



A CHALLENGE BY THE MASTER — Ted Yudacufski, chess expert and instructor of Carmel's Middle School afternoon chess program, challenges his 23 students to pit their skill against him in a simultaneous exhibition. Yudacufski was victorious in all 23 games, but Craig Johnson, an eighth grader, held out the longest. The exhibition match was played after 10 chess lessons.



CHECKMATE — As David Donohue looks on with resignation instructor Ted Yudacufski delivers the final blow.



OPENING GAMBIT — Ted Yudacufski makes an opening move against Mark Holloway. Other chess players from left are Bruce Walsh, Bruce Brown, John Hughes and James Long. Although Yudacufski was victorious in all his games, several of the children showed remarkable skill

against him. One of his most noteworthy challengers was Carol Anders who placed third in the tournament. She had never played chess previous to her lessons with Yudacufski.



COLLABORATORS — Bruce Walsh, left, and Bruce Brown, right, team up to help Chris Holl plan a strategic defensive move against a threatening white queen.



CONCENTRATION — Bill Neuman, left, records his latest move as Tom Snyder contemplates a course of action. The 23 opponents of Ted Yudacufski had plenty of time to plan ahead, but none were able to defeat the master who outmaneuvered every one of his challengers. Yudacufski's chief reason for exposing the children to tournament play was to use the problem solving techniques of selecting solutions and recording games to develop math skills. At a math conference at Asilomar on Dec. 5, Mrs. Willie Belle Mason, math department chairman, will describe the use of chess as a challenge to the creative child.

Middle School chess champs

by Joanne Louise Nix

Checkmate in six moves! A sorry situation for any chess player, but even more so if the victor is an 11-year-old.

Recently I played a game of chess with Carmel Middle School student, Roy Cornwell and blundered into a sudden death situation due to gross underestimation of the opponent.

Roy Cornwell is one of the Students of Ted Yudacufski, a director of the U.S. Chess Federation of California and owner-director of the Casa Alvarado Chess Club in Monterey.

Two groups of 20 students meet each Monday and Thursday after school to master the fine points of chess strategy. The classes receive instruction from Yudacufski and then practice what they have learned with tournament chess sets donated by David Hughes.

The Middle School chess program is the brain child of Mrs. Willie Belle Mason, math department chairman, who feels that chess is an ideal way to teach math concepts and spur logical thinking processes.

The children have learned their lessons well. This spring they will enter tournaments with Carmel, Martin Luther King and Walter Colton High Schools. Ted Yudacufski explained that high school tournaments are held each year free of charge. This year he plans to enter sixth grade children.

The Carmel Pine Cone congratulates the students of Middle School on their fine accomplishments after only 10 sessions of instruction. We feel, however, that adults are entitled to the same advantages our children receive. We therefore petition Ted Yudacufski to hold chess workshops in Carmel for adults so that we will be able to give the youth of our town a run for their money. We also urge Charles Dawson, principal of adult education at Carmel High School to allow the use of Carmel High School for evening chess classes. Only then can we face our children across the chessboard untimidated.

Ted Yudacufski we need you!