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Chess

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The second annual Northern California High School and Pre-High School Chess Championships and National Qualifier was held at the LERA Auditorium Mercury Room in Sunnyvale, April 23-24. Den Stone and Bryce Perry directed the sixround, USCF rated, Swiss system team event in two divisions. Complete results:

Varsity Division

1st, Grace M. Davis High School, Modesto, Robert Raingruber, coach (Howard Wesely, 1739, 3-3, Mark Saliman, 1562, 4-2, Steven Morger, 1460, 2½-3½, and David Ayers, 1379, 3-3), 12½ pts., team trophy; **2nd**, Willow Glen High School, San Jose, 10 pts.; **3rd**, Fremont High School, Sunnyvale, 9 pts.; **4th**, Branham High School, San Jose, 4 pts.; **5th**, Vacaville High School, Vacaville, 4 pts.

Individual Trophies

1st, Richard Koepcke, 1812, Willow Glen, 5½-½; **2nd**, John Dwyer, 1836, Willow Glen, 4½-1½; **3rd**, Roger McKee, 1593, Branham, 4-2; **4th**, Mark Saliman, 1562, Grace Davis, 4-2; **5th**, Charles Brunton, 1400, Vacaville, 4-2.

Jr. Varsity Division

1st, Westmont High School, Campbell, Ed Schwartz, coach (Shawn McGovern, 1309, 3-3, Shawn Hurt, 1299, 3½-2½, Leland Ho, 1246, 3½-2½, and Micah Rosenheim, 1176, 2-4), 12 pts., team trophy; **2nd**, Fremont High School, Sunnyvale, 10½ pts.; **3rd**, Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, 8½ pts.; **4th**, Grace M. Davis High School, Modesto, 7½ pts.; **5th**, Saratoga High School, Saratoga, 6 pts.

Individual Trophies

1st, Omar Billawala, 1333, Saratoga, 6-0; **2nd**, Bill Campbell, 1277, Branham, 4½-1½; **3rd**, Scott McMahon, 1203, Grace Davis, 4-2; **4th**, Jim Mullin, Unrated, Fremont, 3½-2½; **5th**, Craig Flores, 1049, Santa Clara, 3½-2½; **6th**, Leland Ho, 1246, Westmont, 3½-2½; **7th**, Andy Hagerer, 1286, Buckser, 3½-2½; **8th**, Shawn Hurt, 1299, Westmont, 3½-2½; **9th**, Michael Jones, Unrated, Grace Davis, 3½-2½; **10th**, Alnair Reyes, 1385, Herman Jr. High, 3-3.

By far the best attacking game of the Varsity championship division was played by **Charles Brunton** of Vacaville.

White: Charles Brunton (1400). Black: Peter Frohman (1614). High School Qualifier, Sunnyvale, 1977.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	15 N-K4!(f)	P-K3(g)
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	16 N-B6ch	K-Q1
3 P-Q4	PxP	17 N-N4	K-K1
4 NxP	N-B3	18 B-KN5!(h)	B-KN2(i)
5 NxN	NPxN	19 N-B6ch	K-B1(j)
6 N-B3	Q-R4(a)	20 NxRPch!(k)	K-N1
7 B-Q2	Q-N5	21 N-B6ch	BxN(1)
8 B-Q3!(b)	QxNP	22 BxB(m)	R-R2
9 O-O(c)	P-N3	23 Q-KN4(n)	P-Q4
10 R-N1	Q-R6	24 BxP!	PxB
11 R-N3	Q-Q3	25 QxNPch	K-B1
12 R-K1	Q-B2(d)	26 R-KB3(o)	R-B2(p)
13 P-K5	N-Q4	27 R-KR3	Resigns(q)
14 Q-B3	N-N3(e)		

(Notes contributed by the winner)

(a) In my opinion, this move only helps White gain time.

(b) Here I decided to play for the attack, so I sacked the knight pawn.

(c) Saving R-N1 for the next move.

(d) And here I fully expected 12. . .P-K4, which seems to stall White's attack.

(e) I don't understand the reason for this move. Black's position is already difficult, but why keep on moving the same pieces around?

(f) Threatening to win the queen after 16 N-Q6ch, if Black takes, or to pick up the exchange for starters, if he doesn't.

(g) Despair, but Black's game already looks untenable.

(h) Ready to win the queen again, this time by 19 N-B6ch followed by 20 N-Q5ch.

(i) Probably the only way to prolong the struggle.

(j) Black has no choice, since 19. . .BxN20 QxB leads to a forced mate for White.

(k) The point! Taking the knight allows 21 BxP!

(l) And not 21. . .K-B1 on account of 22 BxP! again.

(m) If 22 QxB, then 22. . .N-Q4 is annoying and slows down White's attack.

(n) Threatening 24 BxP!, after which White's QR can play to KB3, KN3 or KR3, depending on Black's response.

(o) Now White threatens to pick off Black's queen with 27 B-Q8ch, and if he moves the queen away the discovered check will bury him.

(p) Forced.

(q) There are just too many threats for Black to defend.

LONE PINE BULLETIN GAMES

The Louis D. Statham "Masters-Plus" international tournament at Lone Pine produced a wealth of outstanding games this year, in addition to providing the setting for the first grandmaster performance ever achieved by a woman chess player. Round-by-round bulletins of this powerful event may be obtained for \$2.50, postpaid, from Max Burkett, editor, 1009 MacArthur Blvd., Apt. 6, Oakland, Calif. 94610.

White: Dnnis Verduga. Vlack: Arthur Bisguier. Lone Pine, 1977. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 O-O Bg7 5 c3 a6 6 Ba4 b5 7 Bb3 Bb7 8 d4 d6 9 10 de de 11 Bf7 Kf7 12 Ng5 Kf6 13 Qb3 Qg8 14 Nf7 Qf7 15 Bg5 Kg5 16 Qf7 Kh6 17 ab ab 18 Ra8 Ra8 19 g4 Bf8 20 h4 Rd8 21 g5 Kh5 22 Qf3 Kh4 23 Qg3 Kh5 24 Kg2 Resigns.

White: Oscar Panno. Black: David Strauss. Lone Pine, 1977. Neo-Grinfeld Defense 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 O-O O 5 c4 d5 6 d4 Nc6 7 Nbd2 Be6 8 b3 Ne4 9 Bb2 Nd2 10 Qd2 dc 11 Rfd1 Re8 12 e4 Bg4 13 bce5 14 d5 Nd4 15 Bd4 ed 16 Re1 c6 17 Rab1 cd 18 cd Bf3 19 Bf3 Qd7 20 Bg2 f5 21 ef gf 22 Qd3 f4 23 Be4 fg 24 Bh7 Kh8 25 hg Qd5 26 Be4 Qf7 27 Kg2 Re7 28 Rb5 Kg8 29 Bg6 Qf6 30 Re7 Qe7 31 Qc4 Resigns.

White: Larry Christiansen. Black: Eugene Meyer. Lone Pine, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Bd3 Nf6 6 O-O Qc7 7 c4 d6 8 Nc3 g6 9 Bg5 Bg7 10 Rc1 Nbd7 11 Kh1 O-O 12 Qd2 Ng4 13 Be2 Qc5 14 Bg4 Bd4 15 Na4 Qa7 16 Rcd1 e5 17 Bd7 Bd7 18 Bf6 Be3 19 fe Ba4 20 b3 Bc6 21 Qe1 h6 22 Rf3 Rad8 23 Qh4 h5 24 Rf5 Qe3 25 Qh5 gh 26 Rh5 Resigns.

White: James Tarjan. Black: Peter Cleghorn. Lone Pine, 1977. Benoni Counter Gambit 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cb a6 5 ab Ba6 6 g3 d6 7 Bg2 g6 8 b3 Bg7 9 Bb2 O-O 10 Nh3 Qa5 11 Bc3 Qb5 12 Nf4 g5 13 Nd3 Bb7 14 h4 g4 15 Nf4 h5 16 O-O Nbd7 17 Nd2 Ne5 18 Ne4 Ne4 19 Be4 Nf3 20 ef Bc3 21 Rc1 Bd4 22 Rc2 Qd7 23 Re1 Be5 24 Qd2 f5 25 Bd3 Rf7 26 Bc4 gf 27 Qe3 Rg7 28 Qf3 Rg4 29 Nd3 Bd4 30 Rce2 Bf6 31 Nf4 Bh4 32 Kh2 Bg5 33 Ne6 Resigns.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Avenue and Decatur Way; phone, 783-9904). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Wednesday, 7-11 p.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria). Monday, 7-11 p.m.