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Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Chess Voice editor John Larkins directed the CCA's Regional One-Day Round-Robin Chess Tournament in Walnut Creek, Jan. 10. Forty players competed in ten USCF rated four-man sections, with a \$7 first prize and \$5 second prize awarded in each section. Saleh Mujahed organized the event, held at the Heather Farm Community Center under the auspices of the Central California Chess Association and the Walnut Creek Chess Club. Complete results:

Section I: 1st, Kon Grivainis (USCF rating, 2103), Concord; 2nd, John Smail (1871), Bolinas.

Section II: 1st, Alan Friedman (1738), Moraga; 2nd, Ray Musselman (1754), Berkeley.

Section III: 1st, John Smith (1610), Richmond; 2nd, Greg Pinelli (1608), San Francisco.

Section IV: 1st, Daniel Sunnarborg (1565), Pleasant Hill; 2nd, Donald Sibrel (1578), Marysville.

Section V: P. M. Brown, Jr. (1525), Richmond; 2nd, Leo Connolly (1484), Berkeley.

Section VI: 1st, Imtiaz Husain (1455), Concord; 2nd, Johann Weiler (1441), Walnut Creek.

Section VII: 1st, Alan Glasscoe (1376), El Cerrito; 2nd, Curtiss King (1400), Martinez, Mark Kaufman (1393), San Francisco, and Gary Smith (1400), San Leandro.

Section VIII: 1st, Robert Fulop (UNR), Oakland; 2nd, Gregg Reihl (1350), Moraga, and Michael Hall (1129), San Mateo.

Section IX: 1st, Brad Garner (UNR), Concord; 2nd, Warren Horowitz (1050), Walnut Creek.

Section X: 1st, Charles Engelstein (UNR), San Francisco, and James Henry (UNR), Walnut Creek.

UNPUBLISHED BOTVINNIK

Not all of Mikhail Botvinnik's best games appear in the English translation of his "One Hundred Selected Games," acknowledged the world over as an artistic and analytic masterpiece. An expanded version of his book in three volumes now places the entire range of Botvinnik's chess career, from schoolboy to retired world champion, before the Russian speaking chess public, but the bulk of the games have yet to be published in the West. Here is a superb sample of Botvinnik's chess mastery and combative qualities at age 17, translated from volume one of his trilogy.

White: M. Botvinnik.

Black: B. Yurev.

Leningrad, Dec. 1927-Feb. 1928 (Metal Workers' Trade Union Championship).

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	17 0-0	P-K4
2 P-QB4	P-K3	18 B-B5!(c)	PxQP
3 N-KB3	P-Q4	19 N-QR4(d)	N-N3
4 B-N5	B-K2	20 PxN	BxB
5 P-K3	0-0	21 NxP	B-Q2
6 N-B3	QN-Q2	22 P-B5	Q-B1
7 B-Q3	P-QR3(a)	23 N-K6(e)	BxN
8 P-B5	P-B3	24 QxB	BxP
9 P-QN4	P-QR4	25 P-N7	Q-N1
10 P-QR3	PxP	26 N-B5	R-B2(f)
11 PxP	RxR	27 Q-K2	K-B1(g)
12 QxR	P-QN3	28 Q-R6	R-K2
13 B-KB4!(b)	PxP	29 Q-R8	R-K1
14 NPxP	N-R4	30 QxQ	RxQ
15 Q-R7	NxB	31 R-R1	Resigns(h)
16 PxN	P-B3		

(a) With White's QR still at home this system lacks purpose and lets White seriously constrict Black's queen side.

(b) Now the struggle is over whether or not Black can force P-K4. White has every chance of preventing this move or. . .

(c) . . . demonstrating its ineffectiveness, as White retains his outpost on QB5. Black has no choice except to capture White's QP.

(d) The tactical justification of White's strategic plan. White's pressure persists, since 19 . . . NxP 20 BxB NxN 21 B-K6ch loses a piece for Black. Black's actual reply also loses, as White's QNP proves too strong.

(e) Securing QB5 for his knight quickly decides the issue in White's favor.

(f) Or 26 . . . R-K1 27 QxRch QxQ 28 N-R6 B-Q6 29 P-N8 (Q) QxQ 30 NxQ BxR 31 KxB.

(g) The alternative is 27 . . . RxP 28 NxR QxN 29 Q-K8mate.

(h) This game was printed in the newspaper "Leningradskaya pravda" in 1928 and has remained little known in chess circles. Interestingly, I repeated the whole game up to move 20 against Ilya Kan at the XIV USSR Championship in 1945. White played 20 BxB, which also won in fairly short order.

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White: Jim Buff. Black: Lester Stevens. Match Game, San Francisco, Jan. 17, 1976. Falkbeer Counter Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 ed e4 4 d3 Nf6 5 de Ne4 6 Nf3 Bc5 7 Qe2 Bf2 8 Kd1 Qd5 9 Nfd2 f5 10 Nc3 Qd4 11 Nce4 fe 12 c3 Qe3 13 Qh5 Kf8 14 Nf3 Qb6 15 Ne5 g6 16 Qg5 Nd7 17 Qd8 Kg7 18 Qe7 Kh6 19 Ng4 Kh5 20 Qg5mate.

U.C. BERKELEY CHESS TOURNAMENT

International grandmaster Walter Browne will be one of the participants in the People's Chess Tournament to be held at the Faculty Club of the University of California, Berkeley, Feb. 14-16. Prizes (based on 265 entries) are \$1,000 1st, \$500 2nd, \$250 3rd and \$125 4th for Masters; \$500 1st, \$250 2nd, \$125 3rd and \$60 4th for Experts; \$400 1st, \$200 2nd, \$100 3rd and \$50 4th for Class A; \$300 1st, \$150 2nd, \$75 3rd and \$30 4th for Class B; \$250 1st, \$125 2nd, \$60 3rd and \$30 4th for Class C; \$150 1st, \$125 2nd, \$50 3rd and \$25 4th for Unrateds. Entry fee, if mailed by Feb. 9 to Alan Benson, USCF Certified Tournament Director, 2420 Atherton St., Apt. 1, Berkeley, Calif. 94704, is \$25, with a \$5 reduction for players under 19, over 55, U.S. armed forces personnel, women and U.C. students and faculty plus a ten per cent discount for entering a USCF event for the first time. Both UCSF and CSCF membership is required for California residents. The six-round, Swiss system competition will be conducted in three sections (M-E, A-B and C-D-E-UNR) with the time control of 40 moves in two hours. Nine trophies will also be awarded in addition to the cash prizes. Round one begins at noon, Saturday, Feb. 14, with late registration (\$5 surcharge) from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please bring sets and clocks. For complete information telephone Alan Benson, 843-0661.

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NATIONAL QUALIFIER

The first annual Northern California High School and Pre-High School Chess Championships and National Qualifier will take place at the LERA auditorium in Sunnyvale, Feb. 14-15. Ken Stone of San Jose will direct the USCF-rated, six-round, Swiss system tourney in two divisions, each with its own set of prizes. The Varsity division is open to all high school and pre-high school students (5 individual trophies and 4 team trophies), while those students with ratings below 1400 are eligible for the Junior Varsity division (10 individual trophies and 5 team trophies). The top Varsity player and top Varsity 4-man team qualify to go to the National High School Chess Championships in New York (\$250 individual award and \$500 team award, based on 120 entries). Advance entry fee is \$10, mailed by Feb. 11 to Jim Hurt, LERA Chess Club, P.O. Box 60451, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94088. Round one starts 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, with a time control of 40 moves in 80 minutes for Varsity players and 40 moves in 60 minutes for Junior Varsity players.