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Chess

FULL OF FIGHT

Though error-laden, this protracted struggle from last year's CalChess Team Championship contains plenty of action. Notes to the game have been contributed by the winner. The loser was 10 years old at the time . . .

White: Kenny Fong (1617), Fremont.

Black: Tony D'Aloisio, (1823), Ross Valley.

CalChess Team Championships, Walnut Creek, Apr. 17, 1977.

Ruy Lopez

1 P-K4	P-K4	34 P-B3	P-N4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	35 R-R7	P-N5ch(k)
3 B-N5	P-QR3	36 K-N2	B-B6ch
4 B-R4	P-Q3	37 K-N1	P-N6
5 P-Q4	P-QN4	38 B-Q4	P-KR4
6 B-N3	NxP	39 R-N7ch	K-B1
7 NxN	PxN	40 R-KR7	B-N4
8 B-Q5	R-N1	41 R-KN7?	B-B5?(1)
9 QxP	N-B3	42 R-KR7	B-N4
10 O-O	B-K2	43 R-KN7?	B-R5?
11 N-B3	B-Q2	44 K-B1	P-N7ch
12 P-QR3	O-O	45 K-N1	B-N5(m)
13 B-K3	R-K1	46 R-Q7	P-B5
14 Q-Q2	B-KB1	47 RxP	P-B6
15 B-R7!?	NxB(a)	48 RxP	B-N6
16 PxN	R-N2(b)	49 B-B5ch	K-B2
17 B-Q4	P-QB4?(c)	50 B-Q6	P-B7ch(n)
18 PxPe.p.	BxP	51 KxP	B-R6ch
19 Q-B4?(d)	B-K2	52 KxQB	P-B8Qch
20 QR-Q1	B-N4	53 KxB	Q-K8ch
21 Q-N3	R-K3!(e)	54 K-B4	Q-R5ch(o)
22 P-B3(f)	R-KN3	55 K-K3	Q-QB5
23 Q-B2	R-Q2	56 B-K5	P-R5
24 N-K4	B-B5	57 R-R6	Q-N5(p)
25 P-QN4	P-B4	58 R-R7ch	K-K3
26 N-N3?(g)	Q-R5	59 R-KN7?(q)	Q-R6ch
27 Q-K1	R-K2	60 K-Q4	Q-B4
28 Q-B2	RxN(h)	61 B-B7	Q-B3ch
29 KR-K1!	BxP(i)	62 K-B5	QxR
30 RxR	QxPch!(j)	63 B-R2	QxPch
31 KxQ	RxPch	64 KxP	QxRP
32 K-R3	RxQ	65 Resigns	
33 BxR	BxR		

(Notes by Tony D'Aloisio of San Francisco)

(a) If now 16 BxR, then 16 . . . NxN 17 BxP NxP.

(b) In preparation for my next move, but my next move's a lemon.

(c) For the sake of attacking chances, Black gives his opponent a chance to squish him.

(d) And White hands Black the attack! Correct was 19 B-K3!, followed by 20 B-B4 and then N-Q5 (or, if Black plays P-Q4, then N-K2-Q4), with advantage to White.

(e) Now 22 BxP? can be answered by 22 . . . R-KN3.

(f) Probably best.

(g) Loses a piece. Better was 26 N-B3, although his position is still unenviable.

(h) The best way to win the piece was 28 . . . R-R3.

(i) More exact was 29 . . . RxRch 30 RxR (or 30 QxR RxPch! 31 KxR QxPch 32 K-B1 Q-R8ch 33 B-N1 Q-R6ch — the move that I had missed! — and Black mates) BxP 31 PxR KBxP 32 QxQB BxR, with a simple win for Black.

(j) The only move to win, since 30 . . . RxPch 31 QxR BxQ fails against 32 RxPch K-B1 33 RxB.

(k) I now had five minutes left for 15 moves (time control was 50 moves in two hours). My opponent had about 45 minutes remaining, but he was trying to "rush" me, so we were both playing at lunatic speed.

(1) Missing 41 . . . B-K6ch, and again on move 43.

(m) A pawn hang in time trouble, but it's sound. If 45 KxP, then 45 . . . P-B5, followed by P-B6ch, B-N6 and the advance of the KRP, unless White keeps his rook on N7, in which case B-K4 wins for Black.

(n) Much stronger was 50 . . . P-R5!, e.g., 51 BxB PxP 52 R-R6 (preventing 52 . . . B-R6) B-K3! 53 R-R5 K-N3 54 R-R4 K-N4! and Black wins.

(o) More straightforward than 54 . . . QxP.

(p) Threatening (after 58 . . . P-R6) to play 59 . . . Q-N4ch 60 B-B4 QxR 61 BxQ P-R7.

(q) An unfortunate error, but White looks lost in any case.

PEOPLE'S TOURNAMENT GAMES

Here are some interesting games from Alan Benson's fifth annual People's Chess Tournament at U.C. Berkeley, recorded in USCF endorsed coordinate 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; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

On exhibit in a wall-size glass display case at the tournament site was part of Benson's extensive chess collection, including a "Craftsman" chess set, autographs of some of the world's greatest players and rare first editions of several classic chess books.

White: Rayan Ayyar (2094). Black: Richard Kelson (2021). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 4, Feb. 19, 1978. Petroff's Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Ne5 d6 4 Nf3 Ne4 5 d4 Be7 6 Bd3 d5 7 o-o Nc6 8 Re1 Bg4 9 c3 f5 10 Nbd2 Qd6 11 Qb3 o-o-o 12 a4 Rdf8 13 a5 g5 14 a6 b6 15 Bb5 Bf3 16 Nf3 g4 17 Bc6 gf 18 Qd5 Rhg8 19 Bb7 Kb8 20 g3 Qg6 21 Ba8 Kc8 22 Bf4 Bd8 23 Bb7 Kb8 24 Bc6 Nf6 25 Qf3 Qg4 26 Qg4 Rg4 27 Bf3 Rg6 28 d5 h5 29 d6 h4 30 Rad1 hg 31 hg Rfg8 32 Re7 Ne8 33 dc Nc7 34 Rdd7 Resigns.

White: Craig Barnes (2156). Black: John Pope (2070). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 3, Feb. 19, 1978. Robatsch Defense 1 e4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 f4 d6 4 Nf3 c6 5 d4 Bg4 6 Be3 Qb6 7 Qd2 Bf3 8 gf Nd7 9 Bh3 e6 10 o-o-o Qa5 11 f5 ef 12 Bg5 f6 13 Bf4 o-o-o 14 ef Ne7 15 Ne4 Qa2 16 Nd6 Kb8 17 Qb4 Nb6 18 Nc4 Ka8 19 Nb6 ab 20 Rd3 Resigns.

White: Norman Symonds (2055). Black: Paul Whitehead (2324). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 3, Feb. 19, 1978. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nc6 5 Nc6 bc 6 Bd3 Nf6 7 o-o d5 8 Nd2 Be7 9 b3 a5 10 e5 Nd7 11 Qe2 a4 12 c4 o-o 13 f4 Nc5 14 Bc2 ab 15 Nb3 Ba6 16 Rf3 Bc4 17 Bh7 Kh7 18 Rh3 Kg8 19 Qh5 f5 20 Qg6 Nb3 21 Rh7 Bc5 22 Khl Rf7 23 Qh5 Kf8 24 Rh8 Ke7 25 Qg5 Kd7 26 Rd8 Rd8 27 ab Bb5 28 Bd2 Re7 29 Bb4 Bb4 30 Ra7 Ke8 31 Qg6 Kf8 32 Re7 Be7 33 Qe6 Bd3 34 g4 Be4 35 Kgl fg 36 f5 Re8 37 Qc6 Bf5 38 Qd5 Rd8 39 Qc6 Rc8 40 Qb7 Rc2 41 b4 Rb2 42 b5 Bc5 43 Kfl Bd3 44 Resigns.

White: Borel Menas (2091). Black: John Peters (2432). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 1, Feb. 18, 1978. Queen's Indian Defense 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 b6 3 Nc3 Bb7 4 d4 e6 5 Bg5 Be7 6 Bf6 Bf6 7 e4 d6 8 Bd3 Nd7 9 Qc2 c5 10 Rd1 cd 11 Nb5 Nc5 12 Nbd4 a6 13 o-o Qc7 14 Rfel Nd3 15 Qd3 o-o 16 b3 Qc5 17 Nc2 Rfd8 18 Ne3 b5 19 Rc1 b4 20 Ng4 Be7 21 h3 a5 22 Rcd1 a4 23 Nd4 ab 24 ab h5 25 Ne3 Ra2 26 Nec2 Bf6 27 Re2 Rb2 28 Nb5 d5 29 ed Bd5 30 Nb4 Gb4 31 Rb2 Bb2 32 Qe2 Qb3 33 ed Rd5 34 Rd5 ed 35 Qe8 Kh7 36 Nd6 Qd1 37 Kh2 Qd2 38 Nf7 Qf4 39 Kh1 Bd4 40 Qe2 Bf2 41 Qc2 Kg8 42 Ng5 Qg5 43 Qf2 Qe5 44 Qc5 Qe4 45 Qb5 h4 46 Qb3 Kh7 47 Kg1 d4 48 Kf2 d3 49 Qc3 Qe2 50 Resigns.