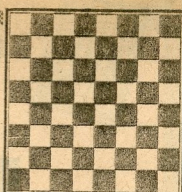


chess

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The newly organized Central California Chess Association ran its first open tournament at the Berkeley YMCA, July 20-21. William Clipson, CCCA League Director, and Ted Anderson, President of the Oakland Chess Club, co-directed the five-round Swiss system event.

USCF Open Section — 1st overall, Mike Goodall, San Rafael, 4½-½, \$31.50 plus trophy; 1st "A", David Rapoport, Berkeley, 4-1, \$22.50; 1st "B", Sandor Tresz, Oakland, 4-1, \$18; 1st "C", Robert Martinez, Hayward, 2½-2½, \$18.

CCCA Sections — 1st "B", Lupe Lopez, Hayward, 5-0, trophy; 1st "C", Johann Weiler, Walnut Creek, 4-1, trophy; Best Junior, David Wait, Concord, 2-3, trophy.

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White: Marc McNown

Black: Jim Bush

CCCA Regional Open, Berkeley, July 20, 1968.

Petroff's Defense

1 P-K4	P-K4	15 Q-R3	N/4-Q5(f)
2 N-KB3	N-KB3	16 B-K3	B-B3
3 P-Q4	PxP	17 NxN	NxN(g)
4 P-K5	N-K5	18 BxN	BxB
5 QxP	P-Q4	19 N-K4	P-QB4
6 PxPe.p.	NxQP	20 P-QB3	Q-Q4
7 B-Q3(a)	N-B3	21 Q-Q3	QxP
8 Q-KB4	B-K2(b)	22 PxB	KR-Q1(h)
9 N-B3	P-KR3	23 P-Q5	QR-B1
10 B-Q2	B-K3	24 N-N5(i)	PxN
11 0-0-0	0-0(c)	25 PxPch	K-N1
12 Q-N3	K-R1	26 Q-R7ch	K-B1
13 P-KR4(d)	B-B4(e)	27 KR-K1	Resigns(j)
14 BxB	NxB		

(a) It is hard to say whether this move offers more or less than 7 N-B3. Hooper gives the main line as 7 B-Q3 N-B3 8 Q-KB4 P-KN3 9 N-B3 B-N2 10 B-K3 0-0 11 0-0-0 B-K3 12 P-KR4 Q-B3 13 QxQ BxQ 14 N-KN5 BxQN 15 PxP BxP (David Hooper, *A complete defense to 1 P-K4*, p. 8), with a level game. Soviet analysts have done better for both sides, however; 12 B-QB5! B-Q3 13 QxQ BxQ 14 N-QN5, and White wins a Pawn. But Black equalizes after 10 . . . B-K3! 11 0-0-0 Q-B3 12 N-KN5 QxQ 13 BxQ BxN! 14 PxP BxP 15 KR-K1ch K-B1! (*Shakhmatny byulleten*, No. 2, 1966, p. 40).

The most dangerous line for Black, according to Mikanas (*Ibid.*, p. 41), runs 7 N-B3 N-B3 8 Q-KB4 B-K3! 9 B-Q3 P-KN3 10 N-Q4! B-N2 11 NxN PxN 12 B-K3 0-0 13 0-0 R-N1, and, for the time being at least, Black's active pieces compensate his weak Pawns.

Each line is full of subtle transpositions and complex side-variations, making a definite appraisal extremely difficult without further tournament experience to back up the theoreticians' analyses.

(b) Looks safe enough, but in fact this simple developing move is just too tame to fight effectively for the initiative, e.g., 9 N-B3 B-K3 10 B-K3 B-B3 11 0-0 0-0 12 QR-Q1 (Paul Keres, *Teoriya shakhmatnykh debyutov*, vol. II, p. 14), or 10 P-QN3 B-B3 11 B-N2 0-0 12 0-0 R-K1 13 KR-K1 Q-Q2 14 N-KN5 (Harry Golombek, *Modern Opening Chess Strategy*, p. 65).

(c) Now Black's 9 . . . P-KR3 will plague him until death. Only 11 . . . Q-Q2 and Q-side castling holds any promise.

(d) Well played! White will plant a Knight on KN5 and force Black to open the KR file.

(e) This attempt at simplification, far from easing Black's defense, actually helps clear the Queen file for White's Rook. Relatively best is 13 . . . B-B3 14 N-K4 NxN (and not 14 . . . Q-K2? because of 15 NxP QxN 16 B-KN5! PxP 17 PxPch) 15 BxN Q-K2.

(f) Naturally, 15 . . . N-Q3 is safer, but that would mean falling back to a passive post instead of advancing boldly in the center.

(g) Black avoids loss of material by 17 . . . BxN!, e.g., 18 BxB NxP 19 K-N1 (19 N-K4 N-K7ch 20 K-N1 Q-K2 21 N-N5 N-B5 22 Q-B5 N-N3 24 R-Q7 Q-B3) P-QB4 20 N-K4 Q-N3.

(h) Permitting White to finish off with a flourish. Black's KR must remain at his station so that N-N5 meets . . . P-B4 in reply. Best and last chance is 22 . . . PxP, e.g., 23 QxP QR-B1ch 24 N-B3 R-B5 If 23 N-N5 instead, then Black actually wins after 23 . . . QR-B1ch 24 K-Q2 QxPch 25 K-K1 Q-B6ch 26 K-K2 (26 K-B1? QxQch 27 RxQ R-B8ch) KR-K1ch 27 K-B3 PxN 28 PxPch K-N1.

(i) Very pretty. Refusing the Knight by 24 . . . K-N1 loses to 25 Q-R7ch K-B1 26 KR-K1, with the unanswerable threat of 27 Q-R8mate. Black's Queen checks lead nowhere.

(j) Checkmate follows 27 . . . P-B3 28 P-N6.

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