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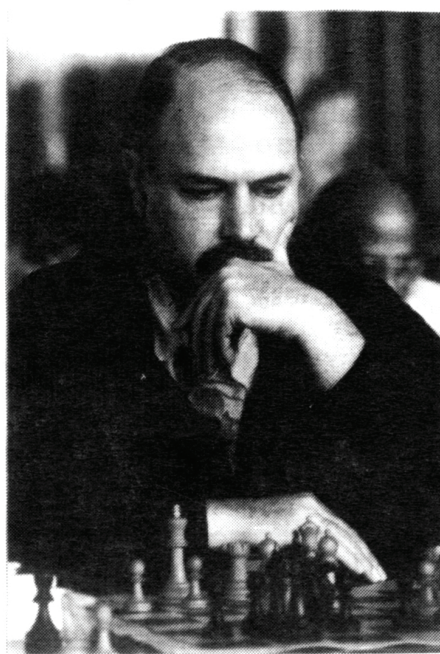
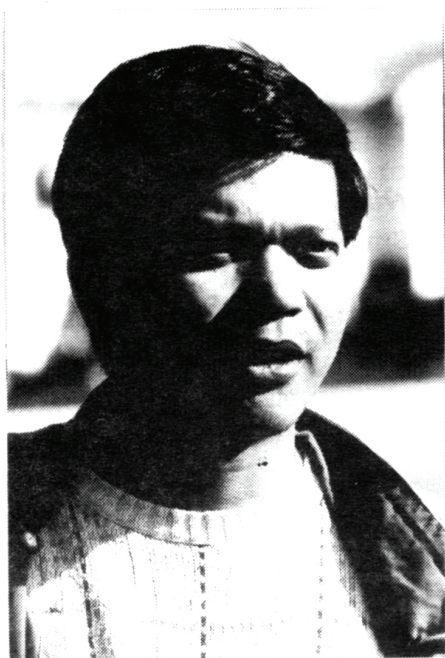
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### Editor's Message

This special summer double issue of the California Chess Journal is loaded with extra sections of chess news on the latest goings on in Northern California chess. We thereby adopt a device made famous by "Inside Chess," permitting the staff to stretch their vacations without shorting the subscribers of total volume. (Of course, since the total volume of work performed may be somewhat less, there will be appropriate adjustments in their salaries). There is so much going on these days that we may have to start publishing double issues on a regular basis!

Among the transitions: Frequent contributor Don Shennum and Laura Greenlee are entering a state of wedded bliss. Best of luck to the newlyweds! Alan Tse, Shennum's sidekick at UC SUPERB, just graduated and was accepted at Harvard Law School. Looks like he will be an infrequent visitor for the next three years. When he told us he was going for the green, we never guessed he meant "ivy!" Good luck with Professor Kingsley, Alan! We also lost Craig Smith, who was running things at the Kolty Club. Craig has relocated to Texas, where employment opportunities are much better right now.

On the other hand, there are so many new arrivals. Elliot Winslow left the frigid winter of upstate New York to again grace the shores, and NM Joe Blackstone, originally from Saratoga, returned to Northern California after an absence of some three decades. He was in Southern California helping manage Hughes Aircraft and to raise a family, but now that he has won the Cold War, it is safe for him to retire to the friendlier climes of his hometown. His return to action was the Stamer Memorial tournament, where it is said that he acquitted himself honorably after a long layoff.

Hope to see you all at the state championship on Labor Day in San Mateo! Have a nice summer, everyone.

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**19TH ANNUAL NORCAL SCHOLASTIC CHAMPS**

BY RAY ORWIG

The 19th Annual NorCal Scholastic Chess Championships took place at Saint Mark's School in San Rafael on March 26-27. The tournament drew a record 388 players, with 30 players ranked in the National top 50 in their respective age groups.

Beginning a new tradition, the Swiss-Sys computerized pairings program was used. The tournament was directed by a crackerjack team of directors.

All winners are listed in tie-break order.

**PRIMARY**

This division saw an incredibly tough team from Los Angeles' St. Paul School run away with the competition both team and individually. They had three players tie for first with a perfect 5-0 and led the team race by a whopping five points. The battle for top Northern Cal team was fierce, and when the dust settled, Mission San Jose and Saint Mark's School were tied with 14 points, MSJ taking the trophy on tiebreaks. (This is the tenth year in a row that Saint Mark's has won a State Title). Since St. Paul is an out-of-state team, it was the overall champion and the Nor Cal title went to the Northern California teams and individuals. 91 players competed in this section.

**Individuals**

1. **Alex Schloss (1007)** 5-0 ea  
**David De La Torre (1324)**  
**Elizabeth De La Torre (980)**
4. **Stephen Cryer (770)** 4-1 ea  
**Chris Behrens (1247)**  
**Andrew Huey (1267)**  
**Kiril Torasenko (994)**  
**Devin Ludlow (Unr.)**  
**Jesse Pederson (883)**  
**Derek Schloss (1022)**  
**Andrew Chang (989)**  
**Kevin Bui (885)**  
**Adam Lischinsky (1258)**  
**Ross Kilroy (897)**

**Peter Logan (Unr.)**  
**Geonny Fauvler (964)**  
**Richard Barberia (880)**

**Rating Class:****Under 1000 (all scored 3-2)**

**Nathan Lee**            **Eric Egide**  
**Richard Yai**        **Jeff Beckham**  
**Sean O'Brien**     **Robbie Block**  
**Max Ghenis**

**Under 800 (all scored 3-2)**

**Vincent Magaline** **Matthew Gorza**  
**Peter Breenan**     **Loren Egide**  
**Gabriel Manzanarez**

**Under 600 (both scored 3-2)**

**Steven Yust**            **Edward Schloss**

**Unrated**

**Aldis Rapa**            **3.5-1.5**

**Teams**

1. **St. Paul**                    **19 points**
2. **Mission San Jose**       **14 points**
3. **Saint Mark's**            **14 points**
4. **Weibel**                    **12 points**
5. **Forest Park**             **12 points**

**ELEMENTARY JUNIOR VARSITY  
(UNDER 1100)**

This new division was the largest at 116 players and had some of the closest competition. The individual race was closely tied to the team race as there were four teams within a point of each other going into the final round. In the end MSJ and Weibel tied as co-champions with **Alan Chang** of MSJ and **Joshua Prochaska-Saglio** of Robert Down as co-champions. This section saw many upsets such as **Kabeer Bahadur** (324) over **Kevin So** (988), **Adam Bredit** (485) winning over **Chris Chu** (1009), and **Heidi Cole** (504) defeating **Nick Pletz** (1032).

**Individuals**

1. **Alan Chang (980)**        **5-0 ea**  
**Joshua Prochaska-Saglio (930)**

3. **Edward Soh (Unr.)** 4-1 ea  
**Chris Montes (1005)**  
**Chase Chinchen (Unr.)**  
**Jennifer Chen (936)**  
**Ben Kavanaugh (1095)**  
**Caesar Cuellar (954)**  
**Heidi Cole (504)**  
**Joxelyn Lee (891)**  
**Lee Ming Zen (1061)**  
**Azman Hussain (940)**  
**Enoch Wu (Unr.)**  
**Greg Wong (962)**  
**Audrey Lin (875)**  
**Johanna Garcia (837)**  
**Gabe Torres (859)**  
**John Casnocha (1005)**  
**Michael Lin (715)**  
**Daniel Kilduff (919)**

#### Rating Class:

##### Under 800

**Raymond Chou** 3.5-1.5

##### Under 600

**Bridget Kilroy** 3.5-1.5

##### Unrated (all scored 3-2)

**Sammy Lenz** **Benedict Blando**  
**Parker Hollingsworth** **Alan Wei**  
**Jeff Carlson** **Tony Pacheco**  
**Joey Arellano** **Jose Hernandez**  
**Matthew Reich**

#### Teams

1. **Mission San Jose** 16.5 pts  
**Weibel** 16.5 pts  
3. **Saint Mark's** 14 pts  
**Ruus** 14 pts  
**Shackelford** 14 pts

#### **ELEMENTARY OPEN**

This section boasted ten nationally ranked players and a fierce team struggle as well. Weibel's **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** drew with MSJ's **Joe Lonsdale, Jr.** in the final round to emerge as co-champions, leaving a stunningly talented field in their wake. Upsets in this division were few but spectacular: **Solon Yang** (1030) drew with **Kevin Simler** (1592), and **Chris Johnson** (1176) handed high-rated **William Surlow** (1862) a rare defeat. 56 players were in this section. The tea race saw the domination of **Mission San**

**Jose**, as they won with a very convincing 16 points.

#### Individuals

1. **Micah Fisher-Kirshner (1707)**  
4.5-0.5  
**Joe Lonsdale, Jr. (1659)**  
4.5-0.5  
3. **Julio Lima (1299)** 4-1 ea  
**Phillip Wang (1871)**  
**James Kuan (1183)**  
**Eric Lin (1317)**  
**Kevin Simler (1592)**  
**David Petty (1190)**  
**Kevin O'Brien (1514)** 3.5-1.5  
**Anton Parker (1411)** ea  
**Phillip Ou (1260)**  
**William Surlow (1862)**

#### Rating Class:

##### Under 1200 (all scored 3-2)

**Brian Cua Yu** **Aaron Lin**  
**Dave McDaniel** **Jon Stewart**  
**Julie Vizcaino** **Christopher Li**  
**Lorenzo Beltran**

##### Under 1000

**Edith Yang** 3-2

##### Under 800

**Landon Little** 3-2

#### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

This section had fifty players. Once again we had co-team champions, **Biggs** and **Martin Luther King** of Berkeley, both scoring fourteen points. The individual battle was not as close. **Mark Dean** was the class of the field, winning with the only perfect 5-0.

#### Individuals

1. **Mark Dean (1535)** 5-0  
2. **Jeremy Ryan (1167)** 4-1 ea  
**Kalwin Su (1223)**  
**Jonathan Fan (1087)**  
**Michael Bennett (1452)**  
**Chad Manes (1330)**  
**Robin Lindsay (1234)**  
**David Pruess (1181)**  
**Daniel Khersonsky (1253)**  
10. **Patrick Mabray (1177)** 3-2 ea  
**Darin George (Unr.)**  
**Jackie Wells (Unr.)**  
**Eric Chen (1190)**

**Adrian Reich (Unr.)**  
**Dominique Jenkins (1237)**  
**Doug Ader (1108)**  
**Adam Banakus (1176)**  
**Ben Phillips (1287)**  
**Meng Thao (1313)**  
**Marcus Arellano (1179)**  
**Paul Parks (832)**  
**Fernando Rusiles (606)**  
**Kelvin Epps (Unr.)**

**Rating Class:**

**Under 1000**  
**Bo Huang 2-3**

**Under 800 (each scored 2-3)**  
**Robert McCormick**  
**Winfort Battle**

**Unrated (each scored 2-5-2.5)**  
**Daniel Marker**  
**Van Nguyen**

**Teams**

<b>1. Biggs</b>	<b>14 points</b>
<b>MLK-Berkeley</b>	<b>14 points</b>
<b>3. Luther Burbank</b>	<b>11 points</b>
<b>4. Bartlett</b>	<b>10.5 pts.</b>
<b>5. Miranda</b>	<b>8.5 points</b>

**HIGH SCHOOL**

This was the strongest high school tournament ever seen in Nor Cal, with three masters and six experts leading the 75-player field. The battle for the top spot and the invitation to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions (held annually during the U.S. Open in August) was tremendous. In the end, super-tough **Dmitry Ziberstein** emerged with the only perfect 5-0. On the way he defeated former champion **Peter Lee** and America's youngest master, **Jordy Mont-Reynaud**.

The team race was an almost too familiar pattern: **Lowell High School** again had the power. Lowell's troops, coached by CalChess' Chess Teacher of the Year, **Peter Dahl**, were just too strong.

Upsets in this section were limited to draws. **Mike Banulescu** (1561) drew **Alex Dubrovsky** (2024) and

**Prakash Bhawe** (1306) drew **Eric Baudry** (1771).

**Individuals:**

**1. Dmitry Ziberstein (Unr.) 5-0**  
**2. David Peterson (2273)**  
**4.5-0.5**  
**Adrian Keatinge-Clay (2159)**  
**4.5-0.5**  
**4. Jordy Mont-Reynaud (2185)**  
**4-1**  
**Vinay Bhat (1904) 4-1 ea**  
**Peter Lee (2056)**  
**Alex Dubrovsky (2024)**  
**Andrea Peterson (1828)**  
**Vladimir Andreev (1876)**  
**Dmitry Karshstedt (1877)**

**Rating Class:**

**Under 1800**  
**Eric Baudry 3.5-1.5**

**Under 1600**  
**Mike Banulescu 3.5-1.5**

**Under 1400 (all scored 3-2)**  
**Austin Che J.P. Donovan**  
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**Andrew Ling Steven Metz**

**Unrated**  
**Maxim Zak 3.5-1.5**

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## SILICON VALLEY SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP

BY FM PETER YU

The Silicon Valley tournaments series kicked off its 1994 season with the Silicon valley/ROLM Spring Championship. Co-sponsored by ROLM Corporation, famous makers of ROLM telephones and voice mail systems, this five-round Swiss attracted 140 players over the February 26-28 weekend. Chief organizer **Pat Howlett** and TD **Carolyn Withgitt** collaborated with ROLM employee and fellow chess-player **Arcangelo Castaldo** to once again bring quality chess to the Santa Clara Techmart.

The last time the nomadic Silicon Valley series came to the Techmart, nearby Sunnyvale resident **FM Peter Yu** (2360) won clear first with a 4-0 romp. However, the most recent Silicon Valley event, held last fall at the San Jose Hilton, was won by San Carlos **FM Burt Izumikawa** (2435). This time, both of these Silicon Valley diehards were faced with the formidable challenge of overcoming "newcomers" **IM Cris Ramayrat** (2492) of the Philippines, and Southern Cal Champ **Thomas Wolski** (2394).

After nearly being toppled by junior phenom **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (2185) in the first round, Ramayrat managed a draw against FIDE 2400 **Mike Arne** (2350) in round 2. At the same time, Swiss gambiteer Yu gave Izumikawa a second-round draw, despite being up a pawn with no complications, just to avoid a third-round encounter with top-ranked Ramayrat. This maneuver nearly backfired as Yu lost a clear exchange early in round 3 to **NM Mark Gagnon** (2207). But through the miracle of stubbornness, Yu neutralized Gagnon's two-point advantage and eventually came back to win. Relatively speaking, Izumikawa and Ramayrat had an easier time handling their respective opponents,

**Mitch Vergara** (2156) and **NM Tom Dorsch** (2237). Meanwhile the two perfect scores, **FM Renard Anderson** (2363) and **Wolski**, met and drew in round 3 after a long, hard-fought struggle, during which **Wolski** appeared to have held a slight pull.

Sunday morning showcased some hefty match-ups as the tactically flamboyant Ramayrat overcame the positionally solid Anderson on top board. Local favorites Izumikawa and Arne battled to a draw on board 2, while board 3 saw **Wolski** and Yu castle on opposite sides with the latter finally emerging unscathed. This setup the last round pairing between section leaders Yu and Ramayrat, both a half point ahead of the field. Having prudently avoided an earlier meeting with Ramayrat, Yu could no longer prevent the inevitable faceoff with the dangerous "Rat" (used fondly). Playing the White pieces, Yu pulled out an opening finesse from his bag of tricks and offered a draw Ramayrat could not refuse. This allowed Izumikawa to catch up after a clutch win over upstart Expert **Jimmy Plumb** (2149). Jimmy had sneaked into contention by knocking off Los Altos **NM Alan Stein** (2294) in the previous round. Finally, Arne was unable to join Ramayrat, Izumikawa, and Yu in the winners' triangle after falling to the ever-lethal Anderson.

The hotly contested Under-2300 prize was won handily by Vergara, whose only setbacks were his aforementioned loss to co-winner Izumikawa and a self-inflicted half point bye.

In Section 2 (2099-1900), organizer Howlett (1974) scored a convincing 4.5-.5 to garner clear first ahead of eleven Experts. Only **Timothy Randall** (2044) and **Richard Swift** (2033) tied for second

place, both with four points. Under 2000 honors were split between the soon-to-be-married **Don Shennum** (1989) (Congratulations, Don! Good luck, Don and Laura!), co-organizer and thrice re-entered Castaldo (1946), and of course **Virgilio Fuentes** (1943), the lesser-rated of the amazing Fuentes brothers. Each able player scored 3.5 points.

Section 3 (1899-1600) featured a tie between A-players **Benjamin Sloss** (1866) and **Akram Hanna** (1838), at 4.5. Both had given up first round draws, only to fight tooth-and-nail all the way back into the top spots with four wins apiece. Young **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1666) rounded out the money winners with 3.5 points, good for the Under 1800 purse. To accomplish this feat, Micah had to upset all of his higher-rated opponents, including a win over 6th seed **John Juan** (1862), and draws with the 1st and 4th seeds.

In the Under 1600 section, **Lawrence Martinez** (1449) turned in a perfect 5-0, taking clear first ahead of top Unrateds **Phuong Bach** and **Ian Taylor**, both at 4.5-.5. Finishing tied for second among the rated were **Kevin Bell** (1470), **Antonio Bigazzi** (1383), and **Luiz Santos** (1379), all with 4. This bottom section was the largest of all four sections.

The following is Yu's crucial win over Wolski from the penultimate round, in which both players early on announced their intentions to go for the jugular.

**White: NM Thomas Wolski (2394)**  
**Black: FM Peter Yu (2360)**  
**Silicon Valley Championship**  
**French Tarrasch [C06]**

*[Annotated by FM Peter Yu]*

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. ed5 Qd5

A dynamic and effective way to meet the Tarrasch variation.

5. Ngf3 cd4 6. Bc4 Qd6 7. O-O Nf6 8. Nb3 Nc6 9. Nbd4 Nd4 10. Nd4 a6

During the late eighties, just when the 4...Qd5 variation was becoming popular, people believed this move committed Black to castle kingside. Likewise, the less ambitious but more solid 10...Bd7 was thought to mean castling queenside. Despite an obvious compromise in Black's pawn structure, the current feeling is that delayed 0-0-0 is possible even after 10...a6, depending on White's choice of set-up.

**11. Bb3**

Alternatives are a4, b3, or Re1. Wolski pre-empts Black's intended maneuver ...Qc7-Bd6-b5 by taking the Bishop out of danger's way.

**11...Qc7 12. Qf3**

On 12. Re1, I was prepared to enter 12...Bd6 13. Nf5!? Bh2+ 14. Kh1 Kf8! (0-0?! 15. Ng7! +=/+-) 15. g3 Bg3! 16. Ng3, when Black's material deficit is well compensated by threats such as ...b5-Bb7-h5-h4. In Psakhis-Speelman, Moscow 1990, White's awkward position did not hold up to 16...b5 17. Kg2 h5 18. Nf1 Bb7+ 19. f3 h4 20. c3 h3+ 21. Kh1 h2 22. Re3 Ng4! 23. Qe2 Ne3 24. Be3 Rh3 25. Nd2 Rd8 26. Rf1 Rd2 27. Bd2 Rf3 28. Qf3 Bf3+ 29. Rf3 Qc6 0-1.

**12...Bd6 13. h3 Bd7**

I used to play 13...0-0!? in this position. IM John Watson gives 13...0-0!? 14. Bg5! b5(!) 15. Bf6 (Qa8? Bb7 16. Qa7 Bh2+ 17. Kh1 Bg2+ wins material, while 16. Qf8 is dubious for White) gf6 16. Qf6 Be5 17. Qh4 (Qg5+!? Kh8 18. Nf3 tempos on the bishop at the expense of facilitating ...Rg8) Bb7 18. c3 Kh8 19. Bc2 f5 threatening to win a piece immediately with 20...Bf6!-Bd4 or, if White defends, then ...Rg8 with compensation for the pawn.

Also playable is 14...Be5 14. c3 Bd7 15. Bg5? (Be3 0-0 +=/=) Bd4! 16. cd4 Bc6 17. Qe3 Nd5 18. Bd5 bd5 =+ Ernst-Ornstein, 1980 Swedish Championships.

**14. Bg5 0-0-0(!)**

14...Bh2+ 15. Kh1 Be5 16. c3? Bd4 17. cd4 Bc6 18. Qe3 Nd5 19. Bd5 Bd5 20. Qe5 Qe5 =, transposes to

Adorjan-Seirawan, Baden 1980. However, I expect Wolski would have found the improvement 16. Rad1, which looks good for White.

**15. Rad1**

Pawngrabbing looks like suicide after 15. Bf6 g6 17. Qf6 Be5 17. Qh4 Bd4 18. Qd4 Bc6 19. Qc3 Rhg8 20. g3 h5, with a promising attack.

**15...Qc5 16. Bh4 Be5 17. c3 h6**

**18. Rfe1 Rhg8**

18...g5? 19. Re5! +-.

**19. Bc2 Qc7 20. Kh1 Bf4**

Both sides seem to be preparing for what is inevitable when opponents castle on different wings. White first removes the potential ...Bh2+ tempo and vacates the g-file, likewise Black eliminates any possible rook sacs on e5.

**21. Bd3**

Threatening 22...e5! 23. Nf5 (Ne2? Bc6 snags the queen) g5! 24. Bg3 e4! 25. Be4 Ne4 26. Re4 Bf5, winning a piece. Clearly Black is starting to mount an attack, so White quickly tries to simplify.

**21...Rde8 22. Ne2 Be5 23. Bg3 Bg3**

With both sides nearing time pressure, I hallucinated and thought 23...Bc6 lost to 24. Be5 Qe5 25. Qc6+?? bc6 26. Ba6 "mate?!" Of course, what I didn't realize was that the h2-b8 diagonal would be occupied by Black's queen instead of White's bishop, making 26...Kb8 (or Kc7) infinitely legal. Hey, who's side am I on anyway?

**24. Ng3 Bc6 25. Qe3 Nd5 26. Qc1 Kb8**

Not as passive as it looks! Black wants to play ...f5-Nf4, but must first avoid 26...f5? 27. Re6! Re6 28. Bf5 +-.

**27. Ne2**

A good defensive move, since ...f5 can now be met by Nd4. Black must utilize his center to deprive White's pieces of good squares.

**27...e5 28. Be4 Rd8**

29...Nf6 30. bc6 Qc6 31. Ng3= has the drawback of blocking Black's f-pawn.

**29. c4 Ne7 30. Bc6 Nc6 31. Qe3**

White has eliminated Black's gadfly Bc6, but now must not let its Nc6 successor hop in on d4.

**31...Rd1 32. Rd1 Rd8 33. Rd5 f6**

33...f5 34. Nc3 and Black no longer has ...Nd4.

**34. Qd2 Rd5 35. cd5?!**

Extremely risky since the Black monarch is well within range of neutralizing the passer, and White's king is too far off in case of an endgame. But even after 35. Qd5 Qd8! 36. Nc3 Qd5 37. Nd5 Kc8 38. b4 Kg7 39. a3 Kd6 41. Nc3 (or else ...b5+ ) Nd4 42. Kg2 Nc2 43. Nb1 a5! Black's superior king placement may still decide the game.

**35...Qa5! 36. Qd1 Nd4!**

This is what Wolski missed during his analysis. 37. Nd4 Qd5 38. Qg4 Qd4 39. Qg7 e4 is hopeless for the first player.

**37. Nc3 Qb4 38. Qd2**

38. Qc1 Qc5 intending Nb5 is no better for White.

**38...Nb5 39. Kg1 Qd4 40. Qd4 Nd4 41. Kf1**

41. Na4!? Ne2+ 42. Kf1 Nf4 43. d6 Ne6 (other wise 44. Nc5!) 44. Nb6 a5 =+ and Black still gets out.

**41...Kc7!?**

Safer than 41...f5 since black's real threat is his king versus White's isolani. Now it is just a matter of technique.

**42. Ne4 b6 43. g4 Kd7 44. h4 f5 45. gf5 Nf5 46. h5 Ne7 47. d6 Nf5 48. Ke2 Nd6?!**

Giving up too easily. Keeping the knights on preserves some hope of a draw.

**49. Nd6 Kd6 50. Kd3 Kd5 51. f3 b5 52. b4 Ke6 53. Ke4 Kf6 54. Kd5 Kf5 55. Kd6 Kf4 56. Ke6 Kf3 0-1**





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## USING PSYCHOLOGY IN THE OPENING

BY FMI CRAIG MAR

In my search for offbeat openings, I looked at the seldom-used Bishop's Opening, which turned out to be not so innocuous as I thought. It could transpose into a King's Gambit, which contains its drop of poison. It was used for years by Bent Larsen, while Morphy and some lesser masters from the "Golden Age of Chess" used it sporadically where it was considered unsportsmanlike to vary from double-kingpawn openings. Locally, only NM John Frankle used the opening with any regularity. But Kasparov, searching for a surprise, beat Bareev in Linares with it (see supplemental games).

In my younger days as a master, I always used a number of sharp, tricky openings such as the King's Gambit, the Vienna Game, and the Schliemann variation of the Ruy Lopez. But I rarely played them against strong opposition.

In an important rated match, I decided not to contest heavily analyzed book lines with my opponent, which would have been fatal, instead opting for a sort of delayed King's Gambit, a product of the Steinitz/Morphy era. The strategy succeeded, as we were in unfamiliar territory as early as move four.

**White: Craig Mar (2511)**  
**Black: Javier Torres (2427)**  
 '94 North/South Match, Board 1  
 Visalia, CA, March 13, 1994

**1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nc6**

A playable move. More usual is 2...Nf6.

**3. Nc3!**

White is aiming for a favorable version of the King's Gambit, or a Schliemann a tempo up.

**3...Nf6 4. f4**

Here it is, the move I've been dying to play! White must avoid the common error 4. Nf3?! Ne4! 5. Bf7 Kf7 6. Ne4 d5!, because after 7. Ng3 (not 7. Neg5? Kg8 and the white knight has no good retreat square after Black plays ...h6) Bd6 8. d3 Rf8, Black has two bishops, a big center, and the better game. The aspiring Expert should thoroughly learn the tactical traps which predominate in double-kingpawn openings to get to the Master level.

**4...Ne4!**

Black thought a long time here, but 4...ef4 gives White the type of position he has been striving for, as after 5. d4, White has a the full pawn center he wants.

**5. Nf3!**

Both 5. Ne4 d5 and 5. Bf7 are bad for White. In the former line, 6. Bd3 de4 7. Be4 ef4 leads to a bad variation of the King's Gambit, while 6. Bd5 Qd5 7. d3 f5 is also very bad for White.

**5...Nc3 6. dc3**

White must strive for quick development, therefore 6. bc3 is bad.

**6...Be7!**

Probably best. Playable is 6...ef4 7. Bf4 Qe7 8. Be2, and after either 8...d6 9. 0-0 Ne5 10. Qd4 f6, or 9...Be6 10. Ng5 0-0-0 11. Ne6 fe6 12. Bg4, White has good play for the pawn.

**7. Ne5**

A difficult choice. 7. fe is also possible.

**7...Ne5 8. fe5 0-0 9. 0-0 c6?**

9...d6! equalizes immediately, so this move was a complete surprise. The text move locks in Black's R and B, leaving his king defenseless.

**10. Bf4!**

White gladly gives up a pawn in order to maintain the initiative. The

pawn sac puts Black's queen out of play, while White continues to build a strong attack.

### 10...Qb6

Black has no choice. An old saw goes, "He who grabs the QN-pawn sleeps in the streets." The rule here is: "When you are down a pawn, avoid an endgame, and create a critical zone around the opposing king." Black's queen excursion is doubly risky, mainly because it takes the queen out of play, and the queen is the best defender of the king. It goes without saying that White must attack, but the experienced player senses that storm clouds are gathering around Black's king.

### 11. Kh1 Qb2 12. Rf3

Protecting the c3-pawn and preparing to swing the rook to g3 or h3. White's main problem is deciding whether to attack h7 or g7. The calculation of concrete variations becomes necessary.

### 12...b5!

Black is defenseless, but still finds the only real chance.

### 13. Bb3!

Door number 1 or door number 2, 13.Bb3 or Bd3? It's just like the old TV show "Let's Make A Deal." Each retreat leads to different play, so I really thought here.

First 13.Bb3! is thematic, maintaining the attack on f7, and threatening 14.a3 and 15.Ra2, winning Black's queen. In some cases, Rb1 may be necessary, and White's a-pawn is guarded. On the other hand, 13. Bd3? is too slow, allowing 13...d5! 14. ed6 Bf6!, and Black defends. 13.Bb3! prevents ...d5, e.g. 14. ed6 Bf6 15. Rb1 Qa3 16. d7 Bb7 17. Bd6!, winning the exchange with a quick crush.

I really didn't see any of these variations, instead i kind of used my intuition.

### 13...Qa3!

Forced! If 13...a5 14. a3 a4 15. Ra2 wins Black's queen. To evaluate this position accurately, it is

necessary to value dynamic (tactical) elements and positional elements (pawn structure, piece placement, backward pawns on half-open files, etc.) First, let's define the term "tactical."

Tactical denotes attacking chances where development and the area of concern weigh heavily in evaluation. The chessboard often shrinks to one small area. All successful kingside attacks are based on superior force in a zone, the attacking zone, a small area of the board. Only those pieces which influence the zone count in the attack/defense point count. Here, Black's queen can't get back to the critical area and his house is on fire. Despite White's ugly doubled pawns and material deficit, he has a winning game. The dynamic elements predominate over positional considerations.

### 14. Qd2

Another good building move. White would like to get Bh6! in as soon as possible, and begin sacrificing to get to the enemy king.

Another good try is 14. Rg3!? I only looked at 14...d5 15. Bh6 g6!, and concluded White had nothing. But in reality, 14...d5? loses to 15. ed6! Bh4 16. Rg7!! Kg7 17. Qh5!, and there is no defense. So on 14. Rg3, 14...g6 15. Bh6 d5 16. ed6 Qd6 would be best, and Black has drawing chances in the endgame. White should try to avoid "cashing in" until the time is ripe.

### 14...c5!

I failed to see Black's subtle defensive plan, Rb8-b6-g6! But I looked at 15.Bh6? c4 !16. Bg7 Kg7 17. Rh3! h5! and all White has is a perpetual check! I also failed to see the immediate sac 15. Bf7!? Rf7 16. Qd5 Bb7!, though after 17. Qb7 Raf8 it's equal.

### 15. Bd5 Rb8 16. Bh6!

An excellent finesse. Not good here is 16. Bg5, because after

16...Bg5! 17. Qg5 Bb7, White has nothing.

**16...Rb6 17. Bg5!**

White unlocks the key. The weird reason this move works now instead of before is because Black's rook is on ...b6 instead of ...b8, and the defense 17...Bg5 18. Qg5 Bb7 fails now because of 19. Bf7! Rf7 20. Qd8 check and mate.

**17...c4**

Best, but Black's queen is still not defending.

**18. Rf1**

At last White has achieved his goal, to attack f7. Black must sac an exchange to break the attack. The preceding moves have achieved White's thematic objective, to pry open the f-file and attack the ancient weakness at f7.

**18...Re6!**

A similar motif was first employed in Reshevsky-Petrosian, but here, Black gains little compensation for losing the exchange.

**19. Be6 de6!**

For the next few moves, Black puts up first-rate defense. Not 19...fe6? 20. Rf8 Bf8 21. Qf4!, winning a piece or mating.

**20. Bf6?**

In mild time trouble, with about ten minutes left in sudden death, White's play weakens. 20. Bh6! was best; for example, if 20...Rd8, then 21. Qf4 gh6 22. Qf7 Kh8 23. Rg3 Bg5 24. Rg5 hg5 25. Qf6 wins. Or 20...Kh8 21. Rf7 Rf7 22. Rf7 Qa2 23. Qd8!, mating.

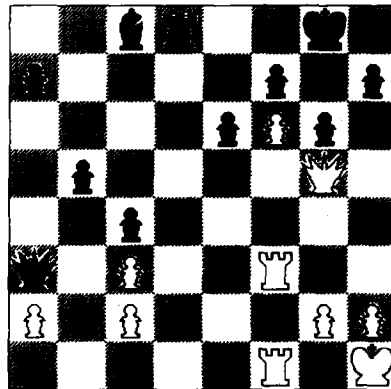
**20...Rd8!**

Against the ropes, Black comes fighting back.

**21. Qg5?!**

I thought this was crushing at the time. Instead 21. Be7! Qe7 22. Rf7! Rd2 23. Re7 Bd7 gives Black insufficient compensation for the exchange.

**21...Bf6 22. ef6 g6!**



An inspired defense. The game now enters a technical phase where I forego the kingside attack and play practical as time pressure approaches.

**23. Qb5 Qa2 24. R3f2 h6**

Necessary to prevent a later Qh6.

**25. Qc5**

Black could easily hold the ending if the queens were traded. When you are up the exchange, one should avoid trading queens, as the passed pawns are not as big a factor.

**25...Qa6 26. Qe7 Qd6 27. Qa7!**

Eliminating the outside passer, but White still has technical problems.

**27...e5!**

Black has made the most of his opportunities, despite being down a full exchange. As the endgame approaches, the pawn on f6 becomes weaker. Black should hold with correct play.

**28. Qe3 Kh7 29. h3 Bb7?!**

The text should hold, but 29...Bf5 is good also.

**30. Re1 Re8 31. Kg1!**

A useful waiting move, getting the king to a useful outpost.

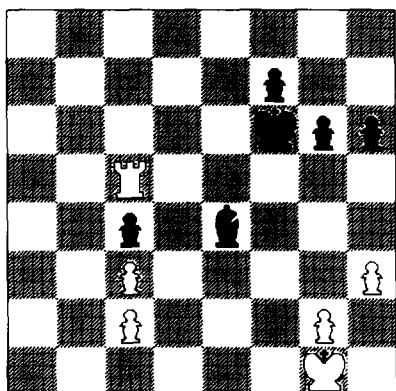
**31...Re6 32. Qg3 Rf6?**

A fatal error. 32...Qc5! 33. Kh2 e4 holds. White would be too tied up defending his f-pawn to be able to make any progress.

**33. Qe5**

The win is easy now, as the queens and rooks come off and Black's valuable e-pawn disappears. The rest is technique.

**33...Qe5 34. Re5 Kg7 35. Rf6 Kf6 36. Rc5 Be4**



**37. Rc4 Bc2 38. Rd4!**

Cuts off the king.

**38...Ke5 39. Rd7 Bb3 40. Kf2 h5**

White must merely be careful to avoid any serious errors and play fast in the remaining few minutes. The concluding moves were:

**41. h4 f6 42. g3 g5 43. Ke3 gh4 44. gh4 f5 45. Rd4 Ke6 46. c4 Ba2 47. c5 Bd5 48. Rb4 Be4 49. Rb6 Ke5 50. c6 f4 51. Kf2 1-0**

Supplemental games:

Kasparov-Bareev, Linares, 1993 1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d3 c6 4. Nf3 d5 5. Bb3 a5 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. a3 Bc3 8. bc3 Nbd7 9. ed5 Nd5 10. 0-0 0-0 11. Re1 Re8 12. c4 Ne7 13. Ng5 h6 14. Ne4 a4 15. Ba2 c5 16. Nd6 Rf8 17. c3 Ng6 18. Bb1 Nf6 19. Nc8 Qc8 20. Qf3 Re8 21. Bc2 Nh4 22. Qg3 g5 23. d4 Nf5 24. Qh3 e4 25. f3 ef3 26. Re8 Qe8 27. Bg5 hg5 28. Qf5 Qe3 29. Kh1 fg2 30. Kg2 Qe2 31. Kg1 Ng4 32. Qh7 Kf8 33. Rf1 f6 34. Bg6 1-0

Paulsen-Morphy 1857! 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bb5 Bc5 5. 0-0 0-0 6. Ne5 Re8 7. Nc6 dc6 8. Bc4 b5 9. Be2 Ne4 10. Ne4 Re4 11. Bf3 Re6 12. c3 Qd3 13. b4 Bb6 14. a4 ba4 15. Qa4 Bd7 16. Ra2 Rae8 17. Qa6 Qf3 18. gf3 Rg6 19. Kh1 Bh3 20. Rd1 Bg2 21. Kg1 Bf3 22. Kf1 Bg2 23. Kg1 Bh3 24. Kh1 Bf2 25. Qf1 Bf1 26. Rf1 Re2 27. Ra1 Rh6 28. d4 Be3 0-1

J.Frankle-C.Hart, US Open 1981 1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. f4 Ne4 5. Nf3 Nd6 6. Bd5 e4 7. Ng5 Be7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. Qh5 h6 10. Nge4 Ne4 11. Be4 d6 12. Nd5 Re8 13. c3 Bf8 14. Bc2 Nb8 15. f5 c6 16. f6 Re5 17. Qf3 g6 18. Ne3 Kh7 19. d4 Re8 20. h4 Be6 21. h5 Qd7 22. Qg3 1-0

Mar-Harari 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Bc5 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. Qg4 Qf6 5. Nd5 Qf2 6. Kd1 Kf8 7. Nh3 Qd4 8. d3 Nf6 9. Nf6 d5 10. Qc8 Rc8 11. c3 Qc4 12. dc4 gf6 13. ed5 Rd8 14. Ke2 Nb8 15. b4 Be7 16. Nf2 Rg8 17. g4 b5 18. cb5 Rd5 19. Be3 Rb5 20. Ba7 h5 21. h3 f5 22. gf5 Rg5 23. Ne4 Rf5 24. Rhf1 Rf1 25. Rf1 Nc6 26. Be3 Rb8 27. a4 Kg7 28. Ng3 Kg6 29. Nf5 Bf6 30. Ng3 Bh4 31. Nf5 Bf6 32. Kd3 Rd8 33. Ke4 Ne7 34. Ne7 Be7 35. a5 f6 36. a6 Ra8 37. b5 Kf7 38. Kf5 Bd6 39. a7 Ke7 40. c4 Bb4 41. Ra1 Bc3 42. Ra6 Kd7 43. c5 Bb2 44. Ra2 Bd4 45. Bd4 ed4 46. Ke4 d3 47. Kd3 Kc8 48. Ke4 Kb7 49. Kf5 h4 50. Ra1 Kc8 51. c6 Kd8 52. Kf6 Ke8 53. Ke6 1-0

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## 1994 NATIONAL ELEMENTARY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY JOE LONSDALE, SR.

Over 1200 Elementary School children gathered at the San Jose Civic Auditorium the weekend of May 6-8 for the 1994 National Elementary Championships, the largest tournament ever held in Northern California. The tournament had six sections: Kindergarten, K-3 open, K-3 under 900, K-6 under 1000, and K-6 open. Awards were provided for winning individual and team in each section, and the grand prize was a Pentium computer donated by Intel Corporation, an event sponsor. Much of the success of this tournament is due to the hard work of a crack team of Northern California's best directors and volunteers, led by Chief Assistant TD Carolyn Withgitt and Chief Assistant Floor TD Peter Yu.

California players and teams at the National Elementary won trophies in all sections. Five of the top ten finishers in the Championship Division were Californians (Haruytan Akopian, Jordy Mont-Reynaud, Micah Fisher-Kirshner, Vinay Bhat, and Anton Parker). We all hoped and expected Jordy to win the Championship Division. In the sixth round Jordy (last published 2188, but recently honored as the youngest National Master in U.S. history) lost to Matthew Seiden (1883). Haruytan Akopian, from Southern California, defeated Matthew Seiden in round seven to become the 1994 Elementary Champion and win a Pentium Computer and a huge trophy and bragging rights as the strongest elementary kid in the country.

Jordy and Vinay Bhat were paired in the last round. Jordy won an exciting game, finishing 6-1. He received the second-place trophy on tie-breaks. Micah Fisher-Kirshner, of Weibel School in Fremont, also finished 6-1 and obtained the

seventh-place trophy on tie-breaks. Vinay Bhat, with 5.5 points, was ninth, and Anton Parker (1411), St. Mark's School in San Rafael, also with 5.5, finished tenth.

The team competition in the Championship Division became a three-team affair between Dalton and Hunter Elementary (both New York) and Mission San Jose Elementary of Fremont, California. Hunter won the match with 22 points. Dalton placed second with 20.5 points and Mission San Jose came in third with 19 points. Shackelford Elementary of Modesto took fifth (tied 4th-6th place with 16.5 points). Saint Mark's of San Rafael finished only one point behind Shackelford, taking a tenth-place trophy (tied 8th-10th with 15.5 points).

Sam Benen (1518) won the Primary (K-3) Championship section with a perfect 7.0. Adam Lischinsky (1281) of Palo Alto was the top finisher for Northern California, with 6 points, fourth-place on tie-breaks. What makes Adam's result so impressive is that he is a first-grader!

Hunter of New York won the Primary team title with 22 points. Saint Paul the Apostle from Southern California was second with 19 points.

In the K-5 section, Philip Wang (1950) from Reno took first place on tie-breaks after drawing Andy Reeder (1599) in the last round. Kazuyuki Saegusa was declared co-champion. Julio Lima of Ruus Elementary in Hayward was the top Northern California finisher. Julio's only loss was to Philip Wang in round 6. He tied for third but took the seventh-place trophy on tie-breaks.

Ruus Elementary of Hayward battled for the K-5 Championship all weekend. When the smoke settled, Ruus tied for second with 18 points

only 1/2 point behind Guion Creek Elementary (Indianapolis, Indiana). Ruus tied for second and Shackelford Elementary (Fresno) tied for fourth in the Championship section. This fine result underscores the great job Tony Lambert (Ruus) and Kevin Cripe (Shackelford) have done in a short time with their chess programs.

Matthew Ng (New York) and Gary Lee (Phoenix) were the co-champions of the Elementary JV (Junior Varsity, or under 1000) section. Both players finished with 6.5 points. Ng took first place on tie-breaks. Three Northern California students with six points tied with eight others for third place—Klaus Dammen, 7th (St. Mark's); Cesar Cuellar, 9th (Shackelford); and Audrey Lin, 11th (Mission San Jose).

Hunter won the Elementary JV competition with 22.5 points. Shackelford finished third with 21 points, Mission San Jose was fifth with 20.5 points, Weibel was seventh with 20 points, and St. Mark's was tenth with 19 points.

Owen Yeh (Utah) and Adam Ruck (Wisconsin) had perfect 7-0 scores in the Primary JV Section (under 900). Kevin Bui and Nathan Lee of Weibel tied for third with eight other players with six points. Hunter (New York) won this team competition with 22 points. Weibel, who had been in the lead until the end of the seventh round, took second with 21 points. St. Mark's was sixth and Mission San Jose was fourteenth.

Cameron Friedan (New York) won the Kindergarten section with 6.5 points. Two Forest Park Elementary School students from Fremont, April Chiu (18th) and Chien Yuning (21st) received four points, placing them as the top Northern California finishers. Christie Chui from Weibel in Fremont also obtained 4 points and received 22nd place. All children competing in the kindergarten section won trophies. The overall team winner was Hunter

(New York) with 18 points, Forest Park (Fremont) took second with 14.5.

The 1994 National Elementary Chess Championships did a good job with the problem of allowing parents to watch the play while preventing them from interfering. Parents were allowed into the playing area, but were kept behind ropes at least five to ten feet from the nearest players.

The Bughouse Championship was won for the second year in row by the team of Micah Fisher-Kirshner and William Surlow. Bughouse is played by two-man teams at adjacent boards, and when you capture an opponent's piece you can give it to your team-mate, and he can introduce it on his board. Joe Lonsdale and Kevin Simler, Northern California, took third.

I took 24 children from Mission San Jose Elementary to the Nationals. It was a lot of work and there were some very hectic moments. A kindergartner and a first-grader disappeared just before the last round. We found them in the gift shop, about ten minutes into the round. Despite all the trouble, it was a very rewarding and exciting experience. The thrill of competing in a national championship is an experience that no child will ever forget.

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<b><u>Section IV:</u></b>	<b>Jacob Gurwitz</b>	5-1
<b><u>Section V:</u></b>	<b>Mike Loskutoff</b>	5-1
<b><u>Section VI:</u></b>	<b>John Johnson</b>	5-1
<b><u>Section VII:</u></b>	<b>Brandon Fine</b>	5-1

## 1994 DAVIS SUMMER OPEN

BY FM PETER YU

The 1994 Davis Summer Open was held over the sunny June 4th & 5th weekend in lively downtown Davis. This year's tournament coincided with the annual Davis Summer Street Fair which brought bargain street vendors, live entertainment, food booths, and even a car show to the normally inviting collegiate town. Organizer and Tournament Director **Gerald Lim**'s excellent choice of venue drew about fifty players to the heart of festive downtown, at the Davis Ramada Inn. The ambiance of this friendly weekend Swiss, along with its superb, central location, prompted this reporter to give the Davis Summer Open "two thumbs up."

Everyone was pleasantly surprised by the strong turnout of Masters from all over Northern California, ranging from nearby Sacramento to as far south as Santa Cruz. Seven masters, including four FIDE Masters, showed up to compete for the title of Davis Open Champion in the Master/Expert Section. Round one saw local favorite **NM Jim MacFarland** (2200) outplay top seed **FM Renard Anderson** (2428) in a slow, positional battle. However, the game eventually degenerated into a sudden-death blitz play-off wherein the higher rated player triumphed a la clock despite MacFarland's decisive material advantage. Board two was no less exciting as spectators watched expert **Ziad Baroudi** (2149) unseat **SM Tom Wolski** (2413) in a rare upset of the reigning Southern California Champion. But perhaps all eyes were on **FM Kenan Zildzic** (Unrated), who was assigned a pre-tournament rating of 2400 based on the newcomer's convincing performances at the Sacramento Chess Club. In fact, Sacramento CC President **Stewart Katz** communicated that some club members felt Yugoslav emigrant Zildzic (2295

FIDE) could "take the whole thing." This appeared possible as Zildzic soundly beat his Expert opponent just as each of the remaining masters did to their respective opposition.

Round two continued the action in the Open Section as all four FMs were paired together. Top ranked R. Anderson could not withstand fellow **FM Richard Kelson's** (2373) constrictive play. Meanwhile, the foreign Zildzic was handed a tough loss by Cal alum **FM Peter Yu** (2293) in a tactically instructive game (which follows). Board three featured **NM Emmanuel Perez** (2396) putting an end to Baroudi's Cinderella start, while the remaining two Masters, Wolski and MacFarland, recovered from their first round setbacks.

Sunday morning pitted two of the three perfect scores against each other, with Kelson winning the battle over Perez on board 1. The remaining perfect score, Yu, prevailed over R. Anderson in another all-FM pairing. MacFarland proved the home court advantage as he toppled visiting Wolski in their round three encounter, while Zildzic was able to rebound with a win over Baroudi.

In the last round, Kelson offered his fellow perfect-score FM a draw on move six, which Yu kindly accepted. This guaranteed the co-winners each a share of first and second prize, as nobody else could reach 3.5. Perez was able to take clear third place with 3-1 by beating fellow Master Zildzic. Top Expert prize went to **Mike Anderson** (2068) at 2.5 points. After taking a half-point bye followed by a zero-point bye in the first two rounds, Mike amassed an impressive second-half spurt with back-to-back wins over Keith McDaniel (2126) and MacFarland. Baroudi, **Winston Tsang** (2053), and **Greg Richter** (2047) all scored an even 2-2, good enough to share 2nd/3rd place Expert money.



The Reserve Section saw another two-way tie, as second seed **Alan Tse** (1968) shared top honors with number three ranked **Martin J. Whalley** (1931), both with 3.5. Tse, who also graduated from U.C. Berkeley (and is accepted at Harvard Law School for the Fall term), had to overcome dark horse **Dean Domach** (1689) in the last round in order to vie for first. He was helped out by the fact that Whalley defeated the only perfect score, **Duane Catania** (1914), in round four to allow the tie for first between Tse and Whalley. Catania was able to find consolation in winning third place in the Reserve Section outright. **Thomas Harrison** (1678) won top Under 1800 prize by scoring three points and passing Domach who shared 2nd/3rd place U1800 with **Gilbert Amparo** (1616) and **Michael Marque** (1526), all at 2.5-.5.

The Booster Section possessed the only perfect score of the tournament, as **Eric Shen** (1524) distanced himself from the crowd with a convincing 4-0 run. A full point behind Shen were top-rated **Russell Knecht** (1525) and **Michael Aigner** (1518), each earning 3 points and a share of 2nd/3rd Booster money. Also at 3 was **Michael Schick** (1070) who won first Under 1400. **Charles Doud** (1324) and **Mark Patrick** (1318) each finished 2-2, sufficient to take 2nd/3rd Under 1400.

Here is one of the more colorful games, between a FM from the U.S. and one from Yugoslavia.

**White: FM Peter Yu (2293 USCF/2300 FIDE)**

**Black: FM Kenan Zildzic (2295 FIDE)**

**Davis Summer Open Rd.2**

**King's Indian Defense**

*[Annotated by FM Peter Yu]*

Up to this game no one really had an idea how strong Zildzic was. The only information available was that he is a strong player (i.e., master) from Yugoslavia who

recently immigrated to the United States. He introduced himself as a Bosnian from Sarajevo, former President of the Bosnian Chess Federation. This appeared to be his first USCF tournament, and of course no one including myself had an Informant handy to check if he had any FIDE rating. Even if we checked the FIDE list, we may not have found "f Zildzic, K. [JUG] 2295" since this tournament had him entered as "Zildic".

So what does this all mean to the game? It meant I was very careful not to get intimidated by a foreign Unrated who was playing under a tournament rating of 2400, but whose true strength could be anywhere in the Master range (I said Master since he solidly beat Expert Keith McDaniel (2129) in round 1). It also meant that I would be the first guinea pig to truly test whether Zildzic was up to par with his assigned rating. Let's see what happened.

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7 5. Be2 0-0 6. Nf3 e5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. f3

So far book. Here I would be willing to play from either side.

11...h5!?

A surprise, the mainline is of course 11...f4 12. Bf2 g5 leading to either 13. b4, 13. Nb5! or 13. a4!?. Of the alternatives, I have only seen: a) 11...Nf6! 12. c5 f4 13. Bf2 g5 14. Rc1 +=, b) 11...Kh8?! 12. Nd3 f4 (Ng8! 13. Qd2) 13. Bf2 g5 14. c5 Rf6 15. cd6 cd6 16. Nb5! +=, both of which show very little value-add in Black's eleventh moves. Trickiest is:

c) 11...Rf7 (12. Nb5?! Nf6 =) 12. Nd3 f4 13. Bf2 g5=. But White has ample opportunity after the correct 12. b4 or even 12. a4!

12. Nb5!?

While 12. ef5 Nf5= is useless for White, the text totally misses Black's point. Zildzic is trying to outsmart his younger opponent by throwing in the non-committal

waiting move ...h5. Black keeps the tension momentarily on f5-e4, while still appearing to be blocking in his Queen Bishop. Should White carelessly forge on with the "book" theme by playing 12. Nb5?!, then Black can capitalize on both counts with 12...Nf6!, attacking e4 and freeing d7 for his Bishop. Like an idiot, I walk right into Zildzic's plan. As in the 11...Rc7 line cited above, White's best options are 12. b4 or 12. a4!?

### 12...Nf6! 13. Qc2

Having erred my last move, I improvise by defending while "appearing" to maintain pressure on Black's Queenside. The alternative is just a flat-out retreat with 13. Nc3, admitting both a technical and psychological defeat in the opening.

### 13...c5!?

Attempting to cement the Queenside. I was most afraid of 13...f4 14. Bf2 g5 since 13. Qc2 would have wasted a tempo in that variation. After 13. Qc2 f4, White's Queen is no longer needed to defend e4 but instead would be more useful back on d1, eyeing the crucial g4 square, where Black stands ready to thrust thanks to his earlier investment in ...h5. Even if White is able to take 14. Ba7 and survive, Black's initiative on the kingside should justify the pawn sac.

### 14. dc6 bc6 15. Nc3

Now is a good time to take stock. Black has caused White to retreat and maintains a potentially lethal central majority. On the other hand, Black's play has opened some half-files which may later be vulnerable as they are on this thematically "weaker" wing. The play will now depend on whether Black can safely roll his central mass forward before White pries apart the already breezy queenside.

### 15...Qc7

Wisely side-stepping any future pins on the d-file after Rd1. Black is wary of playing ...d5!? immediately due to moves like Bc4 and Rd1 which are both at White's disposal. But if

this was playable now, which I think it was, Black would have gained a substantial advantage.

### 16. b4

I have a clear mission: to play Rd1, b5, bc6, Nb5, isolating the weak d6. But Black also has a clear purpose in mind: Be6, Kh8, d5-d4 transforming the d-pawn from a backward weakling to Black's pillar of strength. It looks like Black will get there first, but it's neck-and-neck since Nb5 will tempo on Qc7 while simultaneously unforking d4's attack on the Nc3 & Be3 duo. Needless to say, when these two central plans clash, heads will roll.

### 16...Be6 17. Rd1 Kh8 18. b5 d5 19. bc6 d4 20. Nd5!

Okay, so I didn't play the obvious Nb5 as per my previous note. While I had planned this move, and I suspect my opponent also expected 20. Nb5 Qc6 =+, the text is MUCH stronger. Don't be fooled into thinking White loses a piece after 20. Nd5! Bd5 21. cd5 de3, because if you look one more move you'll see that 22. d6!! wins back the house with interest. The fireworks go something like so: a) 22...Qc6?? 23. de7 Qc2 (Rfc8 24. Rd8+ wins) 24. ef8=Q and 25. Nc2 winning; and b) 22. Qd8 23. de7 (c7?! Qd7 24. de7 overextends the c-pawn, while 24. Bb5?! is overzealous) Qe7 24. ef5 gf5 25. Qf5 +-.

### 20...Qd6?!

Black shouldn't allow White this pawn advance with tempo, especially since this unblocks White's bishop, which can later support the distant c6 passer.

### 21. c5 Qd8 22. Ne7

22. c7 is too hasty since White cannot support promotion and more than likely will lose the over-reached pawn. The text gains time by preparing to pin Black's forces while freeing Be3.

### 22...Qe7 23. Bg5 Qc7 24. Bb5 Rab8 25. Qa4

Forced, if I want to hold on to my weak/strong passers. If 25. a4 a6! =, or 25. Ba4 Rb4! intending

...Rc4 and or ...Qa5=+. Of course by abandoning e4's protection, White must now allow Black some counterplay.

**25...fe4! 26. Bf6 Rf6 27. fe4 Rf1 28. Kf1**

Better than 28. Bf1 which allows 28...Rb2-+. Black's forceful counterplay has regained his pawn, while White still must secure his king and activate the knight.

**28...Qf7 29. Kg1**

29. Nf3?? Rb5!

**29...Qf4!?**

Black declines the free a-pawn in order to grab the e-pawn. Although this seems like a good idea, since after e4 is gone Black's center pawns and fianchetto spring to life, 29...Ba2 threatens ...Bb3 immediately and safely maintains the balance. The text is less clear since White's c-pawn(s) can at any time threaten to queen.

**30. Nf3!**

White must develop to improve his back-rank situation and preserve any winning chances. When your game hangs by a thread, its no time to be materialistic with moves like 30. Bd3. Although even after 30. Bd3?! Rb2! 31. Qa7 (Nf3 Ra2=+) Qe3 32. Kh1 Rd2 33. Rb1 Rd3 34. Nd3 Qd3 35. Rb8 Kh7 36. h3 Qf1+ 37. Kh2 Qf4, Black can only manage a draw.

**30...Qe4 31. c7**

Black isn't out of the woods yet. If now 31...Rc8 32. Bd7 Bd7 33. Qd7 Qf5 (Qg4 34. Qd8 Kh7 35. Ng5+ Kh6 36. Rf1! threatening both h3 and Nf7-Nd6-Nc8 winning) 34. Qd8+ Qf8 (Bf8? 35. Ne5 +- ) 35. Qd7 Qe8 36. Qd6 Bf8 (Qf7 37. Ng5! Qc7 38. Qg6 +- ) 37. Qe5+ Qe5 38. Ne5 Bc5! (Rc7? 39. Ng6+ Kg7 40. Nf8 Kf8 41. Rd4 Rc5 42. Ra4 +- ) 39. Rg6+ Kh7 40. Nf4 Rc7 41. Ne6 d3+ 42. Nc5 Rc5 43. Rd3 Rc1+ and Black barely draws. The text give Black more winning chances, and consequently more losing chances as well.

**31...Rf8! 32. Bd7 Bd7 33. Qd7 Qc2!**

Here I felt Zildzic had out-calculated me by one move, as I had

not seen I would drop c5. Sensing I was on the verge of defeat, I next found the most amazing move of the whole game.

**34. Ra1!!**

The safest haven for White's beleaguered rook. Inferior choices are 34. Re1, helping Black's d-pawn advance after the Qc5-d3 discovered check, and Rf1 limiting White's knight.

**34...Qc5 35. Ng5**

Finally, White mounts an offensive against which Black never quite recovers. Black has to prevent such threats as Qg7-Ne6, Nf7-Nd8-c8=Q, or just plain Ne6. Notice that if White's Rook was on e1 then Black would have 35...d3 36. Kh1 Qe3! (d2? 37. Qd2 Qc7 38. Ne6) 37. Nf7 Rf7 38. c8=Q Kh7 39. Rg1 Rd7 40. Qd7 d2 -+, "and the saints come marching in!"

**35...d3 36. Kh1 Qc3 37. Rd1 e4**

If 37...Qd2 38. Nf7 Rf7 39. c8=Q Kh7 40. Qa4 +-.

**38. Ne4**

Simplest, White now threatens Nd6 followed by queening. Perhaps White had something more forceful, but I'd hate to let Black get 2 connected passers on the 6th.

**38...Qc2 39. Rg1 Qe2?**

Giving up too easily. 38...Be5! believe it or not, may still hold for Black. White probably still would have won given Zildzic's growing time deficit in sudden death. A truly exciting game as every position was unclear up until this move. Now for the first time, one side is clearly better due to Black's singular slip.

**40. c8(Q) Qe4 41. Qcb7 Qe5 42. Qd3 Rf5 43. Qa7 h4 44. Qae3 Qf6 45. Rd1 Kh7 46. Qee2 Qg5 47. Rf1 Re5 48. Qed2 Qg4 49. Qf4 1-0**

Like a true fighter, Black only resigns when all reasonable chances are exhausted. Now if 49...Qh5, 50. Qdf3 "trapping" Black's mistress.

**White: James MacFarland (2200)**  
**Black: Thomas Wolski (2413)**  
**Slav Exchange Variation [D13]**  
**Annotated by Thomas Wolski**

**1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. c4 Nf6 4. cd5 cd5 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bf4 a6 7. Ne5**

Usually White plays 7.e3 Bg4 8.h3 Bf3 9.Qf3 Qb6 10.Rb1 e6.

**7...Qb6! 8. Nc6 bc6 9. Qd2 e6 10. e3**

Or 10. Na4 Qb4= (10. Na4 Qb7 11. a3+=)

**10...Bd7 11. Be2 c5 12. 0-0!**

An alternative, if White wants to avoid the isolated d-pawn, was 12. Be5 cd4, with the possibilities a) 13. Bd4 Qd8=; b) 13. ed4 Be7=; c) 13. Bf6 gf6 14. ed4 Bg7 is unclear, but d) 13. Bf6 de3! leaves Black with a favorable pawn structure.

**12...cd4 13. ed4 Be7 14. a3 a5 15. b4?!**

This move confused me somewhat. I was looking forward to pressuring the b2-, d4-pawns, but now White dispatches his b-pawn without further hesitation toward promotion.

**15...ab4?!**

After 15...0-0 16. b5 Rfc8 17. Rfc1 a4! is very strong. White has three weak pawns and Black only one, e.g. 18. Bd1? Rc4 or 18...Qd1 Qa7. Black's idea is simply Ne8-d6-c4. But after 16.ba5 Qa5, Black also enjoys a solid plus due to his more solid pawn structure.

**16. ab4 0-0 17. b5 Bb4?!**

Playing for the amateurish one-move threat. Better was 17...Rfc8 18. Rfc1, then 18...Bb4 is strong. The key to this position for Black is to prevent Na4-c5. I understood that the pawns on d4 and b5 were weak, but my execution was not very good.

**18. Qd3**

Now Na4-c5 becomes a threat after 18...Rfc8 19.Na4 Qb7 20.Qb3 Be7 21. Be3 Ne4 22. Bd3 and 23.Rfb1.

**18.Ra5! 19. Rab1**

After 19. Na4, Black should not capture the b5-pawn with 19...Qb5 20. Qb5 Bb5 21. Bb5 Rb5, because the pin after 22. Rfb1 is highly unpleasant and seems to cost an exchange, e.g. 22...Rc8 23. Bd6 Rc4 24. Nc3! Bd6 25. Nb5.

But after 19. Na4 Qa7 20. b6? Qa8! (not Qb7? 21. Qb3!) 21. Qb3 Ra4 22. Ra4 Qa4 23. Qa4 Ba4 24. b7 Nd7 25. Rb1 Bc3, Black would win. White can improve on that line with 20. Qb3 Bb5 (Qd4? 21. Be3 Qh4 22. g3 costs material) 21. Bb5 Rb5, and now a) 22. Bd6 Bd6 23. Qb5 Qd4; b) 22. Nc3? Bc3; c) 22. Nc5 Qb6 23. Ra6 Bc5 24. Rb6 Rb3 25. dc5 Rc3; all favor Black, though c) is White's best practical chance.

**19...Be7 20. Rb3 Rc8 21. Rfb1 Ne8 22. h3 Nd6**

By now I believed I had achieved a clearly superior position. My knight is very flexible and eyes c4 or f5 with pressure on the isolani.

**23. Bg4!**

Threatening 24.Nd5 and preventing Black's set-up ...Nf5, ...Bf5, and ...Rc4, which would cost either the d4- or b5-pawn.

**23...Ra7**

23...Be8 24. Nd5!? ed5 25. Bc8 Nc8 26. Rc3, with unclear play perhaps favoring White, e.g. 26...Nd6 27. Bd6 Bd6 28. Rc8.

**24. Re1 Bf8**

24...Bf6 25. Be5 helps White to exchange my good bishop.

**25. h4 Rc4**

Better was probably 25...Nc4, when White cannot abandon the d-pawn.

**26. Qg3**

Or 26. Qh3 Bc8

**26...Kh8 27. Reb1**

With only a minute for four moves to reach the time control, my opponent plays it safe, even though the b-pawn would be indigestible after 27. h5 Nb5? 28. Nb5 Bb5 29. Reb1 Ra5 30. Bd2.

**27...Rc8 28. h5 h6 29. Be5**

Foreseeing that the d-pawn will soon hang. 29. Qd3 Nc4 30. Bd1 Bd6 would give Black the advantage as well.

**29...Nc4 30. Qd3 Ne5?**

Why is it that one is often faced with an important decision on the last move before the time control? If Black wants to take this bishop of dubious merit, he should play 30...f5 first. I would have avoided the tremendous weakness on f7. Now White has a favorable bind on the kingside. A likely continuation would have been 30...f5 31. Be2 Ne5 32. de5 Bc5 33. Qg3 Bd4, with a clear Black advantage. This position is in drastic contrast to the game, in which White obtains a strong kingside attack.

**31. de5 Bc5 32. Qg3 Rca8**

Preventing 33. Qf4 Kg8 34. Na4.

**33. Bd1 Kg8 34. Bc2 Kf8**

I didn't want Qd3-h7 to come with check.

**35. Nd1**

In order to shift some pieces to the kingside.

**35...Ra2 36. Bh7**

If 36. Qd3?, then ...Bd4 wins the e-pawn, but 36. Rf3 was very interesting. The bishop on c2 is poisoned due to the double attack 37.Qg6, and otherwise White's bishop will be able to go directly to the superior g6-square.

**36...Be8?**

Too timid. Now was the right time to exchange a pair of rooks with 36...Ra1. In addition to disallowing to White the favorable set-up in the game, I could have finally won the b-pawn. After 37. Kh2 Rb1 38. Rb1 Ra5, White has to keep looking for tactical tricks.

The riskier 37. Rf3 Rb1 38. Bb1 Ra1 39. Qg6 Be8 seems to lead nowhere. White's best chance may be 39. Bc2 Rc1 (avoiding the greedy 39...Qb5? 40. Qf4) 40. Qg6 Be8 41. Kh2, and now 41...Qb5 42. Nc3 Qb8! (sidestepping the more complicated

42...Qb2 43. Ba4 Rc3 44. Qe6 Qb8 45. Qd5 Rf3 46. Qc5 Kg8 47. Be8 Rf5-+) favors Black.

**37. Ne3 Re2?**

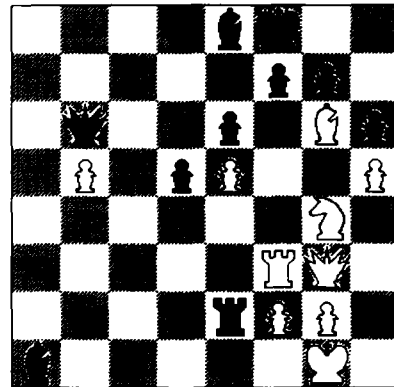
It was not too late for 37...Ra1 38. Ra1 Ra1 39. Kh2 Qa5! 40. Ng4 Bb5 41. Rf3 Qe1 42. Kh3 Be2, forcing a series of exchanges as 43. Rb3 loses to 43...Bg4 (or 43.Rc3 Bg4 44.Kg4 Bf2).

**38. Ng4 Raa2 39. Rf3 Bd4 40. Bg6 Ra1?!**

Leaving the wrong piece on a1. White's attack also breaks through after 40...Rab2 41. Rc1 Qb8 42. Bf7 Bf7 (or 42...Be5 43. Be8 Ke8 44. Ne5 Qe5 45. Qg6) 43. Qf4 Qb7 44. Rc8.

Best and probably holding was 40...Reb2 41. Rc1 Ra7 42. Qf4, but White's initiative with ideas like Rc8 and Re8 and/or Nh6 compensates more than enough for the loss of the b-pawn, e.g. 42...Rb5 43. Nh6 gh6 44. Qh6 Ke7 45. Bf7! with a decisive attack.

**41. Ra1 Ba1**



**42. Bf7!**

After pursuing the right plan, White finds the winning continuation, even though it was more by intuition than by precise calculation.

**42...Re1**

I didn't like 42...Bf7 43. Rf7 Kf7 44. Qf3 Ke7 45. Qe2, but it was the lesser evil.

**43. Kh2 Bf7 44. Qf4**

By now it had dawned on both players that White wins an exchange by force.

**44...Qb7 45. Qb4 Kg8 46. Qe1 Bh5**

We had reached the blitz phase of the sudden-death time control. A better practical try would have been 46...Bd4, although the position is lost after 47. Qb4! Bh5 (or 47...Bc5 48. Qf4 Bh5 49. Nh6 gh6 50. Rg3 Kh7 51. Rh3) 48. Qf8 Kh7 49. Nf6 gf6 50. Rg3 Bg6 51. Qf6.

**47. Qa1 Bg4 48. Rf4 Be2 49. Qa3!**

The rest is only a battle against the clock.

**49...Qb8 50. b6 Ba6 51. Qd6 Qe8 52. g3 d4 53. Qc7 d3 54. Rd4 Qh5 55. Kg2 Qe2 56. b7 d2 57. b8(Q) Kh7 58. Qb1 1-0**

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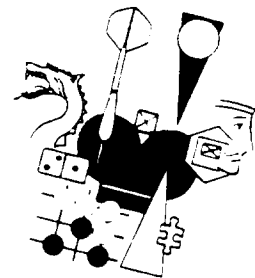
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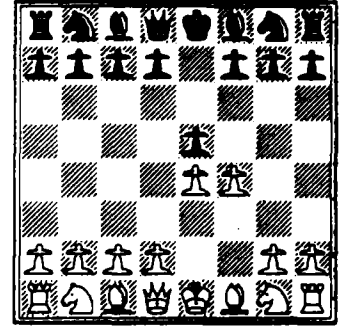


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**IN MEMORY OF  
PHILLIP DUTTON SMITH, 1917-1994**

BY DWIGHT WILLIAMS,  
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Phil Smith played tournament chess for more than fifty years. Through over one thousand rated games he showed an unsurpassed love for the game. Smith accomplished one of the most enduring feats in USCF history. In 1973, he became the oldest USCF member to earn a Master title, at age 56.

In 1929, at the age of 12, Phil was first exposed to chess when he and his brother received a set for Christmas. From the onset of the Depression, he attempted to learn the moves from a World Book Encyclopedia entry. Unable to get the movements right, there was no one to help learn the game.

Several years later, while a high school student in Manhattan, Kansas, Phil learned the moves and began to study chess books. Living in such varied places as Arkansas, Colorado, California, and Washington, D.C., Phil moved around often with his family in his early years.

Phil worked as an editor for a weekly newspaper in Southern California. After completing an M.A. in journalism from the University of Minnesota in 1947, Phil returned to California, where he worked for the Associated Press as a writer.

Finding his calling in education, Phil worked as an instructor for Bakersfield College. Declining an offer of tenure there, Phil continued his education at the University of Southern California for a year in the department of political science.

While a doctoral student at USC, Phil had an appointment as advisor to the student paper, The Daily Trojan. When an offer to teach

at Fresno City College was extended, Phil discontinued his doctoral studies to accept a teaching position.

In 1951, Phil and his wife Sylvia settled permanently in Fresno. Through his time in Fresno, Phil was the strongest player in the San Joaquin Valley for more than thirty years. His domination of the Fresno Chess Championship, with thirteen wins in a twenty-year period, is unequalled. A serious student of the openings, Phil compiled his favorite book lines and shared them with fellow members of the Fresno Chess Club in a series of articles.

Phil travelled extensively, and was awarded two Fulbright Fellowships to study abroad during his tenure as Professor at Fresno City College. Serving as an advisor to the student paper, The Rampage, Phil spent the better part of thirty years helping students to develop their writing skills.

Phil also taught many chess classes at various venues in the Fresno area. Phil did not charge the public for many of the courses he taught. Spending incalculable hours helping to develop chess players in the San Joaquin Valley, Phil's legacy lives on. Phil selflessly gave of his talents to all who needed his help.

A high point in Phil's chess life was the draw that he obtained with former world champion GM Boris Spassky in a 1980 simultaneous exhibition at the Paul Masson American Class Championships. Phil's game was the only draw. Phil asked Spassky for a draw in Russian, one of the four foreign languages that he had mastered. Phil was also able to obtain draws with GM Paul Keres, GM Samuel Reshevsky, and IM



I. A. Horowitz in simultaneous exhibitions over the years.

Phil's tournament results were impressive. With over forty instances of finishing alone or tied for first place in tournaments, his credits are too numerous to list, not to mention the numerous times he finished second or third. Most his wins were in either the "A" or Expert class.

Phil played in many tournaments all over California. He also ventured out when travelling to play wherever opportunities arose. He won tournaments in California, Colorado, Washington, D.C., Minnesota, Arizona, Nevada, and Nebraska. Phil won the San Joaquin Invitational in 1982, after his sixty-fifth birthday.

When entering the major tournaments, Phil always more than held his own. Playing in the 1971 U.S. Open, in Ventura, California, Phil suffered only two losses to Senior Masters. Out of the twelve games, he scored +5=5-2, 7.5 points, and finished 62nd place out of 404 entrants.

In 1972, Phil held a simultaneous exhibition at the Fulton Mall in Fresno, where he played 32 boards. The results were 19 wins, 10 draws, and three unfinished games.

Playing in a side event connected with the British Championships of 1976, held in London, Phil placed second in a rapid transit tournament. His last big tournament was the 1983 Senior Open, where he finished third at the age of 76.

Phil had great leadership qualities, and held several important administrative positions in chess. As President of the California State Chess Federation, Phil worked hard to promote chess. Phil was also a certified tournament director for the United States Chess Federation.

When asked who he thought the best chess player of all time was, Phil would always point to Emmanuel

Lasker. Phil admired the fighting style of the former world champion. A stickler for rules, Phil insisted on adhering to touch move rules even in casual games. Phil believed that "the rules are the rules."

The only thing more important than chess to Phil was his loving and devoted wife, Sylvia. Together they played with the same bridge group in Fresno for twenty-five years until it disbanded on Phil's passing. Having Sylvia at his side made Phil's many successes in their life together all the sweeter. Their marriage of over fifty years was a happy union.

Phil is also survived by his brothers, Robert and Lewis, of California. All who knew him sorely miss what he brought to their lives. The integrity and sense of values that Phil possessed made him one of the most principled people the world has ever known.

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## SAN FRANCISCO LOWELL SECTIONALS

BY FM PETER YU

Peter Dahl sent in the following results from San Francisco's Lowell Sectionals of 4/23/94:

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Below is Yu's last-round victory, securing first place.

**White: FM Peter Yu (2352)**

**Black: SM Emmanuel Perez (2412)**

**Queen's Indian Defense**

*[Annotated by FM Peter Yu]*

**1. c4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. 0-0 Be7 6. d4 0-0**

If 5. d4, Black will have his choice of ...c5, ...Bb4+, or ...Be7. Castling limits Black's options.

**7. Nc3**

Also playable is:

a) 7. d5 ed5 8. Nh4 (Nd4!?) c6 9. cd5 cd5 10. Nc3 Na6 11. Nf5 Nc7 12. Bf4 Bc5 13. Nc1 B6 14. Na4 g6 15. Nc5 bc5 16. Bc7 Qc7 17. Ne7 Kg7 18. Nd5 Bd5 19. Bd5 Rab8 =/+ =, Belyavsky-Spassky, Baden 1980.

b) 7. Bf4 d6 8. Qc2 c5 9. Rd1 Nc6 10. dc5 bc5 11. Nc3 Qb8, with an unclear position.

c) 7. Qd3 c5 8. dc5 bc5 9. Nc3 Nc6 10. e4 d6 =, Tartakower-O'Kelly, Amsterdam 1950.

At this point, I offered a draw which would have guaranteed each of us an equal share of first and second. Given the modest prize fund and the relatively equal position, Perez politely declined.

**7...Ne4**

If 7...d5, White can try either a) 8. cd5 ed5 9. Re1 Na6 10. Bg5 c6 11. Qa4 Nc7 12. Ne5 b5 13. Qb3 Ne6 14.

Nf3 c5 15. Bf6 Bf6 16. dc5 Rb8 17. Rad1 d4 18. e3 Nc5 with an equal position, as in Portisch-Spassky, match 1980; or b) 8. Ne5 Na6! 9. cd5 (Be3=) ed5 10. Nd3 h6! 11. Nf4 Qd7 12. Be3 Rfd8 13. Rc1 c5 with an unclear game, as in Loginov-Psakhis, USSR Teams' Championship 1981. Perez's move is less committal and retains more paths to equality.

**8. Qc2**

8. Ne4 lets Black equalize too easily.

**8...Nc3 9. Qc3 Be4**

Also good are 9...c5 or ...f5.

**10. Rd1**

If 10. Bf4, then ...Nc6 11. Rfd1 d5 12. Ne5 Ne5 13. e5 Bg2 14. Kg2 c6 15. Rac1 lead to equality in Petrosian-Korchnoi, match 1977.

**10...d6**

*BCO-I* only gives 10...Bf6 and 10...f5, both leading to a level game. Perez's move is more cunning and waits for White to make a mistake.

**11. Be3 Qc8 12. c5**

Overly aggressive, now Black's bishops and queen will slice across both of the long diagonals. White is trying too hard to establish an advantage by "owning" the dark squares (d4, c5) since Black already seems to have at least an equal share of the white squares after ...Qb7.

**12...Qb7 13. Rac1 bc5 14. dc5 Bf6 15. Qd2**

I didn't like 15. Bd4 e5 16. Be3 Bf3 17. ef3 (not 17. Bf3? e4! -+) d5 =+. Thus, I offer Black a seemingly free pawn.

**15...d5**

Black gets nothing after:

a) 15...Qb2 16. cd6 Qd2 (cd6?! 17. Qd6 18. Qa2?? 18. Qf8+!! Kf8 19. Rc8+ and White mates in two) 17. Rd2 cd6 18. Rd6 and White's active rooks roam in contrast to Black's under-developed queenside.

b) 15...Bb2? 16. Rb1 Bb1 17. Rb1 Bc3 18. Rb7 Bd2 19. Nd2 +-.

The text removes White's indirect defense of b2.

**16. Bd4 Bd4 17. Nd4 Bg2 18. Kg2 Nc6 19. Kg1**

What else? White hopes that a retreat now will avoid long diagonal discoveries down the road. Probably best was 19. Nc6 forcing Black's queen off the open b-file and then blockading with 20. Qd4.

**19...Rab8 20. Rc2**

My last move was passive, enabling Perez to exert annoying pressure onto White's queenside. So with this move, I set another trap.

**20...Nd4**

Black cannot keep the pawn after 20...Nb4 21. Rc3 Na2 22. Ra3 Nb4 23. Rb3 a5 24. Ra1 Qa8 (Qc8?! 26. Ra5 Na6! 27. Rb8 Nb8 28. Ra7 intending 29. Qa5 +-) 26. Rba3 Nc6 27. Nc6 Qc6 28. Ra5, += because c7 will be weak.

**21. Qd4 Qa6 22. b4?**

A terribly weakening move that loses a pawn. Either 22. b3 or Ra1 would have been more sensible.

**22...Qa4 23. Rb2 a5 24. Rdb1 Rb4 25. Rb4 ab4 26. Qb4 Qa2 27. Qb7**

White has some compensation in that if Black's c-pawn falls, White's opening pawn will be a monster. My goal now was to exploit this theme while preserving as many tempi as possible. Given the time, Black can and will win with his extra pawn.

**27...d4 28. Rb2 Qa5 29. c6**

The immediate 29. Rb5 fails to ...Qe1+ 30. Kg2 Qe2, holding c7. The text strives to make this idea work.

**29...e5 30. Qb5 Qc3**

White should draw after 30...Qb5 31. Rb5 f6 32. Rd5 Rf7 33. Rd8+ Rf8 34. Rd7, when Black has to choose between repetition or an extremely passive position.

**31. Rb3 Qc2 32. Rb2 Qc1+ 33. Kg2 h6**

Perez would like to play ...f6, cementing his center. But first he must create loft for his king, otherwise 33...f6 34. Qd5+ Kh8 35. Rb7 Rc8 36. Rc7 +-.

**34. Ra2 e4 35. Ra7 e3**

Best is 35. d3! ed3 36. Qd3 Qc6+ 37. Qf3, since White's only threat is eliminated. Perez's move is a lot gutsier, preserving more winning, and losing, chances.

**36. fe3 Qe3 37. Rc7 Qe4 38. Kh3 Re8 39. Qh5**

The only way to stop ...Re5-h5. If White's semi-open king can survive mate threats while keeping the passed pawn, then Black is in trouble. With 39. Qh5, I now begin to find a series of forced moves which defends and/or threatens mate simultaneously.

**39...g6 40. Qg4 Qb1 41. Qf3**

Preventing ...Qf1+-g2.

**41...Qa2 42. Qf6! Qd5**

Black's advantage has evaporated and cannot even afford to exchange queens anymore: 42...Qe6+ 43. Qe6 Re6 44. Rc8+ Kh7 45. Kg4 f5+ 46. Kf4 Rc5 47. h4! Kh7 (Kf8? 48. Rh8 wins) 48. g4! Kg7 (fg4?! 49. Kg4, and d4 will fall) 49. gf5 gf5 50. h5 Kh7 51. Rd8 Rc7 52. Rd4 and White wins the f-pawn.

**43. Re7 Ra8?**

Having lead most of the game, Perez now makes an understandable mistake of continuing to attack when defense was in order. Black can save a draw with 43...Re7 44. Qe7 Qc6 45. Qd8+ Kh7 46. Qd4 =. White now finds the forced win.

**44. Re5! Qc4 45. Re4 Rc8 46. Rd4 Qe2**

46...Qc6 loses the queen to Rd8+. But after White's next crusher, nothing much matters anymore.

**47. c7!!**

The very same pawn which began the game now ends it, having nearly completed its sojourn across the board. Black makes a few more moves out of reflex, but his position lies lifeless.

**47...Qh5 48. Rh4 Qf5 49. Qf5 gf5 50. Rc4 f6 51. Kg2 Kf7 52. Kf3 h5 53. h4 54. Kf4 Ke6 55. Rc1 1-0**

## 14TH ANNUAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP

BY DENNIS WAJCKUS, CLUB PRESIDENT

The 14th Annual San Joaquin Valley Championship, the largest and strongest tournament held annually in Central California, drew a record crowd to the spacious new site at St. Agnes Hospital in East Fresno for the weekend of May 21 and 22.

Despite the presence of two strong contenders from Utah, IM **Igor Ivanov** and Life Master **Robert Tanner**, the locals ably defended their home turf. When the smoke cleared, NM **Dr. Timothy Roth**, whose connections enabled the club to utilize the comfortable St. Agnes Hospital meeting space, and **Artak Akopian**, a recent emigrant to Fresno from the former USSR, divided top honors with 4.5 out of 5.

The powerful Ivanov express was unexpectedly derailed in the first round by Wisconsin entrant **Anirud Deshpande** (1888), who finished with 3.5, clear first in the "A" division, after losing to Modesto Expert **Ed Elizondo** and drawing with Tanner. Tanner lost to Dr. Roth in the critical fourth round, allowing the only two undefeateds, Roth and Akopian, to amicably part the point, and the purse, in the last round. **Alan Bishop** (Modesto) lost to Akopian in the fourth round to finish tied for 3-4th overall with Igor Ivanov at 4 points.

The "B" prize went to **Joe B. Millares**, with 3 points. The "C" prize went to rapidly-improving **Louis D. Spate** of King City, a young man who seems to prosper under the pressure of tournament play.

The "D" honors were garnered by **Jose L. Sandoval**, and the "E" winner was **Tony Grimaldo**, who improved his rating by a whopping 177 points!

One of the highlights of this year's event was the debut of **Marian**

**L. Wajckus**, charming wife Club of President Dennis Wajckus, as a tournament player. Although her first-ever effort, as expected, was more of a learning experience than a resounding triumph, she scared the daylights out of five higher-rated players.

The tournament was again ably directed by **Alan Fifield**, President of the Visalia Club and host of the annual North-South match. And credit is owed to **Dennis Wajckus**, who has done a superb job of improving on the great San Joaquin tradition bequeathed by his predecessor, Dave Quarv□.

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## FIRST HAWAII INTERNATIONAL

BY NM TOM DORSCH

RVP Jim Eade organized the Region XI International to provide norm opportunities for all the states in the region. Tal Shaked came from Arizona, and made his norm. Javier Torres came from Southern California, and Tom Brownscombe came from Nevada. But Hawaii was unable to field a representative. How could Jim fulfill his self-imposed obligation to provide FIDE norm opportunities to all the players in Region XI? Simple--organize a trip to Hawaii! If the mountain won't come to Mohammed...

With a little help from NM Eric Schiller and Hawaii President Ken Kuniyuki, the First Hawaii International was born. A group of chessplayers from Northern California, hand-picked to represent the necessary three FIDE federations, leapt at the opportunity to travel to Hawaii for ten days, bask in the sun, see the sights, play a little chess, and obtain FIDE ratings for the local players. Once they are all rated, the stage is set to come back next year and play for titles!

The Northern California contingent was led by IM Marc Leski, followed by FM Jim Eade, NMs Eric Schiller, Luis Busquets, and Tom Dorsch, along with Martin Herzog of Switzerland and Jordy Mont-Reynaud and his second, Agnis Kaugars. IA Schiller doubled as TD, but the only discipline problem was spectators feeding excessive "Three Musketeers" bars to Jordy.

After ten days at the comfortable Ocean Resort Hotel at Waikiki, the haois (mainlanders) were red from the sun, charmed by the aloha spirit, challenged by the local players, and already making plans to return next year.

The best part of the trip was that all of the unrated players managed to play well enough to get

FIDE ratings. The Hawaiian contingent of Reynolds Takata, Clyde Nakamura, Leslie Au, Chip Shipman, and Tom Weideman prepared well and played beautifully to score against their higher-rated opposition.

As expected, the best individual result was posted by the only titled player, IM Leski. Winner from the Hawaiian team was Reynolds Takata, who seemed to be the best-prepared for the match.

All of the players owe a big "thank you" to Ken Kuniyuki, whose masterful management of the event, from opening ceremonies with beauty queens and page one coverage in the local paper, to final alohas and parting gifts, made the event memorable for all participants.

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## **BAY AREA SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE IS OFF TO PROMISING START**

BY RAY FREEMAN

In September 1993, at the Northern California State Championship in San Mateo, while at the Scholastic Coaches' meeting, Elizabeth Shaughnessy proposed that the various scholastic chess programs in the Bay Area form a league for match play. The initial thought was that teams of eight players would play rated games as a means of getting more young students of the game involved in competitive play.

While most Bay Area chess programs are built around one school, usually through the efforts of a single dedicated teacher or parent, the Berkeley program is a bit different. The "Chess in Schools" program, started by Elizabeth Shaughnessy back in 1982, envisioned the creation of a broad base of support and enthusiasm for the game by involving as many students as possible. As of this spring, the program has grown to include thirty-one schools in the towns of Berkeley, Kensington, El Cerrito, Oakland, Piedmont, and Albany, with a combined enrollment of approximately 500 students. Each class offers about twenty minutes of instruction and forty minutes of playing time per week. In an effort to get more of the students involved in tournament play, in January 1993 we started offering a game a week scholastic rated tournament on Friday nights at 7 p.m. prior to the regular meeting of the Berkeley Chess Club. NM Robert Haines also teaches a free class on Friday evenings, starting at 6 p.m., for students in the Chess in Schools program. Only a few schools in the program are capable of fielding even a four-player team of rated individuals. In order to enable good students at schools where there was little competition to play for a team, we settled on the concept of having a team to represent the entire program.

In late October, we held a qualifying tournament for positions on

the Berkeley team (the Berkeley Bishops) that would compete in match play around the Bay Area. Thirty players showed up for the qualifier. Our team board order was set by the results of that event. Although players can challenge the board above them, there has been minimal change in the rankings since last Fall.

Our first match was in Berkeley in December against St. Mark's School of San Rafael, coached by Ray Orwig. The format was two games each on eight boards. Each player would get a shot at White and Black. The match was tied 4-4 after the first round, but Berkeley scored 5-3 in the second to pull out a close 9-7 win. Players with 2-0 scores were Emory Davis, Liam MacDermed, and alternated Jacob Preuss, all Berkeley players.

For the second match, Berkeley traveled to Fremont to play Mission San Jose Elementary. The format here was one game on eight boards, because Joe Lonsdale wanted to play the match on Monday night during his regular chess class time. This match was not rated. Mission San Jose quickly won on boards 2, 3, and 4, and it looked like the match would be a walkover for the heavily-favored Fremont team. Amazingly, Berkeley came back for a stunning 4.5-3.5 win. Andy Lee beat Joey Lonsdale on Board 1 despite a rating differential of nearly 400 points, and Ethan Davis clinched the win for Berkeley with a draw in the last game to finish.

Match number 3 was in February in Berkeley against Tony Lambert's team from Ruus Elementary in Hayward. This match was back to the two-round format on eight boards. Ruus got off to a very fast start, leading 5.5-2.5 after the first round. After a halftime pep talk from Berkeley's three coaches, the Bishops pulled off another miraculous comeback to win the match 8.5-7.5. 2-0

scores were turned in by David Petty, David Pruess, and alternate Liam MacDermed of Berkeley, and by Dominique Jenkins of Ruus.

In preparation for the National Elementary Championships in San Jose in May, a four team mega-match was arranged, with fifteen players per team. One of the conditions was that only elementary students could play. Since Berkeley has two seventh-graders who normally compete for the Bishops, Elizabeth asked that a separate junior high event be arranged for four-player teams. The match was played in March at Ruus Elementary between Weibel and Forest Park Elementary Schools of Fremont, Berkeley, and Ruus. This is the first year of Forest Park's chess program, which was organized by Joseph Chiu. Weibel is coached by Dr. Alan Kirshner. In the Elementary Section, Weibel took first with 35.5 points. Berkeley was second with 29.5, followed by Ruus with 22.5, and Forest Park with 2.5. In the three-school Jr. High section, the scores were Berkeley 8.5, Hayward 5, and Hopkins (Fremont) 4.5. 3-0 scores were tallied by Tov Fisher-Kirshner, James Kuan, Raymond Chou, Kishan Gupta, and Michael Lin of Weibel; David Petty, Andrew Fan, and Michael Graham of Berkeley; and Daniel Khan of Ruus.

We are currently working out the details for another match with Ruus, this time with as many as 30 boards! Our players have been extremely enthusiastic about playing these matches, and we hope to continue throughout the year. The Bishops invite challenges from any team in the Bay Area. We think the local team match concept is excellent for increasing interest in competitive scholastic chess in the area, and encourage other schools or cities to get involved in our informal "Bay Area Scholastic Chess League."

**White: Andy Lee (1261)**  
**Black: Joey Lonsdale (1656)**  
**Englund Gambit [A40]**

**1. d4 e5?!** **2. de5 Nc6**

Korchnoi gives 2...Nc6 a question mark and suggests 2...d6.

**3. Nf3 f6**

Already we are out of the columns and into the footnotes in ECO! The main line is 3...Qe7.

**4. ef6 Qf6**

Not that there is a lot of published experience with this opening, but now we leave the books. The theoretical line is 4...Nf6 5. Bg5 d5.

**5. e4 Bc5 6. Bc4 d6 7. Nc3 Be6**

Black must fight for control of d5 and the a2-g8 diagonal. 7...Bg4 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Bg5 Nf6 10.h3 hands White a strong initiative.

**8. Nd5**

8. Bg5 Qf7 9. Nd5 looks better as it seems to put White two tempi ahead of the text.

**8...Bd5**

Forced. 8...Qd8 loses a pawn to Nc7, and 8...Qf7 gets smashed by 9.Ng5 Qd7 10.Ne6.

**9. Bd5 Nge7 10. 0-0 h6 11. c3?!**

Too slow. Better is 11.Re1 0-0-0 12. Qe2, restraining ...Nd5.

**11...0-0-0 12. Re1 Nd5 13. Qd5?**

If 13.ed Ne5 and White's kingside pawns get destroyed. However, it is still probably better than the text, which loses the g-pawn.

**13...Ne5!**

Taking advantage of the pin on the knight.

**14. Qd1 Rhf8 15. Be3 Nf3 16. Qf3 Qf3 17. gf3 Rf3 18. Bc5 dc5 19. Rad1 Rd6! 20. Kg2 Rfd3 21. Rd3 Rd3 22. Re2! Kd7 23. f3?!**

23. f4 g5? 25.f5 squashed Black's kingside hopes.

**23...g5! 24. Kg3?**

The best try was 24.h4, and if 24...gh 25.f4, or if 24...Ke6 25.hg hg 26.Kg3.

**24...Ke6 25. h3 Ke5**

Black has been improving his king position and kingside pawns while White has been wasting time. 26...c4 was an interesting try, e.g. 27. Re3 c5! 28.Ke2!

**26. Kf2 h5 27. Re3**



White offered a draw here, expecting a repetition after 27...Rd2 28.Re2 Rd2 29.Re3.

**27...Rd2 28. Re2 Re2??**

Losing. Black had to take the repetition. White has a passed pawn vs. a doubled pawn. Trading off the rooks is suicide.

**29. Ke2 Kf4 30. Kf2 h4?**

30...c4 has to be better.

**31. c4! a6 32. a3 c6 33. a4 b5**

**34. b3 ba4 35. ba4 a5 36. Ke2!**

White is in zugzwang--NOT! The only winning try.

**36...Kg3! 37. e5 Kh3 38. e6?!**

This still wins, but 38.Kf2! was much clearer.

**38...Kg2 39. e7 h3 40. e8(Q) h2**

**41. Qc6 h1(Q) 42. f4 Kh2 43. Qh1**

**Kh1 44. fg5**

and Black finally resigned on move fifty-six.

**1-0.**

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Mike Banulescu  
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Jim Stapleton  
4th: Yi Zhang 3.5-1.5

9th Grade:

1st: Ernest Garcia 3-2  
2nd-3rd: Alan Johnson 2.5-.5  
Steven Metz  
4th: John Fu 2-3

Team Results

Bellarmine	20 points
Los Altos	18 points
Lynbrook	17 points
Wilcox	17 points
Independence	16 points
Gunderson	15 points
Leigh	13.5 pts
Piedmont Hills	11.5 pts
Live Oak	10.5 pts
Mountain	6.5 pts

## IN MEMORY OF ROBERT ANDREINI

BY ALFRED HANSEN

How does one eulogize a Renaissance Man in a short time period? That he was a Renaissance Man is only natural, since his ancestral home is Lucca, Italy, and he was fluent in Italian.

Andy, as I called him, was my dear friend for forty-five years.

He had many attributes. Among the first was his love and loyalty for his family. Andy doted on his wife, Vi, who taught him the Finnish word "Sisu," a concept of steadfastness and courage, which marked his philosophy of life and gave him solace in his last years.

He also spoke often of his sons, Marc and Phillip, and of his nephew, Gary. Andy was also devoted to his sick brother, Sirio, whom he visited as often as he could.

Andy loved to travel. He was happiest when travelling with Vi and their dear friends Marie and Jeannie to Elder Hostels and other places of interest.

Andy, Professor Andreini to his students at the University at San Luis Obispo, was a great teacher and received many accolades from his former students. It always amazed me, when going into San Luis, he was greeted in cafes, stores, movie houses, and on the street by his students, "Hi, Professor, remember me?" He always did.

I first met Andy-where else?-in a chess group. Chess was one of his great loves, and in chess, as in life, he was the perfect gentleman.

Andy could also be stubborn at times. At one time, he urged me to run for the local school board. I flatly refused. But when he put the pressure on me, I ran-what other choice did I have?

One of Andy's favorite stories concerned the time he saw Hitler and

Mussolini, driving in their big Mercedes on the streets of Rome. He and his fellow students were given Italian and German flags, herded onto trucks and busses and told to cheer, or else!

Andy was an expert on the writings of Dante and George Bernard Shaw, especially Shaw. He had a large collection of Shavian works. A quotation from Shaw which personifies the essence of Andy: "I have to live for others, not for myself."-Pygmalion. As his own health deteriorated, he never lost his concern for others. A week before he died at age 75, he asked me to find out if Tom Dorsch still took the Vitamin C he recommended to him.

Andy was proud to have worked his way through Stanford University, a great feat in those difficult times. After Stanford, he served in the U.S. Army in Alaska. I still have a picture of him, huddled over the chessboard in some cold barracks.

Andy was a philosopher, and could "talk of many things, of sailing ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings." His interests were universal, ranging the gamut of shortwave radio (he loved BBC's Canadian broadcasts), his computer, the stock market, wines, opera, rare rums, and on and on. One of his pet peeves was venal politicians and charlatans of similar ilk.

He was an author, and his main work was "The History of Punctuation," a definitive book on that subject.

To me, there is only one way to sum up a life like that of Robert Andreini, and that is with the yiddish phrase, "He was a real mensch."

**1994 REGION XI INTERNATIONAL**

BY FM JIM EADE

The Region XI International was held April, 18-28th, at the Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo, just south of San Francisco. FM Aaron Summerscale (England) won the event with 6 1/2, while FM Tal Shaked (Arizona) and FM Ali Mortazavi (England) took 2-3rd with 6 points each. (The next weekend Mortazavi participated in the National Open in Las Vegas, where he tied for first place in one of the great upset performances in the history of that event.) Summerscale captured the \$1,000 first prize and was in real trouble only once during the entire tournament, against Tal Shaked, but managed to hold a draw.

The tournament was a Category V event with 6 points needed to earn the International Master norm. For Shaked and Mortazavi this constituted their third and final norms! Congratulations to the soon-to-be IMs. Summerscale had previously earned the required number of norms, but congratulations to him, anyway. The ratings of all three are either over FIDE 2400 at this writing, or are projected to be by the next FIDE rating list, ensuring that all three will be awarded the IM title this November. The tournament itself was lucky enough to have that almost magical mix of competition and camaraderie, which, when present, makes chess events special.

The tournament was designed to give one player from each of the state chess federations in USCF Region XI (AZ, N.CA, S.CA, NV, HI) a shot at one of the three required norms for the IM title. Youngster Shaked, one of America's most promising juniors, came through for AZ--the others may have to wait until next year. The event was organized by Regional Vice-President Jim Eade of Region XI (Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, Northern and Southern

California) to give one player from each federation an opportunity to compete for an IM norm.

The prize fund of \$3,000 was donated by Master Piece Development, Inc., with contributions by state chapters, the ACF and private donors offsetting other expenses.

Hawaii did not send a representative this time, but after May's "1st Hawaii International" (see article *infra*), organized by NM Eric Schiller, Ken Kuniyuki (President of Hawaii Chess Federation) and myself, they may be more than ready next year!

White: T. Brownscombe, NV (2510)

Black: A. Summerscale, UK (2410)

Region XI International, April, 1994

Sicilian, [B86]

Annotated by FM Aaron Summerscale

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4  
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6**

The Najdorf. Some say nature's answer to 1.e4.

**6.Bc4**

The Sozin attack popularized by the Short-Kasparov match.

**6...e6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.f4 Nc5  
9.Qf3 Be7 10.Be3**

White is playing an unusual system. Normally White plays f5 or e5 at an earlier stage.

**10...0-0 11.0-0-0**

This is a very risky idea. White normally castles kingside. Now Black counterattacks on the queenside and in the center with great effect.

**11...Qc7 12.g4 b5 13.g5 Nfe4!**

The point. The white center collapses along with his kingside attacking chances.

**14.Ne4 Bb7 15.Ne6 Nb3  
16.ab3 fe6**

The smoke has cleared. Material equality has been re-established, yet it is difficult for White to break the pin on the Ne4.

**17.Rhe1 d5!**

When playing this move, it was necessary to see right down to the final position.

**18.Ng3 d4 19.Qg4 de3 20.Qe6 Kh8 21.Rd7 Qa5**

Threatening mate! The only way to keep a material advantage.

**22.Qe3**

22.Rxe3 Bb4 23.c3 Bc8.

**22...Qa1 23.Kd2 Bb4**

The rest is carnage.

**24.c3 Qxb2 25.Kd1 Rad8 0-1**

White: FM Tal Shaked (2370)

Black: IM Marc Leski (2440)

Pirc Defense [B07]

*Annotated by FM Tal Shaked*

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6**

**4.Be3 c6 5.h3 Nbd7 6.f4 e5**

**7.Qf3 Bg7**

7...Nh5!?

**8.dxe5**

8.0-0-0=.

**8...de5 9.f5**

I have seen this played before and it led to an advantage for White.

**9...gf5?!**

Black does not want to get a very cramped position after White plays g4, but it is better than weakening many squares and pawns on the kingside.

**10.Qf5 Qe7 11.Bd3**

This allows the queen to retreat to f2 after being attacked, which is more active than f3.

**11...Nf8 12.Qf2 N6d7 13.Nge2**

13.Nf3 Ng6 (This stops White from getting a knight to f5).

**13...Bf6**

Black wants to trade a bishop for the knight before it reaches f5.

**14.0-0 h5?**

Black is far too under-developed to take this sort of action. Better is 14...Bh4; Black has to stop the knight from going to f5 via g3. But after 15.g3 Bg5 16.Nd1, White has a clear advantage.

**15.Ng3 Bh4**

This appears forced.

**16.Qf3**

If 16.Nce2, then ...Ne6 17.Qf3 Ng5. Clearly the idea of defending one knight with another knight to get into f5 is not realistic.

**16...Bg3 17.Qg3 Ne6 18.Bc4**

Now I have some ideas of getting my queen to g7, as well as simply improving the placement of the bishop.

**18...h4 19.Qf2 a6?**

Blacks position is bad. He has to play actively; defending the a-pawn is too passive. 19...Ndf8 20.Rad1 (20.Bxa7? Nf4 followed by Rg8 or Bh3 gives Black a lot of counterplay.

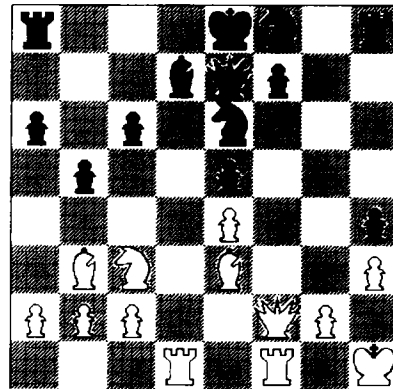
**20.Rad1 b5 21.Bb3 Ndf8**

**22.Kh1**

Now the threat is Bc5, exploiting the fact that the f7 pawn is very weak.

**22...Bd7?**

This defends against Bc5 but not against the other idea White had. ...Rh7 was the last chance for survival, protecting the f7 pawn.

**23.Nd5!**

Now it is all over. Black is forced to take the knight, otherwise it will go to f6.

**23...cd5 24.ed5**

Now the threat, besides taking the knight, is 25. d6.

**24...Rh7 25.de6 Ne6 26.Qf5 Nf8**

**27.Qe4**

Here I was low on time. Possibly 27. Rd7!? would have been more accurate.

**27...Rc8 28.Bd5**

Stopping ...Bc6 and planning b4 and Bc5.

**28...f5**

A desperate attempt to complicate things in my time pressure.

**29.Rf5 Bf5 30.Qf5**

Now, with time control made and an overwhelming position, White is easily winning.

**30...Rc7 31.Bg5 Qd6**

31...Rh5 32.Bf7! Qxf7 33.Rd8#.

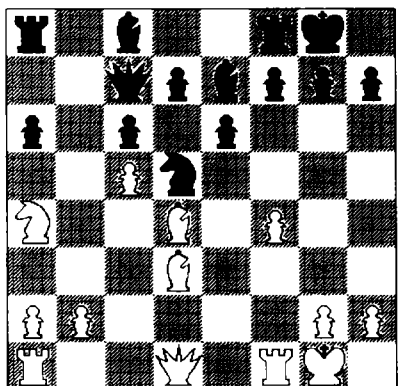
**32.Bf3 1-0**

Rd8 is coming.

White: L. Busquets (US) (FIDE 2245)

Black: A. Mortazavi (UK) (FIDE 2350)  
Sicilian Paulsen [B49]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd 4. N:d4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be2 Nf6 7. 0-0 a6 8. Be3 Bb4 9. Na4 0-0 10. c4 Bd6 11. f4 N:e4 12. N:c6 bc 13. Bd3 Nf6 14. c5 Be7 15. Bd4 Nd5



16. Nb6! N:b6 17. B:h7! K:h7  
18. Qh5 Kg8 19. B:g7! f5 20. Qg6 1:0

White: IM L. Remlinger (US) (2425)  
Black: Ali Mortazavi (UK) (2350)  
Modern Benoni [A56]

Annotated by FM Ali Mortazavi

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.f3**

White usually plays 6.Bd3, Nf3, and h3, and this is the system that I was expecting as it has a big reputation. The text simply transposes, after White's ninth move, to a Modern Benoni.

**6...0-0 7.Nge2 e6 8.Ng3 ed5 9.cd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Be2 h5!?**

A useful move when White has played his knight to g3.

**12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Qd2 Rb8 14.Bh6!?**

14.0-0 c4 15.Rfc1 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.b4 cxb3! with unclear play.

**14...c4 15.Bg7 Kg7 16.Qg5 Nh7! 17.Qd2**

17.Nxh5 Kh8 18.Qh4 gxh5 19.Qxh5 Ndf6 And White does not have enough compensation for the piece.

**17...Nhf6**

I need the knight on f6, as on h7 it does not aid my cause on the queenside. For example 17...b5?! 18.axb5 axb5 19.Na2! gives White a bind.

**18.Qd4 h4 19.Nf1 b5 20.ab5 ab5 21.b4 cb3 22.Nb5 Qb6 23.Qb2?!**

23.Qxb6 Rxb6 24.Ne3 Ba6 25.Nd4 Bxe2 26.Kxe2 Ne5 27.Rhb1, Black has enough nuisance value with Nf6-h5-f4 to hold the position.

**23...Ba6 24.Nd4 Be2 25.Ke2 Rfc8 26.Nd2 Ne5 27.Ra4?**

Better is 27.N2xb3! Nh5 with unclear play.

**27...Rc2! 28.Qb1**

28.Nxc2 Qb5.

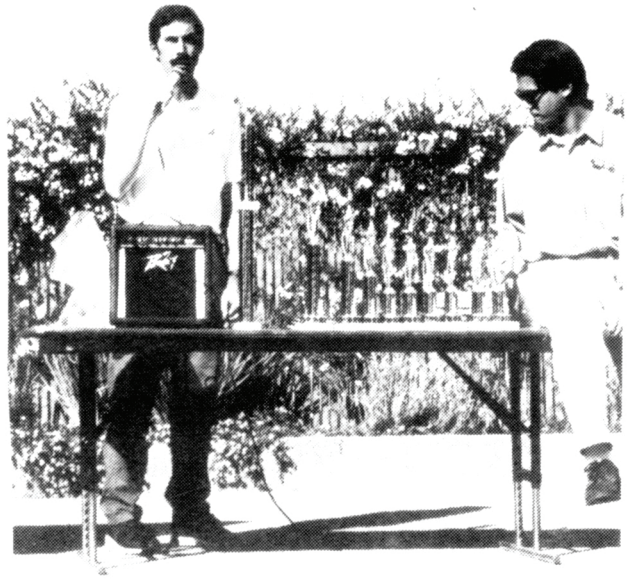
**28...Nh5!**

Black needs another piece in the attack. The immediate 28...Ra2? is premature after 29.Rxa2 Qxd4 30.Rb2, when Black can make no more progress.

**29.Rd1 Ra2!! 30.Ra2 Qd4 31.Qb2 Nf4 32.Kf1 Qd3 33.Kg1 Qe2 0-1**

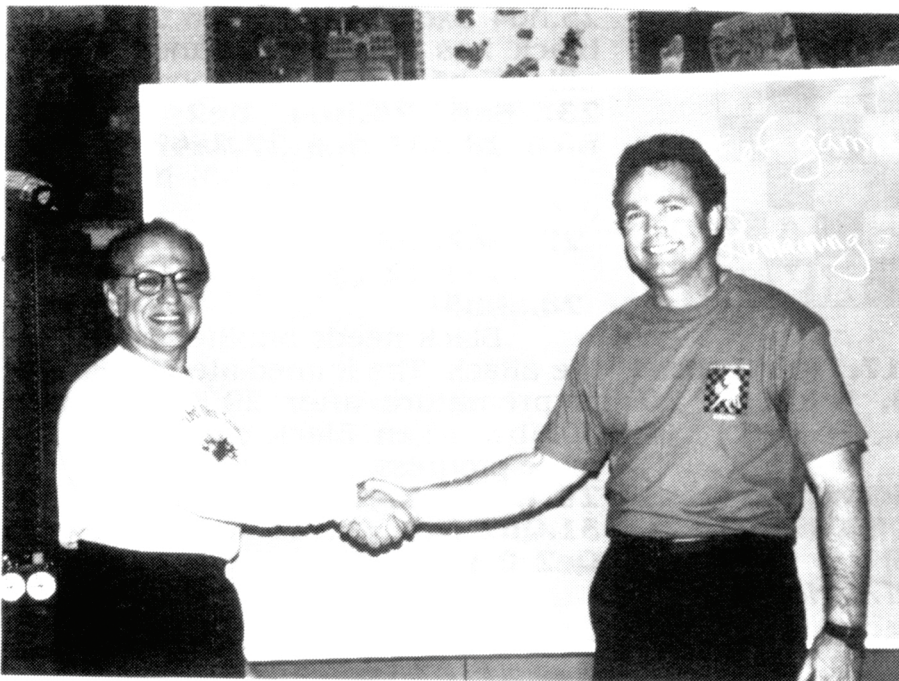


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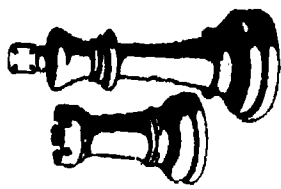
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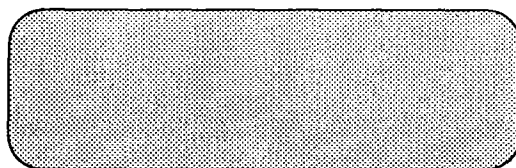
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