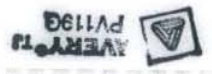


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Chess kings prove to be brawny pawns

Andrei Zaremba... beat "The Exterminator" in five hours to give UT-Dallas the chess title on Sunday.



"He got a little too ambitious," said Zaremba, a 19-year-old electrical engineering major, "so I punished him, I guess."

Uh, yo, dog. Trash talk is a work in progress at UTD, as are nicknames, which have been pretty lame. But, if you're questioning credibility, you should know UTD's game plan go-

program director Tim Redman said last week, "against Harvard and Stanford." In fairness, Harvard and Stanford are probably fine academic

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"We have to pile up points, ing into the Final Four.

UMBC had the scary nickname, but UTD had the game, as UMBBC had the scary nick-

ver the weekend, brainy folks at the University of Texas-Dallas vanquished "The Mongolian Terror" as well. Of course, you're relieved. But you're asking: What exactly did they do? Discover a medical cure? Go WFF on us?

Nah, this was the Final Four, Andrei Zaremba proved Sunday, beating William "The Exterminator" Morrison in five hours for the Maryland and Indiana brought in-

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Kings prove pawns can have more fun

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institutions. But they had no prayer against coach Rade Milovanovic and the boys with the big brains.

Harvard and Stanford cull chess teams from the general student body, which is like Mike De-ment walking into a P.E. class at SMU and asking who wants to hoop against Duke.

UTD gives chess *scholarships*, a program in place for six years with a half-dozen Texas schools now doing the same. Only UTD has a \$150,000 budget and a designated recruiter, to boot.

A few locals make the UTD bench on general academic excellence. Others qualify by winning chess competitions. But the starters are prodigies, and they are world class.

Team captain Yury Shulman, 26, is from Belarus. The roster also includes a player from Poland and another from Sweden and one from Russia by way of Michigan.

They even have a guy from *Alabama*.

Chess is no hobby with this bunch. Back in Belarus, Shulman was classified along with Olympic athletes at a state-run sports university, where everyone trained in their discipline and took a little biochemistry on the side. By law, all student athletes were gainfully employed.

"At the same time, you never show up at your job," Shulman said, smiling. "It's a funny system."

Here in Texas, Yury, we called it "the Southwest Conference."

Football and basketball recruiting, we understand. The idea of going hard after someone good with his queen still takes some getting used to.

Actual conversation between Redman and another UTD faculty member:

Prof: "Any recruiting scandals?"

Redman: "No, but we're working on it."

A professor of literary studies at UTD and a former master player himself, Redman came up

with the idea for a chess team after administrators brainstormed for ways to promote the university.

So far, it's working. UTD's chess team figured prominently in a *USA Today* story last week, and the team received a letter of congratulations last year from senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Hutchison, a former Texas cheerleader, understands competition in any form. Some are harder to educate, even at a place like UTD.

Actual conversation recently between Redman and a university administrator:

Dean: "How's Yury doing?"

Redman: "He just won the World Open."

Dean: "Is that good?"

Word is getting around slowly at UTD. Officials claim they've had pep rallies and such, but there were no reports this week-end of campus mobs overturning Saabs.

A local TV station called UTD spokesman Jon Senderling and asked about interviewing the team at the airport Monday, wondering if 700 or 800 students might be on hand.

"Probably just you and me," Senderling said.

Alas, he proved accurate. But the UTD chess wizzes were unfazed, exhilarated over their performance.

Victory wings a variety of emotions, though. Before playing Battsetseg "The Mongolian Terror" Tsagaan of UMBC, Andrew Whatley admitted that he wanted to "strike fear" in his Iatanstan opponent.

Standing over the fallen Terror, he went soft. "It was kinda weird," said Whatley, a senior economics and finance major. "A lot should be made of winning for the school's sake, but there's always a loser, too. I got to see the personal aspect, how they felt."

"You should just play for the joy of chess."

This, from the "Hammer from Alabama."

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