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Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Central California Chess Association's USCF class tournament at Berkeley (The Washingtonian) drew 82 players for the four round Swiss system event, held Feb. 21-22 on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. Complete results:

Master-Expert-Class "A"

1. William Addison (International Master), San Francisco, 4-0, $90 plus $10 best game prize.
2. Steven Cross (Class "A"), Berkeley, 3½-½, $22.50.

Class "B"

1-3. Donald Clapp, Lafayette, Frank Berry, Berkeley, and James Shearer, Livermore, 3½-½, $37.50 each.

Class "C"

1. Stephen Quen, Alameda, 4-0, $90.
2. Jonathan Harris, Los Angeles, 3½-½, $22.50.

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For his spirited victory over USCF expert Ed Syrett, William Addison was awarded a special prize for the best played game of the tournament.

White: William Addison.   Black: Ed Syrett.
Berkeley, February 22, 1970.
Ben-Oni Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	15 P-Q6	NxP
2 P-QB4	P-K3	16 BxR	QxB(f)
3 N-QB3	P-B4	17 N-B4	NxN
4 P-Q5	PxP	18 PxN	N-Q4
5 PxP	P-Q3	19 B-Q2	P-K5(g)
6 P-K4	P-KN3	20 R-R5!	P-B4(h)
7 N-B3	B-N2	21 RxBP	P-B5
8 B-K2	0-0	22 R-K1	B-R3
9 0-0	N-R3(a)	23 B-B1!(i)	NxP
10 N-Q2(b)	B-Q2(c)	24 Q-N3	N-Q4
11 P-QR4	R-K1	25 N-Q2!	B-K3(j)
12 B-B3(d)	P-QN4!?(e)	26 NxP	N-K6(k)
13 PxP	N-B2	27 P-Q7!(1)	Resigns
14 P-5!	PxP		

(a) The accepted order of moves in this variation requires 9 . . . R-K1 first.

(b) Defending the KP and preparing to menace Black's backward QP from QB4.

(c) Black could still transpose into the main line by 10 . . . R-K1 11 P-B3 N-B2 12 P-QR4 P-N3 13 K-R1 N-Q2 14 N-B4 N-K4 15 N-K3 P-B4 16 P-B4 N-B2 17 PxP PxP 18 B-Q3 Q-B3, with good prospects, e.g., 18 R-B3 B-Q2 19 Q-B2 N-KR3 20 B-Q2 R-K2 21 QN-Q1 R/1-K1- (Max Euwe, "Schach — Archiv," Nov. 1969, openings code 90, serial 17).

(d) Ordinarily, White would play P-B4 before committing his KB to this diagonal in order to guard against N-Q2-K4 by Black and threaten P-K5 in turn. With Black's bishop on Q2, however, the knight maneuver is impossible and the QP is screened off from the queen.

(e) Hoping to recover his pawn with advantage (after N-B2), Black pays for opening the long diagonal to White's bishop instead. Correct is 12 . . . N-B2 or 12 . . . R-N1.

f) Compare with the book trap 9 . . .R-K1 10 N-Q2 N-R3 11 P-B4 N-B2 12 B-B3 P-QN4!? 13 P-K5! PxP 14 P-Q6 QxP 15 BxR NxB 16 NxP, with equally questionable compensation for the exchange

(g) Black knows how to fight back.

(h) Staking everything on all-out aggression. Most rational under the circumstances seems to be 20 . . . NxP (if 20 . . . R-QB1, then 21 Q-R1!) 21 BxN (but not 21 Q-N3? N-K7ch 22 K-R1 N-Q5! or 21 Q-K1 N-N4) BxB 22 RxBP.

(i) Very well played. Black has little choice but to accept the poisoned pawn.

(j) Forced to intercept his own line.

(k) It looks as if Black has not only survived White's attack but also regained the initiative (On 27 N-B6ch? K-B2 White cannot cover both his queen and the threat of 28 . . . QxPmate), but his illusion is short lived

(l) The great parting shot, crowning Addison's fine work with extra brilliance. If 27 . . . BxQ, then 28 PxR/Qch QxQ 29 N-B6ch wins easily. A most excellent game of chess.