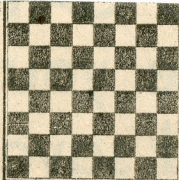


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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Fifty-four chess players attended the Oakland Chess Club's second annual four-man sectional tournament March 30. Trophy winners in the USCF-rated sections were Al Raymond, Jim Shearer, Frank Boschan, and Bruce Werren, Harold Barnett, Robert Blauner, Tom Cahill, Richard Gordon, Richard Lee, and Elwin Meyers tied for first place in their unrated sections and had their entry fee of \$3 refunded. In the CFNC sections trophies were awarded to Gary Pickler, David Betanco, Charles Maddigan, Bruce Kenney, Robert Weinberg, George Fourier, Anthony Mock, and Larry Kohl.

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IN THE RIGHT hands the ultra-sharp Blackmar-Diemer Gambit is a terrifying weapon, capable of turning plausible defense into a complete rout.

White: Gary Pickler. Black: E. Prodingler.
Northern Calif. Championships, San Francisco, November 30, 1968.

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	13 B-KB4	B-N2(i)
2 P-KB3(a)	P-Q4	14 P-R5	P-K4(j)
3 P-K4	PxP	15 QPxP	BPxP
4 N-B3	B-B4(b)	16 Q-N3ch(k)	K-R1
5 PxP	BxP(c)	17 PxP(l)	P-KR3
6 NxB	NxN	18 BxRP	BxB
7 Q-B3	N-Q3(d)	19 RxBch	K-N2
8 B-KB4	P-QB3(e)	20 Q-KR3	Q-N4(m)
9 0-0-0(f)	P-KN3(g)	21 R-R7ch	KxP
10 B-K5	B-R3ch	22 RxNch	R-B3
11 K-N1	0-0	23 B-Q3ch	Resigns
12 P-KR4(h)	P-B3		

(a) White uses his threat to establish a strong pawn center as a diversion for a violent attack based on superior development.

(b) Black more often plays 4 . . . PxP and after 5 NxP (or 5 QxP) looks for ways to safeguard his position while clinging to the extra material.

(c) Sounder defense along the same lines proceeds with 5 . . . NxP 6 Q-B3 N-Q3 (best) 7 B-KB4 P-K3.

(d) Emil Diemer himself demonstrated the dangers to Black after 7 . . . QxP: 8 P-B3! Q-K4 9 B-KB4 Q-K3 10 0-0-0 N-Q3 11 BxN QxP 12 B-N5ch P-B3 13 BxN! RxB (13 . . . PxB loses to 14 QxNP) 14 QxBPch Resigns (Diemer—Garajew, Lindenberg, 1949).

(e) Though better, 8 . . . N-B3 9 B-Q3! NxP 10 Q-B2 N-B3 11 0-0-0 (Diemer—Keller, Villingen, 1938) also leaves something to be desired.

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(f) **ALREADY** White has a commanding lead in development.

(g) This cannot be good, but a reasonable alternative is hard to find, e.g., 9 . . . Q-R4 10 BxN PxB 11 Q-K3ch (Hall) or 9 . . . P-K3 10 B-Q3 B-K2 11 Q-N3 0-0 12 N-B3.

(h) Giving Black just what he deserves for "castling right into it."

(i) Perhaps 13 . . . BxB 14 QxB K-N2 offers better survival chances, but Black has a plan . . .

(j) One slip like this against the Blackmar and it is curtains. Could Black have lived through 14 . . . P-KN4 15 P-R6 B-R1 16 Q-N3 Q-K1 17 B-Q3?

(k) Black obviously overlooked this rejoinder, which leaves him flat busted.

(l) A landslide of White power now comes crashing down around the King.

(m) Lets the Knight hang, but such things are the least of Black's worries at this late stage of the game.

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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St. (Hayward Arts and Science Center). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 37720 Fremont Blvd. (Centerville Jr. High School). Thursday, 7-10 p.m.

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

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets (in the old library of the Carnegie Building). Evenings, the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.