

Checkmate, Reykjavik?

Hayward's Kenny Fong, 14, is off on the chess circuit again, this time as a member of a U.S. team of youth ages 16 and under that will travel to Reykjavik, Iceland. The Moreau High School freshman has been playing chess since he was 8 and beating older opponents ever since. Last fall, at the time the top-rated chess player under 13 in the nation, he competed in the World Chess Championship for players under 14 in

Durango, Mexico, where he took fifth place. Kenny has been impressing the experts for years, including his coach and mentor, Daily Review chess columnist Richard Shorman, who will accompany Kenny and his older brother on the Iceland "chess safari" Friday. "He'll beat me soon," Shorman said of his prodigy, "But a good teacher likes to work himself out of a job." (Photo by Len Cook)