

1978 U.S. JUNIOR OPEN
July 31--August 4

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| 1 | SETRAWAN, YASSER | WA | 2466 + | 2480 | W23 | W36 | W16 | W12 | W-2 | W-5 | D-4 | W-8 | 7.5 |
| 2 | DONALDSON, JOHN W | CA | 2311 = | 2311 | W38 | W21 | W-7 | W26 | L-1 | D10 | W-9 | D-3 | 6.0 |
| 3 | BURRIS, ERIC W | CA | 2274 - | 2262 | D39 | W67 | W50 | L-5 | W25 | W20 | W24 | D-2 | 6.0 |
| 4 | AYYAR, RAJAN R | CA | 2271 - | 2264 | W41 | W30 | W18 | D14 | D-8 | W-7 | D-1 | D-5 | 6.0 |
| 5 | TANGBORN, ERIC | WA | 2191 + | 2217 | W51 | D28 | W31 | W-3 | W-9 | L-1 | W10 | D-4 | 6.0 |
| 6 | WIDDISON, KIRK A | OR | 2035 - | 2026 | W42 | W13 | L26 | W36 | W14 | W18 | L-8 | W22 | 6.0 |
| 7 | RIDDERBUSCH, RUSSE | WA | 1845 + | 1895 | W56 | W40 | L-2 | W58 | W21 | L-4 | W19 | W15 | 6.0 |
| 8 | HERZOG, JUERG | FO | 0 | 2215 | W27 | W29 | W34 | D-9 | D-4 | W11 | W-6 | L-1 | 6.0 |
| 9 | HURDLE, JR ROBERT | CA | 2107 + | 2108 | W52 | W20 | W17 | D-8 | L-5 | W14 | L-2 | W30 | 5.5 |
| 10 | LOMER, SPENCER R | AZ | 1998 - | 1990 | W66 | W19 | L14 | W37 | W26 | D-2 | L-5 | W32 | 5.5 |
| 11 | MC GEARY, BILL H | WA | 1971 - | 1960 | W49 | L31 | W39 | W22 | W48 | L-8 | D20 | W28 | 5.5 |
| 12 | LAMB, JAMES R | AZ | 1894 + | 1905 | W55 | W58 | W22 | L-1 | D28 | D34 | W21 | D13 | 5.5 |
| 13 | LINDHOLM, RICK | OR | 1664/24+1701 | W63 | L-6 | L55 | W59 | W33 | W57 | W34 | D12 | 5.5 | |
| 14 | ZICK, DAVID | WA | 1477/15+1631 | W45 | W35 | W10 | D-4 | L-6 | L-9 | W27 | W24 | 5.5 | |
| 15 | WHARTON, WILLIAM A | AZ | 2071 - | 2004 | W53 | L22 | W40 | L28 | W65 | W31 | W17 | L-7 | 5.0 |
| 16 | EDWARDS, MATTHEW B | WA | 1789 - | 1782 | W60 | W57 | L-1 | W19 | L20 | L22 | W41 | W38 | 5.0 |
| 17 | RUBIN, DAVID E | IL | 1742 + | 1765 | W68 | W59 | L-9 | W55 | D34 | W28 | L15 | D23 | 5.0 |
| 18 | HAWKES, ROBERT J | FO | 1734 + | 1765 | W61 | W33 | L-4 | W29 | W57 | L-6 | D23 | D20 | 5.0 |
| 19 | SCHOFFSTOLL, KARL | OR | 1668 + | 1695 | W71 | L10 | W61 | L16 | W54 | W26 | L-7 | W34 | 5.0 |
| 20 | SIMKIN, ANDY | WA | 1612 + | 1690 | W75 | L-9 | W43 | W31 | W16 | L-3 | D11 | D18 | 5.0 |
| 21 | LAIRD, C LYNDON | TX | 1570 + | 1647 | W80 | L-2 | W66 | W47 | L-7 | W48 | L12 | W39 | 5.0 |
| 22 | DARLING, LANCE F | OR | 1558 + | 1664 | W72 | W15 | L12 | L11 | W52 | W16 | W39 | L-6 | 5.0 |
| 23 | LEONG, TEDDY | OR | 1541 + | 1662 | L-1 | W68 | D24 | D49 | W36 | W47 | D18 | D17 | 5.0 |
| 24 | CONNER, SAM K | VA | 1913 - | 1864 | D67 | D39 | D23 | W50 | W53 | W51 | L-3 | L14 | 4.5 |
| 25 | ROBERTSON, MATTHEW | CA | 1898 - | 1833 | L59 | W78 | D53 | W56 | L-3 | W55 | L32 | W51 | 4.5 |
| 26 | VITKO, GREG L | OR | 1792 - | 1787 | W79 | W70 | W-6 | L-2 | L10 | L19 | W43 | D33 | 4.5 |
| 27 | YAMANAKA, KEITH | WA | 1743 - | 1702 | L-8 | W62 | L44 | D60 | W45 | W49 | L14 | W52 | 4.5 |
| 28 | ERWIN, DANIEL | CA | 1733 + | 1764 | W74 | D-5 | D48 | W15 | D12 | L17 | W37 | L11 | 4.5 |
| 29 | NARVER, GREG | WA | 1702 - | 1685 | W69 | L-8 | W42 | L18 | D49 | L39 | W65 | W50 | 4.5 |
| 30 | MARTIN, LENNY C | OR | 1621 + | 1644 | W54 | L-4 | W33 | L34 | D51 | W53 | W50 | L-9 | 4.5 |
| 31 | HOLM, MARK L | ID | 1593 + | 1624 | W64 | W11 | L-5 | L20 | W42 | L15 | D52 | W53 | 4.5 |
| 32 | BONCATO, RAYMOND S | CA | 1527 - | 1517 | L70 | W54 | D56 | L53 | W78 | W44 | W25 | L10 | 4.5 |
| 33 | HEYS, BILL | WA | 1324/18+1467 | W47 | L18 | L30 | W64 | L13 | W35 | W57 | D26 | 4.5 | |
| 34 | EIK, STEVEN R | ND | 1824 - | 1789 | W43 | W37 | L-8 | W30 | D17 | D12 | L13 | L19 | 4.0 |
| 35 | FARGES, YVES | FO | 1791/5- | 1622 | W44 | L14 | W52 | L57 | L39 | L33 | W75 | W60 | 4.0 |
| 36 | HAYDEN, CHARLES D | TX | 1681 - | 1658 | W78 | L-1 | W51 | L-6 | L23 | W59 | D45 | D40 | 4.0 |
| 37 | GUPTON, GREGORY M | WA | 1582/5- | 1543 | W76 | L34 | W59 | L10 | D55 | W56 | L28 | D45 | 4.0 |
| 38 | STAPP, KEN | AZ | 1574 - | 1567 | L-2 | W69 | L47 | L54 | W74 | W70 | W48 | L16 | 4.0 |
| 39 | FERGUSON, BOBBY | WA | 1483 + | 1560 | D-3 | D24 | L11 | W79 | W35 | W29 | L22 | L21 | 4.0 |
| 40 | SLYE, DAHON | OR | 1457/11+1485 | W77 | L-7 | L15 | W62 | D69 | D65 | D47 | D36 | 4.0 | |
| 41 | PROTHERO, JERRY | WA | 1429/15-1421 | L-4 | L63 | W73 | W61 | L47 | W78 | L16 | W62 | 4.0 | |
| 42 | MANN, KEN | IL | 1427 + | 1428 | L-6 | W80 | L29 | W70 | L31 | L45 | W56 | W63 | 4.0 |
| 43 | RUDOLPH, ALEXEY W | WA | 1341 + | 1345 | L34 | W76 | L20 | L45 | W75 | W46 | L26 | W65 | 4.0 |
| 44 | OSSIANDER, III GLE | WA | 1262/24+1331 | L35 | W82 | W27 | L48 | L58 | L32 | W70 | W57 | 4.0 | |
| 45 | SCHWARTZ, MICHAEL | WA | 0 | 1460 | L14 | L60 | W74 | W43 | L27 | W42 | D36 | D37 | 4.0 |
| 46 | ZURYBIDA, PAUL | WA | 0 | 1208 | L50 | L61 | B-- | L78 | W79 | L43 | W59 | W67 | 4.0 |
| 47 | POINTON, TIM D | NV | 1964 - | 1889 | L33 | W79 | W38 | L21 | W41 | L23 | D40 | --- | 3.5 |
| 48 | UMFLEET, STEVEN | OR | 1637 - | 1605 | W62 | D50 | D28 | W44 | L11 | L21 | L38 | D55 | 3.5 |
| 49 | MARCAL, JOSE M | CA | 1563 + | 1553 | L11 | D65 | W70 | D23 | D29 | L27 | D55 | D54 | 3.5 |
| 50 | KLEIN, LAWRENCE G | CA | 1541 - | 1536 | W46 | D48 | L-3 | L24 | W60 | W69 | L30 | L29 | 3.5 |
| 51 | MARCAL, PEDRO V | CA | 1503 + | 1505 | L-5 | W64 | L36 | W68 | D30 | L24 | W69 | L25 | 3.5 |
| 52 | ENOCH, DAVID | KS | 1469 + | 1475 | L-9 | W75 | L35 | W63 | L22 | W54 | D31 | L27 | 3.5 |
| 53 | MONOHON, BRYON | WA | 1420 + | 1452 | L15 | W74 | D25 | W32 | L24 | L30 | W67 | L31 | 3.5 |
| 54 | SION, MICHAEL | WA | 1302/21+1323 | L30 | L32 | W77 | W38 | L19 | L52 | W73 | D49 | 3.5 | |
| 55 | AMBLER, DENNIS | WA | 1295 + | 1369 | L12 | W77 | W13 | L17 | D37 | L25 | D49 | D48 | 3.5 |
| 56 | DANIEL, DEAN C | CA | 1290 + | 1320 | L-7 | W72 | D32 | L25 | W66 | L37 | L42 | W69 | 3.5 |
| 57 | ALONZO, JAMES | WA | 1543/20-1507 | W82 | L16 | W63 | W35 | L18 | L13 | L33 | L44 | 3.0 | |
| 58 | JOHNSON, CRAIG | OR | 1520 + | 1546 | W65 | L12 | W60 | L-7 | W44 | --- | --- | --- | 3.0 |
| 59 | BRANDT-ERICHSEN, S | AK | 1310 + | 1315 | W25 | L17 | L37 | L13 | W72 | L36 | L46 | W75 | 3.0 |
| 60 | BRANDT-ERICHSEN, S | AK | 1271 + | 1299 | L16 | W45 | L58 | D27 | L50 | D63 | W71 | L35 | 3.0 |
| 61 | JEWELL, MARK | WA | 1190/22-1178 | L18 | W46 | L19 | L41 | L73 | D62 | W78 | D64 | 3.0 | |
| 62 | WEST, CHESTER C | WA | 1169/5- | 1168 | L48 | L27 | W80 | L40 | D63 | D61 | W72 | L41 | 3.0 |
| 63 | ABERS, ERIK A | WA | 0 | 1314 | L13 | W41 | L57 | L52 | D62 | D60 | W66 | L42 | 3.0 |
| 64 | KOKIN, LEONID | WA | 0 | 1155 | L31 | L51 | D78 | L33 | L67 | W76 | W74 | D61 | 3.0 |
| 65 | REED, MIKE | WA | 0 | 1518 | L58 | D49 | W67 | W66 | L15 | D40 | L29 | L43 | 3.0 |
| 66 | SCALF, TODD | OR | 1351 - | 1303 | L10 | W71 | L21 | L65 | L56 | W-- | L63 | D70 | 2.5 |
| 67 | TE SELLE, CHRIS JO | CA | 1337 - | 1304 | D24 | L-3 | L65 | L69 | W64 | W73 | L53 | L46 | 2.5 |
| 68 | KLEINBERG, DAINIS | WA | 634/5 + | 747 | L17 | L23 | W72 | L51 | L70 | L75 | W80 | D73 | 2.5 |
| 69 | BLASER, RAY S | OR | 0 | 1280 | L29 | L38 | W71 | W67 | D40 | L50 | L51 | L56 | 2.5 |
| 70 | LEE, WEE-WON | WA | 0 | 1260 | W32 | L26 | L49 | L42 | W68 | L38 | L44 | D66 | 2.5 |
| 71 | MONOHON, SHARRON | WA | 0 | 1004 | L19 | L66 | L69 | L74 | W77 | W80 | L60 | D72 | 2.5 |
| 72 | SUNSERI, MIKE | OR | 0 | 974 | L22 | L56 | L68 | W80 | L59 | W74 | L62 | D71 | 2.5 |
| 73 | HADLEY, CHRIS | WA | 0 | 1042 | --- | --- | --- | B-- | W61 | L67 | L54 | D68 | 2.5 |
| 74 | BRAGG, DAVID R | CA | 0 | 1081 | L28 | L53 | L45 | W71 | L38 | L72 | L64 | W78 | 2.0 |
| 75 | CAMPBELL, JAMES W | OR | 0 | 1101 | L20 | L52 | L41 | W77 | L43 | W68 | L35 | L59 | 2.0 |
| 76 | DAY, MATTHEW D | WA | 0 | 893 | L37 | L43 | L79 | L-- | L80 | L64 | W77 | B-- | 2.0 |
| 77 | SCHMIDT, GREGORY A | WA | 0 | 871 | L40 | L55 | L54 | L75 | L71 | B-- | L76 | W80 | 2.0 |
| 78 | ANDERSON, GRANT | WA | 928/13+ 943 | L36 | L25 | D64 | W46 | L32 | L41 | L61 | L74 | 1.5 | |
| 79 | CLARKE, JEFF J | WA | 1223/15-1196 | L26 | L47 | W76 | L39 | L46 | L66 | --- | --- | --- | 1.0 |
| 80 | DAWSON, THOMAS L | OR | 0 | 785 | L21 | L42 | L62 | L72 | W76 | L71 | L68 | L77 | 1.0 |
| 81 | LAWRENCE, DANIEL | OR | 1109/4 = | 1109 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | .0 |
| 82 | TURNER, MONTE L | CA | 0 | 868 | L57 | L44 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | .0 |

Tied players are listed in order of pre-tournament ratings.

NORTHWEST SHOWS HIGH CLASS IN U.S. JR OPEN!

Except for Yasser Seirawan who by now is recognized as being in a class by himself, rating for rating our Northwest Juniors showed their overall superiority against other players of the same 100-point rating groups from elsewhere around the country. And remember, the players who TRAVEL long distances to the tournaments are usually better than those with the same ratings who stay home.

In the 6-2 group, you have Donaldson, 2300, so no one to compare him with, and we didn't have any 2200's to match Burris and Ayyar. Of the two 2100's in the tournament, Tangborn was a half-point ahead of Hurdle and also promoted himself to USCF Master! Of the two 2000-rateds, Widdison scored a full point ahead of Wharton. And only one Northwest 1800-rated, Ridderbusch, made six points, ahead of three others.

In the five-and-a-half group, McGeary matches Lower, so that's a standoff. The top 1600-rated is, you will note, Lindholm, and the top 1400-rated is Zick. Note that Zick jumped to the 1600's!

Three of the four age-group trophies were won by Northwest players: 15: David Zick of Bothell, Washington; 14: Jerry Prothero of Mercer Island, Washington; 13: Bobby Ferguson of Seattle, Washington; and 12 - Pedro V. Marcal of Palo Alto, California.

Conclusion: positive proof (again) that the Northwest players are under-rated.

The Northwest also dominated the cash prize list:

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| Yasser Seirawan, Seattle, WA | \$250.00 |
| John Donaldson, Seattle, WA | 81.42 |
| Rajan R. Ayyar, California | 81.42 |
| Eric Tangborn, Tacoma, WA | 81.42 |
| Eric W. Burris, California | 81.42 |
| Kirk Widdison, Beaverton, OR | 81.42 |
| Russ Ridderbusch, Lynnwood, WA | 81.42 |
| Juerg Herzog, Bern Switzerland | 81.42 |
| David Zick, Bothell, WA | 60.00 |
| Bill Heys, Seattle, WA | 60.00 |
| Michael Sion, Seattle, WA | 60.00 |

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| Results: Northwest | \$755.28 |
| California | 162.84 |
| Foreign | 81.42 |

On the initial prize list, both Teddy Leong and Karl Schoffstoll were erroneously listed as tied for Class C and each received a \$30 check (not USCF's fault). It is also too late to correct the report that was sent to CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW. Karl pointed out the mistake at the Oregon Open and, as I write this, we are trying to recover the money and give the full \$60 to David Zick. The original wallcharts were sent to the USCF and it is impossible to determine how the mistake actually occurred. However, this is one very good argument for all prizes being paid right at the tournament, because potential prize-winners will doublecheck all results and help you keep it straight!

DURING THE TOURNAMENT

The players' meeting was held at 6 PM, Monday, July 31. The last move in round 8 was played at approximately 2:15 PM, Friday, August 4. The entire schedule had to be readjusted due to the locking up of the playing site at 10 PM every night, a fact not known before the submission deadline for the USCF ad in CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW. John Donaldson had a midday class and was handicapped by the schedule change, possibly costing him two half-points in reduced concentration. Had we used a commercial or hotel site, we would have paid a far higher cash price for the site but the schedule would have been dependable from the start. Depends on what you want. Donaldson, for example, was one of the WCF Officers who voted against the Tacoma site where we would not have had the schedule problem.

In general, the tournament was over-supervised. We had three full-fledged directors, when we only needed two. So we took turns not being there. Main disagreement was leaving chess sets and boards (paid for by the WCF) in the walled-off and mostly un-supervised skittles room. Koltanowski said

we should provide sets. I felt that the players should use their own. And, of course, there were college students and dozens of others who were not in the tournament playing skittles. In the end, we lost seven sets. Some people say, "That's not bad." I say, "It was unnecessary!"

In Round Four, the top pairings were:

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|----------------|----|---|---------------|----|
| Lamb (3) | 0 | - | Seirawan (3) | 1 |
| Vitko (3) | 0 | - | Donaldson (3) | 1 |
| Zick (3) | .5 | - | Ayyar (3) | .5 |
| Herzog (3) | .5 | - | Hurdle (3) | .5 |
| Tangborn (2.5) | 1 | - | Burris (2.5) | 0 |

David Zick was the outstanding 15-year-old of the tournament, and the only player to win both the age trophy and the Class prize, plus gaining a hefty 154 USCF rating points. If Dave continues improvement at this rate, he could become one of the newest chess finds of the Northwest!

In Round Six:

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| Tangborn (4.5) | 0 | - | Seirawan (5) | 1 |
| Ayyar (4) | 1 | - | Ridderbusch (4) | 0 |
| Donaldson (4) | .5 | - | Lower (4) | .5 |
| Hawkes (4) | 0 | - | Widdison (4) | 1 |
| McGeary (4) | 0 | - | Herzog (4) | 1 |

The top players mostly did not turn in their games, so they are unavailable for this article. They will probably show up in this and other chess publications around the country. Tangborn has an acknowledged inferiority complex with regard to Seirawan and will probably lose to him as long as he lives. Anytime they are paired up, the result seems foregone.

In Round Seven:

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| Seirawan (6) | .5 | - | Ayyar (5) | .5 |
| Herzog (5) | 1 | - | Widdison (5) | 0 |
| Hurdle (4.5) | 0 | - | Donaldson (4.5) | 1 |
| Conner (4.5) | 0 | - | Burris (4.5) | 1 |
| Lower (4.5) | 0 | - | Tangborn (4.5) | 1 |

This was Yasser's only draw but notwithstanding, his final score is the best in the past several years for the U.S. Junior Open, perhaps even further back! Yasser is, I believe, the only reigning Junior Champion ever to compete in and win the Junior Open. It wasn't the prestige or rating points! He needed the bucks for the World Junior Closed in Austria!

And the final Round Eight:

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|-----------------|----|---|----------------|----|
| Herzog (6) | 0 | - | Seirawan (6.5) | 1 |
| Donaldson (5.5) | .5 | - | Burris (5.5) | .5 |
| Tangborn (5.5) | .5 | - | Ayyar (5.5) | .5 |
| Ridderbusch (5) | 1 | - | Wharton (5) | 0 |
| Widdison (5) | 1 | - | Darling (5) | 0 |
| Lamb (5) | .5 | - | Lindholm (5) | .5 |

Another under-rated Northwest player, Rick Lindholm, scored 90 percent in his last five rounds. As this is being written, Rick is back at an Eastern college - no doubt he will show up at the national Intercollegiate Championship in December!

What about those predictions in the June 1978 issue? Numbers-wise, we were way off, but not people-wise. Yasser did win. Donaldson and Tangborn were in a seven-way tie for second. Vitko got a plus score. Bobby Ferguson didn't, but he did win the age 13 trophy. Alexey Rudolph won the girl's trophy, losing out on the age trophy only by tie-breaking points. Sharon Monohon, playing in her first tournament, won the 2nd girl's trophy (this was of course not part of the prediction!).

MARTIN E. MORRISON AND U.S. CHESS FEDERATION

Bid negotiations for this tournament began with a preliminary letter, dated 13 April 1977, from Martin Morrison, Executive Director of the U.S. Chess Federation. Morrison was an Executive in title only; dealing with him was like dealing with a clerk who could only quote the "book" and who showed no flexibility whatsoever in the negotiations. He wanted his way and he got it, and in the end the USCF paid - to the tune of approximately \$2,000 deficit, when you count in Koltanowski's plane fare and hotel bill. What were the points of difference between the USCF and the WCF?

In May 1977, I tried to persuade Morrison that early June or late August was a better time for the tournament, to avoid possible conflict for college students who would be on summer schedule. His reply referred to east coast (!) schools which had students in extended session through June due to snow days the previous winter. Result: WCF yielded. How many east-coasters came? One, from Virginia.

In August 1977, I wrote: "I was dismayed to learn that Las Cruces, New Mexico had only 95 entries for the 1977 U.S. Junior Open tournament. What happened? It almost killed our interest in the bid." And, "We would also like to know if the tournament can be directed by our own staff, or will we have the extra expense of an outside tournament director?"

Morrison replied that the lateness of the 1977 bid was the probable reason for the low turnout. Even though I knew in my heart that Morrison was actually an amateur rule-maker without the proper level of professional experience in the evaluation of the chess environment, I slipped in my own judgement and uncritically accepted what he said as the "reason."

On the other point, Morrison said we had to have a National Tournament Director that would be appointed by the USCF National Office and that that person probably would appoint us as his assistants (but he didn't have to).

In the meantime, meetings were regularly held with members of the WCF Junior Open Committee. We still had not accepted the USCF terms and were trying to influence Morrison in the direction of change.

In early February 1978, Morrison claimed that the USCF Policy Board required that "a National TD must direct a National Tournament." Of course, Morrison did not mention that he himself was personally responsible for the creation of that rule. Probably thought he was fooling us.

In late February, we submitted the WCF bid. It eliminated the so-called "free entry to the U.S. Open" and instead beefed up the cash prizes to \$350-\$200-\$150-\$100. We also proposed that the entry fee be raised to \$15 advance and \$20 at the site. The WCF declined to make a financial donation but agreed to guarantee \$1,100.00 to the extent that it was not covered by the entry fees.

In March, Morrison replied that the USCF would not allow us to make any changes in the tournament prize or entry fee structure. He also advised the WCF to change our guarantee to "cover any loss." Morrison was incredibly naive, but his one-sided demands were apparently based on his experience with other tournament organizers whom I have spoken to at other national tournaments around the country. No one I ever talked to admitted that they had ever experienced any flexibility in their tournament negotiations with Martin Morrison. In our reply, the WCF refused to guarantee loss against income "because that would give the USCF a blank check against expenses."

In April, Morrison again asked the WCF to provide a guarantee against loss. Since we were not permitted to modify the structure of the event nor to use our own directors, we refused. In a telephone call on April 10, I cancelled WCF's previous bid and substituted instead that the WCF would donate (pay for) the University of Washington playing site, which ultimately cost us \$114.88, thanks to last-minute room cancellations I made when I realized that the turnout would not be the 200 we had planned for. The USCF would be financially responsible for the rest, but I warned Morrison that there was a possibility of a loss. He replied that "The USCF expected to lose money" as a sort of donation to Junior chess, which I thought was a hellava justification for his actions.

I also got a copy of the USCF letter to Koltanowski, which guaranteed his plane fare, \$15 per diem, and \$360 TD fee. This meant about \$700 added to overall costs. I do not fault the payment of a TD, if he is needed. But, the point is, the WCF originally offered to direct the tournament for free!

In late July, the USCF notified me that six advance entries had been returned because they had been received after the July 17th deadline. Note that the deadline was TWO WEEKS BEFORE the tournament and the USCF does not permit the local people to accept advance entries after that date. Of those six, two did not come (one from California, one from Seattle).

Only at the end did I realize that those small changes we wanted to make in the tournament entry fee and prize structure and having our own directing staff would not have made a big difference in the low turnout. Except that the WCF would have shared in the loss, BUT that loss would have been \$1,000 smaller (no National TD fees and Mike Thomas and I would have directed for free). No, the reason for the low turnout was beyond our control. Let's look at the history of the event:

| YEAR | TOTAL | LOCATION | USCF MEMBERSHIP |
|------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1974 | 201 | Lancaster, PA | PA-3000; MD-1500; NY-6000 |
| 1975 | 145 | San Diego, CA | CA-7000 |
| 1976 | 148 | Storra, CT | CT-1100; MA-2400; NY-6000 |
| 1977 | 95 | Las Cruces, NM | NM-400; TX-2000 |
| 1978 | 80 | Seattle, WA | WA-550; OR-450; ID-100 |

On a per capita basis, Dr. Lindsay F. Phillips in 1977 probably had the best turnout, with 35 from New Mexico, 27 from Texas and 33 from elsewhere. Connecticut (1976) had only 36 from its own state, 27 from New York, 20 from Massachusetts and 65 from elsewhere.

Seattle this year had 34 from Washington, 16 from Oregon and 30 from elsewhere. Had I made this analysis ahead of time and not relied on Morrison's superficial opinion, I would have been able to more accurately predict the probable turnout for the 1978 U.S. Junior Open. Live and learn!

The reason for the low turnout that Morrison could not know (ivory tower complex) and that I should have realized is that teenage Juniors, like their counterpart adults, are highly job-conscious and cannot easily take a week off work to play in a tournament in which the class prizes (even if they win) are too low to offset the loss in pay, plus the risk of losing the job due to a prolonged absence during the summer months when there is high competition from other Juniors who are looking for work.

If I were to structure the Junior Open again, I would give consideration to a seven day tournament, as follows: Monday through Friday, one round a day with a night round option for those who have jobs. Saturday, two rounds (everyone together); Sunday, final round. Sure, this would play hell with the USCF swiss system pairing rules, especially in the first five rounds, but do you want a good turnout or do you want to follow the rules which were made to fit the needs and the chess environment of a different generation? Wake up, USCF!

Robert A. Karch
Chief Assistant Director

ROUND 4; White: José M. Marcal (1400) Calif
Black: Teddy Leong (1448) Astoria, Oregon

1 P04 NKB3 2 P0B4 PK4 Budapest Gambit, a typical shock-tactic attempt used by the young rising players. 3 PxP NKN5 4 BB4 NQB3 5 PK4 N5xKP 6 NKB3 BN5+ 7 QO2 QK2 8 POR3 BxN+ 9 BxB PQ3 10 BK2 NxN+ The attacking player should not so willingly exchange off his developed pieces. Castling or bringing out remaining Bishop was better. 11 BxN BK3 12 PQN3 00 13 00 NQ5 14 BB3 NxB+ 15 QxN QRN1
Another idea was 15...QRQ1, intending ...PQ and ...PQ4. 16 QN3 PKB3 Or 16...PKB4 intending either to open the f-file or ...PKB5 w/ Kingside pressure. 17 BQ4 POR3 18 QRQ1 PQB 19 PB5! BxP? Oversight. What is surprising that Black will survive this and get a draw 20 QxB+ KR1 21 PxP PxB 22 KRK1 KRK1 23 PB3 QO2 24 KRQ1 QRQ1 25 QO5 RxB 26 RxB RQB1 27 RxB+ QxR 28 QxQP? QB8+ 29 KB2 QO7+ 30 KN3 QN4+ 31 KB2 QO7+ 32 KB1 QO8+ 33 KB2 QO7+ 34 KN3 QN4+ 35 KR3 QR4+ 36 KN3 QN4+ Draw. And

so, one of the Blitzmasters from Oregon demonstrates his alertness and forces a draw by repetition!

ROUND 5: White: Kirk A. Widdison (1946) Beaverton, Oregon; Black: David Zick (1477) Bothell, Washington

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 ed cd 6 Nc3 g6 7 Be2 Bg7 8 h3 This move means that Black will not be able to develop the Queen Bishop outside his pawn chain. 8...Nc6 9 Nf3 00 10 Be3 (14 minutes total time) a6 (8 minutes) 11 b3 Qc7 More vigorous is 11...e5. White would be forced to either castle or close the center with d5, since he could not risk leaving his King exposed on a central file. After 11...e5 12 d5 Ne7 Black continues ...f5 with excellent Kingside prospects. 12 Rcl e6 13 Qd2 Rd8 14 Bh6 Bh8 15 h4 (46) Ne7 (33) 16 h5 (59) Nf5 (36) 17 Bg5 Re8 18 q4 Ne7 White has achieved a reasonably good Kingside attack. Black's best counterchance is to advance a center pawn and attempt to open a file, even sacrificing a piece if necessary, to expose the White King. 19 Qf4 e5! 20 Qh2 (1:09) You can see that White has been thoughtful over his last few moves. But White's King on e1 can give Black an opportunity... 20...Nc6 (43) In this critical situation, Black spends too little time. The missed opportunity was 20...ed 21 Nd4 Bg4! 22 Bg4 Bd4. Black has the correct idea, though, in that he threatens to open the e-file. 21 Nd5 Nd5 22 cd ed 23 hq! fg The Black Queen is tied to the defense of h7. 24 Kf1 Here, Black might have considered 24...Re2 25 Ke2 d3+ 26 Kd3 Nb4+ 27 Kd2 Qf7 etc. 24...Bg4 25 Qg3 White releases the pressure on h7 and allows Black a counterchance... 25...d3? Which Black misses. Best is 25...Re2 etc, mentioned above, that is now even better for Black because his Queen Rook is out. 26 Bd3 Bf3 27 Qf3 Ne5 Better 27...Rf8 and no exchange of Queens. In the game, a White Rook on the 7th rank is strong medicine! 28 Rc7 Nf3 29 Be3 Bg7 30 Be2 Ne5 31 Rb7 Re8 32 Rb8+ Rb8 Material is nearly balanced but Black's a6 pawn cannot be protected. 33 Rh4 (1:29) Nd7 (1:21) 34 Ra4 Nf6 35 Ra6 Nd5? Probably a time pressure oversight, but Black has no reasonable alternative that would equalize. 36 Bc4 Black resigns.

ROUND 7: White: Chris J. TeSelle (1337) Calif; Black: Bryon Monohon (1420) Raymond, Washington

1 PQB4 PK3 2 NQB3 PKB4 Dutch Defense, giving Black a lockgrip on e4. 3 PKN3 NKB3 4 BN2 BK2 5 PK3 The White Queen Bishop has no foreseeable future if the way out remains blocked with pawns. 5 ...00 6 PQ4 PQ3 7 KNK2 PK4! Black in-

vites an exchange of Queens that would leave him with a slightly better pawn center. White declines. 8 00 QK! This reminds me of a famous Alekhine attack with ...PKN4 and then the Black Queen gets behind with ...QKN3. 9 NQ5 NcN 10 BxN+ KR1 11 BN2 PKN4 12 NB3 PB3 Steinitz is given the credit for introducing the concept of making pawn moves that keep out the enemy Knight. Black shows good control by making this move before continuing the attack. 13 PK4? White cuts off his King Bishop plus unnecessarily adding to the force of Black's Kingside initiative. 13...PB5 14 PKN4 PKR4! I'm not sure that Black's position is ready for this yet, but opening up the h-file should logically favor the mobility of Black's pieces. 15 BB3 PKNP 16 BxNP QN3 17 PB3 NQ2 18 BxN BxB Black can now easily mobilize his forces for penetration along the h-file. 19 KR! After 19...KN2, Black could effectively double the Rooks with no escape for the White King. 19...BR6 20 KRN1 QR4 21 PxP PxP 22 QK2 QRQ1 23 PN3 BQB4 24 RQ1 PN5! 25 RxB RxB 26 PxB The situation for White is hopeless. He needed to have his Queen already on b2 to play the combination 26 BxP PxB 27 NQ5+ and 28 NB6+ winning the Black Queen on a Knight fork. But in the game itself, White has been on the mental defensive and he appears not to have been looking for any counterplay. 26... BxP White resigns.

ROUND 7: White: Greg C. Narver (1702) Seattle; Black: Mike Reed (None) Everett, Washington

1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 Qe2 00 6 h3 This prepares a Kingside pawn storm and keeps the Black Queen Bishop inside his own pawn chain. The latter seems to bother Black most and he allows his pieces to become congested through lack of orderly development. 6...c6 7 Nf3 Nbd2 8 Bd2 Ne8 Constant retreat can't help. 8...b5, ...a5 would give Black some space to maneuver on the Queenside. 9 a4 a5 10 000 e5 11 Be3 Qe7 12 de de 13 Qd2 Nc5 14 Qd8! Superb exploitation of the Black congestion, particularly the lack of communication between the Black Rooks. 14...Qd8 15 Rld8 Nd7 16 Rd1 Bf6 It seemed that the exchange of Rooks by 16...Nef6 was forced. 17 R1:d7 B:d8 18 R:d8 Nc7 19 R:f8+ K:f8 20 N:e5 Be6 21 B:e6 N:e6 22 Nc4 f6 23 q3 This frees the Bishop from guard duty on the f4 square. 23...c5 24 Nd5 Kq7 25 f4 h5 26 c3 Keeps the Black Knight off d4. 26...Rd8 27 N:a5 Ra8 28 N:b7 R:a4 29 N:c5 N:c5 30 B:c5 R:e4 31 Bd4 Kf7 32 N:f6! Black resigns. At the 1978 State High School Team Championship, Narver was Board One for Garfield and Reed was Board One for Cascade.

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| RANK | PLAYER | CITY, ETC. | RATG | EXPIRY | RD 1 | RD 2 | RD 3 | RD 4 | RD 5 | PTS | |
|------|-------------------|------------------|------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1 | BILL H. MCGEARY | SEATTLE, WA | 2066 | 12/78 | W | 2 | W | 17 | W | 5 | 5 |
| 2 | BILL HEYS | SEATTLE, WA | 1604 | 3/79 | L | 1 | W | 18 | W | 9 | 4 |
| 3 | CHARLES L. DITZEL | SEATTLE, WA | 1923 | 3/79 | D | 6 | W | 8 | W | 9 | 3.5 |
| 4 | NORMAN ABRAHAMSON | SEATTLE, WA | 1741 | 3/79 | D | 8 | W | 6 | W | 11 | 3.5 |
| 5 | MARK WILLEY | SEATTLE, WA | 1684 | 9/78 | W | 14 | W | 11 | L | 13 | 3 |
| 6 | JERROLD PROTHERO | MERCER ISLAND, W | 1516 | 12/78 | D | 3 | L | 4 | D | 8 | 3 |
| 7 | RICHARD E KING | SEATTLE, WA | 1572 | 11/79 | L | 11 | W | 14 | W | 17 | 3 |
| 8 | DENNIS AMBLER | EVERETT, WA | 1462 | 2/80 | D | 4 | L | 3 | D | 6 | 2.5 |
| 9 | TOM MAKENS | MUKILTEO, WA | 1479 | 7/79 | W | 19 | W | 15 | L | 3 | 2.5 |
| 10 | ATESER COSKUN | UNKNOWN, WA | UNR. | NEW | L | 7 | BYE | W | 18 | W | 3 |
| 11 | CHARLES POWRIE | SEATTLE, WA | 1856 | 1/79 | W | 7 | L | 5 | L | 4 | 2.5 |
| 12 | GREG FOWLER | SEATTLE, WA | 1397 | 7/79 | W | 15 | W | 16 | L | 13 | 2 |
| 13 | GARY BEERS | SEATTLE, WA | 1720 | 7/79 | W | 18 | L | 7 | BYE | W | 2 |
| 14 | JERRY SOLTIS | SEATTLE, WA | 1718 | 5/80 | L | 5 | L | 7 | BYE | L | 2 |
| 15 | MICHAEL DARBY | SEATTLE, WA | 1745 | 10/78 | L | 12 | L | 9 | L | F | 1.5 |
| 16 | STEPHEN A MAURICH | SEATTLE, WA | UNR. | 3/79 | L | 17 | L | 12 | L | F | 1.5 |
| 17 | GABE PATTERSON | SEATTLE, WA | 1656 | 11/78 | W | 16 | L | 12 | L | 7 | 1 |
| 18 | WALT ROGERS | SEATTLE, WA | UNR. | 6/79 | L | 13 | L | 2 | L | 10 | F |
| 19 | DAVID J. BARAN | SEATTLE, WA | 1676 | 2/79 | L | 9 | W/D | W/D | W/D | W/D | 0 |

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| 1 | ERIC TANGECFN | TACOMA, WA | 2302 | 9/75 | W | 17 | W | 15 | W | 11 | 5 |
| 2 | ROBERT A KARCH | SEATTLE, WA | 1703 | 12/80 | L | 15 | W | 17 | W | 13 | 4 |
| 3 | STEVE RUSSELL | PULLMAN, WA | 1457 | 7/75 | D | 4 | W | 16 | L | 10 | 4 |
| 4 | TOM MAKENS | MUKILTEO, WA | 1608 | 7/79 | D | 3 | W | 6 | D | 5 | 3.5 |
| 5 | DENNIS AMBLER | EVERETT, WA | 1511 | 2/80 | W | 18 | D | 10 | D | 4 | 3 |
| 6 | JOHN BURTON | TACOMA, WA | 1292 | 10/78 | W | 8 | L | 3 | W | 14 | 3 |
| 7 | DAVID J BUTLER | AUBURN, WA | 1702 | 9/78 | W | 13 | L | 11 | W | 15 | 3 |
| 8 | TOM POLL | SEATTLE, WA | 1142 | 7/75 | L | 6 | L | 12 | W | 17 | 3 |
| 9 | JEFF LEWERY | FEDERAL WAY, WA | 1774 | 3/79 | L | 16 | L | 13 | W | 18 | 3 |
| 10 | DAVID B. TEPLOW | SEATTLE, WA | 1791 | 10/78 | W | 14 | D | 5 | W | 3 | 2.5 |
| 11 | FLMER HOVFRMALK | TACOMA, WA | 1323 | 12/78 | W | 12 | W | 7 | L | 1 | 2 |
| 12 | JOHN WARD | TACOMA, WA | 1664 | 2/79 | L | 11 | W | 8 | W | 16 | 2 |
| 13 | CHRIS KAPROSKI | GRANITE FALLS, W | 1716 | 2/75 | L | 7 | W | 9 | L | 2 | 2 |
| 14 | ROBERT F. MCGUFFY | SEATTLE, WA | 1447 | 11/79 | L | 10 | W | 18 | L | 6 | 2 |
| 15 | ALEX FUELLPH | SEATTLE, WA | 2432 | 11/78 | W | 2 | L | 1 | L | 7 | 2 |
| 16 | JACK J WISHP | SMITHSON, WA | 1739 | 3/79 | W | 9 | L | 4 | L | 12 | 1.5 |
| 17 | JACK J WISHP | SEATTLE, WA | 1742 | 10/78 | L | 2 | L | 2 | L | 8 | 0 |
| 18 | ED STODDARD | SEATTLE, WA | 1748 | 1/79 | L | 5 | L | 14 | L | 9 | 0 |