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TWO CALIFORNIA OPENS THIS YEAR

The two open tournaments held on the Labor Day Weekend this year attracted high-powered chess competition. At Ventura, where David Strauss won the title on tie-breaking points over Larry Christiansen and Ronald Gross, the first seven names on the wall charts ranged in rating from 2443 (Kim Commons) to 2301 (Ronald Gross). At Berkeley, where James Tarjan was victorious, there were two players in the 2400s (Tarjan with 2478 and Anthony Saidy with 2446), and one in the 2300s (Dennis Waterman, 2384).

There were 334 players altogether - 119 at Ventura and 215 at Berkeley. While larger than any one California Open of the past (the record was 213 at Ventura in 1972) each one this time fell short of the sponsor's expectations. Ventura, especially, was disappointing. The site of the record-breaking 400 at the U.S. Open in 1971, Ventura seems to have lost some of the talented people who engineered the successes of 1971 and 1972. Berkeley was also a slight disappointment, for the sponsors thought that the Claremont Hotel would offer inducements that other locations lacked. But why do we need large numbers? The tournaments were enjoyed by the contestants, and that's the main thing.

THREE-WAY TIE IN CALIFORNIA OPEN (SOUTH) - by Isaac Kashdan

David Strauss of Riverside won the California Open Chess Championship for the southern section of the state in the tournament held Aug. 31-Sept.2 at the County Fairgrounds in Ventura.

Strauss won his first five games, then drew in the final round with Robert Snyder of Garden Grove. This gave Strauss $5\frac{1}{2}$ points, a total which was equalled by Larry Christiansen of Riverside and Ronald Gross of Cerritos.

The prize money involved was divided equally by the three leaders. The championship trophy went to Strauss after applying the tie breaking formula, based on the strength of the opponents faced by each player.

Christiansen won his first three games, then drew with David Berry of Los Angeles. He finished with two more wins. Gross followed the same pattern, drawing in the fourth round with Arthur Spiller of Los Angeles.

The highest rated player in the tournament was former California champion Kim Commons of Los Angeles. He won his first four games in good style, but was downed by Strauss in the fifth round.

Commons wound up with five points after beating Berry in the final round. He tied at that score with Enrique Conejo of Bell, Jerry Hanken and Julius Loftsson of Los Angeles and Robert Snyder.

Conejo lost to Commons, and Hanken to Ruben Rodriguez of Los Angeles. Each won his other five games. Loftsson and Snyder were undefeated, with four wins and two draws each. Loftsson drew with Berry and Sid Rubin of Los Angeles, and Snyder with Strauss and Mike Pollowitz of Van Nuys.

Rodriguez, who was one of the top favorites, with the second highest rating in the event, equalled Commons by winning his first four games, then losing to Larry Nezhni of Van Nuys. In the final round Rodriguez dropped back by drawing with Barry Manthe of Santa Ana.

The result was a multiple tie at $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ in which Rodriguez, Nezhni and Manthe participated. The others were Spiller, John Blackstone and Don Bicknell of Los Angeles, Anthony Wicher of Claremont, Ken Hense of Santa Monica and Nick DeFirmian and Richard Harper of Santa Barbara.

Cash prizes and trophies were won by the best performers in rating categories set up by the U.S. Chess Federation. The leading expert was Conejo. Other top trophies went to Greg Fields, Los Angeles, Class A; Harper, Class B; Allen Hutcheson, Encinitas, Class C; Kermit Norris, Ventura, Class D, and Raymond Mosley, Los Angeles, Unrated.

CALIFORNIA OPEN	(SOUTH), V	ENTUE	A, AUG	GUST	31-SE	PTEMBI	ZR 2,	1974
	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1.D.Strauss	2305	W52	W37	W33	W12	W 4	D 6	5½- ½
2.L.Christiansen		W53	W38	W32	D20	W19	W10	5½- ½
3.R.J.Gross	2301	W54	W55	W23	D13	W11	W15	5½- ½
4.K.Commons	2443	W31	W56	W14	W 8	L 1	W20	5 -1
5.J.Loftsson	2329	W57	W36	D22	W21	D20	W33	5 -1
6.R.M.Snyder	2265	W58	D59	W40	W22	W13	D 1	5 -1
7.J.B.Hanken	2194	W60	W26	W61	L 9	W36	W30	5 - 1
8.E.Conejo	2193	W62	W44	W35	L 4	W23	W32	5 -1
9.R.Rodriguez	2379	W63	W24	W17	W 7	L10	D12	4½-1½
10.L.Nezhni	2217	WF	D40	W27	W25	W9	L 2	4½-1½
11.J.Blackstone	2180	W64	D27	W42	W29	L 3	W37	45-15
12.B.Manthe	2166	W65	W66	W50	L 1	W67	D 9	4월-1월
13.A.Spiller	2147	W68	W69	W70	D 3	L 6	W39	4눌-1눌
14.K.Hense	21 36	W47	W45	L 4	W44	D35	W41	4눌-1눌
15.A.Wicher	2112	D71	W72	W73	W74	W56	L 3	4눌-1눌
16.D.Bicknell	2064	W75	L76	W58	W42	D37	W38	4월 - 1월
17.N.DeFirmian	2046	W77	W28	L 9	W78	D24	W50	4½-1½
18.Rich.Harper	1786	D79	_W80	L21	W81	W34	W35	4½-1½
19.E.Kurz	2200	W81	D42	W41	W45	L 2	D24	4 -2
20.D.Berry	2189	W82	W43	W34	D 2	D 5	L 4	4 -2
21.J.Mego	2098	W83	D73	W18	L 5	D27	W70	4 -2
22.S.Rubin	2059	W84	D29	D 5	L 6	W85	W73	4 -2
23.S.Valentine	2017	W86	W87	L 3	W28	L 8	W88	4 -2
24.G.Fields	1988	W89	L 9	W90	W75	D17	D19	4 -2
25.F.R.Banffy	1936	W91	D74	W F	L10	D87	W92	4 -2
26.L.Standers	1886	W93	L 7	W53	L59	W81	W87	4 -2
27.J.D.Garnett	1803	W94	D11	L10	W49	D21	W82	4 -2
28.J.C.Polk	1751	W95	L17	W96	L23	W75	W56	4 -2
29.S.Erickson	1747	W97	D22	W52	L11	W59	D36	4 -2
30.V.Ahmed	1643	W98	L61	W99	W100	W40	L 7	4 -2
31.A.Harbone	1684	L 4	W101	W102	2 L35	W103	W55	4 -2

3½ Points: 32.B.Carter, 33.Foreman, 34.T.McCormack, 35.D.Littreli, 36.D.C.Argall, 37.M.D.Mills, 38.R.Harper, 39.R.Hertstein, 40.I.Szafiril, 41.A.Kraus, 42.C.Lertrathakarn, 43.T.Bullockus, 44.Diane Savereide, 45.P.Youngworth, 46.Lina Grumette, 47.A.Hutcheson, 48.K.A.Norris, 49.A.Illes, 50. R.Mosley, 51.S.Williams

(0-3 Points, Nos. 52 to 119, omitted)

TARJAN WINS CALIFORNIA OPEN (NORTH) AT HOTEL CLAREMONT

International master Jim Tarjan of Berkeley won the northern version of the California Open with comparative ease, racking up five straight wins and then playing a draw with Aki Kanamori of San Francisco in the sixth and last round. On his way to the top spot, Tarjan defeated Martin Sullivan of Hayward, Robert Newbold of Mountain View and Dennis Waterman of San Francisco. Jim received \$750 and the championship trophy for his $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ victory.

Three players tied for second place: C.Bill Jones of Palo Alto, Kanamori, and Bram Van Dyk of Holland. Their scores were 5-1. Kanamori had four wins and two draws; one of his wins was over international master Tony Saidy of Santa Monica. Jones also had four wins and two draws. Van Dyk had five wins and one loss, to Robert Newbold. The prize money divided equally for second through fourth places was \$850, or \$283.33 each.

Expert prizes were won by Gary Pickler (Berkeley), Martin Sullivan (who also received the Under 21 trophy), Steve Spencer (Berkeley), Ziad Baroudi (Davis), Takashi Kurosaki (San Francisco and Los Angeles) and John Peterson (San Jose). Cash prizes were \$83.33 each.

Class A prizes were divided by Dan Pearce (Meadow Vista), Paul Whitehead (San Francisco), Bob Salgado (Burbank) and Dr. Mitchell Bedford (Salinas). Cash prizes were \$112.50 each.

There were 215 players divided into three sections. The head tournament director was Alan Benson. His assistants were Guthrie McClain, Ralph Hultgren and Ken Fong, with additional help from Ed Delgado, Doug Smith, and Bob Burger.

CALIFORNIA OPEN	(NORTH)	, BER	KELEY,	AUGU	ST 31-9	SE PTEM	BER 2,	1974	
	MAS	TERS,	EXPER	TS, A	ND CLAS	SS A			
	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6		Score
1.J.Tarjan	2478	W57	W52	W 7	W12	W11	D 3		5½- ½
2.C.B.Jones	2246	W26	D24	W53	W34	D 6	W11		5 -1
3.A.Kanamori	2158	W18	D25	W36	W23	W20	D 1		5 -1
4.B.Van Dyk	2100	W45	W73	L12	W44	W14	W21		5 -1
5.J.Peterson	2176	W60	W56	D34	L 9	W45	W25		4½-1½
6.Z.Baroudi	2145	W61	W64	W55	D20	D 6	D 8		45-15
7.M.Sullivan	2123	W63	W19	L 1	D26	W27	W24		4½-1½
8.T.Kurosaki	2108	L64	W62	W42	W55	W17	D 6		4월-1월
9.G.Pickler	2100	W44	W46	L11	W 5	D12	W22		4월-1월
10.S.Spencer	2081	W27	W49	L22	D29	W46	W23		45-15
11.D.Waterman	2384	W16	W33	W 9	W22	L 1	L 2		4 -2
12.R.Newbold	2244	W39	W35	W 4	L 1	D 9	D15		4 -2
13.S.Subramania	2169	L41	W74	W40	L24	W58	W37		4 -2
14.T.Dorsch	2165	L43	W61	W41	W32	L 4	W26		4 -2
15.W.Bills	2105	W65	W66_	L20	W58	D21	D12		4 -2

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
16.P.Whitehead	1952	L11	L47	W74	W52	W44	W23	4 -2
17.R.Salgado	1939	D 1	D31	W 69	W30	L 8	W34	4 -2
18.Dr.M. Bedford	1893	L 3	W76	L30	W69	W32	W31	4 -2
19.D.Pearce	1867	W30	L 7	D51	W53	D34	W36	4 -2

3½ Points: 20.Dr.A.Saidy, 21.I.Dahlberg, 22.N.Maffeo, 23.H.Radke, 24.

W.Kennedy, 25.D.Switkes, 26.B.Popov, 27.J.Evans

3 Points: 28.L.Hughes, 29.A.Suhobeck, 30.D.Burkhard, 31.R.Gabrielson, 32.S.Cross, 33.N.Falconer, 34.S.Kornher, 35.V.Radaikin, 36. T.Maser, 37.R.Johnson, 38.K.Shiflett, 39.Dr.R.Moore, 40. J.Miehe, 41.R.Byrne, 42.R.Price, 43.J.Black, 44.J.Pope, 45.

R.Tompkins, 46.M.Pasternak, 47.Dr.B.Gross, 48.A.Petit

0-2½ Points: 49.J.Silman, 50.C.Barnes, 51.D.Spero, 52.G.Lee, 53.A.Saguisag, 54.G.Ledin, 55.Y.Chemokud, 56.P.Devlin, 57.M.Sarley, 58.L.Cowen, 59.F.Barry, 60.L.Swanson, 61.L.Slavens, 62.D. Lither, 63.R.Kelson, 64.J.Hamblin, 65.P.Prochaska, 66.J.Buff, 67.K.Myles, 68.E.McNally, 69.A.Rosner, 70.Y.Ferguson, 71. G.Lorencis, 72.R.Feliciano, 73.J.Whitehead, 74.D.Sims, 75. S.Bailey, 76.J.Hoffman

Peter Schwartz (Oakland) won the Class B trophy and the \$200 first prize with a perfect score of 6-0. Steve Joplin (Hayward) finished second, $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ and won \$125. Blaine Newcomb (Berkeley), David Abramson (San Jose) and Dave Kittinger (Vallejo) tied for third with 5-1 scores and received \$41.67 each. Jay Whitehead (San Francisco) won the Under 14 trophy with a $2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$ score.

Three players tied for first in Class C with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ scores: Dwain Miller of Berkeley(won trophy on tie-breaking points), Martin Marshall (San Francisco) and Nicholas Crawford (Berkeley). Each received \$133.33. There were six players tied for fourth.

	CLA	SS B,	CLASS	<u>C</u>				
	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1.P.Schwartz	1644	W25	W26	W27	W28	W 6	W 3	6 -0
2.S.Joplin	1 748	W29	W30	W20	D31	W32	W14	5½- ½
3.B.Newcomb	1748	W33	W34	W35	W 9	W36	L 1	5 -1
4.D.Abramson	1712	W37	W38	W39	L40	W20	W17	5 -1
5.D.Kittinger	1688	W41	W42	D14	D43	W44	W21	5 -1
6.M.Gazse	1789	W45	W18	W17	W46	L 1	D12	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
7.L.Schonbrun	1781	L21	W47	W10	D18	W48	W49	41/2-11/2
8.F.Parker	1 696	L50	W51	W23	W38	W52	D46	42-12
9.C.Ensey	1691	W5 3	₩54	W24	L 3	W55	D11	42-12
10.E.W.Hamm	1666	D56	W57	L 7	W58	W59	W40	4½-1½
11.C.Mar	1 643	W51	L24	W60	W61	W27	D 9	4½-1½
12.R.H.Blackmer	1638	W62	L14	W63	W64	W28	D 6	4½-1½
13.M.Marsha11	1498	L65	W66	W67	D68	W69	WF	4½-1½

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
14.D.Miller	1426	W70	W12	D 5	W69	W71	L 2	4월-1월
15.N.Crawford	1252	W72	L73	W74	WF	W75	L16	4½-1½
16.A.D.Wilson	1717	D44	W76 ·	L40	W50	W77	D15	4 -2
17.B.Y.Kraa1	1650	W78	W23	L 6	W79	W24	L 4	4 -2
18.S.V.Be11	1608	W80	L 6	W81	D 7	D18	W26	4 -2
19.N.Johnson	1595	L42	W79	W82	L27	W64	W44	4 -2
20.L.Argyres	1587	W60	W84	L 2	W85	L 4	W83	4 -2
21.C.Brentlinger	1548	W 7	L71	W86	W87	W46	L 5	4 -2
22.R.Martin	1515	D87	L88	D89	W67	W86	W34	4 -2
23.J.Sinde	1512	W18	L17	L 8	W88	W84	WF	4 -2
24.P.Friedrich	1467	W89	W11	L 9	W90	L17	W52	4 -2
(0-3½ Points, Nos.	25 to	98, o	mitted)					

Winners in the D/E/Unrated Section: Neal Kuvara (San Francisco) had a perfect score of 6-0 and won the Unrated trophy plus \$100. Richard Wagner (Rio Linda) scored 5-1 and won the Class D trophy plus \$100. Eric Burris (San Rafael), Alan Friedman (Moraga) and Manuel Sigua (San Francisco) scored $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and received \$50 each. Pawel Kerntopf (Stanford) won the Class E trophy.

	CLASS	D, CL	ASS E	AND UN	RATED			
	_Rating	_1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1.N.Kuvara	UNR.	W12	W13	W14	W 3	W15	W 4	6 - 0
2.R.Wagner	1342	L16	W17	W18	W19	W 6	W 9	5 - 1
3.E.Burris	UNR.	W20	W21	W22	L 1	W7	D11	4½-1½
4.A.D.Friedman	UNR.	W23	W19	D 5	W21	W11	L 1	4½-1½
5.M.L.Sigua	UNR.	W22	W23	D 4	L11	W24	W15	4½-1½
6.R.M.Faria	1391	L18	W25	W26	W20	L 2	W27	4 -2
7.R.Taylor	1282	W28	L 9	W29	W30	L 3	W14	4 -2
8.R.Courchesne	UNR.	D31	W32	L11	D33	W34	W22	4 -2
9.B.B.McGhie	UNR.	W 7	W 7	W24	L15	W27	L 2	4 -2
10.Q.O.Nickell	UNR.	L15	D35	W32	W22	D14	W36	4 -2
11.M.E.Plate	UNR.	W25	D15	W_8	W 5	L 4	D 3	4 -2
(0-31 Points Nos	12 to	/11 0	mitted	\				

 $(0-3\frac{1}{2} \text{ Points, Nos. } 12 \text{ to } 41, \text{ omitted})$

FINANCIAL REPORT							
Receipts:		Disbursements:					
Entry Fees	.\$5,576.50	Cash Prizes\$ Trophies\$	3,950.00				
Miscellaneous	. 32.00	Trophies	266.30				
		Tournament Directors	387.50				
		Hotel Claremont	529.33				
		Advertising, Rating, etc	167.21				
		Refunds of Entry Fees	150.00				
		Loss on Bad Checks	105.00				
Total Receipts:	\$5,608.50		5,555.34				
-		Profit to CSCF:	\$53.16				

SOME AFTERTHOUGHTS ON THE TOURNAMENT

The plan of the California State Chess Federation is to sponsor and promote quality tournaments, at first concentrating on the five major weekends where there is a holiday on Monday. The first tournament of the series was held last Washington's Birthday at Chabot College. The second was held at the Hotel Claremont in the hopes that a quality location would bring out an adequate response.

Unfortunately for these hopes a letter from the hotel to tournament director Alan Benson arrived some time after the tournament, saying that the discounts given will be withdrawn the next time, that chessplayers taking rooms had abused the privilege by bringing in their friends with sleeping bags, that people were playing skittles all over the hotel, such as in the dining room and in the snack bar, that the expected business from the dining room and bar did not meet expectations, and that some of the occupants of rooms skipped without paying. This means that we cannot hold any more tournaments at the Claremont or at any other fine hotel.

The Federation was also stiffed for bad checks. Because at the time of this report and to the best of our knowledge the checks have not been made good, we list the checks and the makers here: Julia Pigford \$25; Kenneth A. Halligan \$30 (less \$5 paid later); John T. Shaw \$35, and Girts Lorencis \$30.

The tournament directors were also stiffed by people withdrawing from play and not notifying the T.D. When this happens, there are a lot of forfeits or else the start of a round is delayed while a section is re-paired. We list here some players who dropped out without telling us, to the best of our knowledge, that is. If anyone listed here has a legitimate excuse, we will be glad to make a correction. The dropouts: Paul Devlin, Harold Edelstein, Romulo Aguilar, John T. Shaw, G.F. de la Cruz, Bruce Friend, Carl McDonald, Charles Berthiaume, Bob Brooks, John Lee. The penalty is \$5 before being admitted to the next tournament.

The tournament at the Claremont, like the tournament at Chabot College last February, fell short of the expected enrollment and the prize fund had to be reduced. The California Open (South) also fell short. Evidently, the Fischer Boom is petering out. As an example of what has been happening, the tournament at the Claremont was divided into three sections on the basis of last year's figures on Class D, Class E and Unrated entries. The first section, Masters, Experts and Class A, had a total of 76 (8 Masters, 26 Experts and 42 Class A); the second section had 97 (Class B-56 and Class C-56); while the third section, where 1973 reports indicated a large turnout, had only 41 (12 in Class D, 6-Class C and 23 Unrated). The advertised prizes for Class D and Class E were heavily overrated.

Another part of the Federation's plan for the two California Opens, that of having membership meetings, fell by the wayside. At Berkeley the players failed to notice the time of the meeting (Sunday morning) and attendance was sparse until time for the morning round drew near. Bob Burger, Vice-President of the Federation, spent most of his time educating the audience and very little business was transacted. One or two members came for the meeting, but most of the members present were players in the tournament.

At Ventura a misunderstanding arose and the Ventura Chess Club failed to require membership in the CSCF for the tournament. Consequently, Isaac Kashdan, President of the Federation, could not even attempt to hold a meeting of the members. (Next year, the California Open (South) will probably be held elsewhere).

Anatoly Karpov: The Dragon Slayer

Article by Alan Benson (reprinted from the Berkeley Daily Gazette)

At the Trade Union Hall in the former Noblemen's club near Red Square in Moscow, Anatoly Karpov decisively defeated Viktor Korchnoi in the second game of their World Championship Candidates Match.

After six games the score stands at 4-2 (including four draws) in favor of Karpov. The winner of the 24-game match (or the first to win five games) will be the challenger for the World Chess Champion Bobby Fischer in 1975, although the issue is in doubt at the present as Fischer has resigned his FIDE title effective when his proposals were voted down by the recent FIDE congress at the Chess Olympics in Nice.

GAME OF THE MONTH

Game No. 1311 - Şicilian

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>			
A. Karpov	V. Korchnoi			
1 P-Kl	P-QB4	6	B-K3	B-N2
2 N-KB3	P - Q3	7	P-B3	N-B3
3 P-Q4	PxP	8	Q-Q2	0-0
L NxP	N-KB3	9	B-QB4	B-Q2
5 N-QB3	P-KN3	10	P-KR4	R-B1
		11	B-N3	N-K)4
This move c	onstitutes the Dragon	12	0-0-0	N-B5
	so named because the	13	BxN	RxB
	formation resembles	14	P-R5	NxRP
the silhoue	tte of a dragon.	15	P-KN4	N-B3
				and the second second

The strategy for both sides is clear. White has sacrificed the KRP in order to attack along the open file. Black's resources lie in the counterattack on the queenside. In the game Yefim Geller vs. Viktor Korchnoi, Candidates Match 1971, Moscow, Geller played here 16.B-R6. This variation was examined in detail in the article, "Possibly...R-Bl is still playable?", by Utyatzky and Berkin in Shakhmatny Bulletin 1970:9. After 16...NxKP! 17.Q-K3 (Geller was a point down in the match so he didn't play the drawish 17.Q-R2, RxN/5, 18.BxB, RxRch, 19.NxR KxB, 20.Q-R6ch, K-B3, 21.Q-B4ch with perpetual) 17...RxN/6,18.PxR, N-B3, 19.BxB, KxB, 20.R-R2! This move was not considered in the abovementioned article. Korchnoi now set a world record for time taken on a single move in the Candidates Matches by considering his response for 103 minutes! After 20...Q-R4 (20...R-N1, 21.N-K2, K-R1, 22.N-N3, R-N2, 23.QxRP, B-B3 was played in the game Jansa-Osnos, 1971, with Black on top). 21.N-N3, QxRP, 22.QxKP. Geller won the game (lost the match $5\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ however) after a gross blunder on the 37th move by Korchnoi.

16. N/4-K2 Q-R4

International master Jim Tarjan of Berkeley has played here 16... R-K1, 17.P-K5, NxP, 18.PxN, BxNP as in Martin-Tarjan, 1974, and Osto-jic-Tarjan, 1974, went 17.B-R6, B-R1, 18.P-K5, NxP, 19.PxP, NxB, 20. QxN, B-N2, 21.QxPch, K-B1 with Black better.

17. B-R6 BxB 18. QxB KR-B1 19. R-Q3

Both players have played rapidly up to this point. In the article "Dragon under Fire", by Chamuk, in Shakhmatny Bulletin 1972:10, consideration is given only to the move 19.R-Q5 which according to the author leads to an advantage. Two questions arise--Why did Karpov not play this move and what did Korchnoi plan to play against it? In a critical variation after 19.R-Q5, R/1-B4, 20.K-N1, Q-Q1, 21.P-K5, PxP, 22.R-



Q2, Q-K1, 23.P-N5, N-R4, 24.N-N3, Chamuk now considers only two replies 24...R-B2 and 24...R-B3 in both cases his analysis leads to an advantage for White. He overlooks a third possibility 24...R-Q5; for example, 25. RxR, PxR, 26.N/3-K4, R-B3, 27.NxN, PxN, 28.N-B6ch (Instead 28.QxP, B-B4 holds) 28...PxN, 29.PxP, Q-KB1, 30.R-N1ch, B-N5, 31.Q-N5ch K-R1, 32. PxB, P-KR3, 33.QxP (If 33.Q-K5, Q-Q1, 34.QxRP, QxP with advantage) 33... RxKBP, 34.Q-K5, Q-N2, 35.Q-K8ch (If 35.Q-N8ch, K-R2, 36.QxNP or RP then QxP! and White cannot capture due to R-B8 mate) 35...K-R2, 36.Q-K4ch, Q-N3, 37.QxQP with a probable draw. Another possibility is 25.NxN, PxN,

26.P-N6, RPxP, 27.N-K4, RxR, 28.N-N5, P-K3 defending against the mate or 25.R/2-R2, Q-KB1, 26.NxN, QxQ, 27.PxQ (Not 27.N-B6ch, PxN, 28. RxQ, P-B4! Much better than 28...PxP, 29.RxP, P-B4, 30.R-K7 threatening to double rooks on the 7th rank. Or 29...K-B1, 30.N-K4 with play. 29.RxP, K-B1 with excellent endgame prospects) 27...PxN, 28.RxP (If 28.R-N2ch, K-B1, 29.R-N7, B-B4 holds. Or 29.RxP, R-B3, 30.R-N7, R-KN3, 31.R-N5, RxR/5, 32.RxR, R-KR5) 28...R-B3, 29.RxP, K-B1 with the edge.

So both Karpov and Korchnoi knew about this error. Karpov's new move is well planned supporting the Knight on QB3 against the possible RxN by Black. Korchnoi spent 36 minutes on his reply.

19. ... R/5-B4

20. P-N5!!

Korchnoi's last move was designed to prevent this advance. Karpov has seen much further into the position however.

20 ... RxP

No choice, the sacrifice of the second pawn must be accepted as after 20...N-R4, 21.N-B4, RxP, 22.R-Q5! wins.

21. R-Q5! RxR 22. NxR R-K1

The alternative 22...Q-Q1, 23.NxNch, PxN, 24.N-B4, B-K3 (If instead 24...B-B3 to cover also the square Q5 from the White Knight then 25.N-R5!, PxN, 26.R-Nlch and mates) 25.QxRPch, K-B1,26.NxBch, PxN, 27.Q-R8ch, K-K2, 28.R-R7 mate.

23. N/2-B4 B-B3

Resistance can be prolonged with 23...B-K3, 24.NxB, PxN, 25.NxNch, PxN, 26.QxRPch, K-B1, 27.QxQNP, Q-N4ch (Old Russian proverb: There are many checks but only one mate) 28.K-N1, R-K2, 29.Q-N8ch, R-K1, 30.QxPch (Not 30.R-R8ch, K-N2, 31.QxR, Q-N8 mate!) 30...K-B2, 31.R-R7ch, K-N1, 32.Q-R2 covering the square KN1 and proceeding to victory.

24. P-K5!

Strike three and you're out! The third pawn sacrifice, leading to a well deserved win.

24 ... BxN

Accepting the pawn with 24...PxP leads to mate after 25.NxNch, PxN, 26.N-R5!, PxN, 27.R-N1ch.

25. PxN PxP 26. QxRPch K-B1

27. Q-R8ch Resigns

After 27...K-K2, 28.NxBch, QxN, 29.R-K1ch wins the Rook. Naturally ..Q-K3 or K4 is hopeless. The Dragon breathes fire no more!

OUPS! -The Games Editor forgot to mention that Alan's last Game of the Month article (July-August '74, Browne-Bisguier) was a reprint from the Daily Californian, UCB's fine campus newspaper. Sorry, Alan; and sorry, Daily Cal!



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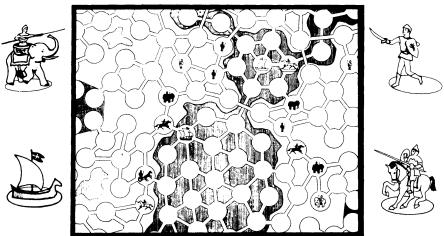




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BOOK REVIEW: Bobby Fischer vs. The Rest of the World
-by Brad Darrach, Stein & Day, 240 pp. \$7.95

This book is good reporting. It gives some background of Fischer's childhood, his rise to fame in the U.S. chess world and his final years of triumph to the ultimate crown of world chess champion. It is a Perils of Pauline cliffhanger documentary or factual soap opera with the aristocracy of U.S. chess as the minor characters pleading, begging, grovelling and, finally after the intercession of a British tycoon who donated an additional \$125,000 prize money, worshipfully bearing the challenger to the tournament and triumph on their bowed and aching backs.

The book is not about chess games or the Spassky-Fischer match. It is all about a character whom Mr. Darrach and/or others have described as a monomaniac, weird, yahoo, schmuck, with culture of a hardrock deejay, arrogant, a holy idiot, a jerk, extremely vulgar and ignorant, unpleasant, a brat. He is also described as a chess genius, which he undoubtedly is.

The documentary is often hilarious, sometimes grotesque and, if read between the lines, sad. Those of us who have followed Bobby Fischer's career since he first appeared in the chess limelight as a chess whiz kid remember him as a scruffy kid from the slums of Brooklyn. His home life and environment were most detrimental to the development of a well-adjusted personality. He emerged into the elite chess world a lonely, paranoid, uncouth teenager, a type frequently found in juvenile courts. It is to his credit that he became a teenage chess star instead of a juvenile delinquent. At this period, if he had had the advantage of a reasonable discipline and training in civilized amenities of life, he could have become a well-adjusted person with professional chess as an intellectual vocation or avocation. Instead he became the exploited darling of the U.S. chess organizations which had been hungrily searching for years for a possible challenger for the world chess crown which had been held by Russia since 1945.

Instead of discipline, formal education and training in manners, Fischer received fawning praise, adulation, deference, sweet tolerance. If he was ill-tempered, vulgar, greedy, unpleasant, everything was excused because he showed signs of genius. Inevitably, the result of such pampering of a twisted personality was that a difficult child became a maladjusted adult.

For its arduous efforts, the U.S. Chess Federation and its cohorts gained their objective: the world chess crown came to the United States after 45 years in foreign (godless) hands. In the minds of the non-chessplaying U.S. public, chessplayers are a bunch of queer nuts not at all like normal beer-drinking, football-watching decent Americans. For the rest of the world, the image of the American chessplayer is, of course, the Ugly American. Happily, the Icelanders are tolerant, kindly people; it is safe to visit Iceland.

-reviewed by Skeptic

BOOK REVIEW: Every Great Chessplayer Was Once a Beginner
-by Brian Byfield and Alan Orpin, ill. by
Alan Cracknell, Lyle Stuart, 211 pp., \$19.95

This book is a ripoff, the most overpriced book on chess we have ever seen. It's something only two guys from advertising agencies would have the chutzpah to write - a large $(10\frac{1}{2}"\ X\ 12")$, expensive book on beginner's chess. The authors admit that they're not masters. Where, then, do they get the idea that they're qualified to write a book on chess? The answer lies in their profession. Advertising writers are handsomely rewarded for their ability to pull the wool over the eyes of the public. They become accustomed to getting away with stretching the truth, with asserting that black is white, and with quoting statistics that haven't been verified. They have huge egos. Everything they say or write is enormously clever and interesting. Since the Fischer boom they have taken up chess.

The book is a collection of elementary positions, from how the Knight moves to pins, double attacks and so forth..(all this can be found in numerous chess books, all cheaper and better). It is evidently supposed to appeal to children, for the type is large (24 point, the kind you find in children's nursery rhymes) and the diagrams are immense, covering two-thirds of the large pages. The diagrams are done in a bilious combination of red and yellow squares.

The book is something that only a doting grandfather would buy as a present for a grandson. A chessplayer would be horrified at such a book; a kid might not know any better. There will be many copies purchased this Christmas, alas. The money would be better spent on practically any other book on chess, preferably one written by a chessmaster. But the givers will undoubtedly feel that good, warm feeling of having given the chess enthusiast a nice, pretty new book that cost a lot. But let our readers be warned: Don't waste your money.

-reviewed by Guthrie McClain

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11 Ngf3 12 O-O-O 13 Qg4 14 Bd3 15 h4 16 Bxh7+ 17 Ng5+ 18 Qe4 19 h5 20 hg+ 21 g7	Qb6 Bxf2 0-0 Be3 d6 Kxh7 Kh6 g6 Nxe5 Kxg5 Bd7	注 2	
22 gf=Q 23 Rh3 24 Qh7 25 Rxe3 26 Qg7+ 27 Rf1+ 28 Qh6+	Rxf8 Ngl4 Qdl4 Qxe3 Kfl4 Nf2 Resigns	17 18 Rxf7 19 Qh5+ 20 Rf1 21 Nf6+ 22 ef 23 f7+	Rxf7 Kxf7 Kg8 Nc6 Bxf6 Nxd4 Kf8
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2 Nf3 3 dl4 4 Nxdl4 5 Nc3 6 Be3 7 Bd3 8 fl4 9 Bxdl4 10 g3 11 Be2 12 e5 13 Nel4 14 0-0 15 cl4 16 Bh5 17 Bxf7+	Nc6 cd e6 a6 Qc7 Nf6 Nxdlt Qxflt Qgf Qg5 Nd5 Qd8 Be7 Nblt O-O	Game No. 1314 - White G. De La Cruz 1 c4 2 Nc3 3 Nf3 4 e3 5 a3 6 b4 7 Ng1 8 Rb1 9 Nge2 10 Nf4 11 Bb2 12 Ncd5 13 d4 14 Be2	English Black H. Radke e5 Nc6 g6 Bg7 d6 e4 f5 Nf6 Be6 Bf7 O-0 Ne5 Ned7 c6

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4 Ne2	de	
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1	25 Bf 4 26 Bb8 27 ed 28 Ba7 29 Bc5 30 g3 31 de+ 32 Ke2 33 Kd3 314 g4 35 h3 36 Ba7 37 Bc5 38 Bb6	Be6 Bxd5 a6 b5 Bh6 e6 Kxe6 Kd5 Bg5 Bd8 a5 Bc7 Bd6 al4
36 Rh8 mate Same No. 1318 - Grunfeld Defense	39 Ba5 40 Bb6 41 Bc7 42 Bb6 43 Ba5 44 Bb6 45 Kc2 46 d5 47 Bd8 48 Kb3 49 Bg5 50 Resigns	Ba3 Be7 Bf6 bl4 Be7 a3 Kcl4 Bd6 Kxd5 Kdl4 Kd3
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15 c4 16 Ng5 17 Rf2 18 Ng1 19 Bh3 20 N5f3 21 ef 22 Ne2 23 de 24 Rg1 25 Rff1 26 Bg2 27 Qe1 28 Resigns	Ngl4 Ne3 Bd7 h6 f5 Bc6 gf el4 Bxel4 Ngl4 Rxcl4 Rc2 Qxb2	Game No. 1321 - Kir White Dr. A. Saidy 1 dl, 2 Nf3 3 cl, 4 Nc3 5 el, 6 Be2 7 Be3 8 de 9 Nd5 10 cd 11 Qb3	Black A. Kanamori Nf6 g6 Bg7 O-O d6 e5 Qe7 de Nxd5 f5 Kh8
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Game No. 1322 - Whi	te King's Indian		
White-	Black		
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1 N-KB3	P-Q4		
2 P-KN3	P-QB4		
3 B-N2	N-KB3		
4 0-0	N-B3		
5 P - Q3	P-K4		
6 QN-Q2	B-K2		
7 P-K4	0-0		
8 P-B3	В-КЗ		
9 PxP	N×P		
10 R-K1	Q-B2		
11 Q-K2	•		
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and P	-QR4.	
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	12 N-N5	QR-K1
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14 NxRP	KxN
15 Q - R5ch	K-N1
16 N-B6ch	PxN
17 R-K4	P-B4
18 Q-N5ch	Resigns

Game No. 1323	- Ruy Lopez
White	Black
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1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB	3 N-QB3
3 B-N5	P-QR3
4 BxN	QPxB
5 0 - 0	B-KN5
6 P-KR	3 P- KR4
7 P - Q3	B-Q3
8 B - K3	P-QB4
9 QN-Q2	Q-B3
10 R-K1	B-Q2
11 P-B3	Q-N3
12 N-R4	Q-R2
13 Q-N3	N-K2
14 QxNP	0-0
15 Q-N3	QR-N1
16 Q-B2	P-KB3
17 KN-B3	P-N4
18 P-Q4	P-N5
19 PxBP	PxN
20 PxB	Q-N2

21 NxP

BxRP



22 N-N5!

Resigns

1324 - Pirc-Robatsch Defense Game No. White Black D. C. Argall J. Hanken 1 P-K4 P-KN3 2 P-Q4 B-N2 3 N-QB3 P-03 4 B-K3 P-B3 5 Q-Q2 P-QN4 6 P-B3 P-QR3 7 0-0-0 N-Q2 8 N-R3 Q-R4 9 P-R3 R-N1 10 N-R2 Q-B2 11 N-B2 N-N312 P-KB4 B-K3 13 N-N4 Q-B1 14 NxBP QxN15 P-Q5 Q-B1 16 PxB QxKP 17 B-04 N-B3 18 P-K5 K-N1 was obviously safer. 18 ... Q-R7 19 Q-B5 KN-Q4 20 PxP BxB21 RxB 0-0 22 PxP KR-B1 23 N-K4 Q-R8ch 24 K-02 QxNP 25 P-K8(Q)ch RxQ

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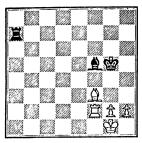
MORE ON TOURNAMENT RULES . . .

Martin E. Morrison, Technical Director for the U.S.Chess Federation and conductor of the TD's Corner in Chess Life and Review, writes us concerning improvements · being made in the rules. He also comments on James Schroeder's statement that as a tournament director he would inform all players when they forget to stop their clocks: "Conditions of play should be equal for all players. Especially since the tournament director cannot monitor all clocks, he should not remind players just when he notices a mistake. This principle applies even more to amateur tournaments than to master tournaments... this is an official FIDE ruling ... "

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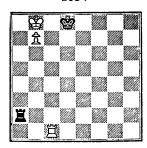
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No.349 G. Greco 17th Century



Draw-Black to Move

No.350 S. Genovino 1634



Win-Either to Move

Again some samples from <u>Test Tube Chess</u>, A. J. Roycroft's comprehensive endgame collection. Nothing difficult to solve here, although even with this reduced material chess holds surprises.

In the first, a remarkable draw occurs only because the White Bishop is of the wrong color, and the White pawns are converted into doubled Rook pawns. In the second, we intend to correct the record. Several years ago we gave the "Lucena" position as dating from 1492 - as do most of the older books (see Tarrasch, for example). That position, as shown in Fine's <u>Basic Chess Endings</u>, has the White Pawn and the Black Rook on a Bishop file. Then White can also win simply by getting the Rook to the eighth rank and running with the King. Here, however, play must be accurate: 1.Rc4 followed by 2. Rd4ch (the bridge, allowing Kc7, b6, c6, b5). The Black Rook can't leave the Rook file because the White Rook then takes it over. And 1.Rd1ch is inaccurate in the sense that after 2.Rc4 the process is one move longer.