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## Chess

### COLLINS KIDS WIN IN ICELAND

Twenty U.S. kids from eight states, ranging in age from 10 to 17, flew to Iceland from New York, Aug. 8, for a week of cultural exchange and international good will based on friendly chess competition with Icelandic youngsters.

**John W. Collins**, founder of the Collins Kids All Stars and renowned chess instructor, headed this third annual chess safari, sponsored by parents, private contributors and the American Chess Foundation.

A dozen friends and relatives accompanied the U.S. team. The presence of former world junior champion, international grandmaster **William Lombardy** and Dr. **Milton Hanauer**, chess author and promoter of scholastic chess in New York for over 40 years, added a large measure of inspiration and guidance to the trip.

Winning two out of three 20-board matches with select Icelandic youth teams, the Collins Kids All Stars brought the perpetual victory trophy home to America, vowing to defend it with all their might when the Icelanders visit New York for a return match next year.

Final scores in this year's U.S.A. vrs. Iceland contest were 12½-7½, 19-1 and 5½-14½. Time control for the matches was fixed at a relatively fast 36 moves in 90 minutes, with 40 moves per 60 minutes thereafter.

California was represented by **Kenny Fong** (1977), 14, who finished even on board four with a win, loss and draw and **Michael Tierney** (1920), 15, who won two of his games and lost one on board six.

**White: Kenny Fong. Black: Bjorgvin Jonsson.**

**Collins Kids Chess Safari, Reykjavik, Aug. 11, 1980.**

#### Sicilian Defense

1	e4	c5	20	Be4	Rc8
2	c3	Nf6	21	Qa6	Be7
3	e5	Nd5	22	Qd3	h6
4	d4	e6	23	Red1	0-0
5	Nf3	cd	24	Qd2	f5
6	cd	Nc6	25	ef	Bf6
7	Bc4	Nb6	26	Bc5	Rfd8
8	Bb5	a6	27	Qc2	Qb7
9	Bd3	d6	28	b3	Nc3
10	0-0	Bd7	29	Rd8	Rd8
11	Nc3	de	30	Bh7	Kh8
12	de	Qc7	31	Bg6	Qb5
13	Re1	Nb4	32	Be7	Ne2
14	Be3	Bc6	33	Kh1	Nc1
15	Nd4	Rd8	34	Qc1	Be7
16	Rc1	N6d5	35	h3	Qg5
17	Nd5	Nd5	36	Qb1	Qd2
18	Nc6	bc	37	Resigns	
19	Qa4	Qd7			

Iceland enjoys a deserved reputation for suprisingly strong chess (Match scores last year were 18-3, 13-8 and 11½-8½, all in Iceland's favor.), rugged terrain (Mt. Hekla erupted a few days after the U.S. team's departure, shooting debris as high as 80,000 ft.) and Viking hospitality (Collins Kids lived with Icelandic families during their stay and were presented with many souvenirs of the occasion.)

In addition to guided tours to some of Iceland's natural wonders, such as a waterfall larger and a geyser higher than any in Europe, the players were privileged to see the site of the 1972 world chess championship in Reykjavik and to get a close-up view of the autographed set and board used by Fischer and Spassky, on display under glass at the headquarters of the Icelandic Chess Federation.

On the day following, an afternoon long chess reception at the American Embassy Library, the U.S. delegation was welcomed at the President's Residence in Reykjavik. The president herself, Vigdis Finnbogadottir, warmly greeted the group. Speaking nearly flawless English, she delivered a brief talk concerning the history of Iceland and the increasing importance of chess there. International grandmaster Fridrick Olafsson, many times champion of Iceland and now serving as president of the World Chess Federation (F.I.D.E.), also spoke on behalf of chess as a vehicle for mutual understanding between countries.

Rounding off the final day's activities was a ceremony at the Reykjavik Taxi Drivers' Union Hall, transferring possession of the team trophy to Fischer's former chess teacher, John Collins. Icelandic and Collins Kids then joined in a tandem simultaneous exhibition on 37 boards by IGM William Lombardy (2530) and 19-year-old Icelandic international master Jon Arnason (2435).

The masters conceded only four draws between them, winning all the rest for a very respectable 35-2 showing for the evening. Half-point scorers were Larus Johannesson, 15, who played board one for the Icelanders during the first match, Andrew Lernerer, 14, of New Jersey; Ronald Young, 14, of New York and Albert White, 10, New York, youngest member of the Collins Kids chess safari to Iceland.

**White:** Lombardy and Arnason.

**Black:** Ronald Young.

**Collins Kids Chess Safari, Reykjavik, Aug. 12, 1980.**

**Sicilian Defense**

1	e4	c5	18	Rf1	Rd8
2	Nf3	Nc6	19	Qd2	Nf5
3	d4	cd	20	0-0-0	Rd6
4	Nd4	e5	21	Qc3	0-0
5	Nb5	a6	22	Qc4	Kh8
6	Nd6	Bd6	23	Bc5	Rd1
7	Qd6	Qf6	24	Rd1	Be2
8	Qd1	Qg6	25	Qg2	Nd4
9	Nc3	Nge7	26	Bd4	ed
10	Be3	d5	27	Rd4	Qh2
11	ed	Nb4	28	Re4	h6
12	Bd3	Qg2	29	Re8	Qh1
13	Be4	Qh3	30	Kd2	Qd5
14	a3	f5	31	Kc1	Qh1
15	ab	fe	32	Kd2	Qd5
16	d6	Bg4	33	Kc1	Drawn
17	Ne2	Qg2			