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MEXICO PLAYERS WIN BROWNSVILLE OPEN

Monterrey players dominated the Twin Tornado chess tournaments held in Brownsville, January 29 and 30. There were 8 competitors in each tournament.

The winner of the championship trophy and two nights accommodations at the Sea Island Resort on South Padre Island was Jorge Aldrete of Monterrey, Mexico with a total of $6\frac{1}{2}$ points (combined events), Arturo Jasso and Ursulo Villareal both from Monterrey followed in that order in the overall standings.

Mexico almost walked away with all the prizes, but John Taylor of Harlingen, managed to win the class C trophy. He had draws with two of the Mexican players.

Monterrey players will challenge Texas chess experts in the Harlingen tournament in March.

SAN JACINTO OPEN REGION V QUALIFYING CHESS TOURNAMENT

Holiday Inn, Hwy. 146

Baytown, Texas

April 16-17, 1966

5-Round Swiss

At Least \$50 Guaranteed Prize

More Details in Next Issue.

BROWNSVILLE TWIN TORNADO CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Saturday event January 29, 1966

						<u>Points</u>
1.	Arturo Jasso	W5	W6	W2	W4	4
2.	J. Aldrete	W8	W3	L1	W5	3
3.	U. Villareal	W4	L2	D5	W7	2½
4.	Wendel Scott	L3	W8	W6	L1	2
5.	John Taylor	L1	W7	D3	L2	1½
6.	Wm. Olson	W7	L1	L4	D8	1½
7.	James Page	L6	L5	W8	L3	1
8.	Michael Fitts	L2	L4	L7	D6	½

Sunday event January 30, 1966

						<u>Points</u>
1.	J. Aldrete	W5	W3	W4	D2	3½
2.	U. Villareal	W7	D4	W5	D1	3
3.	John Taylor	W8	L1	W7	D4	2½
4.	Arturo Jasso	W6	D2	L1	D3	2
5.	J. Gershowitz	L1	W6	L2	W8	2
6.	Michael Fitts	L4	L5	D8	W7	1½
7.	James Page	L2	W8	L3	L6	1
8.	Wm. Olson	L3	L7	D6	L5	½

13 players are entered in a double round robin chess tournament being played at Brownsville High School.

GAMES

by TCA members who send news.

This game, played in the National Open in Las Vegas, 1965, is interesting because of the Queen sacrifice, and instructive because of the Kingside attack.

White: B. L. Patteson Black: W. Giles

1. P-K4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-KN3

This move was played by Staunton against Anderssen in the first modern chess tournament - London, 1851.

3. N-KB3 B-N2
4. B-Q3 P-N3
5. B-KN5 N-K2
6. Q-Q2 B-N2
7. O-O O-O
8. B-R6 P-QB4
9. N-B3 PxP
10. NxP?

"A slip of the finger", says Patteson. He intended 10. BxB, KxB; (not ... PxN? 11. QxP, R-K1; 12. B-R8 etc.) then 11. NxP. Somehow he reversed the moves. 10....., P-Q4?

Black should have won two pieces for a rook, by playing 10...., BxN.

11. BxB KxB
12. P-K5 QN-B3
13. NxN NxN
14. P-B4 QR-B1
15. N-N5 B-R1?

Better might have been 15...., B-R3; and although White wins a pawn by 16. NxP, the exchanges would have prevented the king-side attack that follows.

16. N-Q6 R-B2
17. QR-K1 N-K2
18. P-KN4! N-B1
19. N-N5 R-B4
20. P-QN4 R-B3
21. N-Q4 R-B2
22. Q-B2 K-N1

Perhaps Black could defend with 22...., R-R1 followed by ..., P-KR3.

23. R-K3 B-B3
24. P-B5! KPxP
25. PxP N-K2
26. P-B6 K-R1
27. Q-R4

Instead of 27. PxN, White plays for mate.

- 27....., N-N1
28. R-R3 P-KR4
29. QxPch!! PxQ
30. RxPch N-R3
31. RxNch K-N1
32. R-B3 Resigns

Mate can not be stopped.

Notice to TCA members - When paying dues at Regional events, please make checks payable to Texas Chess Association. This assures proper appropriation of funds. The local club is not entitled to any part of the TCA dues.

THE ART OF THE CHESS PROBLEM

Last month we presented a problem by Andre Cheron with the mousetrap theme. Another mousetrap problem taken from "The Bright Side of Chess", is the following position:

White - King on c2, Rook on h8,
Bishop on f8, Knight on h6.

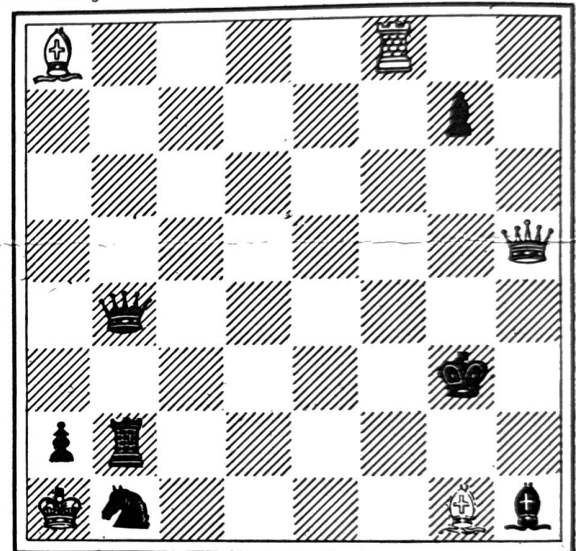
Black - King on a1, Pawn on a2,
Bishop on c3.

White mates in 3 moves.

Solution is 1. Nf5, BxR; 2. Ng7, BxN;
3. BxB mate.

The Novotny theme is interference with pieces of unlike movement, involving a sacrifice on the critical square. The critical square is the intersection of the Black Rook orthogonal and the Bishop diagonal.

The following chess problem by E. Umnoff is a beautiful example of the Novotny interference.



White to move and mate in 2
Solution on page 3.

George Smith is the director of the Houston Chronicle International Endgame Tourney. Some 50 original endgame studies have been submitted by composers from all over the world. The judges are William Bills, Eric Bone, and Robert Brieger. The famous International judge and referee of the Federation Internationale de Echecs, Harold M. Lommer of Valencia, Spain, is serving as technical adviser. All of these outstanding endings are being published in the Houston Chronicle chess column. A book of the prize winning studies is planned.

GRANDMASTER DRAW ?

The following game, played in the Texas Candidates tournament in Austin last November was a fighting draw! Black blundered in the opening and lost two pawns. White muffed his chance to win, and allowed Black counter-play. Although the exchange behind, Bone was not without compensation. Brieger agreed to a draw, because he felt any attempt to win was too risky.

White: Eric Bone Black: Robert Brieger

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| 1. N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-QB3 |
| 3. P-QN3 | P-KB3 |
| 4. PxP | PxP |
| 5. P-Q4 | N-QB3 |
| 6. B-N2 | P-K4? |
| 7. PxP | P-Q5? |
| 8. BxP | B-N5ch |
| 9. B-B3 | QxQch |
| 10. KxQ | B-KB4 |
| 11. PxP | NxP |
| 12. BxB | NxB |
| 13. QN-Q2? | N-N5 |
| 14. P-K4 | NxPch |
| 15. K-K2 | NxR |
| 16. PxB | O-O |
| 17. N-Q4 | QR-Q1 |
| 18. N-K6 | QR-K1 |
| 19. P-KN4 | N-QB7 |
| 20. R-B1 | N-Q5ch |
| 21. K-K3 | NxN |
| 22. B-B4 | N-B7 |
| 23. KxN | K-R1 |
| 24. N-K4 | Drawn |

Mr. Gutierrez believes that it is unethical and unsportsmanlike to agree to a draw before 30 moves have been made. Brieger believes that the tournament director does not have the right to dictate to the player what risks he must take.

What do you think?

United States Armed Forces chess champion, David Lees gave a simultaneous exhibition on Sunday, January 16 at the Service Club of James Connally Air Force Base. Results of this event will be reported in the next issue of TEXAS KNIGHTS.

Solution to the Mate in 2, problem.
(from page 2)

The key is 1. Bg2
(the White Bishop is sacrificed on the critical square. The threat is 2. Qh3 mate.)

There are six variations.

1st, if 1..., RxB; then 2. Rf3 mate.

Notice that the Black Rook interferes with the Black Bishop.

2nd, if 1..., BxB; then 2. Bh2 mate.

Now the Black Bishop interferes with the Black Rook.

3rd, if 1..., KxB; then 2. Qh2 mate.

4th, if 1..., Qg4; then 2. Qh2 mate.

5th, if 1..., Qh4; then 2. Qf3 mate.

The Black Queen blocks the King's flight square.

6th, if 1..., QxR; then 2. Qg5 mate.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS Leading Clubs of Texas

DALLAS CHESS CLUB

Hillcrest State Bank, Dallas, Texas
Meets Tuesday evenings.

NORTH HENDERSON CHESS CLUB

2201 North Henderson St., Dallas, Texas
Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 P.M.

HOUSTON CHESS CLUB

1913 West McKinney, Houston, Texas
Meets every Tuesday and Thursday night.
7:30 P.M. - 12 Midnight. Saturdays and
Sundays after 2:00 P.M.

DENTON CHESS CLUB

Unitarian Church Bldg., Denton, Texas.

DENTON KNIGHTS

Holiday Inn, Denton, Texas.

BAYTOWN CHESS CLUB

Citizens National Bank, Baytown, Texas
Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

AUSTIN CHESS CLUB

Hancock Recreation Center, Austin, Texas
Meets Monday evenings.

FEBRUARY 18-20
EL PASO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

6-round Swiss System, U. S. C. F. rated, to be played at the Desert Hills Motel in El Paso, Texas.

Time limit is 45 moves in 2 hours, and 25 moves per hour thereafter. First round to start at 7 P. M. Friday, February 18, 1966. Three rounds on Saturday, Feb. 19, and two rounds on Sunday, Feb. 20, 1966. George Koltanowski will be tournament director. First Prize, guaranteed \$200 and trophy. Second Prize, \$100 and trophy. Third Prize, \$75 and trophy. Class Prizes: Best "A", \$75 and trophy; Best "B", \$50 and Lapel Pin; Best "C", \$35 & Lapel Pin; Best Woman, \$20 and trophy; Unrated, \$20; Best Junior, \$15 and Lapel Pin.

Entry fee \$10 plus USCF dues if not a member. Register on or before 6 P. M. Friday, February 18, at the beautiful Desert Hills Motor Hotel. For further details: Hector Fabela, 5904 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905.

6TH ANNUAL RIO GRANDE VALLEY OPEN

5-round Swiss, 50/2, to be played at the Los Vecinos Community Building at Filmore and M Streets in Harlingen; Texas on March 26 and 27, 1966. Cash prizes to first place, handicap winner, and to best Class A, B, and C. Entry fee \$5 plus USCF membership. Register by 9 A.M., March 26. Inquiries to R. E. Swaim, 221 East Lee, Harlingen, Texas.

FEBRUARY 26-27
ALAMO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Alamo Open, a 5-round Swiss, will be held at the Bluebonnet Hotel, in San Antonio, Texas. Registration 8-9 A.M. First round 9 A.M. Three rounds Saturday, two Sunday. Entry fee \$5, plus USCF-TCA membership (\$5 USCF; \$3 TCA adults, \$2 juniors); combined dues \$1 less. Trophies for first three places, plus Class A, B, C, D, and Unrated. Cash prizes as entry fees permit. Top three players qualify from Region VI to play in Texas Candidates Tournament in November. For details, contact W. N. Wells, 2711 Briarfield, phone DI 4-1704.

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 4
NATIONAL OPEN

8 round Swiss, at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. \$4600 in Cash Prizes! Championship Prizes: 1st: \$800 plus the "Stardust Trophy". 2nd: \$600 3rd: \$450 4th: \$300 5th: \$200 6th - 10th: \$100 each. Senior Prizes: (may be won by persons who have passed their 50th birthday)

1st: \$100 plus the Senior Trophy.
2nd: \$50.

Women's Prize: 1st: \$75 plus Trophy.
Expert: 1st: \$200 & Trophy 2nd: \$150
3rd: \$100.

Class A: 1st: \$200 & Trophy 2nd: \$150
3rd: \$100.

Premier, Booster, and Unrated Prizes for various classes. \$25 Entry Fee paid at Registration on Sunday, February 27.

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