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**"Your flag is down!" — "So what!"**

# The Weird World of Time Forfeits

by John Larkins

Eighty to ninety percent of the difficulties brought to the attention of a tournament director at an average weekend tournament have to do with time forfeits.

Why? Partly because the laws of chess relating to time forfeits are complicated, technical, and difficult to understand--the winner of a game is often decided by counting check marks on a piece of paper. And partly because, while most chess rules are concerned with preserving the integrity of the struggle over the board, time forfeit rules are designed to completely override the board position--you can be a Queen down and still win on time.

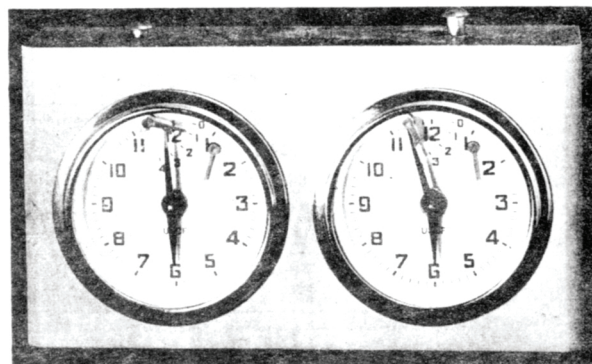
Partly, moreover, because claims based on one technicality tend to generate counter-claims based on another technicality--"Your flag is down!" "So what, your scoresheet is incomplete!" And partly because the rules arose out of international tournaments where players in time trouble could count on an arbiter to be hovering in the background, watching the clocks and keeping track of the moves --a situation seldom encountered at the average American weekend Swiss, where there is only one tournament director for every 60 or 70 players.

How far away from the basic game of chess the rules on time forfeits can carry us is illustrated in the following four cases, all of which occurred in Oakland and Berkeley within a two-month period. Read each case and try to decide how you would have handled it had you been the tournament director. Later, the decisions actually reached in these cases will be described and explained and some of their general implications explored.

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**Case No. 1.** Both players are in time trouble. Three moves before the end of the time control, Player A's flag falls. His opponent, Player B, immediately says "flag!" Player A utters an expression of disgust, sweeps all the pieces off the board, and shakes Player B's hand. So far, so good. But now another player in the same section--a player who had some interest in who would be the winner--calls to Player A's attention that Player B has three incomplete moves on his scoresheet and that the Tournament Director had specifically stated in the pre-tournament players meeting that no time forfeit could be claimed with more than one missing move on the claimant's scoresheet. At this point Player A says, "Oh, in that case, I want to continue the game." Player B calls for the Tournament Director. You are the Tournament Director. What is your decision.

**Case No. 2.** Both players are in time trouble. Five moves before the end of the time control, Player A's flag falls. But Player B can't claim a time forfeit because his scoresheet is missing a number of moves. Play continues briefly until Player B's flag falls. "I claim a time forfeit", announces Player A, "and I've got a complete scoresheet to prove it." "How can you claim a win on



time after your own flag has fallen?" counters Player B, who then calls for the Tournament Director. You are the Tournament Director. What is your decision?

**Case No. 3.** Player A's game is in tatters. He is down in material, and about to lose more. His King is in the middle of the board subject to a series of devastating checks. The situation is hopeless. At this point, another player in the same tournament suggests that he simply stop moving until his flag falls, since his opponent has several moves mixed up on his scoresheet and will never be able, on his own, to produce a scoresheet complete enough to substantiate a claim for a time forfeit. Player A accepts this advice and tells his opponent, Player B, "O.K. I'm just going to sit here until my flag falls, since you won't be able to claim a win on time." Player B calls for the Tournament Director. You are the Tournament Director. What is your decision?

**Case No. 4.** Player A is on the move. His King is in check by a protected pawn which cannot be captured and there is only one legal move possible in a relatively uncomplicated position. Unfortunately, after that move his opponent, Player B, has a mate in one. What a revolting development! Then Player A has an idea. (He was present at an earlier round when Case No. 3, above, took place.) Although he has 35 minutes on his clock, he simply sits at the table without moving. After 33 minutes have gone by, Player B quietly explains the situation to the Tournament Director and asks him to be present when Player A's flag falls, just in case there are any complications. He shows the director that he has a complete scoresheet and will be able to claim the win on time. The Tournament Director confirms that there is only one possible move on the board and then asks Player A why he refuses to move. Player A, with a sly grin, responds, "I'm studying all the possibilities." You are the Tournament Director. What do you do?

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### The Put-down Artists at Work

Player #1: "He plays the Levenfish."  
 Player #2: "Yeah. Like a fish."  
 Player #3: "Nah. Like eleven fish."



### The Decision in Case No. 1

Although Player A had not actually said "I resign" or signed a losing scoresheet, the section director ruled that he had, by his various gestures, nonverbally resigned. Another section director unofficially concurred. But Player A appealed this decision to the chief director, and he reversed it.

The chief director ruled that Player A had not resigned, that Player B could not claim a time forfeit because of his incomplete scoresheet, and that the game should continue, starting on the next time control. He reasoned that, since the rules specifically state that a handshake in itself is not sufficient proof of resignation, sweeping the pieces off the board must be viewed in a similar way, as a temporary emotional display that may be unconnected with a clear decision to resign.

When the game resumed, Player B found himself facing a losing position. Back in the time scramble--thinking his scoresheet was complete enough to claim a win on time, and knowing his opponent's flag was just about to fall--he had made a rapid, unthinking move which turned out to undermine his whole position. Soon after, he lost the game. At that point (of course) he decided to appeal the chief director's decision to the USCF Tournament Appeals Committee, where the matter now stands.

This case also has some intriguing side issues. Whether or not sweeping the pieces off the board constitutes a resignation, should it be penalized under the rules regarding "touch move" and "unsportsmanlike conduct"? And what about the rule that prohibits spectators from offering advice and players from accepting it?

In this case (and in Case No. 3, as well), the entire matter would probably never have required the attention of a tournament director had it not been for the unauthorized interference of a spectator. The rule prohibiting advice is aimed primarily at advice on how to move, but surely advice on how to use the rules to change a loss to a win constitutes as great, or even greater, interference. But tournament directors have been generally reluctant to give more than a warning in such cases--partly because it is difficult to think of an appropriate penalty for the advice-giver, and partly because it seems harsh to penalize the advice-receiver for listening to something he never asked for.

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### The Decision in Case No. 2

After checking the rule book, the tournament director gave the win on time to Player A. (A comparable case is described in Chess Voice, June-July 1976, page 57.)

There are three basic requirements for a successful time forfeit claim: (1) "a reasonably legible, reasonably accurate, and reasonably complete score of the game", (2) no filling in of missing moves after the flag is down, and (3) the ability to prove by the claimant's own scoresheet that his opponent had not completed the prescribed number of moves before his flag dropped. There is no requirement that the claimant's own flag be up. Indeed, the rules specifically state (in Art. 12.1, 2A, c):

"If both flags have fallen and only one player has fulfilled the provisions of 2B (the three requirements listed above), "that player wins on time."

Two other possibilities may occur when both flags are down. If neither player has a complete scoresheet, the game will continue--starting at the next time control. If both players have complete scoresheets and there is no proof which flag fell first, that game, too, will continue at the next time control.

What if Player B had asked for a time forfeit, even though his scoresheet was incomplete. Strangely enough, that might have saved the game for him. According to Article 17.1, 2B, c, if a time forfeit claim is disallowed, "the game shall continue from the final position as if the next time-control had commenced". (As in Case No. 1.) This would have made it impossible for Player A to claim a win on time several moves later.



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### The Decision in Case No. 3

The tournament director in this case asked for Player A's scoresheet, gave it to Player B, and told him to use it to correct his own scoresheet so he would be in a position to claim a win on time. Before he could get started, his opponent immediately started playing and, three moves later, the game was over.

Can a player be forced to turn over his scoresheet to his opponent? His opponent has no right to demand the scoresheet on his own, but the tournament director can demand it and use it as he sees fit. The rules specifically state (Art. 13.2, 1959) that "the scoresheet belongs to the organizers of the tournament". A player who cannot complete his scoresheet without consulting his opponent's may request that the director make this scoresheet available to him, but, if the director decides to do so, the corrections must be made on his own time.

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### The Decision in Case No. 4

In this case the tournament director immediately gave a forfeit win to Player B on the grounds that the game was, in effect, already over and that

--Cartoon courtesy Florida Chess News, Summer 1976.

Player A was exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct.

This decision was not appealed, but, had it been, it might very well have been overruled. The rules give no legal standing to an announcement of mate; the moves must be made on the board.

The definition of unsportsmanlike conduct is left to the tournament director, but it usually involves annoying the opponent and interfering with his play. The opponent in this case was quite willing to wait until he won on time. On the other hand, Article 20.4 (1) states, "Where penalties are not specifically defined by the Laws of Chess or in the Tournament Rules, the director has discretionary power to impose penalties as follows for infractions and maintenance of discipline--". A number of penalties are listed--ranging from a warning to "declaring a game lost by a player and won by his opponent". It could be argued that a forfeit was necessary to maintain discipline, but it would have been simpler for the director to have waited until Player A's flag fell, and then awarded Player B the win on time.

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## **EDITORIAL:**

# **A Generation of Cannibals**

by John Larkins

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It used to be taken for granted that serious chessplayers would want the outcome of their games decided in the arena of the checkered squares and not in the pages of the rule book. But in recent years the advent of national rating lists and more and more weekend tournaments with larger and larger prizes has produced a group of semi-professional players who would just as soon win on a technicality as win over the board.

Driven by egotism and fierce competitiveness, they must win at any price because they can't afford to lose. The loss in rating points feels to them like a loss of personal identity. And tournament entry fees are so expensive, they feel they must win prize money to get a return on their investment and to help finance their next tournament. For them, "playing" chess is a serious business.

### Only the Beginning

Jude Acers contrasts the amorality of the current generation of chessplayers with the deep concern for all aspects of the game shown by former world champion Max Euwe, "Somehow the strain upon young professionals is so great as to breed cannibals rather than gentlemen. And we will all pay the price of this generation. Mecking and Fischer are only the beginning. It will get worse." (Chess Life & Review, March 1977, page 148.)

Nor is this tooth and claw struggle for points and prizes confined to the strongest players; it permeates the lowly "C" and "D" sections as well. And the same deadly serious, harshly competitive attitude even shows up in club tournaments. (Indeed, it is probably the major reason why the number of chess club members has remained so small. But that is another story.)

The two players who refused to move in cases 3 and 4 of the preceding article are among the

youngest members of the chess club to which they both belong. What did they pick up from their elders? Not how to accept their defeats and learn from them, but how to try to circumvent deserved losses by slight-of-hand with the rules!

### As the Twig Is Bent, So Grows the Tree

In Case No. 3, a nine-year-old simply followed the advice of an older and higher-rated player. In case No. 4, a promising junior, having witnessed Case No. 3, appears to have learned from it only that a better attack on the rules could be made by silently refusing to move instead of announcing his intentions in advance. But why bother at all, when he would still be facing a forced mate in two, no matter what decision the tournament director might make?

A number of club members discussed this case. The general consensus of opinion was, "It's worth a try. After all, he has nothing to lose and everything to gain. Anything might happen. His opponent might have a heart attack. Or, if he sat through a second time control as well, maybe his opponent would get mad and go home, leaving him with a win!" There was general agreement that a player has every right to use loopholes in the rules to override a lost board position, and that it is the tournament director's job to protect that right.

### Heroic Skullduggery

There is every reason to believe that, had either of these players successfully managed to avoid their lost board positions by manipulating the technicalities of the rules on time forfeits, they would have become minor heroes in the club. Were they not, like the crafty Odysseus, simply fighting with every means at their command to trick the Fates and snatch victory from the jaws of defeat? Maybe so. But is this chess?

The increasing concentration on rule technicalities is merely a symptom of a more pervasive sickness that is eating away at the vitals of Chess: too many of us value winning above playing, rating points above learning, and ego-gratification above love of the game. This sickness is likely to get worse before it gets better, since no major steps are being taken to correct it. After all, if rule-benders are continually rewarded by their peers, will we not see more and more of them?

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Who will play Anatoly Karpov for the World Chess Championship in 1978? The field has now narrowed to five candidates: Lajos Portisch, Viktor Korchnoi, Lev Polugaevsky, and the winner of the unfinished match between Boris Spassky and Vlastimil Hort.

Three of the four quarter-final Candidates' Matches have now been completed. Portisch of Hungary defeated Bent Larsen of Denmark  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Polugaevsky of Russia was the winner over Henrique Mecking of Brazil  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ . And Korchnoi, a Russian defector now living in Holland, was the victor over his arch rival Tigran Petrosian of Russia  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ .

The fourth match between Spassky of Russia and Hort of Czechoslovakia stands even at 6-6 and further games have been temporarily postponed due to Spassky's hospitalization with appendicitis. When the match resumes, whoever gets a plus score in any 2-game set will be the fourth qualifier.

The pairings for the semi-final Candidates' Matches--to be held sometime this summer at sites yet to be announced--are Korchnoi versus Polugaevsky

and Portisch versus the winner of the Spassky--Hort match.

Three of the four quarter-final matches were close contests. Only in the Portisch--Larsen match was one player clearly dominant. Portisch had 5 wins, Larsen had 2, and there were 3 draws. But in the other matches no one has more than 2 wins. Korchnoi had 2 wins, Petrosian had 1, and there were 9 draws. Polugaevsky had 2 wins, Mecking had 1, and there were 9 draws. And so far in the Hort--Spassky match, each player has 1 win and 10 draws.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED					
Polugaevsky	Mecking	16-B-R4	B-N2	33-NxP(5)	Q-K1
White	Black	17-Q-K2	P-QR4	34-NxRP	PxN
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	18-P-QR3	RPxP	35-QxPch	K-K2
2-P-QB4	P-QB3	19-RPxP	PxP	36-N-Q6	Q-KB1
3-N-KB3	N-B3	20-NPxP	R-R2	37-Q-K3ch	K-Q1
4-N-B3	P-K3	21-B-B2	R-R4	38-NxPch	K-B1
5-B-N5	P-KR3	22-Q-K3	Q-Q2	39-P-R4	K-N2
6-BxN	QxB	23-RxR	BxR	40-P-R5	N-Q2
7-P-K3	B-Q3	24-R-N1	O-B2	41-P-R6	N-B3
8-B-Q3	Q-K2	25-N-K5	N-Q2	42-Q-K6	N-R2
9-O-O	N-Q2	26-N-B4	B-R3	43-B-R4	K-N1
10-P-B5	B-B2	27-N-Q6	R-N1	44-BxP	N-N4
11-P-QN4	O-O	28-RxRch	NxR	45-Q-K8ch	QxQ
12-P-K4	PxP	29-N(B)-K4	O-K2	46-BxQ	NxN
13-BxP	R-Q1	30-P-B4	B-B2	47-BxN	B-KB5
14-R-K1	N-B3	31-B-N3	K-B1	48-K-B2	BxP
15-B-B2	P-QN3	32-P-B5	PxP	Drawn	

## NOTES FROM NEW WINDSOR

by Martin E. Morrison  
Executive Director, USCF

### Christiansen Makes Grandmaster

Unofficial reports indicate that California has another Grandmaster! Larry Christiansen, of Riverside, according to our sources, is the first American player in history to qualify for the Grandmaster title without the intermediate step of the International Master title since the present qualification system was established.

The International Title Regulations of FIDE (the World Chess Federation) provide that an untitled player may qualify for the Grandmaster title by achieving within a three-year period two Grandmaster results in events covering at least 24 games, if the player places no lower than clear third in both events.

Larry Christiansen achieved his first Grandmaster norm at Malaga, Spain, in February 1976. Again this year, in the same tournament, he achieved the norm again with a first-place result. In the interim between the two tournaments, he scored

an International Master norm at Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands in January.

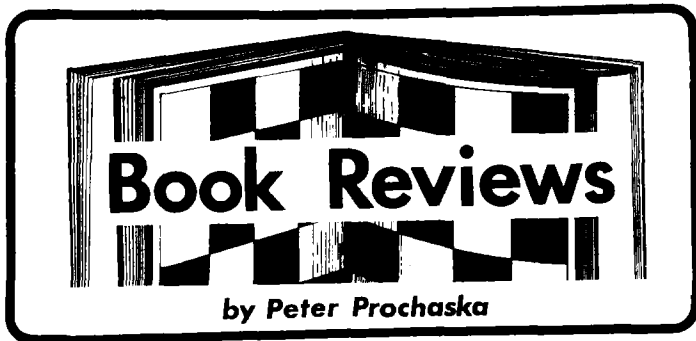
Larry is now 20 and a college student, having attended first the University of California at Riverside, then, on a chess scholarship, the University of South Florida, whose team at the US Intercollegiate last December starred Larry on first board and won the US Intercollegiate title.

Larry was one of the Riverside group, sponsored by the Piatigorsky Chess Foundation, which produced such chess masters as Ross Stoutenborough, Jeff Kent, International Master Kim Commons, and Grandmaster Jim Tarjan. Christiansen's success is the crowning achievement of the Piatigorsky program and the USCF's own program to sponsor promising players in international competition.

### National Tournament Schedule

This year's national tournament schedule is beginning to take shape. For those players who like to participate in national-title events or to spectate, the schedule is as follows:

- US Class Championships: Southfield (near Detroit), Michigan, April 8-10
- National High School Championship: Cleveland, Ohio, May 13-17
- US Amateur Championship: Syracuse, New York, May 28-30



### In Defense of 1...P-K4

There are many reasons for the remarkable popularity of the Sicilian defense. It is full of positions that are still rich in tension and ideas despite concentrated analysis by players of the highest rank over many years. It has a jungle of variations that is a wonderful hunting ground for the well-booked player. It is well suited to that 100-yard-dash style of chess competition, the week-end Swiss. It is the life-long choice of Robert Fischer. Nevertheless, even though I have won many important games with it myself, I find the dominance of the Sicilian unfortunate.

The vast popularity of the Sicilian suggests that 1...P-QB4 is Black's only possible active reply to 1. P-K4. Chess is too complex a game for that to be true. 1...P-K4 has been a major answer to 1. P-K4 for every World Champion with the exception of Robert Fischer, and even he has played it on occasion. In fact, it has been the most often played move for all of them except Botvinnik and Petrosian, who tended to rely on the French or the Caro-Kann for their most important games.

I have heard people say they don't play double king pawn games because Black has no realistic winning chances in the Ruy Lopez. This is nonsense. Steinitz, Lasker and Alekhin were deadly in these positions, no matter which side they were playing. The same may be said today of Spassky, Gligorich, Keres or Bronstein.

200 Open Games  
by David Bronstein  
MacMillan, 1975, \$7.95

David Bronstein's 200 Open Games testifies to the vitality and complexity of the double king pawn systems. It is also a tribute to one of the most original players in chess history. Any collection of 200 Bronstein games would have to show his wide-ranging creativity, but when all the games have the same premise (1. P-K4, P-K4) and are further grouped by variation, the sense of constant invention is much more amazing. The positions are never stale because Bronstein has always found something new.

The book has been criticized by some for its lack of notes. The games are presented in a format like Robert Byrne's in his New York Times column. There is an introductory discussion containing some analysis, but less than is normal for Byrne, and then the unannotated game score. (See the reprint on page 3 of the February-March 1977 Chess Voice for a sample.)

Those who know Bronstein's monumental tournament book of the 1953 Zurich tournament may feel sorry that they aren't treated to the same kind of depth and insight here, but Bronstein seems to have intended a different kind of collection than one normally sees.

His commentary provokes thought, shares some of his world, and helps the reader through some of the more tangled Gordian knots, but he wants the reader to think about the games on his own. Although I had to wade into difficult and often wild positions without the aid of lengthy notes, I enjoyed being able to deal with ideas, old and new, without the automatic preconceptions formed by exclamation points and grandmaster commentary.

Because of this necessity for individual work, the reader should be armed with some background in chess and be prepared to put time and thought into the book. 200 Open Games is an experience requiring effort, but, for the reader willing to make that effort, a book I recommend. It is a tribute to the richness of the game and to the incredible creativity of one of its most original artists.

American Chess Art  
by Walter Korn  
Pitman, 1975, \$12.95

This is not a book for the average chessplayer. But it should delight those few who can still respond to chess as artistic play, who can enjoy the sheer beauty of the dance of the chess pieces, and who have retained their awe of the ordered eccentricities of their orbiting movements.

Although the title, "American Chess Art: 250 Portraits of Endgame Study", was carefully chosen, it is misleading. This is not a book of chess drawings or photographs of chess sets. Neither is it a book about how to play endgames or a collection of endgame problems of the "White to mate in three" type. It deals, instead, with the composed endgame study as an art form in its own right, and one to which many Americans have contributed. Like any art form, a good endgame study should display beauty, surprise, ingenuity, and perfected technique.

Endgame studies fall somewhere between the artificial precision of the classical endgame problem and the irregular fluidity of actual play. They set a specific task--"White to win" or "White to draw"--but they require no specific number of moves. They can be solved only by hitting on the right strategic idea or combination of ideas. Some of the more structurally-oriented of these ideas have evolved names--such as "corkscrew", "ferris wheel", "star-flight", "steeplechase", and "chameleon echo".

American contributions to endgame studies are presented, one to a page, starting with E. B. Cook (from whom the term "cook" derives) and the irrepressible Sam Loyd, and continuing through Isaac Kashdan, George Koltanowski, and Korn himself. In addition to having edited Modern Chess Openings, Korn has been the endgame columnist for a number of chess magazines. He has recently moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. At \$12.95, the book is expensive, but that is to be expected when its potential market is so small.

--Review by John Larkins



# National Chess League

After the first six of its scheduled eight rounds, the National Chess League's cross-country phone battle has the New York Threats in first place and threatening to run away and hide. But the next six teams--San Francisco among them--have only a half point difference in the lot. So second place is still up for grabs and the Dragons still have a chance to win it.

In their most recent match--Round 6, held at the Berkeley Chess Club on April 6th, the Northern California San Francisco team took on the Southern California Los Angeles team. These arch rivals appear to have fought to a draw, 3-3, but the Board 1 game between Fritzinger and Commons has not yet been officially adjudicated. (Commons definitely has the better position, but each side has a Queen and two Pawns--making it hard to prove a win. So San Francisco is expecting a draw.)

Playing for the first time this season without any of its three world class players, and out-rated on its top four boards, the San Francisco team did well to reach an even score. On Board six Max Burkett fought on until 2 am to finally turn a Rook and Pawn ending into a win.

SAN FRANCISCO 3		LOS ANGELES 3	
Fritzinger, Dennis	1/2?	Commons, Kim	1/2?
Newbold, Robert	1/2	Peters, John	1/2
Kanamori, Aki	0	Loftsson, Julius	1
Hammie, Robert	0	Pollard, Alan	1
Whitehead, Jay	1	Dahlbergs, Ivars	0
Burkett, Max	1	Salgado, Robert	0

Round 7 will be played on May 4th and Round 8 (the last) on May 18th. In Round 7 San Francisco will play the Westfield Colonials. The playing site will either be at the Berkeley Chess Club or on the U.C. (Berkeley) campus. The match will start at 6.

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### NATIONAL CHESS LEAGUE STANDINGS (After Round 6 - unofficial)

Place	Team	Points
1	New York Threats . . . . .	26
2	Boston 64's . . . . .	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	San Francisco Dragons . . . . .	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ *
2	Los Angeles Stauntons . . . . .	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ *
5	Washington Plumbers . . . . .	20
5	Cleveland Kinghunters . . . . .	20
5	Westfield Colonials (NJ) . . . . .	20
8	Chicago Prarie Dogs . . . . .	19
8	Philadelphia Quakers . . . . .	19
10	Lincoln Mid-Americans . . . . .	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
11	Hartford No Faults . . . . .	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
11	San Diego Springers . . . . .	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
13	Phoenix-Ramada Rooks . . . . .	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
14	Berwick Bay Browns (LA) . . . . .	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
14	New Orleans Maple Leafs . . . . .	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
16	Atlanta Kings . . . . .	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

\* 1 adjourned game counted as a draw.

On February 2nd, in Round 3, the Dragons faced their toughest pairing of the season in the league-leading New York Threats. Despite Jim Tarjan's first-board victory over Leonid Shamkovich, San Francisco lost 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Paul Cornelius's draw was the first time he had failed to win in two seasons of telephone play!

NEW YORK 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		SAN FRANCISCO 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Shamkovich, Leonid	0	Tarjan, James	1
Zuckerman, Bernard	1	Grefe, John	0
Mednis, Edmar	1	Watson, John	0
Soltis, Andrew	1/2	Cornelius, Paul	1/2
Regan, Ken	0	Fritzinger, Dennis	1
Tamargo, Joseph	1	Harari, Zaki	0

In Round 4, held on February 16th, the San Francisco team regained its winning ways, trouncing the Boston 64's 4 to 2. For the first time in two seasons, Walter Browne joined the team to play board one--backed by Jim Tarjan on board two and John Grefe on board three. At last! San Francisco at its full strength. But Browne lost to Weinstein and Fritzinger and Watson drew.

#### SAN FRANCISCO 4 - BOSTON 2

Browne, Walter	0	Weinstein, Norman	1
Tarjan, James	1	Frankle, Jon	0
Grefe, John	1	Tapper, Larry	0
Cornelius, Paul	1	Bono, Girome	0
Watson, John	1/2	Savage, Allan	1/2
Fritzinger, Dennis	1/2	Chase, Chris	1/2

Last year's champions, the Washington Plumbers, faced San Francisco on March 2nd in Round 5. They proved to be a tough nut to crack, downing the Dragons 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This time Browne and Tarjan were absent, and Grefe could only manage a draw with young Mark Diesen.

WASHINGTON 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		SAN FRANCISCO 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Diesen, Mark	1/2	Grefe, John	1/2
Meyer, Eugene	1	Cleghorn, Peter	0
Powell, Charles	1	Cornelius, Paul	0
Meyer, John	0	Watson, John	1
Odendahl, Steve	0	Fritzinger, Dennis	1
Eberlien, Robert	1	Silman, Jeremy	0

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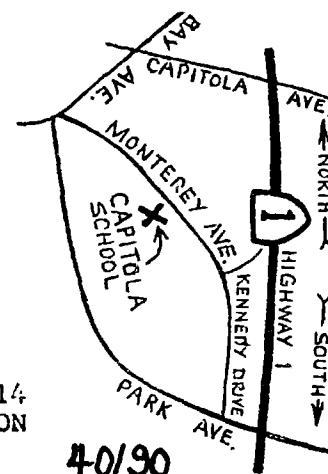
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April 7th, 14th & 21st: five-minute/ 50¢ EF

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May 21st & 22nd: May Day Tournament.

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June 18th & 19th: The June Amateur Tourney

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The workshop will consist of six 1½-hour lessons focussing on strategic principles underlying opening, middlegame and endgame play. Topics include: the function of pawn structure in determining the course of the game, positional basis of attack on the king, art of positional maneuvering, long range planning and dynamic flow and the exploitation of the initiative. Tuition for U.C. students \$18 and for the general public \$20. April 20, 27, May 11, 18, June 1 and 8. Dwinelle Hall, Room 183, 7:30-8:45 p.m.



June 18-19



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Location: Student Union Building, 4th floor,  
University of California (Berkeley) campus.

Registration: June 18th, 8:30-10 am.

Format: 4 rounds, Swiss system, 6 sections.  
June 18th: Rd 1 at 11 am, Rd 2 at 5 pm.  
June 19th: Rd 3 at 10 am, Rd 4 at 4 pm.

Entry Fee: \$26, if mailed by June 13th.  
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Prizes: (\$2,625 based on 140 paid entries.)  
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## May 21-22 MAY DAY CHESS TOURNAMENT

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Location: Student Union Building, 4th floor,  
University of California (Berkeley) campus.

Registration: May 21st, 8:30-10 am.

Format: 4 rounds, Swiss system, 5 sections.  
May 21st: Rd 1 at 11 am, Rd 2 at 5 pm.  
May 22nd: Rd 3 at 10 am, Rd 4 at 4 pm.

Entry Fee: \$20 if mailed by May 16th.  
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# LONE PINE 1977

Player	Rtg.	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7	Rd.8	Rd.9	pts.
1 Balashov	2565	W13	D12	W19	W14	D5	W23	L2	D7	W9	6½
2 Panno	2550	W38	D19	D18	W36	D12	W4	W1	D9	D3	6½
3 Sahovic	2460	L14	W25	W27	D4	D18	W31	W6	W12	D2	6½
4 Gaprindashvili	2430	W48	W16	L5	D3	W8	L2	W10	W23	W12	6½
5 Lombardy	2534	D33	W46	W4	W22	D1	L12	D23	D11	W17	6
6 Christiansen	2470	W28	D14	D31	L23	W34	W29	L3	W13	W18	6
7 Browne	2547	D18	D32	L14	W42	W30	D17	W22	D1	D11	5½
8 Lein	2524	D39	W33	W30	L12	L4	W24	L13	W46	W27	5½
9 Benko	2513	D26	D40	W39	D31	W22	W36	D12	D2	L1	5½
10 Shamkovich	2485	D27	D39	D26	W40	D29	D13	L4	W36	W25	5½
11 Reshevsky	2459	D41	D26	W45	D18	D31	D14	W36	D5	D7	5½
12 Peters	2413	W42	D1	W41	W8	D2	W5	D9	L3	L4	5½
13 Regan	2394	L1	W48	D34	D41	W35	D10	W8	L6	W20	5½
14 Ervin	2356	W3	D6	W7	L1	D17	D11	D20	D25	W23	5½
15 Quinteros	2555	D32	L18	W28	D30	L36	W45	D46	W24	D19	5
16 Tarjan	2545	W25	L4	W32	D29	L23	D26	D19	D22	W31	5
17 Weinstein	2455	D45	D27	D40	W19	D14	D7	D18	W26	L5	5
18 Kaplan	2379	D7	W15	D2	D11	D3	D37	D17	W28	L6	5
19 Rohde	2377	W20	D2	L1	L17	D47	W21	D16	W37	D15	5
20 Szabo	2530	L19	D43	W33	D26	D41	W39	D14	D27	L13	4½
21 Martz	2446	D40	L41	D35	D45	D28	L19	D39	W47	W46	4½
22 Grefe	2445	W47	W34	D36	L5	L9	W41	L7	D16	D26	4½
23 Biyiasas	2409	D35	D45	W43	W6	W16	L1	D5	L4	L14	4½
24 Diesen	2399	L36	D28	W44	D34	D26	L8	W41	L15	W39	4½
25 Cleghorn	2378	L16	L3	W48	L35	W38	W43	W37	D14	L10	4½
26 Seirawan	2362	D9	D11	D10	D20	D24	D16	W30	L17	D22	4½
27 Formanek	2361	D10	D17	L3	D32	D46	W35	W29	D20	L8	4½
28 E. Meyer	2360	L6	D24	L15	W44	D21	W32	W31	L18	D29	4½
29 Bisguier	2417	L34	W47	W42	D16	D10	L6	L27	D39	D28	4
30 Frey	2390	D44	W35	L8	D15	L7	W47	L26	D34	D33	4
31 H. Olafsson	2385	D37	W44	D6	D9	D11	L3	L28	W35	L16	4
32 Denker	2385	D15	D7	L16	D27	D45	L28	D40	W41	D36	4
33 Fedorowicz	2377	D5	L8	L20	L43	D42	W48	D47	W45	D30	4
34 Verduga	2300	W29	L22	D13	D24	L6	L46	W38	D30	D37	4
35 Tisdall	2297	D23	L30	D21	W25	L13	L27	W48	L31	W42	4
36 Sunye	2265	W24	W37	D22	L2	W15	L9	L11	L10	D32	4
37 Evans	2565	D31	L36	D46	D39	W43	D18	L25	L19	D34	3½
38 Strauss	2381	L2	L42	L47	W48	L25	D44	L34	W40	W45	3½
39 Brasket	2364	D8	D10	L9	D37	W40	L20	D21	D29	L24	3½
40 Goodman	2340	D21	D9	D17	L10	L39	D42	D32	L38	W48	3½
41 Day	2355	D11	W21	L12	D13	D20	L22	L24	L32	D44	3
42 Nickoloff	2300	L12	W38	L29	L7	D33	D40	D45	D44	L35	3
43 J. Whitehead	2239	D46	D20	L23	W33	L37	L25	L44	L48	W47	3
44 McCambridge	2260	D30	L31	L24	L28	L48	D38	W43	D42	D41	3
45 Dake	2348	D17	D23	L11	D21	D32	L15	D42	L33	L38	2½
46 Garcia-Palermo	2380	D43	L5	D37	D47	D27	W34	D15	L8	L21	3½
47 Henley	2331	L22	L29	W38	D46	D19	L30	D33	L21	L43	2½
48 Martinovsky	2306	L4	L13	L25	L38	W44	L33	L35	W43	L40	2

Sample: In round 1, player #1 (Balashov) won from player #13 (Regan).

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# BENSON'S BEAT

by Alan Benson, USCF Region VIII Vice-President

## THE RESULTS FROM LONE PINE

Starting with the first Lone Pine Chess Tournament in 1971, there has always been one first place winner who took home the lion's share of the prize fund. The past winners are: GM Larry Evans, \$1,000; GM Svetozar Gligoric, \$2,000; GM Arthur Bisguier, \$2,000; GM Walter Browne, \$2,000; GM Vladimir Liberzon, \$4,000, and former World Chess Champion Tigran Petrosian, \$6,000.

This time, however, first place was split four ways between GM Yuri Balashov (USSR), GM Oscar Panno (Argentina), IM Dragutin Sahovic (Yugoslavia), and the Women's World Chess Champion IM Nona Gaprindashvili (USSR)--all with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and each receiving \$5,750.

The leading American finishers were GM William Lombardy and GM Larry Christiansen who shared 5th and 6th places with scores of 6-3. Each received \$1,250. Finally, there was an eight-way tie for 7th through 14th places among GM Walter Browne, GM Anatoly Lein, GM Pal Benko, GM Leonid Shamkovich, GM Samuel Reshevsky, Senior Master Jack Peters, and National Masters Kenneth Regan and Roy Ervin, all from the USA. (Lein and Shamkovich are considered now to be American players). Each had a score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  and took home \$281.

### Five Players Make Norms

Five players this year qualified for norms toward International Master and Grandmaster titles. IM's Dragutin Sahovic and Nona Gaprindashvili acquired legs toward their GM titles, and Senior Master Jack Peters and National Masters Ken Regan and Roy Ervin acquired legs toward their IM titles.

In order to be eligible for norms in this tournament, players from the host country (USA) had to play against a minimum of four foreigners, and guest players (from outside the USA) had to play three. In some instances these requirements could not be fulfilled because to do so would have violated the basic rules of Swiss system pairing.

### The Standouts

Only two players--GM's Oscar Panno and Samuel Reshevsky--finished the tournament without losing a single game. Women's World Chess Champion Nona Gaprindashvili had the most wins. Her score was 6 wins, 2 losses, and 1 draw. This result is without question the best performance by a female chessplayer against males in any chess tournament in the world!

Scoring the most draws were GM Samuel Reshevsky (2 wins and 7 draws) and National Master Yasser Seirawan (1 win, 1 loss, and 7 draws). Yasser played a very tough field against five GM's and four IM's, scoring  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  against the grandmasters, and winning one and losing one and drawing two against the international masters.

The tournament was run smoothly by Chief tournament Director Isaac Kashdan and his able assistants Carl Budd and Myron Liberman. Myron Johnson and Jerry Hanken were the assistant tournament di-

rectors. Max Burkett and Steve Sawyer kept track of the game scores and produced the daily tournament bulletins.

Many thanks are due Louis and Doris Statham for being the patrons of the finest Swiss system chess tournament in the world, and to the people of Lone Pine, who put up with this madhouse of chessplayers once a year.

Here are four of the best games from Lone Pine 1977 selected by Richard Shorman from the round-by-round tournament bulletin edited by Max Burkett and Steve Sawyer. (See Burkett's ad on page 37.)

### PANNO - SUNYE

1 Nf3	Nf6	14 Ng5	h6	26 Bg6	fg
2 g3	d5	15 Ng6	hg	27 Qe6	Kh7
3 Bg2	c6	16 Nf8	Nf8	28 f5	Nf4
4 d3	Bf5	17 Be4	gf	29 fg	Ng6
5 Nh4	Bg4	18 ef	Qh4	30 Qe2	Rd5
6 h3	Bh5	19 Kd1	Nbd7	31 Kc2	Ne5
7 g4	Bg6	20 c3	Nf6	32 Raf1	Rd2
8 f4	e6	21 Bf3	Qh7	33 Kd2	Nc4
9 e3	Bc5	22 Bd2	Rd8	34 Kc1	Qg5
10 Qe2	O-0	23 Kc1	Ng6	35 Kb1	Qg6
11 Nd2	Nfd7	24 g5	Nd5	36 Qc2	Nd2
12 Ndf3	Be4	25 Be4	Qh4	37 Kc1	1:0
13 de	de				

### GAPRINDASHVILI - SHAMKOVICH

1 e4	c5	17 Qe3	Bb7	33 Rc1	Rac8
2 Nf3	e6	18 Ng5	Qd7	34 Ra1	Bc2
3 d4	cd	19 Rd1	Qd5	35 Ra5	b3
4 Nd4	a6	20 Ndf3	Qa2	36 Rb5	Qh6
5 Bd3	Nf6	21 b4	Bg5	37 h3	Qg6
6 O-0	d6	22 Ng5	Qc2	38 Kh2	Qg5
7 f4	Be7	23 Qh3	h6	39 Rf7	Be4
8 Kh1	Nbd7	24 bc	hg	40 Rg7	Kg7
9 Nd2	Qc7	25 Bg5	Qg6	41 Qe4	Qf5
10 N2f3	O-0	26 Be7	Rfe8	42 Qe3	Kf7
11 Qe2	Nc5	27 Bd6	Be4	43 Rb4	b2
12 e5	Nd3	28 Rf4	Bf5	44 Rb2	Kg7
13 Qd3	de	29 Qf3	Qh6	45 Rf2	Qh5
14 fe	Nd7	30 Rf1	a5	46 Rf4	Rh8
15 Bf4	b5	31 c6	b4	47 Qg3	1:0
16 Rael	Nc5	32 e7	Qg6		

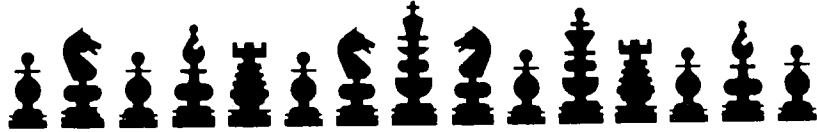
### GIEGHORN - STRAUSS

1 e4	c5	12 Ne3	Bh6	23 bc	Qg5
2 Nf3	Nc6	13 Qf3	Be3	24 c6	Kc7
3 d4	cd	14 fe	Rg8	25 e4	Rb6
4 Nd4	Nf6	15 O-0	Rg6	26 Qa3	Qh4
5 Nc3	e5	16 Nd5	Bd5	27 g3	Qe4
6 Ndb5	d6	17 ed	Rh6	28 Bd3	Qd4
7 Bg5	a6	18 Rf2	Kd7	29 Qa7	Kc8
8 Na3	Be6	19 c4	Qg8	30 Bf5	1:0
9 Nc4	Rc8	20 b4	b6		
10 Bf6	gf	21 c5	bc		White announced
11 Bd3	Ne7	22 Ba6	Rb8		mate in five.

### J. WHITEHEAD - BIYIASAS

1 e4	e5	8 a4	a5	15 f3	O-O-0
2 Nf3	Nc6	9 b5	Ne5	16 Bc2	Nh5
3 d4	ed	10 Ne5	de	17 Rg1	Rd7
4 c3	d3	11 Ba3	Be6	18 Rg2	Rhd8
5 Bd3	Bc5	12 Qe2	Qh4	19 Bc1	Bc4
6 O-0	d6	13 Kh1	Nf6	20 Qe1	Bf1
7 b4	Bb6	14 g3	Qh3		0:1

# Games



Reprinted from Richard Shorman's chess column in the Hayward Daily Review.

## KREJCIK THE GREAT

Reti, Spielman, Tartakover, Grunfeld, Schlechter and Vidmar were all world renowned products of the famed "Vienna school of chess." But who remembers their fearless and gifted nemesis, Dr. Prof. Josef Krejcik?

Born in 1885, the great Krejcik frequented the Wiener Schachklub and the Cafe Central in Vienna for 50 years playing hundreds of games with Vidmar, Tartakover, Konig, Kmoch, Spielman, Albin, Wolf and many others.

Though he seldom left his beloved Vienna due to a heart ailment, Krejcik nonetheless earned the respect of his more illustrious peers. He won brilliancy prize games against Grunfeld and Wolf, beat Vidmar in fine style, held Reti and Tartakover to desperate draws and even had Lasker dead to rights before succumbing to a mirage.

A "Monster-Biltz" tournament of over 100 players held in Vienna, 1922 finished with Krejcik and Alekhine among those tied for fifth through eighth. Between 1920 and 1930, he never lost a game as a Vienna team member in regular inter-city matches versus Munich and Budapest.

For sheer beauty and depth of play, Krejcik's "Game of a Lifetime" deserves to go down in history on a par with Anderssen's "Evergreen Partie."

White: Josef Krejcik  Black: Konrad Krobot.  
Cafe Viktoria, Vienna, Feb. 24, 1908.

### Center Game

1 P-K4	P-K4	15 KR-N1!!	P-N4
2 P-Q4	PxP	16 NxP!	PxN
3 QxP	N-QB3	17 B-B3	P-R4(c)
4 Q-K3	P-KN3	18 R-Q8!!	PxR(d)
5 B-Q2	B-N2	19 PxP	PxP(e)
6 N-QB3	KN-K2	20 BxBch	KxB
7 O-O-O	O-O	21 N-B7ch	N-N3
8 P-B4	P-QR3	22 RxNch!	KxR
9 N-B3	P-B4	23 P-B5ch	K-B3
10 B-B4ch	K-R1	24 Q-R4ch	KxP
11 N-KN5	Q-K1	25 Q-N5ch	K-K5
12 PxP	RxP(a)	26 NxPch	K-Q5
13 P-KN4	R-B1	27 P-B3mate(f)	
14 Q-R3	P-R3(b)		

(Notes by Austrian master Josef Krejcik, translated from his book, "Mein Abschied vom Schach", Berlin, 1955, pp. 35-36)

(a) On 12... PxP Black's bishop would never command the diagonal leading to White's KR3 and after 12... NxP Black loses the exchange following the trade of queens.

(b) Now comes the finest move of the game, the full meaning of which will become clear later.

(c) After 17... N-KN1 White wins some very pretty variations: I. 18 QR-K1! QN-K2 19 BxBch KxB 20 BxN KxB (20... RxB 21 Q-B3ch) 21 QxP R-B2 22 R-N3! Q-B1 23 NxR! QxN (23... KxN 24 Q-R7ch and either 24... K-B3 25 RxN! or 24... K-K1 25 KR-K3) 24 R-KR3 Q-N2 25 QxQch, etc.; II. 18 QR-K1! QxRch 19 RxQ PxB 20 BxBch KxB 21 Q-B3ch N-B3 22 N-K4 P-Q4 (22... RxP 23 NxN! R-R8ch 24 K-Q2 RxR 25 N-R5ch K-B2 26 Q-B6ch and mates, or 22... P-N4 23 PxP PxP 24 NxN RxN 25 R-B1 and wins) 23 NxN P-Q5 24 QxBP RxN 25 R-K8, etc. The "Suddeutschen Schachblatter" com-

mented, "This game contains a particularly demonic combination!"

(d) The penalty for refusing the rook is a queen sacrifice at R5 and mate by the rook at R6, whereas accepting the rook offer bottles up the power of Black's defensive bishop at QB1. If 18... N-KN1 or 18... PxB, then White wins with 19 PxP. The strength of 15 KR-N1!! will now be revealed...

(e) Here White announced mate in eight moves. Later, however, the veteran master Johannes Berger demonstrated a mate two moves sooner, beginning with 23 Q-N3ch.

(f) A problem-like mate! On 26... K-B6 would have followed 27 Q-N3mate.

White: Johannes Berger.  Black: Josef Krejcik.  
Wiener Schachklub, Vienna, 1907.

### Albin Counter Gambit

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	12 R-K1	B-B4!(b)
2 P-QB4	P-K4	13 BxB	P-Q6ch
3 PxKP	P-Q5	14 K-B1	Q-R5!!
4 P-K4(a)	B-QB4	15 Q-Q2	QxP
5 P-B4	P-KB3	16 BxQP	Q-R6ch
6 PxP	NxP	17 K-K2	QxPch
7 B-Q3	N-B3	18 K-Q1	QxNch
8 P-QR3	P-QR4	19 B-K2(c)	Q-N6ch
9 N-KB3	O-O	20 Q-B2	N-B7ch
10 O-O	R-K1	21 K-Q2	B-K8mate
11 P-K5	N-KN5		

(Notes by Austrian master Josef Krejcik, translated from his book, "Mein Abschied vom Schach", Berlin, 1955, pp. 33-34)

(a) And not 4 P-K3? B-N5ch 5 B-Q2 PxP! 6 BxB PxPch 7 K-K2 PxN(N)ch!, etc.

(b) A beautiful sacrifice, the acceptance of which leads to a wonderfully swift conclusion. Schlechter cites this game as a source in "Bilguer's Handbuch".

(c) The alternatives are 19 Q-K2 N-B7ch 20 K-Q2 QxPch 21 K-B3 Q-Q5ch 22 K-B2 RxP, etc. or 19 K-B2 N-Q5ch 20 K-B3 N-KB7! 21 P-N3 B-N5ch 22 PxB PxPch 23 KxN NxB! 24 RxR P-B4mate.

White: Josef Krejcik.  Black: Franz Klar.  
Olmütz, 1907.

### Vienna Game

1 P-K4	P-K4	13 B-K3	BxP(c)
2 N-QB3	N-KB3	14 B-B2	Q-B5
3 P-B4	P-Q4	15 R-K1	N-Q2
4 PxKP	NxP	16 R-R4	Q-B3
5 N-B3	B-KN5	17 B-N4!	K-Q1
6 B-K2(a)	BxN	18 BxN	BxN(d)
7 BxB	Q-R5ch	19 R-KB4!!	Q-Q3(e)
8 P-N3	NxNP	20 RxP	BxR(f)
9 PxN	QxPch	21 QxB	P-KR3(g)
10 K-B1	B-B4(b)	22 Q-R5ch	Q-B2
11 P-Q4!	BxP	23 B-R4ch	P-N4
12 Q-K2	P-QB3	23 Q-B3	Resigns

(Notes by Austrian master Josef Krejcik, translated from his book, "Mein Abschied vom Schach", Berlin, 1955, pg. 34)

(a) Spielmann used to play 6 Q-K2 here.

(b) Dr. Perlis versus Kopsa (Barmen, 1905) continued 11 Q-K2. White finds a stronger move.



## REGIONAL GAMES

(c) Or 13 . . . BxN 14 PxB QxP 15 R-R5 Q-K2 16 Q-R2! N-Q2 17 R-K1, with a crushing attack. If, in this line, Black plays 15 . . . P-KB4, then White wins after 16 Q-Q3 P-KN3 (16 . . . 0-0 17 B-Q4 and 18 R-K1) 17 B-Q4 Q-N6 18 R-K1ch K-Q1 19 B-B6ch K-B1 20 BxR PxR 21 QxPch.

(d) Now begins a brilliancy prize winning combination. Grandmaster Spielmann, the best Vienna Game expert in the world, regarded this game as one of the finest Vienna Games he had ever seen.

(e) If 19 . . . QxR, then 20 Q-K7ch K-B2 21 B-K8ch wins. Or 19 . . . BxR 20 RxQ PxR 21 B-R3! and 22 Q-N4, with the same result.

(f) And not 20 . . . B-B3 because of 21 Q-K8ch, etc.

(g) The threat was 22 B-R4ch followed by 23 B-N3!

### SHORT SHRIFT

White: Helmer. Black: Krejcik. Vienna, 1917. Budapest Gambit 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 de Ng4 4 f4 Bc5 5 Nh3 Nh2! 6 Rh2 Qb4 7 Kd2 d5! 8 Qb3 Bh3 9 Qh3 Qf4 10 Kc2 Qf1!! 11 Qc8 Ke7 12 Qh8 Qe2 13 Bd2 Nc6! 14 Qa8 Nb4 15 Kb3 Qc4 16 Ka4 b5 17 Ka5 Bb6mate.



### CHERRYLAND CAFE CLOSED TO CHESS

Gone the way of the Cafe de la Rege nce and Simpson's Divan, the "famous-and-well-known Cherryland Cafe: Chess Mecca of the West" ceased to exist as an oasis of rest and relaxation for Bay Area chess lovers, March 17.

Harold and Ilene James, who ran the truck stop restaurant and resident chess parlor at 22472 Meekland Ave., Hayward, since Nov. 1962, cited economic hard times as the ultimate cause of Cherryland's gradual demise.

Property owner Virginia Busick, operator of the Fifth Wheel diner in San Leandro, intends to re-open the cafe soon under new management, but, sad to say, the Cherryland's chess playing days with Harold and Ilene are over.

In memorium, here is a sparkling skittles game from the Cherryland archives, won by the very man who scoffed at the notion that there would ever be a "Cherryland Cafe: the last days."

**White: Chris Mavraedis. Black: Dave Brooks. Cherryland Cafe, Hayward, June 8, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 0-0 9 Be2 Bd7 10 Nc6 Bc6 11 0-0-0 Rc8 12 Bh6 Qa5 13 Bg7 Kg7 14 a3 b5 15 Nb5 Qb6 16 Nc3 Rb8 17 b3 Rfc8 18 Kb2 a5 19 Nd5 Qb7 20 Nf6 ef 21 Qd6 Ba4 22 Qd5 Qc7 23 Rd2 Qc3 24 Ka2 Bb3 25 cb Rd8 26 Qd8 Qb3 27 Ka1 Qa3 28 Ra2 Qc3mate.**

### MEMORABLE EXHIBITION GAME

In one of his most memorable exploits, expert Ronald Thacker once tangled with U.S. Champion Robert Fischer in an exhibition game and won a fiercely contested struggle that could easily find a place in history's anthology of brilliant upsets.

Thacker's superb performance, missing from all the books chronicling Fischer's conquest of the world championship, is recorded here in USCF mandated coordinate chess notation

**White: Robert Fischer. Black: Ronald Thacker. Simultaneous Exhibition, San Francisco, Apr. 13, 1964. Two Knights' Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 Bc5 5 Bf7 Ke7 6 Bd5 Rf8 7 0-0 h6 8 Nf3 d6 9 Bc6 bc 10 d4 ed 11 Nd4 Kf7! 12 Nc3 Kg8! 13 Nc6 Qe8 14 Nd5 Nd5 15 ed Bg5 16 c4 Bc4 17 Bh6 Bf1 18 Qg4 Bf2 19 Kh1 Bg2 20 Qg2 Qf7 21 Rf1 Rae8 22 h3 Bg3! 23 Rf7 Re1 24 Qg1 Rg1 25 Kg1 Rf7 26 Be3 a6 27 Kg2 Be1 28 b4 Kh7! 29 a3 Rf5 30 Nb8 a5 31 ba Ba5 32 Reelgns.**

**White: Ira Pohl (2005). Black: Tom Dorsch (2081). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 3. Dutch Defense 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 c6 3 Bg2 e6 4 0-0 f5 5 d3 Nf6 6 c4 Be7 7 e3 0-0 8 Bd2 Qe8 9 Bc3 Nbd7 10 b4 dc 11 dc Ne4 12 Qb3 Nc3 13 Nc3 Bf6 14 Rad1 e5 15 Nd2 e4 16 c5 Kh8 17 Nc4 Ne5 18 Nd6 Qh5 19 Nb1 Be7 20 h3 Rf6 21 Qc3 Nf3 22 Bf3 ef 23 h4 Be6 24 Rd4 Rg6 25 Kh2 Rf8 26 Rf4 Rg4 27 Qe5 Bh4 28 Rg4 Bg3 29 Resigns.**

**White: Alan Chappell (1692). Black: Michael Ghormley (1545). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 2. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 d4 cd 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5 5 cd d6 6 ed e6 7 Nf3 Bd6 8 Nc3 Nc3 9 bc Nd7 10 Bd3 Nf6 11 0-0 b6 12 Ng5 Bb7 13 Bb5 Nd7 14 Re1 0-0 15 Bd7 Qd7 16 Qh5 h6 17 Ne4 Be4 18 Re4 Qc8 19 Rg4 Qc3 20 Rg7 Kg7 21 Bh8 Resigns. (Λ 4...Nd5)**

**White: Dina Gratz (1424). Black: Fred Stivender (1770). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 2. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Nf3 Be7 4 Bc4 Bh4 5 g3 fg 6 0-0 gh 7 Kh1 Nh6 8 d4 d5 9 Bd5 Bh3 10 Bh6 Bf1 11 Qf1 c6 12 Bf7 Kf7 13 Ne5 Ke6 14 Qf7 Kd6 15 Nc4mate.**

### Algebraic Notation

The horizontals (ranks) are numbered from 1 to 8, starting from the rank nearest White. The verticals (files) are lettered from a to h, starting at White's left (the QR file in algebraic is the a-file). The intersections of the horizontals and verticals give the individual squares their names.

BLACK								
8	a8	b8	c8	d8	e8	f8	g8	h8
7	a7	b7	c7	d7	e7	f7	g7	h7
6	a6	b6	c6	d6	e6	f6	g6	h6
5	a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	f5	g5	h5
4	a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	f4	g4	h4
3	a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	f3	g3	h3
2	a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	f2	g2	h2
1	a1	b1	c1	d1	e1	f1	g1	h1
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h

WHITE

**White: Paul Whitehead (2158). Black: Borel Menas (2124). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 3. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cd 5 Nd4 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4 a5 10 a4 Nd4 11 Bd4 Be6 12 Bb5 Rc8 13 0-0-0 Qc7 14 Rf1 Bc4 15 Bc4 Qc4 16 Qd3 17 Rd3 Nd7 18 Bg7 Kg7 19 Rd5 Nc5 20 e5 Rc6 21 ed e6 22 Rd4 Rd8 23 Red1 f5 24 f4 h5 25 Kb1 Rd7 26 Nb5 Ne4 27 c3 Nf2 28 Re1 Ne4 29 Kc2 Kf7 30 g3 Nd6 31 Na7 Rcc7 32 Red1 Ke7 33 Rd6 Rd6 34 Rd6 Kd6 35 Nb5 Kd7 36 Nc7 Kc7 37 Kd3 e5 38 fe g5 39 h4 f4 40 gf g4 41 f5 Kc6 42 f6 Kd7 43 f7 Resigns. (x6...Qd2)**

**White: William Batchelder (2171). Black: John Pope (2033). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 2. Benoni Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 d5 ed 5 cd d6 6 e4 g6 7 Bd3 Bg7 8 Nge2 0-0 9 0-0 Re8 10 h3 a6 11 a4 b6 12 Bg5 h6 13 Bh4 Ra7 14 f4 Qc7 15 Kh1 Nbd7 16 Rc1 c4 17 Bc4 Qc4 18 Nb5 ab 19 Rc4 bc 20 e5 de 21 fe Re5 22 Nc3 Ne4 23 Nb5 Ra8 24 d6 Ndc5 25 Nc7 Ra4 26 Nd5 Be6 27 Nb6 Ra8 28 d7 Nd7 29 Nd7 Rd6 30 Ne5 Rd1 31 Rd1 Be5 32 Re1 f5 33 Re2 Kf7 34 g4 fg 35 Kg1 gh 36 b3 cb 37 Resigns.**

# Tournaments

## RESULTS OF PEOPLE'S TOURNEY

Grandmaster Walter Browne of Berkeley, United States Chess Champion, scored 5½ points in six rounds to win first place and \$515 in the fourth annual People's Chess Tournament Feb. 19-21 at the Berkeley YMCA. Browne is rated 2547.

Second place in the Master-Expert category went to Yasser Seirawan of Seattle (rated 2362), who scored 5-1 and won \$309. International Master John Grefe of Berkeley (2445) placed third with 4½ points and won \$154. Tying for fourth through seventh places were Nick DeFirmian (2375), Santa Monica; Paul Cornelius (2332), Berkeley; Jay Whitehead (2239), San Francisco; and John Watson (2331), Berkeley. Each scored four points and won \$19.

**IN THE EXPERT CLASS**, a three-way tie occurred between Richard Bustamante (2178), Merced, trophy; Daniel Switkes (2124), Berkeley; and Viktors Pupols (2185), Bremerton, Wash. Each scored four points and won \$180. Craig Barnes (2198) of Berkeley scored 3½ points to win fourth place and a \$30 gift certificate on tiebreak points.

**IN THE A-B CLASS**, four persons tied for first place, each scoring 5 points and winning \$126. They were Matthew Sullivan (1945), San Jose (trophy); Peter Prochaska-Kolbas (1974), San Francisco; Allen Becker, (1945), San Mateo; and Rainier Rickford (1873), Oregon. Antonio Saguisag (1952) of S.F. scored 4½ points and won a \$25 gift certificate for placing fifth on tiebreak points.

**IN B CLASS**, Michael Chaney (1760) of Oregon scored 4½ points to win \$273 and the trophy. Tying for second through eighth, scoring four points and winning \$29 each, were Dan Litowsky (1708), S.F.; Greg Payne (1745), Palo Alto; Jay Nave (1690), Oregon; Michael Walder (1794), S.F.; Tom Pastusak (1711), Berkeley; Roger Hofmann (1637), Berkeley; and Robert Fojt (1747), Berkeley. Ralph DWitt (1771) of Berkeley scored 3½ points to win a \$20 gift certificate.

**IN C-AND-BELOW CLASS**, Kristan Lawson (1534) of Berkeley and Guardencio Dellacruz (1595) of San Jose each scored 5-1 and won \$192, but Lawson won the trophy on tiebreak points. Six persons shared third prize, scoring 4½ points and winning \$11 each: Mark Sinz (1573), Stanford; Eugene Lien (1557), Berkeley; Drayton Swartz (1509), Castro Valley; Nic Hill (1524), Oakland; Andy Ansel (1539), Oakland; and Robert Shelton (1487), Berkeley. Wayne McClintock of Oakland scored four points to win a \$20 gift certificate (all gift certificates were provided by Gambit Game Store).

**IN THE D-E-UNRATED** category, Barry Curto (1378) of Los Gatos scored a clear first with 5 points, winning \$130. Placing second was Jorge Farrias (Unrated) of Berkeley, scoring 4½ and winning \$64. Third and fourth were Nicholas Barnett (1302) of Ft. Ord and Carl McDonald (1366) of Oakland, each scoring 3½ and winning \$16. Gregg Brown of Dublin (1285) scored 3 points to win a \$10 gift certificate.

The tourney, organized and directed by Alan Benson of Berkeley, included 39 players in the Master-Expert category, 65 in A-B and 64 in C-D-E-Unrated, for a total of 168 entrants.

A separate intercollegiate competition was dominated by Jim Waugh (1864) of De Anza College, who won the right to represent this area in national intercollegiate competition.

## LERA PENINSULA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 1977 Peninsula Class Championship, sponsored by the Lockheed Employees' Recreation Association, was held at the LERA Auditorium in Sunnyvale, March 19-20. The five-round, USCF-rated, Cal Chess Swiss system event was directed by Ted and Ruby Yudacufski, with Jim Hurt in charge. Time control was a fast 40 moves in 90 minutes for the first three rounds and 40 moves in 100 minutes for the final two rounds. Complete results (163 players):

### Open Division

**1st-2nd**, Jeremy Silman (2201), San Francisco, and Paul Whitehead (2158), San Francisco, 4½-½, \$165 each; **3rd-4th**, Craig Mar (2114), Oakland, and John Pope (2033), Berkeley, 3½-1½, \$38 each.

### Class A

**1st**, Rainier Rickford (1873), Milwaukie, Oregon, 4½-½, \$175; **2nd**, James Black (1900), San Jose, 4-1; \$100; **3rd**, Mike Morley (1885), Cupertino, 3½-1½, \$50.

### Class B

**1st**, Nick Ballard (1738), San Francisco, 5-0, \$260; **2nd-4th**, Peter Frohman (1614), Sunnyvale, Greg Payne (1745), Cupertino, and Charles Smith (1749), Portland, Oregon, 4-1, \$85 each.

### Class C

**1st**, David Anderson (145), San Jose, 5-0, \$225; **2nd-8th**, Marcus Aurelius (1594), San Francisco, Robert Cromwell (1586), Millbrae, Leslie Dutcher (1539), Campbell, Rudolfo Maninang (1554), San Jose, Richard McKenzie (1454), Cupertino, Gary Smith (1574), San Leandro, and Norman Wild (1531), San Jose, 4-1, \$32 each.

### Class D

**1st**, Jaroslav Skrenek (1378), Berkeley, 5-0, \$100; **2nd-5th**, David Ayers (1379), Modesto, Will Delaney (1271), San Francisco, John Lin (1243), Sunnyvale, and Guy Rudin (1399), Sunnyvale, 4-1, \$25 each.

### Class E

**1st-2nd**, Thomas Bolling (1165), Sunnyvale, and John Krawick (1087), Sunnyvale, 4-1, \$20 each.

### Unrated Division

**1st**, Jorge Farias, Berkeley, 5-0, \$60; **2nd-3rd**, Karl Bertram and Nate Bratcher, San Jose, 3½-1½, \$15 each.

White: Jeremy Silman (2201). Black: John Pope (2033).  
 LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 3. English Opening 1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 0-0 Nc6 5 c4 6 Nc3 Nge7 7 d3 0-0 8 Bf4 d6 9 Rb1 a6 10 a3 Rb8 11 Qc1 b5 12 cb ab 13 b4 cb 14 ab Qd7 15 Bh6 Bh6 16 Qh6 Nf5 17 Qd2 Ncd4 18 Ne4 Nf3 19 Bf3 Qe7 20 Qb2 f6 21 Ra1 Ng7 22 Qd4 Nf5 23 Qb2 Ng7 24 Ra5 Bd7 25 Ra7 f5 26 Nc3 Rfc8 27 Rfa1 Qe8 28 R1a6 d5 29 Rd6 Rd8 30 Nd5 ed 31 Rd5 Kh8 32 Rf6 Resigns

"This opening has more branches than I expected."



## MASTER/EXPERT SECTION -- PEOPLE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT -- BERKELEY

No.	Name	Rtng	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Pts
1	GM Walter Browne	2547	W27	W6	D2	D8	W7	W3	5½
2	Yasser Seirawan	2362	W39	W28	D1	D3	W17	W5	5
3	IM John Grefe	2445	W19	W12	W5	D2	W4	L1	4½
4	Nick DeFirmian	2375	W28	D8	D13	W12	L3	W10	4
5	Paul Cornelius	2332	W20	W30	L3	W13	W11	L2	4
6	John Watson	2331	W24	L1	W15	W18	L10	W19	4
7	Jay Whitehead	2239	W14	D21	W32	W26	L1	D8	4
8	Richard Bustamante	2178	W35	D4	W16	L1	W14	D7	4
9	Victors Pupols	2165	L32	W24	D25	W21	D16	W17	4
10	Daniel Switkes	2124	L26	W23	W35	W15	W6	L4	4
11	Jeremy Silman	2201	W22	D32	D26	W28	L5	D12	3½
12	Craig Barnes	2198	W23	L3	W29	L4	W28	D11	3½
13	Charles Maddigan	2191	W31	D26	D4	L5	D20	W21	3½
14	James Blackwood	2065	L7	D17	W38	W35	L8	W24	3½
15	Nick Ballard	1738	D18	W38	L6	L10	W25	W29	3½
16	R. Newbold	3	24	A. Mamlet	2½	32	GM J. Tarjan	1½	
17	C. B. Jones	3	25	J. Pope (SF)	2½	33	M. Burkett	1½	
18	D. Berry	3	26	P. Cleghorn	2	34	Z. Baroudi	1½	
19	P. Whitehead	3	27	W. Batchelder	2	35	R. Hobbs	1½	
20	P. Enright	3	28	B. Menas	2	36	A. Kanamori	1	
21	T. Dorsch	3	29	N. Wood	2	37	M. Anderson	1	
22	E. Burris	3	30	B. Chesney	2	38	W. Kennedy	½	
23	R. Blackmer	3	31	R. Robinson	2	39	W. Trosclair	0	

## NON-USCF CHERRY TREE OPEN

Thirty seven players participated in the ninth annual Cherry Tree Open, held at the Monterey Chess Center February 12th and 13th. This year the tournament was not USCF-rated--partly because Chess Life & Review neglected to publish a notice of the tournament, and partly because of the recent increase in USCF rating fees. The four-round event was directed by Ted and Ruby Yudacufski in three separate divisions.

Open. There was a tie for first place between Eleutero Alsasua, San Jose, and Ira Pohl, Santa Cruz. Each received \$45 for a 3½-1½ score. Alsasua got the trophy on tie breaks.

Class A. This was another tie. Mike Morley, Cupertino, and Mark Eucher, Pebble Beach, got \$15 each for their scores of 2-2. Morley got a cherry pie on tie breaks.

Class B. First place, \$60, and a cherry pie went to Wayne Sewell, Salinas, for his score of 3½-½. Karel Zikan, Marina, and Greg Payne, Palo Alto, tied for second place. Each received \$15 for a score of 3-1.

Class C. The cherry pie and \$50 first place prize money went to Iraj Rahbar, San Jose, for a score of 2½-1½. There was a three-way tie for second place among Paul Gonda, San Jose, Dina Gratz, Pacific Grove, and Solomon White, Monterey. Each had a score of 2-2 and received \$8.50.

Class D. Nicholas Barnett, Fort Ord, Robert Harmssen, San Jose, and Steven Powell, Burlingame, tied for first place. Each received \$25 for a score of 3-1. Barnett picked up some chocolate-covered cherries on tie break.

Class E. No prize money, but first place and a cherry pie went to Craig Ward, Capitola.

Unrated. First place, \$30, and the chocolate-covered cherries went to John Thronson, San Francisco, for his score of 3½-½. Delbert Hickson, Salinas, got \$15 and second place for his score of 3-1.

Description of an impoverished chessplayer:  
"He pawns his watches and watches his pawns."

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CHESS DONEYBROOK

On March 13th, the Monterey Chess Center held its annual St Patrick's Day Chess Donnybrook, a one-day quad. The event attracted 41 players.

The ten section winners were: Tim Stevens, Mountain View; Richard Phillips, Santa Cruz; Mark Marron, Monterey; Henry Brodtkin, Palo Alto; Harold Lewis, Anchorage, Alaska; Patrick Keller, New Mexico; Dina Gratz, Pacific Grove; Joseph Ruggiero, San Francisco--tied with Joseph McDermott, Seaside, and Nicholas Barnett, Fort Ord; Gerald Gerstl, Pacific Grove; and Terry Kruser, Presidio of Monterey.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University of California at Hayward won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Chess Team Championship held at the Monterey Chess Center on April 2nd and 3rd. The Hayward team had 3½ match wins out of four contests. Members of the championship team were Randy Fong, Ernest Curto, Keith Mehl, and Rick Kiger.

Second place went to the University of California at Santa Cruz and San Joaquin Delta Junior College took third. The top-scoring individual players were: 1st Board--Randy Fong; 2nd Board--Rick Phillips and James Pilkington; 3rd Board--Keith Mehl; and 4th Board--Ramon Ravelo. The event was directed by Ted and Ruby Yudacufski.

## CENTRAL VALLEY INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE

The College of the Sequoias is the champion of the Central Valley Intercollegiate Chess League for 1976-77. Second place went to Bakersfield City College. Top individual honors were awarded to Bob Welch (first), Jon Ginsburg (second), and Dean Perkins (third). The tournament director was Pete Lang.

## ☆☆☆☆☆ EXHIBITIONS ☆☆☆☆☆

The Lone Pine Tournament made several world-class players available for simultaneous exhibitions in the Bay Area. Lone Pine 1977 co-winner Oscar Panno of Argentina played 13 boards at the Walnut Creek Chess Club on March 13th--losing only to Expert Ulf Wostner, his local host.

Grandmaster Anatoly Lein appeared at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco on March 17th, where he encountered one player who refused to move for five consecutive turns until he figured out a drawing line and another who "won" a cheap victory by insisting that the visiting grandmaster play touch-move when the touch cost a piece.

In Berkeley, U.S. Chess Champion Walter Browne took on 37 opponents at once on the U.C. campus in an event titled "The St. Valentine's Day Chess Massacre". It was. Browne won 36 games, but blundered against UC astronomer Tappan Lum, rated 1205.

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ACTION AT THE OAKLAND CHESS GROUP. Scott McCargar (left) tries to get on top of the situation, but Master Jay Whitehead (right) gets down to business during his simultaneous exhibition.

#### WHITEHEAD SIMULTANEOUS

USCF master Jay Whitehead, 15, of San Francisco demonstrated his skill and staying power in a 4½-hour session against 18 opponents at the Oakland Chess Club, Feb. 1. The final tally was Visiting Master—16, Stalwart Defenders—2 (Henry Mar, 1517, and Lani Harris, Unr.) and no draws.

White: Jay Whitehead (2239). Black: Scott McCargar (1634). Simultaneous Exhibition, Oakland, Feb. 1, 1977. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cd 8 cd f6 9 ef. Nf6 10 Nf3 Bd6 11 Bf4 Bf4 12 Nf4 Qd6 13 Qd2 0-0 14 Ne2 e5 15 de Ne5 16 Ne5 Qe5 17 0-0 Ng4 18 Ng3 h5 19 Rae1 Qf6 20 Be2 Qf7 21 Bf3 Rd8 22 Qg5 Be6 23 Nh5 Nh6 24 Re6 Resigns.



Drop-out chess prodigy Ed Biow (left) takes on Oakland Chess Group Director John Larkins (right) in a speed game, while Frank Mur (center) watches. (Photos by Richard Shorman.)

#### "Black Tuesday"

Concurrently with the Whitehead exhibition, a number of speed chess games were being contested at the Oakland Club. Among them was this little beauty between "Chess Voice" editor John Larkins and Class A player Kerry Lawless of San Leandro. A kibitzer labled the episode "Black Tuesday" in deference to the Feb. 1 playing date.

White: John Larkins. Black: Kerry Lawless. Five-Minute Game, Oakland, Feb. 1, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nd4 4 Bc4 b5 5 Bd5 Rb8 6 Nf3 e6 7 Nd4 ed 8 Nf3 de 9 Qe2 d5 10 0-0 Nf6 11 d3 Be7 12 de Ne4 13 Nc3 Nc3 14 bc 0-0 15 Bb2 b4 16 Ne5 Qb8 17 Nd7 Bd7 18 Qe7 Bb5 19 Rfe1 Rfe8 20 Qh4 bc 21 Bc3 d4 22 Bd2 c4 23 Qf2 c3 24 Bc1 Re1 25 Qe1 Re8 26 Qf2 Re2 27 Qf3 d3 28 Kf1 d2 29 Qa8 Re8mate.



## Chess Clubs

### BERKELEY

During February and March the Berkeley Chess Club completed the first phase of its club championship, a seven-round Swiss titled "the Berkeley Qualifying Open". The top six players in this tournament qualify to play in a round robin for the championship, which will take place in April and May. The six qualifiers are: 1) Jerry Kearns (2031) with 6 points, 2) Craig Mar (2114) with 5½ points, 3) David Rice (1889) with 5½ points, 4) Tom Tedrick (1819), with 5½ points, 5) Robert Fojt (1747), with 5 points, and 6) Roger Hofmann (1637), with 4½ pts. Gary Smith (1547) also had 4½ points, but will not be playing in the round robin. Sixty eight members participated. TD's were John Larkins & John Spargo.

The bi-monthly Speed Tournament was held on March 25th. The prize section was won by John Pope with 12½ points in 17 rounds for \$5.00. Second place went to visiting expert Plutzik, who had 12 points and received \$3.00. Mike Anderson's 11½ pts. got him third place and 50¢.

In the non-prize section, Craig Mar took first with 15 points in 17 rounds, Mike Dyslin took second with 12½ points, and Richard Hobbs took third with 12.

The April-May tournament, "The Poisoned Prawn", will have six rounds. There will be a speed tournament on May 27th. Then the June-July tournament will begin on June 3rd. (Tentative title: "Morphy's Madness".)

### U.C. CAMPUS

Campus Chess Tournament #3 (January-March) had 26 entries. The Class A winner was Norman Symonds (1865) with 5½ pts in 6 rounds. He received \$57.25. Ron Wright (1908) and Richard Karp (1870) shared 2nd and 3rd place. Each got \$15.42 for 3½ pts. There was a three-way tie for first in Class B among David Cowles (1782), Tom Pastusak (1711), and David Weldon (1778). Each picked up \$23.98 for 4½ pts.

Another three-way tie occured in Class C where Richard Cullen (1588), Delbert Ehrenfeldt (1458), and David Ward (1542) shared first place with 3 pts each for \$20.40. Tappan Lum (1205), Walter Browne's nemesis, shared first place in the Class D/E/Unrated with Jaroslav Skrenek (1370). Each had 3 pts and received \$23.87.

The UC Campus club will conduct five-minute tournaments all through the Spring Quarter, starting on April 7th.

### THE BIG SQUEEZE

The club news section has been squeezed down to one page in this issue in order to make room for the two-page spread on the late-breaking Lone Pine 1977 story. The June-July Chess Voice is scheduled to have four extra pages and will carry extra club news.



# COMING TOURNAMENTS

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☆ = CalChess membership required.

- ☆ April 16-17 - CalChess Team Championships (Walnut Creek). (See pg 8, Feb. Chess Voice.)  
April 16-17 - CANCELLED. "April Concerto" (San Francisco). Fiddler's Green.  
April 23-24 - Northern California High School and Pre-High School Championships (Sunnyvale). LERA Chess Club, Ken Stone TD. (See flyer in Feb. Chess Voice or pg 249 in April CL&R.)  
April 23-24 - Portland Spring Open (Portland, Oregon). (See April CL&R, pg 249.)  
 ☆ April 30-May 1 - Fremont Open (Fremont). (See centerfold flyer.) Hans Poschmann, TD.  
April 30-May 1 - Sacramento Open (Sacramento). 4-SS, 50/2. EF=\$8.50 if by 4/29. Tony DiMilo TD. (See April CL&R, pg 250.)  
April 30-May 1 - CANCELLED. "Fiddler's Open" (San Francisco). Fiddler's Green.  
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 ☆ May 8 - 1st Berkeley Sunday Quad (Berkeley) (See centerfold flyer.) John Larkins, TD.  
May 7-8 - National Elementary and Junior High School Championships (San Clemente). (See April CL&R, pg 250.)  
May 14-15 - Capitola Chess Classic (Capitola) Class B & under only. (See ad on page 30.)  
May 14-15 - CANCELLED. "Monthly Concerto" (San Francisco). Fiddler's Green.  
May 14-15 - Cal Poly Open (San Luis Obispo) 4-SS, 40/2, \$8. (See April CL&R, pg 250.)  
 ☆ May 21-22 - May Day Tournament (Berkeley). Alan Benson, TD. (See ad on page 31.)  
 ☆ May 28-29-30 - LERA Memorial Day Tourney (Sunnyvale). Jim Hurt, TD. (See centerfold flyer.)  
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June 3-5 - Stamer Memorial (San Francisco). Mechanic's Inst. (See April CL&R, pg 250.)  
June 5 - (tentative) - Peninsula Jr. High School Tourney. Peter Prochaska.  
June 11-12 - Monterey International (Monterey). Monterey Chess Center, Ted Yudacufski, TD.  
June 11-12 - San Joaquin Delta Championship (Stockton). 5-SS, 5 sections. Barney Patrick, TD.  
 ☆ June 18-19 - June Amateur (Berkeley). Alan Benson, TD. (See ad on page 31.) Under 2000 only.  
 ☆ June 25-26 - Hayward Summerfest (Hayward). Jerry Rogers, TD. Southland Mall.  
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July 2-3-4 - Golden Gate Open (San Francisco). Mike Goodall, TD.  
July 9-10 - Santa Clara County Championships (San Jose). Francisco Sierra, TD.  
July 16 - Hayward Quads (Hayward). Jerry Rogers, TD.  
July 24-25 - Paul Masson American Class Championships (Saratoga). Martin E. Morrison, TD.

July 30 - Fastest Pawn in the West (Monterey). Speed chess tournament. Monterey Chess Center.

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☆ August 6-7 - CalChess Class Championships (Berkeley). Alan Benson, TD. UC campus. Northern California titles, trophies.

August 7-19 - U.S. Open (Columbus, Ohio).

August 20-21 - San Jose City College Open (San Jose). Francisco Sierra, TD.

☆ August 27-28 - Hayward Chess Festival (Hayward). Jerry Rogers, TD.

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☆ September 3-4 - Berkley Labor Day Championship (Berkeley). Alan Benson, TD. UC Campus.

☆ September 24-25 - LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships (Sunnyvale). Jim Hurt, TD.

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☆ October 9 - 2nd Berkeley Sunday Quads (Berkeley). John Larkins, TD. Berkeley Chess Club.

October 15-16 - Fight of the Bumbler B's (Monterey). Monterey Chess Center. 1799 & under only.

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☆ November 19-20 - UC Campus tourney, as yet unnamed (Berkeley). Alan Benson, TD.

November 24-27 - American Open (Santa Monica).

☆ November 26-27 - LERA Thanksgiving Championships (Sunnyvale). Jim Hurt, TD. (Tentative.)

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December 17 - Inter-city Team Match (Monterey). Monterey Chess Center.

December 18 - Merry Chessmas Tournament (Monterey), Monterey Chess Center.

December 31-January 1 - (tentative) Both Jim Hurt (Sunnyvale) and Alan Benson (Berkeley) have expressed interest in holding a New Year's tourney.

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☆ January 14 - Walnut Creek Quads (Walnut Creek). John Larkins, TD. Saleh Mujahed, organizer.

January 14-15 - Monterey Coast Classic (Monterey). Monterey Chess Center.

☆ January 21-22 - (tentative) CalChess Amateur (Berkeley). John Larkins, TD.

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February 25-26 - Cherry Tree Open (Monterey). Monterey Chess Center.

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March 19 - St. Patrick's Day Donneybrook (Monterey). Monterey Chess Center.

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Bay Area: East Bay

MONDAY - Hayward CC, 8pm, Palma Ceia park, Miami and Decatur Sts. Jerry Rogers TD (415) 276-5754.

Monday Knights CC (Berkeley), by invitation only.

San Leandro CC, 7pm, Washington School Cafeteria, 250 Dutton St. Kerry Lawless TD (415) 357-6957.

Concord CC, 6:30pm, 1st & 3rd Mondays only, Concord Library. Bill Able.

Diablo Valley CC, 3pm, Room BE 211, on the campus. Steve Irvin, 825-3430.

TUESDAY - Oakland Chess Group, 7pm, 1969 Park Blvd. John Larkins TD (415) 653-6529.

Walnut Creek CC, 7:30pm, 1385 Civic Dr Saleh Mujahed TD, #5 Abbey Court, Walnut Creek CA 94595.

WEDNESDAY - Fremont CC, 7pm, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway. Hans Poschmann TD (415) 656-8505.

THURSDAY - UC Campus CC (Berkeley) 7pm 4th Floor, Student Union Bldg. Alan Benson TD (415) 843-0661.

FRIDAY - Berkeley CC, 7pm, Central YMCA 2001 Allston Way. John Larkins TD (415) 653-6529.

Richmond CC, 7pm, Our Lady of Mercy church, Point Richmond. Leonard Trottier TD. (415) 233-1595.

Hayward CC, 7pm (see Monday).

Bay Area: South Bay

MONDAY - Redwood City CC, 7pm, Recreation Dept. Activity Bldg, 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Don Reid TD (415) 324-9472.

WEDNESDAY - San Jose CC, 7pm, Starbird Community Center, Boynton & Williams Sts. (near San Tomas). James Black TD (408) 997-1058.

Santa Clara CC, 7pm, Montgomery Center, 890 Peppertree Lane (room 6). Francisco Sierra TD (408) 241-1447.

THURSDAY - Burlingame-San Mateo CC, 7pm, Burlingame Recreation Center. H. Rosenbaum, 1561 Chestnut St., San Carlos CA.

Palo Alto CC, 7pm, Mitchell Park Clubhouse, 3800 Middlefield Road. Bryce Perry, TD (415) 493-3833. Also MONDAY 7pm, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd.

LERA CC (Sunnyvale), Lockheed Employees Recreation Association, 7pm, LERA Auditorium Java and Mathilda Sts. Jim Hurt TD, PO Box 60451, Sunnyvale CA 94088.

FRIDAY - San Jose CC, 7pm, San Jose City College, Room B-204, Business Bldg. (See Wednesday.)

Bay Area: West Bay

EVERY DAY - Mechanics' Institute CC, (San Francisco) 9am-11pm M-F; 9am-12pm Sat; 12am-10pm Sun. 4th Floor, 57 Post St.. Raymond Conway TD (415) 421-2258.

MONDAY - Day's Coffeehouse (San Francisco) 7:30pm, 24 Ellis St. (Market & Stockton). Speed chess tournaments, \$3 entry fee. Jim Buff TD (415) 392-2928.

TUESDAY - Daly City CC, 7:30pm, Westlake Park Clubhouse, 149 Lake Merced Blvd. Carl Barton (415) 731-9171.

Bechtel CC (for employees of the Bechtel Corp.) Anthony Saguisag TD, Box 3965, San Francisco, CA 94119.

Bay Area: North Bay

TUESDAY - Ross Valley CC (San Anselmo) 7pm, Robson-Harrington House, 237 Crescent. Jerry Frazier TD (415) 454-3163.

FRIDAY - Vallejo CC, 7:30pm, Community Center, 225 Amador St. Gunnar Rasmussen TD 1015 Henry Court, Vallejo CA 94590.

Santa Rosa CC, 7pm, Santa Rosa Jr Coll (Room 142). Lee Henderson TD, 7104 Belita Ave., Rohnert Park CA 94929.

----- Sonoma State College CC, Clement Falbo TD, Mathematics Dept., Sonoma State Coll, Rohnert Park CA 94928.

Sacramento Valley

MONDAY - Sacramento State CC, 7pm, Student Union, Sacramento State University. Stewart Katz, TD.

TUESDAY - Davis CC, 7pm, Veterans Memorial Bldg, 14th & B Sts. Anita Zorn TD 1201 K St., Davis CA 95616.

WEDNESDAY - Capital City CC, 7:30pm, Clunie Clubhouse, Alhambra & F Sts, Sacramento. Anthony DiMilo TD, 4200 Maple Lane, Carmichael CA 95608.

----- Rancho Cordova CC, Art Guess.

North Coast

TUESDAY - Mendocino CC, 8pm, Mendocino Hotel. Anthony Miksak TD, PO Box 402, Mendocino CA 94702.

THURSDAY - College of the Redwoods CC (Eureka), noon, Lakeview Room, Coll of the Redwoods.

----- Mendonoma CC (Point Arena), Lee Slavens TD, 150 Maia St., Point Arena.  
----- Ukiah CC, Jerry Walls, PO Box 308, Boonville CA 95415.

South Coast

WEDNESDAY - Caissa CC (San Luis Obispo), 7pm, Cal Poly State Univ (Room 152, Math & Home Econ Bldg). George Lewis TD, 209 Longview Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401.

Morro Bay CC, 7pm, Senior Citizen's Center, 460 Bonita St., North Morro Bay. William Hutchinson TD, 248 Los Osos CA 93402

EVERY DAY - Monterey Chess Center, M-F 4:30-10pm; Sat-Sun 2-10pm; closed Mondays, 430 Alvarado St. Ted and Ruby Yudacufski TD's. (408) 372-9790.

Central Valley

TUESDAY - Modesto CC, 7pm, Davis High School (Room 604). Steve Morford TD (209) 526-2478.

WEDNESDAY - Stockton CC, 7pm, Herbert Hoover School (Multipurpose Room), Kirk St. Earney Patrick TD, 14636 Navajo Way, Manteca CA 95336

----- Fresno City College CC, Pete Lang TD, 2693 West Browning Ave., Fresno CA 93711.

----- Salinas CC, Sam Lowe TD, 312 Noice Drive, Salinas CA 93901.

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