

hereabouts, but the passed h-pawn would assure White of a winning ending.

29. Qf5 Rg3 30. Nd5+, Black resigns

Now 30. ... cxd5 31. Qh7+ Kxe6 32. cxd5+ wins everything. ♚

## YOUTH CHESS

### Novel Chess Festival Provides Promotional Idea

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A unique chess festival in Berkeley, California gave 100 elementary school students a unique introduction to competitive chess — by pitting their skills against an impressive array of city officials and other players. Not only did this exhibition earn welcome publicity for chess locally, but it also provides an idea that can be copied by youth programs large and small.

The key feature of the April 13 exhibition at Longfellow Intermediate School was the participation of 26 adult players, including Berkeley mayor Eugene Newport, gourmet chef Narsai David, sculptor Martin Metal, City Manager Dan Boggan, and Alta Bates Hospital director Dr. John Jauregui, plus a number of local school officials, businessmen, and chess personalities (such as highly rated woman player Karen Street).

Tables were arranged in a U-shape in the school's auditorium; balloons bearing the adult player's name flew over each table. The adults took on one or more children simultaneously, with experienced players competing against as many as a dozen or more children.

The children won 12 games against their formidable opponents. It was a terrific show, with great media coverage. And because many of the parents were present, it was an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to them the value of chess.



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San Francisco chess coach Elizabeth Shaughnessy (shown here with one of her top students, son Stephen) is responsible for putting on the unique Berkeley exhibition. Shaughnessy, a former Irish women's champion, gives free lessons at three area schools. "I wouldn't have guessed it," she told a reporter, "but teaching chess to kids opened up a new world for me. I was amazed at what chess could do for the children, especially troubled, problem kids. I see them gaining self-esteem and learning that they can be winners. There are no discipline problems in the chess classes."

Youth programs everywhere can adapt this idea. Though it requires much planning and work, the satisfaction of success is well worth the effort. You need not start with 100 children; 20 or more will do. The key to success is the involvement of as many city authorities and personalities as possible. This not only draws the local media, but also provides a great deal of inspiration to the kids. Imagine being able to brag to friends that you beat the chief of police!

Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Northern California coordinator for the U.S. Chess Trust's Chess for Youth Program, did an outstanding job in arranging this event.

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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Ft. Worth Offers Non-Stop Chess and Non-Stop Fun

The 1984 U.S. Open, scheduled for August 4-12, is the perfect vacation for dedicated chessplayers and their families.

In addition to nine rounds of tournament competition under the new, shorter format, there will be chess-oriented activities available on an almost non-stop basis. The night before the tournament itself opens, Friday August 3, registration will begin, and to warm everyone up for the tournament, while registration continues, grandmaster Ron Henley, the first GM from Texas, will give a simultaneous exhibition. Sunday, August 5, beginning at noon, Walter Browne, six-time U.S. champion, will give a simultaneous. He is offering choices of his many fine international chess bulletins as prizes to anyone who can win or draw against him. GM Browne doesn't expect to hand out many bulletins. Let's show him he's wrong!

A special tandem simul will be given by GM Dmitry Gurevich and international master Sergey Kudrin, who will alternate moves but cannot confer with each other. Be sure to play in this one; it is going to be a lot of fun! If you can't beat one super player, maybe you can beat two!

Two days will be devoted to a special daytime tournament — the U.S. Speed Championship, to determine the country's best 5-minute player.

There will be lectures by famous GMs, especially Lev Alburt, who will comment on games in progress by the leading players. Students of the game can purchase the most up-to-date chess publications from the well-equipped book store operated by American Chess Promotions. Anyone who wants to spend every waking moment on chess can do so.

For those who want to get away from chess for a while, or for those family members who want to go on vacation with the family chessplayer but would rather spend at least part of their time doing something else, there are numerous other activities planned. There will be shows, guided tours of



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Gerard DeBreu (right) had his hands full against his young opponent at the Berkeley chess exhibition. In fact, DeBreu, who hadn't played much chess in 40 years, lost. That's understandable, since the 1983 Nobel Prize winner in economics has had other things on his mind of late.