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The deadline for submissions for the September/October issue is August 1. That's my birthday, so I know you'll try really hard to make me happy.

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This resulted in a \$2,000 shortfall to the CalChess budget — its primary expense is production and mailing of the *California Chess Journal*, which has been expanded from four to six issues per year.

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It's Akopian Again at San Joaquin County Championship

21st Annual San Joaquin County Chess Championship May 19-20, 2001

Open

1	Artak Akopian	4.5
2	Riley Hughes	4
1 X	John Barnard	3
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1 D	Brian Dole	4
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	Michael Edes	
1-2 E	Larry Beavers	3
	Tyler Barnard	
1-2 F	Jason Suckstorff	2.5
	Steven Galbreith	
1 UNR	Jerry Rude	4

National master Artak Akopian, who evidently will rule Central California chess until he moves to a bigger pond, won the 21st San Joaquin County Chess Championship held May 19-20 in Fresno with a 4½-½ score.

Akopian faced four A players and one expert on the way to the title. The only other master in the field withdrew after losing in the first round to 1937-rated Alex Setzepfandt. Setzepfandt earned a \$20 upset prize for that, and so did 622-rated Jason Suckstorff, who defeated a 1232 player. Jezowski & Markel Concrete of Merced contributed to the upset fund.

Senior-level tournament director Allan Fifield and local tournament director Bonnie Yost directed 44 players in two sections, and paid more than \$1,900 in prizes after receiving donations

from Fresno Chess Club president Andy Swanson and site coordinator Dr. Timothy Roth.

An anonymous donation of \$40 was given to the "best draw" in memory of local chess enthusiast Dwight Williams. High school student Michael Edes of Porterville won this prize. Edes also won \$50 for being the top finisher under 16 years of age in the Reserve section, contributed by Know Chess!, which teaches chess in Bay Area schools.

White: Diane Barnard (1885)
Black: Alex Setzepfandt (1937)
Bogo-Indian Defense
Notes by Diane Barnard

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4 4. Bd2 Qe7 5. g3 Nc6 6. Bg2 Bd2 7. Nbd2 0-0 8. 0-0 d6 9. a3

It is vital to occupy more of the center by 9. e4, and then 9...e5 10. d5 is a little better for White.

10. e5 10. d5 Nb8 11. b4 a5

White's omission of e4 enables Black to play it here himself, followed by ...Nbd7 and ...Ne5 with a good game.

12. Qb3 Nbd7 13. Rfc1 b6 14. Ng5 ab4 15. ab4 Ra1 16. Ra1 Ng4 17. Nge4 f5 18. Nc3 g5 19. Nb5 Ndf6 20. h3 Nh6 21. Ra7 Ne8 22. Ra8 Bd7 23. Qa4 Nf7 24. Qa6 h5

White's queenside attack has broken through first, but there aren't enough pieces involved to make any serious threats, and White will soon rush back to the kingside to deal with Black's expansion.

25. Ra7 Bb5 26. Qb5 Nh6

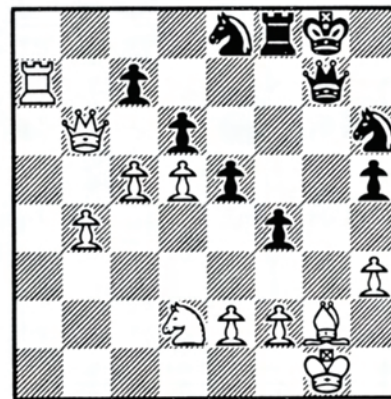
This might be a sacrifice or an oversight, but in either case, the disappearance of the b6-pawn makes White's c5 advance much easier to achieve.



Diane Barnard of Copperopolis finished tied for second overall in the 2001 San Joaquin County Championship. She is number four among Northern California women on the USCF's June 2001 rating supplement. Photo by Fifield

27. Qb6 f4 28. gf4 gf4 29. c5 Qg7

A critical moment. First Black is threatening to win a rook by cb6, and he also plans to double heavy pieces on the g-file following ...Kh8.



30. Qb5 Nf5 31. Kh2 Nh4 32. Bh1

Kansas City Attracts 20 CalChess Kids to Largest Tournament Ever

The largest chess tournament ever — the 2001 National Scholastic Chess Championships, or Supernationals II — attracted 4,700 players, including more than 20 scholastic players from Northern California, to Kansas City, Mo., on April 26-29.

Robert Hsu, a 9-year-old from Hillsborough, led the CalChess representatives by scoring a perfect 7-0 and winning the national title ahead of 468 others in the K-3 Under 800 division. Hsu belongs to the chess club at South School, which is directed by local chess teacher Steve Cohen, and he takes private lessons at the Burlingame Chess Club. Robert's sister Christina helped South School place 56th in the team category.

Two of Northern California's reigning state scholastic champions made the trek to the midwest. Sixth-grader Alexander Setzepfandt finished 18th among



Robert Hsu, right, and international master Josh Waitzkin, the subject of the best chess movie ever, *Searching for Bobby Fischer*.

Photo by Lisa Hsu

261 players in the K6 Open division, and third-grade representative Steven Zierk placed 8th out of 268 K3 Open contestants.

The Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose sent a nine-player team led by Benjamin Kavanaugh. The Bells finished 23rd among 57 teams in the K12 Open division.

The event was conducted by the Kansas City Regional Chess Council and the United States Chess Federation.

White: Graham Gibson (749)

Black: Robert Hsu (797)

Four Knights Game

Notes by Robert Hsu

1. e4

Graham Gibson's ratings rose more than 250 points between the April and June rating supplements.

1...e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. d3

A very quiet move, but would be OK if White had not already played Nc3, because he could then meet ...d5 by Nbd2.

4...d5 5. g3

Black could now disrupt White's development by 5...de4 and ...Qd1, but instead develops with a threat.

5...Bb4 6. Bd2 Bg4 7. Bg2 0-0 8. 0-0 Nd4

Black could win a pawn by 8...Bc3 9. Bc3 de4 10. de4 Qd1 11. Rad1 Ne4.

9. Qc1 Nf3 10. Bf3

If White keeps his light-squared bishop by 10. Kh1, then Black wins another knight by 10...Nd2 11. Qd2 d4.

10...Bf3 11. Nd5 Bd2 12. Qd2 Nd5 13. Qa5 c6

The most direct way is 13...Qd7, 14...Qh3 and 15...Qg2 mate.

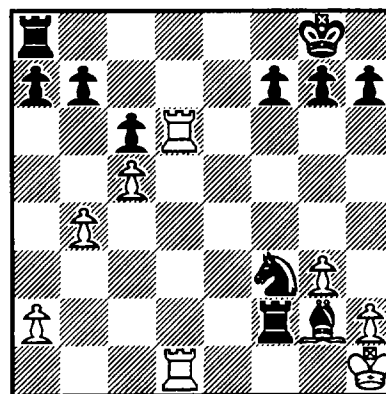
14. Qc5 Nf6 15. Qe5 Qd7 16. Qf4 Qg4 17. Qg4 Bg4 18. e5 Nd5 19. c4 Bh3 20. Rfe1 Nb4

Threatening knight forks on c2 and d3.

21. Rec1 Nd3 22. Rd1 Ne5 23. c5 Nf3 24. Kh1 Rfe8 25. b4 Re2 26. Rd6 Rf2 27. Rad1

Menacing mate in two, but Black's mate comes first.

27... Bg2 mate



White: Joshua Weinstein (1631)

Black: Michael Pearson (1963)

French Defense

Notes by Michael Pearson

1. e4

At 1631, Weinstein is underrated. He seems to be one of those scholastic players who only plays in big scholastic events, so his rating doesn't get a chance to keep up with his improvement.

1...e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e5 Nfd7 6. Be7

It has been a while since I've looked at 6. h4!?, the Albin-Chatard-Alekhine Attack.

6...Qe7 7. Bd3

A strange move in comparison to the bolstering 7. f4 or the attacking 7. Qg4 and 7. Nb5.

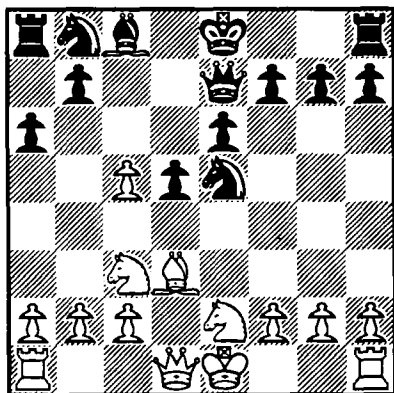
7...a6

Maybe Black should sacrifice the exchange by 7...c5 8. Nb5 0-0 9. Nc7 Ne5 10. Bh7 Kh7 11. Qh5 Kg8 12. Qe5 Nc6 13. Qg3 e5 14. Na8, with a central initiative.

8. Nge2

Another odd move. If White is just trying to keep out of the f-pawn's way, then better must be 8. f4 and 9. Nf3.

8...c5 9. dc5 Ne5



10. Na4

Another possibility is 10. b4 a5 11. a3 b6 12. Na4 ab4 13. ab4 bc5 14. Nc5 (Black will lose the castling privilege on 14. Nb6 Ra1 15. Qa1 Qc7 16. Nc8 Nd3 17. cd3 Qc8 18. Qg7) Ra1 15. Qa1 Nbc6 16. Qa3 0-0 17. 0-0 Nd3 18. Nd3 e5, and Black's center push gives him a slight advantage.

10...Nbd7 11. b4

The position has taken on the quality of a Semi-Slav Noteboom in reverse — 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Nf3 dc4 — where the player with the central majority must be patient in defending against the fierce queenside activity before setting the center pawns in motion.



Michael Pearson, 13, is the 15th-ranked player in the country in his age group. The Borel Middle School (San Mateo) graduate won the Under 2000 prize at the North American Open in December. Photo by Shorman

11...0-0

11...a5 doesn't clarify the queenside matters: 12. a3 b6 13. Bb5 0-0 14. c6 (14. Nb6 Nb6 15. cb6 ab4 16. a4 Qc5 17. Qd4 is good for White) Nb8 15. Nb6 Ra7 16. Nd4 ab4 17. a4 Qc5 18. Nc8.

12. 0-0 a5

Again, meeting White head-long on the queenside is probably the wrong type of thing. Perhaps Black should play in the center by 12...Nd3 13. cd3 Ne5 14. Nb6 Rb8 15. d4 Nc6 16. Qd2 Rd8 17. a4 e5.

- 13. a3 b6 14. Nb6 Nb6 15. cb6 ab4 16. ab4 Rb8 17. Ng3 Nd3**
- 18. Qd3 Rb6 19. c3 Bd7 20. Rfe1 Qd6 21. Nh5 f6 22. Ra7 g6 23. Nf4 Rf7 24. Qg3 e5 25. Nd3 Bb5**
- 26. Ra8 Rb8 27. Rea1 Bc6 28. R8a6 Re7 29. Nc5 Ree8 30. h4 Ra8 31. h5 g5 32. Qg4**

White has managed to find the holes in Black's position, and Black, in time pressure, drifts toward a lost game.

- 32...Red8 33. Ra8 Ba8 34. Qe6 Qe6 35. Ne6 Rc8 36. b5 Kf7 37. Ra6 d4 38. cd4 Bd5 39. Nc5 ed4**

- 40. Ra7 Kg8 41. Nd7 Bf7 42. h6 d3 43. Nf6 Kf8 44. Nh7 Resigns**

Northern California Players at 2001 SuperNationals II

K12 Open Division (371 players)

77. Matthew Truong	4.5
191. Christopher Kimma	3.5
222. Benjamin Kavanaugh	3
233. Phillip Keith	3
295. Phillippe Alepin	2.5
296. Andrew Cihonski	2.5
320. John Kniespeck	2
337. Raymond Canivel	1.5
340. Cal Pierog	1.5

K8 Open (363 players)

27. Michael Pearson	5
61. Elisha Garg	5
96. David Chock	4.5

K8 Under 1000 (423 players)

15. Julianne Freeman	5.5
207. Sally Freeman	3

K6 Open (261 players)

18. Alexander Setzpfandt	5.5
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K6 Under 900 (627 players)

25. Aaron Garg	6
134. Ali Hashemian	4.5

K5 Open (386 players)

92. Edward Chien	4.5
96. Kimberly Anonuevo	4

K3 Open (268 players)

8. Steven Zierk	6
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K3 U800 (469 players)

1. Robert Hsu	7
436. Christina Hsu	1.5

Five-Way Tie for First at Mechanics Institute Lovegrove Senior Open

Walter Lovegrove Senior Open April 28-29, 2001

1-5	Walter Shipman	3-1	\$80
	David Blohm		
	Keith Vickers		
	Agnis Kaugars		
	Larry Snyder		
1-4 B	John Lai	2-2	\$13
	Peter McKone		
	Arthur Dembling		
	Will Pouchak		
	Hans Poschmann		
1 C	Ake Gullmes	1.5-2.5	\$55

International master Walter Shipman joined four others in a tie for first place at the Walter Lovegrove Senior Open held April 28-29 in San Francisco. Also scoring 3-1 and earning \$80 in prize money were masters David Blohm, Keith Vickers, and Agnis Kaugars, and expert Larry Snyder.

John Lai, Peter McKone, Arthur Dembling, Will Pouchak, and Hans Poschmann shared the B prize with 2-2 scores. Each earned \$13.

Ake Gullmes won the C prize outright with 1½-2½. He took home \$55.

The rating curve was unusual among the 19-player field — six masters, one expert, and a dozen B players.

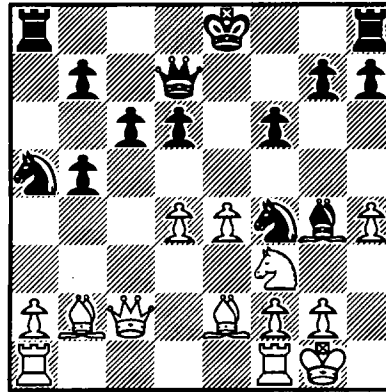
Dr. Walter Lovegrove was a leading member of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club around the turn of the 19th century.

Simultaneous Exhibition 1915

White: Frank J. Marshall
Black: Dr. Walter R. Lovegrove
Evans Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. d4 ed4 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. 0-0 d6 6. b4 Bb4 7. c3 Bc5 8. cd4 Bb6 9. Nc3 Na5 10. Bd3 Ne7 11. Bb2 Ng6 12. Nd5 f6 13. h4 Bg4 14. Qa4 Qd7 15. Nb6 ab6 16. Bb5 c6 17. Be2 b5

18. Qc2 Nf4



19. e5 Ne2 20. Qe2 fe5 21. de5 0-0 22. ed6 Bf3 23. gf3 Rae8 24. Qd3 Nc4 25. Bc3 Re6 26. Rad1 Rg6 27. Kh2 Rf4 28. Qg6 Rh4 29. Kg1 hg6 30. Rd4 Rd4 31. Resigns

White: Agnis Kaugars (2125)

Black: Eugene Levin (2200)

Petroff Defense

Notes by NM Agnis Kaugars

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Ne5 d6 4. Nf3 Ne4 5. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. 0-0 Be7 8. c4 Nb4 9. Be2 dc4 10. Bc4 0-0 11. Nc3 Nd6 12. Be2

12. Bb3 Bf6 13. Ne5 showed a small advantage for White in A. Sokolov-Agzamov, USSR Ch 1985.

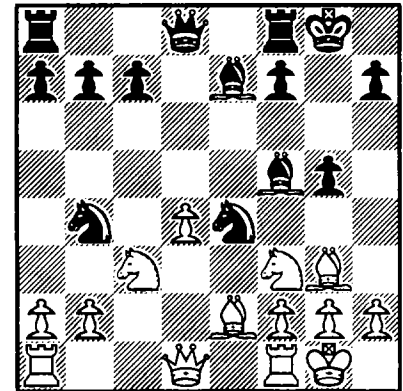
12... Bf5 13. Bf4

The position is equal. Also even is 13. a3 Nc6 (not 13...Na6 14. Re1 with a plus, or 13...Nc2? 14. Ra2, and Black's knight is trapped) 14. d5 Nb8, but White is again favored on 14...Na5 15. Qa4.

13...g5?! 14. Bg3

White is also a bit better after 14. a3 Nc6 (14...gf4 15. ab4 Re8 16. Qd2 Bg5 17. Rfe1 +=) 15. Be3.

14...Ne4



15. a3

15. Be5 aims at the hole in Black's position, and then 15...f6 16. Qb3 Kh8 17. Ne4 Be4 18. Ng5 Bg2 19. Kg2 fe5 20. Ne6 is good for White (so is 20. Nf7 Rf7 21. Qf7 Qg8 22. Qg8 Rg8 23. Kh1 ed4), but Black is OK after 15...c6 16. Qb3 Be6 17. Bc4 Bc4 18. Qc4 Nc3 19. bc3 b5 20. Qb3 Nd5.

15...Nc2!

15...Ng3 16. hg3 Nd5=.

16. Ne4 Be4?

This loses. The interesting lines follow 16...Na1 17. Bd3 g4 18. Ne5 Qd4 19. Ng4 and then:

A) 19... Bg4 leads to long and nearly forced variations: 20. Qg4 Kh8 21. Qe2 Rae8 (21...Nb3 22. Nc5 Bd6 23. Nb3+-) 22. Qe3 (also 22. Ra1 f5 23. Nc3 f4 24. Nb5 Qd7 25. Bf4 Rf4 26. Nc7 Qc7 27. Qh5 Bc5 28. Qe8 Rf8+=) and now:

A1) 22...Qe3 23. fe3 Nb3 24. Be5 Kg8 25. Rf3 f6 26. Bf6 Na5 27. Rg3 Kf7 28. Rg7 Ke6 29. Bc3 Rd8 30. Be2 Nc6 31. Bc4 Kd7 32. Nc5 Kc8 (32...Ke8 33. Be2+=) 33. Be6 Kb8 34. Nd7+=, or

A2) 22...Qg7 23. Ra1 f5 24. Nc3 Bg5 25. Qa7 f4 26. Bf4 is roughly equal;

B) 19...Be4 20. Be5 Qb6 21. Be4 Nb3 (21...Rfd8 22. Qa1+-) 22.

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Aigner, Gaffagan Share Top Prize at Mechanics April-May Marathon

Mechanics Institute April-May Tuesday Night Marathon April 10-May 29, 2001

1-2	Michael Aigner	6.5	\$250
	Steven Gaffagan		
1-2 X	Victor Ossipov	6	\$145
	Mario Sumatra		
1 A	Max Wilkerson	5	\$135
1 B	Monty Peckham	5.5	\$45
1 C	Will Gullickson	4.5	\$55
1-4 D	Nicolas Yap	3.5	\$30
	Clifton Rhodes		
	Gilbert Yap		
	Matt Gianni		

National master Michael Aigner and expert Steven Gaffagan both scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ to share top honors at the Mechanics Institute Tuesday Night Marathon held April 10-May 29 in San

Francisco. John Donaldson directed 57 players in the Swiss System event.

White: Michael Aigner (2203)
Black: Victor Ossipov (2121)
Closed Sicilian
Notes by NM Michael Aigner

1. f4

This was a seventh-round game in a nine-round event. I was tied for third place, and playing one of those ahead of me. Obviously, as White, I was obligated to play for a win.

1...d6 2. Nf3 c5 3. e4 Nc6 4. Nc3 g6 5. d3 Bg7

Despite the fancy move order, this game is now squarely within

closed Sicilian theory. The only nuance is that White has already determined which variation to follow with his early f2-f4 move.

6. g3 Bg4?!

This is a new move to me. Black usually plays either 6...Nf6 or 6...e6 with the intention of 7...Nge7. The general rule of "knights before bishops" applies here.

7. h3 Bf3

If Black retreats the bishop, then he simply loses a tempo since 7. h3 is a useful move for White in this opening. The consequence of the text is that White obtains the bishop pair and, as seen in this game, can dominate the light squares.

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Selected Games from Mechanics Institute Tuesday Night Marathon

8. Qf3 Nd4 9. Qf2

The obvious alternative 9. Qd1 is also playable. The text anticipates batteries on both the f-file and the g1-a7 diagonal.

9...e6

The critical move is 9...Qa5! with the likely continuation 10. Bg2 Nb3 11. cb3 Bc3 12. Bd2 Bd2 13. Qd2 Qd2 14. Kd2, when White has to hope that he can outplay his opponent in an even endgame.

10. Bg2 Rb8 11. O-O Ne7 12. Nd1!

The closed Sicilian is one of the few openings where developing your knight to the back rank is encouraged. The point is that White evicts the black knight from d4 on the next move.

12...b5?

As a friend used to say: "castle now and philosophize later." White obtains a serious initiative against the uncastled Black monarch.

13. c3 Ndc6 14. f5!

The theory of the closed Sicilian discusses two key squares: d4 and f5. If one player, in this case White, controls both of these squares, he typically has obtained an opening advantage.

14...ef5 15. ef5 f6

Instead of damaging his entire kingside by accepting the temporary pawn sacrifice on f5, Black chooses to permanently weaken his light squares.

16. Ne3 O-O 17. fg6 hg6

Black's weak kingside and White's domination of the light squares add up to a decisive advantage.

18. Nd5 Ne5 19. Ne7

The computer move 19. d4 chases the black knight, but has

the unfortunate consequence of loosening White's control of the dark squares, especially the d4 square itself. With White's king exposed, it is best to keep the center closed as long as possible.

19...Qe7 20. Re1 Qc7 21. Bd5 Nf7 22. Bf4 Kh7

Black tries to wiggle out of the pins, but there's nowhere to run.

23. g4! g5

Black might have wanted to play 23...Ne5, but 24. Qh4 forces checkmate. He can still try 23...Bh6 24. Bh6 Nh6 25. Re6 Rbe8 26. Rae1, but White's pieces rule the board. The text further weakens the light squares around Black's king.

24. Bg3 Kh8 25. Re6 Ne5 26. Qf5 Rfe8? 27. Be5!

The final blow. White threatens to play Qg6 followed by Qh5, winning at least a piece.

27...de5

No better are 27...Re6 28. Be6 de5 29. Qg6 or 27...fe5 28. Re8 Re8 29. Qg5.

28. Re8 Re8 29. Qg6 Resigns

Jack Regan (1569)
James Cohee (1721)
Pirc Defense

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. f4 Bg7 5. Nf3 c5 6. e5 Nfd7 7. Bc4 Nb6 8. Bb5 Bd7 9. e6 fe6 10. Ng5 cd4 11. Ne6 Resigns

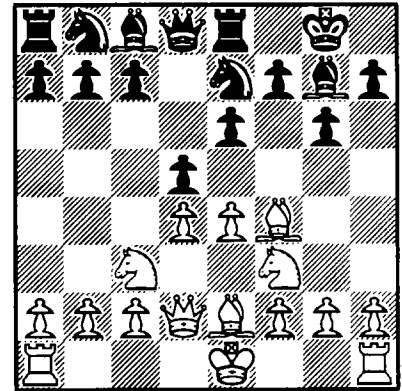
White: David Blohm (2229)
Black: Michael Aigner (2203)
French Defense
Notes by NM Michael Aigner

1. e4 e6 2. d4 g6?!

Black chooses a creative opening in order to escape his

opponent's book knowledge, but this involves considerable risk.

3. Nf3 Bg7 4. Be2 Ne7 5. Nc3 d5 6. Bf4! O-O 7. Qd2 Re8



8. Rd1?

After 8. O-O-O and 9. h4, White has a strong attack and a clear advantage.

8...b6 9. O-O Bb7 10. e5 Ba6

Instead, Black now nearly equalizes in a comfortable advanced French position.

11. Ba6 Na6 12. Bh6 Bh6 13. Qh6 Nf5 14. Qf4 c5 15. Ne2 Qe7 16. Rd2 Rac8 17. c3 cd4 18. cd4 Rc4 19. Rc1 Rec8

Better is simply 19...Rc1 20. Nc1 Rc8.

20. Rc3 b5 21. a3 b4 22. ab4 Nb4 23. h4 R8c7 24. h5 Qf8! 25. g4 Ng7 26. hg6 fg6 27. Qf8?

The ensuing endgame is slightly better for Black, so White must consider complicating matters with 27. Qh6.

27...Kf8 28. Rc4 Rc4 29. Ng5 h6 30. Nh7 Kf7 31. Nf6 Rc2!? 32. Rc2 Nc2 33. Nd7? Ne8?

Missing 33...h5!, which forces 34. gh5 and the surrender of the critical f5-square since 34. f3 Ne1 nets a pawn. Black is still close to

winning after the text.

34. Nb8 Nc7 35. Nc6 Nb5 36. f3? Ke8! 37. Kf2 Kd7 38. Na5 Ncd4 39. Nf4 g5 40. Nh5 Kc7 41. Nf6

White senses that it is time for desperate measures.

41...Kb6 42. b4 Na3 43. Ng8 Nac2 44. Nh6 Nb4 45. f4 Ka5

The obvious 45...gf4 wins more easily.

46. fg5 Ndc6 47. g6 Ne7 48. g7 Nd3 49. Kg3 Ne5 50. g8Q Ng8 51. Ng8 Kb5 52. g5 a5 53. Ne7 a4 54. Kf4 Ng6 55. Ng6 a3 56. Ke5 a2 57. Ke6 d4 58. Ne5 a1Q 59. g6 Qa2 60. Kf6 Qg8 61. Resigns

White: Randy Feliciano (1774)
Black: Nicolas Yap (1397)
Scotch Gambit

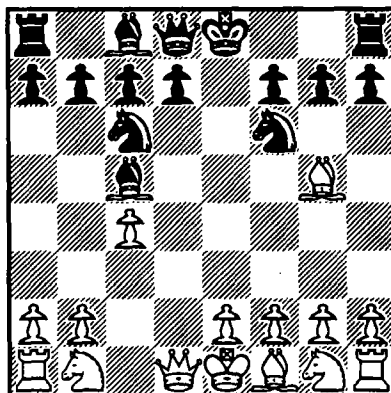
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. Bc4 Be7 5. c3 dc3 6. Qd5 d6

The miraculous 6...Nh6 7. Bh6 0-0 8. Bc1 Nb4 9. Qd1 c2 is not a surprise to players of the Scotch and Goring gambits.

7. Qf7 Kd7 8. Be6 mate

White: Guadalupe Sainz (1584)
Black: David Steel (2059)
Budapest Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. Bg5 ed4 4. Qd4 Nc6 5. Qd1 Bc5



6. Nf3 Bf2

6...Ne4, threatening 7. Bf2 mate and 7. Ng5, is more in the spirit of things, but Black has just a positional advantage after 7. Be3 Be3 8. fe3, and no continuation stands out.

7. Kf2 Ne4 8. Kg1 Ng5 9. h4 Nf3

10. ef3 0-0 11. Nc3 d6 12. Bd3 f5 13. h5 Ne5 14. Bc2 Rf7 15. c5 Be6 16. Qd4 Qf6 17. Qf4 g5 18. hg6 Ng6 19. Qe3 d5 20. Re1 Re7 21. Qh6 c6 22. Kf1 Rae8 23. Bb3 f4 24. Rh5 Bf5 25. Re7 Qe7 26. Kg1 Qe1 27. Resigns

White: Monty Peckham (1794)
Black: Russell Wong (2200)
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. ed6 cd6 6. Nc3 g6 7. Be3 Bg7 8. Rc1

Grandmaster Albur, the world's leading authority on Alekhine's Defense, says White should develop his kingside by 8. Bd3, 9. Nge2, and 10. 0-0.

8...0-0 9. b3 e5 10. de5 de5 11. Qd8 Rd8 12. Nb5

White starts falling behind in development.

12...Nc6 13. Na7 Nd4 14. Nc8 Nc8 15. Bd4 ed4 16. a4 d3 17. Kd1 Nd6 18. f3 Nf5 19. Rb1 Bc3 20. Resigns

Cartoon

by Ed Bogas



1. I WAS PAIRED IN THE FIRST ROUND WITH A MASTER, SO I WENT ON THE NET AND FOUND A WHOLE BUNCH OF HIS GAMES.

2.



2. I CROSS-REFERENCED THEM WITH A DATABASE AND FOUND THAT HE USED A LINE CONSIDERED INFERIOR.

3.



3. SO I LEARNED THE RECOMMENDED LINES AND HE PLAYED RIGHT INTO IT. ON MOVE 15 I HAD A CLEAR PLUS!

4.



4. ON MOVE 17 I BLUNDERED AND LOST MY QUEEN!

5.



6.



6. I HATE CHESS.

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Kindergarten		7th Grade	
1	Patrick Dibble	1	Timothy Ma
2	Jeremy Chow	2	Aaron Wilkowski
3	Kali Navea-Huff	3	Ryan Dooley
1st Grade		Team	Commodore Skills School
1	Maria Navea_Huff	8th Grade	
2	Mukund Chillakanti	1	Christopher Wihledal
3	Mathias Wilken	2	Stephan Goupille
2nd Grade		3	Jacob Green
1	Graham M'Daniel	Team	Commodore Skills School
2	Tatsuro Yamamura	9th Grade	
3	Vivian Lo	1	Benjamin Tejes
Team	St. Marks School	2	Daniel Haynam
3rd Grade		3	Erin Harrington
1	Jacob Hall	Team	Luther Burbank High School
2	Mahnoosh Moghadam	10th Grade	
3	Steven Chang	1	Robert Chan
Team	St. Marks School	2	Jerommel Hitura
4th Grade		3	Jason Mar
1	Tyrone Plata	Team	Edison High School
2	Aviv Alder	11th Grade	
3	Brian Tsai	1	Anthony Nguyen
Team	Argonaut School	2	Kris MacLennan
5th Grade		3	Mario Ramos
1	Tyler Wilken	4	Peter Pascoal
2	Daichi Siegrist	Team	Luther Burbank High School
3	Sharon Tseung	12th Grade	
Team	Argonaut School	1	DeVaugan Jones
6th Grade		2	Mahmoud Daher
1	Daniel Schwarz	3	Ben Li Cai
2	Drew Lawson	Team	Franklin High School
3	Bennett Blazei		
Team	St. Marks School		

location, North Stockton Rotary volunteers attempted to locate and redirect players, parents, and coaches to the new site. The confusion delayed the start of the event, making for a long day on Saturday. Sunday went much smoother.

During the event, Floyd Barnes, Dan Schroeder, and the Lincoln High School Interact Club (an international service organization sponsored by the North Stockton Rotary) provided snacks between rounds for the players. On Sunday morning, the same group organized a pancake feed for \$3 a plate.

Tournament director John McCumiskey headed the staff which included floor directors Michael Aigner, Chuck Coleman, Cain Garrett, Ed Hirsch, and Dr. Kirshner. Steve Bickford did the pairings, assisted by Barnes and McDonald.

Rotary member Tom Biglione organized the volunteers for this year's event. Without the help of the volunteers to take registrations, post signs, run results, and set up and tear down the site, there wouldn't be a tournament.

This year's Rotary volunteers included: Tod Anton, John Bertilacchi, Maria Calzado, Andy Chesley, Dianne Correia, Dan Durst, Debbie Garrett, Charlie Hamilton, Mel Hansen, Jane Kalfsbeek, Jeff Larson, Abraham Mackey, Christine McBrian, Tom McDonald, Grace Ramirez, Sherie Reusche, Jim Ruggles, Dan Schroeder, and Aaron Whitehead.

Jay Blembrought National Chess and Games to Stockton, and provided sets for the tournament.

White: Benjamin Tejes (1434)
Black: Franklin Ferrer (946)
Nimzo-Indian Leningrad
Notes by Benjamin Tejes

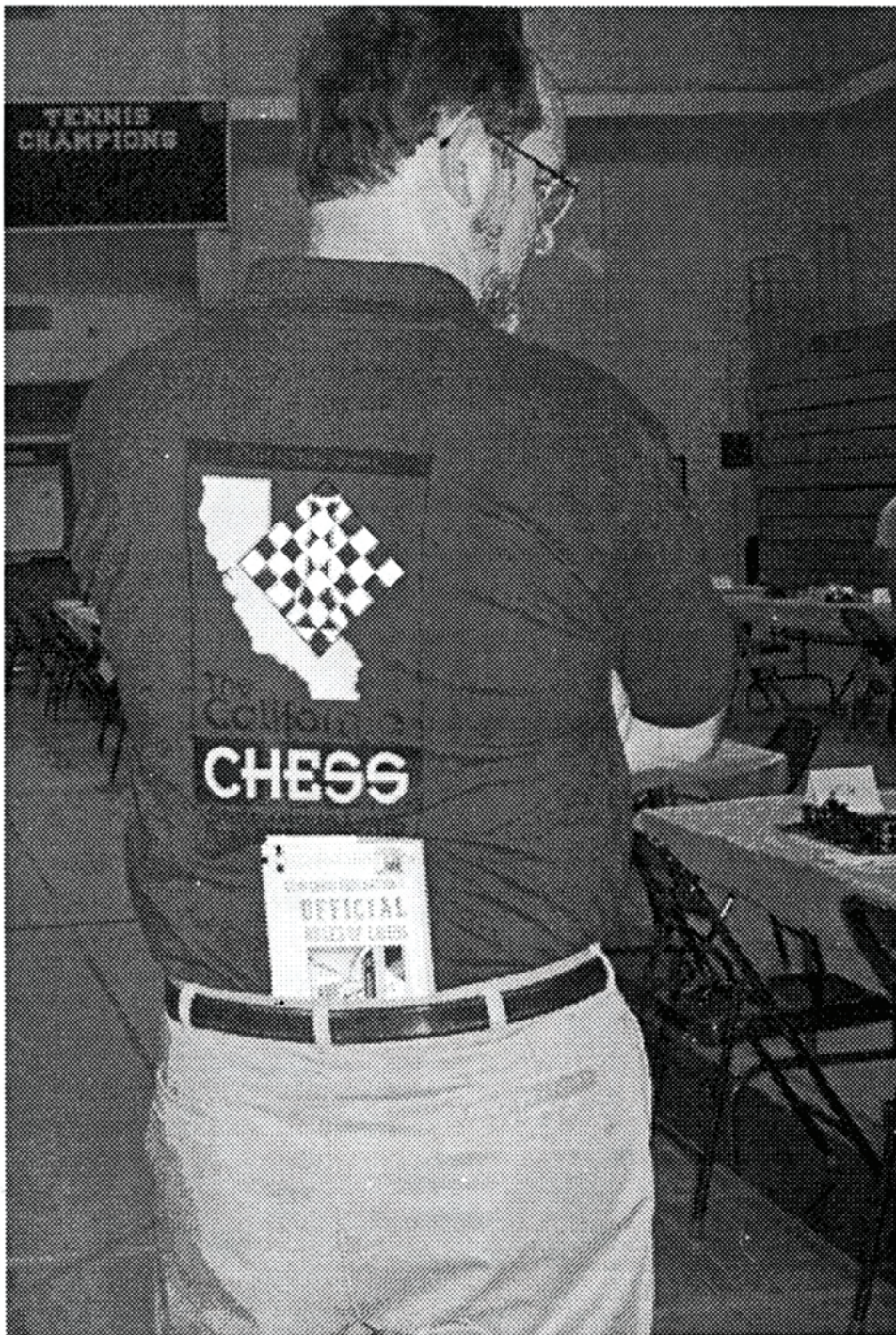
By John P. McCumiskey

The 2001 California State Grade Level Championship returned to Stockton on May 5th and 6 with 234 players entered. North Stockton Rotary officials Dr. William McDonald Floyd Barnes organized the event, and Rotary members 99 Speedway, Weberstown Mall, Carr Electric, and A.G. Edwards and Sons sponsored it.

This was the ninth edition of the statewide event designed by Dr. Alan Kirshner using the USCF grade level approach. Prior to 1993, the "states" of Northern

California and Southern California, as divided by the USCF, held their own championship events. Now, the event alternates annually between North and South.

Organization of the event ran into difficulties when the original tournament site withdrew its availability on April 5 in favor of another event. Rather than cancel the event, McDonald and Barnes secured Bear Creek High School for the tournament. Changing the playing site at such a late date made it virtually impossible to notify everyone who was coming about the new site. At the original



1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bg5 c5 5. d5 h6 6. Bh4 d6 7. a3

A wasted move, considering that Black intends to capture on c3 anyway, in the fight for control of e4, and to weaken White's queenside. White falls a tempo behind the oft-discussed line 7. e3 Bc3 8. bc3 e5.

7...Bc3 8. bc3 e5 9. e3 Bf5

However, this is not the best use of Black's time. 9...Nbd7

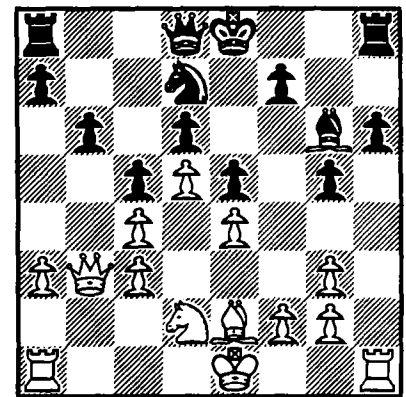
develops knights before bishops, and then a typical plan for Black is to gain space on the kingside with ...g5, ...Qe7, and ...e4, which provides a post on e5 for a knight where it pressures the weak c4-pawn.

10. Qb3 b6 11. Nf3

This knight typically goes to e2 in the Leningrad, because the f-pawn likes to be flexible. Sometimes it goes to f3 to support an advance to e4 (and makes room

for the bishop to retreat to f2), and sometimes to f4 to tackle Black's center pawns headfirst.

11...Nbd7 12. Nd2 g5 13. Bg3 Nh5 14. e4 Bg6 15. Be2 Ng3 16. hg3



16...Nf6

The pawn structure indicates that Black's play should be on the kingside, where the likeliest pawn break is ...f5-f4, but this move prevents that, and further takes a defender away from b6.

17. f3 Qd7 18. a4 Kf8 19. a5 ba5

Black should prefer to keep his pawns intact. 19...Kg7 connects the rooks, and then White cannot win a pawn by 20. ab6 ab6 21. Ra8 Ra8 22. Qb6, because of 22...Ra1 23. Bd1 Qa4.

20. Ra5 Kg7 21. Rb5 Rhd8

21..Rhc8 gives the rook the ability to counter Rb7 by ...Rc7.

22. Kf2 a6 23. Rb7 Qc8 24. Ra1 a5 25. Rb5 Qc7 26. Qa4 Rdb8 27. Ra5 Qa5 28. Qa5 Ra5 29. Ra5

One of Black's trumps in these Nimzo-Indian endgames is that the extra c-pawn is often without much value.

29...Rb2 30. Ke3 Kf8

A suitable plan for Black still seems to include ...f5. For instance, 30...Ne8 keeps an eye on the d6-pawn, then ...f5 and ...Nf6 aims for either ...Nh5 and ...f4, which points at the weakness on

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g3, or an exchange or two on e4 which leaves White's g-pawns isolated.

31. Ra7 h5 32. Bd1 g4

White should not flinch here, for he would welcome ... g3 g4, correcting his pawn structure.

33. f4 Rd2?! 34. Kd2 Ne4 35. Ke1 Nc3

This is the wrong capture. 35...Ng3 takes one obstacle away from Black's potentially-passed h-pawn, but 36. fe5 de5 37. d6 leaves White with a won position.

36. fe5 de5 37. Rc7 Ne4 38. Bc2! f5

Better is 38...Ke8, heading over to blockade the passed pawn.

39. Be4 fe4 40. Rc5 Bf5

Better is 40...Kf7.

41. d6 Kf7 42. Re5 Kf6 43. Rf5! Kf5 44. d7 e3 45. d8Q and White won.

White: Manoosh Moghadam
Black: Jacob Hall
Four Knights Game
Notes by NM Michael Aigner



1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6

Considering that all four knights move in the first six moves, it is hardly surprising that this opening is called the Four Knights. What follows is an example of the value of the initiative in a chess game.

4. Bc4 Bc5 5. O-O O-O 6. d3 d6

Imitation is sometimes the best defense. However, White moves first and at some point will be able to capture a piece to force Black to take back instead of maintaining symmetry. The trick now is that White seeks to obtain some advantage out of such a capture.

7. Bg5 Bg4

Black doesn't have to mimic White's moves. In particular, 7...h6 puts the question to the bishop. One exciting variation continues with 8. Bh4 g5?! 9. Ng5! hg5 10. Bg5 Be6 (forced) 11. Nd5 Bd5 12. Bd5 Kg7. White has two very powerful bishops and a dangerous threat of Qf3, yet has given up material to achieve this. A more sane approach for Black is to follow 7...h6 with 8...Bg4 or 8...Be6.

8. Nd5

Double attacking the f6-knight.

8...Nd4

Black responds by double attacking the f3-knight, but it is now White's move!

9. Nf6

9. Qd2 Qd7 10. Bf6 Bf3 11. Ne7 Kh8 12. Bg7 Kg7 13. Qg5 Kh8 14. Qf6 mate! — Capablanca-Amateur, New York 1918.

9...gf6

The only legal move which doesn't instantly lose. Black's kingside is now shattered.

10. Be3

More to the point is 10. Bh6!, creating a threat by attacking the rook. The initiative — the ability to make threats — is something that should not be unestimated in evaluating a position! Moreover, controlling squares around the enemy king is always useful. A typical line now is 10. Bh6 Re8 11. Kh1 Qd7 12. c3 Nf3 13. gf3 Bh5 14. Rg1 Bg6 15. d4 and White's pieces are better placed to attack on the kingside and in the center.

10...Nf3

Black has the initiative now!

11. gf3 Bh3 12. Re1 Be3 13. fe3 f5!

Using his initiative, Black strikes at the center and prepares a penetration with his queen into White's kingside.

14. Kf2

White desires some counterplay along the g-file by moving the king. Perhaps 14. Kh1 should be considered, although Black still gets to have all the fun.

14...fe4 15. de4 Qh4 16. Ke2

The only move, as 16. Kg1?? Qg5 17. Kf2 Qg2 is mate.

16...Be6!

When attacking, always create as many threats with each move as possible. Here Black threatens the c4-bishop and the h2-pawn, both with check.

17. Rg1 Kh8 18. Bd3?

This loses a rook because White cuts off the king's escape square. Best, but still unpleasant, would be 18. Be6.

18...Qh2 19. Ke1 Qg1 20. Bf1 Qe3 21. Be2 Rg8! 22. Qd2 Rg1 mate

White: Anna Hauswirth
 Black: Daniel Schwarz
 Alapin Sicilian
 Notes by NM Michael Aigner

1. e4 c5 2. c3 g6 3.g3

The purpose of the c3 Sicilian is to control the center with an early d4, so either the immediate 3. d4 or the move 3. Nf3 to support a pawn on d4 is standard.

3...Bg7 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. Nf3 e6 6. O-O Nge7 7. d3

This completes a transposition to a King's Indian Attack.

7...O-O 8. Bg5 h6 9. Be3 b6 10. Nbd2

White's pawn structure and minor piece placement is classical for this opening.

10...Bb7 11. Nc4?!

Having completed her development, the time has come for White to strike at the center with 11. d4 cd4 12. Nd4 Nd4 13.Bd4.

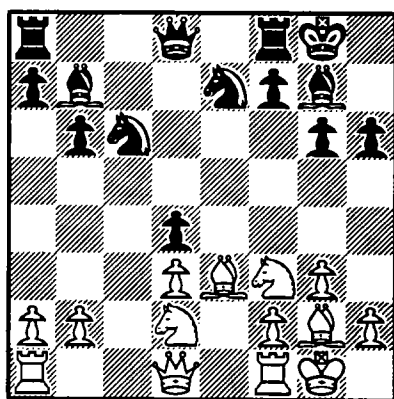
11... d5

Instead, Black strikes first, thereby gaining a tempo on the knight and seizing the initiative.

12. ed5 ed5 13. Ncd2

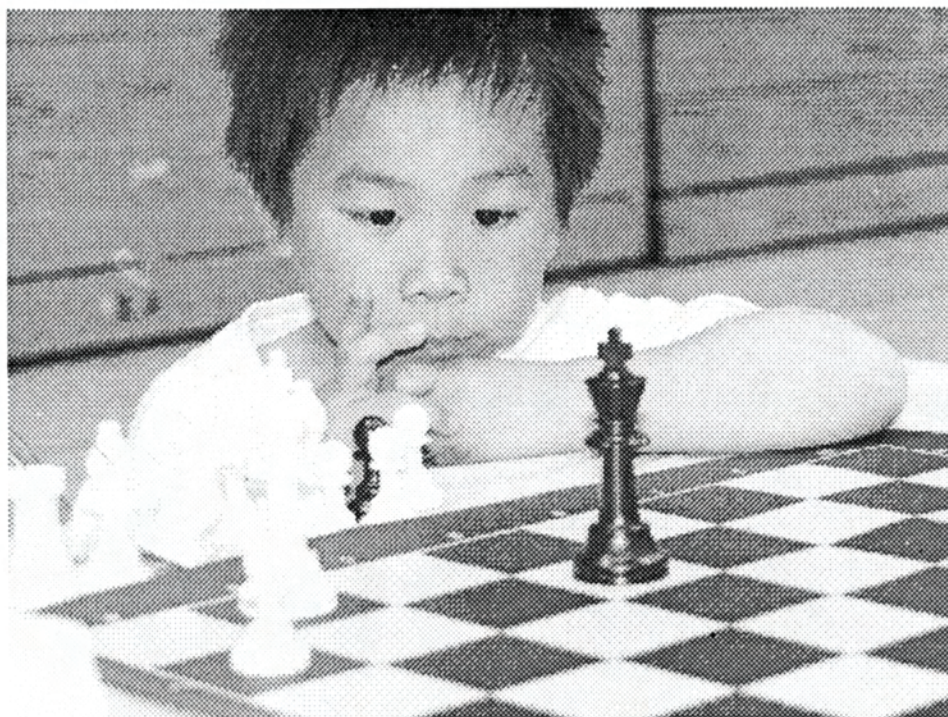
13. Na3 was necessary to provide the e3 bishop with some luft. While knights on the rim are grim, in this case the knight will quickly return via c2.

13...d4! 14. cd4 cd4



15. Bf4 Nd5!

Here Black is presented with an interesting choice. 15...g5!?



Jeremy Chow of Las Lomas School finished second in the Kindergarten section of the 2001 California State Grade Level Championship. Photo by Kirshner

wins the bishop (observe how the knight on d2 cuts off its escape) but Black's kingside quickly comes under fire. For example: 15...g5 16. Ng5 hg5 17. Bg5 Qd7 18. Re1 Nd5 19. Qh5. Now all of White's pieces attack the black king. Perhaps Black can survive this, but instead Black chooses to obtain a simple positional advantage by destroying White's kingside pawn structure.

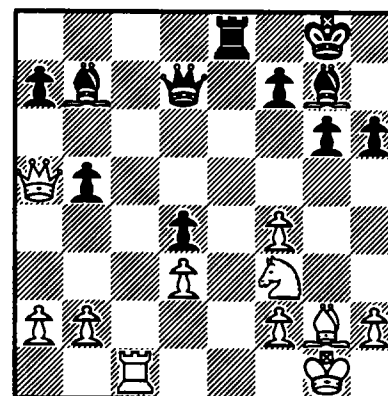
16. Re1 Nf4 17. gf4 Qd7?! 18. Nc4

Black's last move allowed White to escape into an only slightly worse endgame after 18. Ne5 Ne5 19. fe5 Bg2 20. Kg2.

18...Rfe8 19. Rc1 Re1 20. Qe1 Re8 21. Qd2 b5

Black creates a threat with every move, gradually improving his position before the knockout.

22. Na5 Na5 23. Qa5



Black to move and win! Exploit the White queen's role as a spectator on a5.

23...Qg4! 24. Qb5?

Black can announce mate in 8 right here, ignoring the fact that his rook is *en prise* with check! White's last hope was 24. h3 Qf4 25. Qd2 and trading into a lost endgame down two pawns.

24...Bf3! 25. Qe8 Kh7 26. Kf1

The longest attempt at resistance is 26. Qg8 Kg8 27. Rc8 Kh8 28. Rh8 Kh8 29. Kf1 Qg2 30. Ke1 Qg1 31. Kd2 Qd1 mate.

26...Qg2 27. Ke1 Qg1 28. Kd2 Qf2 29. Qe2 Qe2 mate

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Garbouz Heads First Group at Charlotte Wood Scholastic Quads



By Frisco Del Rosario

Igor Garbouz won Quad no. 1 at the Charlotte Wood Scholastic Quads held May 26 in Danville in an upset over top-seeded Daichi Siegrist. Dr. Dennis Alfaro, who runs the Charlotte Wood Middle School, directed 140 players in the event.

White: Nazeem Moghadam (1020)
Black: Cassandra Lawson (1015)6
Ruy Lopez

**1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6
4. Nc3**

After the tame Nc3, it is more difficult for White to build a pawn center with c3 and d4. 4. 0-0 is more ambitious, and then 4...0-0 Ne4 5. d4 Nd6 6. Bc6 dc6 7. de5 Nf5 8. Qd8 Kd8 9. Nc3 h6 was discussed repeatedly — and with undefeated success for Black — in the Kasparov-Kramnik world championship match.”

4...Bc5

Sort of halfway between the active 4...Bb4 and the sturdy 4...d6, but chess is not a game for halfway measures.

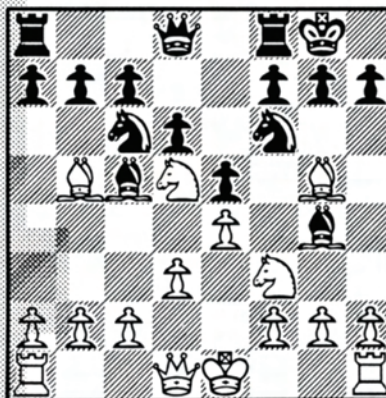
5. d3 0-0

Because Black didn't play ...Bb4 to pressure White's knight, or ...d6 and ...Be7 to avoid a pin, she should try 5...h6, or 5...d6, anticipating 6. Bg5 Be6 7. Nd5 (7. d4 would be better) Bd5 8. ed5 a6 9. dc6 ab5 10. cb7 Rb8, and Black is OK.

6. Bg5

With her bishop on b4, Black could now play the standard 6...d6 7. 0-0 Bc3 leading to an even game. In this case, White's positional threat of Nd5 is very strong, and Black cannot even lose a move by 6...Be7 or 6...Bb4 because there would follow 7. Bc6 and 8. Ne5, winning a pawn.

6...d6 7. Nd5 Bg4



It is dangerous to play B-KN5 before one's opponent has castled kingside because the kingside pawns can be advanced fearlessly. P-KR3 will be the reply, then the bishop will either lose a move by retreat or exchange, after which a kingside attack will begin with P-KN4. In this game, White's kingside initiative is coupled with a severe weakening of Black's castled position.

**8. Nf6 gf6 9. Bh6 Re8 10. h3 Bh5
11. g4 Bg6 12. Qe2 Kh8 13. h4
Qd7 14. h5 Qg4 15. hg6 Qg6**

A most awkward square for the black queen, who has no mobility on the diagonals or the rank. White could threaten to trap the queen right away by 16. 0-0-0 and 17. Rdg1.

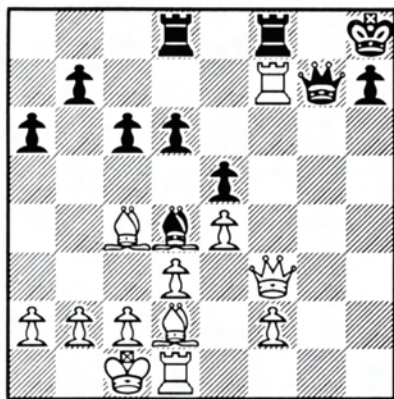
**16. Bd2 Rg8 17. 0-0-0 Nd4 18.
Nd4 Bd4 19. Qf3**

A piece ahead, White does well to force the exchange of Black's last minor by 19. Be3.

19...a6 20. Bc4

Now Black should do what she can to disturb White's queenside peace with 20...b5.

20...Rad8 21. Rh6 Qg7 22. Rf6



24. c3

Black is sunk after the simplifying 24. Rg7 Rf3 25. Rdg1 Rff8 (25...h5 26. Bg8) 26. Rb7.

24...Bf2 25. Qf2 d5 26. ed5 Rf7 27. Qb6 Rdf8 28. dc6 Rf6 29. Kc2 bc6 and White went on to win.



Nazee Moghadam (right) won Quad #4 at the Charlotte Wood Scholastic Quads in May. Her opponent is Robert Connick. This photo and on facing page by John Tu



Weibel Chess/Success Chess Summer Scholastic Quads

Saturdays, July 21 and August 11, 2001

Location: Weibel Elementary School Multipurpose Room
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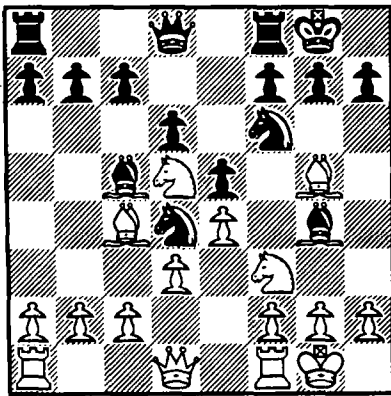
Alfaro Glad to Draw Easily-Divisible 140 to Charlotte Wood Quads

White: Brian Chao (983)
Black: Joojay Huyn (980)
Four Knights Game
Notes by Brian Chao

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3

A very quiet move, which Black can answer actively by the old fork trick 4...Ne4. More aggressive moves for White are 4...d4 and 4...Ng5.

4...Bc5 5. O-O O-O 6. d3 d6 7. Bg5 Bg4 8. Nd5 Nd4



9. Nf6

In a 1918 exhibition game, soon-to-be world champion Capablanca won a nice miniature with 9. Qd2 Qd7 10. Bf6 Bf3 11. Ne7 — which cannot be mimicked! — Kh8 12. Bg7 Kg7 13. Qg5 Kh8 14. Qf6 mate.

9...gf6 10. Bh6 Nf3 11. gf3 Bh3 12. Re1 Re8 13. f4 f5 14. Qh5

This double threat should not be copied.

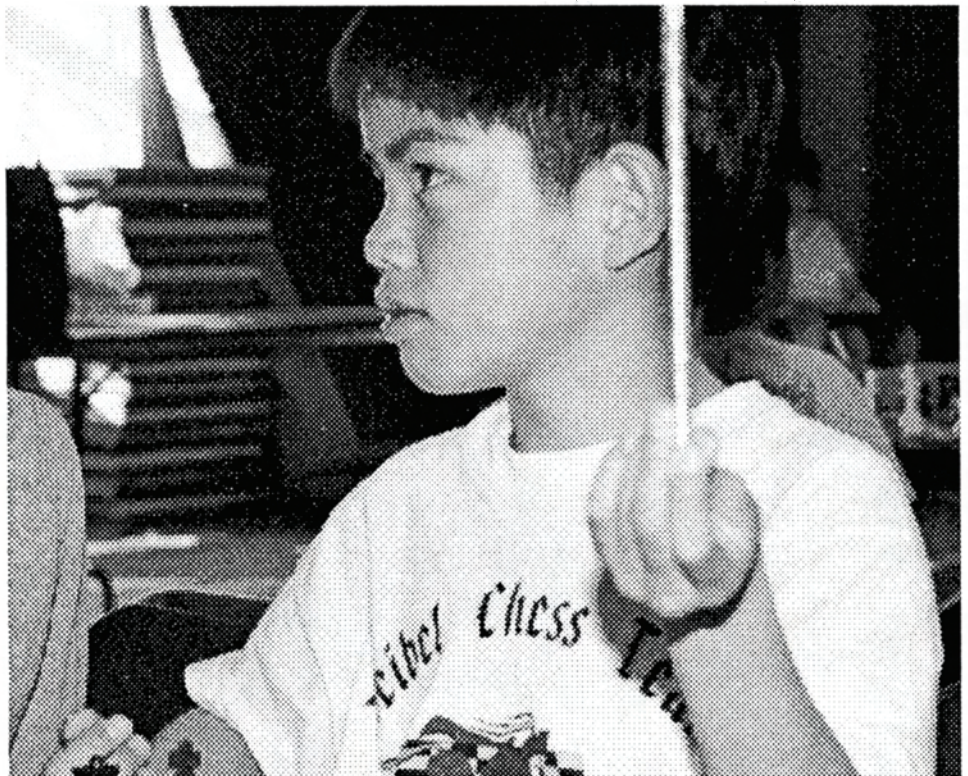
14...ef4 15. Qf7 Kh8 16. Qg7 mate

At right, Brian Chao proclaims that he is Number One in Quad #8 at the Charlotte Wood Scholastic Quads.

Photo by Kirshner

Charlotte Wood Scholastic Quads Prizewinners — May 26, 2001

1-21	Igor Garbouz	3	Brian Chao	
	Ramon Qiu		Ryan Leung	2
	Aviv Adler		Ryan Castillo	
	Nazee Moghadam		Taylor Holland	
	Vincent Davies		Maximillian Santana	
	Daniel Benjamin		Mary Fatima Uribe	
	Kevin Liu		Sean Hauffer	
	Tomas Fuentes-Afflick		Govind Ramnarayan	
	Joel Benjamin		Archit Shet-Shah	
	Jonathan Ting		Serena Banh	
	Andrea Wang		Stephen Tse	
	Carlos Alamo		Alexander Yip	
	Charles Fang		Rohan Sathe	
	Tommy Liu		Akash Pandey	
	Devin Abbott		Paul Carlisle	
	Daniel Wong		Thomas Magpiong	
	Vir Choksi		Alok Pandey	
	Jonathan Huang		Jonathan Barclay	
	Ariel Tsang		Ferdinand Uribe	
	Abraham Jurado		Aaron Wilkowski	
	Austin Mohle		Robert Richard III	
22-27	Brian Lin	2.5	William Cheung	
	Jake Magnier		Ahmad Moghadam	
	Michael Shimono		Edward Chien	
	Craig Wilmer		Alex Atmore	
	Arthur Chen		Rachel Connick	



Dzindzichashvili Wins Adult Legs of WOLC/UPSCL/WBCA Tripleheader

WOLC California Game/1 Championship April 21, 2001

1	Roman Dzindzichashvili	13.5
2	Ryan Porter	10
3	Ben Haun	9.5
4	Walter Browne	9.5
5	Vladimir Mezentsev	9

UPSCL Scholastic G/20 Championship

1	Alex Setzefandt	4
2-3	Nicolas Yap Joe Wu	3
4-9	Liyao Mao Robert Hsu Victor Labrouse Gabe Ewing Douglas Bell Jacob Siebert	2

WBCA Blitz Tournament

1	Roman Dzindzichashvili
2	Ryan Porter
3	Walter Browne

The World Organization of Lightning Chess, the Unofficial Peninsula Scholastic Chess League, and the World Blitz Chess Association conducted a trio of chess events on April 21 in San Mateo.

Grandmaster Roman Dzindzichashvili won the 2nd California Game-in-One-Minute Championship, scoring 13½-1½ in the five-round, three-games-per-round Swiss System.

Dzindzichashvili headed a field that included six-time U.S. champion Walter Browne and international master Vladimir Mezentsev, who won the first two U.S. Lightning Chess Championships, FM Ryan Porter, and Internet scholastic speed demon Ben Haun.

Dzindzichashvili also won the other "adult" segment of the tripleheader, finishing ahead of



The fastest guns on the Internet: Grandmaster Roman Dzindzichashvili (right) is one of the top two or three blitz players at the Internet Chess Club. Ben Haun's ICC bullet rating is about 3,000 points higher than his USCF rating. Photo by Cohen

Browne and Porter in the WBCA blitz tournament. Dzindzi earned \$150, Porter \$75. Drake Wang won the Top Junior trophy. Alex Setzefandt, Jeremy Fremlin, and Pierre Vachon won class prizes.

Setzefandt won the UPSCL Game/20 Scholastic Championship with a 4-0 score.

White: Pierre Vachon
Black: Walter Browne
Alapin Sicilian
Notes by Steve Cohen

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. ed5 Qd5 4. d4 cd4 5. cd4 Nf6 6. Nc3 Qd8 7. Nf3 e6 8. Be3 Be7 9. Be2 Nc6 10. 0-0 0-0 11. h3 Nb4

Seeking to establish a knight on the support point at d5, but later exchanging the knight to gain the bishop pair.

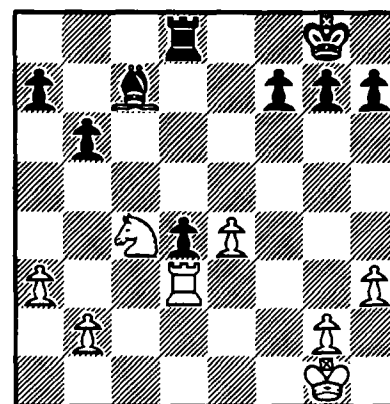
12. a3 Nbd5 13. Nd5 Nd5 14. Rc1 b6 15. Qd2 Bb7 16. Ne5 Ne3 17. fe3 Bd6 18. Nc4 Bc7 19. Bf3 Bf3 20. Rf3 Qd5 21. Qd3 Rad8

The pressure on d4 mounts.

22. Rd1 e5 23. e4

Counterattacking, but this costs White an important pawn, leaving the first player with material and positional minuses.

23...Qd4 24. Qd4 Rd4 25. Rd4 ed4 26. Rd3 Rd8



27. e5 Kf8 28. a4 Ke7 29. Kf2 Ke6

By activating his king first in the ending, Black wins another pawn.

30. Kf3 Be5

"Speedster" Haun Ahead of Browne, Mezentsev at Lightning Tournament

While making this capture, Browne knocked down several units and exclaimed, "J'adoubsky, everybody," and then — according to the rules — replaced all the units before punching the clock.

31. g4 f6 32. Ke4 g6 33. Kf3 Rc8 34. b3 Rc6 35. h4

Moving pawns on the side where your opponent has a majority is usually bad, but White has left himself with few active alternatives.

a6 36. h5 b5 37. ab5 ab5 38. Na3 Rc5!?

Goading his opponent into the following.

39. b4 Rc3! 40. Rc3 dc3 41. Ke2 Bd6 42. Nb5 Bb4

Exchanging these pawns snuffs any chance of counterplay.

43. Kd3 Ke5 44. Nc7 Ba5 45.

Ne8 f5 46. hg6 hg6 47. gf5 gf5 48. Ng7 f4 49. Nh5 f3 50. Ng3 Kf4 51. Nf1 Bb4 52. Kc4 c2 53. Kb4 c1(Q) 54. Ng3 Kg3 55. Kb5 Kf4 56. Kb4 Ke5 57. Kb5 Kd5 58. Kb4 Qb2 59. Ka5 Kc5 60. Ka6 Qb6 mate

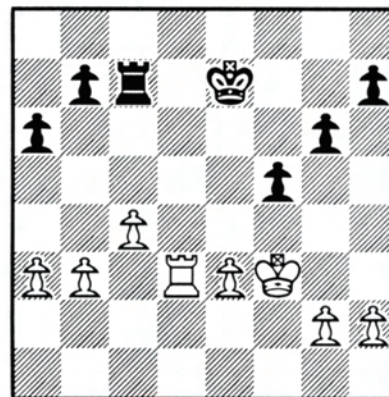
White: Ben Haun
Black: Vladimir Mezentsev
Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. Nc3 g6 3. d3 Bg7 4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 Ne7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Be3 d5 8. ed5 cd5 9. d4 Nbc6 10. Qd2 Re8 11. Bh6 Bh8 12. Bg5 f6 13. Be3 Nf5 14. Rfe1 Bg7 15. Rad1 Ne3 16. fe3 e5

Dropping a pawn.

17. de5 Ne5 18. Qd5 Qd5 19. Rd5 Be6 20. Rdd1 Nf3 21. Bf3 Rab8 22. b3 f5 23. Ne2 Rbd8

24. Nd4 Bd5 25. Bd5 Rd5 26. c4 Rd7 27. Re2?! Bd4 28. Kf1 Ree7 29. Rd4 Rc7 30. Kf2 Kf7 31. Red2 a6 32. a3 Rc6 33. Rd6 Rd6 34. Rd6 Rc7 35. Rd2 Ke6 36. Rd3 Ke7 37. Kf3



37...Rd7?

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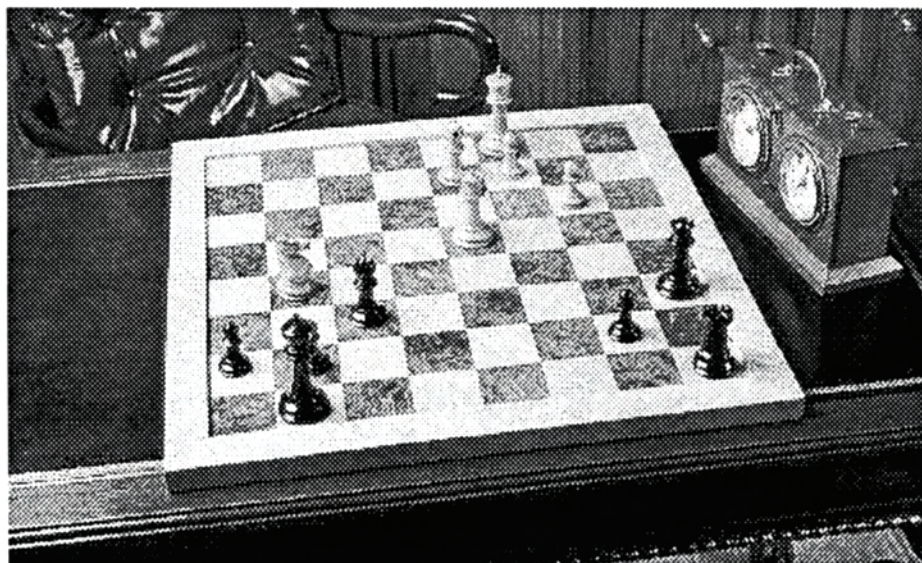
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Cal, Stanford Duel to Another Draw at President's Cup

The University of Texas at Dallas won the first President's Cup, a round robin among the best teams in college chess, held April 13-15 in Dallas, Texas. UTD finished with 12 points, ahead of University of Maryland at Baltimore County with 11½, then California with 6½ and Stanford with 6.

The first meeting for Cal and Stanford since the Pan-Am Intercollegiate in December ended in another draw.

White: Michael Aigner (Stanford, 2203)

Black: Andrei Dokuchayev (UTDallas, 2256)

Bird's Opening

1. f4 f5 2. e4 fe4 3. d3 e3 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Be3 g6 6. Ne4 Bg7 7. Nf6 ef6 8. Qd2 d5 9. Nf3 Nc6 10. c3 Qd6 11. g3 Bg4 12. Bg2 O-O-O 13. O-O h5 14. Qf2 Bf3 15. Qf3

Stanford

- FM Philip Wang
 NM Jordy Mont-Reynaud
 NM Etan Ilfeld
 FM Ryan Porter
 NM Michael Aigner
 David Pecora

California

- 0-1 FM Dmitry Zilberstein
 ½-½ NM David Pruess
 ½-½ NM Andras Erdei
 1-0 Anthony Rozenvasser
 0-1 David Steel
 1-0 Pierre Vachon

- f5 16. Bf2 h4 17. g4 fg4 18. Qg4 Kb8 19. Rae1 g5 20. Re6 Qd7 21. Rfe1 gf4 22. Qf4 h3 23. Bf3 Rdf8 24. Qe3 Bh6 25. Rh6 Qg7 26. Bg3 Qh6 27. Qh6 Rh6 28. Bd5 Rh7 29. Be6 Nd8 30. Bg4 b6 31. d4 Nb7 32. Rf1 Rg8 33. Rf4 Nd6 34. Be2 a5 35. Bf1 a4 36. a3 Re8 37. Bd3 Rh6 38. Kf2 Rhe6 39. d5 Re1 40. Ra4 Rd1 41. Bg6 Rd2 42. Kf3 Rg8 43. Bh7 Rg7 44. Rh4 Rb2 45. Rh3 Nf7 46. Bf4 Rb3 47. Ke4 Ra3 48. Kf5 Nd6 49. Ke6 Nb7 50. Be5 Nc5 51. Kf6 Rd7 52. Bg8 Ne4 53. Kf5 Nd6 54. Kg6 Ra1 55. Rg3 Re1 56. Bd4 Ne4 57. Rg4 Rd6 58. Kf5 Rd8 59. Be6 Nc5 60. Bc5 bc5 61. h4 c6 62. c4 cd5 63. Bd5 Re3 64. h5 Rh3 65. Kg6 Kc7 66. Rg5 Rh4 67. Bf7 Rd6 68. Kg7 Kb6 69. Rg6 Rg6 70. hg6 Kc7 71. Kf8 Resigns

This Issue's Obligatory Wing Gambit

We have put a Wing Gambit in every issue of the *California Chess Journal* this year, and it would be a shame not to continue the tradition. Our thanks to the good folks at chessdryad.com for maintaining their database of Northern California chess games.

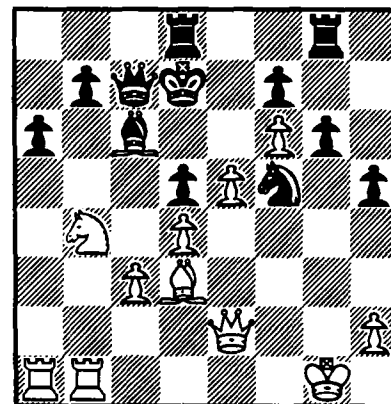
1980 CalChess Team Championship

White: Michael Padovani (Oakland Chess Club, 2000)

Black: Gabriel Sanchez (San Jose Chess Club, 2200)

French Wing Gambit

1. e4 e6 2. Nf3 c5 3. b4 cb4 4. a3 d5 5. e5 Nc6 6. ab4 Qc7 7. d4 Bb4 8. c3 Bf8 9. Bd3 Bd7 10. Ng5 Be7 11. O-O Bg5 12. Bg5 a6 13. f4 Nge7 14. Qh5 h6 15. g4 Rf8 16. Be7 Ne7 17. f5 ef5 18. gf5 O-O-O 19. Qe2 Bc6 20. Na3 g6 21. f6 Nf5 22. Rfb1 h5 23. Nc2 Rg8 24. Nb4 Kd7



25. Ba6 ba6 26. Na6 Qc8 27. Rb8 Qb8 28. Nb8 Rb8 29. Ra7 Rb7 30. Qa6 Ra7 31. Qa7 Ke6 32. Qc7 Ba8 33. Qb6 Kd7 34. Qa7 Ke6 35. c4 dc4 36. Qb6 Kd7 37. Qa7 Ke6 38. Qa6 Kd5 39. Qa7 Ke6 40. Qc7 c3 41. Qc3 Rd8 42. Qb3 Bd5 43. Qb6 Kd7 44. Qa7 Ke6 45. Qb6 Kd7 46. Qb5 Ke6 47. Qb6 Resigns

Corrections

The May/June tournament calendar announced the William Addison Memorial, but life master Addison is alive and well — the William Addison Open is the only Mechanics' Institute event that honors a living player. We apologize for the error, and we hope we have not jinxed Mr. Addison.

Allan Fifield is a Senior TD, not a National TD, and he spells his name with two "l's" and one "a". We'll get that straight.

California Lightning

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Offering this exchange hands the game to White. The easiest endings to win are pure pawn endings.

38. Rd7 Kd7 39. Kf4 Ke6 40. e4 fe4 41. Ke4 Kd6 42. Kf4 Kc5 43. Kg5 Kd4 44. Kh6 Kc3 45. Kh7 Kb3 46. Kg6 Kc4 47. h4 b5 48. h5 a5 49. h6 b4 50. ab4 ab4 51. h7 b3 52. h8(Q) Kd3 53. Qb2 Kc4 54. g4 Kd3 55. Kf6 Ke4 56. g5 Kf4 57. g6 Ke4 58. g7 Kd3 59. g8(Q) Resigns

Early 20th-Century Chess at San Quentin Prison

By Neil R. Brennen

Nowadays there are a number of programs in the United States devoted to promoting chess among those who are serving prison time. The United States Chess Federation has a prison chess program, there is an independent program run by James Schroeder, and a number of state chess federations work with the incarcerated. Even on the local level, individual clubs often work to put the royal game behind bars. For example, in my home state of Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Chess Club brought grandmaster Yermolinsky to perform a simultaneous exhibition in a maximum security institution in 1997, and Philadelphia's Eastern State Penitentiary entered teams in the Philadelphia Chess League in the 1950s and 1960s.

In this grim fortress it is hard to imagine anything of culture flourishing, let alone chess. But chess did flourish, and word of it reached beyond San Quentin's stone walls.

Readers of the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* who turned to David A. Mitchell's chess column on November 26, 1916, were greeted by the headline, "Chess Helps Men Play Square in the Great Game of Life". The lead news item in the column that long-ago morning was an account of a very unusual chess club, one with a highly restrictive membership.

As Mitchell wrote, "Out in the California State Prison, at San Quentin, the authorities are doing their best to help the unfortunate men confined within the walls of the institution get back into the

standings of players in the general tournament. No. 23276 is the editor of the chess department."

Mitchell's column gave readers a taste of chess life at San Quentin by reprinting a description of the latest tournament among the inmates, taken from No. 23276's column.

An exciting finish, such as is seldom seen in any chess club, closed our recent tournament. It was a success from the start, as enough interest was taken, so that all the players were kept busy until the last game was played. Twenty-eight members started and twenty-six were there at the finish, each one playing fifty-four games... Another tournament will soon start with a handicap as soon as the present finals are played off between the leading fourteen players.

While noting that "No. 1. finished first with 50 games won and 3 lost, while he had one draw to his credit", Mitchell capped his recounting of the San Quentin club with a gentle admonishment to his readers: "Never mind the names of the winners in the tourney just concluded out in the Golden State." The readers were assured that in San Quentin it was a case of "every man playing the game square. What more do you want?"

The following two games were given by Mitchell to his readers that Sunday, taken from the *San Quentin Monthly Bulletin*. No doubt with the desire to avoid possible embarrassment to the family and friends of the inmate, Mitchell referred to A. J. Pearsall's opponent as "San Quentin". Pearsall, a resident of Chula Vista, was an experienced postalite who in later years would become one of the stronger players in the

"Every man was playing the game square. What more do you want?"

The promotion of chess in prison has been viewed as largely a recent phenomenon, but as is often the case with what is perceived to be new in chess, the idea is actually quite old.

Situated a couple miles from the Pacific coast, its cold stone towers marking a sharp contrast to the blue ocean waters, stands San Quentin. The prison, whose cornerstone was laid back in 1852, has held the most violent of California's criminals in its nearly 150-year history. Currently it houses the men who will pay for their crimes with their life — California's gas chamber sits in this prison, waiting its next use.

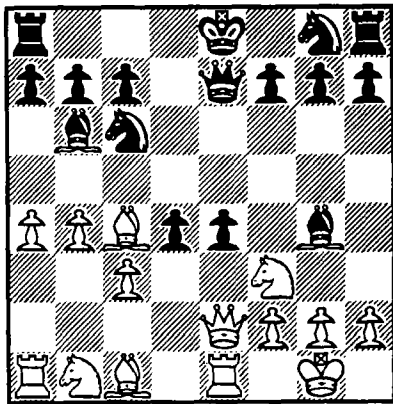
game, the game in this instance meaning 'the square one.' In the *Monthly Bulletin*, published under the management of the prisoners, 'Getting back into the game' is the title of the leading article, and it was the subject of an address to the prisoners by Dr. L. H. Hough, reported for the *Bulletin* by prisoner No. 27154."

Mitchell further described the contents of the October issue of the *Monthly Bulletin*, noting that an inmate edited a "breezy" department on baseball. Mitchell then brought up the chess column: "...the next turn brings us to a page of interesting chess news and games, including the final

Correspondence Chess League of America. For Pearsall's unnamed opponent to beat him is a testament to the playing ability within San Quentin.

Correspondence, 1916
 White: A. J. Pearsall
 Black: Inmate
 Scotch Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. 0-0 d6 6. e5 de5 7. Qe2 Qe7 8. c3 Bg4 9. b4 Bb6 10. a4 e4 11. Re1



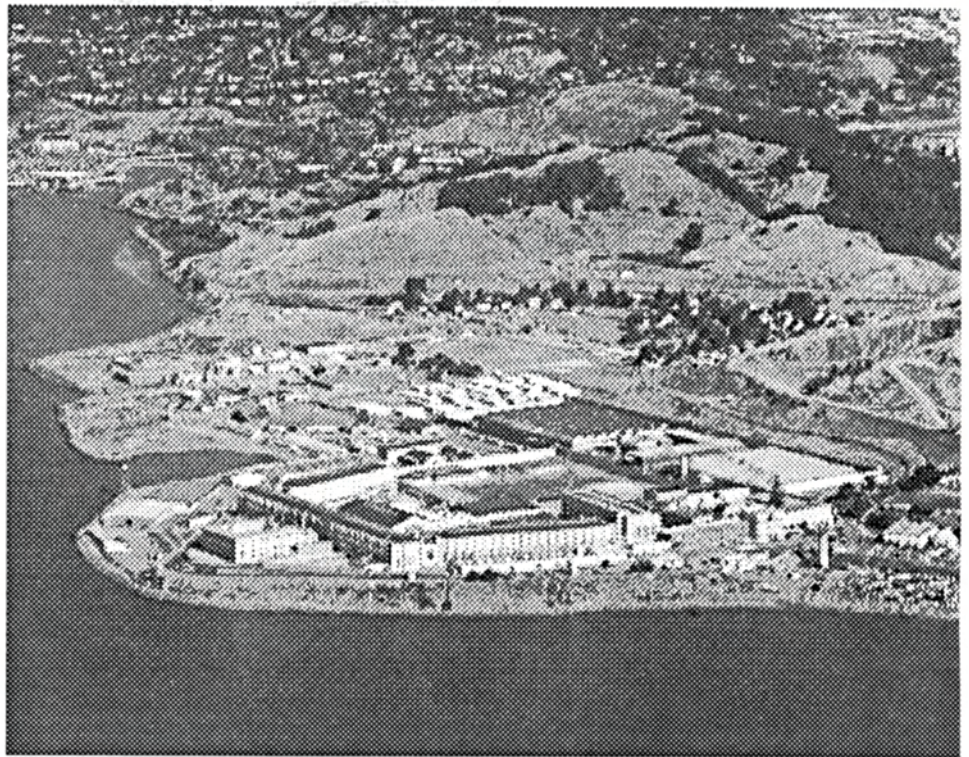
11...ef3 12. Qd1 Be6 13. a5 Ba5 14. g3 Ne5 15. Re5 Bb6 16. Be6 fe6 17. Qb3 0-0-0 18. Re6 Qf7 19. Ba3 Nh6 20. Nd2 dc3 21. Ne4 Nf5 22. Ng5 Bf2 23. Resigns

Philadelphia Public Ledger,
 November 26, 1916

The second game, as published in the *Public Ledger* column had a number of score errors. The following gamescore reconstruction is by national master Dan Heisman.

Correspondence, 1916
 White: Inmate
 Black: A. J. Pearsall
 Kieseritzky Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. f4 ef4 3. Nf3 g5 4. h4 g4 5. Ne5 Nf6 6. d4 Ne4 7. Bf4 d5 8. Ng4 Bd6 9. Ne5 0-0 10. Qf3 Qe7 11. Be2 c5 12. Nc3 Be6 13. Ne4 de4 14. Qg3 Kh8 15. Ng6 hg6 16. Bd6 Qd8 17. Bf8



This is where you go if you play the Orangutan Opening.

Qf8 18. Qe3 Kg8 19. Qe4 Bf5 20. Qd5 Nc6 21. Qc5 Qh6 22. Qc3 Re8 23. Qd2 Qh5 24. Kf2 Bg4 25. Bg4 Qg4 26. c3 Nd8 27. Rae1 Ne6 28. Qe2 Resigns

Philadelphia Public Ledger,
 November 26, 1916

While nothing in this story of San Quentin proves the value of chess in a prison environment, it

does show us the idea is not a recent one, and that chess has a history of growing in apparently barren soil. It seems that, indeed, the worst of us in the worst of circumstances is capable of playing the game square. And as of any activity, what more do you want?

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Volunteers Sought for Inmate Correspondence Games

Is there any chess going on inside the walls of San Quentin prison these days? "There are no chess clubs, and no formalized programs that are maintained by the State of California," according to California state correctional officer Lt. Crittendon. (A game of chess might be just the thing to get the nightstick out of the good lieutenant's rear.)

Dave LeClair has been arranging postal games between prison inmates and outside chessplayers

for 10 years, and "In the nearly 10 years I have been writing inmates I have never received any mail from San Quentin," LeClair wrote.

LeClair is seeking other volunteers to play postal games with inmates. His e-mail address is chessnut@cyberzone.net.

Through LeClair, the editor of the *California Chess Journal* has begun two correspondence games with a life prisoner in Arkansas, who last wrote, "I'm doing all right under the circumstances."

Hughes and Barnard 2-3 at San Joaquin

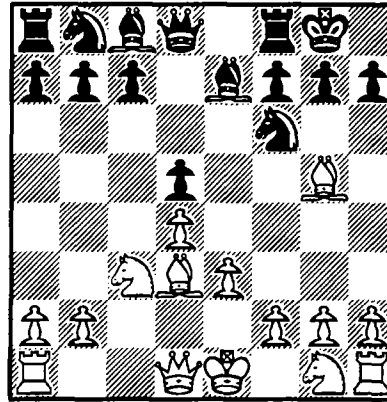


Tournament director Bonnie Yost (left) and Artak Akopian. Photo by Fifield

Nc3 Nf6

4...Be7 is Alatortsev's idea, inhibiting the white bishop's development to g5.

5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 0-0 7. Bd3



7...h6

A reflexive move, but not the sturdiest. Black has weakened the g6-square, so if he later opts for the knight maneuver ...Nb8-d7-f8, he probably cannot continue to g6 because of White's likely queen-and-bishop battery on d3 and c2. In this game, though, White put the queen out in front, and ...Ng6 is possible.

8. Bh4 b6

The Tartakower Defense or the Exchange Variation? One difference from most Tartakowers is that the cd5 exchange has already occurred, and Black has lost the option of ...Nd5, keeping the long diagonal open for the light-squared Bishop.

9. Nge2

In Kasparov-Beliavsky, Moscow 1983, White played 9. Nf3 on the way to e5.

9...Bb7 10. 0-0 Nbd7 11. Rc1 c5 12. Bb1 Re8 13. Qc2 c4?!

This move releases the pressure on the center, and now White aims all efforts toward the advance e4.

14. Rce1 Nf8 15. f3 Ng6 16. Bf2 Qd7

Here 2345-rated Akopian offered a draw, ensuring a first place finish, and the 1928-rated Hughes accepted, to guarantee a share of second. IM Guillermo Rey likes White's game after an immediate 17.e4. Senior master Mike Arné and I examined 17. Kh1 and 17. h3, to avoid the exchange of White's dark-squared Bishop after ...Ng4. Black's queenside expansion comes fast after 17...b5.

Draw

Kaugars Punishes the Petroff

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Qb3+- (fancier is 22. Nf6 Bf6 [22...Qf6 23. Bf6 Bf6 24. Qb3+-] 23. Qg4 Kh8 [23...Bg5 24. Qg5 Qg6 25. Bg6 fg6+-] 24. Qf5+-);

C) 19...Qg7 20. Nef6 Bf6 21. Nf6 Qf6 22. Qf3 Nb3 23. Bf5 seems equal, where White's activity, bishop pair, and secure king compensate for the exchange.

17. Rc1

With a winning advantage.

17... f5 18. Be5 Bf6 19. Bc4 Kh8 20. Rc2

Simple, and probably best. 20. Ng5 also wins, but could get tricky. I did not want to have to calculate 20...Be5 21. Qh5 Qg5!? 22. Qg5 Nd4.

20... g4 21. Ng5?!

Tempting, but inferior to 21. Bf6 Rf6 22. Ne5 Bc2 23. Qc2 Qd4 24. Nf7 Kg7 25. Rd1.

21... Bc2 22. Qc2 Be5 23. Ne6 Bh2 24. Kh2 Qh4 25. Kg1 f4

If 25...Rf6, then 26. d5.

26. Nf8 Rf8

The slim hope 26...g3? meets 27. fg3 fg3 28. Rf7, and White's king has room to run (28. Qh7 is even simpler).

27. Qe4 Rf6 28. Qe8 Kg7 29. Bd3 Resigns

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The best defense, leaving room for the knight to play actively.

32...Kh8 33. Ne4 Rg8 34. Ra1 Nf5 35. Qd3 Nd4 36. Qd1 Qg6 37. e3 fe3 38. fe3 Nf5

Black also needs each of his pieces to be involved. Better is 38...Nf6, and then 39. ed4 Ne4 40. Be4?? leads to 40...Qg3 41. Kh1 Qh3 mate.

39. Qf3 dc5 40. bc5 Rf8 41. Rg1 Qh6 42. Ng5

Better is 42. Rg5, which makes a threat on h5, and makes it more difficult for the knight on e8 to rejoin the game.

42...Nfd6?

White didn't like the looks of 42...Nf6 43. h4 Ng4 44. Kh3, but it's hard to see where Black is going after 44...Nd4 45. Nf7 Rf7 46. Qf7 Qe3 47. Rg3 (certainly not 47. Kg2 Qe2 48. Kg3 Qh2 mate). The trouble with 42...Nfd6 is that the knight is under attack after White's reply.

43. Qg2 Nc4 44. Nf7! Resigns

White: Artak Akopian (2345)

Black: Riley Hughes (1928)

Queen's Gambit Exchange

Notes by Riley Hughes

1. d4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. cd5 ed5 4.

83 Attend Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship

Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship — May 19, 2001

K-3

- 1 Jacob Hall
- 2 Graham McDaniel
- 3 Mukund Chillakanti
- 4 Vikram Kudva
- 5 Melissa Cartwright
- 6 Kartik Chillakanti
- 7 Abraham Jurado
- 8 Anna DePello
- 9 Christian Kenney
- 10 Bret Brian
- 11 Manuel Guerrero

Teams

- 1 North Davis Elementary
- 2 Cesar Chavez Elementary
- 3 Wisdom Chess Club

K-6

- 1 Tyler Wilken
- 2 Tyler Woodruff
- 3 Shan Girn
- 4 Adrian Lai
- 5 Shiloh Rainwater
- 6 Cecilio Padilla
- 7 Matthew Healey
- 8 Kevin Mani
- 9 Louis De Pello
- 10 Jeremiah Yee
- 11 Rebecca Chao

Teams

- 1 Cesar Chavez Elementary

- 2 Hazelton ACT
- 3 Cowan Fundamental School

K-8

- 1 Jacob Green
- 2 Christopher Wihlidal
- 3 Keith Schwarz
- 4 Brian Page
- 5 Joey Green
- 6 Leonid Shamis
- 7 Bobby Quattlebaum
- 8 Larry Wong

Teams

- 1 Commodore Skills Center Stockton
- 2 Arden Middle School

K-12

- 1 Ser Thao
- 2 John Van
- 3 Nathaniel Clapp
- 4 Anyon Harrington
- 5 Nicholas Robinson
- 6 Jerommel Nitura
- 7 Kou Vang
- 8 Veysa Kruth
- 9 Kao Saeteurn
- 10 Nai Saeteurn

Teams

- 1 Luther Burbank High School
- 2 Esparto Chess Club
- 3 Merced High School

Again it is necessary to defend f3, this time with 8. Nbd2.

8...Nf3 9. g3 Bf5 10. Bg2 Qd7 11. Rg1 e6 12. de6? Qd1?

Significantly stronger for Black is 12...Qe6 with the threats of ...Bb4 and ...Qe5, and Black rules the dark squares.

13. Kd1 Be6 14. Kc2 Be7 15. Nc3 Bf6

As seen in the rest of this game, Black needs to find a home for his king. 15...O-O-O accomplishes this.

16. Rad1 Rd8 17. Rd8

The immediate 17. Nb5 is quite strong.

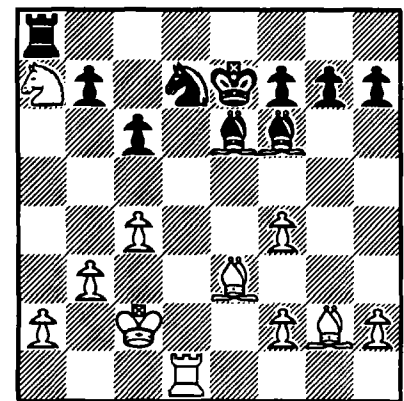
17...Kd8 18. Rd1 Ke7?

After 18...Kc8, Black's queenside pawns are safe.

19. Nb5! c6?? 20. Na7??

Tactics alert! It is mate in two with 20. Bc5 Ke8 21. Nc7 mate.

20...Nd7 21. f4 Ra8



22. Be4 Bg4

Here Black should take a step back and form a plan. White is up a pawn, but the knight on a8 is nearly trapped. If Black could relocate his bishop to b6 or b8, he could win the piece. For example: 22...g6 23.a4 Ke8! 24. Bd3? Bd8 followed by 25...Bb6. If he sees

The Sacramento Chess Club hosted the 2001 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center on May 19. Directors John McCumiskey, Michael Aigner, Steve Bickford, Cain Garrett and Debbie Garrett led 83 scholastic players in four sections: K-3, K-6, K-8, and K-12 sections. Gopaal Kudva, Daniel Schwarz, Gerald Schwarz, and Joseph Schwarz served as volunteers at the tournament.

Chief director McCumiskey thanked Hart Senior Center Director Merry Geil and her staff for their support of the Sacramento

Chess Club and their scholastic events throughout the year.

White: Jacob Hall
 Black: Graham McDaniel
 Center Counter Defense
 Notes by NM Michael Aigner

1. e4 d5

The Center Counter Defense is quite popular in Northern California scholastic chess.

2. ed5 Nf6 3. d4 Nd5 4. c4 Nb6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be3

White can break the pin and develop a piece with 6. Be2.

6...Nc6 7. d5 Ne5 8. b3

Sacramento Scholastic Championship

the threat, White can improve on this with either 24. a5 or 24. Rg1.

23. f3 Bh5 24. Bf5 Nf8 25. Be4 Bg6 26. Bg6?

26. f5! Bh5 27. Nc6! and now 27...bc6 loses immediately to 28. Bc5 Ke8 29. Bc6.

26...Ng6 27. a4 Ke8 28. b4 Bd8 29. b5

White pushes his pawns to rescue the trapped knight.

29...Ne7 30. bc6 bc6 31. Bc5 Bc7? 32. Be7?

Pinning the knight with 32. Re1 is decisive.

32...Ke7 33. Nc6 Ke6 34. Kb3 Bf4 35. h3 Rc8 36. Nb4

Due to time pressure, both players stopped keeping score. White's winning plan is straightforward: promote the a-pawn and force Black to give up a piece for it. White succeeded in doing this without trouble and subsequently checkmated the black king.

Chess Instruction

Senior master John Hall, author of books on openings and middlegame and endgame theory, is available for private or group lessons.

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Editor's Space

We're a few pages light this time around for a few reasons. One, this issue is coming out weeks earlier than I planned in order to promote Weikel's June 29 tournament in San Francisco. Go to the back cover, read his ad, enter his tournament. To put that ad in your hands soon enough meant delaying coverage of the



Tyler Woodruff (left) and Tyler Wilken before their round 5 game for the K-6 championship. Photo by McCumiskey



Jacob Hall (left) and Graham McDaniel do battle for the K-3 crown. Director Cain Garrett looks on. Photo by McCumiskey

Stamer Memorial, which ended in a nine-way tie. Maybe this is a blessing, since it's going to take two months to convince all nine of the winners — IM Walter Shipman, NM Eugene Levin, Jennie Frenklakh, Larry Snyder, Steve Gaffagan, Rey Salvatierra, Andy Lee, Guenther Steimmuller and Monty Peckham — to annotate a game or two.

Two, you'll notice a lack of coverage of "adult" tournaments — not as much news going on. There are four open tournaments in July, though, so go play, and write about your games for us!

Three, all three of my stupid computers broke a month ago, and I lost the content I could use in light issues like this. I promise I'll back up my data now. Honest.

San Diego to Host 2001 Southern California Open

By David Saponara

The 2001 Southern California Open championship will be conducted in San Diego on September 1-3. This will be the third time San Diego has hosted this event — in 1986, the city hosted the third-largest Southern California Open in history, with 260 players.

For 2001, the tournament will be conducted in the heart of Balboa Park at a large site near the Aerospace and Automotive museums. Improvements for 2001 include a 55% boost in the prize fund to \$7750, a top prize of \$1000, and expansion to four sections instead of three. In addition, the entire prize fund in the open section is guaranteed. The champion in each section will receive a trophy.

A blitz tournament will be conducted Friday evening, August

31, and a one-day Sunday scholastic will be held September 2.

Participants will enjoy the ambiance of one of America's finest municipal parks whose benefits include free and easy parking, free tram service, a variety of readily available restaurants and many interesting things to see and to do. These include the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater & Science Center, the Old Globe Theater, the World-famous San Diego Zoo and a Japanese Garden. Museums featured are: Natural History, Man, Aerospace, Automotive, Photography, Hall of Champions, Art, Timken (more art) and the largest model railroad museum in these United States.

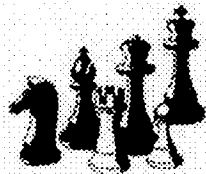
Participants wishing to extend their visit to San Diego may purchase a special deep discount ticket, which grants admission to all the activities in Balboa Park.

The Southern California Chess Federation thus encourages participants to include family members in their plans for this year's championship.

The tournament will be a six-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 game/1. Two half-point byes are available. The four sections are: Open, Express (<2150), Reserve (<1850) and Special (<1550). The tight 300 rating point spans of the Express and Reserve will insure hard competition throughout all six rounds. Scholastic players who wish to test themselves in a big-league tournament may play in any section for only \$39.

For further information, please see our advertisement, our TLA in *Chess Life*, or phone Alina Markowski at (858) 792-2016.

2001 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN



September 1, 2 and 3, 2001
PRIZE FUND \$7,750



NEW FEATURES

The total prize fund of \$7,750 carries a 100% GUARANTEED \$3,250 Open Section! (This means that the place as well as the class prizes in this section are fully guaranteed.) The winner receives \$1000 plus a trophy, plus 18 grand prix points, plus an invitation to play in the State Championship Qualifier! (The top two winners become eligible providing they are residents of Southern California.) The unique prize fund structure provides for class prizes at every 100 rating level, starting with U2450 through U1250! Please note that we are dividing the classes at "50" instead of the usual "00" in order to provide those players, who normally have a small chance of winning, a golden opportunity to cash in! (Masters in the lower echelons should find this very attractive. Finally they have a good chance at good prizes!)

6-ROUND SWISS IN 4 SECTIONS

Open Section; **Express** Section U2150; **Reserve** Section U1850; **Special** Section U1550.

Entry fee: OPEN, EXPRESS & RESERVE received by 8/29: \$69, \$79 at site. SPECIAL if received by 8/29 \$55, \$65 at site. SCCF membership required if rated resident of S. California (Adults \$12, Jrs. \$7).

LOCATION

The tournament is being held at the Balboa PARK Club. Chess players familiar with chess in San Diego need to note that the site is NOT the site of the San Diego Chess Club although it has a similar sounding name.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many within a short distance of Balboa Park. Non-commuting players may call toll free 1-800-728-3227, the Discount Central Hotel Reservations Service, a free service, open 7 days a week, to obtain the best available hotel rates. For details see our TLA in *Chess Life* or contact Alina Markowski at (858) 792-2016, or 850 Del Mar Downs Rd. #241, Solana Beach, CA 92075, or AMarkowski44@aol.com.

Places to Play

Send changes and new information to californiachessjournal@cattekin.vip.best.com.

Arcata

Tuesdays 6:30-11 p.m.
Arcata Community Center
321 Community Park Way
James Bauman
(707) 822-7619

Benicia

Larry Whitlow
(707) 642-4725

Berkeley

Fridays 7 p.m.
Epworth United Methodist Church
1953 Hopkins
Alan Glasco
(510) 652-5324

Burlingame

Thursdays 7 p.m.
Burlingame Lions Club
990 Burlingame Ave.
Tom Dorsch
(650) 322-0955
www.burlingamechessclub.com

Campbell

Thursdays 7-11:30 p.m.
Campbell Community Center
Fred Leffingwell
leffing@cisco.com
(408) 732-5188, (408) 526-7090 work

Carmichael

Mondays 6-10 p.m.
Senior Citizens Center
4701 Gibbons

El Dorado Hills

Sundays 5-8 p.m.
Oak Ridge Library
1120 Harvard Way
Troy Pendergraft
(916) 941-1625

Fremont

Fridays 7:30-11 p.m.
Borders Books and Music
Hans Paschmann
hspwood2@home.net
(510) 656-8505

Fresno

Carl's Jr.
3820 N. Cedar at Dakota
Fresno
(559) 275-0905

Hayward

Mondays 9 p.m.

Lyon's Restaurant
25550 Hesperian Blvd.

Humboldt County

Bob Phillips
(707) 839-4674

Livermore

Fridays 8 p.m.-midnight
Lawrence Livermore Lab
Building 415, Yellowstone Room
103

Charles Pigg
(510) 447-5067

Merced

Fridays 6:30 p.m.
Merced Mall Food Court

Modesto

Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Doctors' Hospital Cafeteria
1441 Florida Ave.
John Barnard
(209) 785-7895

Monterey

Daily except Mondays
430 Alvarado St.
Ted Yudacufski
(408) 646-8730

Mount Shasta

Wednesdays 7 p.m.
George Washington Manor
Dick Bolling
(530) 926-3608

Oakhurst

Saturdays 4 p.m.
Cafe Baja
40029 Highway 41
(559) 642-6333

Palo Alto

Thursdays 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Avenidas Senior Center
450 Bryant St.
(650) 327-2811

Paradise

Tuesdays 7-10 p.m.
Paradise Senior Center
Barry Nelson
(916) 873-3107

Porterville

Wednesdays 7 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Henderson at Indiana
Hans Borm
(559) 784-3820

Reno, Nevada

Sundays and Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
2850 Wrondel Way, Suite D
(775) 827-3867
Jerry Weikel
(775) 747-1405

Richmond

Fridays 6 p.m.
Richmond Library
26th at MacDonald

Ross Valley

POB 69
Ross CA 94957

Sacramento

Wednesdays 6-10 p.m.
Senior Citizens Center
915 27th St.
Stewart Katz
(916) 444-3133

Salinas

Weekend afternoons
Carl's Jr.
1061 N. Davis Rd.
Abe Mina
(831) 758-4429

San Anselmo

Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Round Table Pizza
Red Hill Shopping Center
Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Jim Mickle
(415) 457-2719

San Francisco

Daily
Mechanics Institute
57 Post St., Fourth Floor
John Donaldson
(415) 421-2258

San Jose

Tuesdays and Fridays, 12 noon-4 p.m.
Willows Senior Center
2175 Lincoln Ave.
Jerry Marshall
(408) 267-1574

San Leandro

Saturdays 12 noon
Everybody's Bagel Shop
1099 MacArthur Blvd.
(510) 430-8700

Santa Clara

Second Saturdays 2:15-6:15

p.m.

Mary Gomez Park
Francisco Sierra
(408) 241-1447

Santa Rosa

Tuesdays 6-10:45 p.m.
Sonoma Coffee Company
521 Fourth St.
Keith Halonen
(707) 578-6125

Santa Rosa

First and last Saturdays
Rincon Valley Library
6959 Montecito Blvd.
Mike Haun
(707) 537-0162

Stanford

Meets weekly during school year
Michael Aigner
maigner@stanford.edu

Stockton

Fridays 7-11 p.m.
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
4910 Claremont Ave.

Sunnyvale

Tuesdays 8 p.m.
LERA Bldg. 160
Ken Stone
(408) 629-5530

Visalia

Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Borders Books and Music
Mooney at Caldwell
Allan Fifield
(559) 734-2784
hometown.aol.com/visaliachess/myhomepage/profile.html

Woodland

Sundays 3-9:30 p.m.
Senior Citizens Center
630 Lincoln Ave.
Milo Nelson
(530) 792-1064
www.geocities.com/MJG99/CHESS/WCG/

Yuba City

Mondays and Wednesdays 7-11 p.m.
Carl's Jr.
Bridge St. and Highway 99
Tom Giertych
(916) 671-1715

Tournament Calendar

Events marked with an star ☆ offer discounted entry fees for CalChess members, and/or the organizers are making a contribution to CalChess from the entry fees. The *California Chess Journal* encourages participation in those events.

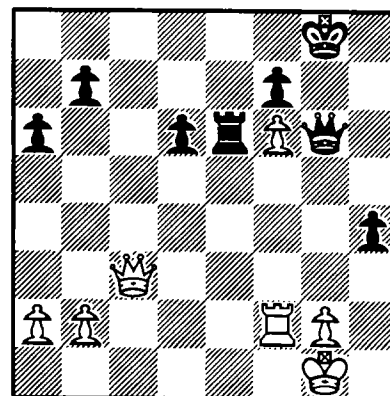
Date	Event	Location	CalChess
June 29-July 1	Firecracker Chess Tournament	San Francisco	☆
	Jerome Weikel, 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523 (775) 747-1405 wackyykl@aol.com		
June 30	Firecracker Action #1	San Francisco	☆
	Jerome Weikel, 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523 (775) 747-1405 wackyykl@aol.com		
July 1	Firecracker Action #1	San Francisco	☆
	Jerome Weikel, 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523 (775) 747-1405 wackyykl@aol.com		
July 7-8	Sacramento Chess Championship	Sacramento	☆
	John McCumiskey, 6700 50th St., Sacramento 95823-1306 (916) 428-5532, jmclmc@lanset.com		
July 14-15	Sequoia Chess Championship	Redwood City	☆
	Tom Reale, 195 Farley Street, Mountain View 94043 (408) 794-2250 tommina@earthlink.net		
July 21	Charles Bagby Memorial Game-in-29	San Francisco	
	John Donaldson, 57 Post St., Mechanics Institute Room 408, San Francisco 94101 (415) 421-2258 imwjd@aol.com		
July 21	Weibel/Success Summer Scholastic Quads	Fremont	☆
	Dr. Alan Kirshner, (510) 657-1586 info@successchess.org http://www.kirshnerisms.com/SummerQuads01.html		
August 11	Weibel/Success Summer Scholastic Quads	Fremont	☆
	Dr. Alan Kirshner, (510) 657-1586 info@successchess.org http://www.kirshnerisms.com/SummerQuads01.html		
August 18	Vladimir Pafnutieff Memorial Game-in-45	San Francisco	
	John Donaldson, 57 Post St., Mechanics Institute Room 408, San Francisco 94101 (415) 421-2258 imwjd@aol.com		
August 24-25	San Luis Obispo County Championship	San Luis Obispo	☆
	Barbara McCaleb, 234 Via La Paz, San Luis Obispo 93401 (805) 544-0717 bmccaleb@calpoly.edu		
September 1-2	Labor Day Tournament	Santa Rosa	☆
	Andy Milburn (707) 538-4806		

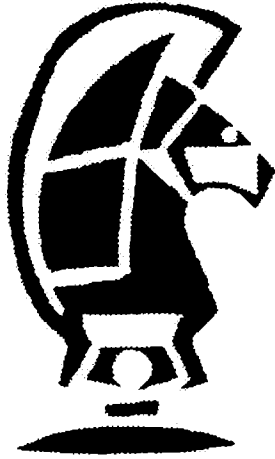
On the Cover

You couldn't swing a camera bag at the Charlotte Wood Scholastic Quads on May 26 without hitting a photographer, so we chose one shot from each of them for the cover. At top, Dr. Alan Kirshner captures Quad #4, with Geoffrey Chen and Nazee Moghadam foreground, and Cassandra Lawson in the background. Richard Shorman shot Quad #1 in the middle picture, with Igor Garbouz playing White against Daichi Siegrist in the foreground, and Allen Tu in back. John Tu took the bottom picture, standing behind the trophy table overlooking the playing hall.

The photographs on pages 11 and 12 are by Dr. Alan Kirshner.

Spassky-Larsen, Palma de Mallorca 1969
White to play and win.





Firecracker Chess Tournament

Three tournaments! One main and two action!

June 29–July 1, 2001

Holiday Inn at San Francisco
Fisherman's Wharf

\$8,000!

(based on 150) **Free Lecture by GM Yermolinsky!**

Five Round Swiss in Three Sections

PRIZE FUND

Open Section (2000+) 1st \$1,000-600-400, U2400 \$550, U2300 \$550, U2200 \$550-300-150

Reserve Section (1600-1999) 1st \$550-\$300-\$150, U1800 \$500-\$250-\$125

Booster Section (1599-below) 1st \$450-250-125, U1400 \$400-200-100, U1200 \$300

Note: \$200 will be added to the class with the most paid players

Trophies to all 1st place winners. (Unrated players not eligible for cash prizes)

LOCATION: Holiday Inn at Fisherman's Wharf, 1300 Columbus Street, San Francisco, CA (415) 771-9000

ENTRY FEE: \$105 if postmarked by 6/22. After 6/22 and at site \$15 more (please, no checks at site). Must be USCF member (available at site). Unrated Players = \$50 (eligible for trophy only, not cash prizes) GM and IM entry returned if they do not win a prize. \$3 discount to CalChess members. If entry not received by 6/28, player will have to pay at site plus late fee, then when entry is subsequently received, the late entry fee will be returned (with prize fund check!).

REGISTRATION: Friday (6/29) 5:30-7 p.m. (also Sat. 9:30-10:30 a.m. and take a half-point bye for round 1). Players may still enter after deadline but may have to take a bye for that round. Two byes maximum and must be requested before start of round 3.

SCHEDULE: Round 1 Friday 7:30 p.m., Round 2 Saturday 11 a.m., Round 3 6 p.m., Round 4 Sunday 9 a.m., Round 5 Sunday 2 p.m. Yermolinsky lecture Friday 5:45-7 p.m.

TIME CONTROL: 40 moves in 100, then 20 moves in 40, then 30 moves in 30. Bring clocks. Sets provided.

TWO ACTION TOURNAMENTS!

Four Round Swisses at game/50 minutes • Saturday 6/30 and Sunday 7/1

Entry fee \$40 if sent by 6/22, \$50 at site. **65% of entries returned as prizes**

Registration: 9-10 a.m.

Round Times: 10:15 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Sections and prizes depending on turnout.

ENTER: Checks payable (mail by 6/22) to: **Jerome Weikel** 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno NV 89523 (775) 747-1405 e-mail: wackykl@aol.com. Weikel will be on vacation from 6/10-6/27, for info during this time call Jay Blem (760) 248-1193.

National Chess & Games Books & Equipment) will be present