

Richard Shorman**Chess****HENIN AND FRITZINGER CO-CHAMPIONS**

Charles Henin of Los Angeles and Dennis Fritzinger from San Francisco shared top honors in the 1970 California State Championship, completed at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, Dec. 29. Full results:

First and 2nd (tie), Dennis Fritzinger and Charles Henin, 6-3 each; 3rd, Julius Loftsson (Los Angeles), 5½-3½; 4th and 5th, Harry Mayer (Oakland) and Ross Stoutenborough (Riverside), 5-4 each; 6th and 7th, Donald Dean (Oakland) and Erik Osbun (San Jose), 4½-4½ each; 8th, Kim Commons (Los Angeles), 3½-5½; 9th, William Bragg (Santa Monica), 3-6; 10th, Michael Ewell (Monterey), 2-7.

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Original annotations to this minor masterpiece are by former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik, translated from V. D. Baturinsky's compilation, Shakhmatnoe tvorchestvo Botvinnika (Botvinnik's Chess Art; Vol. 3, Moscow, 1968, pp. 269-70).

White: Aivar Gipslis. ... Black: Mikhail Botvinnik.

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Pirc Defense.

1 P-K4	P-KN3	18 B-Q6	N-QB3
2 P-Q4	B-N2	19 R-N3	N-N5
3 N-KB3	P-Q3	20 N-N5(k)	RxB!(1)
4 B-QB4(a)	N-KB3	21 QxR	NxP
5 Q-K2(b)	P-B3(c)	22 BxN-5(m)	BxB
6 B-N3	0-0	23 R-KB3	R-KB1
7 0-0	P-QR4	24 R-Q1	B-N2
8 P-QR4(d)	B-N5	25 N-K4	P-K4
9 QN-Q2	P-Q4(e)	26 P-N4(n)	P-R3
10 P-K5	KN-Q2	27 R-QB1	Q-Q1
11 P-R3(f)	BxN	28 Q-B7	Q-Q4
12 NxB	P-K3	29 N-B6ch	BxN
13 B-N5(g)	Q-N3(h)	30 RxB	N-Q6
14 R-R3	P-QB4	31 Q-B4	Q-K5(o)
15 P-B4	PxBP	32 Q-B2	K-N2
16 BxP(i)	PxP	33 Resigns	
17 B-K7(j)	R-B1		

(a) The King's Indian set-up (after 4 P-B4) poses greater problems for Black. But if White consents to allow the Pirc Defense, then his KB should not be posted at QB4. A better move here is 4 N-B3.

(b) On 5 P-K5 PxP 6 NxP 0-0 Black enforces P-B4.

(c) In order to answer P-K5 with N-Q4 and, given the opportunity, to play NxP (QxN P-Q4).

(d) Less committal are 8 P-QR3 and 8 P-B3.

(e) Shutting the bishop out of play. With his QB already developed Black no longer fears P-K5.

(f) And not 11 P-K6 BxKP 12 N-N5 because of 12 ... BxP.

(g) Energetic if not especially strong. White should be concerned more with how to meet Black's coming attack on his center (... P-QB4).

(h) Quite unexpectedly White discovers that 14 P-B3 leaves his bishop unguarded, which itself may not move without exposing the QNP. Banking on the strength of his two bishops, Gipslis sacrifices a pawn in hopes of evoking favorable complications in the center.

(i) White's initiative cannot be sustained, as Black experiences no difficulty completing his development and is able to bring the enemy KP under fire.

(j) Certainly not 17 R-N3 on account of 17 ... Q-B4.

(k) Apparently, White has some compensation for his pawn after all, threatening, for instance, 20 NxKP or even 20 R-KB3.

(l) Sacrificing the exchange to repel White's mounting pressure and seize key points in the center.

(m) Still clinging to thoughts of attack, Gipslis passes up 22 Q-B5 in the belief that an ending would only find him struggling for a draw. Such an ending may have been the lesser of evils, however.

(n) After this serious breach of White's king side, it is Black who will do the attacking. But the endgame resulting from 26 R-QB1 Q-QB3 27 QxQ PxQ 28 N-B6ch BxN 29 RxB R-Q1 offers White scant encouragement.

(o) There is no satisfactory defense against the threat of N-B5.

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The Chessplayers' Tournament, a round-robin class competition, will be held at Chabot Jr. College (25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward) over the double-weekend of Jan. 9-10 and 16-17. Eight-man sections, grouped according to class ratings, will be formed, so that each man plays one game against all seven of his opponents. Prizes include two trophies in each section plus a tournament book containing annotated games from the master division, awarded to all entrants. Entry fee is \$10; send advance entry to Richard Shorman, 27858 Tampa Ave., Hayward, CA 94544, or call (415) 782-5029 for further details. Round one begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. Please bring chess sets and clocks.