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Chess

ONE POINT FOR THE HOME TEAM

The first round of the Central California Chess Association's "Chess Olympics" took place at the Fremont club site, Feb. 12. To judge from the 200-300 spread in USCF rating points, the home team hardly stood a chance against such powerful visitors, and, in fact, the Berkeley detachment won the match, 3½-1½. But it was by no means an easy victory.

Boards one and two went as expected to the heavily weighted Berkeley "A" team, but board four managed to win his lost game only because of his opponent's subsequent gift of a rook, while Fremont's bottom board was able to capitalize on some good luck to escape with a draw.

Only **Randy Fong** of Hayward, a 16-year-old Eagle Scout and 1974 Fremont Chess Club "knock-out" champion, scored a full point for the home team by defeating in fine attacking style a player rated more than 300 points higher than himself. Here is the upset game, recorded in streamlined 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 alone):

White: Randy Fong (Fremont)(1645). Black: Pat Neville (Berkeley)(1954). CCA Team Olympics, Fremont, Feb. 12, 1975. Hungarian Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Be7 4 d4 d6 5 Nc3 Bg4 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Qd2 a6 8 h3 Bf3 9 gf ed 10 Bd4 Nd4 11 Qd4 c5 12 Qe3 Qc7 13 Rg1 g6 14 f4 b5 15 e5! Nd7 16 Bf7! Kf7 17 e6 Kf8 18 ed Qd7 19 0-0-0 Rd8 20 Nd5 Kf7 21 f5! Bf8 22 fg hg 23 Rg6!! Rh3 24 Qf4 Kg6 25 Rg1 Kh7 26 Nf6 Resigns.

EVEN-UP IN WOMEN'S CANDIDATES' MATCH

Two prior Soviet women's chess champions are battling in Moscow for the right to challenge world champion, **Nona Gaprindashvili**, undefeated in title matches for more than a decade. After seven rounds of extremely hard fought chess, honors are even at 3½ points each.

White: Irina Levitina. Black: Nana Aleksandria.
Women's Final Candidates' Match, Moscow, 1975.

Match Game No. 6.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	21 NxBP	KR-K1
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	22 B-Q3	K-N1
3 P-Q4	PxP	23 BxBP	R-B4
4 NxP	N-B3	24 Q-Q3(l)	N-B5(m)
5 N-QB3	P-Q3	25 NxB	QRxN
6 B-KN5	P-K3(a)	26 BxP	P-Q4
7 Q-Q2	P-QR3(b)	27 Q-Q4(n)	Q-KB3(o)
8 0-0-0	B-Q2	28 B-Q3	N-K6
9 P-B4	B-K2	29 R-QB1	K-N2
10 N-B3(c)	P-N4	30 P-KR4	Q-B6
11 BxN	PxB(d)	31 P-R4	PxP
12 P-B5(e)	Q-N3	32 QxRP	Q-B3
13 K-N1	R-QB1(f)	33 P-R5	R(4)-K3
14 P-KN3(g)	N-R4(h)	34 P-R6	R-N3(p)
15 P-K5!	BPxP	35 Q-Q7ch	K-R1
16 NxKP	B-KB3(i)	36 QxRch	R-N1
17 NxB	KxN	37 QxRch	KxQ
18 N-K4	B-K4	38 P-R7	Q-R1
19 N-N5!(j)	PxP	39 QR-K1	P-Q5
20 Q-Q5(k)	K-B2	40 R-R6	Resigns

(Condensed notes by USSR Women's Champion **Yelena Falibekova**, translated from "64", No. 6, Feb. 7-13, 1975, pg. 9)

(a) Less analyzed positions arise after 6...B-Q2.

(b) Also leading to complex, double-edged play are 7...B-K2 8 0-0-0 NxN 9 QxN 0-0 10 P-B4 Q-R4 11 B-QB4 and 7...P-KR3 8 BxN (8 B-R4 NxP) PxP 9 0-0-0 P-R3 10 P-B4 B-Q2 11 K-N1 P-KR4 12 B-K2 Q-B2 13 KR-B1 0-0-0.

(c) An immediate 10 P-B5 leaves Black with compensation for a pawn following 10...NxN 11 QxN Q-R4 12 BxN BxB 13 QxP 0-0-0. The move 10 Q-K1 contains some venom, however, e.g., 10...NxN 11 RxN Q-N3 12 Q-Q2 B-B3 13 BxN PxP 14 B-K2 P-KR4 15 B-B3 0-0-0, and White stands better (Maksimenko—Skotorenko, VII Ukrainian Postal Chess Championship).

(d) Unclear is 11...BxB?! 12 QxP B-K2 13 Q-Q2 P-N5 14 N-QR4.

(e) The 17th game of the Fischer—Spassky match continued 12 B-Q3 Q-R4 13 K-N1 P-N5 14 N-K2 Q-QB4 15 P-B5 P-QR4 16 N-B4 P-R5 17 R-QB1, with an exceptionally sharp position.

(f) Trusting to the screen of black pawns to safeguard her king in the center. On 13...Q-B4 White maintains an edge with 14 N-K2 B-KB1 15 PxP PxP 16 N-B4 B-R3 17 NxP (Mikhalchishin—Belyavsky, 1974).

(g) In such positions White's usual plan is to occupy Q5 after provoking Black to play P-K4 by pressure on his K3 square. Black generally strives for counterattack on the queen side.

(h) Removing the knight from the protection of K4. More prudent would be 14...P-N5 15 N-K2 P-QR4.

(i) Now Black's position becomes critical, whereas 16...N-B5 17 BxN PxP 18 N-K4 (18 NxB KxN 19 PxP PxP 20 N-K4 R-QN1 21 P-B3 KR-KB1) P-Q4 19 Q-B4 R-B1 20 KR-K1 R-QN1 still preserves some counterchances.

(j) Excellent! Black cannot afford to respond with 19...K-K2 20 PxP PxP 21 NxKP KxN 22 B-R3ch K-K2 23 Q-N5ch.

(k) Another possibility was 20 NxBP KR-K1 21 Q-N5.

(l) White might have brought about an ending by 24 NxB RxQ 25 N-Q7ch K-B2 26 NxQ RxB 27 N-Q5ch.

(m) Avoiding 24...P-R4 because of 25 KR-K1.

(n) An inaccuracy that ought to have been replaced with 27 P-KR4.

(o) Passing up an opportunity that would have yielded excellent drawing chances, i.e., 27...QxQ 28 RxQ R-R4! 29 B-N6 RxP.

(p) One last attempt to complicate matters.

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White: Nana Aleksandria. Black: Irina Levitina. Women's Final Candidates' Match, Moscow, 1975. Match Game No. 7. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 g3 Qc7 7 Bg2 Nf6 8 0-0 Be7 9 Re1 Nd4 10 Qd4 Bc5 11 Bf4 d6 12 Qd2 Ng4 13 Re2 Bd7 14 b4! Bb4 15 Nd5 ed 16 Qb4 0-0-0 17 Bd6 Qc4 18 ed1 Qe2 19 Qc5 Bc6 20 dc b6 21 Qb6 Qf2 22 Qf2 Nf2 23 Bf4 g5 24 Bg5 Rd1 25 Rd1 Nd1 26 Bf4 f5 27 Bf1 a5 28 Be5! Rf8 29 Ba6 Kd8 30 c7 Kd7 31 c8Q Rc8 32 Bc8 Kc8 33 Bd4 a4 34 a3 Resigns.

SAN ANSELMO CALIFORNIA EXTRAVAGANZA

Open to players rated below 2200, the "California Extravaganza" weekend chess tournament will be held as a five-round, USCF Swiss at the Isabel Cook School Gym, 1000 Sir Frances Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. Prizes, based on 100 entries, range from \$300 to \$25 (Unrateds may not win over \$75). Entry fee is \$20, if mailed by Feb. 20 to **Jerry Frazier**, Tournament Director, Redwood Empire Chess Assoc., 37 Angela Ave., San Anselmo, Calif. 94960 (phone: 454-3163 or 453-7353); late registration, \$5 more. Round one begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22. Please bring sets and clocks.

MONTEREY CHERRY TREE OPEN

The seventh annual "Cherry Tree Open" will take place at the Monterey Chess Center, 430 Alvarado St., Feb. 22-23. The Open Division will be run on a four-round Swiss schedule, with \$200 plus a live cherry tree going to the winner (2nd, \$100; 1st A, \$125), based on 35 entries. Round one starts at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22. Advance entry fee is \$15. The B-C and D-E-Unrated Divisions offer from \$125 to \$35 in eight cash awards (based on 40 entries in each division). Round one begins at 10 a.m. Entry fee for the B-C division is \$12.50 and \$10 for D-E-Unrated, if posted by Feb. 18 to **Ted Yudacufski**, Tournament Director, Cherry Tree Open, P.O. Box 1308, Monterey, Calif. 93940; phone (408) 372-9790. Late registrants pay \$5 more. The USCF rated event will be organized as a five-round Swiss for the booster classes. Please bring regulation chess equipment.