

Richard Shorman**Chess**

Chess master John Grefe of Berkeley scored a 5-0 shut-out victory at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center in Monterey, Feb. 24-25, in a five-round Swiss system event dubbed the "Cherry Tree Open" by tournament director Ted Yudacufski.

Grefe's second round win over Class A opponent Peter Prochaska aptly illustrates his complete dominance of the 91-player competition, which included four masters and a number of experts.

The game is given in USCF approved 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 and with pawn captures designated by file letters only.

White: John Grefe. Black: Peter Prochaska. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 b5 e6 4 0-0 Nge7 5 c3 g6 6 d4 cd 7 cd Bg7 8 d5 Qb6 9 Na3 Nd4 10 Nc4 Qc5 11 b4 Qb4 12 Ba3 Qc3 13 Bb2 Nf3 14 gf Qb4 15 Bg7 Rg8 16 Rb1 Qc5 17 Bd4 Qc7 18 Be5 Qd8 19 Nd6 Kf8 20 Qd2 Nf5 21 ef gf 22 Kh1 Qh4 23 Rgl Resigns.

A seven-page register of the "1973 Cherry Tree Open," containing brief results and 45 selected games may be obtained for 50 cents plus 25 cents postage from Steve Sawyer, Editor, Central California Tournament Bulletins, 340 Jones St., Apt. 448, San Francisco, CA 94102.

That last year's USSR Women's Champion Ira Levitina failed to gain the title again was due in part to this fierce upset battle won by candidate master Sammul of Tallinn, Estonia.

White: M. Sammul. Black: I. Levitina. XXXII USSR Women's Championship, Tolliatti, 1972. Alekhine's Defense (Notes by Yakov Rusakov, translated from "64". No. 48, Dec. 1-7, 1972, pg. 11) 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 f4 de 6 fe Nc6 7 Nf3 (purposely played in place of the "more precise" 7 Be3 Bf5 8 Nc3 e6, etc., to test young Levitina's theoretical knowledge of the following sharp pawn sacrifice) Bg4 8 e6!? fe 9 c5 Nd5 10 Bb5 e5? (a natural slip that proves the correctness of White's opening strategy; book is 10 . . . Qd7 11 Nbd2 g6 12 Qa4 Bg7 13 Ne5 Be5 14 de Ne3 15 Qe4 Qd4!, with an equal game) 11 Bc6 bc 12 Qa4! Bf3 13 Qc6 Kf7 14 Rf1! ed (loses, but so does everything else, e.g., 14 . . . Nf6 15 Qf3 ed 16 g4! h6 17 h4 g5 18 hg hg 19 Bg5, with a strong attack, or 14 . . . e4 15 Nbd2 Nf6 16 gf e3 17 Nc4 Q5d 18 Ne5 Kg8 19 Be3, winning a clear pawn) 15 Nd2 Nf6 16 Nf3 Qd5 17 Ng5 Kg8 18 Rf6! Qe5 19 Kdl gf (no worse than 19 . . . ef 20 Nf3 Qe8 21 Qd5 Qf7 22 Qa8) 20 Nf3 Qf5 21 Qa8 Qc5 (Black never catches up in development, the queen alone being unable to meet all the threats) 22 Bd2 Qc4 23 b3 Qf1 24 Nel e5 25 Rcl Qf5 26 Qd5 Resigns.

Although international grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi has defeated all of the world's greatest players at one time or another, he seems particularly vulnerable in games against enterprising young masters.

Whereas Mark Taimanov won the 1973 Leningrad City Championship while losing to Korchnoi in their individual encounter, Korchnoi placed 8th out of 15 and lost 5 games!

White: V. Korchnoi

Black: M. Tseytlin

46th Leningrad Championship, Feb. 1973.

English Opening

1 P-QB4	P-K4	17 K-Q2	RxPch
2 N-QB3	N-KB3	18 K-B1	R-N1!(g)
3 P-KN3	B-N5	19 R-K1	P-KR3(h)
4 B-N2	0-0	20 QxRch	NxQ
5 Q-N3(a)	N-B3	21 N-K2	N-Q2
6 N-Q5	B-B4	22 N-B4	R-B6
7 P-K3	P-K5(b)	23 NxP	K-R2
8 NxNch	QxN	24 N-B4	N-B4
9 BxP	R-K1	25 QR-B1	RxRch
10 P-Q3	P-Q3	26 RxR	P-N4
11 B-Q2(c)	B-B4	27 P-KN4	QxP
12 B-QB3	Q-N3	28 N-Q5	QxP
13 BxB	QxB	29 RxPch	K-N3
14 R-Q1(d)	P-Q4(e)	30 R-B6ch	K-R4
15 QxP(f)	BxP	31 Resigns	
16 PxB	RxPch		

(Notes by A. Geller and A. Deuel, translated from "64," No. 8, Feb. 23-Mar. 1, 1973, pp. 4-5)

(a) A rarely met continuation of little promise for White.

(b) As usual, Tseytlin seizes the first opportunity to sacrifice something.

(c) Here 11 N-K2 deserves consideration.

(d) Black has fully adequate compensation for the pawn. If now 14 QxP, then Black can take a draw by perpetual check with 14 . . . QxQP 15 QxN BxP 16 PxB RxPch 17 K-B2 R(1)-K1 18 R-K1 Q-B7ch 19 K-B1 Q-Q6ch 20 K-N2 Q-B7ch 21 K-R3 Q-B4ch.

(e) Sacrificing on White's K3 looks very attractive, but produces no positive results.

(f) Black obtains a crushing attack after 15 PxB BxP 16 PxB RxPch 17 K-Q2 RxPch 18 K-B1 N-Q5 19 Q-R4 P-QN4.

(g) Capturing with 19 QxN leads to mate: 19 . . . RxBch! 20 PxR R-N8ch 21 K-Q2 R-N7ch.

(h) White must part with his queen and that soon settles matters.

WHERE TO PLAY

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

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Newark Chess Club, 35501 Cedar Blvd. (in the Newark Community Center). Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets. Friday, 8-12 p.m.