps Qd2 was more exact.


Black's eighth move (8...f5) comes back to haunt him. By moving his f pawn, he now has trouble defending his king.

21...h6 22.Nh47!

I don't think this was the best way to proceed, but I was trying to use the g6 square for instance after Bh7 check.

22...Be8 23.Qe2! Qe7

I was slightly worried about 23...Rd8 but I was fairly certain I would at least have a powerful attack. 24.Qe4 Rxd4 25.Qh7+ Ke6 26. e6+ Kxe6 27.Rfe1+ Kd6 (27...Kd7 28.Qxe7+ Kf6) 28.Qxg7#?

24.Nh5 Rxh5 25.Nxf5 Qg5 26.Rxc7 Bd7 27.h4! At this point, I had calculated out the win.

27...Qd8 28.Qg4 g6 29.Qh5 1-0

Nimzovich-Indian E21

Conrad Hübner
Bayana Zorigt 2200

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I was totally surprised by this move. I thought it should be good for Black somehow, but I could not figure out how to take advantage.

10...Qf6 11.g5 Qe7 12.Bg2 Nd7 13.Nd2 Nce5 14.Rg1 Bxg2 15.Rxg2 Nb7 16.Bh2 Rc8

Bad plan. [I should have castled king-side. ?f16...0-0] 17.f4 0-0 18.Qa4 a5?

This is bad too. I seem to forget that a pawn is the only piece that I cannot move back once I push it forward! [7d8..Kb8]

19.0-0 a5 20.c3? Bxc5 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.Nc4

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22...e4?

I think both 22...exd4 and 22...N6b6 give me an advantage.

23.c6 Qf7 [23...Kb8] 24.b3 K8

Why I played this move, I have no idea. The purpose of my move 23...Qf7 was to now play 24...Qg6! 24...Nbd7? 25.N6e4 25.Qb5 (25. Qxg6 h5) 25...N6e4


I thought made way too many mistakes in this game.

Sicilian B51

M oves M ovisyan 2265
Bryan Smith 2394

Okie Masters 2008 (6)


Nimovich Defense B00
Bayaraa Zorigt 2200
Tomas Gossell 2250

[Smith] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5
I offered a draw here, deciding that it was best not to waste energy since I had already secured clear first. Surprisingly, my opponent declined! In retrospect, I am glad he did. [Holt's dad said he turned it down because "he came to play"... - Jim Berry in OCQ.]

4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Nd2
This was the first time I played the Benko in a tournament game. My theoretical knowledge ended here. I guess a game that doesn't matter is a good time to try out a new opening?
5...e6 6.d4 Bxc4 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxe4 Qh4!

According to Fedorowicz, this move was recommended by Sissniega (a Mexican GM), as I found out after the game. It is important for Black to take control of kingside squares.
10.Nba3 Be7 11.Bd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nc6

I had been calculating an interesting variation here, 12...Bg5 (attempting to get a knight on f4) 13.g3 Qh5+ g6 14.Qe2 Nf6 15.Nc2 Bc5 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Qf3!?

After 5...a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Qf3!?, Black's attack now develops rapidly.
13...d3 14.Nc2
If 14.Nb5 then 14...Qxd1 15. Rxd1 Ba6 with pressure.
14...Qxd1 15.Rxd1

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15...Ra8!

This "mysterious rook move" was very important. As will be seen, the rook plays an important role on c8. Not the immediate 15...Nd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 because of 17.Na5.
16.Bf4 Nd4!

Black sacrifices a pawn to activate the bishops and open the c-file.
17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Na5
If 18.Rxd4 then best seems to be 18...Bc5 (I was also looking at 18... Rxg2?!) but it seems to be insufficient.) 19.Rd2 Rxg2! 20.Rxf2 Rf8 21.Bc3 (21.Ne3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Bxf8 and despite White's extra Exchange he is helpless, since 23.Bxe3 Bxe3# is mate) 21...Nxe3 and White can just save himself with 22.Bf4!, but Black's powerful bishops give him the advantage.
18...Ba8 19Nb3 Bd8!
I did not care about the d4 pawn, black will get wonderful compensation whenever it is captured.

20.Ba6
If 20.Nxd4 Bc7 is the safest, although 20...Bb6 was also possible. Now if 21.f4 Bb6 White can hardly move any pieces, so he should instead give back the pawn, but after...

20.Bb6 Black has a pleasant advantage. My opponent thought 20.Bb5 was an improvement, but after the simple 20...Rf7 it is not clear what he has gained.

20...Rc2 21.Rd2 Nb4 22.Bb5 Bb6
Black's attack now develops rapidly.
23.f4

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The opening of the diagonals to White's king is obviously hopeless, but nothing else saved White: 23.Bxe3 Bxe3# - Kh8 and f2 cannot be defended; 23.a3 d3 24. axb4 Rxd2 25.Bxd2 Rxf2 and the
deadly discovered check in unavoidable, since if 26.Nc5 then 26...Rxd2 and the white position collapses.

23...g5! 24.Rxc2

After any move White faces unstoppable threats. E.g. 24.a3 d3+ 25.Kf1 gxh4 26.g4 (26.axb4 fxg3+ 27.Kxe1 Bf2+) 26...Rxd2 27.Bxd2 Nc2 followed by ...Ne3+; Or 24.Bxd7 d3+ 25.Kf1 gxh4 26.Bxe6+ Kg7 27.g4 Bf3! and after ...Be2+ and ...f3 the pawn will queen.

24...Nxc2 25.Rb1 Ne3 26.Bxd7 gxf4 27.gxf4

The choice of this square turned out not to be important when the king took part in the attack! Black is of course winning after 28...Kh8 anyway, though.

29.h3

29...Rf7 (if 29...Rf5 then 30.Nxe6+ Kg7 31.Qxf5 Qe5+ 32.Kf1 Rxf5 33.Ng5+ or 30...Nf1+ forces mate. The black bishops are all powerful.)

30.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 31.Kh2 Rf5+ 32.Ke3 Kg3 Rxg2+ 33.Kh4

The double bishops are always welcome.

34...Kh6

I couldn’t keep from smiling, the game – and the tournament – ends with a king move, completing the mating net. 34...Bg5 mate is unavoidable.

About here my opponent offered a draw. I declined since I could not see how he could immediately checkmate me.


My opponent decided to test if I could win this and I give him full marks for his decision.


28...Qxa2 25.Rxe6 is a trap a nine-year-old would set.


26..Qxb7 27.Qd5

The double bishops are always welcome.

33...Kh6

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Courtney Jamison wins Polgar National

by Adam Young
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Courtney Jamison started playing chess at age 6 after her mom suggested the game as a way to keep an eye on her and her two brothers.

"(My brothers) stopped when they were in the sixth grade and I just kind of kept going because it was something I really did well at," Jamison said.

Now, the 16-year-old from Dallas is the champion of the fifth annual Susan Polgar National Invitation for Girls, the most prestigious all-girls national chess championship in the United States and hosted by the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence at Texas Tech.

"I'm not athletically inclined - I can't get sports scholarships - and I'm academically OK," said Jamison, who also has competed in Pan-American Chess Festival in Argentina. "But with chess, it's something that if you put enough work and just a little bit of talent, then you can do really well."

Winners of the six-day tournament, held Jul. 27-Aug. 1 at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the Tech campus, were announced at the event's Friday closing ceremony.

Fifty-two girls age 19 and younger representing the highest-rated chess players in their home states competed for approximately $150,000 in scholarships and prizes at the tournament.

Paul Truong, spokesman for SPICE, said Polgar, a four-time women's world chess champion, hosts the tournament for girls because people in the past didn't believe girls could or should play chess.

"Susan has proven time and time again for the last three decades that that's not true," Truong said. "Girls can play chess, they can be smart and they can have fun at the same time."

Ashley Carter of Michigan and Linda Diaz of New York tied for second and third place and split $550 in prizes as well as each receiving a $1,000 scholarship to Tech.

Diaz also received a $500 award for being the top player younger than 14.

Carter, who plans to attend Tech in January, also will receive in-state tuition as part of her scholarship.

"I also think it's a great opportunity for girls to get a chance to play against other girls, because normally, they don't get to," Carter said. Nisha Deolalikar from California won a four-year academic scholarship to Tech for being the highest finishing player who has not finished high school.

All players received free accommodations in Tech's Stangel Residence Hall as well as meals.

Tech will host the Polgar tournament for the next 10 years.
The Polgar Experience

Rheanna English

The 2008 Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls was truly a unique experience of chess tournaments. Besides our objectives on the chess board, we had another objective in mind, and that was to make friends. The tournament was so fun because of the week we had to spend together. My friends were my opponents, and my opponents became my friends.

Upon arrival, I was taken back by the welcoming and accommodating atmosphere of both Lubbock and Texas Tech. I was greeted by Grandmaster Susan Polgar at the check-in table and I met several new girls from all around the country that I would later be emailing after the tournament ended. Susan showed me the beautiful campus and all of the great accommodations that come with being a participant, like three free meals a day at the campus cafeteria and access to the athletic center.

I became friends with girls from all around the country: Pennsylvania, Kansas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Carolina, and many more. I hung out with some other Texas representatives as well. Every day after our game we would go play cards or dodge ball or go rock climbing.

The closing ceremony wrapped up the week-long pioneering event in scholastic chess. The winner was a fellow Texan (of course, we rule!) Courtney Jamison, who fought through the field of the toughest girls in the country to take home the win. We were all kind of sad to see this week end, because we were having such a great time. I exchanged e-mail and phone numbers with about everyone I could find and then hugged them all good-bye. I can’t wait until next year to see them all again.

I scored 3.5/6 in the tournament. My favorite game was the one below, because it was the most exciting to play. It involved a lot of pure calculation on the part of me and my opponent. I made a few mistakes at critical points, which cost me the game.

Notes by Rheanna English

18...Rh8 Better is 18...e5 with the idea of opening up the light squared bishop, which is vital if I am going to catch the escaping king. 19.Qxe5+(??) Nxe5+ Kh7 20.Nf6+ Kg7 21.Qxe5# (Fritz) 19...Kg8 20. Qxe5? Qxb2 21.Kd2 c4 22.dxc4 bxc4 23.Nd5 Ba6=; 18...Qxb2 19.Nxh5+ Kh7 20. Nf6+ Fritz

15...Nxa2+ 16.Kd1 hxg4 17.e5 Rb8 18.Qf4 Rh8 19.h5 Rxb5 20. Rxb5 gxb5 21.Qg5+ Kf8 22.Qxh5 Ke8=; is an alternative that Fritz came up with.

16.Qg5 Nxa2+ 17.Kd1

At this point there’s nothing better than what Rheanna played. -SKA
California Dreamin’ in Texas

By NTD Franc Guadalupe

“All the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray…”

Okay, perhaps the students who gathered at the Fort Brown Memorial Center in Brownsville for the 2008 National Youth Action do not recognize the lyrics of the Mamas and the Papas song, but many of the coaches and parents do. It being November, we did have (some) brown leaves in Southern Texas as well as gray skies. But what made this a California Dreamin’ event was the way the students from that state performed. The state of Texas accounted for 446 of the 456 participants in this event, but all three California entries took home first place in their respective categories!

In the K-12 Division, Ted Belanoff, a Senior at Woodside High School, allowed a fourth-round draw to Christopher Pena, a Senior at Hanna High School in Brownsville, while winning his other eight games and easily capturing the High School title with eight points.

Our only expert in the field was Michael William Brown, a sixth-grader at Portola Hills Elementary School in Trabuco Canyon, California, and, as expected, he was the class of the K-6 Division, winning it by point and a half, with a perfect 9-0! Although this score suggests he had an easy time, he did have some very competitive games.

The K-3 Division was won by another Californian, Winston Ching-Tze Zeng, a second-grader at Turtle Rock Elementary in Irvine, CA.

Michael William Brown also won the K-12 Blitz Championship. In the K-6 Blitz, we had a tie between Edgar Santoyo of Americo Paredes Elementary in Brownsville and Georgia Olvera from Bishop Garriga Middle in Corpus Christi.

The exciting Bughouse competition was dominated by brothers Daniel and Jeffery Hung who finished with a perfect score.

All four team champions were from Brownsville: Hanna HS in the K-12, Vela MS in the K-9 and K-6, and Americo Paredes Elementary in

(Continued next page)
Giant chess set unveiled at Little Flower Church

A landmark church in the mostly Hispanic west side of San Antonio, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower has added a giant chess set to its garden. The unveiling was held Sept. 20, with a dedication by Fr. Luis Gerardo Belmonte and Fr. Jenaro de la Cruz (pictured).

An ice cream social followed, courtesy of Dreyer’s Ice Cream. The treats were donated as an award for an essay by church volunteers on neighborhood development.

The chess set was made possible by donations from Little Flower Catholic School, City Councilman Justin Rodriguez (District 7), and Mr. And Mrs. Robert Allen.

For several years, chess has been an activity at the church’s annual “El Día de los Niños” (Children’s Day), held during Fiesta in April.

IM Kuderinov wins Houston Open

The Houston Open was held Oct. 10-19, with 94 players in six sections. IM Kirill Kuderinov from Kazakhstan (2489) won a small but strong Open with a perfect 5-0. Five players tied for second with 3.5; in tiebreak order, NM Alex Chua, experts Brad Sawyer, Artur Safin, Jose Gonzalez and Bob Shao.

IM Daniel Fernandez of UT-Brownsville had the only 3, losing to Kuderinov and drawing Chua and Sawyer. To show the depth of field, players such as Chris Land and Mark Dejmek finished with 2, playing all their games. Tied with 2.5 were Jeffrey De Jesus, Cristian Carvajal, Jason Altshuler and Frank Brack. There were 20 in the Open.

Matthew Michaelides and Alex Liu tied for first in the U2000. In U1800 Stephen Rugh won ahead of Sam Yang. In U1600 Gary Joe was clear first ahead of Robert Schultz, Sunay Nanavati and Grant Sheng. Sudvedh Shrikant won the U1300 with 5-0.

Franc Guadalupe directed for Cajun Chess, with Jean Troendle assisting.

National Youth Action continued

the K-3. Vela Middle School also won the K-12 Blitz Team Championship while Americo Paredes Elementary won the K-6 Blitz.

Our thanks to the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, for sponsoring this event. Special thanks to Mr. Russell Harwood, UTB/TSC Chess Program Director and his chess team members for their volunteer work. UTB/TSC is one of several universities that offer full chess scholarships.

Complete results are posted at http://www.bisd.us/daas/chess/.

COMING EVENT

Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Texas Team Championship. 4-SS, 30/90. SD/60, John Hornbeak Bldg. 3rd floor, 4450 Medical Dr., San Antonio, TX. Open to four-player teams avg. U2200 based on Dec. 2008 rating list. One alternate allowed, must be lowest rated. EF: $100/team if rec’d by 1/29, $125 site. TCA required ($10 reg., $7.50 jr. U19, $1 jr. tmt.), o.s.a. $$ ($1,000 b/12 teams): $450+T, $250, U1900 team $200+T, $100. Reg. 11 a.m.-noon, Rds. 12:30-6, 9:30-3. Ent: SACC, POB 501, Helotes, TX 78023; Info: Selby Anderson, 210-695-2324 schachiled@yahoo.com. NS. NC. W.
Robert Lincoln
StrateGems, 2001

White to move, mate in two

Solution: p. 21