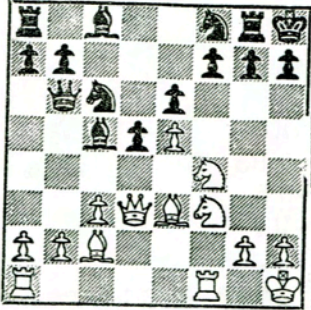


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CHESS

Brings Out The Beast In Me...



THE SAN MATEO STORY
 Mrs. Doris J. Coloma has done a wonderful job of chess promotion in arranging San Mateo County Schools Chess tournament, through all grades, sponsored by San Mateo-Burlingame Chess Club.
 Nine through twelve-grade level on March 4 at the Burlingame Camp kindergarten through Sixth grade played March 11 at Laurel School, San Mateo, sixth through eighth-grade plays at Abbot School, San Mateo, on March 12 begins at 9 a.m. each day, with more than 500 children expected to participate. Tournament directors are: Herb Rosenthal, Wilfred Goodwin, Alfred Hansen and Mongini.

San Francisco Chronicle
 Feb. 28, 1978

No. 3 White to move

NO.	PLAYER	ROUND									TOTAL	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1.	D. Coloma	-	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1/2	0	3 1/2
2.	M. Lover	1	-	1/2	1	1	0	1/2	1	1	0	6
3.	J. Young	0	1/2	-	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3 1/2
4.	B. Bausman	1	0	1	-	1	0	1	1	1/2	1	6 1/2
5.	withdrawn											
6.	D. Culbertson	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	0	8
7.	S. Unnasch	1	1/2	1	0	1	0	-	1	1	1	6 1/2
8.	R. Arroyo	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	0	1
9.	H. Fish	1/2	0	0	1/2	1	0	0	1	-	0	3
10.	B. Friedland	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	-	7



Dean Mau, Winner of San Mateo School Tournament. Burl. Chess Club member

COMING TOURNAMENTS

March 4, 1978 High School 0900 hrs. at B.R.C.
 March 16, 1978 Club Tournament 7 round Swiss

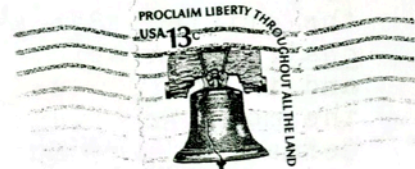
—The number of possible ways of playing the first ten moves on each side in a game of chess is 169,518,829,100,544,000,000,000,000,000—thirty digits in all.

—Under the title "Advice to Spectators at Chess Tournaments" is a book in German that is completely blank, except for one page with the words "Halts Maul" (keep quiet).

Next chess newsletter March 23, 1978

From

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"Well, I lumped the club champ—one out of seven."

R Blaine
 P.O. Box 532
 Indianapolis

In
 46206

Are your club dues paid ?
 Dues are \$ 5 per year
 see Will Goodwin

Solutions

CHESS TRAPS

No. 3
 SICILIAN DEFENSE

- | | | |
|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. | P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. | NxP | N-B3 |
| 5. | N-B3 | P-Q3 |
| 6. | B-B4 | |

Bobby Fischer's favorite move.

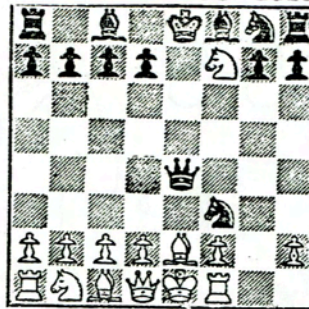
6. P-KN3?

P-K3 is best

7. NxN PxN

8. P-K5 PxP??

9. BxP ch. Resigns
 Look, Ma, no more queen!



No. 4
 ITALIAN GAME

- | | | |
|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. | B-B4 | N-Q5 |
| 4. | NxP? | Q-N4 |
| 5. | NxBP | |

BxP ch, K-K2 still loses a piece for white.

5. QxNP

6. R-B1

6. NxR, QxRch. and QxKPch.

6. QxKP ch.

7. B-K2 N-B6 mate



A HISTORY OF CHESS (Con't.)
 By A. E. Montgomery

Continuing with our historical notes, did you ever wonder how our game received the name it has? Our English word, Chess, comes from the Old French eschex, a form of the word eschecs, meaning to check. The French today call the game echech, and use the same word for check. Check is a corruption of Shah, the Arabic word for King, and the name of the game in every European country except Spain and Portugal is derived from the Latin stem scac, which renders the Arabic Shah in the way it would have been written in 9th century Latin.

The word, originally intended for the King alone, became very early used for the game itself. Thus in German and Swedish the game is schach and shack, in Italian scacchi, in modern Greek skaki, and similarly in the Slavic countries, szachy and shakmaty. Only in Spanish and Portuguese does the name for the game actually derive from the original Sanskrit (Indian) chaturanga, which the Persians called chatrang, Arabicized to shatranj, and now in Spanish ajedrez (a-he-dreth') and in Portuguese xadrez (sha-dres'). In every language the name of the most important Chess piece is the word for King. Thus French, Roi; German, Konig; Russian, Korolj; Italian, Re; and Spanish, Rey.

No one knows exactly when, or why, the most powerful piece on the board became called the Queen. The earliest Moorish records describe the Consort as the Vizier or Counsellor, and it could move only three squares in any direction. The Arabic word for it was Firz. The meaning became forgotten, but the word survived for a time in Spain as Ferz or Alferza, and this became Fierge or Vierge in Old French. Remember all these changes took place before there were printed books! There is an old English poem which says: "When he took my Fers away, then I could no longer play." But in the end, every European country adopted the name Queen for this piece: Dame or Konigen in German; Dame or Reine in French; Dama or Reina in Spanish; but, not, Firze in Russian.

We learned that the word Check came from the Arabic word for King. Mate is a Semitic (Arabic, etc.) word, meaning dead; hence checkmate means literally "the King is dead".