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**Vinay Bhat receives the Aspis trophy from
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THE EDITOR'S REPORT

This issue marks our first attempt at offset printing. As with any technological change, it brings new capacities and new difficulties. We will continue to tinker with our presentation until we have found a sustainable process which maximizes our abilities while minimizing our costs. We are working diligently to continuously improve not only our production quality, but also our content. We trust readers will be pleased with both in this issue.

Once again we can enjoy grandmaster analysis on these pages. Ex-Modestonian Larry Christiansen treats us with his analysis of one of the games from the recently concluded Kasparov-Anand match. We think it a chessic crime that Larry was not invited to play in 1995's U.S. Championship, since his family still lives in Modesto. He only managed to finish second in 1994's championship. Hopefully, we can squeeze a report from organizer Robert Tanner by the next issue.

On another front, the USCF policy board elections are approaching and this year, for the first time in recent memory, we have a Northern California based candidate. Tom Dorsch is running for the office of Treasurer and he has our unqualified support. Tom and Carolyn have been the first couple of Californian chess and we can only hope that Tom does not base his campaign on a "two for one" slogan. Next thing you know, Carolyn might be testifying in front of a grand jury!

Tom can stand on his own record, however, and gives us the opportunity to review it in the interview that leads off this issue. After all that has taken place in Northern California in recent years, we think it high time that we put someone on the board, and can think of no better representative than Tom.

We are more than pleased to note the renewed interest in

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An Interview with Tom Dorsch

CCJ Editor James Eade recently sat down with Tom Dorsch to discuss his candidacy for USCF treasurer, and tried to ask the tough questions. Did Eade succeed? Let us know what you think.

Q: Let's start off with the background stuff first, Tom. Tell me a little bit about where and when you grew up, where you went to school, and how you first got interested in chess.

A: I grew up in Oakland, California, in the Fifties. I learned chess from relatives, one cousin in particular who always shellacked me when we visited him. When I got to high school, I joined the chess club, and that is when the bug really bit me. I took lessons from George Koltanowski, and by the end of high school I was first board on our league championship team.

Q: Nowadays, many of us have several careers over the years. Has that been the case with you? In other words, how have you been paying your entry fees over the years?

A: Yes, I fall into the 'several careers' category. As a teen, I had odd jobs as a postal clerk, grocery checker at Safeway, and train-order operator for Southern Pacific—and then Uncle Sam called. After four years as a Russian translator in Germany, I went through college and picked up a Doctor of Laws degree from the University of California at Davis, but never went into practice. I got a job at St. Regis Paper, in the accounting department, and worked there until they folded (no pun intended) in 1980. Then I became an authorizer at the Social Security Administration until the late '80s, when I started my own property management firm. Being self-employed left me with more flexibility in my schedule to be involved in chess, and I was soon president of the state organization.

In just a few years, we went from an 'inactive' organization, one that just collected SASP funds and chose Voting Members, to one with an award-winning state magazine (Best U1000 in 1991) and eight hundred members. During that time our USCF membership increased over 40 percent (Northern California is the only Big-Five state that did not lose any voting members in reapportionments this decade), and our net worth increased from a negative-balance checking account to about \$8,000.

Q: Did you meet your wife, Carolyn Withgitt, through chess?

A: Yes, Carolyn was a devoted player, and she was
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Tom Dorsch, Candidate for USCF Treasurer

MLK Weekend

Lobo and Balinas Win Season Opener

By Sam Sloan

Richard Lobo of England and Grandmaster Rosendo Balinas of the Philippines won the Masters Section of the Cal Chess Season Opener with equal scores of 5-1. Lobo won the first place trophy on secondary tie-breaks. This event was held over the Martin Luther King Junior weekend on January 13-15, in Foster City, California. Balinas and Lobo drew each other and each had one other draw. There were a total of 196 players in a total of seven sections. Carolyn Withgitt and Tom Dorsch directed.

After winning the grandmaster title in a spectacular tournament victory in the 1976 Moscow International Tournament twenty years ago, Rosendo Balinas has had many ups and downs in chess, mostly downs. Although Balinas was the second Filipino grandmaster, his lack of warm relations with Florencio Campomanes has prevented Balinas from playing on the Philippines national team in recent years, in spite of being a seven-time Philippines national champion. For the past twenty years, Balinas has been crying alone in the wilderness
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introduced to me by a mutual friend. It only took three years for us to decide to have our first date, and the rest is, as they say, history.

Q: Carolyn and you have been the 'first couple' in Northern California chess for a number of years now, reminding some of us of a Clinton campaign slogan: "Two for the price of one." Has Carolyn had any shady business deals that might affect your candidacy?

A: Unfortunately, Carolyn has not been offered the opportunity to parlay one thousand into one hundred thousand in the commodities market, or to speculate on real estate. I won't even let her fire our travel agent! She is quite happy in her present position as a Senior Accountant.

Q: What are some of the things that influenced your decision to run for the Policy Board?

A: Well, we kind of get lured into chess politics incrementally. I never considered myself a 'politician.' I like to think of the time I described Jerry Hanken as a 'chess politician' in a puff piece I wrote for him in our state magazine. He immediately called me up and said, "Hey, that's an insult!" I think many of us feel that way about politics in general and chess politicians in particular.

But when you become president of the third-largest USCF 'state,' you are inexorably drawn into the why and wherefore of how things operate, you feel compelled to lobby for positions that you favor, and you attract the attention of others who recognize that you can be valuable to them. At that point, it is hopeless to resist the pull. As Al Pacino said in *Godfather III*, "The more I try to get out, the more they pull me back in!"

Q: Why did you decide to run for Treasurer?

A: For the past couple of years, I have been interested in the financial side of USCF governance. Like others, I used to struggle to comprehend the almost opaque financial reports and budgets that are

presented to the delegates and BINFO subscribers.

But the catalytic event was the 1994 National Elementary, where certain, let us say, 'non-GAAP' accounting practices were employed. I pursued that inquiry in an attempt to resolve the doubts about how the finances were handled, and in the process I got a good tutorial on USCF finances.

Q: In your opinion, what is the role of the USCF treasurer?

A: The treasurer's job is a very important one, probably the most important next to

"I've served across the board in chess as a player, organizer, tournament director, journalist, regional vice president, foundation officer, committee chairman, scholastic coach and 'chess husband'."

the president. Every treasurer in my memory has placed his own stamp on the office; some are very involved, some are hands off. But in the past, the treasurer has been primarily responsible for managing the assets of the corporation, including making solitary investment decisions for the Life Member Assets and other funds, sole responsibility for monitoring staff expenses, a prominent role in crafting the budget, and other singularly important tasks. Future treasurers, because of recent Delegates' motions, will probably not exercise the same range of authority. For example, I strongly supported the notion that an investment committee should handle trading decisions on the LMA account. I don't think one person should be solely responsible for all the trading; safeguards should be put in place.

Of course, the treasurer is also part of the Policy Board, a subcommittee of the Board of Delegates, and shares, with the rest of the Policy Board team, responsibility for decisions on behalf of the members between annual meetings.

Q: Let's talk about some of your

qualifications for the job. Can you tell us about some of the jobs you've had in or out of the chess world that prepared you for this job?

A: Most of the work I have done over the years has been business-related. Of course it helps to have a law degree. Managing my own business has required me to become astute in business matters on a practical level—and it doesn't hurt that I married an accountant! Besides that, as executive director of the Kolty Chess For Youth Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, I have gained valuable experience. I should also mention that I'm currently treasurer of the Chess Journalists of America.

Q: Are there other relevant experiences you've had that will make you a good member of the Policy Board?

A: I think my broad background in chess, from being a master player for many years to having organized and directed large tournaments, experience in non-profits as executive director of the Kolty Foundation,

organizer of several scholastic affiliates, coach of up-and-coming players, and many other jobs in chess, have given me a sound basis for service on the board. I have no narrow focus, I've served across the board in chess as a player, organizer, tournament director, journalist, regional vice

president, foundation officer, committee chairman, scholastic coach and 'chess husband,' and I like to think that I've kept my mind open about what needs to be done to improve the game that has been such an important part of my life.

Q: What do you see as the biggest obstacles to getting elected?

A: I don't feel particularly handicapped as an individual, but I think the biggest change I have seen in the last decade has been the rapid turnover in voters and an expanding interest in good chess governance. That means that candidates have to work harder to get their message out. The 'forty oligarchs' made famous by a Tim Redman letter can no longer guarantee the election of a candidate; in fact, it has become difficult to find forty chessplayers who agree on anyone!

For several years, I have favored some expansion of the franchise to bring more chessplayers into the organizational side. I think it will be necessary to expand our infrastructure in the short run and the long run if we are going to support the growth

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Season Opener

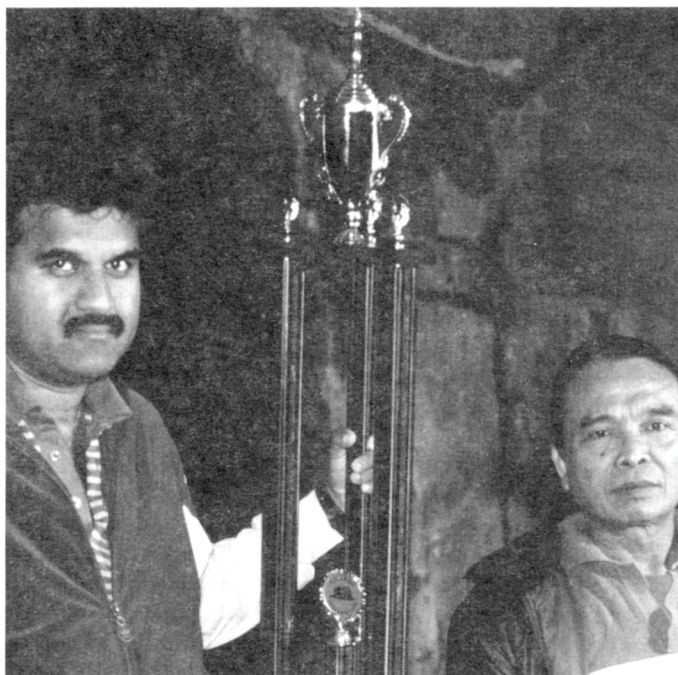
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about the financial irregularities of the Campomanes administration, until a majority of FIDE member nations joined the chorus only a few months ago.

Balinas served for four years as a chess trainer in Bahrain in the late 1980s. Upon his return to America, Balinas had some lackluster performances. However, in just the last few months, Balinas has been extremely active and has had an impressive series of results, either winning or finishing near the top in every tournament that he has played in, in very elite company. Balinas had good results in the Western Open in Reno, where he defeated Grandmaster Alexander Ivanov, in the U.S. Senior Open in Las Vegas and in an International Master tournament held in San Francisco. Balinas won the San Diego Open last year. With these results plus his latest victory, Balinas is finally proving himself to be a truly grandmaster strength player. Balinas now lives in Oxnard, California.

At a recent USCF Policy Board Meeting, 'Grandmaster' Arnold Denker proposed that 'foreigners' such as Grandmasters Gufeld and Balinas not be allowed to play in the U.S. Senior Open, until they have resided in the U.S. for three years. In another outrageous act by the USCF Policy Board, this resolution passed, so now 'foreigners' are no longer welcome in this 'open' event. However, Denker's efforts to stop Balinas from competing against him is misplaced, as Balinas has been playing in tournaments in the United States since the late 1970s.

This past weekend, Balinas won the Cal Chess Season Opener through a spectacular last round victory over Senior Master Artak Akopian. Akopian appeared to have a draw in hand and no losing chances, but Balinas defended resourcefully until finally Akopian slipped and allowed Balinas to trade down into



Richard Lobo (left) and Rosendo Balinas (right), looking more exhausted than exalted after their victory.

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an absolutely winning king and pawn endgame. This was almost the last game in the tournament to finish. It was surprising how many master spectators failed to realize that Balinas had an absolute cold win as soon as queens were traded.

Richard Lobo of England tied for first by making short shift of Dmitry Zilberstein's Kings Indian Defense. Zilberstein lost on time on move 28 when he realized that he had no way to avoid a loss of material. Lobo made his first international master norm earlier last year.

Jennie Frenklakh, the girl wonder of chess, who made headlines last Summer when she was leading the U.S. Open Championship with 5-0, after defeating three masters in a row, got off to a good start here again, defeating two masters, Eric Schiller and Joe Weber, in the first three rounds. It looked as though Jennie was finally going to get her master rating, which has been barely eluding her for some time. However, Jennie was then ground down in a 60 move endgame by Artak Akopian, in a position in which it appeared for a long time that she could hold a draw. Then, in the next round, master Aaron Stearns busted her open with a Hari Kari Attack. As a result, Jennie will have to wait a bit longer to get her master title.

In an aside, I found myself paired in round 4 against Micah Fisher-Kirshner. Although I had never seen this player before, I knew him well, as he has created a disk of more than 500 chess games of himself and his younger brother, Tov Fisher-Kirshner. This disk has been circulated and copied among players such as myself who collect games, and so, when I sat down to play him, I announced that I had made a deep and profound study of 500 of his chess games and I knew exactly what to play against him. I then demonstrated the results of my research and played 1.g4. Sure enough, the game was over and I had won by move seven. Actually, he played on until move 23, when his chess teacher came by and told him that he had no chance. This was such a

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Winners CalChess Season Opener

Masters	Richard Lobo	5-1
	GM Rosendo Balinas	5-1
Expert	Allen Becker	5-1
	Lev Frenklakh	5-1
A	Ludwig Arndt	5-1
	Steven Krasnov	5-1
B	David Preuss	5-1
C	Brendan Birt	5-1
	Duane Anderson	5-1
D	Sinoe Era	5.5-0.5
E	Anton Ivanov	5-1

projections of the office. That is one of the reasons I agreed to serve on the 'Blue Ribbon Commission' established by the delegates in Concord to examine reforms in USCF governance. The USCF has not always had strong strategic planning, but we need to think about such things if we are going to manage planned growth well.

Q: Do you have specific objectives in mind for your term as Treasurer?

A: Some things need to be done, no doubt about it, and I don't think anyone will disagree. Financial reporting needs to be more open and understandable for the average member. Long-range planning needs to anticipate future developments so that we don't just manage from crisis to crisis. The budget needs to be worked out in a way that makes it plausible, so that we don't wind up rewriting the whole thing on the floor of the annual meeting, like we did in Chicago. And I think it is wise to secure our most valuable assets, like the LMA account, in conservative, committee-managed investment policies. Beyond that, after the election I plan to take some time to analyze the treasurer's job, consult prior treasurers and the Finance Committee, and see what economies or improvements are possible.

An Interview with Tom Dorsch

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Q: Over the years, the USCF has grown into a multi-million dollar corporation. Do you feel that the job of treasurer has substantially changed in that time?

A: The job of treasurer has changed more than any other Policy Board position, because the treasurer is more intimately involved in the financial operations of the corporation than the other officers. As finances become more prominent, the treasurer's job has expanded.

Q: Growth is usually considered a good thing, but many people believe that the growth in the USCF operations has resulted in greater fiduciary responsibilities for the organization. Do you think the USCF has responded appropriately to these pressures?

A: No question rapid growth presents new challenges. For example, what ratio of scholastic members to regular members is sustainable? Last year, for the first time, the number of scholastic members exceeded the number of regular members. Are the scholastic

members self-sustaining, or will we be in trouble when the ratio of scholastic members to regular members is 2:1? 4:1?

There is also the problem of how the office expands. The present site is barely adequate for the current staff. If, as projected, the staff grows 40 percent during the rest of the decade, should we expand the present site, move to new facilities, or rent/buy satellite offices? Answering these questions well are some of the most vital faced by the organization as it grows.

And of course, there is the omnipresent issue of Life Members. Is the LMA account underfunded, jeopardizing future benefits to life members, or is it overfunded, justifying an increase of cash flow to operations from the LMA account? Steve Doyle has just completed a new actuarial study, which may put the LMA issue in proper perspective for the first time in years.

Let us not forget another important financial issue, dues. After the big increase on 1/1/95, it was thought we were safe

for a while. But swings in finances have been wild lately, and there has already been talk of another increase later this decade. Let's make sure these issues are carefully considered so that we do the right thing for the federation and for chess in the US.

Q: The Board oversees operations in this regard and the delegates have oversight responsibility of the Board. Do you think these relationships are functioning properly now?

A: The Blue Ribbon Committee is currently reviewing all aspects of USCF governance, and we hope to have some information and conclusions to report by the US Open in Virginia: We don't want to preview our conclusions, but I can say that there has been considerable criticism of at least the details of the present arrangement, and it is possible that improvements can be made.

Q: Let's close with a sound bite. Why should we vote for Tom Dorsch as USCF treasurer?

A: Good question! My biased opinion is that I'm the best candidate for the job, but seriously, I hope that those who have been following USCF governance for the past few years realize that I have worked very hard to make some positive difference in the USCF, and I want to contribute more as USCF Treasurer.

Season Opener

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terrible game that I was not going to include it, until I received several requests for this game in which I won in seven moves.

I wonder if Micah Fisher-Kirshner is going to include this game on his latest disk and circulate this as well. He is still just a kid and the energy and enthusiasm he has displayed by entering 500 of his and his brother's games marks him as a future strong player but, as the game itself demonstrates, he is not quite ready to assume

his position among the world's grandmasters just yet.

Reynard Anderson and Viktors Pupols tied for third in the Masters Section with 4.5-1.5, followed by Walter Shipman, Artak Akopian, Dmitry Zilberstein, Aaron Stearns, Eric Schiller and David Blohm with 3.5-2.5. There were 25 rated masters in the masters section.

Expert winners were Allen Becker (2121) and Lev Frenklakh (2097) with 5-1. Becker got the trophy on tiebreaks.

Alvin Pulley (1930), Kevin Zeigler (2187), and Boris Orlov (2017) tied for 3-5 with 4.5 points. Christopher Black (1984) and Eric Steger (1925) finished with 4. Arthur Ibragimov (2046) lost to Lev Frenklakh (devoted father of Jennie Frenklakh) in the last round and finished with 3.5, tied with Paul Liebhaber (2006) and Jesse Jestadt (2038).

The Class A section was won by Ludwig Arndt and Steven Krasnov who tied for first with 5-1. The B section was won by David Preuss with 5-1. The C section was won by Brendan Birt and Duane Anderson with 5-1. The D section was won by Sinoe Era with 5.5-0.5. The E and Unrated section was won by Anton Ivanov with 5-1.

CalChess Season Opener

Selected Games

Sam Sloan selects some of the most interesting games from the 1996 CalChess Season Opener, held over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

Rosendo Balinas–Artak Akopian
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 6, C03

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.c3 e5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nb3 Bb6 7.exd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Qe2+ Be6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Rae1 Qd6 14.Bh4 Rae8 15.Qd1 Qf4 16.Qd2 Nh5 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Re1 Re6 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Bg5 Qf7 21.Be2 Nf6 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Nfd4 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 e5 25.Nxc6 bxc6 26.g3 a5 27.a4 Qf5 28.Kg2 h5 29.h3 h4 30.g4 Qf4 31.Nd2 e4 32.Nf1 Kh7 33.Ne3 Be7 34.Nf1 Bb6 35.Ne3 g6 36.Kg1 Be7 37.Nf1 Bb6 38.Ne3 Be5 39.Kg2 Qb8 40.Nf1 Qf4 41.Ne3 Bd6 42.Nf1 e5 43.Qe3 Qe5 44.f3 exf3+ 45.Kxf3 Qf6+ 46.Ke2 d4 47.exd4 exd4 48.Qd3 Bf4 49.Kd1 Qb6 50.b3 Kh6 51.Nd2 Qb4 52.Nf3 Qb7 53.Ke2 Qe7+ 54.Kf1 Be3 55.Nxd4 Bxd4 56.Qxd4 Qf7+ 57.Ke2 Qxb3 58.Qe3+ Qxe3+ 59.Kxe3 Kg5 60.Ke4 Kf6 61.Kd5 Ke7 62.Kc5 Ke6 63.Kb5 Ke5 64.Kxa5 Kf4 65.Kb6 Kg3 66.a5 Kxh3 67.a6 Kxg4 68.a7 h3 69.a8=Q g5 70.Kc5 Kg3 71.Kd4 Kf2 72.Qh1 g4 73.Qh2+ Kf3 74.Kd3 g3 75.Qxh3 Kf2 76.Qf5+ Kg1 77.Ke2 g2 78.Qf2+ Kh1 79.Qh4+ Kg1 80.Kf3 Kf1 81.Qf2# 1-0

Richard Lobo–Dmitry Zilberstein
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 6, A65

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 e5 7.d5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.exd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nh3 Re8 12.Nf2 Qa5 13.Ra3 Ne5 14.Be2 h5 15.0-0 Rb8 16.Qc2 Nh7 17.Bd2 Qd8 18.a5 g5 19.Na4 Bd7 20.Nb6 Bb5 21.Re1 Re7 22.Bc3 Nf8 23.Nd1 Nfd7 24.Nxd7 Bxd7 25.Ne3 Qe8 26.Raa1 Qe8 27.Kh1 Re8 28.Qb3 Black lost on time because White threatens 29.Qb6, threatening the pawn at d6, and Black has no defense. 1-0

Arthur Arutyunyan–Richard Lobo
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 5, B25

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Rb8 6.f4 d6 7.Nh3 e6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 f5 11.Kh1 b6 12.Rae1 d5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Bg1 h6 15.Rf2 Kh7 16.Rfe2 d4 17.Nd1 Qd7 18.Bf2 Bb7 19.Ng1 Nd5 20.e4 dxc3 21.bxc3 Rbd8 22.Nf3 Nf6 23.Nb2 Qe8 24.Nc4 Ne4 25.Rxe4 fxe4 26.Rxe4 Na5 27.Qe2 Nxc4 28.Rxc4 Rfe8 29.Ne5 Bxe5 30.fxe5 Bxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Qd7 32.d4 Qd5+ 33.Kg1 Rd7 34.Ra4 Rf7 35.Ra3 c4 36.Ra6 Ref8 37.Be1 Qb5 38.e6 Re7 39.Ra3 Rf6 40.Rb3 Qd5 41.Rb1 Rfxe6 42.Qf2 Re2 43.Qf1 Qe4 44.Bf2 Rf7 45.Re1 Rxf2 46.Qxf2 Rxe1+ 0-1

Edward Syrett–Christopher Black
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Round 5, C47

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nd5 Nxd5 6.exd5 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qe7+ 8.Be2 d3 9.exd3 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Nb4 11.0-0 Nxd5 12.Rfe1 0-0 13.Rae1 e6 14.Re4 d6 15.Re4 Qd8 16.Nd4 e5 17.Nb5 Bf5 18.Ra4 Bd7 19.d4 e4 0-1

Jennie Frenklakh–Joe Weber
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Round 3, E70

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.f3 c5 9.d5 a6 10.Nh3 Rb8 11.a4 Re8 12.Nf2 Qa5 13.0-0 Nh5 14.Qc1 g5 15.Bg3 Ndf6 16.Nd3 Nxc3 17.hxc3 Nh5 18.Kh2 f5 19.f4 g4 20.Nf2 Bd4 21.exf5 Bxf2 22.Rxf2 Bxf5 23.Qd1 Nf6 24.Bd3 e6 25.Qc2 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 Kg7 27.dxe6 Rxe6 28.f5 Ree8 29.Nd5 Ne4 30.f6+ Kf7 31.Re2 Ng5 32.Re7+ Rxe7 33.fxe7 Kg7 34.Rf1 Nh7 35.Qf5 Qxa4 36.Qf7+ Kh8 37.Nf4 1-0

Eric Schiller–Jennie Frenklakh
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 2, B15

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Be4 Nf6 5.f3 exf3 6.Nxf3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.Rae1 c5 11.Kh1 a6 12.a4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nb6 14.Bd3 Nfd5 15.Ne4 Nxa4 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Ng5 Nf5 18.c3 h6 19.Ngf3 Nxd4 20.exd4 b5 21.Bb1 Ra7 22.Ne5 Rc7 23.Rf3 f5 24.Ng6 Rf6 25.Nf4 Nb6 26.Ba2 Nc4 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.d5 exd5 29.Nxd5 Rd6 30.Rd3 Kh8 31.b4 Be6 0-1

Aaron Stearns–Jennie Frenklakh
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 5, B12

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.e4 dxc4 5.Bxc4 e6 6.Nc3 Nd7 7.Nge2 Nb6 8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.0-0 Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4 Qd7 14.f5 exf5 15.e6 fxe6 16.Bxe6 Qc7 17.Qe2 Be7 18.Bf4 Qd8 19.Rae1 Bf7 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Qe6+ Kf8 22.Qxf5+ Ke8 23.Bg5 Nc8 24.Bxe7 Nxe7 25.Qf7+ Kd7 26.Qe6+ Kc7 27.Qxe7+ 1-0

Walter Shipman–Aaron Stearns
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 6, A46

1.d4 e6 2.g3 c5 3.Nf3 b5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nc3 a6 9.e4 exd4 10.e5 Qd8 11.Nxd4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qb6 13.Qf3 Ra7 14.Rad1 d6 15.exd6 Bxd6 16.Qe3 Be7 17.Ne4 1/2-1/2

Jordy Mont-Reynaud–Ari Deshpande
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 5, D48

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.e4 c5 10.d5 exd5 11.e5 d4 12.exf6

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Letters to the Editor

Dear *CalChess Journal* Editor:

I was disappointed in your response to the letter from Peter McKone in the Autumn issue. Mr. McKone objected to a political remark in a *CalChess* article. The remark was unnecessary and should have been removed. I'm sure that if the author's article had included racial slurs, anti-Semitic innuendos or sexist stereotypes you would have used your editorial prerogative to snip them out. But apparently it is OK to attack Republicans.

As human beings we can't hope to agree on everything but I hope that CCJ will promote inclusiveness. As long as someone is playing their best chess and is displaying courtesy to their opponents they should be welcome in *CalChess* regardless of their political beliefs. It is easy for an editor to use his position of power to take cheap shots, but it is better for chess to encourage tolerance and respect for everyone's beliefs.

By the way, the new CCJ is great.

Jim Uren, San Jose

The editor replies:

Thank you for writing Mr. Uren, and for your kind closing comment.

It was not a political remark. The article was about the success of a young female player. It was written, lest we forget, when Mr. Gingrich was in the news for his remark about women's supposed inability to fight in the trenches. It made use of a highly topical reference to express support for women in chess. We need more of this, not less.

CalChess could care less about your political beliefs as long as you aren't loudly proclaiming them on your opponents' time. It is absurd to take one remark in one article, misinterpret it, and then suggest the possibility that political beliefs are even remotely a factor in *CalChess* membership.

Since the editor did not author the article, it is poor reasoning to suggest that we are abusing our power in order to take cheap shots. In fact, that's a cheap shot.

The real issue here is women in chess. The article promoted inclusiveness, respect and tolerance. You may rest assured that, if anyone takes a shot at women's abilities, they are fair game on these pages, regardless of their political affiliation.

Season Opener Games

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Nxf6 13.Ne4 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qc2 c4 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Be4 Ra7 19.Qd1 Re7 20.Ng5 g6 21.Qf3 Kg7 22.h4 Qe8 23.Bc6 Bd7 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Nh7 Kxh7 26.Qxf6 a5 27.h5 gxh5 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Qg5+ Kh7 30.Qxh5+ Kg8 31.Bh6 f6 32.Bxf8 Rh7 33.Bh6 1-0

Viktors Pupols-Walter Shipman
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 5, D45

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Ne5 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Nd7 8.f4 Nb6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Bd2 Be7 12.Qc2 Bh4+ 13.Ke2 b6 14.e4 Qd7 15.Rd1 Ba6+ 16.Kf3 Bxf1 17.Bb4 Qb7 18.Rhxf1 c5 19.Bc3 0-0 20.Rd2 Rfd8 21.Rfd1 Be7 22.a4 Qc7 23.f5 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Rd8 25.f6 Bf8 26.Qd1 Rxd2 27.Qxd2 b5 28.b3 b4 29.Bb2 c4 30.bxc4 Qxc4 31.fxg7 Be7 32.Bd4 Bg5 33.Be3 Bxe3 34.Qd8+ Kxg7 35.Qf6+ Kf8 36.Qd8+ 1/2-1/2

Dmitry Zilberstein-Rosendo Balinas
CalChess Season Opener
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Round 5, A47

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 c5 5.e3 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Bf4 Qc7 8.dxc5 bxc5 9.c4 g6 10.Nc3 Bg7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Rfd1

Rab8 13.Rac1 Be6 14.b3 a5 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Qa7 17.e4 Ng4 18.h3 Nge5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.a4 Rb6 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Bf1 Bd4 23.Kg2 f5 24.exf5 Rxf5 25.f4 Qb7 26.Qe4 Rxb3 27.Rb1 e5 28.Bb5 Re3 29.Bc6 Qc8 30.Qc2 exf4 31.g4 Rg3+ 32.Kh2 Rxh3+ 33.Kg2 Rg3+ 34.Kh2 Rh5+ 0-1

Renard Anderson-Eric Schiller
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 5, C83

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Be3 Be7 10.c3 Nc5 11.Be2 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Ne6 13.Qb1 Ng5 14.Nxg5 Bxg5 15.f4 Bh6 16.Bc5 Qh4 17.Nb3 0-0-0 18.a4 bxa4 19.Rxa4 Be2 20.g3 Qh5 21.Rf2 f6 22.e6 Bb5 23.Ra1 g5 24.f5 g4 25.Qe1 Ne5 26.Nd4 Nf3+ 27.Rxf3 gxf3 28.Nxb5 Qh3 29.Na7+ Kb7 30.Qf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Ra8 32.Ba4 Rxa7 33.Bxa7 1-0

Clarence Lehman-Sam Sloan
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 3, C35

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.d4 d5 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.Bxf4 Ne6 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Bxc7 Qd7 12.Be5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ne4 14.Nd6 Nxd6 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Qd2 Bf6 17.c3 d4

18.Kh1 Rfd8 19.Ng5 dxc3 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21.Qf2 cxb2 22.Rab1 Qd5 23.Ne4 Bd4 24.Qg3 Qh5 25.Qa3+ Ke8 26.Rbe1 Be6 27.Bf5 Be5 28.Ng3 Bxg3 29.Qxg3 Qh6 30.Rxe6+ fxe6 31.Bg6+ Kd7 32.Rf7+ Kc6 33.Qc7+ Kb5 34.Qxb7+ Kc5 35.Rc7+ Kd4 36.Qxb2+ Ke3 37.Rc3+ Kf4 38.Qb4+ Ke5 39.Qe4+ Kd6 40.Qd4+ Ke7 41.Rc7+ Kf8 42.Qf2+ Kg8 Black lost on time in a winning position. This was a sudden death time control game. 1-0

Sam Sloan-Gina Sanchez Wolski
CalChess Season Opener
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Round 5, A00

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.e4 Ne7 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Nf3 Ng6 7.d4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nd7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qd2 a5 12.0-0-0 Bxa2 13.dxe5 Ngxe5 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Bd5 16.Rxd5 exd5 17.Nd4 Qe7 18.Qxd5 Nb6 19.Qb5+ Nbd7 20.Nf5 Qb4 21.Qd5 0-0-0 22.Nd6+ Kb8 23.Nb5 Nc6 24.Ba7+ Ka8 25.Qxc6 Rb8 26.Qa6 Nc5 27.Nc7# 1-0

Sam Sloan-Micah Fisher-Kirshner
CalChess Season Opener
Foster City, 1996
Round 4, A00

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 e6 4.Qb3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bxd5 Qe7 7.Qxb7 Rd8 8.Bxc6+ Bd7 9.Qxc7 Nf6 10.Nc3 Qe6 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.d3 Bd6 13.Qxa7 0-0 14.Qe3 Rfe8 15.Qxe6 Rxe6 16.Nf3 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Be3 f5 19.Kd2 f4 20.Be5 Rde8 21.d4 Bf6 22.Rae1 Rd8 23.e3 1-0

6th San Francisco International



Who Were those Filipinos and Why Did They Take all of Our Rating Points?

IM Guillermo Rey was one of our best tournament organizers in the 1980s. He put together a string of IM norm tournaments and was instrumental in the first Pan-Pacific GM tournament in 1987. Unfortunately, the too often told story of work interfering with one's chess applied to Guillermo with a vengeance.

We started to see some interest rekindle in his eyes during the 1995 Pan-Pacific, and again when he competed in the category VII CalChess/Mechanics' Challenge in August. Guillermo then decided to take matters into his own hands and organized his 6th international, this time a category III event at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco.

As always, he managed to put the tournament together on a shoestring. The American Chess Foundation contributed money towards the \$1,750 prize fund and the rest of the funding was secured by a combination of entry fees and personal donations.

Tied for 1st-2nd with 7.5/10, and splitting \$1500 were IM Enrico Sevillano and Omar Cartagena, both of the Philippines. Ronald Cusi, also playing under the flag of the Phillipines, finished in third with 7 points. Both Cartagena's and Cusi's results were good enough to earn them IM norms. Their performance was truly dominating and served notice to the rest of us that we had an awful lot of work to do. Walter Shipman turned in a respectable showing with 5.5 points, but the rest of us trailed badly.

Although it is a rare treat to participate in a solid round-robin tournament like this one, there were a couple of major drawbacks. Due to the lack of funding, all of the games were played at the Mechanics' Institute, whose members do not understand the meaning of the word silence. It was not an atmo-

by *FM James Eade*

sphere conducive to creating well played games. In fact, Shipman vowed to never put himself through that again and withdrew from the January Linklater tournament. It is essential that something be done about the noise problem at the chess room, or it will be impossible to continue to run high caliber events there.

Also due to the lack of financing, we accelerated the playing schedules of Cartagena and Sevillano in order to minimize their lodging expenses. This resulted in the kind of schedule juggling that disrupts a tournament's natural flow. Often there were only two and sometimes only a single game being contested on any given day. It just doesn't feel like a tournament when that happens.

Despite its shortcomings, this tournament was another shot in the arm for chess in San Francisco. Some of us now have a much better understanding of what it will take to compete at the next level. Despite our wound licking, we were all grateful to Guillermo for all the work he did to make the tournament happen. Below, he annotates one of his games from the event.



Rey-Sevillano

San Francisco International 1996

Benoni

Notes by IM Guillermo Rey

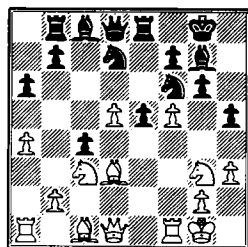
1.d4 c5 2.d5 e6 3.c4 exd5
4.cxd5 d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7
7.Bd3 Nf6

Sevillano had used the Benoni to score wins over both Eade and Lobo in this tournament.

8.Nge2 a6 9.a4 0-0 10.0-0
Nbd7 11.h3 Rb8 12.f4 Re8
13.Ng3 h5

This move was new to me, but I wasn't really impressed by it at the time.

14.e5 dxe5 15.f5 c4 ?!



After the game, Sevillano told me that 13...h5 had been played in Balinas-A.Ivanov, Reno, 1995. That game contin-

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Schiller-Eade

San Francisco International 1996

Center-Counter

Notes by FM James Eade

1.e4 d5!

Thank you Anand! I knew Schiller would be armed and dangerous against my French and made a late decision to thwart his preparation.

2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.g3

Schiller told me afterwards that he liked this "unassuming" continuation, but Black gets too free a hand too quickly, in my opinion.

4...Nf6 5.Bg2 c6 6.Nge2

6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 is an-

other standard treatment.

6...g6

The book on Schiller is to get him out of book. I cannot find the text anywhere in my database. Normally, Black plays the moves Bf5, e6 and Be7, which is also completely satisfactory.

7.0-0 Bg7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4

White will attempt to restrain Black's development by holding back his center pawns and by expanding on the

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Rey-Sevillano
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ued 15...h4, but Balinas went on to score a brilliant win.

16.Bc2?!

White should take on c4 and answer 16...h4 with 17.fxc6!. 16...Nb6 17.Bb3 h4 with the same idea 18.fxc6!.

16...Nf8?! 17.fxc6 fxc6 18.Kh1 N6h7 19.Qf3

A natural move which contains some poison.

19...Re7 20.Nge4?!

Instead 20.Be3 h4 21.d6 Qxd6 22.Rad1 looks impressive.

20...Bf5 21.g4!?

Another try is 21.d6!?

21...hxc4 22.hxc4 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Qd6 24.b3!?

On 24.g5 Nd7 I thought Black would consolidate.

24...exb3 25.Ba3 Qd8 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.d6

Time has now become a factor. 27.Kg2!?

27...Qh4+

Not 27...Qxd6 28.Qf7 Kh8 29.Bd5 Nd7 (29...Nf6? 30.Rxf6) 30.Ne4.

28.Kg2 Ng5 29.Qg3

White gains nothing with 29.Bd5

29...Qxg3+ 30.Kxg3 Nfe6 31.Bd5?!

White is very short on time and the position is very complex. If 31.Rab1 Rc8 wins.

31...e4!

Of course!

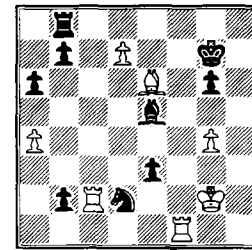
32.Rac1 Be5+ 33.Kg2 b2 34.Rc2 e3?

Better is 34...Kg7-+

35.Ne4?

Better would've been 35.Rb1 when the position remains complicated.

35...Nxe4 36.Bxe6+ Kg7 37.d7 Nd2?



After the game Sevillano suggested the beautiful 37...Rh8!!, which appears to be a winner.

38.Rc8 Nxf1 39.d8Q?

Out of time, White misses the winning 39.Ba2.

39...Rxc8 40.Qe7+

White offers a draw immediately after the mad rush to make the time control, but he shouldn't have. Black can still go wrong with 40...Kh6?? 41.g5+ Kh5 Kh3 +-. Even after the superior 40...Kh8 41.Bxc8 b1Q 42.Qxe5+ White would retain winning chances and always have the draw in hand. 1/2-1/2

Schiller-Eade
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queenside.

9...Qh5!?

I soon regretted this decision. 9...Qe7! keeps the queens on the board and is a better fighting move. The text is fine, if Black is willing to chop wood.

10.Rb1 Rd8!?

10...e5!?

 would prevent White's next, but, objectively, 10...Bh3 11.Nf4 Qxd1 and 12...Bxc2 is equal and probably best. White now forces off the queens and prevents any mischief on the d-file.

11.Nf4 Qxd1 12.Nxd1 Nd5?!

I was thinking at the time that it would be nice to eliminate one of the two active White pieces. I also wanted to move the c6-pawn to d5, after which I felt I would have the strategically superior game. However, White could and should simply continue 13.d3 and not exchange on d5. Any normal developing move by

Black would've been preferable.

13.Nxd5? cxd5 14.Ne3

14.Bb2 is another logical continuation.

14...e6 15.d3 Ne6 16.b5?!

16.c4! would've been stronger, but was inconsistent with White's game plan.

16...Ne7 17.a4 d4?!

It's probably best to delay d4 until White plays c4. Now the knight has a nice safe square on c4. The text also activates the g2-bishop which was better left biting on granite. 17...h5!?

 18.Ba3 Bf6 may have been better.

18.Ba3 Bf8 19.Nc4 ?!

Better was 19.Bxe7 Bxe7 20.Nc4. White can restrain e5 and pile up on e6.

19...Nd5 20. Bxf8 Kxf8 21. Rfe1 Rb8 22. Rb3 Nc3?!

Too late noticing that White intended the simple Rb4, Nd2 and Nb3.

23.Rb4 f6 24.f4!?

White judges that he cannot allow Black to play e5, although I would've been tempted to allow it and strike with a later f4.

24...Na2 25.Rb3 Nc3 26.Ra1?!

White should've repeated the position, but miscalculates his chances.

26...h6 27.Kf2?

27.h5 was mandatory.

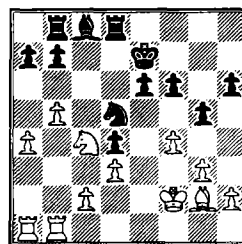
27...Ke7?

27...g5! is crying out to be played.

28.Rb4 Nd5 29.Rbb1

Now White has freed a rook to shift along the first rank, but this is too little too late.

29...g5!



Finally, Black takes control

of e5, and with it the game.

30.fxc5 hxc5 31.Re1 Nc3 32.Rh1 e5 33.Na5

White cannot maintain the queenside bind.

34...Kd6 34.Ke1 g4 35.Rf1 Rf8 36.Kd2 Kc5 37.Nc4 Be6

The bishop springs to life and White is immediately under tactical threats.

38.Ne3 Kb4

Not 38...dxc3 39.Kxc3

39.Nd1 Bd5

The exchange magnifies White's advantage since his queenside requires continuous defense and Black no longer has similar difficulties.

40.Bxd5 Nxd5 41.Nf2 f5 42.Rfb1+ Kc5 43.Rh1 Rbe8 44.h3 gxh3 45.Nxh3 Rg8

Now White throws in the towel.

46.Raf1 Ne3 47.Rf3 e4 48.Rf4 Rxc3 49.c3 dxc3+ 0-1

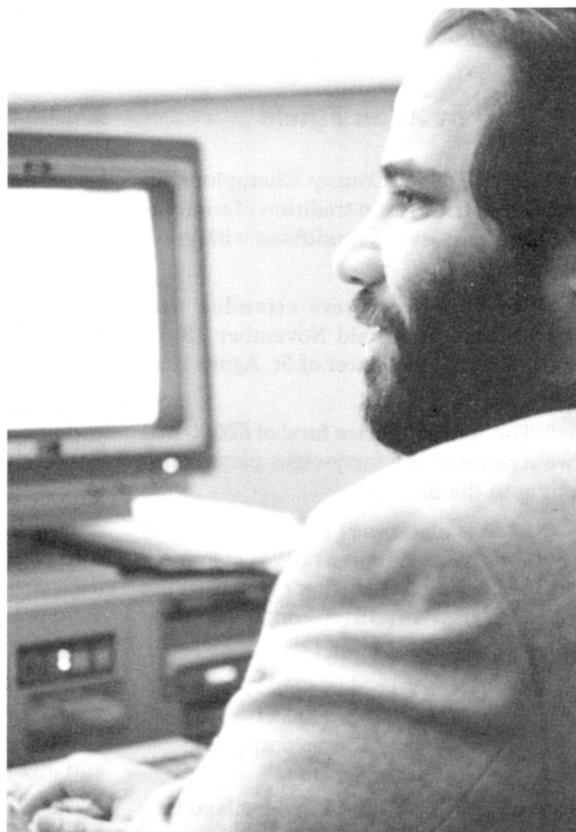
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1995 State Championship

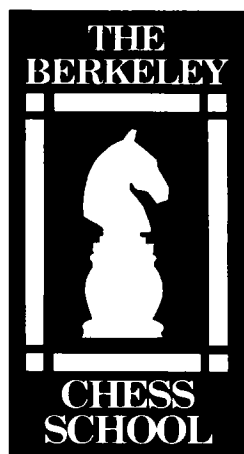
by Tom Dorsch

Northern California's Labor Day State Championship drew more than 220 players to San Mateo, half-way between San Francisco and San Jose, to vie for honors in the state's open championship. High hopes for a clear first among the local stars were dashed when GM Pavel Blatny, winner of the NY Open in Newark earlier this year, showed up unannounced to enter. Blatny, the Czech Republic's 'second-strongest player,' was on a camping trip to Yosemite with some friends, and dropped by for a payday. After dispatching last year's high school champ, Dmitry Zilberstein (2341), Emmanuel Perez (2388), IM Elliot Winslow (2418), and 1973 US Champ IM John Grefe (2505), Blatny was able to coast in round six by agreeing to an early draw with Eric Schiller (2279).

All in all, the formidable Czech left little doubt that the best player won. Trailing by a full point with 4.5 were GM Rosendo Balinas, Burt Izumikawa and Eric Schiller. Schiller and Izumikawa were named Northern California co-champions, and Schiller won the championship trophy on tie-breaks, his best performance since relocating to the Golden State from New York via Illinois a few years ago. Izumikawa started shakily, drawing Isaak Margulis (2307) and then losing to Vinay Bhat, who previously established the record for youngest American master (ten-year's old). That must have made him mad, because he then reeled off three fine wins



Eric Schiller, State Open Co-champion



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in a row. IM Walter Shipman, who played brilliantly at the US Open, was unable to repeat at the two-games-per-day schedule and lost to Izumikawa in round five.

The Expert winners were Sacramento junior star Winston Tsang and Arthur Arutjunian, a recent emigrant from the former Soviet Union. 'A' honors went to Sacramento veteran Paul Lillebo, who dominated a strong section, followed by Don Wolitzer, James Uren, Alan Gullette, and Igor Traub. The 'B' winner was David Slavinsky. 'C' honors were split by Mark Crane, Joseph Kaire, and Jim Stapleton. Noel Dizon of Southern California took first 'D' and Arthur Ibragimov won the Un-rated.

The tournament was directed by Tom Dorsch, Carolyn Withgitt, Julie Regan, and David Gross. Two-hundred-forty players participated.

The 1995 3rd Fresno County Championship

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The Director's View

by Allan Fifield

The 1995 Fresno County Championship continued the Fresno tradition of combining the best playing conditions with great upsets.

Forty-eight players attended this Grand Prix event held November 18-19 at the Education Center of St. Agnes Hospital.

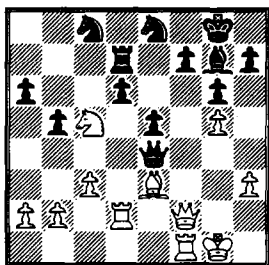
The generous prize fund of \$2000 had twenty-one of the forty-eight players finishing in the money!

In first place with a perfect 5-0 and \$500 was Atrak Akopian (2394) of Fresno. Artak clinched a clear first place with the following last round victory over Tony Miller (2132).

**Artak Akopian (2394)-
Tony Miller (2132)**

Fresno County Championship (5)
Sicilian Dragon

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Be2 Nf6 8.0-0
0-0 9.h3 Bd7 10.Nb3 a6 11.f4 b5
12.Bf3 Rc8 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Nd5 Qb8
15.c3 Rfd8 16.Nb6 Rc7 17.Nxd7
Rxd7 18.Qf2 e5 19.f5 Ne7 20.g4 Ne8
21.f6 Bxf6 22.g5 Bg7 23.Bg4 Nc8
24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.Rad1 Qb7 26.Rd2
Qxe4 27.Nc5



27...Qc6 28.Nxd7 Qxd7 29.Qf3 f5

30.gxf6 Nxf6 31.Bg5 e4 32.Qg2 Qe6
33.Bxf6 Bxf6 34.Qg4 Qxg4+ 35.hxg4
Be536.Re1 Resigns

The fourth game was key as Artak with the black pieces defeated the always tough Peter Yu (2228). Artak is a true gentleman and a fine player. He never complains about pairings or color allocations or anything else. Instead, he reads the pairing sheet with a bemused grin, proceeds calmly to his assigned board, greets his opponent with a friendly smile and firm handshake, and then crushes the life out of the unfortunate victim. Artak does this round after round after round with deceptive ease. As recent immigrants from Armenia, both Atrak and his father Telman (a strong 'A' player) are treasured additions to the Fresno chess scene.

Second place at 4-1 paid \$102 each to Peter Yu, Haryanto Daud, Tony Miller, Owen Overton (First 'A'), Ken Hennessee, and quietly improving Christopher Black. It was nice to see Owen Overton rebound with a strong showing after a disastrous outing in the 1995 spring San Joaquin Championship.

Other first place class plaque winners were:

- Class B George Paxton
- Class C Michael Hubble
- Class D Howard Turner
- Class E Vincent Enrico

And now to the truly important stuff—at least in Fresno! The winners of the upset prizes (CalChess memberships) were Vincent Enrico (1146) for most cumulative upset points (838 total points!) and Howard Turner (1384) for greatest individual game upset of 508 points. And here's how its done ...

**Telman Akopian (1892)-
Howard Turner (1384)**

95 Fresno County Championship (4)
French Exchange

Howard seizes the initiative as black in an exchange French and brings the point home with some careful and patient endgame play. Notes and analysis by Howard Turner.

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bd6
5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 Bg4
7...f6.

8.h3 Bh5 9.c3 f6 10.Be3 c6 11.Nbd2
Nd7 12.Qc2 Bg6= 13.c4!?

Creates an imbalance favorable for Black. 13.Bxg6 Nxg6 14.Qf5.

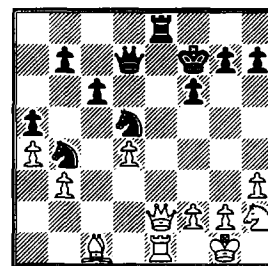
13...Bxd3

13...dxc4?! 14.Bxg6 Nxg6 15.Qxc4+
Kh8 16.d5 Nge5 17.Qb3 Nc4

14.Qxd3 dxc4 15.Qxc4+

15.Nxc4 Nb6 (15...Qc7 16.Qe4 Kh8
17.Qe6 Nc8 18.d5) 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Rfe1
Ned5.

15...Nd5 16.Qb3 Qb6 17.Qc2 Qc7
18.Nc4 N7b6 19.b3 Rfe8 20.Nxd6
Qxd6 21.Rae1 Qd7 22.a4 Nb4 23.Qd1
N6d5 24.Bc1 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 a5 26.Qe2
Kf7 27.Nh2 Re8



28.Qh5+ Kf8

28...Kg8?? 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8

30.Qxe8#.

29.Rxe8+

29.Qxh7? Rxe1+ 30.Nf1 Rxe1
31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.Qh5+ Kg8 33.Qe2 Nf4
34.Qe3 Nbd3!-+.

29...Qxe8 30.Qxe8+ Kxe8 31.Ng4 Ke7
32.Ba3 Ke6 33.Ne3 Nxe3 34.fxe3 Kd5

34...Ne2 35.Be1 Na1 (35...Kd5
36.Bd2 Ke4 37.Kf2 Kd3 38.Bxa5 Nxe3)
36.Kf2 (36.Ba3 Nxb3) 36...Nxb3 37.Ba3
b5 38.axb5 cxb5 39.Bf8 g5 40.Kg3 h5
41.h4 b4 42.hxg5 fxg5 43 .Kf3 Kd5 44.Be7
Nd2+ 45.Ke2 Ne4 46.Bf8 b3 47.Ba3 Ke4
48.Bb2.

35.Kf1 c5

35...Ne2 36.Be1 Na1 37.Ke2 Nxb3
38.Bb2 Kc4.

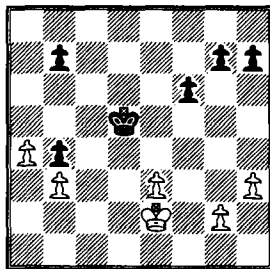
36.dxc5

36.Bxb4! axb4 37.dxc5 Kxc5= 38.Ke2
Kd5 39.Kf3 Ke5 40.g4 b6.

36...Kxc5

36...Ne2 37.c6 (37.e4+; 37.Be1+).

37.Ke2 Kd5 38.Bxb4 axb4



39.Kd3 f5 40.g4 g6

40...fxg4 41.hxg4 g6 42.e4+ Ke5
43.Ke3 g5.

41.gxf5 gxf5 42.a5 h6 43.h4 h5 44.Kd2
Ke4 45.Ke2 f4 46.exf4 Kxf4 47.Kf2
Kg4 48.Kg2 Kxh4 49.Kf3 Kh3 50.Kf4
h4 51.Kf3 Kh2 52.Kf2 Kh1 53.Kf1 Kh2
54.Kf2 h3 55.Kf1 Kg3 56.Kg1 h2+
57.Kh1 Kf3 58.Kxh2 Ke3 59.Kg3 Kd3
60.Kf3 Kc3 61.Ke3 Kxb3 62.Kd4 Ka4?!

62...Kc2 63.Ke4 b3 64.Kb5 b2 65.Kb6
b1Q+ 66.Ka7 Qb4.

63.Ke4 Kxa5 64.Kb3 Kb5 65.Ka2 Kc4
66.Kb2 b3 67.Kb1 Kc3 68.Kc1 b2+
69.Kb1 b6 70.Ka2 Kc2 71.Ka3 b1Q 0-1

And now to the other important stuff—at least in Fresno! The Best Game prizes were also CalChess memberships. Chris Black won the Best Game Over 1600 prize for his win as white over Jim Winberg while Don Forgie collected the Best Game Under 1600 for the following triumph over Joe B. Millares.

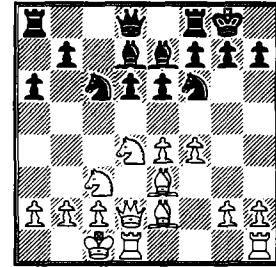
**Don Forgie (1272)–
Joe B. Millares (1631)**

95 Fresno County Championship (2)
Sicilian (Najdorf)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Be2 Be7 8.f4 0-0
9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Ne6

With kings tucked away on opposite sides of the board, whites plan in the Sicilian can be fairly simple: (1) Pry open the h file; (2) Double major pieces on the h file; (3) Mate the black king at either h7 or h8. Black must create the necessary

counterplay in the center or queenside to stop this attack.



11.g4 e5 12.Nxc6 bxc6?

With Bxc6 the white king pawn is under immediate attack while the b-pawn remains available to play b2–b4–b5 dislodging the c3 knight.

13.f5 h6

White can now pry open either the h- or the g-file. In a practical sense black is now lost.

14.h4 Nh7 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5

Bingo! If this was Backgammon white would be grabbing the doubling cube.

16...Nxg5 17.Bd3 g6 18.Qh2 Bf6
19.Kb1! Re8 20.Bxg5 Bxg5 21.Qh8++
1-0

And now for the credits! Thank you to all the players for being gentlemen. Thank you to Dr. Tim Roth and St. Agnes for the best possible tournament site. And thank you to Dennis and Marian Wajckus as hardworking organizers and assistant tournament directors!

Patrick Jackson

Patrick Jackson, a perennial chess competitor in Northern California, passed away on November 13, 1995. Patrick was 61. I had not heard from him in many weeks. I called his home to wish him a Happy New Year and his wife Rose informed me of his death. Tears rolled down

my cheeks. I lost a dear friend and Northern California, more specifically Fremont, lost a chess activist. Rose told me he died in his sleep from high blood pressure—the silent killer.

Patrick Jackson was far from silent. He was outspoken, jovial and a gentle person. I met him about four years ago when I took my boys to the Fremont Chess Club at our library. Many adult chess players avoid playing with children, but not Patrick. He played chess with my kids and helped other young people when they came to the Club.

When the Fremont Library closed on Fridays due to budget cuts, Patrick found us a new site in a city recreation building. He even got the Mayor, whom he knew from work at Lockheed, to come to the opening ceremonies. Within a year, city budget cuts caused the Recreation Department to demand \$25 an hour for use of the site. Patrick fought hard and long at City Hall to get the decision reversed. However, even his friendship with the Mayor came to no avail when he had to confront the bureaucracy.

When I began holding scholastic chess competitions, Patrick volunteered his time. He never missed one of my tournaments. I will miss him, as I am sure the Northern California chess community will.

Hans Poschman, President of the dormant Fremont Chess Club, has located a new site. We have decided to name the Club the Patrick Jackson Chess Club and invite his wife Rose to our first meeting to dedicate the reborn Club. Information on where and when this will occur will be forthcoming.

—Alan M. Kirshner

San Joaquin Valley Notes

Year End 1995

Rocky Hill Chess for Kids

The first USCF tournament ever in the city of Exeter attracted 48 happy kids to Rocky Hill School on Saturday December 2nd. Teams of young chessplayers kids came from Merced, Dinuba, Goshen, Visalia, Three Rivers, and Porterville. The tournament was a five round Swiss organized into a 18 player 7th-12th section and a 30 player K-6th section.

In the 7th-12th section, Vincent and Ryan Enrico of Madera tied for first with 4.5 out of 5 points. The last round game between these two brothers was a long hard fought draw. In the K-6th section, Jacob Bakhoum of Visalia beat a talented Nguyen Trung of Merced in the last round to score a perfect 5-0.

Allan Fifield was the head TD with the help of assistant TDs Darren Russell in the K-6th section and Kelton Brewer in the 7th-12th section. Tournament host was Rocky Hill teacher Wendell Shepard. This tournament was made possible by generous donations from the Fresno Chess Club, Jostens Printing of Visalia, and the Dinuba Kiwanis

Tulare County Chess For Kids has upcoming events scheduled for March 2nd at Goshen and April 13th at Dinuba. Contact Allan Fifield at 209-734-2784 for additional information on Tulare County Chess for Kids.

New Madera Chess Club

The newly formed Madera Chess Club held their charter meeting on Thursday, December 7th, 1995. With approximately twenty eager chess players, this club meets every Thursday night at 7 PM at the Carl's Jr. on Madera Avenue just off of Highway 99.

Come on up and visit these friendly folks; You can not get lost as the Carl's Jr. is easily visible in both directions from Highway 99.

For more information, contact Kelton Brewer (President) at 209-673-1026.

The New Visalia World Champion

The new world chess champion is ... Hans Borm of Porterville! Hans defeated all comers in the annual Visalia World Championship tournament (held from November 1st to November 15th) to snatch the coveted crown. Thirteen players competed for the world title.

Hans has issued a challenge to Kasparov, Karpov, and Fischer for a title reunification match in 1996. We will keep you informed of developments!

Fresno Fall Swiss

Fifth ranked Oscar Cabantac of Fresno (1330) posted a perfect 3-0 to take the victory plaque on tie breaks in this fourteen player, one day event on October 21st. Oscar's strength has jumped recently and higher rated opponents are advised to ignore Oscar's rating. Fresno's tradition of great upsets was continued in the second round with Kurt Herra (1488) body-slaming Allan Fifield (1812) and Don Forgie (1216) derailing second ranked Richard Somawang (1822).

Last Chance OMOV

A dozen local players tried to raise their ratings in the Last Chance OMOV quick chess tournament held at the Visalia Club on Wednesday, December 27th.

When the tournament was over, no one had made master but Louis Spate of Kingsburg had gone 4-0 to win the first place prize of the brand new San Francisco 1995 tournament book by Hypermodern Press.

Fresno Chess for Fun

Twelve players took part in Fresno's Chess for Fun tournament on Monday December 11th. Artak Akopian defeated fellow master Tim Roth to win the tournament with a perfect 3-0. With a published rating of 2420, Aratak is the highest rated player to ever live in Fresno.

In a pleasant and popular surprise, Marian Wajekus (897) scored 2-1 to tie for second place.

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Visalia Fall Picnic

By Allan Fifield

Twenty-eight eager chessplayers gathered under the majestic oak trees of Plaza Park in Visalia for the annual Visalia Fall Picnic chess tournament. This event (played on Saturday, October 7th, 1995) was divided into two four player quads and a Swiss section of twenty. The emphasis was on 'Chess for Fun' in this friendly outdoor competition for trophies.

Top gun in the top quad was Jon Cobbs of Visalia while Albert Martinez of Fresno made off with the first place trophy in the second quad.

In the Swiss section of under 1200 and unrated, trophies were awarded to Mick Simpson of Bakersfield, first place; Ryan Enrico of Madera, second place; Tim Grover of Fresno and Jeremy Cantrell of Porterville, third place. Irish Edwards won the Best Goshen trophy, (the trophy donated by Jostens Printing).

The Best Game prize of a CalChess membership was won by Hermann Bevill of Porterville for the following beauty played in the last round. Toward the end of the game, a small but excited crowd of chessplayers would dash under a nearby oak tree after each move to discuss this game. With his 36th move, Herman created a beautiful crossfire of pins that decided the issue

Herman Bevill (1721)–Devin Jandenil (1811)
95 Visalia Fall Picnic, Quad I (3)
French Winawer

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 cxd4 6.axb4 dxc3
7.bxc3 Qc7 8.Nf3?!?

No fear here! White sacs a pawn for unclear benefits

8...Qxc3+!? 9.Bd2 Qc7 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.0-0 Nge7 12.Re1 b6
13.Qe2 Bb7 14.b5 Nd8 15.Rac1

Whites has some modest pressure for his sac.

15...0-0??

Oh No, Mr. Bill!

16.Bxh7+!

A punch on the nose!

16...Kh8

If Kxh7 then 17.Ng5+ followed by Qh5 will mate.

17.Bd3 f6 18.Nh4 f5 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Re3 Nf7 21.Rg3 Qxe5
22.Re1 Qf6 23.Bb4! Rfe8 24.Ng6 Nxe6 25.Rxg6 Qd4 26.Bd2
Ne5 27.Be3 Qc3 28.Rxg7+! Kxg7 29.Bh6+ Kg8 30.Qg5+ Ng6

Black must cough up the knight to save his king
31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Re3 Re7 33.Rh3 Rh7 34.Bf1!?

The oak tree debate centered on this move as either a wise precaution or a waste of time.

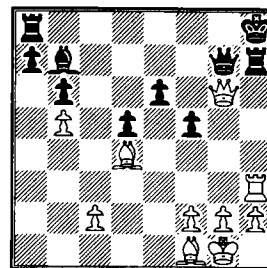
VISALIA FALL PICNIC			
Top Quad	1st	Jon Cobbs	Visalia
Second Quad	1st	Albert Martinez	Fresno
Best Goshen Best Game		Irish Edwards Hermann Bevill	Goshen Porterville
Swiss (under 1200 and Unr)	1st	Mick Simpson	Bakersfield
	2nd	Ryan Enrico	Madera
	3rd	Tim Grover	Fresno
		Jeremy Cantrell	Porterville

34...Qd4 35.Be3! Qg7

Necessary to protect the h7 rook and prevent mate.

36.Bd4!!

The white bishop floats unprotected in the air while creating a crossfire of pins and overworked pieces.



36...Rg8 37.Qxh7 mate 1-0

On the Cover: Vinay Wins Aspis Prize

The Aspis prize is awarded each year to an outstanding young player. Vinay Bhat, this year's winner, is presented with the award by Tom Dorsch, and is the second Northern Californian to receive this prestigious award. Jordy Mont-Renaud was our first.

THE EDITOR'S REPORT

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organizing by IM Guillermo Rey. Guillermo has a proven track record for producing top quality international level tournaments and the report on the 6th San Francisco International docu-



C CJ Editor James Eade

ments his latest effort. International master norms were available and earned in this event and we think this bodes well for the future of our top players.

It isn't only the top players who are enjoying chess big time these days, however, and reports on our traditional tournaments are given by our usual suspects. These volunteers are the back bone of this publication and their submissions are once again gratefully accepted.

As Yasser would say: Enjoy!

15th Livermore Open

The 15th Livermore Open was played on November 4th and 5th. It attracted seventy-nine players and had a prize fund of \$1,400.

Open

Place	Name (rating)	Score	Prize
1st-3rd	Thomas Wolski (2355)	3.5	\$145
1st-3rd	Paul Enright (2266)	3.5	\$145
1st-3rd	Rob Kichinski (2261)	3.5	\$145

U2100

1st-2nd	Paul Liebhaber (2000)	3.0	\$105
1st-2nd	Gina Sanchez (1873)	3.0	\$105
3rd	Arthur Ibragimov (2097)	2.5	\$40

Reserve

1st	Andrew Milburn (1682)	4.0	\$165
2nd-3rd	Cuong Nguyen (1821)	3.0	\$75
2nd-3rd	Philip Sterne (1800)	3.0	\$75

U1700

1st-4th	Richard Freggiaro (1669)	2.5	\$55
1st-4th	Brendan Birt (1571)	2.5	\$55
1st-4th	Uri Andrews (1566)	2.5	\$55
1st-4th	Duane Anderson (1466)	2.5	\$55

Booster

1st-2nd	David McDaniel (1499)	4.0	\$70
1st-2nd	Brad Wilburn (1244)	4.0	\$70
3rd-5th	Gary Lazar (1324)	3.0	\$13.33
3rd-5th	Dustin Phillips (1086)	3.0	\$13.33
3rd-5th	Oly Wasem (unr)	3.0	\$13.33

Kevin Cripe (1898)-Ursula Foster (1744) 15th Livermore Open

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3 4.Nc3 e5 5.Be4 Bb4 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ng5 Nh6 8.0-0 Be3 9.bc3 0-0 10.Qh5 Qf6 11.f4 Qg6 12.Qh4 ef4 13.Bf4 Nd8 14.Rad1 d5 15.Rd5 Kh8 16.Rd8 Rd8 17.Qh6 gh6 18.Nf7 Kg7 19.Be5 Kf8 20.Nh8 Ke7 21.Ng6 hg6 22.Bf6 Kd7 23.Rd1 1-0

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1995 World Championship

GM Christiansen Annotates

The latest Hypermodern® Press book is *On Top of the Chess World, the Kasparov–Anand World Championship Match*. The authors, all Grandmasters, Ilya Gurevich, Larry Christiansen and John Fedorowicz, were present as commentators and relate their impressions as well as their analysis of the games.

Below is a sample of the analytical prowess which they brought to their task. Interestingly, the Anand team special ordered another of our books, *The Soltis Variation of the Yugoslav Attack* by Steve Mayer, after Kasparov shocked him with the Dragon. It clearly helped, but was too little too late.

Anand–Kasparov
World Championship, 1995
Game 13
Sicilian Dragon, Yugoslav Attack
Notes by GM Larry Christiansen

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6

Maybe Kasparov repeated the Dragon to remind Anand of the debacle of Game ten. He may also figured that there was no way that Anand and Co. could catch up analytically in the short period between the tenth game.

6.Be3 Bg7 7.Qd2

A strange move order that seemingly allows the annoying retort 7...Ng4. 8.Bg5 (White must save the bishop for any hope of advantage) h6 9.Bh4 (9.Bb5+?! Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 is senseless since 11.Bh4?? loses at once to 11...Bxd4 12.Qxd4 e5!) Nc6 and now 10.Nb3 looks reasonable. Although Black has gained time developing his pieces the Ng4 is misplaced. With a further Be2, 0-0 etc White can fight for hope for a superior version of the Classical Dragon Variation (1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2) In any event, Kasparov, after a short think, decides not to explore these areas.

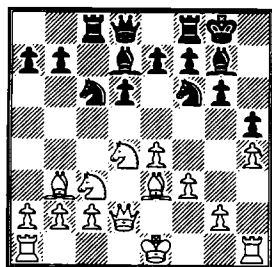
7...Nc6 8.f3

Going into the Yugoslav Attack.

8...0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4

Normally White plays 10.0-0-0 before this. Anand has a very unusual variation in mind though.

10...h5 11.Bb3 Rc8



12.Nxc6

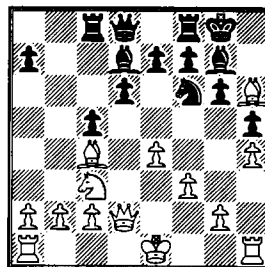
Anand & Co. spent the weekend preparing this surprise? In

the few tests where it has been used White has done very well with it but the level of opposition was not the highest caliber. Of the three possible Black replies, 12...Bxc6, 12...Rxc6, and 12...bxc6 the latter two look the most logical. 12...Rxc6 keeps operations on the c-line going and prepares an eventual ...Rfc8 to increase the pressure. The drawback to 12...Rxc6 is that after 13.0-0-0 Qa5 14.Bd4! Rfc8 15.Rhe1 White has little to fear from anything on the c-file and is ready for action in the center. 12...bxc6 as played in the game, makes good positional sense (capturing toward the center) although of course the c-line play is suddenly obstructed. I vaguely recall this move having a brief run of popularity in the seventies, mainly among young anti-Dragon players.

12...bxc6 13.Bh6

Trading off the dangerous Bg7 fits well with the new structure. Perhaps more flexible is 13 Rd1!? as a useful wait and see move.

13...c5 14.Be4



Roman Dzindihashvili touted 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qe2 as being superior to the text, though there is very little chance for advantage there too after 15...Be6! (Madl–S.Farago, Budapest 1989 went 15...Qc7 16.Bc4 Rb8 17.0-0-0 Rb4 18.b3 +=) 16.Bxe6 (16.Nd5 c4 17.Bxc4 Nxd5 18.exd5 Qa5+ 19.c3 Bxd5=) 16...fxe6 17.e5 Nd5 (17...dxe5 is also playable).

14...Qb6!

Apparently a novelty, and certainly an improvement over 14...Rb8 15.0-0-0?! (15.b3+=) Rb4 16.Bb3 Qc7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.a3 Rd4= Watson–Tolnoi, Keckskemet 1988. b6 is an ideal square for the queen.

15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.b3 Be6!

A good move that fights for control of the center and offers
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Anand-Kasparov
World Championship, 1995
Game 13

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to exchange off White's active bishop for Black's regressive one.

17.Nd5

This was criticized later though mainly for the thought behind the move. Actually it is not so bad. The calm 17.0-0 Bxc4 18.bxc4! is perfectly playable for White based on future buildup in the center with Rad1, Rfe1 and possibly e4-e5 if allowed. Less impressive is 17.Bxe6 fxe6 which only strengthens Black's center and activates the Rf8.

17...Bxd5 18.exd5 e5!

Anand had obviously underestimated this move which solves all of Black's problems.

19.dxe6?

Consistent with the foregoing but unfortunately a very weak move. 19.0-0-0 keeps the situation relatively balanced.

Black has difficulties drumming up play on the kingside thanks to the unfortunate inclusion of 10.h4 h5 and the queenside can be easily defended by White.

19...d5!

With the simple point 20.Bxd5? Rcd8 21.e4 fxe6 and wins.

20.Be2 e4!

An ebullient Kasparov said later of this shot, "the first time in my life I played a move that prevented castling on both wings at once." Anyone looking at the body language of the two players could easily determine what they thought of the position. Kasparov looked like a hungry man just before the feast and Anand looked like he was trapped in a World Trade Center elevator.

21.e3??

The sudden turn of events probably put Anand's equilibrium out of synch and puts up a feeble defense. The stubborn 21.Rd1 keeps the fight going, when Black can choose between 21...cxb3 22.cxb3 (22.axb3 leaves a weakness on c2) 22...fxe6 23.Bd3!? (23.Qd4 Rc2 is great for Black too) 23...e5 24.Qf2 Qb4+ 25.Qd2

Rc3—+ or Kasparov's postgame suggestion of 21...c3 22.Qd4 fxe6 with a small plus.

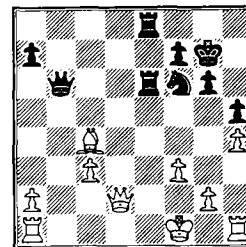
21...Rce8!

A nice switch. Suddenly White faces unberable pressure on the e-line.

22.bxc4 Rxe6 23.Kf1

23.exd5 Re5 is even simpler for Black.

23...Rfe8 24.Bd3 dxc4 25.Bxc4



25...Ne4!

In such a position there has to be something. Now Anand resigned in view of 26.Qe1 Rd6 27.fxe4 Rf6+ 28.Ke2 Rxe4+ 29.Kd3 Rxe1 etc. A very humiliating loss for Anand. Research shows that this is the shortest loss by White in any world championship match of this century.

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Chess Symbols and their Meaning

by FM James Eade

My first chess books were written in English descriptive notation, but before too long my library began to be dominated by books and magazines published in algebraic. I was still young, so it didn't take long to make the adjustment.

As I gained experience it became more important to add the standard references such as the Encyclopedia of Chess Openings (ECO) and the Informant series. These books were much more difficult to digest for this ugly American. They overcame language barriers by employing figurine algebraic (where the pieces are represented symbolically) and an array of standard international symbols defined in multiple languages by a legend included in the front of the various volumes.

Changing from English descriptive to algebraic was child's play compared to becoming conversant with this international chess speak. However, like almost anything else, it got easier with practice. My epiphany came while watching GM John Fedorowicz analyzing in a post mortem session. John kept saying "box", and I was puzzled the first time he said it. Somewhere along the way it dawned on me that he was actually saying "the only move". That is the definition of the international chess symbol □.

Symbols are obviously more important to the written rather than spoken word, especially since that is the primary way we communicate in the chess world. Lectures are nice, but published analysis is the true fabric of the chess universe.

I trust that others have had similar difficulties in mastering Informant-speak and present this superficial guide in the hopes that it will help a few people increase their understanding and appreciation for the grand game of chess. While pondering the best method of presenting the material, it occurred to me that I had an outstanding primary source literally at my fingertips.

We had just published *San Francisco 1995*, Hypermodern® Press, 1995, the tournament book of the 1995 Pan-Pacific Grandmaster Invitational, and one of the contributor's was German Grandmaster Robert Hübner. Hübner's annotations are legendary and provided me with just the vehicle I was searching for. By translating Robert's notes to his first round game with local GM Walter Browne, I hope to provide a modest guide to chess symbols and their meaning.

The text moves are in bold, the symbols (Robert's notes) in italics and my own translation in normal text. Quotation marks will indicate where words are substituted for symbols.

Browne-Hübner **Round 1, San Francisco, 1995** *[E15/4]*

Let us begin with the header codes. Every opening is classified so that we can organize games into coherent categories. The first character is a letter, in this case the letter "E", which indicates a class of opening that begins with either:

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6

or with:

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 and all continuations expect those with the third move 3...d5

The next two characters are numerical and represent a specific opening in that general classification. In this case the "15" refers to the Queen's Indian Defense. Finally, there is the separator "/" and another numerical

character which refers to a particular variation in that opening.

You tend to learn the codes associated with the openings you play and generally ignore the rest. For example, the first thing I do when I get a new *Informant* is to look for C12s, or as we say in English, the McCutcheon.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg2 Be7 8.Ne5 O-O 9.O-O Bb7?!
△9...c5=

Robert assigns the symbol ?! to his ninth move, which means he considers it a dubious move. He says "better is" 9...c5 which is "equal".

10.b3 c5 11.Bb2 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Rc1
△14.dc5 bc5 (14...Bc5 15.b4) 15.Bf6

"With the idea" of 14.dc5 bc5 "or alternatively 14...Bc5 15.b4" 15.Bf6.

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13...Bb7

13...Rc8 14.dc5 Bc5 15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Nd4 Bd7
(16...Bb7 17.Bh3) 17.e3 ±

Robert gives another possible variation, which he assesses as "White stands slightly better."

14.dxc5 Bxc5

14...bc5? 15.Bf6±

14...bc5 would be "a mistake" because of 15.Bf6 where "White has the upper hand."

15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Ne5

16.Nd4 Qf6=Δ17.e3 Ba6

We've already learned these two. Robert is telling us that if White had instead played 16.Nd4, the reply 16...Qf6 would be "equal", "with the idea" of answering 17.e3 with 17...Ba6.

16...Qe7 17.Nd3 Rac8

17...Ba3? 18.Ba3 Qa3 19.Rc7±, 17...Rfe8 18.Nc5
bc5 19.e3 Rac8 20.Qg4±

All of these codes have been previously covered. Robert evaluates one move and two positions. See for yourself which move is a "mistake" and which position is evaluated as "White stands slightly better" and which is "White has the upper hand"

18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.e3 Qe6

19...Rfd8!?

The alternative 19...Rfd8 is considered "a move deserving attention".

20.Rc2

Δ21.Qa1 f6 22.Rfc1; 21.Qc2!?

20.Rc2 was played "with the idea" of following up with 21.Qa1, although 21.Qc2 would also be "a move deserving attention."

20...Ba6 21.Re1 Rfd8 22.f3

22.Qa1 Bd3 23.Rc1 f6 (23...Qf5 24.Bg7 Qf2
25.Kh1∞) 24.Rcd1 Bc2 25.Rc1 Bd3=.

The variation offered instead of 23...f6 ends in the evaluation "unclear", while the main note ends in the evaluation "equal."

22...Nd6!?

22...Nf6 23.Qc1 Nd7±

Robert considers the text "a move deserving attention" and gives an alternative that he rates "White stands slightly better."

23.Rxc5

23.Qc1 c4 Δ24.Bd4 Nb5=.

Robert tells us what he would've replied, if Browne had played 23.Qc1 instead of the text, and demonstrates that he thinks it would've lead to an equal position.

23...Rxc5 24.Qd4 Qf6 25.Qxc5 Qxb2 26.Qa5 Re8

27.Qxa6 Qc3□

27...Nf5? 28.Qd3 Ne3 29.Re3 Qc1 30.Kf2+-

Black's 27th is "the only move", while the evaluation at the end of the variation is that "White has a decisive advantage". Notice how Robert communicates degrees of superiority through symbols.

28.Re2

28.Kf2 d4 29.Qd6 (29.e4 Re6!) 29...de3 30.Kf1

Qc2 31.Re2 (31.Re3? Qc1+-) 31...Qc1 32.Re1

Qc2=.

Here's a new symbol after 29..Re6. Robert is saying that Black can play this move "with the initiative". In the note after 31...Qc1 "Black has a decisive advantage. Notice how the evaluation remains the same for White or Black but the symbols are reversed. +- is decisive for White, while -+ is decisive for Black.

28...Nf5 29.Qb5 Rd8

29...Kf8?! 30.Qd5 Qc1 (30...Ne3 31.Qd2±) 31.Kf2

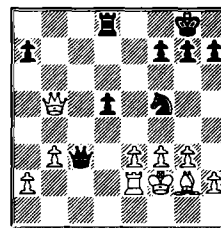
Ne3 32.Qd2 Nd1 33.Ke1 (33.Kg1? Nc3) 33...Re2

34.Ke2 Nc3 35.Kd3 Qd2 36.Kd2 Na2 37.Kd3

Ke7 38.Kc4 Kd6 39.f4±

Nothing new in this note, but see whether you can follow along in your head.

30.Kf2



30...d4 31.Qxf5

31.ed4? Qd4 32.Ke1 (32.Kf1 Ne3 33.Kg1 Ng4+-)

32...Qg1 33.Bf1 Ne3 34.Rd2 Rc8.

These symbols have already been covered. Robert is showing us that the game could swing either way at any point, but the combatants are finding the correct moves to keep the game in balance.

31...d3 32.Re1 g6 33.Qe4 Qd2+ 34.Kf1 Rc8 35.Bh3

35.f4 Rc1 36.Qe8 Kg7 37.Qe5 Kg8 38.Rc1 Qc1

39.Kf2 Qc2 (39...Qd2 40.Kf3 Qe2 41.Kf4 ± d2

42.Bf3) 40.Kg1 (40.Kf3 d2) 40...Qc1=(41.Bf1 d2).

Another detailed note which reaches a balanced conclusion.

35...Rc2

35...Rc1=

36.Qe8+ Kg7 37.Qe5+ Kg8

37...f6? 38.Qe7 Kh6 (38...Kg8 39.Be6) 39.Qf8

Kg5 40.f4 Kh5 41.g4 Kh4 42.Qh6*; 37...Kf8

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READERS' SHOWCASE

This column is for our readers, and everything included is written by our readers, except notes like this in italics. Players of all strengths and experience are encouraged to submit games, either annotated or unannotated. See the inside front cover for the address to send your games. Please provide as much detail as possible about the tournament and your opponent.

In this issue, Allen Becker annotates two of his games from the CalChess Season Opener. Allen finished with a score of 5-1 to win the Expert section.

I have had some mediocre tournament results over the past year, nearly hitting my rating floor. This alarmed me, and probably accounted for my improved play in this event. Some of my analysis below is assisted by Fritz3.

Allen Becker (2120)–Alvin Pulley (1930)
 CalChess Season Opener
 Foster City (Rd 5) 1996
 English A24

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d3 c6 9.h3 a6

Vaidya–Quader, Calcutta 1993 saw 9...a5 10.Be3 Ne5 11.Qd2 Be6 12.f4 Qe7 13.f5.

10.a4 a5?! 11.Be3 Nb6

I expected 11...Ne5, justifying pawn to a5 on the previous move. The text is designed to enforce a central break with d5, but this is not so readily attained.

12.Qb3 Ra6

If black can get in ...d5 and some central exchanges, this rook move will be useful. I was hoping to develop a kingside attack and keep it cut off from the defense.

13.f4 Re8 14.Rf2

Increasing the kingside pressure by doubling rooks. I wanted to play Rf3 to guard my bishop on e3, but this would allow ...d5. My queen would be better placed on d2.

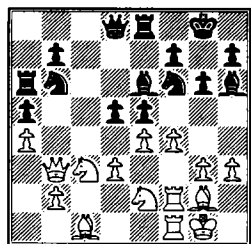
14...Bh6 15.Raf1 Be6 16.Bc1 d5?!

Best for black may be 16...Bg7, as 17. fxe5 dxe5 18. Bg5 Nbd7 looks solid.

17.cxd5

Better for white is the line 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.cxd5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Nbx d5 20.fxe5 Rb6 21.Qa2 Nb4 22.Qc4, realizing the f-file pressure.

For example, 23.Rxf6 Be3+ 24.Kh2 Rxf6 25.Rxf6 Re7 26.e6!
 17...cxd5



18.f5



Allen Becker, winner of the Expert section in the CalChess Season Opener, receives his trophy from Peter Yu.



I felt it was correct to lunge forth with the attack, as my center is shaky. Unclear positions would result from 18.cxd5 Nbx d5 (Nfx d5?! 19.f5 gxf5 [19...Bxc1 20.fxe6+-] 20.Bxh6 Ne3 21.Qb5 Bd7 22.Bxe3 Bxb5 23.axb5 Ra8 24.Rxf5 Re7 and white has the upper hand) 19.f5 gxf5 20.Bxh6 Ne3 21.Qxb7 Rb6 22.Bxe3 Rxb7 23.Bxb7. Of course, I saw almost none of this during the game!

18...Bxc1 19.Rxc1 gxf5 20.exf5 Bd7 21.g4 Bc6 22.Ng3

I am committed to the attack now. Even if some pawns are shed on the queenside, I felt optimistic about my kingside chances. Of course, if the attack fails, black is well placed for the counterattack. Chances appear roughly equal now.

22...Qd6

Black might try 22...d4 23.Nb5 Qd7 24.g5 Nfd5 25.Ne4, although white retains attacking chances.

23.Nb5

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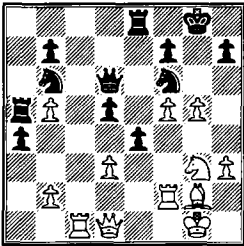
More direct is 23.g5.

23...Bxb5 24.axb5 a4

This just pushes my queen over to the attacking sector.

25.Qd1 Ra5 26.g5 e4

If 26...Nfd7 27.f6 Re8 28.Rxc8+ Nxc8 29.Nf5 Qe6 30.Qc2 Ndb6 then white is winning after 31.Qc7.



27.Kh2!?

It wasn't easy to play into this pin! Best was probably 27.Nf1, winning the e4 pawn. For example, 27...e3 28.Nxe3 Nfd7 (...Rxe3?! 29.Qd2!) 29.Re2 Qf4 30.Qd2 Rxb5 31.Nc4.

27...Kh8 28.dxe4 Nxe4 29.Bxe4?!

White might do best to head towards the endgame with 29.Qd4+ Qe5 (...Kg8? 30.Bxe4 Rxe4 31.Qxb6!) 30.Qxe5+ Rxe5 31.Re2 Rxb5 32.Re7 Rb3 33.Nxe4 dxe4.

29...Rxe4 30.Kg2

Possible is 30.Rfc2 Ra8 31.Re7!

30...Re4?!

This was the last move of the time control. Better for black is 30...Rb4 31.Re2 Ra8 32.Qd2 Rxb5 33.Qd4+ Kg8 34.Nh5, although white retains the initiative.

31.Re2

This seemed very strong at the time, but clearer is 31.Rxc4 Nxc4 32.Qd4+ Kg8 33.Re2 Qf8 34.Nh5 +.

31...Qd8?!

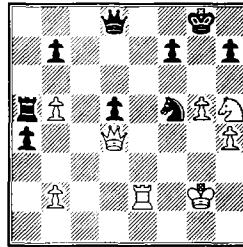
Not much better is 31...Ra8 32.Rxc4 Nxc4 33.Qd4+ f6 34.Re6.

32.Rxc4 Nxc4 33.Qd4+ Kg8 34.h4

Fortunately, my position can stand such a lackluster "waiting" move. Much better are either 34.Nh5! (because g5 is poisoned), or else 34.Ne4! (since the pawn

is pinned). Either way, my knight desires the square f6!.

34...Nd6 35..Nh5 Nxf5



36.Qf6! Qe8 37.Qxf5 Black resigns.

1-0

Allen Becker (21 20) Boris Orlov (2015)

CalChess Season Opener
Foster City (Rd 3) 1996
English A10

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 d6 5.e4 Nd4 6.h3

A mistake would be 6.Nge2 Bg4.

6...Be6 7.d3 Qd7

Black plays to prevent white from easily castling.

8.Nge2 e5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd5

Possible is 10.Nf4!?

10...Bxd5

Removes the pressure from h3.

11.exd5 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 Qb5

Black embarks on the game's highlight, the queen's adventure to the queenside. Better is ...Nf6 and 0-0.

13.0-0 Rb8

The b2-pawn is not good to take, as b7 would fall, with advantage to white.

14.Rab1 Nf6 15.Rfc1 0-0 16.a3

16.b3!?

16...Qb3

Better is 16...Rbc8 17.Qc2 Qd7 followed by ...e6.

17.Bf3 Nd7 18.Qd2 Ne5 19.Be2 Rfc8

19...f5!?

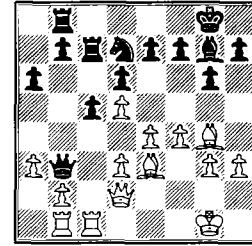
20.f4 Nd7 21.Bg4

I played this instead of 21.Bd1 Qb6

22.Bg4 Qd8, hoping to keep the queen away from the center of action.

21...Re7?!

21...Rd8!?



22.Bd1 Qb5?!

Necessary is 22...Qb6, although 23.b4 still gives white the upper hand.

23.b4!

Suddenly, I'm winning a pawn by force (due to black's 21st move).

23...a5

Maybe black should play ...Nf6 so that the queen could retreat to d7. What now happens is uglier.

24.bxc5 Qa6 25.d4 dxc5 26.dxc5 Rbc8

26...Rd8!?

27.Be2

27.Bg4!?! might be objectively better, but I couldn't resist the temptation to put black's queen in a box.

27...Qa8 28.Rb5

Everything flows very smoothly from here on.

28...b6

He had to lose a second pawn anyway.

29.c6 Nc5 30.Bxc5 bxc5 31.Rxc5 Rb8

32.Kg2 Rxb5 33.Rxb5 Ra7 34.Bf3

An improvement here is 34.Qe3, with the idea of intruding to b6 and b8.

34...Qd8 35.e5 g5 36.Qb2

Best is d6 now or on the next move.

36...Ra8 37.Rb7 Re8 38.Qb6

The game was rolling easily now, although the Game/60 sudden death was getting close. Best is 38.Rd7.

38...Qe8 39.c7 Qa4 40.Rb8 Qc2+

41.Kg1 Rf8 42.Rxf8+ Bxf8 43.Qc6!

Qb1+

Even after 43...Qd3 black will run out checks.

44.Kf2 Qb2+ 45.Be2 Qd4+ 46.Kf3 gxf4

47.gxf4 Black resigns.

1-0.

King's Gambit

Games selected by
IM Mark Leski

Theme

Tourney Games

Ake Gullmes–Gennady Reznikov

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C33

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.Qf3 ef 4.Qxf4
de 5.Qxe4+ Be7 6.Be2 Nf6
7.Qd3 Nbd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0
Bd6 10.e3 Re8 11.Nd4 Ne5
12.Qc2 Ng6 13.d3 Be5 14.Kh1
Bxd4 15.ed Qxd4 16.Na3 Bg4
17.Bxg4 Nxc4 18.Nb5 Qe5
19.g3 Qxb5 20.Qxc7 Qd5+
21.Kg1 Re2 22.Qxf7+ Qxf7
23.Rxf7 Kxf7 24.Bf4 Rxh2
25.Rf1 Kg8 0-1

Clarence Lehman–Gennady Reznikov

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C36

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.Nf3 ef 4.ed
Be7 5.Bb5+ c6 6.dc bc 7.Be4
Bh4+ 8.Kf1 Bg4 9.Qe2+ Ne7
10.Bxf7+ Kf8 11.Bb3 Nd5
12.Nc3 Bf6 13.h3 Bh5 14.d3 g5
15.Nxd5 cd 16.Bd2 Kg7 17.Qf2
Bxb2 18.Rb1 Bf6 19.Nd4 Qd7
20.Re1 Bf7 21.h4 h6 22.hg hg
23.Rxh8 Kxh8 24.Re3 Nc6
25.Rh3+ Kg7 26.Nxc6 Qxc6
27.d4 Re8 28.e3 Qb5+ 29.Kg1
Re2 30.Qf1 Qe8 31.Qc1 g4
32.Rh2 g3 33.Rh1 Qe4
34.Rh7+ Qxh7 0-1

Eugene Levin–Loal Davis

San Francisco, Mechanics
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C36

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ef 3.Nf3 d5 4.ed Nf6
5.Be4 Nxd5 6.d4 Be6 7.Qe2
Be7 8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.bc Bxc4
10.Qxc4 Nd7 11.Bxf4 c6 12.0-0
0-0 13.Qd3 Bf6 14.e4 Re8
15.Rab1 b6 16.Rbe1 Rxe1
17.Rxe1 Nf8 18.d5 Ng6 19.Bg3
ed 20.ed Qd7 21.Re4 Rd8 22.e4
h6 23.Nd4 Bxd4+ 24.Qxd4 Re8
25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.e5 bc
27.Qxc5 Qd8 28.d6 Qd7 29.h3
Nf8 30.Bf2 a6 31.Qc7 Qb5

32.Qc8 a5 33.a3 a4 34.Be5
Qd7 35.Qc7 Qb5 1/2-1/2

Yefim Ladyzhenskiy–Cesar Devera

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C30

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Nf3 c6 4.c3
Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Qh4+
7.g3 Qh6 8.d3 ef 9.Bxf4 Qe6
10.h4 Nf6 11.Bh3 Qe7 12.0-0
Nbd7 13.Nd2 g6 14.Nc4 Ne5
15.Bxe5 de 16.Qxf6 Qc5+
17.Kg2 Rg8 18.Qxf7+ 1-0

Paul Gallegos–Stefan Blunar

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C34

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ef 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e5
Ng4 5.d4 d6 6.Bxf4 de 7.Nxe5
Nxe5 8.Bxe5 Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd7
10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.0-0 Qg5
12.Qe2 Kd7 13.Rxf7+ Be7
14.Nc3 Bxg2 15.Qxg2 Qxg2+
16.Kxg2 Ke6 17.Rxg7 Rhg8
18.Rxg8 Rxg8+ 19.Kf3 e5
20.Re1 Kf5 21.d5 Rd8 22.Be7
Rd7 23.Re5+ Kg6 24.Re6+ Kf7
25.Bb8 Rxd5 26.Rxe7+ Kxe7
27.Nxd5+ 1-0

Loal Davis–Josh Standig

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C30

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Be4 Ne6 4.Nf3
Be7 5.0-0 ef 6.d4 g5 7.e3 f5
8.Nh4 Nf6 9.Nxf5 Bxf5 10.ef d5
11.Bd3 Qd6 12.Re1 0-0-0
13.Re6 Qd7 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6
bc 16.Qe2 Rde8 17.Qxa6+ Kb8
18.Nd2 Ng4 19.Nb3 Qe8
20.Qxc6 Qb7 21.Na5 Qb6
22.Qxb6+ cb 23.Nc6+ Ke7
24.Nxe7 Kd7 25.Nxd5 Rxe6
26.fe+ Kxe6 27.Nxf4+ gf
28.Bxf4 Kf5 29.Rf1 Ke4 30.h3
Ne3 31.Bxe3 1-0

Jade Arrieta–Rob Kichinski

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C31

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.ed c6 4.Qe2
cd 5.Qxe5+ Be7 6.Bb5+ Nc6
7.Nf3 Nf6 8.0-0 Qb6+ 9.Nd4 0-0
10.Bxc6 Be5 11.e3 bc 12.b4
Bxb4 13.Kh1 Re8 14.Qg5 Ne4
15.Qh4 Ba6 16.Re1 Be7
17.Qh5 Bf6 18.Re3 Bxd4 19.ed
Qxd4 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Bb2
Qxd2 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Bxc3
Qxc3 24.Rg1 Re1 25.h3 Rxg1+
26.Kxg1 Qc1+ 27.Kh2 Qxf4+
28.Kh1 Bd3 0-1

Gennady Reznikov–Evan Green

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Institute, 1995
C31

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.ed e4 4.Nc3
Nf6 5.Bc4 Bc5 6.d4 Bb4 7.Ne2
Nxd5 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bc Bd6
10.f5 Nd7 11.Nf4 Nb6 12.Bb3
Bxf5 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qe2 Qe7
15.a4 a5 16.e4 c5 17.Bb2 h5
18.Kh1 Rh7 19.dc Bxc5 20.Nd5
Nxd5 21.ed h4 22.Qb5+ Kf8
23.Bf6 Qc7 24.d6 Bxd6 25.Rxf5
gf 26.Qxf5 Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kf8
28.Qxh7 1-0

McCullum–Paul Gallegos

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C35

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ef 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Nc3
Bh4+ 5.Ke2 d5 6.Nxd5 Nf6
7.Nxf6+ Bxf6 8.d4 g5 9.e3 0-0
10.Kf2 Nc6 11.Bd3 g4 12.e5
Bg7 13.Ne1 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 f3
15.gf gf 16.Nxf3 Qh5 17.Kf2
Be6 18.Rf1 f6 19.Kg1 fe

20.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Nxe5
22.de Bxe5 23.Qe2 Bg4 24.Qc2
Kh8 25.Bc4 Bf3 26.Be3 Qg4+
27.Kf1 0-1

Josh Standig–Jerald Wriss

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C33

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ef 3.Bb5 Qh4+
4.Kf1 Nf6 5.Nf3 Qh5 6.Nc3 a6
7.e5 ab 8.ef gf 9.Qe2+ Kd8
10.Nxb5 b6 11.b3 Ba6 12.c4 c6
13.Bb2 Bg7 14.Nd6 Qc5
15.Nxf7+ Ke8 16.Nxh8 Bxh8
17.Qe8+ Kb7 18.Qxh8 b5
19.d3 Qe3 20.Re1 Qxd3+
21.Kg1 bc 22.bc Bxc4 23.Qxf6
Bb5 24.Qc3 1-0

Eugene Levin–Henry Mar

San Francisco, Mechanics
Institute, 1995
C32

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.ed e4 4.d3 Nf6
5.de Nxe4 6.Nf3 Be5 7.Qe2 Bf5
8.Nc3 0-0 9.Nxe4 Re8 10.Ne5
Bxe4 11.Qxe4 f6 12.Bd3 g6
13.Bd2 fe 14.f5 Qf6 15.fg Bf2+
16.Ke2 Be5 17.gh+ Kh8
18.Raf1 Qg7 19.Qg6 Nd7
20.Rf7 Qxg6 21.Bxg6 Nf8
22.Bg5 Nxc6 23.Bf6# 1-0

Maurice Hardy–Ake Gullmes

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C37

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ef 3.Nf3 g5 4.g3 g4
5.Nd4 f3 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e5 Qe7
8.h3 Qxe5+ 9.Kf2 Qxd4+
10.Ke1 Be5 11.hg Bxg3# 0-1

Chess Symbols

and their Meaning

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38.Qh8 Ke7 39.Qe5 Kf8 (39...Kd8 40.Qd6 Ke8 41.Bd7+-) 40.Qh8=

Now here's a new symbol following 42.Qh6. It means 42.Qh6 checkmate! Obviously, Black wouldn't play into

this line, but it included to instruct the reader why that road was not followed.

38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qe5+ ½-½

The final symbol in this game is the symbol for "draw agreed".

It should be clear now that chess symbols not only bridge the language gap, but also convey a great deal of meaning in an extremely precise and concise way. In the hands of a Hübner, they can be pure poetry. If you find it difficult to follow a game annotated in this fashion, don't despair! With a little practice (and a cheat sheet) you'll be fluent in no time.

Solutions

To Test Your Tactics (see facing page)

1. Issac Kashdan–Buster Horneman

1.Qg6+ hxg 2.Ng7++

2. Kasparov–Palatnik

1.Bxg5 hxg5 2. Qh5 f5 3.Nxg5 and White's attack is unstoppable

3. Alekhine–Mezirov

1.Nxd5 Bxd4 2.Bxd4 Qxd2 3.Nf6+ Kf8 4.Nxh7+ Kg8 5.Nf6+

4. Ossip Bernstein–Miguel Najdorf

1.Re8 Bf5 (if 1...Qxc2 2.Rxf8+ Kh7 3.Bg8+ Kg6 4.Rxf6++) 2.Rxa8 Rxa8 3.gxf5 Qh5 4.Re4 Qh6 5.Bf1 Qxf5 6.Rh4+ gxh4 7.Qxf5

Nxf5 8.Bxf6+ Kg8 9.d7 1-0

5. Boris Siff–Issac Kashdan

1...Re2 2.Nxe2 Nxe2+ 3.Kh1 Nh5 4.Qd2 N5g3+ 5.Kh2 Nf1+ 6.Kh1 Qh2+ 0-1

6. Al Horowitz–N.N.

1.Rxf6 d6 2.Qxg7+ Kxg7 3.Bh6+ Kg8 4.Rg6+ hxg6 5.Nf6++

7. Albert Simonson–Arthur Dake

1...Nd4 2.Bg4 Qc8 with advantage 0-1 in 36.

8. Bernie Winkelman–George Treysman

1...Ng4 2.fxg4 Bxe4+ 3.Bf3 Ra2 0-1

9. Larry Evans–Anthony Santasiere

1...Bxe3 2.f8=Q+ Kc7 3.a5 g1=Q+ 0-1 in 49.

10. Edward Lasker–Dr. Moritz Lewitt

1.h5 e1=Q+ 2.Rbxc1 bxc1=Q+ 3.Rxc1 Rbg8 4.Re8 R2g6+ 5.fxg6 Rxc8 6.g7+ Kg8 stalemate!

11. James F. Smyth–Hermann Helms

1...Qg2+ 2.Kxg2 Rxc3++

12. Howard Holt–N.N.

1.Qxh6+ Kxh6 (1...Rxb6 2.Rxd7+ and 3.Rxb7) 2.Rxd6+ Qxd6 3.Nf5+ 1-0

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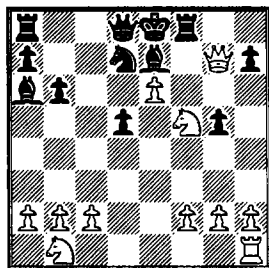
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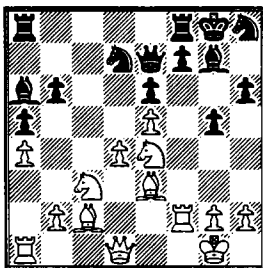
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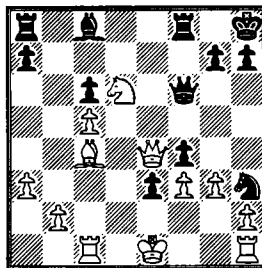
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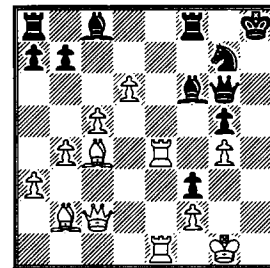
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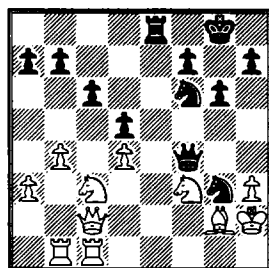
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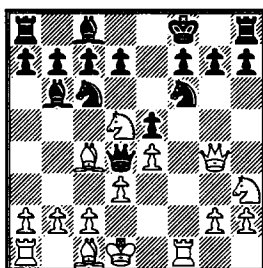
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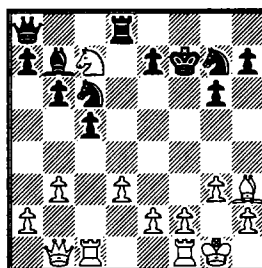
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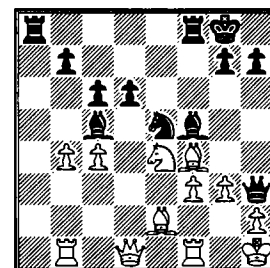
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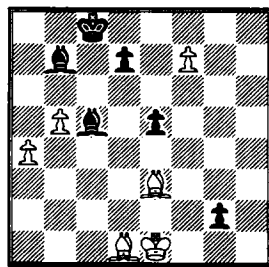
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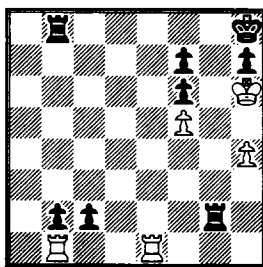
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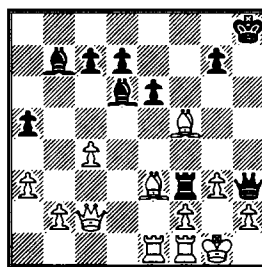
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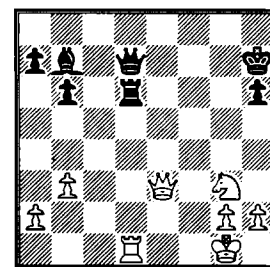
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Mar. 9-10	(Sa-Su)	LERA (Sunnyvale)	(JH)
Mar. 30-31	(Sa-Su)	State Schol. Champ. (San Fran.)	(AK)
Apr. 5-7	(F-Su)	Western Class (Concord)	(BG)
Apr. 13	(Sa)	Dinuba Chess for Kids	(AF)
Apr. 20	(Sa)	Fresno String Quad	(DW)
Apr. 21	(Su)	Modesto Schol.	(JB)
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May 4-5	(Sa-Su)	Paradise Open	(DH)
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June 7-9	(F-Su)	Stamer (San Fran.)	* (MG)
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