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Chess

The first annual Redwood City Chess Tourney was directed by Edward Syrett and George Fourier on Oct. 17-18. Prizes totaled \$500 and eight trophies. Complete results:

USCF OPEN DIVISION

1. Dennis Waterman, Berkeley, 4½-½, \$100; 2. Alan La Vergne, Menlo Park, and Frank Thornally, Berkeley, 4-1, \$26.67 each; 3. Bill Jones, Redwood City, 4-1, \$26.67.

USCF "A" DIVISION

1. Dan Maxwell, Monterey, 3½-1½, \$37.50 plus trophy; 2. Herb Rosenbaum, San Carlos, \$37.50; 3. Bob Wolf, Santa Cruz, Jim McIlrath, Redwood City, and Gerald Blait, Atlantic City, N.J., 3-2, \$5 each.

USCF "B" DIVISION

1. Dan Ackerman, Redwood City, 3-2, \$25 plus trophy; 2. Alan Sebeckis, Stanford, and Robert Uomini, Palo Alto, 2½-½, \$7.50 each.

BEST JUNIOR

1. Sydney Willett, Santa Clara, 2-3, book prize.

UPSET PRIZE

1. Craig Barnes, Berkeley, 3-2, trophy (for his win over USCF master Frank Thornally).

HIGHEST REDWOOD CITY CLUB MEMBER

1. Stanley Johnson, Redwood City, 2½-2½, trophy.

CFNC "B" DIVISION

1. David Barr, Cupertino, 4-1, \$23.75 plus trophy; 2. Elmo Mugnani, San Francisco, 4-1, \$23.75 plus trophy; 3. William Poindexter, Burlingame, and Arne Rosager, Redwood City, 4-1, \$23.75 each.

CFNC "C" DIVISION

1. John Peterson, San Jose, 4½-½, \$50 plus trophy; 2 Chris Black, Sunnyvale, 4-1, \$15 plus trophy; 3. Tom Van Buskirk and Lyn Gardella, Redwood City, 4-1, \$15 each.

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Played in the first World Championship Challengers Tournament following Mikhail Botvinnik's ascension to the throne in 1948. Notes by Alexander Koblents translated from "Shkola shakhmatnoi igry" (School of Chess), Riga, 1954, pp. 376-77.

White: Alexander Kotov
Budapest, 1950.

Black: Paul Keres
Nimzo-Indian Defense.

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	18 N-R8!	R-K2(i)
2 P-QB4	P-K3	19 Q-R7ch	K-B1
3 N-QB3	B-N5	20 P-B4!	NxP
4 P-QR3	BxNch	21 P-B5!	PxP
5 PxB	N-B3(a)	22 0-0	B-B1
6 P-B3	P-QN3	23 BxP	BxB
7 P-K4	B-R3	24 RxB	K-K1
8 P-K5	N-KN1	25 RxP	K-Q2
9 N-R3	N-R4	26 Q-B5ch	K-B3
10 Q-R4	N-K2	27 Q-B6ch	K-Q2
11 B-Q3	0-0	28 P-K6ch	K-B3
12 B-N5	P-R3(b)	29 RxR	QxN
13 B-R4	P-Q4(c)	30 RxPchl(j)	K-N4(k)
14 B-N1!(d)	P-KN4(e)	31 Q-K7	P-QR4
15 Q-B2	N-N3(f)	32 Q-Q7ch	K-R3
16 N-B4!(g)	PxB(h)	33 R-N1	Resigns
17 NxN	R-K1		

(a) With the idea of attacking White's QBP as rapidly as possible.

(b) Kotov suggested 12 . . . Q-K1 followed by . . . P-Q4 as better, although White retains good prospects after 13 R-Q1 or 13 B-K4 R-B1 14 P-B5.

(c) Still best is 13 . . . Q-K1.

(d) Keres must have overlooked this excellent move, which prepares a decisive K-side offensive.

(e) If 14 . . . BxP, then 15 Q-B2 P-N3 16 B-B6, with a grave situation for Black's king.

(f) Or 15 . . . N-B4 16 B-B2 and the threat of P-KN4 cannot be parried.

(g) Beautifully played!

(h) On 16 . . . Q-K1 White replies 17 N-R5!

(i) If 18 . . . K-B1, then 19 NxP! KxN 20 Q-R7ch and B-N6.

(j) The prettiest as well as the shortest road to victory.

(k) Black cannot play 30 . . . KxR because of 31 Q-K7ch K-B1 32 R-KB1!

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HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Everett McNally, current Hayward Chess Club champion, will direct the 1970 East Bay High School Chess Championships Oct. 29-30 in the Sunset High School auditorium (located at 22100 Princeton St., Hayward; from Hwy. 17 take A Street exit and go east to Princeton Street). Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in three divisions (Experienced, Novice and Beginner). Entry fee is \$2. All students currently enrolled in a high school are eligible to play. Round one starts at 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29. Please bring sets and clocks. Call 783-8763 for additional information.