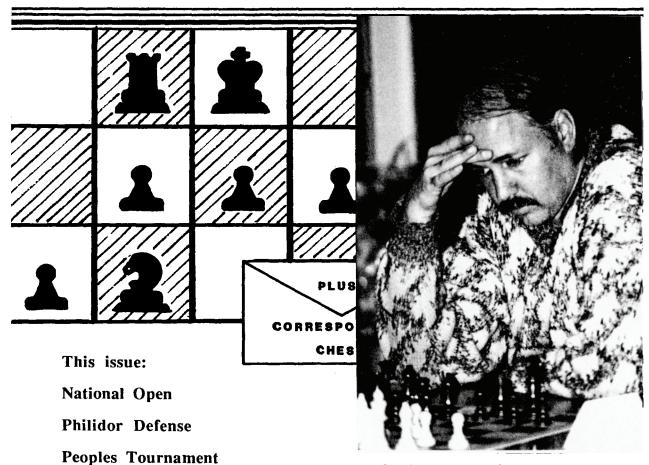
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IM John Grefe is reentering the tournament scene in Berkeley

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Special note:

Due to personnel reasons (visit of relatives from Germany) and others this issue is very late and I offer my apologies. For practicality sake I skipped one month and will add 1 month to every expiration date.

Spraggett-Sokolov Cliffhanger Spices Candidates Matches

by International Arbiter Jerome Bibuld as published in Leisure Linc.

evin Spraggett and Andrei Sokolov provided the chess world with the most exciting cliffhangers in history by reducing their Candidates Match to a sudden death 15 minute format. Spraggett won the second 15-minute game, as Black, after the two grandmasters had drawn a match of eight games with normal time controls, then produced two additional draws under one hour and 30-minute sudden death sentences.

The other Candidates Match drawn at the end of the originally scheduled six games was settled by Johann Hjartason's win, as Black, against Viktor Korchnoi. The match appeared a shoo-in for the young Icelander, who had won Games 1 and 4. But the oldest candidate proved once again. in the words of the match bulletin, "that you can never count him out until the very last move of the last game." The veteran managed to equalize, then draw Game 7, as Black, before losing one of the wildest contests of all seven duels.

(Was it mere coincidence that the two big upsets of the Candidates Matches were the only struggles that required more than six games?) Our own Yasser Seirawan was defeated, 4 - 1, by England's Jonathan Speelman in the match with the widest margin of victory. Speelman won Games 2 (as Black), 3 and 5. The consensus in the media room was that he got positions more comfortable for his own style than for Yasser's.

Two other matches ended before the scheduled sixth game. Speelman's countryman, Nigel Short, won the first two games, then took three draws against Hungary's Gyula Sax. Artur Yusupov of the USSR, won, as White, in games 1 and 3, conceding draws in 2, and 5 to fellow Soviet grandmaster Jaan Ehlvest.

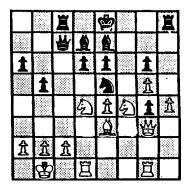
The match that excited the most interest artistically was that between Jan Timman, of Holland, and Valery Salov, of the USSR. Five fighting draws were climaxed by Timman's win in Game 6. Lajos Portisch, of Hungary, won Game 3, as White, against the USSR's Rafael Vaganian, then held on for three draws to secure the victory.

Editors note:

The games can be found in Chess Life Magazine or in the new publication of inside Chess but some of the Tie-Breakers follow:

Spraggett - Sokolov

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. g4 h6 7. Rg1 Be7 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Qf3 a6 10. 0-0-0 Qc7 11. h4 Nd7 12. g5 Nde5 13. Qg3 h5 14. Be2 g6 15. f4 Ng4 16. Bxg4 hg4 17. f5 Ne5 18. fe6 fe6 19. Kb1 Bd7 20. Nce2 Rc8 21. Nf4 b5



22. Nfxe6 Bxe6 23. Nxe6 Oxc2+ 24. Kal Oxe4 Bd4 Nf3 26, Bxh8 Nxg1 27. Qxg1 Qxe6 28. Re1 Qf5 29. Bf6 Rc7 30. Qe3 Qc5 31. Bd4 Qf5 32. a3 Kf7 33. Qe2 Kg8 34. Bc3 d5 35. Rf1 Oe4 36. Qf2 Qf3 37. Oe1 Oe4 38. Of Of 3 39. Qe1 40. Qg3 Qc4 41. Rc1 Oe4

Rd7 42. Qb8+ Bf8 43. Qe8 Rf7 44. Re1 d4 45. Bb4 Rf1 46. Qxg6+ Bg7 47. Qe8+ Bf8 48 Qg6+ Draw

Sokolov - Spraggett 1 hour game Come Keep Defence

Caro-Kann Defense 1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 de4 4. Nx 24 Nd7 5. Ng5 Ng16 6. Bd3 e6 7. N1f3 Bd6 8. Qe2 h6 9. Ne4 Nxe4 10. Oxe4 Nf6 11. Oe2 b6 12. Bd2 Bb7 13. 0-0-0 Qc7 14. Kb1 0-0-0 15. c4 c5 16. Bc3 Rhe8 17. Rhel Kb8 18. g3 Ka8 19. Bc2 a6 20. dc5 Bxc5 21. Ne5 Rc8 22. Rd2 Red8 23. Red1 Rxd2 24. Rxd2 Bf8 25. f4 h5 26. h3 Bc5 27. a3 Bf8 28. g4 hg4 29. hg4 Bd6 30. Ka1 Ne8 31. Ba4 Nf6 32. Bc2 Ne8 33. Rd4 f6 34. Ng6 e5 35. fe5 fe5 36. Rd2 Qxc4 37. Qxc4 Rxc4 38, Nxe5 Rxc3 39, bc3 Bxe5 40. Rd8+ Ka7 41. Rxe8 Bxc3+ 42, Kb1 b5 43, Be4 Bxe4+ 44. Rxe4 a5 45. Kc2 Bf6 46. a4 ba4 47. Rxa4 Kb6 48. Kb3 Kb5 49. Rf4 Kc5 50, Rf5+ Kd4 51, Rxa5 Ke4 52. Rf5 Be5 53. Rf1 g5 54. Kc4 Bf4 55. Kc5 Ke3 56. Kd5 Ke2 57. Rg1 Kf2 58. Rb1 Kf3 59. Rg1 Kf2 60. Rbl Kf3 Draw

Spraggett - Sokolov 30 Min. Game Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Nxc6 bc6 7. Bd3 d5 8. 0-0 Nf6 9. Re1 Be7 10. e5 Nd7 11. Qg4 g6 12. b3 a5 13. Na4 Nc5 14. Bh6 Nxa4 15. Qxa4 Bd7 16. Qf4 Bf8 17. Bxf8 Kxf8 18. Qh6+ Kg8 19. Re3 Qf8 20. Qf4 Qe7 21. Rae1 Kg7 22. Rf3 h5 23. h4 c5 24. Rg3 a4 25. Ree3 ab3 26. ab3 Rab8 27. Bxg6 fg6 28. Rxg6+ Kxg6 29. Rg3+ Kh7 30. Qf3 Be8 31. Qd3+ Kh6 32. Qe3+ Draw

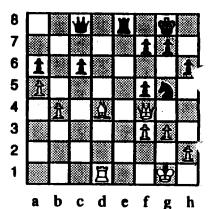
Spraggett - Sokolov 15 Min. Game (1) Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Be2 Be7 8. f4 0-0 9. Od2 a6 10. 0-0-0 d5 11. e5 Nd7 12. h4 Qc7 13. Rh3 b5 14. Rg3 b4 15. Na4 Bb7 16. b3 Rfc8 17. Kb1 Nxd4 18. Bxd4 Bc6 19. Nb2 Nc5 20. Bd3 Bb5 21. h5 Ne4 22. Bxe4 de4 23. c4 bc3 24. Rxc3 Qb7 25. Rdc1 h6 26. g4 Rxc3 27. Qxc3 Rd8 28. Qe3 Qd5 29. Bb6 Rd7 30. Nc4 Od3+ 31, Kb2 Kh7 32, Rc3 Qd5 33. a4 Bc6 34. Rc2 Bb4 35. g5 Qd3 36. gh6 Kxh6 37. Bc5 Bxc5 38. Oxc5 Bd5 39. Qc8 Kxh5 40. Qxd7 Bxc4 41. Qxf7+ Kg4 42. Qxg7+ Kxf4 43. Rf2+ Ke3 44. Qg3+ Kd4 45. Qxd3+ Bxd3 46. Rf8 e3 47. Rd8+ Ke4 48. Kc3 Bf1 49. b4 Kxe5 50. Rf8 Be2 51. Rh8 Ke4 52. Rh3 e5 53. Rh4+ Kf3 54. Rh3+ Kf4 55. Rh4+ Kf3 56. Rh5 Kf4 57. Rh2

Kf3 58. Rh8 Kf4 59. Rf8+ Ke4 60. Kc2 Bd3+ 61. Kd1 Kd4 62. Rd8+ Kc3 63. Re8 e4 64. b5 ab5 65. ab5 Bxb5 66. Rxe4 Draw

Sokolov - Spraggett

15 Min. Game (2) Caro-Kann Defense 1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 de4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Ng5 Ngf6 6. Bd3 e6 7. N1f3 Be7 8. Qe2 h6 9. Ne4 Nxe4 10. Oxe4 c5 11. 0-0 cd4 12. Nxd4 Nc5 13. Bb5+ Bd7 14.Qe2 a6 15. Bxd7+ Qxd7 16. Rd1 Qc7 17. g3 Rd8 18. Bf4 Qb6 19. c3 0-0 20, b4 Nd7 21, a4 Nf6 22. a5 Qa7 23. Bc7 Rc8 24. Bb6 Ob8 25. Nf5? ef5 26. Qxe7 Rxc37 27. Od6 Oc8 28. Bd4 Rc6 29. Qf4 Re8 30. Rac1 Ne4 31. Rxc6 bc6 32. f3 Ng5



33.Bc3?? Nh3+ 0:1
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Monterey Coast Classic March 5 - 6 1988 Report by Ted Yudacufski

Thirty-four players participated in this 4 - round, two division tournament at the Monterey Chess Center in Monterey, California. Ted Yudacufski, assisted by daughter Daria, were tournament directors.

More than half of the players competed in the very strong Open/A Division. Fourteen players, including six masters, were rated over 2000. Will Wharton (2353) of Santa Cruz and Richard Koepcke (2243) Mt. View tied for overall first place with scores of 31/2 - 1/2. These players shared \$200.00 prize money and Wharton won the trophy on tie-break.

Very notable was the performance of two of the top women chess players in the United States, both rated experts, Vera Frenkel (2075) of Seaside, and Liz Neely (2124) of Santa Cruz. Vera Frenkel played very impressive chess throughout the tournament which included wins over She defeated David masters. Blohm (2285) of Pleasant Hill in the first round, and Tom Nelson (2211) of Marina in the second. In round three she lost a close game to Renard Anderson (2301) of Aptos. In the last round Vera lost an exciting game to Liz Neely, who thereby scored three wins to tie for third place with Filipp Frenkel (2300) of Seaside, and Izrail Rabinovich (2194) of Pacific Grove. These players shared \$60.00.

The B/C Division was won by Maroth DeMarothy (1761) of Los Gatos. He scored 3 1/2 - 1/2 to win the \$50.00 plus trophy. Alfred Hansen (1749) of Hillsborough and Tom Moschetti (1649) of Aptos tied for second place with 3-1 scores and won \$25.00 each. The Class C winners were Mike Harrington (1553) Santa Cruz and Darwyn Dave (1532) Presidio of Monterey scoring 2 1/2 - 1 1/2 each. Tim Korotyukov of Monterey easily won the D/UNR Division with a score of 3-1. His prize was \$25.00 plus trophy. Michael Bennett of Capitola and Anthony Fitzgerald of the Presidio of Monterey shared the Unrated prize with scores of 2-2.

Monterey chess expert Carlos Solis has selected the following games as leading contenders for the Best Game award in both divisions: Open/A Division - Vera Frenkel's win over Tom Nelson, Richard Koepcke's win over David Blohm; B/C D/UNR Division - Jason Martinez (Salinas) win over Charles Domac, Mike

Harrington's win over Darwyn Dave, and Tim Korotyukov's win over Marcus D. Najera. During the tournament, Tom Moschetti put on an interesting display of the new chess sets he is currently making. These are die-cast of a lead alloy, pleasingly heavy to the touch, and beautifully handpainted by Tom. There are at least six different chess sets in the collection, and they are very reasonably priced.

Here are some sample games:

J. Martinez - C. Domac

1. d4 d6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 h6 4. Bxf6 ef6 5. e4 Be7 6. Bd3 Bg4 7. Nbd2 Nc6 8. c3 d5 9. Qc2 0-0 10. 0-0 Be6 11. Rel a6 12. a4 Rb8 Nf1 Bg4 14, N3d2 Na7 15. b4 de4 16. Nxe4 Be6 17. Nc5 Bxc5 18. dc5 Kh8 19. Ng3 c6 20. Rad1 Qc8 21. Nf5 Oc7 22. Nd6 Nc8 23. B(5 Bxf5 24. Qxf5 Ne7 25. Qh3 26. Re4 Ne7 Nd5 27. a5 Ng6 28. Rd3 Ne5 29. Rg3 31. h4 Ng6 30 Qg4 Rg8 Rd8 32. Nf5 Ne5 33. Qh5 Kh7 34. Rxg7+ Rxg7 35. Охһб+ 1:0

V. Frenkel - T. Nelson 1, e4 c5 2, f4 e6 3, Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Bb5+ Bd7 6. Bd7+ Nbd7 7. e5 Ng8 8. 0-0 Nh6 9. d3 Nf5 10. Bd2 h5 11. Qe1 Qb6 12. Kh1 h4 13. Na4 Oc6 14. b3 Be7 15. Nc3 0-0-0 16, a4 Kb8 Nb5 Rh5 18. Rf2 Rdh8 19. Kg1 a6 20. Na3 f6 21. c4 d4 22. b4 cb4 23. Bb4 Nc5 24. Qe2 Nb3 25. Be7 Na1 26. ef5 gf5 27. Bf6 R8h7 28. Qb2 Qa4 29. Qa1 Qb3 30. Be5+ Ka8 31. Nb5 Od3 32. Nc7 Ka7 33. Nb5 Ka8 34, Oa5 Oc4 35, Od8 1:0

(2285)(2243)Slav Defense 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dc4 5. Ne5 Bf5 6. f3 e6 7, e4 Bg6 8. Bxc4 Be7 9. Be3 0-0 10. h4 b5 11. Bb3 Qc8 12. g4 h6 13. Nxg6 fg6 14. Qd3 Nh7 15. f4 Bb4 16. f5 gf5 17. gf5 Kh8 18. Bxe6 Qb7 19. 0-0-0 a5 20. Ne2 Rd8 21. Nf4 Nf8 22. Rdg1 Nbd7 23. Qe2 Nf6 24. e5 Nd5 25. f6 Nxe6 26. Nxe6 gf6 27. Nxd8 Rxd8 28. Bxh6 Bf8 29. Bxf8 Rxf8 30. Qh5+ Qh7 31. Qxh7+ Kxh7 32, h5 fe6 33, de6 Rf5

34. e6 Nf4 35. e7 Re5 36.

Rel Nd3+ 37, Kd2

1:0

R. Koepcke - D. Blohm

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White: Bill Chesney Black: Mike Arné

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 cd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Nf3 Be7 7. c5 0-0 8. Bd3 b6 9. b4 a5 10. Na4 Nbd7 11. Bf4 ab4 12. c6 Nc5 13. dc5 bc5 14. c7 Qe8 15. Nb6 Ra3 16. Nxc8 Oxc8 17. 0-0 Ne8 18. Ne5 Bd6 19. Rc1 Qxc7 20. Re1 f6 21. Qh5 g6 22. Nxg6 hg6 23. Bxg6 Bxf4 24. Rxc5 Og7 25. Bxe8 Rxa2 26. Rxd5 Bxh2+ 27. Kxh2 28. Bf7+ Rxf7 29. Rxf2 Rd8+ Rf8 30, Rxf8+ 1:0

White: Mark Piper (1795) Black: A. Simpson (1572) Philidors Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 f5 (This move is not covered by Craig Mar in his article on page of this issue) 4. ef5 e4 5. Ng5 d5 6. Qh5+ g6 7. fg6 Nf6 8. g7+ Nxh5 9. gh8(Q) 1: 0

Splinters

And here is an other version of this variation, supplied by Richard Shorman:

Players: unknown

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 f5 4. de5 fe4 5. Ng5 d5 6. e6 Bc5 7. Nxe4 Bb6 8. Bg5 Ne7 9. Qh5+ g6 10. Nf6+ Kf8 11. Bh6 mate

Sacramento Sectional 1988

White: Gagnon (1940) Black: Nelson (2185) Smith Morra Gambit

1, e4 c5 2, d4 cd4 3, c3 Nf6 4. e5 Nd5 5. cd4 d6 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Bc4 Nb6 8. Bb5 d5 9. h3 a6 10. Bxc6+ bc6 11. 0-0 e6 12. b3 Be7 13. Ba3 0-0 14. Qd2 a5 15. Bxe7 Qxe7 16. Rc1 Bb7 17. a4 Rfc8 18. Rc5 Qd8 19. Na3 Nd7 20. Rc3 Qe7 21. Qc1 c5 22. dc5 Nxc5 23. Qe3 Ne4 24. Rxc8+ Rxc8 25. Qb6 Qb4 26. Nb5 Ba8 27. 29. Nfd4 Qd2 28. Rf1 Rf8 Nd6 Nc3 30. Nf3 Ne2+ 31. Kh1 Qd3 32. Qb5 Qc2 33. Ng5 d4 34. Qd7 Ng3+ 35. Kg1 Nxf1 36. Ndxf7 Qf5 37. Nh6+ Kh8 38. Ngf7+ 1:0

San Jose Action Chess

Some people complain that although they love to play chess they just can't justify spending two weekend days to play just four rated games. They should have been at the San Jose Action Chess Championship held at the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center on February 27, 1988. There they would have played 6 rounds of chess and been done for the day by 8pm. Yes, these were rated games, and although there were a few chess players who worried about their ratings in such a fast time control tournament, 60 players came out to have some chess fun anyway, including seven people who joined the USCF at the tournament site! Perhaps Action Chess is a good way to encourage more people to play in tournaments.

Five masters completed in the one section tourney, including IM Cris Ramayrat. Thirteen experts struggled for the under 2200 prizes. Perhaps the most significant group of players were those with ratings under 1400. Five "D" class players and nine unrated players competed also.

The original prize fund was \$640, but the turnout was so good that I raised the prize fund to \$770 by adding more money to the expert and "D" prize groups and creating new prizes for the unrated section where

there were no prizes advertised.

For those who have never seen action chess in person, it really does make for some exciting spectating. For me, the most enjoyable game was in round 5 when IM Ramayrat was essaying the white pieces against Senior Master Gustavo Darcy. The game started more or less sedately, with each contestant taking the same amount of time on their clock. Then with less than 5 minutes remaining the tempo gradually picked up with hands flying across the board and the clock trembling from the repeated blows. When Darcy finally resigned both contestants and spectators finally exhaled.

IM Ramayrat swept the rounds and scored 6/6 and took home \$100. SM Darcy recovered from his single defeat and scored 5/6 to win \$60. Expert Peter Thiel was the only other 5/6 scorer and opted to take the first expert prize of \$80.

Five other masters and experts split up the remaining open and expert prizes by scoring 4.5/6 and took home \$20 each.

Class A player Neil Regan, who entered the tournament saying that opponents would be hard pressed to refute his cheapos over

Report by Matthew Haws

the board in a Game/30 format, performed well enough to tie for first place with Don Tiffin of Modesto with a score of 4/6 and a prize of \$50 each.

The B section honors went to Andrew Cook who also scored 4/6 and waltzed away with \$60. The remaining \$40 was split 3 ways by three B players who scored 3/6.

The C section was the scene of yet another tie with John Meadows and Mike Harrington dividing the \$100 prize with each other.

The most hilarious result came from the D class players, all five of whom scored 2/6. They all went home \$12 richer. Finally, the unrated section winners created a five way tie by scoring 3/6 and divided up \$70 to take home \$14 each.

In conclusion, it seems almost everybody had an enjoyable time, but two contestants had a valid criticism. Players Gilbert Chambers and Pascal Baudry both noted the unfairness of playing others with rating 400 or more points above or below you. The results are predictable (with an occasional upset) and if you happen to have a bad day, your rating could end up in the toilet.

These points are noted and I promise the next San Jose Action Chess tourney will have two sections in order to minimize the ratings differential inherent in a single section open. Many thanks to Richard Koepcke for his directorial talents during the event.

Stay tuned for the next Action chess Championship, which will hopefully be held in June, and keep on the lookout for the 2nd San Jose Master/Expert open to be held in July.

Empire Chess Club December Quad

Winner: Donald Urquhart
(2137) 3 points
Second: Gary Smith
(2028) 2 points

Help wanted:

Anyone able to contribute to any of the subsections listed on page 2 of the magazine should contact the subsection editor.

The position of General editor is still open. For \$ 40 per month the editor (preferably living nearby) should function as a coordinator and solicitor of material among the subsection editors. Pay increases if circulation increases.

More N. Calif. Splinters

LERA Brilliancy Prizes:

White: M. Gagnon (1940) Black: G. Schabacker

(2062)1, e4 d6 2, d4 Nf6 3, Nc3 g6 4. Be3 Bg7 5. f3 c6 6. Qd2 b5 7. a3 Qa5 8. Nge2 Nbd7 9. g4 Nb6 10. Ng3 Rb8 11. b4 Qa6 12. g5 Nfd7 13. f4 Nc4 14. Bxc4 bc4 15. Kf2 Qb6 16. h4 c5 17. bc5 dc5 18, Nd5 Oc6 19, h5 cd4 20. Bxd4 e5 21. h6 Bxh6 22. fe5 Bg7 23. Nf6+ Nxf6 24, ef6 Bf8 25, Rab1 Rxb1 26. Rxb1 Bxa3 27. Qa5 Bd6 28. Bxa7 0-0 29. e5 Bc7 30. Bb6 Bxb6 31. Rxb6 Oc7 32, Ne4 Bf5 33. Nd6 Bxc2 34. Qb4 Qa7 35. Kg3 Bd3 36. Nxf7 Qxf7 37. 38. e6 Qc8 Rb7 Qe8 39. Rg7+ Kh8 40. Rxh7+ 1:0

A-section, Lewis - Ford
1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nf3
Bg4 4. cd Bxf3 5. gf3 Qxd5
6. e3 e5 7. Nc3 Bb4 8. a3
Bxc3+ 9. bc3 ed 10. cd Nge7
11. Rg1 0-0 12. Bb2 Rad8
13. Bd3 Ng6 14. f4 Nce7
15. Rc1 Nh4 16. e4 Qa5+
17. Kf1 f5 18. d5 Nhg6 19.
h4 fe 20. Bc4 Rxf4 21. h5
Rdf8 22. Rc2 Nf5 23. Qe1
Qc5 24. Kg2 Rg4+ 25. Kh1
Rh4+ 26. Kg2 Rxh5 27.
Qxe4 Rg5+ 28. Kh1 Rh5+

29. Kg2 Kh8 30. Bd3 Qd6 31. Rh1 Rg5+ 32. Kh3 Rg3+ 33. Kh2 Rg4+ 34. f4 Rxf4 35. Qe6 Rf2+ 0:1

B / C Class White: Rick Kiger (1782) Black: L. Trottier (1570)

1. d4 e5 2. de5 Nc6 3. Nf3 f6 4. ef6 Nxf6 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 g5 7. Bg3 d6 8. e3 Bg7 9. Nc3 Bg4 10. Bc4 Oe7 11. Od2 0-0-0 12. 0-0-0 Na5 13, Nd5 Nxd5 14, Bxd5 b6 15. Qd3 c6 16. Bb3 Qf6 17. c3 Nxb3+ 18. ab3 Bxf3 19. gf3 Qxf3 20. Bxd6 Bf8 21. Qa6+ Kd7 22. Bxf8+ Ke8 23. Rxd8+ Kxd8 24. Rd1+ Ke8 25. Qc8+ Kf7 26. Qc7+ Kgб 27. Qg7+ Kh5 Oxh8 Qxf2 29. Qxh6+ Kg4 30. h3+ 1:0

Honorable Mention

White: Alan LaVergne (2268)
Black: Cris Ramayrat (2540)
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e6 7. Be3 Nbd7 8. f4 Qc7 9. 0-0 b5 10. Bf3 Bb7

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The Philidor

Revisited by 1

by FM Craig

The Philidor is a cousin of such defenses as the King's Indian, the Breyer Lopez, and the Pirc. One can see the Philidor does not allow White a three pawn center as in the Austrian Attack and denies White the possibility of setting up a flexible center with c3-d4 as in the Ruy Lopez. In the Northern California area, only masters Fritzinger, Mar, and Stearns have taken it seriously. Alekhine, Petrosian, and Tal have played it sporadically. Why then isn't the Philidor seen much?

The Philidor is sound, dynamic, and unexplored. There are advantages to playing an obscure opening. The opponent is taken out of home territory and into your hands. Having a succession of obscure openings gives the player a nice array of theoretical weapons to disarm the "book" opponent.

The main line is 1. e4 e5
2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4.
Nc3 Nbd7 5. Bc4 Be7
6. 0-0 0-0. Black sets up a "wall" through which he hopes nothing can penetrate. One of White's prime targets is the f5 square which begs for a knight to occupy. It will be seen that Black has fully adequate defenses at his disposal, however.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 ... 3. Bc4 is a good alternative.

3. ... Nf6!

If Black is playing for a win, this is his best try. Bad is 3. ..Nd7?!

4. Bc4 c6! 5. Nc3 Be7 6. de de 7. Ng5! when Black must give White a good ending with 7. ..Bxg5 8. Qh5! or face an attack with 7. ..Nh6 8. Ne6!! fe 9. Bxh6 Nb6! 10. Qh5+ Kf8 11. Bb3 gh 12. Rd1

Also worthy of attention is the old 3. ..ed, although 4. Qxd4 forces Black on the defensive: 4. Nc6 5. Bb5 Bd7 6. Bc6 Bc6 7. Nc3 Nf6 8. Bg5 Be7 10. Rhe1. It 9. 0-0-0 0-0 may be here that the enterprising player with Black would find it hard to play for a win. The only reasonable line would be 4. Nf6 5, e5 Nfd7!? an interesting attempt to gain time by kicking the queen at the expense of the pawn structure. This line is largely unexplored, but deserves attention.

4. Nc3

This is the normal move but 4. de Ne4 5. Qd5! is an attacking line which is far from easy to meet. Black plays 5. ... Nc5 6. Bg5! It's interesting to notice that the book move for Black is 6. ... Qd7?! which probably loses, because of 7. ed Bd6 8. Nc3 0-0 9. 0-0-0 Qg4 10. Nb5 Be6 11. Qd4 and Black has good losing chances and he can-

not win. The moves 6. Bg5 Be7! 7. ed cd! are Black's only possibilities here, which hold White to a slight edge. 4. de is one of White's best lines against the Philidor.

4. ... Nbd7 5. Bc4 Be7

This is an important fork in the road for White. He has three possibilities here: A) 6. Ng5; B) 6. de and C) 6. 0-0.

6. Ng5 White reacts over-aggressively. This line hasn't worked well in practice. In Schuster (2113) -Mar '83, Pasadena, White got crushed after 6. Ng5 0-0 7. Bf7+ Rf7 8. Ne6 Oe8 9. Nc7 Od8 10. Na8 b5! 11. Nxb5 Oa5+ 12. Nc3 Nxe4 13. 0-0 Nxc3 14. bc Bb7 15. de Ne5 16. Be3? Nf3+1 17. Kh1 Oe5 0-1. More sensible. instead of White's 11. Nb5? is 11. 0-0 or 11. de Ne5 12. 0-0 Bd7 and White has material although Black's middle-game prospects are good. B)

This move sets a trap, for if 6. ... de then 7. Bf7+ Kf7 8. Ng5+ Kg8 9. Ne6 Qe8 10. Nc7 Qg6 11. Na8 Qg2 12. Rf1 is a clear edge for White (deFirmian-Flacco, Berkeley). But 6. ... Ne5! is solid for Black and the fun is over.

C)

6. 0-0 ...

This is White's best hope for positional advantage.

6. ... 0-0 7. Qe2

This is White's normal move here, a waiting move which develops the Queen.

7. ... c6

Black "cuts" down on the scope of the White knight on c3 and prepares the queen's development.

8. a4 ... White's best try because Black threatened 8. ... b5 a valuable space gaining maneuver with easy equality. Now White threatens the subtle 9. a5 getting in a queen-side squeeze.

8. ... a 5

Black stakes out territory in this manner, now the b4 and c5 squares are convenient nesting spots for Black's pieces.

Black can try to inject dynamism into the position with 8. ... ed 9. Nd4. The position is the one where Black has a fluid mass (d5 is in the air) in the center, instead of the solid structure which arises after 8. ... a5 9. de de. The positions which arise lead to sharp play for both sides.

M. Sullivan - Fritzinger '79 Masson continued 9. ... Re8 10. Ba2 Bf8 11. Qf3 Ne5 12. Qd1 Ng6 13. Re1 Bg4 14. f3 Bd7 15. Be3 Qc7 16. Qd2 h6 17. Qf2 Re5 18.

Qg3 d5!? 19. ed Bd6 20. f4 Rg5 21. Of 2 Bf4 22. Nf3 Ng4 23. Bf4 Nf4 24. Qd2 Rg6 25. Kh1 cd 26. Nd5 Nd5 27. Bd5 Bc6 28. c4 Rad8 29. Rad1 R3d6 30. Of4?? 0:1 at move 36. Grefe - Najdorf, Lone Pine, continued in a sharp vein, with 8, a4 Oc7 9, h3 de 10, Nd4 Re8 11. Bf4 Ne5 12. Bb3 Nfd7 13. Rad1 Bf8 14. Bc1 Nc5 15. Ba2 d5 16. f4 Ned7 17. e5 Nb6 18. a5 N3d7 Oh5 Ne6 and White won with a brilliant attack 1:0. E. Burris - Mar '79 went 8. a4 ed 9. Nd4 Re8 10. f3? d5! 11. Ba2 Qb6 12. Rd1 de 13. Kh1 Bc5 14. a5 Qc7 15. Bg5 Bd4 16, Rd4 Oe5 17. Qc4 Qg5 18, Qf7+ Kh8 19. Ne4 Oe5 20. Rad1 Oe7 1:0 in 99 moves.

So Black can try

A) 8. ... a5 the solid move.

B) 8. ... ed the double-edged move, or

C) 8. ... Qe8?! the provacative move.

Other possibilities after 6. 0-0 0-0:

deFirmian - Fritzinger '78 Masson saw 7. a4 c6 8. Bb3 Qe8 (a truly Fritzidorian Maneuver).
9. Re1 Bd8 10. a5 Bc7 11. Bg5 h6 12. Bh4 Qd8 13. d5 g5 with chances for both sides.

P. Whitehead - Fritzinger '79 went 7. h3!? c6 8. a4 Qe8 9. Rel Bd8 10. a5 Bc7 11. d5! Qd8 12. a6 Nb6 13. ab Bb7 14. dc Bc6 15. Bb5! Od7 16. Bc6 Qc6 17. Bg5 White is better and went on to win in attacking style, 17, ... Nfd7 18. Od3 Nc5 19. Ob5 Ob7 20, Rad1 a6 21, Ob4 Rfb8 22, Ne5 f6 23, Bf6! a5 24. Qb5 gf 25. Ng4 Kg7 26. Nf6!! Kf6 27. e5+ Kf7 28. ed Rg8 29. Re7+ Kf8 30. Ne4 Nd5 31. Qc5 Ne7 32. de+ Kg7 33. Qd4+ Kh6 34. Qf6+ Rg6 35. Qf8+ Kh5 36. e8(Q) Qe4 37. Qe4 Rf8 38. Qe7 1:0

White's other try for advantage after 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Qe2 c6 8. a4 a5 is the solid 9. de de either here or any time later, but Black has demonstrated that he can equalize.

Stein - Petrosian '71 went 7. a4 c6 8. a5!? h6 9. Ba2 Re8 10. de de 11. Qe2 Bf8 12. Rd1 Qc7 13. Nh4! Nc5 14. Nf5 Kh7 15. Qf3 Ng8 16. b4 Ne6 17. Rb1 g6 18. Ne3 Bg7 19. Nc4 Nd4 20. Qd3 Rd8 and Black is equal.

The only drawback to these lines from the Black player's view-point might be that these solid positions are hard to win from.

CONCLUSION: The Philidor is more active than its reputation. To get the edge, White should definitely investigate 4. de lines. In normal lines with 4. Nc3 Nbd7 5. Bc4 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Qe2 the 9. de lines usually peter out to nothingness. In these normal lines. White should avoid Bg5 as in the deFirmian - Fritzinger game. If Black is striving to play an enterprising game. that is, win against a lower rated player, the variations where Black exchanges with 8. ... ed can be highly recommended. These positions are of a complicated nature with chances for both sides.

Supplemental Games:

L. Stolyarov (2420)-Fritzinger
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4
Nf6 4. Nc3 Nbd7 5.
Bc4 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0 7.
Qe2 c6 8. a4 Qc7 9. h3
h6 10. Rd1 Re8 11. a5
ed 12. Nd4 Bf8 13. Bf4
Nc5 14. f3 Ne6 15. Be6
Be6 16. Ne6 Re6 17.
Qc4 Rc8 18. Kh1 b5

19. ab Qb6 20. Qd3 Rc7 21. Ne2 Rb7 22. b3 d5 23. Ra6 Qf2 24. e5 Nh5 25. Bh2 Bc5 26. Raa1 Rbe7 27. Rf1 Qh4 28. f4 g5 29. f5 Re5 30. Be5 Re5 31. Qf3 Re2 32. f6 g4 0:1

M. Anderson (1850) - C. Mar

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Nbd7 5. Bc4 Be7 6. Ng5 0-0 7. Bf7 Rf7 8. Ne6 Oe8 9. Nc7 Qd8 10. Na8 b5 11. ed ed 12. Nd5 Bd6 13. Bg5 Bb7 14. N8b6 ab 15. 0-0 Bd5 16. Qd5 Bc5 17. Od3 b4 18. Rad1 Oa8 19. Bf6 Nf6 20. Qd8 Rf8 21. Qc7 Oe4 22. Rd8 Rd8 23. Od8 Kf7 24. Rd1 Bf2+ 25. Kh1! ... 0: 1 after move 37

J. Grefe - Fritzinger '81
Bagby
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4
Nf6 4. Nc3 Nbd7 5.
Bc4 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0 7.
a4 c6 8. Ba2 Qc7 9.
Qe2 a5 10. Rd1 h6 11.
h3 b6 12. de de 13.
Nh4 Nc5 14. Ng6 Re8
15. f4 Be6 16. Ne7 Qe7

17. fe Nfd7 18. Be6 Ne6 and in this equal position they agreed to a draw.

Grefe - Najdorf '76 Lone Pine 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Nbd7 Bc4 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Qe2 c6 8. a4 Qc7 9. h3 ed4 10. Nd4 Re8 11. Bf4 Ne5 12, Bb3 Nfd7 13. Rad1 Bf8 14. Bc1 Nc5 15, Ba2 d5! 16, f4 Ned7 17, e5 Nb6 18, a5 Nbd7 19. Oh5 Ne6 20. Nf5 Qa5 21. Rf3 Nb6 22. Rg3 g6 23. Oh4 Na4? 24. Rd5! Ob6+! 25. Be3 Ob4? 26. Rb5!! Nc3 27. Rb4 Ne2 Kh2 Ng3 29. Og3 Bb4 30. Nh6 Kh8 31. f5 Nd8 32. fg fg 33. Of4 Bf8 34. Nf7 Nf7 35. Qf7 Be6 36. Be6 Bg7 37. Bd4 Rad8 38. Bc3 b5 39. Bd7 Rf8 40. Qe7 1:0

OUT OF THE PAST IN CALIFORNIA CHESS by Guthrie McClain (Editor, The California Chess Reporter, 1951 - 1976)

A.J. Fink 1890-1956

Adolph J. Fink of San Francisco was an internationallyknown problem composer. During his lifetime he had more than one thousand chess problems published and won approximately one hundred prizes. He was also one of the top over-the-board chessplayers at the Mechanics' Institute for many years. He won the California State Chess Championship in 1922, 1928, and 1929, tied for first in 1945, and finished in second place in 1923, 1925, 1926 and 1948 (tied).

In 1923 the Western Chess Association tournament was held in San Francisco; it was agreed that the top player from California would be declared the State Champion, and Stasch Mlotkowski of Los Angeles tied for first place with Norman T. Whitaker of Washington, D.C. Fink was fourth, behind Samuel Factor of Chicago, with a score of 7 - 4. * In 1932, when Pasadena held an international chess tournament, the same rule was in effect. Fink scored 3 - 8, a creditable score against players like Alekhine. Kashdan, Dake,

Reshevsky, Fine, Factor and so forth, but he finished in last place.

On December 19, 1918, the Good Companion Chess Problem Club, International, meeting in Philadelphia, published a greeting to the British Chess Problem Society on the occasion of its founding. A. J. Fink, just returning from France as a Captain U. S. Army, signed this proclamation as Vice-President of the club. When the Good Companions met officially in Chicago on October 25-26, 1986, almost sixty-eight years later, they decided to publish the proceedings in a Commemorative dedicated to the memory of A. J. Accordingly, sixteen Fink. members of The Good Companions provided an assortment of problems, and they were published, together with an account of the proceedings of the "First Congress of the Good Companions Society " by the Mechanics' Institute.

A. J. Fink was an end-game expert, as most problemists are. He served as adjudication expert for all tournaments and team

matches for many years. "Send it to Fink" was the way to settle the argument - whether in Sacramento or Eureka or San Francisco. He never required payment and, as far as we know, never made a mistake in his decisions.

He was a loyal team player who would go wherever his team had scheduled a match. He was a little spoiled, however, as were most of the players in the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, by the use of the clubrooms at 57 Post Street for most of their games. One day my secretary announced "There's a chessplayer who wants to see you." I told her to send the chessplayer in. It was Fink. "You live in Oakland, don't you?" he asked. " The team has a match in Oakland next Saturday and I want to know how to get there." I suppressed my laughter while I explained that every day about twenty thousand people cross the Bay to and from work, either by train or ferryboat. bus, or automobile, and that I didn't see ant problem. "I don't mean that kind of a trip," he explained. "I want to go over there early, get settled in a hotel, and see something of the town. I'll

^{*} It may interest the reader to know that Samuel Factor was the uncle of Max Factor of Hollywood, the celebrated make-up expert, and that Norman T. Whitaker was the mysterious Mr. Fox of the Lindbergh kidnapping, who sued the USCF for saying so.

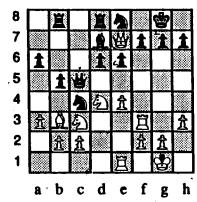
have a lady with me, and we will stay over the day after the match and have a good dinner somewhere. Tell me, McClain - are there any hotels in Oakland?" I was able to reassure Fink on these scores, and he went ahead and played in the team match. I never learned however, how Fink's Safari to Oakland came out.

The following game was published in the column *The Chess Player*, by Dr. H. J. Ralston, in *The Argonaut* for February 8, 1952. It was played in a team match between Mechanics' Institute and the Oakland Chess Club on December 15, 1951.

White: A. J. Fink Black: Roger Smook Sicilian Defense

1. e4	c5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. d4	cd4
4. Nxd4	Nf6
5. Nc3	d 6
6. Bc4	e 6
7. 0-0	a 6
8. Be3	Qc7
9. Bb3	Be7
10. Qf3	0-0
11. Rad1	Rd8
12. h3	Bd7

13. Qg3	b 5
14. a3	Nc8
15. Bg5	Bxg5
16. Qxg5	Rab8
17. Rfe1	Na5
18. Rd3	Nc4
19. Rf3	Qc5
20. Qe7	



If 20. ... Ne5 21. Rxf7 Nxf7

22. Bxe6 Bxe6 23. Nxe6

N₁6

20. ...

21. Rxf6	gf6
22. e5	f5
23. Bxc4	bc4
24. Ne4!	fe4
25. Rxe4	Qxe5
26. Rxe5	de5
27. Nf3	h6
28. Nxe5	Be8
29. Ng4	Rd5
30. Nf6+	1:0
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For if Kg7 31. Nxd5 ed5 32. Qe5+

News from the Kolty Chess Club

Results of the Class Championships Feb. 17 - March 23 5 sections, 88 players Master / Expert 1st Gabriel Sanchez and Lee Corbin 4 points and \$ 13 each "A" 1st David Swaddel 4 1/2 points, \$25 "B" 1st place tie Greg Carlson, Donald Harris, and Robert Peterson 4 points and \$ 9 "C" 1st Philipp Herz 4 1/2 points \$ 25 1st Jon Whitworth

4 1/2 points \$ 25.
All winners also won a trophy.

The Club is publishing an information booklet about all important club rules and a tournament calendar. It also has a map to let you know how to get there. If you are interested call Pat Mayntz at (408) 371-2290. The next tournament in May.

Instructional Video Tape for beginners

The USCF is making a half-hour video tape available this summer.

Intended for general audience, it will introduce to the beginner the names of the pieces, how they move, and how to checkmate. It will also offer tips on basic strategy. So, if you like to make chess a more popular sport in the United States you can use it at the chess club to get new members. Write to USCF, 186 Rt. 9W, New Windsor NY 12550 or call (914) 562-8350

6-Way Tie for First at 1988 National Open in Chicago

Grandmasters Mikhail Tal, Sergey Kudrin, and Leonid Shamkovich, International Masters James Rizzitano and Calvin Blocker, and FIDE Master Michael Brooks scored 5-1/2-1/2 to share top honors at this year's National Open. Each player earned \$1,416.67 as his share of the total \$16,000 prize fund.

FM Brooks is the winner on tiebreaks of the prestigious Edmondson Cup, which is awarded in honor of Colonel Ed Edmondson, former President and Executive Director of the USCF. For Brooks, this is his first major tournament victory.

Three players tied for first in the National Open Reserve section with perfect scores of 6-0. The winners were Imre Deli, Frank Fullmer, and Edsel Pena. Deli and Pena won \$850 each while Fullmer, an Unrated player, won \$200.

Paul Berland scored 5-1 to win the best High School player prize on tiebreak. 8th Grader Ari Spiro was the top Grade School player, scoring 4 1/2- 1 1/2. The Reserve Section Upset prize went to Vince Pinkus for his victory over Al Goldensoph, a 414 point spread.

A total of 700 players participated.

W: Alan Losoff (1954)
B: Howard Stern (2109)
Round 5

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4, c3 Nf6 5, d4 ed4 6, cd4 Bb4 7. Nc3 Ne4 8. 0-0 Bc3 9. d5 Ne5 10, bc3 Nc4 11, Qd4 f5 12. Qc4 d6 13. Nd4 0-0 14. f3 Nc5 15. Re1 Kh8 16. Ne6 Be6 17, de6 Re8 18, h4 h6 19, Ba3 b6 20. Qd5 Qf6 21. Re3 Ne6 22. Rae1 Qh4 23. Re6 Qel 24. Rel Rel 25. Kh2 Rae8 26. Qf5 R1e5 27. Qd3 Ra5 28, c4 Ree5 29, Bb2 Rh5 30. Kg1 Ra2 31. Qc3 Rg5 32. f4 Rg4 33. f5 Rb2 34. Qb2 Rc4 35. f6 Kg8 36. Qd2 Rc5 37. Qa2 Draw

W: Manuel Ormaza (1819) B: John Witt (1953) Round 5

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 f5 3. Nc3 fe4 4. Ne4 d5 5. Ng3 e5 6. Bb5 Qd6 7. Qe2 e4 8. d4 Be7 9. Ne5 Nf6 10. h3 0-0 11. 0-0 Nd4 0-1

W: Mark McCue (1999) B: Vince Halvey (1852) Round 5

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Ne4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. de5 Be6 9. Qe2 Bg4 10. Rd1 Ne7 11. c4 Nc5 12. cb5 g6 13. Bg5 Qd7 14. Be7 Qe7 15. Bd5 Rd8 16. Bc6 Nd7 17. Nc3 Bg7 18. Nd5 1:0 W: V. Schmucker (1761) B: Lawrence Cohen (1966) Round 5

1. e4 Nc6 2. d4 e5 3. Nf3 f6 4. de5 Ne5 5. Ne5 fe5 6. Qh5 Ke7 7. Qe5 Kf7 8. Bc4 d5 9. Bd5 Kg6 10. Qg3 Kh5 11. Bf7 g6 12. Qe5 Kh4 13. Qh8 Nf6 14. Nc3 Bg4 15. Bh6 Qd6 16. Bf8 Rf8 17. Qg7 Qe7 18. Qh6 Nh5 19. Bc4 g5 20. g3 1:0

W:K.Schmuggerow (2152) B: Andrew Karklins (2410) Round 5

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Ng5 d5 5. ed5 Nd4 6. c3 b5 7. cd4 bc4 8. Qa4 Nd7 9. Qc6 Qg5 10. Qa8 Nb6 11. Qc6 Bd7 12. Qc7 Qg2 13. Qe5 Be7 14. Rf1 Bh3 15. Qe2 Nd5 16. f4 0-0 17. Nc3 Bh4 18. Kd1 Bg4 0:1

W: D. McClintock (2439) B: Walter Browne (2634) Round 5

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4
4. e3 c5 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. Ne2
cxd4 7. exd4 d5 8. cxd5 Nxd5
9. 0-0 0-0 10. Bc2 Re8 11.
Qd3 g6 12. Rd1 Bf8 13. Qg3
Bg7 14. h4 Qc7 15. Qf3 Nxc3
16. bxc3 b6 17. Bg5 Bb7 18.
Qh3 Rac8 19. h5 Ne7 20. Ba4
Bc6 21. Bb3 Nf5 22. hxg6
hxg6 23. Nf4 Bd7 24. g4 Nd6
25. Rd3 Nc4 26. Qh4 f6 27.
Rh3 fxg5 28. Qh7+ Kf7 29.
Qxg6+ Ke7 30. Qxg7+ Kd6

31. Ng6 Bb5 32. Qf6 Rg8 33. Re1 Rce8 1:0

W: Danny Kopec (2522) B: Ruben Reyes (2122) Round 5

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6
4. f4 e6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. e5 Nfd7
7. Be3 d5 8. Bd3 b6 9. Bf2 Bf8
10. h4 h5 11. Ng5 Be7 12.
Nxe6 fxe6 13. Bxg6+ Kf8 14.
f5 Nf6 15. exf6 Bxf6 16. Qf3
Nc6 17. 0-0-0 Ne7 18. Bxh5
Nxf5 19. g4 Rxh5 20. gxh5
Ke7 21. Rde1 Kd6 22. Rhg1
Bd7 23. Rg6 Kc6 24. Nxd5
exd5 25. Re5 Kb7 26. Rxd5 c6
27. Rxf5 Bxf5 28. Qxf5 Be7
29. Rg7 Ka6 30. Qd3+ b5 31.
Oe4 1:0

W: Judy Shipman (1820) B: Steve Carter (2021) Round 5

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 dxc3 4. Nxc3 Nc6 5. Nf3 d6 6. Bc4 e6 7. 0-0 Nge7 8. Qe2 Ng6 9. Rd1 a6 10. Bg5 Qc7 11. Rac1 h6 12. Be3 Be7 13. Nd4 0-0 14. f4 Qb8 15. f5 Nxd4 16. Bxd4 exf5 17. exf5 Bxf5 18. Qh5 Bg5 19. Rf1 Ne7 20. Rce1 Qc8 21. Bb3 Bg4 22. Rxf7 Bxh5 23. Rxg7+ Kh8 24. Rxg5+ Kh7 25. Rg7+ Kh8 26. Rgxe7+ 1:0

W: D. Gurevich (2574) B: C. Eagle (2078) Round 5

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nf3 e6 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Nc3 g6 7. Bf4 a6 8. a4 Bg7 9. e4 Bg4

10. Be2 0-0 11. 0-0 Qe7 12. Nd2 Bxe2 13. Qxe2 Nbd7 14. Nc4 Ne5 15. Nxe5 dxe5 16. Bg5 Qd6 17. a5 Nd7 18. Be3 f5 19. f3 Rab8 20. Na4 Bf6 21. Rfc1 Rfc8 22. Rc4 Bd8 23. Qd2 Rc7 24. Rac1 Rbc8 25. Qc2 b5 26. axb6 Nxb6 27. Nxb6 Qxb6 28. exf5 Kf7 29. fxg6+ hxg6 30. h4 Rd7 31. h5 Rxd5 32. Rg4 Rd6 33. hxg6+ Kg7 34. Qf5 Rc7 35. Bh6+ 1:0

W: Marvin Cole (1802) B: Gee Leong (1973) Round 5

1, e4 a6 2, d4 b5 3, g3 Bb7 4. Bg2 f5 5. d5 Nf6 6. Qd3 fxe4 7. Bxe4 Nxe4 8. Qxe4 e6 9. Nf3 Bxd5 10. Qg4 Qf6 11. Nbd2 h5 12. Of4 Oxf4 13. gxf4 Nc6 14. c3 Bd6 15. Rg1 Rg8 16. Rg5 g6 17. Ne5 Nxe5 18. fxe5 Be7 19. Rg1 Kf7 20. Nf1 b4 21. cxb4 Bxb4+ 22. Bd2 Bxd2+ 23, Kxd2 Rab8 24, b3 Rb4 25. Rg3 Re4 26. Re3 Rf4 27. Ke2 Rf8 28. Nd2 Kg7 29. Rf1 Bg2 30. Rg1 Rxf2+ 31. Kd3 h4 32, Re2 Rxe2 33, Kxe2 h3 34, Nc4 Rf5 35, Kd3 Bf1+ 36. Ke4 Bxc4 37. bxc4 Rf2 0:1

W: Doug Younkle (2072) B: James Cooper (1934) Round 6

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. c4 dxc4 5. Bxc4 Nf6 6. Ne2 Bd6 7. Nbc3 c6 8. BNg5 h6 9. Bh4 Bf5 10. Qb3 Qc7 11. Bxf6 gxf6 12. g3 h5 13. 0-0-0 0-0 14. Bd3 Be6 15. Qc2 Nd7 16. Bf5 Kg7 17. Rhg1 Kh6 18. Qd2+ Kg7 19. g4 h4 20. g5 Bxf5 21. gxf6+ Kxf6 22. Qg5+ Ke6 23. d5+ cxd5 24. Nd4+ 1:0

W: Maxim Dlugy (2670) B: Arthur Bisguier (2452) Round 6

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Bb4 3. Qc2 Nf6 4. a3 Bxc3 5. Qxc3 Nc6 6. e3 0-0 7. d3 d5 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Qc2 a5 10. b3 f5 11. Bb2 f4 12. e4 Nb6 13. Nf3 Qd6 14. h3 Nd4 15. Nxd4 exd4 16. Rc1 c6 17. Qc5 Qxc5 18. Rxc5 Rd8 19. Be2 Be6 20. Bd1 Nd7 21. Rc1 c5 22. Bg4 Kf7 23. Kd2 b6 24. Bxe6+ Kxe6 25. a4 Ne5 Draw

W:Dmitry Gurevich (2574) B: Bruce Kreisman (1999) Round 6

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. e4 b5 6. e5 Nd5 7. a4 e6 8.Ng5 h6 9. Nge4 Be7 10. axb5 Nxc3 11. Nxc3 cxb5 12. Qf3 Qxd4 13. Qxa8 Qxe5+ 14. Qe4 Qxe4+ 15. Nxe4 Bb7 16. f3 a6 17. Be3 0-0 18. Bc5 Bh4+ 19. g3 Bxe4 20. Bxf8 Bxf3 21. gxh4 Bxh1 22. Bd6 Nc6 23. Rxa6 Nd4 24. Kf2 Nf5 25. h5 Be4 26. Bc5 Bc2 27. Rb6 Ba4 28. Bh3 Kh7 29. Bg4 Kg8 30. Rb8+ Kh7 31. Rf8 f6 32. Re8 Bc2 33. Rxe6 1:0

N. Calif. participants Bill Chesney, Richard Roubal and others could not score a major prize.

In 1989 the event will come back to Las Vegas. on June 9-11 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

Tips and Tricks for the Tournament Player

by Phillip D. Smith

YUGOSLAV DRAGON OF THE SICILIAN DEFENSE--In my column of last September in annotating my game with Howard Wachtel of St. Cloud, Minnesota, I gave my opinion of 9. Bc4 in this variation after 1, e4 c5 2, Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 g7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Od2 0-0. I wrote that (after I played 9. 0-0-0) "I have had both sides in tournament games with the more popular 9. Bc4, but I always felt as though I was on the edge of a precipice and about to fall off. Also I do not like a third choice, 9. g4, because I think Black has some very good lines against it."

Recently Chess Enterprises has published a 136-page paperback book on 9. Bc4 by Eric Schiller and Jonathan Goldman. The volume is priced at \$6.50, although USCF members can purchase it through their association for \$5.85. For those who prefer 9. g4, Vince McCambridge wrote several articles on it in 1984 for Players Chess News Theory & Analysis.

After spending many days reading the new book on this very complicated opening, I still recommend 9. 0-0-0, because of Van Der Wiel's improvement: 9. ..d5 10. ed5 Nxd5 11. Nxc6 bc6 12. Bd4 e5 13. Bc5 Re8 14. Nd5

cd5 15. Qxd5 QXd5 16. Rx5 Be6 17. Rd6 Ba2 18. b4! See Players Chess News for April 7, 1986; Sosonko lost to his innovation in the Wijk aan Zee tourney.

In their preface Schiller and Goldman state that their book "contains all material available to the authors as of November 31. 1986, with some subsequent material added at proof stage. We have concentrated on the period 1980-1986, since there is an abundance of worthwhile literature which was published in or about 1980. (I could nitpick their proofreader (Thomas Magar-whom they praise) for not noticing that November has only 30 days.) Their bibliography lists their many sources, with capital initials and numbers used throughout the monograph to show almost all sources for most of their variations. The authors do have some original analysis. but most of it is from their sources, and they say they are not grandmasters, so usually they avoid giving their own opinions.

They have used nine journals: Chess Horizons, Chess Player, Chess Informant, New Chess Player, New in Chess Yearbook, Players Chess News Annual, Shakhmatny Bjulliten, Shack Nytt, and Tournament Chess. Some of these are published in

book form and some are magazines. The authors have used several volumes or more of some of them.

The bibliography also lists eight books: BCO, ECO, the 1985 Russian Malaya Shakhmatnaya Entsiklopedia by Estrin, Gufeld's Sitsilianskava Zaschita of 1981 (I have the English version of this, which apparently has been condensed), the Sicilian Defense of the Imprint Capablanca Series of Boulder, Colorado--no date is given, Levy's 2nd edition of The Sicilian Dragon of 1976, Miles and Moskow: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack of 1980, and Schwarz' volume on the Sicilian in German--with no date listed. So the bibliography includes English, Swedish, Russian, and German language sources. New in Chess periodicals are published in the Netherlands but available in English.

The many variations of 9. Bc4 are presented from these sources in 23 chapters with an index of variations in the back of the book. But there is no conclusion to give a final evaluation of 9. Bc4 or to compare it with the two main alternatives: 9. 0-0-0 and 9. g4. As mentioned above, the authors' excuse for this omission is that they are not grandmasters, but the book would be much more rewarding for the reader if it had such a con-

clusion. Therefore, readers have to provide this comparison on their own or with the use of other sources in their own libraries. Even if a person owns many of the authors' sources (I have owned most of the books they used except the Russian editions) and is a strong player, I think this is a very difficult task, for this variation is one of the most complicated one in a complicated opening, the Sicilian Defense.

Another criticism I have is on the advertising for the book by USCF. I was misled to think the volume covered all of the Yugoslav Attack and not just 9. Bc4. USCF had done this on other books: I bought Schiller's 1986 Sicilian Defense: Modern Richter-Rauzer Systems from USCF because I thought from the USCF advertising that it covered all of the Richter-Rauzer variation. When I received the book and read the complete title, I found it was very limited in what it did include. ***

After giving my negative criticism, let me hasten to praise the Yugoslav Attack book for its comprehensive presentation of all important variations and the many interesting games it provides from the many sources. Tournament players of all degrees of ability can learn much from this treatise if they play 1. e4 with White or use the Sicilian Defense with Black. As I pointed out in my December column on Naidorf -- 1985-87 by Tony Hosking and Bob Wade, monographs are an inexpensive and a convenient method of keeping up-to-date on important opening variations.

Speaking of Wade reminds me that Schiller and Goldman used what they call his "magnificent collection of chess books and journals" in writing their book on 9. Bc4. Wade is to be commended for helping to provide these recent monographs in both Great Britain and the United States. I think these British and American monographs are the most helpful method of keeping abreast of opening theory -- which changes as rapidly as women's fashions -- since the late Dr. Max Euwe's Chess Archives was no longer published in the English language. The trouble with ECO, the Informants, the British Chess Player, and the New Chess Player is that they lack comprehensive evaluations, comparisons and conclusions (although they provide these in brief comments sometimes). If these British and American monographs in the future will expand these needed comparisons and evaluations, then tournament players will benefit enormously by buying them.

*** Spelling of "defense": the Richter-Rauzer book uses the American "defense", while the British books employ "defence". The Imprint series appears to prefer the British spelling.

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Berkeley, February 1988 - Selected by Richard Shorman

C. Powell - J. Grefe

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bg5 Nbd7 4. Nbd2 e5 5. c3 h6 6. Bxf6 Qxf6 7. e3 ed4 8. cd4 d5 9. Rc1 Bd6 10. Bd3 Qe7 11. Qc2 0-0 12. 0-0 Nf6 13. e4 de4 14. Nxe4 Nxe4 15. Bxe4 c6 16. Rfe1 Qc7 17. g3 Qb6 18. d5 cd5 19. Bxd5 Bh3 20. Qe4 Bb4 21. Re2 Rac8 22. Rd1 Rc7 23. Qh4 Bd7 24. Ne5 Bb5 25. Re4 Bc5 26. Ng4 a5 27. a4 Bd7 28. Qh5 Bxg4 29. Rxg4 Bxf2+ 30. Kh1 Be3 31. Qe5 Bg5 32. Rf1 Re7 33, Qc3 Kh7 34, h4 Bf6 35. Qd3+ Kh8 36. b3 Re3 37. Rxf6 gf6 38. Qf1 Rfe8 39. Of4 Re1+ 40. Kh2 Qg1+ 41. Kh3 Qf1+ 42. Qxf1 Rxf1 43. Bxf7 Re7 44. Bc4 Rf2 45. Rg8+ Kh7 46. Ra8 f5 47. Rxa5 Rel 48. Rxf5 Rxf5 49. Bd3 Kg6 0:1

deFirmian - Winslow

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f4 e6 7. Qf3 Qb6 8. Nb3 Qc7 9. Bd3 b5 10. 0-0 Bb7 11. Bd2 Nbd7 12. Rae1 Be7 13. Qh3 h5 14. Nd1 Nc5 15. Nf2 d5 16. e5 Nfe4 17. 3 g6 18. Bd4 0-0-0 19. Qe3 Nxf2 20. Rxf2 Na4 21. c3 Kb8 22. Rc2 Rc8 23. Nd2 h4 24. Nf3 Qd7 25. Ng5 Bf8 26. Rf2 Bc5 27. b3 Bd4 28. cd4 Nc3 29. a3 a5 30. b4 ab 31. ab Na4
32. Rc1 Nb6 33. Rc5 Rc5
34. bc5 Nc4 35. Qc1 Kc7
36. Ra2 Kd8 37. Ra7 Ke7
38. Qa1 Rc8 39. Nh7 Qc6
40. Qe1
1:0

MacFarland - Vickers

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Bg4 3. Ne5 Bh5 4. g4 Bg6 5. h4 f6 6. Nxg6 hg6 7. Qd3 g5 8. Bg2 Qd7 9. Qg6+ Kd8 10. Qf7 Nh6 11. Qxd5 Qxd5 12. Bxd5 c6 13. Bf3 gh4 14. Rxh4 g5 15. Rh1 Bg7 16. Nc3 Nd7 17. Be3 Kc7 18. 0-0-0 Nf8 19. d5 Ng6 20. Bc5 Rhd8 21. Be4 Nh4 22. Bxe7 Re8 23. d6+ Kd7 24, f4 Rxe7 25, de+ Kxe7 26, f5 Nxg4 27, Rdg1 Nf2 28. Rxh4 gh 29. Rxg7+ Kd6 30, Rh7 h3 31, Bf3 Ke5 32. Nd1 1:0

Winslow-Glueck

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5. Bg5 0-0 6. e3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 c5 8. 0-0 cd 9. ed dc 10. Bxc4 a6 11. a4 Nb6 12. Bb3 Nbd5 13. Ne5 Nb4 14. Re1 b6 15. Qf3 Ra7 16. Rad1 Bb7 17. Qh3 Bd5 18. Nxd5 Nfxd5 19. Bxe7 Rxe7 20. Re4 Rc7 21. Rh4 h6 22. Qg3 Qg5 23. Rg4 Qf6 24. h4

Rfc8 25. Kh2 a5 26. Re1 Rd8 27. Bc4 Kh7 28. R1e4 g6 29. Bxd5 Nxd5 30. Qd3 Rdc8 31. h5 Nb4 32. hg+ fg 33. Qg3 g5 34. f4 Rc1 35. fg Qf1 36. Qe3 Nd5 37. Qf3 Qf3 38. Nf3 hg 39. Ng5+ Kg6 40. Ne6+ Kf5 41. Ng7+ Kf6 42. Ne8+ 1:0

de Firmian- Powell

1. e4 d5 2. ed5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. d4 Nf6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. h3 Bxf3 7. Qxf3 c6 8. Bd2 Nbd7 9. 0-0-0 e6 10. Kb1 Be7 11. g4 Qc7 12. h4 a5 13. g5 Nd5 14. Ne4 b5 15. h5 Rf8 16. c4 bc4 17. Bxc4 Qb6 18. Bf4 Qb4 19. Rc1 f5 20. Nc5 Bxc5 21. dc5 Nxf4 22. Qxf4 Rb8 23. Rc2 e5 24. Qe3 Ke7 25. Rd1 Rfd8 26. a3 Qb7 27. f4 Qc7 28. Rd6 e4 29. Qd4 Nxc5 30. Qxg7+ Kxd6 31. Rd2 Nd3 32. Qe5 Kd7 33. Qe6 mate

Ramavrat- de Firmian

1. e4 c5 2. Ne2 d6 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 g6 5. c3 Bg7 6. 0-0 e5 7. d3 Nge7 8. Be3 0-0 9. d4 ed 10. cd cd 11. Nxd4 d5 12. Nxc6 bc6 13. Bd4 Bg4 14. Qa4 Bxd4 15. Qxd4 Qb6 16. Qf6 Rfe8 17. h3 Be2 18. Re1 Bd3 19. Nc3 d4 20. Na4

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Editors note:

I play chess for a long time and

through all this years became accustomed to the feeling that it was easy for masters to achieve a draw when they absolutely had to. Recent events refute my theory on this matter. The previous game (Ramayrat deFirmian) and the last game of the recent World Championship contribute to this refutation.

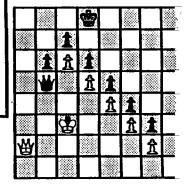
Before the last round GM deFirmian was leading the field by a full point

and only needed a draw against IM Ramayrat. Yet, as you can see Ramayrat was able to pull even and tie for first by winning the all important game. Now I wonder how often things like that happen.

The following position came up at the Peoples tournament.

The names of the players involved somehow were not kept in memory. Perhaps it is not that important to know this, especially if the position is a draw anyhow. Is it?

But the pawn configuration of the position warrants a diagram:



Black to move Can anybody find a winning line?

U.C. Berkeley wins Regional Championship by NM Peter Yu

On February 26-28, the Association of College Unions-International held the 1988 Region XV Recreation and College Bowl Tournament. The overall competition included various sports such as backgammon, table tennis, pool, and of course chess. The five round swiss chess tournament was directed by Francisco Sierra under the "Individual/Team" format as described by the U.S.C.F.

Although Region XV includes all colleges in California from as far north as Chico State to as far south as U.C. San Diego, the ACU-I chess tournament only had local representation from U.C. Berkeley and San Jose State U., the host college.

Nevertheless, the individual winners are as follows: Burt Izumikawa (2324) of U.C. Davis, last year's champ, beating Tim Pellant (2286) of UCSD on tie-breaks, both at 4 points. Third through fifth, in tie-break order, went to Peter Yu (2232) of Cal, Roger Poehlmann (2204) of U.C. Irvine, and Allen Becker (2160) of SJSU; each with 3 1/2 points. Finally, Cal was declared "University Champion" with a total team score of 9 1/2. The other Cal players were Leonard Loscutoff (2149), Ganesan (2144), and Ashish Mukharii (1969).

Next year Cal plans to defend its ACU-I championship at Panoma College, in Southern California, with an even mightier team.

Chess Still A Crowd Pleaser

by NM Peter Yu

On Friday, March 11, F.I.D.E Master David Glueck (2477) graciously volunteered 4 1/2 hours worth of simultaneous play in sunny Sproul Plaza of the U.C. Berkeley Campus. This unprecedented event was organized by Peter Yu and Andy Lazarus of the Cal-Berkeley Chess Club, and offered all-comers a chance to play FM Glueck for free. The fifteen board simul, along with an exciting speed chess demonstration by NM Yu (who gave most players 5 minutes to minute). successfully promoted chess on campus and beyond. An estimated total of more than 500 people either watched or participated in this chess exhibition, and even a greater number knew about it through the media. The Daily Californian ran an announcement about it while the Oakland Tribune printed two photos and a caption the following day. Local radio station KALX also performed on-site interviews of FM Glueck and

NM Yu.

Glueck's final score was an impressive +45 -3 =4. **Experts David Moulton** (2129) and Scott Hewett (2064), both Cal students. along with an anonymous chess player were the only victors against the FM. Students David Mou (1941/5), Steve Cohen (1856), Seggev Weiss (1790) and Alex Rapoport (1704) were able to draw Glueck, who is now studying graduate chemistry at Cal. Finally, it is necessary to thank the many volunteers who made this spectacular event possible: Ricky Metz, Alex Rapoport, Bryan Clair, Dave Cummings, and Alan Glasscoe for the sets and boards.

Hopefully, other organizers will follow Cal's example, and publicize chess in an appealing manner to the general public.

The long term benefits can only drastically outweigh the short term volunteer-

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