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Chess

CHRISTIANSSEN EXHIBITION

International grandmaster Larry Christiansen faced 28 opponents simultaneously at the Berkeley YMCA Chess Club, Feb. 8, as a part of his promotion tour sponsored by Church's Fried Chicken, Inc. Only two players were able to dent his armor by evening's end: Alan Wada, rated 2100, who won, and Sean Fitzpatrick (1858), who drew. Both of them are students at the University of California in Berkeley.

White: Larry Christiansen (2490). Black: Alan Wada (2100). Simultaneous exhibition, Berkeley, Feb. 8, 1979.

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 d4	d5	35 Ra7	h5
2 c4	e6	36 Re7	f6
3 Nc3	c6	37 Kf3	Rc3
4 e3	Nf6	38 Kf2	h4
5 Nf3	Nbd7	39 h3	Kh7
6 Bd3	dc	40 Rd7	Kh6
7 Bc4	b5	41 Rf7	Rc2
8 Bd3	a6	42 Kf3	Rb2
9 e4	c5	43 Ra7	Rb3
10 d5	c5	44 Kf2	g6
11 O-O	c4	45 Ra6	Kg5
12 Bc2	Bd6	46 Re6	Rg3
13 Bg5	O-O	47 Ra6	f5
14 Nd2	h6	48 ef	gf
15 Bh4	Re8	49 Re6	e4
16 a4	Rb8	50 Ra6	Rb3
17 ab	ab	51 Ra2	Kf4
18 b3	Bb4	52 Rc2	e3
19 Na2	Bd2	53 Ke2	Kg3
20 Qd2	cb	54 Rc5	Kg2
21 Bb3	Ne4	55 Rf5	Kh3
22 Qb4	Qh4	56 Rg5	Kh2
23 f3	Qe7	57 Kf3	h3
24 fe	Qb4	58 Rg8	Kh1
25 Nb4	Nc5	59 Rg7	h2
26 Bc2	Bd7	60 Rg8	Rb1
27 Ra7	Rb7	61 Ke3	Rg1
28 Rfal	Reb8	62 Rh8	Kg2
29 Kf2	Na4	63 Rg8	Kf1
30 Rb7	Rb7	64 Rf8	Ke1
31 Nc6	Bc6	65 Rb8	Kd1
32 dc	Rc7	66 Kd3	Kc1
33 Ba4	ba	67 Resigns	
34 Ra4	Rc6		

White: Larry Christiansen (2490). Black: Axius G'Acha (0982) (10 yrs. old.). Simultaneous exhibition, Berkeley, Feb. 8, 1979. English Opening 1 c4 d6 2 Nc3 e5 3 g3 g6 4 d4 Bg7 5 de Be 5 6 Bg2 Bg7 7 Nf3 Nf6 8 0-0 Bf5 9 e4 Be6 10 b3 Qd7 11 Qe2 0-0 12 Bb2 Bh3 13 Rfd1 Bg2 14 Kg2 Nc5 15 e5 Nh5 16 Nd5 Rfe8 17 Re1 Nd8 18 Qd2 c6 19 Nf6 Nf6 20 ef Bf8 21 Re8 Qe8 22 Rel Ne6 23 Ng5 Bh6 24 h4 Qd7 25 Qa5 b6 26 Qa6 Nc7 27 Qb7 Bf8 28 a4 d5 29 cd Qd5 30 Kh2 Qd7 31 Be5 Bd6 32 Bd6 Qd6 33 Nf7 Qf6 34 Nh6 Kf8 35 Qc7 Qf2 36 Kh3 Re8 37 Qd6 Kg7 38 Ng4 Qf7 39 Qd4 Kf8 40 Qh8 Qg8 41 Re8 Ke8 42 Qg8 Resigns.

BRILLIANCY PRIZE GAME

USCF master Boris Siff selected this game for a \$100 brilliancy prize (merchandise certificate) award at the Eastridge Open tournament, held in San Jose, Feb. 3-4.

**White: Borel Menas (2020). Black: Bill Chesney (2036).
Eastridge Open, San Jose, Feb. 4, 1979.**

Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	17 Ne	a5
2 Nf3	d6	18 d6	Nfd5(c)
3 d4	cd	19 Ng3	Qh4!(d)
4 Nd4	Nf6	20 Kd1!(e)	Bd6
5 f3!(a)	e5	21 Ne4	Be7
6 Bb5	Nbd7	22 g3	Qh3
7 f5	d5!	23 Nf2	Qd7!(f)
8 ed	a6	24 Ng4	Qc7
9 Bc4	b5	25 Re1	Rd8
10 Bb3	Nb6	26 Re5!(g)	Nc3
11 Ne3	Bc5	27 Kc1	Qe5!(h)
12 Nc3	Bb7	28 Ne5	Bg5(i)
13 Nf5?(b)	g6	29 Bf7	Kf8
14 Ng7	Kf8	30 Ne6	Ke7
15 Bh6	Kg8	31 Bg5mate(j)	
16 Qd2	b4		

(Composite notes contributed by Borel Menas, Bill Chesney, Boris Siff, Harry Radke, Gabe Sanchez, Ron Black and Fred Muollo)

(a) A little-used system in which Black can equalize with correct play. On 5 . . . e6, as played by Fischer, White intends the Maroczy bind with 6 c4. Chesney prefers the sharpest line, which attempts to refute White's fifth move.

(b) This knight foray should lose.

(c) All of this has been played before, and both ECO (Suetin) and MCO-10 (Evans) evaluate the position as good for Black, even winning. The point is that the knight on g7 will not escape (Foguleman — Reshevsky, Buenos Aires, 1960).

(d) Inconsistent. Black prevents 20 0-0-0, when 20 . . . Qh6 21 Qh6 Be3 wins, but perhaps White does not have to castle. Better was 19 . . . Bd6 followed by 20 . . . Bf8.

(e) An interesting position. Both sides are playing minus a rook while slugging it out in the center. There are mutual threats to mate, to win the enemy queen and to transpose into won endgames.

(f) A natural move, but probably not best. Black plays to get his queen-side rook to the d-file with obvious threats, but better is 23 . . . Qg2, tying up White and preparing to go after the knight. Chesney is already in time trouble.

(g) Offering the queen, which cannot be taken.

(h) Of course not 27 . . . Rd2?? 28 Nf6 Kf8 (28 . . . Bf6 29 Re8mate) 29 Ne6mate.

(i) Time pressure. On 29 Bg5 Rd2 30 Bf7 Kg7 31 Kd2 Black has some practical chances for the draw, but . . .

(j) On the board, for the record.

White: Fred Muollo (1679). Black: Dave Cater (1793). Santa Clara Valley Chess Players' Association Winter Tournament, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 b5 8 e5 de 9 fe Qc7 10 Qe2 b4 11 Ncb5 ab 12 Nb5 Qc5 13 ef b3 14 Be3 Ra2 15 Bc5 Ra1 16 Kd2 Bc5 17 Qc4 Nd7 18 Nd6 Kf8 19 Nc8 bc 20 Kc2 Ra8 21 Ne7 gf 22 Nc6 Rc8 23 Qb5 Kg7 24 Bc4 Rhg8 25 b3 Bee 26 Rd1 Nb6 27 Rd3 Bf2 28 Rf3 Bg1 29 Rg3 Khi 30 Rg8 Rg8 31 g3 Rg5 32 Qb4 Rc5 33 Qel Nc4 34 bc Rc4 35 Kb3 Rc6 36 Qg1 Drawn.

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The fourth annual Northern California High School and Pre-High School Chess Championships and National Qualifier will take place at the Lockheed facility in Sunnyvale, March 17-18. Play will be in three sections, with prizes to top individuals and top teams (sum of four highest scores from one school): Varsity (6-round USCF-rated Swiss open), Jr. Varsity (6-round USCF-rated Swiss for players under 1400 or unrated) and Beginner (4-round unrated Swiss open for non-USCF members). Publicity assistance requested. Please contact Bryce Perry, Tournament Director, P.O. Box 11306-A, Palo Alto, Calif. 94306; phone (days), (415) 326-6200, ext. 4708.