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chess

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Van Fong, 18, received a \$100 scholarship award from the Hayward Chess Club for outstanding achievement as a chess player and student at Hayward High School.

Fong's chess record this year totals an impressive 18 wins, 5 draws and only 2 losses.

Here is his last high school tournament game.

White: Lupe Lopez.

Black: Van Fong.

Mt. Eden High School Open, June 16, 1968.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	15 BxN	PxB
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	16 N-B3(d)	R-QN1(e)
3 P-Q4	PxP	17 N-Q5	QxQ
4 NxP	P-KN3	18 NxQ	NxN
5 N-QB3	B-N2	19 PxN	P-B6(f)
6 B-K3	N-B3	20 N-N3	B-B4
7 B-QB4	P-Q3	21 PxP(g)	RxNch
8 B-N3	P-QR3(a)	22 K-R2	RxBP
9 Q-Q2	B-Q2	23 B-Q4	RxBPch
10 P-B3	Q-R4	24 K-N3	0-0(h)
11 0-0-0	R-QB1	25 BxB	R-N1ch
12 P-QR3(b)	P-QN4	26 K-R4	KxB
13 K-N1	N-K4	27 Resigns	
14 P-B4(c)	N-B5		

(a) Too tame, if White reacts with enough violence on the other wing. **MCO 10** gives the crucial line (with transpositions) as **8 . . . 0-0 9 P-B3 NxN 10 BxN B-K3 11 Q-Q2 Q-R4 12 0-0-0 P-QN4**.

(b) A serious weakening of White's King position and an unnecessary loss of time. White gets further faster with **12 P-N4 P-QN4 13 P-KR4 N-K4 14 P-R5 N-B5 15 BxN RxB 16 PxP BPxP 17 K-N1 P-N5 18 N-Q5 NxN 19 PxN QxQP 20 N-B5!**

(c) Undoubtedly the losing move. Only **14 N-Q5** makes sense.

(d) White can relieve some of the pressure at the expense of a Pawn: **16 P-K5 PxP 17 PxP QxKP**.

(e) An excellent move (threatening **17 . . . QxP**) that extracts the full penalty for White's negligent **12 P-QR3**.

(f) Black hammers home his attack with precision.

(g) Costs a piece, but **21 B-Q4 BxB 22 NxB RxPch** also leaves a little something to be desired.

(h) Better late than never . . .

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RAPID TRANSIT TOURNAMENT

The Hayward Chess Club will conduct a rapid transit tourney (10 seconds a move) on Monday, July 8, at 8 p.m. Entry fee is only 35 cents. Monthly winner receives a certificate, annual winner a trophy.

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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St. (Hayward Arts and Science Center). Monday and Friday, 8-11 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A Street and Meekland Avenue), Hayward. Evenings, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, School Street, Niles (Niles Community Center, close to Niles High School). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Newark Chess Club, Cedar Boulevard (Newark Community Center). Friday, 7-10 p.m.