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Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The CCCA's Regional One-Day Round-Robin Chess Tournament brought 44 players to the Walnut Creek Recreation Center for a three round sectional competition, Jan. 8. Participants were segregated into four-man sections on the basis of their USCF ratings. Complete results:

1. Steve Sawyer, San Francisco, 3-0, \$5; Roger Gabrielson and Ed Rosenthal, both Berkeley, 1½-1½, \$1.50 each.
2. Richard Gordon, San Jose, 3-0, \$5; Dean Hall, Walnut Creek, and Lester Schonbrun, El Cerrito, 1½-1½, \$1.50 each.
3. Raymond Cuneo, Piedmont, and Donald Stone, Moraga, 2-1, \$4 each.
4. Duncan Campbell, Orinda, and Ray Segal, Berkeley, 2-1, \$4 each.
5. William Lanam, Alamo, and Richard Roach, Fair Oaks, 2-1, \$4 each.
6. Leonard Trottier, El Cerrito, 3-0, \$5; Johann Weiler, Walnut Creek, 2-1, \$3.
7. Steen Jensen, Concord, 3-0, \$5; Jim Lindsay, San Jose, 2-1, \$3.
8. Tom Ulrich, Pittsburg, 3-0, \$5; Ralph Hennings, Fresno, 2-1, \$3.
9. Keith Guertner, San Jose, and Robert Kilmer, San Pablo, 2-1, \$4 each.
10. Ed Delgado, San Francisco, 2½-1½, \$5; Kenneth Chmiel, San Francisco, 2-1, \$3.
11. David Lewis, Berkeley, 3-0, \$5; Michael Hulse, Lafayette, 1½-1½, \$3.

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Grandmaster Geller carried through one of the most beautiful combinations played in the 1971 USSR Championship.

White: Efim Geller Black: Albert Kapengut
 Leningrad, 1971, XXIX USSR Championship.

Gruenfeld Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	13 R-B1	B-N2(b)
2 P-QB4	P-KN3	14 P-Q5	P-K3(c)
3 N-QB3	P-Q4	15 PxP	PxP
4 PxP	NxP	16 N-B4	Q-Q3(d)
5 P-K4	NxN	17 Q-N4	QR-K1(e)
6 PxN	P-QB4	18 B-N5	R-K2
7 B-QB4	B-N2	19 KR-Q1	Q-K4
8 N-K2	N-B3	20 B-Q7!(f)	QxP(g)
9 B-K3	O-O	21 BxPch	K-R1
10 O-O	PXP	22 R-Q4!!(h)	RxN(i)
11 PxP	N-R4(a)	23 R-Q8ch	B-B1(j)
12 B-Q3	P-N3	24 RxBch!	Resigns(k)

(Notes compiled from "The Chess Player," Dec., 1971, Game No. 1125, "Sovetsky sport," Sept. 30, 1971, and "64," No. 40, Oct. 1-7, 1971, pg. 10.)

(a) A supposed improvement on the old sequence, 11 . . . P-N3 12 R-B1 B-N2 13 B-QN5 R-B1 14 Q-R4 N-R4 15 P-Q5 Q-Q3 16 B-Q2 RxR 17 RxR P-B4 18 B-Q7 (Furman—Smyslov, XVII USSR Championship).

(b) In his manual on the Gruenfeld Defense, Boleslavsky recommends 13 . . . P-K3 followed by . . . Q-K2, evaluating the position as equal. It is difficult to make a final judgment, however, and after the game Kapengut said that he avoided 13 . . . P-K3 because he feared the reply 14 Q-R4.

(c) Now this move saddles Black with a serious pawn weakness, which Geller seizes upon instantly. Better is 14 . . . Q-Q2.

(d) The queen proves vulnerable here. Black can tighten his defense by 16 . . . Q-K2 17 Q-N4 QR-Q1, although White retains the advantage.

(e) But not 17 . . . B-B1, as White breaks through with 18 P-K5! QxP (or 18 . . . BxP 19 NxNP! with equally dire results) 19 BxKNP! PxB 20 NxNP Q-B3 21 NxR QxN 22 R-B7.

(f) The beginning of a fine combination.

(g) If 20 . . . BxP, instead, then 21 BxPch K-R1 22 B-Q4 ruins Black, e.g., 22 . . . Q-QN4 23 P-QR4 Q-N5 24 NxPch!

(h) Beautifully unexpected, this shot by the rook crushes all resistance.

(i) On 22 . . . BxR White wraps it up with 23 BxBch R-N2 (23 . . . QxB 24 NxPch) 24 NxPch! QxN 25 QxQ PxQ 26 R-B7. Playing the queen to the only unattacked square also loses: 23 . . . Q-K4 24 NxPch PxN 25 Q-R3ch Q-R4 26 R-KR4.

(j) or 23 . . . R-B1 24 RxBch BxR 25 QxQ BxQ 26 B-Q4ch R-N2 27 R-B8.

(k) Giving Geller credit for seeing the obvious finish, 24 . . . RxR 25 QxQ BxQ 26 B-Q4ch R-N2 27 R-B7. Kapengut confessed that he actually felt relieved when he was writing down his resignation . . .