College Credit

Two universities—Maryland in Baltimore and Texas in Dallas—began offering scholarships to chess players in 1995. Now about 15 colleges have followed suit.

Chess is popular with juniors, who comprise over half of the 90,000 members in the U.S. Chess Federation. "Recruiting is good for colleges because chess players are bright," said director Frank Niro (www.uschess.org).

Last April four teams from Texas, Maryland, Stanford and Harvard clashed in the finals of the national collegiate championship held at the Chess Hall of Fame in Miami which sports a 45-foot tower shaped like a rook.

Texas emerged victorious for the second straight year. They award eight chess scholarships annually with a four-year value ranging from $19,000 to $43,000.

"We don't have a football team. Chess is a way of making a name for a strong university that doesn't have a long history," said Tim Redman, an English professor who runs their chess program (chessweb.utdallas.edu).
At an intramural tournament held on campus last year, Andrei Zaremba, 19, earned his first leg toward an international master title with this win over a team-mate who once was the Swedish junior champion.

Solution??

White: Andrei Zaremba  Caro-Kann Defense
Black: Dennis Rylander  2001
1 e4 c6 2 c4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 d4 Nc6 5 Nc3 Nf6 6
Bg5 e6 7 Nf3 Be7 8 c5 Ne4 9 Bxe7 Qxe7 10 Bb5
Nxc3 11 bxc3 0-0 12 Bxc6 bxc6 13 0-0 f6 14 Qa4
Qc7 15 Rfe1 Rb8 16 c4 Bd7 17 Rac1 Rfe8 18 h3
Rbc8 19 Re3 e5 20 dxe5 fxe5 21 cxd5 cxd5 22
Qb3 Bc6 23 Rce1 Rb8 24 Qa3 e4 25 Nd4 Bb5 26
c6 Bc4 27 Rg3 Qf7 28 Rg5 Qf6 29 Qa3 Bxa2 30
Nf5 Kh8 31 Nxe7 Re5 32 Rg3 Rf8 33 c7 Bc4 34
Qc5 Ba6 35 Ra1 Bc8 36 Rxa7 e3 37 fxe3 Qf2 38
Kh2 Rg8 39 Ra8 h5 40 Nxe5 Rge8 41 Qd4 Black
Resigns

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