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Chess

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Marked improvement at chess for the most part takes place only with regular tournament play and systematic study. But competition teaches best when practiced against superior opposition, which means losing a lot, while books commonly require the reader to "listen" rather than "converse."

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U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 1978 Women's Invitational (Closed) U.S. Championship was played in Rochester, N.Y., July 8-24. Pearle Mann was chief arbiter, with Ed Frumkin the Tournament Director for the ten-round single round-robin event, which also served as a zonal competition to qualify three American players for the coming world championship cycle. Complete results:

1st-2nd, Rachel Crotto (2080), Jamaica, N.Y., and Diane Savereide (2159), Santa Monica, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ each; 3rd, Katherine Gasser (1881), Saugus, Mass., 7-3; 4th, Ruth Haring (2023), San Francisco, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5th-6th, Gisela Gresser (1916), New York, N.Y., and Susan Sterngold (1837), Chappaqua, N.Y., 5-5 each; 7th-8th, Pamela Ford (1770), San Francisco, and Hedvig Olsson (1804), Santa Monica, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$ each; 9th, Mary Conlon (1777), New Haven, Conn., 4-6; 10th, Ruth Donnelly (1860), Massapequa Park, N.Y., 3-7; 11th, Karen Street (1857), Los Angeles, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Here is a selection of spirited games played in the 1978 U.S. Women's Championship and Zonal, recorded in USCF mandated 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: Rachel Crotto (2080). Black: Ruth Haring (2023). U.S. Women's Championship, Rochester, July 14, 1978. Scotch Game

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| 1 e4 | e5 | 10 Na8 | Nc2 |
| 2 Nf3 | Nc6 | 11 Kf1 | Na1 |
| 3 d4 | ed | 12 Nd6 | Bd6 |
| 4 Nd4 | Qe7 | 13 Qd6 | Bd7 |
| 5 Nc3 | g6 | 14 Bg5 | Ne7 |
| 6 Ndb5 | d6 | 15 Bd3 | Qe6 |
| 7 Nd5 | Qe4 | 16 Qc7 | Ke8 |
| 8 Be2 | Kd8 | 17 Qb8 | Resigns |
| 9 Ndc7 | Nd4 | | |

White: Karen Street (1857). Black: Ruth Donnelly (1860). U.S. Women's Championship, Rochester, July 10, 1978. King's Indian Defense

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| 1 d4 | Nf6 | 14 Qd3 | b4 |
| 2 c4 | g6 | 15 Nd1 | Qa5 |
| 3 Nc3 | Bg7 | 16 Bd2 | Bb5 |
| 4 e4 | d6 | 17 Qf3 | Qa6 |
| 5 f3 | 0-0 | 18 Nc1 | e6 |
| 6 Be3 | Nc6 | 19 de | fe |
| 7 d5 | Ne5 | 20 Kf2 | Bc6 |
| 8 Bd3 | c5 | 21 Re1 | Qb7 |
| 9 Qd2 | a6 | 22 Qb3 | Rae8 |
| 10 Nge2 | Bd7 | 23 e5 | de |
| 11 h3 | b5 | 24 Re5 | Ne4 |
| 12 cb | ab | 25 Resigns | |
| 13 f4 | Nd3 | | |

White: Susan Sterngold (1837). Black: Rachel Crotto (2080). U.S. Women's Championship, Rochester, July 9, 1978. Nimzo-Indian Defense

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| 1 d4 | Nf6 | 23 Bb2 | Re3 |
| 2 c4 | e6 | 24 Rf3 | Rae8 |
| 3 Nc3 | Bb4 | 25 Re3 | Re3 |
| 4 e3 | b6 | 26 Rg1 | c6 |
| 5 Bd3 | Bb7 | 27 Rg3 | Re4 |
| 6 Nf3 | Ne4 | 28 Bd3 | Re1 |
| 7 Qc2 | f5 | 29 Kg2 | cd |
| 8 0-0 | Bc3 | 30 Kf2 | Rh1 |
| 9 bc | 0-0 | 31 Nf5 | Rh2 |
| 10 Nd2 | Qh4 | 32 Ke1 | Rb2 |
| 11 f3 | Ng5 | 33 Ne7 | Kf7 |
| 12 d5 | Rf6 | 34 Nd5 | Nc5 |
| 13 f4 | Nh3 | 35 Bh7 | Bd5 |
| 14 gh | Rg6 | 36 cd | Ra2 |
| 15 Kh1 | Qh3 | 37 Bg6 | Kf6 |
| 16 Nf3 | ed | 38 f5 | a5 |
| 17 Ba3 | d4 | 39 Re3 | a4 |
| 18 Qe2 | Rg3 | 40 Re8 | Nd3 |
| 19 ed | Na6 | 41 Kd1 | a3 |
| 20 d5 | Qh5 | 42 d6 | Rf2 |
| 21 Nd4 | Qe2 | 43 Resigns | |
| 22 Be2 | Rc3 | | |

White: Mary Conlon (1777). Black: Rachel Crotto (2080). U.S. Women's Championship, Rochester, July 13, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 g3 Qc7 6 Bg2 Nc6 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 0-0 Be7 9 Be3 Na5 10 Qd3 Nc4 11 Bc1 0-0 12 Nb3 d6 13 f4 Bd7 14 Nd2 Qc5 15 Kh1 Nb6 16 a4 Bc6 17 Bf3 Rad8 18 b4 Qb4 19 Ba3 Qa3 20 Ra3 d5 21 e5 Ba3 22 ef gf 23 Qd4 Nd7 24 Nb3 e5 25 fe fe 26 Qg4 Kh8 27 Bd5 f5 28 Qh4 Rc8 29 Na5 Bd5 30 Nd5 Rc5 31 Ne7 Ra5 32 Ng6 Kg7 33 Nf8 Nf8 34 Rf5 Ng6 35 Qf6 Kg8 36 Qd8 Resigns.

White: Ruth Donnelly (1860). Black: Diane Saveriede (2159). U.S. Women's Championship, Rochester, July 22, 1978. Benoni Gambit 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 f4 c5 7 d5 b5 8 cb a6 9 ba Ba6 10 Ba6 Na6 11 Nf3 Qb6 12 e5 Nd7 13 Qe2 Nb4 14 e6 fe 15 Qe6 Kh8 16 0-0 Nf6 17 Ng5 Nd3 18 Rb1 Nc1 19 Rfc1 h6 20 Qh3 Nh5 21 Ne6 Nf4 22 Nf4 Rf4 23 Qe6 Raf8 24 Ne2 R4f5 25 Ng3 Re5 26 Qg6 Rd5 27 Re1 Qc7 28 Rbc1 Qd7 29 Re2 Rg5 30 Qe4 Be5 31 Rce1 d5 32 Qc2 Bd4 33 Kh1 e5 34 b4 Qg4 35 bc Qg3 36 c6 Qc3 37 Qa4 Rgf5 38 Qd1 Qc6 39 g4 R5f7 40 Qb3 Rf1 41 Resigns.