

# Chess

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 1970 CFNC Championship, CFNC and USCF Open Qualifier, and Junior Championship Playoffs drew 78 chess players to Chabot College for a 5-round Swiss system tournament, February 14-15. Complete results:

### USCF Division

1. Eric Osbun, San Jose, 4½-½, \$100 and qualification to the California State Championships, title.
2. Ed Syrett, Palo Alto, 4-1, \$50.

### Best "A"

1. Allan Lavergne, Menlo Park, Al Raymond, San Francisco, Andy Gach, Palo Alto, and Ben Gross, San Francisco, 3½-½, \$10 each, trophies.

### Best "B"

1. Craig Barnes, Berkeley, 4½-½, \$25, trophy.
2. Kent Bach, San Francisco, 4-1, trophy.
3. Lee Henderson, Rohnert Park, 3½-1½, trophy.

### Best "C"

1. Rick Phillips, San Carlos, 5-0, \$25, trophy.
2. Bob Sferra, Los Altos, and Bill Myer, Sanger, 4-1, trophies.

### Junior Divisions

#### 14-15 year old group

1. Jim Shearer, Livermore, 4-1, trophy.
2. Stephen Gee, San Francisco, 3½-1½, trophy.

#### 11-13 year old group

1. Kevin Lewis, San Rafael, 4-1, trophy.
2. Reid Yalom, Palo Alto, 3½-1½, trophy.

#### 10 and under group

1. Carolyn Withgitt, Menlo Park, 4-1, trophy.
2. Leslie San Francisco, 2½-2½, trophy.



Stunned by an opening novelty, Black cannot find the right reply over the board, makes one more fatal mistake, and then hangs on grimly until he can no longer bear to watch his army suffer further decimation. A fine example of attacking play on White's part.

**White: Kent Bach**

**Black: William Pouchak.**

**CFNC Championships, Hayward, February 15, 1970.**

### Ruy Lopez

1 P-K4	P-K4	14 PxP(j)	R-N1
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	15 BxB	NxB'
3 B-N5	P-QR3	16 P-K6!(k)	PxP
4 B-R4	N-B3	17 QxPch	R-B2(1)
5 0-0	NxP	18 RxN	Q-KB1
6 P-B4(a)	B-B4(b)	19 N-K5	R-K1
7 Q-K2(c)	P-Q4(d)	20 P-N8/Q	RxQ
8 P-Q3	N-B3	21 NxR	QxN
9 P-Q4(e)	B-K2	22 RxB	QxQ
10 PxKP	N-K5(f)	23 RxQ	R-Q1
11 PxP	N-B4	24 R-K1(m)	K-B2
12 PxN!(g)	0-0(h)	25 N-B3	Resigns (n)
13 R-Q1	B-Q2(i)		

**Resigns(n)**

(a) Once tried by Alekhine in 1945, this interesting move has rarely been seen since. The idea is to restrain Black's QNP.

(b) Taken by surprise, Black plays into White's hands. Also weak is 6. . . Q-B3 7 Q-K2 (but not 7 P-Q4 NxQP!) N-B4 8 BxN, with advantage to White (MCO 8, pg. 37).

(c) White avoids the tempting 7 NxP (expecting 7 . . . NxN 8 P-Q4) because of the winning interpolation 7 . . . NxBP!

(d) Suicidal. If 7. . . NxBP 8 RxN BxRch 9 KxR P-Q3, obtaining rook and two pawns for two minor pieces, then 10 P-Q4 preserves White's initiative while recouping one of the pawns. The best chance is 7 . . . P-B4 8 P-Q3 N-B3 9 BxN (Black has nothing to fear after 9 NxP 0-0). QPxB 10 QxPch Q-K2 11 R-K1, with White for choice.

(e) Forceful and logical. Black is lost.

(f) Other knight moves also fail.

(g) The beautiful point. Black is powerless against the threat of 13 R-Q1.

(h) Black stays at least a piece down however he plays.

(i) Or, even worse, 13. . . Q-K1 14 PxP.

(j) Of course, 14 PxB NxB 15 P-QN3 or 14 RxB NxR 15 PxN wins as well, but the text move is more convincing.

(k) No respite!

(l) Black insists on being shown.

(m) Perhaps hoping for 24 B-N5?? R-Q8ch.

(n) Long overdue.