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Chess tourney

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TEAM DOMINATES PACIFIC COAST INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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A determined group of four chess players from the University of California at Berkeley left no doubts as to which school is the chess capital of the West Coast. The mighty Golden Bears, recruited at the last minute by team captain Bruce Kovalsky from a crowd of speed chess players hanging around the Berkeley Student Union, destroyed the top college teams in California at the third Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships in Monterey, Nov. 8-9.

Host for the four-round Swiss tournament was the Presidio of Monterey, home of the Defense Language Institute. The event was co-sponsored by the Presidio of Monterey Recreation Center, under the direction of Heidi Steudler, and the Monterey Chess Center. A donation from the Northern California Chess Association provided the winning team trophy and the individual trophies to winning team members. Chief T.D. Ted Yudacufski, with Asst. T. D. George Lewis, handled the pairings and coordinated the competition.

In the first round, Berkeley defeated the host Defense Language Institute "A" team, 3-1. D.L.I. "A" scored their lone point when Class A player Chris McDade upset Expert Paul Cooke. This reverse was to be the only game that Berkeley dropped in the tournament. The D.L.I. "B" team came through by drawing a higher rated Cal Poly San Luis Obispo team, 2-2. Sonoma State held off a stubborn U.C. Santa Barbara team, 2½-1½, while Cal Tech beat City College of San Francisco, 3-1.

Berkeley demolished a veteran Cal Tech team 4-0 in the second round. Sonoma State rolled over Cal Poly, 3-1. The D.L.I. "A" team rebounded to defeat U.C. Santa Barbara, 3-1. City College of San Francisco drew the D.L.I. "B" team, 2-2. It seems that D.L.I.'s fourth board, the kinetic Hermel Fortin, had a prior commitment to play in the Fort Ord Complex Table Tennis Championships. In rushed Fortin, trophy in hand, ready to resume chess. Alas, more than an hour late, he forfeited his game, and City College collected their half match point.

The third round saw the expected collision of the two "super powers," Sonoma State and Berkeley. Berkeley team captain Kovalsky inspired muffled curses and sarcasm from glowering Sonoma State players by declaring a win for Berkeley in advance. Tony D'Aloisio and Scott Laird hung tough for Sonoma, drawing Berkeley's Russ Wada and Paul Cooke. But the noisy Kovalsky ravished Sonoma's Steve Steubenrauch, and Berkeley's Frank Gower sent Sonoma's Ralph Palmeri reeling to his third straight loss, as Berkeley took the match, 3-1.

Cal Tech recovered in round three, downing D.L.I. "B", 2½-1½, while Cal Poly succumbed to D.L.I. "A," 3-1.

Anticlimactically, Berkeley crushed City College of San Francisco, 4-0, in the fourth round. Sonoma State took a piece of second place by knocking over the D.L.I. "B" team, 3½-½, as Palmeri of Sonoma finally won a game. Arch rivals Cal Poly and U.C. Santa Barbara fought to a 2-2 draw, and, in the last match to finish, Cal Tech grabbed a share of second place by defeating the D.L.I. "A" team, 2½-1½.

Top board honors went to Russ Wada, 3½-½, with best second board score posted by Bruce Kovalsky, 4-0, both members of the winning U.C. Berkeley team.

All things considered, the tournament raised as many questions as it answered: If Berkeley's pick-up team is the best in the west, then what's their real team like? Why aren't these teams being sent to the Pan Am Intercollegiate? Where was southern Californian power, U.C.L.A.? And where were those schools, full of chess players, like Stanford, U.C. Davis, San Jose State and Sacramento State? Perhaps we shall see them next year; tentative dates are Nov. 7-8 in Monterey.

Complete results (in tie-break order):

1st, University of California, Berkeley (2064), 4-0; Russ Wada (2265), 3½-½, Bruce Kovalsky (2076), 4-0, Paul Cooke (2096), 2½-1½, Frank Gower (1818), 4-0.

2nd-3rd, Sonoma State University (2010), 3-1: Tony D'Aloisio (2135), 3-1, Steve Steubenrauch (2110), 2½-1½, Scott Laird (2023), 3½-½, Ralph Palmeri (1771), 1-3; California Institute of Technology (1965), 3-1: Dean Hart (2089), 1-2, Robert Scheid (2057), 1½-1½, Clint Ballard (1939), 2-2, Tom Shih (1774), 2-1, Tom Hagstrom (1754), 1½-1½.

4th, Defense Language Institute "A" (1861), 2-2: Dave Stengle (2043), 2-2, Bill Scott (1938), 1½-2½, Christopher McDade (1912), 3-1, Michael Garcia (1550), 2-2.

5th-8th, University of California, Santa Barbara (1793), 1-3: Craig Anderson (2000), 1½-2½, Dan Browne (1874), 2-2, Mark Shulman (1741), 1-3, Scott Walsh (1555), 2-2; Defense Language Institute "B" (1605), 1-3: Lewis Murphy (1835), 2-2, Roy Gray (Unr.), ½-3½, Kenneth Hodlik (Unr.), 2-2, Hermel Fortin (1375), 1½-2½; California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (1819), 1-3: Michael Wood (1930), 1-3, Michael McHugh (1886), 2-2, Eric Neilson (1774), 2-2, Mark Shier (1687), 1-3; City College of San Francisco (1598), 1-3: Jules Jelinek (1848), 1-3, Steven Sisson (Unr.), 2-2, Ramon Abueg (Unr.), 0-4, Dan Ullman (1347), 2-1, Bill Stancavage (Unr.), 0-1.

Here are some games from the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate, recorded in USCF stipulated coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Russ Wada (2265) U.C. Berkeley.

Black: Jules Jelinek (1848), City College of San Francisco. Pacific Coast Intercollegiate, Monterey, Nov. 9, 1980.

Robatsch Defense

1	e4	g6	11	Bh6	bh6
2	d4	Bg7	12	Qh6	d5
3	Nc3	d6	13	ed	ed
4	Nf3	b6	14	Bd3	c5
5	Bc4	e6	15	Ng5	Nf8
6	0-0	Ne7	16	Re3	c4
7	Bg5	0-0	17	Nh7	Nh7
8	Qd2	Bb7	18	Rh3	cd
9	Rfe1	Re8	19	Qh7	Kf8
10	Qf4	Nd7	20	Qh6	Resigns

"BRILLIANCY PRIZE"

White: Jules Jelinek (1848), City College of San Francisco. Black: Craig Anderson (2000), U.C. Santa Barbara. Pacific Coast Intercollegiate, Monterey, Nov. 9, 1980.

Polish Opening 1 b4 d5 2 Bb2 Bg4 3 f3 Bf5 4 e3 e6 5 Ne2 Nf6 6 a3 Nbd7 7 Ng3 Bg6 8 d4 Bd6 9 Nd2 a5 10 b5 Nb6 11 c4 dc 12 Nc4 Nc4 13 Bc4 Nd5 14 Qd2 Qh4 15 Kf2 Nf6 16 Qe1 Nh5 17 f4 Nf6 18 Be2 Nd5 19 Bc1 0-0 20 Rf1 c5 21 bc bc 22 Kg1 c5 23 dc Bc5 24 Bf3 Rfd8 25 Kh1 Rac8 26 Bd5 Rd5 27 e4 Rd3 28 Bb2 Re3 29 Qf2 Re4 30 Rac1!! Qe7 31 Ne4 Be4 32 Bd4 Rb8 33 Rc5 Qb7 34 f5 ef 35 Rfc1 f4 36 Qf4 Re8 37 Qe5! Resigns.

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White: Scott Laird (2023), Sonoma State University.

Black: Mark Shulman (1741), U.C. Santa Barbara.

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Benoni Defense

1	d4	Nf6	16	Qd5	Kf8
2	c4	e6	17	Bf4	Nf6
3	Nc3	c5	18	Bg5	Nbd7
4	d5	ed	19	Rae1	Nb6
5	cd	d6	20	Qc5	Bd7
6	e4	g6	21	Re7	Bf5
7	f4	Qc7	22	Nb5	Rc8
8	Nf3	Nfd7	23	Nc7	Nbd5
9	Bc4	Bg7	24	Rf5	gf
10	0-0	0-0	25	Qd5	Nd5
11	e5	de	26	Ne6	Kg8
12	d6	Qd8	27	Rg7	Kh8
13	Ng5	ef	28	Bd8	Rd8
14	Nf7	Rf7	29	Nd8	Kg7
15	Bf7	Kf7	30	Ne6	Resigns