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April Fooling?

As the chief editor, I have to apologize for this issue's lateness. Although we did almost get this issue out when it still was April, the CCJ staff feels we are behind our own schedule. Perhaps this is a good time to inform our readers of our *own* situation, as working undergraduates and graduate students at a very competitive university such as CAL. This issue was delayed mainly because of three reasons.

Our Asst. Editor had to travel to New York to direct and report on the NY Open, then a string of midterms and term papers/projects assaulted the undergraduate staff members (including yours truly), and finally our Managing Editor has started searching for a life-after-grad-school job which meant traveling to be interviewed. Since we are usually responsive to your needs, I merely ask that you show some patience for our needs.

I can tell you now that our May issue will be out late that month (around Memorial Day).

You may be wondering why I know this...

FINALS will start May 15 and go to the 20th or so. Personally, I will be done on the 17th and can devote all my energy to the CCJ afterwards. Other staffers may not be so fortunate.

You may be asking "How can I help?"...

Easy, just write some letters to the editor! Or you can submit pieces of interesting analysis, games, etc. preferably on Mac or IBM disk. This makes our job easier and your fame greater. No fooling!

You may be thinking when will the CCJ start to come out at the beginning of each month?...

Once summer comes there will be no school. 'Nuff said.

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OVER 200 AT SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

by NM Peter Yu

The 13th Annual Northern California Scholastics were held this March 18-19 at St. Marks School in San Rafael. Ray Orwig successfully organized this multi-grade event by drawing 218 youths to compete for individual and team trophies.

ELEMENTARY

A rare result with two perfect scores occurred in this 48-player division. Hillel Heinstein (1275) of Berkeley soundly beat out John Mini (Unr.) for the first place trophy using the Median tie-break system. Hillel is one of the most promising students of the Berkeley Unified School District's "Chess in Schools" program, which is headed by Elizabeth Shaughnessy. Both Hillel and Eric Shaughnessy, the 6th place finisher, take a chess class at Longfellow School from Peter Yu. In the tense last round, Eric Baudry (1450), the top rated Californian under 11, had a chance for all the marbles but a loss left him in third.

The school winner, Town Elementary of San Francisco, runs monthly non-rated quads for students around the Bay Area. It is little wonder that Town dominated the Elementary section. Ray Orwig and Trendell Ball directed this section.

1st/2nd, 5-0

Hillel Heinstein (Longfellow)
John Mini (St. Joseph)

3rd/7th, 4-1

Eric Baudry (Burton Valley)
Chip Walker-Wilson (St. Mark's)
Jacob Gurwitz (Town)
Eric Shaughnessy (Longfellow)
Mark Mamakos (Town)

8th/10th, 3.5-1.5

Alex Bea (Town)
Brian Jew (Marina)
Jay Shaffer (Glenwood)

Top Elementary Schools

1st	Town (San Francisco)	14.5
2nd	St. Marks (San Rafael)	11
3/4	Longfellow (Berkeley)	9
	Ohlone	9
5th	Westfield	8.5

JUNIOR HIGH

Alan Stein (1705), winner of this year's Young People's Tournament, played true to form and finished in clear first at 5-0. Alan regularly attends a Junior Chess Club organized by Lee Corbin. Mr. Corbin has taught such chess luminaries as GM Larry Christiansen and Perry Youngworth. Alan, who was rated more than 300 points above the next competitor, seems to be continuing the tradition.

The host school, St. Mark's of San Rafael, finished two points above the second place team. Ray Orwig is the coach behind the St. Mark's powerhouse, and plans to send the team to this year's National Junior High Championships. The money raised from the Scholastics tournament is to pay for the team's travelling expenses. Orwig and Ball also directed this section.

1st, 5-0

Alan Stein (Black)
2nd, 4.5-0.5
Peter Lee (Roosevelt)
3rd/8th, 4-1
Mark Young (Town) 1373

Bud Chatham (St. Mark's)
Nader Alizadeh (St. Mark's)
Sky Ladd (Miranda)
Jason Posey (Bartlett)
Charles Hodges (St. Mark's)
9th/10th, 3.5-1.5
Jonathan Brown (St. Mark's)
Stephen Shaughnessy (Berkeley)

Top Junior High Schools

1st	St. Mark's	15.5
2nd	Bartlett	13.5
3rd	Miranda	10.5
4th	Hopkins	8
5th	Stanley	7.5

HIGH SCHOOL

The sixty-six player high school division was a close competition both individually and teamwise. After the dust cleared, there was a three-way tie for first place at 4.5 points. Top seed Andy McManus (2098), the 1987 N. Ca. H.S. champion repeated, this time on tie-breaks. McManus gets to represent N. Ca at this year's Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions at the US Open in Chicago.

Tying with McManus were fellow Co-Champions Walter Tu (Unr.) and Micheal Chan (1949). Tu beat out Chan for the 2nd place trophy in a close tie-break. After receiving identical scores in both the Median and Cumulative Systems, Tu finally passed Chan by 1.5 points in the Solkoff System.

In the next to last round, McManus and Chan drew a hard fought game while Alan Tse (1892) beat Karel Baloun (1901) after the latter

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FED BANKS \$18,000 IN NEW YORK

What does The New York Open mean to you? For most Californians, it's one of those big East Coast tournaments we read about in Chess Life and dream about playing in. For Grandmasters and strong players chasing title norms, the International Section is the finest large swiss around. Playing conditions, a \$45,000 prize fund, and the allure of a trip to The Big Apple all favor New York. And if there is strength in numbers, then The New York International's *forty-seven* GM's (ninety-one players in all) is hard to beat. The first round cut was at 2490—remember, these are all FIDE ratings! In all, eighteen countries from Argentina to Yugoslavia were represented. For GM John Fedorowicz (pronounced "Fedorovich", as we learned at the tournament) of the Bronx, it was the tournament of a lifetime. First place and \$18,000 all to himself, Fedorowicz completed his schedule undefeated with an astounding 5/6 against Soviet players! The average rating of his opponents was 2526, the equivalent of a category 12 round robin. After being paired way down in the first round, the 40th ranked Fedorowicz met eight consecutive players from the top twenty.

For me, the 1989 New York Open was a great excuse to return home and spend time with family and friends. Plus, my position as Assistant Arbiter for the International gave me the best seats in the house.

Friday March 17

Saturday March 18

The Russians are coming? The

Russians are here!!

What happens two days before an international tournament begins? Those players who have not arrived earlier fly in. While organizer Jose Cuchi is accompanying Judit Polgar and family to a simul that she is giving Friday evening, I am at the Penta Hotel receiving players from Iceland, Spain, Yugoslavia... and the Soviet Union. Maybe. The last communication with the Soviets was a telex sent two weeks earlier, stating that they would be sending players. A further inquiry has gone unanswered, "when and if they will arrive is unclear.

Not for long. By 7:30 PM the Spaniards and Yugoslavs have checked in already and there are Russians milling about the lobby. Only I do not recognize any of them and since I don't speak their language it takes me a while to determine that they are a fencing team! After explaining the false alarm to the hotel desk and contemplating the odds of two Soviet groups being in the Penta at the same time, I turn around to see the entrance full of Russians. Former World Champion Vasily Smyslov is the giveaway. Seven players, including fourteen year old Gata Kamsky, along with Kamsky's father and Aleksander Roshal (the editor of 64) as head of the delegation. The Icelanders soon follow, but my hands are full getting rooms for the Soviets. Some of the Soviets speak English, so we manage to get everybody settled.

Roshal is interesting to talk to and has many questions regarding the tournament, the players, contacting

the Americans sponsoring two of the young Soviet players, etc. He also brings news that Jaan Ehvest will definitely arrive Saturday and that five other players are trying to make it (and did, arriving Saturday), but with Aeroflot booked six months in advance the Soviets are forced to get passage on other airlines. Furthermore, 1988 NY Open Champion Vasily Ivanchuk will not defend his title - he is too tired from his victory at Linares. This is a disappointment to all concerned, including Roshal: "Ivanchuk wins money and that is good..."

Saturday evening I am back at the Penta to stay. During dinner with Organizer Jose Cuchi, his wife Marietta and Jeff Naier (Chief Arbiter in the past but unable to take his post this year), we discuss the outlook for the tournament. The fourteen player Russian contingent, featuring Smyslov and Lev Polugaevsky from the old guard and current young stars Ehvest and Boris Gelfand (both 2600), make the tournament resemble the Soviet Championship. Nick de Firmian is also in the restaurant and perhaps sums it up best when informed how many Russians are present: "Ah...That is a lot of Russians."

Two final pre-tournament notes: Due to typically strange chess politics, the tournament is no longer a World Cup Qualifier, though funding is still being provided by the GMA. And California no longer has a monopoly on the drought - you must now ask for water in NY restaurants.

Sunday March 19

by NY Open Asst. TD Joel Salman

Opening Day

After short speeches by Jose Cuchi and Chief Arbiter Carol Jarecki, play begins at 2:30 PM and all of the preparations and setting up seem worthwhile. Wooden boards, Druke pieces, Jerger clocks, flags and nameplates, with players to match—everything looks professional.

Gulko and Seirawan are top rated at 2610, with Ehlvest and Gelfand close behind at 2600. Yasser provides some initial excitement by arriving half an hour late. No matter, he dispatches GM Zapata of Colombia anyway. The first serious upset occurs on board 17, where Soltis bests Romanishin with the White pieces.

Polgar mania is out in force. Newspaper and television coverage is present, with much of the attention focused on the three sisters. 12 year old Judit, 2555 and rapidly approaching 2600, draws a crowd at the ropes by board 16 - a scene that is repeated throughout the tournament. Judit and Zsuzsa win easily, while Zsafia "upsets" Frias. Hard to think of it as an upset considering Zsafia's age, family, and the fact that she won a major swiss in Rome just prior to NY with the phenomenal score of 8.5/9. This included an 8-0 start, including wins in rounds 5-8 over GM's Polatnik, Razuvaev, Chernin and Suba, and a last round draw with GM Dolmatov. All of this was good for a performance rating around 2900 and a GM norm. It's clear that her 2295 rating is a tad low.

Another youngster of note, 14 year old Gata Kamsky, beats GM Krunoslav Hulak.

Monday March 20 Round 2

The competition becomes tougher, with only six decisive games from the top twenty boards and few short draws. Emerging with two points are Gelfand, Smyslov, Benjamin, Petursson and 2380 rated IM Dmitry London, who toppled Miles in round one and Christiansen today.

The Polgars show that they are a cohesive family, all drawing with Black. Kamsky draws with Black against Browne, then later shows that he has promise as an actor by doing an amusing imitation of "Brownian motion".

What is the definition of Glasnost? How about Soviet GM's Ehlvest, Gufeld and Polugaevsky helping Soviet emigre Dzindzihavili analyze his adjourned Queen ending with Yugoslavian GM Stefan Djuric. Djuric had his helpers too.

Tuesday March 21 Round 3

Benjamin defeats Gelfand with Black and now has the only perfect score. Smyslov obtains a promising pawn up position against Petursson but can only draw, while Seirawan handles the upstart London. Ten players follow at 2 1/2.

For those of you keeping score for "Team Polgar", Judit essayed a King's Gambit against GM Campora and drew in 14 and Zsafia split with Browne in an interesting

Bc4 Najdorf, but Zsuzsa is the sensation of the round, crunching Nick deFirmian's Benoni in fine style. This prompts Miles to joke "Next year, can we have a *Men's* tournament?"

Other results of note include Kamsky drawing GM Rohde and GM Fedorowicz downing Soviet GM Dorfman.

Wednesday March 22 Round 4

Benjamin and Seirawan play a short draw on board one, so now nobody has a perfect score after four rounds. There will be no imitation of Ivanchuk's 5-0 start last year. Board two sees GM Torre grind down Zsuzsa Polgar in professional style with the Black pieces. Wednesday is a bad day for the Polgars, as Judit and Zsafia lose from what appear to be promising positions. Judit's game with Fishbein arouses much interest, the general consensus being that Judit was much better out of the opening. Fishbein's comment afterwards: "I thought I was better the whole game."

Fedorowicz gets little as White against Smyslov on board three but manages to hold, while on fourth board Lobron beats Igor Ivanov to reach 3.5 when Ivanov fails to hold a drawn Rook ending. Elsewhere, Petursson defeats GM Djuric and joins Lobron, Benjamin and Torre in the lead, with fourteen players a half point behind.

Final note: Kamsky draws another GM, this time splitting with Christiansen.

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blundered away an Exchange advantage. Tu was paired down but could only draw.

Thus, the final round meant everything for the top players. McManus was lucky to have Tse blunder away his chances for first place. Tu's opponent, Ramil Capito (Urr.), also had a winning position but blundered. The all-important game Vladimir Caruz (1770) versus Chan was a well-played game for both sides, but in the end, the higher rated Chan displayed superior endgame technique to clinch first place clear for his team and shared for himself.

Defending champions Bellarmine College Preparatory from San Jose won first team honors. Former National Champions (1987), Bellarmine could have been upset in the final round if Caruz had beat Chan; a tie would have resulted from a draw. But the more experienced and higher rated Bellarmine overcame traditional rival Independence High of San Jose, in a close finish. Another perennial powerhouse, Lowell High of San Francisco, finished in third place. Bellarmine Alumnus Peter Yu ('87) was the T.D. for the High School section.

1st/3rd, 4.5-0.5

Andy McManus (Head Royce)
Walter Tu (Independence)
Micheal Chan (Bellarmine)
4th/9th, 4-1
Alan Tse (Lowell)
Karel Baloun (Bellarmine)
Terry Gillespie (Bellarmine)
Mike Lico (Lincoln)
Adam Grover (Lowell)

Winston Chiang (Independence)
10th, 3.5-1.5
Ariel DeLavega (Silver Creek)

Top High Schools

1st Bellarmine (San Jose) 16
2nd Independence (S. Jose) 15
3rd Lowell (San Francisco) 14.5
4th Live Oak (Morgan Hill) 12
5th Gunderson (San Jose) 11.5

The following games will give a generous picture of the strength of these junior tournaments. They are all from the High School section, played at Game/90. Few games in the lower sections were recorded.

White: Chad Zichterman (Urr.)
Black: John Martin (1500)
Vienna Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6
4. d4 ed 5. Nd4 Bb4

Black seeks the initiative by threatening the e4 pawn. 5...Bc5 is less effective because of 6. Be3.

6. Nxc6 bc 7. Bd2 0-0 8. Bd3 Re8
9. 0-0 d5! 10. Re1 Ng4

Intending 11...Bc5, but White now begins a series of bad moves typical of an inexperienced youngster.

11. f3? Bc5+ 12. Kf1 Qf6 13. ed??
Nxb2 mate. 0-1

Don't worry, the games do get better and longer. But believe me, there always are plenty of blowouts like this at scholastic tournaments.

White: Jennifer Allen (Urr.)
Black: Abel Talamantez (1875)
Alekhine's Defence

This first round upset shocked the high school section as rumors of a budding Judith Polgar ran wild. Of course, Black had nearly forfeited the game by showing up 50 minutes late, and the result was fatal.

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e5 Nc4
4. Nxe4 de 5. d3 Bf5 6. Be3 e6
7. de Qxd1 8. Rxd1 Bxe4 9. Rd2

Although 9. c3 may be better, Rd2 allows an eventual doubling of the Rooks on the d-file. Either way, White has a fine game.

9. ...Nc6 10. f3 Bg6 11. Bb5 Be7
12. Ne2 0-0 13. Bxc6 bc 14. 0-0

White has developed effortlessly and has permanently damaged Black's pawn-structure. Black must now contest the d-file before White invades the seventh rank.

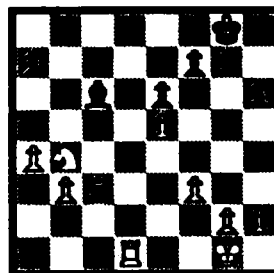
14. ...c5?! 15. Rd7! Rfe8 16. Rxc7
Bxc2 17. Bxc5 Bxc5 18. Rxc5

White has now won a pawn, an easy task since Black's pawns were doubled and isolated. Black now must play for a draw with his Bishop to Knight advantage. However, this is very difficult for Black psychologically, when his opponent is so much lower rated.

18. ...Bd3 19. Re1 Rac8 20. Rxc8
Rxc8 21. Nf4 Bb5 22. Rd1 b6
23. b3?!

Better was 23. Rd2, but White has an ingenious idea.

23. ...Rc2 24. e4!? Bc6 25. Nd3
Rc3 26. Nb4!



This maneuver chases Black's Bishop to the edge of the board and it becomes hard for Black to protect his Bishop and a7 pawn. White

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probably had this in mind when she played 23. b3. Now Black begins to fall apart.

26. ...Be8?

Necessary was 26. ...Bd5, after which White may simplify into a Rook and pawn ending with a pawn advantage. Of course, Black refuses to give up all winning chances by entering the "defendable" position. Instead he tries desperately to complicate.

27. Rd8 Kf8 28. Na6 Rxb3 29. Nc7 Ke7

The price that Black pays for grabbing the b-pawn is not quite as high as a piece, for he will get it back. However, White can now simplify into won Rook and pawn ending.

30. Rxe8+ Kd7 31. Ra8! Kxc7 32. Rxa7+ Kc6

32. ...Rb7 would have also lost after 33. Rxb7+ Kxb7 34. Kf2 Kb6 35. Ke3 Ka5 36. Kd4 Kxa4 37. Kc5-d6-e7-xf7 etc.

33. Rxf7 Kd5 34. Rxg7 Kd4 34. Rg6 Ke3

Absolute desperation; White's next move should force resignation.

35. h3 Rb1+ 36. Kh2 Kf2 37. Rxb6 Rg1 38. Rg6 1-0

An off-day for the nationally-ranked Talamantez, but there will be other days. As for Miss Allen, she finished the tournament with a commendable 3 points out of five. Unfortunately, she didn't achieve a 2800 performance rating as some had hoped.

White: Mike Chan (1949)
Black: Andy McManus (2098)
Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb6

As we will see later from the game, this Bishop placement is not very effective if White plays prudently.

5. b3 Bb4+ 6. Bd2 Bxd2+ 7. Nbx d2 d5 8. Bg2 0-0 9. Ne5

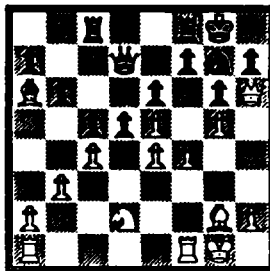
White announces his intentions to attack Black's King. The Bb6 placement is beginning to look more dubious as White reinforces c4.

9. ...Od6 10. 0-0 Nbd7 11. f4 Rac8 12. g4 c5 13. g5 Ne8 14. e3 Nxe5 15. de Od7 16. Oh5

White now threatens mate in three with the manouver RE3-h3. With Black's pieces all placed on the rims of the board, White's position looks won. However, Black defends accurately and begins to use some of his time to think.

16. ...g6! 17. Oh6 Ng7 18. e4!?

18. RE3 now fails to NE5, so White fights to control that crucial square by allowing some counterplay in the center. Black seizes the opportunity to exchange off his spectator Bishop.



18. ...dc 19. Nxc4 Bxc4 20. bc Rfd8 21. Rab1 Qe8 22. Bh3 Qf8 23. Oh4

White doesn't want to exchange Queens, so he must temporarily retreat.

23. ...Rd4 24. Qe1 Rcd8 25. f5!

The point of Bh3: White's only chances lie on the K-side.

gf 26. ef Nx f5 27. Bxf5 ef 28. Rxf5 Qg7 29. e6 fe 30. Oxe6+ Kh8 31. Rbf1

White now has less than five minutes left, while Black still has fifteen.

Rg8 32. Kh1 Rg4 33. Rxc5 Rxc5 34. Rxg5 Qxg5 35. Of6+ Qxf6

36. Rxf6 Rd8 37. Rf2 Rd1+

38. Kg2 Rc1 39. Rf7 Rc2+ 40. Kg3 Rxa2 41. Rc7 a5 42. h4 Rb2 43. h5 a4 44. h6 Kg8 45. Rg7+ Kh8 46. Ra7 Kg8 47. Rg7+ 1/2-1/2

Although Black can afford to give up his h-pawn with 47. ...Kf8 48. Rxh7 Kg7 and try to push his queenside pawns, the result should still be a draw with correct play by White.

The following fourth round draw left Alan Tse leading with 4-0 going into the final round, but both McManus and Chan wanted a piece of first regardless of their half-point deficit. Tse soon found this out as he lost against McManus after defending very well and then making a blunder. (The game Caruz-Chan was pretty uneventful until the sudden-death endgame came along. Unfortunately, the ending was not recorded due to time pressure, so we did not include it in our report.)

White: Andy McManus
Black: Alan Tse (1892)
Irregular Modern Defence

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 c6

The usual move here is ...d6, but often Black has to push c6 sooner

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or later.

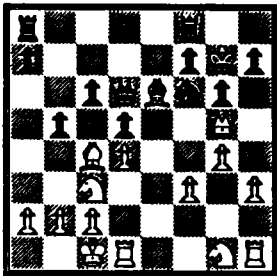
4. Bc4 e6?! 5. Qd3

A better, more positional approach would have been 5. e5. But being an the attacking player, McManus opts for a tactical game. Of course, none of this is theory.

5. ...d5 6. ed ed 7. Bb3 Bf5
8. Qe2+ Qe7 9. Be3 Nf6 10. h3
Nbd7 11. 0-0-0 0-0?!

That's asking for it. There is no reason why Black shouldn't play Be6 and castle Q-side, after all a draw would insure shared first at the least.

12. g4 Be6 13. Qd2 b5 14. f3 Nb6
15. Bh6 Nc4 16. Qe5 Qd6 17. Bxg7
Kxg7 18. Bxc4



Otherwise, Black was threatening 18. ...h6 winning the Queen. Now the open b-file should prove an asset for Black, but White's attack comes faster.

18. ...bc 19. h4 h5 20. Nge2 Rh8
21. Rdg1 Rab8 22. Nf4 hg 23. h5!
Nh7 24. Nxc6+ Qxe6 25. Qf4 Rbe8

After this move, I think Black is OK. White will have to take time out for Kb1 if he wants to maintain his attack. McManus puts this off temporarily by using his initiative.

26. hg fg 27. Qh6+ Kf7 28. Rxc4

Ng5??

Much better was ...Qe3+. Tse told me after the game that he over-looked that the Knight will hang with check after Rf4+, otherwise Ng5 works.

29. Rf4+ Ke7 30. Qxg5+ Kd7
31. Rd1 Qe3+ 32. Kbl Qe1
33. Rf7+ Kc8 34. Qg4+

1-0

Well, its too bad that the closely contested H.S. Champion title had to end with a blunder. On a more optimistic note, co-Champion and second place on tie-breaks winner Walter Tu should have a promising chess career ahead of him. During the weekend of the tournament, he and the Independence team stayed at my apartment. Walter had one of the better scores playing 5-1 time odds against me, although he did lose some small change. In any case, his first rating was 1950 based on one game, so this tournament

should help him a little. What impressed me the most was his speed chess ability. His official WBCA blitz rating is 2013 based on ten! Well, Walter didn't have very many great games this tournament, but here's one which looked fairly interesting.

White: Terry Gillespie (1430)

Black: Walter Tu (Unr)

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nd4
4. Nxd4 Nxd4 5. d3 g6 6. Bc4 Bg7
7. Qf3 Qf6 8. Qxf6 Nxf6 9. Na3 c6
10. Bf4 0-0 11. Bb3 Re8 12. 0-0-0
a5 13. Nc4 b5 14. Nd6 Re7 15. a3
h6 16. Rde1 Ba6 17. f3 Ne8 18. h4
Nxd6 19. Bxd6 R7e8 20. g4 Rac8
21. f4 c5 22. Bd5? c4 23. Rh3 cd
24. Rxd3 b4 25. Rb3 d3 26. e5
Rxc2+ 27. Kd1? Rec8 28. Re4
Rc1+ 29. Kd2 R8c2+ 30. Ke3 d2
31. Rd4 d1(Q) 32. Rxd1 Rxd1
33. ab Rxd5 34. ba Rxa5 35. Rxb8+
Kh7 36. h5 Rd5 37. hg+ fg 38. b4
Rd3+ 39. Ke4 Re2# 0-1

Barcelona World Cup

World Champion Garri Kasparov caught tournament leader in the last round of this super-strong event. Nigel Short held Ljubojevic to a draw while Kasparov defeated former Champion Boris Spassky.

1.-2.	WC Garri Kasparov	URS	11
	GM Ljubomir Ljubojevic	JUG	
3.	GM Valery Salov	URS	10
4.	GM Viktor Korchnoi	SWZ	9.5
5.-6.	GM Robert Huebner	FRG	9
	GM Nigel Short	ENG	
7.	GM Predrag Nikolic	JUG	8
8.-12.	GM Zoltan Ribli	HUN	7.5
	GM Boris Spassky	FRA	
	GM Alexander Belyavsky	URS	
	GM Rafael Vaganian	URS	
	GM Artur Yusupov	URS	
13.	GM Jon Speelman	ENG	7
14.-15.	GM Johann Hjartarson	ISL	6.5
	GM Yasser Seirawan	USA	
16-17.	GM Miguel Illescas	ESP	5.5
	GM Jesus Nogueiras	CUB	

"THERE IS NO CONTROVERSY"

interview by Bill Wall

Florencio Campomanes — Exclusive

While in Seattle I had the opportunity to interview Florencio Campomanes, President of FIDE (World Chess Federation). Here is part of that interview.

BW: How many countries are now in FIDE?

Florencio Campomanes: There are now 128 federations in FIDE. The newest members are Vietnam and Nepal. FIDE is the second largest sports organization out of 169 countries in the world. Only soccer is larger.

BW: Where does the funding come from for major FIDE events?

FC: Funding comes from sponsors of a hosting country. FIDE decides who wins the bid and organizes the event by certain regulations. Players are given first consideration to a playing site. Financial considerations are next considered.

BW: How many countries have you visited as FIDE President?

FC: I have been in 112 countries promoting chess. It has been very enjoyable and I wouldn't do it if I didn't enjoy it. I love to meet people in general. I especially like to meet the rank and file players. It permits me to see the chess situation in each country. That way I am in a better position to solve whatever chess problems they might have. Knowing the federations is the reason for my travel.

BW: Do you have time to play chess?

FC: I enjoy chess but I don't play competitive chess anymore. I love to play blitz chess whenever I can. I have played in active chess events. I maintain a 2245 rating.

BW: What is your opinion of active chess?

FC: I support it very much. Many players left the game because they didn't have the time like they used to for regular chess. Now we can measure their current playing strength in another medium. There are a number of new players we can attract. Active chess is in keeping with the present tempo.

BW: Will FIDE have a different rating system for active chess?

FC: We intend to have a separate rating list for active chess. This list will probably come out in September. FIDE players will have two figures, one for normal chess and one for active chess.

BW: Any news on Bobby Fischer?

FC: I haven't seen him in seven years. I gave six years of my life trying to bring him back to chess from 1975 to 1981. All kinds of cities and perspective opponents were arranged. In October of 1981 I failed in a last attempt to get him to play. We agreed on the terms of conditions for a match in Hong Kong. But Bobby changed his mind. He raised the ante. The original agreement was \$500,000 guaranteed for him and another \$500,000 from the proceeds. He wanted me to guarantee the second \$500,000. The banks don't change their agreements very easily. I met him at the San Francisco airport at 11 pm on my way to the Philippines. We went to downtown San Francisco going from one restaurant to another. We had a great time but I had to go and couldn't convince Bobby to play this chess match. It was then that I decided it might be easier to become President of FIDE than get Fischer to play chess.

BW: Any comments on the Calvo affair controversy?

FC: There is no controversy. 100 members of FIDE made a decision and we stuck by it. There are dissenting voices. As strong and loved as they may be, they are a distinct minority. Here is a man, Spanish IM Ricardo Calvo, who had written most unpleasant things about FIDE. The Congress saw fit to declare him *persona non grata*. That is the right of an organization and its members to defend itself. There are valid definitions of freedom of the press. There is no monopoly in the definitions.

BW: What is you feeling about the Grandmasters Association and their demands for a more active role in determining the rules for the World Championship?

FC: We passed in Dubai recommendations that we negotiate such agreements with the GMA. There was no unanimous decision on accepting more on the role of the GMA.

BW: Thank you for your time.

TOURNAMENT TOUGH:

Strategies for the Infrequent Player

Sometimes an offbeat idea developed early in one's chess career can become a powerful weapon for winning games. Several years ago I was studying the Ruy Lopez. While I was playing over some games, I found that I liked the Kingside attack that White got in certain variations, but Black could play a lot of variations that would avoid these kind of positions. However, I discovered that if I played 5. d3 and stabilized the center then I could attack on the Kingside. One of my first games with this opening allowed me to upset a much higher rated player.

White: Ng (1717)

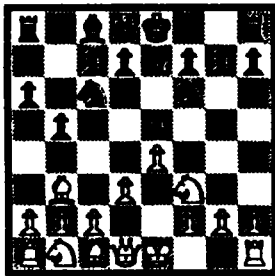
Black: Hobbs (2102)

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6
4. Bxa4 Nf6 5. d3

The normal move here is 0-0. By playing 5. d3, White stabilizes the center and threatens to win a pawn with 6. Bxc6 and 7. Nxe5.

5. ...b5 6. Bb3 Be7



7. 0-0 d6 8. c3 0-0 9. Re1 Bg4?!

The Bishop should stay on the Queenside, so Bb7 or Bd7 would be better.

10. h3 Bh5

Even here, 10. ... Bd7 is better. The Bishop is better placed on the Queenside because White can break the pin by an eventual g4, and Black gets into trouble by leaving the bishop on the Kingside because it prevents him from playing Re8, Bf8, g6, and Bg7 which could help him defend the Kingside.

11. Nbd2 Na5 12. Bc2 c5

Black follows the plan of expanding on the Queenside.

13. Nf1 Nd7 14. g4

With a stable center, White proceeds to attack on the Kingside. The Queen's Knight will go to f5, and White will attack along the g-file.

14. ...Bg6 15. Ng3 Rc8 16. Kh2

To make room for the Rook on g1.

16. ...b4 17. c4 Nc6 18. Rg1 Nd4
19. Nxd4 cxd4 20. Nf5 Nc5 21. f4
f6 22. Nxe7 Qxe7 23. f5

White now employs a common strategy used with pawn chains. With locked pawns, the strategy is to attack the base. In this game, White's pawn chain extends from d3 to f5 and Black's pawn chain is from f6 to d4. Thus, Black's base is g7 and White proceeds to attack it.

23. ...Be8 24. g5 Rc7 25. g6 hxg6

This leads to the loss of a piece, but after 25. ...h6 White can pile up on h6 and the eventual sacrifice Bxh6 should win for White.

26. fxg6 f5 27. Qh5 Bxg6 28. Qxg6
and White eventually won.

From an opening similar to the one above, I actually got a Queenside

attack.

White: Ng
Black: Rosenzweig
Ruy Lopez

Starting from the above diagram.

7. c3 d6 8. Nbd2 0-0 9. 0-0 Na5
10. Bc2 c5 11. Re1 Re8 12. Nf1 b4
13. h3 bxc3 14. bxc3 h6 15. g4 Nh7
16. Ne3

Here Ne3 is better than Ng3 because on e3, the knight controls the central squares d5 and c4 in addition to f5.

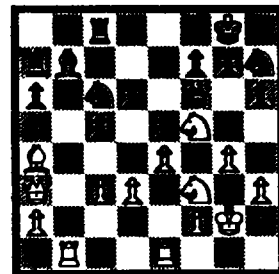
16. ...Bg5 17. Nf5 Bxc1 18. Qxc1
Qf6?

Black should work on finishing his development (e.g. Qc7 followed by Bb7 and then occupying the b-file with his Rooks).

19. Kg2 Bb7 20. Qa3 Nc6 21. Rab1
Ra7?

A horrible place for the Rook, Black should play a Rook to the b-file.

22. Ba4 Rc8



23. h4?

This prevents potential Kingside counterplay from ...g6 and ...Ng5, but White really doesn't have to worry too much about this. White should have continued with 23. Rb6

by NM Matt Ng

which is more consistent with White's Queenside attack (it also prevents Black from trading off White's powerful Knight because if Black plays 23. ...Ne7 then White could play 24. Rxd6 trapping Black's Queen).

23. ...Ne7 24. Nxe7+ Qxe7 25. Rb6 Rca8 26. Reb1 Bc8?

Loses the Exchange. Black could have tried 26. ...a5 so that he could play 27. ...Ba6 after White's 27. Qb2.

27. Bc6 Qe6 28. Nh2 h5 29. Bxa8 and White Won on move 44.

I refined this attack in my later games. I found that I could sometimes save a tempo by maneuvering my Queen's Knight to the Kingside before castling. In the game that follows, the King's Rook was actually well placed on f1, so I saved two tempi.

White: Ng
Black: Towbin
Ruy Lopez

The first six moves are the same as in the above games.

7. c3 d6 8. Nbd2 0-0 9. Nf1 Na5 10. Bc2 c5 11. Ne3 Qc7 12. 0-0

Comparing this game with the last one, Black has played similar moves, but White has maneuvered his Queen's Knight to e3 where it exerts pressure on the center and is prepared to help the attack on the Kingside. Hence, by delaying castling, White has been able to improve the Queen Knight's position from the relatively passive d2 square to the much more active e3 square.

12. ...Re8 13. h3 Bf8 14. Nh4 g6 15. f4 exf4 16. Rxf4 Bg7 17. Rf2 Bc6 18. Qf1 Qe7 19. Nf3 d5 20. e5 Nd7 21. d4 cxd4

21. ...f6!?

22. cxd4 Nc4

22. ...f6!?

23. Nxc4 bxc4 24. Bg5 Qb4

25. Qc1 Rab8 26. Rb1 Qa5 27. Bd2 Qc7

Not 27. ...Qxa2?? because 28. Bc3 followed by 29. Ra1 traps the Queen.

28. Bh6 Bh8?

Leaving the Bishops on the board like this helps White's attack. Black should be concentrating on the Queenside more (28. ...c3!?).

29. Ng5 Nb6 30. h4 Nc8 31. Of4

Prevents the defense of 31. ...Ne7 and an eventual ...Nf5.

31. ...Na7 32. Rbf1 Rb7 33. h5

Bg7?

Loses by force but 33. ...f5 34. exf6 Qxf4 35. Rxf4 Bf7 36. hxg6 hxg6 37. Nxf7 Kxf7 (not 37. ...Rxf7 because of 38. Bxg6) 38. Rg4 Rg8 39. Bg7! (threatening 40. Bxg6+) Bxg7 40. fxg7+ Kxg7 41. Rxg6+ Kh8 42. Rh6+ Kg7 43. Rh7+ only delays the result.

34. Bxg7 Kxg7 35. h6+ Kf8 36. Of6 Qd7 37. Nxf7+ 1-0

In these games, White's attack was successful because he kept the center stable before launching a flank attack. White then used a space advantage on a particular side of the board to bring more pieces into the attack than Black could bring to the defense. In particular: the King's Bishop helped to stabilize the center, the Queen's Knight was maneuvered to the Kingside, and open files were used to bring the Rooks the attack.

Next time: The development of the above idea in other openings.



PRESENTING THE CLASSICS

Capablanca's crystal clear position play makes chess look easy...until you probe behind the individual moves and see what deep, artistic planning was involved.

White: Aron Nimzovitch
Black: Jose Capablanca
St. Petersburg, 1914
Four Knights' Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6
4. Bb5 d6

Preferring strategic simplicity to the complex variations stemming from 4...Bb4 (Panov).

5. d4 Bd7 6. Bxc6 Bxc6 7. Qd3

White's maneuver begun on move six works out well for him only if he castles long (Panov).

7...ed 8. Nxd4 g6

A novel idea, brought out on the spur of the moment, with the intention of putting White on his own resources (Capablanca). Safer would have been 8...Be7 (Burn).

9. Nxc6

More consistent is 9. Bg5 Bg7
10. 0-0-0 (Panov).

9...bxc6 10. Qa6 Qd7 11. Qb7 Rc8
12. Qxa7 Bg7

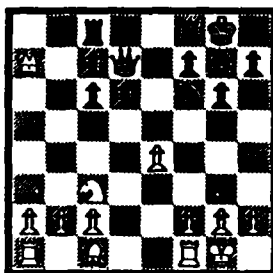
No critic would have ventured to characterize a position such as this as favorable to Black had it not been for the grand and convincing tale which this particular example unfolds (Euwe).

13. 0-0

White is now a pawn ahead, with a perfectly safe game, and it is surprising that he should have lost (Burn).

13...0-0

Black is a pawn behind, but all his forces are now deployed and ready for maneuvering (Capablanca).



14. Qa6

White decides on defensive measures. It is remarkable how the gain of a pawn is apt to make a player overcautious, almost as possessions frequently do in real life (Euwe).

14...Rfe8

Attacks the e-pawn, immobilizing White's Knight and compelling a defensive move (Znosko-Borovsky).

15. Qd3

This makes the sixth move with the Queen (Capablanca).

15...Qe6!

Attacking the e-pawn once more and preparing the important maneuver, Nd7-e5-c4.

16. f3

Black's first attack is at an end. The Rook's move liberated the Queen, the Queen moved to make room for the Knight and the Knight will retreat temporarily to open the way for the Bishop (Znosko-Borovsky).

16...Nd7

Preparatory to a strong Knight and Bishop attack on the Queen side. By correct play White should probably defend himself and win with his extra pawn, but the best line is hard to find (Burn).

17. Bd2

Better drawing chances are offered by 17. Bf4 in order to answer 17...Ne5 with 18. Be5

17...Ne5 18. Qe2 Nc4

Quite suddenly Black's attack has broken out in full force. White cannot play 19. b3 because of 19...Bd4+! 20. Kh1 Nxd2 21. Qxd2 Qe5 22. f4 Bxc3 (Euwe).

19. Rb1 Ra8

The real attack begins. If White now plays 20. b3, then 20...Nxd2 21. Qxd2 Ra3, and the a-pawn must go (Capablanca).

20. e4

Probably intending b3 to follow (Burn).

20...Nxd2 21. Qxd2 Qc4!

Hitting the nail on the head. White is tied up, he can no longer play b3, his a-pawn is doomed, and his b-pawn also stands a poor chance (Euwe).

22. Rfd1

Now White is willing to part with his extra pawn by 22...Bxc3 23. Qxc3 Qxc3 24. bc Rxa4 in hopes of squeezing a draw out of the resultant Rook ending (Panov).

22...Reb8

Decisive. The immediate threat is 23...Rxb2 and 24...Bxc3 (Panov).

23. Qe3

Comparatively best is 23. Qd3

by NM Richard Shorman

Qc5+ 24. Kh1 Rb4 25. Ne2,
returning the pawn but freeing the
Knight (Panov).

23....Rb4!

Threatening 24....Bd4 (Znosko-
Borovsky).

24. Qg5 Bd4+ 25. Kh1 Rab8

White's game now collapses like a
house of cards. He is threatened
with the loss of a piece by
26....Bc3 (Euwe).

26. Rxd4

Forced in view of the threat to his
Knight (Panov). Black is now the
Exchange ahead and will soon
regain his pawn. The rest is simply
a matter of time (Capablanca).

26....Qxd4 27. Rd1 Qc4 28. h4
Rxb2 29. Qd2 Qc5 30. Re1 Qh5

Black wins the h-pawn outright,
since 31. Qf2 fails against
31....Rxc2 32. Qxc2 Qxh4+
33. Kg1 Qxe1+

31. Ra1 Qxh4+ 32. Kg1 Qh5 33. a5
Ra8 34. a6 Qc5+ 35. Kh1 Qc4
36. a7 Qc5 37. e5 Qxe5 38. Ra4
Qh5+ 39. Kg1 Qc5+ 40. Kh2 d5!

Shattering White's last illusion:
40....Rxa7 41. Ne4! Qb6 42. Qh6
(Panov). The apparently simple
moves in this game are in reality of
a very complicated nature, and they
all obey a preconceived plan
(Capablanca).

41. Rh4 Rxa7 0-1

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RANDOM CHESS

White: FM Richard Lobo

Black: IM Elliott Winslow

1989 People's Tmt.

King's Indian Defense.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 0-0 6. Bg5 Nc6 7. Nge2 a6 8. Qd2 Re8 9. 0-0-0

In this sharp variation White plays for mate with h4-h5 and Bh6xg7. Black gets counterplay with b5 and sometimes e5. The move Re8 prepares e5 and enables Bh8 in response to Bh6.

9. ...b5

Usually Black must prepare this move with Rb8; the move order lets him save a tempo.

10. Qe3

A clever idea, but very dangerous. The logical move was 10.h4 when Cebab-Ivarovic Budva 1981 went 10. ...Na5 11. Ng3 e6 12. h5 Qc7 13. hg fg 14. Bh6. Black eventually lost after e5, but Bh8 is more rational. Even so, I prefer White's position.

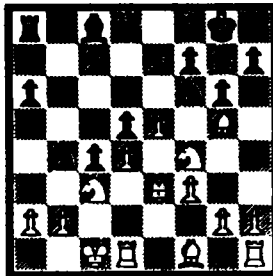
10. ...bc 11. e5 Nb4!

Taking advantage of the unusual position of the Bg5 and Qe3, which usually inhabit e3 and d2. On the ordinary Nd7, since 12. f4 f6 is no good, White presumably planned 12. e6 Nb6 13. ef+ Kxf7 14. h4 with a dangerous attack.

12. Nf4

To control d5; 12. Ng3 Nfd5 13. Nxd5 Nxd5 14. Qe4 Be6 (or Nb6) is unattractive at first sight, but perhaps White should play this way. Although 14. ...Be6 15. Bxc4 Nc3 16. bc Bxc4 should be good for Black, 17. h4 is still annoying.

12. ...d5



13. a3

To take all the knights. Instead, Lobo's idea 13. Re1, to really threaten ef, is interesting. The players produced the line 13. ...Bf5 14. ef ef (14. ...Nc2!? 15. Qd2 Nxe1 16. fg or 15. ...ef 16. Rxe8 Qxe8 17. Bh4 g5 18. g4 seems too adventurous) 15. Qxe8+ Qxe8 16. Rxe8+ Rxe8 17. Bh4 g5 18. Nfxd5 Nxd5 19. Nxd5 gh 20. Bxc4 Be6. If White now avoids 21. Nxc7 Rc8 or 21. Ne3 Bh6 he has chances based on Black's six isolated pawns. This will not be easy, for example 21. Re1 f5 22. Nf4 Bh6 23. g3 hg 24. hg Bxf4 25. gf Rd8 26. Bxe6 fe 27. Rxe6 Rxd4 28. Rxa6 Rxf4 29. Rc6 Rxf3 30. Rxc7 produces an exciting race. Better is 21. ...Bh6+ 22. Kd1 (22. f4 Rd8 23. Nxf6+ (23. Ne7+ Kf8 24. Nc6 Bxf4+ 25. Kc2 Rd6) Kg7 26. Nh5+ Kg6 27. Be2 Rxd4) Rd8 and Black is OK.

However, 14. g4, maintaining the tension, looks good for White: 14. ...Nc2 15. Qf2 Nxe1 16. gf h6 17. Bh4 g5 18. Qxe1 gh 19. ef ef 20. Qxh4.

As 13. ...Nd7 14. Nfxd5 Nxd5 15. Nxd5 Nxe5 16. Nxe7+ Rxe7

17. de or 13. ...Bf5 14. g4 Bd7 15. Bh4 are good for White, Black may have to try 13. ...h6. Now:

a). 14. ef hg 15. fg (15. fe Qd6 Δ Bf6 is OK for Black) gf 16. Qxf4 Kxg7 seems playable for Black although h4-h5 is a problem.

b). 14. Bh4 Nh7 15. e6 g5 16. ef+ Kxf7 17. Ne6 Qd6 18. Nxc7 Kxg7 19. Bg3 Qg6, also OK for Black.

Finally, consider the quiet 13. ...Bd7, Δ 14. Bh4 c6 15. a3 a5, but this seems dubious.

13. ...a5

Irresistible.

14. ab

Ditto, but this gives Black a permanent initiative. Instead, 14. Re1 looks good; the variations above are strengthened by Black's additional hanging piece. Also reasonable were moves like 14. Bh4, 14. Qd2 or 14. g4.

14. ...ab 15. Nb1

More logical than 15. Nce2, when there could follow 15. Ra1+ 16. Kd2 Ra2.

15. ...c6

Positional chess in the middle of a tornado! On the direct 15. ...Bf5 16. g4 Bxb1 17. Kxb1 Qd7 18. e6 Ra1+ (18. ...Qa4 19. ef+ Kxf7 20. Qe6+ Kf8 21. Bxc4) 19. Kxa1 Qa4+ 20. Kb1 Qxd1+ 21. Qc1 Qxd4 22. ef+ Kxf7 23. Bxf6 Bxf6 24. Nxd5 White is fighting hard.

16. Qd2

Running away from the e-file. On 16. g4 Nxg4 17. fg Bxg4 is possible. Black has four pawns for two pieces and annoying threats like Bf5, f6 and h6.

by FM David Glueck

16...Qa5

Again playing quietly, with Lobo in his customary time pressure; once more ...Bf5 was possible, but after 17. Nd3 White might survive, e.g. 17. ...cd 18. g4.

17. g4 Bxg4



Another critical position. The most obvious moves are 18. fg and 18. ef:

a). 18. fg Ne4 19. Qg2 Nxg5 20. h4 Ne4 (20. ...Ne6 21. Nxe6 fe 22. h5 is good) 21. Bxc4 dc 22. Qxe4 c3 23. Rh2 and defends. Instead, 19. ...f6, spurning the piece, is possible: 20. ef (20. Bh4 fe 21. de Bxe5, or 20. bxc4 fg 21. Qxe4 (21. Ne6! is good) gf) ef 21. Bh4 g5. Black can still cause trouble with 18. ...c3 removing the target on c4 and indeed, this looks OK for him on 19. Qg2 Ne4.

b). 18. ef Bf5. This has a threat—this 19. fg Bxb1 20. Kxb1 Qa1+ 21. Kc2 b3+ 22. Kc3 Qa5#. Hence White should play something to d3.

For comparison return to move 17. ef directly. Now 17. ...ef 18. Bh4 Bf5 is similar. Here are some possibilities: 19. Nd3 cd 20. Nxd3 Bxd3 21. Qxd3 Bh6+ winning, i.e. 22. Kc2 Re3 23. Qd2 b3+ 24. Kc1 Re2.

Better is 20. g4 when Black could try 20. ...Re2 hoping for 21. Bxe2 de 22. Qxe2 Bxb1 23. Kxb1 when 23. ...b3 wins nicely on 24. Kc1 Bf8 Δ Bb4, and if 25. Be1 Bh6+. Unfortunately, White has 22. gf with an extra piece.

Instead 20. g4 Qa2 compels 21. Bxd3 Bxd3 22. Qxd3 Bh6+ (hoping for 23. Nd2 Re3 (diagram) 24. Qb1 Qc4+ 25. Nxc4 Rc3#; or 24. Qc2 Black has 24. ...Qa1+ 25. Qb1 Rc3+ 26. bc Qxc3 27. Qc2 Ra1#) 23. g5 fg 24. Bg3 (or 24. Be1) and White might survive but Black has three pawns and the attack for the piece.

The addition of the moves 17. g4 Bxg4 means that Black has lost a tempo for ef. Thus, by analogy, 18. ef ef 19. Bh4 Bf5 is horrid for White who has lost a possibility of g4-g5 in response to Bh6+. Instead 19. fg fg 20. Nfe2 Qa1 is also good for Black as the b2 square will melt on Ra2 plus c3.

Returning to 18. ef Bf5 White should play 19. Bd3 ef 20. Bxf5 fg 21. Nh5 with some counterchances. Alternately, 19. ...cd 20. fg Qa2 21. Nxd3 does not cut it for Black. In the above line with 21. Nh5 Black should probably play 21. ...Bh8 Δ Reb8 plus c3; the correct evaluation of this position is not clear, but I am sure that Black is doing well. Finally, I should mention the line 18. ef ef 19. Bxf6 Bxf6 20. fg Re4 with good play on either 21. Ne2 Rxg4 or 22. Bg2 Rxd4 (watch b2).

18. Bxf6 Bf5 19. Bd3

19. Nd3 ef 20. ef Bf8 is good. 19. Bxg7 Bxb1 20. Bh6 c3 wins

and here 20. Bd3 Bxd3 21. Nxd3 Qa1+ 22. Kc2 b3+ 23. Kc3 Qa5+ leads to mate; 20. Nd3 Qa1 21. Qxb4 (21. Qh6 c3) Reb8 is no better.

19. Bxd3 20. Nxd3 ef6 21. ef

The ending after 21. Nxb4 fe 22. Nxc6 Qxd2+ is good for Black.

21...Bf8

Keeping the b4 pawn. With his flag up Lobo now goes down fast, but his position is very difficult.

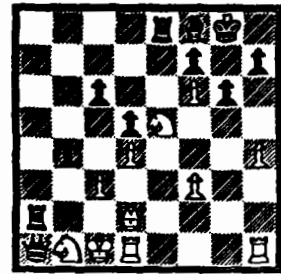
22. Ne5

22. Nc5!?, but at worst Black has 22. ...Bxc5.

22...Qa1 23. h4?

But even 23. f4 c3 24. Qc2 Rxe5 25. de Ra2 wins.

23...c3 24. bc Ra2 0-1.



That was fun, but what does it all mean? Winslow's comment is right: a good practical try, but needs more testing.

CCJ announces a donnybrook of the year contest. If it looks like this game, send it to the CCJ office!

New York

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Thursday March 23
A day off, on the town

Today is the break, as the Amateur sections begin. The turnout in the five class tournaments is approximately 660, 200 fewer than 1988. Needless to say this is very disappointing to Jose Cuchi and the tournament directors, especially as there is no obvious reason. The days scheduled are the same as previous years, with Easter Sunday being the final day. What this will mean to future New York Opens is unclear, but such a low turnout is a bad omen.

For the International players, today is the day to see New York. The Polgars sisters are off to give a simul for city schoolchildren, while hardcore chess players go to the Manhattan Chess Club for the WBCA NY Open Blitz Championship. The fourteen player tournament is very strong and is won by Soviet FM Dreev with 11/13. Another Soviet, Epishin, comes in second with 10, making the day a complete success for the Soviets.

Friday March 24
Round 5

Refreshed from the rest day, play heats up in spite of the quick draw on board one between Torre and Benjamin. Petursson lets Lobron off the hook when he fails to make a winning piece sacrifice in the ending. Gulko bests Rohde on third board, but the real crowd pleaser is Seirawan's defeat at the hands of Dzindzhashvili on board four. Others are having a tough time

though. GM Dlugy, tenth ranked at 2570, draws his fifth consecutive game today, all against lower rated players. Even the "weak" players are 2450.

Off the top boards, Browne succumbs to Mikhail Gurevich, allowing Gurevich to join the leaders at 4. Fifteen players follow at 3.5. Kamsky manages to hold his adjournment against Igor Ivanov when Ivanov blunders away his extra pawn.

Saturday March 25
Round 6

The combination of the weekend and the concurrent running of the Amateur sections swells attendance to about three hundred today, and the spectators witness a fighting round. On the top boards, Gulko-Petursson is drawn, but the next six games are decisive. Mikhail Gurevich takes out Benjamin - after this game Benjamin is no longer a major factor in the tournament. Lobron essays the Bishop's opening against Torre and is successful. The highlight of the round is Dzindi vs. Polugaevsky, as Dzindzi sacs a piece in the opening for an attack. He eventually winds up with three pawns for his invested Knight, but Polugaevsky provides convincing proof that there may be something to his new book The Art of Defence in Chess by riding the Knight to victory. Ehlvest proves unable to handle Fedorowicz's Benko Gambit. Soviet FM Alexy Dreev (2520) downs deFirmian. Dreev must be the world's highest rated FM, but higher titles are no doubt on the way. Smyslov drops his first game of the tournament, to Helgi Olafsson. All of this means that

Lobron and Gurevich share the lead at 5. Those in second place with 4.5 are down to eight in number, so the tournament is beginning to take shape.

Kamsky is fast becoming the kid to watch. This time he defeats Miles. With two wins and four draws against players rated 2520 and up, Kamsky looks to be on his way to a GM norm.

Sunday March 26
Round 7

On board one Lobron manages to hold a pawn down Rook ending against Gurevich, and with all the other draws they remain in the lead at 5.5. The two decisive games are Alburt "Benkoing" Seirawan into submission and Judit Polgar miscombining against Igor Ivanov. The group at 5 is now Alburt, Dreev, Fedorowicz, Gulko, Ivanov, Kudrin, Olafsson, Petursson, Polugaevsky and Razuvayev.

Kamsky is finally stopped, quite fittingly by elder statesman Vasily Smyslov. Ironically, in the USSR Kamsky has defeated all of Smyslov's students, so the former champion is familiar with Kamsky's games.

Monday March 27
Round 8

Gulko (5) 1/2 Lobron (5.5)
Gurevich M (5.5) 1/2 P'gaevsky (5)
Kudrin (5) 1/2 Dreev (5)
Fedorowicz (5) 1-0 Razuvayev (5)
Petursson (5) 1/2 Ivanov I (5)
Olafsson (5) 1-0 Alburt (5)
Gulko-Lobron and Gurevich-Polugaevsky are colorless on one and two, but everywhere else there is violence. Fedorowicz topples Razuvayev with the Lopez and Olafsson is less than impressed

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with Albur's "Benkoish" antics, so Fedorowicz and Olafsson join Lobron and Gurevich at six. Igor Ivanov fails to put away Petursson in an ending with Queen vs. Rook and Knight. Ivanov's endings have been his downfall this tournament, as in his games with Lobron, Kamsky and Petursson he should have 2.5 points instead of just one.

In the lower score groups, deFirmian put the two Bishops to good use in grinding down Fishbein to join ten others at 5.5. Such a large group in second place will preclude short draws in the final round. Also at 5.5 is the relatively unknown Soviet player Epishin, due to his smash of Torre in this round.

Untitled and rated 2465, Epishin has been knocking off GM's left and right, dropping a point only to Polugaevsky. After losing to Smyslov last round, Kamsky is today set back by Judit Polgar, the tournament's youngest competitor.

With one round to go, some attention focuses on title norm possibilities. The leading candidates for GM norms are Dreev (with 5.5/8 and a tough schedule, Dreev merely needs to appear), Epishin, Igor Ivanov and Judit Polgar. Epishin and Ivanov need draws, while Judit must win in order to make her first GM norm. Numerous people have chances for IM norms.

Tuesday March 28 Round 9

Lobron (6) 1/2 Olafsson (6)
Gurevich M(6) 0-1 Fedorowicz (6)
Ivanov I (5.5) 0-1 Gulko (5.5)
Dreev (5.5) 1/2 Dolmatov (5.5)

Polugaevsky (5.5) 1-0 Kudrin (5.5)
Gufeld (5.5) 1/2 deFirmian (5.5)
R'm'nishin (5.5) 1/2 Petursson (5.5)
Epishin (5.5) 1/2 Ehlvest (5)

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Fedorowicz becomes the hero of the day by downing Gurevich with Black. Gurevich's resignation prompts an outburst of applause and cheering—an American is going to win the NY Open! Lobron obtains a nice position, going into the ending with a well posted Knight on d5 against Olafsson's bad Bishop, but the position becomes blocked. When Lobron repeats moves for the third time, Olafsson claims the draw. Gulko rolls Ivanov, dashing the latter's GM norm hopes. The other decisive game features Polugaevsky sacrificing his way to victory in twenty-four moves over Kudrin. The Epishin-Ehlvest game is the last to finish, with Epishin securing his GM norm by holding a tough Rook ending against compatriot Ehlvest.

In the norm race, Judit Polgar did not gain any advantage against Dzindzi's Center-Counter Defense and the game is drawn. Judit remains as the only Polgar sister without a GM norm, a circumstance not likely to last much longer. Kamsky rebounds from consecutive defeats with a win over IM Patrick Wolff, making an IM norm in the process. Others making IM norms are Michael Brooks (USA), Zsafia Polgar, and Alek Wojtkiewicz (Poland).

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Afterwards, Fedorowicz had this to say about winning: "I was trying to play according to the position's requirements. I wasn't trying to

beat anyone - I was just playing the game." However, the large number of phone calls and appearances from the media were more interested in the defection of Gata Kamsky and his father. Oddly, those of us in the Penta were among the last to learn of this twist in the tournament. Word spread slowly until the phone began to ring.

The tournament was smoothly run by Chief Arbiter Carol Jarecki with Assistant Arbiters Joel Salman and Adam Gale. This is certainly as much due to the players as the Arbiters. There were no rules disputes, so our only problems were setting up in the morning and controlling the spectators during the playing session.

The tournament bulletins were produced by Luis B. Hoyos-Millan of Ajedrez Universal Chess Magazine, and generously supplied to CCG by Labate's Chess Center of Los Angeles.

A complete list of prizewinners appears on the next page.

White: WGM Elena
Akhmilovskaya

Black: GM Mikahi Suba
Benoni Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 c5

Benoniphiles often employ this move order to avoid some of the critical lines where White delays Nf3.

4. d5 ed 5. cd d6 6. Nc3 g6 7. Nd2

This avoids Black's 7. ... Bg4 followed by Bxf3 in response to 7. e4.

7. ... Bg7 8. e4 0-0 9. Be2 Na6 10. 0-0 Nc7

This setup is Suba's pet variation.

11. a4 b6 12. Nc4 Ba6 13. f3!

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A useful move, guarding the e-pawn. An example of what can happen otherwise: 13. Bg5 Qd7 14. b3 (better 14. f3) Rfe8 15. Qc27 Bxc4! 16. bxc4 Nxe4! 17. Nxe4 Qf5 18. Bd3 Bxa1 19. Nxd6 Qxg5 20. Nxe8 Nxe8 21. Rxa1 Qe5 22. Rc1 Nd6 + Dlugy-Suba, N.Y. Open, 1987.

13. ... Qd7 14. Bd2!

More aggressive is 14. Bg5

14. ... Bxc4 15. Bxc4 a6 16. Qe2 Rfb8 17. Rfb1!

White starts a minority attack. If now 17. ... a5 Black would have no counterplay on the Queenside and White can regroup his pieces to break through in the center.

17. ... Qe7 18. b4 Nh5 19. g3 f5?!

This only weakens his Kingside, but Black has no active plan.

20. bc Bd4+ 21. Kg2 bc 22. ef Og7

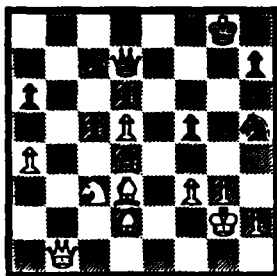
23. Qd3 gf 24. Rxb8+ Rxb8

25. Rb1 Rxb1+ 26. Qxb1 Qd7

if 26. ... Bxc3 27. Qb8+ wins.

27. Bd3

Aiming her guns on Black's vulnerable king.



27. ... Ng7 28. Qb3 Nge8 29. Ne2 Be5 30. Nf4 Nf6 31. Ne6! Ncxd5
if 31. ... Nxe6 32. Bxf5!

Prize Winners

1.	GM John Fedorowicz	USA	7.0	\$18,000.00
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	GM Lev Polugaevsky	USR		
	GM Eric Lobron	FRG		
	GM Helgi Olafsson	ISD		
6-15.	GM Mikhail Gurevich	URS	6.0	680.00
	GM Sergey Dolmatov	URS		
	GM Nick de Firmian	USA		
	GM Vassily Smyslov	URS		
	GM Oleg Romanishin	URS		
	GM Larry Christiansen	USA		
	GM Margeir Petursson	ISD		
	FM Alexey Dreev	URS		
	GM Eduard Gufeld	URS		
	V. Epishin	URS		
16-23.	GM Jaan Ehvest	URS	5.5	312.50
	IM Boris Gelfand	URS		
	GM Alexander Chernin	URS		
	IM Judit Polgar	HUN		
	GM Sergey Kudrin	USA		
	GM Vladimir Kovacevic	JUG		
	GM R. Dzindzhashvili	USA		
	IM Igor Ivanov	CAN		

32. Bxf5 Qc8 33. Qc4 Kh8 34. Qh4

With all her pieces bearing down, the end is near.

34. ... Ne7 35. Bg5! Nxf5

36. Bxf6+ Kg8 37. Qg5+ Kf7

38. Nd8+ Kf8 39. Bxe5 dxe5

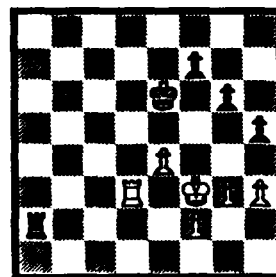
40. Qf6+ Ke8 41. Nf7!

With the unstoppable threat of 42. Qxf5.

42. Qd7 42. Qxf5 Qxf7 43. Qc8+

Ke7 44. Qxc5+ Kf6 45. Qd6+ 1-0
(Ganesan)

White: GM Eric Lobron
Black: IM Igor Ivanov



Since the days of Capablanca, such endings were assumed to be drawn. Black already played the useful ... h5, preventing White from pushing h4-h5 and trading his RP for Black's NP, creating a passer. To make progress, White will eventually have to advance his e-pawn.

CAN YU BELIEVE IT?

by Roger Poehlmann

Bobby Fischer, who was stripped of his World Championship Title by FIDE, has been in seclusion for some time. However, the ace reporters of the *California Chess Journal* have managed to locate Fischer and set up an exhibition match with him and our own NM Peter Yu. Naturally, he required an enormous amount of money before he would even sit down to play a game, but after a valiant fundraising effort, we finally convinced Peter to play.

White: Bobby Fischer
Black: Peter Yu
Berkeley, April 1, 1989

1. g4

"!!" (Fischer). Best by jest? Had Fischer not had those dental fillings removed from his teeth, the Russians would certainly be monitoring his discoveries in the Grob and be using his analyses in international events. "Chess is won for White," he explained. "That's why I stopped playing." Fischer claims to have studied every legal move after 1. g4, concluding that White wins by force in all lines.

1...e6 2. e4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d6!?

A Hedgehog setup with which Peter is not familiar. What is his plan?

4. d4 d5! 5. Bg5 Bb4!

Oh no! Peter's cunning innovation on move three has enabled him to trick Fischer into the dreaded MacCutcheon, one of Peter's favorite lines. Fischer appeared unimpressed, however, and took a spare moment to complain about the bad lighting.

6. e5 h6 7. Bd2 Bxc3 8. bc Ne4 9. f3!? Oh4+ 10. Ke2 Qf2+ 11. Kd3 b6!?

Fischer: "Black is busted.

11. ...Nxd2 12. Qxd2 Qxd2+ 13. Kxd2 and White has a marked endgame advantage. Or 11. ...Ng5 12. h4 Nh7 13. Be3 Qg3 14. Rh3 wins. Even one of the spectators realized Black's position is critical. 'Yu can resign here', he said to me."

12. fe4 Ba6+ 13. c4 de+ 14. Kxe4 f5+ 15. ef Bb7+ 16. d5 ed+ 17. cd c5

"Arbiter, the second chair from the left in the fifth row squeaks! How can anyone be expected to play under these intolerable conditions? I intend to submit a formal protest!"



18. fg Rg8 19. Bb5+ Nd7 20. Bxb6 Qg2+ 21. Kf5 Qxb1 22. Qe2+!

In Kortchnoi's medium-assisted match with Maroczy, the late Viennese master tried 22. Ke6! but was 'dead' lost after 22. ...O-O-O! 22. ...Kd8 23. Nf3 Qxa1 24. Bg5+ Kc8

24. ...Kc7 25. Bf4+ Ne5 26. Bxe5+ wins the Queen and the King.

25. Qe7! Nb8

On 25. ...Ne5, 26. Qf8+ Rxf8

27. gf=Q Kc7 28. d6 is mate

26. Qf8+ Rxf8 27. gf=R+! Kc7 28. Bf4+ 1-0

Peter was certainly disappointed, but brightened when he learned that his performance rating for the game was 2380. Fischer appeared calm and collected, commenting only, "Ya know, I should have played the crusher (28. Bf4) earlier, but I'm saving 1. d4, 2. NE3, and 3. Bf4 for my comeback match with Kasparov". I for one, certainly wish him luck, although with an opening like that, he won't need it.

Editor-in-Chief Peter Yu is lucky to have had such a strong sparring partner. Yu will compete in the US Junior Championships to be held in Washington, DC in July. Good luck, Peter, from all your serfs at CCJ!

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BAY AREA SPLINTERS MARCH-APRIL, 1989

Livermore Open (Mar. 18-19) TD: Keith Mehl: 1st- IM Elliott Winslow (2368) 4-0; 2nd- Philip Cobert (2232) 3.5-.5; The Reserve section results were not available. The next Livermore tournament is planned for Oct. 22-23.

Lowell Sectionals (Mar. 25) TD: Peter Dahl: 1st/2nd- IM Elliott Winslow and Charles Powell (2321) at 2.5-.5 each. The 12-man top section featured seven masters, the strongest turnout at Lowell ever. Three other sections consisting of 8-12 players each also competed. The money raised from this tournament goes toward sending Lowell Top Board Alan Tse (1892) to the 1989 National High School Championships in Knoxville, Tennessee. Good luck Alan!

Cal-Berkeley March (Mar. 1-29) TD: Peter Yu: 1st- Don Urquhart (2160) 4-0; 2nd- Peter Yu (2272) 3-1. UC Berkeley continues its Wednesday Night Chess series by offering low entry fee tournament games. The next UCB weekend swiss will be June 24, 25.

Vallejo Saturday Action (Apr. 1) TDs: Peter Yu and Ernie Valles: 1st/2nd Open- IM Marc Leski (2532) and FM Renard Anderson (2329) at 2.5-.5 each. 3rd/4th IM Elliot Winslow and FM Dov Gorman. 1st/2nd Expert- Romoulo Fuentes (2142) and Rahim Gran (2049) both 3-0. 1st/2nd A- Alex Rapoport (1896) and Ed Elizondo (1847) at 2-1 each. 1st B- Marvin Gilbert (1655) 3-0, 2nd/3rd B- Ben Sepulveda (1795) and Karl Forsberg (1772) both at 2.5-.5. 1st U1500- Jeff Stoker (1428) 2-1, 2nd

U1500- Marian Munz-Abraham (1227) 1.5-1.5. 1st Unr.- Jeff Hodge 2-1, 2nd Unr. Lam Nhung 1.5-.5. This forty-seven player turnout was highlighted by the appearance of GM Nick deFirmian (2679) along with three IMs and 2 FMs. The very strong 14-man Open section, however, was not without its upsets: FM Anderson was able to draw GM deFirmian and then beat IM Edward Formanek (2421), while NM Peter Yu (2272) drew IM Formanek, his first IM draw, and beat GM deFirmian, his first GM win! The next Vallejo tournament, which was scheduled for May 6, has been cancelled.

Santa Clara Action (Apr. 22) TD: Francisco Sierra: 1st- Eleuterio Alsasua (2267) 3.5-.5; 2nd- Peter Yu 3-1; 2rd- FM Renard Anderson 2.5-1.5. 1st Reserve- Amanda Sierra (1519) and 2nd Reserve- Mark Mamakos (1345). The guaranteed prize fund was more than generous for the light turnout. The following day saw a bigger turnout for a non-rated Action Chess tmnt. This was won by Gabriel Sanchez (2330) 4.5-.5. The next Santa Clara tournament will be July 1-2.

Cal-Berkeley April (Apr. 5-26) TD: Peter Yu and Don Shennum: 1st- Alex Rapoport 3.5-.5; 2nd- Seggev Weiss (2077) and Justin Ballard (2030) both at 3-1. This concludes UCB's Wednesday Night Chess series for the Spring Semester. Wednesday Night Chess will begin meeting again in September (Fall Semester). Look forward to the Berkeley Class Struggle III on June 24, 25.

1st Palo Alto Action Open (April 29): TD Bill Wall, Parker Montgomery, Bryce Perry: Held at the Palo Alto Recreation Center. 87 participants entered this unrated event. Open Section 1st- IM Marc Leski (2532) 4.5 - 0.5. He won a plaque, \$200 and a free trip to Minsk, USSR. 2nd- Martin Appleberry (2319) and Gabriel Sanchez (2330). They split \$50. Appleberry won the 5-minute blitz game tiebreaker and a 2nd place plaque. Top expert- Neil Regan (2085) 3. He won \$50.

In the Reserve Section, David Betanco (1996) and Alan Lewis (1916) each 4.5 - 0.5. Betanco won the 5-minute blitz game tiebreaker to take top honors.

In the Junior Section, Alan Stein (1761), Albert Rich (1529), Brian Jew (1312), and Matthew Gross (1433) each tied for 1st place with a 4-1 score.

A 5-minute blitz round robin saw Alan Stein take 1st place, followed by Albert Rich. Brian Jew was top player under 13.

The winners of each section had their names drawn by lot to determine the free trip to the Sports Palace in Minsk. Leski's name was selected, followed by David Betanco and Alan Stein.

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