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Chess

PALO ALTO TOURNNEY RESULTS

Eleven experts and a master were among the 142 players attending the First Palo Alto Open Chess Tournament, held Sept. 14-15 at the Lucie Stern Community Center in Palo Alto. **Bryce Perry** directed the four-round, USCF rated event, which awarded over \$1,000 in cash prizes.

Open Division

1st-2nd, Borel Menas (tie-break winner), Daly City, and Jeremy Silman, Chula Vista, 4-0, \$145 each; **3rd-5th**, Charles Maddigan, Berkeley, Steven Spencer, Berkeley, and Eleuterio Alsasua, San Francisco, 3½-1½, \$41.70 each.

1st-4th A, Reynauldo Johnson, Oakland, Michael Willmsen, Palo Alto, Ben Gross, San Francisco, and Kenneth Myles, Palo Alto, 3-1, \$22.50 each.

1st-3rd B, Michael Tomey, San Jose, Jim Wahl, San Jose, and George Lewis, San Luis Obispo, 3-1, \$40 each.

1st Unrated, Eric Burriss, San Rafael, 2-2, trophy; **Upset prize**, Thomas Jech, Menlo Park, trophy.

Booster Division

1st, Dave Denney, Burlingame, 4-0, \$130; **2nd-3rd**, Larry Lesyna, San Jose, and Jaime Osorio, San Francisco, 3½-1½, \$75 each.

1st-2nd D, Patrick Jackson, Fremont, and David Mostardi, Fremont, 3-1, \$45 each.

1st E, Pawel Kerntopf, Stanford, 3-1, \$40; **1st Unrated**, Robert Christopher, San Pablo, 4-0, trophy; **Upset prize**, Shirl Fox, Palo Alto, book.

Trophy Division

1st, Nelson Burrill, Palo Alto, 4-0, trophy.

1st Jr., Kenny Fong, Hayward, 3-1, book; **2nd-3rd Jr.**, James Christopher, San Pablo, and Danny Brickman, Palo Alto, 2-2, book each.

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Here is a brace of games won by the tournament victors, recorded in USCF boosted coordinate chess 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: R. B. Fickling. Black: Borel Menas. Palo Alto, Sept. 14, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 d4 cd 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 5 Qd4 e6 6 Bc4 Nc6 7 Qe4 d6 8 ed Nf6 9 Qe2 Bd6 10 Nf3 h6 11 0-0 0-0 12 Nbd2 Qe7 13 Re1 e5 14 Ne4 Ne4 15 Qe4 Be6 16 Be3 Bc4 17 Qc4 Rac8 18 Qb3 e4 19 Nd4 Qe5 20 g3 Na5 21 Qc2 Rfe8 22 Rad1 Qh5 23 Ne2 Nc4 24 Bf4 e3 25 fe Bf4 26 Nf4 Qc5 27 Rd5 Qb6 28 Qb3 Re3 29 Qb6 Re1 30 Kf2 Nb6 31 Ke1 g5 32 Ra5 gf 33 gf a6 34 Re5 Rc7 35 Resigns.

White: Jeremy Silman. Black: J. Fredgren. Palo Alto, Sept. 14, 1974. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Nf3 d4 4 Ne2 c5 5 d3 Nc6 6 g3 e5 7 Bg2 Be7 8 0-0 h5 9 c3 h4 10 cd cd 11 Nd2 hg 12 Ng3 Bh3 13 Bh3 Rh3 14 Qg4 Rh7 15 Nc4 Nf6 16 Qe2 Qd7 17 f4 0-0-0 18 Nf5 Rdh8 19 Ne5 Ne5 20 fe Nh5 21 Qf2 Bc5 22 Qc2 Qc6 23 Bd2 Qg6 24 Kf2 Qc6 25 Rac1 g6 26 Qc5 gf 27 Qa7 Resigns.

KARPOV, KORCHNOI IN FINALS MATCH

Playing in a match that will either produce a challenger for **Robert Fischer** or for the championship itself if he declines to defend his FIDE title, Soviet grandmasters **Anatoly Karpov** and **Viktor Korchnoi** will continue their duel in Moscow until one of them wins five games.

Following a first round draw, Karpov convincingly defeated Korchnoi in the second game, while the third contest was adjourned with a probable drawn result predicted when play is resumed.

White: Anatoly Karpov. Black: Viktor Korchnoi. World Championship Candidates' Match, Moscow, 1974.

Match Game No. 2.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	15 P-KN4	N-B3(b)
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	16 N(4)-K2	Q-R4
3 P-Q4	PxP	17 B-R6	BxB
4 NxP	N-KB3	18 QxB	KR-B1
5 N-QB3	P-KN3	19 R-Q3!(c)	R(5)-B4(d)
6 B-K3	B-N2	20 P-N5	RxP(e)
7 P-B3	N-B3	21 R-Q5!	RxR
8 Q-Q2	0-0	22 NxR	R-K1(f)
9 B-QB4	B-Q2	23 N(2)-B4	B-B3(g)
10 P-KR4(a)	R-B1	24 P-K5!(h)	BxN
11 B-N3	N-K4	25 PxN	PxP
12 0-0-0	N-B5	26 QxRPch	K-B1
13 BxN	RxB	27 Q-R8ch	Resigns(i)
14 P-R5	NxRP		

(Analytical portions by IGM **Robert Byrne** in The New York Times, Sept. 19, 1974)

(a) These moves took only a minute on the clock, literally. The Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defense has been analyzed so deeply that specialists often reach complex mid-game positions before exhausting their theoretical knowledge.

(b) This position also has been met before, with Korchnoi himself playing the Black side against Geller in their 1971 candidates' match.

(c) A startling improvement over 19 R-Q5, already considered good for White, according to an analytical article in "Shakhmaty byulleten" (1972, No. 10, pg. 291). Could it be that Karpov found Korchnoi's intended novelty for Black and prepared this counter-innovation?

(d) Trying to hold back White's KNP, but to no avail.

(e) Sidestepping the knight leads to a quick finish after 20...N-R4 21 N-B4 R x P 22 R-Q5.

(f) Nor does 22...Q-Q1 save Black: 23 NxNch PxN 24 N-B4 (threatening 25 N-Q5) B-K3 (if 24...B-B3, then 25 N-R5 PxN 26 R-N1ch) 25 QxRPch K-B1 26 NxBch PxN 27 Q-R8ch K-K2 28 R-R7mate.

(g) Black can prolong his resistance by 23...B-K3 24 NxB PxN 25 NxNch PxN 26 QxRPch K-B1 27 QxQNP Q-N4ch 28 K-N1 R-K2 29 Q-N8ch R-K1 30 QxPch K-B2 31 R-R7ch K-N1 32 Q-R2, but he cannot alter the inevitable outcome.

(h) An excellent shot to break up the king's field (and better than 24 NxNch PxN 25 N-R5 Q-N4ch, which lets Black get away with losing only the exchange). If now 24...PxP, then White mates after 25 NxNch PxN 26 N-R5 PxN 27 R-N1ch.

(i) Since 27...K-K2 28 NxBch QxN 29 R-K1ch costs the rook, Korchnoi remarked afterward that this game spells the end to this particular variation of the Dragon.

LERA SUNNYVALE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The tenth annual LERA Class Championships will take place Sept. 28-29 in the LERA Auditorium (corner of Mathilda Ave. and Java St., seven blocks north of Hwy 101, opposite Sunnyvale). Six separate divisions are slated for five round Swiss system competitions, with cash prizes ranging from \$350 to \$60 in the Open and from \$200 to \$40 in classes A, B, C, D-E, and Unrated. Entry fee, if mailed to Jim Hurt, LERA Chess Club, P. O. Box 451, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94088 by Sept. 25 (checks payable to "LERA Chess Club"), is \$20 for the Open, \$15 for A or B, and \$10 for C, D-E, and Unrated; late entry \$5 more. Round one begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28. **Ted and Ruby Yudacufski** directing the USCF rated event (a "Cal-Point" tourney).

TARJAN TO TAKE ON ALL COMERS IN EXHIBITION

International master **Jim Tarjan** will visit the Fremont Chess Club (40204 Paseo Padre Parkway) for a simultaneous exhibition, Wed., Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to issue your challenge to one of America's fastest rising young chess talents. Winners will receive a discount membership worth \$3.50 in the Correspondence Chess League of America. Board fee is \$3, registration at 7 p.m. Please bring board and men.