

Otero-Bishop Checkmate Masters In Folsom Chess Tournament

Twenty-six year old San Francisco chess master John Grefe, the 1973 United States Chess Co-Champion (along with Lubomir Kavaler of Washington, D. C.) wearing a heavy black overcoat with a Happy Guru button prominently displayed on it, tan Chinos, colorful cowboy shirt and white tennis shoes, came to Folsom Sunday afternoon and challenged all the local blue-denim clad Bobby Fischers to a High Noon pawn-taking-four duel in what turned out to be the most exciting Chess Tournament held behind the walls in many a year.

Accompanying the young co-champion from The City was big-bearded fringed buckskin-coated chess master Dennis Waterman, chess journalist-teacher Richard Sharman and tournament coordinator Kenneth Fong of Oakland.

Several wooden benches were fixed into a giant horseshoe on the open air asphalt basketball court; at one end chess journalist-

teacher Richard Sharman set up a board to give instruction in the finer points of the game while masters Grefe and Waterman played 12 challengers apiece down the long arms of the horseshoe.

Grefe played 20 completed games with only local master Frank Otero upholding the honor of the Folsom Chess Fraternity against him by winning their first game in 52 moves, resigning the second in 15 and offering the co-champion a draw, which he gladly accepted, after only 20 moves in their third and final game.

Barnell Bishop, who checkmated Waterman in 30 moves on a brilliant bishop-knight sacrifice, was the only Folsom player to register a win over the Bay Area master out of 15 completed games played by Waterman.

Otero and Bishop will be gifted with John Grefe's book "U. S. Chess Championship" for their winning performances against the masters.

