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Letters to the Editor

DOGS, MACHINES, AND MONEY

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Why the computer changes its mind

I enjoyed David Cahlander's article "Man vs. Machine" in the Oct-Nov issue, but I do have a question. Comparing the "predicted variation" with the actual game score, I noticed that from time to time there is a deviation on the part of the computer. For example, in game 4 at move 33 the predicted variation is "30...Ba6, 31 Ne2 Be2, 32 R1e2, c5, 33 de Bc5". But when it got to move 33, the computer actually played 33 f4. Why is this so? I noted also that the computer in some instances "changed its mind" quite early in the sequence.

--Ray Alexis, Reynoldsburg, OH

Editor: (Ray Alexis is editor of "Chess 'N Stuff".) As I understand it, the discrepancies are caused by changes in the "move horizon" of the computer. When CHESS 4.7 was at move 30, the predicted variation was the best among all the four-move continuations it examined. But at move 33 the machine can now see four moves further ahead (to move 37), bringing new information that it had not seen before. So it "changed its mind". Just as we would.

Solving the back cover problem

I believe I have the answer to the chess problem on the back cover of the October issue: 1 Q-B4+ K-B1 (not 1...K-R1??, 2 R-K8 mate), 2 R-K8+ KxR (forced) and 3 Q-N8 mate.

--Tony Grant, San Francisco

Editor: Correct. Among the solvers of this problem was CHESS 4.7, which whipped out the solution in 3/10ths of a second.

Drop the other shoe

In "From the Grapevine" (Oct-Nov '78, page 99) you wrote: "Here's a name you had better learn to spell and pronounce: MAIYA CHIBURDANIDZE." O.K., you spelled it. But just how do you pronounce it?

--Renate Sullivan, Hayward

Editor: I was afraid somebody was going to ask that. Try "Mai-ya Tch-bourrr-da-need-zeh."

From dog to gorilla to chessplayer

I wish to retract a statement made by me in a classified ad on page 75 of the June-July issue. I described myself as having been the Guru Bhakti Sidhanta Saraswati in a former life until the year 1936. But I have no relation to the Guru Bhakti Sidhanta Saraswati. The truth is that in my former lives I was a dog and a gorilla respectively. Now I am a human being by the causeless mercy of God.

--David M. Smith, Oakland

Editor: In the same issue David had a letter announcing a transcendental system which would bring his performance rating to 2800 by September, 1978. Unfortunately, things did not quite work out that way. Interested readers can check his current rating in the annual rating list in the December CL&R.

A choice of entry fees

I am concerned that the rising tournament entry fee may be causing a number of players to drop out of tournament play. I believe there is a possible solution that can meet the needs of both the low-income player and the player who seeks the thrill of big money prizes. The answer is to offer two separate entry fees and two separate prize funds.

When a player submits an entry, he indicates a choice between playing for big money prizes by paying the higher entry fee, or playing for books or small trophies by paying the low entry fee. For example \$25 vs. \$5. All entrants would play in the appropriate section for their rating; the only difference would come when prizes are awarded.

I would like to see tournament directors try this. It shouldn't be difficult to administer. I believe we would attract more players who would play for the fun of it, but who hesitate to put out a big entry fee, because they don't believe they can finish in the money.

--Alan Chappell, San Jose

Editor: Would some TD like to put this to the test?

Inside the USCF

Your magazine is almost a cover-to-cover-must-reading item. Congratulations! Your USCF reports are factual and inclusive of the most important happenings. I hope your readership appreciates such material, for political/organizational writing usually turns many readers off; and that to our sad misfortune these past few years.

On the Elo-Gochberg matter, "Grape Vine" is correct in sizing it up as a conflict of ideas, rather than of individuals, as it is taken to be by almost everybody. Precisely, it is a conflict between the advocates of scientific measurement, such as California's McClintock, and the advocates of pure promotion, such as California's Hanken.

The \$85,000 budget calculation error stemmed in large part from using the old margin percentage on the projected sales. In the last five years the USCF profit margin on sales of books and equipment has gone steadily downward from 35.3% in 1974 to 22.6% in 1978. This is even sadder, since it indicates we have not just made a mistake in arithmetic on a budget, we have made a management blunder over the years.

--Fred Cramer, Mequon, WI

Editor: (Fred Cramer is a former USCF president.) For a follow-up on the Elo controversy, see page 125. Jerry Hanken and Julio Kaplan, among others, have insisted that Elo has mounted a consistent attack on the ratings of some top American players while failing to be similarly concerned about European players. Elo denies this, saying he is concerned with the use of performance ratings in place of normal FIDE ratings in certain special cases (such as futurity tournaments) because they "would open floodgates to rigging FIDE tournaments, using inflated individual ratings to over-rate additional players, and ultimately to widespread acquisition of titles at well below existing norms."

Will Bobby Fischer Rise Again?

by John Larkins

A match between self-exiled chess champion Bobby Fischer and Yugoslavian grandmaster Svetozar Gligoric was announced at a recent press conference in Belgrade. The event was scheduled to take place in March, 1979, at an unspecified site, for a purse of one million dollars.

If Fischer actually plays, this would end his seven-year absence from competitive chess and raise hopes for a comeback--culminating in a match with world champion Anatoly Karpov. Since the original announcement, however, no further details have been forthcoming. And Fischer-followers have already gone through many such rumoured-but-never-actually-played matches--each announced in a similar way. From Brazil it was announced that Fischer would play Mecking; from the Phillipines, Karpov; from Holland, Korchnoi--but none of the scheduled matches ever took place.

It is true that a match with Gligoric would be an ideal way for Fischer to start a comeback. Gligoric is a longtime friend who should not seriously tax the skills of even a rusty ex-world champion. On the other hand, it has been suggested that Bobby never really intended to play, that the announcement was a way of manipulating the media into giving some free publicity to his friend Gligoric, who was hoping to be elected President of FIDE at the Olympiad in Argentina. (If this was the plan, it didn't work. Gligoric came in third in a field of three candidates.)

Fischer, Jonestown, and Armstrongism

The chess community has had a great deal of difficulty in understanding Fischer's absence from active participation in the arena of the checkered squares. But those who have been following the almost-incredible details of the recent Jonestown massacre in Guyana and the cult practices of the People's Temple followers of the Reverend Jim Jones may have gained a new basis for understanding Bobby's behavior.

Since 1962, Fischer has been a follower of the Worldwide Church of God, founded by 83-year-old fundamentalist minister Herbert W. Armstrong. The Worldwide Church has many of the same characteristic cult practices as the People's Temple, and the story of Fischer's involvement with it sounds startlingly similar to the accounts of the survivors of Jonestown.

In an interview with "Ambassador Report" (a magazine published by Worldwide Church defectors) Bobby told how he was drawn into the cult: "Really, my story is no different than that of any other jerk that was sucked in . . . I had some personal problems, and I started listening to a lot of radio ministers. . . . Then I heard Mr. Armstrong, and I said, 'Ah, God has finally shown me the one.' . . . Well, I kind of split my life into two pieces. One was where my chess career lies. There, I kept my sanity, so to speak, and my logic. And the other was my religious life. . . . I can remember times coming home



from a chess club at four in the morning when I was half asleep and half dead and forcing myself to pray an hour and study (the Bible) an hour. You know, I was half out of my head--stoned, almost."

From Champion to Zombie

Fischer gave this telling description of Armstrong converts: "First they get conducted in with a nice, sweet program, no money, everything free, free, free. And then they get sucked in, and suddenly a few lies get mixed in. They are told that their human nature is wicked and these nice people who gave them all these things wouldn't be lying to them, would they? And then I think once you start distrusting your own mind you're finished. Once you think that your own mind is not your friend anymore, then I think you are on your way to insanity. You have been stripped bare. All your defenses are gone. You must trust Armstrongism, his ministers, doctrines and organization . . . and the next thing you know you are really a zombie."

The Pawn Who Should Be King

One of the fullest descriptions of Fischer's life inside the Worldwide Church can be found in a three-page article by John Trechak in the August 14, 1978 issue of "New West" magazine--"Bobby Fischer: the Pawn Who Should Be King". Much of the material included here has been paraphrased from it.

Armstrong devotees are required to give a mandatory 10 to 30 percent of their income to the church. Fischer has turned over an amount that has variously been estimated as from \$60,000 to \$100,000. "They cleaned my pockets out. I have some money left, but not that much."

Since 1972 Fischer has been almost totally under the influence of the Worldwide Church. He is thought to be living in the home of a Worldwide Church minis-

ter, Arthur Mokarow, one of Armstrong's top lieutenants. "He sees virtually no visitors and rarely goes out during the day. If he does, it is almost always in the company of Mokarow's wife, Claudia. He spends all his waking hours in his basement room, reading political-conspiracy literature and replaying famous chess games."

The New York Times reported that he was distributing homemade pamphlets on parked cars in Pasadena which said, "You see the courts and the press and just about everything else in this country are being controlled by the Hidden Hand, the Satanic Secret World Government."

A Brief Period of Disenchantment

Fischer's interview in "Ambassador Report" was apparently a brief attempt in late 1976 to disentangle himself from the cult. But by early 1977 the brief period of independence was over and Fischer was desperately trying to prevent the publication of his anti-Armstrong interview in which he gave the following description of George Herbert Armstrong: "He's the lowest! He's no human being! He's a devil! He's cruel! He's heartless! What a creep, a monster!"

According to Len Zola, who interviewed him, "We've discovered that when the Armstrong people began to suspect that Fischer was slipping out from under their control and was talking to the Report, they applied enough psychological pressure upon him to keep him in check. Deprogrammers refer to that initial period of disenchantment as 'floating'--the individual is openly turned off to the cult, but subconsciously still longs for the fellowship and sense of paternal security it offers. Some are strong enough to break away; some aren't."

Solitary, Lonely, and Vulnerable

When Fischer was playing Spassky for the world championship, he was described by Larry Evans as "the most individualistic, intransigent, uncommunicative, uncooperative, solitary, self-contained and independent chess master of all time, the loneliest chess champion in the world. He is also the strongest player in the world. In fact, the strongest player who ever lived."

It is a sad and disconcerting lesson for those who have always assumed that Fischer's actions away from the game must have been as profoundly calculated as his moves over the board to realize that Bobby's chess genius was of no use to him when his loneliness was appealed to by the manipulations of an all-embracing religious cult. But it is a lesson that must be learned if any sense at all is to be made of the continuing rumours about the future plans of "the Phantom of Pasadena".

One wonders whether Bobby himself followed the media coverage of the Jonestown massacre and, if so, what thoughts he may have had. Did he see the parallel to his own circumstances? Or did he see merely another manifestation of the Satanic World Government?

Is Fischer going to play again? Perhaps the best answer is Sammy Reshevsky's: "How can I tell you what he will do, when Fischer himself doesn't know?"

"In the art of chess there are no unalterable laws governing the struggle . . . otherwise chess would lose its attractiveness and eternal character."
--Vassily Smyslov

FROM RAGS TO RICHES

by George Koltanowski

Where are the days when chess masters were wandering minstrels, a chess board slung across their shoulders, challenging opponents at the top of their voice, in the streets of Madrid, Malaga, Valladolid, Cadiz, or Alicante--setting up their boards beneath the iron bars, and playing for a few pesos?

There once was a time where it was fortunate to have acquired a name and fame as a chess master. Royal courts all over Europe and the Middle East were open territory, with kings and nobles vying for battle. The prizes were worth fortunes!

Then, in later times, when chess took hold in Germany, England, Russia, and saw the development of the game on a grandiose scale, the tables were turned. Gone were the kings, courts, noblemen, and fortunes. One of the really great chess masters literally starved!

Karl Schlechter, of Vienna, starved of hunger in World War I. Kurt von Bardeleben, a great German master, suffered great poverty and in 1924 committed suicide by jumping out of a window. Frederick Dewhurst Yates, dour Yorkshire player of great renown and champion of England a great number of times, committed suicide in 1932 by turning on the gas stove. Chess history has hundreds of cases of heroes who never made both ends meet.

Even Robert J. Fischer did not have it easy in his early years. Yet, it is thanks to Bobby Fischer that chess has taken a swing upwards. He raised chess value by its bootstraps. In his match with Boris Spassky for the world title, Fischer insisted on an unheard of large purse (over \$100,000 for the winner) which the organizers at Reykjavik, Iceland could not meet until they were helped out by an English banker.

The recent world title match in the Philippines had close to \$700,000 as a total prize fund. In the Buenos Aires 1927 match for the world title (Capablanca vs. Alekhine) the purse was only \$10,000.

It is currently rumored that the Philippines would offer as much as five million dollars for a match between Anatoly Karpov and Robert Fischer--and possibly it would not even be a title match!

But it's important to remember that, even if you fail to become a millionaire, chess is still a wonderful game!



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Tournament of Champions

By RICHARD SHORMAN

The 1978 CalChess Tournament of Club Champions was held at the Centerville branch library in Fremont, Dec. 9-10. Eight Bay Area chess clubs sent representatives to determine the strongest CalChess affiliated club champion. First place winner Richard Dost of the Berkeley Chess Club will receive annual possession of a large perpetual trophy engraved with his name and the name of his club. Hans Poschmann organized and directed the four-round Swiss system event. Complete results:

1st, Richard Dost (2041), Berkeley Chess Club, 3½-½; **2nd**, Raymond Musselman (1918), Monday Knights Chess Club, 3-1; **3rd-4th**, Renard Anderson (1934), Palo Alto Chess Club, and Jon Wooley (1607), Capt. Anchovy's Chess Club, 2½-1½ each; **5th**, Ernest Curto (1709), Fremont Chess Club, 1½-2½; **6th-8th**, Eric Neilson (1632), Cal Poly Chess Club, Neil Regan (1855), Memorex Chess Club, and Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo High School Chess Club, 1-3 each.

Here are some of the most action packed games from the 1978 CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, recorded in USCF sanctioned coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Richard Dost (2041), Berkeley Chess Club. **Black:** Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo High School Chess Club. CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, Fremont, Dec. 10, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 O-O 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4 Bd7 10 O-O-O Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 h4 Nc4 13 Bc4 Rc4 14 h5 Qc7 15 hg fg 16 Nde2 Rc8 17 Bh6 Bh8 18 g4 Be6 19 Bg5 b5 20 Nd4 Rd4 21 Qd4 Nd5 22 Qf2 Nc3 23 Qh2 Bg7 24 Rd2 Na2 25 Kd1 Bd2 26 Qh7 Kf8 27 Qg6 Bf7 28 Qf5 Resigns.

White: Renard Anderson (1934), Palo Alto Chess Club. **Black:** Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo H.S. Chess Club. CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, Fremont, Dec. 9, 1978. Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	12 O-O-O	Rc8
2 Nf3	d6	13 g4	hg
3 d4	cd	14 h5	Nh5
4 Nd4	Nf6	15 Bh6	e6
5 Nc3	g6	16 Rdg1	g3
6 Be3	Bg7	17 Rh5	gh
7 f3	O-O	18 Rg3	Ng6
8 Bc4	Nc6	19 Nf5	Bc3
9 Qd2	Bd7	20 bc	d5
10 h4	Ne5	21 Qd4	e5
11 Bb3	h5	22 Qe5	Resigns

White: Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo High School Chess Club. **Black:** Jon Wooley (1607), Capt. Anchovy's Chess Club. CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, Fremont, Dec. 10, 1978. Flakbeer Counter Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 ed e4 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Bc4 Bc5 6 Nge2 O-O 7 h3 c6 8 d4 ed 9 Qd3 b5 10 Bb3 Qb6 11 Rf1 a5 12 dc Ba6 13 Qf3 Re8 14 Nd5 Nd5 15 Qd5 Ra7 16 c4 Rae7 17 Bd1 Nc6 18 Bd2 Nb4 19 Qf3 bc 20 Bc3 Re3 21 Qg4 Rc3 22 bc Nd3 23 Resigns.

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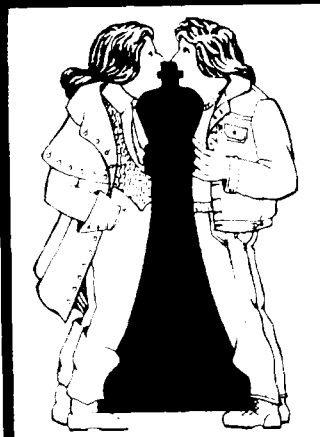
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KARPOV VICTORY INTERVIEW

(Interview by TASS correspondent Alexander Roshal, translated from "Sovetsky sport", Oct. 20, 1978, pg. 4)

—Do you feel fully satisfied with your performance?

"That is probably the most difficult question. The match was made up of a multiplicity of aspects. In the end, it was the final victory that counted most. I am certainly satisfied with that and I am pleased to have accomplished the main objective. But a score of 6-5 is not thoroughly gratifying, since, as the course of the match demonstrated, I could have done better. It is probably too soon to draw conclusions about the quality of play at this time. A more detailed analysis of the games is required. For now, I can only single out games 8, 27 and 32 of those I won. But the best game of the match was very nearly the 25th, where I missed the win, but upon resumption of play following the adjournment I really defended well."

—Did you receive capable assistance for your adjourned games?

"Absolutely. And here I want to speak kindly about my seconds, grandmasters Yuri Balashov and Igor Zaitsev, and former world champion Mikhail Tal, who was constantly helping me with his astute and intelligent advice. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our entire delegation."

—Your opponent also had assistants . . .

"Yes, of course. But Korchnoi did not have such powerful moral support. After all, I was supported by fans in the nation of Soviets. Governmental officials and school children alike were interested in how I was doing. I received telegrams and letters from Young Communist League members and retired people, all wishing me success, and I simply could not let them down."

—Can you back up a little and tell us about the course of the match?

"It is not easy to retrace the steps of 93 days of match play again, but I will give it a try. The first through seventh games represented a struggle to assume the lead. The match wore on. And then, feeling fine and in good form, I lost the 11th game through a series of blunders which even now I can't explain. Then there was a gradual upswing, three wins and the score stood at 4-1."

"Once again, a paradoxical letdown: with appreciable advantages, I did not win the 18th, 20th and 22nd games. In the latter I made six moves after time control that missed the win. It was correctly pointed out that I was in too much of a hurry to avenge myself for losing game 21."

"A relapse occurred with the win of the 27th game. After this game I found myself quite uncontrollably in an unfavorable psychological situation. I had something to lose. But my opponent, whose score was 2-5, had apparently already resigned himself to losing and began to play riskily (an opponent, I might add, with considerable match experience)."

"By this time fatigue began to set in. In the ensuing 'exchange of blows' I missed three draws while consummating only one."

"THE CHAMPION'S CREDO"

(Excerpts from world champion Anatoly Karpov's responses to questions submitted at a press conference upon his return to the Soviet Union, translated from "64", No. 45, Nov. 9-15, 1978, pp. 8-9)

• The thirty-second game . . . This was the most crucial moment, when the fate of the whole match hung on a single move. I was able to pull myself together and start the game in a good mood, in spite of the previous failures. I was able to get away from chess and relax a little. I must say that vir-



Анатолий Карпов

tually everyone around me in Baguio sensed that this day would be the last day of the match.

• A world championship match represents a very difficult and responsible competition, especially one like that in Baguio. It will not be a revelation if I say that I experienced a feeling of enmity toward the challenger. Enmity toward a person who abandoned our country and constantly made inflammatory statements.

• Regarding the "parapsychologist." All during the match Korchnoi was saying that his game was being affected. An advantageous position to be in. If he loses, he declares that he was being distracted. If he wins, then he says that he won in spite of the distractions.

• I already mentioned at a press conference in Manila that Korchnoi is a strong chess player and that a match with him would be no easy matter. However, as a person he does not command respect. One gains the impression that all the declarations and protests that Korchnoi made and lodged were premeditated and deliberate.

• A top-flight chess player must possess a complex of highly developed personality traits. They are an aptitude for work, including the hard work, purposefulness, confidence in one's own powers and self-discipline. In addition, physical endurance and a strong nervous system are essential.

• My first serious chess book was a collection of games by Capablanca. However, it would be wrong to say that our styles are the same. I am trying to find my own style in chess and it appears that I am succeeding in doing so today.

• I love to read. I like the theater and movies. To achieve success in modern-day chess one must not become engrossed in it, but develop a wide circle of interests.

• No, fortunately, so far I have not had any dreams about chess.

FROM THE GRAPE VINE

by the editor



VIKTOR KORCHNOI appealed to FIDE to void his last-game loss to ANATOLY KARPOV (the game that decided the world championship) on the grounds that the Karpov delegation had contracted to keep parapsychologist Vladimir Zukhar further away from him. After FIDE predictably tabled the matter, Korchnoi took his case into a Swiss civil court, where he is suing Karpov & Company for breaking a contract. Earlier, Korchnoi had refused to accept a check for the loser's share of the world championship prize fund until he was finally convinced that it would not prejudice his case against Karpov.

In Buenos Aires, at the FIDE meetings, Iceland's FREDRICK OLAFSSON was elected President, KEN ROGOFF, PETER BIYIASAS, and NONA GAPRINDASHVILI (!) received the Grandmaster title, and JACK PETERS and VITALY ZALTSMAN received their International Master titles.

A number of other FIDE appointments have been made. After a surprisingly brief tenure as Zonal President, GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI was asked to step down and take the position of Councilor, leaving the Zonal Presidency to SPERLING, who will also serve as the USCF Permanent Delegate to FIDE. ISAAC KASHDAN was appointed to the Rules Committee--taking the position left vacant by MARTIN MORRISON, who resigned. TIM REDMAN and DR. LINDSEY PHILLIPS were appointed FIDE Arbiters. (The Phillips appointment comes as a surprise since he is reported to be a persona non grata in his home state of Texas and to confine his organizing to New Mexico, not noted for its major tournaments.) And BILL LOMBARDY was appointed to the Publicity Committee.

A rising star on the Soviet chess scene is 15-year old GARRY KASPAROV. Mikhail Botvinnik is on record as saying that Kasparov is the most promising player to have attended his chess school. (Past pupils of Botvinnik's school include ANATOLY KARPOV!)

The first European micro-chess championship for smaller chess-playing computers was held recently in London. In the final play-off, America's BORIS lost to England's MIKE.

A new idea in the field of chess micro-computers is the CHESS PLAYER'S VISUAL RECORDER--a system for storing, exchanging and analysing chess information. It is not meant to be used as a mechanical chess partner. Rather it is a storage and retrieval system for games, notes, analysis, and problems. Up to 400 games can be stored on a single cassette and then played back at will through a visual presentation on your TV set. At present, these are being custom-made in England for 150 British pounds. Further information is available from Barry Savage, 17 Greenfields, Piddlehinton, Dorchester, Dorset, England.

Interim USCF Staff Director GEORGE CUNNINGHAM is quoted as saying that the cost of rating a tournament on the USCF computer works out to 85¢/game! He estimates that just the individual ratings alone cost 20¢/game, but the auxiliary operations (cross tables, membership checks, etc.) boost the cost to 85¢. He recommends a simpler, cheaper system.

The USCF Policy Board has authorized \$500 to hire an outside consulting firm to review the graphics of Chess Life & Review, with TIM REDMAN and SUSAN BENOIT to provide specifications.

The two items directly above come from a new publication edited by former USCF Vice President FRED TOWNSEND and called "What's Goin On in U. S. Chess?". (Available at \$10 for 12 issues from Townsend at #10 Bermuda Road, Wethersfield, CN 06109.) The small, 20-page magazine focuses on USCF activities and expresses the views of the "loyal opposition"--that is, the group of policy board members (and their supporters) who were defeated at the last election. Such criticism should be good for the present incumbents but already there is some controversy about the purported refusal of CL&R to accept an ad for Townsend's publication.

For those who have not already heard, the USCF Policy Board has chosen a permanent successor to resigned Executive Director Martin Morrison. He is RICHARD MEYERSON, Director of the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. YMCA and an 1870-rated chessplayer. Married and the father of three children, Meyerson started in New Windsor at the beginning of the new year. He will eventually choose his own assistants, but in the meantime, PETER PROCHASKA and GERARD DULLEA will remain as interim staff.

Contrary to my mistaken impression (see last issue, page 99), the Pacific Region USCF Vice Presidency resigned by MYRON LIEBERMAN can (and will) go to a Southern Californian. The ballots are now being counted, but LINA GRUMETTE, running unopposed, is a shoo-in.

Southern California chess politics have always been stormy. DAVID CARL ARGALL, another Pacific Region USCF Vice President, is not fond of chess organizations. Not so long ago he was proposing that Southern California organizers pull out of the USCF and he has regularly blasted the Southern California Chess Federation as useless parasites. A counter blast appeared in the October issue of the SCCF's magazine, "Rank and File". Comparing Argall to "the twisted dwarf Dworkin" in a science fiction novel (Argall is known to be a devotee of the "Dungeons and Dragons" game), editor PHIL CHASE describes Argall's magazine, "The Southern California Chess Newsette", as "an instructive example of irresponsible editorial policy expressed abominably. Ignoring the crux of every issue, the editor bores directly at whichever irrelevant point catches his momentary fancy....Syntax and cohesion seem to be on vacation while spelling is obviously out for the count."

In the November issue of Northwest Chess (page 16) ROBERT KARCH gives some interesting figures on the attendance at various 1978 Labor Day tournaments through-

out the country. Comparing the number of entries to the total number of USCF members in each state, he arrived at the following percentages: New York--2%, New Jersey and Illinois--5%, Wisconsin and Ohio--6%, Northern California--7%, Southern California--8%, Oregon--16%, and Colorado 21%.

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Not so long ago, BILL GOICHBERG won a "futurity" tournament he had organized and achieved a FIDE rating of 2535--about 300 points above his normal rating. On the basis of this rating he was invited to play in a number of European tournaments. HARRY GOLOMBEK's column in the London Times recently commented: "Mr. Goichberg has done his best, but alas so far with ignominious results. Presumably his high rating stems from a single performance in a so-called futurity tournament, a sort of battery-hen performance that failed when it came to free-ranging...As proof of the gross anomalies, I give a game from the Aronson Masters tournament in which Mr. Goichberg is annihilated by a 2300 player. I am moderate in my choice of bizarre pairing, since I might have given a game he lost convincingly in this event to D. H. Cummings, whose rating is 2230!" (Compare this account with Goichberg's own piece on page 661 of the December CL&R.)

A number of American players have complained that, instead of taking his inflated rating to Europe, Goichberg should have stayed at home and lost his rating points to them. According to FRED CRAMER, ARTHUR BIS-GUIER, despite a 130 rating point disadvantage, wants to play Goichberg so badly he has offered pawn and move odds and \$100/game stakes.

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All of this is not unrelated to the ARPAD ELO controversy discussed in the last "Grape Vine" (Oct-Nov, page 99) and in this issue on page 119. Elo's position as Chairman of the FIDE Qualifications Committee has been confirmed--after a 3 to 3 vote (with 2 abstentions) on the USCF Policy Board left the matter to President GARY SPERLING to decide in Buenos Aires. But the issues behind the controversy remain unresolved.

BOOK REVIEW: "Chessnicdotes"

Nobody but Kolty seems to be interested in writing a chessbook designed to amuse instead of to instruct.

George Koltanowski's Chessnicdotes won't help your game, but it will make you happier about being a chessplayer. It is full of stories, problems (some with outrageous tricks), games (mostly Kolty's), photos, drawings, and cartoons--all thrown together in no discernible order. Reading the book is like spending an evening with Kolty, listening to him spin his tales.

After all, Kolty lived through the years that are now considered "chess history" by a younger generation and the combination of first-hand experience and the constant polishing produced by telling and re-telling these stories at his many lectures has produced a warm, witty, revealing picture of the human side of the game.

The paperback book is available (with autograph!) for \$4.50 post paid from Koltanowski at 1200 Gough St. (Apt. D-3), San Francisco, CA 94109. (California residents must add 30¢ sales tax.)

Koltanowski at the Olympiad

Forty years ago George Koltanowski visited Buenos Aires as captain of the Belgian chess olympics team. Again this year he returned to Argentina for another olympiad, this time as a USCF representative to FIDE. He was not impressed with what he saw.

In a forthcoming article "Koltanowski at the Olympics", scheduled for publication in The Arizona Woodpusher, Kolty describes the deplorable living accommodations and playing conditions at the recently-concluded Olympiad, which was won by Hungary, with the USSR second and USA third. Here are some Kolty quotes:

"Once the Queen City of the Americas, Buenos Aires is now nothing but a fortress for many of its 3½ million inhabitants."

"The drivers there are the best in the world, otherwise how can one explain that they still have drivers there at all. . . . My heart was in my feet whenever I had to take a taxi."

A real "fowl"-up

"I stayed at the Sheraton. I payed \$55 a day, with three meals thrown in. (Actually they should have been thrown out.) . . . Out of three lunches and two dinners, I had to skip eating one lunch and two dinners. (If you don't like what you get, too bad--no change was permitted.) . . . In this season chicken is not recommended in Argentina. They are tough and tasteless. So? So, they served us chicken four times out of the six meals I had. Once they served fish for dinner. They must have dug it up from the TutAnkhAmen tomb. It was really tough and 90 percent of the players went hungry that night. Steak, a great favorite wasn't served once! And most had a belly ache on the next day."

Incredibly bad playing conditions

"If the food situation was bad, then the playing facilities were incredibly bad. How the FIDE could have sanctioned this is beyond my comprehension."

"(The site) is the home of the Soccer champions. You took an elevator up three flights. Upon alighting, you came on a winding corridor where they placed tables for the team matches. Where there were wider facilities, they placed team matches on both sides, leaving barely enough space for spectators or officials to pass. If you wanted to get a glance at the higher placed teams in match play, you had to climb stone steps (about 40 of them) to get to another long corridor."

"Not only was the light bad, but all day long the police practiced rifle shooting on the field. The noise of the ricocheting bullets was continuous and irritating. This went on from 10 am to 3 pm daily. Not to mention planes from the local airport, which zoomed over every ten minutes."

FREE CHESS CLASSES FOR KIDS

Beginning in late January, a series of free chess classes will be made available to Bay Area children aged 8-11. These special courses are being co-sponsored by CalChess and the Koltanowski Youth Fund.

Things are still in the planning stage, but the idea is to have bi-monthly Saturday afternoon sessions taught by local masters, who will be paid by the Koltanowski Youth Fund. Interested parties should contact Kolty.

FREE CORRESPONDENCE CHESS COURSE

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These lessons will be prepared by Robert A. Karch as a helpful guide for rapid advancement of the lower-rated players. Mr. Karch has taught chess courses at Bellevue Community College, University of Washington Experimental College, Hamilton Middle School, Seattle Chess Club, Lincoln Community School, Roosevelt High School, West Seattle Community School, Wedgewood Elementary School, on Okinawa, and he has given numerous private tutorial lessons. It can be documented that some of his students went on to win hundreds of dollars in tournament prizes. No guarantee is made here, except that this service is bound to be helpful!

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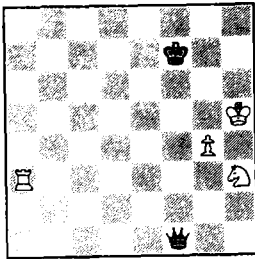
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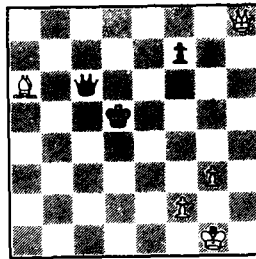
The names of those who pass (minimum sixteen correct out of twenty!) will be published in **CHESS VOICE**.

LESSON ONE - BASIC CHESS TACTICS



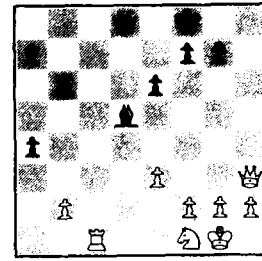
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Deflection sacrifice to bring King and Queen into Knight fork range.



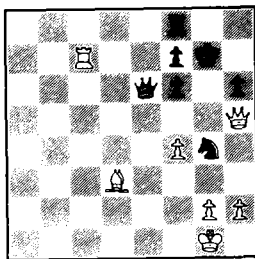
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White uses a pin/sacrifice to force the Black King and Queen farther apart.



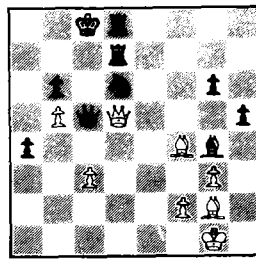
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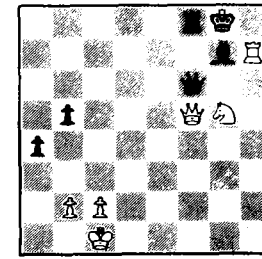
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Exploiting the pin.



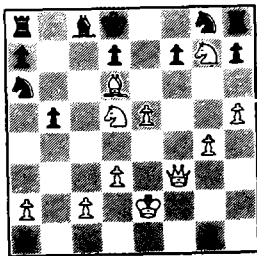
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Forcing the King into a self-pin.



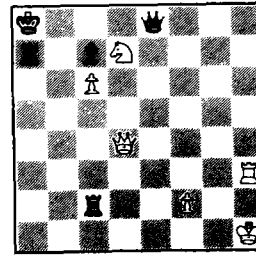
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Clearance sacrifice to gain access to the mating square.



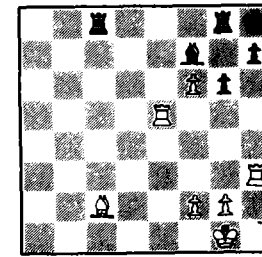
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Deflection sacrifice to gain access to the mating square.



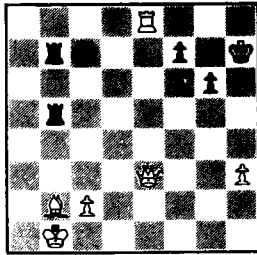
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Sacrifice to clear the file.

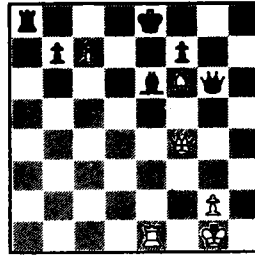


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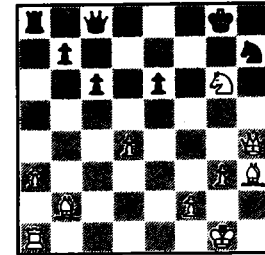
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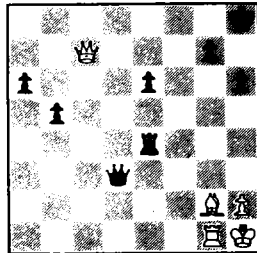
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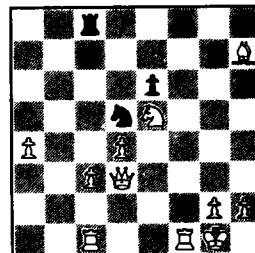
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Deflection sacrifice to gain access to the back rank.



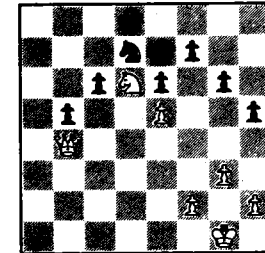
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Deflection sacrifice to gain access to a diagonal.



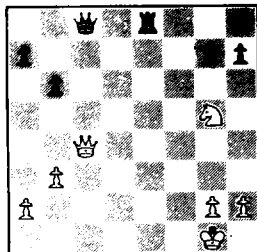
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A temporary sacrifice that wins a Rook and pawn.



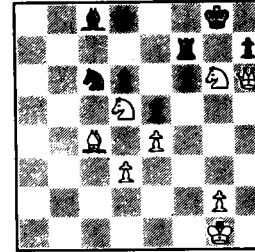
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The double check in a forcing sequence.



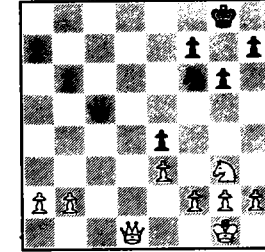
15. ()
The double check in a forcing sequence.



16. ()
Use of discovered check in forcing sequence which leads to smothered mate.



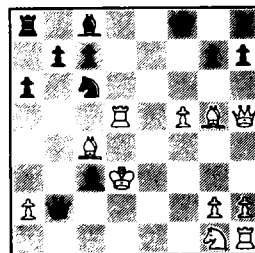
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Sacrifice to deflect an enemy piece which defends the back rank.



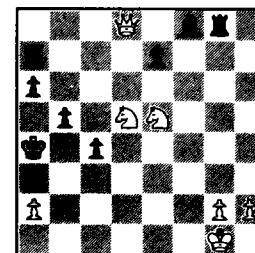
18. ()
A Knight fork combination to go into the endgame a pawn up.

SOLUTIONS TO THE "BASIC TACTICS" POSITIONS

- A. 1. Q-N6+ K-R1 2. Q-R7++
- B. 1. RxP+ KxR 2. R-R5++
- C. 1. Q-Q8+ K-N2 2. QxN+ KxQ
3. NxP+ and 4. NxQ
- D. 1. R-R8+ KxR 2. Q-R6+ K-N1
3. QxP++
- E. 1. R-B3+ QxR 2. N-N5+ and
3. NxQ
- F. 1. QxP+ KxQ 2. BxR+ and
3. BxQ or 3. RxQ+
- G. 1. B-N7 QxB 2. Q-R1+ and
3. QxQ
- H. 1. Q-R5+ KxQ 2. N-B6+ K-R5
3. N-N6++
- I. 1. R-B8 QxR 2. Q-R8+ and
3. QxQ
- J. 1. QxR+ KxQ 2. R-R3++
- K. 1. Q-B7+ KxQ 2. R-Q8+ B-K3
3. BxB++
- L. 1. R-R8+ and 2. Q-R7++
- M. 1. Q-R8+ K-B2 2. Q-N7++



19. ()
Deflection sacrifice to expose the King to coordinated attack.



20. ()
Coordinating the Knights.

- N. 1. N-N6+ KxB 2. Nxr+ and
3. Q-R7++
- O. 1. Q-B6+ NxQ 2. B-K7++
- P. 1. NxP+ QxN 2. Q-B8++
- Q. 1. Q-R4+ RxQ 2. P-B8/Q++

- R. 1. N-B5+ K-K1 2. N-N7++
- S. 1. N-B7+ K-N1 2. N-R6+ K-R1
3. Q-N8+ and 4. N-B7++
- T. 1. QxR+ QxQ 2. BxP++

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CHESS THEORY

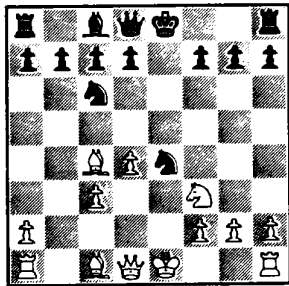
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Our Reader's Analyze

Our reader Doctor Herber Leicher experienced a shock in the Classical Variation of the Giuoco Piano. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 ed4: 6.cd4: Bb4+ 7.Nc3. His opponent, ignoring all the theory books, simply played 7...Bc3:+ 8.bc3: Ne4:



What is one to do? Dr. Leicher examined 9.0-0, but this leads, through transposition, to an old and bad variation for white: 9...d5! 10.Ba3 dc4: 11.Re1 Be6! 12.Re4: Qd5 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.Ne5 Rhe8 15.Nc6: Qc6 with advantage for black, Steinitz - Lasker, Match 1894.

Can one actually refute all of the books so easily and furthermore with such an ancient system? No, such is not the case. Rather than 9.0-0 white must (as Dr. Leicher determined) continue with the sharp reply 9.d5! Na5 10.0-0! Nc4: 11.Qd4, whereafter the following lines are possible:

- 1) 11...Ncd6? 12.Qg7: Qf6 13.Qf6: Nf6: 14. Re1+ Nfe4 (14...Kf8? 15.Bh6+ Kg8 16.Re5! Nfe4 17.Rae1 or 14...Kd8? 15.Bg5 Nde8 16. Ne5 Rf8 17.Ng4 and so on.) 15.Nd2 f5 16.f3 with advantage to white.
- 2) 11...0-0 12.Qe4: Nd6 13.Qd3 Ne8 and white has active piece play for the pawn. Mieses-Süchting, Vienna, 1908.
- 3) 11...f5 12.Qc4: d6 13.Nd4 0-0 14.f3 Nc5 15.Re1 Kh8 16.Ba3 b6 17.Nc6 Ba6 18.Qd4 Qg5 19.Bc5: and now, according to analysis of Unzicker's, black should continue with 19...bc5: whereupon the game is approximately even. After the further 20.Qa4 Bb7 21. Rab1 Bc6: 22.Qc6: the activity of white's heavy pieces compensates for the missing pawn.

"Sometimes a game of chess has not four horses, but five or six." --Tartakower. (Or, at any rate, the rear portions of them.)

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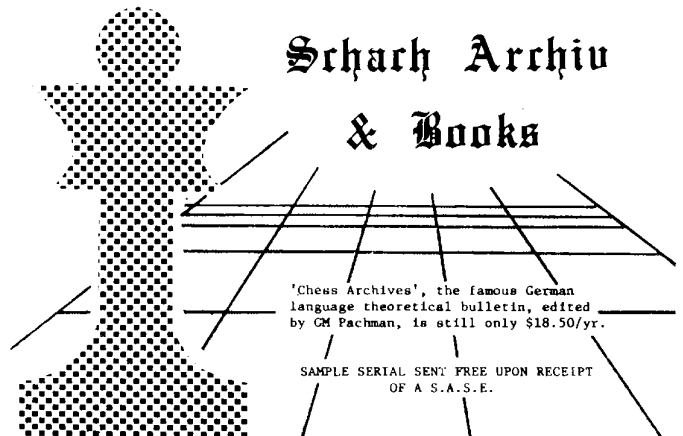
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CLASSIC CHESS POSE NO. 17A (bent little finger) AND 17B (interlocked hands). On the left, flanked by his ever-present Pepsi bottle full of water, is Ray Musselman, Champion of the Monday Knights chess club and runner-up in the CalChess Tournament of Champions. On the right is Steve Brandwein, who recently captured first place in a Berkeley Chess Club speed tournament. (Photos by Shorman.)

CalChess NEWS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election meeting of CalChess was held in conjunction with the LERA Thanksgiving Day tournament at Sunnyvale on November 26. Some forty members attended to listen to brief financial reports and to vote in the election.

There was a close race for Chairman between Fred Muollo of San Jose and Mike Goodall of Berkeley, with Muollo winning by two votes. (Former Chairman Peter Prochaska resigned his office upon his departure to New Windsor, where he remains as part of the USCF interim staff.)

The remaining offices were uncontested and the following nominees were elected by acclamation: Vice-Chairman--John Larkins, Treasurer--Bryce Perry, Membership Secretary--Frank Hamaker, Recording Secretary--Mike Goodall, Chess Voice Editor--John Larkins, Tournament Coordinators--Mike Goodall, Alan Benson, Jim Hurt, and Ted Yudacufski, Clearinghouse Coordinator--John Larkins, Youth Activities--John Marx, Masters Affairs--Frank Thornally, USCF Liaison--Richard Fauber, Tournament of Champions--Hans Poschmann, Club Matches--Fred Muollo, Prisons--Jeffrey Dubjack, and Past Chairman--Peter Prochaska. This group makes up the CalChess Board of Directors.

1979 USCF DELEGATES LIST

In their meeting of October 24, the CalChess Board of Directors selected the following people to be USCF Delegates (5), Alternate Delegates (13), and Alternate Voting Members (3). The Delegates are entitled to participate in the 1979 USCF Delegates Meeting in Chicago. If a delegate is unable to attend, his position may be taken by the top alternate delegate. Both delegates and alternate delegates vote in the annual USCF Policy Board election. Alternate voting members replace resigned alternate delegates.

Ex-officio Delegates: Alan Benson and John Larkins

(both are USCF Regional Vice-Presidents for the Pacific Region), and George Koltanowski (USCF Immediate Past President). Delegates: Bryce Perry (Palo Alto), Mike Goodall (Berkeley), Fred Muollo (San Jose), Peter Prochaska (San Francisco), and Frank Thornally (Berkeley). Alternate Delegates (in order): Richard Fauber (Carmichael), Jim Hurt (Sunnyvale), Hans Poschmann (Fremont), Ted Yudacufski (Monterey), Art Marthinsen (San Rafael), John Sumares (Santa Clara), Ron Black (San Jose), Robert Raingruber (Modesto), Alfred Hansen (Hillsborough), Max Burkett (Oakland), Ramona Sue Wilson (Sacramento), Ken Stone (San Jose), and Guthrie McClain (Berkeley). Alternate Voting Members (in order): Julio Kaplan (Richmond), Francisco Sierra (Santa Clara), and John Marks (San Jose).

The Northern California delegation is the fourth largest in the country--exceeded only by New York, Southern California, and Illinois.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

On December 19 the CalChess Board of Directors met at John Larkins' house in Oakland. In attendance were: Muollo, Larkins, Perry, Goodall, Benson, Poschmann, Hamaker, Marthinsen, Black, and Dubjack.

Plans were made to try using a mail ballot, distributed in Chess Voice, for next year's election of CalChess officers. Progress reports were heard on three CalChess-sponsored tournaments: the CalChess Masters' Open (Jan. 10-14), the Bagby Northern California Championship (Jan. 21-March 11), and the CalChess Northern California High School Qualifier (Mar. 17-18).

The Masters Open is a major chess event for this area, only made possible by the generous donation of more than \$5,000 by CalChess Director Richard Fauber. In addition to the \$200 already allocated to the Bagby Championship by CalChess, Fauber has generously offered to sweeten that prize fund by \$500. The High School Qualifier is being held for the third year and has received another \$200 from CalChess. Participating teams will vie for trophies, with the winning team becoming the official Northern California entry in the National High School Championship. Travel money to the nationals will be paid in part from the proceeds of this tournament.

The 6th Annual People's Chess Tournament

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Alan Benson, U.C. Campus Chess Club Director and ITD.

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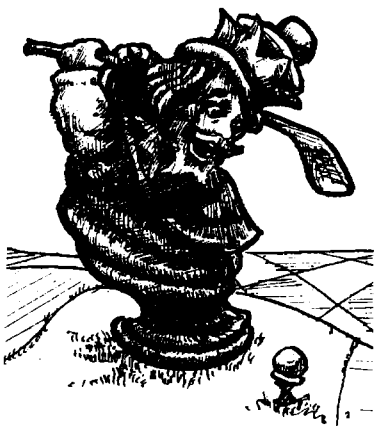
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Chess Clubs

BERKELEY. The Castle Chess Club is engaged in its 50th annual club championship. First begun in 1929, the contest for the coveted perpetual plaque continues into 1979. Last year's champion was Dan Belmont, with Henry Gross a half point behind. The club rotates its meetings among its members' homes.

FREMONT. Like a number of other chess clubs, the Fremont CC is struggling in the wake of Proposition 13. Its former meeting place used to be provided at no cost by the city; now there is a rental charge of \$5/hour. Hans Poschman, director of the club, is attempting to organize the club on an entirely new basis. There will be one monthly meeting for the purpose of organizing tournaments in which the games are played at the residences of the players. Dues will be \$1.75/month for adults and \$1.25/month for juniors. The next club meeting will be on January 17 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the San Francisco Federal Savings building on Fremont Boulevard and Mowry Avenue. For more information contact Hans Poschman, 4621 Seneca Park Ave., Fremont, CA 94538.

STOCKTON. The Stockton Chess Club, knocked out of business for a while by Proposition 13, is now meeting again on Wednesday nights. For the location and other details, contact the director Earney Patrick, 14636 Navajo Way, Manteca, CA 95336.

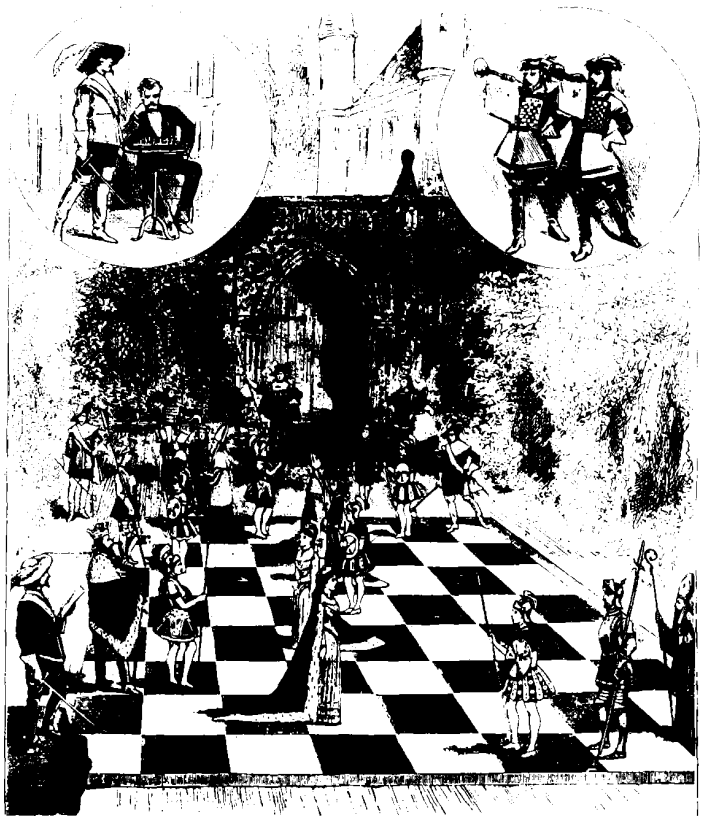
SAN LEANDRO. A new club has been born in San Leandro. The Klamath Kings Chess Club (they meet on Klamath Court) is directed by Kerry Lawless and membership is by invitation only. They have already completed their first rated tournament, won by Master Frank Thornally. Thornally received an appearance fee put up by the entrants, who wanted a chance to play him.

Captain Anchovy's Chess Club is still meeting on Wednesdays at Captain Anchovy's Pizza Parlor in San Leandro. When former director Lawless left to form his own club, Captain Anchovy's reorganized under co-directors Gary Smith and Jerry Rogers, former director of the Hayward Chess Club, now wiped out by Proposition 13.

SUNNYVALE. The LERA Chess Club was host in August to five Australian junior players (the strongest was rated 2400) who were in this hemisphere to compete in the international junior championship in Mexico City. They stayed at Don Liebermann's house.

MENDOCINO. A recent letter from Tony Miksak, director of the Mendocino Chess Club gives the following news: "The Mendocino club exists in a special situation. There are a lot of trees up here, but not so many chessplayers. Even so, we have 17 players taking part in a Round Robin tournament on Tuesday nights at the Mendocino Hotel. As the wind, cold, fog and rain close down on the North Coast for the winter, the tourists depart and we are left with lots more time for pursuits such as chess. Our skill ranges from fairly weak to very strong, although there are only three rated players in the area that I know about. Visiting chess players are invited to join in our activities. We are easy to find--they need only inquire at the Sea Gull Cellar Bar,

A Game of Living Chess



A game of living chess at the Academy of Music, New York, in 1879.

the Hotel, or by writing me at PO Box 402, Mendocino, CA 95460. One of the high points of 1979 was a visit by Co-Northern California Champion Jay Whitehead, who gave a simultaneous exhibition here in July that brought out many players we had not met before."

Miksak mentions that the club would very much like to have a Bay Area master or expert come to Mendocino to give a lecture and/or exhibition. Free lodging and a modest stipend are available. Interested parties should contact him. Miksak, by the way, writes a chess column for the Big River News. One of his recent columns bore this title: "Chink in Chess Champ's Chutzpah Cheers Cherubs Chauffeured to Chateau by Checkered Cheerful Cheeky Chauvinist Chevalier".

BURLINGAME. The Burlingame-San Mateo Chess Club publishes a bi-monthly newsletter to keep its members up to date on club activities. In addition to cross-tables and reports on club tourneys, the two-page xeroxed publication contains instructional hints, cartoons and other reprints from old chess magazines, problems, and lists of coming weekend tournaments.

PALO ALTO. The Palo Alto Chess Club's November-December Rating Tournament was won by Rajan Ayyar (2270) with 4-0. Jose Marcal (1553) took second with 3-1. In the C-&Below Section, Charles Bradshaw (1502) and Chris Flammar (1318) tied for first with scores of 3-1. The D-&Below Section was won by Russell Lindgren (1362) with 3½-1½. Charles Smith (1373) took second place with 3-1.

The club held a speed tourney in November with 8

ayers entering an open section and 10 players vying a booster section. Co-winners of the open section e Gabriel Sanchez (2108) and Robert Sferra (1835) each with 6-1. Pedro Marcal, Jr., (1505) won the oster section (1505 & Below) with 8½-½. Chris Flamr (1328) took second with 7-2.

WALNUT CREEK. Director Saleh Mujahed informs us at the Walnut Creek Chess Club is the only club ill meeting in Contra Costa County. (There used be clubs in Pittsburg, Concord, Pleasant Hill, d Orinda.) Not only were they unaffected by Prop- ition 13, they have recently moved into a brand w meeting place in a newly-constructed building 1650 North Broadway--just behind their old meet- g place and right behind the library. The annual ted tournament--the 10th Annual Walnut Creek Quads will be held there on January 13.

BERKELEY. Fifty-two players participated in the October-November "Reti or Not" tourney at the Berke- ley Chess Club directed by John Spargo with the as- sistance of Alan Glasscoe. Nelson Martho (1630) was first in the Premiere Section, with Richard Hobbs (1783) second. Tied for third were Richard Hansen (1730), Craig Mar (2301), and Will Fugate (1783).

In the Booster Section (1400-1649) first place went to Masatoshi Eubank (1424). Alan Glasscoe(1536) and Mike Divine (1510) tied for 2nd-3rd. In the Re- serve Section Alan Wick (1359) was first and Richard Sherman (1386) took second. In a three-way tie for 3rd-5th were Kerry Laidlaw (1350), Raul G'Acha (1164) and Robert Solovay (1127).

A recent club experiment was to have a full quad in one night with a 40/30 time control and the games unrated. The quad winners were: Spargo and Sarley, Martho, Lubarski, Leong, Divine, and Wong.

Quiet in the Hall

by R. E. FAUBER

Everybody needs an excuse for not doing well in ournaments. Having not done well in I know not how any consecutive tournaments, I have been searching ong and hard for an appropriate alibi. Just saying at I am prone to blunder (hanging two queens, three ooks, and a mate in one in a single tournament is ot too shabby) has the ring of truth, but lacks sub- lety. There has to be an underlying reason.

My Oedipus Complex is in perfect working order; y biorhythms check out; my yin and yang achieve per- ect paradoxes all the time. What can it be? Just oday it struck me: tournaments are too quiet. The losest thing to rowdy players are Walter Browne and aul Whitehead, who at least stir up a little commo- ion by periodically piercing the air with an exas- erated "SSSSHHHHH!!" Otherwise the only backgrou- ise is a cranky air conditioner and the soporific rone of the kibitzers telling each other how close o bankruptcy the USCF is.

During my formative years, it was not so--although he kibitzers did tell each other how close to bank- upty the USCF was. We always played chess loudly n coffee houses already brimming with noise. The nly thing which would buy a moment's quiet was if omebody died--and we were very young and generall- ery healthy.

Those were the distant days before every player ad his own chess clock, and our brand of fast chess as called blitz. Play was instantaneous; you moved d yelled "BLITZ" as stridently as you could. The etter players learned variations. There were bari- ones who warbled "BULLITZ" with all the solemnity of Wagnerian opera. Then there was the player who hanted "Blitz, blitz, pretty blitz", while pounding is fists on the table so that all the unweighted eces danced on the board.

Virtuosi sat perched on the backs of chairs and companied their lightning moves with all the vers- s of "I Used to Work upon the Grand Piazza in a Ho- el by the Sea"--a catchy piece which seldom ended efore the game. One of the mundane "Hotel" players, owever, succumbed in an all day blitz match where is opponent called the metaphysical into play by

singing "Stay with God." There are not as many ver- ses to "Stay with God," but its constant repetition has the disruptive impact of hearing Ravel's "Bolero" played ten times or more.

These titanic conflicts took place in the Rath- skeller of the University of Wisconsin Union Build- ing, a cavernous room which normally contained 300 people all doing verbal ego trips on each other. The walls, echoing with the relative merits of existen- tial despair (as opposed to cultural relativism), created an effect like playing chess at a punk rock concert.

Back then we were also more chatty during formal tournaments. The prize money in those days was in a currency as sound as a Deutsch Mark, but it was small. Who could get upset at an opponent who, while making his move, remarked, "I'm a simple player; I play the simple moves"? Or, on a pawn capture: "A rule of thumb is to capture toward the center, but I do not play with my thumbs." The quietest players in a tournament were those without any teeth, but even they contributed to maintaining a respectable decibel level by ostentatiously sucking their gums.

With such training, is it any wonder that my lucu- brations are constantly interrupted by the awful thought that the pall of silence in the tournament room is because somebody has indeed died? To keep the initiative, it helps to have the echoes of a virile hub-bub in the ears--like the home crowd in a tense football game.

So here's a toast to "the good old days." Let the mollycoddles of the younger generation add the tag line--"May they never return."

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Behind the moves by PAUL WHITEHEAD

The third of a series of annotated games prepared for Chess Voice by the U.S. Junior Co-Champion and Northern California Co-Champion. (Copyright 1978 by P. Whitehead.)

Ordinarily, I wouldn't consider the following game as appropriate to annotate for publication. It is flawed by a number of errors on the part of both players. But it does provide a useful illustration of what can happen under the tension of time trouble in a last-round game for first place in a major tournament. This was a "\$1,200 game" --since the winner received \$1,250, and the loser \$50.

Sicilian Defense

American Open--Nov. 1978

White: Paul Whitehead (2363)

Black: James Tarjan (GM)

1 e4 c5 4 d4 cd
2 Nf3 d6 5 Nd4 a6
3 Nc3 Nf6

I was happy to see this, since I understand the Najdorf variation reasonably well.

6 Bg5 Nc6

This took me by surprise. I decided to transpose into the Richter-Rauzer, a system I have never used before. Perhaps 7 Bf6 was "correct".

7 Qd2 e6 9 f4 b5
8 O-O-O Bd7

Currently this system has enjoyed great popularity.

10 Bf6

The point being that 10...Qf6, 11 e5 de, 12 Ndb5 Qd8, 13 Nd6 Bd6, 14 Qd6 looks rather good for White.

10 ... gf 11 Nc6

Better would have been 11 Kb1 or 11 f5! (If 11...Nd4, 12 Qd4 Bh6+, 13 Kb1 Bf4, 14 Ne2 Be5, 15 Qd2--intending g3, Bh3, Nf4 and a better game for White. Tal-Malich, Student Olympiad, 1958.)

11 ... Bc6 12 Qe3

Intending Nd5. This whole idea with 11 Nc6 gives White nothing.

12 ... Qe7! 14 Qh3
13 Bd3 Qa7!

The ending after 14 Qa7 Ra7 is good for Black since White is unable to post his knight effectively.

14 ... Qc5

At least equal is 14...b4!, 15 Ne2 Qc5. (Ljubojevic-Gheorghiu and Torre-Gheorghiu, Manila Interzonal, 1976.)

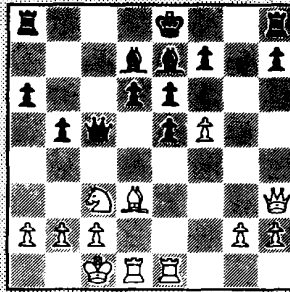
15 Rhe1 Be7

If 15...b4?!, 16 Nd5 Bd5, 17 ed Qd5?!, 18 Be4 wins.

16 e5!

Not 16 f5? b4, 17 Ne2 e5 where Black is better.

16 ... fe 17 f5! Bd7



If 17...ef, 18 Bf5 prevents Black from castling away from the coming attack on f7.

18 f6??

The wrong idea completely. 18Qh5! (followed by fe and Bf5) would give White a strong attack. If 18 fe fe, 19 Qh5+, the Black King can still find shelter at d8.

18 ... Bf8

Not 18...Bf6?!, where 19 Ne4 wins.

19 Ne4 Qc7 20 Qh5

If 10 Ng5, h5! stops White cold.

20 ... O-O-O!

Simple. Now 21 Qf7 was correct, as 21...Bh6, 22 Kb1 d5, 23 Ng3 e4, 24 Be2 Rdf8 (the line I was afraid of), 25 Qe7! is unclear.

21 Ng5? Be8 23 Kb1
22 Nh7 Bc6

To avoid a later ...Bh6.

23 ... Qb7!

If 23...Bg2, 24 Qg4--followed by Ng5--relieves White of the awful pin on the h-file.

24 g4 e4 25 Bf1 d5

I was ready to resign here, since

I could see no way to extricate my knight on h7. But I suddenly had an absurd thought...

26 Re3! Bd6

Tarjan was in mild time pressure here. Otherwise it's hard to say why he didn't play 26...d4.

27 Rh3

An amusing configuration of pieces now fills the h-file.

27 ... Bf4 30 Qg6 Rhg8
28 g5 e5 31 Qh5
29 g6 fg

Intending 32 f7.

31 ... Be8 32 f7!?

The best try in a bad position. 32 Qf5 Bd7, 33 Qh5 Bg4 is hopeless. And so is 32 Qe2 Rh8. 32 Qh4 Bf7, followed by ...d4, is also bad.

32 ... Qf7

There was nothing wrong with 32... Bf7 either.

33 Re3+ Kb7 34 Qh4

Threatening the rook at d8.

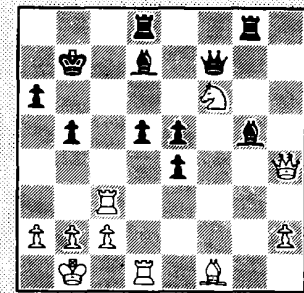
34 ... Bd7

Good enough, but 34...Bc6 was cleaner.

35 Nf6!?

Tarjan now had about 30 seconds for five moves, while I had 5 minutes. The reason 35 Nf6 doesn't deserve two question marks is because White simply had no better move.

35 ... Bg5



This wins, but the truth will be concealed. 35...Rh8 would win the knight and the game.

36 Ne4!?

This is really a swindle! If 36 ...de, 37 Qe4 followed by 38 Bg2! is decisive. Here, with seconds left, Tarjan missed 36...Qf1!!, which wins instantly.

36 ... Bh4? 37 Nd6+ Ka8?!

Why not 37...Kb6?
38 Nf7 Rdf8??

After 38...Rde8, a draw is the likely outcome.

39 Ne5

Now I'm a pawn up!

39 ... Bc8

If 39...Rg1, 40 Rf3! keeps the advantage.

40 Bh3!

Consolidating completely. Now Black had to play 40...Bh3, 41 Rh3 Rf4 with a chance to hold. Instead, a fresh blunder at the time control costs another pawn and the game.

40 ... Bf6?? 42 Bc8
41 Rc8+ Rc8

Now 42...Rc8, 43 Rd5 Re8 (or ... Rh8), 44 Nf3 would be hopeless. Black goes for bishops of opposite colors.

42 ... Be5 46 h5 Bh6
43 Ba6 b4 47 Bd3 Ka7
44 h4 Rg3 48 a3
45 Rh1 Bf4

The only way of making progress.

48 ... ba 50 Ka2 Kc5
49 ba Kb6 51 Rb1

My idea is to advance the a-pawn to tie Black up further, and then to penetrate decisively with the rook and/or the king.

51 ... Rh3 53 Rd1
52 Bg6 Rh4

Trying to enforce ...d4, which would close out any Black counter play using his bishop.

53 ... Rf4 56 Bd3 Rf6
54 Kb3 Bg7 57 a4 Rb6+
55 Rh1 Rf3+ 58 Bb5

White has made progress, and now penetration on the g-file is imminent.

58 ... Rh6 60 Rg5 Bf4
59 Rg1 Be5 61 Rf5 Bd2

I now have a forced win.

62 c4! Rd6 63 Kc2!

Not 63 Rd5? Rd5, 64 ed Kd5, with the Black king racing to h8, sacrificing his bishop for the a-pawn and a theoretically drawn position.

63 ... Be3

This or 63...Bh6. It makes no difference.

64 Kd3 Bh6 65 cd Rd5

Otherwise, there follows 66 Ke4 with an easy win.

66 Ke4!

The point. Black is forced to exchange rooks, and the white king forces the h-pawn through.

66 ... Rf5 68 Kg6 Be3
67 Kf5 Kd6 69 h6 Resigns

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Black resigned because of the variation 69...Bd4, 70 Kh7! Ke7, 71 Kg8. Forced to sacrifice his bishop for the h-pawn, Black loses -- since he is unable to stop the a-pawn, which queens on a square of the same color as the bishop.

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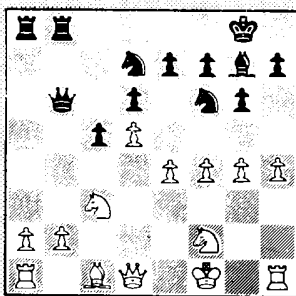
Players who are looking for an attacking line to employ against the "Benko Gambit" should pay close attention to the dramatic success achieved by the pawn storming operation in the following game from the LERA Class Championships (recorded in USCF mandated coordinate chess notation: files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

(Notes contributed by Alan Lewis of Redwood City)

1 d4	Nf6	21 ef	Bc3(f)
2 c4	c5	22 bc(g)	Qc4(h)
3 d5	b5	23 Nf6!	Nf6
4 cb	a6	24 gf(!)	Rc4(!)
5 ba	Ba6	25 Bh6!	Rb2
6 Nc3	d6	26 Kg3	Rc2(k)
7 e4	Bf1	27 Bg7(!)	Nh7(m)
8 Kf1	Nbd7	28 Rh7!(n)	Qg4(o)
9 f4!(a)	g6	29 Qg4	Rg4
10 Nh3	Bg7	30 Kg4	gf
11 Nf2	O-O	31 Kf5	Rf2
12 g4(b)	Qb6	32 Ke4	Kh7
13 h4!(c)	Rfb8(d)	33 a4	Kg6
14 h5	e6	34 a5	Re2
15 hg	hg	35 Kd3	Re8
16 Qf3	Qa6	36 Kc4	Kf5
17 Kg2	Nf8	37 a6	Ra8
18 g5	Nh5	38 Kb5	Ke5
19 Ng4!(e)	Rb7	39 Kc6	Resigns
20 f5	ef		



LERA Class Championships,
Benoni Counter Gambit Oct. 1, 1978.
White: Alan Lewis (1754).
Black: Franco Gaudiano (1662).



After Black's 13th move.

(a) Introducing a radical new attacking system originated by Peter Vazquez (1818) of Redwood City. White denies the black knight access to the square e5 and prepares his kingside assault.

(b) The white knight at f2 is exceedingly well placed both to support the pawn pushes and to guard the king, who turns out to be surprisingly safe in spite of his exposure.

(c) All out attack!

(d) By pursuing his usual plan of development in this counter-gambit defense Black plays into White's hands, first by castling into the pawn storm and then by removing pieces from the kingside.

(e) White has a choice of attacking lines. After 19 Rh5, however, a clear-cut continuation does not readily present itself.

(f) A difficult decision for Black, but 21...gf 22 Nf2 loses a knight.

(g) Better than 22 Qc3 Qe2.

(h) Threatening 23...Ra2.

(i) Now the white pawn at f6 forms the basis of a mating net, and the black king has no escape.

(j) Trying to foil White's attack by forcing an exchange of queens. If 24...Ra2, then 25 Ra2 Qa2 26 Kg3 Rb1 27 Bh6 Rh1 28 Qh1 Qc2 29 Qf3 gf 30 Bf4!, winning Black's "d" pawn and the game.

(k) Still trying, but White's attack comes first.

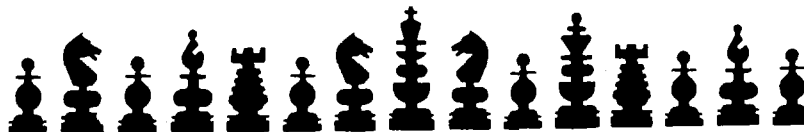
(l) On 27 Bf8, if Black takes the bishop, then 28 Rh8 is mate, but he can simply play 27...Rc3 instead.

(m) Staving off mate.

(n) But White grants no respite. If 28...Kh7, then 29 Rh1 kills.

(o) The only move to avoid immediate mate, but the end-game is just as lost for Black.

Games



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KORCHNOI RALLIES BUT KARPOV WINS

Terminating a three-month-long battle that raged both on and off the board, 27-year-old Anatoly Karpov scored the sixth point required to remain world champion. Challenger Viktor Korchnoi, 47, staged a tremendous rally that transformed a 5-2 deficit into a 5-5 tie, but was denied the satisfaction of winning four games in a row.

White: Viktor Korchnoi. Black: Anatoly Karpov.
World Championship, Baguio, 27th Match Game, 1978.
English Opening.

1 c4	Nf6	22 Qf4(1)	Qf8!
2 Nc3	e5	23 Qf3	de
3 Nf3	Nc6	24 Be5(m)	Bg4(n)
4 g3	Bb4	25 Qg4	Rd5
5 Nd5(a)	Nd5	26 Bc3(o)	Red8!(p)
6 cd	Nd4	27 Kg2	Bd4
7 Nd4	ed	28 Racl(q)	g6!(r)
8 Qc2!(b)	Qe7	29 Qe2(s)	Qd6
9 Bg2	Bc5	30 Bd4	Rd4
10 0-0	0-0	31 Qb5	Rb4
11 e3(c)	Bb6(d)	32 Re8	Kg7
12 a4!(e)	de	33 Rd8	Qd8
13 de(f)	a5	34 Qe2	Qd5!(t)
14 Bd2	Bc5	35 f3	Ra4
15 Bc3(g)	d6	36 Rc2	Rd4
16 Qd2	b6	37 Qe3	b5
17 Rfe1	Bd7	38 h4	h5(u)
18 e4(h)	Rfe8!(l)	39 Qe2	a4
19 Kh1(j)	c6!(k)	40 Qe3	b4
20 e5	cd	41 Rf2(v)	Rd3
21 Bd5	Rad8	42 Resigns	

(Annotations by former world champion Mikhail Tal, translated from "64", No. 40, Oct. 5-11, 1978, pp. 3-4)

(a) A comparatively frequent continuation, which occurred, for example, in a game from the quarter-final match between Korchnoi and Petrosian, who played 5... Bc5. In conjunction with the following exchanges the variation has been regarded as nearly barren for White. However, an improvement prepared by the challenger now forces a reevaluation of this consensus.

(b) A very important wrinkle. Black generally redeploys his black squared bishop on f6, which cannot be accomplished here, since 8... Be7 (White simply wins a pawn after 8... 0-0.) fails against 9 Qe4 or 9 Qc4. Thus, Black must place his queen on a relatively unfavorable square.

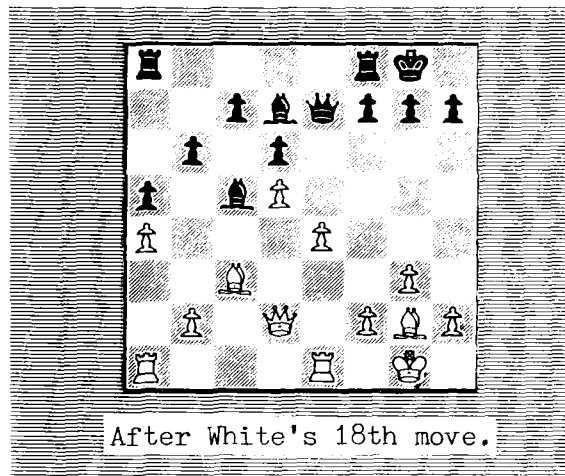
(c) Definitely not an attack on the pawn at d4. White is trying to make Black trade on e3 in order to accelerate his development.

(d) It does not seem to me that Black needed to retreat this Bishop yet. Both 11... d6 and 11... c6, although they do not free Black's position, still afford an opportunity to fight for the square d4. Black is in trouble now.

(e) Inasmuch as after 12... a5 13 b3 Black has nothing better than 13... de (which is answered strongly by 14 fe), he has to make a concession in the struggle for the center.

(f) I would have preferred the more committing but more promising recapture with the "f"-pawn.

(g) White sets up a push through the center, but it is too hackneyed to be the best continuation. After the game Karpov remarked how difficult the defense would be following 15 Rab1, e.g., 15... d6 16 b4 ab 17 Bb4, with considerable pressure along the "c"-file.



After White's 18th move.

(h) Again, good in principle but faulty in execution. White has apparently prevented Black's liberating c7-c6 once and for all. Caught up in this thought, the challenger plans to carry out the moves appropriate to it (Kh1, f4, e5, etc.). Those in the press-room (myself included) believed that Black must immediately proceed with 18... c6, even though after 19 e5 cd 20 Bd5 Rad8 21 Qf4 his position is unappealing, but the best he can do. However, after about 15 minutes' thought the champion calmly played...

(i) The exclamation point is not only for the move itself but also for the psychology behind it. Karpov has sensed his opponent's complacency (based on his last move), and so, when Korchnoi in full anticipation of his forthcoming storm cleared the way for his "f"-pawn...

(j) Came the stunning reply...

(k) Now it is White's turn to undergo a crisis to avoid a bad position, e.g., 20 f4 cd 21 Qd5 Rac8, and Black's white-squared bishop actively enters the game. Karpov has prepared an effective snare to exploit one of White's tempting continuations: 20 b4 ab 21 Bb4 cd 22 ed Bb4 23 Qb4 Ra4! All things considered, Black's last move must have come as a complete surprise to Korchnoi, who consumed almost a half hour on his reply.

(l) The ending is slightly worse for White after 22 ed Qd6 23 Qg5 Qg6. Now, it looks as if Korchnoi had examined only 22... Be6, to which 23 Bc6 suffices, if nothing else. But Black's 19th move not only provoked his opponent into a dubious withdrawal of his king, it also created a suitable square for his own most active piece.

(m) White continues to play as if he had not already lost his advantage. Retaking with the rook guarantees quiet equality.

(n) Here Korchnoi had less than 20 minutes to make time control. An unwritten law of chess strategy holds that the best way to utilize an opponent's time trouble is to seek maximum complications, such as 24... Bb4 25 Re2 Re7. Karpov chooses a different but, judging from this game, no less effective method. Reasoning that White will experience dif-

difficulties in abstract positions, he elects to guide the game into the realm of technique. The champion also initiates his simple moves with a tactical flourish, as 25 Qe4 may be dismissed by 25 . . . Bf2 26 Rf1 Rd5! 27 Qd5 Re5 28 Qe5 Bf3mate.

(o) The bishop has no better square, e.g., 26 Bg7? Re1 27 Re1 Qg7 28 Re6 Bf8 or 26 Bf6? h5.

(p) Only this move, which was surely seen in advance, justifies parting with the white-squared bishop. Trying to dislodge the enemy queen from its aggressive post by 26 . . . h5 does not work because of 27 Qg7. White commands the "e"-file, but control of the square d4 is far more important, since as soon as it is occupied by Black's bishop white's last hopes for a king-side attack will vanish.

(q) In time trouble, Korchnoi acts uncertainly. White can maintain practical equality with 28 Rad1 Bc3 29 bc, and the weakness of the pawn at c3 is nearly balanced by the pawn weakness at b6.

(r) An extremely unpleasant move for a player who is short of time (which I know from personal experience).

(s) As is often the case in similar situations, White opts for a long, forced variation that does not take into account an unexpected reply on the part of his opponent. I believe the Gordian knot could best be cut by 29 Bd4 Rd4 30 Qf3 Ra4 31 Rc7, and the counterplay against f7 will partially neutralize Black's material advantage. Most likely, Korchnoi simply overlooked Karpov's 34th move.

(t) White clearly counted on only 34...Ra4 35 Qe5, when 35...Qf6 allows 36 Qf6 and 37 Rc6. Flustered, Korchnoi weakens his second rank, after which his position is completely hopeless. Retreating the king offered more resistance.

(u) Black's plan is as simple as it is convincing: keep the kingside quiet while exploiting the extra pawn on the queenside.

(v) Trying to maintain the rook on the open file by 41 Qe2 loses immediately to 41...b3. With more than 20 minutes in reserve, the champion did not press home the win at once. Instead, profiting from experience, he sealed 41...Rd3. Analysis confirmed the general consensus that playing out such a game would be an arduous and thankless task for White, so we awaited the capitulatory phone call.

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White: Jay Whitehead (2345). Black Ira Pohl (2063).
CalChess Championship, Berkeley, Sept. 3, 1978.
Pirc Defense

1 e4	d6	19 g4!(r)	hg
2 d4	Nf6	20 fg	Bg4(e)
3 Nc3	g6	21 Ne4(t)	c5
4 Bc4	Bg7(a)	22 Nf6	Kc8
5 Qe2(b)	Nc6(c)	23 Ng8	cd(u)
6 e5	Nd4(d)	24 Rd4	Bf5(v)
7 ef(e)	Ne2	25 Ne7	Kb7(w)
8 fg	Rg8	26 Nf5	gf
9 Nge2	Rg7(f)	27 Bd5!	Kb8(x)
10 Bh6	Rg8	28 Ba8	Ka8
11 h4!(g)	c6	29 h5(y)	f6(z)
12 O-O-O	b5(h)	30 Re6!(AA)	fg
13 Bb3	Qc7(l)	31 Red6(bb)	Qa5
14 Nd4!(j)	a6(k)	32 h6	Qa2(cc)
15 Rhe1(l)	Bf5!(m)	33 h7	Qa1
16 Bg 57(n)	e6	34 Kd2	Qh1
17 f3	h5!(o)	35 Rd8	Resigns
18 Rd2(p)	Kd7?(q)		

(Annotations by Calif. State Co-Champion Jay Whitehead.)

(a) Less routine moves here are 4 . . . c6 and even 4 . . . Ne4!?

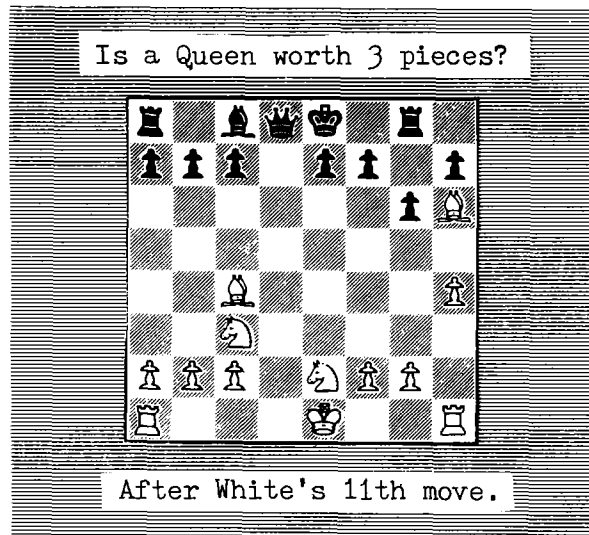
(b) Threatening 6e5! with advantage.

(c) Black still has 5 . . . c6 as a reasonable alternative.

(d) If he does not wish to enter into the following complications, Black may try 6 . . . Nh5! (Regan-Shamkovich).

(e) The point: White gives up his queen in return for three minor pieces and sacrifices two pawns for the attack.

(f) Forced, to prevent White from holding onto the pawn with 10 Bh6.



(g) A powerful restraining move that stops 11 . . . g5 and prepares for a subsequent Bg5 when Black's "e" pawn moves.

(h) The center thrust, 12 . . . d5, will not do because of 13 Nd5! cd 14 Rd5 Qc7 (or 14 . . . Bd7 15 Rhd1) 15 Bb5.

(i) Also insufficient is 13 . . . a5 14 Nd4! (J. Whitehead-Kappe, France, 1977). Black plays better, either here or on the previous move, with . . . Be6, as in J. Whitehead-Sullivan, Sunnyvale, 1977, although White retains some pressure in the resultant unclear positions.

(j) Now Black no longer has . . . Be6. In addition, White threatens both Nc6 (to be followed by Bd5) and Rhel (with the idea of Ndb5!).

(k) Looks passive, but what else can he play? If 14 . . . e6, then 15 Ne4!

(l) Stronger than 15 Nc6 Bb7! 16 Nd4 Bg2 17 Rhel.

(m) Squelching White's Ne4 for the moment.

(n) White should have continued with 16 f3!, and after 16 . . . b4 (else g4 and Ne4) 17 Ne4 Be4 18 Re4, the threat is 19 Ba4! In this line, the tempting 17 Ba4 would be met by 17 . . . bc 18 Bc6 Bd7 19 Ba8 Qb8!

(o) Made possible by White's inaccurate 16th move.

(p) It is too soon for sacrifices like 18 Nc6? Qc6 19 Bd5 Qc8 20 Ba8 Qa8 21 Nd5 Qc6! or 18 Bd5 cd 19 Nd5 Qa5! 20 Nf6 Kf8 21 g4!?, with uncertain prospects. So White waits . . .

(q) The crucial mistake. Black had to play 18 . . . b4! and hope for the best.

(r) A pawn sacrifice to deflect Black's bishop.

(s) If 20 . . . b4, then 21 gf bc 22 fe wins.

(t) Playable only because White's rook vacated d1.

(u) Slightly better is 23 . . . c4.

(v) Loses, but 24 . . . Bf3 25 Ne7 Kb7 26 Rf4 does not improve Black's chances much.

(w) Or 25 . . . Kd7 26 Nf5 gf 27 Bf4!, etc.

(x) Of course not 27 . . . ed 28 Re7.

(y) The winner.

(z) Making one last attempt to confuse the issue, as 30 Bf6 Qf7 would prolong matters.

(aa) But White shows no mercy and effects a further transition in the balance of material.

(bb) Menacing 32 Rd8.

(cc) A neat finish would be 32 . . . Qe1 33 Rd1 Qh4 34 h7!

Tournaments

SUNNYVALE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ted Yudacufski of Monterey directed the 12th annual LERA Class Championships in Sunnyvale, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Jim Hurt of Saratoga was in charge of the 161-player event, which awarded \$1,890 in prizes to the winners in seven separate USCF and CalChess divisions. Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Robert Atlas (2077), San Francisco, 4½-½, \$280; **2nd-3rd**, Leonid Stolyarov (2467), San Francisco, and Daniel Switkes (2119), Berkeley, 4-1, \$70 each.

Class A

1st-3rd, Joseph Kleiman (1900), San Francisco, Michael Kleinick (1984), San Diego, and Jose Rivera (1950), Jolon, 4-1, \$150 each.

Class B

1st-4th, Ronald Black (1769), San Jose, Gaudencio Delacruz (1753), San Jose, Kevin Lewis (1796), San Rafael, and George Sanguinetti (1775), San Francisco, 4-1, \$110 each.

Class C

1st-2nd, Bill Campbell (1439), San Jose, and Steve Levine (1330), Santa Clara, 4½-½, \$150 each; **3rd-4th**, Jose Marcal (1547), Palo Alto, and Pedro Marcal, Jr. (1432), Palo Alto, 4-1, \$30 each.

Class D

1st, Rey Castro (1155), San Jose, 4½-½, \$130; **2nd-4th**, Frank McShea (1359), San Jose, Ronald Self (1002), Saratoga, and Mark Shier (1365), Palo Alto, 4-1, \$45 each.

Class E

1st, John Bidwell (0836), Ben Lomond, 5-0, \$40; **2nd**, Christopher Hull (0960), Palo Alto, 4-1, \$20.

Unrated Division

1st, Howard Raymond, Oakland, 5-0, \$60; **2nd-3rd**, Augusto Picardo, San Francisco, and Kathrin Stolyarov, San Francisco, 4-1, \$15 each.

OCTOBER CHESS FESTIVAL

The October Chess Festival, sponsored by SUPERB, brought 68 players to the University of California Berkeley campus for a four-round, USCF Swiss system tournament directed by Alan Benson, Oct. 7-8. A \$600 prize fund plus \$63 in gift certificates from Gambit Game Stores went to the winners in five divisions. Complete results (in Solkoff tie-break order):

Master-Expert Division

1st-2nd, Jay Whitehead (2345), San Francisco, and Paul Enright (2161), Oakland, 3-1, \$92 each; **3rd-7th**, Richard Lobo (2370), San Francisco, Guillermo Rey (2123), San Francisco, Rajan Ayyar (2233), Palo Alto, Alan LaVergne (2095), Berkeley, and Daniel Switkes (2119), Berkeley, 2½-1½, \$6.40 each; **8th**, Richard Kelson (2055), Clayton, 2-2, Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class A

1st, Antonio Higuera (1814), San Francisco, 4-0, \$75; **2nd-3rd**, Charles Nevins (1920), Fairfield, and Pamela Ford (1746), San Francisco, 3-1, \$30 each; Michael Dyslin (1845), San Francisco, 2½-1½, \$16 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class B

1st, Stephen Glass (1760), North Canton, Ohio, 3½-½, \$46; **2nd**, Alan Yaffe (1555), San Francisco, 3-1, \$23; **3rd**, Dennis Sims (1728), Emeryville, 2½-1½, \$11; **4th**, Jose Marca (1547), Palo Alto, 2-2, \$10 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class C

1st-3rd, Brian Atkins (1535), Wayne, Penn., Robert Gardina (1599), Burbank, and Ekaterina Stolyarov (Unr.), San Francisco, 3-1, \$26.66 each; **4th**, Jerry Yamamoto (1309) San Jose, 2½-1½, \$9 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class D-E-Unrated

1st, Brian McIvor (Unr.), San Francisco, 4-0, \$46; **2nd-6th**, Stanley Heidrich (1300), San Francisco, Daniel Solovay (1175), Berkeley, Allen Wong (1246), San Jose, Thomas Conroy (Unr.), Berkeley, and Aaron Stearns (Unr.) Berkeley, 3-1, \$9.20 each; **7th-8th**, Mike Jerbic (1288), Berkeley, and Nancy Crawford (0983), Berkeley, 2-2, \$4 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.



DENNIS FRITZINGER won two distinct tournaments. (Photo by Shorman.)

LERA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Jim Hurt and Ted Yudacufski directed the tenth annual LERA Thanksgiving Class Championships, a six-round USCF and CalChess Swiss system event, in Sunnyvale, Nov. 24-26. Total attendance for the seven separate classes was 165 players. Complete results:

OPEN DIVISION

1st, Dennis Fritzing (2286), Berkeley, 5-1, \$230; **2nd**, Leonid Stolyarov (2404), San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$110; **3rd-4th**, Martin Sullivan (2177), Hayward, and Emanuel Szein (2041), Monterey, 4-2, \$55 each.

CLASS A

1st, John Readey (1817), Clayton, Missouri, 5-1, \$190; **2nd-6th**, Robert Anderson (1950), San Jose, Mike Goodall (1936), Berkeley, Bernie Lanson (1970), Davis, Doug Sailer (1897), San Francisco, and Chandler Yergin (1923), San Jose, 4-2, \$36 each.

CLASS B

1st-2nd, Paul Hope (1610), Fairfax, and Melvin Petersen

(1639), Carmichael, 5-1, \$195 each; 3rd, Laurence Tamayo (1779), Ft. Stewart, Georgia, 4½-1½, \$80; 4th-8th, Ron Clothier (1512), Santa Rosa, Ernest Curto (1709), Fremont, Lawrence Fair (1698), Fresno, Steve Levine (1401), Santa Clara, and Herbert Rosenbaum (1773), San Carlos, 4-2, \$10 each.

CLASS C

1st, Charles Bradshaw (1502), Sunnyvale, 5½-½, \$270; 2nd, Michael Hartnett (1496), San Rafael, 5-1, \$130; 3rd-4th, Dan Browne (1581), Moscow, Idaho, and Lee Hsu (1564), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$70 each.

CLASS D

1st-2nd, John Dimick (1285), San Jose, and James Hauser (1331), Mt. View, 5-1, \$110 each; 3rd, Mark Shier (1388), Palo Alto, 4½-1½, \$50; 4th-7th, Bernie Appleby (1273), San Jose, Leland Ho (1250), Los Gatos, Ivan Nikolic (1364), Foster City, and Matthew Thorburn (1031), Los Altos Hills, 4-2, \$7.50 each.

CLASS E

1st, Efrén Penano (1078), Martinez, 6-0, \$80; 2nd, Chris Hull (0987), 5-1, \$50; 3rd-4th, Dean Cress (1043), Santa Clara, and David Lockard (1090), Loomis, 4-2, \$15 each.

UNRATED DIVISION

1st, Stuart Saroff, Fremont, 5½-½, \$130; 2nd, Brian McIvor, San Francisco, 5-1, \$60; 3rd-4th, Nemat Mostaan, San Francisco, and Jan Walek, Fremont, 4½-1½, \$35 each.

BERKELEY FALL QUARTER SWISS RESULTS

The Second Annual Fall Quarter Swiss was held in the Student Union Building on the University of California Berkeley campus, Nov. 4-5. USCF Senior Tournament Director Alan Benson organized and directed the four-round, USCF-Cal Chess Swiss system event, sponsored by SUPERB, which attracted 83 players. Nearly \$1,000 worth of prizes (\$844.25 in cash, \$80 in Gambit Game Store gift certificates plus five plaque trophies) was awarded to 30 winners in five divisions. Complete results (in Solkoff tie-break order):

MASTER-EXPERT DIVISION

1st, Dennis Fritzing (2286), Berkeley, 3½-½, \$130 plus trophy; 2nd, Guillermo Rey (2179), San Francisco, 3-1, \$92; 3rd-5th, Vincent McCambridge (2314), LaHabra, Charles Baden (2169), Rochester, New York, and Leonid Stolyarov (2404), San Francisco, 2½-1½, \$15 each; 6th-8th, Paul Cooke (1857), Berkeley, Nick deFirmian (2422), Berkeley, and Craig Mar (2301), Oakland, 2-2, \$8 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.

CLASS A

1st, Renard Anderson (1934), Menlo Park, 4-0, \$98 plus trophy; 2nd-5th, Steve Smith (1917), Casper, Wyoming, Douglas Sailer (1990), San Francisco, Randall Hough (1984), San Bernardino, and Randy Feliciano (1804), San Francisco, 3-1, \$18.75 each; 6th-7th, Alan Yaffe (1722), San Francisco, and Greg Payne (1843), Cupertino, 2½-1½, \$10 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.

CLASS B

1st-2nd, Dennis Young (1636) (trophy), Livermore, and Stephen Class (1777), N ORTH Canton, 3½-½, \$66 each; 3rd-5th, Charlie Brunton (1610), Vacaville, Cameron Hand (1599), Berkeley, and Jose Marcal (1553), Palo Alto, 3-1, \$7.33 plus \$5.33 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.

CLASS C

1st, Allen Buckbee (1594), San Francisco, 4-0, \$78 plus trophy; 2nd-4th, Calixto Magaoy (1583), Vallejo, Brian Atkins (1537), Cupertino, and Aaron Stearns (Unr.), Berkeley, 3-1, \$19.50 each; 5th, George Chu (1400), Berkeley, 2½-1½, \$12 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

CLASS D-E-Unrated

1st-3rd, Howard Goss (1319) (trophy), El Cerrito, Richard Ruston (1380), Berkeley, and Ken Halligan (1364), Mt. View, 3½-½, \$37.91 each; 4th-5th, Walter Lesquillier (1306), Oakland, and Peter Geffen (Unr.), San Francisco, 3-1, \$4 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.



LEONID STOLYAROV picked up a second place and two third place prizes.
(Photo by Shorman.)

White: Leonid Stolyarov (2404). Black: Dennis Fritzing (2286).

Berkeley Fall Quarter Swiss, Nov. 5, 1978.
Philidor's Defense

1 e4	e5	18 Khl	b5
2 Nf3	d6	19 ab	Qb6
3 d4	Nf6	20 Qd3	Rc7
4 Nc3	Ndb7	21 Ne2	Rb7
5 Bc4	Be7	22 b3	d5
6 O-O	O-O	23 Ra6	Qf2
7 Qe2	c6	24 E5	Nh5
8 a4	Qc7	25 Bh2	Bc5
9 h3	h6	26 Raal	Rbe7
10 Rd1	Re8	27 Rf1	Qh4
11 a5	ed	28 f4	g5
12 Nd4	Bf8	29 f5	Re5
13 Bf4	Nc5	30 Be5	Re5
14 f3	Ne6	31 Qf3	Re2
15 Be6	Be6	32 f6	g4
16 Ne6	Re6	33 RESIGNS	
17 Qc4	Rc8		

White: Allen Wong (1306). Black: Mark Mathewson (1223). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Nov. 26, 1978. Max Lange Attack 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 O-O Nf6 5 d4 ed 6 e5 Ne4 7 Bd5 f5 8 of Nf6 9 Bg5 h6 10 Re1 Be7 11 Bf6 gf 12 Nd4 Nd4 13 Qh5 Resigns.

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY ANNUAL

The San Jose State University Chess Club held its annual tournament on October 21-22. Francisco Sierra directed the seven-section event.

Open: 1st--Jay Whitehead (\$330); 2nd--Rajan Ayyar (\$160); 3rd-6th--Richard Lobo, Scott Laird, John Peterson, and Michael Tomey (\$40.75 each).

Class A: 1st-3rd--Fred Mayntz, Chandler Yergin, and Dave Cater (\$85.67 each); 4th-5th--Donald Leiberman and Donald Urquhart (\$8.50 each).

Class B: 1st-3rd--Iraj Rahbar, Mustafa Tafrishi, and Stephen Glass (\$105.67 each); 4th-5th--Gary Smith and Leslie Dutcher (\$37.50 each).

Class C: 1st--Edward Brass (\$144); 2nd-3rd--Dary Olson and Michael Vaughn (\$57.50 each); 4th-5th--Stephen Scherr and Richard Sanders (\$37.50 each); 6th-10th--Steven Wierzba, Pedro Marcal, Jr., Rey Castro, Steve Levine, and Ursula Foster (\$6 each). (Ursula Foster had the best women's score in the tournament.)

Class D: 1st--Jesse Flores (\$90); 2nd--Caesar Garcia (\$48); 3rd--Ken Johnson (\$39); 4th-8th--Allen Wong, Ivan Nikolic, Leland Ho, Antonio Pinilla, and Charles Smith (\$19.40 each).

Class E: 1st--Ronald Self (\$54); 2nd--Christopher Hull (\$27); 3rd-4th--Charles Blancarte and Richard Pederson (\$21 each).

Unrated: 1st--Nemat Mostaan (\$62); 2nd-5th--Orlando Arango, Ray Howard, J. Langemack, and Robert Schenck (\$38.50 each).

CYNTHIA ANN II QUADS

Twenty players participated in the Cynthia Ann II Quads, held on October 8th in Santa Rosa, and directed by Tom Boyd with the sponsorship of CalChess. In each of the five quads first prize was \$25 and second prize was \$10.

Quad winners: James Al-Shamma (1961), Rich Canty (1642), Michael Hartnett (1414), Rob McCarter (1221), and Dennis Robles (unr.).

Second place finishers: (tie) Bill Poindexter (1953), Tom Boyd (1659), and Jack Bogardus (1679); Jim Parkhurst (1536); Virgil Nelson (1498); Anthony Miksak (1328), and Jim Carreker (unr.).

SEPTEMBER RAMPAGE RESULTS

The Hall of Flowers in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park was the site of the September Rampage tournament, directed by Jeffrey Dubjack. Fifty-six players participated in the six-division event.

Open: 1st-2nd--Leonid Stolyarov (2467) and Richard Lobo (2370), \$85 each, 3-1.

Master/Expert: 1st--Victor Baja (2128), 2½-1½, \$60; 2nd--Guillermo Rey (2123), 2-2, \$25.

Class A: 1st-2nd--Mike Goodall (1936) and Max Wilkerson (1905), each with 3½-½, good for \$117.50; 3rd--Tony D'Aloisio (1925), 3-1, \$23.50.

Class B: 1st-3rd--Janis Kalnins (1711), Clarence Lehman (1611), and Rick Bunnell (1606)--each with 3-1 for \$47.

Class C: 1st--Al Buckbee (1594), 4-0; 2nd--Stephen Scherr (1578), 3-1; 3rd--Jose Marcal (1540), 2½-1½.

Classes D, E, and unrated: 1st-2nd--Thomas Moran (unr) and George Karmeyr (unr), 3½-½, \$58.75 each; 3rd--Robert Berman (1300), 3-1, \$23.50.

5th BERKELEY SUNDAY QUADS

Fifty-nine players were divided into 14 quads and a triad on November 19 at the 5th Berkeley Sunday Quads. The event was directed by John Larkins and held at the Berkeley YMCA, home of the Berkeley Chess Club. Each quad winner received \$14.

Quad winners: Alan LaVergne (2073); (tie) Renard Anderson (1934), Paul Cooke (1857), and Mike Padovani (1845); Donald Lieberman (1720); Jose Marcal (1647); Charles Brunton (1610); Paul Steiner (1552); Jim Parkhurst (1532); Michael Hartnett (1486); Sanford Leuba (1415); (tie) Robert Whitaker (1401) and Nelson Turner (1400); Howard Goss (1319); Daniel Solovay (1237); Raul G'Acha (1164); Albert Hernandez (unr). Robert Solovay (1127) tied with Bill Davis (unr) in the triad

SACRAMENTO OPEN RESULTS

On November 11-12 the Sacramento Open attracted 31 players to a five-round Swiss sponsored by the Capititol City Chess Club and directed by David Mehler.

Tied for first through fourth place were: Harry Radke (2294), Mark Buckley (2174), Barry Nelson (1907) and James Mac Farland (2056)--each with 4-1. James Evans (1694) and Bill Chesney (2036) tied for fifth-sixth--each with 3½-1½.

1978 LERA SUNNYVALE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS -- SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1 -- OPEN DIVISION

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Score	Place	
1 Atlas (2077)	D 2	W 8	W11	W 7	W 4	4½-½	1st	8 Reents (2041)--2
2 Stolyarov (2467)	D 1	W14	D 4	W10	W 7	4-1	2nd-3rd	9 Sferra (1892)--2
3 Switkes (2119)	W 9	W11	D 7	D 4	W 5	4-1	"	10 Lazetich (1547)--2
4 Sanchez (2142)	W13	W 6	D 2	D 3	L 1	3-2	4th-6th	11 Rosenthal (2150)--1
5 Flynn (2098)	W10	L 7	W 6	W 8	L 3	3-2	"	12 Duckworth (2015)--1
6 Anderson, R. (1922)	W14	L 4	L 7	W13	W10	3-2	"	13 Crispin (1994)--1
7 Ayyar (2233)	W 8	W 5	D 3	L 1	L 2	2½-1½	7th	14 Rickford (2123)--0

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2. Guillermo Rey	D 6	W 12	D 3	W 8	3-1	2nd "	9. Paul Enright (2161)
3. Vincent McCambridge	W 11	D 1	D 2	D 4	2½-1½	3rd-5th	10. Alan LaVergne (2095)
4. Charles Baden	D 12	W 6	D 8	D 3	2½-1½	"	11. Daniel Switkes (2079)
5. Leonid Stolyarov	D 10	W 14	L 1	W 11	2½-1½	"	12. Robert Phillips (1978)
6. Paul Cooke	D 2	L 4	D 12	Bye	2-2	6th-8th	0 points:
7. Nick deFirmian	D 9	Exc.	W 10	L 1	2-2	"	13. Allen Becker (2013)
8. Craig Mar	W 14	D 10	D 4	L 2	2-2	"	14. Borel Menas (2032)

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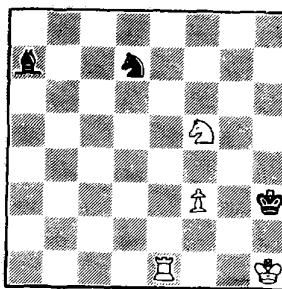


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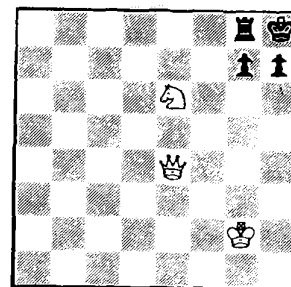


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--George Bernard Shaw

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