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COMING JUNIOR AND STUDENT TOURNEYS

When Bobby Fischer won the world championship, interest in chess boomed in the U.S. This was particularly apparent in the younger generation. Chess flourished in the schools, where anyone who knew the game was called on to teach those who wanted to find out what this sudden fervor was all about.

Tournament organizers and promoters found it worthwhile to have separate sections for high school and junior high players. Youngsters of six or so were frequently spotted as absorbed as their elders in mass tournaments.

Thousands of new members of the U.S. Chess Federation resulted when the youngsters found they had to join to enter most open events. There was a major impact on the national rating system. The newcomers started far down on the scale, then raced upward as they improved, knocking others to lower levels.

Today many of the highest rated players in the country are in their teens or early twenties. Their presence in tournaments adds prestige, and more and more titles are coming their way.

Following are details on some coming tournaments in which our better younger players will be participating.

U.S. Junior Tourney

The invitational U.S. Junior Championship will be held at the Manhattan Chess Club in New York from June 25 to July 2. The eight top rated players under 20 have been invited to compete in the round robin event.

Larry Christiansen of Riverside has a USCF rating of 2367, highest of the group. Two other Californians are on the list, David Berry of Los Angeles, rated 2269, and Craig Barnes of Berkeley, 2225.

The youngest player is 16-year-old Mark Diesen of Baltimore, who has the second highest rating, 2291. The others, all in the master category, are: Peter Winston, New York City, 2266; Jon Frankle, Des Moines, 2263; Michael Pastor, Philadelphia, 2235, and David Striker, New York City, 2207.

California Junior

The California Junior Championship, which was held last year in San Francisco, will be back in Los Angeles this summer. The dates are July 12 to 14 at the Memorial Building of the Los Angeles High School, 4600 W. Olympic Blvd. Six rounds will be played, starting at 7 p.m. Friday, July 12.

Anyone under 21 is eligible. There is no entrance fee, but participants must be members of both the USCF and the California State Chess Federation. Non-members may join when registering. The junior dues are \$5 for USCF and \$2.50 for CSCF.

The winner will receive \$100 and a championship trophy. The second prize is \$50 and the third \$25. There may also be awards for the best games.

The Piatigorsky Foundation, which has sponsored the tournament for a number of years, will provide housing for juniors who live outside the Los Angeles area and cannot commute to the tournament.

Those interested should write to Arthur Drucker, 5754 Radford Ave., No. Hollywood, Cal. 91607. This should be done early, as arrangements must be made in advance.

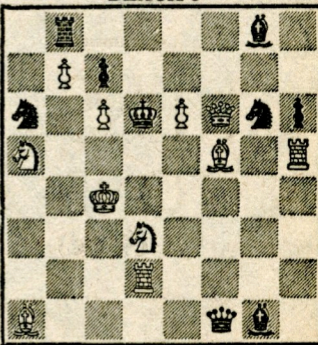
Student Team

Two Californians, Roy Ervin of Santa Monica and Ross Stoutenborough of Riverside, have accepted invitations for the U.S. team which will compete in the World Student Championship. This will take place in Teesside, England from July 16 to Aug. 1.

Craig Chellstorp of Chicago, the only senior master on the team, with a rating of 2416, will play on the first board. The other members are Sal Matera of Brooklyn, Eugene Meyer of Woodstock, N.Y., and John Jacobs of Dallas.

Kim Commons of Los Angeles was the first choice to

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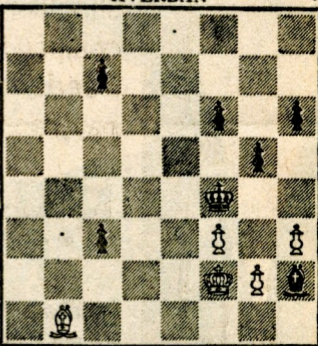
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White mates in three

Today's problem is a complex affair with several brilliant cross-check variations. It is worth some study to get everything straight. Solution to Problem 4232: Q-N8

is on the move. What should he play and what should the result be?

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Black is two pawns ahead, but they are doubled. With opposite colored bishops, similar positions are generally drawn. The bishop can prevent the pawns from advancing, and the other side seems secure. If the black king marches to the queen side, the white monarch can easily block him.

The win is there, however, based on several interesting points that have to be found. These will be noted in the analysis that follows.

1... B-N8ch! If 1... B-N6ch 2 K-K2, and Black can make no progress. The first point is that the bishop can be sacrificed, since if 2 KxB, K-K6, followed by K-Q7 and P-B7. This regains the piece, and the second QBP will soon go in to queen.

Thus White played 2 K-K2, and the game continued K-N6 3 K-B1, B-B7 4 B-B2. Now what? If the black king remains on the king side, the passed pawn is helpless. If there is any way to break through, it is not apparent as yet.

Black played 4... P-KB4!, which is the second point. The pawn must go to KB5 after the king advanced to KN6. The fact that it is temporarily unprotected does not matter, for if 5 BxP, K-B5 6 KxB, KxB wins, or if 6 B-K4, K-K6, and it is over.

The game continued 5 B-N1, P-B5 6 B-N6, B-K6 7 B-B2, P-R4 8 B-B5, P-B4 9 B-N6, P-R5 10 B-B5. Black has made slow but steady progress, and is now ready for the main point, which he had foreseen long before:

10... P-N5!!

However White replies, Black will establish a second passed pawn, and that will win. The number of pawns is of no importance if one of them can queen.

Of course not 11 BxP, P-B7. If 11 BxP, P-B6 12 PxB, KxRP 13 P-N5ch, K-N6 14 P-N6, B-Q5. The white pawn is stopped, and P-R6 will win. White played his best chance, 11 RPxP.

Therefore 11... P-R6 12 PxP, KxBP 13 P-N6, K-N6 14 P-N6, B-Q5 15 P-R4, P-B6 16 P-R5, B-N2 17 K-K1, P-B7ch 18 K-B1, K-B6 19 B-N1, K-K6 20 B-B5, P-B5. All that was left was 21 B-N1, K-Q7. Resigns. As before, one pawn wins the bishop, and the other will queen.

If White had time, he could play KxP, move his king to KN5, and advance his own pawns. He is far too slow, however.

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KING'S FIANCHETTO DEFENSE

Pomar	Kavalek	Pomar	Kavalek
Spain	U.S.A.	Spain	U.S.A.
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	P-KN3	17-N-Q4	P-K4
2-N-KB3	B-N2	18-B-QR3	Q-B2
3-P-KN3	P-QB4	19-N-N5	Q-B5
4-P-K3	N-KB3	20-Q-N2	BxN
5-B-N2	O-O	21-QxB	P-N3
6-Q-O	N-B3	22-Q-Q7	P-K5
7-P-B4	NxP	23-KR-Q1	N-N2
8-NxP	P-Q4	24-R-N4	QxRP
9-PxP	NxP	25-RxKP	B-K4
10-N-QB3	NxQN	26-B-K7	BxRP
11-PxN	N-R4	27-B-B6	RxR
12-R-N1	R-N1	28-BxB	Q-K3
13-B-QR3	B-Q2	29-BxR	QxB
14-Q-K2	R-K1	30-R-Q4	Q-N8ch
15-B-N4	O-B2	31-K-N2	N-B4
16-N-N5	Q-N3	32-Q-Q8ch	Resigns

VIDMAR MEMORIAL, YUGOSLAVIA

SICILIAN DEFENSE

John Jacobs of Dallas.

Kim Commons of Los Angeles was the first choice to head the team, but he is also qualified for the next U.S. Championship Tournament, scheduled in Chicago at about the same time. Commons chose to make his bid in the latter.

The students have to be under age 27 and accredited in a school on a full or part time basis. Tough competition is expected from several European countries who will have grandmasters on their rosters.

CHESS INFORMANT

We recently reported on Chess Informant, the Yugoslav publication which appears twice a year with the best games of the previous period.

Among other interesting material are a series of diagrams on middlegame and ending positions that are worth studying.

The following diagram is from the ending section, towards the end of a game between Makarichev and Averbach of the Soviet Union. Black

VIDMAR MEMORIAL,

YUGOSLAVIA

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Minic Yugoslavia	Quinteros Argentina	Minic Yugoslavia	Quinteros Argentina
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	21-BxB	KxB
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	22-O-N4ch	K-N1
3-P-Q4	PxP	23-N-Q7ch	K-R2
4-NxP	N-KB3	24-O-K2	N-Q5
5-N-QB3	P-QR3	25-NxN	PxN
6-B-KN5	P-K3	26-QR-N1	O-B6
7-P-B4	O-N3	27-N-N6	QR-K1
8-Q-Q2	QxP	28-N-Q5	O-B4
9-N-N3	O-R6	29-O-Q3	B-Q1
10-BxN	PxB	30-R-N4	P-B4
11-B-K2	O-N5	31-RxBP	KR-B1
12-O-O	B-K2	32-RxR	RxR
13-K-R1	O-N3	33-P-KR3	B-R4
14-P-B5	P-QR4	34-R-B4	O-N4
15-PxP	PxP	35-K-R2	B-K8
16-Q-Q1	P-R5	36-QxPch	K-N1
17-B-R5ch	K-Q1	37-R-B3	O-B8
18-B-N4	N-B3	38-Q-N7	BxR
19-N-R4	O-N5	39-OxB	Q-B2
20-N(R)-B5	P-K4	Resigns	

WORLD JUNIOR, 1973

Gibellato Italy	Miles England	Gibellato Italy	Miles England
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	11-K-R1	B-K4
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	12-P-KN3	N-OB3
3-P-Q4	PxP	13-BxN	PxB
4-NxP	N-KB3	14-NxP	O-Q2:
5-N-QB3	P-KN3	15-NxB	NxN
6-B-K3	N-N2	16-P-B3	B-R3
7-B-QB4	N-N5	17-QxB	O-R6ch
8-B-N5ch	K-B1	18-K-N1	QxPch
9-O-O	B-K4	19-K-R1	NxP
10-Q-K2	BxPch	Resigns	