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Chess

HAYWARD "FREEBIE FEST"

Eighteen players assembled at the Meek Estate Mansion in Hayward, Feb. 11, for a USCF-rated, four-round Swiss system open tournament without cash prizes. A nominal charge of \$2.50 enabled the organizer, Jerry Rogers, to break even and the players to enjoy a less expensive competition than usual.

Experts Alan LaVergne (2100), Berkeley, and Martin Sullivan (2088), Hayward, shared top honors at the end of the day with identical scores of 3½-½. Time control for the event was a fast 40 moves in 60 minutes.

Here are some unrepresentative samples of "Freebie Fest" chess, recorded in USCF approved coordinate notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only):

White: Alan Glasscoe (1597). Black: Alan LaVergne (2100). Hayward, Feb. 11, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 e6 4 Nf3 d5 5 Bb5 Nf6 6 e5 Ne4 7 d3 Nc3 8 bc Qa5 9 Bc6 bc 10 Bd2 Ba6 11 O-O Be7 12 a4 Rb8 13 c4 Qc7 14 cd cd 15 Rb1 O-O 16 Re1 Rfc8 17 Rb8 Rb8 18 Qa1 Rb7 19 Rb1 Qb8 20 Rb7 Qb7 21 h3 h6 22 Kh2 Qb6 23 a5 Qb6 24 Qa2 Bb7 25 g4 d4 26 Ne1 Qc6 27 Kg3 Qh1 28 Kf2 Bh4 29 Ke2 Be1 30 Be1 Qf3 31 Kd2 Qe3 32 Kd1 Bf3mate.

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White: Martin Sullivan (2088). Black: Tom Byrd (1641). Hayward, Feb. 11, 1978. Krejcik Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 f3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 Ne2 Nge7 5 b4 Bb4 6 c3 Ba5 7 O-O Bb6 8 Kh1 Na5 9 Bb5 c6 10 Ba4 d5 11 h3 Be6 12 d4 de 13 fe ed 14 Nd4 Qd7 15 Qc2 Bd4 16 cd Qd4 17 Bb2 Qc4 18 Qc4 Bc4 19 Rc1 O-O 20 Bc3 Bd3 21 Ba5 Be4 22 Re1 f5 23 Nd2 b6 24 Ne4 fe 25 Re4 ba 26 Re7 Rf6 27 Rc1 Kf8 28 Rc7 Rf2 29 Kg1 Ra2 30 Rf1 Ke8 31 Bc6 Kd8 32 Rd7 Resigns.

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White: Lee Frisloe (Unr.). Black: Michael DuDash (1563). Hayward, Feb. 11, 1978. Greco Counter Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 3 Bc4 b5 4 Bd5 c6 5 Bb3 fe 6 Ne5 Qg5 7 Nf7 Qg2 i Rf1 d5 9 Nh8 Bg4 10 f3 ef 11 Rf2 Qg1 12 Rf1 f2mate.

SHIP-TO-SHIP RADIO MATCH

The Soviet Navy recently concluded its 28th ship-to-ship radio chess match, involving nearly 14,000 sailors for almost five months. One of the best efforts in the massive contest was produced by the crew of an atomic icebreaker, whose cold-blooded materialism prevailed over the spirit of aggression displayed by the shipmates of a Soviet steamer.

White: Atomic Icebreaker "Arktik" (Murmansk).
Black: Soviet Steamer "Nikolai Shvernik" (Estonia).
Radio Match, 1977-78.

To Knights' Defense

1 P-K4	P-K4	15 PxN	Qxn
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	16 PxBP(c)	P-Q4
3 B-B4	N-B3	17 Q-K3	Q-B3(d)
4 N-N5	B-B4	18 Q-N3(e)	Q-B5
5 BxPch(a)	K-K2	19 Q-R4ch	P-N4
6 B-Q5	R-B1	20 QxRPch	R-B2
7 N-KB3	P-Q3	21 Q-Q3	P-K5
8 P-B3	Q-K1	22 Q-N3	R-KN1
9 O-O	B-KN5	23 NxP!(f)	Qxn
10 BxN	PxB	24 BxPch!(g)	K-K1(h)
11 P-Q4	B-N3	25 QR-K1	B-K7
12 Q-Q3	Q-N3	26 P-B3	BxPch(i)
13 Q-Q2	N-Q4(b)	27 PxB	QxPch
14 N-R4	Q-R4	28 R-B2	Resigns(j)

(Notes by Soviet master R. Altshuler, translated from "64", No. 5, Feb. 2-8, 1978, pg. 6)

(a) White declines the stormy consequences of 5 NxBP.

(b) Bad is 13 . . . B-R6 on account of 14 N-R4. If 13 . . . Bxn 14 NxN Nxp, then 15 R-K1, or 14 . . . QxKp 15 QxQ NxQ 16 R-K1, with advantage to White.

(c) White has two extra pawns, which are not compensated for by Black's piece activity on the king side. In addition, Black's king is stranded in the center.

(d) If 17 . . . P-K5, then 18 P-B3 or 18 NxP! PxN 19 QxPch and 20 P-B3.

(e) Weak would be 18 QxPch in view of 18 . . . QxQ 19 PxQ B-K7.

(f) An elegant combination to cap a well played game.

(g) Another sacrifice, the acceptance of which costs the black queen after 24 . . . RxB 25 QR-K1.

(h) Or 24 . . . K-B1 25 B-R6ch.

(i) If 26 . . . Q-K3, then 27 R-B2.

(j) On 28 . . . R-K2 follows 29 B-B6!

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

The final candidates' match for the women's world championship, in progress since Jan. 23, is being fought in the West German town of Bad Kissingen, site of the great 1928 international tourney won by Capablanca.

Soviet teenager Maiya Chiburdanidze, who stands the best chance in many years to depose titleholder Nona Gaprindashvili, leads veteran challenger Alla Kushnir, now of Israel, by a score to 5-3. Fourteen games are scheduled, with 7½ points needed to win the match.

White: Maiya Chiburdanidze. Black: Alla Kushnir. Bad Kissingen, 1978; 4th match game. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 de 4 Ne4 Nd7 5 Bc4 Ngf6 6 Ng5 e6 7 Qe2 Nb6 8 Bd3 h6 9 N5f3 c5 1; dc Nbd7 11 Ne5 Ne5 12 Qe5 Nd7 13 Qe2 Nc5 14 Bb5 Bd7 15 Bd7 Qd7 16 Nf3 Bd6 17 O-O O-O 18 b3 Rfd8 10 Bb2 Qc6 20 Rad1 Qe4 21 Qe4 Ne4 22 Rd4 f5 23 Rfd1 Rdc8 24 c4 Rc6 25 Ne5 Ra6 26 f3 Be5 27 Rd8 Rd8 28 Rd8 Kf7 29 Be5 Nf6 30 Rb8 Ra2 31 Rb7 Kg6 32 Re7 Ra3 33 c5 Rb3 34 c6 Rb1 35 Kf2 Rc1 36 c7 f4 37 Bf4 Rc2 38 Ke1 Nd5 39 Re8 Nb6 40 Be5 Kf7 41 Rb8 g5 42 Rh8 Kg6 43 Rf8 Rc6 44 g4 h5 45 Rf6 Kh7 46 gh Kg8 47 Rh6 Resigns.

MODERN CHESS THEORY

International master David Levy and Kevin O'Connell are starting a new monthly magazine called "Modern Chess Theory," devoted entirely to the latest advances in the openings. Each issue will contain five articles, all by international grandmasters, including Hort, Keene, Olafsson, Botvinnik, Polygaevsky and Tal, on a regular basis. Articles will comprise a 100-200 word introduction in English to explain the ideas behind the opening variation under consideration, followed by a 3-4 page analysis in coordinate chess notation (as used by "Chess Informant" and "The Chess Player"). In addition, a page will be given over to readers' questions, which will be answered by a grandmaster contributor.

An airmail subscription to the first year of publication is \$22, sent to "Modern Chess Theory," P.O. Box 50, Romford RM6 DP, Essex, England, if ordered before the end of February.

WHERE TO LAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way; phone, 785-9904). Monday and Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Captain Anchovy's Chess Club, 1456 136th Ave. (Palma Plaza shopping center; phone, 352-7115), San Leandro. Monday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington school cafeteria). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Wednesday, 7-11 p.m.