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Chess

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Bagby Memorial Northern California State Championship was held at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, Jan. 21-Mar. 11. Mike Goodall directed the seven-round, round-robin, USCF event, sponsored by CalChess and a \$500 contribution by Sacramento Bee chess columnist Richard Fauber. Each player received a \$30 bonus for every point scored, which may account for the minimal dozen draws out of 56 games. Complete results:

1st, Jay Whitehead (2331), San Francisco, 6-1 (6 wins-1 loss-0 draws), \$280 plus title of 1979 Northern California State Champion; **2nd-4th**, Craig Barnes (2245), Berkeley, Dennis Fritzinger (2296), Berkeley, and George Kane (2316), Palo Alto, 4-3 (3-2-2), \$167 each; **5th**, Richard Lobo (2375), San Francisco, 3-4 (3-4-0), \$90; **6th-7th**, David Blohm (2220), San Francisco, and Harry Radke (2256), Campbell, 2½-4½ (2-4-1), \$75 each; **8th**, Rajan Ayyar (2223), Lompoc, 2-5 (0-3-4), \$60.

Here is a selection of fighting chess from the Northern California State Championship, recorded in USCF approved 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).

White: Jay Whitehead (2331). Black: Harry Radke (2256). NorCal State Championship, San Francisco, Mar. 11, 1979. Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	18 Bh6	Qg8
2 Nf3	g6	19 Qe3	Nd4
3 h4	Nf6	20 Na3	Nh5
4 e5	Ng4	21 Nd6	Qg2
5 d4	d6	22 0-0-0	Ne2
6 h5	cd	23 Kb1	dc
7 hg	fg	24 Nc2	Bc2
8 ed	e5	25 Kc2	Qg6
9 Bc4	Bd6	26 Ne4	Nd4
10 Ng5	Qc7	27 Kb1	Nf6
11 Qe2	Nc6	28 Rc1	Kb6
12 Bf7	Kd8	29 f3	a5
13 Bg6	Qg7	30 Rcg1	Qf5
14 Bh5	Nf6	31 Rg5	Qe6
15 Nf7	Kc7	32 Nf6	Qf6
16 Nh8	Bf5	33 Re5	Resigns
17 Nf7	d3		

White: Harry Radke (2256). Black: Craig Barnes (2245). NorCal State Championship, San Francisco, Jan. 21, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 Nc3 e6 5 Nd5 ed 6 d4 Nc6 7 dc Bc5 8 Qd5 d6 9 ed Qb6 10 Qe4 Be6 11 Qh4 Bd6 12 c3 Be7 13 Qa4 0-0 14 Be2 Rfe8 15 0-0 Bd5 16 Qb5 Bc5 17 b4 a6 18 Qd3 Be4 19 Qd1 Bf8 20 Be3 Qc7 21 Qb3 Bd6 22 h3 Bf4 23 Bf4 Qf4 24 Rad1 Re6 25 Rd7 Rf8 26 Khl Rh6 27 c4 Bf5 28 Rd5 Bh3 29 Kgl Bg2 30 Rel Qg4 31 Nh2 Bf3 32 Resigns.

White: Dennis Fritzinger (2296). Black: Richard Lobo (2375). NorCal State Championship, San Francisco, Mar. 7, 1979. English Opening 1 g3 e5 2 Bg2 Nc6 3 c4 g6 4 Nc3 Bg7 5 d3 Nf6 6 Rbl a5 7 a3 0-0 8 b4 ab 9 ab d6 10 b5 Ne7 11 Nf3 Nd7 12 0-0 h6 13 e3 f5 14 d4 Kh7 15 Qc2 e4 16 Nd2 c6 17 Bb2 Nf6 18 Ral Rb8 19 Ra7 Be6 20 Rfal d5 21 Ba3 Re8 22 Be7 Re7 23 c5 Bd7 24 b6 g5 25 Nb3 Be6 26 Na2 f4 27 Nb4 Qc8 28 Na5 Rf7 29 Bfl Bh3 30 Nac6 Bfl 31 Rfl f3 32 Ne5 Qh3 33 Nf3 Ng4 34 Nd5 Rf3 35 Nf6 Bf6 36 Rb7 Rb7 37 Qe4 Kh8 38 Qe8 Kg7 39 Resigns.

White: Rajan Ayyar (2223). Black: Jay Whitehead (2331). Nor-Cal State Championship, San Francisco, Feb. 11, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 Bc4 Qa5 8 0-0 0-0 9 Bb3 d6 10 h3 Bd7 11 Re1 Rac8 12 Nd5 Rfe8 13 Nf6 Bf6 14 c3 Ne5 15 f4 Nc4 16 Bc4 Rc4 17 Nb3 Qb5 18 Qd5 Qa6 19 e5 B36 20 Qa5 Bh4 21 Qa6 ba 22 Red1 de 23 fe Re4 24 Bd4 Bd5 25 Rd2 Bg5 26 Rc2 Be3 27 Khl Rc8 28 Re2 Bd4 29 Re4 Be4 30 Nd4 Rc5 31 e6 f5 32 Kgl Kg7 33 Kf2 Kf6 34 Rel a5 35 g4 a4 36 gf Bf5 37 Nf5 gf 38 Rdl a3 39 ba Rc3 40 Rd7 Ra3 41 Resigns.

HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL QUALIFIER

The best games played in the Northern California High School Championships and National Qualifier were produced by the winning Palo Alto High School team. The tournament took place at the Sunnyvale facility of the Lockheed Corporation, Mar. 17-18, under the direction of Bryce Perry.

White; Chris Hull (1051), Palo Alto High School. Black: Steve Levine (1498), Santa Clara High School. Northern Calif. High School Champ., Sunnyvale, Mar. 17, 1979. Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	13 f5	Bg5
2 Nf3	d6	14 Kb1	Nf6
3 d4	cd	15 fe	fe
4 Nd4	Nf6	16 Bh3	e5
5 Nc3	a6	17 Bc8	Qc8
6 Bg5	e6	18 Nf5	Kf8
7 f4	Be7	19 Nd6	Qe6
8 Qf3	Qc7	20 Qf2	Kg8
9 0-0-0	Nbd7	21 Rhg1	Bh6
10 g4	b5	22 Nf5	Ne8
11 Bf6	Nf6	23 Rd7	g5
12 g5	Nd7	24 Nh6	Resigns

White: Mike McCusker (1741), Westmont High School. Black: Pedro Marcal (1520), Palo Alto High School. Northern Calif. High School Champ., Sunnyvale, Mar. 18, 1979. English Opening 1 e4 c5 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 g3 Nc6 5 Bg2 d6 6 Nge2 Nf6 7 0-0-0 0-0 8 d3 a6 9 a3 Bd7 10 Rbl Rb8 11 b4 cb 12 ab b5 13 cb ab 14 h3 Qc8 15 Kh2 Nd4 16 Nd4 Qc3 17 Ne2 Qc7 18 Be3 Rfc8 19 Rcl Qd8 20 Nc3 Ng4 21 hg Bc3 22 Rbl Be6 23 e5 Ba2 24 Ba7 Bbl 25 Qbl Ra8 26 Ba8 Ra8 27 Be3 Ral 28 Qal Bal 29 Ral de 30 Bh6 f6 31 Ra7 Kf7 32 g5 f5 33 Ra2 Qd3 34 Ra8 Qd4 35 Kgl Qb4 36 Rh8 Qel 37 Kg2 b4 38 Rh7 Ke6 39 Rg7 Qe4 40 Kfl f4 41 gf ef 42 Rg8 b3 43 Rb8 f3 44 Rb3 Qc4 45 Kgl Qb3 46 Kh2 Qdl 47 Kg3 Kf5 48 Bg7 Ke4 49 Resigns.

White: Jose Marcal (1636), Palo Alto High School. Black: Steve Levine (1498), Santa Clara High School. Northern Calif. High School Champ., Sunnyvale, Mar. 18, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Be2 e6 7 Be3 Be7 8 0-0 a6 9 f4 Qc7 10 Qel Bd7 11 a4 h6 12 Qg3 Rg8 13 Nb3 Na5 14 e5 Nh7 15 Qf2 Nb3 16 cb d5 17 a5 Rc8 18 Rfcl Bc6 19 Bb6 Qd7 20 Rdl Nf8 21 Ne4 Ng6 22 Bc5 Bc5 23 Nc5 Qe7 24 Racl Rc7 25 Rc3 Rh8 26 Rdcl Qh4 27 g3 Qd8 28 Na6 ba 29 Rc6 Rc6 30 Rc6 Qa5 31 Ra6 Qd8 32 Qc5 Ne7 33 Bb5 Kf8 34 Bc6 Resigns.

PICKLER'S EXHIBITION RESULTS

USCF master Gary Pickler conducted a free simultaneous exhibition on 15 boards at the Oakland Chess Club, Mar. 13. Only two of his opponents escaped with draws, Alan Glasscoe (1599) of Oakland and Jon Wolley (1696) of Hayward.

White: Gary Pickler (2207). Black: Alan Glasscoe (1599). Simultaneous Exhibition, Oakland, Mar. 13, 1979. Nimzovich Defense 1 d4 Nc6 2 e4 e5 3 d5 Nce7 4 f3 Ng6 5 Be3 Bb4 6 c3 Ba5 7 Qa4 c6 8 dc dc 9 Nd2 Bb6 10 Bb6 Qb6 11 Nc4 Qc7 12 0-0-0 b5 13 Qa5 14 Na5 N837 15 Rd6 Bd7 16 Ne2 Rc8 17 Kc2 Rc7 18 Ncl Nc8 19 Rd2 c5 20 Be2 0-0 21 Rhdl Nb6 22 c4 Nf4 23 Bfl b4 24 Nd3 Nd3 25 Rd3 Be6 26 Rd6 g6 27 g4 Rfc8 28 h4 h6 29 Rd8 Rd8 30 Rd8 Kg7 31 Rb8 Bc8 32 Be2 Nd7 33 Ra8 Nb6 34 Drawn.