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# Chess

## HOW TO STUDY MASTER GAMES

The great majority of chess students improperly play over the published games of masters, thus wasting much time and effort. Frequently weak players, and not infrequently stronger ones, in the pretense of study will play over a published game in 15 minutes or less, whereas the time consumed during the actual game amounted to three or four hours or longer.

Here is a method of studying master games, which by dint of very solid work will infallibly raise the student's standard of play:

1. If you have a chess clock, place it on your table as in an actual game. (If you have none, a watch will do.)
2. Choose a game containing an opening which you wish to study and play it over from the winning side.
3. Play through the opening moves slowly and carefully, noting any departure of either player from recognized lines (approximately seven to 10 moves).
4. At this point **cover up** the record of the side you are playing and **start your clock** (or note the time on your watch).
5. Study your move for at least two minutes and actually make the move of your choice on the board before you look at the printed game record again.
6. Stop your clock and look at the move the master actually made in the game. If your move is not the same, try and decide why the master did not make your move. If you think carefully, little by little as each move is made, you will commence to feel the master's plan. At first you will be discouraged because you will not often hit upon the master's move, but stick to it and your progress will be rapid.
7. When the study of a move on your side is completed, at once make the move for the opposite side from the record and start your clock again. Do not try to puzzle out the moves on the losing side, as it only results in playing against yourself.

Play over at least two games a week by this method, in silent consultation with a master against a master, and in only a few months time your opponents will find themselves compelled to acknowledge your increased powers.

(Adapted from the "British Chess Magazine," March 1928, pp. 122).

### MASTERS-PLUS GAMES FROM LONE PINE

To obtain a complete set of bulletins with all the games played in the 1978 Louis D. Statham Masters-Plus International Chess Tournament at Lone Pine, send \$4 to Max Burkett, 1009 MacArthur Blvd., apt. 6, Oakland, CA 94610.

**White: Michael Rohde (2404). Black: Anthony Miles (2565). Lone Pine, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 Nc6 dc 7 O-O e5 8 Nd2 Bd6 9 Nc4 Bc7 10 b3 Ne7 11 Qh5 Ng6 12 Ba3 b5 13 Ne3 Nf4 14 Qf3 Bd6 15 Bd6 Qd6 16 Rfd1 Qc5 17 a4 Rb8 18 ab ab 19 Rab1 O-O 20 b4 Qe7 21 Bf1 g6 22 c3 h5 23 Rd2 Be6 24 Rbd1 Ra8 25 Rd6 Rfc8 26 h4 Bb3 27 Rld2 Qh4 28 a3 Qa5 29 Kh2 Ne6 30 Rb2 Qe7 31 R6d2 Ng5 32 Qh1 Ra3 33 Bg2 R8a8 34 f4 ef 35 gh Ne6 36 Kg3 Qf6 37 f5 Qc3 38 Qe1 Qe5 39 Kf2 Nf4 40 Bf3 Qb2 41 Rb2 Nd3 42 Ke2 Ne1 43 Ke1 Bc4 44 Kf2 Ra2 45 Ra2 Ra2 46 Kg3 Resigns.**

**White: Zvonimir Mestrovic (2435). Black: Steve Odendahl (2278). Lone Pine, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 Nc3 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 d6 5 e4 Nf6 6 Be3 Be7 7 Bc4 O-O 8 Qe2 a6 9 O-O b5 10 Bd3 Bb7 11 a3 Nbd7 12 Rad1 Rc8 13 f4 Nc5 14 Bf2 Qc7 15 Kh1 Rfd8 16 Bg3 Qb6 17 e5 Ne8 18 Bh7 Kh7 19 Qh5 Kg8 20 f5 ef 21 Nf5 Bg2 22 Kg2 Qb7 23 Nd5 Rd7 24 Kgl Bf8 25 ed g6 26 Qg4 Ne6 27 Be5 Rc2 28 Qh3 f6 29 Nfe7 Be7 30 Qe6 Kg7 31 de Resigns.**

**White: Anthony Miles (2565). Black: Zvonimir Mestrovic (2435). Lone Pine, 1978. Irregular Opening 1 d4 Nc6 2 d5 Ne5 3 e4 e6 4 de de 5 Qd8 Kd8 6 f4 Nc6 7 Nf3 Nf6 8 Bd3 Bc5 9 c3 a5 10 Ke2 e5 11 fe Ng4 12 Bg5 Ke8 13 Bf4 Nf2 14 Rf1 Nd3 15 Kd3 Be6 16 Nbd2 h6 17 Be3 Bd3 18 Ke3 a4 19 b4 ab 20 ab Ke7 21 b4 b6 22 b5 Na5 23 Nd4 Rhd8 24 Ra4 Rac8 25 Rfa1 c5 26 Nf5 Bf5 27 ef c4 28 Ne4 Rd5 29 Kf4 g5 30 fg fg 31 Ra5 ba 32 Ra5 g5 33 Kf5 Rf8 34 Nf6 Rf6 35 Ke4 Resigns.**

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**White: Jay Whitehead (2267). Black: Michael Rohde (2404). Lone Pine, 1978. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 e5 c5 4 b4 cb 5 a3 d4 6 Bd3 Nc6 7 O-O Nh6 8 Qe2 Be7 9 Bb2 f5 10 ef Bf6 11 ab Nb4 12 Bb5 Nc6 13 Qe4 Nf5 14 Bc6 bc 15 Qc6 Bd7 16 Qe4 O-O 17 Na3 Qe8 18 Nd4 Bd4 19 Bd4 Bc6 20 Qe5 Rd8 21 Bc3 Rd5 22 Qe2 Qg6 23 f3 Nh4 24 Rae1 Rg5 25 Qe6 Qe6 26 Re6 Rg2 27 Kh1 Rf3 28 Rf3 Bf3 29 Re3 Rg6 30 Resigns.**

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**White: Timothy Taylor (2383). Black: Jonathan Mestel (2450). Lone Pine, 1978. From's Gambit 1 f4 e5 2 fe d6 3 ed Bd6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 d4 Ng4 6 Qd3 c5 7 Qe4 Be6 8 Ng5 Bh2 9 Ne6 Qh4 10 Kd2 fe 11 Rh2 Qg5 12 e3 Nh2 13 Qe6 Qe7 14 Qc8 Qd8 15 Bb5 Nc6 16 Qb7 O-O 17 Bc6 Rb8 18 Qd7 Qf6 19 Nc3 cd 20 ed Rbd8 21 Ne4 Qg6 22 Bd5 Kh8 23 Qe7 Qg2 24 Kc3 Rfe8 25 Qg5 Qf3 26 Kc4 Qe2 27 Kc3 Qf3 28 Kc4 Qe2 29 Kc3 Nf3 30 Qf5 Rd5 31 Qd5 Re4 32 Bf4 h6 33 Qf5 Nd4 34 Qf8 Kh7 35 Rc1 Nb5 36 Kb3 Qc4 37 Resigns.**

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**White: Denis Verduga (2355). Black: John Donaldson (2279). Lone Pine, 1978. English Opening 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Eg7 5 O-O O-O 6 d4 cd 7 Nd4 Nc6 8 Nc3 Nd4 9 Qd4 d6 10 Bg5 Qa5 11 Qd2 Be6 12 b3 Rb8 13 Rac1 Rfc8 14 Rc2 a6 15 Bf6 Bf6 16 Nd5 Qd2 17 Nf6 Kg7 18 Nh5 Kh6 19 Rd2 Kh5 20 Bd5 Kh6 21 Be6 fe 22 f4 Rc5 23 e4 Rbc8 24 Rf3 Kg7 25 Kf2 a5 26 a4 Kf7 27 g4 h5 28 h3 Rh8 29 Ke3 Ke8 30 g5 Kd7 31 h4 Rf8 32 Rd3 Rf7 33 e5 Kc6 34 Ke4 Rf5 35 ed ed 36 Kd4 Kd7 37 Kc3 Rc8 38 Kd4 Rf8 39 Ke4 Kc6 40 Rc3 Kc5 41 Rcd3 b6 42 Rde3 R8f7 43 Rd3 e5 44 Rd5 Kc6 45 Ke3 Rf4 46 Resigns.**

### BERKELEY MAY DAY TOURNAMENT

Alan Benson will direct the second annual May Day Chess Tournament in the Student Union Bldg., 4th floor, on the University of California campus, Berkeley, May 13-14. Sponsored by SUPERB (Student Union Program, Entertainment and Recreation Board), the four-round, USCF-rated Swiss system tourney will award \$1,400 in prizes (based on 105 entries), plus gift certificates from the Gambit Store and trophies. Entry fee is \$20, USCF and CalChess memberships required, if mailed by May 9 to U.C. campus Chess Club Director Alan Benson, c/o SUPERB, 304 Eshelman Hall, U.C. campus, Berkeley, Calif. 94720.

Free parking will be provided at Lot 3, located at the corner of Dana and Bancroft (entrance on Dana), one-half block away from the Student Union Bldg. Round one starts at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 13. Time control is 40 moves in two hours for the Master-Expert and Class A divisions, 45 moves in two hours for Class B and C and 50 moves in two hours for Class D-E-Unr.

For more information, please contact Alan Benson, 843-0661 or 642-7477.

### WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

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

Captain Anchovy's Chess Club, 1456 136th Ave. (Palma Plaza shopping center; phone, 352-7113), San Leandro. Monday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight.

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