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THE EDITOR'S REPORT

We swore we wouldn't let this happen, but it did. We were very late with the last issue (about six weeks) and we express our deepest apologies. Professional obligations got in the way—big time, but we will certainly make every effort to improve our timeliness.

We are now producing a higher quality magazine at a lower cost, so there is progress of a kind. We realize that timeliness is more important, and firmly believe that we will have all three factors firmly under control, starting with the issue before you now.

Although we never did receive the promised US Championship report, we do have something that just might be better. Check out the open letter from GM Patrick Wolff in this issue. He raises some important issues and contributes some thought provoking ideas.

On the national front, James Eade has announced his candidacy for the Member-at-Large position on the USCF Policy Board. Tom Dorsch has previously declared for Treasurer. While these two do not always agree on every issue, they do have a strong working relationship. On April 13th, the CalChess board voted to unanimously support the two candidates.

Unfortunately, NTD Mike Goodall chose to write a letter to the USCF voting members, which called Eade's journalistic integrity into question. Goodall also made false accusations of a more personal nature, which can be safely ignored. The question of journalistic ethics cannot.

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State Scholastic Championship

Kids' Prayers Answered on Cathedral Hill

Nearly 500 scholastic players battle it out in San Francisco at the Northern California State Scholastic Championship

By Alan M. Kirshner

Scholastic chess is growing throughout the country. Northern California's premier scholastic event drew a record breaking 486 players to the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco on March 30 and 31, 1996. A revitalized Berkeley chess program and the registration of 300 scholastic players in Fremont have accounted for much of the increased number of players at this year's California Chess State Scholastic Championships. The results of the team competitions underlined the strength of these programs. Berkeley High School won the High School division. Five different Fremont school teams won trophies. Forest Park took first in the Primary School Junior Varsity Division (under 700) with Mission San Jose obtained first in the Primary School Open Division. Weibel won the Elementary School Open Division. Hopkins Junior High School became the Junior High School Champions. Biggs Elementary School, from Biggs, succeeded in besting Weibel for first in the Elementary School Junior Varsity Division (under 900). Weibel Elementary received the Grand Champion trophy for the combined team points in all the kindergarten through sixth grade sections. An aside—Chadbourne Elementary School was the fifth Fremont team to win a trophy with a fourth place in the Primary School Junior Varsity Division.

I awarded ten place trophies in each of the six sections and provided trophies and medals for all those who scored equal points with the ten place finishers. I also provided each kindergarten participant with a medallion. Dmitry Silberstein (2314) of the International Studies Academy in San Francisco is this year's State High School Champion with a score of 5.5 out of 6 points. He will represent Northern California at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions.

William Surlow (1902), of Saint Paul the Apostle School, and Eric Lin (1413), of Hopkins Junior High School, both had perfect 6-0 scores. However, Eric Lin is the new State Junior High School Champion as William stems from the Southern California State. William upset two fellow USCF top-50 13-to-14 age group in his quest for first place: Jade Arrieta (2021) and Micah Fisher-Kirshner (1908). Jade Arrieta is new to San Francisco from the Philippines and proved in the last few months that he deserves to join the ranks of Northern California's young superstars, Dmitry Zilberstein, Jordy Mont-Reynaud, Vinay Bhat, and Jeanie Frenklakh.

Robert Chan (1031) overwhelmed much stronger opponents to become our Elementary School Champion. He scored 5.5 points. Robert is a member of the Weibel Chess Club, but since he is home schooled his points could not be used for the Weibel Chess Team. The excitement in this division occurred

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Robert Chan
Elementary School Champion

Shorman's Choice

Scholastic Best

Richard Shoreman selects some of the best games from the State Scholastic Championship

Derek Han-Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Round 1 1094 2208
[D91]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4
6.cxd5 Nxc3 7.Nxc3 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.Qe3+ Kf8
10.Nb5 Bf6 11.Qg3 Na6 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.e3 Kg7
14.Ne5 Nb4 15.Rc1 Bxb5 16.Bxb5 c6 17.a3 Na2
18.Ra1 Qa5+ 19.b4 Nxb4 20.0-0 Nc2 21.Ra2 Qxb5
22.Rxc2 Qb3 23.Rfc1 Qxa3 24.Qf4 Qe7 25.Rb2
Bxe5 26.Qxe5+ Qxe5 27.dxe5 Rhb8 28.Kf1 a5
29.Ra2 a4 30.Ke2 Ra6 31.Kd3 b5 32.Rca1 Rba8

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State Scholastic

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in the fifth round when Robert Chan's team mate Robert Wei (1245) battled David de la Torre (1420) of Saint Paul the Apostle. Both had only a few seconds on their clocks in the 60 minute sudden death with Robert Wei a bishop and a pawn ahead. Everyone gathered around to see beautiful, intuitive chess before Robert's flag fell.

In the Elementary School Junior Varsity division, Jose Rivera (808), the new state champion from Biggs, showed great future potential with his 5-0 score—the younger children only played five rounds. The battle of the mini-giants took place in the sixth round of the Primary School division. Elizabeth de la Torre (1289) of Saint Paul the Apostle in Los Angeles confronted Cory Evans (1530) of San Diego. Cory Evans proved a bit too strong for Elizabeth. Since Cory is from Southern California as was second place finisher E.J. Schloss (1050), Jonathan Lonsdale (1041) from Mission San Jose Elementary became the Northern California Champion. Jonathan is the third Lonsdale to attain a Northern California Championship—brothers Jeffrey and Joseph won in previous years.

In the Primary School Junior Varsity division a tie occurred for first place—Alexander Tseung (632), Stephen Tu (522) [both from Weibel] and Owen Lin (unrated) [from Forest Park]. Each went undefeated and all are considered State Champions.

As an added touch this year, Chris Mavraedis provided six copies of Laszlo Polgar's Chess. Richard Shorman stayed up all night in a room that Tom Dorsch provided to decipher the notations and select his favorite game in each of the divisions. The following individuals received the book prizes: Jordy Mont-Reynaud (High School Division), Albert Wu (Junior High School), Akash Deb (K-6 Open), Jayodita Sanghvi (K-6 Junior Varsity), E.J. Schloss (K-3 Open) and Timothy Ma (K-3 Junior Varsity).

Ray Orwig, Northern California's Scholastic Chairperson, organized the state championship for ten of its twenty years. Last year he decided to take a break. Tom Dorsch, Mr. CalChess Tournaments, offered to sponsor the tournament if I would be the organizer. Since Tom has, for the last two years, volunteered his Tuesday nights to go over my son Micah's chess games and play chess with him, I felt obligated to volunteer my time to produce the twenty-first state championship. We decided to try to create a mini-national. I brought in three Senior Tournament Directors: Keith Mehl, the Chief TD, Don Shennum, and Hans Poschmann. I rounded out the TD staff with the experience of Carolyn Withgitt, David Gross, Laura Shennum, Steve Simler, Robert Lee, Steve Seegmiller, Steve Farmer, Nick Ayala and Daisy Huang. Dozens of parents from Weibel Elementary School and members of the Ohlone College Chess Club aided in many diverse capacities.

I wish I could report the absence of problems. Considering that I was prepared for only 400 players, I am glad that very few issues arose and all were minor. Considering the

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The Trophy Winners

High School

1st	5.5	Dimitry Zilberstein
2nd-6th	5.0	Andy Lee, Jennie Frenklakh, Jordy Mont-Reynaud, Vinay Bhat, Harish Bhat
7th-9th	4.5	Adam Banakus, Brian Woo, Felik Rudyak
10th-18th	4.0	David Pruess, David Taylor, Jim Stapleton, Evan Green, Steven Metz, David Brown, Patrick Mabray, James Cadatal

Junior High School

1st-2nd	6.0	William Surlow, Eric Lin
3rd-7th	5.0	Jade Arrieta, Micah Fisher-Kirshner, Joseph Lonsdale, Kevin Simler, Johnny Ceballos
8th-10th	4.5	Liam MacDermed, Tov Fisher-Kirshner, Aaron Pollock

K-6 Championship

1st	5.5	Robert Chan
2nd-4th	5.0	Elliot Temple, David Petty, Robert Wei
5th-8th	4.5	David de la Torre, Adam Lishinsky, Sergey Frenklakh, Kirill Taransenko
9th-17th	4.0	Jeff Lonsdale, Andrew Huey, Jocelyn Lee, Andres Santa-Cruz, Michael Lum, Jesse Pedersen, Levy Klots, David Baldwin, Adrian Szima

K-6 Junior Varsity (Under 900)

1st	6.0	Jose Rivera
2nd-3rd	5.5	Adam Baraz, Hanna Klots
4th-11th	5.0	Michael Lin, Ben Casnocha, Julieta Villalpando, Cameron Huey, Jessica Viveirus, Brian Brasseur, Sumit Roy, Robert Blatt

K-3 Championship

1st	5.0	Cory Evans
2nd	4.5	E.J. Schloss
3rd	4.0	Jonathan Lonsdale
4th-7th	3.5	Elizabeth de la Torre, Charlie Mintz, Matthew Ho, Richard Zen
8th-13th	3.0	Troy Cole, Nicholas Cravens-McAdoo, Kevin Ghodosian, Keith Shintani, Oren Gazit, Jeffrey Beckham

K-3 Junior Varsity (Under 700)

1st-3rd	5.0	Alexander Tseung, Stephen Tu, Owen Lin
4th	4.5	Charles Chen
5th-15th	4.0	Wesley Chen, Michael Hernandez, Ryan Dooley, Dillon Desai, Timothy Ma, R.J. Lee, Boris Fedorov, Andris Rapa, Mihir Pendse, Gagan Biyani, Julian Armas

Izumikawa and Cartagena Win State Championship

by Sam Sloan

Burt Izumikawa and Omar Cartagena tied for first in the State Championship of Northern California, which was held on three consecutive weekends from January 13 to 28, 1996. Invitations were extended to the top 50 USCF-rated players with a Northern California address. The top eight who accepted were allowed to play. Mike Goodall organized and directed the event under the auspices of Cal Chess.

The primary sponsor of the event was the Mechanics' Institute. It was also sponsored by Games of Berkeley. (It is important to mention this fact at every opportunity, as Games of Berkeley will continue to donate money to these events only if they get some publicity from it.)

The tournament started as an eight player all-play-all event. However, after three rounds and a score of 2-1, International Master John Donaldson learned that his mother was gravely ill, rushed to Philadelphia to be at her bedside and withdrew from the tournament. (Donaldson's mother is still alive.)

This development benefited Cartagena, who had lost to Donaldson whereas Izumikawa had drawn with Donaldson. After his loss to Donaldson was discounted, Cartagena shot off to an early lead of 4-0!

However, in the penultimate round, Cartagena lost to International Master Jeremy Silman, and dropped back to a tie for first place. The State Championship was then decided by an exciting six-move last round draw. (It was Super Bowl day after all.)

As Izumikawa also tied for first California player in the California Open last September (which was won by Blatny), he has a strong claim to being called California State Champion.

It should be noted that several years ago, the United States Chess Federation divorced Northern California from Southern California. As a result, these are two separate states for chess purposes. Southern California has her own 'State Championship'.

The complete results were: Cartagena (2380) and Izumikawa



Burt Izumikawa, Northern California Closed Co-Champion

(2385) first with 4.5-1.5. Craig Mar (2420) scored 3.5-2.5. Silman (2395) and Cusi (2365) ended at 2.5-3.5. Koploy (2330) scored 2-4 and Ignacio Marin finished at 1.5-4.5.

This was also the Charles Linklater Memorial Tournament. Many years ago, Charles Linklater was a player on the Mechanics Institute "B" team. However, few players can still remember him.

When Charles Linklater died, his deathbed wish was that his home be donated to the "Mechanics Institute Chess Club". The Mechanics Institute later sold the home for \$540,000.

Ever since, the Board of Trustees of the Mechanics Institute (which includes a library) has been fighting over exactly who gets the money. The only positive result thus far has been the Charles Linklater Memorial Chess Tournament. (And the CalChess/Mechanics' Institute Challenge Series.—ed)

Old Fogies Take Note! When you die, leave your money to the local chess club, rather than your worthless relatives who never appreciated you in the first place. Better yet, leave it to Mike Goodall, because it is Mike who runs the Arthur Stamer Memorial, the Carroll Capps Memorial and now the Charles Linklater Memorial. Mike will remember you, even if nobody else does.

Selected games from this year's Charles Linklater Memorial Tournament begin on the next page.

Northern California Closed Championship Results

Burt Izumikawa	(2385)	4.5-1.5
Omar Cartagena	(2380)	4.5-1.5
Craig Mar	(2420)	3.5-2.5
Jeremy Silman	(2395)	2.5-3.5
Ronald Cusi	(2365)	2.5-3.5
Paul Koploy	(2330)	2.0-4.0
Ignacio Marin	(2376)	1.5-4.5

All ratings FIDE, except Marin which is USCF

State Championship Games

Here are the final twelve games of the Linklater Memorial/Northern California State Closed Championship. (They are lifted from the tournament bulletins prepared by Tom Dorsch). The first twelve games have been already published in This Week in Chess.

Cartagena-Koploy

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Qd3 c5 5.ed5 ed5 6.Bg5 cd4 7.Qd4 Be7 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.Qa4 0-0 10.Nf3 Be6 11.Nd4 Qb6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Bd3 a6 14.Ne6 fe6 15.Qh4 Bb4 16.Na4 b5 17.Nc5 Qf7 18.c3 Ba5 19.Nb3 Bd8 20.Qh3 Re8 21.Nd4 Ne5 22.Be2 Nc4 23.Rhe1 g6 24.f4 Bb6 25.Kb1 Rad8 26.Be1 e5 27.Nc6 e4 28.Nd8 Rd8 29.f5 Ne5 30.fg6 hg6 31.Rf1 Rd6 32.Be4 Qe8 33.Be2 Nfg4 34.Qg3 b4 35.h3 Nf6 36.Rde1 Nfd7 37.Bf4 Re6 38.Bb3 Nc4 1-0

Izumikawa-Mar

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 b5 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Kh1 Bb7 9.Qe2 d6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.Bd2 Qc5 12.a3 h5 13.Rae1 Ng4 14.Nb3 Qb6 15.Nd5 Bd5 16.ed5 e5 17.Bf5 Be7 18.Bc3 Bf6 19.Bg4 hg4 20.Qg4 a5 21.h3 b4 22.ab4 ab4 23.fe5 Be5 24.Rf7 Kf7 25.Qe6 Kf8 26.Be5 1-0

Silman-Marin

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Rb1 Nh5 9.0-0 f5 10.ef5 Bf5 11.Bf5 gf5 12.f4 e4 13.Nd4 Nd7 14.dc6 bc6 15.Be3 Bd4 16.Bd4 Nhf6 17.Qe2 Nc5 18.Be5 dc5 19.Rbd1 Qe7 20.h3 Rad8 21.Qe3 Rd7 22.Na4 Rfd8 23.Rd7 Nd7 24.b3 Qd6 25.Kh1 Kf7 26.Re1 Qd4 27.Qg1 Nf6 28.Nc5 Qg1 29.Kg1 Rd3 30.g4 1/2-1/2

Cusi-Cartagena

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bc3 5.bc3 0-0 6.f3 d5 7.e3 c5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.Bd3 dc4 10.Be4 e5 11.de5 Qa5 12.Ne2 Qc5 13.Bd3 e4 14.fe4 Ne5 15.0-0 Re8 16.Ng3 Bd7 17.Rb1 Be6 18.Rb4 Nfg4 19.Re1 Qe7 20.Nf5 Qg5 21.Rf1 a5 22.Rd4 Re6 23.Rf4 Rae8 24.Nd6 Nh2 25.Nf7 Nhf3 26.Kf1 Nd4 27.Ng5 Nc2 28.Be2 Bb5 29.Kg1 Re6

30.Bd2 Bd3 31.Bb3 Bc4 32.Ba4 b5 33.Bc2 a4 34.Be1 Bb3 35.Bb1 Rd6 0-1

Koploy-Silman

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.h3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 b5 8.a3 a6 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.e5 Ne8 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.0-0 Be6 13.Rfe1 Nd5 1/2-1/2

Marin-Izumikawa

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.c3 0-0 9.a4 b6 10.Na3 Bb7 11.Bd2 Qd7 12.Qc2 Rfd8 13.Rfd1 Rac8 14.Be1 Qc7 15.Qe2 Qb8 16.Rac1 Qa8 17.Bf2 d5 18.e5 Ba6 1/2-1/2

Cusi-Mar

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 c5 7.dc5 Na6 8.ed5 Nd5 9.Na4 Bd7 10.Re1 Re8 11.Ba6 ba6 12.0-0 Bb5 13.Re1 Qd7 14.b3 Qc7 15.b4 a5 16.ba5 Qd7 17.Nc3 Rc5 1/2-1/2

Izumikawa-Koploy

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c4 Nb6 9.ed6 cd6 10.Nc3 N8d7 11.b3 Rc8 12.Bb2 Re8 13.Qd2 a6 14.Rad1 Nf6 15.Qf4 Bh5 16.Bd3 Nbd7 17.Ne4 Qc7 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Bg6 hg6 20.Qd2 b5 21.Re1 be4 22.Re4 Qb7 23.Re8 Rc8 24.Ba3 Nb6 25.Qd3 Nbd5 26.Ne4 Ne4 27.Qe4 Qb5 28.Bb2 Nb4 29.Qb1 Qf5 30.a3 Nd3 31.Rd1 Nb2 32.Qb2 Rc2 33.Qb1 Rc3 34.Qb2 Qc2 35.Qc2 Rc2 36.Kf1 Ra2 37.a4 Rb2 38.Rd3 d5 39.Ne5

Bd6 40.Rc3 Be5 41.de5 g5 42.Rc6 a5 43.Ra6 Rb3 44.Ra5 Kh7 45.Ra7 Kg6 46.Ke2 Rb4 47.f3 Rb2 48.Kf1 g4 49.fg4 Rb4 50.a5 Rg4 51.a6 Rf4 52.Ke2 Re4 53.Kd3 Re5 54.Rd7 Re4 55.a7 Ra4 56.Kc3 d4 57.Kb3 Ra1 58.Kc4 e5 59.Kb5 d3 60.Kb6 e4 1/2-1/2

Silman-Cartagena

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3 e4 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nh3 b6 8.cd5 cd5 9.Bb5 Kf8 10.Nf4 Bb7 11.0-0 g5 12.Nh3 g4 13.Nf4 Rg8 14.Kh1 Rg5 15.f3 ef3 16.gf3 Kg8 17.fg4 Ng4 18.Be2 Nd7 19.Qd1 Ndf6 20.h3 Nh6 21.Rg1 Ne4 22.Ne4 de4 23.Rg5 Bg5 24.Qg1 Kh8 25.Rf1 Bf4 26.Rf4 Bd5 27.Kh2 Qd6 28.Be1 Rg8 29.Bg3 Qe6 30.Qf2 f5 31.Rh4 Nf7 32.Rh5 Rg5 33.b3 Rh5 34.Bh5 h6 35.Qf4 Kg8 36.Qb8 Kg7 37.Qa7 b5 38.Be5 Kh7 39.a4 ba4 40.ba4 Kg8 41.Qb8 Kh7 42.a5 Qe7 43.Bf7 Qf7 44.Qh8 Kg6 45.Bf4 Qg7 46.Qg7 Kg7 47.a6 Kg6 48.Kg3 h5 49.a7 Ba8 50.Be5 Kg5 51.h4 Kg6 52.Kf4 Bb7 53.Bc7 Kf6 54.Bd8 Ke6 55.Kg5 Bd5 56.Bc7 Kd7 57.Be5 Kc8 58.Kf5 1-0

Cartagena-Izumikawa

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 1/2-1/2

Mar-Marin

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 ed5 9.cd5 Re8 10.e5 de5 11.fe5 Ng4 12.Bg5 f6 13.ef6 Bf6 14.Qd2 Bf5 15.h3 Bg5 16.Qg5 Ne3 17.Qd8 Rd8 18.Kf2 Re8 19.g4 Bd7 20.Bd3 Na6 21.Rhe1 c4 22.Bb1 Bg4 1-0

Silman-Cusi

State Championship 96, San Francisco

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cd5 ed5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 1/2-1/2

The deadline for the next issue of the
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is July 15th.

Tsverskaya Wins

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The 32nd Annual LERA Peninsula Class Championships

by James Eade and Richard Koepcke



Julia Tsverskaya
winner of the LERA Open Section

The 116 players knew what to expect from Jim Hurt at this LERA tournament. He's been doing things his way for a long, long time. Along with San Francisco's Stamer and Capps tournaments, his LERA events provide Northern California with its recommended yearly dose of vitamins and minerals. Hurt has been helping us build our chess muscles as long as most of us can remember, and it is high time he got the recognition he so richly deserves.

The Open section was won by Julia Tsverskaya with 3.5 points out of 4. Other winners included: Jonathan Baker and Brian Flygare, Expert; Martin Marshall, A; Steve Fabian, Karl Forsberg, and Alejandro Garamendi, B; Cres Cole, C; Julie Vizcaino and Michael Huey, D; William Scott, E; and Eugene Shteerma and Michael Simon, unrated.

Vinay Bhat lead the Brilliancy game winners, taking the award for the Open section. Paul Liebhaber won in the Expert section. Jesus Gonzales and Andrew Huey also won brilliancy prizes.

The event was directed by Jim Hurt and Ted Yudacufski, while Robert Massey assisted with the computer.

Julia Tsverskaya-
Steven Smithers
French Defence [C19]
Notes by Koepcke

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bc Ne7
7.Nf3 Bd7 8.Bd3!?

More common is either 8.a4 or dc. After the text the books claim that 8...c4 and 8...Ba4 are good for dynamic equality. The former gives White the additional option of re-deployment the Bishop to h3 via f1 where it supports an eventual f4-f5 push. Smithers' idea of waiting for White to castle before committing to c4

looks like a good third option.

8...Qa5 9.0-0 Nbc6

It would be foolhardy to accept the gift at c3. 10.Bd2 Qb2 11 dc will cost Black material to extract the Queen. For example, 11...b6 [not Na6 12 Qe2 Nxc5 Rfb1 winning the Queen.] 12.Bb4 dc 13.Rb1 Qa2 14 Bxc5 d4 15.Nxd4 and Black has no compensation with his material deficit.

10.Bd2 c4 11 Be2 f6

It is important to get this move in before White has a chance to make life difficult with Ng5.

12.ef gf 13.Re1 0-0-0 14.Bf1 Nf5

The start of an incorrect idea to transfer the Knight to e4. 14...Qc7 planning e5 is the correct plan.

15.Qc1 Nd6 16.Bf4 Ne4?
17.Bxc4 Qxc3

Restoring the material balance at the cost of allowing White to break open the queenside. There really is no choice, since alternatives leave Black down a pawn without sufficient counter play.

18.Bd3 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4
20 Be3 Qa4 21.Qb2

21.c4 is also strong.

21...e5

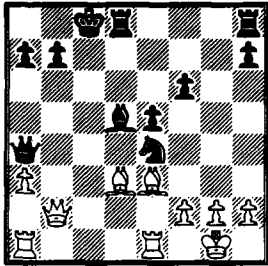
This weakens the Knights perch at e4, but 21...Rhf8

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LERA Games

22.c4 Kb7 23.dc ed 24.Bf4+ Ka8 25.f3 Nc5 26.Bf1 is hardly an improvement.

22.c4 Bc6 23.cd Bxd5



24.Bxa7 Qxa7 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rd6

After a series of exchanges, a heavy piece ending has arrived in which Black's King is dangerously exposed. Some precision will be needed to push advantage to its logical conclusion because there are no immediate mate threats and White's first and second ranks are weak.

27.Rc1+ Kb8 28.Rb4?

She should have taken time out for g3 or h3. Now Black uses back rank mate threats to exchange off most of White's advantage.

28...Rhd8 29.Qc2 Qc5 30.g3 Qxc2 31.Rxc2 Ra6 32.Rcb2 Rd7 33.R2b3

White is still better because her rooks are more active, and she has fewer pawn islands. Black's defensive task should be significantly easier if he can trade off a pair of rooks. In doing so, he would cut down on potential mate threats and make it harder for White to attack without allowing a certain amount of counter activity for her opponent.

33...Ka7?! 34.Kg2 Rad6 35.Kf3 b6?

A bad decision that allows White too much of a free hand on the Kingside since Black's lead Rook is now pinned down to the defense of the b-pawn. 35...Rd4 threatening to exchange a pair of Rooks and cutting the opposing King off would have been better. Though after 36.Rb6 R4d6 37.Rxd6 Rxd6 38.Ke4 White still has some

pull.

36.Ke4 Kb7 37.Kf5 Kc7 38.h4 Rg7 39.a4 Rgd7 40.Rb2 Rc6 41.Rg4

With the simple plan of marching the h pawn as far as possible followed by infiltration of Black's Kingside with the ultimate aim of capturing Black's h-pawn. If White loses the a-pawn in the process it wouldn't matter since to pawn at b6 is

to far from queening to be of significance. It is no longer clear that Black can effectively oppose this plan.

41...Re7 42.h5 e4 43.h6 e3 44.Rg7 ef 45.Rxf2 Kd7 46.Rd2+ Ke8 47.Rg8+ Kf7 48.Rdd8 Rc5+

A more forcing route to a draw is 48...Re5+ 49.Kg4 or Kf4 Rc4+ 50.Kf3 Rg5=] Rg5+! White can now win a pawn with

50.Rxg5 fg 51.Rd7+ Kg8 52.Rg7+ Kh8 53.Kxg5 but after Rc5+ 54.Kh4 Ra5! Black succeeds in exchanging off the remaining queenside pawns, thereby reaching a drawn Rook and 2 pawns vs Rook and pawn ending.

49.Kf4 Rc4+ 50.Kf3 Rxa4 51.Rg7+ Ke6 52.Rh8

Carrying out the plan. White's h-pawn cannot be stopped.

52...Raa7?

An unfortunate self pin which loses immediately. Black could have maintained the balance with Ra1, followed by Rh1. Now the h pawn cannot be stopped.

53.Rh7 Rf7 54.Kg4 Ra4+ 55.Kh5 Ra5+ 56.Kh4 Ra4+ 57.g4 Raa7 58.Rxf7 Rxf7 59.Rh8 Ke7 60.h7 Rg7 61.Re8+ Kxe8 62.h8=Q+ Kf7 63.Qb8 Rg5

Black offered a draw here believing that he had constructed a fortress position. However, in queen vs. rook and pawn endings, the defending side is almost always lost when the remaining pawn is on the third rank. Move the pawn back to f7 and the ending would indeed be drawn.

64.Qxb6 Kg6 65.Qd8 Kg7 66.Qe7+ Kg6 67.Kg3 Re5 68.Qf8 Rg5 69.Kf4 Re5 70.Qg8+ Kh6 71.Qf7 Rf5+

Hoping for Kxf5?? but, 72.Ke4 Rf4+ 73.Kxf4 Resigns

Artak Akopain-Vinay Bhat
Petroff Defense [C42]
(Open section Brillancy Prize)
Notes by Koepcke and Bhat

Both Richard Koepcke and Vinay Bhat sent annotations to this game and we've tried to merge them as best we could. It is interesting how alike the comments are, but we assure you that they were done independently.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4

VB Last time we played,

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LERA Prize Winners

Place	Winner	Rating	Prize	Score
-Open-				
1st	Julia Tsverskaya	2318	\$300	3.5-0.5
2-5th	Burt Izumikawa	2448	75	3.0-1.0
	Arthur Arutjunian	2387	75	3.0-1.0
	Jordy Mont-Renaud	2208	75	3.0-1.0
	Agnes Kaugars	2200	75	3.0-1.0
-Expert-				
1-2	Jonathan Baker	2184	\$193	3.5-0.5
	Brian Flygare	2144	193	3.5-0.5
3rd	Igor Traub	1990	95	3.0-1.0
-A-				
1st	Martin Marshall	1812	\$210	4.0-0
2nd	Clinton Young	1800	125	3.5-0.5
3-4	Michael Da Cruz	1933	45	3.0-1.0
	Boris Ladyzhensky	1864	45	3.0-1.0
-B-				
1-3	Steve Fabian	1772	\$120	3.5-0.5
	Karl Forsberg	1700	120	3.5-0.5
	Alejandro Garamendi	1682	120	3.5-0.5
-C-				
1st	Cres Cole	1596	\$120	3.5-0.5
2-4	Duane Anderson	1558	40	3.0-1.0
	Normandy Peralta	1431	40	3.0-1.0
	Tom Chandler	1251	40	3.0-1.0
-D/Unr-				
1-2	Julie Vizcaino	1354	\$30	3.0-1.0
	Michael Huey	1326	30	3.0-1.0
1st E	William Scott	1168	60	4.0-0
1-2	Eugene Shterman		30	3.0-1.0
Unr	Michael Simon		30	3.0-1.0

Brillancy Game Winners

Open — Vinay Bhat, San Jose
Expert — Paul Liebhaber, San Francisco
C — Jesus Gonzales, San Jose
D — Andrew Huey, Fremont



Letters to the Editor

Open Letter from U.S. Champion Patrick Wolff concerning the U.S. Chess Championship

I decided to play in this year's U.S. Championship for personal, not professional reasons. I am gradually leaving the professional chess world, and I wanted to play a few more prestigious tournaments before I go. I had spent the months of June through October working for Anand as a second for the World Championship Match, and then I wrote a book on the match in which I deeply analyzed all the games. I figured that this year might be the last time I could take a crack at the title of U.S. Champion while I was at the peak of my powers. So I played in the 1995 U.S. Championship, and I am very happy that I had the good fortune to win.

But I have to tell you something—something that may shock you. If I had not had these personal reasons to play, and if I were a full time professional chess player, I would have had to think long and hard before accepting my invitation, because it may not have been in my best interests financially to accept. The amount of money an average grandmaster can expect to earn from playing in the U.S. Championship is so low, that it is unclear whether it is worth taking that time away from his normal chess activities to play.

You don't believe me? This year's prize fund was \$25,000 for a fourteen person event. Suppose you think you have an equal chance of finishing anywhere from first to last. I, for example, finished next to last in 1993 just one year after I won outright in 1992! That means you expect to earn \$1785 dollars for a nineteen day event. If you figure that the day before and the day after are days you have to get ready to leave and recover from coming back home, that makes it a three week event, so you can expect to earn \$595 a week. Less than \$600 a week! Take my word for it, the average grandmaster can do better for himself by teaching lessons and playing in weekend Swisses.

Think about that for a moment. Let it sink in. I am talking about our premier chess event, the championship of this great nation. Even when there is nothing special that conflicts with our national championship, it is not clear whether it is worth it for a grandmaster to accept his invita-

tion. Heaven forbid that the grandmaster should have an invitation to a good European round robin, or should have a couple simulms lined up at chess clubs for those few weeks. Is this the status we want for our national championship?

Let's forget for the moment that some of the grandmasters we would like most to play have definitely decided it is not worth it: Gata Kamsky routinely turns down his invitation. Yasser Seirawan has told me quite bluntly that he only plays when it is necessary to qualify for the Interzonal. Let's not worry right now about the possibility that more and more grandmasters will turn down their invitations, such as Alexander Shabalov, 1993 co-champion, who is a student at Carnegie Mellon and found the prize fund too skimpy to make the effort to play.

Let's just make it a matter of pride. Is this the way we think of chess in our country, the land of Morphy, Pillsbury, Marshall, Fine, Reshevsky, and Fischer? Do we really want the choice of playing in our national championship to be a toss-up between accepting the invitation, or declining it in order to play a couple weekend Swisses and teach some lessons?

The root problem, I think, is this. The USCF treats the U.S. championship as a liability, whereas it should be counted as one of our greatest assets. Every year the USCF casts about for somebody different who is willing to organize the tournament. There is no long term plan for establish-

We were unfortunately unable to obtain a full report on the U.S. Championship in Modesto, won by Patrick Wolff, after winning tie-breaking games from Nick de Firmian and Alexander Ivanov, or the Women's Championship won by Burtman and Belakovskaja. However, we did get an important letter from Wolff, which raises issues we believe deserve airing.

ing it as an annual event in the same place so that it might build local support and popularity.

The USCF invests no substantial money or time into publicizing it. Not only is there no serious effort to make it a nationally known event, but the USCF does not even allocate resources to make sure that there are ample spectators where it is played. Everything is put on the back of the local organizer, who has no financial incentive to organize the tournament. It is a tribute to how many people there are who really love chess that the USCF is able to find somebody different every year, but it is no surprise that hardly anyone undertakes such a difficult task twice in a row.

I have explained this mindset to people outside chess many times, and every time that person is astonished.

"They don't invest in their own national championship? They don't hire a public relations firm to publicize it? How do they expect it to grow? Don't they need an event to have national recognition? Don't they need to establish chess celebrities? How else do can they hope to excite people about chess but through their national championship? Surely if they have a hope of making themselves known through any single event, it must be through their national Championship?"

All I can do is nod and agree with them. Yes, of course they should invest in

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Peninsula Scholastic Championship

by Alan M. Kirshner

Steve Cohen directed the first Peninsula Scholastic Championship on Saturday, February 10, 1996, in Foster City. The competition, held at the Music Art School, was a four round Swiss, game 45, with three trophies in each grade and a school team trophy. Steve decided not to use USCF ratings or rate the tournament through the USCF. He developed his own rating system. The 47 tournament players voted on whether to use tie-breakers or blitz to determine the places when ties occurred. The players overwhelmingly supported tie-breaks and Steve worked out his own system.

In the First Grade Section, Shail Patel won first place with 3.5 points. Marcus Tong, Galen Brill, and Harry Brill tied for second with 2.5 points. Matthew Ho won the Second Grade with a perfect 4 points. Orin Gazit took second with 3 points and Sean Blume received the third place trophy with 2.5 points. Kush Patel had 3.5 points in the Third Grade giving him first place. Stephen obtained the second place with 3 points with Alex Karnazes receiving third with 2 points.

Michael Pollock defeated Kevin Bui to take home the first place trophy in the Fourth Grade Section. Kevin tied with James Zou with three points and obtained second place. In the Fifth Grade Section Eric Huang and Andrew Huey drew and tie-breaks placed Eric in first and Andrew in second. Alexander Chang and Robert Chan both finished with three points, however the third place trophy went to Alexander. Jeff Koenig and Mark Lau, best friends and team mates, battled it out for first in the Six Grade Section. Jeff won and Mark took home a second place trophy even though both players had only three points. Cooper Downs received third place with 1.5 points.

Weibel Elementary School, from Fremont, won the team trophy. Now that Steve Cohen survived the difficulties of scholastic chess we hope he will turn this tournament into an annual event.

Peninsula Scholastic Winners

1st Grade	Shail Patel
2nd Grade	Matthew Ho
3rd Grade	Kush Patel
4th Grade	Michael Pollock
5th Grade	Eric Huang
6th Grade	Jeff Koenig
Team	Weibel Elementary

Open Letter from Patrick Wolff

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the U.S. Championship as a means to gain new members, to sell more of their goods and services, and to make people more excited about chess. But apparently the people who run the USCF don't think so.

Please understand: I am not criticizing the efforts of the individuals who organize each championship. Far from it, I am always amazed at what they manage to achieve with such limited resources, while simultaneously working at another full-time job. They do the best they can.

Nor am I attacking the character of the people who run the USCF. I know they love chess and they enjoy having the cream of America's chess players battle for the national title each year. But they do not think the U.S. championship is a commodity to be sold, an event to invest their resources in so as to publicize chess and increase the market for what the USCF provides, as well as making people more aware of the USCF in the first place. They see none of the potential, and do nothing to exploit it. Instead, they budget as little money as possible for it. They cut every corner they can so that it can be held as cheaply as possible, rather than invest in their single most marketable event.

Since I competed in my first U.S. championship in 1985, and no doubt since long before that, the USCF has never properly showcased the U.S. championship, and the result is that we are all cheated. The grandmasters are cheated of the respect and livelihood that they would receive from a well run event, and USCF members are cheated of the benefits that would accrue from the growth of chess in general, and the USCF in particular in the form of more members and increased revenues. Not to mention that we all lose simply from not having chess be as popular as it could be in our country.

As I have already suggested, the paltry prize funds in our championships are a manifestation of the lack of attention and importance our

chess federation gives to the event. Would you believe it if I told you that in real dollars the prize fund of the U.S. Championship is actually going down?

Yes, it's true. Ten years ago, the prize fund was \$25,000 for a sixteen-player event. Nine years ago it was \$25,000 for a fourteen-player event, eight years ago it was \$25,000 for a twelve player event. And for 1995, what was it? It was \$25,000 for a fourteen-player event. Now keep in mind that \$25,000 in 1986 dollars is worth about \$35,000 in 1996 dollars, and what do we conclude? The policy of the USCF is so backwards that they have not even managed to keep their own standards for the U.S. Championship, let alone set their sights on the standards they ought to have for their premier event.

All of this must change. Our grandmasters deserve to play under proper conditions for our national championship, and each USCF member deserves the benefits that would come from aggressively marketing and investing in our premier event. I wish I could say that I had a complete, foolproof blueprint for how to proceed. I don't, and neither does anybody else, because what I am saying is we have to stake out new ground, not do again what has been done before. However, I can make some observations to open what I hope will be an urgent and vigorous discussion.

1. I am talking about a complete change in attitude, not some tinkering around the edges within the same mindset. Instead of asking, "How can we take care of the U.S. Championship for this year or the next few years?" we must ask, "What will it take over the next several years to establish the U.S. Championship as a nationally recognized and seriously regarded event?"

2. Just making a deal with a corporation to pay for some aspect of the U.S. Championship means nothing. We have to look at the particulars of the deal, and we have to think

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Bay Area Fall Tournaments

by Mike Goodall

Kings Gambit Theme Tournament September 23–24, 1995 Mechanics Institute Chess Club

Place	Name	Score	Prize
1st–2nd	Joe Weber	3.5	\$150
	Eugene Levin	3.5	\$150
Best Expert	Pat McCollum	2.0	\$27
	Josh Standig	2.0	\$27
	Clarence Lehman	2.0	\$27
Best 'A'	Jade Arrieta	3.0	\$35
	Gennedy Reznikov	3.0	\$35
Best 'B'	Igor Bagrov	2.5	\$60
Best 'C'	Ray Thompson	2.0	\$25
	William Lewis	2.0	\$25
Best Unrated	Stefan Blunar	2.0	\$40

Players were required to open with the Kings Gambit. (For games, see the previous issue of the *CalChess Journal*.) 24 players. Mike Goodall, tournament director.

Golden Bear Open October 7–8, 1995 U.C. Berkeley Campus

Open Section

1st–3rd	Craig Mar	3.5	\$200
	Walter Shipman	3.5	\$200
	Thomas Wolski	3.5	\$200
1st under 2200	Vinay Bhat	3.0	\$67
	David Herscovici	3.0	\$67
	Jon Baker	3.0	\$67
1st under 2000	Gina Sanchez	2.5	\$100

Reserve Section

1st–2nd	David Pruess	4.0	\$163
	Glen Avila	4.0	\$163
3rd	Andy Lee	3.5	\$50
1st under 1600	David Camp	3.5	\$100
1st under 1400	Jacob Pruess	2.5	\$50
	Robert Cumberland	2.0	\$25
Best Unrated	Andrew Schechter	2.0	\$25

92 players. Mike Goodall, tournament director.

25th Annual Carroll M. Capps Memorial November 10–12, 1995 Mechanics Institute Chess Club

1st–2nd	Erico Sevillano	5.0–0	\$313	Best Expert	Boris Orlov	4.5–1.5	\$200
	Joe Weber	5.0–0	\$313		Best 'A'	Gennedy Reznikov	3.5–1.5
3rd	Mike Anderson	4.0–1.0	\$22	Best 'B'	Igor Bagrov	3.5–1.5	\$150
	Renard Anderson	4.0–1.0	\$22	Best 'C'	Sinde Era	3.0–2.0	\$125
	Victor Baja	4.0–1.0	\$22	Best Unr	Normen Rochau	2.5–2.5	\$100
	Jon Baker	4.0–1.0	\$22				
	Peter Grey	4.0–1.0	\$22				
	Arthur Ibragimov	4.0–1.0	\$22				
	Natalya Tsodikova	4.0–1.0	\$22				

75 players. Mike Goodall, tournament director.

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The Berkeley Bishops

Along the Diagonal

by Mark Brown

The Berkeley Bishops inaugurated their match season with a stunning victory over Weibel on the first Saturday in February. The Bishops are an all-star team culled from the ranks of the many students enrolled in the Berkeley Chess School program. Elizabeth Shaughnessy, the founder and force behind the School for fourteen years, led the latest (and greatest?) edition of the Bishops to the Fremont hills with some trepidation, as the Weibel team has quite a fearsome reputation. The first round, however, saw the Berkeley squad jump out to a commanding 12.5–4.5 lead. The Bishops were energized by their first round success, but a determined Weibel team roared back in the second round. With the advantage of the first move, Weibel looked to be overturning the Bishops' cart, but a key win by David Petty put the victory in the bag for the Bishops, the final score 19–15. David annotates his first round win, and I have added my notes in *italics*.

**David Petty (1259)–
Solon Yang (1173)**

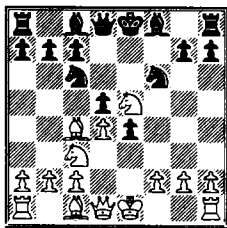
Three Knights Opening (C46)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 f5!?

4.d4!

Hopes to strengthen White's center and strike at f7, e.g. 4...fe4 5.Ne5. (Yes, d4 is a good reaction, answering flank aggression with a blow to the center. An example of how Black can go astray from here can be seen in a game from 1951, Milev–Florian: 4...fe4 5.Ne5 Nf6 6.Bc4 Qe7 7.Bg5! Ne5 8.de5 Qe5 9.Bf6 gf6 10.0-0 Bb4 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.f4 Qf5 13.Qd4 and White is winning. Instead of 4.d4, David could have transposed to the Schliemann variation of the Ruy Lopez, but the text is best.)

4...Nf6 5.Bc4 fe4 6.Ne5 d5



7.Bb5

Although there is nothing terribly wrong with this, David misses a tactical opportunity here: 7.Nd5! Nd5 8.Qh5 g6 9.Ng6 hg6 (if 9...Nf6 10.Bf7!) 10.Qg6! Kd7 (otherwise 10...Ke7 11.Bg5 and White wins the queen or

mates) 11.Bd5 and White has a clear advantage with three pawns for the knight and threats such as Qe6 mate. This is the kind of fun open position where you want your tactical antennae out.

7...Qd6

White leads in development and piece placement. (Yeah, the queen sortie is a little awkward.)

8.Bf4

Threatens 9.Ng6 or Nc6. Black is forced to waste a tempo with his next move.

8...Qe6 9.0-0 Bd7

Black may want to protect his king soon.

10.Nc6 Bc6

Black should have tried 10...bc6 and 11...Bd6 and try to hold the center.

11.Bc7? Bb5 12.Nb5 Bb4?

Another waste of a tempo that allows White to hold the center with 13.c3, and blunders away the chance of 12...Qc6, and if pawns protect it (the knight on b5, which protects the B on c7), then 13...a6, winning a piece. (Yep, that's why 11.Bc7 gets a question mark; and this is why it is good to go over games—we can see the truth of the matter, not just the final score. But, if you look deeper, you'll see that White has a resource after



One of many successful Berkeley teams, the high school team won the state scholastic championship.

12...Qc6 13.Qe2! a6 14.a4! and if 14...ab5? 15.ab5 and the rook on a8 is hanging, or 14...Rc8 15. Na7 Qc7 16.Nc8 Qc8 17.f3 and White has some compensation)

13.c3 Be7 14.Qa4

Developing the queen with minor kingside ruptures such as 15.Nd6. (Developing with a threat is always cool.)

14...0-0

No such luck...

15.Bg3 Ng4

Whoever set the table forgot the fork.

16.Nc7 Qf5 17.Na8 Ra8
18.c4 Rf8

All is lost for Black.

19.Qa7 Qf6 20.Qb7 Bd6?
21.Qd5

I can't watch...

21...Kh8 22.Qd6 Qd6
23.Bd6 Rd8 24.c5 h5 25.f3
ef3 26.Rf3 g5 27.Rf5 Ne3

28.Rg5 Nc2 29.Rd1 Ne3
30.Rd3 Re8 31.Be5 Re5
32.Re5 1-0

As I send this to press, there are a few more items I should mention. Six of the seven top scorers in the Young People's tournament in Berkeley are current or former students of the Berkeley Chess School. Congrats to David Petty, Kirill Tarasenko, Jacob Pruess, Kriss MacLennan, Elliot Temple, and Michael Lum. The latest news is that the Bishops blitzed the Richmond team 24–0. Finally, the Berkeley High team won the CalChess state championship, led by Andy Lee, a fast improving player who beat Vinay Bhat (2194) and drew Dmitry Zilberstein (2314) to finish tied for second individually. Congratulations to the Berkeley High team: Andy, David Taylor, David Cantrell, Jonathan Fan, and coach Ray Freeman.

Short Reports

by
Dennis Wajckus and Allan Fifield

Thank You Dave Quarve Quick Quads

This annual event of the Fresno Chess Club honors long-time club president Dave Quarve who now resides in Colorado. 16 players faced off in four different quads on April 3rd. Combat was fierce with not one draw all night and all four quads were won with perfect 3-0 scores. Winners in Quads 1-3 were: Artak Akopian, Telman Akopian, and Lewis Martinez. Ms. Vinka Bell of Coarsegold came out of the hills to score a popular 3-0 sweep of the fourth quad. Directed by Dennis Wajckus.

—DW

Catch 22 #3

The unusual name of this series of Fresno tournaments comes from the time control of game in 22 minutes. Co-champions Artak Akopian (2404) and Greg Jones (1750) were each undefeated with three wins. The upset of the tournament was Vincent Enrico (1321) for his exciting ('mate 'em before me hanging flag falls') second round win over Darren Russell (1836). The twenty players were directed by Dennis Wajckus on March 18th.

—DW

Visalia Spring Training

This traditional event drew 19 players to the Visalia Chess Club during the month of March. Porterville's own 'World Champion' Hans Borm recovered from a first round draw with the always tough Richard Somawang to win his next three games and the tournament trophy with a score of 3.5-0.5. Second place was Don Forgie of Hanford at 3-1. The upset prize of a Cal Chess membership was won by Jeremy Cantrell for his win over George Miller, reflecting a rating difference of 564 points! As a note to tournament organizers, Cal Chess memberships make wonderful best game and upset prizes at local tournaments. Directed by Allan Fifield.

—AF

UC Davis

Davis Chess Club Hosts Invitational Quad

by David Johnson

In January and February, the Davis Chess Club hosted an invitational 'Quad' tournament on three consecutive Thursdays. The esteemed participants were Brian Jew (1916), who is now the 48th ranked 17-18 year old in the United States; Michael Aigner (1855), who has gained over 400 rating points during the last three years; Dennis Sims (1805), a crafty player formerly from Arkansas; and Marvin Gilbert (1641), a giant killer from the Sacramento Chess Club. Ratings are post tournament.

In round three, Jew met Sims for the championship. Although it looks like Brian has a clear win, check out this unexpected endgame.

The Davis Chess Club meets every Thursday from 7 p.m. to midnight at Hunt Hall, Room 241 on the UC Davis Campus. For more information, please contact David Johnson at (916) 756-2752.

Dennis Sims-Brian Jew
Davis Invitational Quad (Game in 75)
Annotated by Brian Jew

1.e4 e6 2.d3

King's Indian Attack.

2...d5 3.Nbd2 b6 4.g3 f5

Dutch Stonewall (Transposed).

5.e5 Nd7 6.d4 e5

Going back to a French theme.

7.c3

11th pawn move of the game.

7...Ne7 8.Ndf3 Qc7

In case of 9.Ng5 avoiding 9...Nb8.

9.Bg2 Ba6 10.Ne2 h6

To avoid the Knights coming in and ganging up on e6.

11.0-0 g5 12.Re1 Ng6 13.h3 Be7

14.Nh2 0-0-0

Black needs the other rook to continue the attack.

15.a4 Kb8 16.Bd2 h5 17.b4 Bxe2

18.Rxe2 c4 19.b5!

To preserve the white attack, otherwise 19.a6 locking it up.

19...Rdf8 20.a5 !? bxa5 21.Qa4 Bd8
22.Nf3 g4 23.Ng5

A little dangerous for the Knight.

23...Qb6 24.Bc1 f4

The breakthrough move.

25.h4

Sacrificing material.

25...f3 26.Bxf3 gxf3 27.Rea2 Ngxe5

To play it safe and avoid the complications of 28.Ba3, 29.Bc5 threatening Nxe6, Black decided to give back a little material.

28.Bf4 Rxf4

Black is willing to get two pieces for the rook and also strengthen his defense.

29.gxf4 Nd3 30.Kf1

Disappointed that he cannot play 30.Nf7 to take the Bd8 and win a5 because of 30...Rg8+, white moves his King out of the way.

30...Rf8 31.Nxf3 Rxf4 32.Qd1 Qd6

Preparing 33.Qf8.

33.Ng5 Bxg5

Perhaps, simply continuing with 33...Qf8 34.f3 Bxg5 is just as good. Or 34.Nh3 Rf3.

34.hxg5 Qf8 35.Qxh5 Rxf2 36.Kg1 Qf4
37.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Qg3 39.Rf1
Nf2+ 40.Rxf2 Qxf2 41.Qe8+ Kc7

At this point, both players are under time pressure (under three minutes each)

42.Qxe6 Qh4+ 43.Kg1 Qxg5+ 44.Kh2
Qf6 45.Qe1 a4 46.Qb1 Qf2+ 47.Kh1!

The King can't move.

47...a3? 48.b6 axb6 49.Qxb6!!

Brilliancy comes in many different forms!

49...Kc8 50.Qc7+ Kxc7 Draw.

Black's flag fell three seconds later.

Madera Chess Club

You Cannot Win if You Do Not Play!

By Kelton Brewer

The Madera Chess Club is an affiliate of the United States Chess Federation, and was organized in Madera during November, 1995. Its first official business meeting took place in December, 1995. This club has close ties to both the Fresno Chess Club and the Visalia Chess Club.

Meetings are held each Thursday at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the Carl's Jr. restaurant located at the Madera Avenue Exit on the west side of Highway 99. All chess players or other interested parties are cordially invited. There are players present of all age groups and playing levels. Beginners are encouraged to apply. Usually there are members present willing to help beginners and offer advice—whether asked for or not.

As an affiliate of the US Chess Federation, rated tournaments are frequently held. Call 209-673-1026 for details. Players should have their own equipment and clocks whenever possible. The club has equipment for sale which is competitively priced and from which the proceeds go to support club activities.

By means of a generous donation from our sister club in Fresno we have a library of chess books available for our members' use which may be checked out for a month at a time. This feature alone is worth becoming a member.

Membership dues are as follows: Adult \$10.00, Family membership \$15.00, those residing out of Madera County, those under 18 years old, and women \$5.00.

Currently, USCF dues are \$40.00 per adult, \$15 for those under 19 years old, Senior memberships are \$30, and Scholastic memberships are just \$10.00 (for any student).

For less than \$5 per month you can have all of the above benefits plus receive *Chess Life* or *School Mates* magazines. You

can't even go to the movies for such a small amount. In addition, our meeting site has coffee, soft drinks, hot chocolate, and food near at hand.

You must be a member of USCF to play in rated events and tournaments. All other benefits come with Madera Chess Club membership.

The official motto of the Madera Chess Club is: You cannot win if you do not play!

Madera Tournament Results

The first Madera rated 'quick' tournament was held on February 15th. There were fourteen participants, ten in the Open Swiss section and four in the youth section held in the form of a quad. The results are as follows:

1. Darren Russell	3.0
2. Dennis Wajckus	2.0
3. Allan Fifield	2.0
4. Dwight Williams	2.0
5. Andy Swanson	2.0
6. Dr. Hank Green	1.5
7. Derald Wilcox	1.5
8. Ryan Enrico	1.0
9. Richard Lacy	0
10. Bill Hicks	0

In the youth section, the results were:

1. Jacob Hicks	2.5
2. Patrick Enrico	2.0
3. Emily Hicks	1.5
4. Elizabeth Hicks	0

Darren received the fine book *San Francisco 1995* by Hypermodern Press donated by Allan Fifield for first place and will be sent a prize check of \$10.00. Jacob Hicks will receive a prize check of \$10 as well. First through fourth place will also be awarded certificates.

The second rated quick tournament was held April 11th. There were eighteen participants, twelve in the Open Swiss section and six in the youth section held in

Swiss format. The results are as follows:

1. Vincent Enrico	3.0
2. Louis Spate, Jr.	3.0
3. Allan Fifield	2.0
4. David Gay	2.0
5. Dennis Wajckus	2.0
6. Von Motschenbacher	1.0
7. Dr. Hank Green	1.0
8. Richard Lacy	1.0
9. Ryan Enrico	1.0
10. Bill Hicks	1.0
11. Derald Wilcox	0.5
12. Vinka Bell	0.5

In the youth section, the results were:

1. Keith Yost	3.0
2. Patrick Enrico	2.0
3. Jacob Hicks	2.0
4. Lisa Robonson	1.5
5. Elizabeth Hicks	0.5
6. Emily Hicks	0

First through fourth place will be awarded certificates. Congratulations to Vincent, Louis, and Keith for perfect scores! We would like to welcome our two newest members: Von Motschenbacher and Keith Yost. Thanks for your support.

Dennis and Marian Wajckus along with Allan Fifield assisted Kelton Brewer in directing these events. Our special thanks are extended to them. We couldn't have done it without their training and support. Thanks to the Fresno Chess Club and the Visalia Chess Club for their donations to our club.

We extend a special thank you to our 'out-of-towners' Andy Swanson, Dwight Williams, Dr. Hank Green from Fresno, along with Darren Russell and David Gay from the Visalia Chess club for their support by playing in our event.

And remember: *You cannot win if you do not play!*

Tulare County Chess for Kids

by Allan Fifield

Teams of young chessplayers came from as far away as Merced and Grover City to play in the three tournaments that comprised the 96 spring season for Tulare County Chess for Kids.

The Porterville event on January 27th attracted 57 kids while the March 9th Goshen tournament had 63 young chess fanatics. Spring fever cut into attendance at Dinuba on April 13 but 42 players is a wonderful turnout on a beautiful sunny day. Each tournament was a five round Swiss broken into a 7th to 12th grade section and a K to 6th grade section.

As organizer and head TD, I was pleased to watch friendly rivalries being formed among the kids. In the 7th to 12 section, Alyssa Wright of Merced and Ryan Enrico of Madera traded first board last round wins at the Porterville and Goshen events. A similar rivalry developed in the K to 6th section with Trung Nguyen of Merced and Keith Yost of Fresno facing each other in the late rounds of both the Porterville and Goshen events to decide first place. Keith and Alyssa won their sections in Porterville while Ryan and Trung were victorious at Goshen. These four players always attracted a crowd of spectators that kept the TDs busy maintaining excellent playing conditions.

At the Porterville event, team competition was emphasized and there were two very different paths to victory. Hoover Inter-



*Intense action at Goshen School on March 9th.
Vincent Steen of Porterville and Alyssa Wright of
Merced focus on first board.*

mediate School of Merced (coached by Merv Wright) clinched first place behind the efforts of 'Top Guns' Alyssa Wright and Trung Nguyen. Goshen School (coached by George Webb) used the 'Strength In Numbers' approach and with 12 players overwhelmed the other schools to clinch second place.

While head TD Allan Fifield hid behind the curtains with his ancient computer doing his best Wizard of Oz imitation, assistant TDs Darren Russell and Kelton Brewer did the real work on out the floor. Tournament hosts were Hans Borm in Porterville, George Webb at Goshen, and John Akin at Dinuba.

The success of Tulare County Chess for Kids has been made possible by generous donations from the Fresno Chess Club, Jostens Printing of Visalia, Kiwanis of Dinuba, Kiwanis of Porterville, and Doug Carroll of the Porterville Parks and Recreation department. And a special salute to our 'Chief of Security' third grader Patrick Enrico who has kept an eagle eye on the TDs computer and coke at all times!

And now for some advice for anyone wishing to start a Chess for Kids in their own city or county:

Ask for help! Ask for lots of help! Kiwanis, local PTAs, DARE programs, Parks and Recreation departments, and your place of employment are good places to start asking. Remember: People

Porterville Winner's List

K through 6th

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|-----|-----|--|
| 1st | 5-0 | Keith Yost (Fresno) |
| 2nd | 4-1 | Rachell Franco, Trung Ngyen, Jane Kuo
(all Merced) Angel Gutierrez (Goshen) |
- Angel Gutierrez also won Best Goshen trophy

7th through 12th

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|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1st | 5-0 | Alyssa Wright (Merced) |
| 2nd | 4-0 | Jeremy Cantrell (Porterville) |

Team Competition

- Hoover Intermediate of Merced
- Bartlett JHS of Porterville
- Goshen Elementary School of Visalia

The winning team from Hoover Intermediate School, with coach Merv Wright at Porterville on January 27th.



like kids and its a lot easier to get donations for kids chess than adult chess.

Use a computer and a pairing program. Swiss-Sys seems to be standard for junior events. Practice-practice-practice with your pairing program before your first kids tournament. Although a laptop computer seems to be standard, an old beat up desktop computer works fine and is less inviting to those with an evil heart and to the kids. The head TD should work on the computer either behind a curtain on stage or in a separate room. Appoint a Chief of Security to keep the kids away from the TD and to keep an eye on the pairing computer.

Have everyone fill out the same entry form and draft a couple of parents to monitor this. Have a sepa-

rate person take the money. Appoint a second Chief of Security to maintain order around the money-man.

Take a roll call before pairing the first round—after all, these are kids and someone somewhere everytime has gotten overlooked or misplaced.

Have drawings before every round and hand out lots of door prizes. The one dollar USCF *101 Questions on Chess* book and the 75 cents paper roll up boards are the ultimate door prizes. Set up a demo board in the corner and dragon a chessplaying adult to run a Chess School for tournament novices.

Bring lots of trophies! Whenever possible hand out extra trophies instead of trying to explain a bizarre USCF tie break system to tired eight year olds and anxious parents. If two kids tie for first, then award two First Place trophies. A pattern I use for each section is two first place, three second place, and four third place trophies. Any unused trophies can be recycled at the next tournament. Use performance rating of the opposition as the single tie-break system.

Bring lots of 25 cent ribbons that read 'Official' or 'Staff'. Pin these ribbons on every adult chessplayer too slow to avoid you and you now have 'instant' TDs.

Relax! Talk to the parents. Smile! Watch the kids play. And have some fun yourself...

The Tulare County Chess For Kids Fall 96 season will start this upcoming October in Three Rivers. Contact Allan Fifield at 209-734-2784 for additional information on Tulare County Chess for Kids.



Fresno Spring Quad

In a record turnout for a one day event in Fresno, twenty eight chessplayers crossed swords at the Education Center of St. Agnes Hospital on April 20th. Nearly one-third of the contestants came from the newly formed Madera Chess Club. The players were divided into two quads and one 20-player three round Swiss section. Artak Akopian (2396) won the top quad with his customary 3-0 score while Atrak's father, Telman Akopian (1800), and Louis Spate (1644) tied for first

place in the second quad with 2-1 scores.

The hard fought Swiss section was won by Vincent Enrico (1242) and Albert Martinez (1488) who shared first place honors with perfect 3-0 scores. The tournament was directed by Dennis and Marian Wajckus. The Fresno Chess Club is now looking forward to a record turn-out at the upcoming \$2000 16th Annual San Joaquin Championship on May 18th and 19th.

—Allan Fifield

Winner's List Goshen and Dinuba

K through 6th, Goshen

- 1st 5-0 Trung Nguyen (Merced)
2nd 4-1 Keith Yost (Fresno), Jody Juan (Earlimart), Richard Loza (Goshen)

Best K through 3rd, Goshen

Jacob Hicks (Madera)

Richard Loza also won the Best Goshen
Oscar Estrada won the trophy for Best Dinuba

7th through 12th, Goshen

- 1st 5-0 Ryan Enrico (Madera)
2nd 4-1 Raul Samora (Porterville), Eric Trott (Strathmore), Vincent Steen (Porterville)

K through 6th, Dinuba

- 1st 5-0 Keith Yost (Fresno)
2nd 4-1 Daniel Soto (Fresno), Jody Juan (Earlimart), Irish Edwards & Rueben Avalos (Goshen)

LERA Games

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Akopian continued with 5.Qe2.

5...d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Bg4!? 8.Re1

RK 8.c4 might be a better test of Black's move order. The game continuation leads to a transposition back to main lines.

8...Nc6 9.c3

VB Berger's Variation.

9...f5 10.Be2?

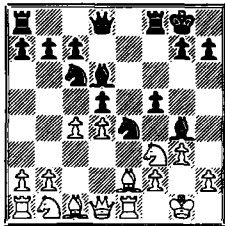
RK This retreat not only loses time, but also hands the initiative over to Black. More common is 10.Qb3 or Nbd2.

VB Apparently White didn't want to play aggressively as 10.Be2 puts the bishop on a passive square.

10...0-0

VB The book line gives 10...Qd6 with Black having a slight advantage.

11.c4 Bd6 12.g3?



VB If 12.cd5 Bf3 13.Bf3 Bh2!+ 14.Kh2 (14.Kf1 Qh4) Qh4 15.Kg1 Qf2 16.Kh2 Nd4 17.Nd2 Rf6 18.Ne4 fe4 19.Be4(19.Re4 Nf3+)Rf4 and wins. I think 12.Nbd2 was a bit stronger.

RK An ugly move, creating weaknesses in front of the King without attenuating Black's growing initiative. Relatively best was 12.Nc3. Now if Black tries to cash in immediately with 12...Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2 Qh4+ 15.Kg1 Qxf2+ 16.Kh2, he has nothing better than to take a draw by perpetual check. Attempts to continue the attack may backfire since it is hard for Black to bring up additional reinforcements faster than White. If this line doesn't appeal, then either 12.Nbd2 or Rf1!? are also possible.

12...f4

VB Black continues to attack as White's queenside pieces are not yet developed.

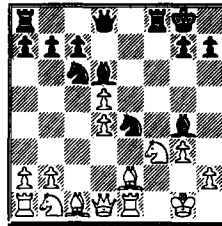
RK Black has a decisive advantage, but time is not his ally. Therefore he correctly hastens to crack open the kingside instead of stopping to defend the d-pawn.

13.cd

VB Best seems to be 13.Nc3.

RK Ignoring the threats, but there is nothing better.

13...fg 14.fg



14...Bxg3!

VB Ripping apart White's king shelter and after the subsequent capturing undermines the support of the f3-knight.

RK A nice destruction sacrifice. Black does not have to calculate the combination to mate. It is only necessary to see that White's King will soon be stripped of protective cover, and the remaining reserves can be brought up quickly for the kill.

15.hg Nxc3 16.dc

VB There is nothing else. If 16.Nbd2 Ne2 17.Qe2 Nd4 wins. If 16.Re2 Qd5 wins.

Against 16.Nh2 Qd5 closes the curtains on White.

16...Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Bxf3 18.Qe6+

VB If 18.Qf2 Be6 does the trick while 18.Qh2 loses to Qd4 and Qg4.

18...Kh8 19.Bh6

VB If 19.Qh3 then Qd4, Qb2, and Be6 is sufficient compensation. Against 19.Be3 I had planned Qh4 winning.

RK A clever cheapo, trying to reach an ending with some drawing chances. Now if Black goes for the instant win, with 19...Qh4? then 20.Bxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qe7+ Qxe7 22.Rxe7 Kf6 23.cb results in a playable ending for White. The obvious looking 19.gh?! is also a win though there are some technical difficulties after 20.Qe5+ and 21.cb.

19...Qxd4+ 20.Re3 gh

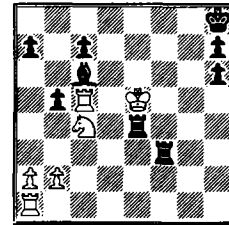
VB Faster was 20...Qb2 threatening Qg2# and Qa1.

RK A minor slip up; 20...Bxc6 threatening a multitude of mates and 21...Rae8 would have tendered resignation. Now White has an opportunity to extend the game by forcing an ending. His prospects for saving the game are still quite dismal.

21.Qe5+ Qxe5 22.Rxe5 Bxc6 23.Nd2 Rg8+

VB Once again there was a quicker way. 23...Rf4 would win.

24.Kf1 Raf8+ 25.Ke2 Rg2+ 26.Ke3 Rff2 27.Nc4 b5 28.Rc5? Rf3+ 29.Kd4 Rg4+ 30.Ke5 Re4 mate.



Paul Liebhaber-Gennadiy Reznikov

Dutch Defense [A80]

(Expert Section Brillancy Prize)

Notes by Koepcke

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.h3

The dubious plan of h3 and g4 is better executed with the Knight on g1. Otherwise this is just a loss of tempo.

3...e6 4.Bf4 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 Ne4

Probably not best. The standard Dutch plan of 6...d6 7.0-0 Nc6 followed by Qe8, Bd8 and e5 looks especially dangerous here since the Pawn advance hits the opposing pieces. The alternative idea of consolidating Black's hold on e4 by b6 and Bb7 is also good because the counter thrust d5 is not available to White.

7.0-0 d6 8.Nbd2 d5?

Turning the game on its head. Now White is significantly better because his minor pieces are better placed for this Pawn configuration. In contrast, Black's only active piece, the Knight at e4, can be removed from its perch quite easily. 8.Nxd2 followed by the plan outlined above would have been a better choice.

9.Ne5 Nd7 10.f3

This planned expansion in the center can be quite effective if Black does not have a well timed c5 to disrupt it. Also strong is Qc2, followed by Rb1 and b4-b5.

10.Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd6 12.Qe2 Qe8 13.Rae1 Bf6 14.e4 de

Opening the center while under developed looks suicidal, but what else can Black do? Attempts to hold fast with 14...c6 or Bd7 run into 15.Bxf6 gf 16.ef, and 14...Bxe5 15.de Nf7 16.ef ef 17.e6 is not much fun either.

15.fe Bxe5 16.de Nxe4 17.Nxe4 f3 18.Qxe4 g6 19.Rxf8+

Removing an important defender. 19.Rf6!? is also playable.

19...Qxf8 20.Rf1 Qe7

Grimly trying to hold on. Black could also try to get tricky with 20...Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Bd7 and now 22.Qxb7? Bc6 23.Qb3 Qxe5 is fine for Black. Unfortunately White has 21.b4! Qd5 22.Qf4 Bc6 23.Qf3+ Kh8 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Rf3 when Black has no reasonable defense to the threatened 26.Bxg6.

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Walter Browne Annotates

W. Browne-S. Mikhailuk
Westen States
Tarrasch Defense, D32/11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5
4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6
6.Bg5!?

Unusual in this position, but 6.g3-c4 leads to the complex Swedish line. The text will insure a slight edge for many moves.

6...Be7

If 6...f6 7.Bf4 Nge7 8.dc5 or 8.h4 are fine.

7.Bxe7 Nge7 8.dxc5
8.g3 Qb6 9.dc5 Qb2 10.Na4
Qb4 was annoying.
8...Qa5 9.Rc1 0-0 10.e3
Qxc5 11.Be2

I briefly considered 11.Bd3 as my knight can't be pinned; yet I'd lose control of the d4-square.

11...Bg4 12.0-0

12.Nd4 Be2 13.Nce2 Qb4
14.Qd2 Qd2 15.Kd2 Rac8 and although white is better, I felt it would be too easy to hold.

11...Rfd8 13.Na4!?
13.Nd4 Nd4? 14.ed Be2
15.dc5 Bd1 16.Rfd1 d4 (16...a6
17.Na4!) 17.Nb5 with a superior position.

13...Qd6

13...Qa5?! 14.a3? d4! 15.ed4
(15.Nd4 Be2 -+) Bf3 16.Bf3
Rd4-+.

14.Nc5 Qf6!

Early in the morning, I only considered 14...Rab8 15.Qa4 Bh5 16.Rfd1 with an edge. Black finds the right response in three minutes!

15.b3

15.Nb7 Rdb8 16.Nc5 Rb2—
intending d4—favors black.

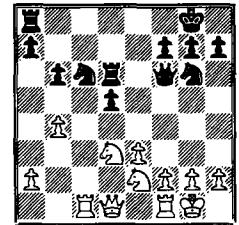
15...b6 16.Nd3 Rd6

16...d4 is premature, as I can reply 17.e4 Qg6 19.Nfe5! with superior chances.

17.Nd4

Necessary because of 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Rfd1 Nf5 with the idea of d4.

17...Bxe2 18.Nxe2 Ng6
19.b4!



This was an important moment, as I had to gauge my opponent's attacking chances whilst settling on how to tackle the queenside.

19...a6 20.a4 h6 21.b5 axb5
22.axb5 Nce7?!

22...Nce5 23.Ne5 Ne5 24.Nd4
Nc4 25.Ra1 and although we've traded squares, black is more vulnerable.

23.Nb4! Nh4! 24.Qd4!

If 24.Nd4 Qg6 25.g3 Qe4-+.

24...Qg5 25.Ng3

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Wolff's Open Letter

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about the long-term growth of the event. In 1992, the prize fund of the U.S. championship was \$30,000. In 1993, the USCF made a deal with Interplay, a software corporation, to sponsor the next three U.S. Championships. Not only did the prize fund go down—to \$25,000—but in the two years in which I played (1993 and 1995), the publicity was very low, and it was “business as usual”. Certainly there was no improvement in the U.S. Championship in any way.

3. It will take a real investment from the USCF to make this work. That means it will take the full-time efforts of some good people, and a marked increase in the money budgeted to the event. I am not just talking about the prize fund, but also about publicity, staging the event, getting a good site, and so forth.

4. We must be flexible and creative, but we must also be disciplined in our commitment. Let me explain what I mean by that last sentence.

Being flexible and creative

means thinking about all sorts of different idea. Here is one different idea: why do we have a national “classical” chess championship, but we do not have a national “active” chess championship? Such an event might be more marketable than classical chess (or at least marketable in a different way). It could be modeled after the PCA Grand Prix tournaments. It would have to be just as prestigious as our regular championship, so we would invite the top sixteen players to compete. Maybe if we put some serious effort and resources into such an event, it would be an even better way to promote the USCF in particular, and chess in general.

But being disciplined in our commitment means that once we chose our goal, we do not swerve from it. The primary goal is to promote the USCF by promoting professional chess via the title that only the USCF can confer: U.S. champion. Once we choose the way to work towards that goal we must not be distracted by entertaining more and more fantastic ideas every year. It is too easy to get lost in

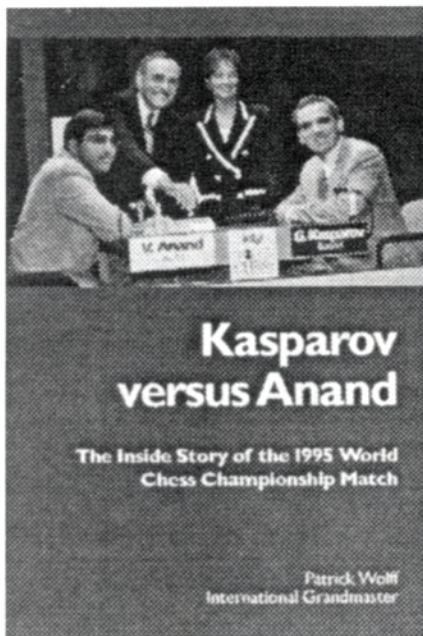
fantasies of amazing chess events, and by getting lost in the fantasies to end up not working towards one clear goal. First we must set our goal, then we must work towards its success without distraction.

I am happy to be able to report that there is one piece of good news that suggests that real change is possible. Immediately after the U.S. Championship, policy board member Fred Gruenberg contacted the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas and began negotiations for the 1997 U.S. Championship. One and a half months later, he told me that he is very close to finalizing a deal whereby the players will compete for a \$100,000 prize fund!

Unlike in previous events, the players will have to pay their own expenses, but the Riviera

will have \$20 room rates, and will provide some free food to the players. Fred told me that he expects the Grandmasters should net twice as much money from their efforts in 1997 compared to 1995.

If that is true, then I think of the potential. A \$100,000 prize fund in Las Vegas, and almost two years to prepare. Think of the rewards the USCF could derive from properly promoting this event, and building it up over the next several years! Fred Gruenberg has a very impressive track record of holding superb tournaments. He is a man of energy and imagination. Perhaps his efforts will galvanize all of us, and particularly those who run the USCF, to revolutionize the way we run our national championship. We have cheated ourselves for too long.



Kasparov versus Anand: The Inside Story of the 1995 World Chess Championship Match is the definitive account of one of the most anticipated world title matches in chess history. Challenger Viswanathan Anand was in the lead after nine games at the top of New York's World Trade Center, but champion Garry Kasparov mounted a ferocious comeback to retain his crown.

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Book Reviews

Kasparov versus Anand

The Inside Story of the 1995 World Chess Championship Match, by Patrick Wolff, H3 Publications (see accompanying advertisement)

Reviewed by Tom Dorsch

The concept is an excellent one, to have a second tell the inside story of such a historical match, and, in this case, the execution matches the concept. The new entity H3 Publications meets the high standards set by the *American Chess Journal* for production quality. This is no surprise, because it is the same cast of characters who were behind both projects.

Wolff not only analyzes the games in depth, but provides a detailed account of the World Championship's long history. Wolff's analysis is much more detailed than one might expect, and represents more of a peak into the laboratory of a top Grandmaster than anything else.

The reader gets the sense that Wolff is doing this work for himself, for his own personal improvement, rather than for the public at large. Nevertheless, because the work has been published, we are afforded this rare insight into a Grandmaster hard at work on his game.

Even if you can't follow Wolff's annotations along in your head—I certainly couldn't—you can profit by the huge amount of background material provided in this book. Wolff writes what he thinks and this results in an entertaining and instructive piece of work.



Worth the Wait

American Chess Journal Number 3 (See accompanying advertisement)

Reviewed by FM James Eade

Good things come to those who wait, and in this case, wait and wait. The third volume of the *American Chess Journal* (ACJ) has finally arrived and it is very good indeed. Christopher Chabris, the editor in chief, informs me that the ACJ will no longer be published in serial form and all remaining subscription moneys have been returned.

This strikes me as an excellent decision. The now three volume ACJ series has produced some of the finest scholarly work of our time. There is no sense in rushing this kind of material in order to meet deadlines. It is much better to develop the mate-

rial properly, and publish when ready, rather than to rush to get into print. The ACJ is making a contribution to chess history and should be judged by those standards alone.

The third volume features the usual high quality production and outstanding contributions from multiple sources. It may not quite have the appeal that the first two volumes had, but it is still well worth owning. If you have an interest in the mechanics of the rating system, then you will be overjoyed by most thorough treatment of this topic I've ever seen. If you are not interested in this, then you will flip through more than forty mind numbingly boring pages. This is a big part of the book.

Whatever your feelings about rating systems, however, you are certain to enjoy the feature article by Robert Hübner, on the Immortal game. I've never seen anything like it. Hübner takes us through the long history of mistaken analysis on this, one of the most famous games of all time, between Anderssen and Kieseritzky. It was fascinating to be shown how errors in analysis were simply propagated over time. The purchase was worth it for this article alone.

There is more to the book than what I've mentioned so far, however, and ACJ readers will be treated to more Dvoretzky, literature and film reviews, all of which are first rate, and book reviews that may be unparalleled. With the above caveat about the rating system article, this is very highly recommended.



Lucky (Category) 13

San Francisco 1995, by James Eade, annotations by Nick deFirmian, Hypermodern Press

Reviewed by IM John Donaldson

The only thing rarer than strong Grandmaster round-robins in the United States, is books about them. Excluding some recent U.S. Championships, the number of high level round-robins played in this country in the last 40-odd years can be counted without resorting to one's toes: Dallas 1957, the two Piatigorsky Cups, San Antonio 1972, Chicago 1982, the 1993 Hudson International, and three events in San Francisco.

The first of these, the 1987 Pan-Pacific, almost made it to Category 11 (2496). The second, held four years later, made it to Category 12 (2528). The third in the series, played last February, was a Category 13 (2552), and featured a number of notable firsts including being the first U.S. event for Women's World Champion Xie Jun and English GM John Nunn. It's also the subject of a recently released book by NM James Eade.

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Behind the Scenes at the CalChess Scholastic

A look at the humorous side of directing a youth tournament

I am compulsive organizer. I try to prepare for any eventuality, but Murphy's Law prevails, "If something can go wrong it will." On Friday night, half way through our setting up for the next day's competition, the lights in the playing hall blew. I was told that the generator broke. The hotel's general manager informed us that they could not repair the generator for four days and that meant no air-conditioning or lights for the next two days. He offered to give us our money back. Keith Mehl, Head TD, and I calmly explained that we could not send almost 486 children home. For the next four hours, the general manager called other hotels and halls in San Francisco asking for space. Ha! Our calm exteriors began to show signs of extreme tension. I began to shake. Finally, we convinced the GM that we would have to take our chances that the sun would produce enough light in the playing area. We insisted he rent halogen lights and fans. Despite predictions of rain, the sun did shine the next day and we had plenty of light. I guess the goddess of chess favored us. The air-conditioning turned out to be on a different electrical system.

A light side of the event came about

when some members of a mystic-type religious group sharing the convention space with us complained to a TD about the noise some of our young people made as they walked-ran through their exhibits. The TD suggested they try to be mellow. I decided not to complain about the chanting and the smell of incense that permeated the convention area. No, I was not mellow. By this time I had become numb.

A negative aspect of holding a scholastic tournament in a hotel is the lack of a playground for the children. But young people are resourceful. At every scholastic national I have attended, the elevators become the playground of choice. The Cathedral Hill Hotel's elevators were no exception. After security complained, I posted parents at the elevator doors. This helped a bit. I must admit that I found it amusing when Carolyn Withgitt, TD, informed me that the children the security stopped in front of her belonged to members of the religious sect sharing the hotel space.

Children and parents found the staircases to be more convenient than the elevators. Two floors separated the two play-

ing sites. A herd of people jammed the staircases going from one hall to the other. The elevators were too slow, probably due to the kids pushing the buttons for each floor. I assigned the kindergarten through third grade divisions to the upper site. The room, which sat around 200 players, was in a glass enclosure on a large outdoor patio. Because of the size of the tournament I had to bar coaches and parents from the playing areas. I must admit that I do not envy the hotel's window washing staff. Parents' and coaches' faces pressed against the glass trying to view their children's games. I suggest a fish bowl style enclosure for any scholastic tournament. Parents can relieve some of their anxieties about the games and the children can laugh at the flattened noses and lips of their parents.

Of course, every scholastic tournament director must deal with the few parents or coaches who insist that everyone, including the tournament director is cheating. We learn over the years of directing tournaments that the complaining parties are the individuals we need to watch the closest. Near the end of the first day's competition, one mother, whom I believe cornered every tournament director about her son's opponents cheating, burst into the tournament hall. She had been watching her son's game through the looking glass. She believed she had proof of the other player's cheating. It turned out that the mother did not know the en passant rule.

Oh well, so it goes. There are a thousand stories out there at the big scholastic events.

—Alan M. Kirshner

33.Kd4 b4 34.Rb1 Rb8 35.e4 a3
36.Rb3 Ra5 37.exd5 Rxd5+
38.Ke4 Rd1 39.h4 c5 40.Rc2 e4
41.Rxc4 a2 42.Rcxb4 Rxb4+
43.Rxb4 a1Q 44.Rb7 Qd4+
45.Kf3 Qd5+ 46.Ke2 Qd3 mate
0-1

Carisma Reyes-Albert Wu
Round 1 UNR, 1006
[A22]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e3 Bb4 6.Bg2 e6
7.a3 Ba5 8.Nge2 Bg4 9.Nxd5
cxd5 10.0-0 0-0 11.b4 Bb6
12.Re1 Nc6 13.Qb3 d4 14.Qd5
Be6 15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.b5 Na5
17.Rb1 Bc4 18.exd4 exd4
19.Rb4 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 d3
21.Re1 Rd6 22.a4 Rf6 23.Rf1
Be5 24.Rb2 Nc4 25.Rb3 Re8

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26.Rxd3 Re2 27.Bxb7 g5
28.Bd5 Bxf2+ 29.Kg2 Bd4+
30.Kh3 Rh6+ 31.Kg4 Ne5+
32.Kf5 Nxd3 33.Kxg5 Rg6+
34.Kh4 Rxh2 mate 0-1

Akash Deb-Richard Barbara
Round 1 1110 0931
[A00]

1.b4 e5 2.a3 d5 3.Bb2 Bd6 4.f4
f6 5.Nf3 e4 6.Ng5 Bxf4 7.h4 a6
8.e3 Bxg5 9.hxg5 Nc6 10.g6 h6
11.d3 Bf5 12.Qh5 Nge7 13.Bxf6
Bxg6 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Qe5 0-
0 16.Nd2 Nc6 17.Qe6+ Bf7
18.Qg4 Ne5 19.Qg3 Qf6

20.dxe4 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Nf3+
22.gxf3 Qxa1+ 23.Kf2 Rae8
24.Rg1 Qxa3 25.Qxg7 mate 1-
0

**Chris Howland-
Jayodita Sanghvi**
Round 3 0475 0399
[C64]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5
4.Bb5 a6 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Na4 d6
7.Nxc5 dxc5 8.Nxe5 Be6
9.Nxc6 Qd6 10.Na5 Nf6 11.Nb7
Qc6 12.Na5 Qxe4+ 13.Qe2
Qxg2 14.Rf1 Qxh2 15.Nc6 0-0
16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.d4 cxd4

18.Bd2 Rfe8 19.Bb4 a5 20.Be5
Rad8 21.Nc6 Rd5 22.Be7 Bh3
23.Qe4 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Nxe4
25.Re1 Qxf2 mate 0-1

E.J. Schloss-Saurabh Sanghvi
Round 1 1007 0787
[D15]

1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3
Bg4 5.Bf4 e6 6.Bg5 Bxf3 7.exf3
Bb4 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 h6
10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Rb1 Qe7
12.Qb3 b6 13.e5 Nd7 14.cxb6
axb6 15.e4 c5 16.dxc5 bxc5
17.Be2 Rb8 18.Qd1 Rxb1
19.Qxb1 0-0 20.cxd5 exd5
21.a4 Rb8 22.Qa1 d4 23.a5 Re8
24.Qd1 Ne5 25.0-0 Rb8 26.Re1
Rb2 27.Be4 Qh4 28.g3 Nxf3+
29.Qxf3 Qh3 30.Qxf7+ Kh7
31.Bd3+ Kh8 32.Re8 mate 1-0

Storm Over Baghdad

by Larry Evans

Politics and sport don't mix too well. Even the royal game is a pawn in the larger game of geopolitics.

Bobby Fischer, 53, the greatest player America ever produced, holed up in Budapest after the United States indicted him for violating its embargo on Yugoslavia by his \$5 million match with Boris Spassky in 1992. His offense wasn't going there but getting paid.

Will history repeat itself?

American challenger Gata Kamsky met with a nasty surprise when FIDE gave the nod to a \$2 million bid from Iraq to host its title match with Anatoly Karpov in Baghdad on June 1. Although FIDE insisted sporting events don't violate UN sanctions on Iraq, a universal storm of protest swiftly erupted.

"Instead of feeding his people Saddam Hussein is going to host a bunch of chess grandmasters," huffed a State Department spokesman, who hinted that Kamsky can't return if he wins money there.

Kamsky defected from Russia in 1989 and is not yet an American citizen. To pursue his dream of capturing the FIDE championship, must he defy his adopted country?

Gary Kasparov, the real champ who

Evans: How did you feel when you learned Saddam Hussein would be hosting your title match in Baghdad?

Kamsky: You'll have to ask my father.

.....

is undefeated at the board, blasted FIDE's decision as "a crime against chess." Inside Chess stated bluntly: "Iraq is simply out of the question. While no one knows where all of this might lead, clearly the chess world and everyone in it are the losers."

The Russian Chess Federation also denounced the site: "We find it completely immoral despite the size of the prize or what Saddam Hussein wears at the opening ceremony. It disgraces all who take part in it."

Observers compared it to Hitler hosting the Olympics in 1936. Many nations including Iceland and Israel threatened to pull out of the world chess body, whose future looks bleak.

Polite requests by the U.S. Chess Federation for a change of venue were ignored. A lonely dissent came from the patron of an international tourney in San Francisco last year: "Hey, Americans, wake up! If

you don't like it, put up funds to hold the match here! As someone who spends a lot of money to bring topflight chess to America, I can only say it's hypocritical for a country with our resources to take offense at another country's efforts to sponsor chess events because of this or that fault in their society."

The saddest part of the story is that FIDE sabotaged other bids for over a year. Cynics wonder if it was a gambit by Karpov, 45, to duck his 21-year-old contender. "If our match helps bring peace to the region, let us take this first step," he cooed.

To stifle criticism both players were coaxed into pledging 25% of the purse to Iraqi children, who are presumably victims of American aggression. This reduces the prize to \$1.5 million.

While scrambling to find another sponsor, FIDE submitted the issue to the United Nations.

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State Scholastic Championship

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large number of letters and e-mail notes I received praising the tournament, I feel satisfied that I met my goal of providing a successful mini-national.

I would not be surprised if 600 players show up for next year's tournament. I anticipate that the tournament will be held the traditional last weekend in March. I would like to see a separate Kindergarten Division as in the Nationals. I would pro-

pose that special Club trophies be added to the School Team trophy. Players could only compete for registered USCF Clubs and only if their school did not have three individuals attending the tournament.

If the site for the tournament is a hotel, it must have enough space, inside and outside, for the children to let off steam between the rounds. A room needs to be set aside on Saturday for a coaches' meeting.



Tom Dorsch (sponsor) and Alan Kirschner (Organizer)

Book Reviews

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San Francisco 1995 (Hypermodern Press 1995, 147 pages, pb, AN, \$14.95) is a very nicely produced tournament book. Besides being an obligatory record of the event by giving all the games and the final crosstable, *San Francisco 1995* does a good job of giving the reader a feel for what it was like to be at the event.

Eade accomplishes this by not only covering the highlights through round by round commentary, but also by giving extensive player biographies, as well as behind the scenes looks at what it took to put it on. Eade should know—he was one of the key organizers.

Annotations to the games are principally by GM Nick deFirmian, but also include contributions from Viktor Korchnoi,

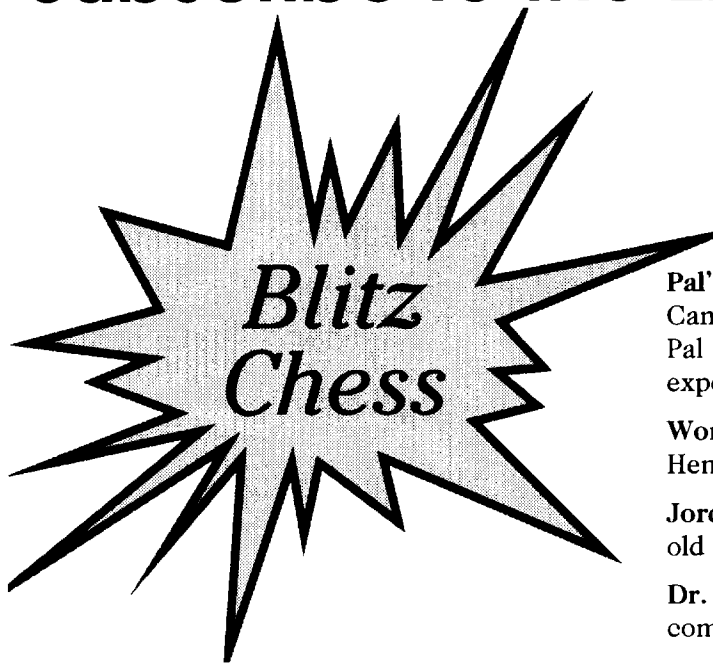
Robert Hübner, John Nunn, and Jonathan Tisdall. deFirmian, who lived for many years in the Bay Area before moving to New York, got his degree in Physics from U.C. Berkeley and has many ties to the area. He's helped organize all three events and his annotations show his commitment to go the extra mile for the event.

Not as well known as an annotator as some of his more prolific fellow American GMs, deFirmian proves to be a first-rate commentator. His notes are highly readable and to the point. When concrete variations are needed, he doesn't shirk his duty, but he also doesn't overwhelm the reader with columns and columns of variations.

San Francisco 1995 is well produced and includes excellent photos of all the participants. It's a welcome addition to American chess literature and at the very reasonable price of \$14.95 deserves to be in every chess player's library. Highly recommended.

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In this issue, we hear from Mel Martinez and Louis Spate.

Here are my two favorite games from last year's US Open, played right here in Northern California.

Loal Davis (2340)–Mel Martinez (2190)
US Open, (Concord) 1995
Notes by Martinez

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3

Already out of my opening book! Sad, isn't it?

2...d5 3.e4 Nxe4

In analyzing after the game, Loal said theory regards this move as leading to an inferior game for Black.

4.Nxe4 dxe4 5.Bc4

Now Black has a small problem. If he plays e6 here, he shuts in his c8 bishop. If he plays it out to f5, then b7 will be very weak. Not wanting to land in a position without any play, I decided here to give up the b7 pawn and concentrate on developing behind the e4 pawn.

5...Bf5 6.c3 e6 7.Qb3 Nd7 8.Qxb7

This looks like the pawn hunting all the beginner's books tell you to avoid, but White must get compensation for Black's control of e4. Besides, White isn't so much capturing a pawn as he is weakening the White squares, which will sorely miss the bishop that was defending them. I hoped to hold onto the e-pawn and make use of the open b-file.

8...Bd6

With the b file now open, the only safe place for the White king is on the king side. This move hopes to either prevent castling there, or at least take advantage of it.

9.Ne2 0-0 10.Be3 Nb6?!

I wanted to reach the d5 square with this knight, but still wanted to keep the option open of an f-pawn advance. Loal thought Nf6 was the correct route, and

he may have been right.

11.Bb3 a5 12.Qc6?

Black's last two moves were likely incorrect, but here White fails to take advantage of it. He probably feared his queen might be trapped, but 12.Ng3 looks very strong, maybe even winning. Note that if Black's knight were on f6 then the e4 would have another strong defender, and the knight could still reach d5. This one slip costs White the game.

12...a4 13.Bc2 Nd5 14.Bxa4?

Now this is the pawn hunting the books tell you to avoid. The reason it was played is clear; White now has an easily winning endgame. The problem is that White is still too undeveloped to be chasing after material. Black gets two open files on the queenside, so the White king isn't going there, and there are too many pieces trained on the kingside, so the White king isn't going there.

I realized that I now had a lost endgame, so I braced myself and was determined to put him away in the middlegame. Normally this wouldn't be a pleasant prospect against a player rated 150 points higher, but Black's position is very good, and besides, there was no longer any choice.

14...Rb8

This file will prove more useful than the a-file, and it gets the rook un-en prise from the queen on c6.

15.b4?

A real lemon. It does get the queenside pawns moving, but it also causes more weaknesses. We are still in a middlegame, after all. I sensed he was running out of useful moves.

15...Bg4 16.h3 Qh4 17.Kd2 Bxe2
18.Kxe2

Here Black misses a shot. 18...Rb6

17.Qc4 Bxb4 18.cxb4 Rxb4 19.Qc2 Rxa4 wins two pawns. However, then Black would lose part of his attacking force and his pieces would temporarily be out of position, so I likely wouldn't have played it anyhow.

18...f5 19.Bd2 Qh5+ 20.Kf1 f4 21.Bb3 e3 22.Bxd5

Finally! That knight was sitting on d5 dominating the whole game from move thirteen. Unfortunately, Black has used this knight to advance this e- and f-pawns, and they now take over the game.

22...exd5 23.Be1 f3 24.g4 e2+ 25.Kg1

I couldn't believe it! I have never had so crushing a position, let alone against a player rated over 2300!

25...Qg5 26.c4 Rf4 27.Qxd5+ Qxd5
28.cxd5 Rxd4 0-1

**Mel Martinez (2190)–
Roman Levit (2350)**
US Open, (Concord) 1995
Notes by Martinez

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 h6 4.d4 g5
5.h4 Bg7 6.g3 d5

A new move. Well, new to me anyhow. Now out of my book—hey, I made it to move six this time!—I searched for the sequence that made the most sense to me.

7.gxf4 dxe4 8.Ne5

Here Estrin says this is supposed to be clearly better for White.

8...Nd7 9.hxg5 Nxe5 10.fxe5 h5

Not knowing about Estrin's comment, I still felt I had the better game, but here became worried. I haven't developed a piece, and my kingside is very airy. Strong center aside, I was not very comfortable with the way the opening had worked out. I knew I should probably cuddle up and try to develop while defending my weak

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points, but that was never my way. I decided to sacrifice my two center pawns in exchange for developing my queenside and a strong initiative. After all, I didn't play 2.f4 to wimp out.

11.Nc3!? Bg4 12.Be2 Bxe2
13.Qxe2 Qxd4

I didn't really think he would take it!

14.Be3 Qxe5

I definitely didn't expect this! I figured something like Qb4 was next.

15.0-0-0

Now I am fully developed and his king can't castle. But is it enough?

15...Ne7?

After this, Black doesn't have a chance. He had to try 15...f5. I had planned to play simply 16.gxf6, but when Roman and I analyzed afterward, Nxf6 looked fully adequate. Instead Rd5 Qe6 17.Qb5+ is

tricky, but I think White is winning.

16.Rh4

The move Roman missed.

16...Rd8 17.Rxe4 Rxd1+
18.Qxd1 Qf5 19.Nd5! Be5
20.Rxe5! Qxe5 21.Nf6+ Qxf6
22.gxf6 Ng6 23.Bxa7 0 0
24.Qxh5 1-0



**Louis Spate (1630)–
Donald Danlag (2040)**

UC Davis Regional Tournament
Kings Indian Defense
(by transposition)

*Notes by Allan Fifield
and Louis Spate*

It's the old *One-Two* combination by Kid Spate as his knight dominates the Black squares while his queen terrorizes the White squares to deliver a 410 point upset KO of

his opponent.

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 d6
4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 Nc6

Beginning as a Colle, we now have a Kings Indian. White's inclusion of the move e3 shuts in his queen bishop and should offer Black an easy equality.

7.Nc3 e5?!

This seems premature.

8.d5 Ne7 9.h3!

Denies the Black queen bishop its only active post.

9...Ne8 10.e4 f5 11.Bg5 h6
12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nh2 f4
14.b4 Nf6 15.Rc1 g5 16.Be2
b6 17.Ng4 Qf7 18.c5 bxc5

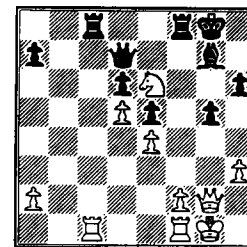
As is oft the norm in the Kings Indian, Black is pawn storming on the White monarch while White is trying to soften up the Black queenside pawns. If Black does not land a solid blow on the kingside both his queenside and kingside may be left with weak squares.

19.bxc5 Bxg4?!

Starts a series of exchanges that leaves White with the superior minor piece

20.Bxg4 Nxg4 21.Qxg4 f3
22.cxd6 fxd2 23.Qxg2 cxd6
24.Nb5 Qd7 25.Nc7 Rac8
26.Ne6

Domination of the c7-d8-f8-g7 squares!



26...Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Re8
28.Qf1! Bf6 29.Qd1 Kh7
30.Rxc8 Qxc8 31.Qf3!

White owns the board as his knight controls all the key Black squares while his queen roams unopposed on the weakened White squares near the Black king.

31...Qh8 32.Qf5+ Kg8
33.Qg6+ Bg7 34.Qe8+ Kh7
35.Qe7 Qg8 36.Qxa7 Kh8
37.Qxg7+

When you have enough to win, simplify!

37...Qxg7 38.Nxg7 Kxg7
39.a4 Kf7

The Black king is outside the square formed by a4-e4-e8-a8 and can not catch the passed pawn.

40.a5 Ke7 41.a6 Kd7 42.a7
Kc7 43.a8Q 1-0



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Solutions

To Test Your Tactics (see facing page)

1. Geller-Kapengut

1. Rd4 Bxd4 2.Bxd4+ Qxd4
3.Nxg6+ hg 4.Qxd4+ Rg7
(4...Kh7 5.Qh4+ and Qxe7)
5.Rc7

2. Gheorghiu-Tratatovici

1.Bg5 Qxf7 2.exf7 Rxe1+
3.Rxe1 Rf8 4. Re8 followed by
5.Be7

3. Gulko-Grigorian

1.Rf8+ Rxf8 2.Qd5+ Kh7
3.exf8=N+

4. Gumerov-Araslanov

1.Rxh6+ gh 2.Qxh6+ Bh7 3.d7

5. Hennings-Oetzel

1.Nexf6 Nxf6 2.Re8 Qf7
(2...Qxe8 3.Qxf6 and 4.Nh6++)
3.Nxf6 Qxf6 4.Rg8+ and 5.Qxf6

6. Hennings-Pavlov

1.Qd8+ Kg7 2.Qg8+ Kxg8
(2...Kh6 3.Qh8+ Kg6 4.Ne7+)
3.Ne7+ and 4.Nxf5 and the a-pawn queens.

7. Kislov-Berebesov

1.Rxg7+ Kxg7 2.Ne6+ de
3.Rd7+

8. Kislov-Viktorov

1.Bh7+ Kh8 2.Ne6+ fe
3.Bxd6++

9. Klyukin-Gergel

1.g6 fg 2.Rxe6 Qxh4 3.Rxc6+
Kb4 4.a3+ Ka4 5.Rc4+ bc
6.Bc6++

10. Knaak-Postler

1.f4+ Kxf4 (1...exf4 2.Rd5+ f5

[2...Kf6 3.g5+ Ke6 4.Qe8++]
3.Rxf5+ gxf 4.Qxf5+ Kh6
5.Qf6++) 2.Qxf7+ Kg5
(2...Kxe4 3.Qf3++) 3.Qe7+
Kh6 (3...Kf4 4.Qf6+ Kxe4
5.Qf3++) 4.g5+ Kh5 5.Qxh7+
Kxg5 6.Rg3+

11. Kozlovskaya-Cardoza

1.Qxh7+ Nxh7 2.Rxh7+ Kxh7
3.Rh3+ Kg6 (3...Qh5 4.Bxh5)
4.Bh5+ and 5.Bxf7++

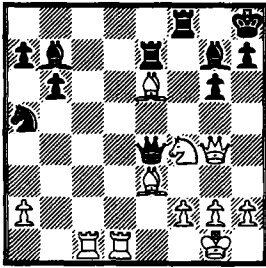
12. Landstetter-Janosh

1.Be7 Nxe7 2.Rxe6

Test Your Tactics

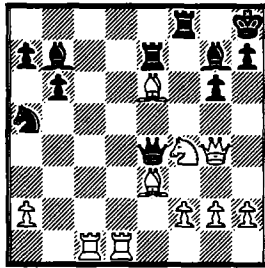
Twenty five years ago there was this thing called Fischer fever, which was a little bit like Beatle mania the decade prior. They played, people swooned. This issue's Test Your Tactics, takes us back to the year 1971. Every one of these positions occurred in play 25 years ago, but they seem just as alive today. Perhaps that is the magic of chess. These positions were culled from *The Big Book of Combinations* from Hypermodern® Press, edited by Eric Schiller. Answers are on the facing page.

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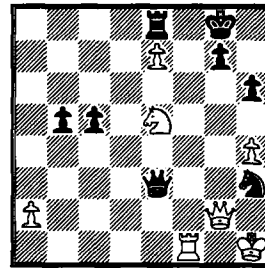
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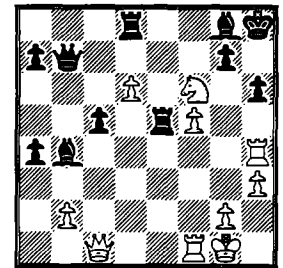
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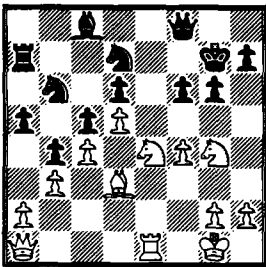
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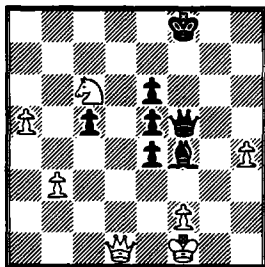
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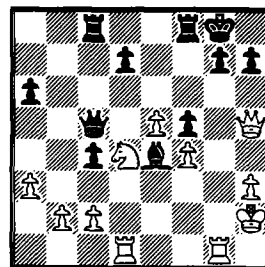
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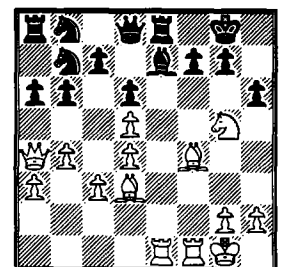
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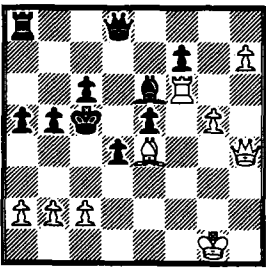
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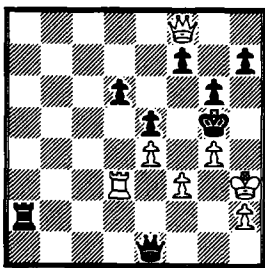
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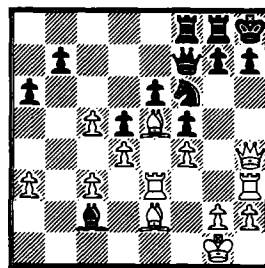
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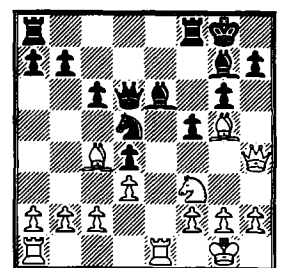
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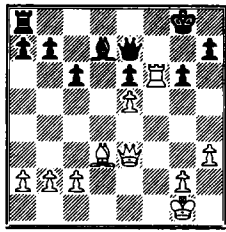


Landstetter–Janosh
Konigsfeld

LERA Games

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21.Rf6 c6 22.Qe3 Bd7



22...Qg7 23 Qg5 Be8 defends the King but not much else.

23.Bxg6!

A decisive break through sacrifice. Strangely enough, its practically forced, because an indifferent move will allow Black time to get his Rook into the game. Even after losing the a-pawn he will have reasonable chances for a draw.

23...hg 24.Rxg6+ Kf7

25.Rf6+

The direct Qh6 maybe a little more accurate. The game continuation allows Black the chance to get an additional pawn for his queen. Still there is not much hope for survival in this ending, so Black can't be faulted for trying to hold on by other means.

25...Ke8 26.Qg5 Kd8

27.Qg8+ Be8

Giving up the Rook for two pawns with 27...Kc7 28.Qxa8 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Qxe5 followed by Qxb2 doesn't change the ultimate outcome of the game.

28.Rxc6 Qf7 29.Qg5 Kd7

30.Rd6+ Kc7 31 e6! Qh5

32.Rd7+ (the point) Kb6

33.Qe3+ Ka6 34.Rd4 b6 35

Qa3+ Kb7 36.Qe7+ Ka6

37.Ra4+ Qa5 38.Rxa5+ and White eventually won.

Jesus Gonzales-Ake Gullmes

French Defense [C00]

(C section Brillancy Prize)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.f3? Nf6

White's previous move transposes to a rather dubious pawn sac 3...de 4.Be3 etc. If this kind of game doesn't appeal to black, then 3...c5 should be good for dynamic equality. Black's

choice of 3...Nf6 isn't bad either. That's why most practitioners of this gambit prefer 3.Be3 to the game continuation.

4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e5 Bh4+ 7.g3 Be7 8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 Nc6?

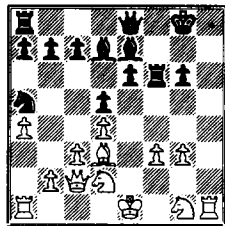
This is much too passive. 9...c5 would have been about equal. Now it will be very hard to organize effective counter play.

10.Bd3 Na5 11.Nd2 0-0

12.Qc2 g6 13.h4 f5 14.ef

Rxf6 (better is Bxf6) 15.h5

Qe8 16.hg hg



17.Ne4!

Clearing the way for the Queen. 17.Nf1 is the same idea, but too slow.

17...d3 18.Qh2 Rxf3

19.Qh8+ Kf7 20.Rh7 mate.

Steve Smithers-Artak Akopian

French Defense [C02]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3

Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 Nh6

7.Na3?! cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+?

This turns out to be a rather subtle mistake. Black can obtain easy equality with 8...Bxa3 9.ba Nf5 10.Be3 (White probably doesn't get enough for the pawn on 10 0-0 Nfxd4) Nxe3 11.fe Qa5+.

9.Kf1 Bxa3 10.bxa3 Nf5

11.g4

Now the d-pawn is not hanging because Black can't use Nxf3 to get out of the pin on 11...Nfxd4? 12.Be3.

11...Nfe7 12.Kg2 Bd7

13.Qd3 f5?

This is far too adventurous. Black would have been better off finishing his development before engaging in the middle

game. Either 13...Re8 or 13...0-0 followed by f6 should have been tried. Akopain probably felt he had to win this game at all costs since he was already a point behind the field and because there is a 250 point difference in the players respective ratings.

14.exf6 gxf6 15.Rb1 Qc7

16.Bh6 Kf7 17.Rhc1

The rook doesn't seem to have much of a future here. It should either stay where it's at, or transfer to f1 where it can support an attempt to bust open the kingside with pawn push f4-f5.

17...Rag8 18.Kf1 Qb8

Avoiding the transparent trap, 18...Rg4? 19.Ne5+ Nxe5 20.de when both the queen and the rook are under attack.

19.h3 Rg6 20.Qd2 b6 21.Bf4 Qd8

Black's pieces are all tied up in knots.

22.Bg3 h5!?

Lashing out in a desperate attempt at counter play. Monday morning quarterbacks would probably preferred Rgg8 followed continued quite maneuvering.

23.Nh4 Rg7 24.gxh5 e5

25.dxe5 Bxh3+ 26.Ke1 Nxe5

27.Rb3 Be6 28.Rbc3 Nc4

29.Qf4 Nc6

Black has achieved a certain messy-ness to the position where either side can win. The problem is, the Black monarch is more exposed than his counter part.

30.Ng6 Re8 31.Bh4 N6e5

32.Nxe5+ Nxe5 33.Kf1 Reg8

34.Rg3

Correctly cutting off Black's one source of counter play. 34 Rc7+ looks enticing, but after 34...Nd7 35.Bb5 Rg1+ 36.Ke2 Rxc1 Black may have time to escape the worst of his problems.

34...Rxxg3 35.fxxg3 Bd7

36.Kg1

Planning to win with a brute force attack on the f6 pawn. Exploiting the overloaded queen with 36.Rc7 is an alternative route to victory.

36...Re8 37.Rf1 Re6 38.h6 Qh8 39.Bh5+ Ke7 40.g4 Bc6

This loses a piece, but its hard to be critical of Black since there are no good alternatives.

41.g5 fxxg5 42.Bxxg5+ Kd7

43.Bf6 Qg8+ 44.Bg7 d4

45.Qd4+ Kc7 46.Rf8 Nf3+

47.Bxf3 Rg6+ 48.Bg4 Qd5

49.Be5+ Kb7 50.Qxd5+

Rg4+ 51.Kf1 Bxd5 52.h7

Bc4+ 53.Kf2 1-0

Broune

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I felt this rocky knight would protect against any kingside attack.

25...Nef5 26.Qd3

26.Qe5 was possible, but already down to a reasonable fourteen minutes, I didn't want to allow any tactics like Nxxg3 or even a later Nxxg2. The text keeps b5, d5, and f5 under control, while even supporting a back rank incursion!

26...Rad8

26...d4 27.e4 Ng3 28.hg3 Ng6 29.f4 pushes him way back.

27.Rc6!

By trading rooks I'll lessen the back rank and simplifying doesn't hurt when you're behind on the clock!

27...Ne7 28.Rxd6 Rxd6

29.Ra1 Neg6

I expected 29...g6 30.Qd4 Qf6 31.Qf6 Rf6 32.Ra7 Kf8 and I debated 33.Rxe7 Kxe7 34.Nd5 Ke6 35.Nxf6 as my king is far away. White could just try to win to win the d-pawn.

30.Ra8+ Kh7 31.Nc6 h5?!

Probably he had ideas to sac on g2, but with the knight on g6 pinned... The text is just a new target.

32.Ra7 f6?

32...Kg8 runs into 33.Qe2 hitting h5+--.

33.Nd4

Simple, yet extremely strong breaking all resistance.

33...Qe5 34.Ng5 Nxf5

35.Nxf5 Rd8 36.Rxxg7+ Kh8

37.Rxxg6 Ra8 38.g3 1-0

California Masters

This is a list of all masters in California, as of 1 April 1996. It is based on rating information from the USCF.

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2641/10	ANASTASIAN,	2410*M0	BUCKLEY, MARK	2341*m4	ZILDZIC, KENAN	2272*X9	WELCH, JOSEPH
2634*s9	ADIANTO, UTUT	2401*m4	KAISER, THOMAS	2337*M4	HERMANSEN, RON	2271*m0	ZILBERBERG, ALIK
2587*t8	BROWNE, WALTER S	2400* 0	LESSING, NORMAN	2333*M4	CASILLAS, ADRIAN	2270*M2	AKOPYAN, HARUTYUN
2580*t12	PETERS, JACK	2400*S4	LOBO, RICHARD	2333*M4	RAMOS, STEVE L	2269*m2	JACOBI, STEVEN P
2570*t14	LAKDAWALA, CYRUS F	2399*s2	DURHAM, DAN	2332*M4	SAULESPURENS, VALDIS	2269*M4	SHAKHNAZAROV, OLEG
2569/18	JANOVSKY, SERGEY M	2399*m6	MONOKROUSSOS, DENNIS	2331/04	COMPX, M CHESS	2267*m5	HURDLE, ROBERT
2543*s5	WHITEHEAD, JAY E	2396*s5	AKOPIAN, ARTAK	2330*s4	STEIN, ALAN R	2266*m0	Richard, RobertW
2536/08	LYRBERG, PATRICK	2390*s0	BEELBY, MATTHEW AARON	2330*M4	ZILBERSTEIN, DMITRY	2266*M6	WAGNER, CARL E
2531/07	COMPX, KASPAROV'S GAMBIX	2388*s2	MARGULIS, ISAAK	2329*m0	CHESNEY, BILL A	2265*X8	CASTILLO, OTTO
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Eade has personally reported on many of Goodall's events. When he became editor, he requested that someone else provide the coverage for these tournaments. Sam Sloan and Tom Dorsch have been doing so. For some reason, Goodall became incensed by this. He even refused us permission to use Sloan's report on last years Capps, which was well written and reflected well on Goodall. Now Goodall is attempting to cry blacklist at the national level. No one is blacklisted from these pages, nor will anyone ever be.

CalChess President, Richard Koepcke, has stepped into the

breach and will arrange for CalChess volunteers to make certain that Goodall's reports are submitted for him. (Allan Fifield got the job done this issue.) This should solve the problem, and we applaud Richard's leadership. Goodall is a valued member of our community and directs several important tournaments a year. We have every intention of reporting on his events in the future, as we have in the past.

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2213*X2 TEMKIN, MATVEY
2213*X7 ZAPATA, RODOLFO BENJAMIN
2212*X0 KUTASOV, IZZY
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2202*m0 MOULTON, DAVID P
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2200*m0 HAINES, ROBERT W
2200*m0 KOOPAL, AHMAD
2200*m2 LEVIN, EUGENE
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2200*m7 MONTALBO, ALAN B
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2200*m0 PATTY, JOHN
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2200*m5 RICHARDS, BILL A
2200*m6 ROSS, STEVEN G
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Fridays, 7:15 p.m.
Berkeley City Club
2315 Durant
A. Glasscoe 510•652-5324

Burlingame

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Burlingame Lions Club
990 Burlingame Ave
Scott Wilson 415•355-9402

Campbell

Kolty Chess Club
Thursdays 7-11:30 p.m.
Campbell Comm Ctr
Winchester/W.Campbell
F. Leffingwell 408•224-0743

Carmichael

Senior Citizens Ctr. bnnn
4701 Gibbons
Rob't Pounds 916•961-8108

Chico

Fridays 7-11 p.m.
Rec.Rm. 1901 Dayton Blvd.
P. Chamousis 916•872-3158

Daly City

Ren Yee 415•992-4937

Davis

Thurs 7 p.m.
Hunt Hall UCD
Dave Johnson 756-2752

Fremont

Fridays 6:30-on
Scotty's Coffee House
39279 Cedar Blvd, Newark
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Alan Kirshner 510•657-1586

Fresno

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Carls Jr.
3820 N. Cedar Ave.
D.Wajckus 209•252-4484

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Mondays 7-9 p.m.
Hayward Library
Mission at C St
Kerry Lawless 510•785-9352

Incline Village, NV

Lahey Computer Co.
865 Tahoe Blvd, #2
R. Straver 702•832-0361

Livermore

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C. Pigg 447-5067

Marysville

Yuba-Sutter CC
Tom Giertych 916•671-1715

Merced

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Friday 7 p.m.
Scout Hut-Applegate Park-
nr.26&N
Dave Humpal 209•722-0764

Madera

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Carls Jr.
Madern Ave. & Hwy 99
Kelton Brewer 209•673-1026

Modesto

Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Jack in the Box
Brinkmore and McHenry
John Barnard 209•533-8222

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430 Alvarado St.
Yudacufski 408•372-9790

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Vets Home, Yountville
B. Bailey 707•253-0648

Oroville

YMCA Chess Club
Bill Bovet 916•533-8432

Palo Alto

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
Terman Community Ctr Rm 33
Arastradero Road
Tom O'Connor 415•964-8799

Porterville

Wednesday 7 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Corner of Henderson & Indiana
Hans Borm 209•784-3820

Reno, NV

Mon/Thurs 7 p.m.
Oldtown Mall CommCtr
4001 S. Virginia
J.Weikel 702•747-1405

Richmond

Fridays 6 p.m.
Richmond Library
26th & MacDonald
John Easterling 510•529-0910

Roseville

Monday 6-10 p.m.
1050 Melody Lane #6
Allan Goff 916•723-8073

Sacramento

Wednesdays 7-11 p.m.
Senior Citizens Ctr
915-27th St.
Katz 916•444-3133

CSU Sacramento
Student Union Bldg.

Salinas

Mondays 5 p.m.
Firehouse Rec Ctr
E Alisal St (E of John)
Jose Sandoval (no phone)

San Anselmo

Tuesday 7 p.m.
Round Table Pizza, Red Hill Sh Ctr
Sir Francis Drake Blvd
Jim Mickle 415•457-2719

San Francisco

Mechanics' Institute
Open daily
57 Post St, 4th Floor
M.Wilkerson 415•421-2258

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2d Sat. each month
2:15-6:15 p.m.
Mary Gomez Park
F. Sierra 408•241-1447

Santa Cruz

S. Kangas 408•464-0202

Santa Rosa

Tuesdays 6-10:45 p.m.
Sonoma Coffee Company
521 4th Street
Keith Halonen 707•578-6125

Stockton

Fridays 7 p.m.
St Andrews Church
4910 Claremont
Ed Auerbach 209•957-7575

Sunnyvale

LER
Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Lockheed Rec Ctr, Bldg #160
Jim Hurt 916•525-7912

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916•525-7912

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TI = Todd Imada, UCB: ASUC/SUPERB, Ber-
keley 94720. 510•642-7477

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cisco 94133. 415•923-3776

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Fremont 94539.

Tulare

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
A&W Root Beer
133 North 'J' Street
Ward Forman 209•688-6386

Vallejo

Fridays 7:30 p.m.
Senior Citizens Ctr, 333 Amador St
Rasmussen 707•642-7270

Visalia

Wednesday 7 p.m.
Carl's Jr-Von's Ctr
Hwy 198 & Chinowth
Allan Fifield 209•734-2784

Walnut Creek

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
Civic Park/Broadway at Civic
C. Lehman 510•946-1545
Casual play daily
Theatre Caffe
1655 N. Main St.
George D. 510•935-7779

Yuba-Sutter

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Buttes Christian Manor
223 F Street, Marysville
T.Giertych 916•742-7071

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May 4-5 (Sa-Su) Livermore Open * (CP)
May 4-5 (Sa-Su) Paradise Open (DH)
May 5 (Su) Visalia Spring Picnic (AF)
May 18-19 (Sa-Su) San Joaquin Championship * (DW)
May 25-27 (Sa-M) LERA (Sunnyvale) (JH)

June 7-9 (F-Su) Stamer (San Francisco) * (MG)
June 7-9 (F-Su) Far West Open (Reno) (JW)
June 15 (S) Madera June Rater (KB)
June 29-30 (Sa-Su) Class Struggle (Berkeley) * (MG)

July 20 (Sa) Madera July Rater (KB)

Aug. 3-Sep 2 (Sa-M) CalChess Labor Day * (TD)

Oct. 20 (Sa) North-South Match (TBA)

Annual Events

MLK weekend (3rd weekend Jan.) (TD)	2nd weekend June (F-Su) Stamer (MG)
Presidents' Day Weekend People's (Berkeley) (AT)	3rd weekend June (F-Su) Far West Open (Reno) (JW)
1st weekend March (F-Su) SF Amateur (MG)	Labor Day weekend (1st weekend Sept.) (TD)
State Scholastic Championship (last weekend March)	Last weekend Oct. (F-Su) Western Open (Reno) (JW)
LERA Memorial Day (JH)	2nd weekend Nov. (F-Su) Capps (MG)
	LERA Thanksgiving (JH)

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