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# A Message from the President

The last two months of 2007 have brought some interesting news to Texas chess. In November, ten Texan scholastic players participated in the World Youth Championship tournament, held near Antalya, Turkey. **Sarah Chiang** of Dallas won the silver in Girls' Under 10 with 8.5 out of 11. Her little brother **Jonathan** also had a fine result of 8-3 in Boys' Under 8 for sixth place.

Earlier this month, FIDE's website indicated what Texans have known for a very long time: **Joe Bradford** knows how the pieces move. He's now been awarded the IM title.

The National Scholastic K-12 Grade and Collegiate Championships were held in Houston, with Texas teams winning in the 2nd, 6th, 10th, and 12th grades and in the collegiate division and **Vincent Zhang** of Houston winning the first place trophy in 6th grade..

Last, and certainly not least, on the final weekend of the year (gives you an idea how long I've been putting off writing a column), **UT Dallas** defended its title in the 2007 Pan American games in Miami, holding off the University of Maryland-Baltimore County yet again. This concludes a stellar year for UTD – victories in the Final Four, the Transatlantic Challenge (vs. the University of Belgrade) and even the U.S. Chess League, where the Dallas Destiny, comprised of UTD students, beat out the Boston Blitz in the final match.

As I write this message, it's literally hours until the end of 2007. Some of you may be making your New Year's Resolutions. Since I've only kept one New Year's resolution in my life (not to drink caffeinated beverages in 1990), I've abandoned them and instead make goals. One of my goals is for the return of a TCA major to Austin in 2008, hopefully the State Championship and State Amateur Championship over Memorial Day. Another is to have at least 150 participants at both the State Championship and the Southwest Open. A third is to make sure that each TCA region is represented by a director and a scholastic committee representative. I think this goal is going to be met within the first few weeks, or even days, of 2008. For me, personally, I've added my goal to play 30 or more rated games of chess this year, to get my rating back over 2000 (again), and to spend some time volunteering for chess in my community. For me, this will

probably mean playing some simulms at area elementary schools.

I'd like to hear your thoughts about 2008 as well. I feel like I have not been as responsive to TCA needs these past few months as I would like, and as always, invite you to contact me to let me know ways I can improve the organization. Please contact me at [msimpson@gmail.com](mailto:msimpson@gmail.com). Until I hear from you, have a Happy New Year.

Michael M. Simpson  
TCA President

## Texas Grade & Collegiate Championships

The 11th Annual Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships were held Nov. 17-18 in The Woodlands (near Houston). Total attendance was 505, not counting side events. Here are the winners, co-champions if tied:

- K Elliot Glatman
- 1 Alekya Vejendla  
William Cooper, Jr.  
Louis Fernandes
- 2 Hannah Liu  
Alex Liu
- 3 Edward Cen
- 4 Akshay Malhotra
- 5 Becky Huang
- 6 Derek Chang  
Jeffery Hung
- 7 Jason Jia
- 8 Mitchell Powell
- 9 Alexander Balkum
- 10 William Ong  
Daniel Hung
- 11 Abhishek Mallela  
Kart Ramachandran  
Christian Saco
- 12 Artur Safin
- C Francisco Guadalupe II

Francisco Guadalupe won the Collegiate with 5-1 ahead of Ali Morshedi, Jeffrey DeJesus and Nelson Lopez, who finished with 4.5.

As clear winner in the 12th grade, Arthur Safin, a senior at Lamar High School in Houston, won a four-year scholarship to the University of Texas at Dallas.

Luis Salinas and the Dallas Chess Club organized the event. Franc Guadalupe was the chief TD.

## *6th Annual UTD Grandmaster Invitational* **IM Kuljasevic ties with Ramirez, makes GM norm. Robson clinches IM title.**

25 lines

**Nankai University coach Fushan Zhu, about to make the first move for GM Zviad Izoria. vs. IM Jacek Stopa**  
Background: GM Magesh Panchanathan vs. IM Davorin Kuljasevic. Right: NU assistant coach WGM Chunhong Ning

<sup>78</sup> IM Davorin Kuljasevic of Croatia made a GM norm, tying for first with his UTD teammate GM Alejandro Ramirez of Costa Rica in this year's UTD Grandmaster Invitational. Both scored 7.5 out of 11 in the twelve-player round robin, which included four GMs and six IMs.

The event, sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas, was held Dec. 6-14 at the First Bank of Canyon Creek in Richardson. Luis Salinas organized and directed.

Four non-UTD players competed: GM Zviad Izoria from the Republic of Georgia, currently the fourth-rated player in USCF; two players from Nankai University in China, GM

Zhao Jun and WGM Hunchong Ning; and the youngest player, FM Ray Robson, 13, from Florida.

UTD supplied two grandmasters, Ramirez and Panchanathan, whose exploits in this state are well known. UTD also fielded five IMs: Drasko Boskovic, Davorin Kuljasevic, John Bartholomew, Salvijus Bercys and Jacek Stopa; plus former team captain and graduate Dmitry Schneider.

For UTD this event ends a year of triumphs including first place in the Final Four and an 11-5 win over the University of Belgrade at the Transatlantic Cup. Most recently, in the U.S. Chess League's third season the Dallas Destiny (with Boskovic,

Kuljasevic and Stopa) defeated the Boston Blitz to take first. Kuljasevic described the excitement: "When Christiansen resigned in the last blitz match we were all jumping and celebrating like we won the lottery."

Kuljasevic credits his win in the Invitational to consistency and doing his opening homework, reports Jennifer Shahade in *Chess Life Online*.

"Round robins require much more mental and psychological stability compared to open tournaments .... I was also fortunate that I won my two White games against Robson and Jun fairly easily because they jumped right into my home preparation."

He went to his home town of Zagreb, Croatia for the holidays.

The big story for much of the tournament was Ray Robson, the 13-year-old phenom from Florida who made his third and final IM norm. He started like a house on fire with four straight wins, against IM Dmitri Schneider, GM Magesh Panchanathan (who started wearing a red hat like Ray's in tribute!), GM Jun Zhao and IM Drasko Boskovic.

After six rounds Ray had already clinched the IM Norm of 4.5 points and was tied for the lead with the eventual winners. Even after limping to the finish line with half a point from the final four rounds, he placed fourth out of twelve strong players.

Alexey Root interviewed Ray Robson's father Gary after round four.

*Alexey Root:* How old is Ray?

*Gary Robson:* He turned 13 on October 25th.

*AR:* I know Ray is home-schooled. What is his day like back home, and how do you fit in his travels for chess?

*GR:* At home Ray studies chess 3-5 hours a day. He studies Mandarin with his mom, Yee-chen. Ray loves all sports, particularly ping-pong, basketball, soccer, and he's just starting tennis. He attended public school for kindergarten, then a public school for the gifted in first grade, then from grades 2-5 he was at a private Montessori school. We started homeschooling in grade 6, and he's in 7th grade now. My work as a professor at the college of education (applied linguistics) at St. Petersburg College is flexible. For example, I'm giving my final online while I'm here with Ray. His mom was with him Thursday and Friday, and returned to Florida today to finish her semester as a public school teacher. I got here yesterday (Saturday) and will stay with Ray until the tournament ends this coming Saturday.

*AR:* Tell me your impression of Ray's performance in rounds 1-4.

*GR:* Ray is doing well, 4-0 after playing 2 GMs and 2 IMs. By my calculations, if he scores one more

half-point before round nine he will have his third and final IM norm. His first IM norm was in Chicago in October at the 6th North American FIDE Invitational (Oct. 28-Nov.3, 2007, Chicago), and his second IM norm was in Turkey at the World Youth (Nov.17-29, 2007) He only had 4-5 days after returning from Turkey before coming to Texas for the UTD GM Invitational. It's nice to see someone succeed, especially if he's your son. He really loves chess!

*AR:* How does Ray prepare for the games here?

*GR:* Ray works on his own; his last GM instruction was back in June. The nearest GM to us geographically is Julio Beccera in Miami, which is six hours away. So working in person with a GM isn't possible. Ray looks over the games of his next opponent, searching for where he might play differently from what their previous opponents played. Most of the games at this tournament last 4-5 hours, then everyone carools from the playing site in downtown Richardson back to the UT-Dallas campus. We are fortunate to have been given an apartment on the campus to use for free for the duration of the tournament. Also, I want to emphasize that the UTD players have been very welcoming to Ray

### **Final Standings**

- 1-2.** IM Davorin Kuljasevic and GM Alejandro Ramirez -7.5/11
- 3.** GM Zviad Izoria - 7
- 4.** FM Ray Robson - 6
- 5-6.** IM John Bartholomew and IM Jacek Stopa - 5.5
- 7-8.** GM Jun Zhao and IM Dmitry Schneider - 5
- 9-10.** IM Salvijus Bercys and IM Drasko Boskovic - 4.5
- 11-12.** GM Magesh Panchanathan and WGM Chunhong Ning- 4

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20 lines

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Zviad Izoria 2643

Jacek Stopa 2410

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be3 Nh6!? 7.Nbd2 e5 8.c4 Qa5 9.d5 Nf5 10.a3 10.dxc6 Nxe3 11.Qb3! (not 11.cxb7+? Kb8 12.fxe3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Rxd2?) 11...b6 12.Qxe3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Rxd2 14.0-0 Bd6=; or 11...bxc6 12.Qxe3 Bxf3 13.0-0 Rxd2 14.Bxf3 Bc5 15.Qe1 Rhd8=.

10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Ncd4 12.Be4 Kb8 13.0-0 g6 14.b4 Qa6 15.Bd3 Bh6 16.Bxh6 Nxh6 17.Ne4 b6 18.c5 Qc8 19.d6 f5 20.dxc7+ Qxc7 21.Nd6 Nf7 22.Nxf7 Qxf7 23.Rc1 e4 24.Be4 Qf6 25.Qa4 Rhe8 26.cxb6 Qxb6 27.Rfd1

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Trompovsky D00

Dmitry Schneider 2502

Ray Robson 2368

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bh4 c6 4.e3 Qb6 5.Nd2 [5.Qc1 Bf5 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.c4 Ngf6 8.Nc3 e6 9.c5 Qd8 10.b4 Be7 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Ne4= Hoffman-Saenz, Marshall CC 2006]

5...Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 Nd7 8.Ngf3 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Rb1 [10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.b4 a5 12.bxa5 Rxa5 13.a4 Qa7 14.Qb1 0-0 15.Qb4 c5 16.Qb2 b6 17.Nb1 b5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.d4 Nxa4? q Hodgson-Renet, Linares zt 1995] 10...a5 11.Qe2 [11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.Rfe1 b6 15.e4 Rfc8 16.a4 Qf4 17.Rbd1 c5?] 11...Bxh4 12.Nxh4 Ne7 13.a3 0-0 14.f4 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.d4 Nd7 17.f5 [17.Ndf3 Nf6 18.Ne5 Qb3?] 17...exf5 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.Rxf5 Qe6 20.Qf3 Nf6 21.Re5 Qd6 22.Rf1 Rac8 23.Qf5 Qb6 24.b3 Qd6 25.g4

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8- + r + - r k + ( 7+ p + - + p p - ' 6- + - q - n - p & 5p - + p R Q + - % 4- + - P - + P + \$ 3P P + - P - + - # 2- + - N - + - P " 1+ - + - + R K - ! x a b c d e f g h y

Robson shows no respect for White's kingside demonstration. 25...Qxa3! 26.g5 hxg5 27.Qxg5 Rc2! 28.Nf3 28.Rxf6 Rxd2 29.Rxd5 Qxb3 30.Rxa5 Re8? 28...Rc1 29.Ne1 Qxb3 30.e4 Qc3 31.exd5 Qxd4+ 32.Kh1 Ne4 33.Qf5 Nd6 34.Qh5 g6 35.Qg5 Ne4 36.Qe7 Qc4 37.Ref5 Please take my rook!! 37...Nc3 38.d6 Qe4+ 39.Qxe4 Nxe4 Now it's a technical grind. 40.Rxa5 Nxd6 41.Kg1 b6 42.Ra6 Rb8 43.Nd3 Rxf1+ 44.Kxf1 Ne4 45.Ra7 b5 46.Nb4 Rd8 47.Rb7 Rd1+ 48.Kf2 Rd2+ 49.Kg3 Nd6 50.Rb6 Rd4 51.Nc6 Nf5+ 52.Kf3 Rd2 53.Rxb5 Rxh2 54.Rb7 Rc2 55.Ne5 Nh6 56.Ke4 Kg7 57.Ra7 Re2+ 58.Kd5 g5 59.Ra4 Rd2+ 60.Ke4 Rf2 61.Ke3 Rf5 62.Nf3 Rb5 63.Kf2 Kg6 64.Ra1 f5 65.Rg1 Rb2+ 66.Ke3 Ng4+ 67.Kd4 Rf2 68.Ne1

Rd2+ 69.Kc3 Rd1 70.Nf3 Rxd1 71.Nxg1 f4 72.Kd3 Kf5 73.Ke2 Ne5 74.Kf2 g4 75.Kg2 Nd3 0-1

French Tarrasch C07

Magesh Panchanathan 2500

Davorin Kuljasevic 2464

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5

An annoyingly solid line!

6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.c3 Qc7 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.h3 0-0 14.a4 b6 15.Bg5 Nd5 16.Re1 Bb7 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh4 e5

X A B C D E F G H Y  
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19.Bh6! Qd8! 19...exd4? 20.Qxd4 f6 21.Bc4 Bh2+ 22.Kh1 Rfd8 23.Qxf6! Bd6 24.Rad1 Re8 25.Re3! (also good is 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.f4?) 25...Bf8 (25...Rxe3 26.fxe3 Bf8 27.Qe6+ Qf7 28.Qxf7+ Kxf7 29.Bf4?? 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.Re7!?) 26

Whether both players saw all this, their intuitions were right.

20.Qxd8 Rfxd8 21.Nf3 f6 22.Bc4 Rac8 23.Bb3 Bf8 24.Be3 Bc5 25.a5 Kg7 26.Bxd5 Rxd5 27.c4?

White will regret passing up the capture: 27.axb6 Bxe3 28.Rxe3 Rc6 29.b4 Rxb6 30.Ne1=.

27...Rdd8 28.Red1 Bxe3 29.fxe3 Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Bxf3 31.Rd7+ Kh6 32.gxf3 bxa5? 33.Rd6 Kg5 34.Rxa6 Rxc4 35.Rxa5 Kh4 36.Ra7 Kg3 37.Kf1 Kxf3 38.Kg1 Rc1+ 39.Kh2 Rc2+ 40.Kg1 Rxb2 41.Rxh7 Kxe3 42.Rh6 f5 0-1

*Modern Benoni A78*

**Jun Zhao 2552**

**Drasko Boskovic 2465**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (1)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5  
5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7 8.e4  
0-0 9.Be2 Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 11.a4 b6  
11...a6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Qc2 Rb8  
14.a5 Bd7 15.Nc4 Nb5 16.Bg5 Nd4  
17.Qd1 Bb5 18.Bf1 Bxc4 19.Bxc4=  
12.Re1 Re8 13.h3 Rb8 14.Bb5 Rf8  
15.Nc4 Bb7 16.Bf4 Nfe8 17.e5 dxe5  
18.Nxe5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Qxd5 20.  
Qxd5 Bxd5 21.Nd7 a6 22.Bxb8  
axb5 23.Nxf8 Kxf8 24.axb5 Bxb2  
25.Rad1 Bd4 26.Ba7 Bb3 27.Rxd4  
cxd4 28.Bxb6 1-0

*QGD Slav D11*

**Salvijus Bercys 2418**

**Alejandro Ramirez 2505**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (1)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bg4  
5.Nc3 e6 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nbd7  
8.Bd2 Bb4 9.Bd3 0-0 10.cxd5N  
10.a3 Ba5 11.0-0 e5 12.Qd1  
exd4 13.exd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bc7 15.  
Ba2 Nb6 16.Ne2 Nbd5? Msvetushkin-  
Mastrovasilis, Thessaloniki 2007.  
10...Bxc3 11.Bxc3 exd5 12.0-0 Re8  
13.Qe2 Ne4 14.Be1 Qf6 15.f3 Nd6  
16.Bf2 c5 17.Bb5!

This results in an intriguing debate between a Black pawn duo and White's bishop.

17...Nxb5 18.Qxb5 cxd4 19.Qxd7  
dxe3 20.Bg3 d4 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.  
Qb5 Re6 23.Rac1 h6 24.Be1 Qf4  
25.Qe2 Rg6 26.Rd3 Rd5 27.Rcd1  
Rgd6 28. b3 h5 29.Rc1 Rg6 30.h4  
Kh7 31.a4 b6 32.Rc4 a6 33.Rc8 b5  
34.a5 Qf5 35.Rc1 Qf4 36.Rcd1  
Rgd6 37.g3 Qf5 38.Rc1 Rg6 39.  
Kh2 Rf6 40. Kg2 Qe5 41.Rdd1 g6  
42.Qd3 Rfd6 43.Rc2 Qe6 44.Rdc1  
44.Bb4! Rd8 45.Bc5? U  
44...Rf5 45.Rc5  
45.Bb4 Rd7 46.Rc5 Rxc5 47.  
Bxc5?;  
45... Rdd5 46.Rc6 Rd6 47.R6c5

47. Rxd6 Qxd6 48.Bc3 Rd5 49.  
Bb2 Qb4 50.Rd1 Qxa5 51.Qe4 Rd7=  
47... Rdd5 48.Rc6 Rd6 49.Rxd6  
Qxd6 50.Rd1 Qd5 51.Qe2 Qc5 52.  
b4 Qe5 53.Rc1 Qd6 54.Qd3 Qd5  
55.Qe4 d3!

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x a b c d e f g h y  
56.Qxd5??

56.Qxe3 Re5 57.Qf4 d2 58.Qxd2  
Qxd2+ 59.Bxd2 Re2+ 60.Kf1 Rxd2  
61.Rc6 Rb2 62.Rxa6 Rxb4 63.Ke2? a  
56...Rxd5 57.Rd1  
57.Kf1 d2 58.Rd1 Rd4??-  
57...d2 58.Kf1 Rd4 59.Ke2 Rxb4  
0-1

*Old Benoni A56*

**Salvijus Bercys 2418**

**Chunhong Ning 2354**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (2)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6  
5.e4 Be7 6.h4 0-0 7.g3 Na6 8.a3  
Nc7 9.Be2 a6 10.b4 b6 11.Nf3 Bg4  
12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Nb3 Nfe8 14.h5  
Bg5 15.f4 exf4 16.gxf4 Qf6?

16...Bh4+ 17.Kf1 h6 18.Kg2 Bf6  
19.Bb2 Qe7 20.Qd3 b5=  
17.e5! Bh4+ 18.Kf1 dxe5 19.Ne4  
Qf5 20.Rxh4 exf4 21.Qd3 Ba4 22.  
Nxc5 Qxd3 23.Bxd3 bxc5 24.Nxc5  
1-0

*Ruy Lopez C99*

**Ray Robson 2368**

**Magesh Panchanathan 2500**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (2)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4  
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6  
8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4  
Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb7

14.d5 Rac8 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.Nf1 f5  
17.Ng3 f4 18.Nf5 Bd8 19.b3 g6 20.  
Nh6+ Kg7 21.Ng4 h5 22.Ngh2 Qb6  
23.Bd2 Rf7 24.Bb4 Rb8 25.Qd2  
Bc8 26.Rac1 Nf8 27.Qb2 Bd7?

27...Ra8 28.Rc2 Bd7 29.Rec1  
Bf6 30.Nf1 Nb7 31.Qb1 g5 =.

This was the first in a series of quiz positions on US Chess Online titled "Play Like Ray!"

X A B C D E F G H Y  
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6p q - p - + p + &   
5n p + P p - + p %   
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3+ P + L + N + P #   
2P Q - + - P P N "   
1+ - R - R - K - !   
x a b c d e f g h y  
28.Nxe5! dxe5 29.Bxa5 Qf6 30.Bc7  
Bxc7 31.Rxc7 g5 32.Be2 Kh6 33.  
Rec1 Qg7 34.Qd2 Nh7 35.Nf3 g4  
35...Re8 36.Qa5 Qg6 37.Nd2? W

36.Rxd7! gxf3

36...Rxd7 37.Rc6+ Nf6 38.  
Nxe5? S

37.Rd6+ Kg5 38.Bxf3 Kh4 39.Kh2  
Nf6 40.Rcc6 Rg8 41.Kg1 Qg5 42.  
g3+ fxc3

42...Kxh3?? 43.Bg2+ Kg4 44.  
Qe2+ f3 45.Qxf3#.

43.Qxg5+ Kxg5 44.h4+ Kg6 45.  
fxg3 Kg7 46.Kg2 Rgf8 47.Re6 1-0

Notes by IM Davorin Kuljasevic

*QGD Slav D43*

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*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (2)*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6  
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4

This is currently the most popular line of Slav that leads to sharp and unbalanced positions, where a single mistake can decide the game. Needless to say, it requires a lot of home preparation.

**6...dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0**

The latest fashion. 10.h4 g4 11. Ne5 is a different approach.

**10...Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7**

11...h5 is a reasonable alternative.

**12.Nxd7 Nxd7**

12...Qxd7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 Bf8 15.a4 Be7? Reyes-Ruiz, Cuba ch 2007.

**13.Bd6 a6 [13...e5!?] 14.a4**

X A B C D E F G H Y  
8r + - ♚ k + - r (   
7 + l + n + p ♘ - '   
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5 + p + - + - ♘ - %   
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2 - ♘ - + L ♘ P P "   
1 ♞ - + Q + R ♞ - !   
x a b c d e f g h y

14.e5! as played in Bartholomew-Robson in this tournament (round 8) is worth considering.

The recent world championship saw 14.Bh5 Bf8 15.Bxf8 Rxf8 16.e5 Qb6 17.b3 0-0-0 18.bxc4 Nxe5 19.c5 Qa5 20.Ne4 Qb4 21.Nd6+ Rxd6 22.cxd6 Nd7 23.a4 Qxd6 24. Bf3 Nb6 25.axb5 cxb5 26.Bxb7+ Kxb7 27.Qh5 Nd5 28.Qxh6 Nf4 29.Kh1 Qd5 30.f3 Rd8 31.Qg7 Rd7 32.Qf8 Ne2 33.Rfe1 Nxd4 34.Red1 e5 35.Rac1 Qd6 36.Qg8 f6 37.Rc8 a5 38.h3 a4 39.Qe8 Kb6 40.Rb8+ Ka5 41.Ra8+ Drawn, Kramnik-Anand, Mexico City 2007 - SKA.

**14...e5 15.Bg4**

The sharpest possibility, which I've analyzed extensively before the tournament. 15.d5 is another option. [15.d5 c5 16.b4 cxb4 17.Bxb4 a5 18. Bd6 b4 19.Nb5 Rc8 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.Rc1 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Qb6 23.Nc7+ Kd8 24.Nb5 Ke8= Izoria-Erenburg, Khanty-Mansiysk rapid 2005]

**15...exd4 16.e5**

Things are starting to get interesting!

**16...c5**

The best move. 16...dxc3 doesn't work because of 17.e6 Ne5 (or 17...Nf6 18.Bh5 Nxb5 19.Qxh5 Qf6 20.exf7+ Kd8 21.Rad1 and Black won't be able to survive this.) 18.e7 Qxe7 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 (if 19...cxb2 then 20.Qd6!) 20.bxc3 with advantage for White; The attempt to get rid of the bishop 16...Nxe5 fails to 17.Qxd4! when 17...Nf3+ doesn't work in the view of 18.gxf3 Bxd4 19.Rfe1+ and Black has to give up his queen to protect the king.

**17.Bf3**

A very unpleasant move, after which my opponent sank into thought for more than one hour! Black is hard pressed to find a way to get rid of the bishop on d6 and ...

**17...Bxf3**

... he fails. The only move is 17...Nxe5! 18.Bxb7 Qxd6 19.Bxa8 0-0 when Black is down a rook, but he has a massive pawn center that compensates for his material deficit. Before the game, I knew that there would be very small chance that my opponent would find this over the board, so I wasn't surprised he went for 17... Bxf3.

**18.Qxf3 Nxe5**

18...h5 19.Nd5 Ra7 20.Rfe1 Nf8 21.Bxc5 Rd7 22.Bxf8??

X A B C D E F G H Y  
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2 - ♘ - + - ♘ P P "   
1 ♞ - + - + R ♞ - !   
x a b c d e f g h y

**19.Qd5!**

The key move, after which Black's position is hopeless. His king

is just too weak.

**19...dxc3 20.Rfe1 cxb2 21.Rad1**

21.Qc6+ looks tempting but after 21...Qd7 22.Qxa8+ Qd8 White doesn't have more than a perpetual.

**21...b1Q 22.Rxb1 Rc8**

22...Ra7 looks a bit better, but after the simple 23.Rxe5+ Bxe5 24. Qxe5+ Kd7 25.Bxc5 it's just over. [22...Qc8 23.axb5??]

**23.axb5 axb5 24.Rbd1**

After this, Black cannot avoid heavy material losses.

**24...Qd7 25.Rxe5+ Bxe5 26.Qxe5+ Qe6 27.Qxh8+ Kd7 28.Bxc5+ Kc6 29.Qd4 Re8 30.Bb4 Qe4** and Black resigned. **1-0**

White mates in three with 31. Qd7+ Kb6 32.Rd6+ Qc6 33.Rxc6#.

Old Indian A53

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**Drasko Boskovic 2465**

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (2)

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Nh4 Bg6 8. Qb3 Qb6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.c5 Qxb3 11.axb3 Na6 12.Ra4 e5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.b4 Nxe5 15.Bf4 f6 16.0-0 Nc7 17.h4 Ne6 18.Bxe5 fxe5**

X A B C D E F G H Y  
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7p p + - + - ♘ - '   
6- + p + n + p + &   
5 + - ♘ p ♘ - + - %   
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3 + - ♞ - + - ♘ - #   
2 - ♘ - + P ♘ L + "   
1 + - + - + R ♞ - !   
x a b c d e f g h y

**19.Nxd5! cxd5 20.Bxd5 Nd8 21. Rcl Nc6 22.b5 Nd4 23.Rxd4! exd4 24.Bxb7 Rd8 25.c6 Bd6 26.c7 Bxc7 27.Rxc7 0-0 28.Be4**

White was briefly a rook down, but material has swung back in his favor with a vengeance.

**28...Rf7 29.Rc6 Rf6 30.Rxf6 gxf6 31.Bxg6 Kg7 32. Bd3 Re8 33.Kg2**



Re5 34.Kf3 Kh6 35.g4 Kg7 36.Kf4  
Kh6 37.g5+ Kg7 38.Kg4 Rc5 39.f4  
f5+ 40.Bxf5 Rxb5 41.h5 Rxb2 42.  
h6+ Kh8 43.Bd3

X A B C D E F G H Y  
8- + - + - + - k ( ' )  
7p - + - + - + - ' )  
6- + - + - + - P & %  
5+ - + - + - P - %  
4- + - p - P K + \$  
3+ - + L + - + - #  
2- r - + P + - + "  
1+ - + - + - + - !  
x a b c d e f g h y  
An impressive array! 1-0

English Opening A37

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UTD GM Invitational 2007 (3)

1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.0-0  
Bg7 5.c4 e5 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.a3 0-0 8.  
Rb1 f5 9.d3 d6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxe7  
Nxe7 12.Nd2 g5 13.b4 e4 14.Qc2  
Nc6 15.dxe4 f4 16.e5 cxb4 17.axb4  
Nxe5 18.Rbd1 g4 19.Rfe1 Kh8 20.  
Nd5 f3 21.exf3 gxf3 22.Bf1 Bf5 23.  
Qb3 Qg5 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rf7  
26.Ne3 Rf6 27.c5 dxc5 28.h4 Qh5  
29.Rd5 Re8 30.bxc5 Qf7

X A B C D E F G H Y  
8- + - + r + - k ( ' )  
7pp + - + qz - ' )  
6- + - + - r - p & %  
5+ - PRn - + - %  
4- + - + R + - P \$  
3+ Q + - NpP - #  
2- + - + - P - + "  
1+ - + - + L K - !  
x a b c d e f g h y

31.Rxe5!

A reasonable alternative is the  
prosaic strengthening move 31.Bh3

31...Rxe5 32.Rd8+ Bf8

Worse is 32...Kh7?? 33.Bd3+.

33.Qc3 Qe7 34.Ng4 Qxd8 35.Qxe5  
Bg7 36.Nxf6 Bxf6 37.Qf4 Kg7

37...Bg7 38.Qxf3 Bd4 39.Qf5  
Qf6 40.Qc8+ Kg7 41.Qxb7+??.

38.Qg4+ Kf8 39.Qxf3 Qd4 40.Bc4  
a5?

The best move to stay in the  
game is 40...Ke8! 41.Bb5+ Kf8 42.  
Ba4 Qc3! 43.Qf5 Qd4 44.Qc8+ Bd8  
45.Bb3! and the b7 pawn falls.

41.Bb3! 1-0

Black has no good defense  
against 42.Qxb7. If 41...a4 then 42.  
Bxa4 Qc3 43.Qf5 Qb2 44.Bb3??

Ruy Lopez Carlsen C96

Magesh Panchanathan 2500

Jacek Stopa 2410

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4  
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6  
8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 d5N

This is brand new theory that  
was introduced (in the big time, at  
least) by GM Magnus Carlsen in the  
2007 World Cup. White's winning  
percentage in NICBase is a paltry  
26.9% out of 13 games, with one  
win, seven losses and five draws!

Previously Black has tried 10...  
c6, 10...Nd7, 10...Re8 and 10...Bb7  
as alternative to Chigorin's 10...c5.

X A B C D E F G H Y  
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5np + ppp - + - %  
4- + - + P + - + \$  
3+ - P - + N + P #  
2PP - P - PP + "  
1RNz QR - K - !  
x a b c d e f g h y  
11.d4

The key game Adams-Carlsen,  
Khanty Mansiysk 2007, continued  
11.exd5 e4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4  
Bb7 14.d4 Re8 15.Bf4 Nc4 16.Re2  
Bxd5 17.Ne5 Bg5 18.Bg3 Nxe5 19.

Rxe5 Rxe5 20.Bxe5 Qd7 21.Na3 f6  
22.Bg3 Qc6?!

In need of tests is 11.Nxe5 dxe4  
12.Ng4 Nxg4 13.hxg4 Bd6 14.g3! f5  
15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4  
Qf6 18.Qe2 Qg6 19.d3 Rae8 20.  
Nd2?!

11...dxe4 12.Nxe5 c5

12...Bb7 13.Bg5 c5 14.Nd2 cxd4  
15.cxd4 Re8 16.Nb3 (16.Bxf6 Bxf6  
17.Nxe4 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5= Char-  
bonneau-Benjamin, ICC-US league  
2007) 16...Nxb3 17.Bxb3 Nd5 18.  
Bxe7 (18.Qh5 g6 19.Bxe7 Qxe7)  
18...Rxe7 19.Rc1 Nf4 20.Qg4 Ng6??  
(Perez-Carlsen, Khanty Mansiysk  
2007) 21.Nxg6! hxg6 22.Qg5? (Fritz.  
13.Bg5 Bb7 14.dxc5

14.Nd2 transposes to the above  
lines.

14...Qc7 15.Bxf6 Rad8 16.Qe2  
Bxf6 17.Ng4

17.c6 Nxc6 18.Qxe4 g6 19.Nxc6  
Bxc6 20.Qg4 h5 21.Qb4 Rfe8 22.  
Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Na3 Re2 24.Rd1 a5  
25.Qc5 Bh4 26.Rf1 Bxf2+!??>?>27.  
Rxf2 Re1+ 28.Rf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1  
Bxg2+ and ...Qxc5.

17...Bg5 18.Ne3 f5

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7+ l q - + - pp ' )  
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4- + - + p + - + \$  
3+ - P - N - + P #  
2PPL + QPP + "  
1RN + - R - K - !  
x a b c d e f g h y

19.b4 f4! 20.Nf1

20.Ng4 e3! 21.bxa5 f3! 22.  
Bxh7+ Kh8! 23.Qc2 exf2+ 24.Qxf2  
Bf4???? ?????? ??????

20...f3 21.gxf3 e3!

Stressing the White defense.  
Now best is 22.Nxe3! Bxf3 23.Qf1  
Bh4 24.Rxe3 Nc4 25.Bb3 Qf4 26.  
Na3 Qg5+ with perpetual check.  
22. fxe3? Rxf3 23.e4 Rdf8 24.Qg2

24.bxa5 Bh4 25.Nbd2 Bf2+??.  
**24...Bh4 25.Nbd2 Bxe1 26.Nxf3 Bxc3 27.Rb1 Bxb4!**

The tactics flow Black's way.

**28.Rxb4 Qxc5+ 29.Rd4 Rxf3 30. Qxf3 Qxd4+ 31.Qf2 Qd7**

Although a pawn ahead, Black keeps queens on to take advantage of the exposed White king.

**32.Qd2 Qc7 33.Kf2 Nc4 34.Qd4 g6 35.Ke2 Bc8 36.Qd5+ Kg7 37.h4 Qf4 38.Qg5 Bg4+ 39.Ke1 Qxg5**

Now Black obliges, because at g5 White's pawn cannot be held.

**40.hxg5 Ne5 41.Kf2 Be6 42.a4 bxa4 43.Bxa4 Nf7 44.Ke3 Nxc5 45.Kf4 Nf7 46.e5 Kf8 47.Ng3 Bd5 48.Ne2 Ke7 49.Nc3 Bc4 50. Ne4 h6 51.Nc5 Nd8 52.Bc2 Kf7 53.Ne4 Ke6 54.Nc5+ Kd5 55.Nd7 Ne6+ 56.Ke3 Kc6 57.Nb8+ Kc7 58. Nxa6+ Bxa6 59.Bxg6 Bb7 60.Kf2 Kd8 61.Kg3 Ke7 62.Bf5 Ng7 63. Bh3 Bd5 64.Bg4 Be6 65.Bd1 Kf7 66.Kf4 Kg6 67.Ke4 Kg5 68.Be2 Nf5 69.Bd1 Be8 70.Kd3 Kf4 0-1**

Black didn't have to mate with knight and bishop after all.

*QGD Semi-Slav D45*

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*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (3)*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.b3 0-0 8. Be2 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nb5 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 a6 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nd4 Bg4 15.Bxg4 Nfxg4 16.0-0 Rc8 17.Qf5 g6 18.Qf4 Qe7 19.h3 Nf6 20.Qg5 Nc6 21.N2f3 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qd6 23.Nf5 Qe6 24.Nd4 Qd6 25.f3** White had a draw for the asking with Nf5. **25...Rc3 26.Rac1 Rfc8 27.Rxc3 Rxc3 28.Re1 h5 29.Kf2 Kf8 30.Re2 Kg8 31.Rd2 Rc1 32.Ne2?**

32.Nf5!(a)32...Qb4 33.Re2 Qc3 34.Ne7+ Kg7 35.Nxd5??? (b) 32... Qh2 33.Qxf6 gxf6 34.Qg5+ Kf8 35. Qd8+ Kg7 36.Re2?; (c) 32...Qd8 33.Ke2 Qb6 34.Nd4 Qd6 35.Rd1?x 32...Qb4! 33.e4

The rook is frozen on pain of Qe1#, and 33.Nxc1 Qxd2+ 34.Ne2 loses to 34...d4! 35.Qxf6 dxe3+ regaining the piece with advantage.

**33...Qb6+ 34.Kg3 Rh1! 35.e5**

35.exd5 h4+ 36.Kxh4 Nh7 37. Qe5 Qf2+ 38.Ng3 Qxd2 39.Nxh1 Qxg2 40.Ng3 Qxf3 41.Ne4 g5+ 42. Nxc5 Qf2+ 43.Qg3 (43.Kg4 Nf6+ ??) 43...Qxg3+ 44.Kxg3 Nxc5??!

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6p q - + - n p + &  
5+ - + p P - Qp %  
4- + - + - + - + \$  
3+ P + - + P K P #  
2P + - R N + P + "  
1+ - + - + - + r !  
x a b c d e f g h y

It's "Play Like Ray", part 2.

**35...h4+! 36.Kxh4 Nh7 37.Qg4**

Picturesque is 37.Qg3 Qd8+ 38. Kg4 Qg5#.

**37...Qf2+ 38.Ng3**

If 38.Qg3 Qe3!? 38...Qh6+ and 39...Qg5#, as well as 38...Qxd2.

**38...Qxd2 39.Nxh1 Qe1+ 40.Qg3**

On 40.Ng3 Qxe5, White must unload material to save his king from threats like ...Qf6+ and ...g5+.

**40...Qxh1 41.e6 Qc1!**

Accurate to the end.

**42.Qb8+ Kg7 43.Qe5+ f6 44.Qxd5 Qf4+ 45.g4 Kh6 0-1**

*Alekhine's Defense B02*

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*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (3)*

**1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4. d4 Nxc3 5.bxc3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7**

A game Kholmov-Alburt, Baku 1972, now continued 7.Bf4 0-0 8. Be5 c5 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.Qd2 Qd6 =. **7.Be4 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Ba3 cxd4 10. cxd4 Qc7 11.Bb3 Nc6 12.Re1 Rd8 13.c3 e6 14.Qd3 Na5 15.Bc2 b6 16. Ng5 Rd5 17.Bc1 Qe7 18.Qg3 Bb7**

**19.a4 Rc8 20.Ne4 h6 21.Ba3 Qd7 22.Nd6**

22.Rad1 Bc6 23.Bc1 Kh8 24.Bf4 Nc4 (24...Bxa4 25.Bxa4 Qxa4 26. Qh4 Kg8 27.Ra1 Qd7 28.Be5 g5 29.Qg3 Nc4??)

**22...Rg5+ 23.Qf4 Rxc2+ 24.Kf1 g5 25.Qe3 Rxb2 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 27. Qd3 Qg2+ 0-1**

*QGD Stonewall D30*

**Salvijus Bercys 2418**

**Dmitry Schneider 2502**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (4)*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nbd2 f5 5.Ne5 Nf6 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nd3 Ne4 10.Qc2 Ndf6 11. Nf3 Ng4 12.Rb1 Bd7 13.Nfe1 Bf6 14.h3 Ngxf2 15.Nxf2 Nxc3 16.Nf3 Nxf1 17.Kxf1 Be8 18.Nd3 Bh5 19. Nfe5 g5 20.Be3 f4 21.Bf2 Qe7 22. Bf3 Be8 23.Ke1 Rd8 24.c5 h5 25. Kd2 Qh7 26.Rg1 Kh8 27.e3 fxe3+ 28.Bxe3 Rg8 29.Be2 Rg7 30. Qd1 Kg8 31.Rg2 Be7 32.Qg1 Qf5 33. Nf2 b6 34.Bd3 Qf8 35.cxb6 c5 36. Ke2 cxd4 37.Bxg5 Bxg5 38.Rxc5 axb6 39.Nd1 Ra8 40.a3 Raa7 41. Rxc7+ Rxc7 42.Qxd4 Rg2+ 43.Nf2 Qf6 44.Nf3 Qxd4 45.Nxd4 e5 46. Nf5 e4 47.Ba6 Rg5 48.Bc8 Kf7 49. h4 Rg6 50.Nh3 Rg2+ 51.Ke3 Rxb2 52.Nd6+ Ke7 53.Nxe8 Kxe8 54.Nf4 Rb3+ 55.Kd4 Rxa3 56. Nxd5 1/2-1/2**

*Sicilian Rossolimo B51*

**Chunhong Ning 2354**

**Zviad Izoria 2643**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (4)*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.0-0 a6 5.Bxd7+ Bxd7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Qxd4 e5 8.Qd3 h6 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.a4 Rc8 11.Be3 Be7 12.a5 Be6 13.Bb6 Qd7 14.Rfd1 0-0 15.Rac1 Qc6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qa4 18.Nd2 Nd7 19. b3 Qh4 20.Be3 f5 21.f3 Qh5 22.Nc4 [22.c4 Bg5=] 22...Nf6 23.Rf1 e4 24. Qd1 exf3 25.Rxf3 Ne4 26.Qd3 Qg6 27.Ref1 h5 28.Bd4 Bg5 29.Be3 h4 30.Bxg5 Qxg5 31.Qd4 Rce8 32. Qb6**

32.Qe3 Qg6 33.Qd3 Nc5 34.Qd1 Ne4?]

**32...Qg6 33.Kh1**  
33.Qxb7 Ng5 34.Re3 h3 35.g3 f4 36.Rxe8 Rxe8?Å

**33...f4 34.Qd4**  
34.Rd1 Ng3+ 35.hxg3 hxg3 36.Kg1 Qh7 37.Kf1 Rf6?P

**34...Ng3+ 0-1**

*Sicilian Scheveningen B82*

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*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (4)*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qc7 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be3 a6 7.f4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Nb3 d6 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.0-0 h5 12.f5 Ne5 13.Qh3 Nfg4 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.Bd4 Rh6**

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**16.a4 b4 17.Ne2 Nc6**

A Fritz fantasy line is 17...d5! 18.Nf4 (18.exd5 Nxd3) dxe4 19.Be2 Bd5 20.Rac1 Bd6 21.Nxh5 Nxh2 22.Kxh2 Nd3+ 23.Kg1 Nxc1 24.Nxc1 Be5 25.Bxe5 Qxe5 26.c3 Rc8 27.Nf6+ Ke7! (27...Qxf6 28.Bh5+; 27...Rxf6 28. Qh8+) 28.Ng4 Rxh3 29.Nxe5 bxc3! ?0

**18.Kh1 Nxd4 19.Nbxd4 Qc5 20.c3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Bc8 22.e5** [22.Qg3=] **22...Nxe5**

22...dxe5 23.Bg6+ Kd7 24.Bxh5 exd4 25.Qxg4 Bb7 26.Rab1=.

**23.Be4?**

23.Nf4 Nxd3 24.Nxd3 Qa7 25.Nf4 (a) 25...e5 26.Nfe6 Bxe6 27.Nxe6 Ke7 28.Ng5 Ke8 29.Rf7?; (b) 25...Qe7 26.Qd3 Rf6 27.Rae1?i

**23...d5? 24.Bc2 Qd6**

24...Nf7 25.Qf3 Ra7?

**25.Nf4 Bd7?**

25...Be7 26.Rab1 g5 27.Nxh5 Kd8 28.g4 Nc4 29.Qd3 Na3 30.Rb2 Bd7?Å

**26.Rae1 0-0-0**

26...g5 27.Ng6 Bg7 28.Qg3 h4 29.Qxg5 Nf7 30.Qg4 e5 31.Nxe5?P

Best is 26...Be7! 27.Qg3 Bf6 28.Nxh5 0-0-0 29.Nxf6 gxf6 30.h3=.

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"Play Like Ray", part 3.

**27.Nxe6! Ng4**

27...Re8 28.Bf5 Ng4 29.g3 g6 30.Bxg4 hxg4 31.Qxg4?L

**28.Nf5**

28.Nxd8 Nf2+ (? 28...Kxd8 29.Bf5?Q 29.Rxf2 Bxh3 30.Nf7 Qa3 31.Nxh6 Bd7 32.Bf5?Zi

**28...Qb6?**

28...Qxh2+ 29.Qxh2 Nxh2 30.Nxf8 Nxf1 31.Nxd7 Ng3+ 32.Nxg3 Kxd7 33.Nf5 Re6 34.Rb1?6

**29.Ned4 Rh7**

29...Qc7 30.Kg1 Rf6 31.Qxh5 Nh6 32.Qe2?¥

**30.Rb1**

30.Qg3 g6 31.Rb1 Qa7 32.Bd3 Bxf5 33.Nc6?P

**30...Qa7 31.Qg3+ Qc7 32.Bd3 Qxg3 33.Bxa6+ Kc7 34.Rb7+ Kc8 35.hxg3 h4 36.Rfb1**

It's mate in seven, counting spite checks and kamikaze bishops **1-0**

*Sicilian Kalashnikov B32*

**Dmitry Schneider 2502**

**Chunhong Ning 2354**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (5)*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Be7 7.b3 a6 8.N5c3 Nf6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Be6 11.Nd5 Nd7 12.Nbc3** [12.Nxe7+] **12...Bg5 13.Bb2 Nc5 14.Bb1 Rb8 15.b4 Nd7 16.a3 Rc8 17.Ba2 Kh8 18.Kh1 Bh6 19.Qd3 Qh4 20.Ne3 Nf6 21.g3**

21.Ned5!? Ng4 22.Qg3 Qxg3 23.fxg3 (23.hxg3 f5?) 23...Ne3 24.Rf2 Nd4 25.Ne7 Rxc4 26.Bxc4 Bxc4 27.h3 Bd3 28.Re1 Ndc2 29.Rb1 Nd4=.

**21...Qh3 22.f3?! [22.Ncd5=] 22...Nd4 23.Ncd5?**

Wrong knight! 23.Ned5 Nh5 24.Rg1 (in the game this would hang the f3 pawn) 24...f5 25.Qf1 fxe4 26.Qxh3 Bxh3 27.Nxe4 Nxf3 28.Nxd6 Rc6 29.c5 Nxc1 30.Kxg1 e4 31.Bd4 (31.Nxe4 Re6) 31...b5 32.Nxe4 Rd8 33.Nd6 Rxd6 34.cxd6 Rxd6=.

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**23...Nh5+ 24.Kg1 Nxc3 25.hxg3**

On 25.Rf2, Black keeps coming with 25...f5 26.Bxd4 fxe4! 27.Qd1 exd4 28.Qxd4 exf3??:

**25...Qxg3+ 26.Ng2 Bh3 27.Rf2 Bxg2 0-1**

*QGD Slav D31*

**Davorin Kuljasevic 2464**

**Ray Robson 2368**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (5)*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Be2 Na6** [8...Qxg2 9.Qd6 Nd7 10.Bf3 (10.0-0-0) 10...Qg5 11.Ne2 Qe7 12.Qd2] **9.Bd6 Qxg2**

10.Qd2 Nf6 11.Bf3 Qg6 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Bxe5 0-0 14.Ne2 Qf5 15.Qe3

Seeking to improve on a recent World Cup game: 15.Bd6 Rd8 16.Qc3 Ne8 17.Rhg1 Be6 18.b3 Qf6 19.Be5 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qg5+ 21. Kb2 Nc5?"Leitao-Shulman, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007.

15...Nb4 16.Nd4 Nxa2+ 17.Kd2  
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White's central fortress has a precarious quality, but it stands up to computer analysis.

17...Rd8 18.Ke2 Rxd4?

18...Qxe5? 19.Qxe5 Re8 20. Qxe8+ Nxe8 21.Nxc6! bxc6 22.Rd8 Bb7 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.Ra1?;

18...Qg6! 19.Rhg1 Bg4 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rxg4 c5 22.Rd1 Rxd4 23. Rxg7+ Qxg7 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25. Bxb7, and White has chances based on Black's vulnerable pawns.

19.Rxd4?

A crisp win is 19.Bxf6! Bd7 (19...Be6 20.Bxd4 Bxc4+ 21.Kel Qa5+ 22.Rd2?? 20.Rxd4 gxf6 21. Rg1+ Kh8 22.Re4 Nb4 23.Qh6??):

19...Be6?? 20.Rg1 Nb4

20...Re8 21.Rg5 Qc2+ 22.Ke1 Kh8=.

21.Be4! Nxe4?

21...Qh5+ 22.f3 Ne8 23.Rg5 Qh3=.

22.Rxg7+ Kf8 23.Rxe4 f6 24.Rg3!

Saving the bishop as well due to the pin: 24...fxe5 25.Rf3.

24...Nc2 25.Qd3

Or 25.Qc5+ Ke8 26.f3 fxe5 27. Rxe5 Qf7 28.Qd6??

25...Qh5+ 26.Rf3

26.Kf1! fxe5 27.Qd6+ Kf7 28. Rxe5 Qh6 29.Rxe6??

26...Bg4

26...Kg8 27.Bc3 Bf5 28.Kf1??.

27.Rxg4

27.Qd6+ Kg8 28.Rxg4 Qxg4 29. Qxf6??.

27...Qxg4 28.Kd2! Ke8 29.Bxf6 Nd4

29...Nb4 30.Qe3+ forcing mate. 30.Bxd4 Rd8 31.Re3+ Kf7 32.Rf3+ Ke8 33.Qe2+ Kd7 34.Rf7+ 1-0

Polish Defense A46

Salvijos Bercys 2418

Jun Zhao 2552

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b5 3.e3 a6 4.a4 b4 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nbd2 e6 7.e4 d5 8. Qe2 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Be7 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Be4 Nc6 12.d5 exd5 13.Bf5 Bc8 14.Bxc8 Qxc8 15.Be3 Qb7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qd3 Kb8 18.b3 Ne5 19.Qf5 Qc8 20.Nd4 c5 21. Qxc8+ Kxc8 22.Nf5 Bf8 23.Bf4 Ng6 24.g3 Nxf4 25.gxf4 Bd6 26. Nxd6+ Rxd6 27.Rhg1 Kc7 28.Rg7 Rd7 29.Rdg1 Re7 30.Rg8 Rxg8 31. Rxg8 c4 32.bxc4 dxc4 33.Rh8 Kb6 34.Rc8 c3 35.Kb1 Ka5 36.Ra8 Re6 37.f5 Rd6 0-1

Bishop's Opening C24

Chunhong Ning 2354

Magesh Panchanathan 2500

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Be4 Nf6 3.d3 Be7 4.Nf3 d6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c3 c6 7.Bb3 Qc7 8.Nbd2 d5 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.Bc2 Re8 11.Nf1 Bf8 12.Ng3 g6 13.h3 Bg7 14.Be3 Nf8 15.Qc1 Ne6 16.Bh6 Nf4? [16...Bh8!]=] 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.d4! exd4 19.e5 N6h5 20.Nxh5+ Nxh5 21.g4! [21.cxd4 f5!] 21...dxc3 22.bxc3 f6

22...Qd7 23.Qd2 b6 24.Rad1 Bb7 25.Kg2 Bc8 26.Rh1?<

23.gxh5 fxe5 24.hxg6 e4 25.gxh7 Kxh7 26.Kh1 Rf8 27.Ng5+ Kh8 28. Qe3 Qf4 29.Rg1 Bd7 30.Rg2 Rf6 31.Qd4 Re8 32.Rag1 Qe5 33.Qd1

1-0

Reti Opening A11

Zviad Izoria 2643

Dmitry Schneider 2502

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (6)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0-0 Bf5 5.c4 e6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d3 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Qc2 0-0 10.e4 Bg6 11. Nh4 Nc5 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.e5 Nfd7 14.d4 Ne6 15.Be3 Nb6 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bf2 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Rfe1 Bb4 20.Re2 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Nd6 22.Rae1 Kf7 23.h4 Qd7 24.Re5 Re8 25.b3 Kg8 26.Qd3 Qf7 27.Qe2 Ne7 28.a4 Kf8 29.Qd2 Kg8 30.Qa5 Na6 31. Bf1 Rfe6 32.Bd3 Qd7 33.R1e2 Nf7 34.Rxe6 Rxe6 35.Rxe6 Qxe6 36.b4 Qe7

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White's bishops fare better than the knights with best play: 37.Bxg6 Qxb4 38.Qxb4 Nxb4 39.a5 Nd6 40.Be1 Na2 41.Kf2 Nc1 42.Bc2 Nb5 43.Ke3 Nd6 44.Kd2 Na2 45.Bg6?9

But why the hard slog when you can end the game quickly?

37.Bxa6?? b6 (Oops!) 0-1

A heroic effort by Panchanathan to checkmate with two knights versus a pawn runs afoul of the 50-move rule.

Pirc Defense B07

Magesh Panchanathan 2500

Zviad Izoria 2643

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (7)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Be4 Ke8 7. Nge2 c6 8.a4 a5 9.Bg5 Be7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ng3 g6 12.Rad1 Nc5 13.f4

Ng4 14.Rde1 f6 15.Bh4 exf4 16.e5  
 f5 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Rxf4 Be6 19.h3  
 Nh6 20.Nf1 g5 21.Rd4 f4 22.Bxe6  
 Nxe6 23.Rd2 Nf5 24.Ne4 Rad8 25.  
 Kf2 h6 26.Red1 Rxd2+ 27.Rxd2  
 Rd8 28.c3 Rd5 29.Rxd5 cxd5 30.  
 Nf6 Nc5 31.Nxd5+ Ke6 32.Nb6  
 Nd3+ 33.Kf3 Nxb2 34.Nd2 Nh4+  
 35.Ke4 Nd1 36.Nb3 Nf2+ 37.Kd4  
 Nf5+ 38.Kc5 Ne4+ 39.Kc4 Kxe5  
 40.Nxa5 Ne3+ 41.Kb4 Nxb2 42.  
 Nbc4+ Kd5 43.Nb2 f3 44.Nd1 f2  
 45.Nxf2 Nxf2 46.Nxb7 Ke6 47.  
 Nd8+ Kc7 48.Nf7 Ne3 49.Nxb6  
 Nxb3 50.Kc5 g4 51.Nxb4 Nxb4 52.  
 a5 Ne5 53.a6 Nc6 54.c4 Nf4 55.a7  
 Nxa7 56.Kd4 Ne6+ 57.Kd5 Kd7  
 58.e5

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The 50–move count begins here.  
 58...Nc6 59.Ke4 Ned4 60.Kd5 Ke7  
 61.Ke4 Ke6 62.Kd3 Kf5 63.Ke3  
 Ke5 64.Kd3 Kf4 65.Kc4 Ke3 66.  
 Kc3 [66.Kd5 Kf3 67.Kc4 Ke4]  
 66...Ne2+ 67.Kc2 Kd4 68.Kd2 Nc3  
 69.Kc2 Ne4 70.Kd1 Ke3 71.Ke1  
 Nd2 72.Kd1 Nf3 73.Kc2 Ke2 74.  
 Kc3 Nd2 75.Kc2 Ne4 76.Kb3 N4e5  
 77.Kc2 Nf3 78.Kc3 Nd2 79.Kc2  
 Nf1 80.Kb3 Kd3 81.Ka4 Kc4 82.  
 Ka3 Ne3 83.Ka4 Nd1 84.Ka3 Nc3  
 85.Kb2 Ne4 86.Kc2 Kd4 87.Kd1  
 Ke3 88.Ke1 Nd2 89.Kd1 Nf3 90.  
 Kc2 Ke2 91.Kc3 Nd2 92.Kc2 Nf1  
 93.Kb3 Kd3 94.Ka4 Kc4 95.Ka3  
 Ne3 96.Ka4 Nf5 97.Ka3 Nfd4 98.  
 Kb2 Kd3 99.Kc1 Ke2 100.Kb2  
 Kd2 101.Ka3 Kc3 102.Ka4 Kc4  
 103.Ka3 Nf5 104.Ka4 Ne3 105.Ka3  
 Nd1 106.Ka4 Nb2+ 107.Ka3 Kc3

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 108.Ka2 Nc4 109.Kb1 Kd2 110.  
 Ka2 <sup>1/2-1/2</sup>

White shouldn't wait too long to  
 claim the draw: 110...Kc2 111.Ka1  
 Nb4 112.c6 Nd2 113.c7 Nb3#. Not  
 bad, only five moves over the limit!

It doesn't seem right, one might  
 argue. FIDE tried extending the 50-  
 move rule for certain endings such  
 as this one, but despite the artistic  
 possibilities seen above it got rolled  
 back in 1992 to 50 moves, period.

*Sicilian Najdorf B92*

Ray Robson 2368  
 Jacek Stopa 2410  
 UTD GM Invitational 2007 (7)  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
 Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3  
 Be7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qd3  
 Be6 11.Rd1

The sharper 11.0-0-0 is more  
 popular. Robson is playing hard to  
 crack. [11.0-0-0 Qb6 12.Rhf1 Rd8  
 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 Nc6 15.Be4  
 Qc7 16.Qd2 a5 17.Kb1 a4 18.Nc1  
 Nd4 19.Bd5 a3 20.b3 Rac8 21.c4 b5  
 22.Ne2 bxc4 23.Bxc4 Qb8 24.Qd3  
 d5 25.Bxd5 Rxd5 26.exd5 e4 27.  
 Qxd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 Qxh2?g Sliz-  
 hensky-Lanin, Sochi tt 2006.]  
 11...Be7 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Nd5 Bxd5  
 14.Qxd5 Qc7 15.c3 b5 16.g3 Rfd8  
 17.Qd3 Nb6 18.Bf3 Rab8 19.Qb1  
 Bg5 20.Rfe1 g6 21.Na1 Qc5 22.Nc2  
 a5 23.Rd3 Rbc8 [23...b4! =] 24.b4  
 axb4 25.Nxb4 Ra8 26.Bd1 Rd7 27.  
 Bb3 h5 28.Kg2 Kg7 29.Rf1 Bf6  
 30.Qd1 Rh8 31.h4 Rc8 32.Rh1 Re8

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 33.g4 Rh8 34.Rg3 Kf8

34...d5 35.g5 Be7 36.dxe5?ç  
 35.Qf3 Bd8 36.gxh5 gxh5 37.Kh3  
 Ra7 38.Rhg1 Qc8+ 39.Kh2 Bxh4  
 If Black doesn't take, 40.Qg2!  
 will send a shock through Black's  
 camp.  
 40.Rh3 Bd8 41.Rxh5 Rxh5+ 42.  
 Qxh5 Qc5

The defense is outflanked. If  
 42...Qxc3 then 43.Qh8+ Ke7 44.  
 Bxf7 d5 45.Qe8+ Kd6 46.Qxd8+  
 Kc5 47. Qf8+ Kc4 48.Nxd5?øø  
 43.Nd3! Qxc3 44.Qh7  
 Or 44.Qh6+ Ke7 45.Bxf7?øø  
 44...Ke8 45.Rg8+ Kd7 46.Qxf7+  
 Be7 47.Qe8+ 1-0

*Sicilian Sveshnikov B33*

Dmitry Schneider 2502  
 Alejandro Ramirez 2505

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (7)  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.  
 Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.  
 Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.c4 Be7  
 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 a6 12.Nc3 f5 13.  
 f4 Bf6  
 13...Qb6+ 14.Kh1 e4 15.b3 Bf6  
 16.Bb2 Nd7 17.Qe1 Nc5=.  
 14.Kh1 Nd7  
 14...e4 15.Be3 Nd7=.  
 15.Qc2 exf4 16.Bxf4 Be5 17.Qd2  
 Qf6 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Rac1 f4 20.  
 Ne4 Qh6 21.c5 Bg4 22.c6

A Fritz fantasy is 22.Nxd6 f3  
 23.Qxh6 fxe2 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.  
 Qe3 Rf1+ 26.Qg1 Rxc1 27.Qxc1  
 Nd3 28.Qd2 e1Q+ 29.Qxe1 Nxe1  
 30.Nxb7 Nc2 31.c6 h5 32.h3 Bf5 33.

Nd6 Ne3 34.Kg1 Kf8 35.c7 Bd7 36. c8Q+ Bxc8 37.Nxc8 Nxd5 38.a3?¶  
**22...bxc6 23.dxc6 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Rae8**

24...d5 25.Nc3 Nxc6 26.Nxd5 f3 27.gxf3 Rfe8 28.Qc2?¶

**25.Qd1 f3 26.Qd5+ Kh8 27.Qxd6 Qh4**

27...Qe3 28.Rce1 Qb6 29.gxf3 Qxc6 30.Qxc6 Nxc6 31.Nc5?-

**28.gxf3 Rxf3**

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Now if 29.Ng3? angling for

29...Rxc3?? 30.Rf8+, Black has a strong reply in 29...Ng4, e.g. 30.

Rc2 Qh3 31.Rg2 Rxf1+ 32.Nxf1 Qf3

33. Kg1 Rf8 ??, Play is forced:

**29.Nd2?h Rf6 30.Rxf6 gxf6 31.c7 Kg7 32.Qd8**

32.Rg1+ Kh6 33.b4 is a less stormy course, equally effective.

**32...Ng4 33.Qd7+ Kh6 34.Nf3 Qh3 35.Qd2+**

The only move, but a winner.

**35...Ne3 36.Qf2 Nd5 37.c8Q! Rxc8 38.Qd2+ 1-0**

Depending on Black's reply, either Rg1+ followed by Qxd5, or

38...Kh5 39.Qxd5+ quickly decides.

*QGD Slav D11*  
**Salvijus Bercys 2418**  
**Davorin Kuljasevic 2464**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (8)*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Qc2 Bg4 6.Ne5 Bh5 7.Nc3 e6 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.h3 Nbd7 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.g5 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Nd5 14.Bd2 Rd8 15.Bg2 N5b6 16.Qe2 e5 17.f4 exd4 18.exd4+ Be7**

**19.0-0 Qd6 20.Rae1 Nc8 21.d5 0-0 22.Ne4 Qb8 23.dxc6 bxc6 24.Bc3**

24.Qxa6 Nc5 25.Nxc5 Rxd2 26.Nd3 Rd8 27.Re3 Qd6 28.Rff3 Qd4 29.Kh1 c5 30.a3 c4 31.Ne5 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Bd6 33.Qb7 Ne7 34.Qe4 Bc5=.

**24...Qb5! 25.Qg4 Bb4**

25...Nc5 26.f5 Nd3 27.Rd1 gxf5 28.Rxf5 Qb6+ 29.Kh1 c5 30.Qf3?1

**26.f5 Bxc3 27.Nxc3 Qc5+ 28.Kh1 Ne5 29.Qg3 Nd3 30.Ne4 Qd4 31.Re3 Ne7**

31...Nxb2 32.Rf4 Qa7 33.fxc6 fxc6 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Re2= Nc4 36.Qc3 N8b6 37.Nc5 a5 38.Re6?-

**32.Nf6+**

?B32.fxc6 fxc6 (32...Nxg6?? 33. Rd1 ??) 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Re2?«

**32...gxf6 33.Rxe7 fxc6 34.Re4 \**

34.Qxg5 Nf2+ 35.Kh2 Qd6+ 36.Kg1 Nd3 37.fxc6?Ç

**34...Qc5 35.b4 Qc2 36.fxc6 fxc6 37.Qxg5?**

37.Rxf8+ Rxf8 38.Re6 Nf4 39. Rxc6 Qb1+ 40.Kh2 Qxa2 41.Qxg5=.

**37...Rxf1+ 38.Bxf1**

38.Kh2 Rd6 39.Re8+ Rf8 40. Qe7 Qf2 41.Qxd6! Rxe8 42.Qxg6+ Kf8 43.Qh6+ Ke7 44.Qh7+ Qf7 45.Qxd3 Qxa2?.

**38...Nf2+ 39.Kg1**

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Bizarrely, White is almost winning except for one resource.

**39...Nxh3+!**

White resigns, as after 40.Bxh3 Rd1+ 41.Bf1 Qxe4 he has no play.

**0-1**

*Sicilian Alapin B22*

**Chunhong Ning 2354**

**Drasko Boskovic 2465**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (8)*

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nxd7 8.0-0 Nh6 9.Bxh6 Bxh6 10. Re1 e6 11.Na3 0-0 12.c4 Qh5 13. Nb5**

13.d5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15. cxd5 Nb6 16.Re7 Rab8?;

13.Qb3 cxd4 14.Qxb7 Nc5 15. Qb5 Rfb8 16.Qa5 Bg7 17.Rab1=.

**13...Rfd8 14.Nd6 cxd4 15.Nxb7**

15.Qxd4 Nb6 16.c5 Nc8 17. Rad1 Bg7 18.Qf4 Nxd6 19.cxd6 Rd7=.

**15...Rdb8 16.Nd6 Bg7 17.b3 Qc5 18.Ne4 Qb6 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.h3 h6 21.Qd2 a5 22.Nc3 e5 23.Nd5 Qd6 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Ne7+ Kh7 26. Nxc8 Rxc8 27.Qxa5 Nc5 28.Rcd1 Qf4 29.Re7 [29.Qd2!?] 29...Be5 30. g3 Qf3 31.Qe1 Bd6 32.Ra7 Qf6 33.b4 Ne6 34.c5 Ng5 35.Rd3??**

35.Qf1 Bb8 36.Ra3?;

**35...Bb8 36.Re7 Nf3+ 37.Rxf3 Qxf3 38.Rd7 Rc6 39.Rxd4**

39.a4 Rf6 (39...Re6?? 40.Qxe6) 40.Rxd4 Re6 41.Qf1 Re2 42.Rd7 Kg7 43.c6 Bxg3 44. Rxf7+ Kxf7 45.fxc3 Qxf1+ 46.Kxf1 Rb2 47.c7 Rc2 48.b5 Rxc7 49.b6 Rc1+ 50.Ke2 Ral??†

**39...Re6 40.Qf1 Re2 41.Qg2 Re1+ 42.Kh2**

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x a b c d e f g h y

**42...Bxg3+!**

**0-1**

Catalan Opening E09

Zviad Izoria 2643

Jun Zhao 2552

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1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Ba6 11.Rd1 c5 12.d5 exd5 13.exd5 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Bd6 15.a4 Re8 16.Qc2 Qc7 17.Nd2 Ne5 18.b3 a6 19.Bb2 Rab8 20.Nc4 Nxc4 21.bxc4 Nd7 22.Be4 h6 23.Bh7+ Kh8 24.Bf5 Ne5 25.Qc3 b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.f4

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

27...bxc4?

27...b4 28.Qb3 Ng6 29.Qf3 Qe7 30.Bd3?d

28.Re1

28.fxe5 Bxe5 29.d6 Qd8 30.Qxe5 Rxe5 31.Bxe5=.

28...f6

28...Rb3 29.fxe5?6(queen moves are answered by ...Nf3+) 29...Rxc3 30.exd6 Rxc3+ 31.hxc3 Qb8 32.Rxe8+ Qxe8 33.Be5!?? 29.fxe5 Bxe5 30.Qd2 Bxc3 31.Rxe8+ Rxe8 32.hxc3 Qxc3+ 33.Qg2 Qe3+ 34.Kh1 c3 35.Rg1 1-0

QGD Slav D43

John Bartholomew 2435

Ray Robson 2368

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1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bd6 a6 14.e5

The line 14.a4 e5 was played in Kuljasevic-Zhao, Rd. 2.

14...Qb6

14...c5 15.Bh5 Bf8 (a) 16.d5?! Bxd6 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.dxe6+ Kg7 19.exd6 Ne5 20.f4 Nd3 21.Qh5 Qf6 22.f5 Nf4 23.Rxf4 gxf4 24.Rd1 Rhg8 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Kh7 ?@q Agrest-Vallejo Pons, France 2006; (b) 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Ng6 19.Ne4 0-0?• Najer-Malakto, Krasnoyarsk 2007.

15.Bh5 c5 16.Qg4 0-0-0 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Bxf7 Rxd6 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.Rad1 Qe7 21.Bg6 Rf8 22.Qe2 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Qf6 24.Qe3 Na4 25.Be4 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Kc7 27.Qe3 Kc6 28.Rd4 Nc5 29.Re1 Rf7 30.f3 Rf8

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

31.a4! Rd8

31...Nxa4 32.Red1! Qe7 33.Qe5 Qc5 34.Qxe6+ Kb7 35.Kh1??- 32.axb5+ axb5 33.Red1 Rxd4 34.Rxd4 Qf5 35.Rd8 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Nd3+ 37.Kg3 Qe1+ 38.Qxe1 Nxe1 39.Kf2 Nd3+ 40.Ke3 Nf4 41.g3 Nd5+ 42.Kd2 Kc5 43.Rc8+ Kb6 44.Re8 Nc7 45.Rh8 Kc5 46.Rh7 Nd5 47.Rxb6 b4 48.cxb4+ Kd4 49.Rxe6 c3+ 50.Kc2 Nxb4+ 51.Kb3 c2 52.Re1 Nd3 53.Re4+ Kd5 54.Kxc2 1-0

QGD Slav D11

Alejandro Ramirez 2505

Jacek Stopa 2410

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (8)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 dxc4 4.e3 Be6 5.Nc3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 Nf6 8.Nbd2 c3 9.bxc3 bxc3 10.Nc4 Bd5 11.Ba3 Nbd7 12.Qc2 g6 13.Be2 Bg7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rad1 Re8 16.

Nfe5 Qc7 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.e4 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 c5

19...e5! 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Qxc3 Nxc4 22.Qxc4 Rad8=.

20.Qxc3 e6 21.Bb5 Rec8

21...a6! 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Bxc5 Qxa4=.

22.Qc2

22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Bxc5 Qxa4=.

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

22...cxd4

A surprising resource is 22...a6! 23.Bxd7 cxd4! 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 (the bishop is trapped) 25.Bxe6 fxe6?ü

23.Qxc7 Rxc7 24.Bd6 Rb7 25.Bc6 Rb6 26.Bxa8 Rxd6 27.f4 Nb6

27...d3 28.Kf2 Nb6 29.e5 Rd4 30.Ke3 Rd8 31.Be4 Nc4+ 32.Kf2 Rd4 33.Rxd3 Rxe4 34.Kf3 Nxe5+ 35.Kxe4?!

28.e5 Rd8 29.Bc6 Bf8?! [29...g5?ü

30.Rd3 Rc8 31.Bb5 Bb4 32.g4 Nd5 33.f5 exf5 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Rxf5 Rc1+ 36.Rf1 Rxf1+ 37.Kxf1 Bc3 38.Rf3 Kg7 39.Ke2 Nb4 40.Rf5 d3+ 41.Bxd3 Nc6 42.Rg5+ Kh6 43.Rg4 Bxe5 44.Rh4+ Kg5 45.Rxh7 f5 46.h4+ Kg6 47.Rd7 Kh5 48.Bxf5 Kxh4 49.Be4 Nd4+ 50.Kd3 Nb3 51.Rxa7 Nc5+ 52.Kc4 Nxe4 53.Kd5 Bb8 54.Rh7+ Kg5 55.Kxe4 1-0

Vienna Game C28

Ray Robson 2368

Salvijus Bercys 2418

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (9)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nc3 Na5 5.Nge2

Worth trying is 5.Be3 Nxc4 6.dxc4 Bb4 7.Qd3 d6 8.f3.

5...Nxc4 6.dxc4 Bc5 7.0-0 d6 8.Bg5 c6 9.Kh1

9.Qd3 h6 10.Bxf6 (10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Qxe3 Qe7) 10...Qxf6 11.Na4 0-0 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.Rad1=.

9...h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.f4 exf4 12.Nxf4 Qg5 13.Nd3 0-0 14.e5 Bf5! 15.exd6 Bxd6 16.Qf3 Bg6 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Rae8 19.Qd4 Re2 20.Rf2 Be5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Qxe5 Rxe5 23.Rd2 Rfe8 24.Kg1 R8e7 25.a4 Re4 26.b3 h5 27.Rad1 f6 28.Rd7 Kf7 29.Rxe7+ Kxe7 30.Kf2 Re5 31.g3 Kf7 32.Rd8 Re7 33.c5 Ke6 34.Rd6+ Kf5 35.c4 a5 36.Rd8

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

36...Ke4 37.Ra8

37.h3 shuts out the king for a while, but he will get his kingside pawns moving and break through.

37...Kd3 38.Rxa5 Re2+ 39.Kf1 Rb2 40.Ra8 Rxb3 41.Rh8 Kxc4 42.Rxh5 Rd3 43.Rh7 Rd7 44. Rh5 Kb4 45.h4 g6 46.Rh8 Rg7 47.Rf8 Kxa4 48.Rxf6 Kb5 49.Ke2 Kxc5 50.Kd3 b5 51.Kc3 b4+ 52. Kb3 Kb5 53.Rf4 c5 54.Rg4 Rf7 55.Rxg6 c4+ 56.Kc2 Rf2+ 57.Kc1 Rh2 58. Rg8 Ka4 59.g4 Rxh4 60.g5 Rg4 61. g6 Kb3 62.g7 c3 63.Kd1 c2+ 64. Kd2 Rg2+ 0-1

Vienna Game C27

Jun Zhao 2552

Dmitry Schneider 2502

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (9)  
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Be4 Nxe4 4. Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Nb5 g6 7.Qf3 f5 8.Qd5 Qe7 9.Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 b6 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.Nxb6

Nd4 13.Qh3 axb6 14.c3 Ne6 15. Bxe6 Qxe6 16.Ne2 g5 17.d4 g4 18.Qh4+ Kc8 19.dxe5 Bxg2 20.Rg1 Bf3 21.Nd4 Qxe5+ 22.Be3 Be4 23. Nb3 Be7 24.Qh6 Qb5 25.Rd1 Re8 26.Rxd6 Bxd6 27.Qxd6 Bf3 28.Qd2 f4 29.Nd4 fxe3 30.fxe3 Qe5 31.Rg3 Qxe3+ 32.Qxe3 Rxe3+ 33.Kd2 Re5 34.Nxf3 gxf3 35.Rxf3 Rh5 36.h3 Rg5 37.Kc2 Rg2+ 38.Kb3 Rh2 39. a4 h5 40.Ka3 h4 41.Rd3 Kc7 42.b3 Kc6 43.Kb4 Rh1 44.Kc4 Rh2 45. Kd4 Rb2 46.Kc4 Rh2 47.Rf3 Rh1 48.Kd3 Rb1? [48...Kd5] 49.Rf4 Rg1 [49...Rxb3?? 50.Kc2 Ra3 51.Kb2??\$ 50.Rxh4 Rg3+ 51.Kd4 Rf3 52.Rh6+ Kc7 53.h4 Rh3 54.Kc4 Rf3 55.b4 Rf5 56.h5 Rf4+ 57.Kb5 Rf5+ 58.Ka6 Rg5 59.c4 Rg4 60.Rxb6 Rxc4 61.a5 Rh4 62.Rb5 d6 63.Rb7+ Kc6 64.b5+ Kd5 65.Rh7 1-0

Robson artfully won a pawn against Chunhong Ning, but was unable to convert it to the full point in a long ending. It's a 106-move marathon, of which over half is a queen and pawn endgame.

Jun Zhao blunders horribly in a won position against Panchanathan:

Sicilian Sveshnikov B33

Magesh Panchanathan 2500

Jun Zhao 2552

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (10)  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Qb6 6.Nb3 e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bc5 b6 13.Ba3 Bb7 14.c4 Nf4 15.Be4 Rd8 16.Qg4 Ng6 17.Rfe1 Kd7 18. c5 Kc8 19.cxb6 axb6 20.Qe2 Rhe8 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.c4 Nd4 23.Nxd4 Rxd4 24.c5 bxc5 25.Rac1 Rd5 26. Bb2 f6 27.Rc3 Re5 28.Re3 Rxe3 29.Qxe3 c4 30.a4 g5 31.f3 Bd5 32. Bc3 Kd7 33.a5 Ke7 34.a6 Kf7 35. a7 Qb7 36.h3 Ra8 37.Ra1 Qc7 38. Bd4 Re8 39.Qc3 Qb7 40.Qa3 Kg6 41.Qd6 Kh7 42.Kh2 Ra8 43.Ra3

Rc8 44.Ra5 Ra8 45.Ra2 Qf7 46. Qc5 e5 47.Be3 e4 48.Rd2 Bb7 49. Qb5 Qc7+ 50.g3 Bc8 51.fxe4 Be6 52.Qa6 c3 53.Rd6 Bc8 54.Qd3 c2 55.e5+ f5 56.e6

X A B C D E F G H Y  
8r + l + - + - + ( 7P - Q - + - P K ' 6- + - RP + - + & 5+ - + - + p p - % 4- + - + - + - + \$ 3+ - + Q L - P P # 2- + p + - + - K " 1+ - + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y

56...g6

56...c1Q 57.Bxc1 Qxc1 58. Qxf5+ g6 59.Qf7+ (59.Qf2 Qc7? 60.Rc6 Qg7 61.Qc2 Qe5) 59...Kh6 60.Qf8+=.

57.e7

57.Qd5! c1Q 58.Bxc1??- 57...Qxe7 58.Rc6 Bb7 59.Rc4 Ba6 [or 59...Rd8] 60.Qd5 Qxe3??

60...Rxa7! 61.Bxa7 Qe2+ 62. Qg2 Qxc4??.

61.Rc7+?! Kh6 62.Qxa8

Threatening mate in one.

62...Qd2+ 63.Qg2 1-0

Notes by IM Davorin Kuljasevic

Sicilian B20

Zviad Izoria 2643

Davorin Kuljasevic 2464

UTD GM Invitational 2007 (10)  
1.e4 c5 2.b3

During the tournament I got a reputation as a theoretical expert, so it's no wonder that Zviad resorted to this unusual line. However, I was aware that it used to be a dangerous weapon of his countryman Gelashvili, so he was probably familiar with some of his ideas.

2...d6 3.Bb2 Nf6

I think Black should play this move as soon as possible in order to put the pressure on the e4 pawn.



**4.Bb5+ Nbd7 5.d3 g6 6.f4 Bg7 7.Bxd7+ Bxd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 b5**

In my opinion, Black has achieved a favorable Closed Sicilian type of position. Naturally, I wanted to expand on the queenside. 10.c4 bxc4 Opening the b-file to create some counterplay.

**11.bxc4 Qa5 12.Bc3 Qa4**

I was trying to create as much counterplay on the queenside as possible.

**13.Qc1 Rab8 14.Nbd2 Ne8 15.Bxg7 Nxc7 16.Nb1**

I thought 16.f5 was not very dangerous because of 16...gxf5 17.Nh4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 f5

**16...f5!**

Trying to create some counterplay in the center as well.

**17.Nc3 Qa5 18.g3 Bc6 19.Rf2**

In the case of 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Black has no problems after 20...e6.

**19...Rb7 20.Nd2**

A logical attempt to close the b-file.

**20...Rfb8 21.Nb3 Qb4 22.Rc2?!**

22.Rb1 looks better to me. Both 22...fxe4 (and 22...Ne6 ) 23.Nxe4 Nf5 24.g4 Nd4 25.f5 gxf5 26.gxf5 Kh8 should provide Black with enough counterplay.

**22...a5?!**

A serious inaccuracy. More dangerous was 22...fxe4 23.Nxe4 Nf5 (or 23...a5 )

**23.Nd5**

White goes for a forced sequence. In the case of 23.Rb1 a4 24.Nd2 Qa5 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 Black would still retain a small initiative.

**23...Bxd5 24.cxd5 a4 25.Rc4 Qb5 26.Nd2 e6 27.dxe6 Nxe6 28.Nf3 Qb1! 29.Rc2**

The only move. After 29.Rxb1 Rxb1 White doesn't have a good way to defend the a-pawn.

**29...a3 30.Kf2 Qxc2+ 31.Qxc2 Rb2 32.Rc1 fxe4?**

A big mistake. I thought the knight endgame would be winning

so I went straight into it, without considering other possibilities.

32... c4! was a much better attempt to win. White might be able to hold, but it wouldn't be easy.

**33.dxe4 Rxc2+ 34.Rxc2 Rb2 35.Rxb2 axb2 36.Nd2 c4 37.Nb1 Nc5 38.Ke3 Na4 39.Kd2 Kf7 40.Kc2 Ke6 41.Na3**

I underestimated White's counterplay with Na3-b5-d4.

**41...c3**

41...d5 doesn't help because of 42.e5 followed by Nb5.

**42.Nb5 Kd7 43.f5 g5 44.g4 h6 45.h3 Ke7 46. Na3 Kd7 47.Nb5 Ke7 48. Na3 Kd7**  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

#### *Benko Gambit A57*

**Alejandro Ramirez 2505**

**John Bartholomew 2435**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (10)*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Nge2 Nxd5 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.Nxc3 g6**

10...e6 (a) 11.e4 Nc6 12.Bf4 Be7 13.Qd3 Qd8 14.Qg3 0-0 15.Bc7 Qe8 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Bd6 f6= Farago-Stojanovski, Ljubana 2002; (b) 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Rc1 Bc6 13.e4 Be7 14.Re1 0-0 15.Bd3 d6 16.b4 Ra3 17.b5 Bb7 18.Qc2 Nd7 19.e5 h6 20.exd6 Bxd6 21.h3= Shapiro-Bartholomew(!), Philadelphia 2005. Maybe Bartholomew was avoiding opening preparation based on this.

**11.Bc4 Bc6 12.Qb3 e6 13.Bd2 Qb4 14.Qxb4!**

14.Nb5 Qxb3 15.axb3 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 Be7 17.Ra7 0-0 18.Ba5= Ruban-Kalegin, Kursk 1987.

**14...cxb4 15.Nb5 Bxb5**

After this Black's b-pawn is easy prey. Better is 15...Kd8 16.a3 d5 17.Bd3 bxa3 18.Bc3 Rg8 19.bxa3 Nd7 20.a4 e5 21.Rfb1?e

**16.Bxb5 Bd6**

16...Kd8 17.Rfd1 h5 18.e4 h4 19.Bg5+ Be7 20.Bxe7+ Kxe7 21.Rd4?±

**17.Rfc1 Ke7 18.Rc4 Na6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Bxb4 Bxb4 21.Rxb4 Rc8 22.h4 Rd6 23.a4 Rc2 24.a5 Ra6 25.Rb7 Kd8 26.Rd1 Rc7 27.Rb8+ Rc8 28.Rxc8+ Kxc8 29.b4 Rc6 30.g4 d5 31.g5 Kb7 32.e4 Rc4 33.exd5 exd5 34.b5 Rc5 35.Rb1 d4 36.Kf1 Re5 37.a6+ Kb6 38.Ra1 Re8 39.a7 Ra8 40.Ke2 1-0**

#### *King's Indian E97*

**John Bartholomew 2435**

**Salvijus Bercys 2418**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (11)*

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 axb4 11.Bxb4 b6 12.a4 Ne8 13.Nb5 f5 14.Nd2 Bh6 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.a5 bxa5 17.Rxa5 Ba6 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Nb3 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 Kh8**  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Here's a plan: trade dark bishops, obtain use of d4, and get a monster knight on e6! 21.Bd2 Bxd2 22.Qxd2 Rg8 23.f4! e4 24.Bc2 Rb8 25.Qc3 Rg6 26.Rxb8 Qxb8 27.Nd4 Qc8 28.Kh1 Kg8 29.Rb1 Nd7 30.Qa5 Rg4 31.Ne6 Nf8 32.h3 Rg3 33.Qa7!?RÅ

#### *English Opening A37*

**Jacek Stopa 2410**

**Chunhong Ning 2354**

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (11)*

**1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Rb1 b6 9.a3 Bb7 10.Bd2 d5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Qa4 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Rfc1 Bg7 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.b4 Qa2 18.Qc2 Qxa3 19.bxc5 Qxc5 20.Qxc5 bxc5 21.Rxc5 Rfb8 22.Rxb8+ Rxb8 23.e3 h5 24.d4?!**

24.Kf1! Kf8 25.Rc7 Rb1+ 26.Ke2 Rb2 27.Kd1 a6 28.Ra7 Rb1+ 29.Ke2 Rb2 30.d4?†

**24...Rb2 25.Rc8+ Kh7 26.Be1 Ra2 27.h4 a5 28.Ra8 a4 29.Kf1 Bf6 30.f4 a3 31.Bb4 Ra1+ 32.Ke2 a2 33.Bc3 Rg1?!**

33...Rc1 34.Kd3 Rg1 35.Rxa2 Rxc3?†

34.Be1 Be7 35. Rxa2 Kg7 36.Rb2  
 Bd8 37.d5 exd5 38.Rb1 d4 39.Kf2  
 Rxe1 40.Rxe1 dxe3+ 41.Kxe3 Bb6+  
 42.Kf3 f5 43.Rb1 Bc5 44.Rb2 Kf6  
 45.Ke2 Bd4 46.Rc2 Kf7 47.Kd3  
 Ba1 48.Kc4 Ke6 49.Ra2 Bh8 50.  
 Ra6+ Kf7 51.Kd5 Bb2 52.Ra2 Bc3  
 53.Kc4 Bh8 54.Ra7+ Ke6 55.Ra6+  
 Kf7 56.Kd5 Bc3 57.Ra2 Be1 58.  
 Ra3 Bb4 59.Rb3 Ba5 60.Ke5 Bc7+  
 61.Kd4 Ba5 62.Kd5 Ke7 63.Ra3  
 Bb4 64.Ra6 Kf7 65.Rc6 Ba3 66.  
 Rb6 Bf8 67.Rb8 Be7 68.Rb7 Kf6  
 69.Rb6+ Kf7 1-0

*French Defense Burn C11*

Ray Robson 2368

Zviad Izeria 2643

*UTD GM Invitational 2007 (11)*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5  
 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nf3  
 f5 8.Ng3 [8.Nc3] 8...c5 9.Qd2 cxd4  
 10.0-0-0 Qd5 11.Kb1  
 ?E Better is 11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4  
 Nc6 13.Nb5 0-0 14.f4 a6 15.Nc3 b5  
 16.Be2 Ra7 17.Bf3 Rc7=.  
 11...Nc6 12.Nh5 Bd7  
 12...e5 13.Qh6 Bd7 14.Ng7+  
 Kd8 15.Ng5 f6 16.c4 Qg8??17.Nf3  
 Qf7 18.Nh5 Qg6  
 13.Nf4 Qd6 14.Bb5 e5 15.Ne2 0-0-0  
 16.c3 d3 17.Ng3 e4 18.Bxc6 bxc6  
 19.Nd4 Qg6 20.c4 Bc5  
 20...h5 21.Qa5 c5??7  
 21.Nb3 Bb6 22.c5 Bc7 23.Qb4 Be6  
 24.Nd4 a5  
 24...Be5 25.Nxe6 Qxe6 26.Qa3  
 Rd7 27.Rd2 Rb7 28.Re1 Rd8 29.Nf1

Rd4 30.Ne3 Rdb4 31.Nd1 Qc4  
 32.Rf1 Ra4 33.Ne3 Qa6??  
 25.Qa4 Rxd4 26.Qxd4 Rd8 27.Qa4  
 Bd5 28.Rhe1 e3 29.fxe3  
 29.f4 Qe6 30.Rxd3 Bxa2+ 31.  
 Kc2 Rxd3 32.Kxd3 Qd5+ 33.Qd4  
 Qxg2 34.Re2 Qf3 35.Rxe3 Qd1+  
 36.Kc3 Qc1+=.  
 29...f4! 30.exf4  
 30.e4 fxc3 31.Ka1 Be6 32.Qxc6  
 Bc4  
 30...d2+ 31.Re4 Re8 32.f5 Rxe4 33.  
 Nxe4 Qxf5??234.Rxd2 Bxe4+ 35.  
 Ka1 Bxg2 36.a3 Bd5 37.h4 Qf4 38.  
 Qc2 Qxh4 39.Rxd5 cxd5 40.Qf5+  
 Kb8 41.Qd7 Qe1+ 42.Ka2 Qe6 43.  
 Qb5+ Ka7 44.b4 axb4 45. c6 d4+  
 46.Kb2 bxa3+ 47.Kxa3 Bb6 48.  
 Kb2 Qd6 0-1?®

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1	IM Davorin Kuljasevic	2494	CRO	W11	W8	D9	D2	W4	D6	D5	W10	D12	D3	D7	7.5
2	GM Alejandro Ramirez	2591	CRC	W10	W9	W12	D1	D3	D4	L7	W6	D11	W5	D8	7.5
3	GM Zviad Izeria	2714	GEO	D6	D5	W10	W12	D2	L7	D11	W8	D9	D1	W4	7.0
4	FM Ray Robson	2370	USA	W7	W11	W8	W9	L1	D2	W6	L5	L10	D12	L3	6.0
5	IM John Bartholomew	2475	USA	D12	D3	D7	D11	D8	D9	D1	W4	D6	L2	D10	5.5
6	IM Jacek Stopa	2470	POL	D3	D7	W11	D8	D9	D1	L4	L2	D5	D10	W12	5.5
7	IM Dmitry Schneider	2529	USA	L4	D6	D5	D10	L12	W3	W2	D11	L8	D9	D1	5.0
8	GM Jun Zhao	2552	CHN	W9	L1	L4	D6	D5	W10	D12	L3	W7	L11	D2	5.0
9	IM Drasko Boskovic	2520	SRB	L8	L2	D1	L4	D6	D5	D10	W12	D3	D7	D11	4.5
10	IM Salvijus Bercys	2494	USA	L2	W12	L3	D7	D11	L8	D9	L1	W4	D6	D5	4.5
11	GM M. Panchanathan	2560	IND	L1	L4	L6	D5	D10	L12	D3	D7	D2	W8	D9	4.0
12	WGM Chunhong Ning	2354	CHN	D5	L10	L2	L3	W7	W11	D8	L9	D1	D4	L6	4.0

## Ten from Texas attend World Youth Championships

The US fielded 33 players in the 2007 World Youth Championships, held Nov. 17-29 in Antalya, Turkey. Two on our team won medals: In U12 boys, Daniel Naroditsky of California won the gold medal and an FM title with 9.5/11; and our own Sarah Chiang of Dallas won the silver in U10 girls. Texas sent ten players in all.

The US coaching staff included Armen Ambartsoumian, Joel Benjamin, John Fedorowicz, Aviv Friedman, Dmitry Gurevich, Michael Khodarkovsky and Sergey Kudrin.

GM Benjamin had this to say:

“I would have to cite 2007 as our best performance in a World Youth. The historic gold and silver medals naturally grab most of the attention, but let’s not forget the depth of our success, with several players scoring 8/11 and making the top ten (little brother Jonathan Chiang, 6th in Boys U8, Simone Liao, 6th in Girls U8, Brian Luo 7th in Boys’ U10, and Ray Robson, 7th in Boys’ U14).”

### U.S. Team final scores (11 rounds)

\* DENOTES TEXAS PLAYER

#### Girls U18

Ettie Nikolova 6  
Elina Kats 4.5  
Julia Kerr 4.5

#### Girls U16

WFM Alisa Melekhina 7.5  
Abby Marshall 6.5  
Courtney Jamison\* 5.5  
Louiza Livschitz 5.5

#### Girls U14

Dai Yang 7.5  
Jennie Liu 5  
Gayatri Vempati\* 5

#### Girls U12

Alena Kuzniatsova 5.5  
Anna Matlin 6.5

#### Girls U10

Sarah Chiang\* 8.5  
Ellen Xiang\* 6

#### Girls U8

Evan Xiang\* 6.5  
Simone Liao 8

#### Boys U18

FM Elliot Liu 5.5

#### Boys U16

Marc Tyler Arnold 6  
Warren Harper\* 6  
Samuel Shankland 6

#### Boys U14

FM Ray Robson 8  
Victor Shen 7  
Alec Getz 6  
Michael Yee 5  
Christian Tanaka 7

#### Boys Under 12

Daniel Naroditsky 9.5  
FM Darwin Yang\* 6  
Christopher Heung 6.5

#### Boys Under 10

Brian Luo 8  
Varun Krishnan 6.5  
Jarod Pamatmat\* 6

#### Boys Under 8

Jonathan Chiang\* 8  
Dachey Lin\* 7

## My trip to the 2007 World Youth Championships

by Dachey Lin

### 11/16

#### Flight to Turkey

Today I flew to Frankfurt, Germany. I saw Jarod, Jonathan, Sarah, and Courtney. My whole family went with me and I had fun. There were games on the airplane’s computer, so I wasn’t bored. When we got to Frankfurt, Germany we played bug-house until Sarah wanted to play normal chess. We left when it was time to board on an airplane to Istanbul, Turkey. After we went to Antalya, Turkey. On my trip to Antalya I slept. When I woke up I ate something and then threw up. My mom had to clean me up, but I still felt tired. So, I tried to do Sudoku. But, Sudoku was boring, so I asked for my word search book. When it was time to get off the airplane, we went on a bus and to our hotel.

### 11/17

#### Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony started at night. I was bored because I had nothing to do. When the person on the stage started to talk, I did not understand what language he was speaking. I had not eaten dinner so I was hungry and had to go out. I missed half of the speech, but when I came back, I saw people dancing traditional Turkish folk dance on stage; it was awesome. Many people came from different countries to play in this tournament; they all dressed differently and each looked nice in their own way.

### 11/18

#### Round 1

Today I played against a very strong player from Azerbaijan in Round 1. His name is Abilov, Matin. I was on board 7. In the beginning, we were

**Sarah Chiang, 2nd Girls’ U10**

equal. I tried to beat him, but couldn't do it. In the middle game, I blundered my queen because I took a poisoned knight and didn't see a bishop pin. After that, I started playing better by activating all my pieces, and made him think longer and longer. I became bored so that I went over to check on how Jarod Patatamat was doing. In the endgame, I was winning because I had a passed pawn that almost turned into a queen, but his queen checks stopped it. I was trying to hide my king, but he made a mistake and that enabled me to hide my king from a queen check and move my pawn. Then he tried to block my pawn with his queen, but my other pawn moved up and made his queen go away so I could promote my queen and that made him resign. That's the end of the game.

**11/19**

**Round 2**

Today I played against a very strong player from India in Round 2. His name is Shahi, Harshal and his FIDE rating was 1708. I was on board 3. In the beginning, we were equal, but I thought I was winning because the square on b3 was empty and I was controlling it. In the middle, I was tired and had to go to the restroom. I felt very good after coming back. I was trying to win quickly, but he kept defending so that I could not attack. In the endgame, I sacrificed a pawn and moved my king to where the pawn was. At the end of the endgame, I thought I was losing because I was losing by three pawns. However, he had to give away a free pawn and a bishop for my pawn so that we were equal again. I thought we would have ended up with a draw, but he used up all his time so that I was lucky to win the game on time.

**11/20**

**Round 3**

In Round 3 I played a good player from Iran named Asgharzadeeh Mohammad Reza. In the opening I played very badly and lost a pawn. I felt better in the middle game after he blundered two pawns so that I was up a pawn. I was trying to win quickly by using my bishop to attack his only pawn on the king side that was on h7, but he defended against my attack by stopping my bishops and passed pawns. Then he made me trade off my powerful pieces and let me have a free pawn. In the endgame I took a poison pawn and lost a knight, but he made a very bad move and allowed my pawn to advance to f7. He resigned because I was forking his knight and rook.

**11/21**

**Round 4**

Before round 4, I didn't rest well because my sister cried for 2 hours in the midnight. I also had a tantrum problem before the game due to the lack of sleep. When I went inside, I felt tired and played badly. My opponent is Sevgi Volkan from Turkey. I blundered a whole minor piece and felt very bad. And, in the middlegame I blundered another minor piece and felt very unhappy. In the endgame he had to give away a knight because he touched it, and it didn't have a good place to go to. I was still losing by a minor piece and felt very grumpy. At the end I was trying to stalemate myself, but he found a checkmate and didn't care about taking my free pawn.

**11/22**

**Rounds 5 and 6**

Today I had 2 rounds.

In Round 5 I played against Costachi, Milhnea from Romania. I was trying to do what my chess teacher Babakuli Annakov asked the US team coach Dmitry Gurevich to show me yesterday. It worked, and I was very happy. In the middlegame I

won a pawn by checking his king. When he blocked my check with his pawn, I took it with a knight. It was a bishop endgame. I was trying to get him to lose, but it was hard. I was still a pawn up and then I found a way to open the boring position with a bishop and pawns. I made my pawn turn into a queen and checkmated him. It was a hard game.

In Round 6 I played against Jonathan Chiang from our US team. I won this game because he missed a queen mate. We are good friends and see each other often at Dallas Chess Club. No hard feelings.

**11/23**

**Trip to Aspendos**

It is a free day today. We joined a tour to Aspendos and Perge. During our bus ride to Aspendos, I could look out the window and see the Mediterranean Sea and the beautiful mountain. It was fun at the Aspendos. The Aspendos was an ancient theater that had 18,000 seats. I climbed up all the steps leading up to the top of the theatre. I got to take a picture with a person who dressed up as an ancient Roman soldier. After leaving Aspendos, we went to a traditional Turkish restaurant. The food was great. After we finished the meal and got out of the restaurant, I was given an Evil's Eye pin and a clay cup as gifts by a Turkish artist. Before we went to Perge, we visited another ancient theatre ruins, it was way bigger than Aspendos. At Perge, there was an ancient Roman city surrounded by double walls. The outside wall is rectangular and the inner oval. The Romans used the double walls to trap the enemy. Inside the city, there were two watch towers, the guards watch the enemy from them. We also saw an ancient Apollo temple and an ancient bathing place. The bathing place consists of three rooms. The first room is the

Hot Room, inside it there was a double-layered floor. Hot water ran between the double layers of the floor to keep the floor warm. Before the guests entered the Hot Room, some slaves would help clean their hands and feet for hygiene purpose. After they came out of the Hot Room, they entered the Shock Room where the water was cold. The final room is called the Best Room where they had food and wine, played games, and watched beautiful girls dancing. After visiting the bathing place, we went to the gym. It was used to train the Roman soldiers. They chose pale green color for the walls inside the gym room because they thought it would make the soldiers feel calm and confident. After we exited the gym room, we went to a place where there were many pillars. I ran around and played there. It was amazing that all the buildings were built with marbles of different colors. Turkey has the second best quality marble in the world, just next to Italian marble. On the way back, we saw something amazing: The Turkish people build escalators on the sidewalk for people to get on to the bridges above the roads. The escalators are the same kind as we can see in US department stores. It was an exciting trip for me.

**11/24**

**Round 7**

Today I was playing against a very strong player from Russia; his name is Konstantin Savenkov. I lost to him because I was tired. My legs were aching from yesterday's trip to Aspendos because I ran around and climbed up and down too much. In the opening I was playing very well and slightly winning. However, in the middlegame I thought my queen was well positioned, but it was later trapped. I lost a queen for a bishop and knight. I thought everything

would have ended up like round 1, but it didn't. I also lost two pawns in the endgame. He got a free bishop and then gave up his queen for promoting a pawn to a queen. I had to use my knight and pawns to defend my king, but then I had to give up a knight and my king was checkmated. This game had a sad ending for me.

**11/25**

**Round 8**

Today my opponent is Gubaydullin, Karim from Russia. He was a very good player. Well, all the players from the Russian team are very strong. This time I tried to be as careful as I can. I played really slow and tried not to sacrifice my queen too early by developing my knights and bishops early to control the center. In the beginning, I played really good and surprised him, that made him think very long. In the middlegame, I shocked him with a very unusual move, i.e. "7. ... g5", and got a free pawn. In the endgame, I gave away my rook and got a bishop and a knight in exchange, now I had two bishops against his only rook. He pinned one of my bishops and won it. However, I had two passed pawns, he had to give away one rook for a passed pawn that was promoted to a queen, but my other passed pawn took his rook and turned into a queen. That's when he resigned. After a two-hour battle, I eventually won. It was hard, but I am happy because I finally won someone from a Russian team.

**11/26**

**Round 9**

Today my opponent was Milan Zajic from Serbia. Amazingly he had not lost even one game before Round 9. He had had four wins and four draws. I planned to defeat him by being extra careful and always keeping in mind that he might

sacrifice some pieces to have a draw against me. In the opening, I played really well; it made him think long and hard. In the middlegame, he played really well and was one pawn up. After four hours of battle I tried very hard not to be careless, but unfortunately still blundered in the endgame, fell into a trap, and lost.

**11/27**

**Round 10**

Today I played against Nikita Klepikov from Russia. I knew he was a very good player because he beat three FIDE rated players. I tried to be very careful and tried not to blunder anything. In the beginning, we were equal. I was so careful that I didn't try to attack quickly just like in the game against the Russian player Gubaydullin. In the middlegame, we were still equal but somehow I got a pawn up by capturing his pawns on d4 with my pawn, c2 and b3 with my queen while he used his knight to capture the pawns on d4 and f5 with his knight. He could have taken the pawn on h6 because it was check and then return the knight to f5. In the endgame, I lost a pawn so we were equal. It looked like it was almost going to be a draw, but first I wanted to see if I could win. He blundered two pawns and then gave his knight for a pawn. I was very happy that I won.

**11/28**

**Round 11 and Closing Ceremony**

Today I played against the invited player from India, G. V., Revanth Reddy. In the beginning, I did not recognize the opening. I went on and didn't care even if I shouldn't have made the moves I did make. In the middlegame, I played badly and was losing. I tried to get a bishop and knight for a rook, but he blundered and had to give back the exchange.

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## Zhang, Chang tie for 6th grade championship

Vincent Zhang of Houston tied with Derek Chang of Austin and Robert Perez of Florida for top honors in the 6th grade division of the National Scholastic K-12/Collegiate Championships, held Dec. 7-9 in Houston. All had 6-1 scores, with the first place trophy going to Vincent on tiebreaks. His sister Victoria also scored well, with 5-2. The Zhangs were on the T.H. Rogers Elementary national K-5 championship team last spring.

Vincent annotated two of his games for *Texas Knights*:

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### *QGD Exchange D36*

**Vincent Zhang 1860**  
**Nathan Lee 1744**

#### *National 6th Grade Chp. (6)*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7** I have played Queen's gambit for a long time now and have seen the Cambridge Springs often. (My sister plays it.) **5.cxd5 exd5 6.e3** not [6.Nxd5 where 6...Nxd5 7.Bxd8 Bb4+ 8.Qd2 Bxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Kxd8 wins black a piece] **6...c6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nge2** This is a variation I've played for quite some time now, where White strives to push e4 and get a massive center. **8...0-0 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 c5 11.b3** to stop c4 **11...b6 12.0-0 Bb7** I have reached many similar positions to this, and mainly my opponents play Ne4 where I am forced to give up my bishop. **13.f3** This is a normal pawn push in my variation. It stops Black from trading bishops, and supports e4. **13...Rc8 14.Qd2** This stops the pin along the c-file and any tactics he might have. **14...Re8 15.Bf2** This is where the bishop belongs in this variation-supporting the e3 and d4 pawns. At the moment it is blocked in, but it will be strong along the h2-a7 diagonal after White plays e4. **15...Bf8 16.Rac1 cxd4** this is bad for

### **Vincent Zhang**

Black's pawn structure – his d-pawn is now isolated. Usually Black achieves counter-play with Ne4, but this is impossible because of the White pawn on f3. **17.Nxd4 Bb4 18.Qb2 Qe7 19.Nb1** Better for me is 19.Ncb5 Ne5 20.Bf5 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 where I have complete control over the c-file, and my rook is poised to go to the 7th rank. **19...Ne5 20.Bb5 Red8 21.a3 Bc5** I can't play b4 here because his knight gets the wonderful c4 outpost. **22.Nf5 Qe6 23.Nd4** I repeated this position to see if he would take on d4, giving up the bishop pair. **23...Qe7 24.Rfe1** "over-protecting" the pawn in case I want to move my bishop **24...a6 25.Bf1** This is the safest square for the bishop where it is "out of the way" **25...b5 26.Nf5 Qe6 27.Nd4** again seeing if he takes, although this time taking would be a horrible blunder because of the pin on the e-file **27...Qe7 28.Bg3** Threatening Nf5 Qe6 Qxe5. **28...Ng6 29.b4** Now that the knight can't get to c4 easily, I play b4 so that I can move my passive knight. **29...Bb6 30.Nd2 Rxc1 31.Qxc1 Ne5** He wants to get his

knight to the c4 outpost. **32.N2b3** I am going to use my knights to limit his queen to the number of squares it can move **32...Nc4 33.Nf5 Qe6 34.Nbd4 Qd7 35.Bh4** This forces black to give up the bishop pair **35...Bxd4 36.Nxd4 g5 37.Bf2 Rc8 38.Bxc4** I decided to take mainly because the knight was superior to my bishop sitting on f1. **38...bxc4 39.Qc3** Blocking the pawn from advancing and eye the a1-h8 diagonal. **39...Ne8 40.Bg3** Time to get my bishop active. This also stops his knight from going to d6 where I can take it and give him a bad bishop. **40...f6 41.e4** Finally I play e4 to support Nf5. This also helps me open the e-file. **41...dxe4 42.fxe4 h5 43.e5** I was planning to play e6 and tie him down. **43...h4 44.Bf2 Qd5 45.Qf3** I planned to trade queens and make some problems for him with my knight and pawn. **45... c3 46.Qxd5+ Bxd5 47.Nf5 Kf7?** better was Kf7. This allows me to play Bc5 with tempo. **48.Bc5+ Kf7 49.Nd6+ Nxd6 50.exd6 Be6?** This move completely blunders a pawn. **51.Rc1 a5 52.Rxc3 axb4 53.Bxb4** I should have taken with my a-pawn. This allows him to get a opposite bishop endgame, which are known to be drawish. I thought that after 53.axb4 he could get counterplay with Ra8. **53...Rxc3 54.Bxc3 Bb3??** This is a horrible blunder by him. I can just take his pawns now. **55.d7 Ke7 56.Bxf6+** If Kxf6 then d8=Q. **56...Kxd7 57.Bxg5 h3** he tries to mess up my pawn structure to make it easier for him to defend. Unfortunately for him, he loses either way. **58.gxh3 Kc6 59.h4 Bf7 60.Kf2 Kb5** He uses his bishop to stop one side, while his king stops the other. **61.Kg3 Bh5** Stopping Kg4. **62.Kf4 Ka4 63.Be7 Kb3 64.Kg5 Bf7 65.h5 Bg8 66.Kg6 Bd5 67.h6 Be4+ 68. Kg7 Ka4 69.h7 Bxh7 70. Kxh7**  
My opponent resigned. 1-0

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## Gallagher Memorial

Three players tied for first at the fifth annual Jim Gallagher Memorial, Nov. 24-25: Dennis Rylander, Don Sutherland and Gregg Stanley (top U1900) each finished with 3-1, winning \$83.66. Zhaosu Ye won the U1900 prize of \$50.

In the Reserve, Raymond Grillo was clear first with 4-0, winning \$84. Raul Fores was second with 3 for \$50. Daniel Lozano and Bryant Davis tied for U1500 with 2.5 each and \$42. Martin Gordon directed for SACC. There were 22 participants, owing to the Ken Smith Memorial in Austin the same weekend.

### QGD Exchange D34

**Dennis Rylander 2357**

**Martin Gordon 1913**

### Gallagher Memorial 2007 (1)

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 Be6**

The main line 9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 11.Be3 Re8 was favored by Kasparov in the 80s.

**10.Rc1 Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.dxc5 Nxc5?**

12...Rfd8 is playable, as the c5 pawn isn't going anywhere. 13.Nd4 Nxc5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qd4? was played in Najdorf-Michel, Mar del Plata 1943.

**13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 Ne6 15.e3 Rad8 16.Qb3 Rd6 17.Nh4 g6 18.Qa3 Qd7 19.Nf3 Rd3 20.b3 Rd8 21.Rfe1 Qd6 22.Qb2 Ne5 23.Qc2 b6 24.Bf1 Rd5 25.Be4 Nb4 26.Qe2 Nbd3 27.Bxd5 Qxd5 28.Rcd1 Ne4 29.Qf1!?**

29.Rxd3! Qxd3 30.Nd4? b

**29...Nexf2??**

29...Nxe1! 30.Rxe1!?

**30.Qxf2 Nxf2 31.Rxd5 Nh3+ 32.Kg2 Rxd5 33.Kxh3 Rd3 34.Kg2**  
and White won. 1-0

### English Opening A25

**Nathanael Lozano 1827**

**John Patty 2200**

### Gallagher Memorial 2007 (1)

**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d3**

4.d4 e4 5.Ng5 is more testing.

**4...Nf6 5.g3 Bb4 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6**

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1R - t Q + R K - !  
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Now 8.Bd2 transposes to ECO:

8...a6 9.Nd5 (or 9.a3 Bc5?) Bxd2 10.Nxd2 Ne7 11. b4 c6 = (Serper).

**8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Bd7 10.Ne1 Qe8 11.Nc2 Qh5 12.e3 Qh6 13.e4?**

13.f4 is a standard fix. White can even wait for ...g5 before playing it.

**13...f4 14.gxf4?**

14.f3 and 15.g4 tests Black's patience, but surely he would get in a sac at g4 after due preparation.

**14...exf4 15.Qf3 g5 16.h3 Ne5 17.Qd1 Bxh3 18.Nd4 Nfg4**

The game is over long before White concedes the fact.

**19.Nf3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nxf3 21.Kxf3 Nh2+ 22.Ke2 Nxf1 23.Qxf1 Qh5+ 24. Kd2 Rf7 25.Rb1 b6 26.Bb2 e5 27. d4 Qf3 28.Qe2 Qxe2+ 29.Kxe2 g4 30.Rg1 h5 31.Bc1 Kh7 32.Kd3 Kg6 33.e5 dxe5 34.d5 Kf5 35.a4 e4+ 36.Ke2 h4 37.Ba3 g3 38.fxg3 hxg3 39.Bc1 Rh7 40.Rf1 Rh2+ 41. Ke1 Rh4 42.Rg1 Rah8 43.Rf1 Rh1 44.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 45.Kd2 g2 0-1**

### Modern Defense B07

**Don Sutherland 2164**

**John Niven 1723**

### Gallagher Memorial 2007 (1)

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nd7 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Qd2 Nb6 7.h3 Be6 8.b3 h5 9.Rd1 f6 10.a4 Nh6 11.a5 Nc8 12.a6 b6 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.Ng5 Bd7 15.Bc4 c6 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17. Bxe6 Nf7 18.0-0 Qe7 19.Bxf7+ Qxf7 20.f4 Qe7 21.f5 gxf5 22.Rxf5 Qe6 23.Qe2 d5 24.Rxh5 0-0 25. exd5 cxd5 26.Nxd5 Nd6 27.Nc7 Qg6 28.Nxa8 Rxa8 29.Rg5 Qe6 30. Qd3 Rd8 31.Rg6 e4 32.Rxe6 exd3 33.Rxd3 Bf8 34.Bf4 Kf7 35. Rxd6 Bxd6 36.Rxd6 Rc8 37.c4 1-0**

### KI Attack A04

**Rheanna English 1714**

**Gregg Stanley 2066**

### Gallagher Memorial 2007 (1)

**1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.d3 f5 5.c3**

5.c4 with an English would be far simpler for White to play. The King's Indian approach against the Dutch gives Black ready-made play on the f-file.

**5...Nc6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Re1 0-0 8.e4 fxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.Nbd2 Kh8 11. Nf1 Be6 12.h4 Qd7 13.Ng5 Bg8 14.Bh3 Qe7 15.g4?**

White absolutely had to restrain the center with 15.Ne3.

**15...d5 16.Ng3 Rad8 17.Qe2 h6 18.Nf3 Nxe4?? 19.g5 Nxg3 20.fxg3 h5 21.g4 e4 22.Nh2 Bf7 23.Be3 d4 24.Bf2 dxc3 25.Rad1 Rxd1 26. Rxd1 cxb2 27.gxh5 gxh5 28.Bf5 Qe5 29.Bxe4 Bg6 30.Bf3 Qxe2 0-1**

### Benko Gambit A57

**John Patty 2200**

**Mitch Vergara 2032**

### Gallagher Memorial 2007 (2)

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 Qxb6**

Given that White wants to tour a knight to c4, logical is 5...d6 followed by ... Nbd7 and ...Nxb6.

**6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.Nd2 Nbd7 9. e4 Bg7 10.a4**

A different approach is 10.Nc4 Qb4 11.a3 Qb7 12.Rb1.

**10...0-0 11.a5 Qc7 12. Nc4 Rb8 13.Be2 Rb4 14.f4 Bb7 15.0-0 Rb8 16.Qd3 Ba8 17.Kh1 Bb7 18.Rd1 Bc8 19.Bf3 Ne8 20.Re1 e6 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Be3**

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 x a b c d e f g h y  
**22...Bb7 [22...Bd4] 23. Rad1 Bf8 [23...Bd4] 24.Bc1**

24.Bg4 Ng7 25.Bh3 Nf6 26. Nxd6 Rxb2 27.Bc1 Rb4 28.Nxb7 Qxb7 29.e5?w  
**24...Ndf6 25.Nb6 Rd4 26.Qe3 Rxd1 [26.Bg7!]=] 27.Rxd1 e5 28. fxe5 dxe5 29.Qd3 Bc6?**

Now Patty gets to show off his technique.

**30.Qc4+ Kg7 31.Qxa6 Nd6 32. Nbd5 Nxd5 33.Nxd5 Bxd5 34. Rxd5 Nf7 35.Bg4 Rd8 36.Be6 Rd6 37.Rxd6 Nxd6 38.Bd5 Be7 39.Bd2 Qd7 40.Qf1 Bf6 41.Bc3 Nb5 42. Bd2 Nd4 43.h3 Bd8 44.a6 Nb5 45. Qc1 Be7 46.Bh6+ Kh8 47.Qf1 Qe8 48.Bf7**

48.Qxb5 Qxb5 49.a7 would be a humorous touch.

**Qd7 49.Bc4 Nd6 50.Bd5 Qe8 51.a7 Nxe4 52.Bxe4 Bd6 53.a8Q 1-0**

*English Opening A21*

**Gregg Stanley 2066**

**Don Sutherland 2164**

*Gallagher Memorial 2007 (2)*

**1.c4 d6 2.d4 e5 3.Nf3 e4 4.Ng5 f5 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Nh3 Nf6 7.f3 0-0 8. Bg5 c6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.fxe4 Qb6 11.e3 Qxb2 12.Qc1 Qxc1+ 13. Rxc1 1/2-1/2**

*Sicilian Rossolimo B51*

**Martin Gordon 1913**

**Rheanna English 1714**

*Gallagher Memorial 2007 (2)*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.0-0 Nf6 [Bd7] 5.e5 dxe5 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7. Nxe5 Qc7 8.f4 e6 9.Qf3 Bb7 10. Nc4 Be7 11.b3 Nd7 12.Bb2 Bf6 13. Re1 Bxb2 14.Nxb2 0-0 15.Nd3 Rad8 16.e4 Qd6 17.Re3 Nb8 18. Nc3 Na6 19.a3 Rd7 20.Rae1 Rb8 21.Ne4 Qd4 22.Kh1 Ba8 23.Ne5 Rbd8 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Nf2 Nc7 26.Rd3 Qe7 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28. Qd3 Qd4 29.Qxd4 cxd4 30.Re5 f6 31.Ra5 a6 32.Ne4 Bb7 33.Nd6 Ba8 34.b4 Kf8 35.b5 Ke7 36.Nc8+ Kd8 37.Na7 cxb5 38.cxb5 axb5 39.Nxb5 Nxb5 40.Rxa8+ Kc7 41.a4 Nd6 42.Rg8 Ne4 43.Rxg7+ Kc6 44.a5 Nc5 45.Rxh7 Kd5 46.Rc7 Na6 47. Ra7 Nc5 48.h4 d3 49. h5 Ne4 50.h6 1-0**

*Center Counter B01*

**Don Sutherland 2164**

**John Patty 2200**

*Gallagher Memorial 2007 (3)*

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4. d4 g6 5.Be3 Nh6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bd3 Nf5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Nxe3 1/2-1/2**

*English Opening A19*

**Gregg Stanley 2066**

**Dennis Rylander 2357**

*Gallagher Memorial 2007 (3)*

**1.c4 c6 2.e4 e5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Nbd7 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8. Re1 Re8 9.d5 a5 10.Rb1 Nc5 11.**

**Nd2 Rf8 12.b3 Ne8 13.a3 cxd5 14. cxd5 g6 15.b4 Nd7 16.Nc4 axb4 17. axb4 f5 18.f3**

Fritz prefers 18.Bh6 Rf7 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Qd3.

**18...f4 19.Bd2 Nb6 20.Na5 g5 21. Ra1 Rf7 22.Kh1 Rg7 23.Ra3 Nf6**

If Black is permitted ...g4, then ...Qe8-h5 and ...g3, it's all over.

**24.g4 fxd3 25.hxd3 Qd7 26.Bf1 Qe8 27.Kg1 Nh5 28.Ne2 Nd7**

Also attractive is 28...g4, which Black gets around to later. The text allows 29.Bh3!, exchanging a weak bishop for a strong one: 29...Ndf6 30.Qxc8 Qxc8 31.g4!, effectively sealing off the kingside.

**29.Qc2 Bd8 30.Rea1 Bb6+ 31.Be3 Bxe3+ 32.Rxe3 Ndf6 33.Rc1 g4! 34.f4 exf4 35.gxf4 g3 36.Nc4 Qd8!**

This looks like the King's Indian positions that Kasparov would win 90% of the time. Distressing tactics loom on the a7-g1 diagonal.

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Now on 37.Bg2 b5 38.Nb2 Ng4 with a strong attack, or 38.Nxd6!? Qxd6 39.e5 Qb6 40.Qb3 Ng4 41.d6+ Rf7! (41...Be6 42.Qxe6+ Kh8 43. Rc8+ Rxc8 44.Qxc8+ Rg8 45.Qc5?f 42.Bxa8 Be6! 43.Qa3 Qxe3+?† and White's pawns are kept at bay.

**37.f5 Ng4**

37...b5!? requires accurate defense: 38.Nb2 39.Qb6 Ng4 30.Qc6! Qxc6 31.dxc6 Nxe3 32.Nxe3 followed by Nc3 getting the b5 pawn. White is amply compensated for the



exchange, and his queenside pawns seem a greater threat than Black's on the kingside.

**38.Rc3 Bd7 39.Bg2 b5 40.Ne3 1/2-1/2**

*Alekhine-Zaire Defense B02*

**Zhaosu Ye 1638**

**Martin Gordon 1913**

*Gallagher Memorial 2007 (3)*

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8!?**

Petrosian and Lein experimented with this idea ages ago. I used it in 1988 it to draw Michael Brooks before he became an IM.

**3.d4 Nc6?!**

3...d5 4.Bd3! is theory.

**4.f4 Nb8? [4...d5]**

On the Web, Chessville covers this in a guide to unorthodox openings by Clyde Nakamura at chessville.com/UCO/CN/index.htm:

"The opening known as The Zaire can be played from both the White side or the Black side. Basically to play the Zaire you move both your knights out and move both of them back to their original squares. You can move one knight out and retreat it and then move the other knight out also retreat it or you can move both knights out and retreat each knight one at a time. You are actually spotting your opponent four moves. Some players are actually insulted if you play the Zaire against them." (For the same reason, Warren Harper used to ask permission to play 1.h4!)

Reportedly one Class A player quit chess after losing to the Zaire in a tournament.

**5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 d5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Be3 Nh6 9.h3 b6 10.g4 c5 11.c3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Be7 13.Rg1 Ng8 14.f5 Bh4+ 15.Kd2 Be7 16.Qc2 Bb4+ 17.Ke2 a5 18.f6?**

This activates Black's pieces. Simpler was 18.fxe6 Bxe6 19.Ng5 with advantage.

**18...gxf6 19.Bxh7 Ba6+ 20.Kf2 Nd7 21.Bxg8 Rc8 22.Bxf7+!?**

22.Nc3 Rxc8 23.Qh7 Rf8 24. Bh6 fxe5?!

**22...Kxf7 23.Qd1?!**

The losing move. Believe it or not, White has an edge according to Fritz after 23.Nc3 Rxh3 24.Rh1 Rxh1 (24...Qh8 25. Kg2) 25.Rxh1 Qg8 26.exf6! Nxf6 (26...Qxg4? 27. Ng5+) 27.Ne5+ Ke7 28.Kg1! Bd6 (28...Nxc4? 29. Qh7+?? 28...Qg7 29.Rh6!?) 29.Rh8!?!?

**23...Rhx3 24.exf6 Qxf6 25.Kg2 Rch8!**

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**26.Ng5+ Qxg5!**

Forced but strong!

**27.Bxg5 Rh2+ 28.Kf3**

28.Kg3?? R8h3+ 29.Kf4 Bd6#.

**28...R8h3+ 29. Rg3 Be2+ 30.Qxe2 Rxc3+ 31.Kxc3 Rxe2**

Material parity is restored, but White is busted – ironically due to his lack of development.

**32.a3 Be1+ 33.Kf3 Rxb2 34.a4 e5 35.Be3 e4+ 36.Kf4 Bb4 37.Na3 Kg6 38.Nb5 Bf8 39.Rg1 Rxb5!**

A nice touch: 40.axb5 Bd6 mate. **0-1**

*Dutch Defense A80*

**John Patty 2200**

**Dennis Rylander 2357**

*Gallagher Memorial 2007 (4)*

**1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 c6 5.Bd3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Ne2 Be6 8. 0-0 Nbd7 9.c3 h6 10.Qb3 Qb6 11. Qc2 Ne4 12.a4 Bf7 13.a5 Qd8 14. Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.dxe5**

**Nc5 17.f4 0-0 18.b4 Nd7 19.Rf3 e6 20.Nd4 a6 21.Rff1 c5 22.bxc5 Nxc5 23.Rfb1 Rc8 24.Rb6 Qc7 25.Rab1 Rfe8 26.Be2 Re7 27.R1b4 Qd8 28.c4 Rec7 29.Qa2 Ne4?!**

Objectively better is 29...dxc4 30.Bxc4 Qe7=. Perhaps Dennis was mixing it up as his opponent's clock ran down for the first time control.

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**30.h3**

Patty later said 30.Nxe6 was winning. He probably hesitated over 30...Bxe6 31.Rxe6 Kh7 32.cxd5?? when 32...Rc1+ 33.Bf1 Rxf1+! 34. Kxf1 Rc1+ 35.Ke2 Nc3+ forks king and queen. Instead, White keeps up the pressure with 32.Rbb6 Rg7 33. Red6! Qh4 34.g3 Nxc3 35.hxc3 Qxc3+ 36.Kf1 dxc4 37.Bd1 Qxe3 38.Qf2?• Black has good survival chances even with queens off.

**30...Qh4 31.Bf1 dxc4 32.Rxb7**

32.Nf3 Qg3 33.Rxc4 Rxc4 34. Bxc4 g5?.

**32...Rxb7 33.Rxb7 Qe1 34.Qe2 Qxa5 35.Kh2 Qa1 36.Rb6 a5 37. Nc6?**

37.Nxe6 Qc1 38.g3 a4 (38...Nc3 39.Qf3 Nd1 40.Bg2 Nxe3 41.Qb7 Re8 42.Nc7 Nf1+= 43.Bxf1 Qxf1 44.Rb2 Re7 45.Qc6 Qc1 46.Rg2??) 39.Bg2 a3 40.Bxe4 fxe4 41.Nd4 Ra8 42.Qa2 Qxe3.

**37...Kg7 38.Qxc4 Nd2 39.Qa6**

Nxf1+ 40.Kg1 Nxe3+ 41.Kf2 Nd1+ 42.Kf3 Qa2 **0-1**

# Treasure Chess Quiz

by Alexey Root

This quiz is based on Bruce Pandolfini's *Treasure Chess: Trivia, Quotes, Puzzles and Lore from the World's Oldest Game* (273 pages, Random House, October 2007).

## 1. Which opening is most successful for White?

- a. Benko Opening (1. g3)
- b. Blackmar Diemer Gambit (1. d4 d5 2. e4)
- c. Queen's Gambit (1. d4 d5 2. c4)
- d. Ruy Lopez (1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5)

## 2. Finish this quote by Vladimir Kramnik, There are only two styles:

- a. the simple or the complex one
- b. the classical or the modern one
- c. the right or the wrong one
- d. the losing or the winning one

## 3. Who was Bobby Fischer talking about when he said, "That man is too normal. There must be something wrong with him."

- a. Max Euwe
- b. Donald Byrne
- c. Shelby Lyman
- d. Arnold Denker

## 4. Finish this quote by Mikhail Tal, There are two kinds of sacrifices:

- a. correct ones and mine
- b. sham and real
- c. losing ones and mine
- d. speculative and sound

## 5. Who was the first chess author to give an example of smothered mate?

- a. Greco
- b. Philidor
- c. Lopez
- d. Damiano

## 6. In 1883, Cambridge University lost a match to

- a. Harvard University
- b. House of Lords (Parliament)
- c. Oxford University
- d. Bedlam Insane Asylum

## 7. When Botvinnik said, "We will have to start keeping an eye on this boy," he meant

- a. Tal
- b. Fischer
- c. Kasparov
- d. Karpov

## 8. What is the minimum number of queens needed to control every square on the chessboard?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 6
- d. 7

## 9. Which of the following was NOT defeated by the Turk, an automaton chess player?

- a. Frederick the Great
- b. Napoleon
- c. Benjamin Franklin
- d. Edgar Allan Poe

## 10. According to actor Will Smith, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ to play chess!" (Fill in the blank)

- a. hard
- b. fun
- c. cool
- d. awesome

Send your answers to Selby Anderson (POB 501, Helotes, TX 78023 or email to [schachlied@yahoo.com](mailto:schachlied@yahoo.com)) by Feb. 10th, 2008. Winner gets an autographed copy of *Treasure Chess*. (If there is more than one perfect entry, a drawing will be made.) Top scorers and correct answers will appear in the March-April *Texas Knights*.

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**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. Presenters include keynote speaker Russ Harwood (the Brownsville chess boom and tips for duplicating it), Dr. Steve Lipshultz (Think Like A King Software), Dr. Alexey Root (activities for inquiry and problem solving), Jerry Nash (coordinating the five communities), Thomas Johnston (keeping chess fun: club activities), Clemente Rendon (the future of TCA). Break at 3 for refreshments. **Fees: \$15 advance, \$20 at door.** Send advance fee to TCA Treasurer Barb Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719.

# Ken Smith Memorial comes to Austin

19 lines

## UTB coach GM Gilberto Hernandez spectates as Langer and Bachmann begin in Round 4

The 7th Annual Ken Smith Memorial was held Nov. 24-25 in Austin at the Marriott Airport South. There were 117 players competing in six sections, plus an additional 60 in the scholastic side events.

GM Axel Bachmann, 18, a UT-Brownsville student from Paraguay, won the Open (29 players) with a 5-0 score. He was in some danger in round 4, when FM Michael Langer won material in an opening combination, but Bachmann held on to turn the game around. British expat NM Steve Dishman tied for second with WIM Luciana Morales, Arthur Macaspac and Alexander Balkum.

Madhumitha Venkataraman and Brett Hendrick tied for first place in the K-12 championship with 4-1. Kevin Li won the U1000 section.

A total of \$4,192,25 was paid out, or 51.125% of advertised prizes based on 200 full entries.

**OPEN** *Ist:* Axel Bachmann, 5. *U2400:* Michael Langer, 4. *2nd+U2200+3rd:* Luciana Morales, Arthur

Macaspac, Alexander Balkum, 3.5.

**U2000:** *Ist:* Derek Chang, 4. *2nd+3rd:* Vasfi Gucer, Clayton Swafford, 3.5. *U1900:* Andrew Nguyen, 3.5.

**U1800:** *Ist-3rd:* Steffen Piechot, Gerald Roberts. Dylan James, 4. *U1700:* Victoria Zhang, 3.

**U1600:** *Ist:* Andy Wang, 4.5. *2nd* Arindam Raina, 4. *3rd+U1500:* Eric Zhang, Claudell Madison 3. *1st Unr:* Luis Harnes, 4. *2nd Unr:* Yutika Raina, Anish Bose, 0.5.

**U1400:** *Ist:* Rick Wojick, 4.5. *2nd:* Dylan Goertz, 4. *3rd:* Seth Davis, Frank Lawrence, Darda Chang, 3. *U1300:* Jason Rasmussen, 3.

**U1200:** *Ist-3rd:* Brett Hendrick, Stephan Gray, Frank Rilling, 4.5. *U1100:* Kailynn Balkum, 3.5.

Notes by GM Axel Bachmann

*French Defense C00*

**Axel Bachmann 2589**

**Deepyman Datta 2155**

*Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (5)*

**1.e4 e6 2.Qe2**

One of my favorite moves against the French

**2...Ne7**

It really surprised me, first time I see this move, but we can transpose to other main lines. Now 2...c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.c3 Bg7 6.d3 Nge7 7.f4 is a typical closed Sicilian.

**3.g3 d5 4.d3 c5 5.Bg2 Nbc6 6.Nf3 Ng6?!**

Dubious move. More natural is 6...g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.e5 0-0 9.h4 h6 10.Re1 b6 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.Nbd2 with a common line in the KI Attack.

**7.h4!?**

As Alekhine taught us in his games, this move disturbs the knight on g6. After this move, is not easy find a good continuation for Black.

**7...dxe4 8.dxe4 Nge5?!**

A waste of time, because after normal moves White will get a comfortable and dominating position. Better is 8...Nd4! 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.h5 Ne5 with the idea of d3 or Nc6, to get some counterplay in the center.

9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Rd1 Qb6 12.Na3!

With the idea of going to get the d6 weak square.

12...0-0 13.c3 a6 14.f4!

Continuing with the previous plan. Other option was 14.Bf4 Ng6 15.Bd6 Bxd6 16.Nc4 Qb5 17.a4! Qe8 18.Nxd6 Qe7 19.e5?Bwith clear positional advantage.

14...Nc6 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.e5?>

After this move, White completed his mission successfully. The bishop on g2 will be the main weapon to destroy black fortress.

16...b5 [16...f6] 17.Nd6 Rd8 18. Be3 c4

18...Bxd6? 19.exd6 Rxd6 20. Rxd6 Qxd6 21.Rd1! Qc7 22.Bxc6.

19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxc8!

A hard decision, because I have to trade my strong knight on d6 for an undeveloped bishop. But the control of the light squares and open a file are decisive factors in the game.

21...Rbxc8 22.Ra6 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Na5 24.Ra7 Qd8 25.Qxd8+ Bxd8

Everything was forced. Now White has to find a continuation to exploit the poor coordination of the black pieces.

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26.f5! exf5?

26...Kf8 sas better [Fritz gives 27.fxe6 fxe6 28.h5 h6 29.Bh3 Nc6 30.Rb7 Nxe5 31.Rxb5?â SKA.]

27.Bd5

Game over!

27...Bc7 28.e6 1-0

K1 Attack A04

Michael Langer 2320

Axel Bachmann 2589

Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8. Nbd2 0-0 9.Re1 e5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nc4 Re8 12.Qb3 Rb8 13.Ng5 b5

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14.Nxf7! Kxf7 15.Bxd5+ Be6 16. Bxc6 bxc4 17.Qa4

17.Bxe8+ Qxe8 18.Qd1??  
17...cxd3 18.Bxe8+ Qxe8 19.Qxa7+ Kg8 20.Qxc5 Qd7 21.Be3?!

?Y21.Qe3! d2 (21...Rd8 22.Bd2) 22.Qxd2 Qxd2 23.Bxd2 Rxb2 24. Bc1 Rxa2 25.Rxa2 Bxa2 26.Be3 ?P\

21...Rb5 22.Qa7 Qc6 23.f3?! 23.Rad1 Bh3 24.f3 Qxf3 25. Rd2?Qu

23...Rxb2 24.Reb1 Qxc3 25.Qa8+ 25.Qa6 (a) 25...Bd5 26.Rxb2 Qxb2 27. Rd1??; (b) 25...Bh3 26.g4 Bf8 27.Qe6+ Kg7 28.f4!?0

25...Bf8 26.Bh6?

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White is still winning with 26. Rxb2 Qxb2 27.Rc1 Qxa2 28. Qxa2 Bxa2 29.Rc7?&

26...Qc5+ 27.Kh1 Bd5 28.Qxf8+ Qxf8 29.Bxf8 Bxf3+ 30.Kg1 Rg2+ 31.Kf1 Kxf8+ 32.a4 e4 33.Re1 Rxh2 34.a5 d2 35.Reb1 e3 0-1

Caro-Kann Advance B12

Axel Bachmann 2589

Alexander Balkum 2037

Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (1)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Ne7 [6...h6] 7.b3!?

7.Nh4 Bg6 8.Nd2 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Nf3 Be7 12. Be3?Sunn's Chess Openings).

7...c5 8.c4 dxc4

8...cxd4 9.Bb2 dxc4 10.Nxd4 cxb3 11.Qxb3 Qb6 12.Nb5 Nd5 13. Nd2 Nc5 14.Qf3 Qd8 15.Nc4?l

9.Na3 cxb3 10.Qxb3 Rb8 11.Bg5 f6

11...Qc8 12.Nb5 Nc6 13.Rac1 Be4 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Qe3 b6 16. Rfd1 Bd5 17.Nc3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 a6 19.Na4 Nb4 20.Nxb6!??q

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12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Nh4 Ng6 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Rfel Be7 17. Bh5 Nb6 18.dxc5 Rxc5 19.Red1 Rd5 20.Nb5 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1  
Black resigns, in view of 21... Qc8 22.Nc7+ Kf8 23.Bh6#. 1-0

Modern Benoni A65

Nicholas Schoonmaker 2202

Michael Langer 2320

Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5  
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Bg5  
h6 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.Nh3 0-0 11.Qd2  
Kh7 12.Be2 a6 13.a4 Qc7 14.0-0  
Rb8 15.Nf2 Ng8 16.g4 Qd8 17.Bf4  
[17.Rab1] 17...Ne5 18.Bg3 b5 19.  
axb5 axb5 20.f4 Nc4 21.Bxc4 bxc4  
22.e5 f5 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Rae1 Rb3  
25.Nfd1 Qb6 26.Kh1 Qb8 27.Re2  
Ne7 28.Rg1?

28.Ne3 dxe5 29.fxe5 Ng6 30.  
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Rg3?) 31.Qc2 Rxc3 32.bxc3 fxe3  
33.e6 Qa8?@U

28...Nxd5! 29.Nxd5 Rd3 30.Qe1  
Rxd5 31.h3 dxe5 32.fxe5 Rd3 33.  
Bf4 Rxh3+ 34.Kg2 Rd3 35.Kh2  
Bb7 36.Qh4 Rg8 37.Rxg7+ Rxg7  
38.Qxh6+ Kg8 39.Qe6+ Kh8  
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Qf6+ Qxf6 43.exf6+ Kxf6 44.Nc3  
Kg5 45.Na4 Kg4 46.Nxc5 Rh3+  
47.Kg1 Rh1+ 48.Kf2 Bf3 49.Re6

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54.Kd1 Bc2+ 55.Kc1 Bb3?@U

50.Ke3 f4+ 51.Kd4 Rxb2 52.Kxc4  
Rd2 53.Kc3 Rd8 54.Nd3 Bb7  
55.Rg6+ Kf5 56.Nxf4 Bd5 57.Rh6  
Kxf4 58.Rh4+ Ke3 59.Rh3+ Bf3  
60.Rg3 Rc8+ 61.Kb4 Ke4 62.Rh3  
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Rb8+ 68.Ka4 Kd5 69.Rg4 Bf5 70.  
Rh4 Bc2+ 71.Ka5 Bd1 72.Rf4 Bc2  
73.Rh4 Bd3 74.Rh5+ Kc4 75.Rh4+  
Kc3 76.Rh3 Rb5+ 77.Ka4 Re5 78.

Rg3 Kc4 79.Rg4+ Be4 80.Rh4 Re8  
81.Ka5 Kc5

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82.Ka4??

White does not seem to have a  
win after 82.Rh5+! Bd5 83.Rh6 Re3  
84.Rh4, covering against checkmates  
both fore and aft.

82...Bd5!

Mate is now forced.

83.Ka3 Re2 84.Rh2 Rxh2 85.Ka4  
Ra2# 0-1

*Sicilian B20*

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Axel Bachmann 2589

*Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (2)*

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.Na3 Nf6  
5.Bg5 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Qc2

7.e5 Nd7 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.d4 0-0  
10.Bd3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.0-0 e5=  
7...h6 8.Bf4 Nh5 9.Bg3 Nng3 10.  
hxg3 e5 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Be2 Be6  
13.0-0 h5 14.Rfd1 h4 15.gxh4  
Bxh4 16.Qa4 Be7 17.Qe4 Qd7 18.  
d4 Bd5 19.Qe3 Qg4!

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3N - P - QN + - #  
2P P - + L P P + "  
1R - + R + - K - !  
x a b c d e f g h y

20.Ne1

20.Bb5 Rh3! 21.Be2 cxd4 22.  
cxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxd4 exd4 24.Qxd4  
Qxd4 25.Nxd4 Rh8??;

20.Bc4 Qh5 21.Kf1 cxd4 22.  
cxd4 exd4 23.Qb3 Bxf3 24.gxf3  
Kf8!! 25.Qxb7 Qe5! 26.Qxa8+ Bd8  
27.Kg2 Rh2+ 28.Kg1 Qh5 29.Kf1  
Qxf3 and mate is forced.

20...Qh4??/21.Qh3 Qxh3 22.gxh3  
Rxh3 23.f3 cxd4 24.Nb5 0-0 25.  
cxd4 a6 26.Nc3 Nxd4 27.Bf1 Rg3+  
28.Kf2 Bh4 29.Nxd5 Rxf3+ 30.Kg1  
Rg3+ 31.Kh2 Rxd5 32.Rac1+ Kb8  
33.Bg2 Rd8 34.Rd2 Rh8 35.Rcd1  
Re3 0-1

*Torre Attack A46*

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*Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (2)*

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bg5 h6  
5.Bxf6 Qxf6 6.e4 d6 7.dxc5 dxc5  
8.Na3 a6 9.Nc4 Nc6 10.a4 e5 11.a5  
Be6 12.Qa4 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 Bd6 14.  
Bd5 Rc8 15.Nd2 0-0 16.Nc4 Rfe8  
17.0-0 Bf8 18.Rad1 h5 19.Rd3 Rc7  
20.Rfd1 h4 21.h3 g6 22.Rf3 Qg5  
23.Qb3 Nd8 24.Nb6 Kg7 25.Qa4  
Ree7 26.Bc4 Nc6 27.Nd5 Red7 28.  
Nxc7 Rxc7 29.Bd5 1-0

*Sicilian Paulsen B43*

Danny Chen 1872

Nadia Ortiz 2250

*Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (1)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
a6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Be3 Bb7 7.Bd3 d6  
8.0-0 Nf6 9.a3 Be7 10.f4 Nbd7 11.  
Nb3 Rc8 12.Kh1 Rxc3!

A standard Sicilian sac.

13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.c4 bxc4 15.Bxc4  
h5 16.f5 Ne5 17.Bd3 Ng4 18.Bxe4  
Bxe4 19.Bd4 e5 20.Qe2 Qa8

Better is 20... d5! 21.Bg1 Qc8?]  
21.Rae1 d5 22. Be5 Bh4 23.Rd1  
Bf6 24.Bb4 d4 25.Nc5 Ne3?

25... Bd5 26.Nxa6 Qc6=,  
26.Nxe4 Qxe4 27.Bd2 Bg5 28.Bxe3  
Bxe3 29.Qxa6 0-0 30.Qe2

30.f6 (a) 30...gxf6 31.Qxf6 Bf4  
32.Qh4 Rc8 33.Rf2 Qg6 34.Rdf1

Rc4 35.Qh3??; (b) 30...g6 31.Rb1 and if 31...Qxc2 32.Qd6! threatens mate with Qxf8+ and the e5 pawn. The back row threats come faster than Black's pawns.

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 3P - + - z - + - #  
 2- + P + Q + P P "  
 1+ - + R + R + K !  
 x a b c d e f g h y

30...Rc8 31.c4 [31.Qxh5 Rxc2 32.Qh3 Rc6 33.f6 gxf6 34.Rb1?# 31...h4 32.Rf3 Rb8 33.Rh3 Rb1 34.c5?

White can buy some time with 34.Qf1 Rxd1 35.Qxd1 d3 36.Rf3, but the e-pawn will be a problem.

34...d3 35.Qf1 Rxd1 36.Qxd1 d2 37.Rf3 Bxc5 38.a4 Bb4 39.Rf1 Qe1?PP40.h3 e4 41.Kh2 Bd6+ 42.Kh1 Qxd1 43.Rxd1 e3 44.Kg1 e2 45.Rxd2 e1Q# 0-1

*Sicilian B30*

Mark Dejmek 2157

Adarsh Jayakumar 1925

*Ken Smith Memorial 2007 (1)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e5 4.Bc4 g6 5.b4!?

Simpler is 5.d3 Bg7 6.Ng5 Nh6 7.f4 with chances on the f-file.

5...cxb4 6.Nd5 Bg7 7.a3 Nge7 8.Rb1 bxa3 9.Bxa3 d6 10.0-0-0 11.c3 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Qc7 13.Ng5 Bf6

13...Bh6 14.Nf3!# 13...h6 14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.f4 exf4 16.Rxf4 Nd8?P 14.f4 Nd8 15.Qb3?

15.fxe5! gives excellent chances after 15...Bxg5 16.Bxd6 or 15...Bxe5 16.Qd3.

15...exf4 16.Nxf7?

This has a desperate look to it.

16...Nxf7 17.Rxf4 Kg7 18.Rxf6?

18.Rbf1Ne5 19.d4 Nd3 20.R4f3 Bg4! 21.Rxd3 Be2?a

18...Kxf6 19.d4 Kg7 20.e5 Bf5 21.Qxb7 Qxc3 22.Rc1 Qxa3 23.Rc7 Qa1+ 24.Kf2 Qxd4+ 25.Kf3 Bg4+ 26.Kg3 Qe3+ 27.Kh4 g5+! 28.Kxg4 Qf4+ 29.Kh5 Qh4# 0-1

Zhang, cont'd from p. 22

*Sicilian Schevenengen B84*

Albert Ho 1705

Vincent Zhang 1844

*National 6th Grade Chp. (7)*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 This is the Kan Sicilian, which I have played for a long time. My coach also plays this. 5.Nc3 b5 6.Be2 Bb7 7.a3 stopping b4 7...d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Bf3 Nbd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Qd2 Ne5 This prepares Nc4, which forces Black to defend the queenside. 12.Rfe1 0-0 13.Rad1 White piles up on the d-file. 13...Rc8 14.Qe2 My opponent gets his queen out of the way of Nc4. 14...Qc7 15.Bc1 This protects the b2 pawn after Nc4, but it doesn't stop Nxa3 15...Nc4 16.Bg4 This gives up the bishop pair. My opponent was probably trying to get an attack. 16...Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Nxa3 Finally taking the pawn. 18.Bh6 Bf6 19.bxa3 Qxc3 20.Re3 Qc5 21.Rg3 It seems White has a big attack.

21...g6 here I missed [21...Bxd4 22.Bxg7 (22.Rxd4 Qxd4 23.Bxg7 f5) 22...Bxf2+ 23.Kh1 h5 24.Qf4 Bxg3 25.Qxg3 if (25.Qh6 then 25...f6 26.Bxf8 Qg5) 25...Kh7] 22.Nxe6 if he took my rook, then Bxd4 wins 22...fxe6 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.Qxe6+ Kg7 25.Rgd3 Qe5 Be5 was better 26.Rxd6 Qxe6 27.Rxe6 I traded off into an endgame where I had two bishops for a rook. 27...Bc8 28.Rc6 Be5 29.Rc5 Bb8 30.Rd3 Bb7 31.e5 Rf7 32.c4? This is a blunder, and allows Ba7. It is understandable however, since we were both in time pressure. 32...Ba7 33.e6 a last attempt 33...Bxc5 34.exf7 bxc4 35.Rd7 c3 36.Rc7 If Rxb7 I can just push and queen. 36...Bxa3 37.Rxc3

Bf8 38.Rc7 Bd5 39.Ra7 Bc4 40.f3 Here he made a blunder in time pressure that cost him the game 40...Bc5+ 41.Kh1 Bxa7 42.g3 Kxf7 0-1

Dachey Lin, con'td from p. 21

I was losing in the endgame so badly that I had to exchange queens, but then his dangerous passed pawn went to d2 so my rook had to protect his threats of promoting a queen. He used his rook to try to make my rook take his piece so he could promote his queen, but I did not take it. Instead, I blocked his pawn with my rook, hoping that my king would come in time to capture his passed pawn, but unfortunately, his other pawn protected his pawn. I tried to defend using my king to stop his pawn but unfortunately his pawn check on c2 made me resign because if I took the pawn on d2 with my king, then his rook would go to b1. If at that time my rook took the rook on b1, then his c2 pawn would take it and promote into a queen. If I moved my rook away, his c2 pawn would go to c1 and promote into a queen and check my king. I did not win but felt good that I got the 18<sup>th</sup> place in the standings, since it could have been worse.

The closing ceremony was great. It felt like it was time to say goodbye to everyone around the world. This time 1st-6th place all got medals but only 1st-3rd got trophies. I was happy because the US team did very well. I hope it does better next time.

11/29 Flight back to Texas

When we went back, we flew from Antalya via Istanbul, London, and Chicago to Texas. It was fun in Turkey, but I also feel good back to Texas

Solution: 1.Qe3 (1...axb4 2.Qa7#; 1...Kxb4 2.Qd4#; 1...N~ 2.Qb3#.)

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**White to move, mate in two**  
Solution: p. 30



