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
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THE EDITOR'S REPORT

Northern California chessplayers should all take great pride in our current crop of talented scholastic players. In the March issue of *School Mates*, four Cal Chess juniors were selected for the Pressman All American Chess Team! Vinay Bhat (13 of San Jose), Jordy Mont-Reynaud (13 of Palo Alto), Dmitry Zilberstein (17 of San Francisco) and newcomer Andras Erdei (17 of Campbell) are all proud representatives of the best in Northern California chess. And I don't think that anyone will object if I stretch the state border just a little bit to also honor All-American Phillip Wang (13) of Reno, Nevada. Larry Evan's column later in the issue features one of Phillip Wang's efforts while in our Readers Showcase you will find Vinay's annotations to his much admired victory over GM Arthur Bisguier at the American Open.

Since our last issue USCF Treasurer (and former Cal Chess president) Tom Dorsch was in effect 'censured' by a majority of the USCF Policy Board. By the passage of Policy Board Resolution #5, Tom was stripped of many of the duties traditionally assigned to the USCF Treasurer. A heated controversy raged back and forth on the internet for several weeks until the members of the Policy Board negotiated a shaky truce among themselves. As a part of our continuing series *The Crisis In The USCF*, the always outspoken Tom Dorsch tells his side of the story in *The Seeds of Disaster*.

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A League All His Own

by Alan M. Kirschner

Two years ago Steve Cohen, while teaching mathematics and chess at the Music Art School in Foster City, realized a hunger existed among the area children for chess. With the support and funding from the owner of the Music Art School, Yoram Tamir, he began the United Peninsula Scholastic Chess League (U.P.S.C.L.).

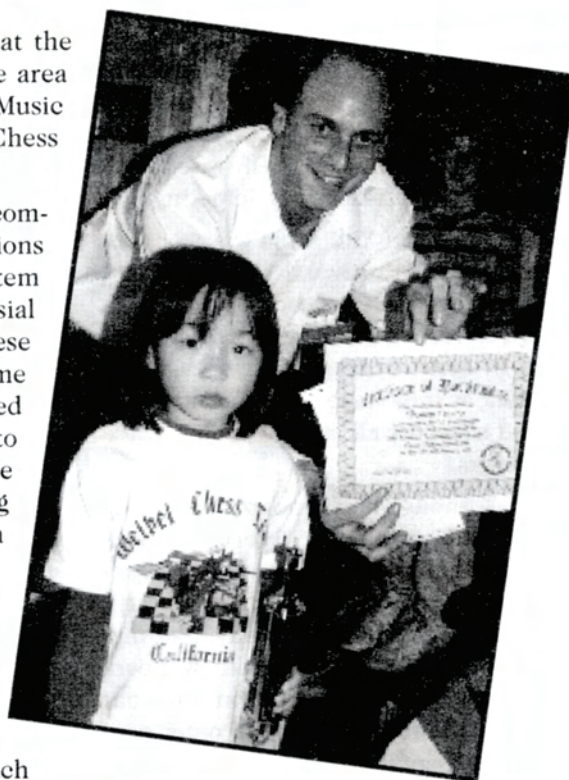
Eleven elementary schools presently constitute the U.P.S.C.L. They compete with each other during the year. Steve also holds all-star competitions for the best players in the league. He has developed his own rating system for anyone who plays in a U.P.S.C.L. sanctioned match. More controversial was his decision to develop his own tournament rules. About 90% of these parallel the United States Chess Federation's regulations. Steve told me that he felt his rule changes are fairer to the young players. He also stated that he believed that his rule modification forced the scholastic player to be more careful. Steve indicated that he does inform members of the U.P.S.C.L. what the U.S.C.F. rules are. He admits that at times the young players do not listen and this might cause confusion if they enter a U.S.C.F. tournament.

At the Young People's Tournament, held in Berkeley on February 17, 1997, one of his students proceeded to voice count the 50 moves to a possible draw. The verbal count disturbed a few adults who participated in the People's Tournament in the same room. After the game, when I spoke to the boy and his mother, explaining that all claims to draws had to be recorded, they expressed surprise. In the U.P.S.C.L., touch move is joined by touch a square and you must place the piece there if legally possible. Some confusion also arose over U.P.S.C.L. students claiming "touch square." Steve holds that despite the minor confusion his rules are more productive for the game of chess among juniors.

Steve has even developed his own P.C. pairing program. His system seems to follow the U.S.C.F. rules in this case. I, candidly, do not know why he desires to reinvent the wheel when SwisSys and other computer pairing programs exist. He seems to enjoy working things out for himself and in long run this may bode well for the expansion of chess in the West San Francisco Bay region.

Every other month, Steve produces a newsletter for the 120 members of his U.P.S.C.L. He writes numerous articles, reports on U.P.S.C.L. tournaments, analyzes student games and provides helpful hints for beginning chess players.

I first learned of Steve's league when he called me to invite me to bring some of my Weibel Elementary School players to his first open tournament last year. Since the tournament was classed by grades and offered two team trophies, I could not resist bringing a few players. He held the Second Annual U.P.S.C.L. Tournament on February 15,



Sharon Tseung receiving a First Place certificate for K/1 division at the 2nd UPSCL

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CalChess at U.S. Masters

By Mark Pinto

The 1997 U.S. Masters chess tournament was held March 6–9 at the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook, Illinois. Organized by Helen and Jim Warren, this tournament was ably directed by Todd Barre and Tim Just.

This event attracted 130 of the strongest players from around the U.S. The average USCF rating of the participants was 2336. Sixty-six percent of the players were FIDE rated with 16 GMs and 14 IMs participating.

Northern California was well represented with several players having good results against such a strong field. Special recognition should be given to both Jennie Frenklakh and Vinay Bhat, as they were up to the challenge and scored well against higher rated players.

Although he did not play, local FM Jim Eade attended and served as honorary “captain” of our Cal Chess contingent which included Tom Dorsch, Eric Schiller, Jennie, Vinay, and myself. Jim’s chief responsibility was consoling the older generation after our losses. Unfortunately, the older generation kept him busier than we would have liked!

The tournament was won by Turkish grandmaster Suat Atalik with a score of 6–1. GM Suat Atalik took top honors on tiebreaks over Dimitri Gurevich and Alexander Shabalov with each taking home \$3,333. Congratulations are in order to GM Atalik who played some fine chess against his fellow GMs.

Following the winners with a score of 5.5–1.5 were IM Alex Reprintsev (with an outstanding result against four GMs), Alex Yermolinsky, Leonid Sokolin, Alexander Ivanov, and top seed Estonian GM Lembett Oll.

At 5–2 were Josh Waitzkin (of

Searching for Bobby Fischer fame), Emory Tate, Larry Kaufman, Ukrainian Osman Palos, and Andrew Karklins.



Jennie Frenklakh scored well at the U.S. Masters

The top score from Region XI was IM John Watson from Southern California at 4.5–2.5.

The conditions and accommodations were delightful, and the tournament went without a hitch. I would like to thank the U.S.C.F., the organizers, and the directors for a job well done!

I look forward to next year’s event and would strongly recommend this event to all of you who may be eligible to play.

And now for some of the best games from this event with an emphasis on the Northern California contingent:

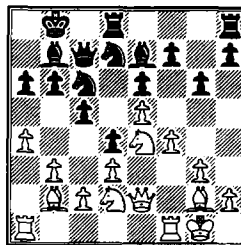
Games from the U.S. Masters

Vinay Bhat (2235)–Curt Brasket (2350)
U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Qd2 Qa5 8.Nge2 c5 9.Qf4 Nd7 10.0–0 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qh4 f5 13.Nd4 Be7 14.Qg3 a6 15.Be2 Bf6 16.Rhe1 Kf8 17.Qe3 Qe5 18.Qh6+ Bg7 19.Qh4 Qf6 20.Qh3 Qg5+ 21.Kb1 Bf6 22.Bf1 Qg7 23.Qe3 Ne5 24.Nxf5 exf5 25.f4 Be6 26.fxex5 Bd8 27.g3 Rc8 28.Bg2 Ba5 29.Bxb7 Bxc3 30.Bxc8 Bxe5 31.Bxe6 Bxb2 32.Qc5+ Ke8 33.Rd8+ Kxd8 34.Qd6+ 1–0

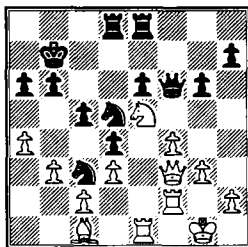
Mark Pinto (2295)–IM Richard Delaune (2380)
U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Ne6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.d3 Nf6 6.e5 Nd7 7.g3 Be7 8.Bh3!? a6 9.a4 Qc7 10.0–0 g6 11.b3 b6 12.Bb2 d4 13.Ne4± Bb7 14.Qe2 0–0–0 15.Nfd2 (with the idea of Nc4) 15...Kb8 16.Bg2?!



16...f5! 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Nxf6 Nxf6 19.Nc4 (19.Qxe6? Rd6 20.Qe2 [20.Qh3

Bc8 21.Qh4 with the idea of Nb4] 20...Re8 19...Rhe8 20.Rae1 Nd5 21.Bc1 Ncb4 22.Rf2 Ka7 23.Qe5 Qd7 24.Qg5 Qg7 25.Ne5 Nc3 26.Bxb7 Kxb7 27.Qg4 Qf6 28.Qf3+ Nbd5



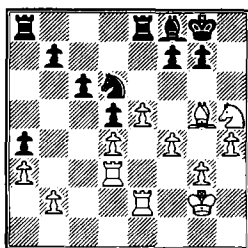
29.Bd2± Draw?!

White threatens Bxc3 when black must recapture dxc3. The weak pawns on c3 and e6 give white some winning chances although black may be just able to hold the draw.

**GM Alexander Ivanov (2670)
-Mark Pinto (2295)**

U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

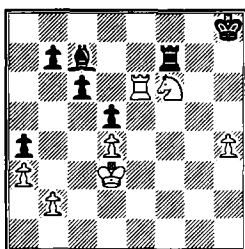
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Qd7 10.Nf3 Na6 11.0-0 Nc7 12.Ne2 Nh6 13.Bg5 Ne6 14.Rab1 a5 15.Nf4 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 Nf5 17.g3 0-0 18.Rfe1 Qe6 19.Bg5 Bb4 20.Re2 Rfc8 21.a3 Bf8 22.Rd1 a4 23.Ne1 Re8 24.Ng2 Ne7 25.Nf4 Qg4 26.f3! Qf5 27.Nxh5 Qxd3 28.Rxd3 Nf5 29.Kg2 Nd6 30.f4?!



30...f6! = 31.Kf3 31. Bf6 g6! - + 31...fxg5 32.exd6 Rxe2 33.Kxe2 gxh4 34.gxh4 Bxd6?! Re8+ 35.Rg3 Re8+ 36.Kd3 Re7 37.Rg6 Be7 38.f5 Kh7 39.Re6 Rf7?! R:e6= 40.f6 gxf6 41.Nxf6+ Kh8



*Hard-working
Mark Pinto
preparing for
the U.S. Masters*



42.h5!± Bf4 43.Ng4 Rg7 44.Re8+ Rg8 45.Rxg8+ Kxg8 46.Ne5 Kg7 47.Nd7 Kh6 48.Nc5 b5 49.Na6 Kxh5?! Bd6! 50.Nb4 Kg6 51.Nxc6 Bd6 52.Kc3 Kf5 We are in sudden death at this point and we each have about 3 minutes left for the rest of the game. I am no match for Alexander under these circumstances. 53.Na7 b4+ 54.axb4 Bg3= 55.Kd3 Ke6?? Be1= 56.Nb5 Be1 57.Nc3+ Kd6 58.b5 Ke7 59.Nxd5+ Kb7 60.Kc4 1-0

**Tom Dorsch (2200)-
Ryan Mankiewicz (2005)**
U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Ne2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.Nd2 Qc7 9.c3 e5 10.Qe1 Nb6 11.Qh4 Be6 12.f4 Ng4 13.Rf3 Nxe3 14.Rxe3 Qd8 15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.b3 exd4 17.Nxd4 Be8 18.Rf1 Rfe8 19.Rg3 c5 20.Ne2 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Rf2 Bxd3 23.Rxd3 d5 24.Nf3 e4 25.Rd1 Re8 26.Nfd4 Re3 27.f5 Bxd4 28.Nxd4 Rxc3

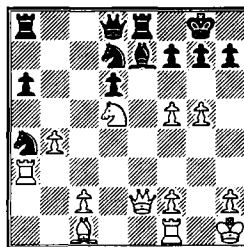
29.f6 Re3 30.Nb5 c3 31.Rc1 a6 32.Nd6 Re6 33.f7+ Kf8 34.Ne8 Nd7 35.Rf4 c2 36.Kf2 Re7 0-1

**Emory Tate (2475)-L.
Yudasin (2670)**

U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

(Note: No CalChess content but a great game!)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be4 e6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Nc5 9.g4 b5 10.g5 Nfd7 11.Bd5 Bb7 12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 Nbc5 15.Ra3 Qb6 16.0-0 Be7 17.Kh1 0-0 18.b4 Na4 19.Nf5 exf5 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.exf5 Re8



22.Qh5 Nab6 23.Rh3 Nf8 24.f6 Nxd5 25.fxg7 Kxg7 26.Bb2+ Kg8 27.g6 Bf6 28.gxf7+ Kh8 29.Rg1 Re1 30.Rxe1 Bxb2 31.Re8 Nf6 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Qh6 Ne4 34.Qh4 Nf6 35.Rg3 N8d7 36.Qh6 1-0

**Jennie Frenklakh (2220)-
Marvin Dandridge (2325)**
U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.g4

Be4 5.f3 Bg6 6.e6 Qd6 7.exf7+ Bxf7 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.f4 Ngf6 10.h3 0-0 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Nbd2 g5 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qc7 15.Nexg5 Bd5 16.Qe2 Bh6 17.Rf1 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Bxg5 19.fxg5 Qb6 20.c3 Rhf8 21.Rxf8 Rxf8 22.Be3 Qa5 23.a3 Qa4 24.Bg1 Qb3 25.Rd1 e6 26.Bh2 Kd8 27.Rd3 Qa2 28.h4 a5 29.h5 a4 30.Be5 Ke7 31.Bg7 Rf7 32.h6 Qb1+ 33.Rd1 Qg6 34.d5 cxd5 35.Rxd5 Kd8 36.Rd6 Qxg5 37.Qxe6 Qh4+ 38.Kd2 Qh2+ 39.Kd3 Rf3+ 40.Kc4 Qf4+ 41.Bd4 Qf7 42.Qxf7 Rxf7 43.Kb4 Ke7 44.Rd5 Rf4 45.g5 Rg4 46.Rb5 b6 47.Kxa4 Kd6 48.b4 Kc6 49.Rf5 Rg2 50.Kb3 1-0

**Fred Lindsay (2440)-
Vinay Bhat (2230)**

U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 d4 4.Bg2 c5 5.0-0 Nc6 6.a3 Nf6 7.e3 a5 8.exd4 cxd4 9.Re1 Be7 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Nd7 12.Re1 Nc5 13.d3 Qb6 14.Bf1 Bd7 15.Nd2 Be6 16.b3 0-0 17.Rb1 Rfd8 18.Nf3 Na4 19.Bd2 Nc3 20.Bxc3 dxc3 21.Re1 Bxa3 0-1

**Eric Schiller (2205)-
Allen Kornfeld (2305)**

U.S. Masters (Chicago) 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be4 Bg7 7.0-0 a6 8.Bb3 b5 9.h3 Bb7 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Kh1 Re8 12.a4 bxa4 13.Bd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 e6 15.Nc3 Nc5 16.f3 Qb6 17.Nxa4 Nxa4 18.Rxa4 0-0 19.c3 Rfd8 20.Rb4 Qc7 21.Qb3 Ba8 22.Bg5 Rd7 23.Qa4 e5 24.Nb3 d5 25.Qxa6 Bf8 26.exd5 Bxb4 27.exb4 Rd6 28.Qa4 Rxd5 29.Nc5 Rd4 30.Qa3 e4 31.fxe4 Qe5 32.Qa6 Re8 33.Bf6 Qg3 34.Bxd4 Qxe1+ 35.Kh2 Qh4 36.Nd7 Rd8 37.Qd6 Rxd7 38.Qxd7 Qf4+ 39.Kh1 Qc1+ 40.Bg1 Kg7 41.Qd4+ f6 42.Qc5 Qf1 43.b5 h5 44.Qa7+ 1-0

1997 People's Tournament

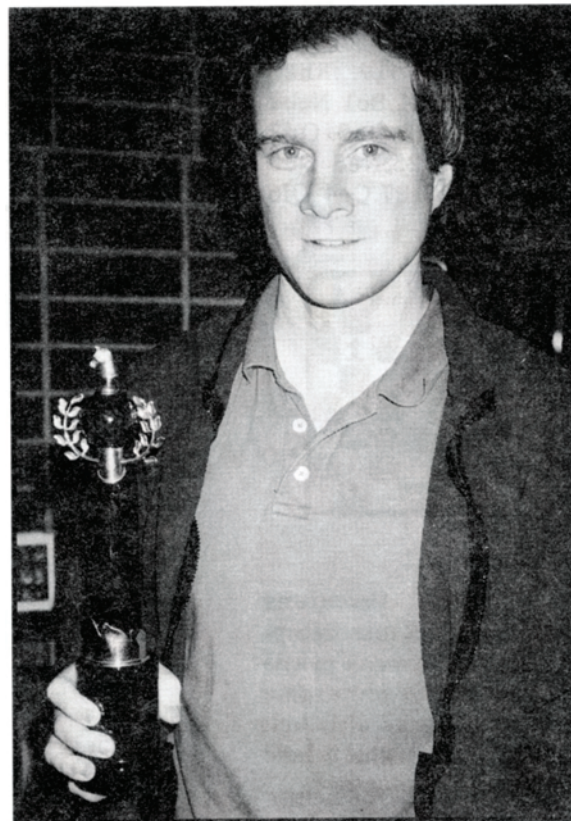
by Don Shennum

Twenty-four years and counting. That's how long chessplayers have been coming to Berkeley on President's Day weekend to participate in the People's Chess Tournament. Yes, 24 years of bongos, Blondie's Pizza, street preachers and the rest of the usual Berkeley assortment to maintain your interest if your mind should wander from chess. This year's event (held as usual in the Pauley Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union on the UC-Berkeley campus) attracted over 160 chessplayers, in addition to the 58 scholastic competitors who turned up for the one day scholastic event. The 24th edition of the People's tournament will be remembered as one of the more entertaining and unpredictable ones as upsets were the norm. The top two-rated players in each section finished out of the money in all but one of the seven sections.

The Open Section produced only the *second* biggest surprise of the weekend, when IM John Donaldson (2504), IM Walter Shipman (2418) and *Expert* Robin Forman (2188) finished tied for first with 4.5-1.5 scores with each of them earning \$350. Donaldson was his usual steady self, playing for a win when necessary and settling for a (usually tame) draw when the half-point would do. He notched wins against Vinay Bhat (2232) and Omar Cartagena (2532) and in the first round was the only player to defeat co-winner Forman. His draws were surrendered to Mark Pinto (2258), IM John Grefe (2509), and FM Robin Cunningham (2424).

Walter Shipman had to fight a little harder than Donaldson to reach 4.5 points. Walter slipped behind the leaders when he lost his fourth round game to Emmanuel Perez (2385). In Round 5 against Tigran Ishkhanov (2251), Walter maintained his cool and converted a winning position into the full point in a mutual time scramble. In Round 6 against Jonathan Baker (2321), Shipman converted a winning but difficult rook and pawn ending into a full point. During rounds 5 and 6, Walter played over 11-and-a-half hours of chess on Monday.

Robin Forman had a result that most players only dream of. Robin's first round loss to Donaldson must have sparked something for after that he scored a blazing 4.5 out of 5 to reach the top of the standings. In round 2, he beat Nigel Livesey (1901) and round 3 saw Robin score his first upset when he defeated Bill Orton (2246). Forman was down an exchange in a queen and rook versus queen and bishop ending in his fourth round



IM John Donaldson was one of the three co-champions at this year's People's tournament.



game against Victor Ossipov (2266) when Victor allowed a three-time repetition to occur. Forman immediately claimed the draw and after the position was verified against the scoresheets, Robin escaped with the half-point. In round 5, Robin beat Robin Lancry (2248), ruining the Ohio master's vacation to the Bay Area. Round 6 saw Forman pull the real stunner as he knocked off top-ranked Cartagena. Robin finished the weekend with a 2483 performance rating.

The top rated Omar Cartagena had a difficult tournament. Omar surrendered a draw in Round 2 to Pinto. His fourth round loss to Donaldson knocked him well back of the leaders. In Round 5, Cartagena only managed a draw against Dmitry Zilberstein (2333) and was out of the running for the prizes entering the last round. Many players in his spot would withdraw and call it a weekend knowing that they would play someone over 300 rating points below him. Omar stayed in the tournament to face the streaking Robin Forman in the last round. Second seeded IM John Grefe (2509) stayed at the top of the leaders all weekend, but four straight draws in rounds 3-6 caused him to fall just short of the prizewinners with a final score of 4 points. NM Eric Schiller (2210) earned \$105 by winning the first Under 2300 prize with a 4-2 score.

The *third* biggest surprise of the weekend occurred in the Expert Section when 11-year-old A.J. Steigman (2084) of Florida tied for first with Bela Evans (2092).

Both players earned \$225 with their identical 5-1 scores. A.J. traveled all the way from the sunny regions of Florida to participate in this event. His only loss was in the third round to top-rated James Al-Shamma (2183). Bela's only setback was his third-round loss to David Herscovici (2128). David led the tournament all weekend and was the only undefeated player after 4 rounds with a perfect 4-0 score. David had to work on Monday and could not play in Rounds 5 and 6. The rules only allowed for one half-point bye for the tournament and thus David was left with 4.5 points. This was still good enough to tie for third place with Tom Stevens (2029), who was leading the event going into the

last round with 4.5 points. He last round loss to Bela knocked him back to third. Both Tom and David earned \$37.50.

In the Class A section, it was business as usual as top-rated Steven Krasnov (1980) sailed through the field and finished in clear first with 5.5 points, to earn \$290. His only draw was to Andy Milburn (1844) in the second round. Finishing in clear second was Craig Andries (1902) with 5 points. Craig's only loss was to Steven in the fourth round, and Craig earned \$150. Tying for third with 4 points were Richard Roubal (1939), Mansur Saca (1823), and Julian Standen (1745). These three players earned \$25.

The Class B produced the *nicest* surprise of the weekend. Julie Vizcaino (1434), playing up a class, knocked off all challengers on her way to 5.5 points and clear first place. Julie's performance rating for the weekend was over 2000 as she earned \$280. Julie was regularly outrated by 250-300 points, but the youngster from Modesto proved she was up to the challenge in every case. Going into the last round, Julie led the field by a full point with a perfect 5-0 score. Brendan Birt

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The Toiling Masses at the 24th People's

1. CalChess President (L) Richard Koepcke and Secretary Mike Arne plot at the CalChess board meeting. 2. Ursula Foster—Weekend Warrior! 3. Vinay Bhat is always totally focused on the pieces. 4. Kids! 5. Assisntant TD Alan Kirshner (L) and Chief TD/Organizer Don Shennum in a relaxed moment at the TD table. 6. Revolutionary Fervor on the Lower Boards!

A League All His Own

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1997 in the Foster City Council Chambers—a much improved venue from the first tournament. We had been crowded into a very small, hot and humid area in the Music Art School.

Fifty-five players competed in the six grade divisions this year. Steve combined kindergarten and first grade into one section. Twenty-six of these competitors came from schools outside the U.P.S.C.L. Fearful of the possibility of ties, Steve decided to let the players vote on whether to use his system of tie-breaks or to play a blitz game for the first place trophy—tie-breaks would be used for the other positions. The young voters selected the blitz game as the method they would prefer in case of a tie. Luckily, a clear winner emerged in each division.

Feeling that most of the U.P.S.C.L. players would be beginners, I encourage my higher rated players to compete in the adult People's Tournament in Berkeley on the same day. I went with my "B" team. Well, was I in for a surprise! The competition this year was far superior to last year. None of the Weibel students had a perfect score in the four games. However, they did well enough to win four of the six sections and to come away with the first place team trophy for the second year. Belmont Oaks Academy took second place in the team competition. Steve awards team points for the top six places in each section.

Weibel's "B" team players felt great about their victory. One week previously the "A" team lost a one-on-one match against the Berkeley Bishops. In that competition, held in Berkeley, thirteen players confronted their counterparts playing one game with White and the other with Black. The Bishops scored 14-1/2 points to Weibel's 11-1/2. The only consolation Weibel players had was the realization that the Bishops, coached by Elizabeth Shaughnessy drew from eleven different schools. Weibel's team, except for one player who receives home schooling, attend the same school.

To be fair, Steve considers this tournament an individual competition, and throws in the team trophies as an extra incentive. So let me describe the action in each of the sections. The ratings are

U.P.S.C.L. Steve assigned U.P.S.C.L. ratings to the players who came from outside his league. They are about 200 points above the U.S.C.F. ratings.

In the Kindergarten/First Grade section Sharon Tseung (806) drew Evan Boucher (835), a new young dynamo to chess, in the second round. In the last round it appeared that they would tie for first. Evan was up a queen, two rooks and a few other pieces when Sharon won her game. Since Sharon had never played blitz,

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*Steve will introduce
Cassia to hundreds of
young people who, if not
for him, would have
missed the opportunity to
play the game of kings.*
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she decided to practice while Evan continued his quest for a mate. Poor Sharon, her flag kept falling and tears began to appear in her eyes. She hung in there and began to win. By her seventh game she defeated the girl who was to become the fifth grade winner. Sharon was ready. However, as is often the case when a young player has too much material strength, Evan drew his game against Phillip Tang (810). Sharon was the clear winner with 3-1/2 out of 4 points. Evan took second with three points on tie-breakers over Alexander Siegel (690). Phillip Tang (810) won the fourth place medal with 2.5 points.

In the second grade section, Alex Wu (1006) won first place with 3.5. Alex Foster (921) came in second with 3 points. Marcus Tong (1013) brought home a third place trophy with 2.5 points and Kevin Greene (933) received the fourth place medal.

Matthew Ho (1374), in third grade, was the only player in the tournament to obtain a perfect score. The February 1997 U.S.C.F. Rating List ranked Matthew eighth in the nation for players under 8. His ac-

tual rating is 1223. He far outclassed his opponents. In the last round I thought that Timothy Ma (995) would give him a bit of opposition, but Matthew chopped him up fairly rapidly. Second place went to Cameron Tacklind (956) with Timothy Ma getting third place. Saurabh Sanghvi received the fourth place medal.

Alexander Tseung (1024), in fourth grade, was up material in his second game against Dan Merala (1085), but Alex flubbed his endgame. He refused to concede a draw in king and queen versus king and queen. Steve insisted that they play it out and after about fifty moves the game turned into king against king. I was happy that they shook hands because I was fearful that Steve might feel they ought to continue play until they both agreed to a draw. Alex left in tears, but came back to win. He did with 3.5 points. A three-way tie ensued for second place with each player getting 3 points. Steve's tie-break system gave Zach Karnazes (1019) a second, Boris Lipkin (1207) a third, and Eduard Shamilov (964) a fourth. Zach Karnazes might have won the first place trophy if he had not been forced to move a piece due to the touch square rule in his game against Alex Tseung.

Judy Kuo (1053) won the fifth grade division with 3.5 points. Andrew Fleury (1385), whom Judy never had to face, took a second on tie-breaks after winning three games. Tomas Bandong (1204) received third place and Ben Bullock (1183) obtained the fourth place medal.

In the sixth grade, Matthew Huang (1125) confronted his teammate Brian Toy (882) in the final round. After a few moves they agreed to a draw. This ensured a first place for Matthew and gave Brian the third place trophy. Daniel Barclay (1269) took second place and a three way tie with two wins each saw Anuraag Agrawal (928) win the fourth place medal as Carey Shelton (899) and Jayodita Sanghvi (755) looked on.

Steve Cohen indicated that he will be expanding his league next year to include children from Middle Schools. For the sake of the other scholastic tournaments in Northern California, I hope he brings his rules in line with the United States Chess Federation. But, even if he does not, I know his love for children and chess will aid the growth of our sport. Steve will introduce Cassia to hundreds of young people who, if not for him, would have missed the opportunity to play the game of kings.

33rd Annual LERA Peninsula Class Championships

by Jim Hurt and Allan Fifield

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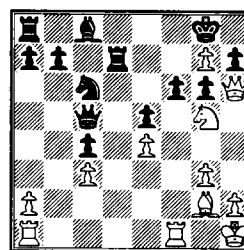
Class	Place	Name	Score	Prize
Open	1st–3rd	Arthur Arutjunian	3.5–0.5	\$333
		Jonathan Baker	3.5–0.5	333
		Kenan Zildzic	3.5–0.5	333
Expert	1st–2nd	James Al-Shamma	3.5–0.5	\$320
	1st–2nd	David Herscovici	3.5–0.5	320
	3rd–4th	Larry Snyder	3.0–1.0	80
	3rd–4th	Nigel Livesey	3.0–1.0	80
A	1st–2nd	Anthony Rozenvasser	3.5–0.5	280
	1st–2nd	Steven Metz	3.5–0.5	280
	3rd	Richard Roubal	3.0–1.0	140
B	1st–2nd	Francisco Carrillo	3.5–0.5	\$240
	1st–2nd	Alfred Abraham	3.5–0.5	240
	3rd–5th	Euphorion Webb	3.0–1.0	40
	3rd–5th	Jose Fernandez	3.0–1.0	40
	3rd–5th	Julia Vizcaino	3.0–1.0	40
	C	1st	Trevor Bauer	4.0–1.0
2nd–4th		Kurt Jacobs	3.0–1.0	67
2nd–4th		Brad Wilburn	3.0–1.0	67
2nd–4th		Keith Yost	3.0–1.0	67
D	1st–2nd	Samuel Pence	3.5–0.5	\$50
	1st–2nd	Akash Deb	3.5–0.5	50
E	1st	Joshua Harmssen	3.5–0.5	\$100
Unrated	1st	Eric Tolentino	3.0–1.0	\$100

137 players competed for \$3890 in prizes in this four round Swiss tournament. Although the prize fund was originally 'based on' 160 players, the LERA Chess Club paid the full prize fund. This was made possible by a \$700 donation by organizer Jim Hurt. Jim had won a \$600 class 'A' prize in Reno two years ago and was saving his prize for a worthy cause. Jim deemed the best attendance at this tournament in many years to be the right 'worthy cause'.

In addition to his cash donation and organizing efforts, Jim Hurt was also the chief tournament director. He was assisted by Ted Yudacufski and Robert Massey provided additional computer assistance. Richard Shorman undertook the difficult task of judging the brilliancy prizes and awarded \$15 each to the winners of the following games:

Kenan Zildzic (2281)–Burt Izumikawa (2452) Round 2, ECO B24

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 d6 7.f4 Nge7 8.Nf3 Qa5 9.O-O Bxc3 10.bxc3 Qxc3 11.Bd2 Qa3 12.c3 O-O 13.Nh4 d5 14.f5 dxe4 15.f6 Nd5 16.dxe4 Nc7 17.Qg4 Rd8 18.Qg5 e4 19.Nf3 e5 20.Qh6 Qf8 21.Qh4 Ne8 22.Bh6 Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Rd6 24.Bg7 Nxc7 25.fxc7 f6 26.Qh6 Rd7 27.Ng5



A pretty move but the real 'brilliancy' is the previous play to achieve such a position against Burt.

27...Rxc7 28.Rxf6 Bg4 29.Raf1 Rd8 30.h3 Be8 31.Rf7 Rxf7 32.Rxf7 Rd1+ 33.Bf1 1–0

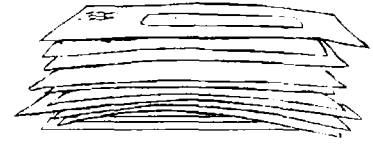
Steven Metz (1698)–Anthony Rozenwasser (1938) Round 2, ECO A08

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 Be7 3.f4 d5 4.d3 c5 5.Nf3 Qb6

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

Richard Koepcke, the Cal Chess President, reneged on a Cal Chess contribution of \$200 to the Linklater tournament. Richard knew when I was organizing the State Championship last fall that I was counting on \$200 from Cal Chess. Nevertheless, after the tournament, he informed me that the \$200 would not be forthcoming because it wasn't in the budget. Thus the Mechanics Institute had to shell out \$200 more than expected.

The primary purpose of a state affiliate, like CalChess, is to provide for a state championship. If you ask New Windsor what a USCF state affiliate is supposed to do, they will say it should provide for a state championship. USCF sends Cal Chess about \$2,000 per year. Cal Chess used to contribute about 25%, or \$500, to the state championship. Last year it was \$200, and this year zilch. Cal Chess has abandoned its purpose, and desperately needs new leadership.

Mike Goodall, Tournament Director

Editor's Reply: No member of the Cal Chess board of directors (including the President) ever committed to a \$200 donation to the Linklater. All donations must be approved by the full board of directors as part of the budget. While the Linklater is certainly a worthy tournament, the Cal Chess board of di-

rectors has had to make some tough calls in an effort to balance our budget.



Dear CCJ,

Thanks for printing my book review of *Hastings 1895* by Colin Crouch and Kean Haines. At the end of the review, a reference is given to "*Hastings 1895: The Centenary Book*" published by Sid Pickard and Sons. I should point out that the Pickard book is not the one that I reviewed. From the description of it in the Chess Digest catalog, it is the original tournament book of 100 years ago but has been put into algebraic notation. In the CD catalog, it is listed as item L707. The book which I reviewed was item L698. It seems not to be carried by Chess Digest anymore. The last time I saw it listed was in their Winter 95/96 catalog.

Jim Uren

Editor's Reply: Mr. Uren is absolutely right that the book he reviewed was incorrectly identified in the last issue. The fault is entirely with myself and I extend my apologies to Mr. Uren. "Haste makes waste" is once again proved to be so very true.

LERA Peninsula Class Games

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6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.g3 Nb4 8.Nb3 dxe4
9.dxe4 Bd7 10.a3 Na6 11.Be3 Nf6
12.Ne5 Ba4 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Bg2 Rd8
15.O-O O-O 16.f5 e5 17.g4 b5 18.g5
bxc4 19.gxf6 Bxf6 20.Nd2 Bxc2
21.Qh5 g6 22.Qg4 Qe7 23.Rf3 h5
24.Qh3 Bg5 25.Nxc4 Bxe3+ 26.Rxe3
h4 27.Qg4 g5 28.Nxe5 Nb8 29.Nf3 f6
30.Nxh4 Rf7 31.Ng6 Qd7 32.h4 Rg7
33.Qg3 gxh4 34.Qxh4 Qd4 35.Rae1
Kf7 36.Qh5 Rdg8 37.Qe2 Ba4 38.Bf1
Rh8 39.Qc4+ Qxc4 40.Bxc4+ Ke8
41.e5 fxe5 42.Rxe5+ Kd8 43.Rxc5 Rh5
44.Re2 Be8 45.Rxe8+ Kxe8 46.Rc8+
Kd7 47.Be6+ Kd6 48.Rxb8 Rg5+
49.Kf2 R5xg6 50.fxg6 Kxe6 51.Rc8
Kd6 52.Ra8 Kc6 1/2-1/2

Each player was awarded a \$15 brilliancy prize for this hard fought draw.

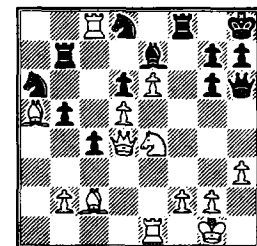
**Alan Howe (1632)-
Marvin Gilbert (1600)**
Round 2, ECO E94

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O
5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.O-O e5 8.d5
Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.a3 Ne8 11.Nb3 b6
12.Nxc5 bxc5 13.Be3 f5 14.f3 f4
15.Bd2 Qg5 16.Kh1 Qh4 17.Qe1 Qh5
18.Nb5 Bd7 19.Bxa5 Bxb5 20.cxb5
g5 21.a4 Rf7 22.b4 cxb4 23.Bxb4 Nf6
24.Qf2 Qg6 25.Rfe1 h5 26.a5 g4
27.a6 Qg5 28.Ba5 Rc8 29.b6 g3
30.b7 Rcf8 31.Qg1 h4 32.Rxc7 gxh2
33.Qxh2 Nh5 34.Bb5 Rxc7 35.Bxc7
Rf7 36.b8Q 1-0

**Hal Eisen (1584)-
Adam Lischinsky (1493)**
Round 2, C90

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3

Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.d3 O-O 11.Nbd2 Qd7
12.Nf1 Nd8 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.Nh4 Kh8
15.Nxg6+ fxg6 16.a4 Rb8 17.axb5
axb5 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Ne6 20.Ra7
Nd8 21.e5 Ne8 22.e6 Qc6 23.d5 Qc5
24.Be3 Qb4 25.Bd4 Rb7 26.Ra8 e5
27.Bc3 Qf4 28.Ne4 c4 29.Bc2 Nc7
30.Rc8 Na6 31.Qd4 Qh6 32.Ba5



The Black king's rook will be lured to the left until it disappears.

32...Re8 33.Bxd8 Rxd8 34.Rxd8+
Bxd8 35.Nxd6 Kg8 36.Nxb7 Qg5
37.Nxd8 Qxd8 38.d6 1-0

Northern California Closed Championship

Linklater Championship

by Mike Goodall

The 1997 Northern California closed championship, the Charles Linklater Memorial Masters Invitational, was held at the Mechanics Institute Chess Club in San Francisco from January 17 through February 2. Eight players with an average rating of 2445 USCF and 2358 FIDE competed for \$3000 in prizes in this FIDE rated event. Defending co-champion Burt Izumikawa won it all by himself this year. The other previous co-champion, Omar Cartagena, had to settle for a tie for second and third with Thomas Wolski. Rounding out the plus scores was John Grefe who had won this event the last three times he played in it.

Selected Linklater Games

Omar Cartagena–John Grefe
Round 2, ECO B72
Notes by Grefe

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Qd2

If White is going to avoid the usual 7.f3 then 7.Bc4 is the most common way to do it with the continuations 7...Ng4 8.Bb5+ Kf8 as in an old game of Botvinnik's or 8.O-O.

7...Ng4 8.O-O-O Nxe3 9.fxe3 O-O 10.h4 h5

Another possible defensive setup by Black would be 10...Nd7 11.h5 Ne5 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Qf2 a6 14.Qh4 Re8 with unclear consequences.

11.Be2 Nc6 12.g4

White must pry open files on the kingside.

12...hxg4 13.h5 Ne5 14.Qe1 g5

14...e6 might be better not fearing 15.Ndb5 Qg5

15.h6 Bf6 16.Qf2 Bd7

Fritz 4 suggested 16...Kh7 17.Nd5 Bh8.

17.Nd5 Re8 18.h7+

18.Nxf6+ exf6 19.Rdf1 f5 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Re5 might be an improved version of the actual game.

18...Kh8 19.Nxf6 exf6 20.Nf5

20.Rdf1 is better.

20...Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Re8 22.Bxg4 Re5 23.Kb1

Charles Linklater Memorial Masters Invitational

	USCF	FIDE	Score
1. Burt Izumikawa	2452	2405	5.0–2.0
2. Omar Cartagena	2507	2425	4.5–2.5
3. Thomas Wolski	2412	2345	4.5–2.5
4. John Grefe	2504	2420	4.0–3.0
5. Ronald Cusi	2470	2380	3.5–3.5
6. Richard Lobo	2400	2335	3.5–3.5
7. Robin Cunningham	2428	2335	2.0–5.0
8. Isaak Margulis	2389	2270	1.0–6.0

23.Rd5 Rxd5 (not 23...Nd3+ 24.Rxd3 Rxf5 25.Bxf5 unclear) 24.exd5 Nxg4 25.Qxg4 Rxe3 is a large advantage for Black.
23...Nc4 24.Qf2

24.Qf3 f5 24.Bxf5 Qf6 25.Rd4 Rb5 26.b3 Qxd4 27.exd4 Nd2+ 28.Kc1 Nxf3 29.Bd7 Rxe4 is an easy win for Black.

24...f5 25.Bxf5 Qf6

25...Qb6 26.b3 Ng3+ 27.Kg1 with the idea of 28.Bd7 is not quite as clear.

26.Rd4

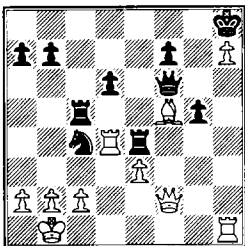
26.c3 Rb5 27.b3 Qxc3 is losing.

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26...Rxe4



If now 27.Rf1 Rxe3 28.Rxc4 Qxf5 29.Qxf5 Rxf5 30.Rh1 Rfe5 (or first 30...Rc5) wins the endgame easily after trading one pair of rooks.

27.Qg2 Rxf5 0-1

Thomas Wolski–John Grefe
Round 4, ECO E92
Notes by Wolski

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O
5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 h6
9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bc1 f5 11.exf5

The idea, originally by GM

Zvaginsev, is to give Black weak pawns and sensitive squares on the kingside.

11...gxf5 12.g3! Na6 13.Nh4 Nc5
14.O-O

Now White threatens to take on f5.

14...Nf6 15.f4 exf4!?

This is a nice improvement of Grefe's. Previously only 15...e4 had been played, when White has a nice position after 16.Be3 and 17.h3.

16.Bxf4 Nfe4!?

Now Black gets active piece play for the compromised pawn structure.

17.Nb5!?

In an attempt to complicate matters I avoid exchanges and plan to transfer this knight to d4 where it will eye f5 and e6. As I need to avoid doubled pawns on c3, the only other plausible alternative is to take on e4.

17...Bxb2?!

I considered 17...Ng5!/? interesting whereas Grefe believes 17...c6!/? to be strong for Black.

18.Bxh6 Rf6?!

After 18...Bxa1 19.Qxa1 White gets some compensation for the exchange. However, this or 18...Rf7 was to be preferred.

19.Rb1 Be5 20.Be3 e6?

This move which I thought to have prevented with my last one, is the source of all future problems. Black should have played 20...Qe7 with options of transferring the queen to g7 or h7 and possible piece sacrifices on g3.

21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Bxc5

Now there is no fork on c3.

22...Nxc5 23.Nd4 d5 24.Ndx5 Be6 25.Qc1

This threaten both 26.Qg5+ and 26.cxd5 and forces Black's response.

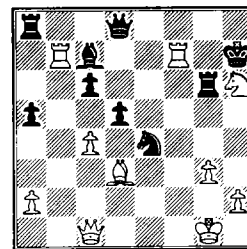
25...Ne4 26.Rb7!

White now hopes for 27.Qh6!! Rxh6 28.Nxh6+ Kh8 29.Ng6 mate, but Black spoils this pretty mate.

26...Bc7 27.Bd3!

Now what remains of Black's kingside will collapse.

27...Bxf5 25.Nxf5 Rg6 29.Nh6+ Kh7
30.Rf7+ 1-0



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(1618) was given the task to try to beat her and allow himself (among others) to tie her for first. Brendan did slow her down, but still only managed a draw. Edward Lewis (1614) finished in second place with 5 points and \$140. Brendan finished in third place with 4.5 points which was good enough for \$70.

The two-day Reserve section saw John Donahoo (1552) dominate on his way to a perfect 5-0 score, which earned him \$200. Going into the last round, John and top-rated Kurt Jacobs (1583) were tied for first with 4 points. John beat Kurt which allowed Adam Lischinsky (1493), Demetrius

Goins (1407), and Casey Wichert (1228) to catch Kurt and tie for second with 4 points each. Kurt, Adam, and Demetrius each earned \$58 while Casey claimed the U1400 prize worth \$90. Right behind them were the young trio of Michael Lum (1247), Monty Peckham (821) and David Petty (1367), who all tied for second Under 1400.

The Reserve Section is a two-day affair so that on Monday we have space to run a scholastic event that is the last major scholastic event before the State Championships in March. 58 players took advantage of the opportunity to get ready for State. In the end,

Berkeley's Elliot Temple (1456) and David Petty (1367) tied with Fremont's Robert Chan (1158) with undefeated 4-0 scores.

Instead of using arbitrary tiebreak methods to award first through third place trophies, it's been a Berkeley tradition to have a blitz playoff for the trophies and award all three players the co-champion title. The playoffs are more fun for the players and spectators, but sometimes nervewracking on the coaches and parents. Of course, all players must be willing to participate in the playoff. If even one player does not want to play it off, then we would use an arbitrary tiebreak methods to award the trophies. Luckily, Robert, David, and Elliot were all in a competitive mood as all players were willing to play it off. Each player

faced each other once with each color in the blitz playoff. Elliot swept Robert and split with David to finish the playoff with a 3-1 score. Robert beat David in the last game of the playoff for a 2-2 playoff score to secure the second place trophy and Robert finished with a 1-3 score which got him the third place trophy. Of course, all three players tied for first and are co-champions of the event.

The tournament was smoothly directed by Don and Laura Shennum with on-site assistance from Alan Glasscoe. Jay Blem's National Chess and Games came up from Anaheim and provided his usual excellent book concession. Keep an eye open for information on next year's event, which will be the 25th Annual People's Chess Tournament, making it a Heritage Event.

The Seeds of Disaster

by Tom Dorsch, USCF Treasurer

The 1997 March meeting in Monrovia marked the return of the USCF Policy Board to its primary function of cetacean blowhole on the body politic. USCF governance is a balancing act between the professional managers in the business office and the amateur chess players on the Policy Board. Times are best when a new Executive Director is energetic and effective. In the worst of times, the Policy Board is ascendant and mucks things up.

The first six months of President Don Schultz term vividly illustrate the dangers and futility of governance by the Policy Board. At the first meeting, every vote of the Board was 7-0. This was hailed by President Schultz as evidence of success. In fact, we had nearly sown the seeds of disaster because the veneer of harmony reflected an unwillingness to deal with two major crises that we immediately confronted. One was that Al Lawrence, our executive director of eight years and the father of the modern sales program, had abruptly resigned. The other was that a confluence of factors combined to create the largest budget deficit in USCF history. The USCF Policy Board was faced with the inevitable necessity of making decisions, but the reigning paradigm was harmony. All we wanted to do was show everybody that we were less divided than the previous Board and focus on issues that could be resolved without disagreement. When it became necessary to address the problems, the past differences among the board members exploded with the force of suppressed animosity.

First it became clear that we faced financial problems. Each monthly report showed an increasing deficit. Institutional changes in the accounting of the Life Member Assets and the cost of executive separation were clearly going to exacerbate any ordinary losses.

Second, we soon had a personnel crisis. Don Schultz's decision to delay replac-

ing Al Lawrence for six months to save money was penny-wise and pound-foolish. The departure of Lawrence left the office without an effective decision-maker at a crucial time.

The Board split 3-3 between those who wanted to take decisive action (Dorsch, Eade, Lieberman) and those who

would take no action (Goichberg, Ferguson, Adams). President Schultz, indecisive as always, straddled the issue. Instead of providing the leadership to resolve the crisis, he exploited it to personal political advantage by playing one faction off against the other. By October of 96,

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Cavallo Named Executive Director

by Sam Sloan

Michael Cavallo of Cambridge Mass, a former scholastic player, is the new Executive Director of the United States Chess Federation. His first day on the job was Wednesday, January 15. Cavallo is a rated chess expert, with a rating of 2142 in the December, 1996 Annual USCF Rating list.

Cavallo comes to the job with impressive qualifications including a Harvard MBA. He has considerable business experience with involvement in two multi-million dollar non-profit corporations. He was appointed to a three man commission by Governor William Weld of Massachusetts. His list of qualifications is so long that they will not be recounted here. Cavallo will be the first professional manager in the history of the USCF. The only real question about Cavallo is

whether he will be able to devote his full time which this job obviously requires, in view of his multitude of other business involvements.

Cavallo faces a terrible mess at the USCF headquarters in New Windsor.

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Michael Cavallo, Executive Director of the United States Chess Federation.

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the USCF Policy Board was already hopelessly fractured.

At the November meeting, the activists prevailed. They were not only able to force an agreement for Assistant Executive Director George Filippone to leave, but it was engineered by Schultz to have Goichberg (Filippone's fiercest loyalist) make the motion! Goichberg was shaken by this turn of events.

Subsequent to the November meeting, the opposing faction of the board launched a backlash. Despite several attempts, Bill Goichberg was unable to reverse the action on Filippone, but he did succeed in convincing Schultz to use the Board for public and personal attacks. Policy Board motion #5 of December 23 removed the Treasurer from all Board liaisons and committees. In addition, Policy Board motion #5 instituted elaborate new procedures that restricted the access of the treasurer to financial information.

The action was symbolic of how badly fractured the Policy Board had become. The practical effect of motion #5 was negligible as the Treasurer has always had a special relationship with the Finance Committee. Other Board committees and liaisons were dysfunctional on the Schultz board. In addition, New York is the leading "right to information" state in case law dealing with corporate officers. Under New York law, the Treasurer can access any information at any time (with the use of the courts if necessary). The most important consequence of the censorship motion was that the Treasurer no longer approves board expenses. Fan Adams now watches over the Policy Board expense account.

So here we are at the March Policy Board meeting. Intervening meetings had been canceled by the president, although we did meet in January to anoint Al Lawrence's successor Mike

Cavallo as the new Executive Director. The new paradigm is to get out of the way and let Cavallo do his job. Given the Board's track record, this is probably the best strategy. After a harmonious meeting in August followed by the major clashes in November, everything was back to 7-0 votes. If there was any possibility of disagreement, there was a quick change to reach compromise. Areas of clear disagreement were circumvented. The tension was so thick you could cut it with a knife, but no hint of discord will appear in the official record. The only indications of seething disagreement were in the hypersensitivity to criticism.

Don Schultz, in particular, confuses the respect due the office of president with the scrutiny necessary for the man who holds it. Several times he or Ferguson accused the treasurer of "insulting the president". Sometimes this has led to moments of unintentional comedy. On one occasion, I queried Schultz why it had taken him almost ten months (he had started working on it in June 1996) to decide where to hold the 1997 US Championship. "It is now March 1997 and no decision has been made." I said, "You're dragging your feet, and hurting the players who have to make plans."

Schultz retorted, "I want the Board to rule that I have just been accused of 'dragging my feet!'"

Faced with underwhelming support from the Board, Schultz repeated his demand several times, but his supporters, unnerved by the obvious validity of the charge, disappointed him. Another moment of intended high drama fell flat.

Almost no substantive business was transacted. The most important topic at the meeting, the financial crisis, was addressed in a bare-bones report by the Executive Director. The key aspect of the plan was to borrow \$300K-\$400K from the Life Member Assets fund, but in anticipation that the vote would not be unanimous, no action was taken and no proposal was made. The USCF business office is again on its own.



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There is doubt whether anybody would be capable of success at the job which has been set out for him. However, this has advantages as well. If Cavallo fails, it will always be said that he faced impossible and intractable problems.

Among the many problems facing Cavallo will be to phase out Acting Executive Director George Filippone. Filippone is entitled to significant severance pay pursuant to a contract he signed with Al Lawrence just prior to Lawrence's departure. Filippone has worked for the USCF only about two years and his current position has always been labeled as "temporary".

The underlying problems which Cavallo faces are the shrinking revenues, the declining memberships and the half million dollar loss which the USCF has suffered over the past six months. Further problems include office disorganization and widespread customer and membership dissatisfaction with almost everything about the USCF. The patented USCF chess clock which has never worked properly is a problem which will probably have to remain on the back burner for a while.

Finally, the biggest problem of all is the incredible amount of fighting which has broken out among the policy board members during the past two months. However, this fighting has been directly related to the mismanagement within the USCF office and to conflicting visions of what to do about it. If Cavallo is able to solve the internal working problems within the USCF office, presumably this fighting among members of the governing body will stop.

It must be remembered that the USCF has 85,000 members plus a revenue base of \$6.6 million annually and is ultimately backed by a million dollar trust fund. Predictions of the imminent demise of the USCF are decidedly premature.

Berkeley Chess Club News

by BCC bulletin editor Kurt Jacobs
with additional analysis by Alan Glasscoe

**Uwe Jacobs (1695)–
Kurt Jacobs (1446)**
Ruy Lopez (Open Defense)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4
6.Re1?!

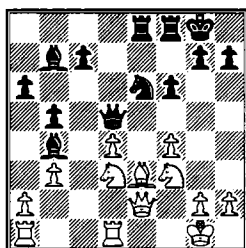
6.d4: MCO–13

6...Nc5 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Nxe5
Be7 9.d4 Ne6 10.c3

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10...Qd5 11.f4 O-O 12.Qe2
b5 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Nd2 c5

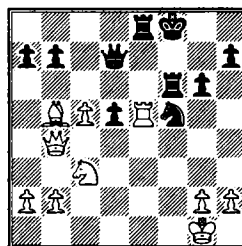
15.Ndf3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rae8
17.b3 Bb4 18.Red1 f6
19.Nd3



19...Bc3 20.Rac1 Nxd4
21.Nxd4 Rxe3! 22.Qc2 Bxd4
23.Kf1 Rfe8 24.Rd2 Qe4
25.Qd1 Rxd3 26.Rxc7
Qxf4+ 0–1

**Eric Brody (1953)–
David Goldfarb (1812)**
King's Indian Defense

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 O-O 5.e5 Ne8 6.f4 d6
7.Nf3 c5 8.d5 Bg4 9.Bd3
dxe5 10.fxe5 Bxe5 11.Bh6
Bg7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.O-O
Nd6 14.Qe1 Nd7 15.Qg3
Bxf3 16.Rxf3 f6 17.Re1 Ne5
18.Rfe3 Qd7 19.Rxe5 fxe5
20.Rxe5 Rf6 21.Qe3 Re8
22.Qxc5 e6 23.Qd4 Kf8
24.c5 Nf5 25.Qb4 exd5
26.Bb5



26...Qxb5 27.Nxb5 Rxe5
28.c6+ Kg7

28...Re7!?

29.c7

29.cb7! Re6! 30.Nd4;
29...Rb6 30.Qc3 Kf6 31.Qe8;
29...Ne3 30.h3 Re8 31.Qc3 d4
32.Qc7+ Kh6 33.e8(Q)

29...Re6 30.Qf4 Re3 31.Nd6
Rc1+ 32.Kf2 Rc2+ 33.Kf1
Rc1+ 1/2-1/2

**David Dunetz (1714)–
Juan Herrera (1745)**
Closed Scandinavian

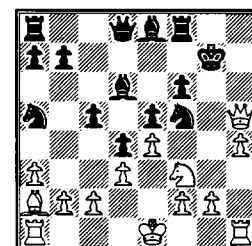
1.e4 d5 2.Nc3 d4 3.Nce2 e5
4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Ng3 Ne7 6.Bc4
O-O 7.d3 Nbc6 8.a3 Na5?
9.Ba2 c5 10.Ng5 h6 11.h4!
Bd7 12.Qh5 Be8 13.Nf3

13.Nf5!?

13...Kh8

13...c4!?

14.Bxh6! f6 15.Bxg7+ Kxg7
16.Nf5+ Nxf5



17.Qg4+! Kh8 18.Qxf5 Qe7
19.Ng5 Bd7 20.Qg6 Qg7
21.Qh5+ 1-0

**Adam Baraz (1015)–
Alex Isenstadt (785)**
Sicilian (Nimzovich)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5
4.c4 Nb6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2

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Berkeley February Swiss

Berkeley Chess Club Section Winners

Section	Name	Rating	Score
2000+	John Newberry	2169	2
	Ian Zimmerman	2018	2
1700–2000	Mansur Saca	1823	3
	Juan Herrera	1815	3
1400–1700	Damon Mosk-Aoyama	1662	2
	Brendan Birt	1618	2
	Henry Mar	1600	2
U 1400	James Rader	1272	3

57 players.TDs:Alan Glasscoe and David Goldfarb.Tournament
Report by Alan Glasscoe.

Cartagena Wins Wednesday Night Rapids at Mechanics Institute

by Sam Sloan

Omar Cartagena won the first Mechanics Institute Wednesday Night Rapids on February 6th. Cartagena secured first place a score of 12-1/2 out of 13 while drawing only with Victor Ossipov.

Arthur Ibragimov was second with 11 and Jonathan Baker was third with 10. The total of 14 players included the following six masters: Omar Cartagena, Jonathan Baker, David Blohm, Arthur Ibragimov, Dmirty Zilberstein, and Victor Ossipov.

Almost all of the other players were experts. The lower ranked players apparently do not know about this event yet.

I scored 6-7. My score against the masters was 1-5 and my score against the non-masters was 5-2. This is relatively typical of me. The master I defeated was Ossipov and I beat him with my Anglar Gambit (1.d4 e5). I win most of my games through swindles and blunders and I almost always have a lost position at some point in the game.

A large part of the success of the tournament is due to the low entry fee, which is \$5. In contrast, the Manhattan Chess Club Rapids cost \$20 for the "A" Rapids and \$10 for the "B" Rapids. Under the new regime of Jim Eade and his

trusty assistant, Joan Arbil, the Mechanics Institute Chess Club has become much more active recently with competitions almost every night. An example of this is the decision to establish the weekly Wednesday night rapids starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Mechanics Institute Chess Club is located at 57 Post Street in San Francisco, on the 4th floor, near the Montgomery Street Station on the BART. The club is open every day from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. The Mechanics has a fair claim to be the oldest chess club in America. Alekhine, Capablanca, and Fischer have played there, in the same room, and on the same tables where chess is played today.

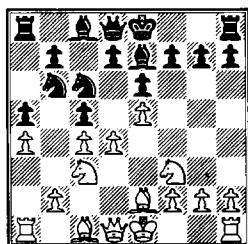
The Manhattan Chess Club in New York City also claims to be the oldest chess club in America in continuous existence. However, this is only possible because the Mechanics Institute building was destroyed in the great San Francisco earthquake in 1905. The building was rebuilt on a different site in about 1912. One of the contributors of the land on which the building was rebuilt was said to be an avid chess player (someone said that it was A.J. Fink) which accounts for the chess room in the building. Charles Bagby, a chess master, put into the constitution of the Mechanics Institute that there must always be a chess room in the building.

International Chess Master Walter Shipman maintains that the Mechanics Institute is the richest chess club in the entire history of the universe. This, however, is not only because of the chess players but because of the library which is richly endowed.

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Be7 7.a4 a5 8.d4 Nc6

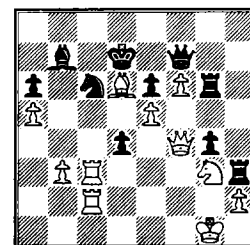


9.d5 exd5 10.cxd5 Na7
11.d6 Bh4
11...Bf8 12.Nd5! (intending

13.Nc7+) Nxd5 13.Qxd5 (intending 14.Be4) Bxd6 14.exd6: or 13...Qb6 14.Be4 15.Qxf7+
12.g3 Bxg3 13.hxg3 O-O
14.Qc2 f6 15.Qxh7+ Kf7
16.Nh4 Rh8 17.Qg6+ Kg8
18.Bh5 Qf8 19.exf6 Qxf6
20.Qe8+ Qf8 21.Bf7+ Kh7
22.Nf5+ 1-0

**Dwight Kearney (1652)-
David Pruess (1995)**
Sicilian (Najdorf) Variation
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3
b5 7.f3 e6 8.Qd2 Be7 9.g4
h6 10.a4 b4 11.Nce2 d5
12.e5 Nfd7 13.f4 Bb7
14.Ng3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nc6
16.O-O Nb6 17.b3 Bc5
18.Nge2 g6 19.Rf2 g5
20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bxc5
O-O-O 22.Bd6 Qg7 23.f5 h5
24.f6 Qf7 25.a5 Nd7 26.Qe3
hxg4 27.Ng3 Rh3 28.Qxg5
Rg8 29.Qf4 Nf8 30.Rc1 Ng6
31.Bxg6 Rxg6 32.c3 bxc3
33.Rxc3 Kd7 34.Rfc2 d4



35.Rxc6! Bxc6 36.Rxc6!
Kxc6 37.Qe4+ Kb5 38.Qxd4
Kc6 39.Qc5+ Kb7 40.Qb6+
1-0

San Joaquin Valley Notes

by Allan Fifield and Dennis Wajckus

The New Visalia World Champion

The new world champion is... Jon Cobbs of Visalia! Jon defeated all comers in the annual Visalia World Championship (held from October 30th to November 29th) to win the coveted world crown. Darren Russel (1866) upset top-rated Joseph Bakhoun (2117) in the second round to clear the road for Jon.

Jon has issued a challenge to Kasparov, Karpov, and Fischer for a title reunification match in 1997. We will keep you informed of developments!



1996 (Visalia) World Champion Jon Cobbs proudly displays his trophy.

Visalia Fall Picnic

October 5th, 1996
Plaza Park, Visalia

First Place Winners

Section	Name	Score
Quad 1	Maric Milenko	2-1
	Darren Russel	2-1
Quad 2	Jon Cobbs	2.5-0.5
Adult Swiss	Mark Lazzaro	3-0

Beginners Swiss

Place	Name	Score
1st	Keith Yost	5.0
2nd	Gerardo Cruz	4.0
3rd	Jeffery Pauls	4.0
Best J.F.K.	Henry Gonzales	3.0
	Melanie Dawson	3.0
Best Goshen	Jorge Vasquez	3.0
Best K-3	Steven Montes	0.5

Many Thanks to a record 50 players! T.D. Allan Fifield

Fresno Fall Swiss

This tournament was held October 19th at St Agnes and was directed by Dennis Wajckus. Section One was won by Jim Uren with 2.5 points. Oscar Cabantac continued his recent series of victories with a perfect 3.0 in Section Two.

Fresno Club Notes

'First Monday' club tournament on Labor Day (Sept 2nd) was won by Alvin Pulley with a perfect 7-0. Alvin is a student of senior master Artak Akopian and is becoming deadly to his opponents. Second was Dr. Tim Roth at 6-1. The 'Blitz Tournament' on Monday 11/04 was won by Artak Akopian with a perfect 9-0 score. The winner of the reserve section on 11/04 was Vinka Bell with 2.5 out of three points. Herbert Kalliman O.D., who was one of the original members from the 1940s, has recently rejoined the Fresno Chess Club. Club president Dennis Wajckus will soon be doing an audio interview with Mr. Kalliman on the classic days of California chess.



THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL 1997 LERA MEMORIAL DAY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS



DATE Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 24, 25 & 26

PLACE LERA Auditorium B/160, corner of Mathilda Ave. & Java St., Sunnyvale (take Bayshore Freeway to Mathilda offramp; then go seven blocks north on Mathilda to Java St; B/160 is on the far left corner; 467)

DIRECTOR Jim Hurt, assisted by Ted Yudacufski (National Tournament Director) of Monterey.

TYPE Six round Swiss with eight separate divisions, each division with its own prizes. In pairing an odd number of players, we promote a high player from the next highest group to yield an even number in the odd numbered group.

PRIZES

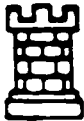
Division:	<u>Open</u>	<u>Expert</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Unrated</u>
First Prize:	\$500	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$100
Second Prize:	\$300	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$120			
Third Prize:	\$200	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$ 80			



The prize fund is based on 160 paid entries. If the paid entries exceed 160 players, then the prize fund will be increased. If the paid entries are less than 160 the prize fund will be decreased. A player can play up only one class; exception: an unrated player can play up only into the Open division. A total of eight brilliancy prizes may be awarded, one for each division.

SCHEDULE

ITEM	STARTING TIME	TIME CONTROL
Registration	8 to 9:30 am Saturday	30 moves in 90 minutes,
Round One	10:30 am Saturday	30 moves in 60 minutes,
Round Two	4:00 pm Saturday	10 moves in 10 minutes
Round Three	9:30 am Sunday	thereafter
Round Four	3:00 pm Sunday	
Round Five	9:30 am Monday	
Round Six	3:00 pm Monday	



ENTRY FEES Mail: The entry fee for the Open or Expert division is \$40, for the A or B division is \$35, and for the C, D, E or Unrated division is \$30, if mailed by May 20th. If paid Saturday morning, all entry fees will be \$5 more. The entry fee for K through 6th Graders who have ratings below 1100 points is \$15, and they may play in a separate division.

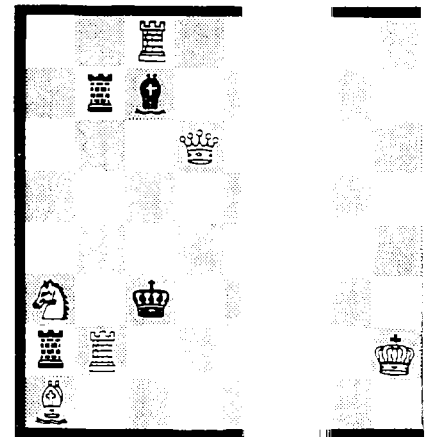


CONDITIONS In order to start the first round on time, we are incorporating a new policy: You must be at the registration desk prior to 9:30 am in order to be paired in the first round. If you arrive after 9:30 am, you will either get a 1/2 point bye, or be paired against another late entry. All players must be USCF members or become members before the tournament. CCA ratings may be used at the discretion of the tournament director. For more information call Jim Hurt (970) 285-7041 or Ken Stone (408) 629-5530. Initial membership in the California Chess Association is \$7.00, if paid to Jim Hurt at LERA.



SNACK BAR Food and refreshments available at the LERA snack bar.

NEXT EVENT The next LERA chess tournament will be held in August 1997.



Mate in one move

5-97 ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ USCF Rating _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name & Date of the last tournament you played in: _____ Your Age: _____

USCF Identity Number _____ Exp. Date _____ USCF dues: \$35.00 - adult, \$10.00 - under 18

Entry Fee*: The Open or Expert division is \$40.00, the A or B division is \$35.00, and the C, D, E, or Unrated Division is \$30.00 (Circle your division).
*If mailed by May 20th, otherwise entry fees are \$5 more. Make check payable to LERA Chess Club. Parking is free.

Mail to: Jim Hurt, LERA Chess Club, P.O. Box 60451, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 Amount of check _____

27th Annual Santa Clara County Chess Tournament

by Steve Smallwood

The 27th Annual Santa Clara County chess tournament was held on February 1st and 2nd, 1997 at the Lynbrook High School in San Jose. A summary of the winners follows:

27th Santa Clara County Chess Tournament

February 1-2, 1997

Lynbrook High School, San Jose, California

Team Winners

1st Place **Cupertino High School**

— Perpetual Cup —
 Anthony Rozenvasser
 Eric Wainwright
 Austin Che
 Dawnis Chow
 Yosen Lin

2nd Place **Gunn High School**

Jordy Mont-Reynaud
 Andrew Min
 Timo Street
 Tikhon Bernstam
 Jeff Raymakers

3rd Place **Leigh High School**

Steven Metz
 Rick Deininger
 Alan Johnson
 David Kieu
 Brian Johnson

Individual Champion

Anthony Rozenvasser, Cupertino High School, 5 Points



Cupertino H.S. team scores as First Place Team Champions in the Santa Clara County Scholastic Championship. Left to right are: Eric Wainwright, Yosen Lin, Dawnis Chow, Austin Che, and Anthony Rozenvasser.

Plaque Winners

	Kasparov (1st)	Fischer (2nd)	Waitzkin (3rd)
Senior	Joe Lamp Los Altos	Serban Hartular Lynbrook	Nguyen Chau Independence
Junior	James Cadatal Independence	Pat Macaraeg Bellarmine	Cameron Finley Wilcox
Sophomore	David Brown Bellarmine	Robin Lindsay Bellarmine	Patrick Jamp Los Altos
Freshman	Ernest Huang Lynbrook	Cuong Mai Independence	Thuan Truong Independence

Readers' Showcase

Thomas Wolski-John Grefe
 Labor Day State Ch, 1996
 Round 4
Notes by Thomas Wolski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Ne6 3.d4 exd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4
 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Bf4

This is a relatively old idea of Igor Zaichev.

8...Ne5 9.Be2 a6

Black has also tried 9...Be7 and 9...Bd7 in this position.

10.Be3 Qc7 11.f4 11...Nc4

In Nijboer-Hoeksma, Black played the somewhat safer 11...Nc6 12.a4 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Bf3 with a transposition into the Scheveningen Defense (drawn in 26 moves).

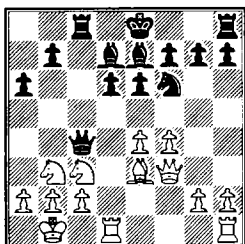
12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.Qf3 Bd7

Grefe does not want to retreat the queen to c7 and keeps options for an attack on the queenside. Here is an alternative for Black; 13...Qc7 14.f5 Rb8 15.Ba7 Ra8 16.Bd4 e5 17.Be3 b5 and Black gained control of the d5-square just in time in Nijboer-van der Wiel (drawn in 35 moves).

14.0-0-0 Re8 15.Kb1

I foresaw that I would now be able to give away to c-pawn in some variations. I also had a strange feeling that Black's queen was somewhat misplaced on the c4-square. The drawback is that the queen does not control the e5-square like it usually does from c7. 15.Rhe1 b5 16.Kb1 b4 17.Rd4 Qc7 18.Rxb4?! d5 19.Bb6 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Qc6 21.Na5 Qa8 and White cannot save both White rooks at the same time.

15...Be7



15...Be6?? 16.Rd4±;
 15...b5 16.a3 b4? 17.Nd2!;
 15...Qc7 16.g4 Bc6 17.g5 Nd7.
 16.e5?!

Only now that the bishop has moved to e7 is this pawn push tempting, but Black has enough defensive resources due to the two bishops. White should keep the center closed. Better was 16.g4!?

A) 16...d5 17.exd5? White should not open the game for Black's two bishops and rather play (17.e5!? Ne4 18.Bd4 b5 19.Nd2! and White can play against the bad light-squared bishop.) 17...Nxd5 18.Bd4 (18.Nxd5 Qxc2+ 19.Ka1 exd5);

B) 16...e5 17.f5 Bc6 18.Nd2!? Now we'll see why the queen is quite exposed on c4. 18...Qb4 19.g5 Nd7 20.a3 Qa5 21.Nc4 Qc7 22.f6! gxf6 23.gxf6 with the following possibilities:

B1) 23...Nxf6 24.Nxd6+ Bxd6 (24...Kf8 25.Bh6+ Kg8 26.Qg3±±) 25.Qxf6±;

B2) 23...Bf8 24.Bh6!! Bxh6 (24...Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Qxc4 26.Bxf8 Qxc2+ 27.Ka1 Kxf8 28.Qg4±) 25.Nxd6+ Kf8 26.Qh5 Nxf6 27.Qxh6+ Ke7 28.Nf5+ Ke6 29.Rd6±± These variations are rather illustrative of White's attacking potential than a full account of Black's potential defenses.

16...dxe5 17.fxe5 Bc6?

Now White gets a strong attack and prevents Black from castling. Black should not fear the depreciation of his pawn structure, as the bishop pair will give Black great compensation. 17...Ng4? 18.Rd4±; 17...Nd5 18.Nxd5 Qxc2+ 19.Ka1 exd5 and Black has sufficient resources with ...Qe4 or ...Qg6. White should not take the d-pawn right away as Black's bishop gets to c6.

18.Qg3 Ne4

18...Nh5? 19.Qh3 Qh4 20.Qxh4 Bxh4 21.g4! Grefe. 21...Bxh1 22.Rxh1 Ng3 23.hxg3 Bxg3 24.Bd4!± and Ne4 will be very strong.

19.Nxe4

19.Qxg7?! Nxc3+ 20.bxc3 Rf8 21.Bd4 was not to my liking, as White's minor pieces are rather passive and Black's bishops control a lot of important squares.

19...Bxe4 20.Qxg7 Rf8

Taking on c2 first will transpose to the game.

21.Ka1

I took too long for this move, justifying Black's strategy of leaving the pawn hanging. It's ironic, had Black taken this pawn a move earlier, I would have been forced to play Ka1 immediately. Now I spent 20 minutes in vain looking for better moves! 21.Rd4 Qxc2+ 22.Ka1 Ba3 Grefe; 21.Nd4 Bxc2+ 22.Nxc2 Qxc2+ 23.Ka1 Qg6.

21...Bxc2 22.Re1 Qd3 23.Rhe1

I didn't play 23.Bh6 as I wanted to play either Nd4 or Bd4 and Re3 next. If Black ever played ...Ba3, I wanted to be able to defend with my bishop.

However 23.Bh6 threatens 24.Qg3, leading to a very interesting line.

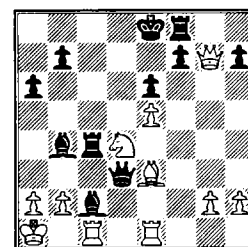
23...Re4

Unpinning the bishop on c2.

24.Nd4

I was looking forward to trade off some Black pieces to leave me with the more active rook on the board.

24...Bb4!?



24...Ba4 25.Rxc4 Qxc4 26.Qxh7+-.

25.Rh1??

25.Rh1?? is a passive retreat that loses the first move in all the critical variations. Now I will just react. Unfortunately, I was getting a little low on time (see note to my 21st move) and did not understand that the Black dark-squared bishop cannot leave the board as I will then win the trapped rook on f8 with Bh6. Better was 25.Nxc2 Bxe1 26.Rxe1!! Grefe. (26.Nxe1 Rxc1+ 27.Bxc1 Qd1) 26...Re4!! (26...Qxc2? 27.Bh6±; 26...Rxc2? 27.Bh6±)

A) 27.Re1 Rxe3! 28.Nxe3 Qxe3 29.Rd1! and White is much better due to the more active rook and the Black king in the center. Now Black must defend against a possible Qf6 with mating threats on d8 and White's option to get down to a queen ending with Rd8+ which

would give White all winning chances, e.g. 29...Qc5 30.a3 Qc7 31.g4 and Black has no active plan while White can chose between a few interesting options. (29.Rc8+ Kd7!) 29...Qc5 30.a3 Qc7 31.g4+;

B) 27.Kb1?? Rxe3;

C) 27.Nb4 27...Qc4 28.a3 Rxe3+ Grefe.

25...Qxe3 26.Nxc2 Qc5

I had overlooked this strong move attacking both my knight and setting up a winning pin on the c-file.

27.Kb1

White is merely reacting now and even a draw is getting out of reach soon.

27...Bd2 28.Qxh7

28.Red1!? Rxc2 29.Qxh7 is a tricky idea, but backfires due to the open position of the White king after 29...Rxb2+! 30.Kxb2

A) 30...Bc3+! and Black will gain a winning attack after e.g. 31.Kb1 Qb4+ 32.Kc2 Bxe5, 33.Rd3 (33.Qd3?? Qb2; 33.Rhf1?? Qc3+ 34.Kb1 Qb2) 33...Ke7+ This would have still been a better try than the move played in the game after which it just becomes a dry technical matter;

B) 30...Qc3+? 31.Kb1 Qb4+ 32.Kc2 and I can't find a win for Black, e.g. 32...Ke7? 33.Rxd2 Rc8+ 34.Kd1! Qg4+ 35.Re2 Qd4+ 36.Rd2 and White can't win the rook on h1; (36.Ke1 Rc1)

36...Qa1+? (36...Qg4+=) 37.Ke2 Qxh1 38.Qh4+ Ke8 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.Qxc8+ 28...Bxc1 29.Rxc1 Qxe5

The rest requires little comment.

30.Re1 Qd5 31.b3 Rf4 32.Qh3 Rg8 33.Qe3 Rgg4 34.Qa7 Re4 35.Rc1 Kf8 36.g3 Re2 37.h3 Rge4 38.h4 Rh2 39.Qb8+ Kg7 40.Qc7 Ree2 41.g4 Rxh4 42.Rf1 e5 43.Qe7 Rh1 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Qg5+ Kf8 46.Qh6+

A joke to end the game rather sooner than later! John was not very amused, however, and just took the queen in an instant.

46...Rhx6 0-1

**Rob Kichinski (2235)-
Dave Herscovici (2132)**
17th Livermore Open, 1996
Ruy Lopez, Classical

Notes by David Herscovici

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 Bb6 7.Na3 Nge7 8.Nc4 0-0 9.a4 exd4 10.cxd4

White does not win a piece here; e.g. 10.a5 Nxa5 11.Rxa5 c6, or 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.a5 Bc5 12.b4 d5

10...Bg4 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Be3 d5 13.e5 Nf5 14.Be2 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Qxh4 17.f4 f5 18.Qf3 Rad8 19. Bf2 Qe7 20.Rfd1 Rd7 21.Rac1 Nd8 22.Qb3 Ne6 23.Be3 Ra8 24.Qc2 g6 25.Qb3 Kg7?!

Safer is 25...Kh8, avoiding trouble when the g-file opens after white plays g4.

26.Rd2 Rdd8 27.Qd1 Qb4 28.b3 b5 29.axb5 Qxb5 30.Rdc2 c6 31.Rc3?! Ra2 32.g4 Rda8 33.gxf5 gxf5

34.Bd2 Nxd4 35.Rg3+ Kh8 36.e6?

**GM Art Bisguier (2389)-
Vinay Bhat (2249)**

1996 American Open, Rd. 6,
Board 6

Notes by Vinay Bhat

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 f5 6.Ne5 Nf6 7.f4 0-0 8.b3 Ne4

On 8...Bb4, not 9.Qc2 Ne4 10.Bb2 Qa5, but 9.Bd2 when Black has nothing much.

9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Be2 b6

Black's bishop has no future on the e8-h3 diagonal or the e8-h5 diagonal.

11.0-0 Bb7 12.Bg4 Qe7 13.Bb2 Nd7 14.Rc1

White's pieces are much more actively placed compared to their Black counterparts.

14...Nf6 15.Bh3 e5 16.g4 Rad8 17.g5 Ne8 18.Qg4 Nc7 19.Qh5?!

This throws away White's advantage and initiative. 19.g6 is much better, keeping the attack going. If then Be5, 20.gh7+ Kh7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.fe5 is good for White. On 19...Rf6, 20.Qh5 hg 21.Ng6 Qe8 22.f5 gives White a powerful attack. White's actual move is too slow, and gives Black time

to rid himself of the knight on e5 and drive away White's queen.

19...Bxe5 20.fxe5 g6

This is a good move, putting the question to White's queen.

21.Qh6?

The queen is too isolated here, away from where the action will be. Although 21.Qg4 Rf5 22.Rf5 ef5 23.Qg3 Ne6 is bad, 21.Qh4 keeps watch over the g-pawn and can also retreat to guard the king. After 21.Qh4, I had planned Rf3 which I think gives Black a good game.

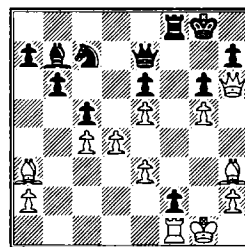
21...Rf3! 22.Rxf3

Since the e-pawn is hanging, White is almost forced to exchange on f3 now. On 22. Rce1, Rdf8 is good for Black

22...exf3 23.Rf1 Rf8 24.Ba3?

A very bad move which costs White the game.

24...dxc4 25.bxc4 f2+!



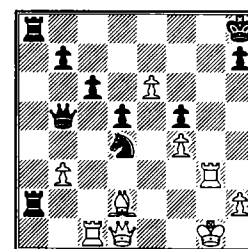
This wins by force. White's queen doesn't cover f2 and can't get back in time to help out on defense.

26.Rxf2 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Qf7+ 28.Ke1

Other moves don't save White either. If 28.Kg1 Qf3 is sudden death, on 28.Kg3 Qf3+ 29.Kh4 Qf2+ 30.Kg4 Bf3+ 31.Kf4 Bd1+ 32.Ke4 Bc2 is mate. If 28.Ke2 Qf3+ 29.Kd2 Qf2+ 30.Kc3 (on 30.Kd3 cd4 31.cd4 Qf3+ wins) Be4 and Qc2 mate follows.

28...Qf3 29.Bc1 Qh1+ 30.Kd2 Bf3 31.Kc2 Qd1+ 32.Kb2 Be4 33.0-1

White has no way to avert mate.



36.Bc3 is forced. Now 36...Ne2+ loses to 37. Qxe2, and White's game looks better if black tries 36...Rg8 37.Bc3, but I played ...

36...Qe2

... winning the bishop in all lines; e.g. 37.Rg2 Rxd2! 38.Qxd2 Nf3+ 39.Kh1 Qxd2, or 37.Be3 Nf3+ 38. Rxf3 Qg2#. Note that had white played 36.Bc3, then if 36...Qe2 37. Qxd4 covers f2, and forces Black to take the draw, repeating Qxh2+ and Qe2+, and 36.Bc3 Ne6? 37.Qh5 Qe2 38.Qh6 Rf8 (to defend Qf6#) 39.Qxf8+! My opponent didn't see my mate threats, and so the game ended

37.Bc3 Qxh2+ 38.Kf1 Qf2# 0-1

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Readers' Showcase

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**David Pruess (1903)–
Neil Basescu (2301)**

Arthur B. Stamer Memorial
Mechanics Institute, June 8, 1996
Scheveningen Sicilian
Notes by David Pruess

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Be3

In this move order, it is more common to play Nc3 here.

5...Qc7 6.Bd3 d6?!

This is not an auspicious moment to transpose to a Scheveningen. Because White has not played Nc3, Black should have played for d5 by 6...Nf6

7.0-0 Nf6 8.f4 Nbd7 9.Nc3?!

White is well up on development and it will take Black a couple moves to castle, therefore he must look for an aggressive opportunity. Since 9.f5 e5 doesn't accomplish much, White's best try might be g4 taking advantage of the Black knight not having any good retreat. After 9...h5 10.g5 Ng4 Black won't be able to castle for some time because of the weak pawn on h5. Nc3 just presents a target for Black's b5, b4 counterplay.

9...b5 10.f5

Trying to give the knight on c3 the d5-square before it gets kicked.

10...e5 11.Nde2 b4 12.Nd5

If Na4, the d7-Knight would cover all the weaknesses, and my knight would be cut off from the game, now however, I must recapture on d5 with a pawn, filling Black's hole with rubble and giving him a protected passer. Black should now have gotten the advantage.

12...NxN 13.ed Nf6 14.c4 Ng4?

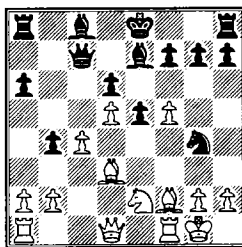
After this, White regains the initiative. Snatching a pawn by 14...e4 15.Be2 Qxc4 (Be7 16.Ba4+ Bd7 17.Qb3! a5 18.a3! with a good position for White) was probably too risky, for example 16.Re1 Qxd5 17.QxQ NxQ 18.Bxe4 Bb7 19.Bd4, and it looks like Black may be losing material. But the simple 14...bc e.p.! would have solved most of Black's problems.

15.Bf2

Of course, if the bishop had tried to

evade the knight by Bd2, e1, or g5, Black would have won by Qb6+ and Nf2+. Black's idea was to get counterplay on the g1-a7 diagonal, by eliminating the bishop, its last defender, and while Black does get a few threats, with accurate play, White is able to neutralize Black's play. Also, that knight was Black's best piece, and the only one which could challenge a White knight at e4.

15...Be7?



This just throws away a pawn. Although the pawn could not have been easily defended, it was worth trying. After 15...a5 16.a3! White will get a strong initiative, but Black will still be in the game.

16.Qa4+ Bd7 17.Qxb4 NxB 18.RxB 0-0 19.Qd2

This move serves many purposes and carries with it many tactical points as well. It brings the queen to its ideal, central post from which it watches the center, kingside and queenside; it removes the queen from attacks by Rb8 or a5; it prepares the b4 and c5 pawn roller whereby White could make good use of his extra pawn; it defends against Bg5 and Be3, thereby playing towards making the Be7 a bad bishop. The most significant tactical point is that on 19...h6?, intending to play Bg5 and Be3 with tempo White would have 20.f6! Bxf6 21.RxB! gf 22.Qxh6 f5 23.Ng3 f6 24.Nh5 Bc8 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Nxf6 RxN 27.QxR+ with a win. Actually, even if Black doesn't play h6, f6 is a pretty strong threat, and therefore, Black prevents it with his next move.

19...Qa7 20.Nc3

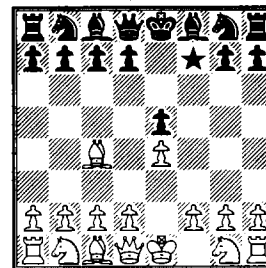
White protects the rook with his

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Beginner's Corner

by Allan Fiefeld

Beware of Sudden King Death at f7!



For the black player the 'weakest' square before castling is f7 as it is defended only by the king. If the commander of the black pieces does not develop his kingside pieces quickly and effectively, then the white player can often sacrifice his white squared bishop on f7 to deliver a quick and deadly checkmate.

In the following game, a future world champion shows how to punish a careless Black player by a sacrifice of his white-squared bishop on f7. Mikhail Tal was only 13 years old when he played this pretty miniature game:

Mikhail Tal (White 1949) 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nd7?! 3.Bc4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bxf7! Kxf7 6.Ng5+ 1-0

If 6...Ke8, then 7.Ne6 wins the queen!

If 6...Kf8, then 7.Ne6ck wins the queen!

If 6...Kf6, then 7.Qf3 is checkmate!

Black can prevent such a disaster by moving his king bishop and king knight quickly. Usually the Black king knight should go to f6 and then Black should castle quickly on the kingside after which the his f7-square is protected by both his rook and his king. If Black can castle quickly then he should be safe from a sneak attack on f7.

Another idea for Black is to protect his f7 square by moving his pawn on d7 to d5. This pawn move both attacks the white bishop on c4 and blocks the white bishop from attacking the f7 square. If Black can play d7-d5 without losing a pawn then he should have a good game. Beginning players with the Black pieces should always keep one eye focused on f7 until their king is safely castled.

Goshen Chess for Kids

by Allan Fifield

A record seventy-four happy scholastic chessplayers competed in the third annual Goshen Elementary Chess for Kids. Kids came from as far south as Bakersfield and as far north as Merced. Fifteen trophies were awarded. The tournament was directed by was Allan Fifield with assistance by Darren Russell and Kelton Brewer. School host for Goshen was George Webb.

Goshen Chess For Kids

March 15, 1997

Goshen Elementary School

K-6th Grade Section Results

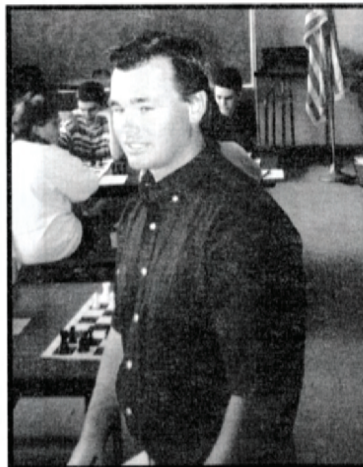
Place	Name	City	Score
1st	Jacob Bakhoun	Visalia	5.0
2nd	Jacob Hicks	Madera	4.0
2nd	Irish Edwards	Goshen	4.0
2nd	Andre Adame	Goshen	4.0
2nd	Jorge Vasquez	Goshen	4.0
3rd	Randy Steen	Porterville	3.5
1st K-3	Tomas Medina	Dinuba	3.0

7-12th Grade Section Results

Place	Name	City	Score
1st	Enrico Ryan	Madera	5.0
2nd	Nguyen Trung	Merced	4.5
3rd	Susann Klenner	Madera	4.0
3rd	Chris Esqueda	Merced	4.0
3rd	Travis Fillmore	Hanford	4.0

Special School Prizes

Place	Name	City	Score
Best JFK JHS	Lisa Mashburn	Hanford	3.0
Best Jefferson	Oscar Estrada	Dinuba	3.5
Best Crowley	Pedro Perez	Visalia	2.0



Left: Assistant California Chess Journal editor Darren Russell working the floor as T.D at Goshen Chess for Kids. Below: Darren Russell resolves problem with characteristic tact.



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queen so that he can move his king out of the pin and threaten f6. If White can force Black to play f6 before the bishop gets out, Black will be stuck with a very bad bishop. White is also bringing the knight to a dominating post at e4. Suddenly all White's pieces fall on their perfect squares. If Black tries to get his bishop out by h6, White plays

Ne4, and the bishop is stopped. Because White has now decided on a kingside attack instead of the queenside plan of making passed pawns, it may seem logical to bring the knight to e4 via g3, keeping open more options, however, that would allow 20...Bh4! getting rid of the bad bishop and preventing the knight from ever getting to e4. White intends to play g3 if Black ever tries to harass his rook by h4, keeping the

bishop from achieving activity. Black nevertheless should have interpolated Bh4 at some point to prevent a rook lift along the third rank.

20...Bd8

The bishop has to get out somehow, but now it won't be able to defend the king.

21.Kh1

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Tournament Round-Up

Strathmore Chess For Kids

January 25, 1997
Strathmore High School

K-6th Grade Section Results

Place	Name	City	Score
1st	Chris Pascal	Fresno	4.5
2nd	Irish Edwards	Goshen	4.0
2nd	Jacob Hicks	Madera	4.0
2nd	Randall Steen	Porterville	4.0
2nd	Arturo Guzman	Goshen	4.0
3rd	Jorge Vazquez	Goshen	3.5
3rd	Andre Adame	Goshen	3.5
1st K-3	Karl Tashjian	Fresno	3.0

7-12th Grade Section Results

Place	Name	City	Score
1st	Keith Yost	Madera	5.0
2nd	Vincent Steen	Porterville	4.0
2nd	Susann Klenner	Madera	4.0
3rd	Jeremy Cantrell	Porterville	3.5

Special School Prizes

Place	Name	City	Score
Best JFK JHS	Joshua D'Amore	Hanford	3.0
Best JFK JHS	Jaymond Popa	Hanford	3.0
Best Strathmore HS	Matt Greener	Str'more	2.0

Fifty one determined scholastic chessplayers braved flooded highways and road detours to play in the first rated chess tournament ever held in Strathmore.

The tournament was directed by was Allan Fifield who was assisted by Darren Russell and Kelton Brewer.

—Report by Allan Fifield

5th Annual San Francisco Amateur Championship

March 7-9, 1997
Mechanics Institute Chess Club

Class	Place	Name	Score	Prize
Open	1st-2nd	Jade Arrieta	4.5-0.5	\$250
		Robert Nicholson	4.5-0.5	250
B	1st	Marty Cortinas	4.0-1.0	\$150
C	1st	Chip Bultman	3.5-1.5	\$125
D	1st-6th	James Rader	2.0-3.0	\$17
		David Smith	2.0-3.0	17
		Casey Wichert	2.0-3.0	17
		Robert Chan	2.0-3.0	17
		Martha Lopez	2.0-3.0	17
		Christina Macias	2.0-3.0	17
Unrated	1st	A. Cappizano	4.0-1.0	\$50
Best Junior		Julie Viscaino	2.5-2.5	\$100

76 players competed for \$1132 in prizes in this five round Swiss tournament. Allegedly one player was discovered analyzing his game in progress on another board. This player was immediately forfeited. Mike Goodall was the organizer and chief tournament director. Joan Arbil was the assistant director.

—Report by Mike Goodall

Tournament organizers are encouraged to submit reports for publication in the California Chess Journal.

Readers' Showcase

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Avoiding the pinning Bb6 and threatening you-know-what.

21...f6

Pretty much forced, Bb6 would be met by 22.f6! BxR 23.Qg5 with mate.

22.Ne4 Bb6 23.Rf3 Qc7 24.Raf1

All White's pieces are now optimally deployed. They control the center, are aimed at the Black king and can switch to the queenside remarkably quickly. By putting the queen

rook on f1, White threatens Rh3 (the f5-pawn needed defense) when Black will soon be killed by the White queen joining the kingside fray. Also after Rh3, Black would lose the one resource he has left and which he now makes use of.

24...Kf7!

For what its worth, this was Black's best chance. If the White rook was on h3, he could not play this without losing

another key pawn, so this was Black's last chance to flee from the kingside. The center is relatively hard for White to open up while with the cramping f5-pawn, White had an attack which could almost play itself on the kingside.

25.Rh3 Rh8 26.g4 h6 27.Rg3 a5?

Black, missing White's tactic, thinks that he has temporarily prevented White's break with g5, and so he plays this useless move, hoping to somehow get counterplay on the queenside. But even if Black had seen White's move, it is doubtful that he could have done much to stop White. The best defensive resource seems to be Rag8 to cover the g7-square, but this locks in the other rook and White has promising play after 28.b4 with the threat of 29.c5! dc 30.d6 and 31.Be4+.

28.g5! hg 29.Nxg5+! Ke7

Black will lose very quickly if he accepts the knight. After 29...fg 30.Qxg5 White is threatening both Qxg7+ and f6. For example 30...Rag8 31.Qg6+ (f6? g6! and Black will hold out longer) Kf8 32.f6 and it is clear Black cannot survive White's onslaught.

30.Ne6 BxN 31.fe

31.Rxg7+? Bf7

31...Rag8 32.Rg6

On the last turn, Black could not have played g5 on account of 32.Rxg5! fg 33.Qxg5+ Ke8 34.Bg6+ Qf7 35.BxQ+ Kf8 36.Bh5+, but now if White plays Qg2, Black plays g5 and White loses the target on g7, therefore White must blockade the pawn at g6 with the rook or bishop. If White blocks with the bishop, he wins an exchange, but allows Black to get a little freedom and activity after 32.Bg6 Qxc4 33.Bf7 g5 34.BxR RxB. Rg6 gives Black less opportunities and at the same time threatens 33.Qg2 paralyzing Black.

32...Kd8 33.Qg2 Be3?

Black throws away a pawn in trying not to become completely paralyzed after 33...Qe7 when Black gets into a position where he cannot do anything productive. The sim-

plest winning plan for White would be a3 and b4, opening the a-file after which a sudden switch of one of his rooks to the a-file would be decisive. However Black really doesn't get much counterplay out of the Be3-f4 maneuver.

34.Rxf6 Bf4 35.e7+! Ke8

If 35...Kxe7? 36.Rxg7+ RxR (KxR 37.Qg6++) 37.QxR+ Kd8 38.QxR+ Kd7 39.Bf5+ Ke7 40.Qg7+ Ke8 41.Rf8++

35...Kc8 36.Rxd6 and now:

36...Qxe7 37.Bf5+ Kb8 38.Rb6+ Ka7 39.Ra6+Kb8 40.Rgb6+ Kc7 41.d6+ Qxd6 42.Qb7+ Kd8 43.Ra8+ Qb8 44.RxQ++

36..Rxb2+ 37.QxR BxQ 38.Rc6Bf4 39.Bf5+ Kb7 40.RxQ+ KxR 41.d6+ Kb7 42.d7+ -

36...Kb7 37.Rc6 Qd7 (Qxe7 38.d6 Qh4 39.Rc7+ Kb8 40.Qb7++) 38.Rb6+ Ka7 39.Ra6+ Kb8 40.Rgb6+ Kc8 41.d6 and Black has no defence against Ra8++35...Qxe7 36.Rxd6+ Ke8 (Ke8 37.Rde6) transposes to the Kc8 36.Rxd6 Qxe7 line above.

Even if White did not have these nice tactical resources, he could always just have played h3, showing the harmlessness of Black's play.

36.RxB! ef 37.Rxg7 RxR 38.QxR Qxe7

Black couldn't save the rook because of the threat of 39.Bg6+ Kd7 40.e8Q++. His only alternative was Rxh2+ 39.KxR Qxe7 when I have one pawn less in the piece-up endgame, but it doesn't affect the outcome of the game.

39.QxR+ Kd7 40.Bf5+ Kc7 41.Qc8+ Kb6 42.Qc6+

If Black had interpolated Rxh2+ earlier, White could now have played 42.c5+ dc 43.Qb8+ Qb7 44.Qd6+ Ka7 45.Qxc5+ Kb8 46.d6 because the pawn wouldn't be pinned to the king.

42...Ka7 43.Qd7+ Resigns

With the queens coming off, the White king will get the pawn on f4 and Black will have nothing left to play for.

People's Warm-Up Quads

January 18, 1997

The People's Tournament WarmUp Quads on January 18th were held to build interest for the People's Tournament (held four weeks later) and to fill the void of having no CalChess Season Opener. 56 hungry chessplayers, eager to satisfy their chess appetite, showed up for the Game/1 hour Quads. The winners of each section is given below. The Quads were directed and organized by Don and Laura Shennum.

Section	Rating Range	Winner	Score
Quad A	2159-2260	Vinay Bhat	3.0-0.0
Quad B	2029-2132	David Herscovici	2.5-0.5
Quad C	1966-2028	Mike Aigner	3.0-0.0
Quad D	1700-1955	Andy Lee	3.0-0.0
Quad E	1679-1745	Damon Mosk-Aoyame	2.0-1.0
Quad F	1500-1676	Joel Marcus	2.0-1.0
		Andrew Handler	2.0-1.0
Quad G	1537-1618	Starfire	2.0-1.0
		Charles Bultman	3.0-0.0
Quad H	1400-1518	Demetrius Goins	3.0-0.0
Quad I	1332-1396	Samuel Pence	3.0-0.0
Quad J	1269-1325	Mike Johnson and	2.0-1.0
		Liam MacDermed	2.0-1.0
Quad K	1125-1269	Chuck Coleman	2.5-0.5
Quad L	747-1150	Gerald Paiz and	2.5-0.5
		Latreal Eagles	2.5-0.5
Octo M	Unrated-1050	Jim Pengilly	3.0-0.0

(Mike Klass, Mike Rippey, & Chris Johnson tied for 2nd at 2-1)
Eight players were combined in the bottom section to avoid an all unrated quad.

—Report by Don Shennum

Email Chess versus Over-the-Board Play

by Hans Poschmann

I used to play correspondence chess for a long time but I gave it up when too many computers became involved. The effort involved in correspondence chess wasn't worth the cost and time. Now with the advent of e-mail I am interested again. Normally I don't like to study openings but by being forced to look up openings when playing e-mail chess I learn them automatically. Even if I don't always remember them, at least my memory is refreshed. Besides there are added benefit as when you play internationally you can meet the most interesting people. The English language, in this case, is almost an international language.

I have included the samples below of the joys of e-mail chess.

Raymond Gauthier-
Hans Poschmann

CTON CUP II, E-mail 1997
Sicilian (B87)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be4 e6
7.Bb3 b5 8.O-O Be7 9.f4 Bb7
10.Kh1 b4 11.e5 bxc3 12.exf6
Bxf6

Here my opponent decides that he has to improve theory. His next move is probably better than the one played in my sample game which went 13.bxc3 O-O 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Qg4 Nc6 and White later lost.

13 f5 e5 14.Ba4+ Nd7 15.Ne6
Qa5 16.b3 Ke7 17.Ba3 Bd5
18.Nc5?!

I expected 18.Bxd7 Kxd7
19.Nxc5+ Kc6 20.Na4 e4. I don't know if the Black king can survive in the open.

18...Bxg2+!

Perhaps the winning move!

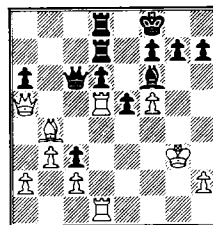
19.Kxg2 Nxc5 20.Qf3 Rad8
21.Rad1

Here Black has to check-out many possibilities: e4, Qc7, Rc8, Bg5, Rhe8, Nxa4.

21...Nxa4 22.Qb7+ Ke8
23.Qc6+ Rd7 24.Rd5 Qb6
25.Qxa4 Qb7 26.Rfd1 Ke7
27.Kg3 Rhd8 28.Qa5 Qc6
29.Bb4

Ray told me after the game that he should have tried 29.Rxd6 with an inferior ending but in attempt to provoke e4 he tried 29.Bb4.

29...Kf8



Now my king is getting into safety.

30.Rxd6? Rxd6 31.Qxd8+ Bxd8
32.Rxd6 Bh4+ 0-1

Guenter Haika is a chess friend

who teaches at the American College in Vienna, Austria. Our game, played under CTON (Frans Waltman's organization in the Netherlands), ended in a draw. After his return to Austria from a business trip to the US and while our game was continuing via e-mail, I asked him how he judged the differences between the US and Europe. So he told me the following story. The views expressed in this story do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this writer or the *California Chess Journal*.

Comparison of the U.S. and Europe

Observations of Guenter Haika

On the one side I am extremely Americophil and would like to spend some time over there. On one hand, I think the USA is quite a crazy nation: they claim to be a society of the free, but blindly follow new trends every 5 or 6 years. These trends are being fabricated by the media. At the moment the smokers are on the execution list (except in North Carolina :-). Smokers are outlaws, but a lady smoker friend told me, when I mentioned to her that I don't take my pipe with me on trips to the US because of all those agitations, in her opinion the smokers will soon be declared a protected minority. In this case they will have more rights than the majority, as you can see with all the other minorities in your country. Cigar smokers on the other hand count as an elite group ever since the

anti-smoking campaign. One of the nicest magazines in the USA, *Cigar Aficionado*, is dedicated to cigar smoking. Nice contradiction, isn't it?

I also find the many court cases exciting. More lawyers equal more court cases. (I'm defending the thesis that people are normal, only the psychologists say the aren't, because they want to save their jobs—ditto lawyers—they make people go to court where normally a few words could settle an argument.) The fact that in your country even McDonald's can be sued because a particularly bright person burns his tongue on a cup of coffee makes your country the laughing stock of the rest of the world.

A trend that upsets me and may prevent me from teaching in the US is that you have taken "Political Correctness" to the extremes. As a

teacher, I have the responsibility to teach the younger generation in colleges and universities how to think independently. To think independently it is mandatory that people will be confronted with more than the current popular and prescribed truth. If I have to worry about how to formulate every sentence in a politically correct manner, so that I can't be negatively affected (and perhaps sued) then my right to free speech goes out the window and with it critical knowledge. I debated PC heatedly with a colleague from Connecticut. The debate ended when she said it would be good for the Europeans (especially the Germans and Austrians) if PC soon appeared there too. I answered that if PC in the American form came to Europe, I would emigrate to the US, because at that time it would most likely be dead here."

Above all: I love your land, despite the sometimes questionable, sometimes kind extremes.

Editors Note: The previous are strong words from a European chess friend and not necessarily the views of California Chess Journal or of Cal Chess. Reasoned replies or rebuttals will be considered for publication.

Grandmaster from Oregon

Grandmaster from Oregon: The Life and Games of Arthur Dake by Casey Bush (Portland, Oregon: Portland Chess Press, 1991), \$20.

reviewed by Val Zemitis

If you are interested in improving your technique of positional play, my advice to you is to acquire the book *Grandmaster from Oregon: The Life and Games of Arthur Dake*.

The book was written by Casey Bush and published by Portland Chess Press in 1991. The book has 50 games selected personally by Arthur Dake for the inclusion in this excellent monograph depicting his life's story and his extraordinary, yet all too brief, chess career. The game scores are rendered in descriptive notation and all 62 diagrams are well selected. Last but not least, the book has 32 rare photographs, and all this is covered in only 130 pages.

I would be remiss in not saying a few words about Arthur Dake and his remarkable chess career. Dake was born on April 8, 1910, in Portland, Oregon, where he still resides. He learned chess at seventeen. Later, when dwelling in New York, Dake surprised many by winning the strong Marshall Chess Club championship in 1930-31. In 1931 he won the Antwerp tournament and in 1932 he was 3rd in the Pan-American tournament at Pasadena where he won a brilliant game against the World Champion Alekhine. Dake was successful in several international tournaments (Syracuse 1934: 3rd/4th and Mexico City 1935: 1st/3rd). In a 1935 match with Herman Steiner played in Los Angeles, Arthur Dake scored 4-1/2 against Steiner's 2-1/2.

Dake played on three winning US teams in the Olympiads: 1931, 1933, and 1935. His 15.5-2.5 score (86.1 percent) was the best individual result in the 1935 Olympics in Warsaw. After these successes his participation in international tournaments was scarce because Dake sadly realized that there was simply no adequate compensation for being a professional chess master. He did play in the US-USSR match in 1946 where he drew both games with grand-

master Lilienthal.

I met Arthur Dake briefly in 1951 at his beautiful home overlooking the Columbia river and again in June 1995. In 1951 his main purpose in life was to support his family, and he was not enthusiastic about discussing his exceptional but brief, chess career. For him past chess triumph was only a beautiful memory. In 1995, Arthur Dake was enthusiastic about chess and explained in great detail his chess escapades. Through Casey Bush's efforts the chess world can share his life and achievements on the chess board. As IM John Donaldson, the editor of *Inside Chess*, stated: "Put down your *Informants* and opening monographs and pick up some chess culture!"

Of all the grandmasters the style of Arthur Dake is best suited for imitating because it is lucid and understandable. Consequently, if you want to improve your positional play, I recommend *Grandmaster from Oregon*.



GM Arthur Dake at home in Oregon with his favorite book.



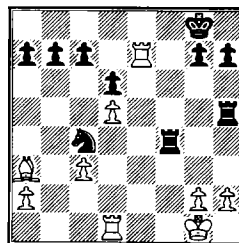
Game #14 from the book:

Reuben Fine-Arthur Dake
Mexico City, 1935
English Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.e4 Bb4 5.d3 d6 6.Be2 0-0
7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 9. Ne1 Ne8
10.Nc2 f5 11. exf5 Bxf5 12.Nc3
Be6 13.d4 Bf7 14.Ba3 Nf6
15.Re1 Rfe8 16. Bf3 Qd7
17.Qd2 Bh5 18.dxe5 Rxe5
19.Bxh5 Rxh5 20.f4 Rf8
21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Rad1 Nxd5
23.cxd5 Na5 24.Qd4

Better was 24.Bc1

24...Qxf4 25.Qxf4 Rxf4
26.Re7 Nc4



27.Rxc7

If 27. Bc1 Rf7 28.Re8ch Rf8
29.R87 Rc8 and Black should
win.

27...Nxa3

White is reported to have
been under time pressure

28.Rxb7 Nc4 29.Rxa7 Ne3
30.Rb1 Rxd5 31.a4 Rd1ch
32.Rxd1 Nxd1 33.a5 Nxc3
34.g3 Rf7 35.Ra6 Rd7 36.Rb6
Nd7 37.Rb8ch Kf7 0-1

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Digest in Dallas, Texas.

Starting Young

by GM Larry Evans

An ancient pastime is the newest entry in the classroom. A recent study found that children 8 to 14 raised their reading scores as much as 20% as a result of playing chess.

At what age may a child safely be exposed to the wonders of chess? As soon as the child can be replied upon not to swallow the pieces! Chess is no longer perceived as a hobby for greybeards and eggheads; over half the 85,000 members of the U.S. Chess Federation are now in their teens. "Kids enjoy playing chess so much, they don't even realize they are also learning," notes the tax-exempt American Chess Foundation, which sends masters to inner-city schools.

On a recent visit to New York, world champ Gary Kasparov ventured into Harlem where most students are black, Hispanic or Asian. He played the Dark Knights chess team at Mott Hall intermediate school 223. When asked what pieces he favored, Kasparov said: "I favor none. Any piece can be important at a certain time. You weaken yourself when you favor any piece. You must learn how to use them all. There should be no prejudices in life."

For the last ten years Mott Hall led 620 area public schools in math and reading scores. Chess fits in with the philosophy of principal Mirian Acosta-Sing, who discourages kids from using bad backgrounds or harsh environments as excuses for their poor performance in school. "Chess makes you pay attention," she says. "Children learn that there are consequences for every action. This game can correctly influence how they do many other things."

Pilot programs are sprouting all over the country. In Reno, Nevada, Irene Darnell, a great grandmother, landed a grant from the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to teach chess to 2,000 kids in a dozen schools. "Our motto is push pawns, not drugs," she says. "We're booked solid through the next two years."

Her star pupil Philip Wang, 13, came from China when he was 5 and learned chess at 8. He spends about an hour a day working on his game and also plays a lot of soccer. "The main reason I was allowed to skip two grades was the abilities chess has taught me," he says. Recently he was awarded the annual Laura Aspis Trophy plus \$1500 as the best player in his age bracket. At the 14th Western States Open in Reno, Philip (rated 2110) was runner-up in the second section with the same score as grandmasters Walter Browne and Alex Ivanov who tied at the top with 5-1 in a field of 382 players.

Philip Coberg-Philip Wang
1996 Western States Open, Reno NV
Bird's Opening

1 f4 d5 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 Nf6 5 d3 0-0 6 0-0 c5 7 c3 Nc6 8 h3 Qd6 9 Qe1 d4 10 Qf2 Nd5 11 Bd2 Be6 12 Ng5 Rac8 13 Ne4 Qc7 14 Nxc5 Qb6 15 Nb3? Ne3 16 Bxe3 dxe3 17 Qe1 a5 18 Na3 a4 19 Nd4 Bxd4 20 exd4 Nxd4 21 b3 axb3 22 axb3 Qxb3 23 Kh2 Ra8 24 Ne4 Bxc4 25 Rb1 Qa2 26 dxc4 Qxc4 27 Rxb7 Ra2 28 Rd7 Nxe2 29 Rxe7 Qc2 30 Qb1 Nxc3 31 Kxc3 Qxc2 32 Kh4 e2 33 Rg1 Qf2 White Resigns

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Solutions

To Test Your Tactics (see facing page)

1
1.Qa5+ Kxa5 (1...Kb7 2.Qb6#)
2.Ra4+ bxa4 3.b4#

2
1.Qf5+ any 2.Nf6+ Kf4 3.Ne6#

3
1.Bd5+ Bxd5 2.Nc5+ Qxc5
3.Re5+ Bxe5 4.Ng5+ hxg5 5.f3#

4
1.Nd4+ Kd6 2.Nb5+ Ke6

3.Nc7+ Kd6 4.Ne8+ Ke6 5.Re5+
Kxe5 6.Nc6+ Ke6 7.Bf5+ Kxf5
8.Nd4+ Ke5 9.f4#

5
1.Rc8+ Rg8 2.N5f6 Rxc8 3.Ne5
Ra7 4.Ng6#

6
1.Nd7+ Ka8 2.Qf4 Bxf4
(2...Qh2+ 3.Rxh2 Bxf4 4.Ra2#)
3.Ra1+ Qa2 4.Rxa2#

7
1.Rb4+ Qxb4 2.Qxc2 (with the
idea of 3.Nc6#) Qb6 3.Qb2 c5
4.Nc6#

8
1.Qe6+ Qxe6 2.Nd7 Qxd7
3.Rb8+ Kxb8 4.cxd7 e1=Q
5.d8=Q#

9
1.Be6 b1Q+ (1...Kb1 2.Nd2+ Kc1

3.N5b3#) 2.Nb2+ Kxb2 3.Nd3#

10
1.Na1 Kxa1 2.Kc2 c3 3.Kc1 c2
4.Bb2#

11
1.Qxb6 axb6 2.Nc6+ Ka8
3.Nxb6#

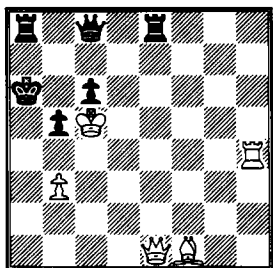
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1.Nd5 Ng6 (1...g3 2.Bxg3 Ng6
3.Nf4+ Nxf4 4.Bf3#) 2.Nf4+
Nxf4 3.Bf3 gxf3 4.g4#

Test Your Tactics

The study of composed problems can be an excellent way to improve your tactical eye. Before his over the board career began in the 1840s, Adolph Anderssen was well known as a composer of sparkling problems. The following compositions are from *The Games of Adolph Anderssen* by FM Ron Burnett and are presented courtesy of the publisher Pickard and Sons of Dallas, Texas.

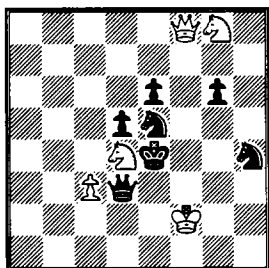
In each position White is on the move. Solutions are found on the facing page.

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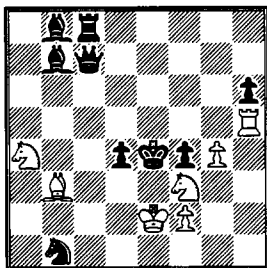
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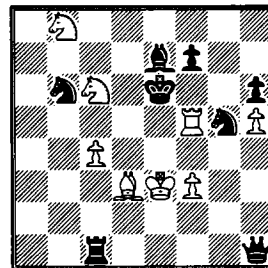
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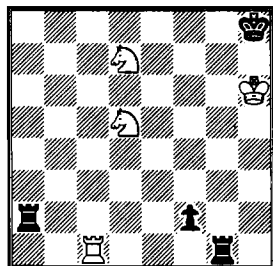
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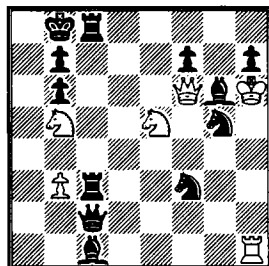
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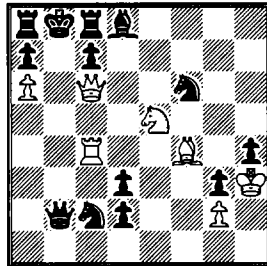
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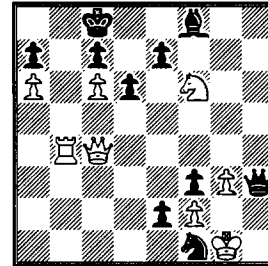
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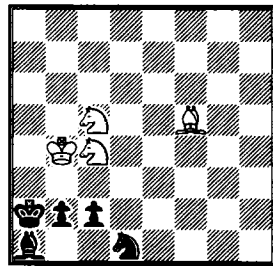
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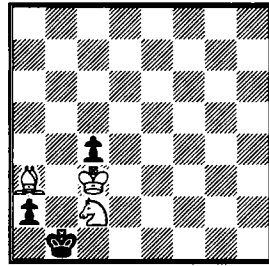
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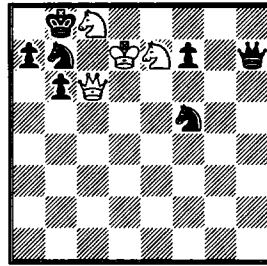
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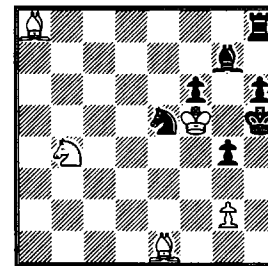
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Mate in 3

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Mate in 4

THE EDITOR'S REPORT

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Alan Kirshner has contributed an important article entitled *A League All His Own*. In his article, Alan discusses how Steve Cohen founded the United Peninsula Scholastic Chess League in the San Mateo area. Mr. Cohen has introduced slightly different tournament rules tailored to scholastic chess. As a scholastic director and coach myself, I have long felt that the current USCF adult rules are a poor fit for kids-only trophy tournaments. Several of Mr. Cohen's innovative rules such as 'touch-square' and 'counting' 50 moves verbally should be considered as part of a new USCF scholastic-only rules set.

Careful readers of this magazine will notice a new name listed as Assistant Editor. Darren Russell of Tulare has agreed to assist with the writing and editing of this magazine. Darren is a tactical whiz 'A' player and the father of five young children. Any improvements to the magazine are surely due to Darren's efforts while any and all errors remain my responsibility.

Our cover photo of the Weible B team was taken by Alan Kirshner. In the last issue, I neglected to credit Dennis Wajckus for his cover picture of Walter Browne and Viktor's Pupols. And a

special thanks to Al Peña for his portrait of GM Browne which graced page 3 of our last issue.

Our readers have been generous with their submissions of articles, pictures, and games. For the next issue, I have a tentative submission deadline of June 15th with a goal of mailing the magazine by mid-July. Third class mailing has proven to be a disaster and will be changed in the near future. I was one of the champions of third class mailing as a cost saving measure. Wrong, Wrong, Wrong! Please bear with us for one or two more issues until we can get the necessary permits for second class postal service.

The CCJ copy submission policy remains 'author friendly'. While our preference is for electronic submission, we will also accept typewritten or neat handwritten copy. Electronic submission allows you to include game scores, chess diagrams, and digitized photos. In general, tournaments submitted in an electronic format will be allotted more space. Our preference is any Microsoft Word compatible files created in Windows, DOS, or Mac. Diagrams should be created using the Linares font by Alpine Electronics. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on how to submit material to *California Chess Journal*.

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Apr. 5	(Sa)	Berkeley HS Octos/Scholastic Quads	(RF)
Apr. 12	(Sa)	Dinuba Chess for Kids	(AF)
Apr. 19	(Sa)	Fresno Spring Quad	(DW)
Apr. 19-20	(Sa-Su)	Junior Open (San Francisco)	*(MG)
May 3	(Sa)	Hanford Chess for Kids	(AF)
May 3-4	(Sa-Su)	Livermore Open	*(CP)
May 3-4	(Sa-Su)	Paradise Open	(DH)
May 17-18	(Sa-Su)	17th San Joaquin Championship (Fresno)	*(DW)
May 17-18	(Sa-Su)	California Grade Level Scholastic	(SS2)
May 24-26	(Sa-M)	LERA (Sunnyvale)	(JH)
May 31	(Sa)	Visalia Spring Picnic	(AF)
Jun. 13-15	(F-Su)	Stamer (San Francisco)	(MG)
Jun. 14	(Sa)	Madera Swiss Rater	(KB)
Jun. 22	(Su)	Walnut Creek Quads	(DW2)
Jun. 28-29	(Sa-Su)	Class Struggle (Berkeley)	*(DS)
Jul. 19-20	(Sa-Su)	Waterfront Open (Oakland)	*(DS)
Aug. 30-Sep.1	(Sa-M)	Labor Day	*(RK)
Nov. 7-9	(F-M)	Capps (San Francisco)	*(MG)

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MLK weekend (3rd weekend Jan.) (TD)	2nd weekend June (F-Su) Stamer (MG)
Presidents' Day Weekend People's (Berkeley) (DS)	3rd weekend June (F-Su) Far West Open (Reno) (JW)
1st weekend March (F-Su) SF Amateur (MG)	Labor Day weekend (1st weekend Sept.) (TD)
State Scholastic Championship (last weekend March)	Last weekend Oct. (F-Su) Western Open (Reno) (JW)
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