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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This issue marks a departure from recent issues in two principal respects. One is that it is the most timely issue we've had in years. The hiatus we enjoyed last time enabled us to return with renewed vigor and a greater appreciation of the virtues of punctuality.

The other is that, although in every issue we extoll the improvement in Northern California chess, we honestly believe that the next few months represent still another landmark. Tournaments are not only bigger than ever, and more frequent than ever, they are better than ever by any relevant criterion.

Consider what is coming up in the next couple of months.

Of course there is the **1993 US Open** in Philadelphia, August 7-15. This is a tournament unlike any other, a tradition-laden Open where you have the same odds of playing a Grandmaster as an unrated player, depending on where you are seeded.

September opens with the **CalChess State Class Championships**, September 3-6, the traditional state championship weekend on Labor Day, now in its second renewal under CalChess at the Quality Villa Hotel in San Mateo. Last year's event was the nation's premiere state meeting, larger than New York, Southern California, Illinois, or any other state.

A very special event marks the Fall season. The genius of Northern California chess, George Koltanowski, turns 90 on September 17, and to mark this extraordinary event a very special tournament is planned for the weekend of October 2-3, a kind of birthday present from Kolty to the chess community of Northern California: a tournament with very tiny entry fees, over \$4K in very large guaranteed cash prizes, and loads of extra amenities, with sponsorship from CalChess and the San Francisco Chronicle. You won't want to miss this one, it will be a very special tribute to the man who has done more than anyone in the past fifty years to create a superior chess culture in Northern California.

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LERA MEMORIAL DAY

by NM Richard Koepecke

For the twenty-fifth time, the LERA (Lockheed Employees Recreation Association) Memorial Class Championships drew some of Northern California's best players on the weekend of May 29-31 to the familiar LERA clubhouse on Mathilda Avenue in Sunnyvale.

Top-ranked **IM Marc Leski** of Berkeley sailed undefeated through the Open section to take clear first, with 5-1/2 out of 6. Leski has been in excellent form lately, finishing second in the Far West Open in Reno and beating some excellent players, and his form held for this tournament as he skirted the pitfalls and dominated his competition. Clear second with 4-1/2 went to **NM Mike Arné** of Palo Alto, who has raised his rating a full class in the past year in a class where players are notoriously stingy with points. These two worthies were chased by **NM Renard Anderson** (Aptos), **NM Emmanuel Perez** (Antioch), and **NM Alan Stein** (Los Altos), with 4.

Expert honors were split between **Kevin Zeigler** of Sunnyvale, former Kolty Club Champion, and **Jimmy Plumb** of Livermore, who plays much better than his 2039 rating and at his present rate of improvement will soon be receiving his Master certificate, both with 5-1. Behind them with 4-1/2 were **Roberto Ricca** (2151), **John Ang** (2119), and **David Herscovici** (Monterey).

The Class "A" prize was taken by **Adrian Keatinge-Clay** (1994) of Vallejo, 1992 Northern California High School Champ, whose descent into the ranks of the "A" players proved both temporary and profitable, and whose score of 5 proved best. His competition included **Steven Lender** (1949), one of the perennial contenders, and two more stars from the scholastic ranks, **Brian Jew** (1961) of San Francisco and **Matthew R. Gross** (1791) of San Jose, and with 4-1/2.

Section "B" also fell to the new generation, as **Dmitry Karshedt** (1786) of San Francisco scored 5-1 to take first, followed by **Hossein Ameri** (1732) of Santa Clara and two-time national grade school champ **Vinay Bhat** (1666) of San Jose, with 4.

The winner in Class "C" was **Rodrigo Dioso** (1364) of San Jose, 5-1/2, ahead of top-ranked **Robert Shiloh** (1597) of Los Altos with 4-1/2. Runnerups with 4 points were **Ken Newton** (1547) of Santa Clara and **James A. Clark** (1406), presently a student at CSU Sacramento.

First "D" was **Mason Bledsoe** (1239) of San Jose with 4-1/2, first in the "E" Section was **Brian Rothbach** (1073) of Fremont with 4-1/2, and the Unrated prize went to **Ron Ben-Zur** of Campbell with 5 points.

A total of 117 players played in the event, directed by **Jim Hurt** and **Ted Yudacufski**.

White: IM Mark Leski (2520)
Black: NM Mike Arné (2310)
King's Indian Attack [A07]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepecke

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c6 4. 0-0 Bg4 5. d3 e6 6. Nbd2 Be7 7. e4 Nbd7

A normal position has arisen, in which White's chances will be on the kingside and Black's on the queenside.

8. h3 Bf3

Black should avoid this exchange unless he can restrict the opposing bishop by fixing White's e-pawn at e4. After 8...Bh5 9. Re1 0-0 10. e5 Ne8 11. g4 Bg6, the position would be roughly equal.

9. Qf3 0-0 10. Qe2 Qc7

An alternative is 10...de4 11. Ne4 Ne4 12. Qe4 e5, where Black gains some space in the center to compensate for White's two bishops.

11. f4

The point of White's previous moves. Left alone, he will close the center with e5, then gradually build up his forces on the kingside, culminating in a mating attack. In response to this plan, Black decides to open the center immediately and thereby change the character of the position. Now the battle switches to the center and queenside.

11...de4 12. Ne4 Ne4 13. Qe4 Nf6

13...e5, fighting for space in the center, is a good alternative.

14. Qe2 Bc5?

The bishop is misplaced here because White will soon kick it away, grabbing space along the way. 14...Bd6 would have been a better try. After 15. d4 c5 16. Be3 cd4 17. Bd4 Bc5 18. Bc5 Qc5 19. Kh2 ±. White has a queenside majority plus a small space edge in the center. However, these advantages are not likely to be decisive.

15. Kh2 Rad8 16. Bd2 Rfe8 17. Rae1

White is about to invoke a strategy espoused by Reuben Fine. To paraphrase, "constrain, build, and destroy." The text begins the first phase, where White attempts to constrain Black's freeing moves, ...e5 and ...c5.

17...Qb6? 18. b4! Bd6 19. a4 Qc7 20. d4

Establishing a central pawn clamp. With Black's counterplay a long way off. White switches to phase 2, "Build."

20...Qe7 21. Qc4

21.Rb1 may have been slightly more accurate, though White would then have to contend with blockading attempts by Black on the light squares (21...b5!?).

21...Nd5 22. Rb1 a6 23. Rfe1 Qf6

Black decides to play rope-a-dope for a while. A viable alternative is the active blockading plan mentioned above. Though 23...b5 24. Qb3 (not 24. Qc6 Nb4=) Rc8 25. c3, followed by 26.Ra1, favors White.

24. Re2

Preparing to transfer the rook to the a- or b-file, depending on circumstances.

24...Rc8 25. Qd3 Red8

The ugly-looking ...b5 might have put up more resistance. Black probably allowed his knight to be kicked away believing that he could obtain counterplay by repositioning it on f5.

26. c4 Ne7 27. Bc3 Qh6 28. c5!

Still following a policy of constraint, White restricts Black's pieces and prevents the counterpunch ...c5 in response to b5.

28...Bb8 29. b5

The "constrain" and "build" phases over, White switches over to the final phase, "breakthrough."

29...ab5 30. ab5 Nf5 31. Re4 Rd5 32. bc6 bc6 33. Qa6 Rf8 34. Qc6 g5 35. Re6!

A small combination with the aim of forcing a favorable transition to the ending.

35...Qe6

Forced. 35...fe6 loses a piece to 36. Bd5 ed5 37. Qd5 Kg7 38. Rb8 Rb8 39. Qe5.

36. Qd5 gf4 37. Qe6 fe6

37...fg3 38. Kh1 fe6 39. d5 would not have changed the result. By capturing immediately, Black sets a small trap.

38. d5

Capturing the pawn, 38. gf4??, allows Black to escape with a draw by 37... Bf4 39. Kg1 (39. Kh1 Ng3 followed by 40....Ne2) Be3 40. Kh2 Bf4=.

38...Ng3 39. d6 Ne2 40. Be5 Ba7

After 40...f3, 41. Bf3 is the simplest response.

41. Rb7 Rf7 42. d7 1-0

Black must give up his rook to stop the d-pawn.

White: J. C. Kuba (1888)

Black: John Black (1720)

Queen's Gambit Accepted [D29]

Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dc4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 e6 5. Bc4 c5 6. 0-0 a6 7. Qe2

The main alternative is 7.a4, which prevents Black's intended queenside expansion but cedes the b4 square in return.

7...b5 8. Bb3 Bb7 9. Rd1 Nbd7

Grabbing space in the center with 9...c4 would be a mistake because it gives White a free hand to attack in the center and on the kingside. For example, 9...c4 10. Bc2 Be7 11. e4 0-0 12. Nbd2 Nbd7 13. e5 Nd5 14. Ne4, with a dangerous kingside attack.

10. Nc3 cd4?

A premature exchange, since it neither frees Black's game nor furthers his development. In exchange for an isolated pawn, White gets a half-open e-file, freedom to develop his queen's bishop to an active post at g5, plus a multitude of threats in the center.

Consequently, Black usually maintains the tension in order to make White solve the problem of developing his queen's bishop.

either 10...Qb6 or ...Bd6 is most commonly played here.

11. ed4 Nb6

Black has to do something about the threat 12.d5. For example, the unconcerned 11...Be7 runs into 12.d5 ed 13. Nd5 Nd5 14. Bd5 Bd5 15. Rd5 Qc7 16. Bg5 f6 17. Re1, where White has a decisive attack.

12. Ne5

12. Bg5, completing development and renewing the threat d5 would also have been strong.

12...Be7?

This simple developing move turns out to be the decisive mistake. Black's only real hope lay in closing the a2-g8 diagonal with 12...Bd5 (not 12...Nbd5 13. Nb5, winning). However, things are still grim after 13. Nd5 Nbd5 14. Bg5 Be7 15. Nc6 Qd7 16. Ne7 Qe7 17. Bd5 ed5 18. Qf3 with advantage to White.

13. Nf7!

A stock sacrifice in IQP (isolated queen pawn) positions. In this example, it is decisive since Black's king must undertake a death march into the center of the board.

13...Kf7 14. Qe6 Ke8 15. Qf7 Kd7 16. Be6! Kc6

16...Kc7 12. Bf4 doesn't change matters.

17. d5 Kc5 18. Be3 Kd6 19. Bf4 Kc5 20. d6 1-0

There is no defense to the impending threat 21. cd followed by 22. Bd6. After 20...Nbd5 21. ed Qe7 22. Bd5, Black will be a piece down without compensation.

White: Alan Stein (2309)

Black: Savely Polavets (2316)

Najdorf Sicilian [B99]

Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 Nbd7 9. 0-0-0 Qc7 10. g4 0-0!?

The text is a bit unusual but has been played before. I suspect that Polavets strayed from mainline theory to force his opponent to rely on his own resources.

11. Bh4

This clears the way for the g-pawn, but gives up a tempo to achieve the advance. Probably more accurate is 11. Bf6 Bf6 12. g5 Bd4 13. Rd4. The only game from this position that I know of continued 13...b5 14. Bg2 Bb7 15. Rhd1 Nc5 16. a3 Rfd8 with complications, Sirov-Vitolinsh, USSR 1985.

11...Nb6?!

The plan of transferring the knight to c4 seems a bit slow. An immediate counter-attack against the e-pawn, 11...Nc5, is a more active approach. A possible continuation is 11...Nc5 12. g5 Nfd7 13. f5 Ne5 14. Qf2 Re8 15. f6 Bf8, where White's attack has run out of steam.

Note that the game continuation, 12. f5, is roughly equal after 12...Nfe4 13. Be7 Nc3 14. Bf8 Nd1 15. Bg7 Kg7 16. Kd1=.

12. f5

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL 1993 LERA SUNNYVALE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS



DATE Saturday and Sunday, August 21st and 22nd.

PLACE LERA Auditorium B/160, corner of Mathilda Ave. & Java St., Sunnyvale (take Bayshore Freeway to the North Mathilda offramp; then go seven blocks north on Mathilda to Java St; B/160 is on the far left corner; 408/747-9167)

DIRECTOR Jim Hurt, assisted by Ted Yudacufski (National Tournament Director) of Monterey.

TYPE Four round Swiss with eight separate divisions, each division with its own prizes. In pairing an odd numbered group, we promote a high player from the next highest group to yield an even number in the odd numbered group.

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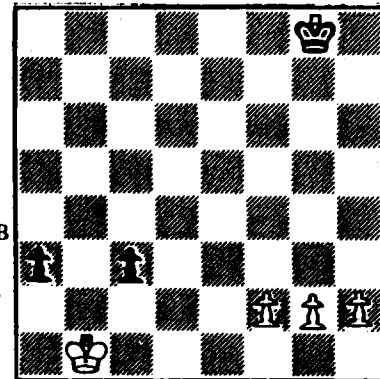
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SCHEDULE

ITEM	STARTING TIME	TIME CONTROL
Registration	8 to 9:30 am Saturday	30 moves in 90 minutes,
Round One	10:30 am Saturday	30 moves in 60 minutes,
Round Two	4:00 pm Saturday	10 moves in 10 minutes
Round Three	9:30 am Sunday	thereafter
Round Four	3:00 pm Sunday	



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CONDITIONS In order to start the first round on time, we are incorporating a new policy: You must be at the registration desk prior to 9:30 am in order to be paired in the first round. If you arrive after 9:30 am, you will either get a 1/2 point bye, or be paired against another late entry. All players must be USCF members or become members at the tournament. CCA ratings may be used at the discretion of the tournament director. For more information, call Jim Hurt (916)525-7912 or Ken Stone (408) 629-5530. Initial membership in the California Chess Association for \$7.00, if paid to Jim Hurt at LERA.



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NEXT EVENT The next LERA chess tournament will be held on the Thanksgiving weekend of November 26, 27, and 28th.

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The winner of this tournament is eligible to compete for \$400 in special prize money at the Labor Day CalChess State Championship.

CALIFORNIA SCHOLASTIC GRADE LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Dr. Alan M. Kirshner

On May 2, 1993, one of the largest ever California elementary school chess tournaments took place in Fremont. Two hundred and twelve kindergarten through sixth graders matched wits in the first California Scholastic Grade Level Chess Championships. Players came from as far north as Chico and as far south as Orange County. The largest number of competitors derived from Fremont as three elementary schools—**Weibel, Mission San Jose, and Marshall**—have strong programs.

A little over a year earlier, I proposed to the Weibel Elementary Parent-Teacher's Association that they support a state chess tournament as a fund raiser. A couple of months after the PTA gave the go ahead, a bus tragically killed one of our Weibel Chess Team members while he was on a bicycling outing with the Boy Scouts. **Scott Ferguson**, student body president and gifted student, had always played on one of our top boards.

I decided to name the tournament the Scott Ferguson Memorial Chess Tournament in his honor. Anticipating a large number of players, I asked the Mission San Jose Elementary Chess Team coach, **Joseph Lonsdale**, if his school's multi-purpose room could be available. MSJ Elementary is about two miles from Weibel. The fifth and sixth grade sections were held there. Granted, I had some fears of using two sites and confusing players and parents, but, to the best of my knowledge, no problems occurred.

Ray Orwig, Senior Tournament Director, served as Chief TD. **Carolyn Withgitt, Joseph Lonsdale, Steve Simler** and I acted as Assistant TDs. Former Weibel Chess Team members, now at Hopkins Junior High School (the 1993 Northern California Championship Junior High School Team), served as Tournament Marshals. Loads of parents volunteered to help make this tournament a thundering success.

I awarded eighty-five trophies in the seven sections. While I intended to provide only five place trophies in each division, I gave out as many as eight in some sections. Four team awards were available in each section as well. And each kindergarten entrant received a trophy regardless of placement.

The SwissSys Pairing Program kept the four rounds pretty much to the time schedule. I did have a problem in the second grade section, however. **Randy Mont-Reynaud** notified me during the second round that the program, in avoiding pairing team members, had gone out of score groups. The round was underway and I decided to allow it to proceed. This may have affected **Marijo Mont-Reynaud's** tie-breaks. I did pair the remainder of the second grade rounds without the computer.

The surprise of the tournament was the outstanding placement of **St. Marks Elementary School** of San Rafael, coached by **Ray Orwig**. They surprised the favorites, Mission San Jose and Weibel, in most of the sections in which they had a team. My school, Weibel, had a mediocre tournament.

The Kindergarten Division fielded thirteen players—an outstanding showing that bodes well for future scholastic chess. **Adam Lischinsky** (1257), viewed as one of the premiere elementary school players despite being only six years of age, had an easy victory (4-0). **Jonathan Lonsdale** (1184) split second place with his teammate from Mission San Jose, **Jeffrey Beckham (Unr.)**; both went 3-1. **Mission San Jose**, with five of the thirteen players, won the team trophy (only the scores of the top three players counted for team points).

Derek Schloss (562) from **St. Paul's** in Los Angeles placed first among the thirteen competitors in the First Grade Division. **Kevin Bui** (751), **Dwight Asuncion** (1005) and **Peter True** (Unr.) tied for second (3-1). **Weibel Elementary** won the team trophy in First Grade Division fielding five players.

Thirty second graders competed in the next section. **Sathvik Tantry** (1231) and **Uri Andrews** (1175), both students of **Joseph Siroker** of the Chess Academy of Palo Alto (CAPA), tied for first place (4-0). A nine-way tie ensued for third place, all with 3-1. **St. Marks** won this division.

Third grade produced our largest section with 48 competitors. A three-way tie occurred between **Sergey Frenklakh** (1108), **Jeffrey Lonsdale** (1275), and **Lee-Ming Zen** (1143) with 4-0. **St. Marks** also won this division.

In the fourth grade, 46 students vied for first place with **Kevin O'Brien** (1437) and **Jorge Aguayo** (1194) both attaining perfect 4-0. **Tov Fisher-Kirshner** (1296) and **Julio Lima** (1409) drew their final game and tied for third place with 3-1/2. **R u s Elementary** of Hayward defeated a strong Weibel team for first place.

The hottest contests were bound to occur in the fifth grade section. Three state champions—**Joey Lonsdale** (1993 state champ), **Kevin Simler** (1991), and **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1989, 1992)—were among the competitors. **Joey Lonsdale** (1481) and **Kevin Simler** (1575) represented Mission San Jose. **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1549) had at his side for Weibel an up-and-coming player, **James Kuan** (1181). **R u s Elementary** also had two strong competitors in **Alberto Rodriguez** (1175) and **Albert Souchet** (1222). Thirty-eight players entered this section.

The final match saw Micah, fresh from his second place in the K-5 division at the

Elementary School Nationals, pitted against his perennial competition, Kevin. Because of a lesser difference in rating points, **Joey Lonsdale** confronted **Austin Ozawa** (1196), changing what some thought would be Micah's natural opponent. All of these players are members of **Richard Shorman's Blue Knights Club**. While in skittle games Kevin and Micah tend to split the victories, Micah has defeated Kevin in previous state competitions. However, this turned out to be Kevin's day. He went undefeated along with Joey (4-0). **James Kuan** drew with **Eric Lin** (1271) to end up tie for third with 3-1/2. **Mission San Jose Elementary**, who last November won the Fifth Grade Division at the National Grade Level Championships in Arizona, took the team trophy. Mission San Jose will be a strong competitor for the National Elementary School title in 1994, when it will be held in San Jose, California.

Biggs Elementary, from Biggs, California, entered twelve of the twenty-five players in the Sixth Grade Division. They had an easy time winning the first-place team trophy. Biggs players **Chad Manes** (1261) and **Meng Thao** (1210) ended with a

perfect 4-0. Four other Biggs players, **Jeremy Ryan** (1160), **Nick McGee** (1051), **Brant Meyer** (1210), and **Christina Chaplin** (932), tied for third with 3-1. **Brad Langer** and **Robin Lindsay** rounded off the third-place winners with their 3-1 scores.

White: Nick Egide (1091)

Black: Micah Fisher Kirshner (1549)

French Defense [C14]

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bg5 e6 4. e4 Be7 5. e5 Nfd7 6. Be7 Qc7 7. Bd3 c5 8. Nb5 Na6 9. Nf3 cd4 10. Nfd4 Ne5 11. O-O 0-0 12. Be2 Nc5 13. Nf3 Ng6 14. Qd4 a6 15. Nc3 Nd7 16. Bd3 Qf6 17. Qf6 Nf6 18. Bg6 hg6 19. Ne5 Bd7 20. Nd7 Nd7 21. Rfe1 Rfe8 22. Rad1 Rad8 23. Rd4 b5 24. Rh4 f5 25. Re3 Nf6 26. Rg3 Kf7 27. a3 Rc8 28. f4 Rh8 29. Rh8 Rh8 30. Ne2 Rc8 31. c3 Ne4 32. Re3 Rc4 33. Ng3 Ng3 34. Rg3 Rf4 35. Rd3 Kf6 36. g3 Re4 37. Kf2 Ke5 38. Kf3 Re1 39. Re3 Re3 40. Ke3 g5 41. Kd3 f4 42. gf4 gf4 43. Ke2 Ke4 44. Kf2 f3 45. b3 e5 46. a4 ba4 47. ba4 a5 48. h3 Kf4 49. h4 g6 50. h5 gh5 51. Kf1 h4 52. Kgl Ke3 53. Kf1 f2 54. c4 h3 55. cd5 Kf3 56. d6 h2 57. d7 h1N 58. d8Q Ng3 0-1

NORTH-SOUTH III

by Joseph Lonsdale

Twelve of the top scholastic players in Northern California travelled to Los Angeles on Memorial Day weekend to play a match with the best from Southern California. The match consisted of three four-player round robins. The Southerners won the primary (K to grade 3) and elementary (K to grade 6) competition by one point each. The North won the Junior High competition by three points. So they won two out of three, or we won 24.5 to 23.5, depending how you look at it. This is the third consecutive year this match was held.

Jennie Frenklakh (1862) was the star of the Junior High School competition. In the first round, she won an exciting game from **Andranik Massian** (1988) in a time scramble. Jennie won the rest of her games with no trouble for a perfect 4-0. **Eric Lin** (1271), a fifth grader that we promoted to Junior High, won three games, losing only to Massian. **Enoch Kwok** (1420) contributed two points and **Nikhil Prakash** contributed 1/2 point for a total of 9.5 to 6.5 for the South.

On paper, the elementary competition looked very tough for the North. Their team was headed by **Haryutan Akopyan** (1877), who recently won the K-5 nationals. Their number two and number three players, **David Rash** (1600) and **Alexander Huff** (1589), were also rated higher than all of the North elementary team. The North team, **Kevin Simler** (1548), **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1529), **Joseph Lonsdale** (1481), and **Tov Fisher-Kirshner** (1249), played super against Rash and Huff. Everyone beat Rash, and everyone except Tov beat Huff. Akopyan

was given a few scares, but he won all his games.

It was the bottom Southern player, **Justin Sheek** (1057), who came up with 3-1/2 points, giving up a draw only to Tov, who won the match for the South 8.5 to 7.5.

In the primary section the South team boasted two national champions. **Asuka Nakamura** (1433) won the first grade national championship and **Cory Evans** (1009) won the kindergarten national championship. In the first round, **Jonathan Lonsdale**, who finished second to Cory in the grade school nationals, and Cory had a rematch of their showdown at the nationals. Once again, Cory won a long, hard game, apparently proving that he was the best kindergarten player in the country. However, in round three, Cory played **Adam Lischinsky** (1306), another kindergarten student, and Adam won a convincing victory. Adam won three games, losing only to Nakamura. Adam is now the top-rated six-year-old in the country, and has beaten the reigning national champion. Despite good performances from **Chris Behrens**, 2.5 points, and **Jeffrey Lonsdale**, 2 points, the South won this section 8.5 to 7.5.

The match was held at the Chess for Juniors facility in Garden Grove, just south of Disneyland. This is the largest youth chess club in the country. National Master **Robert Snyder** ran an excellent tournament and was a great host for a large part of our group that stayed at his home.

Next year this match will be held in Fremont in mid June. We are planning to put together very strong teams in all three sections.

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30TH ARTHUR B. STAMER MEMORIAL OPEN

by NM James Eade

A distinctly international flavor peppered the 30th annual Arthur B. Stamer Memorial this year with the participation of **GM Nick deFirmian**, and **IMs John Donaldson**, **Vladislov Federov** (from Moscow) and **Marc Leski**. DeFirmian and Donaldson both won all their games until their draw in the last round. Leski defeated Fedorov in a titanic last round struggle which will be featured in a subsequent issue, and local Master **Emmanuel Perez** quickly overwhelmed this writer to join the winners' circle with 4-1/2 points each.

The Stamer was held at the oldest chess club in the United States, the Mechanics' Institute, on the weekend of June 18-20, and drew a total of 70 players, including 15 Masters. It also featured the second Bay Area appearance of young and talented **Tigran Ishkhanov**, whose post-tournament provisional rating, based on nine games, is 2320, and the usual contingent of Mechanics' irregulars, who gave a good accounting of themselves in honor of one of their own. Stamer was the Mechanics' champion in 1905 and director of the chess room in three different decades ('40s, '50s, and '60s).

One of the Mechanics' Old Guard, **Ray Menaster**, squared off with IM Donaldson in the first round, but was outplayed in his favorite 1. b4 and went down to defeat. The next round featured some of the club's best battling the top boards, and while Experts **Raymond Rotor**, **Joe Tracy** and **Peter Grey** were held off by de Firmian, Donaldson and Leski respectively, **David Gee** split the point with Federov. Another Expert, **Seggev Weiss**, also held Perez to a draw in round 2.

There were a few upsets in round three, most notably **NM Robert Kichinski** dueling to a no-holds-barred draw with Leski and the defeat of two perennial contenders, **FM Renard Anderson** by **Sidney Rubin** and **SM Richard Lobo** by **NM Paul Gallegos**. San Francisco Master and software author **Bill Orton** gave Donaldson a tough fight but eventually succumbed to the IM in a rook and pawn ending. Another notable result in that round was the upset of the area's top junior, **NM Alan Stein**, by the Mechanics' own **Russell Wong**.

The top boards had another wave of Mechanics' irregulars to deal with in the fourth round, but **NM David Blohm**, Wong, Rubin and Gallegos all failed in their upset bids, setting up the final round match-ups of titled players. Gallegos especially came close against de Firmian, but to no avail.

Here are the prize winners:

1st-4th	GM Nick de Firmian 4.5
	IM John Donaldson
	IM Marc Leski
	NM Emmanuel Perez
U2200	Sidney Rubin 3.5
	Russell Wong
	Ray Rotor
	Carmelito Mejia
U2000	Adrian Keatinge-Clay 3.5
	Steven Lender
U1800	John Fend 2.5
U1600	Roman Suguitan 2
UNR	Sergey Ostrovskiy 3

White: NM Emmanuel Perez (2378)

Black: NM James Eade (2343)

Queen's Gambit Declined [D58]

Annotated by NM James Eade

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.cd5 ed5 9.e3 Be6 10.Bd3 c5 11.dc5 bc5 12.Rd1 Nbd7 13.0-0 Re8?

13...Qb6 is standard.

14.Bb5! Rb8 15.Bg3 Rb6 16.Ne5! Ne5?

Better to just let the d-pawn fall.

17.Be8 Neg4 18.Bb5 Nh5 19.Be2 Ng3 20.hg3 h5 21.Nd5! Bd5 22.e4 Qb8 23.ed5 Rb2 24.Rb1! Rb1 25.Rb1 Qe5 26.Bf3 Bd6 27.Qe4 1-0

White: NM Paul Gallegos (2221)

Black: GM Nick deFirmian (2609)

Sicilian Defense [B99]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bf6 Nf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Nc5 14.f6 gf6 15.gf6 Bf8 16.Nf5 ef5 17.Nd5 Qa5 18.Kb1 fe4 19.Qe3 b4 20.Bg2 Be6 21.Be4 Ne4 22.Qe4 Rb8 23.Rhe1 Kd7 24.b3 Qc5 25.Nf4 Qf5 26.Qd4 Rc8 27.Rd2 Qc5 28.Ne6 fe6 29.Qe4 Qf5 30.Qb4 Qf6 31.Qb7 Rc7 32.Qa6 Rg8 33.Qb5 Ke7 34.Qd5 Rg1 35.Qd6 Ke8 36.Qd8 Qd8 37.Rd8 Kd8 38.Rg1 Ke7 39.c4 e5 40.Kc2 Ke6 41.Rg8 Rf7 42.a4 e4 43.a5 Rf2 44.Kc3 e3 45.Rg3 Bc5 46.Rg1 Ra2 47.Rb1 e2 48.b4 Bf2 49.Kb3 Rd2 0-1

White: Raymond Rotor (2100)

Black: Nick de Firmian (2609)

Sicilian Defense [B99]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.Nce2 Bb7 13.Bf6 Bf6 14.g5 Be7 15.Kb1 Nc5 16.f5 Bg5 17.fe6 Bf6 18.ef7 Qf7 19.Nf5 Be5 20.Rdf1 Qd7 21.Ng7 Qg7 22.Rhg1 Qh6 23.Qf7 Kd8 24.Qc4 Rc8 25.Qb4 Rc7 26.Ng3 Qh2 27.Nf5 Kc8 28.Qb6 Nd3 29.cd3 Qc2 30.Ka1 Qd3 31.Rd1 Qc2 32.Nd6 Kb8 33.a3 Rd8 34.Ka2 Qc6 35.Qc6 Bc6 36.Nc4 Re8 0-1

White: IM John Donaldson (2593)
Black: Sidney Rubin (2189)
English Opening [A33]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cd4 8.Nd4 a6 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Ne7 Qe7 14.Qd2 Na5 15.Bb7 Nb7 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Qc5 18.Qf3 Nd6 19.b4 Qg5 20.Ne6 de6 21.Rd6 Ne8 22.Rd8 Rd8 23.e3 Rd2 24.Bc3 Ra2 25.Qc6 Qd8 26.Bd4 h5 27.Bb6 Qe7 28.Rd1 Kh7 29.Bd8 Qf8 30.c5 Nf6 31.Bf6 gf6 32.Qf3 Kg6 33.Rd4 f5 34.e4 Ra1 35.Kg2 Qh6 36.ef5 ef5 37.Rd6 f6 38.Qc3 1-0

White: Peter Grey (2100)
Black: IM Marc Leski (2534)
Pirc Defense [B09]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e5 de5 7.de5 Qd1 8.Kd1 Nh5 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Be3 Nb4 11.Ke2 f6 12.ef6 Bf6 13.Be4 Bf5 14.Bf5 gf5 15.Ne1 Bc3 16.bc3 Nd5 17.Kf3 Nc3 18.Nd3 b6 19.Bd4 Nb5 20.Be5 Nf6 21.a4 Nd6 22.Nb4 a5 23.Nc6 Kf7 24.Rad1 Nfe4 25.Rhe1 Rg8 26.Rd4 Rg6 27.Rd5 Nc4 28.Nd4 Ncd2 29.Ke3 Rg2 30.Bc7 Rc8 31.Rf5 Kg6 32.Bb6 Rc3 0-1

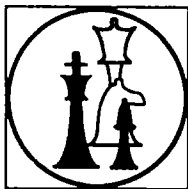
White: Joe Tracy (2102)
Black: NM David Blohm (2257)
Slav Defense [D16]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dc4 5.a4 Bg4 6.Ne5 Bh5 7.f3 Nfd7 8.Nc4 e5 9.d5?? Qh4 0-1

White: FM Renard Anderson (2342)
Black: NM Paul Gallegos (2200)
Sicilian Defense [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bd7 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.a4 Qc7 9.d3 Nf6 10.f5 Be7 11.Ng5 Nd8 12.g4 h5 13.Nf7 Nf7 14.fe6 d5 15.ef7+ Kf8 16.Qe1 dc4 17.g5 Nh7 18.Nd5 Qe5 19.Bf4 Qd4 20.Be3 Qe5 21.h4 Bd6 22.Qf2 Rc8 23.Nf4 Bf5 24.ef5 Qf5 25.Qg2 g6 26.Rae1 Rc6 27.Bd2 Be5 28.Re5 Qe5 29.Bc3 Qe3 30.Kh1 1-0

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KOLTANOWSKI IS 90!

by Tom Dorsch

Northern California's own resident chess genius, George Koltanowski, will celebrate his 90th birthday this September. To the list of world and national records and titles already amassed by this remarkable chess professional, you can add "World's Oldest Grandmaster." He still writes his San Francisco Chronicle daily chess column, as he has since May 1947—16,850+ columns so far. He still gives lessons at home and at local schools. He still directs tournaments, last year cruising to Alaska as TD of the Senior Open. He still gives his remarkable blindfold appearances, dazzling his fans, many of whom come again and again to see the Knight's Tour and hear his anecdotes. And he still manages to write a new book every year or so, introducing a new generation to the intricacies of the Colle System, or regaling them with new stories about his nearly eighty years in chess as player, director, organizer, author, promoter, analyst, politician, artist, and, always, pure professional.

Born September 17, 1903, in Eastern Europe, he moved to Antwerp, Belgium, when he was a child. Then as now Antwerp was the world-wide center of the diamond trade. He was groomed for a life in the diamond trade until one day when his father took him to the Antwerp Chess Club. It was not long before he was the best player in the Antwerp Chess Club. By the age of 17 he was champion of Belgium, a title he was to win eight times.

His talent for blindfold play was quite extraordinary. World Champion Alexander Alekhine even described him as "the second-best blindfold player in the world." In fact, his talent was so great that he may have singlehandedly undermined the popularity of blindfold chess. On the occasion of his 34th birthday, in September 1937, he arranged the unprecedented feat of playing 34 games simultaneously blindfold against a strong contingent of players from the Edinburgh Chess Club in Scotland. The seance lasted 13-1/2 hours, and he succeeded in winning 24 games and drawing 10, without losses. This remarkable record has not been seriously challenged for over fifty years, and he still holds the title of World Blindfold Champion.

He was in Guatemala, on his way to the Chess Olympics in Buenos Aires, when war broke out in Europe. He spent the war years in Central America and the U.S. After the war, he resolved to start a new life in the United States. He moved to California, married his wife Leah, and became a U. S. citizen. It was a fortuitous event for chess in Northern California.

In the intervening years, he has worked tirelessly to popularize chess with his touring, his writing, and his promotion of the game. For many years he toured the country, giving his chess lecture and Knight's Tour shows, dazzling audiences everywhere with his remarkable mnemonic feats. As America's premiere tournament director, he organized or supervised countless events, including at least twenty U. S. Opens. He devised and introduced the Swiss-system tournament to American chess. He obtained the initial sponsorship for the Grand Prix circuit. He was President of the United States Chess Federation from 1975-1978. He was one of the three original inductees into the Chess Hall of Fame (with Reuben Fine and Samuel Reshevsky). In recognition of his contribution, the USCF Policy Board awarded him the title "Dean of American Chess."

He is also largely responsible for the rich chess culture in Northern California, where there are nearly as many USCF members as there are in Southern California, which has twice the population in half the area! His organization, Chess Friends, promoted chess in this area long before the USCF extended beyond New York State. He originated the Paul Masson tournaments, many of the clubs in the area, and toured tirelessly to popularize chess. His column in the San Francisco Chronicle was the first local column and remains the only daily chess column in the country.

We all owe Koltanowski a debt of gratitude for his nearly half century of tireless promotion of Northern California chess, and his contributions to chess culture of our area.

Happy Birthday, George!

FLAMINGO HILTON-RENO FAR WEST OPEN

by Tom Dorsch

The Best in the West label, consistently applied to the Sands Regency Western States Open held each Fall in Reno, Nevada, has competition. Now **Jerome Weikel** organizes two tournaments per year, and the new one is so brilliant it threatens to eclipse the old.

The First Far West Open was held at the Flamingo Hilton, one of the nicest hotels in Reno, the first time this hotel has ever sponsored a chess tournament. Yes, sponsored. Instead of the usual arrangement, where hotels charge hundreds or thousands of dollars to organizers for renting their space, the Flamingo Hilton *contributed* some five thousand dollars, enabling organizer Jerry Weikel to offer the largest prize fund ever for a tournament in Reno.

When the smoke cleared, over \$22,000 in prize money had been paid out, and ninety-six of the 298 entrants, nearly 1 in 3, were money winners!

The clear first-place prize went to hard-charging GM **Walter Browne**, who gave up two draws, one to Grand Prix king GM Gregory Kaidanov, the other a last-round draw with IM **Marc Leski**. Enroute to his win, he defeated GM **Nick de Firmian** in a nice game. In second-fourth, with 4.5 points, were GM Kaidanov, IM **Georgi Orlov**, and IM Marc Leski of Berkeley. The group with 4 points included GM Sergey Kudrin, GM de Firmian, IM **Vladislav Fedorov**, IM **Igor Ivanov**, IM **Jeremy Silman**, IM **John Donaldson**, IM **Vince McCambridge**, IM **Jack Peters**, IM **Eugene Meyer**, IM **Anthony Saidy**, IM **John Watson**, and IM **Leon Piasetski**. The tournament was remarkable in many respects. For one thing, the top section was particularly tough, even though there were "only" five GMs, because almost no Experts played up and the Section was top-heavy to begin with. Another oddity was that almost all the IMs in California participated, including Jack Peters, who hadn't played outside of L.A. for seven years.

In the Expert section, **Ziad Baroudi** of Sacramento won the trophy on tie-breaks over **Leif Bekkel** of Reno, both with 5 points.

The clear winner in the "A" section was Gentleman **Jim Hurt**, organizer of the LERA tournaments, 77 years young, playing by far the best chess of his life. His score of 5-1/2 out of 6 dominated the "A" section. In addition, his top score earned him the Senior trophy and prize. Grouped with five points were **Jeffrey Clark**, **H. G. Pitre**, **Michael Madden**, **Ernst Rasmussen**, **Ricardo Salazar**, **Kris Judkins**, **Chris Orum**, and **Laszlo Szalvay**.

Modesto's **Kevin Cripe** stole the "B" honors. Once best known as the brother of Paul Cripe, a Master of some note, Kevin has recently begun to blossom on his own and as coach of some promising young stars like **Julie Vizcaino**. His 5-1/2 out of 6 shows that the effort he has invested in coaching his students has begun to earn dividends in his own play. **Kurt Douglas** took second with 5 points, followed by **Paul Vayssie**, **Ruben Faria**, **Laurence Bonsack**, **Ramancito Dionisio**, **Philip Wand**, and **Warren Gehring** with 4-1/2.

Class "C" belonged to **Rodrigo Dioso**, with 5-1/2, followed by **Mark Claiborne** and **Arthur Johnson** with 5. The Class "D" and under prizewinners were **Rolando Macarbo**, 5-1/2 points, **Stephen Croft** and **Jon Raitz** with 5, followed by **Jeff Hodge**, **Harry Miller**, **Roland Wright**, and **Andrew Brackett** with 4-1/2.

The tournament was organized by **Jerome Weikel** and his wife Fran. His large and efficient staff, which kept the whole event running smoothly, consisted of **Peter Yu** and **Mike Bond**, assistant TDs, **Robert Spencer** (wall charts), **Victor Flashman** and **Jimmy Weikel, Jr.** (wall charts), **Nathan Turley**, **Mike Smith**, and **Mike Seidl**.

The next Reno tournament will be the \$40K Western States Open in October at the Sands Regency. For a good time, put it on your calendar!

White: Eric Schiller (2235 FIDE)
Black: NM James Eade (2240 FIDE)
French Defense [C12]
 Annotated by NM Jim Eade

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Be3 Ne4 7. Qg4 g6 8. a3 Bc3 9. bc3 Nc3 10. h4 Qe7 11. Bd3 Nc6 12. Bd2 12. h5 g5 13. f4 (13. Nh3 Bd7 14. f4 gf4 15. Bf2 Qf8 16. Qf4 0-0-0 17. Bh4 Re8 18. Nf2 f5 (Rg8 35/385) 19. ef6 e5 Engl-Eade, corres 1988) gf4 14. Qf4 Bd7 15. Nh3 0-0-0 16. 0-0 Rdg8 17. Qf6 according to Ubilava. 12...Ne4 13. Be4 de4 14. Qe4 Bd7 15. Ne2 15. Rh3 0-0-0 16. Rb3 f5 17. ef6 Qf6 18.Nf3. 15...0-0-0 16. Rh3 f5 17. ef6 Qf6 18.Rf3 Qg7 19. Rb1 19. Bc3. 19...Rde8 20. Rfb3 b6 21. Rc3 Kb7 22.Bf4 g5 23. Be5 Qh7 24. Ng3 Qe4 25. Ne4 Ne5 26. de5 Re7 27. Rb4 a5 28. Rd4 Bc6 29. hg5 1/2

SHORT TOURNAMENT REPORTS

MODESTO CHESS CLUB

TD Joseph de Leon sends the following report:

Knightlife Chess Tournaments sponsored the latest "Thursday Night Fights" chess tournament with **Joseph de Leon** presiding at "ringside!" the five-round open chess tournament was held 5/27/93 to 6/24/93 on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Round Table Pizza in Ceres. 2903 E. Whitmore Avenue. There were 24 participants. Welcome to new members **Darrell Stovall** and **John Garcia!**

The winners in the Open section were **Joseph de Leon** (1900) of Modesto with a perfect 5-0, followed by **Jose Ignacio Guerrero** (1848), and **Ursula Foster** (1700), both from Modesto, and **Kevin Cripe** (1760) of Riverbank, each with 3.5 points. Cripe won the second-place trophy on tie-breaks.

In the U1600/Unr. Section, **Mark E. Davis** was first with 3.5, followed by **Corbett Carroll** (1587) of Big Oak Flat and **Leon A. Aldrich** (Unr.) of Ripon with 3. Corbett Carroll took the second-place trophy on tie-breaks.

White: Mauricio Melendez (1481)
Black: Julie Vizcaino (1170)
Old Indian (A53)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Bg5 g6 4. Bf6 e6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Nf3 0-0 7. e3 c5 8. d5 Re8 9. Qc2 f5 10. 0-0-0 Na6 11. a3 Qa5 12. Rd3 f4 13. Qe2 Bf5 14. e4 Qb6 15. Na4 Re4 16. Re3 Re3 17. fe3 Qb3 18. e4 Re8 19. Nd2 Qa4 20. Qf3 b5 21. Be2 Bd7 22. Qf4 Be5 23. Qf3 b4 24. Rf1 Re7 25. Bd1 Qa5 26. h4 f5 27. h5 ba3 28. Bc2 a2 29. Nb3 a1(Q) 30. Na1 Qa1 31. Kd2 Qb2 32. hg6 hg6 33. Qb3 fe4 34. Qb2 Bb2 35. Rb1 Bd4 36. Rb7 e3 37. Ke2 Bg4 0-1

White: Kevin P. Storms (1712)
Black: Joseph de Leon (1900)
Torre Attack D03

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Bg5 e6 4. e3 c5 5. c4 Nbd7 6. Nc3 Qa5 7. Be2 Ne4 8. Qc2 Ng5 9. Ng5 dc4 10. Nh7 Be7 11. h4 g6 12. dc5 Rh7 13. Bc4 Qc5 14. Be6 Ne5 15. Bb3 Bf5!! 16. e4 Bg4 17. Ba4 Nc6 18. Bc6 bc6 19. 0-0 Rh4 20. e5 Qe5 21. g3 Rh1 22. Kh1 Bf3 23. Kg1 Qh5 0-1

White: Robert Raingruber (2064)
Black: Mark E. Davis (1562)
English A40

1. c4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. d5 e6 4. e4 Bc5 5. Nc3 Ne7 6. Nf3 0-0 7. Bd3 Na6 8. a3 Ng6 9. b4 Be7 10. 0-0 c6 11. dc6 dc6 12. Qe2 c5 13. b5 Nc7 14. Rd1 e5 15. Nd5 Ne6 16. Ne1 Bg5 17. g3 Nd4 18. Qh5 Bc1

19. Ra1 a6 20. a4 ab5 21. ab5 Qd6 22. Ra1 Nb3 23. Rab1 Nd4 24. Nf3 Ra3 25. Nd4 cd4 and White won in a blitz ending with no more moves recorded.

White: Mauricio Melendez (1481)
Black: Valerie Beltran (979)
Pirc B07

1. e4 d6 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. h3 Bg7 5. Nf3 0-0 6. d3 e5 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bh4 Nc6 9. Qd2 a6 10. 0-0-0 b5 11. Bb3 g5 12. Bg3 Re8 13. Ne2 g4 14. hg4 Bg4 15. Rh2 d5 16. Rdh1 de4 17. Rh6 ef3 18. Rg6 Kf8 19. Rg7 Kg7 20. Qh6 Kg8 21. Qh8 1-0

Lorenzo Beltran (1064) - Darrel Stovall (Unr.) King Pawn Opening C20 1. e4 e5 2. d3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Bc5 4. Ne5 Qe7 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Nc3 Ng4 7. d4 Bb6 8. Bg5 f6 9. Bc1 d6 10. g3 f5 11. Bg2 fe4 12. Nh4 Bd4 13. 0-0 g5 14. Re1 Bf2 15. Kh1 gh4 16. Re4 Nce5 17. Nd5 Bb6 18. Rg4 Qe6 19. Rh4 Bd7 20. Nb6 ab6 21. Bb7 Bc6 22. Bc6 Nc6 23. Qh5 Kd7 24. Qb5 Qe1 25. Kg2 Ra8 26. Rf4 Rf4 27. gf4 Rg8 28. Kf3 Qh1 29. Ke3 Qe1 30. Qe2 Qg1 31. Kd3 Qd4 0-1 24.

CLASS STRUGGLE

Berkeley's Class Struggle tournament, held at the Student Union on the weekend of June 12-13, drew eight-five players to tilt in this traditional end of the school year event.

IM John Donaldson of Seattle took top honors with 3-1/2 points out of 4. Tied for second-third with 3 points were **NM Bill Orton** and **NM Tigran Ishkanov**. The tournament was directed by **Don Shennum** and **Alan Tse**.

TRIPLE CHECK SECTIONALS

Palo Alto's monthly tournaments at the Jewish Community Center are gaining in popularity under the direction of **Raphael Yel-luas**. In the sectional tournament held June 6, **Jimmy Plumb** of Livermore finished on top with 3 points, ahead of **Samuel Brauer**, **Vince Stevens**, and **Eric Brody**. In the second section, **Mark Dean** of San Jose finished first with 3 points, followed by **Jerry Sze** and **Brian Rothbach** with 2.5.

The parallel scholastic event featured three quads of promising young players. Quad I was won by **Yuliya Shamelashvili** of Mt. View, 2.5, Quad II finished in a tie between **Marijo Mont-Reynaud** and **Paul Vladimirsky**, and Quad III was won by **Ruvi Bhambhra** of Fremont with a perfect 3-0.

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1993 SACRAMENTO OPEN

by NM Tom Dorsch, NM Richard Koepcke and NM Keith Mehl

Weekend chess returned to Superior California with the 1993 Sacramento Open, held July 3-5 at the Red Lion Hotel near Cal Expo. A better-than-expected crowd of over 100 players turned out to test their skills, while the Sacramento-area players vied for the title of Sacramento champion. The Red Lion is a large convention hotel across from Sacramento's nicest mall, with lots of attractions and distractions for participants of the chess tournament. Sunday afternoon there was an area-wide power failure for two hours, while the tournament continued with natural light through the ballroom windows, and everyone awaited the return of air conditioning before conditions became too muggy. Later that night the spectacular regional Fourth of July fireworks display at Cal Expo was plainly visible from the hotel.

NM **Richard Koepcke**, from Mountain View, was the highest-rated participant, and justified his ranking by beating his closest rivals in the field of seven Masters and sixteen Experts to take clear first with 4 wins and draws against **Keith Mehl** and **Alan Tse**. Second place went to NM **Zoran Lazetich** of Sacramento, who also captured the title of Sacramento Champion and a very nice trophy as the highest finisher from the Sacramento area. Veteran campaigners NM **Arthur Braden**, NM **David Blohm**, and NM **James MacFarland** tied for third with 4.

The Expert prize went to Northern California high school champ and Denker tournament representative **Peter Lee** of San Francisco, and the top "A" winner was **Winston Tsang**, from Sacramento, both representing the youth movement in Northern California chess.

In the Premeire Section, top honors went to "B" players **David Pecora** and **Dmitry Karshedt**, both with 5. The "C" winner was **Ken White** of Sunnyvale, while **Ken Oliger** (4.5 points) beat the stress and found success in the U1400 ranks.

The tournament was directed by Carolyn Withgitt and Tom Dorsch.

The Sacramento Chess Club, under President Stewart Katz, is planning to augment its regular schedule of club tournament activity for this year and next, including a bid on the US 15-Minute Championship, to be held at the Red Lion Inn on Sunday, December 26, 1993.

SACRAMENTO OPEN WINNERS

Open Section

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Richard Koepcke (2368) | 5 |
| 2. Zoran Lazetich (2264) | 4.5 |

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| 3-5. Art Braden (2264) | 4 |
| 3-5. David Blohm (2257) | 4 |
| 3-5. James MacFarland (2242) | 4 |

Under 2200

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Peter Lee (2062) | 4.5 |
| 2-6. Marc Braverman (2135) | 4 |
| 2-6. Keith McDaniel (2117) | 4 |
| 2-6. Joseph Tracy (2102) | 4 |
| 2-6. Jimmy Plumb (2040) | 4 |
| 2-6. Seggev Weiss (2026) | 4 |

Under 2000

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| 1. Winston Tsang (1832) | 4 |
| 2-4. Francis Banffy (1995) | 3.5 |
| 2-4. J. C. Kuba (1893) | 3.5 |
| 2-4. Andrew Kolbert (1890) | 3.5 |

Reserve Section

Under 1800

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| 1-2. David Pecora (1787) | 5 |
| 1-2. Dmitry Karshedt (1762) | 5 |
| 3-4. Paul Lillebo (1795) | 4.5 |
| 3-4. Rodrigo Dioso (1622) | 4.5 |

Under 1600

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| 1. Ken White (1529) | 5 |
| 2. Harrison Thomas (1509) | 4.5 |
| 3. Danny Rivera (1507) | 4 |

Under 1400

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| 1. Mark Oliger (Unr.) | 4.5 |
| 2. Eric Ford (Unr.) | 4 |
| 3-4. Juan M. Gonzales (1303) | 3.5 |
| 3-4. Michael Aigner (Unr.) | 3.5 |

The key game for first place in the tournament. Koepcke had to overcome a half-point deficit to catch Lazetich.

White: NM Richard Koepcke (2368)

Black: NM Zoran Lazetich (2264)

Modern Defense [A42]

Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. d4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. c4 Nc6 4. Nf3 e5 5. Be3

Theory considers 5 de Ne5 6. Ne5 Be5 7. f4 as leading to an advantage for White. While this evaluation is probably correct, the advantage is not greater than could be obtained in other lines. Also possible is 5.Bg5 in order to provoke 5...f6 6. Be3, which is a better version of the text line. At the board I wasn't sure about the evaluation of 5...Nge7!? 6. Nc3 h6 7. Be3, i.e. whether it is better for Black to have played the move ...h6 or not.

5...ed4 6. Nd4 Nge7 7. Nc3 d6 8. Be2 0-0 9. g4!?

I don't know about Lazetich, but I was definitely playing on my own here. The idea is to make Black's intended 9...f5 more painful to execute. Since Black can (and

should) play this move anyway, either 9. 0-0 or 9. h4 are better tries for an advantage.

9...Nd4?

Exchanging pieces in order to (temporarily) take control of the central dark squares and activate the queen looks like an enticing plan. The problem is he has to strip the kingside of minor pieces to achieve this goal. If Black keeps his kingside minor pieces on the board for awhile then the move 9...f5 is quite playable. For example, the game Naumkin-Seirawan, Moscow 1990, continued 10.gf gf 11. ef Nd4 (to recapture on f5 with a knight and not allow the response 12.Nf5) 12. Bd4 Nf5 13. Bg7 Ng7 with a slight edge for Black owing to White's exposed f-pawn.

10. Bd4 Bd4 11. Qd4 Nc6 12. Qe3 Qh4

Radically preventing h4. The move 12...f5 13. gf5 gf5 14. Rg1 Kh8 15. ef5 Bf5 16. 0-0-0 would almost be suicidal for Black. However, 12...Be6, threatening 13...Ne5, is a better defensive try.

13. h3?

I spent a lot of time looking at 13.0-0-0 Bg4? 14.Bg4? Qg4 15. Rdg1-Rg3-Rh3, somehow missing that 14.Qf4 wins a piece.

13...Be6

Lashing out in the center with 13...f5 is still too dangerous. A possible continuation might be 14. gf gf 15. Rg1 Kh8 16. ef Bf5 17. Nd5! (threatening Qc3) Rac8 18. Qc3 Ne5 19. Rg3 followed by f4 winning a piece.

14. 0-0-0 Rac8 15. c5

Played in order to obtain a kingside pawn majority and thereby gaining control of e5 .

15...dc5 16. Qc5 Qf6 17. Qe3 Rcd8

An attempt to blockade on the dark squares with 17...g5 fails tactically to 18. h4 Qf4 19. Qf4 gf4 20. Bb5, when Black will soon lose his f-pawn.

18. f4 Nd4 19. Bd3 Qe7 20. e5

20. f5 would be premature because after 20...Bc8 21. Qg3 Nc6! 22. Nd5 Qe5, Black can fend off White's attack.

20...Qc5?

20...c5 gives stiffer resistance.

21. Kb1 Bd5 22. Rhe1

Simultaneously stopping Ne6, Nb3 tricks while preparing a central pawn storm.

22...Bc6 23. f5 Rfe8 24. e6 Qe7?

With his time running out, Black played this move with a draw offer, which I rejected out of hand. 24...fe6 25. fg6 hg6 26. Bg6 Rf8 offered better drawing chances.

25. Bc4 Qh4

Black could have resigned here, but, as is often the case, time pressure propelled him forward.

26. ef7 Kf8 27. fe8(Q) Re8 28. Qd4 Re1 29. Qh8 Ke7 30. Qg7 Ke8 31. Qf7 1-0

A big win by Northern California's reigning Amateur Champion, who, according to the official USCF rating report, gained 28

points in this tournament to raise his rating to 2218.

White: Keith Mehl 2187

Black: NM Arthur Braden 2268

Sicilian Defense [B31]

Annotated by NM Keith Mehl

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. 0-0 Bg7 5. c3 Nf6 6. Re1 0-0 7. d4 cd4 8. cd4 a6 9. Bc6.

9. Bf1 is probably best here, but I did not want to lose a tempo.

9...bc6 10. Nc3 Rb8 11. b3

I didn't like 11. Rb1 d5, after exchanging either way, ...Bf5 hits the rook.

11...d6 12. h3

To allow Be3 without ...Ng4.

12...Nd7 13. Be3 c5 14. Rc1 cd4 15. Nd4

After the game, Arthur said he expected 15. Bd4, which is probably stronger. I, however, was looking for tactics with f4-f5 or Nf5 or Ne6.

15...Bb7 16. Qd2

First put every piece on a black square.

16...Nc5?

16...Qa5 is necessary. Now a tactical shot gives White the initiative.

17. b4 Nd7

If 17...Ne4 18. Ne4 Be4 19. Bg5 gives White threats on both the Be4 and the exchange (Bxe7). 17...Ne6 18. Ne6 fe6 is better but still good for White.

18. Bh6 Bh6?!

Letting White trade is better. Here both of us were looking at the position at move 24, with both of us thinking we were better!

19. Qb6 Ne5 20. Rcd1 Qb6 21. Nd5?!

Black wins a pawn, or White sacs a pawn, I couldn't really tell here. but the sac looked interesting, and I couldn't see the end of it. Some of this is a gamble since Black only has 12 minutes to make 10 moves.

21...Bd5 22. ed5 Qb4 23. f4 Nd3 24. Re4

The only move to hold the knight, this threatens f5 and Rh5.

24...f5

Loses instantly.

25. Nf5

Attacks the queen, threatens mate on f7.

25...Qc5 26. Kh2!

Both Ne3 and Nd4 probably lose, however now White has three threats. The rest is straightforward.

26...Rf5 27. Re7 Rf7 28. Rf7 Kf7 29. Qh7

30. Rd3 Qf2 31. Rf3 Qd4 32. Qc7 Rb6

33. Qd8 Kf7 34. Qd7 Kf8 35. Qe6 a5 36.

f5 g5 37. Qc8 Kf7 38. Qd7 Kf8 39. Qd8

Kf7 40. Qg5 Rb1 41. Re3 Qf6 42. Qh5 Kg7

43. Re6 Qf7 44. Qh6 1-0

COMPUTER CHESS COMES OF AGE

by Walter Wood

Chess by computer telecommunications is becoming increasingly popular. The lure is immediate access to a variety of opponents, news, talk, and game scores from various parts of the world, all within reach of the most comfortable chair in your home.

Chess at home through the computer offers maximum flexibility in scheduling, choice of opponents, comfort and convenience.

There are numerous computer bulletin boards as well as national services. All require a home computer with a modem, a telephone line, and communications software, a system that could cost from a low end of about \$500 to ten times that much or more. For example, to log on the Berkeley WWIV Chess BBS (BWCB), set communications parameters to N-8-1, 2400 baud, and dial (510) 486-0795. You will soon be reading chess messages, playing "BBS Chess", and downloading chess related files.

On Bulletin Board systems (BBS), or bulletin boards (BBs), one generally plays correspondence chess where a game is set up and the players call and leave their moves alternately. Some BBs use graphic chess boards, some text boards, some use messages. The Berkeley WWIV Chess BBS is open 24 hours per day and the only cost is the phone call.

National services include GENie, CompuServe, USA Today (or LINC), Sierra Network (currently trendy with power users), and Usenet (Internet). Internet is available without cost to most people affiliated with universities and larger corporations, but can be prohibitively expensive for unaffiliated individuals. National services generally charge more than local BBs, ranging from a flat rate of about \$12 per month to in excess of \$12 per hour. The advantage of national services is that they generally support live on-line play rather than "computer postal."

A list of several chess BBs appeared in *Chess Life*, April 1993, p. 58. Most BBS systems allow communication with users of other BBS systems. The BWCB is connected to WWIV net, which spans the U.S. and Canada. The advantage of such BBS networks for correspondence chess is that there is no cost to the user if he can reach a node with a local call. Many BBS networks allow connection to other networks via gateways. In this way, the BWCB allows users to read and post messages on Usenet (Internet) rec.games.chess and Fidonet International Chess Echo.

The following game was played in this year's BWCB. Ratings are BBS Postal.

White: NM J DeWitt ("Cowboy2") (2324)

Black: NM Walter Wood (2200)

French Defense McCutcheon Var. [C12]

Annotated by Walter Wood

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Bd2 Bc3 7. bc3 Ne4 8. Qg4 g6

This is one of the main lines of the McCutcheon variation. In his book, *The Game of Chess*, Tarrasch recommended 8...Kf8 rather than weakening the kingside pawns. After 8...g6 White will be able to overrun the kingside, but Black hopes to have counterplay on the queenside.

9. h4 c5 10. Bd3 Nd2 11. Kd2 Nc6 12. Rh3 Qa5 13. Bg6 Nd4

At Budapest in 1921 Bogoljubov lost to Dr. Euwe after 13...Rf8 14. Rf3! The move 13...Nd4, attributed to T.D. Harding, is to prevent 14. Rf3 and threaten 14...Rg8.

14. Rg3 Rf8 15. Bh7 Bd7 16. Qf4 0-0-0 17. Qh6 Bb5

White has indeed overrun the kingside, but Black has counterplay based on the unsafe location of the white king. We are still in known theory until White makes his next move, which appears to be an attempt to improve on 18. Qe3 as analyzed by Harding. The results of this game do not convince me that the next move is an improvement.

18. Qf4 Nc6!!

Attack by moving back?! Black realizes that he must open the d-file with ...d4! after which the white king will not be safe.

19. a4 Ba6 20. Ne2 d4 21. Ke1 dc3

It is now very clear that White's king is in peril. Black threatens ...Rd2 with devastating effect. White cannot prevent this by taking the c3-pawn with 22. Nc3 because of 22...Bd3!! Note that 22. Bd3 could be answered with 22...Nb4!, and 22. Be4 and 22. Re3 by ...Rd2.

22. Rd1 Rd1 23. Kd1 Rd8 24. Ke1 Nd4

Now 25. Nc3 will be answered by 25...Ne2!. Also, 25. Nd4 can be answered by 25...Qb4! 26. Ne2 Rd1 27. Kd1 Be2 28. Ke2 Qf4 with a winning position for Black. In this line after 25...Qb4!, 26. Bd3 Qb1 27. Ke2 Rd4 28. Rg8 Kc7 29. Qf7 Rd7 30. Qe6 Bd3 wins.

25. Bd3 Bd3 26. Nd4 Bc4 27. Nc6?! Qa4

Threatening mate in two and holding on to the powerful bishop.

28. Ne7 Kb8 29. Qc1 Bb5 0-1

White Resigns. White's king still has no moves and the simultaneous threats of ...Qh4 and ...Qe4 are overwhelming. As far as I know, this is Cowboy2's only loss in over 41 games on the BWCB! My secret? Play him during tax season; he's a CPA.

1993 US JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

by Don Shenum

It was easy to tell the out-of-towners at this tournament; they were the ones asking about The Naked Guy. While he hasn't been spotted in Berkeley in recent memory, June 25th-27th saw the return of something else to Berkeley. Namely, the U.S. Junior Open Chess Championship. In 1985, this tournament drew 110 players to Berkeley. This year, 138 young players participated in the first National tournament in the Bay Area since 1990. Though players came from as far away as Illinois, Northern California youth dominated play in all four sections.

With only sixteen players and an average rating of about 2100, the **Under 21** section proved to be the most competitive and volatile. In the end, **Valdis Saulespurenis** (2165) and **Andy McManus** (2349) tied for first with a 4.5-1.5 score. After tie-breaks were determined, Saulespurenis, a 19 year-old UCSB student, originally from Latvia, took the first-place trophy and automatic seed in next year's US Junior Invitational. As the number seven seed, Saulespurenis played seeds one through six, including a first-round upset over top-ranked McManus. McManus, an Oakland native on summer break from Duke University, rebounded well from his early loss, giving up only a draw through the rest of the tournament. In the fifth round, McManus had the chance to put some additional pressure on the front-running Saulespurenis. Playing **Alan Stein** (2295), the only player to beat Saulespurenis, McManus had a pawn advantage and about fifty minutes left in the sudden death time control, compared to Stein's five minutes. Alan was able to simplify to a Rook and Pawn versus Rook and Pawn ending, and, with less than two minutes left on his clock, offered McManus a draw. McManus, with over forty minutes left, agreed to the draw. Stein eventually finished in sole third place with 4.

At the NorCal Scholastic tournament held in late March, Peter Lee took first place in the High School section, a half-point ahead of Adrian Keatinge-Clay. In the **Under 17** section of this year's Junior Open, the situation was reversed. **Adrian Keatinge-Clay** (1999) captured sole first place with an undefeated 5-1 score. A half-point behind him at 4.5-1.5 were **Peter Lee** (2062), **Brian Jew** (1961), and **Sergey Kirshner** (Unr.). Peter stayed on the top board for the whole tournament, yielding only a draw to Keatinge-Clay entering the last round. In the last round, Brian Jew dealt Lee his only loss of the tournament, allowing Keatinge-Clay to sneak into first place with his victory over **Mike Karbushev**.

Also at the NorCal Scholastics, **Jennie Frenklakh** (1989) of Monterey cruised through the Junior High section with an undefeated score. Outranking the rest of the **Under 13** section field by over 200 points she was expected to repeat the result. However, Jennie proved to be less than invincible in the first round when she was held to a draw by **Andrew Fan** (1181). She rebounded from this to score five straight victories en route to clear first place with a 5.5-.5 score. Jennie represents the U.S. this summer at the World Youth Championships in Slovakia. Jennie is an atypical young chessplayer in that she uses a lot of time to think about her moves. More than once she fell into time trouble in slightly inferior positions. However, she showed determination beyond her years by digging in and winning five games in a row.

Kevin Simler (1575) finished in clear second place with a 5-1 score. His only loss was to Jennie, and he posted some nice upset victories over a couple of "B" players along the way.

With 52 players, the **Under 10** section was by far the largest section of the tournament. The top-rated trio of **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1961), **Philip Wang** (1697), and **Vinay Bhat** (1639), towered over the rest of the field by over 400 points. No clear leader emerged until Sunday when this trio finally faced each other. In the fifth round, Jordy and Wang drew an exciting game in which each player had winning chances. A group of Expert-rated spectators (including this writer) had gathered to watch the game's conclusion when Wang slightly stunned the crowd by agreeing to a draw. These Experts pointed out a supposed winning continuation to Wang, but he calmly refuted all of the "Expert" analysis, proving that he was smart to take the draw while he could.

Vinay was held to a draw by **Jeffrey Lonsdale** (1278), preventing a last-round matchup between Jordy and Vinay. In the last round, Jordy quickly disposed of Jeffrey and Vinay held Wang to a draw, allowing Jordy to take clear first with a 5.5-.5 score. In a four-way tie for second place at 5-1 were **Philip Wang**, **David Delatorre** (1161), **Chris Behrens** (1209), and **Matthew Leali** (1201), with Wang taking the second-place trophy on tie-breaks.

The US Junior Open was organized by **Alan Tse**, with A.S.U.C./S.U.P.E.R.B. Productions. Local Masters were available all weekend to help the players analyze their games. This year's US Junior Open marked the return of NTD **Andy Lazarus** to the Bay Area chess scene. Lazarus, who directed at

the '85 Junior Open, ably directed this year's Open, with help from **Don Shennum** and Alan Tse. Thanks also go out to **Ray Orwig**, **Carolyn Withgitt**, **Tom Dorsch**, and **Laura Greenlee**, who helped throughout the week-end.

White: Vinay Bhat (1639)
Black: Jeffrey Lonsdale (1275)
Two Knight's Defense [C55]
Annotated by Jeffrey Lonsdale

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. d4 Ne4 5. de5

[Theory recommends 5.Bf7 Kf7 6.Ne5+—Ed.]

5...Qe7 6. Qd5

This is too early to bring out the queen. It loses a pawn. 6. Bf4 looks better.

6...Nf6 7. Qd1 Ne5 8. Ne5

If 8.Be2 or Qe2, then Nf3, wrecking White's pawns.

8...Qe5 9. Be2 d5

Taking control of the center.

10. Be3 Be7 11. Nc3 c5

Threatening ...d4. White is in serious trouble now. 12.Bd2 holds, but after ...d4 Black has a great game.

12. Bb5? Kf8!

Winning a piece. If 12...Bd7 (Nd7) 13. Bd7, then 14.Ne2 avoids losing more material.

13. Ne2 a6 14. Bf4 Qe6 15. Bd3 c4 16. 0-0 cd3

I am ahead a piece, but my king is exposed and it will be tough developing my king's rook.

17. Nd4

17.Qd3 is best, this loses another pawn. Vinay is very eager to attack back.

17...Qe4 18. Be3 dc2 19. Qd2

Wanting to keep his knight in the middle, but 19...Nc2 was better. the pawn will become dangerous.

19...Bc5 20. Rfe1 Bd4 21. Bd4 Qg6 22. Qb4 Kg8 23. Qe7 Bh3

Threatening mate on g2 and protecting the back rank.

24. g3 h6

Making a safe place for my king.

25. Qb7 Kh7

Safe at last, but now he doubles on the seventh.

26. Re7 Rhe8 27. Rf7

Oops! I was planning 27...Re2, then 28.Rae8 or Rd2, but I missed 27...Bf6, crashing through on g7.

27...Rf8 28. Rc7

I think this holds. If 28. Rf6 Rf6 29. Qa8 Qe4!; or 28.Rf6 Rf6 29. Bf6 Qf6 30. Qa8 Qb2 wins.

28...Rg8

I want to free my queen to play ...Qe4.

29. Re1

This makes it tougher to play ...Qe4, but my next move makes it a real threat.

29...Rac8 30. b3 Qe4!

Yes! There is no way to avoid mate. I beat Vinay Bhat! Not many persons my age have beaten the two-time national champion! 31. Rg7 Rg7 32. Qg7 Kg7 33. Bf6 Kg6 34. Re4 c1(R) 35. Re1 Re1 0-1

Andy McManus describes the following lovely game as his "most brilliant ever."

White: Andy McManus 2349
Black: Tigran Ishkanov 2250
Modern Defense [B07]

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Bc4 d5 5. ed5 cd5 6. Bd3 Bg4 7. f3 Bd7 8. Nge2 e6 9. Bg5 Be7 10. Qd2 a6 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Ng3 Nc6 13. Qf4 Qb6 14. Nce2 e5 15. Qh4 Nd4 16. Kh1 e4 17. fe4 Ne2 18. Rf6 Ng3 19. hg3 Bf6 20. e5 g6 21. Bf6 Qe3 22. Rf1 Rfe8 23. e6 Re6 24. Bd4 Qd2 25. Rf7 Kf7 26. Qh7 Ke8 27. Qg8 Ke7 28. Bc5 Rd6 29. Qg7 Kd8 30. Qf8 Kc7 31. Qd6 Kc8 32. Bb6 Qd1 33. Kh2 Qh5 34. Kg1 1-0

White: Sergey Iskotz 2326
Black: Valdis Saulespurenis 2149
Reti Opening [A09]

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. g3 Nf6 4. b3 Be7 5. Bb2 0-0 6. Bg2 c6 7. 0-0 b5 8. d3 Nbd7 9. Nbd2 Qb6 10. Rc1 a5 11. Qc2 Ba6 12. e4 Rfc8 13. e5 Ne8 14. Ba1 Bb7 15. d4 c5 16. Qd3 dc4 17. bc4 cd4 18. Bd4 Nc5 19. Qe3 b4 20. Rb1 Qc7 21. Nb3 Ra6 22. Rfd1 Nb3 23. ab3 Bc5 24. Ng5 Bg2 25. Kg2 h6 26. Ne4 Bd4 27. Qd4 a4 28. ba4 Qc4 29. Rb4 Qd4 30. Rdd4 Rca8 31. Nd2 Nc7 32. Rbc4 R6a7 33. Nb3 Nd5 34. a5 Rb8 35. Rd3 Rb5 36. f4 Rab7 37. a6 Ra7 38. Ra4 Nc7 39. Rd8 Kh7 40. Nd4 Rb2 41. Kh3 Ra6 42. Rc4 Nd5 43. Rcc8 Nf4 44. Kg4 Ng6 45. h4 Ne5 46. Kf4 Ng6 47. Ke4 f5 48. Kd3 Ra3 49. Kc4 Ne5 50. Kc5 Ra5 51. Kd6 Nf7 52. Ke6 Nd8 53. Rd8 Rb6 54. Ke7 Re5 0-1

White: Adrian Keatinge-Clay 1999
Black: Peter Lee 2062
Gruenfeld Defense [D86]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cd5 Nd5 5. e4 Nc3 6. bc3 Bg7 7. Bc4 e5 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Ne2 0-0 10. 0-0 Bg4 11. f3 Na5 12. Bd3 ed4 13. cd4 Be6 14. d5 Ba1 15. Qa1 f6 16. Rb1 Bd7 17. Bh6 Re8 18. e5 c6 19. ef6 Kf7 20. Bg7 cd5 21. Qd4 Re6 22. Nf4 Rf6 23. Bf6 Qf6 24. Qd5 Be6 25. Ne6 Qe6 26. Rb7 Nb7 27. Qb7 Kf6 28. Qa8 Qe3 29. Kf1 Qd3 30. Kf2 Qd2 31. Kg3 Qa2 32. Qh8 Kf5 33. Qf8 1/2

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SILICON VALLEY SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS

by NM Peter Yu

Not since the last National Elementary was held in Northern California, over ten years ago, has chess returned to the grand Red Lion Inn of San Jose. The Silicon Valley Summer Chess Championship, held over the July 17-18 weekend, once again featured a premier tournament venue. This time, eighty-five players participated in the latest of the Silicon Valley tournaments, one of the nicest series of tournaments around. Pat Howlett served as chief organizer and TD assisted by Doug Dekker and Mike Arné.

In the Championship Section, **NM Burt Izumikawa** (2354) won clear first with 3.5 points out of 4 among a field of nine Masters and eight Experts. As always, the tournament featured one computer entrant...an extra that spectators have come to expect at Silicon Valley events. However, due to the lack of willing human opponents, the **Mephisto Berlin** (2350) was relegated to the modest role of "house player". Like previous Silicon Valley tournaments, round one featured its share of upsets. This time the victim was third-seeded **NM Peter Yu** (2349), whose loss to **Haryanto Daud** (2156) meant an end to his streak of first-place finishes during the previous three Silicon Valley Championships. Another big upset was San Franciscan **Paul Liebhaber's** (2047) win over **NM Michael Tomey** (2256). Board five nearly saw another upset loss, as **NM Julia Tverskaya** (2342) barely escaped Kolty Chess Club member **Kevin Zeigler** (2108) with a lucky draw.

Everyone seemed to recover in round two as the pairings became a little tighter. With the exception of a draw between top seed **NM Richard Koepcke** (2368) and **NM Mike Arné** (2320) on board one, and a minor upset when **Robert Taylor** (2053) beat **Keith Mehl** (2187), all of the higher-rated players overcame their opponents. It was already becoming clear that the section winner would have to survive a war of attrition, as master versus master pairings have started as early as round two. **Doug Dekker** (2131) became the first and only human to fall at the sensors of the computer.

Round three matched up the two perfect scores, **FM Renard Anderson** (2342) and **Izumikawa** on top board. After a tense opening and middlegame, **Izumikawa** "won" **Anderson's** queen for a rook and bishop. But without any remaining support pieces, **Izumikawa** could not penetrate **Anderson's** solid setup and the game was drawn. Board two saw a nice King's Indian win by **Tverskaya** over top seed **Koepcke**. Meanwhile, on board three, the struggling **Yu** held fellow U.C. Berkeley alum **Arné** to a second draw.

The **Mephisto Berlin** was not as lucky, as **Liebhaber** proved once again that even master computers are terrible in the endgame. Both **Daud** and **Taylor** chipped in upsets as they beat **Tomey** and **WIM Liz Neely** (2219), respectively.

This set the stage for round four, as the winner of **Tverskaya-Izumikawa** could wind up in a tie for first if **Anderson** is able to beat **Arné** on board two. Of course, a draw on board one would allow **Anderson** a shot at clear first, or it could all end up in a huge tie for first with 3 points. But when all was said and done, **Izumikawa** prevailed over **Tverskaya** to take first place, while **Anderson** drew **Arné** to finish in second. Experts **Daud** and **Taylor** also drew, both tying for the top Under 2250 prize. **Liebhaber** was unable to finish in the money after losing a piece early to **Koepcke**. Oddly enough, the only "insignificant" outcome—not affecting prizes—produced one of the fiercest games of all, as **Neely** and **Yu** played on only for respect amidst a field of last-round withdrawals.

Despite the presence of Experts in Section II, the A-players ruled the day in the Under 2100 Section. Kolty Chess Club's **Bill Shauck** (1946) notched a perfect 4-0 performance to win clear first in the tournament's largest section. **Shauck** beat **Dr. Donald Lieberman** (1925) in the last round, but **Lieberman** still won the top Under 1950 prize handily at 3-1. In fact, a decisive result on board one was precisely what the Experts feared in the final round, as this shut out recent UC Berkeley grad **Don Shennum** (2042) and defending Silicon Valley top Expert **David Herscovici** (2013) from a piece of first place. As a consolation, the two experts shared second, each with an excellent 3.5-.5 showing.

Section III provided the only "Grandmaster Draw" of the tournament, as **Von Motschenbacher** (1663) and **Karl Bohlmann** (1593) split first and second, after agreeing to a draw on top board in round four. The top Under 1650 prize was awarded to bottom-seed **Sergey Ostrovsky** (999) at 3-1. Some may attribute the surprising finish to **Sergey's** round one full-point bye, since he was the lowest rated odd man out. On the other hand, players named **Sergey** tend to have a better chance of intimidating their opponents.

In Section IV, **James Clark** (1480) dominated the opposition with a sweeping 4-0 finish. **Clark** offed newcomer **Daniel Hansen** (Unr.) in the last round, giving unrated **Ilya Yelushvili** a lock on clear second place with 3.5 points. **Yelushvili** also played

perfectly, but was held back by his own request of a half-point bye during the second round. The top Under 1350 prize went to **Stephen Croft** (1268) with three points. Croft's only loss was in round one to the eventual section winner.

Below is the last round game which determined the Championship Section winner.

White: NM Julia Tverskaya (2342)
Black: NM Burt Izumikawa (2354)
Sicilian Defense [B33]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5

The game has entered the Pelikan Variation of the Sicilian Defense. Less promising options for White are i) 7. a4 Nb4!? 8. Na3 Be7 9. Bb5+ Nd7 10. Nc4 O-O 11. O-O Nf6 12. Ne3 Be6 13. Qe2 =, ii) 7. Nd5 Nxd5 8. exd5 Ne7 9. c3!? (or c4) Nf5! =, and iii) 7. Be3 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Nd5 Rb8! 10. Nxf6+ Qxf6 11. Nb1 Bb7 12. Nc3 Nd4! 13. Bxd4 exd4 14. Nd5 Bxd5=.

7...a6

If 7...Be6, 8. Nd5!? Rc8 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. c3 a6 11. Na3 b5!? (...f5 may be better) 12. Nc2 f5 13. exf5 and White keeps a slight edge.

8. Na3

White is best off removing his knight from danger before embarking on any sort of attack. For example, after 8. Bxf6 gxf6 9. Na3 Black can bypass the usual ...b5 and counter-attack immediately with 9...d5!? or ...f5!?

8...b5 9. Nd5

The maneuver 9. Nab1 is too slow as after 9...Be7 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. a4 b4 12. Nd5 Bg5 Black equalizes and White still has not developed his b1-knight.

More aggressive is 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Nd5 f5 11. Nxb5!? axb5 12. Bxb5 with compensation for White. Objectively speaking, the razor-sharp sacrifice on b5 may be unwarranted as White gets a decent game after 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Nd5 f5 11. Bd3! Regardless, 9. Nd5 as played in the game promises to be just as good, if not stronger.

9...Be7

Black can complicate matters with 9...Qa5+!? 10. Bd2 Qd8 11. c4!? Nxd5 12. exd5, leading to uncharted territory.

10. Bf6

If 10. Nxe7 Qxe7 =

10...Bf6 11. c3 Bg5 12. Bd3?!

White has mixed up her variations. The bishop belongs on d3 only in lines with gxf6. Here the move wastes valuable time and accomplishes nothing since Black will not play ...f5. Best would have been 12. Nc2 O-O 13. a4 bxa4 14. Rxa4 a5 15. Bc4 Rb8 16. b3 Kh8, and White has a slight pull.

12...O-O 13. Nc2 Be6 14. h4

A risky plan for White as her uncastled status will eventually come back to haunt her. On general principle, White's "attack" cannot succeed since Black's pieces are not at all structurally impeded from shifting to the kingside. Meanwhile, White must reorganize her queenside pieces to bear down on Black's king.

14...Bh6 15. g4 f6 16. Nce3 Bxe3 17. Ne3 Ne7 18. Bc2

White must prevent Black from freeing himself with ...d5 and relies on tactics to hinder it. For example, if Black had played 17...d5? last move, then 18. cxd5 Bd5 19. Nxd5 Qxd5? 20. Bxh7!+ wins Black's queen. In the current position, White is counting on an eventual pin along the a2-g8 diagonal to prevent the d5-push.

18...Qd7 19. Bb3 Rfd8

19. Rad8 may be better, but as tempting as White's next move appears, it will be insufficient.

20. g5?! Rf8 21. gf6 Rf6 22. Rg1?

22. Qg4 may have been White's last chance, as it prevents ...Rf4. Black's bishop, queen and f6-rook will be frozen for one move, just enough time for White to exchange on e6 and keep her game afloat. The text does nothing to prevent Black from winning a pawn.

22...Rf4 23. Rg4 Raf8

Now it becomes clear that the uncastled king is a liability.

24. Rf4 Rf4 25. Be6 Qe6 26. Qb3 Kf7 27. O-O-O Qb3 28. ab3 Ke6

Following the exchange of queens, White is practically lost.

29. Rg1 g6 30. h5 Re4

Black has patiently waited for eight moves, and finally cashes in on his solid play. Now, it will be a matter of technique.

31. hg6 hg6 32. Kd2 a5 33. c4 b4 34. Ra1 Rf4 35. Ke2 Nc6 36. Nd5 Rh4 37. Nc7 Ke7 38. Nb5 Rh3 39. f3 Rh2 40. Ke3 Rb2 41. Ke4 Rb3

White should resign here. However, with a first prize of \$280 at stake, she makes one last attempt at cheapos.

42. Rh1 a4 43. Rh7 Kf8 44. Rh8 Kg7 45. Ra8 a3 46. Nd6 Rb2 47. Kd5 a2 48. Kc6

Has Black fallen asleep at the wheel? No, Burt simply has fixated on one winning plan—queening.

48...b3 49. Ra7 Kh6 50. Nf7 Kh5 51. Ne5 Rb1 52. f4 Kh4

Not that easy!

53. Ng6 Kg3 54. Ne5 a1(Q)

Reality hits White, as now the knight will be no match for the powerful black rook. **55. Ra1 Ra1 56. Nd3 Rd1 57. Nb2 Rd2 58. Na4 Ra2 59. Nc3 Rc2 60. Nb1 Rc4 61. Kd5 Rc1 62. Na3 b2 63. f5 Ra1 O-1**

At long last, Burt's sensible, tough play gives him a clear first among a field of closely-rated 2300's. A hard-earned win for the always-courteous lifetime Senior Master.

OPENINGS THEORY: SICILIAN DRAGON**A NEW METEOR IN THE SKY**

by GM Andras Adorjan

Have you heard about the newest chess phenomenon to burst upon the international scene, thirteen-year-old Hungarian IM Peter Lecko? He is now poised to become the youngest Grandmaster in the history of chess, eclipsing the record of Judit Polgar and Robert Fischer before her. His name will become quite well known in the next few years. Here is a sample of his play, and some theoretically important material on his favorite opening, the Sicilian Dragon.

White: Tolnai 2490**Black: Peter Lecko 2460****1992 Hungarian Championship
Sicilian Dragon [B77]****Annotated by GM Andras
Adorjan and IM Peter Lecko**

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 g6
5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Bc4 0-0 8. Bb3
d6 9. f3 Bd7 10. Qd2 Nd4 11. Bd4 b5 12.
h4

12. 0-0-0 a5 13. a4?! (13. a3 Rb8=)
13...b4 14. Nb5 Bc6 15. c3 bc3 16. Qc3
Qd7 is good for Black. Ornstein-Forintosh
1972-14/446)

12...a5 13. h5?

13. a4 ba4 14. Na4 e5 15. Be3 Be6
16. Nb6 (16. 0-0-0 Bb3 17. cb3 unclear)
Rb8 17. Qa5 Bb3 18. cb3 d5! 19. Nd5 (19.
ed5 e4 is good for Black) Nd5 20. Qd5 Qd5
21. ed5 Rb3 22. Bc5 Rc8 23. Ba3 e4 24. 0-0
1/2 Liberzon-Adorjan, Moscow 1971—
12/440)

13... e5

13...a4? 14. Bf6! Bf6 15. hg6

**14. Be3 a4 15. Bd5 b4 16. Ne2 Nd5 17.
Qd5**

17. ed5 Qe7 18. hg6 fg6 19. Bh6
Bh6 20. Qh6 Rfc8 21. Qd2 Bf5 and Black is
better, Gusen-Hasin, USSR 1977

17...Be6 18. Qd2 d5

A new move. 18...Qb8? 19. Bh6 Bh6
20. Qh6 Ra7 21. f4! ef4 22. Nf4 Qc8 23. 0-0
Bc4 24. Rf2 Qg4 25. a3 b3? 26. cb3 Bb3 27.
Raf1 Ra5 28. hg6 hg6 29. Ng6 1-0 Tolnoi-
Stoinosh, Budapest 1992 ;b3 19. cb3 ab3
20. a3 d5 unclear. Romanishin-Miles, Bath
1973

19. hg6

19. Bc5 de4! 20. Bf8 Qf8 21. hg6 hg6
22. fe4 Qc5 (intending Bf6, Rd8) and Black
has compensation

19...fg6

19...hg6 20. Bh6 de4 21. Qe3 ef3
22. Bg7 Kg7 23. Qh6 (23. Qe5 f6 24. Qe6
Re8) Kf6 24. Ng3 Qd4 -+ ;hg6 20. Qb4 Rb8
21. Qa3 Qa5 and Black is better ;hg6 20.
ed5 Qd5 21. Qb4 e4! 22. fe4 (22. Nc3 Qc4)
Qe5 23. c3 Rfb8 (or 23. Bh6 Qb2) favors

Black ;hg6 20. Bc5 de4 and Black has
compensation (see 19.Bc5 line). **20. Bc5**

20. Qb4 Rb8 21. Qa3 Qa5 favors

Black

**20...Rf7 21. Bb4 Rd7! 22. ed5 Rd5 23.
Qe3 Bf5 24. 0-0**

24. Rc1 Bc2 25. Nc3 Rd4 26. Rc2
(26. Bc5 Bf5) Rb4 27. Ne4 Rab8 28. 0-0
(28. Qe2 Qd4) Rb2 and Black is on the
verge of a win

24...Rb8! 25. a3

25. Bc3? Bf8+

**25...Bc2 26. Qf2 Rc8 27. Rfe1 e4! 28.
Bc3 Bc3 29. Nc3 Rd2 30. Re2 Re2 31.
Ne2 ef3?**

31...Qd2! 32. fe4 (32. Nc3 e3) Rf8
33. Qe1 Qe3 34. Kh2 Rf2 35. Ng3 Qf3 36.
Qg1 Qf4-+)

**32. Nd4! Be4 33. Re1 Bd5 34. Nf3 Qf6
35. Nd4?**

Time pressure. Better 35. Qd4 Qd4
36. Nd4 Rb8 and Black has only a slight
edge

**35...Qg5 36. Nf3 Qf5 37. Nd4 Qg4 38.
Nf3?!**

38. Re2 Bg2

38...Rf8

Black now can force a won K+P
endgame position.

**39. Re3 Bf3 40. Rf3 Rf3 41. Qf3 Qf3 42.
gf3 Kf7 0-1**

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Taking advantage of Black's inability to respond with 12...Ne5. Now g5 is threatened, driving the knight to e8.

12...Nc4.

12...d5 is another possibility, though Black is hardly OK after 13. Bf6 Bf6 14. ed5 ef5 15. Nf5.

13. g5?!

13. Bc4 Qc4 14. b3 Qc7, and then 15. g5 is more accurate.

13...Ne8

13...Ne5 offers some hope for survival.

14. Bc4 Qc4 15. f6 Bd8 16. Bf2

White has a strategically won game because his kingside attack is many tempi ahead of Black's queenside counterplay, and Black has insufficient force on the kingside to defend himself.

16...g6 17. h4 b5 18. b3

Normally, weakening the side you are defending should be avoided at all costs. The justification here is that Black must lose several tempi rearranging his pieces before he can continue his counterattack.

18...Qc7 19. h5 b4 20. Na4 Rb8

In order to defend the second rank. 21. Rh4!

There is no hurry to open the h-file because Black cannot take active measures there. White has time to build his forces before initiating the decisive breakthrough.

21...Rb7 22. Rdh1 Qa5 23. Be3 e5

Allows the following combination, but there was nothing better.

24. Nc6 Qc7 25. Ne7!

Preventing Black's heavy pieces from assisting on the kingside.

25...Be7 26. hg6

The point of the last move. Now Black will have to return the piece with interest to stave off mate.

26...fg6 27. Rh7 Nf6 28. Rh8 Kf7 29. gf6

Regaining his piece, with more material to follow.

29...Ke8 30. fe7 Qe7 31. Rf8 Qf8 32. Qf8 Kf8 33. Rh8 1-0

White: Jimmy Plumb (2039)

Black: John Romo (2184)

Two Knights Defense [C55]

Annotated by Richard Koepcke

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 ed4 5. 0-0 Ne4

A safe and popular way to avoid the complexities of the Max Lange Attack.

6. Re1 d5 7. Bd5 Qd5 8. Nc3 Qa5 9. Ne4 Be6 10. Bd2

This natural developing move leads to quick equality if Black wants it. Therefore, the player with White may prefer 10.N4g5.

10...Qd5 11. Bg5 Bd6 12. Bf6 0-0 13. Nd4

A new move, though not a real improvement on the book move 13...Bd4.

13...Nd4 14. Bd4 Be7

The game would be dead even after 14...Be5. By keeping the bishop pair on the board, Black keeps winning chances alive in exchange for short term passivity.

15. c3 c5?

Losing a pawn. 15...Rad8 keeps the position balanced.

16. Nc5 Bc5 17. Re5 Qd6 18. Rc5 Rac8? 19. Rg5 f6?

19...g6 is the only way to prolong the game.

20. Rg7

Of course not 20...Kg7 21. Bf6 Rf6 22. Qd6.

20...Kh8 21. Rg3 Bd5 22. Qh5 Bf7 23. Qh6 1-0.

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DAVIS CHESS CLUB JUNE QUICK CH

The Davis Chess Club celebrated the end of final exams, and club president and former Davis Mayor **Dave Rosenberg's** election as Treasurer of the California Democratic Party, with a five-round Swiss-system Quick chess tournament, 15 minutes per game, on June 17. Local favorite **Marc Braverman** was the winner with a perfect 5 points, besting two-time winner **Dave Oppedal**, who finished with 4. Sacramento Club President **Stewart Katz** took third with 3.5. Winner of the U1700 prize was Davis' **Michael Aigner**, 3 points, and the best U1400 player was **Sean Crowe**. All of the winners received trophies. The tournament was directed by Tom Dorsch.

Davis is planning to host a two-day weekend Swiss on September 11-12, directed by Gerald Lim, and holds rated Quick-chess 15-minute tournaments monthly.

KOLTY CLUB IN CAMPBELL

The Kolty Club in Campbell, just south of San Jose, recently completed its Summer Knights tournament, featuring some of Northern California's most promising young players. The winner is **Teri Lagier** (1872). The bottom section ended in a two-way tie between **Philip Herz** and **Carl Odegaard**.

Craig Smith has now taken over the day-to-day management of the Kolty Club and is listed as contact person in the Club Listings on p.27 of this magazine. The Kolty Club is one of Northern California's "big five" clubs, with total peak membership of 100 or more (along with Berkeley, Burlingame, Mechanics' Institute, and Palo Alto).

Here are two games from the recent tournament. One is an upset win, and a nice game, by one of the club's improving players. The second is a fine effort by one of the club's newest members.

White: Harish Bhat

Black: Bruce Matzner

Kolty Club Summer Open • 7/9/93

e4 d5 2. ed5 Nf6 3. Ne3 Nd5 4. d4 g6 5. Bc4 Bg7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Re1 Nc6 8. Bd5 Qd5 9. Nc3 Qc4 10. Bf4 Nd4 11. Re7 Ne6 12. Be5 Be5 13. Ne5 Qh4 14. Nd5 Rd8 15. Qf3 f5 16. Rf7 Ng5 17. Ne7 Kh8 18. N5g6 hg6 19. Qc3 Qd4 20. Rd1 Nf7 21. Rd4 Rd4 22. Qd4 Kh7 23. Qf6 Nh8 24. Qf8 g5 25. Qg8 1-0

White: John King (1511)

Black: Stephen Papastefanou (1242) Kolty Club Summer Open • 6/17/93

1. d4 f5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Nh3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. c4 d6 6. Nc3 c6 7. 0-0 0-0 8. b3 Qe8 9. Bb2 e5 10. de5 de5 11. Qc2 Na6 12. a3 h6 13. Kh1 Ng4!? 14. Nd1 e4 15. e3 Be6 16. Bg7 Kg7 17. Nf4 Bf7 18. h3 Ne5 19. Qc3 Kh7 20. Nb2 Rd8 21. Rad1 Qe7! 22. b4 g5 23. Ne2 Bh5 24. Rd8 Rd8 25. Nd4 Qf6 26. c5 Nc7 27. Rc1 Bf7 28. Qc2 Bg6 29. Kg1 h5 30. Rf1 Ne6 31. Rd1 Nd4 32. Rd4 Nf3 33. Bf3 ef3! 34. Qd2 Rd4 35. Qd4 Qd4 36. ed4 Bf7 37. Kf1 Kg7 38. Ke1 Kf6 39. Kd2 Ke6 40. Nd1 Kd5 41. Kc3 Ke4 42. Nb2 f4 43. g4 Kf4 44. Nd3 Ke4 45. Ne5 Be6 46. Nd3 Bh3 47. Ne1 Bf5 48. a4 h4 49. b5 h3 50. d5 cd5 51. b6 ab6 52. cb6 h2 0-1

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The March/April California *Chess Journal* gave good crime reportage in the Norman Whitaker tradition. I trust your good readers have derived the appropriate moral lessons...namely that both chess and and hitch-hiking are shortcuts to the jail yard, and that chess can **really** make you **smart** (as in **ouch**)!

Keith Halonen
Santa Rosa

Dear Editor:

Just a brief note to tell you how much I enjoy (and profit from) the Journal.

I'm a novice player, and I find David Forthoffer's "What's the Best Move?" particularly helpful (and challenging). Please continue to include it in future issues.

Again, thanks for publishing the Journal; you should be proud of it.

Michael D. Jonas
San Francisco

Michael-

Thanks for your kind remarks. David Forthoffer's "What's the Best Move?" column is our favorite, too, and represents a lot of very fine work.. Master Forthoffer promises to resume his column when his employer stops tempting him with lucrative overtime.—ED

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KEMERI 1937

by Val Zemitis

Several years ago I wrote an article about tournaments held before World War II. In that article I noted that certain tournament books contained many well-played and superbly-annotated games by such outstanding grandmasters as Dr. S. Tarrasch, Aron Nimzovich, Dr. Emmanuel Lasker, Dr. Savelly Tartakover, Milan Vidmar, Alexander Alekhine, and Rudolf Spielmann, just to name a few. My "short list" of the best pre-WW2 tournament books includes: **London 1883** (won by J. Zukertort [ELO 2600], three points ahead of W. Steinitz [ELO 2650]); **Hastings 1895** (won by Harry Nelson Pillsbury [ELO 2630], ahead of World Champion Emmanuel Lasker [ELO 2650]), **Nuremberg 1896** (won by Lasker, ahead of J.R. Capablanca [ELO 2725]), **New York 1924** (won by Lasker, ahead of Capablanca), **Carlsbad 1929** (won by Nimzovitch [ELO 2615], ahead of Capablanca and Rudolf Spielmann [ELO 2560]), **Bled 1931** (won by Alexander Alekhine [ELO 2690], ahead of E. Bogoljubov [ELO 2610]), **Nottingham 1936** (won by Mikhail Botvinnik [ELO 2720] and Capablanca), and **Kemer 1937** (won by S. Flohr [ELO 2620], Vladimir Petroff [ELO 2520] and S. Reshevsky [ELO 2680]). When I wrote that article, I did not realize that the Kemer 1937 book was such a scarce commodity.

Now I have found out that this book is available for the remarkably modest price of \$6.95 (plus \$3 shipping and handling) from: American Postal Chess, P.O. Box 305, Western Springs, IL 60558-0305. Hurry, supply is limited at this price!

I have to answer two questions. First, why should you acquire and study games played in pre-WW2 tournaments? Second, why should you specifically buy the Kemer 1937 book?

There are many reasons why pre-WW2 tournament books should appeal to you.

1. To start your own chess book collection, which will give you many hours of pure chess pleasure.

2. To see how much luck tournament winners must have in order to come out on top, which will make you feel much better realizing that even the greatest chess geniuses often make horrendous blunders.

3. To ascertain for yourself how seldom games without errors are played, which will give you encouragement not to fret about your own errors in a game. "A game is always

won through a mistake, either the opponent's or one's own."—S. Tartakover.

4. To study how a particular opening or opening variation was played at the tournament, which will offer you an opportunity to study the evolution of opening theory.

5. To observe how often games are decided only in the endgame, which will give you the necessary courage and motivation to devote more time to this phase of the game.

6. To verify that many games are won by good players simply by exhibiting superior technique, which will encourage you to emulate them by perfecting your own techniques.

7. To follow the excitement of the tournament round by round, which will give you an appreciation about those who almost won.

8. To trace some of the greatest rivalries of the early chess giants, which will give you an opportunity to see how these players have prepared to meet the challenge.

9. And last, but most importantly, to profit from the information contained in the tournament books, information that cannot be obtained in any other way and which is essential for you if you aspire to become a good player.

White: Reuben Fine

Black: M. Feigins

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Notes freely adapted by Val Zemitis from original notes by Petrov.

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. e3.

A modern continuation that avoids the usual Slav Defense variations.

4...e6.

Black transposes into the Orthodox Queen's Gambit. Here 5...Bf5 is also playable, e.g. 5. cd5 cd5 6. Qb3 Qc8 7. Na3 e6 8. Bd2 Nc6 9. Bb5 Nd7 with equality.

5. Nc3 Nbd7 6. Bd3 dc4 7. Bc4 b5 8. Bd3 b4.

Black wants to avoid the Meran Defense, 8...a6. The text move leads to a very complicated and difficult game for Black.

9. Ne4 c5 10. Qa4! cd4 11. Nd4 Bb7 12. Nf6 gf6 13. 0-0 Rg8 14. e4?

The correct move was 14. g3!. Now the square g2 will be difficult to protect. Also, 14. f3 was not sufficient because of ...Bd6 15. Nb5 Be5 16. Qb4 Qb8 17. h3 Bh2 18. Kh1 Rg2, etc.

14...f5! 15. Bf4

If 15. f3? then ...Bc5 with ...Qb6 to follow; If 15. Re1, then ...Bc5 16. Nb3 Bf2 17. Kf2 Qh4 18. Kf1 Qh2, etc.

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15...f4 16. Bb5 e3! 17. Bc6 e2 18. Kh1 Bc6 19. Qc6 Rc8 20. Qa4 Rc4! 21. Rad1 Qb6 22. Rf2 Qb7! 23. Bg3 Rg5! 24. Rfd2 Rd5 25. h3 Bc5! 26. Nf3 Rd2 27. Rd2 Rc1 28. Kh2 f6?

Correct was 28...Ke7! and Black can avoid unfavorable complications. If 29. Bf4, then Nb6 30. Qb5 (30. Qa5!?) Qd5 31. Bb8 Be3!, etc.

29. Qb3! Qb6! 30. h4! Ke7?

With this move Black throws away a draw. Correct was 30...Bg1 31. Ng1 Qg1 32. Kh3 Nc5! 33. Qf3 Qh1 34. Bh2 Kf7! 35. Qh5 Kg7, etc. (but what happens after 36. Rd8?-VZ).

31. Bf4 Qb5??

Black could still play 31...Bg1.

32. Rd7 Kd7 33. Bc1

The rest is a matter of simple technique.

33...Bd6 34. Kg1 Qe2 35. Qe3 Qa6 36. Qh6 Qd3 37. Qd2 Qb1 38. h3 Ke7 39. Qb2 Qe4 40. Qf2 Bb8 41. Qc5 Kf7 42. Bh6! Qb1 43. Kf2 Qa2 44. Nd2 Kg6 45. Qf8 Qa5 46. g4 Qb6

There is no perpetual after 46...Bg3

47. Bc3 1-0

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by Richard Shorman

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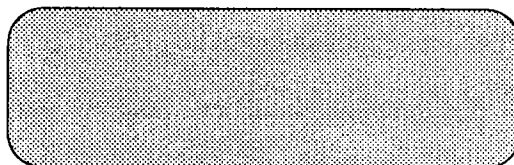
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