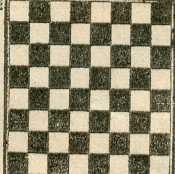# chess

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The CCCA's Adult and Junior Championship, incorporating the berth competition for the California State Championship, was held July 19-20 at the Willow Pass Community Center in Concord. Complete results:

BERTH WINNER — David Amkraut, Palo Alto, 4½-½, qualifies as one of ten finalists in the 1970 State Championship, trophy.

CCCA CHAMPION — Zaid Baroudi, San Francisco, 4-1, $27.50.

CCCA RUNNER-UP—Philip Smith, Fresno, 4-1, $27.50.

FIRST "A" — Stephen Kornher, Rohnert Park, 3½-1½, $15.

FIRST "B"—Rod Bobo, Fresno, 5-0, $20.

SECOND "B" — James Shearer, Livermore, David Betanco, Sunnyvale, and Donald Clapp, Lafayette, 4-1, $5 each.

FIRST "C" — Walter Stuart, Fresno, 4-1, $20.

SECOND "C" — Richard Gordon, San Jose, 3½-1½, $10.

THIRD "C" — Ed Silva, Castro Valley, David Smith, Hayward; David Azevedo, Concord, and Elwin Meyers, Oakland, 3-1, $1.25 each.

CCCA JUNIOR CHAMPION—(Age 15-16) Dennis Myers, San Jose 3½-1½, one year free USCF membership.

CCCA JUNIOR CHAMPIONS—(Under 15) Kevin Fong, San Francisco, and Matthew Krueger, San Jose, 6-1, one year free USCF membership each.

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Former world champion Vassily Smyslov has rarely been beaten so convincingly. Smejkal, a little known master from Czechoslovakia, rises to the occasion at the traditional Hastings tournament in England, defeating his awesome opponent with blatant disregard for authority.

Early in the game White sets up a cramping pawn chain. Then bombshells burst over Black's position as White delivers a brilliant lecture on "The Transition from a Closed Game to an Open One and Its Effects upon the Underdeveloped Party."

White: Smejkal. Black: Smyslov.
Hastings, December 1968-January 1969.
Robatsch Defense.

1 P-K4	P-KN3	17 PxQP	PxP
2 P-Q4	B-N2	18 RxB!(h)	QxR
3 P-QB3	P-Q3	19 P-B5!	P-N4(i)
4 P-KB4	N-KB3(a)	20 NxKP!(j)	PxN
5 P-K5(b)	N-Q4	21 BxKNP(k)	Q-Q2
6 N-B3	0-0	22 PB6	B-R1
7 B-B4	P-QB3(c)	23 B-B5	N-K3
8 P-QR4	N-R3	24 Q-N4	K-B2(l)
9 0-0	N/3-B2	25 Q-R5ch	K-N1
10 Q-K1	P-B3(d)	26 Q-N4(m)	K-B2
11 Q-R4	B-K3	27 BxP	K-K1
12 N-R3	Q-Q2(e)	28 P-B7ch!	RxP
13 B-Q2	P-QN4(f)	29 B-N6	N-Q1
14 B-Q3	N-N3	30 Q-R5	Q-K3(n)
15 PxNP	PxNP	31 QxBch	K-Q2
16 QR-K1	P-QR3(g)	32 BxR	Resigns

(a) Black has permitted his opponent great latitude in the center for somewhat nebulous reasons.

(b) White's determined aggression contrasts sharply with Black's straightforward development.

(c) Defending and threatening to expand on the Queen side.

(d) Not even Smyslov can get away with such a move here. White's pawn center has to be challenged, but Black's position must be very bad to require this structurally weakening advance.

(e) White has established a pyramid of pawns, Black a pyramid of pieces. Smyslov displays admirable skill in deploying his forces harmoniously in spite of the restrictive pawn wall.

(f) The status quo is not long preserved, the action quickly shifting to Black's weakened King side.

(g) Black has stabilized the position on the Queen side to White's advantage. Now follows a victorious offensive masterfully executed.

(h) The first shot, sacrificing the exchange to gain time for further loosening the pawns around the enemy King.

(i) Smyslov does everything in his power to close the position.

(j) But White is not to be denied, even at the price of more sacrifices.

(k) Black has a whole Rook and a lost game for two pawns.

(l) Forced.

(m) White repeats moves to gain time on the clock before proceeding with the final assault.

(n) Black loses decisive material no matter how he plays.