

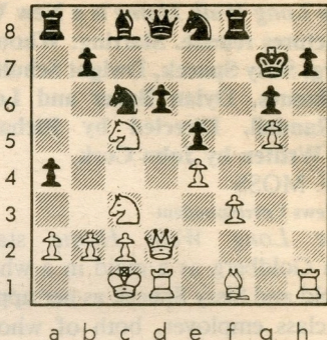
# Chess



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LEVY-VIRGILI

White to play and win.



## LEVY CAPTURES BURLINGAME SWISS

Master David A. Levy of Foster City won first place in section "A" of the Burlingame Chess Club February/March Swiss, held Thursdays Feb. 21-March 14 in Burlingame, with a 4.5-.5 score. William Hepner of Atherton won first prize in section "B" with a 5-0 score.

In other Burlingame CC activity, master Tom Dorsch, expert Tom Eichler, and class players Horacio Pleno, George Koloboff, Bob Merritt, Glenn McEnroe and Edgar Barnes won their World Rapid Chess-sanctioned quads March 21. Only Barnes posted a 3-0 result.

The club conducts another five-round U.S. Chess Federation-rated Swiss beginning 7:30 p.m. March 28 and continuing for four Thursdays at 990 Burlingame Ave. Call 593-0054 for information.

### Burlingame 1991

White: David Levy

Black: Tom Dorsch

Sicilian Defense

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| 1. e4 <sup>1</sup>   | c5               | 24. g4                | gh4                   |
| 2. d4                | cd4              | 25. Nc6               | Qc6                   |
| 3. Nf3               | Nf6              | 26. Qh6               | Qc5                   |
| 4. e5                | Nd5              | 27. Rd3 <sup>9</sup>  | Qb4                   |
| 5. Qd4               | e6               | 28. Qh4               | Rf4!                  |
| 6. Bc4               | Nc6              | 29. Rg3               | Qb2                   |
| 7. Qe4               | f5               | 30. Qg5               | Ref8                  |
| 8. ef6 <sup>2</sup>  | Nf6              | 31. Ne2               | Re4 <sup>10</sup>     |
| 9. Qe2               | d5               | 32. Qd2               | Rc4                   |
| 10. Bb3              | Bc5 <sup>3</sup> | 33. Nc3 <sup>11</sup> | Rfc8                  |
| 11. 0-0              | 0-0              | 34. Nd5               | Rc2 <sup>12</sup>     |
| 12. Nc3              | Qc7 <sup>4</sup> | 35. Ne7               | Kf7                   |
| 13. h3 <sup>5</sup>  | Bd7              | 36. Qg5               | R8c7                  |
| 14. Bg5              | Rae8             | 37. Rf3               | Ke8                   |
| 15. Rad1             | h6 <sup>6</sup>  | 38. Ng8 <sup>13</sup> | Kd7                   |
| 16. Be3              | b6 <sup>7</sup>  | 39. Rf7               | Kc8                   |
| 17. Ba4              | Be3              | 40. Ne7               | Kb7                   |
| 18. Qe3              | Nh5              | 41. Rg7 <sup>14</sup> | Qd4                   |
| 19. Bc6              | Bc6              | 42. Rg8               | Qe4                   |
| 20. Ne5              | Nf4              | 43. Qg6               | Qf3                   |
| 21. Rd4 <sup>8</sup> | g5               | 44. Qe6               | Ka6                   |
| 22. g3!              | Nh5              | 45. Qf5               | Qh3                   |
| 23. h4               | Ng7              | 46. Nd5               | Resigns <sup>15</sup> |

### NOTES:

- Small world. Masters Dorsch and Levy have been playing against each other since the early '70s when both attended school in Davis, Calif. Now Levy works as an attorney for the Redwood City-based Ropers & Majeski law firm. Dorsch presides over CalChess, Northern California's U.S. Chess Federation affiliate (POB 3294, Hayward, CA 94544). In this game the tournament's only masters faced off presumably for the first-place trophy.
- 8.Qe2 Nde7 9.Nc3 a6 10.h4 was an edge to White in Tal-Zaitsev (Sochi 1977), but White prefers to open the game and rely on piece play to contain Black's center.
- More aggressive than 10...Bd6, which better prepares ...e5.
- In conjunction with this, ...a6 now or later is appropriate.
- White is most worried about ...Bg4 after ...e5.
- Black begins an ambitious kingside operation.
- Black would rather play 16...Bd6 if not for 17.Nb5.
- Black's center is stifled.
- 27.Rd2 is safer, but not clearly better.
- 31...Rc4 immediately saves a tempo.
- A purposeful move — White guards his a-pawn, screens his c-pawn, prepares Rb1, and threatens Nd5.
- Not 34...ed5 35.Qd5 Kh7 (35...Kf8 36.Rf3+- or 35...Kh8 36.Rh3+-) 36.Kg2!
- A strange-looking move, clearing the black squares for the queen and planning a deadly Nf6.
- 41.Qg7 is shortsighted: 41...Qg7 42.Rg7 Rd2 and 43...Rdd7 exploits the pin on the knight.
- The neatest finish is 46...Rh7 47.Nb4 Kb7 48.Qd5 Kc7 49.Na6 mate.

**SOLUTION:** 1.Rh7! Kh7 2.Qh2 Kg7 (2...Kg8 3.Bc4 Rf7 4.Qh6+-) 3.Qh6 Kg8 (3...Kf7 4.Bc4 Ke7 5.Nd5 Ke6 6.Nf4 Ke7 25.Ng6 mate) 4.Bc4 Rf7 5.Qg6 Kh8 6.Rh1 wins.