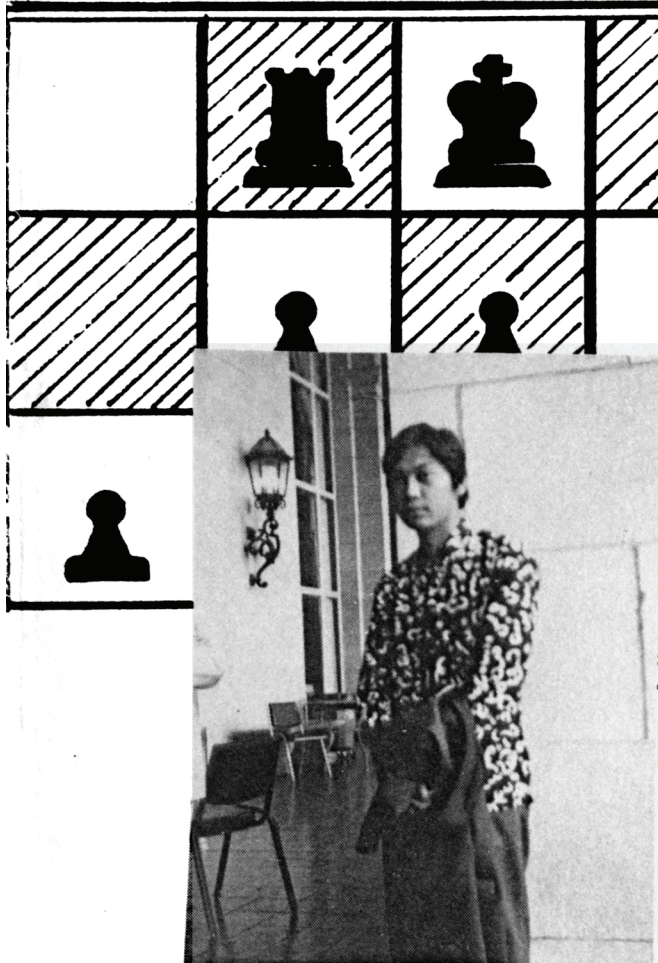


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**Action at the Pan Pacific
Tony Miles demonstrates
left: Winner Utut Adianto**

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I apologize for the lateness of this issue.

I hope that I can catch up in the future.

Please watch for your renewal dates on the mailing labels.

Pan Pacific Grandmaster Tournament

by R. E. Fauber

The strongest chess tournament in Northern California history took place September 3 - 17 in San Francisco's Veteran's Memorial Building. Sponsored by the Mechanics Institute Chess Club, Neil Falconer President and Max Wilkerson Director, the Pan Pacific boasted a field which included long-time U.S. chess luminaries, Walter Browne, Larry Christiansen, and Nick deFirmian. English emigrant Tony Miles took the occasion to make his U.S. debut at the Pan Pacific.

Yet the tourney's end saw none of these powerful grandmasters at the top of the scoring column. Utut Adianto the 22 year-old Indonesian grandmaster and Michael Rhode, the pride of New Jersey shared first with 7 - 4 apiece. Browne and Christiansen shared third and fourth places at 6 1/2 while frequent Canadian champion Kevin Spraggett and deFirmian had the remaining plus scores at 6. Miles, one of only three players in the hotly contested tourney to have a minus score, came next to last with 3 1/2. Uprooting takes its toll on us all.

Directed by Max Wilkerson, the tournament play was relatively incident free, but there was by-play.

Under Which Flag?

At international tournaments custom dictates that the flag of the player's nation decorate his side of the table. Miles refused, however, to play under the Union Jack and was not eligible for the stars and stripes. Instead, he adopted the pirate's Jolly Roger as his standard. In the last round Christiansen, scheduled for a prize determining game with Browne, spirited the flag away to his board as a signal of his desire for swash-buckling play.

Pity the poor Canadians. The flag store which supplied the miniature banners had no difficulty finding an Indonesian flag for Adianto, a Mexican flag for Denis Verduga, or a Yugoslav flag for Stefan Djuric, but they had no Canadian flags in stock. Instead, Montreal based Spraggett played under the provincial flag of Quebec. The sore had that.

Canadians have long complained that their fellow-Americans in the states overlook them when they are not taking them for granted, and there is some color to the charge. It seems that nations fall into two classes, those who complain about our neglect and those who object to the attention we pay them.

Originally the organizers, of whom Robert Burger was the sparkplug, had hoped to attract an entry from the Soviet Union and put a request through channels for the rising young star Jan Ehlvest. Neither he nor any other Soviet put in an appearance, much to everyone's disappointment.

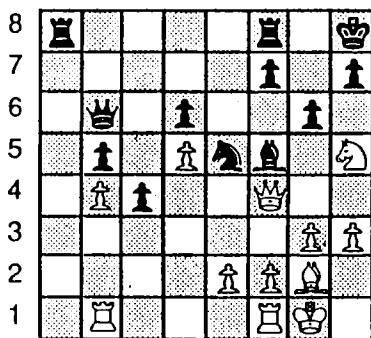
A staff member of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco, which has maintained cordial relations with the Bay Area chess community for a number of years, explained "When you ask for a particular player it makes us nervous." When the Pan Pacific repeats in two to three years, the organizers plan to request a Soviet player again and to submit a list of preferred entrants rather than limit themselves to one specified entrant.

One feels that the nervousness expressed is not concerned about possible defection by a Soviet grandmaster but an unwillingness to relinquish the power of patronage the Soviet Chess Federation derives from designating who plays abroad and where.

Rohde's meeting with Browne was a critical moment, and Rohde rose to the occasion with this sparkling victory.

**M. Rohde - W. Browne
Benoni**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 c5
4. d5 ed 5. cd d6 6. Bg2 g6
7. Nf3 Bg7 8. Nc3 0-0 9. 0-0
a6 10. a4 Nbd7 11. Nd2 Nc8
12. Nc4 Nb6 13. Nxb6 Qxb6
14. Bd2 Qc7 15. Rb1 Bd7 16.
Qc1 b5 17. ab ab 18. b4 c4
19. Bh6 Bxh6 20. Qxh6 Nf6
21. Qc3 Ng4 22. Qd4 Qa7
23. Qf4 Qb6 24. h3 Ne5 25.
Nc4 Bf5 26. Nf6+ Kg7 27.
Nh5+ Kh8



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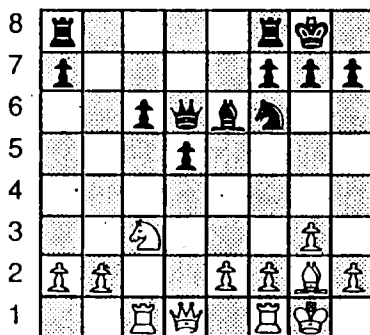
28. Bc4! Rg8 29. Bxf5 gh 30.
Ra1 Ra4 31. Bc2 Rxa1 32.
Qf6+ Rg7 33. Rxa1 Qb8 34.
Ra6 Nd7 35. Qxd6 Qxd6 36.
Rxd6 f6 37. Bf5 Ne5 38.
Rxf6 Rf7 39. Rxf7 Nxf7 40.
Kf1 Nd6 41. Bc2 1-0.

The Tarrasch QGD got a workout in San Francisco. Adianto used it to advantage against the rising Yugoslav grandmaster Djuric.

**S. Djuric - U. Adianto
Queen's Gambit Declined**

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c5 3. g3 e6
4. Nf3 d5 5. cd ed 6. d4
Nc6 7. Bg2 Bc7 8. 0-0 0-0

9. Bf4 Bg4 10. dc Bxc5 11.
Ne5 Bc6 12. Nxc6 bc 13.
Rc1 Bd6 14. Bxd6 Qxd6.



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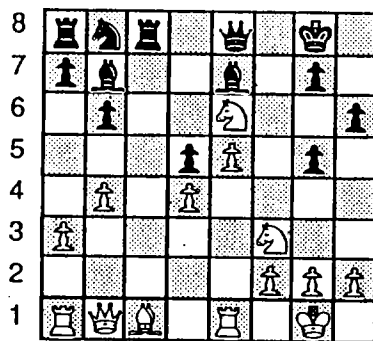
Perhaps now 15. Qa4 and Rfd1 continuing play in the center and on the Q-side would fare better.

15. a3 Qc5 16. c3 c5 17.
Re1 Rab8 18. f4 Qf5 19. e4
de 20. Nxc4 c4 21. Qd4 Rfd8
22. Qxa7 Rxb2 23. Nf2 h6
24. Re5 Rb1 25. Rf1 Qc2
26. a4 c3 27. f5 Bc4 28. Qc7
Rd4 29. Qc5 Bxf1 30. Bxf1
Qc1 0-1.

Miles let himself be cramped and Browne sacrificed for the bind that ties.

**W. Browne - A. Miles
Queen's Indian Defense**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6
4. a3 c6 5. Nbd2 d5 6. Qc2
Bc7 7. e4 Bb7 8. Bd3 h6 9.
0-0 0-0 10. cd cd 11. e5 Nfd7
12. b4 Qc8 13. Qb1 Rd8 14.
Re1 Nf8 15. Nf1 Qc6 16. Ng3
Qc8 17. Nh5 Ng6 18. Bxg6
fg 19. Nf4 g5 20. Nxc6 Rc8

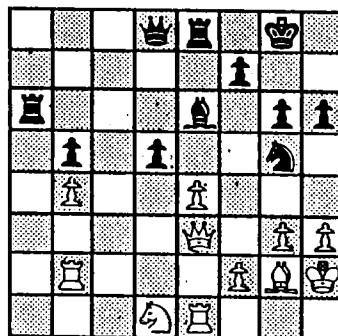


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21. Bxg5! hg 22. Nexg5 g6
23. e6 Kg7 24. Nf7 Rc6 25.
b5 Rxc6 26. Rxc6 Qxf7 27.
Qel Bf6 28. Rcl Nd7 29. Rc7
Bc8 30. Rec6 Qg8 and 1-0.

**Adianto did not have smooth
sailing to first place. The seas
got very choppy against Spraggett
U. Adianto - K. Spraggett
King's Indian Defense**

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. g3 Bg7
4. Bg2 0-0 5. 0-0 d6 6. c4 Nbd7
7. Nc3 e5 8. h3 Re8 9. e4 ed
10. Nxd4 Nc5 11. Re1 a5 12.
b3 c6 13. Rb1 h6 14. Kh2?! a4
15. b4 Nc6 16. Nf3 Nh7 17.
Nxa4 b5 18. cb cb 19. Nb2
Rxa2 20. Qb3 Ra6 21. Nd1
Nhg5 22. Nxc6 Nxc6 23. Bb2
Bc6 24. Qe3 Bxb2 25. Rxb2 d5



26. e5?! d4! 27. Qf4 Bd5 28. h4 Bxg2 29. Kxg2 Qd5+ 30. f3 Ne6 31. Qxh6 Ra3 32. Rf2 Rc8 33. h5 Rc2 34. Re4 Rxf2+ 35. Nxf2 g5 36. Ng4 Qa2+ 37. Kh3 Rxf3 38. Nf6+ Rxf6 39. Qxf6 Qd5 40. Qf5 d3 41. h6 d2 42. h7+ Kh8 43. Qxf7 Nf4! + 44. Rxf4 Qxf7 45. Rxf7 d1/Q 46. Re7 Qd8 47. Ra7 Qc8+ 48. Kg2 and 0-1.

A bad opening sometimes offers opportunity in the ensuing rough and tumble, but in these complications Rohde gets rough and Miles tumbles.

M. Rohde - A. Miles Bogo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 Bb4+ 4. Bd2 Qe7 5. g3 Nc6 6. Nc3 0-0 7. Bg2 Bxc3 8. Bxc3 Ne4 9. Rcl d6 10. 0-0 a5 11. Nh4 f5.

The peaceful course 11. ... Nxc3 looks like the best.

12. d5 Nb4 13. Be1! Bd7 14. a3 Na6 15. de Bc6 16. b4 ab 17. ab Ng5 18. e4! fe.

If 18. ... Bxe4 19. f3!

19. b5 Nc5 20. bc bc 21. Qg4 Ra2 22. Bc3 Nd3 23. f4 ef 24. Nxf3! h5.

If 24. ... Nxf3+ 25. Bxf3 Nxc1 26. Rxc1!, and the two bishops eat Black alive.

25. Qxh5 Ne4 26. Nh4 Rf1+ 27. Rxf1 Nf4 28. gf Nxc3 29. Nf5 Qxc6 30. Qg5 1-0.

Browne and Christiansen were pre-tournament favorites to win,

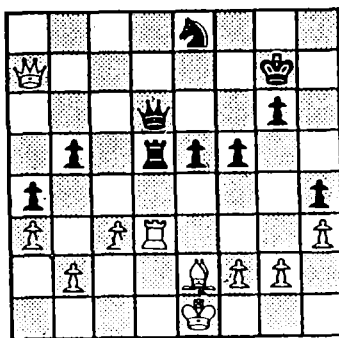
and they would at least have tied at the top had they scored something against deFirmian, but he beat both of them.

White: N. deFirmian
Black: L. Christiansen
Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 de 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Bc4 Ngf6 6. Ng5 Nd5 7. N1f3 h6 8. Ne4 N7b6 9. Bb3 Bf5 10. Qc2 e6 11. 0-0 Be7 12. Ng3 Bg4 13. h3 Bxf3 14. Qxf3 Bg5 15. Ne4 Bxc1 16. Raxc1 0-0 17. Rcd1 a5 18. a3 Nd7 19. Rfe1 a4 20. Ba2 b5 21. c3 Qc7 22. Bb1 g6 23. Ba2 Kg7 24. Ng3 N5f6 25. Re3 Rad8 26. Qe2 Qb8 27. Bb1 c5 28. Qc2 Rfe8 29. dc Nxc5 30. R3e1 e5 31. Qc2 h5 32. Ne4 Nxc4 33. Bxc4 Qb6 34. Kf1 h4 35. Bd3 Rd5 36. Qc3 Qc7 37. Be2 Red8 38. Rxd5 Rxd5 39. Rd1 Qd6 40. Rd3!

And not 40. Rxd5 Qxd5 41. Qd3? Qa2.

40. ... Nc8 41. Kc1 f5 42. Qa7+



42. ... Kf6?

More testing is 42. ... Kh6 43. Rxd5 Qxd5 44. Qe7 Nd6 45. Qxh4+ Kg7 46. Qe7+ Kh6 47. Qd7 Qc5.

43. Rxd5 Qxd5 44. Qb6+ Nd6 45. Bxb5 Kg7 46. Bc6 Qd3 47. Qa7+ Kf6 48. Qxa4 Nc4 49. Qd1 Nxb2 50. Qxd3 Nxd3+ 51. Kf1 and won in 63.

In a short tournament one oversight can make a huge difference.

Are you interested in starting a Corporate Chess Club at work? If so, call Liza Toth at (415) 855-5986 - she will help.

The American Open is promising to be a major event this year. Many famous Grandmasters are on a list in a Press Release from USCF. Among them are:

Boris Spassky,
Yasser Seirawan,
Bent Larsen,
Eugenio Torre, and
also the Polgar Sisters.

A \$ 100,000 prize fund is guaranteed! For info. call Randy Hough at
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RENO OPEN

A Report by Jerome Weikel and John Donaldson

The Reno Open was held Sept. 11, 12, 13 at the Sun-downer Hotel/Casino. 142 players from 13 states(!) and 3 countries converged on Reno to compete for the \$ 5,000 guaranteed prize fund plus trophies and a 2-year USCF membership for the top unrated player, (a worthwhile alternative). The 27 prize winners were from practically every corner of the Far West- Northern Calif. (14), So. Calif. (1), Ore. (5), Nev. (4), Arizona (1), Wash. (1), Vancouver, B.C. (1).

The prize winners were:

Open: 1st IM Jay Whitehead 5.5 points \$ 700;
2nd - 3rd Hugh O'Donnel, IM John Donaldson, and IM Cris Ramayrat 5 points \$ 366.66 each.;
4th - 5th Dov Gorman and Will Wharton 4.5 points \$ 100 each.
1st Expert and Nevada State Champion - Barry Brandt 4.5 points \$ 400; 2nd under 2200 and 1st under 2100 Thomas Weideman and Ben Gross 4 points \$ 250 each.

A - Section: 1st Alan Bishop 5.5 points \$ 300; 2nd - 4th Geoffrey Wyatt, Alan Knowles, and Vincent Stevens 4.5 points \$ 108.33 each.

B - Section: 1st Michael Mills 5.5 points \$ 250; 2nd Raymund Zetterlund 5 points \$ 175; 3rd Gil-

bert Chambers \$ 125.

C - Section: 1st Dean Meyer 5 points \$ 200; 2nd - 4th Charles Geary, Jeffery Loftus, and Steven Sperry 4.5 points \$ 83.33 each.

D - Unrated Section: 1st Joseph Phillips 6 points! (only perfect score) \$ 150 plus Trophy; 2nd "D" Robert Barncord 4.5 points \$125; 3rd - 4th William Boyet and Constantine Mustatea \$ 50 each; Top Unrated Matt Gerrans 4.5 points Trophy plus USCF membership.

A special feature this year was a lecture by IM John Donaldson. Themes: Olympiad at Dubai and his experiences as a second to "Yaz" Scirawan.

As you all know by now (because if it had happened you would have heard it by now) Bobby Fischer didn't show up to collect his \$ 10,000 we offered him. We didn't really expect him to. But nothing should be left untried to stimulate the resurfacing of the world's greatest chess player.

Special *Thanks* to Tom Allen and Mike Seidl (Assistant TD's), Bob Spencer (demo board operator), and helpers Rick Meador, Ron Gentil, and Vern Herring. See you all next year!!

The following games were anno-

tated by IM John Donaldson.

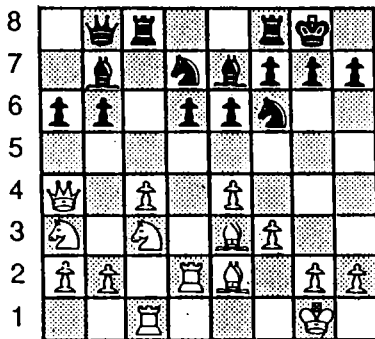
Round 2

White: Tim Pointon (2219)

Black: J. Donaldson (2514)

Sicilian - Taimanov Var.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 e6 5. Nb5 d6 6. c4 Nf6 7. N1c3 a6 8. Na3 Be7 9. Be2 0-0 10. 0-0 b6 11. Be3 Ne5 [This redeployment is quite typical in the Taimanov Variation. From d7 the knight covers b6 and can go to c5 pressuring the e-pawn. In addition the bishop on b7 will have an open diagonal making ... d5 easier to achieve.] 12. f3 [Ernst - Ogaard, Gausdal (zonal) 1987 saw 12. Qe1 Bb7 13. f3 Rc8 14. Qf2 Ned7 15. Rfd1 Qc7. Now White tried to clamp down on Black's breaks with ... d5 and ... b5 but overlooked some tactics - 16. Rd2? Rfe8 17. Kh1 d5! 18. ed ed 19. Rb1 Ba3 20. ba dc 21. Bb6 Nb6 22. Qb6 Qb6 23. Rb6 Nd5! and Black is better.] 12. ... Bb7 13. Qb3 Ned7 14. Rfd1 Qc7 [Here 14. ... Rc8 is usually played but the text should just transpose. Now if 15. Na4 Black has ... Bd8 threatening ... Nc5.] 15. Rac1 Rac8 16. Qa4?![This leaves the queen exposed.] 16. ... Qb8 17. Rd2? ...[Weakening the back rank and allowing the following break.] See diagram next page.



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17. ... d5! 18. Qd1 ...
 [The best try in a difficult position. On 18. cd ed 19. ed Black has ... b5 - ... b4 picking up a piece.] 18. ... Bd6 [With the idea 19. h3 Ba3 20. ba de 21. Rd7 Nd7 22. Qd7 ef 23. Bf3 Bf3 24. gf Qg3+ winning.] 19. cd Bh2+ 20. Kf1 ed 21. Nd5 Nd5 22. ed Rc1 23. Qc1 Re8 [Black didn't win any material immediately after ... d5 but now the results are clear. The weakness of the d-pawn, the advance f3, and the queen + rook line up all add up to White's demise.] 24. Rd4 Nf6 25. Bf4 (!) [In a difficult position Tim finds the best chance to resist. On 25. Bc4 b5 26. Bb3 ... Black has ... Qe5 with a quick end in sight.] 25. ... Bf4 26. Qf4 Qf4 27. Rf4 Nd5 28. Rd4 b5? [Up to here Black has played fairly well but now he shows a lack of precision. Correct was 28. ... Ne3+ 29. Kf2 Ng2 30. Ba6 Ba6 31. Kg2 g6 with an easy win in view of B vs. N, an extra pawn, and the rook coming to the seventh. The text wins but much more slowly.] 29. Kf2

Kf8 30. Bd1 Rc8 31. b4 Nb6 32. Bb3 Ke7 33. Nc2 Bd5 34. Ne3 Be6 35. Be6 fe 36. Rh4 h6 37. Rg4 g5 38. Re4 Kd6 39. Rd4+ Nd5 40. Rd2 h5 41. a4 Rc3 42. Nd5 ed 43. ab ab 44. Ra2 Rb3 45. Ra6+ Ke5 46. Rg6 Rb2+ 47. Ke3 d4+ 48. Kd3 Rg2 49. Rb6 h4 50. Rb5+ Kf4 51. Rb8 Kf3 0 - 1

Round 4

White: A. LaVergne (2258)
 Black: J. Donaldson
 Sicilian Accelerated Dragon

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 g6 5. Be3 Nf6 6. Nc3 Bg7 7. Be2 0-0 8. 0-0 ... [Although not a bad move, 8. 0-0 forfeits any chance for an advantage. Necessary to stop ... d5 is 8. Nb3 when 8. ... d6 9. f4 leads to the classical variation of the Dragon.] 8. ... d5 9. ed Nd5 [Also reasonable is 8. ... Nb4 as Beliavsky played against Cioltea at the Lucerne Olympiad in 1982.] 10. Nd5 Qd5!? [10. ... Nd4 is completely equal after 11. Bd4 Qd5 12. Bg7 Qd1 13. Rfd1 Kg7 14. Bf3 Bf5 15. Rd2 Rac8 16. c3 Rc7. The text is an interesting try that the theory books frown on giving only 11. Bf3 Qc4.] 11. Bf3 Qa5! [The correct follow up to 10. ... Qd5. This pawn sacrifice offers Black lots of chances.] 12. Nc6 bc 13. c3 [Quite sensible as 13. Bc6 Rb8 is good for Black] 13.

... Rb8 14. Qc1 [Forced] c5 15. Rd1 Be6 16. Qc2 [To be considered was 16. Bd5 when ... Bg4 leads to unclear play.] 16. ... c4 17. Bd4? [This attempt to simplify is premature.] 17. ... Bf5 18. Be4 Be4 19. Qe4 Bd4 20. Qd4 Rb2 21. Qc4 Qb6 [With a weakness on c3 to hit at and greater piece activity Black is better.] 22. Qf4 ... [Here 22. Qd4 trying to obtain a R + 3 pc's vs. R + 4 pc's was the best drawing chance.] 22. ... Rc8 23. Rac1 Ra2 24. Re1 e6 25. Rcd1 Qc7 26. Qf6 (!) [In a lost position Alan sets a very nice trap. If now the plausible 26. ... Ra5 intending ... Rf5 White has 27. Re6! The point is that then ... Rf5 is met by 28. Qc7 fe 29. Rd7 with at least a perpetual.] 26. ... Ra6 [Covering the e6 square.] 27. h4 h5 [To stop h4-h5-h6. Now Black has neutralized White's pressure and the advance of the a-pawn should prove decisive.] 28. Re4 Rd6 29. Red4? Qc3 30. Qf4 Rd4 31. Rd4 Qc1+ 0 - 1

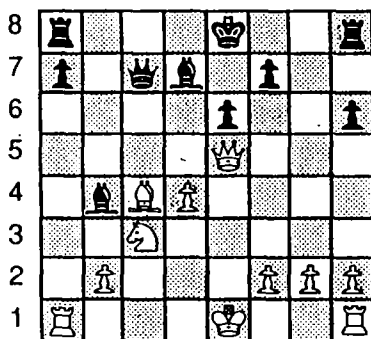
Round 5

White: J. Whitehead (2601)
 Black: J. Donaldson
 Anti-Meran Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 [With both players at 4 - 0 and a half a point ahead of the field this looked to be the decisive game of the tournament. In two earlier encounters with Jay I'd played the Slav, gotten a passive

position, and only barely drawn. This time I decided to play more actively meeting 4. Nc3 with 4. ... c6 5. Bg5 dc - the Anti-Meran Gambit.) 4. Bg5 [Trying to force Black into a Queen's Gambit type position.] 4. ... de!? [This interesting move, favored by the Hungarian GM Meran/Anti Meran experts (Ribli, Pinter, and Lukacs) seems to offer White nothing better than transposition into the regular Anti-Meran.] 5. e4 b5 6. a4 c6 7. Nc3 ... [With a direct transposition into the Anti-Meran. Now Black must choose between ... Qb6, ... b4, ... Bb4, and ... Bb7.] 7. ... Bb7 [In my opinion this is Black's best.] 8. ab ... [A major alternative is 8. e5 when 8. ... h6 in response is best met by 9. Bh4 (9. Bf6 leads to the game) g5 10. ef gh 11. ab ... (11. Ne5 Nd7 12. Bc2 Ne5 13. de Qc7 14. Qd4 h3 15. 0-0-0 hg 16. Rhg1 ba! 17. Bc4 a3 and Black is better - Kohlweyer - Ribli, Dortmund 1986) 11. ... cb 12. Nb5 Bb4+ 13. Nc3 0-0 14. Bc4 Qf6 with a slight advantage for Black.] 8. ... cb 9. e5?! [White's best appears to be 9. Nb5 Be4 10. Bc4 (10. Bf6 gf 11. Bc4) Bb4+ 11. Nc3 Nbd7 12. 0-0 Bc3 13. bc 0-0 14. Bd3 Qc7 (so far Ribli - Inkiov, Dubai 1986) When 15. Re1 might give White a very small edge.] 9. ... h6 10. Bf6 gf 11. Nb5 Bb4+ 12. Nc3 fe 13. Ne5 Nc6 [By this point Jay and I had both been out of our opening preparation for at least four moves. It was therefore a real surprise to find out

after the game that this position had already been seen before in Osnos - re. Ivanov, USSR 1985! Unfortunately it's only quoted as a fragment, ending in 13. ... Nc6 with a slight advantage for Black, so I've no idea how play continued. Judging from how play developed in this game it's doubtful if we'll see White wanting to enter this position a third time.] 14. Qh5 [Typical Jay, a combination of his fierce desire to win and a little bit of foolhardiness.] 14. ... Qc7 15. Nc6 Bc6 [Also reasonable is 15. ... Qc6 but the text seems more logical preparing ... Bd5 and so keeping e5 under control.] 16. Bc4?! [This move should just lose but it's tricky. A solid but dull move like 16. Qe5 is probably called for with equal chances.] 16. ... Bd7 [With the thought that I was now winning easily.] 17. Qe5



[Forced. And now I started to think which was, as Larry Evans pointed out afterwards, a big mistake.

Of course the first move that pops into one's head is 17. ... Qc4. Indeed it's not difficult to work out that 18. Qh8+ Ke7

19. Qa8 Bc3+ 20. bc Qc3+ 21. Ke2 Bb5+ wins. When I played 16. ... Bd7 that's as far as I looked. Now I realized to my horror that after 17. ... Qc4 18. Qh8+ Ke7 White doesn't have to capture the second rook but instead can play 19. Qe5 covering the b5 square. Then 19. ... Bc3+ 20. bc Qc3+ looks very nice but after 21. Ke2 Qc2+ 22. Ke1 I couldn't find more than a perpetual in view of White's threats of 23. Qc5+ and 23. d5 (covering c3). However with 20. ... Qb2+ the win would have been certain - 21. Kf3 Bc6+ 22. Kg4 Rg8+ 23. Kh4 Qf2+ 24. g3 Bh1 and now after 25. Ra7+ Kf8 White soon runs out of checks. Or 25. Rh1 Rg5 with a pawn up and an exposed white king.

It's quite clear that after 17. ... Qc4 Black risks a draw at worst. However not seeing the win with 20. ... Qb2+ and after thinking for fifteen minutes I played a move that leads to a dead lost ending for reasons still not known to me! 17. ... Qe5?? 18. de Rc8 19. Bd3 Bc3 20. bc Rg8 21. g3 Rc3 22. Kd2 Rc7 23. Rhc1 Rcl 24. Kc1 Ke7 25. Ra7 Rc8+ 26. Kd2 Rc5 27. f4 Rd5 28. Ke3 Kf8 29. Be4 1 - 0

In fairness to Jay this game was not typical of his play in this tournament. His game with Dov Gorman from the round before was probably the best of the intire event.

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The Greater Western Open

Las Vegas -- October 10 - 12 1987

Report by Hans Poschmann

The Columbus Day

Weekend and "The Strip" were the right combination for 216 players in this years Western Open at the El Rancho Hotel in Las Vegas.

A well organized tournament created a loss to the organizers because the \$ 10,000 prize fund was guaranteed. It deserves to have a similar attendance than the National Open in the prior years. Chief TD David Mohler and his assistants Vince Moore and Paul Dame saw to it that all rounds started on time and that the event finished smoothly. Head Organizer René Stohlbach deserves special thanks for his effort to bring the tournament to this area.

Northern Calif. Champion Senior Master **Jay Whitehead (2598)** added another feather to his cap as he performed according to his recently displayed good form which hopefully will help him in this years U.S. Championship in Estes Park Colorado. He accumulated 5 1/2 points out of 6 to finish clear first and cash in on the \$ 1500.00 prize of the Open Section.

GM Dmitry Gurevich (2584), Senior Masters **Vincent Mc Cambridge, (2562)**, **Karman Shirazi, (2531)**, **David Strauss, (2512)**, and **Jerome Silman, (2463)** all scored 5 - 1 in second place. **GM Boris Gulko, (2579)**, who

had given a simultaneous exhibition the night before, scored only 4 1/2 points.

Best players under 2400 were **Matthew Beelby, Artur De La Garza, Dennis Monokroussos**, and **Ronald Frasco** with 4 points each.

Best Experts also with 4 points were **Randal Hough, Robert Atwell, David Fletcher, Francisco DaSilva, Parker Montgomery, Alfredo Hernandez**, and **Dean Yarbrow**.

The A-Class crown was won by a Bay Area player, **Romulo Fuentes (1966)** with 4 1/2 points!!!

The Reserve Division with with 124 participants the larger group was hotly contested by **Fernando Danao (1798)** and **Wilmar Mc Gruder (1784)** who drew their fifth round encounter scoring 5 1/2 points and finishing in first place.

John Dozier (1790), **Mark Lee (1767)**, **Wallace Manfred (1724)**, **Salnoar Martinez (1638)** accumulated 5 points for a shared third place. **Ronald Overstrom (1569)** won the C-class prize, **Larry Holcamb (1229)** the D-class prize, and **Henry Agustin** the Unrated class prize.

Some sample games follow:

White: Dmitry Gurevich
Black: Jeremy Silman

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5
4. Nf3 Bg7 5. e3 0-0 6. Bd2
c5 7. dc Na6 8. cd Nxd5 9.
Bxa6 Nxc3 10. Bxc3 Bxc3+
11. bc ba 12. Qxd8 Rxd8 13.
Nd4 Rd5 14. Nb3 a5 15. Rd1
Be6 16. Rd4 Rg5 17. h4
Rxf2 18. Nxa5 Rc8 19. Kf1
Rg4 20. f3 Rg3 21. Kf2 Rh3
22. Rxh3 Bxh3 23. c6 Be6
24. Rb4 Bd5 25. e4 Bxc6 26.
Rc4 Bd7 27. Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.
Nc6 Kf8 29. Nxa7 Bd7 30. c4
Be6 31. c5 Ke8 32. a4 Bb3
33. a5 Bc4 34. Nc8 Bb5 35.
Nb6 c6 36. Nc8 Ba6 37.
Nd6+ Kd7 38. Nxf7 Kc6 39.
Ng5 Kxc5 40. Nxe6+ Kb4
41. Nc7 1 - 0.

White: Vince McCambridge
Black: Kamran Shirazi

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bg5
g6 4. Nbd2 Bg7 5. e4 0-0 6.
Bc4 h6 7. Bh4 Nxe4 8.
Bxf7+ Rxf7 9. Nxe4 d5 10.
Nc5 Nc6 11. c3 Qf8 12. Nd3
Bg4 13. 0-0 Re8 14. Re1 e5
15. dc5 Rxf3 16. gf Bxf3 17.
Qd2 Qf5 18. Bg3 g5 19. Re3
d4 20. cd4 Nxd4 21. Ne1 c5
22. Rc1 b6 23. b4 Bf8 24. bc
Bxc5 25. Rc4 Rd8 26. Nxf3
Nc6 27. Qc2 Qxc2 28. Rxc2
g4 29. Nd2 Bxe3 30. fe Rd3
1 - 0

White: Vince McCambridge
Black: Marc Leski

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 d5 5. Bg5 Nc4 6. cd Nxg5 7. Nxg5 c6 8. Qb3 e6 9. dc Nxc6 10. Nf3 Nxd4 11. Nxd4 Bxd4 12. 0-0-0 Qg5+ 13. e3 Bb6 14. Nc4 Qe5 15. Qb4 Bd7 16. Nd6+ Kc7 Black resigns

White: Vince McCambridge
Black: J. Kidd

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Bg5 c6 4. e3 Bg4 5. Bf6 ef6 6. c4 dc 7. Bxc4 Bc6 8. Bxe6 fe 9. 0-0 Be7 10. Qb3 Qd7 11. Nc3 0-0 12. Rfd1 Kh8 13. Rac1 Na6 14. e4 Rfc8 15. Nc2 g5 16. h4 gh 17. Nf4 e5 18. de Qg4 19. Qe6 Qxc6 20. Nxe6 Re8 21. Rd7 fe5 22. Nxe5 Bf6 23. Nf7+ Kg8 24. Nh6+ Kh8 25. Ng5 Re7 26. Ngf7+ Kg7 27. Nf5+ Kxf7 28. Nxe7 Bxe7 29. Rxb7 Nb8 30. Rc5 Ke6 31. Rh5 Bf6 32. f4 Bd4+ 33. Kf1 Kd6 34. Rhxh7 Na6 35. b4 Rd8 36. Rbd7+ 1 - 0

And here is what can happen if you want to get to the Black Jack tables too fast:

Round 3
Ch. Pickett - M. Santos

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. Nc3 e6 4. Nxd5 ed 5. d4 d6 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Bb5 Bd7 8. Qe2 Qe7 9. Bf4 de 10. Bxe5 Nxe5 11. Nxe5 Qb4+ White resigns

U.S. Open Dispute Resolved

USCF reports that Grandmaster Walter Browne's protests about pairings in the last rounds of the 1987 U.S. Open have been heard and upheld by the USCF Rules Committee and Policy Board. It was a complicated situation, and the resolution is equivalently complex.

For details we refer to the two last issues of the California Chess Journal.

Rules Chairman Tim Redman reported to the Policy Board on October 10 that the committee was unanimous in feeling that Browne's rights as a player had been violated by the pairing procedures. They were likewise unanimous that none of the other prize-winners had acted improperly and that their prizes should not be affected by improprieties by the tournament staff. That left the question of what to do about Browne, who might have played differently had he not been under strain of this dispute in the critical final rounds. In an unprecedented ruling, they recommended that he be compensated as if his score were three-quarters of a point higher, somewhere between a draw and a win in his 11th round game, which he actually lost. Browne will therefore receive additional money to bring his U.S. Open winnings to \$ 2000.00, as if he had won clear 2nd place.

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Results:

Masters: 1st/2nd

Dov Gorman (2387), San Francisco, and Darcy Gustavo (unr.), San Francisco, 3 1/2 - 1/2 \$ 400 each.

3rd - 5th William Warton (2352), Santa Cruz; John Bidwell (2285), Middle Town; and Filipp Frenkel (2256), Monterey; 3 - 1 \$ 66.67 each.

Experts: 1st Cesar Caturla

(2150), Sunnyvale; 3-1 \$ 200.
2nd - 4th Paul Rejto (2191), Ailten Becker (2143), San Jose; and M. Bagherabadi (2002); 2 1/2 - 1 1/2 \$ 50 each.

Class A: 1st Alan Chappell (1807), San Jose; 4 - 0 \$ 150
2nd - 4th Virgilio Fuentes (1890), South San Francisco; Teri Lagier (1875), Sunnyvale; and Sharad Khamkar (1861), 3 - 1 \$ 40 each.

Class B: 1st Jimmy Reyes (1752), San Jose; 4 - 0 \$ 100
2nd - 3rd Clarence Anderson (1703), San Francisco; and Glen Lefkof (1646), 2 1/2 - 1 1/2 \$ 45 each.

Class C: 1st - 3rd Todd Haney (1594), Morgan Hill; Frank Zitko (1591), Santa Clara; and James Oshea (1530), Santa Clara; 3 - 1 \$ 50 each.

D/Unrated Section: 1st - 3rd David Gross (1326), San Jose; Pablo Marquez (1323), Cupertino; and David Kohler (Unrated), Cupertino; 3 1/2 - 1/2 \$ 38.33 each

Twentieth Annual 1987 LERA Thanksgiving Class Championships November 27, 28, and 29

Place: LERA Auditorium, corner of Mathilda Ave. & Java St., Sunnyvale (take Bayshore Fwy. to North Mathilda offramp; then go seven blocks north on Mathilda to Java St.).

Director: Jim Hurt assisted by Ted Yudacufski (National Tournament Director) of Monterey.

Type: Six-round Swiss with six separate divisions, each division with its own prizes. All players must be USCF members or become members at the tournament.

Prizes:	Division	Open	Expert	A	B	C	D/Unrated
	First Prize	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 350	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 90
	Second Prize	\$ 300	\$ 240	\$ 210	\$ 180	\$ 120	\$ 60
	Third Prize	\$ 200	\$ 160	\$ 140	\$ 120	\$ 80	

The prize fund is based on 160 entries. If the entries exceed 160 players, then the prize fund will be increased and if the entries are less than 160 the prize fund will be decreased. A player can play up any number of divisions; exception: an unrated player can play up only into the Open or Expert division. A total of six brilliancy prizes will be awarded, one for each division.

Schedule: Registration - 8 to 9 AM Friday
Rounds - 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM Friday; 9:30 AM, 2:30 PM Saturday and Sunday

Time Control: 45 moves in 2 hours; 15 moves in 30 minutes, then 10 moves in 10 minutes.

Entry Fees: If mailed by Nov. 24 - Open/Expert \$ 35; A-division \$ 30;
B - C - D/UNR division \$ 25. If paid Nov. 27 \$ 5 more.

Note: Registering players on the first day of the tournament is time consuming and often delays the start of the tmnt..

Please register by mail and save \$ 5.00.

Snack Bar: Food and refreshments available at the LERA snack bar.

Next Event: The next LERA chess tournament will be held Feb. 20/21.

Include with entry: Name (as it appears on USCF ID card), Phone Number (with area code), Address (Str., City, St., Zip), Rating, USCF ID No. & Exp. Date, Division (Open - Expert, A - B - C - D/Unr. division), name and date of last tmnt. you played in.

Mail to: Jim Hurt, LERA Chess Club, P.O.Box 60451, Sunnyvale, CA 94088

Make check payable to LERA Chess Club

For information, call Jim Hurt 916) 525-7912 or Ken Stone 408) 742-3126

N 4 C Syntex Championship

\$ 4,100.00 Guaranteed

February 6 - 7

Site: Syntex - 3401 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto (in cafeteria).

Format: 4 - SS -- One half point bye (any of the first three rounds)

Rounds: Saturday Feb. 6 11:00 am, 5:00 pm - Sunday Feb. 7 10:00 am, 4:00 pm

Registration: Saturday Feb. 6 9:00 - 11:00 am (1/2 point bye for missed round).

Prize Fund: \$ 4,100.00 guaranteed (2 sections).

Open: \$ 300, 200

\$ 200, 100 in each of the following groups - under 2400, 2300, 2200, 2100, 2000, 1900

Reserve: \$ 200, 100 in each of the following groups - under 1800, 1700, 1600, 1500

\$ 100, 50 under 1400, \$ 50 under 1200, \$ 200, 100, 50 Unrated

Unrated players may only win top Open money or unrated money. Tournament Director reserves the right to use estimated rating and to expel improperly rated player from section in progress or to disqualify player from a prize group due to improper rating. Byes may only count for prize money if player has an equal number of competitive points.

Time Control: 40 moves in 2 hours then 20 moves per hour for each subsequent time period.

Entry Fee all sections: Must be received by Feb. 3 or pay at site
rec'd by Jan. 6 \$ 30, rec'd by Feb. 3 \$ 40, rec'd by Feb. 6 \$ 50

Contact: Liza Toth (at Syntex) 415) 855-5986 **Checks:** H4C (Northern Calif. Corporate Chess Circuit)

Mail to: Liza Toth, Bldg. A2-200, Syntex, 3401 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto CA 94304

Include with entry: Name (as it appears on USCF ID card), Bye (round), Phone No. (with area code),
Address (Str., City, St., Zip), Rating, USCF ID No. & Exp. Date, Section (Open, Reserve

Grand Prix Points Available: 10

1987 GRAND PRIX FINALE
 \$ 4,000.00 Guaranteed
 December 28 - 31

Site: Hyatt City of Commerce, 6300 E. telegraph Ave., adjacent to Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) at Washington Blvd. exit, Commerce, CA 90040. The Hyatt (site of the 1987 Southern Calif. Open) is 10 minutes from downtown LA, and 25 minutes from Anaheim.

Room rates - \$ 45 flat (1-4 persons), tax included!
 For reservations or info. call 213) 722-7200 or 800-228-9000.

Type: 4 - SS, single section Open, ONE HALF POINT B Y E (any of 1st 3 rounds)

Rounds: Monday Dec. 28; Tuesday Dec. 29; Wednesday Dec. 30 7:00 PM; Thursday Dec. 31 11:00 am.

Registration: Dec. 28, 4:00 - 6:00 pm; Dec. 29, 4:00 - 6:00 pm (1/2 point bye for missed round)

Prize Fund: \$ 4,000.00 guaranteed (single section Open); \$ 600 additional based on 6 players per prize group.
 First prize - \$ 300; second prize - \$ 200; third prize to Thirtyseventh prize - \$ 100 each.
 A-, B-, C-, D-, E-, Unr- \$ 100 (prize groups)
 Unrated players may not win class prizes. Byes may only count for prize money if player has an equal number of competitive points.

Trophies: Trophies to top five each prize group.

Time Control: 40/2, 20/1

Entry Fee: Must be received by Dec. 23 or pay at site.
 rec'd by Dec. 23 \$ 50; at site Dec. 28 \$ 60; at site Dec. 29 \$ 70

Contact: 818) 440-9210 daily (noon - 5 PM) or 818) 799-7567

Checks: Hal Bogner, P.O.Box 3541, South Pasadena, CA 91030
 Include with entry: Name (as it appears on USCF ID card), Bye (round), Phone Number (with area code), Address (Str.,City,St., Zip), Rating, USCF ID No. & Exp. Date

Misc.: No smoking in tournament playing room; Wheelchair access.
 Grand Prix Points available: 80

Endgame Lab

by FM Craig Mar

The Two Bishops

The two bishops aren't necessarily advantageous in the opening and middlegame because of the presence of other pieces. But in the endgame their power increases.

The win minded player should recognize the advantage of two bishops in the endgame.

1. You can't lose with good play.
2. The defender faces a long unpleasant defense and can only hope for a draw.

3. You have time to plan your attack.

4. Often you have the option to transpose into a winning same-colored bishop ending or winning B vs. N ending.

The lower rated player should avoid going into this ending facing a Korchnoi, Karpov, Seirawan, or on the local level, Whitehead, Mar, or Kelson. Such players are particularly strong because they have the patience to wait and outsit the opponent.

How do you win with two bishops?

1. Trade both pair of rooks. This reduces the chances for a perpetual.

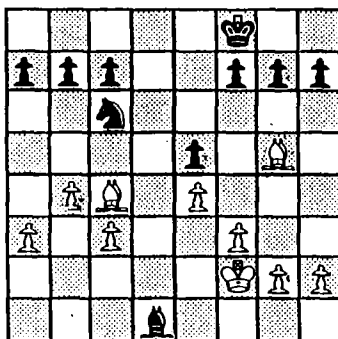
2. Avoid trading bishops.

3. Trade pawns to open lines but avoid trading down to only 1-2 pawns.

4. Use the King to penetrate. The featured game showcases the endgame technique of current U.S.

Champion Yasser Seirawan.

Frankle



Seirawan

White to move

White is better but how is he going to win? White should advance his pawns in order to gain space, the g3-f4 advance or the c4-c5 one. It is too early for a King advance.

20. Bd5 (White waits, while improving his position) Ba4 21. c4 (The first plan goes into effect. Note the formation a3-b4 on the Q-side, the right way to limit the N's movement.)...a6 22. c5 Ke8 23. Bd2! White is thinking of improving his position by going Bc3-Ke3 and then follow up with g3-f4. 23...Nd8 Black is now passively placed like a punching bag. Seirawan begins the slow probe. 24. Bc3 f6 A concession. Now the light B can penetrate to the K-side. 25. g3 Be6 26. Bg8! White keeps his two bishops. 26...h6

27. Ke3 Nf7 28. f4!

The long awaited advance. 28...ef

29. gf! and White will create a passed pawn....Ke7 29. h4

.. Kf8 30. Bh7 Ke7 31.

Bg6 Ba4 Now what? White apparently has reached an impasse and cannot make further progress.

32. Bh5! A cunning waiting move. Black must not lose patience. 32...ef4+? By giving up the center, White's pawns become fluid and ready to advance.

Correct was 32. ... Bb3.

33. gf g5 Black's active play is completely unjustified. He is merely opening more holes in his position. 34. Be1 Bd7 35.

Bg3! c6 Paralysis has set in and it's only a matter of time.

36. Be2 Be6 37. Kd4

Bb3 38. Bg4 Ba2?

White's probing has finally paid off. 38. ... Be6! was a must. Be8

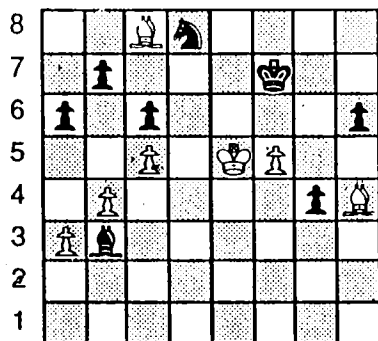
Nd8 Black has given away too many inches on the rope and the game is almost over. 40. f5!

g4? 41. h5! While Black's play weakens, White's gets stronger. The big machine starts rolling. On 41. ... Bf7 42. Bh4!

Bxh5 43. e5! is a decisive break through. ... Bb3 42. Bh4!

Kf7 43. e5! Seirawan starts attacking in Frankle's time trouble. ...fe 44. Kxe5 White has a crushing position.

The rest is technique. What a transformation from the previous diagram



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44. ... Ke8 45. Kd6 Bd1
46. Bd7+ Kf8 47. Bxd8
Black hung a piece in time pressure and now there is an artistic mate, ...g3 48. Be7+ Kf7
49. Be6+ Ke8 50. f6
Bxh5 51. f7+! Bxf7 52.
Bd7 mate! A positional masterpiece.

Reno continued

Round 6

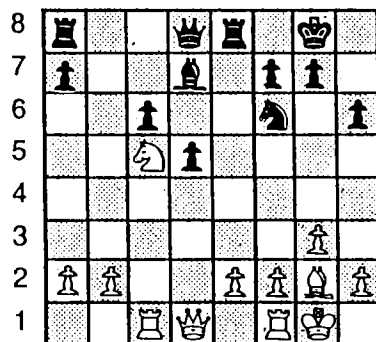
White: J. Donaldson

Black: E. Alsasua (2369)

Tarrasch Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3.
Nc3 c5 4. cd ed 5. Nf3
Nc6 6. g3 Nf6 7. Bg2
Be7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. Bg5
cd 10. Nd4 h6 [all main
line Tarrasch but there is something to be said for 10...Bg4!? As Jeremy Silman pointed out to me the white bishop is very well posted on e3.] 11. Be3 Re8
12. Rc1 [Here 12. Qa4 and 12. Qb3 both have their champions but the text has always struck me

as a logical way to proceed. White plans to take on c6, exchange dark squared bishops, and then get a real bind on the queen-side. Of course Black has chances down the ba-de lines but he has to be very alert.] 12...Bf8 13. Nc6 bc 14. Na4 Bd7
15. Bc5 Bc5 16. Nc5



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[So far both sides have consistently pursued their plans.

Now Black has to make a choice between 16...Bf5 covering e4 and keeping the queen off c2 or 16. ... Bg4 hitting the e pawn. ECO prefers 16...Bf5 but the recent game Browne-Leski, from the S.F. Pan Pacific, suggests that matters are not so simple for Black. 17. e3 Rb8 18. Qd2 Qb6 19. b3 Ne4 20. Qd4 Qa5 21. Qa4 Rb5? 22. Qa5 Ra5 23. Be4 Be4 24. a4! Rb8 25. f3 1-0 Black has no defense to Rd1, Rd4, and b4.] 16. ... Bg4 17. Re1 Qb6 18. Qc2 [along the lines of Ljubojevic, Gligoric, Bugojno 1978, though I didn't realize it during the game. With Qc2 I thought at first to play e4 but then realized a few moves later it wasn't going to lead

anywhere and that the right course of action was to press on the queen side.] 18...Rac8 19. b3 Bh5 20. Bh3 [with the idea of meeting 20... Bg6 with 21. Bf5] 20... Rc7 21. Bf5 Bg4 22. Bg4 Ng4 23. e3 Ne5 24. Kg2 Rcc8 25. Red1 Red8 26. Rd4 Qc7 27. Ra4 Qe7 28. Qc3 Rc7 29. Qd4 Re8 30. Ra6 Qf6 31. Qf4 Qg6 [Here 31. ... Qf4 is a little better for White in the ending after 32. gf but Black has drawing chances.] 32. b4 Rce7? [A critical loss of tempi] 33. b5 Rec8 [Here 33. ... Nd3 34. Nd3 Qd3 35. Rac6 Qb5 36. Rc7 is nice for White but certainly not as much as he got in the game.] 34. bc Rc6 35. Rc6 Nc6 36. Rd1 Re5 37. Rd2 [an unnecessary finesse. I wanted to play 37. Nd7 (idea Qc7) but rejected it because of 37. ... Rf5 38. Qc7 Rf2+ 39. Kf2 Qc2+ but of course 40. Kc1 holds the rook.

In this position (after 36...Re5) White is better not only because of the isolated pawn but also because his pieces coordinate much better.] 37...Qb1 38. Nd3! [Shutting the queen out and preparing a later Nf4.] 38. ... Re6 39. Qc7 d4 [There is nothing really better. On 39. ... Rf6 40. Qd7 Qb5 41. Nf4 wins] 40. ed Nd4 41. Qd8+ 1 - 0

Around The Bay

by NM Gabriel Sanchez

LERA SUNNYVALE OPEN

Stevens (1849) - Maxion (1864)

Smith Morra Gambit

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cd 3. c3
de 4. Nc3 g6 5. Nf3

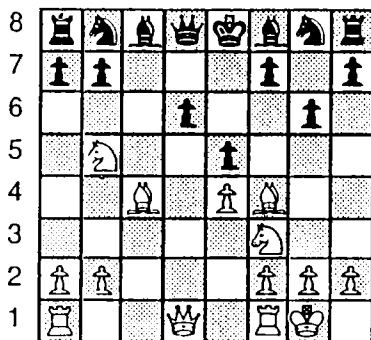
Bg7 6. Bc4 e6? (Creating a
garish hole at d6. Saner is 6. ... d6

7. Ng5 Nh6 followed by ..0-0.)

7. Nb5 Bf8 8. 0-0 d6?

(I could note a grim defense begin-
ning with 8. ... a6 - but I would
feel like a pianist practicing his
scales and not like a chess player.)

9. Bf4 e5



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(Black's pieces stand ready to be-
gin the game - the next game.

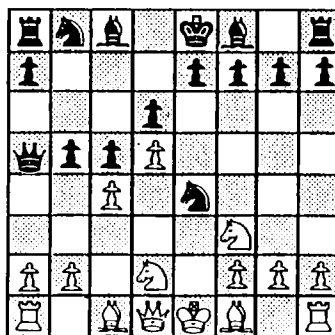
White is 6! moves ahead in devel-
opment.) 10 Ne5! de 11.
Bf7+! (Wins Black's queen after
11. ... Kc7 12. Bg5+ Nf6 13.
Bf6+ Kf6 14. Qd8 +-) 1:0

Alsasua (2349) - Caturla (2239)

Benko's Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3.
d5 b5 4. Nd2?! (With the
best of intentions but a bit awk-

ward looking. White eyes an im-
pressive pawn center along the
lines of say, 3...bc 4. e4 d6 5.
Bc4 g6 6. Nf3 Bg7 7. 0-0 and
8. Re1. 4. ... Qa5 [Black
should immediately pressure the
white pawns with 4...e6 5. e4
bc 6. Bc4 Bb7. Ideally black
would like to replace the white
center pawns with his own after,
perhaps, 7. de fe 8. f3? d5 9. ed
ed. Instead Black crosses white
up by preventing 5. e4 (in a rath-
er extravagant manner)] 5. e4!
[Anyway! White tweaks black's
nose and if there's one thing I am
sure about chessplayers - they
don't like their noses tweaked.] 5.
... d6 [Cautiously played- black
doesn't like the looks of lines like
5...Ne4 6. Qf3 Nd2 7. Bd2
b4 8. d6.] 6. Nf3 [Once
Again?] 6. ... Ne4 [Black
won't be bullied - he knows the
white 'e' pawn is more important
than his own 'b' pawn.]



7. b4! [The shot! This flick of
the wrist separates the pinning
Queen from her companion

Knight; matters are now forced..]

7. ... Qb4 8. Rb1 Qa5

9. Rb5 Qc3 10. Bb2

[Winning the Queen! A very cute
opening trap.] 1 - 0

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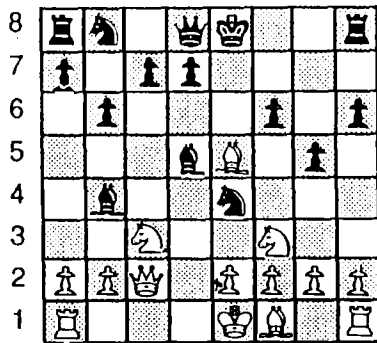
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Open Brilliancy

Ramayrat(2513)-Koeppcke(2240)

Queen's Indian

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3.
Nf3 b6 4. Nc3 Bb7 5.
Bg5 Bb4 6. Qc2 [White
prepares hand to hand combat with
0-0-0, also he skips past the pre-
paratory moves e2-c3, Bd3 in hopes
of getting e4 in just one push.]
6. ... h6 7. Bh4 g5 8.
Bg3 Ne4 9. Be5 [Setting
problems! White seeks to weak-
en and exploit Black's Kingside.]
9. ... f6 10. d5!? [Rather
wicked, ay? White is trying to
clear the diagonal from c2 to g6
by undermining the Knight.] 10.
... ed [Another line of defense
begins 10. ... fe 11. Qe4 Qf6,
but 12. h4! keeps the initiative
(white threatens 13. hg hg 14.
Rh8+ Qh8 15. Qg6+ and
Ng5)] 11. cd Bd5? [Losing
quickly. Better is first 11.
Bc3+ 12. Bc3 Bd5 13. 0-0-0
Nc3 14. bc as now Black retains
his White squared bishop to repel
the invasion at g6.]



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12. 0-0-0 Nc3 [If instead 12...Bc3 13. Rd5! Be5 14. Ne5 fe 15. Qc4 and White dominates the board.] 13. Bc3 Bc3 14. Rd5! Bb4 15. Qg6+ [Black is utterly defenseless on the White squares. Sometimes the blade is so sharp you don't feel the cut. 15. ... Kf8 16. Rf5 Be7 17. e4 d5 18. Nd4! Qd6 19. Rd5 Qf4+ 20. Kb1 1:0

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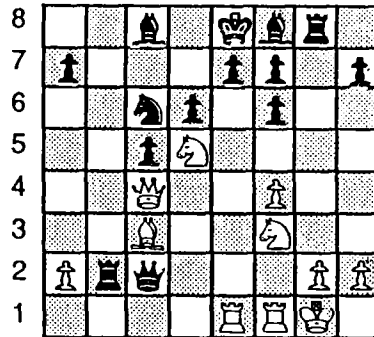
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Humecky (1875) - Newton (1801)
(A' Brilliancy)
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. f4 d6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Nf3 a6 6. 0-0? [Better to preserve the money bishop with the preventive 6. a4] 6. ... b5 7. e5 bc 8. ef gf 9. d4 cd3 10. Qd3 [White needs two moves (Bd2, Rac1) to complete his development; Black about six. Black has more pawns in the center and the two bishops -

with just a little caution Black should come out on top.]

10. ... Qd7? [Throwing caution to the winds! A good plan is ...c6, Bc7, Bb7, Qc7, 0-0-0 and Rg8.] 11. Nd5 Rb8 12. Bd2 Qf5 13. Qc4 Rg8 14. Rae1 Rb2 15. Bc3 Qc2



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16. Nd2 [By avoiding his own development Black has waded into a tactical quagmire - and the first one to move may sink.] 16. ... Be6 17. Nc7+ Kd8 18. Ne6+ fe 19. Rc1 Qg6 20. g3 Rb8 21. Qe6 [White is two pawns down but he has a slow, fat target at d8. Black can't unwind his pieces, in addition there is a horrible white square weakness in front of his King. (Switch the bishop on f8 for one on d7 and Black is fine.)] 21. ... h5 22. f5 Qg5 23. Rf4! Bh6 24. Ne4 Qg7 25. Nc5! [Decisive breakthrough] 25. ... dc 26. Qc6 e5 27. Rd1+ 1:0

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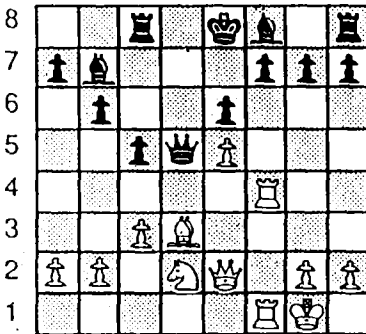
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 Simpson (1497) - Lico (1488)
 French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Be3 [While it looks rather trap-py - White does have an idea - the pursuit of rapid development and open lines.] 3. ... de 4. Nd2 Nf6 5. f3 ef [Probably ok - but Black misses his chance to mess up White's new hairdo with 5. ... Nd5 forcing the awkward 6. Qe2.] 6. Ngf3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 b6 8. Qe2 c5 9. c3 Bb7 10. 0-0 Rc8? [Black is unaccountably leaving his king in the center - correct is ... Be7 and ... 0-0.] 11. Bf4 Nd5 12. Ne5 [Launching the first silo - White threatens 13. Nf7! Kf7 14. Bg5+ winning Black's queen.] 12. ... Nf4 13. Rf4 Ne5 14. de Qd5 15. Raf1



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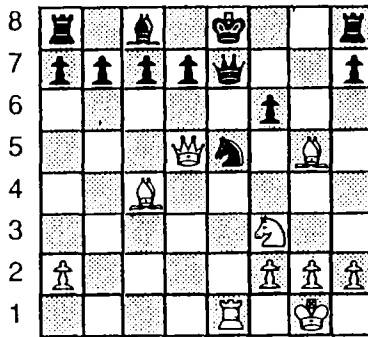
[Doubled rooks, centralization, and an immobile target.]

15. ... Rd8? 16. Bb5+ Bc6 17. Rf7 time forfeit.

[Such nice, active play by White earning the traditional reward, 1:0.

Sunnyvale, August 1987
 Hecht (unr) - Block (unr)
 Evans Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Be4 Be5 4. b4 [This lively gambit has long been out of favor at the Grandmaster level, but for us common folk the perils of 1851 remain intact in 1987. 4. ... Bb4 5. c3 Ba5 6. 0-0 Nf6 7. d4 Ne4 8. de [White threatens to have all the fun with 9. Qd5.] 8. ... Nc3? [Black had to go while the going was good; Anderssen - Dufresne, Berlin 1851 continued 8. ... 0-0 9. Qc2 d5 10. Ba3 Rc8 11. Rd1 Be6 12. Bd5 Bd5 13. c4 Ng5! with sharp play.] 9. Nc3 Bc3 10. Bg5 f6 11. ef gf 12. Qd5 Qe7 13. Rfe1 Be1 14. Re1 Ne5

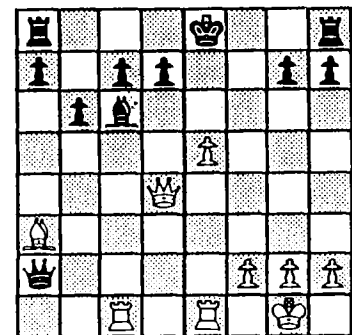


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15. Re5 Qe5 16. Qf7+ [To review our short story : 1. Edge in development leads to 2. Keeping the enemy king in the center, allowing 3. A crushing attack. 1:0

Monterey Open, July 1987
 Kirby (1957) - Chee (1887)
 Italian Game

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d4 Nc6 4. Nf3 ed 5. 0-0 Bc5 6. e5 Ng8? [Not acceptable! Black must either hold his ground with 6...d5 7. ef dc 8. Re1+ Be6 9. Ng5 Qd5 (Max Lange Attack), or plunge ahead with 6...Ng4?!, e.g.; 7. h3? Nge5 8. Ne5 Ne5 9. Re1 d6 10. f4 d3+! 11. Kh2 Qh4!] 7. Ng5 Nh6 8. c3 dc? [Come, pain, dig your fangs into my shoulder.] 9. Nf7! Nf7 10. Bf7+ Kf7 11. Qd5+ Ke8 12. Qc5 cb [Just asking for it! White is very well placed after 12...Qe7 13. Qc3 followed by simple development (Black can't castle).] 13. Bb2 b6 14. Qe3 Qe7 15. re1 Bb7 16. Nc3 Nd8 17. Nb5 Ne6 18. Ba3! Qf7 19. Rac1 [How unfair! - White gets to use all his pieces while Black struggles on minus his rooks.] Bc6 20. Nd4 Nd4 21. Qd4 Qa2 [Grabbing with both fists to the very end.]



22. Rc6! de 23. e6! 1:0 [A clean kill.]

OUT OF THE PAST IN CALIFORNIA CHESS

by Guthrie McClain (Editor, The California Chess Reporter, 1951 - 1976)

THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF HISTORICAL ARTICLES ABOUT CHESS IN CALIFORNIA DURING THE PERIOD 1924-1951.

The "Good Old Days" were not quite as good for Chess as were the games and sports of Bridge, Golf, Tennis, Polo - not to mention Baseball, Football and Basketball. While Chess was existing as an exotic game unknown to the general public, other games were enjoying a "Golden Age" of great popularity and public approval.

The country was agog about the exploits of Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen and the other golfers; about Big Bill Tilden, Jean Borotra and Helen Wills on the tennis courts; while Ely Culbertson made the front pages of the nation's newspapers during December, 1931, with "The Battle of the Century" between Culbertson and Sidney S. Lenz. While the nation was going on a binge about their sports heroes and heroines, Chess more or less languished in the closet.

There was no interest in the newspapers, except that the San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles Times carried chess columns on Sundays. These columns were wonderful for a boy who was starved for any bits or scraps of information concerning

chess...I found out later that the conductor of the Chronicle column, Ernest J. Clarke, worked for the paper and did not charge for the column. Stasch Mlotkowski and, later, Harry Borochof followed by Herman Steiner wrote the Times column - to the best of my recollection, they were compensated...

There was no USCF, no State organization, and only a few places to play chess. The best place to play was the Chess Room of The Mechanics' Institute at 57 Post Street in San Francisco. This chess club was (and still is) the northern California Mecca of chess players. Open all day seven days a week, the Mechanics' Institute was home to such giants as A.J. Fink, Dr. Walter Lovegrove, Charles Woskoff, Prof. G.E.K. Branch, Prof. A.W. Ryder, Bernardo Smith (Director), A>B> Stamer (subsequently Director), Carl Bergmann, Henry Gross, Wm. P. Barlow, D.N. Vedensky, H.J. Ralston, the doctors Henry and Abelson Epstein and many, many others. Over the years the Mechanics' has invited the great masters of the game to give exhibitions: Capablanca, Maroczy, Pillsbury, Fine, Fischer, Euwe, Alekhine, Petrosian, Spassky, Szabo and Gligoric, to name a few.

My first contact with a grandmaster occurred in 1929 when World Champion Alexander

Alekhine came to San Francisco on the last leg of a world tour. The "giants" named above turned out in force to play against the world's champion; they gave Alekhine a terrible beating. In New York a week later a reporter asked Alekhine where in the world did he find the strongest opposition: "In San Francisco," Alekhine replied, "at a place called the Mechanics' Institute."

I approached the great man over one of the boards at a moment when Alekhine was waiting.

I thrust a copy of my only book on chess, Frank Marshall's Chess Masterpieces, opened to Alekhine's great game vs. Yates: "Will you please sign Dr. Alekhine?" He looked at the binding: "I only sign my own books," he said curtly. My hopes dashed, I slunk away. I hung around all night, however (I was nineteen and my parents had given me permission) and some time in the early morning I walked down to the Ferry Building and caught the first ferry of the day to Oakland. During the last hours of the simultaneous exhibition I observed how many of the games seemed to fall apart for the players. Alexander Alekhine was showing us just why he was the world's greatest player. Through one beautiful move after another, he was turning "lost games" into draws and "draws" into wins.

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Tips and Tricks for the Tournament Player

by Phillip D. Smith

RAPID-TRANSIT TOURNAMENTS--Many years ago when I played in a lot of five-minute tournaments, I learned two secrets for success: don't think (play by intuition, not analysis) and use unusual, complicated openings, even if a little unsound. One of the best of these is the Latvian (Greco-Counter) Gambit: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 f5. Specialized books have been published on this ancient opening, but rapid-transit players will find adequate analysis in ECO-Revised, C40, pp.192-195; MCO-12, pp.11-13; Batsford Chess Openings, pp.293,295; and even in Horowitz' Chess Openings, Theory and Practice, pp.224-229. Some Fresno players have played this speculative opening against me in skittles, and I also won two tournament games against it in Merced and Porterville.

WHAT CAN WHITE DO? I always play with White 3. Nxe5. But Kasparov and Keene in BCO claim that the moves 3. d4, and 3. Bc4 "all offer White some advantage." If this is true, it is likely to be negligible in five-minute tourneys. BCO asserts that 3. Bc4 is generally thought to be most promising for White; I don't like 3. Bc4; I also don't like 3. d4,

so here I will concentrate on what I have studied and played for many years: 3. Nxe5. Black's best reply is then supposedly 3...Qf6, but 3...Nc6 has venom for the unsuspecting White player who meets it with 4. Qh5+? (so bad a move that ECO and MCO don't show it, but BCO gives its refutation): 4...g6 5. Nxc6 Nf6 6. Qh3 hg! 7. Qxh8 Qe7! 8. Qh4 d5! 9. d3 Nd4, with a fine Black game in Pannullo-Ravaro, correspondence, 1976. So White should play 4. Nxc6! dc 5. Nc3 Qe7! (better than 5...Bc5 6. Bc4 Bxf2+ 7. Kf1! with a White advantage) 6. d3 Nf6 7. Bg5 Bd7 8. f3 0-0-0 9. Be2 h6 10. Bd2 g5 12. cf Bxf5 with a small White plus. But MCO-12 gives a line for Black it says equalizes: 5...Nf6 6. cf Bxf5 7. d4 Bb4 8. Bd3 Bg5 9. f3 Bg4. However, ECO seems to show the best line for White: 5. d4 Nf6 6. e5 Nc4 7. Bc3 c5 8. g3 cd4 9. Qxd4, with a White advantage in Durass-Neumann, Hilversum, 1903.

THE MAIN LINE: Black plays 3...Qf6 4. Nc4 (my favorite line, but also playable is 4. d4, with which N. DeFirmian beat his first-round opponent, Church, in 20 moves in the 1985 U.S. Open) 4. ... fe (this is Black's usual fourth move, but many years ago in Germany I bought a book on "new openings" by Gunderam that suggested

4...b5!? Against this move ECO gives 5. e5 Qe6 6. Qf3 bc4 7. Qxa8 Qxe5+ 8. Kdl c6 9. Qxa7 Bc5 10. Qa4 Bxf2 11. Bxc4, with an advantage for White. If 4. Qe6 5. Nc3 fe 6. d3 puts White on top then 5. Nc3 Qg6 (If 5...Qe6 6. d3 ((6. Nc3 first is also o.k.)) ed+ 7. Nc6 dc 8. Qxc2 with a small plus for White, but Gunderam and BCO like 5... Qf7! 6. Ne3 ((Better may be 6. d4 Nf6 7. Be2 d5 8. Ne5!)) 6...c6 7. Nxe4 d5 8. Ng3 ((or 8. Ng5!?!)) h5! 9. h4 g6 10. d4 Bg7 11. c3 Ne7 12. Qf3 Bf6 unclear in Arnllins--Anderson, 1973).

So after 5. Nc3 Qg6 (the main line) 6. d3 Bb4 (If 6...ed3 7. Bxd3 with a big White edge, for 7. ... Qxg2 is met by 8. Qh5+ g6 9. Qe5+ Be7 10. Be4, with a won game. Or if 6...Nf6 7.de4 Nxe4 8. Nxe4 Qxe4+ 9. Nc3 with the idea of 10. Bd3 with a big White edge.) 7. Bd2 (best) Bxc3 8. Bxc3 d5 (In 1980 I won a Merced tourney game vs. 8...ed? 9. Bxd3 Qxg2? 10. Qh5+. But Black can try 8...Nf6 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. de4 Qxe4+ 11. Ne3 d6 with a White plus) 9. Ne5 Qf5 10. de Qxe4+ 11. Be2 Nf6 12. 0-0 0-0 (If 12...c6 13. Bh5+ Kf8 14. Re1 Qh4 15. Bg6! Na6 16. Qe2 Bh3 17. Nf3 Black resigns--a game Smyslov won)

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Three Split in Livermore

by Dan mc Daniel

The First Annual Livermore Open Chess Tournament attracted players from as far away as Colorado, but was won by three local players.

Rich Kelson (2385), James Eade (2292) and Tony Ladd (2091), split \$150.00 between them in a three way tie for first with three and a half out of four points for this Halloween Tournament.

Other players receiving prize money were: Vincent Stevens (1909) Best A, 3 pts \$85.00; Jeff Gossett (1817) 2 1/2 pts \$40.00; Dennis Young (1973), Duane Wilk (1866) and Serge Lubenec (1803) 2 pts \$8.33 each.

Best B award went to Joe Kuchta (1709) and John Gobser (1775) with 2 pts, \$42.50 each, while in the reserve section, John Connell (1591) took a clear 1st with 3 1/2 pts good for \$75.00. Sharing second place with 3 pts was Walt Stein (1513), Dean Domach (1491) and Robert W. Dickson (1284) who received \$15.00 each for their efforts.

Fred Keller 3 pts \$50.00 and Andrew LaFrenz 2 1/2 pts \$30.00 took first and second respectively in the unrated category.

Chief tournament director Keith Mehl receives high marks for insuring each round started on time. He was assisted by Don Wolitzer and Dan McDaniel.

One of the more interesting games was turned in by prizewinner Vincent Stevens in his first round victory against Vic Ofiesh.

(W) Vincent Stevens (1909)
(B) Vic Ofiesh (1576)

Livermore Open 10-31-87

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5
3. Nc3 Qa5 4. Nf3 Bg4
5. h3 Bxf3 6. Qxf3 c6
Enterprising is 6. ...e5, while GM Jacque Mieses used to favor 6. ...Nf6. 7. b4 A theoretical novelty that turns out well for White. With exchange of his queenside Bishop, Black cannot partake of the tainted pawn and live. 7. ...Qc7 8. b5 e6
9. Rb1 Bd6 10. bxc6 Nxc6 11. Nb5 White already has a clear advantage in development and will get the bishop pair besides. 11. ...Qd7 12. Nxd6 Qxd6 13. Rxb7 Nd4 Thinking of regaining the c-pawn, black drives his king into a mating net instead. 14. Qxf7 Kd8 15. Bd3 Qe5+ 16. Kd1 Nf6 17. Qe7+ Kc8 18. Ba6 Qh5+ 19. g4 1-0.

One of the funniest games played in years belonged to Walt Stein for his first round cheapo swindle of Fred Keller. (Editors note: this is a sample of how not to play.)

(W) Walt Stein (1513)
(B) Fred Keller (Unr)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bb4 4. c3 Ba5 5. b4 Bb6 6. a4 a6 7. d4 exd4 8. cxd4 An Evans Gambit Declined, a tempo up! 8. ...f6 Preventing future sacrifices. 9. Qb3 Nge7 10. Bf7+ Kf8 11. Bb2 a5 12. e5 White should castle. He can then win as he pleases. 12. ...Nf5 13. exf6 Exposing both kings at once. 13. ...Qxf6 14. Bc4 Nfxd4 15. Qd1 Qe7+ 16. Kd2 The king is a holy man who will now survive floods, pestilence, and plague. 16. ...Qb4+ 17. Kd3 Qxb2 18. Nbd2 Nb4+ 19. Ke3 Ndc2 20. Kf4 Nxa1 21. Ng5 Qf6+ 22. Kg4 d5 23. Kh4 Qf2+ 24. g3 Qd4+ 25. Nge4 g5+ 26. Kh5 Kg7 27. Ng5 dxc4 28. Qe2 Re8 Nicely done! If the rook is captured, black mates with Qg4. 29. Qf3 Black can still win by giving up his queen and bishop for the white queen, but classically self destructs instead. 29. ...h6 30. Qf7+ Kh8 31. Qh7 mate.

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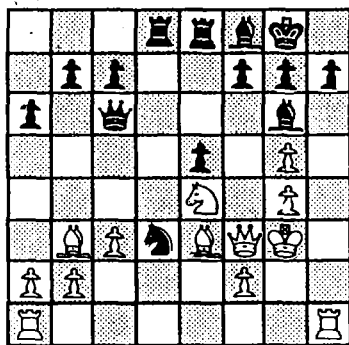
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Out of the past continued

A.J. Fink was the club's problem composer. My earliest recollections recall the large demonstration board which had a Fink composition just about every day; the adjacent blackboard carried the message in Fink's handwriting: "Mate in 2. Please check." In those days, cooks were the bane of a problem composer's life. Fink enlisted the entire club to help find multiple solutions.

Fink was California State Champion in 1922, 1928, 1929 and co-champion (with Herman Steiner of Los Angeles) in 1945.

The diagram is from a game in 1922 at the Western Open. Playing Black was Abraham Kupchik, a strong New York master.



After 25 moves of a Ruy it was Fink's move: 26. Rxh7! Nf4 27. Rah1 Bxh7 28. Rxh7 Kxh7 29. Bxf7 g6 30. Bxe8 Rxe8 31. Nf6+ Kh8 32. Qxc6

bc 33. Nxe8 (White has won a Pawn, but more important is his superior position) Ne6 34. Nf6 Bd6 35. Kf3 Kg7 36. Nd7 Nf8 37. Nb8 a5 38. a4 c5 39. Ne6 Kf7 40. Nxa5 and Black soon resigned.



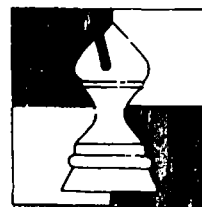
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Tips and Tricks continued

13. Bf3 Qf5 14. Bxd5+ Nxd5 15. Qxd5+ Qe3, unclear, MCO. But MCO's evaluation seems wrong; White is a pawn up with a clear plus. But after 7. Bd2 I had a tourney game in Porterville vs. a Bakersfield man,

who did not play 7...Bxc3. He tried 7...Nf6. I think I played 8. Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9. Qxd2? But I should have taken his bishop using either knight with a pawn up for nothing..

The gambit is interesting and almost sound in some lines. Latvians pioneered in this opening, but it is also called the Greco-Counter Gambit in honor of the 17th century Italian master.



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