

Richard Shorman**Chess****TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

The 1971 Grand Prix Class Chess Championships (USCF Region VIII) were held at the Del Webb Town House in Fresno, March 27-28. Martin Morrison and Elwin Meyers directed the four-round Swiss System event.

Master/Expert/Class A

1st-4th Overall: John Grefe, Jeff Kent, Julius Loftsson and Dennis Waterman.

3rd Expert: Peter Manetti.

4th-5th Expert: James McCormick and Robert Stetson.

1st A: Richard Roubal.

2nd-5th A: J. Carter Lenoir, Dan Maxwell, Michael Mills and Kenneth Morrisey.

Class B

1st B: Kenneth Smith.

2nd B: Herbert Faeth.

3rd-4th B: Dane Hinrichsen and Danny Krystall.

Classes C/D/E

1st-2nd C/D/E: Michael Maloney and Conrad Van Valkenburg.

3rd-10th C: Harry Bradbury, Chris Fotias, Myron Johnson, Jamie Miller, Randall Pina, R. Carl Shiflett, George Smith and David Taylor.

1st-5th D/E: Stanley Boyetz, David Brimble, Richard Hand, Claud McHorse and Terrence Wilkerson.

1st-2nd E: Patrick Norris and Charles Worstell.

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Chess master Serge Belavenets knocks over future grandmaster Alexander Kotov in a dynamic game, showing that too much trust in latest theoretical pronouncements can lead to practical ruin.

Notes translated from "Master Serge Belavenets" (Moscow, 1963, pp. 131-32) by editor M. A. Beylin.

White: Serge Belavenets.

Black: Alexander Kotov.

Moscow Championships, 1935

Nimzo Indian Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	14 KxN	PxP
2 P-QB4	P-K3	15 R-KN1	Q-R5ch
3 N-QB3	B-N5	16 K-K3	Q-R3ch
4 Q-N3	P-B4	17 K-Q3(c)	PxN(d)
5 PxP	N-B3	18 RxPch	QxR
6 N-B3	N-K5	19 BxQ	KxB
7 B-Q2	NxQBP	20 Q-N2ch	K-N1(e)
8 Q-B2	0-0	21 PxP(f)	RxPch
9 P-QR3	BxN	22 K-K2	R-B2(g)
10 BxB	P-B4	23 B-N2	R-N2
11 P-QN4	N-K5	24 R-KN1(h)	R-N1(i)
12 B-N2	P-QN3	25 BxN	Resigns(j)
13 P-N4(a)	NxBP(b)		

(a) A sharp continuation, first played by Botvinnik in a game with Myasoedov (Leningrad Championships, 1931).

(b) Otherwise White opens the file with obvious benefits.

(c) Dangerous is 17 K-B2, since in addition to the simple repetition of moves by 17 . . . Q-R5ch, Black can obtain three pawns for his piece while keeping White's king uncomfortably situated by 17 . . . QxPch 18 R-N2 Q-B5.

In the Botvinnik—Myasoedov game Black achieved a draw following a complex struggle involving a number of piece sacrifices: 17 K-Q3 P-Q4! 18 Q-B1! PxPch! 19 QxP R-Q1ch 20 K-B2 B-N2 21 QxNP NxPch! 22 PxN QR-B1ch 23 B-B3 RxBch 24 KxR Q-K6ch 25 K-N2 R-Q7ch 26 NxR QxNch 27 K-N1 Q-Q8ch 28 K-N2 Q-Q7ch 29 Drawn. Also interesting is the prosaic 17 . . . Q-N3ch. 18 K-Q2 QxQch 19 KxQ PxN 20 RxBch K-R1 21 RxQPch P-K4 22 R-Q6, with only slightly the better endgame prospects for White.

Looking back at 13 P-N4, therefore, we conclude that Black has to work hard for a draw, which means that Botvinnik's move virtually refutes this line of the Nimzo Indian Defense. The sole objection to 13 P-N4 is that it is too forcing, making the whole variation easy to analyze and thus unsuitable for repeated use in master play.

(d) Based, without sufficient testing, on the authority of Nikolai Riumin, who tried it against Botvinnik in an exhibition game. Although the contest was eventually drawn with Riumin holding the better position, this sacrifice can nonetheless be proven wrong.

(e) Unfortunately Black must shun 20 . . . P-K4, as White wins a pawn after 21 P-N5 N-Q5 22 P-K3.

(f) Necessary to avoid having to contend with a potent enemy passed pawn.

(g) And not 22 . . . R-QN6? 23 Q-B6.

(h) Threatening 25 BxN and 25 QxRch followed by 26 BxN.

(i) There is no longer any defense. On 24 . . . P-Q4 White wins easily with 25 BxP RxR 26 BxN R-N1 27 Q-K5. If, instead, 24 . . . R-N3, then 25 BxN PxB 26 RxRch PxR 27 Q-B6 leaves Black with a hopelessly lost ending.

(j) After 25 . . . RxR 26 Q-K5 White wins a rook. An attractive game of some theoretical value.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE

Women's world chess champion Nona Gaprindashvili swept all opposition aside at an international women's tournament in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, posting a spectacular score of 13-0! Her unusually fine victory was heightened by the quality of her play.

White: Gaprindashvili. Black: Vreken. Belgrade, 1970
Sicilian Defense 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP P-KN3 5 P-QB4 N-B3 6 N-QB3 NxN 7 QxN P-Q3 8 B-K3 B-N2 9 P-B3 0-0 10 Q-Q2 P-QR3 11 R-B1 B-Q2 12 P-QN3 Q-R4 13 B-K2 P-QN4 14 P-B5 P-N5 15 N-N1 B-K3 16 O-O KR-B1 17 P-B6 N-K1 18 B-Q3 N-B2 19 P-B4 P-B4 20 P-QR3 BxP 21 PxNP Q-R7 22 PxP N-Q4 23 PxP PxP 24 BxNP QR-N1 25 B-KB5 R-B2 26 B-K6ch K-B1 27 B-Q4 RxNP 28 BxBch KxB 29 Q-K1 R-N1 30 Q-N3ch K-R1 31 Q-R4ch K-N2 32 Q-N5ch K-R1 33 Q-R6mate.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way in old Palma Ceia village). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

The Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 36025 Fremont Blvd. (Westridge Park Community Center). Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets (in the old library of the Carnegie Building). Evenings, the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.