

Chess

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Directed by **David Smith**, **Ed Delgado** and **John Markin**, the 1974 Alameda County Chess Championship was held Apr. 6-7 at the New Berkeley South YMCA. Over 100 players participated in the USCF rated event. Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Jeremy Silman, Chul Vista, 3¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$100; **2nd-4th**, Thomas Dorsch, Hayward, Guillermo Rey, San Francisco, and Stephen Kornher, Berkeley, 3-1, \$47 each; **1st-3rd A**, Richard Price, Oakland, Paul Markowitz, Oakland, and Daniel Switkes, Berkeley, 2¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$37.50 each.

Booster Division

1st-2nd, Steve Joplin, Hayward, and Richard Dorn, San Francisco, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$112.50 each; **1st C**, Gary Luke, Santa Cruz, 4-1, \$100.

Novice Division

1st-2nd, Frank Mora, San Leandro, and Dick McCullough, Woodacre, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$60 each; **1st-2nd Unrated**, James Maddox, Tahoe City, and Max Grober, Berkeley, 3¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$45 each.

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White: Stuart Goldkind (1619). Black: R. W. Catig (Unrated). Alameda County Championship, Berkeley, Apr. 5, 1974. Grunfeld Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Qb3 dc 6 Qc4 0-0 7 Bf4 c6 8 e3 Nbd7 9 h3 Nb6 10 Qb3 Be6 11 Qc2 Nbd5 12 Bh2 Qa5 13 Qd2 Nc3 14 Qc3 Qb6 15 Bd3 Nd5 16 Qd2 Nb4 17 Bb1 Bc4 18 a3 Nd5 19 Ne5 Be5 20 Be5 Rfd8 21 f3 f6 22 Bh2 e5 23 Kf2 Ne3! 24 Ba2 Rd4! 25 Qb4 Rd2! 26 Kg3 Rg2 27 Resigns.

LOS ALTOS CLASS TOURNAMENT

Los Altos High School was the site of a five-round USCF class tournament, Apr. 6-7, **S. Barrett Williams** directing. Ninety-two players competed for a prize fund of \$588.

Master-Expert Division

1st, Robert Newbold (2220), Stanford, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$50; **2nd**, Ross MacDonald (2288), Menlo Park, 3-2, \$30.

Class A

1st, Tim Stevens (1868), Stanford, 4-1, \$40; **2nd-4th**, Paul Whitehead (1797), San Francisco, Bill Chesney (1985), San Jose, and Gabriel Sanchez (1845), Santa Clara, 3¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$12 each.

Class B

1st, Jay Whitehead (1710), San Francisco, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$51; **2nd**, James Fredgren (1600), Menlo Park, 4-1, \$34; **3rd**, Mitchell Saadi (1784), Santa Clara, 3¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$17.

Class C

1st, Steve Seike (1562), Menlo Park, 5-0, \$63; **2nd**, John Dywer, Jr. (1428), San Jose, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$42; **3rd**, Iraj Rahbar (1402), San Jose, 4-1, \$21.

Class D-E

1st, Bart Rothwell (1180), Los Altos, 5-0, \$45; **2nd**, Scott Gulland (1313), Sunnyvale, 4-1, \$30; **3rd**, David TenEyck (1357), San Jose, 3¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$15; **1st E**, Julian Booth (1174), Mt. View, 3¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$18.

Unrated Division

1st, Dave Cater, Cupertino, 5-0, \$48; **2nd-3rd**, Ken Myles, Palo Alto, and Jim Franc, Los Altos, 4-1, \$24 each.

EAGLE ROCK TOURNEY UNDER WAY

An international tournament under the direction of **Isaac Kashdan** began in Eagle Rock, Calif. (a suburb of Los Angeles) Apr. 6 and will continue through Apr. 19. Standings after six rounds are grandmasters **Svetozar Gligoric** (Yugoslavia), **Florin Gheorghiu** (Rumania) and **Levente Lengyel** (Hungary), 4-2; international masters **Julio Kaplan** (Puerto Rico), **Anthony Saidy** (USA) and USCF master **Edmar Mednis**, 3¹/₂-2¹/₂; international masters **James Tarjan** (USA), **Andrew Soltis** (USA) and USCF master **Kim Commons**, 2¹/₂-3¹/₂; international master **Bernard Zuckerman** (USA), USCF masters **Norman Weinstein** and **Lawrence Kaufman**, 2-4.

The players are battling for a \$4,000 prize fund and international title norms. To earn a grandmaster result requires a 7¹/₂-3¹/₂ final score, while a 6-5 finish is necessary to post an international master result.

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White: Svetozar Gligoric. Black: Julio Kaplan. Eagle Rock, 1974. Nimzo-Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 b6 5 Bd3 Bb7 6 Nf3 0-0 7 0-0 c5 8 Bd2 d6 9 a3 Bc3 10 Bc3 Ne4 11 Be4 Be4 12 Nd2 Bb7 13 Qg4 f5 14 Qg3 Qe7 15 Rfe1 Nd7 16 f3 Rae8 17 Rad1 e5 18 d5 b5 19 cb Bd5 20 e4 Be6 21 b3 f4 22 Qf2 Rf6 23 Ba5 Qf7 24 Rb1 g5 25 Qe2 g4 26 Nc4 Qh5 27 Nd6 Rh6 28 h3 gh 29 Ne8 hg 30 Qg2 Rg6 31 Rb2 Bh3 32 Qg6 Qg6 33 Kh1 Qe8 34 Rg1 Kf8 35 Rh2 Qh5 36 Rf1 Nf6 37 Bc7 Ke7 38 Rff2 Ne4 39 Re2 Ng3 40 Kg1 Ne2 41 Re2 Qg5 42 Resigns.

Tournament bulletins containing all the games from this 11-round event may be obtained for \$6 a set from the Continental Chess Club, 2369 West Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90041.

NEW LIFE INTO AN OLD RUY LOPEZ

Playing the Ruy Lopez in sharp, open game style, **Norman Weinstein** paid silent homage to the memory of the great **Paul Morphy**, who employed the same half-dozen initial moves a century ago.

White: Norman Weinstein.
Chicago International, 1973.

Black: Craig Chellstorp.

Ruy Lopez	P-K4	15 R-K5!	B-Q3?(i)
1 P-K4	N-QB3	16 BxN	BxR
2 N-KB3	P-QR3	17 BxB	P-KB3
3 B-N5	N-B3	18 NxQP!	B-N2
4 B-R4	PxP	19 NxKBP!	Q-B1(j)
5 P-Q4!?(a)	B-K2	20 Q-B4	P-B4
6 0-0	P-QN4!(c)	21 Q-R4!	RxN
7 R-K1(b)	NxP	22 BxR	PxN(k)
8 P-K5!	P-Q3!(e)	23 BxQP	Q-B3
9 RxN(d)	PxB	24 Q-N4	Q-B2
10 R-K1(f)	Q-Q2?!(g)	25 R-K1	R-Q1
11 NxP	P-Q4	26 P-KR4	B-Q4
12 Q-B3	0-0	27 Q-N5	Resigns(l)
13 B-N5	K-R1(h)		
14 N-B3			

(Modified notes by USCF master **John Peters** in "Chess Horizons", Mar.-Apr. 1974, pp. 13-14)

(a) This leads to interesting play, and avoids 15-or 20-move prepared variations.

(b) If 7 P-K5 (as Morphy used to play), then Black equalizes after 7...N-K5.

(c) Sharpest, but 7...0-0 8 P-K5 N-K1 9 B-B4 P-B3! is also level.

(d) Black need not fear 9 NxN PxB 10 QxP 0-0.

(e) Better than 9...PxB 10 NxP 0-0 11 N-QB3, which leaves White with an edge.

(f) Not 10 RxBch? QxR 11 B-N3 P-B4 or 10 R-N5? PxB 11 RxP? N-R4!

(g) Black should have tried 11...B-Q2! 12 Q-B3 0-0 13 N-B6 BxN 14 QxB P-Q4 15 N-B3 P-R6!

(h) So that 15 RxB QxR 16 NxQP can be met by 16...Q-K4 17 NxN QxB.

(i) A possible defense is 15...B-N2 16 N-B5 B-Q1! 17 Q-N3 N-R4.

(j) If 19...QxN?, then 20 Q-R5!, or 19...RxN 20 QxB. Also hopeless is 19...PxN 20 BxPch RxB 21 QxPch.

(k) On 22...PxB White wins with 23 QxBPch K-N1 24 N-B5.

(l) Black has no defense against the double threats of 28 QxB and 28 R-K7.

LOW-ENTRY FEE, NON-RATED TOURNEY

The University of California Chess Club presents its first five-round Swiss system, non-rated, tournament Apr. 20-21 in Heller Lounge of the U.C. Berkeley Student Union Bldg. Prizes, based on 100 entries, are 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$25 and 5th \$15. Entry fee is \$3, registration from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and round one at 11 a.m., Saturday, Apr. 20. Please bring sets and clocks.

SPEED CHESS COMPETITIONS

Rapid transit tournaments will be held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the **Gambit Game Store**, 625 Kearny St., San Francisco. Guaranteed cash prizes are 1st \$30, 2nd \$20 and 3rd \$10. Entry fee is \$4. Please bring clocks; sets provided. Phone **James McCormick**, 788-2066, for further information.