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Chess

A specially privileged class of 10 (nine students, one observer) convened at the Pioneer Inn in Reno, Nevada for the first chess seminar in the West ever offered by a grandmaster, March 6-10.

Instructor for the \$100 course was three-time U.S. champion Larry Evans, probably best known for his collaboration with Bobby Fischer on "My 60 Memorable Games," his authoritative editing of MC0-10, his quality books ("New Ideas in Chess," "What's the BEST Move?," "Chess Catechism," "Modern Chess Brilliances," etc.) and his valuable reader response column in "Chess Life & Review."

Evans started off with a question-and-answer session ("Where's Bobby?" "Still in Pasadena." "When's he coming back?" "Don't think he will." "Why not?" "Fear of losing."), then proceeded to an in-depth analysis of each student's chess on a large demonstration board. Master games illustrated the strategy and tactics of correct play. Basic endgame technique was taught by having students oppose one another with king and eight pawns, followed by an extended critique of the individual moves. The workshop concluded with Evans demolishing the students in a simultaneous exhibition.

Lessons aside, the straightforward, self-critical, "commonsense" manner in which Evans assessed chess positions made the biggest impression on those attending. Without sacrificing student respect for his personal integrity, he frequently adjusted his opinions during analysis to suit the weight of changing evidence. "There are no magic formulas in chess. You just keep looking and react to what you find."

Anyone interested in participating in future chess workshops with Larry Evans should contact "Chesstours", P.O. Box 1182, Reno, Nevada 89504, or phone 702-786-3178.

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Here are some instructive episodes from the simultaneous exhibition given by international grandmaster Larry Evans at the Pioneer Inn in Reno, recorded in streamlined 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: Kenny Fong (1628). Black: Larry Evans (2508). Simultaneous Exhibition, Reno, March 10, 1978. Pirc Defense 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Be2 Bg7 5 Be3 O-O 6 h4 e5 7 Nf3 Ng4 8 Qd2 Ne3 9 Qe3 Nc6 10 d5 Nd4 11 O-O-O f5 12 h5 f4 13 Qd3 Ne2 14 Ne2 g5 15 g3 g4 16 Nh4 Qg5 17 gf ef 18 Kb1 Bd7 19 Rdg1 Rae8 20 Qd2 Re4 21 f3 Qe5 22 Nc3 Re3 23 fg f3 24 g5 f2 25 Rf1 Qg3 26 g6 h6 27 Ne2 Qg5 28 Rh2 Qe5 29 Nc3 Re1 30 Resigns.

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White: Charles Jones (1620). Black: Larry Evans (2508). Simultaneous Exhibition, Reno, March 10, 1978. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Nf3 d6 4 d4 g5 5 Bc4 Bg7 6 O-O Nc6 7 c3 h6 8 Qb3 Qd7 9 Qc2 Nge7 10 Nbd2 Ng6 11 Re1 O-O 12 d5 Nce5 13 Nd4 Qe7 14 Nf5 Bf5 15 ef Nh4 16 Kh1 Qf6 17 g3 fg 18 hg Qg5 19 Qf5 Qf5 20 Bf1 Ng3 21 Kg2 Nf1 22 Rf1 f5 23 Nb3 Rae8 24 Nd4 c6 25 Nf5 cd 26 Bd2 Nc4 27 Be1 Rf5 28 Resigns.

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White: Charlie Van Demarr (1398). **Black:** Larry Evans (2508). Simultaneous Exhibition, Reno, March 10, 1978). Scotch Game 1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 e5 3 Nf3 ed 4 Nd4 Qh4 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Qd3 Nf6 7 Bd2 Bc3 8 Bc3 Qe4 9 Kd2 Qf4 10 Qe3 Qe3 11 Ke3 Nd5 12 Kd3 Nc3 13 Kc3 Nd4 14 Kd4 d6 15 Re1 Be6 16 Bc4 Kd7 17 Re3 Rae8 18 Rhe1 Bc4 19 Kc4 Re3 20 fe Re8 21 e4 f5 22 Kd4 Re4 23 Re4 fe 24 Ke4 Ke6 25 c4 c6 26 b4 d5 27 Kd4 dc 28 Kc4 b6 29 a4 a6 30 a5 ba 31 ba Kd6 32 g3 c5 33 h3 Kc6 34 g4 g5 35 Kb3 Kd5 36 Kc3 c4 37 Resigns.

BROWNE TAKES REYKJAVIK INTERNATIONAL

Berkeley's Walter Browne bested a field of 14 players with an average Elo rating of 2523 to capture undisputed first place at the VIII Reykjavik International Chess Tournament in Iceland. Complete results:

1st, Walter Browne (USA), 9-4; 2nd, Anthony Miles (England), 8½-4½; 3rd-6th, Vlastimil Hort (Czechoslovakia), Bent Larsen (Denmark), William Lombardy (USA) and Fridrik Olafsson (Iceland), 8-5; 7th, Lev Polugaevsky (USSR), 7½-5½; 8th, Gennady Kuzmin (USSR), 7-6; 9th, Jan Smejkal (Czechoslovakia), 6½-6½; 10th, Gudmundur Sigurjonsson (Iceland), 5-8; 11th-13th, Leif Ogaard (Norway), Margeir Petursson (Iceland) and Helgi Olafsson (Iceland), 4-9; 14th, Jon Arnason (Iceland), 3½-9½.

Three of the most actively played games of the event were turned in by Browne's competition:

White: William Lombardy. **Black:** Jon Arnason. Reykjavik, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 a4 h6 8 Nd5 Nd5 9 ed Ne7 10 a5 a6 11 Nc3 Nf5 12 Bd3 g6 13 O-O Bg7 14 Bd2 b5 15 ab Qb6 16 Bb5 Ke7 17 Bc6 Bb7 18 Na4 Qc7 19 Bb7 Qb7 20 Ba5 Rac8 21 c3 Qb5 22 b4 Rhe8 23 Ra3 e4 24 Qd2 Kf8 25 Nb5 e3 26 fe Ne3 27 Rf3 Nc4 28 Qf4 Ne5 29 Rf1 g5 30 Qf5 Rc7 31 Na8 Ra8 32 Bc7 Ke7 33 Ra5 Qb7 34 Rc5 Rf8 35 Re1 dc 36 Be5 Be5 37 Qe5 Resigns.

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White: Jon Arnason. **Black:** Bent Larsen. Reykjavik, 1978. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bc4 h6 5 d4 g5 6 O-O Bg7 7 g3 Nc6 8 gf g4 9 d5 gf 10 dc Qf6 11 Bb5 Qg6 12 Kf2 Qg2 13 Ke3 Kf8 14 Rf2 Qg6 15 Qf3 Qg1 16 Nc3 Bc3 17 bc Nf6 18 Kd3 Bg4 19 Qg2 Qg2 20 Rg2 Bf3 21 cb Be4 22 Kd4 c5 23 Kc4 Bb7 24 Rg1 Be4 25 Ba4 Rb8 26 Rd1 Ke7 27 Ba3 Rhc8 28 Resigns.

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White: Jan Smejkal. **Black:** Fridrik Olafsson. Reykjavik, 1978. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 d4 O-O 6 Be2 e5 7 O-O c6 8 Qc2 Nbd7 9 Rd1 Qe7 10 Rb1 ed 11 Nd4 Nc5 12 f3 Nh5 13 Bf1 f5 14 b4 fe 15 bc dc 16 Nde2 ef 17 gf Rf3 18 Qe4 Qf8 19 Bg5 Rc3 20 Be7 Nf6 21 Bf8 Ne4 22 Rd8 Rf3 23 Bc5 Kf7 25 Bg2 Nc5 25 Bf3 Bf6 26 Rd2 Bf5 27 Rbd1 Bg5 28 Rb2 Bf6 29 Nbd2 Bg5 30 Rb2 Re8 31 Nd4 Bh3 32 Bg2 Bg4 33 Bf3 Bc8 34 Kg2 Re3 35 Rf2 Bf6 36 Rc2 Nd3 37 Ne2 Bh3 38 Kh3 Nf2 39 Kg2 Nd1 40 Rd2 Nb2 41 c5 Na4 42 Rc2 Re5 43 Rc4 Nc5 44 Rb4, and White resigns.

EASTER TOURNEY IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

A five-round, USCF Swiss system class tournament in five sections will take place in Golden Gate Park's Hall of Flowers in San Francisco, March 25-26. Cash prizes of \$1,830 based on 100 entries will be divided among the winners. Entry fee is \$26 if received by the Peace of Mind Chess Assoc., P.O. Box 27003, San Francisco, Calif. 94127, by March 21; late registration, \$5 more. Players may elect to compete one section above present class. Tournament director will be Jeffrey Dubjack, assisted by William Ortega. Round one begins at 10 a.m., March 25.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way; phone, 783-9904). Monday and Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Captain Anchovy's Chess Club, 1456 136th Ave. (Palma Plaza shopping center; phone, 352-7115), San Leandro. Monday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight.

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