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Chess

WORLD COMPUTER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Twelve IBM computers from Europe and America (including one each from Austria, Canada, Hungary and the USSR, with three entries from England and four from the USA) played in Stockholm, Sweden for the first computer chess championship of the world.

Clear victor of the four-round Swiss style tournament was the Soviet chess program "Caissa", which defeated every one of its opponents: "Franz" (Austria), "Tech-2" (USA), "Chaos" (USA) and "Ostrich" (USA).

Time control for all games was set at 40 moves in two hours and ten moves per half-hour thereafter.

Here is an example of the winner's calculating, machine-like technique, presented 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 which turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: "Tech-2" (USA). Black: "Caissa" (USSR). Computer World Championship, Stockholm, 1974. Center Counter Defense 1 e4 d5 2 ed Nf6 3 Bb5 Bd7 4 Bc4 Bg4 5 f3 Bc8 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 Ne4 Ne5 8 Nf6 ef 9 Qe2 Qe7 10 Bb5 c6 11 dc bc 12 Ba4 Ba6! 13 Qe4 0-0-0 14 Ne2 Be2 15 Ke2 Qd7 16 d3 Re8 17 Be3 Bd6 18 c3 Bb8 19 Bc2 Ng6 20 Qb4 Nf4 21 Kf2 Re3! 22 Ke3 Nd5 23 Ke2 Nb4 24 cb Qd4 25 Rab1 Re8 26 Kf1 Qe3 27 d4 Qe2 28 Kg1 Qc2 29 Kf1 Qb1 30 Kf2 Qb2 31 Kf1 Qe2 32 Kg1 Qd1 33 Kf2 Re2mate.

USA SECOND IN WORLD STUDENT TEAM EVENT

Four relative newcomers to international competition carried the USA to a second-place finish in the World Student Team Championship, held July 16 to Aug. 1 in Teesside, England. Entry into the event was limited to students no more than 26 years old.

The American team (in board order) consisted of USCF masters **Craig Chellstorp**, Deerfield, Ill., **Sal Matera**, Brooklyn, N.Y., **Ross Stoutenborough**, Riverside, Calif., and **Eugene Meyer**, Woodstock, N.Y. Alternates were **Roy Ervin**, Santa Monica, Calif., and **John Jacobs**, Dallas, Texas. A total of 28 teams competed. Complete "Group A" ewaulra';

1st, USSR, 26½; **2nd**, USA, 22½; **3rd**, Hungary, 22; **4th**, England, 21½; **5th**, Denmark, 19; **6th**, West Germany, 16; **7th**, Czechoslovakia, 15; **8th**, Finland, 14½; **9th-10th**, the Netherlands and Austria, 11½ each.

"MASTER POINT" GAME

Black needed a full point in his final game of the 1974 USSR Armed Forces Championship to achieve master status. He rose to the occasion in a fiercely contested battle that left him in possession of the title.

White: V. Adler.

Black: A. Semenyuk.

USSR Armed Forces Championship, Vilnius, 1974.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	21 B-K2	R-QB1!
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	22 R-Q2	Q-R4(d)
3 P-Q4	PxP	23 N-K4	QxP
4 NxP	N-KB3	24 RxPch	BxR
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	25 NxR(e)	R-B3!(f)
6 B-KN5	P-K3	26 B-Q3	B-R3ch
7 P-B4	Q-B2	27 K-Q1(g)	Q-N8ch
8 Q-B3	P-N4	28 K-K2	RxPch!
9 BxN	PxB	29 BxR	QxBc7h
10 P-K5(a)	P-Q4	30 K-B1	B-B5ch
11 PxP	P-N5	31 K-N1	B-K6
12 QN-K2	N-Q2	32 Q-R4ch	K-B2
13 P-B5(b)	P-K4	33 Q-K7ch	K-B3
14 N-K6	PxN	34 Q-K8ch	K-N3
15 PxP	NxP!	35 Q-N8ch	K-R4
16 QxN	B-KN2	36 QxKPch	B-N4
17 Q-B5	R-B1!	37 QxKB	Q-N8ch
18 Q-R5ch	K-Q1	38 N-Q1	QxNch
19 0-0-0	BxP	39 K-B2	QxR
20 N-N3	R-B7(c)	40 Resigns	

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(a) Whereas 10 P-QR3 followed by 11 0-0-0 yields a quieter game, the text move provokes some interesting complications.

(b) White temporarily has won a pawn, but his king still stands in the center. More prudent is 13 0-0-0 NxP, which leads to positions with chances for both sides.

(c) Creating direct threats, while the bishops wait in ambush. Black's uncastled king cannot be exploited.

(d) Black has completely taken over the initiative.

(e) Warding off impending checkmate tactically has not improved White's dangerously exposed king situation.

(f) Threatening 26...B-R3ch.

(g) The remaining moves to time control are virtually forced.

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Persons wishing to improve their chess skills may enroll in a course of "advanced chess instruction" offered for the Autumn Quarter, 1974 at Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 94545.

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New and returning students who were not registered during Spring Quarter, 1974 and who will be taking only evening or Saturday classes may obtain Registration-by-Mail materials by applying to Admissions and Records Office (address above).

Title of the course is Recreation 98.3-71, to be taught Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m., from Sept. 18 to Dec. 11 in Room 317. Two units of college credit will be awarded to those successfully completing the course ("credit-no-credit" or letter grade).

For more information, please phone 782-3000, ext. 352 (Admissions Bldg.) or ext. 295 (Office of Instruction).

CALIFORNIA OPEN AT THE CLAREMONT

A \$6,500 prize fund (based on 320 entries) is projected for the North California Open, sponsored by the Calif. State Chess Federation, to be held at the **Claremont Hotel**, Claremont and Ashby, Berkeley (\$19 single, \$24 double), from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

In addition to the cash prizes, ranging from \$1,000 in the upper division to a first place award of \$200 in the unrated class, trophies will be presented to the top winner in each of three sections, plus the two highest scoring juniors (under 14 and under 21). The six-round Swiss will feature a time control of 40 moves in two hours for all rounds.

Entry fee is \$25, if mailed by Aug. 20 (later, \$30), to **Alan Benson**, Tournament Director, 2420 Atherton St., Apt. 1, Berkeley 94704 (Make checks or money orders payable to the California State Chess Federation.). Discounts of \$5 are extended to women entrants, senior citizens over 60 and juniors under 21. USCF and CSCF membership is required, with a ten per cent reduction for persons playing in their first USCF tournament. Please call 843-0661 for complete details.

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