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Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Oakland Chess Club's fifth annual San Francisco Bay Area Amateur Open (for players below expert strength) took place at the CACA Oakland Lodge, Dec. 19-20. The five-round USCF rated, Swiss system event was directed by Charles Madigan. Complete results:

First, Donald Clapp, Lafayette, 4½-½, \$22.50 plus trophy, and David Smith, Hayward, 4½-½, \$22.50.

"A" Prize, Anthony DiMilo, Carmichael, 4-1, \$20.

"B" Prize, Robert Trenberth, Oakland, 3½-1½, \$20.

"C" Prize, Richard Lee, Oakland, and Marcos Costa, Albany, 3-2, \$10 each.

Black takes his opponent "out of the books" in this high-voltage game from the XXXVIII USSR Championships only to learn later why chess theory recommends the standard line. Notes are by international grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon, translated from "Sovetsky sport," Dec. 17, 1970.

White: V. Liberzon.

Black: V. Karasev

Riga, Dec. 1970.

Caro-Kann Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB3	16 QR-K1!(e)	Q-B2
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	17 P-QB4	N-N3
3 N-QB3	PxP	18 B-B4	Q-B1
4 NxP	N-Q2	19 B-N1	BxB
5 B-QB4	N-N3(a)	20 KxB	B-K2
6 B-N3	B-B4	21 N-R5!(f)	K-B1(g)
7 N-N3	B-N3	22 R-R3	Q-Q1
8 P-KR4	P-KR3	23 NxKBP!	KxN
9 N-B3	P-K3	24 QxPch	K-B1
10 N-K5(b)	B-R2	25 NxN	PxN
11 Q-K2	Q-K2(c)	26 R-KN3	N-B1
12 B-Q2	N-B3	27 BxPch	K-K1
13 0-0-0	P-QR4(d)	28 B-N7	Q-R4(h)
14 P-R3	P-R5	29 BxR	Resigns
15 B-R2	QN-Q4		

(a) A novelty, but one that does not prove its worth. The usual 5...KN-B3 is stronger.

(b) Now it can be seen why Black's knight should have remained on Q2.

(c) On 11...Q-B2 White replies powerfully with 12 B-KB4.

(d) White incidentally threatened 14 B-N4! QxB 15 NxKBP!

(e) Avoiding the trap of 16 P-QB4? QxP! and creating a flight square for the king in the variation 16...P-QN4 17 NxQBP R-B1 18 NxQ.

(f) Less clear is the tempting sacrifice 21 N-B5 PxN because of 22 N-N6 Q-K3! or 22 NxQBP N-K5!

(g) After 21...0-0 22 R-R3 White's attack cannot be repulsed.

(h) If 28...RxP, then 29 BxP wins.

CCCA ONE-DAY ROUND-ROBIN

The Walnut Creek Chess Club and the Central California Chess Association are sponsoring a USCF rated, three round tournament at the Walnut Creek Recreation Center (on Civic Drive), Jan. 2, 1971. Players will be divided into sections of four each by ratings and paired against the three other players in their section. Prizes for the winners of each section are \$5 and \$3. Entry fee is \$4 plus USCF membership. Round one begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 1971. Please bring sets and clocks.

FISCHER WINS AGAIN!

Robert Fischer scored an amazing 18½ points out of a possible 23 to win the world championship candidates' tournament in Mallorca, Spain, thus earning the right to play matches against seven other select contenders for Boris Spassky's chess crown.

Soviet grandmaster Mark Taimanov will be Fischer's first match opponent, with the winner meeting the survivor of the match between Bent Larsen (Denmark) and Wolfgang Uhlmann (East Germany).

Former world champion Tigran Petrosian (USSR) plays opposite 22-year-old Robert Huebner (West Germany), who tied for second place at Mallorca with 15 points. Finalist from the last candidate cycle, Viktor Korchnoi (USSR) takes on his countryman Efim Geller, twice champion of the USSR.