

# Today's chess

## US JUNIOR INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Top-rated USCF Junior, 17-year-old Larry Christiansen (2377) of Riverside conceded only two draws out of seven games to capture the 1973 US Junior Championship, held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco, June 22-28. Christiansen will now represent the United States in the World Junior Championship, which takes place at Teesside, England, July 16-Aug. 5.

Runner-up and winner of a ticket to the US Open in Chicago, Aug. 12-24, was Maryland's Mark Diesen (2235), who finished with a score of 5-2.

Paul Jacklyn (2172) of New York received the third-place trophy for his 4½-2½ showing, which included victories in the final three rounds.

Fourth at 4-3 was Jon Frankle (2222), Iowa, while John Peterson (2170), San Jose, and Craig Barnes (2339), Berkeley, tied for fifth and sixth spots at 3-4 each. Doug McClintock (2203), Missouri, came in seventh with 1½-5½ and David Berry (2175), Los Angeles, brought up the rear with 1-6.

Tournament director for the week-long round-robin event was Alan Benson of Berkeley.

**White: Mark Diesen. Black: John Peterson. US Junior,**  
 Nc6 3 Bb5 e6 4 0-0 Nge7 5 Re1 a6 Bf1 d5 7 ed Nd5 8 d4 Nf6  
 No6 3 Bb5 e6 4 0-0 Nge7 5 Re1 a6 Bf1 d5 7 ed Nd 5 8 d4 Nf6  
 9 Be3 cd 10 Nd4 Nd4 11 Bd4 Be7 12 Bd3 Bd7 13 Nd2 Bc6 14 c3  
 0-0 15 Re3 Qd5 16 Ne4 Kh8 17 Bf6 Bf6 18 Rh3 h6 19 Qd2 h5 20  
 c4 Qe5 21 Nf6 Qf6 22 Rh5 Kg8 23 Bh7 Kh8 Qe3 Rfd8 25 Qh3  
 g5 26 Rg5 Qg5 27 Bg6 Kg7 28 Qh7 Kf6 29 Qf7 Ke5 30 f4 Qf4 31  
 Re1 Be4 32 Qc7 Resigns.

## KORCHNOI, KARPOV, BYRNE WIN INTERZONAL

Soviet veteran Viktor Korchnoi and 22-year-old Anatoly Karpov emerged victorious from the powerful Leningrad Interzonal with identical scores of 13½-3½. Also in the winners' circle was American grandmaster and current US titleholder Robert Byrne, whose surprising 12½-4½ finish advances him to the final cycle of competitions to determine a challenger for Robert Fischer in 1975.

One of the central struggles of the tournament was the fierce clash between Korchnoi and Larsen. This heavy defeat helped start Larsen on his subsequent decline while simultaneously heralding Korchnoi's rise to the top.

**White: Bent Larsen. Black: Viktor Korchnoi**  
 Leningrad, 1973. English Opening.

1 P-QB4	P-K4	23 BxPch(l)	K-B2
2 P-KN3	P-QB3	24 BxN	NxPch
3 N-KB3	P-K5(a)	25 K-K3	R(1)-KB1(m)
4 N-Q4	P-Q4	26 KR-N1	BxKRP
5 PxP	QxP(b)	27 K-Q3(n)	R-B7
6 N-N3	N-B3	28 R-Q2	B-N4I
7 B-N2	Q-KR4(c)	29 RxR	RxR
8 P-KR3(d)	Q-N3	30 N-K2(o)	R-B6ch
9 N-B3	QN-Q2	31 K-B2	NxP
10 Q-B2	P-K6	32 B-Q3	R-K6
11 QxQ	PxBPch	33 N-B3	N-N6
12 KxP	RPxQ(e)	34 P-Q5(p)	B-B3
13 P-Q4	N-N3	35 N-Q1(q)	R-B6
14 P-K4(f)	B-K3	36 PxP	KxP
15 B-B4	B-QN5	37 BxP	K-Q3
16 N-B5(g)	0-0-0!	38 R-K1	N-B4
17 NxB	PxN	39 R-K8	N-Q5ch
18 P-R3	B-K2	40 K-Q2	B-N4ch
19 QR-Q1(h)	KR-B1(i)	41 K-K1	B-R5ch
20 K-K2(j)	N-B5	42 K-Q2	R-KN6
21 P-KR4	N-KR4I	43 B-K4(r)	B-N4ch
22 B-R3	RxB!(k)	44 Resigns(s)	



(a) White plays a kind of Alekhine's Defense reversed.

(b) The usual continuation is 5...N-B3 6 N-QB3 Q-N3 7 N-N3 PxP (or 7...P-QR4!?).

(c) Already the black queen has trouble finding a suitable square.

(d) Of course not 8 N-B3 B-KR6 9 BxP NxB 10 NxN B-N7. White seems to be forced into making this preventive move under the threat of trading off the white-squared bishops, but 8 Q-B2 deserves consideration nonetheless.

(e) On 12...BPxQ White would practically be a pawn up.

(f) An error. White should try 14 N-B5 to hinder Black's development.

(g) Korchnoi's reply demonstrates that White does not stand so well after all. The initiative shifts to Black.

(h) The KR has a better claim to this square, in order to retain an extra defender for the queen side.

(i) Less convincing is 19...N-B5 20 B-QB1 RxP!? 21 RxR B-B4 22 K-K2! (22 B-K3 NxB 23 R-Q3 N-Q8ch 24 K-K2 N-B7) BxR 23 KQ3 BxN 24 KxB, and though down a pawn White's bishops save the game.

(j) Naturally, neither 20 B-B3 N-B5 21 B-B1 P-K4 nor 21...RxP 22 RxR B-B4 23 K-K2 BxR 24 K-Q3 BxN 25 KxB N-K4 leaves White well off.

(k) The idea being 23 PxR NxPch 24 K-B3 R-B1 25 B-N4 NR4ch, and White will gladly return the material.

(l) Probably best is 23 PxR NxPch 24 K-B3 R-B1 anyway, and then 25 K-N3 N-K6 26 R-Q2 NxB, when White can still muddy the water with 27 R-K2 (but not 27 KxN R-B6ch or 27 RxN N-B8ch). Not completely clear, for example, is 27...BxPch!? 28 KxB (28 KxN B-B7!) N-B5 29 RxN N-N7ch 30 K-N5 NxR 31 KxP. Refusing to enter into complications (favorable to Black) lands White in a situation that depends very little on him for its outcome.

(m) An alternative was 25...NxR 26 KxR N-B7, followed by 27...BxKRP, and the KNP moves up with piece support.

(n) Trying to escape the danger zone.

(o) After 30 B-N8 Black does not have to play for mate with 30...P-N4? 31 NxPch!, the simple 30...B-B5 sufficing instead.

(p) Succeeding in getting rid of a weak pawn, but too late to alter the course of the game.

(q) Obviously not 35 BxP BxN 36 PxB RxPch, etc

(r) An oversight in a difficult position.

(s) After 44 K-K1 R-N8ch White loses a knight plus the pawn.

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Karpov, whom FIDE president Max Euwe feels will eventually meet Fischer for the world championship, was the only player to complete the tournament undefeated. His meticulous, quiet professionalism is well illustrated in this defensive triumph over Uhlmann.

**White: Wolfgang Uhlmann. Black: Anatoly Karpov. Leningrad, 1973. Queen's Gambit Declined** 1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 Nc3 d5 4 cd Nd5 5 e3 e6 6 d4 Nc6 7 Bd3 cd 8 ed Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Re1 Nf6 11 a3 b6 12 Be3 Bb7 13 Rc1 Rc8 14 Bb1 Rc7 15 Qd3 Rd7 16 Qc2 g6 17 Ba2 Ng4 18 Rcd1 Ne3 19 fe Bf6 20 Qf2 Bg7 21 Rd2 Ne7 22 e4 h6 23 Red1 Qb8 24 Qe3 25 h3 Kh7 26 Kh1 a6 27 Rf2 Ng8 28 Rdf1 b5 29 h4 Nf6 30 Ne5 Rd4 31 Rf6 Qe5 32 Rf7 R8d7 33 Rd7 Rd7 34 Qh3 Rd6 35 Bb1 Rd2 36 h5 gh 37 Nd1 Bc6 38 Qf3 Be8 39 b4 Bg6 40 Qd4 41 Nh3 e5 42 Nf2 Rb2 43 Kh2 Qc4 44 Rd1 Rb3 45 Nd3 Qe4 46 Resigns.

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Byrne thoroughly deserved his wonderful success, losing only to Korchnoi, drawing seven and winning nine games. The 1974 Candidates' Matches will be all the more fascinating because of his participation, as well wishers closely follow Byrne's progress toward the summit.

**White: Miguel Cuellar. Black: Robert Byrne. Leningrad, 1973. King's Indian Defense** 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 0-0 d6 6 d4 Nc6 7 Nc3 Rb8 8 h3 a6 9 Be3 b5 10 cb ab 11 d5 Na5 12 Nd4 b4 13 Ncb5 e5 14 de c5 15 ef Rf7 16 Nc6 Nc6 17 Bc6 Rb6 18 Nd6 Rc6 19 Nf7 Qd1 20 Rfd1 Kf7 21 Rac1 Bf8 22 Kg2 Be6 23 b3 Nd5 24 Bd2 Bg7 25 e4 Nc3 26 Bc3 bc 27 Rd8 Bf6 28 Rdd1 Rb6 29 f4 Bd4 30 g4 Bc8 31 Kf3 Bb7 32 Rc2 Rb4 33 Re2 Ke6 34 g5 Bc6 35 h4 Rb8 36 Kg4 Rf8 37 Kg3 Rh8 38 Kg4 h5 39 Kg3 Rf8 40 f5 Ke5 41 f6 Bb5 42 Rg2 Ke4 43 Re1 Kd5 44 Kf4 Bd3 45 Rd1 c2 46 Rc1 Re8 47 Rcc2 Re4 48 Kf3 Re3 49 Kf4 Rh3 50 Rce2 Rh4 51 Kf3 Be2 52 Re2 Be5 53 a4 Rh3 54 Kf2, and White resigns.