

Hello Ruby Tuesday.  
Jude



**JUDE ACERS SETS NEW WORLD RECORD 179 AT ONCE**  
MID-ISLAND PLAZA, LONG ISLAND NEW YORK  
JULY 2-3, 1976

US Senior Chess Master Jude F. Acers of San Francisco set a new GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS record for the most chess players played at one time. The previous high was 142 played in England. Acers had played 117 in Portland Oregon at Lloyd Center in 1973. He did not know about the 142 player event at that time. 179 were played by Acers at Mid-Island Plaza, Hicksville, New York in 18 hours and 46 minutes. Hicksville is near New York City out on Long Island. Shelby Lyman the chess columnist was the MC for the event. He says in his chess column in NEWSDAY, the Long Island Newspaper: "The Guinness Book of Records is a statistical repository of human folly. It also encourages that folly. Acers won 160, lost 15 and drew 4 games. In the entire 20 hours, he took one brief rest stop. Otherwise he was on the move continuously. In Jude Acers own words the event had a simple meaning. "I am the greatest player in the world," he said. Not everyone in Hicksville would have agreed. But 179 plus people endured and enjoyed an unforgettable occasion because of one chessmasters record-breaking insanity. "

Acers had hoped 200 would take part on the 200 anniversary of US but not enough chess sets were available so 179 it was. The walk was 7.3 miles long and many many half filled cups of coffee with lots of cream and sugar. Half filled because as many of you reading this know when he is concentrating on his games he spills his coffee a lot. Acers took press, radio and TV interviews (live and beeper phone), signed autographs, joked some and ate some very small snacks handed to him during the competition which started Friday July 2, 1976 at 2:24 pm and end officially on Saturday July 3rd at 9:10am. Prizes were given to all the participants in form of a John Grafton Chess Calendar Picture Book of Chess Events of History donated by Dover Press. The event was free and the players were screened and recruited by Tempo Temp-oraries of Long Island.

This event was part of Acers 1976-77 US Tour during which he will play in all 50 states. Yakima Washington was first on January 3rd. Done are California, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Michigan State Prison, New York, Florida (a Muscular Dystrophy Benefit) and Alaska. October 9th he will be in

Shelby Lyman (curly hair and moustache) with some of the players plus Jude F. Acers on right

Albuquerque, New Mexico at First Plaza Shopping Center. That is National Chess Day. A number of prizes will be visited in next few months. Watch for more adventures of JUDE ACERS in NWC.  
By Russell W. Miller

The following two games were chosen by Mr. Acers from his World Record Exhibition-179 Boards.  
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WHITE: Jude F. Acers-San Francisco  
BLACK: R. Savinis-Brooklyn, NY  
CENTER GAME

1.P-K4	P-K4	4.Q-K3	N-B3?!	7.PxP+	B-K3
2.P-Q4	PxP	5.P-K5!	N-KN5	8.P-KR3! <sup>a</sup>	Q-R5?
3.QxP	N-QB3	6.Q-K4	P-Q4	9.P-KN3	Q-R4
				10.PxN	Resignb

<sup>a</sup> An unknown amateur suggested this move before swapping. It probably wins as he says in Larry Evans column. Usual is 8.PxP?, Q-Q8ch!! 9.KxQ, NxP+ 10.K-K1, NxQ holding. Black is following book 100 years old and he is probably lost!! After the game he said "You evil master."  
<sup>b</sup> This was after 2 hours and 40 minutes of the exhibition.

WHITE: Samuel Peterson-Queens, NY  
BLACK: Jude Acers-San Francisco  
FRENCH DEFENSE

1.P-K4	P-K3	4.P-K5	N-K5	7.PxP	N-Q2!
2.P-Q4	P-Q4	5.NxN	PxN	8.B-QN5?	Q-R4+
3.N-Q2	N-KB3	6.B-K3	P-QB4!	9.Resign	

This game took two hours to play.

The event was produced by theatrical producer Michael Rivelle. It was billed as CHESS CHALLENGE OF THE CENTURY. There was massive promotion and coverage in NEWSDAY and NEW YORK DAILY NEWS plus 3 minutes on channel 5 Manhattan. Promotion Manager of Mid-Island Plaza site of the event is Harvey Lewis.

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