

Richard Shorman**Chess****CAL STATE CHESS EXHIBITION**

Chess master Robert Burger, who once beat Bobby Fischer (long ago) in exhibition play, gave a 29-board simultaneous display of his own at Cal State University in Hayward, Thursday.

Only John Decker of Hayward won his game outright, when Burger overlooked a mating sequence in an already deteriorating situation.

Fred Crosby, Hayward, and Kent McKinney, Berkeley, fought the visiting master to a standoff, both scoring draws after some close calls in their individual encounters.

All three games are printed in USCF-endorsed coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h," ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move and with pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Robert Burger. Black: John Decker. King's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 c5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 0-0 6 dc Qa5 7 Be2 Ne4 8 0-0? Nc3 9 bc Bc3 10 Bd2 Bd2 11 Nd2 Qc5 12 Ne4 Qe5 13 Qc2 d6 14 f4? Qa5 15 Ng5 h6 16 Nf3 Qc5 17 Qb3 Bf5 18 Nd4 Be4 19 Bf3 Bc6 20 f5?! Nd7 21 fg Bf3 22 Rf3 Ne5! 23 gf Nf7 24 Ne6 Qe5 25 Nd4 Ng5 26 Rg3 Kh8 27 Qb7 Ne4 28 Rf3 Nd7 29 Rf8 Rf8 30 Nc2? Qa1 31 Resigns.

White: Robert Burger. Black: Fred Crosby. Petroff's Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 Ne4 4 de d5 5 ed Bd6 6 Bc4 0-0 7 0-0 Nc6 8 Re1 Bg4 9 Re4? Bh2! 10 Kh2 Qd1 11 Nc3 Qd7 12 Bf4 Bf3 13 gf Qf5 14 Bd3 Rae8 15 Bg3 Qf3? 16 Rf4! Qh5 17 Rh4 Qc5 18 Bh7 Kh8 19 Bd3 Kg8 20 Bh7 Drawn.

White: Robert Burger. Black: Kent McKinney. Philidor's Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 ed 4 Nd4 Be7 5 Bc4 Bd7 6 0-0 Nf6 7 Nc3 0-0 8 b3?! Nc6 9 Bb2 Nd4 10 Qd4 c5? 11 Qe3 Qc7 12 f4 Bc6 13 e5 Ng4 14 Qg3 Nh6 15 ed Qd6 16 Nb5?! Nf5! 17 Nd6 Ng3 18 Rfd1 Bd6 19 hg Rad8 20 Bd5 Bd5 21 Rd5 b6 22 Rad1 Bc7 23 Rd8 Rd8 24 Rd8 Bd8 25 Be5 b5 26 c4 a6 27 Bd6 Bb6 28 Kf2 f5 29 Kf3 h5 30 Drawn.

A SELF-DESTRUCT KING HUNT

Of necessity all grandmasters are chess realists, whatever their personal style, but super grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi is more of a gambler than most. The world's chess crown may have eluded him, but he has often come close and he has consistently proven himself to be one of the most successful tournament players alive. On rare occasions, however, Korchnoi will defend his fighting principles too stubbornly, taking chances that even he cannot overcome.

Here, in a game from the championship of Leningrad, he is lured into launching an all-out king hunt, even though he sees a better course and approves. The resultant hot pursuit finds Korchnoi suddenly on the wrong end of an exciting chess adventure.

White: A. Shashin. Black: V. Korchnoi. 46th Lenin-grad Championship, Feb., 1973. Nimzo-Indian Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	19 PxP	Q-N3(b)
2 P-QB4	P-K3	20 Q-B3!(c)	NxP
3 N-QB3	B-N5	21 R-K7	RxR
4 P-K3	0-0	22 RxR	N-B4(d)
5 B-Q3	P-B4	23 RxBP	R-Q8ch
6 N-B3	P-Q4	24 K-R2(e)	Q-Q3ch
7 0-0	N-B3	25 P-N3	N-N5ch
8 P-QR3	PxQP	26 K-N2	N-R5ch
9 KPxB	BxN	27 PxN	Q-R7ch
10 PxB	PxP	28 K-R3	QxBPch
11 BxBP	Q-R4	29 K-K4(f)	Q-K7ch(g)
12 B-N2(a)	P-K4	30 K-B4	R-B8ch
13 R-K1	B-N5	31 K-N5	P-R3ch
14 P-R3	BxN	32 K-N6	N-K4ch
15 QxB	QR-Q1	33 QxN	R-N8ch
16 R-K2	R-Q2	34 Q-N5!	QxB
17 B-R2	R(1)-Q1	35 RxKNPch	Resigns
18 R(1)-K1	PxP		

(Notes by A. Geller and A. Deuel, translated from "64," No. 7, Feb. 16-22, 1973, pp 4-5)

(a) The standard replies here are 12 Q-K1 and 12 Q-B2

(b) Black dare not touch the QP, i.e., 19 . . . NxP? 20 BxN RxB 21 R-K8ch!

(c) A very strong move that confronts Black with difficult problems to solve. The main threat is simply 21 P-Q5. If 20 . . . QxP, then 21 Q-KN3 Q-Q3 22 BxN wins for White.

(d) Or 22 . . . N-K3 23 Q-QN3, with the superior ending.

(e) The most crucial position of the game. Black has two options, 24 . . . N-N5ch and 24 . . . Q-Q3ch. After 24 . . . N-N5ch 25 PxN Q-Q3ch! (not 25 . . . Q-R3ch 26 Q-R3 Q-B5ch 27 P-N3 QxBPch 28 Q-N2 QxQch 29 KxQ R-Q7ch 30 K-R3 RxB 31 B-K6! and White wins) 26 Q-N3! NxQ 27 R-Q7ch K-B1 28 BxBPch K-K1 29 RxQ N-B8ch 30 K-N1 (30 K-R3? RxR threatening 31 . . . R-KN3 or 31 . . . R-Q7 with advantage to Black) N-Q7ch 31 K-R2 N-B8ch, Black draws. Both players saw this line and believed it objectively strongest. However, grandmaster Korchnoi could not resist the temptation to drive the enemy king into the center of the board.

(f) Fatal is 29 KxN R-N8ch 30 K-R5 P-N3ch and 31 . . . QxPmate.

(g) Loses by force. The best drawing hope resides in 29 . . . R-K8ch, since 30 QxR QxQch 31 K-B4 Q-B7ch cannot win. Immediately following the game, however, Shashin pointed out 30 K-Q5!! QxRch 31 K-Q6! (and not 31 K-B5 R-K4ch!) R-Q8ch 32 K-B5 P-N3ch 33 K-N4! (33 K-N5 R-Q4ch) P-R4ch 34 K-R4 P-N4ch 35 KxRP!

WHERE TO PLAY

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Newark Chess Club, 35501 Cedar Blvd. (in the Newark Community Center). Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets. Friday, 8-12 p.m.