

Results of

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The 1978 CalChess Tournament of Club Champions was held at the Centerville branch library in Fremont, Dec. 9-10. Eight Bay Area chess clubs sent representatives to determine the strongest CalChess affiliated club champion. First place winner Richard Dost of the Berkeley Chess Club will receive annual possession of a large perpetual trophy engraved with his name and the name of his club. Hans Poschmann organized and directed the four-round Swiss system event. Complete results:

1st, Richard Dost (2041), Berkeley Chess Club, 3½-½; **2nd**, Raymond Musselman (1918), Monday Knights Chess Club, 3-1; **3rd-4th**, Renard Anderson (1934), Palo Alto Chess Club, and Jon Wooley (1607), Capt. Anchovy's Chess Club, 2½-1½ each; **5th**, Ernest Curto (1709), Fremont Chess Club, 1½-2½; **6th-8th**, Eric Neilson (1632), Cal Poly Chess Club, Neil Regan (1855), Memorex Chess Club, and Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo High School Chess Club, 1-3 each.

Here are some of the most action packed games from the 1978 CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, recorded in USCF sanctioned coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Neil Regan (1855) Black: Ernest Curto (1709)
Memorex Chess Club Fremont Chess Club
CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, Fremont, Dec. 10, 1978.

Benoni Counter Gambit

1 d4	Nf6	24 Ba8	ef
2 c4	c5	25 Bf3(g)	fg
3 d5	b5	26 Kg3	Qc7
4 cb	a6	27 Kg2	Nf4
5 ba	Ba6	28 Kf2	Nh3(h)
6 Nc3	g6	29 Kf1	Rd1
7 g3	d6	30 Rd1	Qg3
8 Bg2	Bg7	31 Bg2	Bb7
9 Nf3	O-O	32 Nd5(i)	Bd5
10 O-O	Nbd7	33 Rd5	Nf4
11 Re1	Qa5	34 Red2(j)	Ng2
12 e4	c4(a)	35 a4(k)	Ne3
13 Nd4	Nc5	36 Ke2	Nd5
14 Nc6	Qc7	37 a5	Nf4
15 Be3(b)	Nd3	38 Kd1	Nd3
16 Re2	Ng4	39 Kc2	Qe5
17 Bd4	Nge5	40 a6	Qb2
18 f4(c)	Nc6	41 Kd1	Qc1
19 Bg7	Kg7	42 Ke2	Qe1
20 dc	Qc6	43 Kf3	Qd2
21 h3(d)	Qc5	44 a7	Qf2
22 Kh2	Rfd8(e)	45 Ke4	e6
23 e5(f)	de	46 a8Q	f5mate

(Notes contributed by the winner)

(a) The black knight on d3 will have a firmer base than its counterpart on c6.

(b) Black now stands better. White probably should have played 15 h3, which would have been met by 15 . . . Nd3 and 16 . . . Rfe8, with an edge for Black. On 15 Bf1, weakening the base of his knight on c6, Black responds with an eventual e6 and a gradual erosion of that post. If 15 Bg5, then simply 15 . . . Rfe8.

(c) Not good, but 18 Be5 Be5 19 f4 Bg7 leaves Black threatening 20 . . . Bb7, so that after 20 e5 de 21 fe Be5 22 Ne5 Ne5 23 d6 Qc5 24 Kf1 Rcd8 25 Qd5 Qd5 26 Bd5 ed Black maintains the advantage.

(d) The move 21 e5 is answered by 21 . . . Qc5.

(e) Originally, I had written down 22 . . . Rab8 on my score sheet, but then looked again and saw that White could play 23 Qa4, so I scratched it out. The move actually made was directed at keeping White's counterplay to a minimum.

(f) White can undertake little else; he expected 23 . . . d5 in reply.

(g) Similar variations occur after 23 Bg2. Correct is 23 gf Ra8, which would be about equal. Note, too, that 23 Qh1 succumbs to 23 . . . gf 24 Kg3 Qc7 25 Kg2 Ra8 26 Qh2 Bb7 27 Kf1 Qc5, followed by 28 . . . Ra6 or even 28 . . . Ra5.

(h) Figuring that the knight in this position is stronger than the rook.

(i) Certainly not 32 Bb7 on account of 32 . . . Qg1mate. Moves like 32 Rdd2 (32 Red2, 32 a4) lose to 32 . . . Bg2 33 Rg2 Qf3 34 Ke1 Nf4, etc. Nor does 32 Ne4 help in view of 32 . . . Be4, and 32 Bh3 fails against 32 . . . Qh3 33 K-any Bf3.

(j) Here White loses less quickly with 34 Rdd2 Ne2.

(k) White should resign. The final position is pretty.

White: Richard Dost (2041), Berkeley Chess Club. Black: Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo High School Chess Club. CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, Fremont, Dec. 10, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 O-O 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4 Bd7 10 O-O-O Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 h4 Nc4 13 Bc4 Rc4 14 h5 Qc7 15 hg fg 16 Nde2 Rc8 17 Bh6 Bh8 18 g4 Be6 19 Bg5 b5 20 Nd4 Rd4 21 Qd4 Nd5 22

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Qf2 Nc3 23 Qh2 Bg7 24 Rd2 Na2 25 Kd1 Bd2 26 Qh7
 Kf8 27 Qg6 Bf7 28 Qf5 Resigns.

White: Renard Anderson (1934), Palo Alto Chess Club. Black: Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo H.S. Chess Club. CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, Fremont, Dec. 9, 1978. Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	12 O-O-O	Rc8
2 Nf3	d6	13 g4	hg
3 d4	cd	14 h5	Nh5
4 Nd4	Nf6	15 Bh6	e6
5 Nc3	g6	16 Rdg1	g3
6 Be3	Bg7	17 Rh5	gh

7 f3	O-O	18 Rg3	Ng6
8 Bc4	Nc6	19 Nf5	Bc3
9 Qd2	Bd7	20 bc	d5
10 h4	Ne5	21 Qd4	e5
11 Bb3	h5	22 Qe5	Resigns

White: Paul Stainthorpe (1965), Campolindo High School Chess Club. Black: Jon Wooley (1607), Capt. Anchovy's Chess Club. CalChess Tournament of Club Champions, Fremont, Dec. 10, 1978. Flakbeer Counter Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 ed e4 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Bc4 Bc5 6 Nge2 O-O 7 h3 c6 8 d4 ed 9 Qd3 b5 10 Bb3 Qb6 11 Rf1 a5 12 dc Ba6 13 Qf3 Re8 14 Nd5 Nd5 15 Qd5 Ra7 16 c4 Rae7 17 Bd1 Nc6 18 Bd2 Nb4 19 Qf3 bc 20 Bc3 Re3 21

Qg4 Rc3 22 bc Nd3 23 Resigns.

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