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DUNNING IS SAN ANTONIO CHAMP

Sixteen year old John Dunning captured the San Antonio Championship with four wins and a second round forfeit due to a conflict with working hours. The July 17-18 event saw seventeen players compete for trophies and cash prizes. Homer Hyde led those with $3\frac{1}{2}$ for the 2nd place trophy. He lost to Dunning in the final round. Gary Caruso's $3\frac{1}{2}$ points were sufficient for the third trophy.

Tom Snow took the Class B trophy with $3\frac{1}{2}$. Snow was undefeated. Veteran expert Blake Stevens had to forfeit his first round game and finished with $3\frac{1}{2}$. The 1st round forfeit also prevented Stevens from meeting the top of the tourney.

National Collegiate Champion Henry Davis lost his third round game to unrated Dr. Rex McReynolds and could only score 3 points. McReynolds received the Unrated Trophy for his 10th place and $2\frac{1}{2}$ points. Rod Hatton topped the group with $2\frac{1}{2}$ and won the Class D trophy. Others with $2\frac{1}{2}$ were J. W. Gamblin, W. N. Wells, and R. A. Boyce. Boyce was Class C winner.

Wiley Dennis and James Schafler scored 2 ; Mike Meyers, Boyce Marting, and Pete Prattes 1, and Tom Miller $\frac{1}{2}$.

The dates for this strong annual event conflicted with the Texas Junior and John Dunning and Tom Snow were missed in that event. Dunning has made very rapid progress in his game and has the potential of becoming one of our strongest players if he continues. The San Antonio club has a strong Junior program.

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 Jun's. 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

NEW HAND FOR THE HELM

The Texas Chess Association holds its annual business meeting at the Southwest Open, this year in Houston. The most important business by far is that of selecting a slate of officers for the coming year. Ours is a strictly volunteer organization and the elected officers must be willing and able to donate generously of their time.

I have considered it a privilege to serve as your President this year. I have not accomplished all that I had hoped, although I have received wonderful support from a very large number of members. Because I have been unable to attend a number of events which I would have liked to visit, perhaps a word of explanation is in order. I am an Air Force officer assigned to teach Air Force ROTC at Texas A & M. Such a job is normally fixed at four years before reassignment. Since my arrival in June 1962 I have been attending graduate classes with the aim of acquiring my PhD during this tour. I have now been selected to attend the Armed Forces Staff College in January 1966 at Norfolk, Va. This reduces my stay in Texas over six months and has crowded my studies to a very considerable extent. In spite of much hard work this year I will not finish before I depart. My wife and I are native Texans and regret departing the state once more.

Mr. Homer Hyde left the TCA in excellent condition at the end of his year in office. The Treasury was in very good shape. Building upon his work we have had a good number of tournaments this year, with widespread participation. Despite the costs of a monthly bulletin, the Treasury will still be quite adequate to carry forward into the next year.

I wish to encourage every member to give some possible thought to candidates before the business meeting. With everyone's help we can continue to build a dynamic organization.

- Major B. G. Dudley
President

SELECT GAMES
(From the 1965 Texas Junior Championship)
by David M. Lees

This lively game was awarded the brilliancy prize at the Texas Junior Championship. White speculates with a pawn sacrifice in the opening (accepted by black) and later a bishop sacrifice (declined by black six times!). White conjures up numerous threats which keep black off balance and finally breaks through when black is unable to cope with the situation.

WHITE: A. Laverty BLACK: R. Hughes

Caro-Kann Defense

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|----------|-------|-----------|------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB3 | 4. NxP | B-B4 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 5. B-Q3?! | |
| 3. N-QB3 | PxP | | |

An interesting, but most likely unsound gambit.

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| 5. ... | QxP | 9. 0-0 | QN-Q2 |
| 6. N-KB3 | Q-Q1 | 10. B-N5 | NxB |
| 7. Q-K2 | BxN | 11. QxN | P-B3 |
| 8. BxB | N-B3 | 12. QR-Q1 | Q-N3 |

Not 12. ..., PxB?; 13. N-K5, and Black is in serious trouble.

13. Q-K6 N-B4

13. ..., 0-0-0; appears risky in view of 14. RxN, RxR; 15. R-Q1, Q-Q1; 16. B-B4, (or 16. B-K3, K-B2; 17. B-B4ch, R-Q3!), however black seems to be able to hold with Q-K1; 17. N-Q4, K-Q1; 18. NxPch, PxN; 19. B-Q2, RxB (the only move); 20. RxRch, K-B2.

14. Q-B5 P-N3

14. ..., PxB?; 15. N-K5, and black cannot prevent mate.

15. Q-B4 N-K3

Still not 15. ..., PxB?; 16 NxP, N-Q2; (what else?); 17. Q-B7ch, K-Q1; 18. N-K6ch, K-B1; 19. Q-K8ch, and mate next move.

16. Q-Q2 R-Q1

Worth considering is 16. ..., NxB; with the possible continuation 17. Q-Q7ch, K-B2; 18. NxNch, PxN; 19. KR-K1, P-B4; 20. R-Q3, Q-QB3; 21. R-B3ch, K-N1; and it is doubtful that white has enough for his bishop.

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| 17. Q-B3 | B-N2 | 21. N-N5 | P-K4 |
| 18. B-K3 | Q-B2 | 22. N-K6 | NxN |
| 19. Q-B4 | N-B1 | 23. QxNch | K-B1? |
| 20. B-Q4 | P-N3 | | |

Correct is 23. ..., Q-K2; 24. QxPch, Q-Q2; 25. Q-K4 (25. QxQch, RxQ; 26. B-B3, K-K2; 27. B-N4ch, K-K3; 28. RxR, KxR; 29. R-Q1ch, K-B1; and a draw seems certain), 0-0; 26. B-B3, QxR; 27. RxQ, RxRch; 28. B-K1, B-R3; 29. Q-K2, KR-Q1; and black stands well.

24. B-B3 P-QB4 25. P-B4 Q-K2



TEXAS JUNIORS: Left to right, back row: Carl Clayton, Texas Junior Champion Richard Gray, Alan Laverty, and David Thomas. Middle row: Steve Moffitt and David Willis. Front row: Nat Snapp, Gary Webb, Mike Steele, and Bob Hughes.

No better is 25. ..., RxR; 26. RxR, Q-K2; 27. Q-B6, and 28. R-Q7 will be decisive.

26. RxRch QxR 27. BxP!

Threatening 28. B-Q6ch. The Text move is much better than 27. PxP, which can be answered with P-B4.

27. ... PxB 29. RxB K-N2

28. PxPch B-B3 30. R-B7ch

White now concludes the game precisely.

30. ... K-R3 34. R-B4ch K-R4

31. Q-R3ch K-N4 35. Q-R3ch K-N4

32. Q-K3ch K-R4 36. Q-R4 mate.

33. P-N4ch KxP

The 1965 Texas Junior Champion in action! Tournament winner Richard Gray smashes black's King's Indian Defense with the Samisch variation.

WHITE: R. Gray

Black: G. Webb

King's Indian Defense

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 5. P-B3 | 0-0 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KN3 | 6. B-K3 | QN-Q2 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N2 | | |
| 4. P-K4 | P-Q3 | | |

More usual is 6. ..., P-K4.

7. N-R3 P-B4 8. P-Q5 N-K4

A waste of time. Preferable is 8. ..., P-QR3; 9. B-K2, N-N3.

9. N-B2 P-QR3 14. P-B4 N-B1

10. B-K2 N(4)-Q2 15. P-KR4 P-B4

11. Q-Q2 R-K1 16. P-R5 P-K4

12. P-KN4 N-N3 17. B-Q3

13. P-N5 N(B3)-Q2

Risky! Better is 17. 0-0-0, with a very strong game for white.

17. ... KPXP 18. BxKBP B-K4?
 Black misses his opportunity for counter-play along the king file with 18. ..., PxP; 19. QNxP, B-B4; with these possibilities:
 A) 20. 0-0-0?, BxN; 21. NxB, NxBP! or
 B) 20. R-QB1, BxN; 21. NxB (21. BxB, Q-Q2), RxBch; 22. BxR, Q-K2; 23. Q-K2, R-K1; 24. B-Q3, Q-Q2; 25. B-K4, Q-K2; Draw.
 C) White's best chance is 20. Q-B2, followed by 0-0-0 as soon as possible.
 19. 0-0-0 B-Q2 20. QR-N1 N-R5?

Losing a pawn and allowing white to break through on the king side, however black's game is difficult in any event.

21. NxN BxN 23. N-N4! K-B2
 22. KPXP B-Q5

Or 23. ..., BxR; 24. N-R6ch, K-N2; 25. P-B6ch, K-R1; 27. N-B7ch, wins. Black's position is hopeless.
 24. P-B6!

Threatening mate on the move!

24. ... N-Q2 26. BxPch Resigns.
 25. N-R6ch K-B1

An interesting game between two of Texas' most promising young Junior players. Black however does not do himself justice in this game.

WHITE: S. Moffitt BLACK: M. Steele
 Dutch Defense

1. P-Q4 P-KB4 3. N-QB3 N-KB3
 2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. N-B3 P-Q3

Preferable systems for black are 4. ..., B-N5; followed by 5. ..., P-QN3; 6. ..., B-N2 7. ..., 0-0; 8. ..., N-K5; and 4. ..., P-Q4; the Stonewall variation.

5. P-K3 P-QN3?

Inconsistent.

6. B-Q3 B-K2 8. P-QN3 N-B3
 7. Q-B2 0-0 9. P-QR3 Q-Q2

To be able to play 10. ..., P-K4; with out losing the KBP.

10. B-N2 P-K4 12. NxN PxN
 11. PxP NxP 13. 0-0-0

Threatening 14. B-K4.

13. ... B-Q3 16. P-KN4! P-QR3
 14. P-B3 Q-K2 17. NxB NxN
 15. N-N5 N-K1 18. PxP BxP

Or 18. ..., NxP; 19. QR-N1, NxP? 20. BxPch, K-R1 (K-B2; 21. Q-N6 mate); 21. Q-K4.

19. QR-N1 K-R1

If 19. ..., BxB; 20. QxB, RxR; 21. Q-Q5ch, wins.

20. P-B4! BxB 22. R-N2
 21. QxB N-B2

More precise is 22. R-N3.

22. ... R-KN1 23. KR-N1 QR-K1

24. R-N3 Q-Q3 26. Q-R5 R-K2?
 25. Q-B5 Q-KB3

Black's position is untenable in any event. White was threatening 27. R-R3, P-KR3; 28. R-N6, Q-K2; 29. BxP, NxB (QxPch; 30. B-N2, QxP; 31. QxPch, NxQ; 32. R(6)xN mate); 30. RxPch, PxR; 31. QxPch, and mate next move.

27. R-N6 QxR 30. BxPch RxB
 28. RxQ N-R3 31. QxRch R-N2
 29. RxN PxR 32. P-B5 Resigns.

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

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. PLAN TO BE THERE!!

SEPTEMBER 25, 26
 3rd Brazos Open

Five round Swiss at Memorial Student Center, Texas A & M University. \$50 first prize guaranteed. Trophies. Registration to 9 AM Saturday. Entry fee \$5 plus USCF/TCA dues. Inquires to B. G. Dudley, 1013 E. 23d, Bryan 77801.

OCTOBER 16, 17
 First CavOilCade Open

Five round Swiss at the Goodhue Hotel, 549 5th st., Port Arthur. Registration 8 to 9 AM. Entry fee \$10 plus USCF/TCA dues. All prizes in cash; First \$150 and five more. TD Fred King, 1305 South 13th St., Nederland, Texas.

BUCKLEY TOPS SPEED EVENT

Denton's Tom Buckley captured first place in the July monthly speed tournament of the "Denton Knights". He won his first four games and drew with Tibor Rekey, 2d place winner, in the last round. The games are limited to 30 minutes per game per player. K. C. Terry and Louis Dina scored 3 each.

"THE CHESS COMMENTATOR"

USCF Master Jude F. Acers publishes a monthly journal under the above title at Box 16404 University Station, Baton Rouge, La. When Acers brought the LSU team to Texas to win the SW Intercollegiate, he promised an article for us. The first half was presented last month.

A great performance by Michael M. Botvinnik (USSR), International Grandmaster, 3 times world champion, SEVEN times Russian champ. Zurich, Switzerland, 1956 simultaneous exhibition with clocks and all-master opposition. White: M.M. Botvinnik; Black: H. Grob.

1. N-KB3(a) N-KB3 a. Botvinnik, the great, is a specialist in QP positional binds and
2. P-B4 P-Q4(b) closed game systems. Here he opens the game late to close the game
3. PxP NxB early.
4. P-K4 N-KB3?(c) b. More energetic but not superior to the symmetrical 12. ..., P-B4;
5. N-QB3(d) P-K3?(e) I use both.
6. P-Q4 P-B4 c. Hard to believe. Correct is 4. ..., N-N3; and transposition into
7. P-Q5(f) P-QR3(g) Gruenfeld by 5. P-Q4, P-N3; 6. N-B3, B-N2; 8. B-K3, 0-0; 9. B-K2, when
8. B-N5!(h) Q-N3 book is 9. ..., N-B3; with fine play for Black.
9. BxN PxB d. With a plus of 2 tempi. 3 are normally req. for decisive advantage.
10. Q-Q2(i) P-KR4(j) e. Disasterous. Only 5...P-B4; would enter the picture. Then either
11. B-K2 N-Q2(k) P-Q4 or B-QB4 present problems but are not clear butcher shop jobs.
12. 0-0 P-R5 f. Wins. Threat 8. B-N5ch, B-Q2; 9. PxP, PxP; or 9. N-N5 among others. But
13. P-R4! B-R3 the course of the game shows there is a non tactical threat to boot.
14. Q-B2 B-B5(l) g. 7...B-Q2; 8. P-Q6 wins. On 8...N-B3; 9. N-N5.
15. P-R5 Q-B2(m) h. Real kill. 8...B-K2; 9. P-Q6!! Or 8...P-KR3; 9. B-R4, P-KN4; 10. B-N3 and
16. KR-Q! N-K4(n) White has the squeezing death P-Q6 in mind and wins easily.
17. NxN BxN i. 10. Q-B2, B-R3; with limited prayers.
18. P-R3 B-Q2 j. Hoping for a miracle in 11. 0-0-0, B-R3.
19. N-R4! BxN(o) k. On 11...B-R3; 12. Q-B2 and White has gained further time due to
20. RxB(p) R-QB Black's P-KR4 required to develop the KB in the first place.
21. R-B4! QxP l. I have just begun to fight.
22. P-QN4! Q-R6 m. Sneaky Botvinnik answers 15...Q-N5; with 16. R-R4 and "good win-
23. RxP R-Q ning chances!!"
24. PxP(q) B-Q3(r) n. 16...N-B; 17. R-Q3, P-B5; 18. R-Q4, or 16...0-0?! (You cannot make an
25. RxB! RxR error in a lost position.) 17. PxP, PxP; 18. B-B4, Q-B3; 19. N-Q5!! Or here
26. R-B8 ch K-K2(s) 18...N-K4; 19. NxN, BxN(QxN: P-KN3!) 20. Q-K2!, BxPch; 21. K-R & Black dies.
27. Q-B7 ch KxP o. All other roads lead to Rome.
28. B-N4 ch P-B4(t) p. Threatens simply R-QB4 and P-QN4. Your understanding of the posi-
29. BxP ch K-K4 tion will be helped by the understanding that White is solely concern-
30. Q-B5ch Resigns (u ed with forcing P-Q6 against passive play. If now 20...0-0; 21. PxP, PxP;
22. B-N4, QR-K; 23. R-B4, QxP; 24. RxP.
- q. Continuing his powerhouse play. Out of the question is 24. R-B8, 0-0.
- r. 24...0-0; 25. RxR, RxR; 26. R-B8!, Q-R8ch; 27. B-B, Q-Q5; 28. P-K7 wins the old ball game.
- s. 26...R-Q; 27. Q-B7 threatening 3 mates in one move and 1 in 2. Forced is 27...0-0; 28. RxR. Ugh.
- t. For the record: 28...K-K4; 28. Q-B5ch, KxP; 29. Q-B5ch, K-Q5; 30. Q-B5ch, K-Q4; 31. R-B5 X.
- u. 30...K-B5; 31. QxRch, K-N4; 32. P-B4ch, K-R4; 33. RxR X. A very good game which should be studied exhaustively. Botvinnik plays like a grandmaster should!

The Houston Chronicle has announced an International Endgame competition for original studies. There are cash prizes and the sponsors hope to obtain entries from around the world. Harold M. Lommer, who is a recognized world expert in this field, will serve as technical advisor on the project. The panel of judges will be headed by Robert S. Brieger of Houston who is developing a fine reputation as one of the leading U. S. endgame composers. He will be assisted by William A. Bills and Eric Bone.

Composers should send entries in duplicate, with diagrams, full solutions, analytical remarks, and the name and address of the composer to the tournament director, George H. Smith, 15602 Shanghai, Houston, 77040. Entries will be published in the Chronicle chess column.

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