

Richard Shorman**Chess****TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

Directed by Raymond Ng, the Bay Area Amateur Open attracted 55 participants to the Oakland Central YMCA, Dec. 20-21. The five-round Swiss system event was sponsored by the Oakland Chess Club and was fully USCF rated. Complete results:

First Over-all, Charles Maddigan, Oakland, 5-0, \$47.50 plus trophy.

Best "A," Phillip Smith, Fresno, 4½-1½, \$22.50.

Best "B," Jim Shearer, Livermore, 4-1, \$22.50.

Best "C," Elwin Meyers, Oakland, 4-1, \$22.50.

Free entry fees to Larry Evans's forthcoming simultaneous exhibition at the Oakland Chess Club (Feb. 6), worth \$5 each, were awarded to Dr. Kent Bach, San Francisco, 3-2, and Roger Alexander, El Cerrito, 2-3, for placing 18th and 36th respectively.

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Black: Dr. Kent Bach

White: Michael Ewell

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French Defense

1 P-K4	P-K3	24 Q-R2ch	K-N1
2 P-KB4(a)	P-Q4	25 Q-R7ch	K-B1
3 P-K5(b)	N-K2(c)	26 Q-R8ch	K-K2
4 P-Q4	N-B4	27 QxPch	K-Q1
5 N-KB3	P-B4	28 PxB(j)	B-N4
6 PxP(d)	BxP	29 Q-B8ch	K-Q2
7 P-B4	Q-N3	30 Q-B7ch	K-Q1
8 Q-B2	PxP	31 Q-B8ch	K-Q2
9 BxP	0-0	32 Q-Q6ch	K-K1
10 P-KN4	N-Q5	33 K-B2	R-B3(k)
11 NxN	BxN	34 P-N7	Q-B7ch
12 N-B3	B-Q2	35 K-N1	RxQ
13 P-KR4	N-R3	36 P-N8/Qch	K-Q2
14 P-R3	QR-B1	37 Q-B7ch	K-B3
15 B-Q3	R-B4(e)	38 R-QB1	QxRch
16 BxPch	K-R1	39 BxR	RxP
17 B-N6(f)	RxN	40 QxKPch	K-B2
18 PxR	Q-B3	41 B-K3	R-Q8ch
19 R-R3	PxB(g)	42 K-B2	B-B3
20 P-R5	R-B1(h)	43 Q-B7ch	K-B1
21 B-N2	Q-B5(i)	44 P-K6	N-B2
22 PxPch	K-N1	45 Q-B8ch	B-K1
23 R-R8ch	KxR	46 BxP	Resigns(1)

(a) White wants to fight for the initiative on his own terms, and so contrives to steer the opening out of normal channels as soon as possible.

(b) Other tries pose Black no problem gaining an advantage, e.g., 3 P-Q3 PxP 4 PxP QxQch 5 KxQ (Euwe) or 3 PxP PxP 4 N-KB3 B-Q3 5 P-Q4 B-KB4 (Rolf Schwarz, *Die Französische Verteidigung*, Hamburg, 1967, pg. 558).

(c) More logical is 3 . . . P-QB4.

(d) Correct is 6 P-B3, but White had probably already decided to forfeit the castling privilege in favor of pawn storming the king side.

(e) Black wins by force after 15 . . . RxN! 16 BxPch K-R1 17 PxR R-B1 18 B-Q2 BxBP 19 BxB Q-K6ch 20 K-Q1 (20 K-B1 N-6ch 21 K-N2 RxB 22 Q-B2 B-B3ch 23 K-N1 (BxR RxB) 21 Q-K2 B-R5ch 22 K-K1 (22 B-B2 R-Q6ch 23 K-K1 Q-N6ch 24 Q-B2 R-K6ch 25 K-B1 B-N4ch) Q-N6ch 23 K-Q2 K-B, and White cannot parry all the threats, e.g., 24 Q-K4ch K-N1 25 QR-QB1 (25 QxB Q-Q6ch 26 K-K1 R-B7) N-B4!

(f) Pretty, but there was no reason to fear 17 B-K4 R/1-B1 18 B-Q2 Q-B2 19 R-R3, e.g., 19 . . . P-QN4 20 Q-Q3 R-B5 21 R-B1 P-N5 22 N-Q2.

(g) Material equality has been re-established, but now White gets a chance to attack for a while.

(h) After 20 . . . P-KN4! 21 P-R6 P-KN3 22 QxP Black looks lost. Appearances notwithstanding, Black wins again with 22 . . . BxPch 23 K-B2 (23 B-Q2 BxBch 24 KxB Q-N7ch 25 K-K1 Q-N8ch 26 K-Q2 Q-B7ch 27 K-B1 R-B1ch 28 K-N1 Q-K8ch 29 K-N2 Q-Q7ch 30 K-N3 B-R5ch 31 KxB N-B4ch 32 K-N5 P-R3ch 33 K-B4 N-K5ch 34 K-N3 Q-B7ch 35 K-N4 Q-B5ch 36 K-R5 Q-N4mate) Q-B4ch 24 B-K3 RxPch 25 R-B3 RxRch 25 KxR Q-B1ch and 26 . . . BxR.

(i) Best must be 21 . . . K-N1 22 PxP K-B1 23 0-0-0 B-B4, although Black should not survive 24 Q-Q2 R-Q1 (24 . . . R-B2 25 R-R8ch K-K2 26 P-B5) 25 P-B5.

(j) The easy way to win is 28 Q-B8ch followed by 29 Q-Q6ch and 30 QxB/4.

(k) Black gets nowhere with 33 . . . Q-K7ch 34 K-N3 R-B7 35 K-R4 R-B3 36 P-N7 Q-R7ch 37 K-N5 RxQ 38 P-N8/Qch K-Q2 39 Q-B7ch K-B1 40 PxR QxB 41 R-KR1.

(l) The time control of 45 moves in 90 minutes having been met, Black finally must admit defeat. An exciting game.