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## From the Editor

Happy New Year! After a pleasant evening of celebration, a few thoughts arise concerning a very stupid and hypocritical action by the USCF politicians (policy board and delegates).

At the U.S. Open there was discussion about sponsorship of professional chess events by companies that produce beer, wine, and other alcohol products. The politicians, many of whom let the booze flow freely after their gatherings, decided that such sponsorship should not be encouraged, and it is not even clear if an event sponsored by a microbrewery could receive coverage in Chess Life (technically, this decision was left to the editor, but the editor has been left in no doubt as to the possible repercussions if he does promote the sponsor in the magazine).

Evidently the politicians think that parents will withdraw their children from all chess activity if we permit a brewery to sponsor an event, despite the fact that beer sponsorship has not hurt any of the many sports which enjoy such patronage. Even though the Surgeon General approves of, and is even recommending, a modest amount of alcohol consumption, our national leadership wants chess to be a teetotaler's activity.

One of the problems with the people running our federation is that they don't spend much time with professional players (though my eyewitness observation is that what time they do spend, is usually spent in the bar!) and don't seem to fully appreciate the financial difficulties facing professional players in the United States. Plans for a high category international tournament in New York just fell through because of the policy, since a brewery cancelled its sponsorship deal when they became aware of it.

Some of the finest European events in recent decades have been sponsored by Benedictine liquor, Cutty Sark and other producers of alcohol beverages. And here at home there were the wonderful Paul Masson tournaments. That the USCF is discouraging such sponsorship when they are themselves incapable of providing alternatives is just plain stupid.

Well, CalChess has no such foolishness, and if we want to involve a local brewery or winery in our list of sponsors, we should be able to do so without interference from the USCF. I plan to actively seek such sponsorship, and if the USCF refuses to report on the event, or censors the name of the sponsor, then so be it.

In the meantime, next time you are at a meeting of USCF politicians, should you ever be so inclined, take some notes. Not of the meetings, just of the booze consumption in the bar. I'll be happy to report the statistics here.

In the meantime, I think I'll just pour myself an icy glass of my favorite beverage, brewed and bottled locally, and enjoy the second half of the Super Bowl. Watching the compassionate liberals from the Bay blow out those yuppie Republicans from San Diego is the source of much pleasure.

The New Year in Chess in Northern California has once again been successfully ushered in by the Winter Chess Festival held annually over the Martin Luther King Day weekend in January. CalChess Tournaments once again did an outstanding job despite the enormous obstacles presented by the rain and yet another 49er championship game. One of these years the 49ers won't make it and the weather will be reasonable and we'll get a feel for what the maximum attendance for this tournament will be.

Despite the competition from the elements (the 49ers are now officially an elemental force), the Winter Festival remains one of my favorites. I always seem to have some sort of let down after the holidays and the tournament has a way of getting me back into the swing of things. The main tournament is supplemented by the annual blitz competitions. There are also scholastic events and the semi-annual Region XI women's championship, which appeal to the two greatest sources for future membership growth, women and children.

Scholastic events are indeed crucial to our future, and the volunteers who organize and operate them are among the real heroes of the game. I feel that I must stress that our commitment to scholastic chess transcends the mere self serving. It is not quite correct to speak of it as only an investment in our future growth. Chess demonstrably impacts these children's lives in positive ways. Controlled studies have been conducted, which strongly suggest that the children acquire skills from the chess program that are directly transferable back into the classroom. There is considerable evidence that their reading scores, ability to concentrate, total recall, and other characteristics such as self-esteem, are all increased following their exposure to a chess program. By effecting these children in these ways, we are, in our own small way, contributing to the betterment of society as a whole.

One of the most volatile issues in chess politics remains the separate Women's Chess events. The arguments are not only that they don't make financial sense, but that they are sexist and demeaning and serve to create a perma-

## President's Report

*by Jim Eade, CalChess President*

nent stigma that women are not good enough to compete on equal terms. These are powerful arguments with considerable intellectual and economic appeal, however, it is my believe that they are also sterile and empty. They overlook the social reality that women do not play chess. Until their numbers climb from less than one percent of the national membership to levels now only dreamed off, there is scant statistical likelihood that they will be able to compete in a U.S. Closed Championship, for example.

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By recognizing this objective fact, we can get beyond the emotional and purely intellectual arguments of merit and get down to the nitty-gritty task of attracting and retaining women. Since resolutions are a ritual of the New Year, I resolve that a large part of my energies in 1995 will be devoted to this goal.

A long standing goal has been to bring back first class chess to our area. I am a firm believer that by attracting the best, you inspire the rest. It looks like we'll meet the entire year's quota for great chess in the first quarter. The Charles Linklater Tournament is already underway and features seven of the strongest chess players from Northern California, once again led by GM Walter Browne. The eighth and final participant is the same computer program which dispatched Garry Kasparov is an action match last year. The computer's entry was sponsored by Electronic Arts, while the tournament itself is funded by the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco through the Linklater endowment.

In February, the 1995 Pan-Pacific International Grandmaster Tournament will take place in the financial district Holiday Inn in San Francisco. The chief sponsors are Mindscape, makers of the popular Chessmaster programs, and once again the Mechanics' Institute. I have been working as the Chief Organizer along with the Institute's President, Neil E. Falconer, and the rest of the organizing committee to bring the best possible tournament into our own backyard. If the local chess community can't get excited about this field, than I think it's time to check for our collective pulses.

When we reflect back upon 1995, I hope we are fondly recalling the many steps taken to popularize and promote the game of chess. Mainstream press coverage would've been secured, low cost events and a new rating system will have swelled our membership ranks and introduced us to a record number of local players, the magazine would've been considerably improved and delivered in a timely fashion and we really will have established the model women's program for the rest of the country. I do, indeed, have this dream.

## Letters to the Editor

*From Randy Hough, Alhambra California:*

While gleefully watching the 49'ers crush the Bears last Saturday, I made the mistake of picking up and leafing through my just-received CCJ. I had hoped that the new editorship and the new leadership of Cal Chess would mark an end to the gratuitous, petty, and often inaccurate personal attacks frequently vented in our pages by one frustrated individual. Alas.

Tom Dorsch's report on the third North-South Match, though appearing nine and a half months after the event, reports the results accurately enough. But the attacks on Jerry Hanken, Southern California Tournament Clearinghouse Jay Blem, and myself are completely out of line. I'll let the other two defend themselves, but I was not "away because Hanken was away." In fact, as Dorsch knows, I played in the 1993 match when Jerry did not. My 1994 absence is attributable solely to a date conflict with the Southern California High School Championship, where I was helping out.

I look forward to playing in the 1995 match. And, ever optimistic, I look forward to a higher standard of accuracy in CCJ. Editor's should not be afraid to edit!

*Your editor responds: As editor, I do not intend to censor articles and letters unless obliged by libel and slander law to do so. Tom Dorsch accurately reported what went on at the event, and speculated (reasons and motivations are never facts) concerning the disappointing non-appearance of significant Southern California personages, who obviously didn't consider the event of sufficient importance to schedule other activities around it.*

*Mr. Hough's reply is presented in full. We do hope that these Southerners will get their act together and show up next time, so we don't clobber them by a ridiculous margin as we did in 1994, and again in the Super Bowl.*

*Chess personalities who enjoy the limelight when they do good deeds seem awfully thin-skinned at times when they are lampooned. Such is the price of fame.*

*From Randy Mont-Reynaud Ph.D., Stanford University, Stanford, California*

Jordy and his family are deeply grateful for the awarding of the Aspis Prize for Junior Achievement in Chess, and also for including him on the cover of the California Chess Journal, after he attained a Master's rating at age 10.

While we are proud of Jordy's achievements, and grateful for the honors from the Cal Chess community, and Dr. Aspios, it is important to keep in mind that while chess is a *contest*, it is not a *race*! Being the youngest, or even the first, is not necessarily a precursor to being the *best*.

Bobby Fischer, for example, was a late bloomer compared to some of Jordy's contemporaries: young Luke McShane of England and Etienne Bacrot of France, who each successively took gold medals in the Boys Under 10 World Youth Championships. But Fischer, in my opinion (and politics and alleged anti-Semitism notwithstanding) was and still is, the *Best*. Fischer may well epitomize the phrase that "To be great is to be misunderstood."

Fischer's achievement, however, is appreciated by some as a dubious distinction. Indeed, the awarding of the accolade to Bobby Fischer raises the question of what it takes, and what it means, to be the *best*.

*Your Editor responds: I don't hold up Bobby Fischer as a role model for anything in life. He was a damn fine chessplayer in his time, one of the best that ever lived, but I think the best comparison might be between Bobby and O.J. Simpson (if he did the deed). The good does not erase the bad.*

## Editorial

*by Jim Eade*

### *Fide and USCF Governance*

For details of the Fide election scandals of 12/13/94, we recommend to the reader the excellent report from Yasser Seirawan in 1995's Issue #1 of Inside Chess. For details of the USCF's role in the elections the reader should avail themselves of the various reports on the internet and judge for themselves. The USCF's executive director, Al Lawrence, has committed to publishing the USCF's position in Chess Life.

The main fallout of the USCF's apparently unprecedented decision to reverse the strongly expressed wishes of our FIDE delegate, Policy Board FIDE liaison and the entire men's and women's Olympiad teams in a procedurally improper phone poll of the Board is the resignation of Fan Adams as our FIDE delegate. It also has appeared to give the USCF a collective black eye among many other western democracies. Despite this fallout, the Board and the Executive Director stand behind their decision.

The USCF's Policy Board's secretary, Rachel Lieberman, has published a summary of the Policy Board meeting of January 2022, 1995 on the internet. It is a valuable service provided by the secretary and she is to be commended for her efforts. In it the Board's decision is once more ratified. There is also mention of a motion to not accept Fan Adams' resignation.

Reader's are encouraged to access the relevant information, think and talk about it and formulate informed opinions. We hope that you will share these opinions with the CalChess board so that Northern California can take the proper stand during the coming US Open in Concord in August of this year.

The events in Moscow diminish us all. Verbal and physical threats of violence cannot be tolerated. Payoffs cannot be tolerated. Like it or not, we supported the people who committed these alleged crimes. To our way of thinking, this is not a question of getting involved in chess politics, it is a fundamental question of citizenship in the international community at large.

*Your Editor adds: I am in complete agreement with Jim, and found it amazing that the board, for the most part utterly clueless neophytes when it comes to International chess, failed to consult anyone in the USCF who actually knows something about these matters. If they had, they would have heard a virtually unanimous opposition to supporting Campomanes in any way shape or form at this election.*

# Vinay sets new record as youngest Master ever!

Some said it couldn't be done but young Vinay Bhat shattered the amazing record held by Jordy Mont-Reynaud when he became the youngest National Master in United States history at the age of ten years and 209 days. Vinay was 33 days younger than Jordy when he defeated Romulo Fuentes to reach the magic 2200 level.

Vinay has been playing chess for a long time, having been taught the game by his mother at the age of four. He soon overcame his siblings and parents to become the star of the family, and went on to become a member of the United States team at the World Youth championships held last summer in Szegewd, Hungary. There he finished with a respectable score to place 6th in the world in the under-10 age group.

Much of the credit for his success must be shared with his trainer, Savely Polovets, a maker of Grandmasters in the former Soviet Union. Vinay combines natural talent with a solid opening repertoire and strong work ethic, and has a desire to win that leaves few games with split points.

Vinay plays in many local tournaments, and his experience against many of the Bay Area's best players has built a strong foundation and provided a useful training ground. Although the East Coast gets most of the attention, it is becoming clear that here in the Bay Area our talented youth are able to advance through hard work and talent, even though we do not have the benefit of the generous funding available to players in the New York area.

Even with funding and training, it is unlikely that Vinay's record will fall soon. When Jordy set the record many strong players and coaches felt it would last at least to the end of the century. There are a few factors which have contributed to Vinay's extraordinary result, and among these his patience, always a rare characteristic in a young player, stands out. He rarely launches an attack prematurely, and slowly builds up a position before unleashing powerful combinations. In addition, he seems to be free of distractions and does not fall for psychological tricks.

In 1995 we can expect to see further progress, including a more aggressive opening repertoire which may provide greater opportunity for Vinay's combinational skills. He should make his debut in IM-norm level tournaments in the spring and aim for a FIDE rating in the near future.

## Jordy earns a FIDE rating

Jordy Mont-Reynaud may have lost one record, but he achieved an even more significant milestone when he entered the FIDE rating list this January at 2285. The rating should have appeared on the July list, since he earned the rating at the Hawaii International last May. In any event, the rating is well into the Master range, and this should enable Jordy to participate regularly in international tournaments with qualifying norms for the title of International Master. The title of FIDE Master is well within reach, since Jordy needs just 15 points in a few tournaments.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the highest FIDE rating ever achieved by a ten year-old American. Since FIDE ratings must be earned exclusively against strong players (over 2000), Jordy's achievement is all the more significant.

## and wins the Aspis Prize!

Each year the ACF awards the Aspis prize to the highest rated American player under the age of 13 as of the previous December 31. The prize, consisting of \$1500 plus a trophy is intended to reward the most outstanding achievement by a young American player. It is made possible by the generous support of Dr. Samuel L. Aspis, who established the program in the memory of his late wife.

Previous winners include Stuart Rachels and Ilya Gurevich, so it is indeed auspicious and is further recognition of the talent of our young master.

## Mindscape Chessmaster Youth Challenge

Both Vinay and Jordy will compete in the first Chessmaster Youth Challenge, sponsored by Mindscape Corporation of Novato, California, makers of the popular Chessmaster and Star Wars Chess programs. They will be joined by Jennifer Frenklakh or Monterey, and Chessmaster itself, in a double round-robin to be held in conjunction with the Pan Pacific International. This event will take place in the same venue as the Grandmaster tournament, and will be held on Saturday, February 25th, and Saturday, March 4th at noon. Games will be played at a time control of 25 minutes per player per game, the same time control that saw a computer defeat PCA World Champion Garry Kasparov last year in London. The event was designed by Eric Schiller with the goal of promoting our local stars and giving the public a chance to see them in action. The games will be displayed using the advanced graphic capabilities of Chessmaster 4000.

The version of Chessmaster 4000 which will compete is the same program that is commercially available now, using some of the pre-defined personalities which are built into the program. The public (but not the players!) will be able to see what Chessmaster is planning and this makes the event much more interesting from the spectator's point of view. Bring along a pocket set and follow along. After each game you can meet the players and Mindscape representatives to talk about the games and about the best-selling chess program.

The public is welcome to come and watch, and there will be no additional charge to ticketholders for the main Grandmaster event. Non-ticketholders must purchase tickets to that day's Pan Pacific play in order to attend.

## Pan-Pacific Preview

### World Champion Xie Jun (China) to compete in San Francisco

Women's World Champion Xie Jun of China will be joining a field of distinguished champions at the 1995 Pan-Pacific International Chess Tournament which will be held at the Holidiay Inn, 750 Kearny Street, Chinatown, San Francisco from February 21 to March 4, 1995. Xie Jun is an exciting player who has dominated the FIDE Women's World Championship cycle. This event may prove to be her toughest yet, since she must contend with an impressive field of international players.

### U.S.Champions past and present!

This event features an all-star lineup of United States Champions. Current United States titleholder Boris Gulko, enjoying one of the best years of his career, participating in the World Championship cycle and in many strong international events. Six-time champion and Berkely resident Walter Browne expects to present a strong challenge, and he has also had a strong year, winning the North American Open for the fourth time. Former champions and Californians Nick deFirmian and Larry Christiansen have a strong local following and they will be seeking to remind the Bay Area that they can win major international events.

### "Searching for Bobby Fischer" in person

International Master Joshua Waitzkin, the United States Junior Champion and subject of the book and film "Searching for Bobby Fischer", will be making his Bay Area debut, seeking a qualifying norm for the coveted Grandmaster title. His father, Fred Waitzkin, author of the book, will also be at the tournament.

### First African-American Grandmaster?

That's what people are asking about the talented International Master Maurice Ashley of Brooklyn, New York, who is expected to earn the coveted Grandmaster title in the near future. Will the Pan Pacific be the breakthrough tournament?

### Grandmasters with Ph.D.'s

Dr. Robert Hübner, a philologist specializing in Papyrology, and mathematician John Nunn are two top Grandmasters with impressive academic credentials. Nunn will be making his U.S. debut at the Pan Pacific, and Hübner returns to the U.S. for his first round-robin in more than 12 years.

### Viktor Korchnoi—forever young

Few chessplayers can match the career highlights of Viktor Korchnoi, one of the most successful chessplayers in the history of the game. His exciting tactical prowess is complemented by superb endgame technique, keeping Korchnoi among the top players in the world.

### Sophia Polgar makes Bay Area debut

The Polgar sisters are the most famous family members in the history of chess, and though still young, they have made an indelible mark on the game. Sophia is in many ways the most dangerous of the three in tournament play, having achieved one of the highest individual performances ever at the Banco di Roma tournament of 1989.

### "Ace Reporter" Jonathan Tisdall

Readers of Chess Life, Chess Chow and other magazines are familiar with the accurate and detailed reports authored by the expatriate Irish-Japanese American, now resident in Norway. Now you can see the skills which have earned him worldwide respect as a player. A good result here earns Jon the Grandmaster title!

### At a glance...

**What:** An International Grandmaster Chess Tournament held under the auspices of FIDE (the World Chess Federation), the United States Chess Federation, and CalChess. A score of 6.5 points out of a possible 11 earns a GM norm.

**When:** February 21 to March 4, 1994 at 3:00 pm, except for Sunday, February 26 (noon) and Monday, February 27, which is a free day.

**Time Control:** 40/2, 20/1, all/30

**Where:** Holiday Inn, 750 Kearny Street, Chinatown, San Francisco

**Tickets:** \$10 and \$5per day, with \$2 discount to CalChess members. A pass is available for all 11 days for \$100 or \$50, with a \$25 discount to CalChess members.

**Chairman:** Neil E. Falconer

**Chief Organizer:** James Eade

**Arbiters:** George Koltanowski and Carolyn Withgitt

**Information:** There will be regular postings to rec.games.chess on the Internet. Inquiries can also be addressed to Hypermdn@aol.com. Chief Organizer Jim Eade can be reached at (415) 931-7643.

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# Cal Chess Season Opener

by Tom Dorsch

The 1995 CalChess Winter Festival kicked off on Friday the 13 with the traditional Master Blitz Tournament and "Beat the Master Simultaneous." The winner of the blitz event was Alan Stein, who bested a tough field that included Richard Lobo, Ronald Cusi, Renard Anderson, Rostislav Tsodikov, and a number of other local masters. Second place went to Paul Kopluy, from Los Banos. The simultaneous event was again hosted by NM Mike Splane of Palo Alto, who mowed down his competition with the usual élan, yielding a point only to fast-charging Jerry Tse.

The main tournament, the six-round three-day Season Opener, brought 157 of Northern California's dedicated practitioners together to compete for nearly \$6K in guaranteed prize money. Braving foul weather, scholastic gridlock, and 49er fever, they calculated and schemed their way through a weekend that gave them hundreds of opportunities to commit a blunder or create a brilliancy.

When the smoke cleared in the Master section, newcomer Tsodikov Rostislav (2421) had scored clear first, yielding draws only to Alan Stein and Renard Anderson. Clear second went to Renard Anderson (2350), who gave draws to Tsodikov, Izumikawa, and Kichinski. Knotted with four points were Burt Izumikawa, Alan Stein, and Thomas Wolski. Izumikawa appears to be entering another cycle of excellent form, and may have won the whole thing, but Vincent McCambridge's sudden withdrawal from the concurrent Linklater Memorial invitational tournament created a vacancy that he was requested to fill, and that development required him to take byes in his final rounds. Alan Stein played the best chess of the tournament, and only intermittent clock problems prevented him from scoring wins in several dominant positions. Tom Wolski is now a full-time student at UC Santa Cruz, and this distraction appears to have taken its toll on the form that propelled him to Southern California Invitational Champion last year. After finals, Tom is dangerous indeed.

The hotly-contested Expert section wound down to a two-way tie between Ziad Baroudi of Sacramento and Art Marthinsen of Novato. Ziad was a master twenty years ago, but is only now recovering his form. Marthinsen was an "A" player twenty minutes ago, and seems to be winning in a higher class every time I see him in the crosstables. Both won four and drew two on their way to the winners' circle. One of the surprises of the tournament was the strong performance of veteran Neil Regan, who has been floored out at 2000 since the rating system was established during the Jefferson administration. Neil finished a strong third with 4.5. He wouldn't disclose his secret, but it has been reported that he has been ordering more black olives on his pizza lately. The ferocity of his attacks, and the consistency of his play, threaten to bring him to a new rating floor very quickly. Rounding out the contention were Robert Hamm, former manager of Games of



Rostislav Tsodikov

Berkeley, the Northern California chess source, who is now promoted to corporate officer and shares his love of chess with a passion for acting. Agnis Kauguars is always a threat to win, and Jonathan Baker is simply the fastest-improving player in the state for two years running. His name will figure prominently in local chess news for years to come.

The "A" prize went to Berkeley mathematician Scott Nollet, whose 6-0 romp shows that his rapid improvement is attributable to talent, not luck. After Scott wasted the field, the next-highest scores were James F. Gibbs, David Hochron, and David N. Peterson with 4.5.

"B" honors went to Lora Kao, a graduate student in English at UC Berkeley. Lora's first tournament ever was the 1991 Region XI Women's, and she was just a novice. Since that time, a combination of a first-rate mind and a googol of five-minute games has made her a consistent winner. Warning to all "A" players: she is about to matriculate into your section! Chasing Lora were veterans Paul Lillebo of Sacramento and Von Motschenbacher of Suisun, who was able to snatch the only draw from Lora. Paul's rating has been over 1800 before, and will be again. Von is working hard on his game, and making steady progress, moving through the classes.

The "C" section was won by Boris Orlov, another newcomer, with a perfect 6, followed by Henry Y. Wong with 4.5 and Anthony G. Fitzgerald and Charles Chamberlain with 4.

"D" winners were Santiago de la Mora, 5.5., Rob Nicholson, 5, and Ike Cuaresma, 4.5. This year there was a separate "E" and UNR section. "E" honors went to J.J. Miranda (5.0), and the top UNR was Steve Ettinger, 4.

*Crosstables begin on the next page. Coverage of the West Coast Scholastic Chess Conference is on page 17.*

**Crosstables from the CalChess Season Opener**

**Master Section**

Name	rtng	ID No	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	TOT
1 Tsodikov, Rostislav	2421	12629096	W 19	X	W 15	D 4	D 2	W 6	5 0
2 Anderson, Renard	2350	10229391	W 20	W 6	D 8	D 3	D 1	W 10	4 5
3 Izumikawa, Burt	2431	11401686	W 14	W 5	H	D 2	H	H	4 0
4 Stein, Alan	2375	12499885	D 8	B	W 17	D 1	L 6	W 11	4 0
5 Wolski, Thomas	2338	12520268	W 26	L 3	W 14	D 13	D 11	W 15	4 0
6 Yedidia, Jonathan	2475	10141591	W 23	L 2	W 18	D 11	W 4	L 1	3 5
7 Schiller, Eric	2285	10346100	D 21	W 11	H	D 10	D 13	D 9	3 5
8 Kichinski, Robert A	2210	12478877	D 4	W 17	D 2	D 15	L 10	W 13	3 5
9 Fuentes, Romulo C	2205	12137150	H	D 15	L 10	W 14	W 19	D 7	3 5
10 Mont Reynaud, Jordy	r/2133	12540667	L 13	B	W 9	D 7	W 8	L 2	3 5
11 Zilberstein, Dmitry	2277	12610669	W 24	L 7	W 20	D 6	D 5	L 4	3 0
12 Hernandez, Rudy	2275	12425364	D 16	L 21	H	W 20	L 15	W 19	3 0
13 Braden, Arthur	2253	10498830	W 10	F	W 19	D 5	D 7	L 8	3 0
14 Ishkhanov, Tigran	2234	12599811	L 3	W 26	L 5	L 9	W 18	W 16	3 0
15 De Asis, Rex	2213	12530973	W 22	D 9	L 1	D 8	W 12	L 5	3 0
16 Rich, Albert	2130	12517729	D 12	D 18	H	H	D 17	L 14	2 5
17 Bhat, Harish	2004	12551719	D 18	L 8	L 4	B	D 16	H	2 5
18 Cripe, Paul	2262	10494966	D 17	D 16	L 6	L 19	L 14	B	2 0
19 Keatinge Clay, Adrian	2230	12555539	L 1	W 22	L 13	W 18	L 9	L 12	2 0
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3 Regan, Neil	2000	10468892	W 9	W 5	H	W 14	W 4	L 1	4 5
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7 Watson, Farid M	2063	12421574	W 25	L 8	W 20	H	W 12	L 6	3 5
8 Merrick, Jeffrey D	1944	12377740	W 13	W 7	H	L 2	W 19	L 5	3 5
9 Steger, Eric	1920	12358270	L 3	B	D 23	D 17	W 16	D 13	3 5
10 Liebhaber, Paul	2000	12331760	W 19	L 4	L 6	W 20	L 5	B	3 0
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20 Fifield, Allan	1847	10470218	B	D 12	L 7	L 10	U	U	1 5
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5 Mangrobang, Manuel	1938	12505847	W 20	L 3	W 18	W 4	W 11	L 1	4 0
6 Fisher Kirshner, Micah	1736	12518081	D 19	D 14	D 9	W 23	W 15	D 10	4 0
7 Seals, Jim	1981	10492521	W 27	L 8	D 16	W 17	W 9	L 4	3 5
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9 Andreev, Vladimir	1852	12606209	L 22	W 27	D 6	W 12	L 7	W 17	3 5
10 Chambers, Gilbert	1800	12437489	D 25	W 19	H	W 14	L 2	D 6	3 5
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13 Arjmand, Enayatullah	1898	12565978	H	X	W 23	L 3	L 4	U	2 5
14 Hofler, Bret	1884	12438595	D 26	D 6	W 24	L 10	D 8	U	2 5
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19 Wolitzer, Don	1900	11180591	D 6	L 10	H	H	U	U	1 5
20 Young, Clinton re	1855	10500770	L 5	W 15	L 3	D 21	U	U	1 5
21 Newton, Maurice	1849	12416118	L 3	B	L 15	D 20	L 16	U	1 5
22 Castaldo, Arcangelo	1945		W 9	L 2	U	U	U	U	1 0
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3 Motschenbacher, Von	1618	12535540	D 1	D 10	D 13	W 14	W 15	W 8	4 5
4 Richwood, Jay	1797	12416759	W 10	W 22	D 2	D 9	L 6	W 15	4 0
5 Domach, Dean r/e	1777		D 24	W 19	D 17	W 20	L 7	W 9	4 0
6 Sanchez, Gina	1745	12560600	W 14	W 7	L 1	W 15	W 4	L 2	4 0
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8 Hamer, Greg	1774	12570406	D 12	W 20	D 7	W 17	H	L 3	3 5
9 Yelluas, Raphael	1771	12561650	D 19	W 24	W 16	D 4	L 1	L 5	3 0
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14 Gilbert, Marvin	1600	10499101	L 6	L 13	W 23	L 3	D 18	W 21	2 5
15 Bowler, Shayne	1785	10024790	L 17	W 21	W 24	L 6	L 3	L 4	2 0
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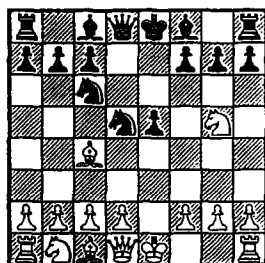
## Is it Fried Liver or Burnt Toast?

by IM John Watson and NM Eric Schiller

In this article we will examine an ancient and revered line which is also one of the most familiar piece sacrifices in the opening. It is known even to most beginners as The Fried Liver Attack or by the Italian name *Fegatello* though that term has suffered so many *Beavis-and-Butthead* type jokes that it really ought to be retired. The material is derived from our recent book *The Big Book of Busts* published by San Francisco's own *Hypermodern Press*.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5!?

It is well-known that Black can play 5...Na5, 5...b5 or 5...Nd4, but 5...Nxd5 is supposed to be bad. As we analyzed the variations we became less convinced that this traditional evaluation is correct, and it may be that the "beginner's blunder" is fully playable after all!



The theory of this venerable position still refers to the theorists of the last century. No one likes 5...Nxd5, the usually-reliable *Zagorovsky* going so far as to assign it a "?". Our tentative conclusion is thus of some interest! Look at almost any opening book (and we did!) and you will find one of White's two main replies adorned with an exclamation mark, while the other is either left unmarked, or indicated directly or indirectly as inferior. Authorities which indicate that the Fried Liver move 6.Nxf7 is better include: *Cook* (1876), *B.C.M. Guide to the Openings* (ca. 1897) and *Estrin* (1983). Dissenters include: *MCO VI* (1946) giving Black "excellent counterchances, *Practical Chess Openings* (1948) with 6.Nxf7?, *MCO VIII* (1952) has 6.Nxf7?, with less committal remarks from *MCO X* (1965), *ECO* (1974 and 1981 editions), *Zagorovsky* (1982). Recently, *BCO II* (1989) has "6.Nxf7!?" while *MCO XIII* (1990) remarks "6.Nxf7 ∞"

Now let's look at the Fried Liver Attack and see what the proper evaluation should be.

6.Nxf7!?

How many thousands of club and schoolyard games have begun in this way?

6...Kxf7 7.Qf3+ Ke6

Otherwise White simply captures on d5 with a winning game.

8.Nc3

Now it is considered that Black's only chance is:

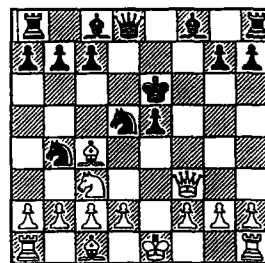
8...Nb4!

We will try to resuscitate this move. A brief overview of 8...Ne7 9.d4!:

a) 9...c6 10.Bg5 h6 (10...Kd7 11.dxe5 Ke8 12.0-0 Be6 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5± —*Cook* (1876); 14...cxd5 15.Bb5+ —*MCO V*) 11.Bxe7 Bxe7 12.0-0 Rf8 13.Qe4 Rxf2 (Believe it or not, this position has been around for almost 400 years, having been played in *Polerio-Domenico*, Rome 1600!) 14.dxe5 Bg5+ 15.Kb1 Rd2 (15...Ke7 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Nxd5+ Kf8 18.Qe1! Rf5 19.g4 Rf3 20.h4 Be7 21.Qe4 Rf2 22.Qe3 and Black is busted, following analysis by *Estrin*. There are many side-paths to be explored but no improvements have been found for Black) 16.h4 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Bxh4 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Rxd5 Qg5 20.Rd6+ Ke7 21.Rg6 and *Domenico* resigned.

b) 9...b5 10.Nxb5 c6 11.Nc3 Qb6 12.dxe5 Bb7 13.Ne4 Qb4+ 14.Bd2 Qxc4 15.Qg4+ Kxe5 16.f4+ Kd4 17.c3+ Nxc3 18.Bxc3+ Kxe4 19.f5+ Kd5 20.0-0+ Kc5 21.b4+ Kb5 22.a4+ 10 was *Von der Lasa-Mayet*, Berlin 1839.

c) 9...Qd6 10.0-0-0 Kd7 11.dxe5 Qxe5 12.Rd1 c6 13.Bf4 Qf5 *Gammon-Vann*, Amersham 1986; 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 and Black cannot escape.



9.a3!

9.Qe4 is weaker: 9...c6 (9...b5!? 10.Bb3! is considered good for White, but now there is a simple move which certainly deserves consideration: 10...c6! is interesting and untried.) 10.a3 (10.f4 b5 11.0-0 bxc4 12.fxe5 g6 13.a3 Na6 14.Qxc4 Nb8 15.d3 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Bg7 was agreed drawn (!) in *Mauko-Van Steenwinckel*, Szeged (World Girls Under-12 Championship) 1994, perhaps not of great theoretical significance) 10...Na6 11.d4 Nac7 12.Bf4 (12.Qxe5+? Kf7) 12...Kf7 13.Bxe5 Be6 14. Be7 "∞" *ECO* (also, 14...Nxc3 led to 01 in *Elliott-Mitchess*, □ 1951). But Black looks better to us here, e.g., play might go 15.f4 Nf6 (15...Nxc3 16.Bxe6+ Nxe6 17.bxc3 Qd5 18.Qd3 b5) 16.Bxe6+ Nxe6 17.Qd3 Rf8.





Carolyn Withgitt at work...



*Tom Dorsch receives his award from CalChess President Jim Eade*

## Book Review

*The Chess of Bobby Fischer*  
by Robert E. Burger  
reviewed by Tom Dorsch

"The Chess of Bobby Fischer" sounds like an examination of the style of one great player, but is actually a primer on chess. Fundamentals of the game are illuminated by examples and lessons from the games of the greatest player of this era. Originally published in 1975, a few years after the Fischer-Spassky match in Reykjavik, 1972, this new edition is updated to include information from Fischer's 1992 return to chess, and is now completely modernized with algebraic notation.

The result is a unique and very fascinating textbook on chess, combining Mr. Burger's lucid explanation of the game with brilliant examples culled from Fischer's practice. Replete with examples to fascinate the amateur, the book is written with wisdom and insight to entertain players of all levels. Beginners are treated gingerly; the explanations are thorough enough to be deciphered by anyone. But there are also in-depth examinations of some of the most complex positions ever encountered by Fischer, and debate about the relative merits of positions that multiple grandmasters have plumbed but not fathomed.

Above all, it is Burger's writing style that lends this work its special charm, because as a chess author he excels in both of the requisite skills. He can play, and he can write.

Replication of this valuable tome gives those who missed it the first time provides the opportunity to add a valuable volume to their library. And a new generation will now be exposed to lore and lessons both invaluable and timeless. Highly recommended.

*The Chess of Bobby Fischer* (1994 ed.) Paperback, 340 pp., \$24.95 is available from Hypermodern Press, 2443 Fillmore Street #167, San Francisco, CA 94115 for \$24.95 + \$2.50 S/H. California residents please add sales tax. Phone orders: 800-721-2196, Fax orders 415-922-4791.

### In brief...

Some new books which may be reviewed in future issues.

*From Chess Enterprises:*

Dunst Opening 1.Nc3 by Bill Wall (available with or without a diskette of the games)

Panov Attack, Volume II by Eric Schiller

*From Hypermodern Press:*

The Big Book of Combinations by Eric Schiller

The Big Book of Busts by John Watson & Eric Schiller

Modern Chess Brilliances by Larry Evans

All authors from California and Nevada!

## Scholastic Chess

*Grosvenor Muddle: The West Coast  
Scholastic Chess Conference*  
by Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D.

On January 15, 1995, I witnessed a disastrous scholastic chess tournament. And, I ran the darn thing. Two hundred and seventeen juniors played at the Grosvenor Hotel in South San Francisco. Despite my anal retentive demand for efficiency, I never checked the site. I agreed to be Head Tournament Director for the West Coast Scholastic Chess Conference as a favor to Tom Dorsch. My tournament was to be part of the three day CalChess Season Opener.

The Grosvenor Hotel's conference rooms could probably support 250 players including the adult competitors. I stuffed in the 217 kids along with the 130 or so adult competitors.. The hallway outside the playing hall was narrow and there was no place for the three hundred parents. The hotel lobby, the restaurant and bar areas failed to ease the flood of anxious parents as a Forty-niner rally packed those areas.

Tom and I decided that we would have very few late entries if we double the fee to \$40. Boy, were we wrong! Twenty-three people paid the extra fee and most of them at the last moment. I had to toss all the first round pairing sheets I had so meticulously color coded. I am more than ever convinced that I am right in forbidding late entries in my California Scholastic Grade Level Championships.

We started a little late and then Murphy's Law worked overtime—a computer glitch in the second round. Swiss-Sys, my pairing program of choice, insisted on giving individuals who received first round bye, byes in the second round and forfeited some other individuals who received byes. Now, the tournament fell about an hour and a half behind schedule. I struggled on with the help of Patrick Jackson and Nick Ayala. Children kept crowding the desk as I tried to enter the results or pair the players. They kept asking questions like: "How many wins will it take to get a trophy?" My standard response was: "Six!" Occasionally a player would realize that there were only five rounds. A number of parents remarked on how calm I appeared. I replied that I was simply numb.

I only asked for two directors as I expect about seventy players. Nick Ayala was supposed to run a second computer. He never even got to touch his keyboard. Robert Lee and Brian Iso, parents of members of my Weibel Chess Club, jumped in and help at the Director's table. Dr. Bing Zhang, of the nascent Gomes Elementary School Chess Club in Fremont, worked the floor with Nick Ayala. Even Randy Mont-Reynaud, mother of Jordy Mont-Reynaud, provided some help on the floor for a few rounds. NM Robert Synder, who brought twelve players from his Southern California Chess For Juniors, spent some time as a volunteer in the tournament hall. After the first couple of rounds he set up a table among the masses and analyzed the games of many of the young players from Northern California.

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Despite the negatives, I can report on many positives. This scholastic tournament was the third largest ever held in Northern California, only surpassed by Ray Orwig's Northern California Scholastic Chess Championships. I registered sixty-eight new players for the U.S. Chess Federation. Numerous players and parents expressed interest in attending future scholastic tournaments. I handed out forty-eight trophies (five for each unrated section and four for each rating group) to happy players who received many kudos from their proud parents.

In the Kindergarten through Third Grade Unrated Division, Danny Wu took first (5) followed by Timothy Luttrupp (4), Andrew Fleury (4), Art Heidrich (4) and Sam Bronfield (3.5). The Fourth through Sixth Grade Unrated Division saw Michael Lum (5) take first followed by Reymundo Solorio (4.5), Eric Huang (4), Robert Chan (4) and Jose Rivera (4). Gerard Zoraton (4.5) won the Seventh to Eighth Grade Unrated Division followed by Johnny Ceballos (4), Ravi Prabhala (4), Daniel Deneheim, Yong Wu. Only three unrated High School students appeared. Chris Colona (3) won against Michael Uyeda(2) and Durrell Townsend (1)

The Under-600 section saw Brannan Ramirez (412) walk off with the trophy after five wins. Also obtaining trophies in this division were Gagan Biyani (480) and Tyler DeVos (207) with 4 points and Kevin O'Leary (563) with 3.5 points. Aarish Patell (686) went undefeated in the Under-700 Section. James Davis (650), Jeff Koenig (655) and Daniel Ruudisill (694) all obtained 4 points. Raymond Chou (762) obtained a perfect score in the Under-800 Section followed by Sam Lepler (750) with 3.5 points and Christopher Rockoff (744) and Randy Anderson (734) with 3 points. Aaron Fisher (891) had a clean sweep of the Under-900 Section with Michael Nguyen (871), John Ward (883) and Albert Wu (890) obtaining 4 points. Bo Huang (900) won the Under-1000 Section with 4.5 points. The other three trophies in this division went to Anton Ivanov (985), Bryce Young (975) and Andrey Trifonov, all with 4 points.

The first place trophy in the Under-1100 Section had to be decided on tie breaks as the top three competitors had 4 points. Enoch Wu (1045) won the award followed by Marcos Arellano (1095) and Efren Gutierrez (1026), The final trophy went to Jocelyn Lee (1017) who would have had a clear first place if she hadn't lost in the final round to her Weibel teammate, Enoch Wu. The Under-1200 Section also had to be decided on tie breaks because of three players obtaining 4 points. Rene Carranza (1133), up from San Jo, took home the first place trophy. Second and third went to Alan Wei (1151) and George Heridis (1117). Taniguchi (1100) rounded off the trophy winners in Under-1200 Section with 3 points.

**UNDER-1100 SECTION, ROUND #5**  
**Enoch Wu (1045)-Jocelyn Lee (1017)**  
*(Notes by Enoch Wu)*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 dxc3 Gave me the chance to develop my knight. 6.Nxc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 d6

I think Jocelyn was afraid I would push my e pawn and trap the knight. 8.Bb5 Knight to d5 would have been better. 8...Bg4 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.0-0 h6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.fxe3 I wanted her to take my bishop in order to open up my f file. 12...d5 13.e5 Ne4 14.Qa4 I hoped to pick up a pawn. 14...Qd7 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 f5 17.exf6+ I think Jocelyn forgot that I could take *en passant*. 17...Qe6 18.Nd2 To protect the queen and the f6 pawn. 18...Qxe4 19.f7+ Passed pawns must be pushed! 19...Kf8 20.Nxe4 g5 21.Nc5 Rb8 22.h3 I wanted the bishop off that diagonal so I could fork. 22...Bc8 23.Rad1 Bb7 24.Nxb7 She can't take or I will get a queen. 24...Rc8 25.Rd8+ I am up so I force a trade. 25...Rxd8 26.Nxd8 Not much left for Black now. 26...c5 27.Ne6+ Ke7 28.f8Q+ Rxf8 29.Nxf8 Kd6 30.e4 Ke5 31.Re1 c4 32.Ng6+ Kd4 33.e5 c5 34.e6 c3 35.bxc3+ Kxc3 36.e7 Kb2 37.e8Q c4 38.Qb5+ Kc3 39.Ne5 Kd2 40.Qb4+ Kc2 41.Re2+ Kc1 42.Qe1# 1-0

### *Mission San Jose Elementary vs. Weibel Elementary School Chess Competition*

For the last four years two of the top Elementary School Chess Teams in California have met in face to face competition. On Saturday, January 28, Weibel Elementary School defeated Mission San Jose Elementary School 13 1/2 to 1 1/2. Weibel's win evened the four year head to head competition score to 3-3.

On the top chess board, Tov Fisher-Kirshner, son of the Weibel coach Alan Kirshner, defeated Jeffrey Lonsdale, son of the Mission San Jose coach Joseph Lonsdale. Other winners for Weibel were Alan Wei, Solon Yang, Jocelyn Lee, Robert Wei, Kaiping Su, Edith Yang, Eric Huang, Jennifer Chen, Raymond Chou, Henry Cheung, Robert Lee, Kevin Bui.

On Saturday, February 4, Weibel will field a twenty-person team against the Berkeley Bishops. The Bishops are an all-star team from the Berkeley and Oakland school districts. Tom Fukunaga, coach of the Hopkins' Chess Team, will bring five players to Berkeley to compete against a Junior High School all-star team. The match will be held on the University of California campus.

On April 29 and 30, Weibel will host the California Scholastic Grade Level Chess Championships. Over four hundred players are expected to attend this event.

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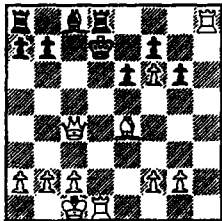
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# Region XI Women's Championship

The concurrent Region XI Women's Championship was won, for the fifth straight time, by California's highest-rated woman player, Julia Tverskaya (2337) of Mountain View. This year, for the first time, she had strong competition from Natalya Tsodikova, wife of the winner of the Master section. Nevertheless, Julia swept through her section, benefited because in her game with Natalya, she steered into a variation of the Ruy Lopez with which she is quite expert. Her only draw was with third-place finisher Christine Jensen of Southern California, a former member of the Danish Olympic Team. Ursula Foster and Lisa Edmonson tied for fourth.

## Alina Martowski-Marie Josee Mont-Reynaud

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.d4 Nxd4 5.Nxd4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.O-O-O O-O 9.Bd3 d5 10.e5 Nh5 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qg4 g6 13.h4 Ng7 14.h5 Nxb5 15.Rxb5 d4 16.Ne4 Rd8 17.Nf6+ Kf8 18.Rxb7 Qxf6 19.exf6 Ke8 20.Rh8+ Kd7 21.Qxd4+ Kc6 22.Qc4+ Kd7 23.Be4++



## Christine Jensen (2001) - Jennie Frenklah (2085)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 8.Bd3 O-O 9.O-O Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.a3 Bg4 12.b4 a6 13.Rfc1 Ng6 14.Nb4 b6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxg6 Re6 18.Bd3 Qb4 19.g3 Qg5

20.Re1 b5 21.e4 b4 22.e5 Bc7 23.Nxd5 cxd5 24.Qxc7 Rb6 25.Qc1 Qb5 26.Qd2 Rf8 27.Re3 Bf3 28.Rae1 Qg4 29.Bf1 Rf5 30.Bg2 hxg3 31.fxg3 Bxg2 32.Kxg2 Rf5 33.Kb1 Rb3 34.e6 Qb5 35.R1e2 Qf5 36.Kg1 Rf6 37.Rf2 Rxb2 38.Rxf5 Rxd2 39.Rxf6 gxf6 40.e7 1-0

## Christin Jensen - Julia Tverskaya 2337

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 O-O 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bd2 d5 7.e3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nce2 Qe7 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Bc3 Ne4 13.Ned4 Nxc3 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.bxc3 f5 16.Be2 f4 17.exf4 Ba6 18.Kf1 Bxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Qxe2+ 20.Kxe2 Rxf4 21.Rhd1 Re8+ 22.Kf1 Rc4 23.Rd3 Bb6 24.Rc1 Ba5 25.Nd2 Ra4 26.Rc2 Re5 27.Rd4 Rxd4 28.cxd4 Re6 29.f3 Kf7 30.Nb3 Bb6 31.Kf2 Ke7 32.Re2 Bc7 33.g3 Bb6 34.Rxe6+ Kxe6 35.f4 Kd6 36.Ke3 a5 37.a4 c5 38.dxc5+ Bxc5+ 39.Kd3 Bg1 40.h3 Bh2 41.Nd4 g6 42.Ne2 Kc5 43.Kc3 h5 44.g4 h4 45.Nd4 Bg3 46.Nb3+ Kd6 47.Kd4 Bxf4 48.Nxa5 Be5+ 49.Kd3 Kc5 50.Nb3+ Kb4 51.Nd4 Bf6 52.Nf3 g5 53.Nxg5 Bxg5 54.Kd4 Kxa4 55.Kxd5 Kb3 56.Ke5 Kc3 57.Kf5 Bd2 58.g5 Kd3 59.g6 Bc3 60.Kg4 Ke4 61.Kxh4 Kf5 62.Kh5 Bg7 1/2-1/2

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**Entries:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Optional entry form faces CHESS LIFE inside back cover. Do not expect a reply to mailed entry (if you need one, enclose self-addressed postcard). There is no "check-in" at tournament; just find your name on round 1 pairings and play.



## Visalia Visitations

*Black wins an exchange on move 17 but buries his queen far away...*

### A. Akopian 2362 Tom Ashley 2012 94 Fresno County Championship

1. e4 e6 2. Qe2 c5 3. f4 Nc6 4. Nf3 d6 5. d3 Nf6 6. c3 Be7 7. g3 O-O 8. Bg2 Qc7 9. O-O Rb8 10. h3 b5 11. Be3 b4 12. c4 Nd7 13. g4 e5 14. f5 f6 15. h4 Nd4 16. Qf2 Qa5 17. g5 Nb3?! 18. axb3 Qxa1 19. g6 Re8 20. gxh7+ Kf7 21. Qg3 Rh8 22. Qg6+ Kf8 23. h5 and now 1-0 as the threat of 24. h6 is killer

*9... Nc1! is nice shot that sets up White's big error on move 31...*

### A. Akopian 2362 Paul Cripe 2279 94 Fresno County Championship

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be2 Bg7 7. O-O O-O 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Nb3 b6 10. f4 Bb7 11. Bf3 Nd7 12. Rf2 Nc5 13. Rd2 Qe8 14. Nb5 Rc8 15. Nxc5 bxc5 16. c3 Ba6 17. a4 Na5 18. Be2 Rb8 19. Qc2 c4 20. Nc7 Qc8 21. Nxa6 Qxa6 22. Rd5 Nb3 23. Ra3 e6 24. Rd1 Rfd8 25. f5 exf5 26. exf5 Re8 27. Bf2 d5 28. Rxd5 Bf8 29. Ra2 Nc1! 30. Qxc1 Rxe2 31. Rd2? Bh6 32. b4 cxb3 33. Rab2 (0-1) White resigns without waiting for 33...Bxd2

*Kid Spate comes smokin' out of his corner at the bell...*

### Louis Spate 1569 J. Lambardia 1590 94 Memorial Day Classic

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4?! 4. Nxe4 Be7 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Nxf6+ Bxf6 7. c3 O-O 8. Bd3 Nd7?! 9. Qc2 g6 10. h4! c5? (Darren Russell suggests 10...h5 as the best chance to resist) 11. h5! cxd4 12. hxg6 fxg6 13. Bxg6 d3 14. Bxd3 Kf7 15. Bxh7 Nc5 16. Bg6+ Ke7 17. Rh7+ Kd6 18. Bf4+ Kc6 19. Be4+ Kb5 20. Bc7 Qe8 21. a4+ Ka6 22. Qe2+ (1-0)

*If it was a boxing match, the ref woulda stopped it...*

*Senior Master Izumakawa makes it look easy against a strong master...*

### SM Burt Izumakawa 2431 David Bragg 2287 94 North-South Match

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Nxf6+ exf6 6. Nf3 Bd6 7. Be2 O-O 8. O-O Qc7 9. c4 Bg4 10. h3 Bh5 11. Nh4 Bxe2 12. Qxe2 g6 13. Re1 Na6 14. Bh6 Rfd8 15. Qf3 f5 16. Nxf5! gxf5 17. Qxf5 Bh2+ 18. Kh1 Rd6 19. Bg5 f6 20. Bh6 Rd7 21. Re4 Rf7 22. Rae1 Bd6 23. Re8+ Rxe8 24. Rxe8+ (1-0) Another day at the office....

*by Allan Fifield*

### 2nd Annual Fresno Country Championship

11/19-11/20 54 players

TD's: Allan Fifield Dennis Wajckus Karl Bohlmann

1st - GM Rosendo Balinas 5-0 \$350 + plaque  
2nd-4th at 4-1 Artak Akopian, Paul Cripe, Dr Tim Roth  
1st-4nd A at 3.5-1.5 Telman Akopian, Darren Russell (plaque)  
Bret Hoffler, Edison May  
1st-2nd B at 3-2 Richard Somawang, Kevin Cripe (plaque)  
1st C at 3.5-1.5 Mike Hubble  
1st-3rd D at 2.5-2.5 Pat Pettey, Jay Martinez (plaque) Kurt Jacobs  
1st-3rd E/Unr at 3-2 Mario Raguz, Glenn Shelton (Unrated Trophy), Tony Grimaldo

Mario Raguz (1174) was the winner of the upset prize for his fourth round 395 point upset victory of Louis Spate (1569).

2. 'Dizzy with Success' quick chess tournament held at the Visalia club on 01/04 attracted 14 players. The Dizzy with Success victor was Darren Russell (1818) with a perfect 4-0.

3. The new World Champion is...David Gay of Tulare! David won the coveted title at the annual Visalia World Championship tournament held from 10/19 to 11/09. Both David Gay (1530) and Albert Martinez (1533) scored 3-1 with David receiving the nod for the title on tie breaks. 18 players competed for the crown. The Visalia Chess Club is in intense negotiations with the PCA, FIDE, and Bobby Fischer for a title re-unification match.

## 24th Carroll Capps Memorial

First-Third (4.5-1.5) \$259

Craig Mar, John Grefe, Ros Tsodikov

Under-2200 (4-2) \$68

George Sanguinetti, Jennie Frenklakh, Ben Gross

Under-2000 (4-2) \$88

Brian Jew, Jon Baker

Under-1800 (4-2) \$150

Igor Bagrov

Under-1600 (4-2) \$125

Keith Halonan

Unrated (4-2) \$100

Natalya Tsodikova

72 Players. TD: Mike Goodall

## November 19th Lowell Sectionals

### Section A:

Romulo Fuentes & Vinay Bhat (3-0)

### Section B:

Ake Gullmes & Jose Dungca (3-0)

## December 17th Lowell Sectionals

### Section A (12 players)

1st: Adrian Keatinge-Clay (3-0)

2nd: James Jones (2.5-0.5)

### Section B (16 players)

1st-4th: Martin Marshall, Richard McCullough, Gennadiy Reznikov, Francisco Carrillo (2.5-0.5)

### Section C (14 players)

1st: Natalya Tsodikoc (3-0)

2nd-8th: Carlos Macabeo, Martin Cortinas, Uri Andrews, Robert Lieberman, Tov Fischer-Kirshner, JJ Miranda, Eric Lehmann (score not provided)

## Half Moon Bay

### Masters Invitational

L'lita's Gourmet Coffee Shop was the site of the first Half Moon Bay Masters Invitational tournament organized by Chessworks Unlimited. FM Jim Eade (San Francisco) won the event with a score of 4-2 on tie-breaks over William Haines (Moss Beach). Hal Bogner (Half Moon Bay) made a rare playing appearance, and organizer Eric Schiller (El Granada), who finished in last place but still intends to run similar events in the future. Time control was 10 minutes per player per game.

#### W.C. Haines-Jim Eade

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.g3 f6 11.Bh3 fxe5 12.fxe5 O-O 13.Bxe6+ Kh8 14.Bxd7 Bxd7 15.O-O Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.h3 Bf5Bf5 18.b3 Rac8 19.Rf2 Be4 20.Nf4 Rc3 21.Bb2 Rxf3 22.Rxf3 g5 23.Qd2 gxf4 24.gxf4 Rg8+ 25.Kf2 Bh4+ 0-1

## Vinay Bhat: The Story so Far

Vinay Bhat came to the attention of the world chess community represented the United States of America in the 1994 World Youth Chess Championships held from August 1 to 9, 1994 in Szeged, Hungary. Vinay played in the Under 10 category since he was ranked number one in the US in this category. He tied for the sixth place in this event. According to International Master Jeremy Silman, Vinay "played so strongly that with a little luck he could easily have won the whole thing." (Chess Life, February 1995, p. 61)

But there will be future opportunities for the young Master. Vinay is, after all, only in the fifth grade at Faria Academics Plus School in Cupertino, California. Vinay's major chess accomplishments so far are impressive indeed:

*National Primary Championship, Top Unrated, 1991*

*National 2nd Grade Championship, 1st place, 1991*

*California State Primary Championship, 1st place, 1992*

*National 3rd Grade Championship, 1st place, 1992*

*National Elementary Speed Championship, 1st place, 1993*

*World Under-10 Youth Championship, 6th place (tie), 1994*

Aside from these scholastic tournaments, Vinay has performed extremely well against adult opposition. His notable successes include tournaments in Walnut Creek, San Francisco, Sunnyvale, Campbell, and Berkeley.

Vinay was introduced to the game of chess by his mother, Vijaya, and he started playing in tournaments at the age of six and a half years. At Vinay's first tournament ever, the state primary championship held in San Rafael, he was undefeated and tied for third place. About a month later, Vinay participated in his first national tournament in New York, and won the prize for the best unrated player. Richard Shorman, a well-known chess

coach in the Bay Area, trained Vinay for almost three years. Savelly Polovets has been training Vinay for the last one and a half years.

Vinay will be continuing his training under the able guidance of Mr. Polovets. Vinay also received some training from NM Lee Corbin, NM Joseph Siroker and NM Steven Jacobi. For the past three years, Vinay has been honored by the USCF as an All-American Chess Player.

Chess is not the only activity in which Vinay excels. His other accomplishments include awards in literature and the county science fair. Recently, Vinay won his school's geography bee and was selected to take the state qualifier test. The results will be known in February. Currently, Vinay is participating in an extracurricular GATE science activity called science-by-mail.

There is a well-known correlation between chess and musical talent, and Vinay also has been learning music for three years; violin for one year, and flute for the last two years.

Sports also enter into the curriculum, as is becoming more and more common with young players. Vinay is an avid tennis player and has also played little league baseball. Vinay likes to swim at the local YMCA.

There is more chess talent in the family. Vinay's elder brother Harish is also a well-recognized chess player in the Bay area. He has a current rating of about 2070 and he is in the top twenty five in the under 16 age group. Harish won the 1993 County High School Championship and California State Junior Invitational Championship. He is 15 years old and is in 11th grade at Lynbrook High School. Harish was the president of the Lynbrook Chess Club last year and now holds the position of vice-president. Lynbrook has been very successful as a chess team, having won second place in the state high school championship.

# CalChess Season Opener Crosstables

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22 Domach, Dean	1777	12458316	X	L 4	U	U	U	U	1 0
23 Howe, Alan F	1711	12442421	W 18	L 2	L 14	U	U	U	1 0
24 Milos, Frank	1610	12612446	D 5	L 9	L 15	H	L 10	U	1 0
25 Ramsay, Ian	1678	12309520	F	U	U	U	U	U	0 0

## "C" SECTION

Name	rtng	ID No	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	TOT
1 Orlov, Boris	1595	12622934	W 16	W 17	W 2	W 6	W 8	W 7	6 0
2 Wong, Henry Y	1499	12521798	W 3	W 12	L 1	W 9	H	W 6	4 5
3 Fitzgerald, Anthony G	1401	12509496	L 2	B	L 12	W 13	W 9	W 8	4 0
4 Chamberlain, Charles	1367	12552330	W 14	D 6	W 13	D 7	H	H	4 0
5 Spate Jr, Louis	1531	12549376	L 8	W 15	L 6	W 17	W 11	D 10	3 5
6 Schick, Michael	1479	12617250	W 11	D 4	W 5	L 1	W 12	L 2	3 5
7 Cortinas, Martin	1421	12590374	W 10	W 13	D 8	D 4	H	L 1	3 5
8 Kueffer, Lawrence	1404	12606831	W 5	W 14	D 7	W 12	L 1	L 3	3 5
9 Kavanau, Jerry	1448	12547331	L 12	W 16	W 17	L 2	L 3	B	3 0
10 Stuart, Erik	1564	12615409	L 7	H	L 11	D 14	W 15	D 5	2 5
11 Andrews, Uri	1293	12588091	L 6	B	W 10	H	L 5	U	2 5
12 Karshedt, Ilya	1583		W 9	L 2	W 3	L 8	L 6	U	2 0
13 Pounds, R D	1500	10496560	W 15	L 7	L 4	L 3	W 17	U	2 0
14 Gullmes, Ake	1500	10477832	L 4	L 8	L 15	D 10	B	H	2 0
15 Fisher Kirshner, Tov	1345	12531203	L 13	L 5	W 14	W 16	L 10	U	2 0
16 Macabeo, Carlos	1484	12604357	L 1	L 9	B	L 15	U	U	1 0
17 Bautista, Perry H	1436	10476411	B	L 1	L 9	L 5	L 13	U	1 0

## "D" SECTION

Name	rtng	ID No	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	TOT
1 de la Mora, Santiago	1333	12626669	W 20	W 4	W 8	D 3	W 2	W 7	5 5
2 Nicholson, Rob	1330	12601630	W 22	W 9	W 7	W 11	L 1	W 5	5 0
3 Cuaresma, Ike	1358	12585242	W 19	W 6	W 5	D 1	L 7	W 11	4 5
4 Pruess, David	1385	12601834	X	L 1	W 12	W 14	H	H	4 0
5 Handler, Andrew	1371	12598388	W 12	W 13	L 3	W 9	W 6	L 2	4 0
6 Vizcaino, Julie	1311		W 14	L 3	W 13	W 15	L 5	W 12	4 0
7 Cuellar, Cesar	1236	12607479	B	W 10	L 2	W 17	W 3	L 1	4 0
8 Bhave, Prakash	1342	12592764	L 13	W 19	L 1	W 20	D 15	W 14	3 5
9 Lazar, Gary	1321	12518449	W 16	L 2	W 17	L 5	D 11	W 15	3 5
10 Lischinsky, Adam	1396	12586810	L 17	L 7	B	L 12	X	W 16	3 0
11 Stone, Bruce	1369	12531493	W 15	D 17	W 18	L 2	D 9	L 3	3 0
12 Marshall, Robert	1289	12617251	L 5	W 20	L 4	W 10	W 13	L 6	3 0
13 Lehmann, Erik	1262	12631759	W 8	L 5	L 6	W 16	L 12	B	3 0
14 Metz, Steven	1203	12620674	L 6	B	W 19	L 4	W 17	L 8	3 0
15 Motschenbacher, Arlene	1219	12556451	L 11	W 22	W 16	L 6	D 8	L 9	2 5
16 Shepard, Halla Wendel	1090	12621113	L 9	B	L 15	L 13	W 19	L 10	2 0
17 Frenklakh, Sergey	1241	20029110	W 10	D 11	L 9	L 7	L 14	U	1 5
18 Kirshner, Brian	1313	12625707	H	H	L 11	U	U	U	1 0
19 Lewis, William J	1274	12587093	L 3	L 8	L 14	B	L 16	U	1 0
20 Mac Dermed, Liam	1251	12562755	L 1	L 12	B	L 8	F	U	1 0
21 Ling, Andrew	1310	12599253	F	U	U	U	U	U	0 0
22 Raguz, Mario	1205	12608564	L 2	L 15	U	U	U	U	0 0

## "E"/UNRATED

Name	rtng	ID No	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	TOT
1 Miranda, JJ	1160	12622492	L 4	W 11	W 12	W 3	W 8	W 2	5 0

2	Slutzky, Sam	1147	12627203	L	7	W	13	B	W	9	W	4	L	1	4	0	
3	Conway, Nick	1134	12608565	B		L	6	W	14	L	1	W	9	W	8	4	0
4	Chan, Andy	940	12592747	W	1	W	12	W	11	W	8	L	2	L	5	4	0
5	Ettlinger, Steve	unr	new	L	14	L	9	W	13	W	7	W	10	W	4	4	0
6	Guittard, Rommel G	unr	new	H		W	3	L	8	W	14	H		H		3	5
7	Green, Hank	1198	12590812	W	2	L	8	L	9	L	5	W	14	W	10	3	0
8	Williams, Dwight	1157	12489129	W	13	W	7	W	6	L	4	L	1	L	3	3	0
9	Dixon, Bill	unr	12631602	L	10	W	5	W	7	L	2	L	3	W	11	3	0
10	Cortez, Felicisimo	1195	12561259	W	9	D	14	H		H		L	5	L	7	2	5
11	Souza, Brian E	1028	12611857	L	12	L	1	L	4	B		W	13	L	9	2	0
12	Hill, Rob	801	12603276	W	11	L	4	L	1	L	13	H		H		2	0
13	Helms, Timothy	unr	new	L	8	L	2	L	5	W	12	L	11	X		2	0
14	Williams, Bert A	1171	12616991	W	5	D	10	L	3	L	6	L	7	F		1	5

## Jordy annotates:

**Renard Anderson - Jordy Mont-Reynaud**  
**Super Bowl Warmup San Mateo, 1/28/95**

### *Sicilian Defense*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Nc3

Better and sharper is 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.Qxe3 d6 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.0-0-0 when White plays for a kingside pawn storm.

7...Nc6 8.0-0

I have no idea why Anderson decided to castle on the kingside. It makes it very difficult for him to attack.

8...Nge7 9.Qe2

White might have taken advantage of 8...Nge7 with 9.Qg4. A possible line might be 9.Qg4 0-0 10.Kh1 e5 11.Nd5 d6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.f4 ef 14.Bxf4 with more play for White than in the game.

10...d6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Qxe3 e5!

This move restricts White's remaining bishop and secures e5 for my knight if White goes f4. Note that White's knight on b3 and bishop on d3 are warming the bench.

12.Rfd1

A strange-looking move. I guess if he is going to double rooks on the d-file, it doesn't matter which one moves first, but the whole plan is wrong. The rooks keep doubling on useful files!

12...Be6 13.Rd2 0-0 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Be2

Illogical. 15.Bf1 would have been better because now the bishop is getting in the way of the major pieces.

15...Rad8 16.Nd5?!

Awkward at best; it trades off White's best minor piece and closes the file that he took time to double on. I think that Black already has the edge; I can't seem to find an active plan for White. Now I head for a typical Sicilian pawn structure of the Sveshnikov type.

16...Bxd5! 17.exd5 Nb8 18.f4?

This move can only help Black because it gives me e5 for my knight and the e-file for my rook.

18...Nd7 19.Kb1 Rfe8 20.Rf1 exf4 21.Qxf4 Nf6

My minor pieces are clearly superior to White's.

22.Bf3

I was expecting something along the lines of 22.c4 with queenside play. It seems that White can't decide which side to play on.

22...Ng6 23.Qd4 Ne5 24.Rdf2?

Allowing 24...Nxf3 when White must recapture with the g-pawn. Note that White's rooks have gone from having nothing to do on the d-file to having nothing to do on the f-file, and later in the game, having nothing to do on the g-file!

24...Nxf3 25.gxf3 Re5 26.Rg1 Qe7 27.Rfg2 g6

That ends that threat!

28.c4 b5?

Oops! I wanted to win the d-pawn, and hastily made this move. Now the game switches from a routine strategic squash to a tactical mÅlee. In other words, I fumbled. As it turns out, I get plenty of compensation for the exchange, because of White's weak pawns.

29.Na5 Qc7 30.Nc6 bxc4 31.Nxd8 Qxd8 32.Qxc4 Qa5

White's pawns are ripe for the picking, and White's clock is ticking! I eagerly anticipated his sudden death!

33.b4 Qb6 34.Rd2?

Here, 34.Rg5 would have been a much stronger defense.

34...Qe3

White has three loose pawns- b4, d5, and f3. I'm getting hungry.

35.Qd3 Qf4 36.Re2

Time to munch some pawns!

36...Rxd5

One.

37.Qe3 Qxb4

Two.

38.Rc1 Kg7 39.Qc3 Qb5 40.Re4 Rd3 41.Qa1 Rxf3

Three.

42.Rd4 Qb7 43.Kg1 Rf5 44.Rxd6 Rg5+ 45.Kf2 Rg2+ 46.Ke3 Qe7+

Giddy with success, I missed two mates in one in a row, but the third time is a charm.

47.Kf3 Qe2+

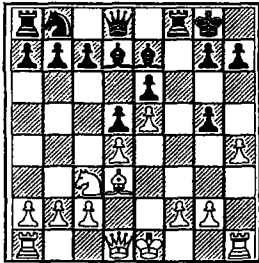
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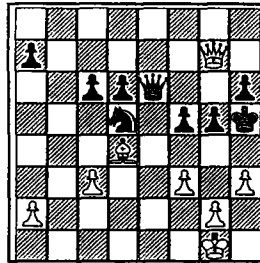
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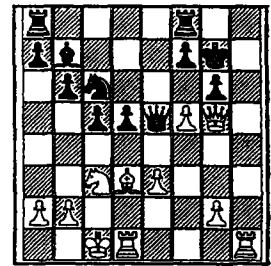
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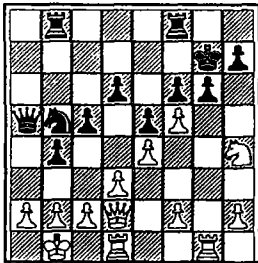
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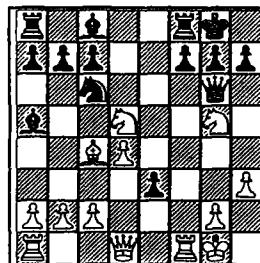
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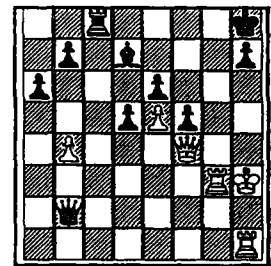
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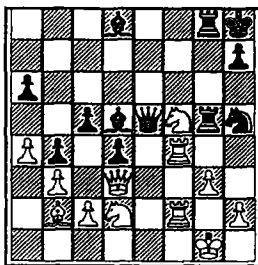
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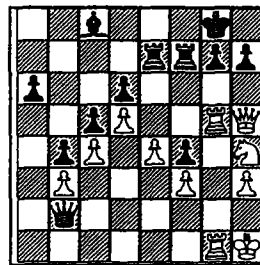
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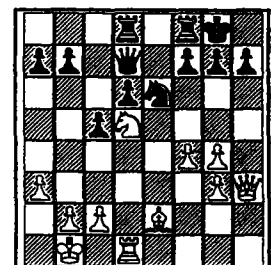
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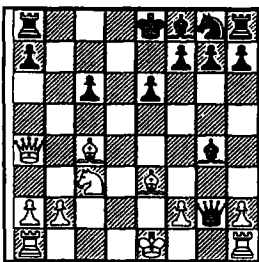
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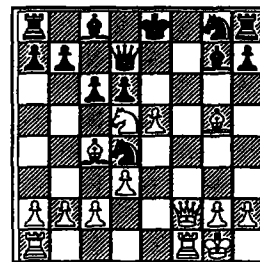
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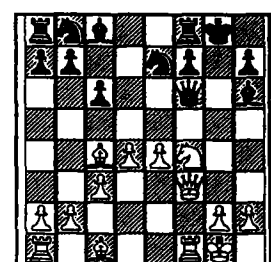
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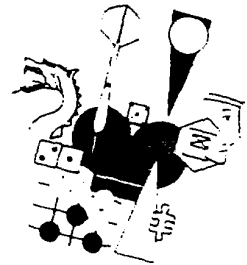
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