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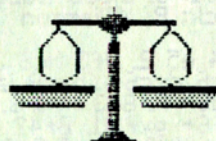
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Gross and Bradley Balance Chess Scales in Beardsley Swiss

Ronald J. Gross and
Clay R. Bradley weighed-
in at 6-1 each in the
seven round Beardsley
Swiss Chess Tournament.



This tournament,
named in memory of John Beardsley, a
founding father of the original Douglas-
Lakewood Chess Club and organizer for
many years, drew 49-players with an 1805
average USCF rating.

Ron Gross, Life Master (2315), long
known as a solid, positional player and a
friend of the youthful chess champion
Robert J. Fischer (see the quiz in this
issue) and other top rated players such
as Benko and Evans, lost only to newly
titled Master Darrin Schuster. On his way
to the top in the Beardsley, Ron scored
against Reyes (2044), Grine (1875), Nagel
(2072), M. Jones (2112), Fritchle (2064 -who
won 4-in-a-row), and R. Jones (2144). Ron
annotates his game with Fritchle in the
"Winners Board" column.

Clay Bradley (2129), upset in Round #1
by D. Thyden (annotated elsewhere in this
issue), recovered to win SIX consecutive
games! Often playing risky (or sharp)
moves and sometimes coming from behind,
he downed Rostedt (1873), Hoover (1850),
club co-champion Rickhoff (1958), Reyes
(2044), Fritchle
(2064), and Master
Schuster.

Those players walking
away with prizes are:

1st/2nd -Tie:
Gross/Bradley (6)

3rd -Tie: Schuster/
K. Anderson/Nagel/
Quinco (5)

BEST UNDER:

2000 Thyden (5 1/2)
1800 O'Ram (4)
1800 Keywell (3)

1400/Uhr. -Tie: Henrichs/Brown/ Wilson/M.
Hobbs (2-1/2)

Games are published in another column.

Quest for Excellence

by Dennis Coulter

Lies and hypocrisy have no place on
the chessboard, a famous chessplayer
once noted, neither does mediocrity,
although at my present level of play,
you might ask, "How does he know?"

Yet I do know; I know that chess is more
than a game; the same way that you
know life is more than a cosmic joke.
At least Plato, Descartes, and Kant (to
name a few) thought so. By the way,
do you remember Kant/Nietzsche, Athens,
1929? To get back to the point, I would
like you to consider the following:

(see QUEST p.6)

THE UPSET COLUMN

by MIKE HOOVER



The John Beardsley Swiss Tournament
was well attended and had its share of
upsets, two of which are being included
in this column. (see UPSET, p. 2)



The Fischer Challenge

By Bill Price and Darrin Schuster

"SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FISCHER, HUH?"

See how much you know about the great R.J. Fischer.

Write your numbered answers on a separate sheet of paper. Hand your entry to any club officer by April 8th, 1987. One (1) free entry into the next tournament will be given to the member who provides ALL ten (10) correct answers. In the event of duplicate winners, a drawing will be held. One (1) entry per club member, please.

GOOD LUCK MATES!!

1. Bobby Fischer first became U.S. champion at what age?

- A) 13 B) 14 C) 15 D) 17

2. In the 1957-58 U.S. Championship, Fischer, commenting on a game between Reshevsky and Lombardy, Exclaimed: "Gee, Lombardy is playing like a..."

- A) house B) horse C) rock D) mouse

3. Bobby Fischer's birthdate is...

- A) Dec. 7, 1941 B) Apr. 14, 1942
C) Mar. 9, 1943 D) Jan. 30, 1943

4. In his tournament chess career, Fischer lost on time only twice in across-the-board play. Which two players did the honors?

- A) Reshevsky and Tal
B) Spassky and Geller
C) Sherwin and R. Byrne
D) Botvinnik and Petrosian
E) Pupols and Reshevsky

5. In what country did Bobby have his WORST tournament result ever?

- A) Yugoslavia B) Argentina
C) Soviet Union D) United States

6. Fischer learned chess with his sister. What is her first name?

- A) Joan B) Jane C) Betty
D) None of the above

7. Fischer's shortest tournament loss ever was to Unzicker in how many moves?

- A) 10 B) 26 C) 19 D) 22

8. In a controversial interview with writer Ralph Ginsberg, Bobby stated that he wanted to live in a house shaped like a...

- A) Donut B) Chessboard C) Knight
D) Rook E) None of these

(See QUIZ p. 3)

Along with these two, a couple of notable upsets included M. Hobbs (176) beating his dad S. Hobbs (181) in round 5 and Darrin Schuster (2196) beating Ron Gross (2315) in round 8.

JOHN BEARDSLEY SWISS round #2 Jan.14,1987

White: A. Anderson (1732)

Black: D. Brown (1376)

1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 Bf5 3. Bf4 e6 4. e3 Nc6 5. Bd3 Bxd3 6. Qxd3 Nf6 7. Nd2 Bd6 8. Bg3 Bxg3. hxxg3 Qd6 10. Qb5 0-0 11. 0-0-0 Ng4 12. Qd3 g6 13. Rdf1 Rfe8 14. Rh4 Nb4 15. Qe2 Nf6 16. a3 Nc6 17. Rfh1 e5 18.de Nxe5 19. Nxe5 Rxe5 20. Nf3 Rh5 21. Rxh5 Nxb5 22. Ng5 Re8 23. Qf3 Re7 24. Rh4 b6 25. Rd4 c6 26. e4 Qe5 27. Ra4?? Qxx5+ 28. Kbl b5 29. Ra6 de 30. Qc3 Qe5 31. Rxc6 Ng7 32. Rc5 Qe6 33. Rxb5 Rd7 34. Rb8+ Ne8 35. Kcl h6 36. Qc8 Kf8 37. Qc3 Ke7 38. Qh8 Nc7 39. Qf8+ Kf6 40. Qc5 Kq7 41. Qxa7? Qd6! 42. b3 Na6 43. Qxd7 Qxd7 44. b4 Nxb8 45. RESIGNS

In round 3 both players missed some better moves but Paul Williamson missed fewer.

JOHN BEARDSLEY SWISS Rnd.3 Jan. 21, 1987

White: J. Blood (1626)

Black: P. Williamson (1392)

1.e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Bc5 5. Nxc6 dxc6 (bxc6 is better) 6. Qxd6+ Kxd8 7. Bd3 Nf6 8. Bg5 Ke7 9. e5 Bd4 10. exf6+ gxf 11. Bf4? Bxb2 12. 0-0 Bxa1 13. Re1 Kd8 14. c3 Re8 15. Rd1 Be6 16. Bxh7+ Ke7 17. a3 Rad8 18. Bd3?? Bb2 (Bf5!! wins a piece) 19. Kf1 Kd7 20. Rd2?? Bc1 21. Bg3 Bxd2 22. Nxd2 Kc9! (good move) 23. Bf4 Rxd3 24. h4 Bc4 25. Kgl Rxc3 26. Ne4 Rxe4 27. Resigns

Since no other games were submitted to me, with the space left I would like to share with you a short game I played in the tournament that I think many will find enjoyable.

JOHN BEARDSLEY SWISS Rnd 7 Feb. 18, 1987

White: M. Hoover (1850)

Black: G. Schick (1886)

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3. B-B4 N-B3 4. P-K3 B-B4 5. P-B4 P-K3 6. P-B5 P-QR3 7. Q-R4 Q-Q2? 8. B-QN5 0-0-0? 9.N-K5 Q-K2 10. NxN RxN? 11.QxRP+ Resigns (mate in 2)

Good luck to you all in the next tourney and remember to submit your upsets!

INTRODUCING

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

David C. Dingman
Dan Durham
Isaac Ford
Charles Grine
Richard Henrichs
Ruben Nimo
Oran "Willie" Wilson

Did we forget you? Let us know. We would like to announce your presence.

9. In his controversial list of the ten greatest chessplayers of all time, Fischer EXCLUDED which one of the following?

- A) Mikhail Tal B) Mikhail Botvinnik
C) Paul Morphy D) Mikhail Tchigorin

10. One of Bobby's prettiest moves was against Benko in the 1963-64 U.S. Championship. What is the move?

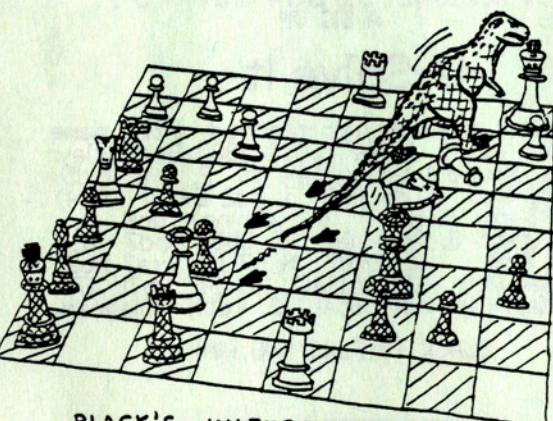
- A) 19. Rf6!! B) 19. Qxh7+!!
C) 19. Bg6!! D) None of these

L.C.C.'s Blitz Chess #2

Sixteen woodpushers with an average USCF rating of 1867 contested five rounds of "Blitz Chess" in L.C.C.'s second computer paired tournament. Again, everyone played both colors against each opponent. Durham and Schuster out-blitzed all others and split their two games. The winners all tied: 1st/2nd: Dan Durham/Darrin Schuster (9) Under 2000: Dennis Coulter/Mike Ortiz (8) Under 1800: Art Mericz/Dale Brown (3-1/2)



DAVE MATSON DRAWS:



BLACK'S UNEXPECTED REPLY TOOK WHITE BY SURPRISE ..

COMING SOON!

BVA VOLVO MARCH OPEN

March 21-22, 1987 at the LAX Marriot

This tournament, held in conjunction with the Kavalek vs. Christiansen Match (free admission) features 3-sections and \$1750 guaranteed.



The BVA Volvo will be a 5-round Swiss tourney. Modest entry fees (\$20-\$28) make this an attractive meet.

A SPEED CHESS tournament will be held Friday, March 20 with \$175 guaranteed.

The Winner's Boards by R. Gross & C. Bradley

Nimzo-Indian
GROSS (2315) - FRITZCHLE (2065)
L.C.C. Beardsley Swiss Rd. 5

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| 1. | d4 | Nf6 |
| 2. | c4 | e6 |
| 3. | Nc3 | Bb4 |
| 4. | Bg5 | h6 |
| 5. | Bf4 | c5 |
| 6. | Rc1 | Nc6 (a) |
| 7. | Nf3 | g5 (b) |
| 8. | Bg3 | g4 |
| 9. | d5 | gxf (c) |
| 10. | dxc | bxc (d) |
| 11. | Qd6! (e) | fxg |
| 12. | Bg2 | Bb7 (f) |
| 13. | 0-0 | Qe7 |
| 14. | Rfd1! (g) | Qxd6 |
| 15. | Bxd6 | Rg8 |
| 16. | Kf1 (h) | Rg4 (i) |
| 17. | Na4 | Ba6 |
| 18. | b3 | Ne4? |
| 19. | f3 | Nd2+ |
| 20. | Kf2 | Rd4 |
| 21. | Bxc5 | Bxc5 |
| 22. | Nxc5 | Resigns (j) |

- (a) A new try. Usual is 6. ... cxd4 followed by 7. ... Nc6.
(b) Forcing the game continuation.
(c) If 9. ... exd5 then 10. cxd5 Ne7 11. d6! and the complications favor White.
(d) If the f-pawn captures either pawn, White's development will compensate for his pawn minus.
(e) Jamming White's center!
(f) Not 12. ... Ba6 because of 13. Bxc6!
(g) Allowing the Queen swap but maintaining the jam on d6.
(h) The threat was 16. ... Bxc3 and 17. ... Ne4.
(i) Better is Rg6, 0-0-0, and doubling Rooks on the g-file.
(j) He must lose a piece on 22. ... Bc8 23. Ke3!

BRADLEY (2129) - HOOVER (1850)
L.C.C. Beardsley Swiss Rd. 3
Irregular Queen's Pawn

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Bg5 Bf5 4. f3 Nc6? (allows White a strong center) 5. e4 dxe4 6. d5! Ne5 7. Qd4 Ned7 8. fxe4 Bg6 9. e5 Ng8 (There's no place like home!) 10. 0-0-0 f6 11. Nf3! (a pretty piece sac) fxg5 12. e6 Nb8 13. Bb5+ c6 14. dxc6 Nxc6 (Not Qd4 15. cxb7+) 15. Qd7+ (or Qa4!?) Qxd7 16. exd7+ Kd8 17. Nxc5 (an unusual mate threat) e5 18. Bxc6 (Cashing in!) bxc6 19. Ne6+ Ke7 20. d8=0+ Rxd8 21. Nxd8 Be8 22. Rhe1 Bd7 23. Rxd7+! (dissolving any hope for Black) Kxd7 24. Nf7 Bd6 25. Rd1 and White went on to win in 38-moves.

A nicely played game by the co-winner!
(Notes by Bill Price)

Varela's Verbals: 1987 U.S. Amateur Team West

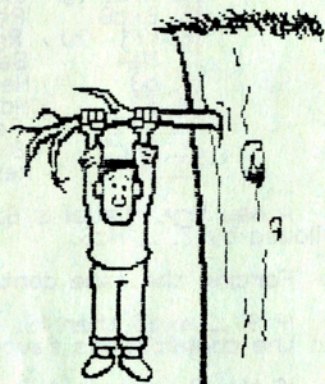
By Steve Varela JIC

The U.S. Amateur Team Championship West was held February 14-16, 1987 at the Pasadena Hilton. Two teams tied for 1st place with a score of 5-1/2 out of 6 points: "Aw, I Didn't See That" (won on tie-breaks) and "The Rust Brigade."

The only team composed solely of Lakewood Chess Club members was "Knightmares to Paunder" which scored 3-1/2 points and won "Top Industrial Team" since they were playing as "Rhoads Tires." For this we received a trophy and four SHP clocks. The Knightmares also won four chess books for "Best Team Name."

The "Knightmares to Paunder" consisted of:

BOARD 1: Mike Jones (2112)
Playing this board in this kind of tournament is always toughest. No matter who you play it's that team's best player. Mike scored a tough 2-1/2 points. As Team Captain he always made sure the rest of the team was HANGING TOUGH, and tough we did hang! With Mike's playing and directing our only worry was to win!!!



BOARD 2: Darby Rhoads (1896)
He scored 3-points. Two of his losses were to Masters, though during both games he enjoyed slight advantages, but couldn't NOTCH the U's (victories). Knowing Rhoads, he wanted to score at least 4-pts, but hey!! There's always next year. Darby played good tough chess at Bd #2.

BOARD 3: Steve Varela (1844)
I scored a team high 5-points only losing to a Master!! I also beat my 1st master in tournament play in Round 1. I could verbalize 'till I ran out of ink so I'll just say at Board 3, at times it was Carve City!

BOARD 4: Oran "Willie" Wilson (unr.)
Willie scored an outstanding 4-points. This was Willie's first weekend tournament. I thought for sure he'd end up like prime rib at a buffet: people just carving him up. But, alas, it was he who turned the fine edge on his opponents. Willie's warming up the vat to shrink down the four heads he took to hang on his belt!! I heard Willie say "I'm a tough 1000!!" Willie stepped on four heads to rise above the abyss.

ROUND BY ROUND: Round 1, lost 3-1 to the 4th seeded team including 3 masters. Round 2, crushed a college team from Fullerton 4-0 leaving us fired up with 5 out of 8 on the first day!!! Round 3, swindled two games from a tough 1500 team and winning 3-1. With this victory, we were now 2-1 in the HUNT! Round 4, again 3 masters and at one point, we had advantages, but soon we were packing our bags

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although not without a fight!!! 2-2.

Round 5, we blow a golden chance to sweep a 1500 team that reared it's ugly head and bit off half a point against us. I told Wilson "you can spray Black Flag all over, but one or two will still crawl away!" (2-1/2 - 2-1/2).



Round 6, the top 1400 team came floating in already knowing they had won their section. It was our honor to bring them back to Earth!!! We placed them under our Big Shoe and the rest was reflex-- CRUNCH!!! Giving us a rousing victory and the trophy!!

PEEL-BACK: WE CAME (with the talent); WE SAW (through the aquarium); WE CONQUERED (scooping up the books, clocks and trophy). We have the tools, the talent but most of all, we have the VERBAL! Big-time VERBAL!! West Coast VERBAL!!

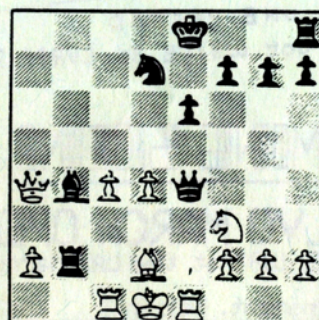
Petranovich (2226)-Varela (1844)
Round 1 1987 USATW

1. e4 d5 2. exd Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. d4 Bg4 6. h3 Bh5 7. Be2 e6 8. 0-0 Nc6 9. Bd2 0-0-0 10. Ne4 Qd5 11. Nxf6 gxf6 12. c3 Rg8 13. Kh1 e5 14. Be3 Bxf3 15. Bxf3 e4 16. Be2 f5 17. b4 Qe6 18. b5 Qg6 19. Rcl Ne7 20. c4 Bh6 21. Qd2 f4 22. Bxf4 Bg7 23. Ba7 Nf5 24. Bg4 Kb8 25. Bxf5 Qxf5 26. Rad1 Qh5 27. a4 Be5 28. Qc2 Rrg2 29. Rrg2? Qxh3+ 30. Ke1 Bh2+ 31. Kf1? f5! 32. Qd2 Rg8 33. Bg5 f4!! 34. Ke1 Qxg2 35. Bxf4 Qh1+ 0-1
A BIG U!!!

U-Solve It

This position was reached in the game Quirico vs. M. Jones in the 1987 Beardslay Swiss, Round 1 by: 1. e4 d5 2. exd Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. d4 Nf6 5. Bd2 Bf5?! (Bg4) 6. Qf3 c6 7. Nb5? (b4 winning) Qb6 8. Qxf5 cxb5 9. Qc8+ Qd8 10. Bb5+ Nbd7 11. Qxb7 Rb8 12. Bxd7 Nxd7 13. Qxa7 Rb2 14. Qa4 Qc8 15. Rcl e6 16. c4? Qb7! 17. Nf3 Qe4+ 18. Kd1? Bb4! 19. Re1?! (Diagram)

BLACK TO PLAY AND WIN:



SOLUTION: Mike notes, "He who blunders last shall lose." 19. ... Qxf3! If 20. gxf3 Rxd2 mate

3rd Place Winner

Nagel (2072) vs. Schuster (2196)
1987 Beardsley Swiss 2/4/87 Rd. 5
(annotations by D. Schuster)

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. P-Q3 | |

A solid continuation. White will place his pieces on their best squares before committing the center. The threat is BxN followed by NxB.

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| 6. P-QN4 | |
| 7. B-N3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. Q-K2 | PxP |
| 9. PxB | B-N5 |
| 10. P-B3 | |

To prevent N-Q5. Whites game has strong positional elements. After castling he can transfer his rook to Q1, he has an immediate queenside attack with P-QR4, or he can transfer his pieces to strong posts.

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| 11. QN-Q2 | B-K2 |
| 12. N-B1 | O-O |
| 13. B-B2 | N-QR4 |
| | N-Q2 |

An odd move. Black temporarily cedes control of Q4. The move protects the K-pawn and frees the white squared bishop.

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| 14. P-KR3 | B-K3 |
| 15. N-K3 | P-N3 |

With the C1-H6 diagonal blocked, this move is not as bad as it looks. The knight must be kept away from KB5.

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| 16. P-KN4 | P-KB3 |
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The protection of the KP is now complete and blacks regrouped pieces are now able to coordinate.



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| 17. P-KR4 | N-B5 |
| 18. B-N3? | |

The fatal mistake. Black was going to relieve the cramped position by a series of exchanges. Best is 17. NxN, BxN.

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| 19. B-Q3, BxB | 19. QxB, N-B4 | 20. QxQ, QRxQ |
| 21. B-R6, N-Q6+ | 22. K-K2, R/B-K1 | |
| 23. P-N3, B-B4 | 24. B-K3, BxB | 25. KxB, P-QB4 |
- with advantage to black. The text appears to win a pawn, but white misses the rejoinder. . .

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| 17. NxN | N-B4! |
| 18. K-B1 | N-Q6+! |
| 19. B-B2 | PxN |
| 20. B-R6! | BxP |
| 21. B-R6! | |

Time is everything. White will play R-Q1 and regain his pawn. But. . .

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| 22. BxR | Q-Q2 |
| 23. RxB | B-R6+ |

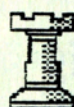
The precarious position of the white king is now apparent. 23. K-N1, Q-N5+ mates. The final moves are forced.

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| 24. K-N1 | QxR+ |
| 25. Q-B1 | N-B5! |

If 25. QxP+, KxB 26. N-K1, QxRP threatening N-R6+.

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| 25. Q-N5+ | |
| 26. K-R2 | KxB |
| 27. B-Q1 | R-Q1 |
| 28. B-K2 | NxB! |
| 29. QxN | R-Q6 |
| 30. N-N1 | |

Forced or black wins the knight.



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| 30. R-R6+ |
| 31. Resigns |

The queen is dead. Long live the king [blacks].

Best of the Rest

By Bill Price (fellow duffer)

Here's some games showing the skills of other prize winners in the Beardsley Swiss. Play'em and weep!

BRADLEY (2129) - THYDEN (1930)
Round 1 (notes by Drew Thyden)

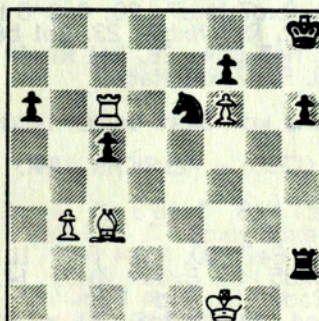
My first serious game of chess in six years and my first win against an Expert in my career.

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| 1. e4 c6 | 2. Nc3 d5 | 3. Nf3 Bg4 | 4. h3 Bxf3 |
| 5. Qxf3 e6 | 6. g4 Ne7 | 7. h4 (better is 7. d3 and 8. Bd2 or 8. a3 to prevent 11. ... Bb4+) | Nd7 |
| 8. d3 Ng6 | 9. h5 Nge5 | 10. Qe2 d4 | 11. Nd1 Bb4+ |
| 12. c3 dxc3 | 13. bxc3 Nc5! | (threatens 14. ... Ncxd3+ and 15. ... Nf4 winning the Queen) | 14. Kd2 Ncx3 (better is Nexd3 as the Knight on c5 would be safe from White's pawn and stands better to attack the Queenside) |
| 15. Kc2 Nxc1 | 16. Rxc1 Ba3 | 17. Rb1 Qa5 | 18. f4 Qa4+ |
| 19. Rb3 Nxc4 | (now 20. Qxc4 gets wild after 20. ... Qxe4+ 21. Bd3 Qxh1 22. Qxg7 Rf8 23. Rxa3 Rd8) | 20. f5 exf5 | 21. exf5+ Be7 |
| 22. Mb2 Qf4 | 23. Bh3 Ne3+ | 24. Kb1 Qe4+ | and Black soon won and went on to snatch Best Under 2000 with the third best tournament score. |

Paul O'Ram won Best Under 1800:

O'RAM (1657) - MADSEN (1913) Rd. 3

From the diagrammed position, White starts the endgame with a bang!



47. Rxd1 R-R6 (PxR fails to 48. P-B7ch and Queens) 48. R-K8ch K-R2 (see BEST p. 6)

If music is an art which reveals the beauty of the world, and if logic is a science which reveals the laws of thought, then chess is an act which illustrates the beauty of logic.

---Mikhail Botvinnik

Are you starting to get the hint? Maybe the book by Douglas Hofstadter should be titled GODEL, ESCHER, BACH, AND KARPOV.

There is a connection between chess and mathematics (fortunately, not the math of accountants!), and between chess and music (theme, variation, tempo, etc.), and between chess and life (have you ever been forked? pinned down? perhaps you are running out of time?).

So, I have tried to do the impossible: to share with you my thoughts of chess as a metaphor of something greater. The muse of chess has given me a gift, a concept, an ideal, and all of you who love chess as I do, are my kindred spirits. I hope that the muse of chess will speak to you also; and perhaps, show you the many inter-connections between chess and life.

BEST:

49. B-Q2 RXP 50. K-K2 K-N3 51. R-KR8 R-KR6 52. R-QB8 KXP 53. R-B6ch K-N2 54. RXP P-B5 55. R-QB6 R-R7ch 56. K-Q1 R8ch 57. B-K1 P-R4 58. RXP K-N3 59. K-K2 R-R7ch 60. K-B3 R-R8 61. B-Q2 R-R6ch 62. K-N2 R-R6 63. R-B6ch K-R2 64. B-B1 R-R7ch 65. K-N3 (White now has winning chances due to mate threats) R-R4? 66. K-R4 R-QN4 67. B-N5 R-N8 68. KXP P-B4 69. R-B7ch K-N1 70. K-N6 R-N3ch 71. B-B6 R-N1 72. R-N7ch K-B1 73. B-K7ch Black Resigns.

Frank Keywell won Best Under 1600:

M. HOBBS (1176) - KEYWELL (1561)

1. e4 c5 2. Bc4 d6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. d3 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be5 Nc6 7. Qd2 Na5 8. Bb5+ Nc6 9. d4 cxd4 10. Nxd4 Bd7 11. e5 Nxe5 12. Bxd7+ Qxd7 13. Bxf6 Bxf6 14. Nd5 Bg7 15. Nb5 0-0 16. Qa5 a6 17. Qc7 axb5 18. Nxb7+ Kh8 19. Qxd7 Nxd7 20. 0-0-0 Nb6 21. Rxd6 Nc4 22. Rd7 Nxb2 23. Kb1 b6 24. Rb7 Nc4 25. Nd5 Bd4 26. Re1 Rfe8 27. Rxe8 Rxe8 28. Rxf7 Re1 Mate.

Richard Henrichs won Best Under 1400:

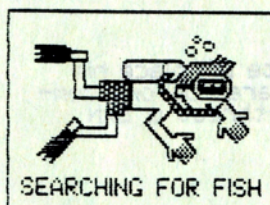
HARRISON (1390) - HENRICHS (UNR)

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"Time Odds" in Blitz Chess

by U. Charles Rostedt

The practice of "time odds" handicapping amounts to strong players searching for FISH (and MONEY). The point of a handicap in a sporting event (e.g. horse racing) is to give each contestant a chance and/or to make the outcome un-



certain or random. Chess tournaments however, are not supposed to be won by random players. Have you ever seen a blitz tourney won by a "C" player? If handicaps worked, playing blitz chess would be like playing

the lottery--anyone could win.

The real point of a tournament is to determine the best player. The Elo rating system tells us the higher rated player has certain probabilities of winning. Winning at chess is not a random event; it is a demonstration of skill under equal playing conditions. It follows that the best player in any "category" should also win.

In a non-tournament situation (e.g. one-on-one for \$\$) the best player (the higher rated) wins unless the handicap is ridiculous (5-2, etc.). Time odds giving the weaker player a "chance" is a myth. At 5-5 both players have 10 minutes to think. At 5-3, both players have 8 minutes. No equality, just less time. Should the weaker player attempt to out-blitz the stronger by playing fast (e.g. using 3-minutes), he is in reality playing a blitz game in 3-3 time-equal time! Strength wins!

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