

Schwarz Breaks Through at EBCC Swiss

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Tournament Winner Danil Schwarz

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16-year old Daniel Schwarz appears close to earning the National Master title! He certainly took a huge step in that direction as he defeated two masters in succession to come from behind and win the open section of the East Bay Chess Club October Swiss outright with 3.5/4. It was one of the stronger tournaments the club has held, with 5 masters, and a first round rating cut at 2000.

But it was expert Schwarz who took the event after defeating the leading (3/3) NM Andy Lee in the last round with Bishop and Knight versus 4 pawns (I have heard of players as strong as IM failing to perform the B+N mate in US tournaments). Considering the strength of the event, the three masters finishing in 2nd-4th at 3/4, Lee, Ben Dean-Kawamura, and Nicholas Yap, can be quite satisfied with their results. The Under-2000 prize was split by Sam Shankland (who scored a nice win versus a master) and Louiza Livschitz, both of whom finished with 2.5/4. A pair of Daniel's and Sam's games are included in the writeup.

In the Under-1750 section, Greg Sarafian had to take a half-point bye, but he made up for it by showing no mercy to the three opponents he faced, allowing him to even grab sole first. Four others had great results, finishing right behind at 3: Carl Woebecke, Alex Lun, Nelson Sowell, and Kenneth Voss. Albert Starr led the tournament before falling in the last round to the winner. His 2.5 was still enough for top Under-1550 prize. Tyler Bard played well above his 1000 rating to score 2 points, tops Under-1350.

The swiss saw 35 players compete in two sections (open and under 1750). Roughly half of the participants were juniors, mostly from junior high or high school.

Next week, the East Bay Chess Club will be holding its Thanksgiving Chess Festival from November 25-27. The festival includes something for everyone: an open swiss for adults and high rated juniors, a scholastic tournament for lower rated juniors, a bughouse tournament and a simul by IM Vinay Bhat.

For more info on the Thanksgiving event and to signup, check out the club website and the online flyer at <http://www.eastbaychess.com/tourney/05/thanksgiving.html>.

Here are 4 games from the event:

D'Aloisio, T - Schwarz, D [A85]
EBCC October Swiss (3), 30.10.2005

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.e3 d6 7.d5 Qe8 8.Nge2 Na6 9.b3 Bd7 10.Bb2 c6 11.Rb1 Rb8 12.0-0 Nc7 13.Nd4 c5 14.Nf3 b5 15.Nd2 Qf7 16.Qe2 bxc4 17.bxc4 Rb4 18.Nb3 Rfb8 19.Ba3 R4b6 20.Na5 Qf8 21.Rxb6 Rxb6 22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.dxc6 e6 24.Nb5 Nxb5 25.cxb5 Ne8 26.Rb1 Nc7 27.Bb2 Bxb2 28.Rxb2 Qb8 29.Bf1 a6 30.a4 axb5 31.axb5 d5 32.e4 fxe4 33.f3 c4 34.fxe4 Rxb5 35.Ra2 Qb6+ 36.Kg2 c3 37.Qxb5 Nxb5 38.Bxb5 Kg7 White resigns 0-1

Schwarz, D - Lee, A [C18]
EBCC October Swiss (4), 30.10.2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 Bd7 12.Qd3 dxc3 13.Qxc3 0-0-0 14.Rb1 Kb8 15.Bd2 Bc8 16.g3 b6 17.a4 Bb7 18.Bg2 d4 19.Qc4 d3 20.cxd3 Nxe5 21.Qxc7+ Kxc7 22.fxe5 Bxg2 23.Rg1 Bc6 24.Bb4 Nf5 25.g4 Ne3 26.Bd6+ Kb7 27.h3 Bxa4 28.Nc3 Bc2 29.Rc1 Bxd3 30.Rg3 Nc4 31.Rxd3 Nxe5 32.Rdd1 Nxc4 33.hxg4 Rxg4 34.Ke2 a6 35.Be5 Rxd1 36.Rxd1 Kc6 37.Rd4 Rxd4 38.Bxd4 f5 39.Kd3 b5 40.Ne2 Kd6 41.Bc3 Kd5 42.Nf4+ Kd6 43.Bb4+ Ke5 44.Ke3 Kf6 45.Bc3+ e5 46.Nd5+ Ke6 47.Nc7+ Kd6 48.Nxa6 Kd5 49.Nc7+ Kd6 50.Nxb5+ Kc5 51.Na3 Kd5 52.Bb2 Ke6 53.Nc4 e4 54.Kf4 Kd5 55.Ne3+ Ke6 56.Bd4 Kd6 57.Kxf5 Kc6 58.Ke5 Kb5 59.Kd5 Ka6 60.Kxe4 Kb7 61.Kd5 Kc7 62.Nc4 Kb7 63.Be5 Ka7 64.Kc5 Kb7 65.Kb5 Ka7 66.Na5 Ka8 67.Bd4 Kb8 68.Kc6 Ka8 69.Nc4 Kb8 70.Nd6 Ka8 71.Ne8 Kb8 72.Nc7 Kc8 73.Ba7 Kd8 74.Nd5 Kc8 75.Ne7+ Kd8 76.Kd6 Ke8 77.Ke6 Kd8 78.Bb6+ Ke8 79.Ba5 Kf8 80.Nf5 Ke8 81.Ng7+ Kf8 82.Kf6 Kg8 83.Bb4 Kh7 84.Nf5 Kg8 85.Kg6 Kh8 86.Ba3 Kg8 87.Nh6+ Kh8 88.Bb2# Black resigns 1-0

Shankland, S - Aigner, M [B03]
EBCC October Swiss (3), 30.10.2005

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Qd3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.f4 Kb8 14.d5 Nb4 15.Qe2 exd5 16.a3 Na6 17.cxd5 Nc5 18.d6 Nca4 19.Bxb6 Nxb6 20.Bh3 Qc6 21.dxc7+ Qxc7 22.Rxd8+ Qxd8 23.Rd1 Qc7 24.Kb1 a6 25.Nd5 Qc4 26.Qxc4 Nxc4 27.Nc3 Bc5 28.Rd7 Rf8 29.Bg2 b5 30.a4 Ne3 31.Be4 Kc8 32.Bc6 Nf5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Rd5 Be3 35.Bd7+ The game score is incomplete after this (time pressure), but White went on to win. 1-0

Ogush, M - Shankland, S [B25]
EBCC October Swiss (2), 29.10.2005

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3 Rb8 9.Qd2 b5 10.0-0 e5 11.f4 b4 12.Nd1 Nd4 13.g4 Nd7 14.f5 f6 15.Ng3 g5 16.h4 h6 17.Nh5 Kf7 18.c3 bxc3 19.bxc3 Nc6 20.d4 cxd4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.e5 Ndx5 23.Bd5+ Ke7 24.Nxg7 dxe3 25.Nxe3 Qb6 26.Rf2 Qd4 27.Bxc6 Qxa1+ 28.Rf1 Rb1 29.Rxb1 Qxb1+ and White resigned. 0-1



Shankland Attacks the Fpawn



Andy Lee with homecourt advantage

