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## SMITH IS SPACE CITY CHAMP

The Texas Co-Champions finished at the top of the 1965 Space City Open sponsored by the Houston Chess Club in June. However, Kenneth Smith was all alone at the top with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points from his fine games, thus claiming the \$100 first prize. Smith may have had some doubts in the first round when he lost his queen to Frank Carter, but the excitement was too much and Frank soon returned the favor.

Six players scored four points and shared \$135. In order of Sonnenborn-Bergtie break points they were placed David Lees, Bill Jones, Robert Brieger, Steve Moffitt, Fred King, and John Dunning. Richard Gray and Mike Steele divided Class B honors, while Glen Ball, John Lyon, and T. L. Ashly split Class C awards. Stewart Daniels was the highest unrated player and Nat Snapp, Dr. A. Gutierrez and Carl Clayton divided the remaining unrated prize.

William Bills must have played his worst tournament in this decade. He was so busy copying Ken Smith's fourth round game on the wall demonstration board (for the spectators?) that he overstepped the time limit and forfeited his own game to Richard Gray. Another Class B player, Mike Steele, was delighted when Bills took a poisoned pawn which cost Bills' Queen. Reportedly Bills hasn't completely recovered.

Ken Smith won his first four games and then conceded a draw in the last round to David Lees. Smith's closest competitors, Robert Brieger and Bills Jones, had already drawn their final game, putting Smith's  $4\frac{1}{2}$  out of reach of anyone else. A victory would have given Lees first place.

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## AUGUST 28-29 PANHANDLE OPEN

5-round Swiss at the Elk's Lodge, 932 Clyde, Amarillo. Registration 8:30-9:30 AM, August 28. Entry Fee - \$7.50, \$5.00 June. 1st Prize-\$50 plus trophy, 2nd - \$35 plus trophy, 3rd trophy and \$\$ (as entries permit), trophies to B, C, and Junior. Time Limit-1st rd. 40/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , all others 45/2. For information write: Gary M. Simms, 3712 W 6th, Apt #4, Amarillo, Texas

## RICHARD GRAY TOP TEXAS JUNIOR

Rice University student Richard Gray of Houston carried off first place and the Texas Junior Chess Championship title by scoring four wins in a tourney held July 17-18 on the Texas A&M University campus. A&M sophomore David Willis of Corpus Christi matched Gray's 4-1 score but placed second on tie-breaking points. The whole tournament was hard fought, only a single draw being registered during the five rounds between the eleven competitors. No one went undefeated. Gray, in fact, appeared to come from behind since he lost in the first round to Alan Laverty, a College Station resident attending the University of Texas. The college students did not dominate the event but their scores undoubtedly reflect the experience gained through more competition.

Laverty finished third, but also took the Best Game Award for his second round win over Bob Hughes of Corpus Christi. This aggressive game will appear in next month's issue. Mike Steele, Lubbock; Steve Moffitt, Houston; and Bob Hughes, Corpus Christi also scored 3-2 and finished in the order shown. The title was decided in the last round in the last game to finish. Gray and Hughes played a see-saw battle in which each had the advantage at various times. Hughes obtained a powerful pawn phalanx and just missed an overwhelming attack. Since Hughes would have had the title with a victory, this illustrates how decisive one loss can be in a short tourney.

Gary Webb, Hillsboro, and Carl Clayton, Houston, played the only draw and shared sixth and seventh places with a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  score. David Thomas of Lubbock played far below his normal form.

Six book awards were made in addition to the trophy. Now we will wait to see if this year's title holder can follow in David Lee's footsteps and take the state title next year!

## SEPTEMBER 4, 5, 6 SOUTHWEST OPEN

7-round Swiss at Hotel America, Smith & Jefferson, Houston. Registration 9:30 to noon Sept 4. \$200 guaranteed first prize, many others to top finishers, class, and unrated. Director: George Koltanowski. Entry fee \$12.50 plus USCF-TCA dues. For details: William Bills, 1913 W. McKinney, Houston. Annual TCA meeting at Southwest Open.

**SELECT GAMES**  
(From the Space City Open)  
by David M. Lees

Bob Brieger is well known for his virtuosity in handling knights. That he also plays well with the two bishops is shown in this snappy miniature from the Space City Open.

WHITE: J. Lyon                      BLACK: R. Brieger  
King's Gambit

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|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-Kr  | 4. P-Q4  | P-KN4 |
| 2. P-KB4 | PxP   | 5. N-KB3 | P-N5  |
| 3. B-B4  | N-QB3 | 6. N-K4? |       |

Much better and more in the spirit is a muzio gambit with 6. BxP, PxN; 7. QxP, and if NxP; 8. BxPch, KxB; 9. Q-R5ch, with a good attack.

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|---------|--------|------------|-------|
| 6. ---  | NxN    | 10. Q-K2   | P-Q4! |
| 7. PxN  | Q-R5ch | 11. BxP    | PxP   |
| 8. K-B1 | P-B6   | 12. Q-N5ch |       |
| 9. PxP  | B-B4   |            |       |

If 12. QxP, B-R6ch; 13. K-K2, B-KN5; wins  
12. --- B-Q2      14. QxB      B-R6ch  
13. BxPch      K-Q1      15. K-N1      Q-K8 MATE

This game starts out as a positional struggle, but when Black weakens his king side White crashes through with three sacrifices!

WHITE: D. Lees                      BLACK: R. Gray  
Caro-Kann Defense

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|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-QB3 | 9. O-O    | P-QN3 |
| 2. P-Q4  | P-Q4  | 10. Q-K2  | B-N2  |
| 3. N-QB3 | PxP   | 11. N-K5  | B-Q3  |
| 4. NxP   | N-Q2  | 12. P-KB4 | O-O   |
| 5. N-KB3 | KN-B3 | 13. P-B3  | QR-B1 |
| 6. N-N3  | P-K3  | 14. B-N2  | Q-Q1  |
| 7. B-Q3  | P-B4  | 15. QR-Q1 | Q-K2  |
| 8. P-B3  | Q-B2  | 16. N-B4  | PxP   |

If 16. ---, B-N1; 17. N-B5, Q-Q1; 18. N(5)-Q6, with Advantage to White.

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|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 17. PxP       | N-Q4                    | 19. Q-R4  | P-KR3 |
| 18. Q-R5      | N(2)-B3                 | 20. QR-K1 | B-N5? |
| 20. ---, N-Q2 | should have been tried. |           |       |
| 21. N-B5!     | Q-Q1                    | 23. QxP   | BxR   |
| 22. NxPch!    | PxN                     | 24. R-B3  | NxP   |

Desperation!

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|------------|------|---------------|
| 25. RxN    | Q-Q4 | 27. Q-R7 MATE |
| 26. R-N4ch | NxR  |               |

When opponents castle and attack on opposite wings, it usually makes for exciting chess. This game is no exception! Winner Steve Moffitt considers this game his most interesting, if not his best of the tournament.

SPACE CITY OPEN

|                       |     |     |     |     |          |    |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|----|
| 1. Kenneth Smith      | W34 | W25 | W12 | W 9 | D 2      | 4½ |
| 2. David Lees         | W32 | W11 | W 7 | D 3 | D 1      | 4  |
| 3. Bill Jones         | W37 | W13 | W10 | D 2 | D 4      | 4  |
| 4. Robert Brieger     | D22 | W27 | W30 | W15 | D 3      | 4  |
| 5. Steve Moffitt      | W33 | D19 | D14 | W34 | W15      | 4  |
| 6. Fred King          | W45 | L20 | W29 | W28 | W16      | 4  |
| 7. John Dunning       | W47 | W23 | L 2 | W24 | W14      | 4  |
| 8. Stewart Daniels    | W17 | D10 | L19 | W40 | W21      | 3½ |
| 9. Bill Garrett       | W41 | W28 | W20 | L 1 | D11      | 3½ |
| 10. Donald Hegele     | W29 | D 8 | L 3 | W37 | W20      | 3½ |
| 11. Richard Gray      | W38 | L 2 | W33 | W19 | D 9      | 3½ |
| 12. Tom Cunningham    | W36 | W26 | L 1 | D20 | W22      | 3½ |
| 13. Mike Steele       | W43 | L 3 | W31 | D21 | W19      | 3½ |
| 14. George Smith      | D27 | W22 | D 5 | W18 | L 7      | 3  |
| 15. Jim Kalan         | W30 | W18 | W16 | L 4 | L 5      | 3  |
| 16. Billy Patteson    | W40 | W21 | L15 | W25 | L 6      | 3  |
| 17. Tom Snow          | L 8 | L31 | W44 | W33 | W35      | 3  |
| 18. David Willis      | W39 | L15 | W42 | L14 | W32      | 3  |
| 19. William Bills     | W26 | D 5 | W 8 | L11 | L13      | 2½ |
| 20. David Thomas      | W31 | W 6 | L 9 | D12 | L10      | 2½ |
| 21. William Fowler    | W24 | L16 | W 2 | D13 | L 8      | 2½ |
| 22. Dick Kalfas       | D 4 | L14 | W39 | W23 | L12      | 2½ |
| 23. Clay Merchant     | W35 | L 7 | D24 | L22 | W37      | 2½ |
| 24. T. L. Ashby       | L21 | W40 | D23 | L 7 | W34      | 2½ |
| 25. Owen Johnson      | W44 | L 1 | W36 | L16 | D26      | 2½ |
| 26. Eddie Caruthers   | L19 | L42 | W45 | W36 | D25      | 2½ |
| 27. Ronnie Clark      | D14 | L 4 | L37 | W46 | W38      | 2½ |
| 28. Ray McCune        | W42 | L 9 | W41 | L 6 | D29      | 2½ |
| 29. Glen Ball         | L10 | W45 | L 6 | W41 | D28      | 2½ |
| 30. John Lyon         | L15 | W44 | L 4 | D38 | W42      | 2½ |
| 31. Nat Snapp         | L20 | W17 | L13 | L32 | W43      | 2  |
| 32. C. W. Hathway     | L 2 | W38 | L21 | W31 | L18      | 2  |
| 33. Dr. A. Gutierrez  | L 5 | W35 | L11 | L17 | W44      | 2  |
| 34. Frank Carter      | L 1 | W43 | W46 | L 5 | L24      | 2  |
| 35. Clay Kistler      | L23 | L33 | W43 | W42 | L17      | 2  |
| 36. Carl Clayton      | L12 | W47 | L25 | L26 | W46      | 2  |
| 37. Kenneth Albin     | L 3 | D39 | W27 | L10 | L23      | 1½ |
| 38. Jeffrey Johnson   | L11 | L32 | BYE | D30 | L27      | 1½ |
| 39. Joe Plaster       | L18 | D37 | F22 | DYE | Withdrew | 1½ |
| 40. Charles Carter    | L16 | L24 | W47 | L 8 | D41      | 1½ |
| 41. William Alexander | L 9 | BYE | L28 | L29 | D40      | 1½ |
| 42. R. D. Smith       | L28 | W26 | L18 | L35 | L30      | 1  |
| 43. Don Messer, Jr.   | L13 | L34 | L35 | W45 | L31      | 1  |
| 44. L. C. Brack       | L25 | L30 | L17 | W47 | L33      | 1  |
| 45. David Gould       | L 6 | L29 | L26 | L43 | W47      | 1  |
| 46. Larry Thomson     | BYE | L12 | L34 | L27 | F36      | 1  |
| 47. F. Arthur Simpson | L 7 | L36 | L40 | L44 | L45      | 0  |

WHITE: F. Carter                      BLACK: S. Moffitt  
French Defense

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|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K3  | 8. P-QR3  | Q-Q2  |
| 2. P-Q4  | P-Q4  | 9. R-K1   | P-B3  |
| 3. PxP   | PxP   | 10. B-QN5 | O-O-O |
| 4. N-KB3 | B-Q3  | 11. Q-K2  | QR-K1 |
| 5. B-K2  | N-QB3 | 12. B-K3  | P-N4  |
| 6. N-B3  | KN-K2 | 13. P-QR4 | P-KR4 |
| 7. O-O   | B-KB4 |           |       |

Who will get there first with the mostest is the question?

# SELECT GAMES Cont.

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14. BxN QxB 22. R-N3 PxP  
 15. N-N5 K-N1 23. NxP Q-Q2  
 16. NxB QxN 24. P-R5 KR-N1  
 17. P-B4 B-K5 25. R-B1 N-B5  
 18. P-B5 Q-K3 26. Q-R6 N-R6ch  
 19. N-Q2 N-N3 27. K-R1 P-B3  
 20. P-B3 B-B4 28. Q-B1  
 21. R-R3 P-N5  
 28. PxN, RxB!  
 --- K-R1 29. P-R6  
 29. PxN, BxP, 30. Q-B2, B-N7ch; 31. QxB, RxQ;  
 KxR gives about equal chances.  
 --- PxP 31. R-B1 RxP!!  
 30. QxP B-K5! 32. Q-N7ch  
 32. KxR, Black mates in three. 32. R-N7  
 should have been tried.  
 --- QxQ 34. R-K7 R-N8ch  
 35. RxQ QR-KN1 35. BxR BxNch  
 WHITE RESIGNS

This slam bang game between Glenn Ball and Fred King was won by Black after White made an illegal move 50. K-K3. The Blue Book Rules since the game was over White cannot retract the illegal move. White could have drawn the game with 50. N-B7ch!, but even if the illegality of his king move was discovered during the game he would have had to make a move with the king he had touched which would leave him in a lost position.

WHITE: G. Ball BLACK: F. King

Benoni Gambit

1. P-Q4 N-KB3 26. RxN NxR  
 2. N-KB3 P-KN3 27. NxQP K-R1  
 3. P-B4 P-B4 28. N-N6 Q-N2  
 4. P-Q5 P-QN4 29. NxR QxQ  
 5. PxP P-QR3 30. PxQ PxP  
 6. PxP BxP 31. N-K6 BxP  
 7. N-B3 B-KN2 32. NxR BxR  
 8. P-KN3 O-O 33. PxP NxP  
 9. B-N2 P-Q3 34. P-R4 B-B3  
 10. O-O QN-Q2 35. P-N4? B-K2  
 11. R-K1 N-N3 36. N-Q7 BxNp  
 12. P-K4 Q-N1 37. N-K5 B-R4  
 13. B-B1 BxB 38. K-R2 K-N2  
 14. KxB N-N5 39. K-N3 N-Q4  
 15. Q-B2 P-B4 40. N-B6 B-B6  
 16. N-KN5 PxP 41. K-N4 K-B2  
 17. QNxP NxQP 42. P-B4 K-K1  
 18. P-KR3 N-N5 43. N-K5 BxN  
 19. Q-N3ch P-B5 44. PxP P-R3  
 20. QxPch P-Q4 45. K-B3 K-K2  
 1. Q-N3 N-K4 46. K-K4 K-K3  
 22. B-B4 Q-N4ch 47. K-Q4 P-N4  
 23. K-N1 N(4)-Q6 48. PxP PxP  
 24. N-QB3 Q-Q2 49. K-K4 P-N5  
 25. R-K3 P-K4 50. K-K3???

1. Richard Gray L 3 W 7 W 9 W 4 W 6 4  
 2. David Willis W11 W10 L 4 W 3 W 4 4  
 3. Alan Laverty W 1 W 6 L 5 L 2 BYE 3  
 4. Mike Steele W 8 L 5 W 2 L 1 W10 3  
 5. Steve Moffitt W 7 W 4 W 3 L 6 L 2 3  
 6. Bob Hughes W 9 L 3 W10 W 5 L 1 3  
 7. Gary Webb L 5 L 1 D 8 BYE W 9 2½  
 8. Carl Clayton L 4 BYE D 7 L 9 W11 2½  
 9. David Thomas L 6 W11 L 1 W 8 L 7 2  
 10. Nat Snapp BYE L 2 L 6 W11 L 4 2  
 11. Ben Gebhardt L 2 L 9 BYE L 10 L 8 1

50. N-B7ch, NxN; 51. K-B4, Draws.

50. --- KxP

or 50.---, NxK!

51. K-B2 K-B5

53. K-N1 K-N6

52. K-B1 K-B6

54. K-B1 K-R7

WHITE RESIGNS

Quite a game!

On this crucial last round game between Texas Chess Champions, The Space City Open title depends. Smith needs only a draw for first place. He gets his draw, but it is definitely not of the Grandmaster variety!

WHITE: K. Smith

BLACK: D. Lees

French Defense

1. P-K4 P-K3 4. P-QB3 N-QB3  
 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. N-KB3 Q-N3  
 3. P-K5 P-QB4 6. P-QR3

Louis Paulsen's Move

6. --- P-QR4 8. B-B2 P-B3  
 7. B-Q3 B-Q2 9. PxP

Book and better is 9. O-O, KBxP; 10. PxKP, P-N3 with equality. The text move only helps Black to develop.

9. --- NxBP 13. PxP QR-B1  
 10. O-O B-Q3 14. B-N5 N-KN5!  
 11. R-K1 O-O 15. B-R4  
 12. P-QN3 PxP

Not 15. P-R3, NxBP! 16. KxN, NxP; 17. B-K3, RxBch; and Black should win. White now threatens 16. BxPch KxB; 17. N-N5ch, K-N1; 18. QxN, and if QxQp, 19. Q-R5!

15. --- RxN?!  
 15. ---, P-K4!; leads to more favorable complications for Black.

16. QxR NxQP 18. QxN N-B7  
 17. BxPch KxB 19. N-Q2 NxQR?  
 Wrong Rook! 19. ---, NxKR; 20. RxN, BxP; 21. Q-R5ch K-N1, 22. N-B3, R-B8; 23. RxR, BxR; 24. N-K5!, Q-N5! and Black should not lose.

20. N-B3!!

Threatening 21. Q-R5ch, K-N1, 22. N-N5, Followed by 23. Q-R7ch, K-B1; 24. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 25. QxPch, K-Q1; 26. NxP double ch, K-K1; 27. Q-N6 MATE.

20. --- B-K1

Other moves are no better.

# SELECT GAMES Cont.

21. RxN?

White misses a simple win with 21. N-N5ch, K-R1 (K-R1; 22. Q-R3!); 22. QxPch, K-R1 (K-B1; 23. N-R7 Mate); 23. QxBch, Followed by mate.

21. --- BxP 23. NxP B-N7

22. N-N5ch K-N1 24. NxP1

Not 24. R-K1?, B-Q2; 25. Q-K2, QxN1; and Black wins.

24. --- Q-Q5

Much better than 24. ---, BxN; 25. QxR, BxR; 26. QxBch, K-N2; 27. Q-Q7ch, and Black's valuable queen pawn falls.

25. QxR BxR 27. Q-K7ch K-N3

26. QxBch KxN DRAW AGREED

At first sight White appears to have winning chances as he is a pawn up and Black's king is exposed, however he cannot mate or wing material and Black's QP is dangerous as well as his queen side majority. A draw is quite reasonable.

Send your best recent tournament games for publication in this column to: David M. Lees, Box 1259, James Connally AFB, Texas 76703

## BILLS SCORES AT WESTERN OPEN

This year's Western Open at St. Louis from July 1-5 saw 120 players entered and an outstanding performance by Houston's William Bills. William Lombardy and Robert Byrne scored 8-1; 0. Popovitch and Bills scored 7-2! In the 9th round Bills scored in this Nimzo Indian over Angelo Sandrin of Chicago, rated 2288.

|          |       |           |         |
|----------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4  | N-KB3 | 12. B-B3  | BxN     |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3  | 13. PxB   | P-B5    |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5  | 14. P-KN4 | P-N3    |
| 4. P-K3  | O-O   | 15. P-B5  | PxP     |
| 5. B-Q3  | P-Q4  | 16. PxP   | BxP     |
| 6. N-K2  | P-QN3 | 17. B-N5  | Q-Q3    |
| 7. P-QR3 | B-K2  | 18. BxN   | QxB     |
| 8. PxP   | PxP   | 19. NxP   | Q-N2ch  |
| 9. O-O   | P-QB4 | 20. K-R1  | N-B3    |
| 10. N-B4 | B-K3  | 21. N-K3  | RESIGNS |
| 11. B-K2 | B-Q3  |           |         |

## "THE CHESS COMMENTATOR"

This month we present the first half of a most interesting article by Louisiana Master Jude Acers contributed by request.

While the recent appearance of D. M. Lees in these pages has not brought forth games of real interest to the author, the extreme danger of this newcomer is hiding in the closet.

Lees is promising as a major master prospect on many counts.

1. He competes in clocked competition at every opportunity from Maine to California.

2. His refusal to draw Kenneth R. Smith in the recent state closed tournament indicates wisdom rather than a tendency toward false laurels. Clearly the subsequent play and loss by Lees was instructive as far as auxiliary assets of a chess master are concerned, namely use of the clock which is the only element not found in a superb primer.

3. Lees has a working association with the leading organizers of chess clubs and tournaments in two sections of the country. If for any reason he could be classified as a student in the next decade he will receive great support financially from many quarters in U.S. inter-collegiate-student competition at home and abroad.

4. Lees can, at will, close the gap in older opposition's experience through study, sometimes forced through publication commitments! Thus the author has studied 22 games of K. R. Smith because of a ten game annotated feature on the latter in "The Chess Commentator" to appear later this year. Furthermore a thorough study of the last seven world title matches has resulted in a publication venture also.

5. Lees plays to win and will become more extreme in this regard it is hoped by yours truly. Only a bloodthirsty player, one constantly hungry, can progress to the ranks of Major Masters.

Undoubtedly Lees will also increase his publication venture also. The author will attempt to exhaustively annotate a few Lees games in future years to keep readers abreast of his current strength. At the present time we may only hope that the "Capablanca of the Cattle Country" will grant Lees a four-game title match to decide the current champion of the state. This is not to question the virtually certain winner of the match (Smith 2½-½; last game unnecessary) but does question the impropriety of a duet titleholder. Lees is a strong threat in forthcoming U.S. Armed Services play, but.... R. Fischer is now in the U.S. Arm !!! Crash.

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