

chess

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Tournament Results

The first annual San Francisco Open Chess Tournament, directed by George Koltanowski, attracted over 100 players competing for a share of the \$375 prize fund.

EXPERT/A DIVISION

First prize, \$125: Bill Jones, Sunnyvale, 4½ out of 5.

Second prize, \$75 (three-way tie): John Blackstone, Saratoga; 4, Ziad Baroudi, Napa, 4; Alex Suhobek, Monterey, 4.

Third prize, \$25: Ira Pohl, Palo Alto, 4.

Class "B"

First prize, \$50: Bruce Allen, Sunnyvale, 5.

Second prize, \$25: Greta Olsen, Los Angeles, 4½.

Class "C"

First prize, \$50: Jim Fosaaen, Concord, 5.

Second prize, \$25 (two-way tie): Robert Uomini, Berkeley, 4½; Harold Livland, San Francisco, 4½.

Here is a game from Round 3 of the Expert/A division. White: John Blackstone. Black: Jim Iwashita.

Caro-Kann Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB3	21 NxP	KR-K1 (j)
2 P-Q3 (a)	P-Q4	22 P-KB3 (k)	N-B3
3 N-Q2	P-K4	23 B-B2 (l)	P-QR3
4 KN-B3	B-Q3 (b)	24 N-Q4	B-Q4
5 P-Q4	PxQP	25 P-B3	P-N3
6 NxP	N-B3	26 QR-Q1	K-N2
7 PxP	Q-K2ch	27 B-R4	B-B5
8 B-K2	NxP	28 R/3-Q2	N-R4 (m)
9 N-B4	B-QB4 (c)	29 P-QN3	B-K3
10 0-0	0-0 (d)	30 NxB	RxN
11 N-N3 (e)	B-K3	31 K-B1	R-QB1
12 B-Q3	N-Q2	32 B-B2	R/3-QB3
13 Q-R5	N/4-B3	33 R-Q6	N-B5
14 Q-R4	P-QN4 (f)	34 P-N3	N-K3
15 NxB	QxN (g)	35 RxR	RxR
16 B-K3	Q-Q4	36 R-Q3	K-B3
17 N-R5 (h)	N-K4	37 K-K2	K-K2
18 KR-Q1 (i)	NxB	38 K-Q2	P-B4
19 RxN	Q-K5	39 B-K3	N-Q1 (n)
20 QxQ	NxQ	40 B-N5ch	Resigns

(a) Out of the books early.

(b) Better is 4...N-Q2. Now White opens the game.

(c) Or 9...B-N5ch 10 P-B3 NxP 11 PxN BxPch 12 K-B1! BxR 13 B-R3 and 14 QxB, with advantage to White.

(d) Wisely passing up 10...BxN 11 QxB QxB 12 QxNP QxN 13 QxRch K-Q2 14 B-N5.

(e) Depriving Black of his Bishop pair.

(f) Fatally weakens his QBP.

(g) If 15...PxN, then 16 NxB!

(h) Ensuring the win of a Pawn.

(i) Of course not 18 QR-Q1 QxRP.

(j) Better to save the Pawn by 21...P-QR3.

(k) White should play simply 22 NxP. Now the Knight leaves the K-file, creating latent threats to White's Bishop.

(l) Blackstone spent 20 minutes on this move.

(m) Both sides are in time trouble.

(n) Almost free of his difficulties with the clock, Black suffers an attack of "chess blindness," but even 39...P-N4 should lose eventually.

Rapid Transit Tournament

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St., will conduct its third rapid transit tournament Monday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. Monthly winner receives a certificate. Player with most certificates at end of year wins a trophy and title of club rapid transit champion. Entry fee is only 35c a tournament.

Junior Chess Championship

CFNC Junior Chess Championship tournaments will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3, at three zonal tournament sites: Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way; Walnut Creek Recreation Center, Civic Drive; and Lockheed Employee's Recreation Assoc. (Main Auditorium), Sunnyvale.

Trophies and medallions will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each of four age divisions (18-16, 15-13, 12-10 and 9-under). Each zonal winner is automatically qualified to participate in CFNC's Junior Chess Championship of Northern California, which is held annually in January at Berkeley.

Entry fee for this six-round Swiss system event is only \$1, payable at the tournament site from 10-12 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 (Round 1 starts promptly at 12:30 p.m.).