

Chess tournament at San Jose State draws 129

The San Jose State University Annual Chess Tournament attracted 129 players to the S.J.S.U. Student Union and Business Classrooms for a five-round, USCF-rated Swiss system competition in seven sections, Dec. 20-21, 1980.

Directors Francisco Sierra, Amanda Sierra and John Sumares conducted the \$2,493 event. Complete results:

Open Section

1st, James Tarjan (2565), Berkeley, 5-0, \$550; 2nd, Charles Powell (2373), San Francisco, 4½-½, \$180; 3rd-6th, Kamran Shirazi (2455), Los Angeles, Steven Smithers (2115), Sunnyvale, Eugene Lubarsky (2043), Fremont, and John Romo (1938), Livermore, 4-1, \$62.75 each; Best Under 1800, Thomas Kyrimis (1661), San Francisco, 2-3, \$34; Best Under 1600, Dan McDaniel (1592), Livermore, 1½-3½, \$32; Best Under 1400, James Watt (1379), San Jose, 1-4, \$30; Best Unrated, Ken Seehof, San Jose, 1-4, \$26.

Class A

1st, Robert Karnisky (1898), Palo Alto, 5-0, \$270; 2nd-3rd, John Bidwell (1798), Ben Lomond, and Robert Vacheron (1974), Berkeley, 4-1, \$92.50 each; 4th-6th, Jonathan Atkin (1865), Palo Alto Jaroslav Skrenek (1829), Berkeley, and Gaudencio Delacruz (1826), San Jose, 3½-1½, \$31.67 each.

Class B

1st, Mark Davidson (1688), Berkeley, 4½-½, \$230; 2nd-5th, Ryszard Bleszynski (1774), Cupertino, Allen Wong (1753), San Jose, Rodulfo Algonos (1717), Sunnyvale, and Ursula Foster (1670), Modesto, 3½-1½, \$45 each.

Class C

1st-3rd, Matthew Ng (1577), San Francisco, Colin Hurt (1553), Palo Alto, and Ronald Solf (1459), Saratoga, 4-1, \$66.67 each; 4th, Alan Purvis (1403), San Jose, 3½-1½, \$35; 5th-9th, Caesar Garcia (1597), San Jose, Thomas Bissell (1559), Fremont, Pat Mayntz (1526), Campbell, Bruce Christopher (1468), Vacaville, and Ken Johnson (1431), Morgan Hill, 3-2, \$11 each.

D-E-Unrated Section

1st-3rd D, Robert Berg (1380), Vacaville, Dale Pendell (1235), Nevada City, and Paul Ecord (1233), Concord, 4-1,



Richard Shorman

\$28.33 each; 1st E, John Hare (1112), San Jose, 1-4, \$10; 1st-2nd Unrated, Luis Rubalcava, Santa Clara, and Ray Niccholls, Oakdale, 3-2, \$22.50 each.

White: Allen Wong (1753). Black: John Juryevich (1738).
San Jose State Annual, Dec. 21, 1980.

King's Gambit Accepted

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| 1 e4 | e5 | 7 Bc4 | Ng6?(c) |
| 2 f4(a) | ef | 8 Bf7! | Kd7 |
| 3 Nf3 | d6 | 9 Qh3!(d) | Kc6 |
| 4 d4 | Bg4? | 10 Bd5(e) | Kb6 |
| 5 Bf4 | Bf3?(b) | 11 Qb3 | Ka6 |
| 6 Qf3 | Ne7 | 12 Bc4 | Resigns(f) |

(Notes contributed by the winner)

(a) Inspired by Neil Regan's previous round victory in the King's Gambit, I decided to play my first ever in tournament competition. His game versus Class A player John Simpson went as follows: 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Ne4 5 Bf7 Kf7 6 Qh5 g6 7 Qd5 Kg7 8 Ne4 Nc6 9 b3 d6 10 Bb2 Resigns.

(b) You only move it twice!

(c) Just what I need to win.

(d) It is important to remain on the third rank to preserve the queen's mobility for switching to the queen side.

(e) Piece play resembling a typical mating combo from Reinfeld's "1001 Ways To Checkmate".

(f) Final result, 3½-1½, tied for 2nd-5th.

"OLD MAN" GELLER

International grandmaster Yefim Geller from Odessa won his first USSR Championship in 1955. Twenty-five years later, at 54, he is champion again, having won the 47th USSR Championship in Minsk, 1979.

White: Yefim Geller (2564). Black: Yuri Anikaev (2461).
USSR Championship, Minsk, 1979.

Sicilian Defense

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|-----------|---------|------------|------------|
| 1 e4 | c5 | 15 f5(e) | Nc4 |
| 2 Nf3 | e6 | 16 Bh5 | g6(f) |
| 3 d4 | cd | 17 fg | fg |
| 4 Nd4 | Nf6 | 18 Qf2 | Ne5 |
| 5 Nc3 | d6 | 19 Nf3!(g) | Ng7(h) |
| 6 Be2 | Be7 | 20 Ne5 | Rf8 |
| 7 0-0 | 0-0 | 21 Nf7 | Nh5(i) |
| 8 f4 | Nc6 | 22 Nd5!! | ed |
| 9 Be3 | a6 | 23 Nh6 | Kg7(j) |
| 10 a4(a) | Bd7 | 24 Qf7!(k) | Rf7 |
| 11 Bf3 | Na5?(b) | 25 Rf7 | Kh8 |
| 12 Qe2 | Qc7 | 26 Bd4 | Bf6 |
| 13 g4!(c) | Rfc8(d) | 27 Rf6! | Resigns(l) |
| 14 g5 | Ne8 | | |

(Annotations by former world correspondence champion Yakov Estrin, translated from "Kurs debyutov" by Estrin and Panov, Moscow, 1980, pp. 319-20)

(a) Often played here is 10 Nb3 Bd7 11 a4, to which Black best replies 11... b6!, and if 12 Bf3, then 12... Rb8 or 12... Qc7. White's move also prevents b7-b5, but leaves his knight centralized at d4. The main line continuation, 10 Qe1 Qc7 11 Qg3, favors White as well.

(b) Black chooses an incorrect plan, allowing his opponent to build up a dangerous initiative on the king side. He should have continued 11... Nd4 12 Qd4 Bc6, in order to answer 13 g4 with 13... d5.

(c) Now the counterblow d6-d5 cannot be played, and Black's remaining options clearly amount to too little too late.

(d) In the event of 13... Nc4, White has a very promising piece sacrifice in 14 g5 Ne8 15 Nf5! Bd8 16 Bd4 ef 17 Nd5

Qc8 18 Rae1 fe 19 Be4, with a powerful attack.

(e) A serious defect in Black's position is the absence of his queen's knight from the center, which should be on hand for immediate occupation of the key square, e5.

(f) Already, Black experiences difficulties defending. Only a transposition of moves results from 16... Ne5 after 17 fe fe 18 Qf2 g6.

(g) Simple and strong. White exchanges off Black's sole well-developed piece, depriving him of his last means of successful defense.

(h) On 19... gh would follow 20 Ne5 de 21 Qf7 Kh8 22 Qe7 Ng7 23 Rf7, winning a piece.

(i) After 21... gh 22 Bd4 Bc6 23 Nh6 Kh8 24 Bf6! White dominates the position. Geller, who won the title of USSR Champion in this tournament, has always been strong in carrying out king-side attacks. He now begins a brilliant combination involving first the sacrifice of a piece and then the queen.

(j) No help would be 23... Kh8 24 Bd4 Ng7 in view of 25 Bg7 Kg7 26 Qd4 followed by mate.

(k) A lovely queen sacrifice that cuts short Black's resistance. Naturally, also winning is 24 Bd4 Bf6 25 gf Kh6 26 Qd2 g5 27 h4 Rg8 28 f7.

(l) On 27... Ng7 the conclusion would be 28 Rf7 Rg8 29 Bg7 and mate in two moves.

SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE OPEN

The 13th San Jose City College Open Chess Tournament will take place in the S.J.C.C. Cafeteria and Student Union, 2100 Moorpark and Bascom Ave., Jan. 24-25.

Directing the five-round, USCF-rated Swiss system event in seven sections, each with its own prizes, will be Francisco Sierra, Amada Sierra and John Sumares, with Jimmy Woo assisting.

Entry fees are \$32 Open, \$24 A, \$23 B, \$20 C, \$17 D, \$13 E and \$12 Unrated, if mailed before Jan. 21 to Francisco A. Sierra, 663 Bucher Ave., Santa Clara, Calif. 95051; late entry, \$5 more.

Round one begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 24. For more information, please phone (408) 241-1447.