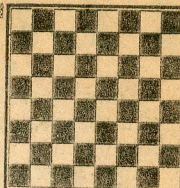


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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Raymond Ng directed the sixth annual Oakland Summer Chess Championship Tournament at the CACA Oakland Lodge Aug. 23-24. Sponsored by the Oakland Chess Club, the CFNC rated event attracted more than 40 entries.

Expert A Division

1. James Hurt, Saratoga, 4-1, trophy; 2. David Lynn, Saratoga, 3½-1½, trophy; 3. Gary Weber, Alameda, 3-2, book; 4. Mike Weber, Alameda, 3-2, book.

Class "B"

1. James Shearer, Livermore, 4½-½, trophy; 2. Larry Kohl, Castro Valley, 4-1, trophy; 3. Jack Ulrich, Bethel Island, 4-1, book; 4. Donald Johnson, Santa Rosa, 3½-1½, book.

Class "C"

1. Stephen Quen, Alameda, 4½-½ trophy; 2. Walter Lang, San Francisco, 4-1, trophy; 3. Craig Barnes, Berkeley, 3½-1½, book; 4. Robert Weinberg, 3½-1½, book.

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Black reacts improperly to White's opening novelty (7 **QN-K2**) and pays the usual penalty.

White: Gary Weber. Black: Tom Makens.

Oakland Summer Championship, Aug. 23, 1969.

Caro-Kann Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB3	14 B-N2	0-0 (c)
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	15 N-N3	NxN(d)
3 P-K5	B-B4	16 PxN	P-N3
4 B-Q3	BxB	17 N-N5(e)	BxN
5 QxB	P-K3	18 PxB	K-N2
6 N-QB3	Q-N3	19 P-N4	PxP(f)
7 QN-K2(a)	P-QB4	20 0-0-0	QR-B1
8 P-QB3	N-QB3	21 K-N1	P-R3(g)
9 P-QR3(b)	PxP	22 Q-B1	R-KN1
10 PxP	KN-K2	23 R-R7ch	KxR
11 P-B4	N-B4	24 Q-R1ch	K-N2
12 KN-B3	P-KR4	25 Q-R6mate	
13 P-QN4	B-K2		

(a) The standard 7 **KN-K2** essayed by Nimzovitch against Capablanca over 40 years ago (New York, 1927) continued 7... **P-QB4**, 8 **PxP BxP**, 9 **0-0 N-K2**, 10 **N-R4 Q-B3**, 11 **NxB QxN** 12 **B-K3 Q-B2**, 13 **P-KB4 N-B4**, and now instead of 14 **P-B3** White could have obtained the better game with 14 **B-B2 P-KR4**, 15 **QR-B1** and 16 **P-B4**. But Black equalizes after 7... **Q-R3** (which Capablanca rejected because he was playing for a win) 8 **N-B4 QxQ**, 9 **NxQ N-Q2**, 10 **B-K3 N-K2**, 11 **P-B4 N-KB4**, 12 **B-B2 P-KR4**, 13 **K-K2 P-QN3**, 14 **P-QN4 P-R4**, 15 **P-QR3** (Isaac Boleslavsky), **Caro-Kann bis Sizilianisch**, Berlin, 1968, pp. 26-27). White's innovation, 7 **QN-K2**, works well in the first line but falls a tempo short in the second.

(b) To prevent 9... **PxP**, 10 **PxP N-N5** and prepare **P-QN4**. The "hole" on White's **QN3** is easier to identify than to exploit, e.g., 9... **P-QR4**, 10 **N-B3 P-R5**, 11 **0-0 N-R4**, 12 **N-Q2 R-B1**, 13 **Q-B2 Q-N4**, 14 **R-K1 PxP**, 15 **NxP Q-Q2**.

(c) Having drifted into an inferior position, Black compounds his ills by neglecting to temporize until White castles first.

(d) And here the lesser of two evils, of course, is 15... **P-N3**.

(e) Threatening to commit mayhem with 18 **RxP!**

(f) Black's one last hope to hold the line is 19... **R-R1**, e.g., 20 **PxP (20 0-0-0 P-R5) RxP**, 21 **RxR PxR**, 22 **0-0-0 R-R1**, 23 **R-B1 N-N1**, 24 **R-B6 N-Q2**, 25 **Q-KN3 N-B1!** (25... **NxR?** 26 **NPxNch K-B1**, 27 **Q-N7ch**), and White has yet to demonstrate the win.

(g) Giving up without a fight (even 21... **Q-Q1**, 22 **Q-KN3 QxP**, 23 **B-B1** takes longer), but allowing a sacrificial finale.

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USCF CLASS TOURNAMENT

The Central California Chess Association will sponsor a USCF class tourney at the Salvio Street Recreation Center, 2974 Salvio St., Concord, the weekend of Sept. 6-7. Depending on number of entrants, first and second prizes in each of the three divisions will be \$25 and \$10 respectively (based on 40 entries) CSCF State Championship qualifying points may be awarded. Entry fee is \$5, with round one of this five-round Swiss system event beginning at noon, Sept. 6.