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Chess

"A PIECE OF THE ACTION" TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The second annual "A Piece of the Action Chess Tournament" was held in the Student Union building on the University of California Berkeley campus, Jan. 5-6. Sponsored by SUPERB and the U.C. Berkeley Campus Chess Club, the four-round, USCF-CalChess Swiss system competition in five sections attracted 118 players vying for \$1,413.52 in cash prizes and \$100.02 in California Chess Bulletins gift certificates. Chief Tournament Director Alan Benson was assisted by USCF Local T.D. Mike Donald.

Complete results (in modified Solkoff tie-break order):

Master-Expert Division

1st-3rd, Nick de Firmian (2477) Berkeley, Jay Whitehead (2435), San Francisco, and Craig Mar (2302), Oakland, 3½-½, \$164 each; 4th, Ray Fasano (2108), Berkeley, 3-1, \$30 gift certificate.

Category I (Class A)

1st, Jim Waide (1894), Berkeley, 3½-½, \$159.50; 2nd-7th, Alan Freberg (1995), San Francisco, Allen Becker (1988), Berkeley, Pedro Marcal (1889), Palo Alto, Ron Wright (1950), Berkeley, Kenny Fong (1836), Hayward, and Aaron Stearns (1572), Berkeley, 3-1, \$19.17 plus \$4.17 gift certificate each.

Category II (Class B)

1st-2nd, Bill Campbell (1774), San Jose, and Paul Vayssie (1793), San Francisco, 3½-½, \$106.75 each; 3rd-4th, Masatoshi Eubank (1758), San Francisco, and Richard Finacom (1780), Berkeley, 3-1, \$17.50 each; 5th-8th, Stuart Saroff (1675), Fremont, Russell Freeman (1745), Oakland, Julius Willis (1611), San Francisco, and Robert Whitaker (1653), San Francisco, 2½-1½, \$5 gift certificate each.

Category III (Class C)

1st, John Romo (1445), Livermore, 4-0, \$127; 2nd-5th, Tsung-Wen Chen (1569), Pinole, Philip Bernstein (1518), Fairfax, William Boardman (1568), Berkeley, and Harvey Becker (1585), San Mateo, 3-1, \$22.50 each; 6th, Steven Hanamura (1471), Oakland, 2½-1½, \$15 gift certificate.

Categories IV-VI (Class D-E-Unrated)

1st, Benny Cheng (Unr.), San Francisco, 4-0, \$106; 2nd-3rd, Robert Vacheron (1279), Berkeley, and Tahilramani Mulchand (Unr.), San Francisco, 3½-½, \$37.50 each; 4th, Gilbert Chan (Unr.), San Rafael, 3-1, \$10 gift certificate.

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Here are some of the best games played at the second annual "A Piece of the Action" tournament, recorded in USCF mandated 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: Nick de Firmian (2477). Black: Tony D'Aloisio (1992). U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 5, 1980. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 d6 5 0-0 Bd7 6 d4 Nd4 7 Bd7 Qd7 8 Nd4 ed 9 Qd4 Nf6 10 Nc3 Be7 11 Bg5 0-0 12 e5 Ne8 13 Bf4 Rd8 14 Rad1 c6 15 ed Bf6 16 Qb6 Qg4 17 Bg3 Rd7 18 f3 Qf5 19 Ne4 Be5 20 Be5 Qe5 21 Rfe1 Qf5 22 Qc5 Qc5 23 Nc5 Rd6 24 Nd7 Resigns.

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White: Jay Whitehead (2435). Black: Tom Crispin (2035). U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 5, 1980.

Caro-Kann Defense

1 c4	c6	13 d4	Nb6
2 e4	d5	14 Bf3	Re8(d)
3 ed	cd	15 a4	g5?(e)
4 cd	Nf6	16 Nh5	g4(f)
5 Qa4	Nbd7	17 Ng7	Kg7
6 Nc3	g6	18 Be2	Na4!(g)
7 Nh3(a)	Bg7	19 Na4	Bd5
8 Be2	0-0	20 Qe3(h)	ba
9 Nf4	a6	21 Ba6(i)	Rb8
10 0-0	b5	22 Bd3	Bc6(j)
11 Qb3(b)	Bb7	23 Qh6	Kg8(k)
12 Re1!(c)	Rc8	24 Re5!(l)	Resigns

(Annotations contributed by USCF senior master Jay Whitehead)

(a) Or 7 d4!? Bg7 8 Qb3 0-0 9 Bg5 Nb6 10 Bf6 Bf6 11 Nf3 Bg7 12 Be2 e6, as in Larsen — Karpov, Montreal, 1979.

(b) Of course not 11 Nb5?? on account of 11 . . . Nb6.

(c) Best, and the hardest move of the game to find over the board. If 12 d4 (Also possible is 12 a4), a similar variation develops after 12 . . . Nb6 13 Bf3, but I was afraid of 13 . . . e6 14 de Bf3 15 gf (and not 15 ef Rf7 16 Ne6 Qd7 17 Nc5, with advantage to Black) Qd4 16 Rd1, with an unclear position.

(d) White was threatening 15 d6!

(e) This seriously weakens the king side, but 15 . . . Rc4 loses to 16 b ab 1 Qb5 Rd4 18 Be3. Better is 15 . . . Qd7.

(f) This was Black's idea: if now 17 Nf6, then 17 . . . ef!

(g) Black's best try, hoping for either 19 Ra4 Bd5 20 Nd5 ba or 19 Nb5 ab 20 Bb5 Nb6 21 Be8 Bd5.

(h) The fallacy of 15 . . . g5 now becomes evident.

(i) Without loss of tempo, White covers any end game contingency that may arise.

(j) Most stubborn is 22 . . . Kh8 23 Qh6 Rg8 24 Bg5 Rg7 25 Re7 Rg5 (or 25 . . . Qe7 26 Bf6 Qf8 27 Qh7mate) 26 Qf6 Rg7 27 Rael Q8 (not 27 . . . Be6 28 Rle6!) 28 Rle5 Be6 29 Rh5 Kg8 30 Qh4!

(k) Or 23 . . . Kh8 24 Bg5!

(l) Much stronger than 24 Bg5 Qd5! Now, however, 24 . . . Kh8 is met by 25 Bg5, and Black cannot defend against mate.

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White: Kenny Fong (1836). Black: Zoran Lazetich (1912). U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 5, 1980. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cd 5 cd d6 6 Nf3 e6 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 0-0 Be7 9 Nc3 Nc3 10 bc b6 11 Re1 0-0 12 Qc2 g6 13 Bh6 Re8 14 Re4 Bf8 15 Qd2 Bg7 16 Rh4 Bh8 17 Bg5 f6 18 Bg6 fg 19 Bh7 Kf8 20 Ng5 Ke7 21 Be4 Resigns.

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White: Michael Dyslin (1843). Black: Michael Ruchlis (1827).
U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 6, 1980. Caro-Kann Defense.

1 e4 d5 2 ed Nf6 3 c4 c6 4 d4 cd 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Nf3 Bg4 7 cd Nd5
8 Qb3 Nc3 9 bc Bf3 10 gf Qc7 11 d5 Ne5 12 Bb5 Nd7 13 Bf4 Qc8
14 Rb1 b6 15 Bc6 g6 16 Be5 Rg8 17 0-0 Bh6 18 Rfe1 Kf8 19 Qb4
Ne5 20 Re5 Qc7 21 Rbe1 a5 22 Re7 Qh2 23 Kh2 ab 24 Ba8
Resigns.

White: Nicholas Sinkewitsch (1494) Black: Robert Whitaker
(1653). U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 6, 1980. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3
d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Bc4 Nc6 9
Qd2 Bd7 10 0-0-0 Ne5 11 Bb3 Rc8 12 g4 Qa5 13 Kb1 Nc4 14 Bc4
Rc4 15 h4 Rfc8 16 Nb3 Qa6 17 h5 b5 18 hg hg 19 Bh6 Bh8 20 Qh2
b4 21 Bf8 Nh5 22 Be7 bc 23 Rd6 Qa4 24 gh cb 25 hg Qa2 26 Ka2
Ra4 27 Resigns.

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White: Dennis Jang (1672). Black Nancy Crawford (1450). U.C.
Berkeley, Jan. 6, 1980. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd
4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Bc4 0-0 9 Qd2 Bd7 10
0-0-0 Ne5 11 Bb3 Rc8 12 h4 Nc4 13 Bc4 Rc4 14 Nde2 b5 15 h5
b4 16 Nd5 Nd5 17 ed Bf5 18 c3 Qa5 19 Bd4 bc 20 Bc3 Qa2 21 Qe3
Bc3 22 Nc3 Qa1 23 Kd2 Qb2 24 Ke1 Qc3 25 Resigns.

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White: John Romo (1445). Black: Tsung-Wen Chen (1569). U.C.
Berkeley, Jan. 6, 1980. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef
3 Nf3 g5 4 h4 g4 5 Ng5 h6 6 Nf7 Kf7 7 Bc4 d5 8 Bd5 Kg7 9 d4
Qf6 10 0-0 Qh4 11 Rf4 Nf6 12 Nc3 c6 13 Bc4 b5 14 Bb3 Bb4 15
e5 Rf8 16 ef Rf6 17 Ne4 Rf4 18 Bf4 Bf5 19 Be5 Kg6 20 Ng3 Qg5
21 Nf5 Qf5 22 c3 Qg5 23 Qd3 Qf5 24 Bf7 Kg5 25 Qe3 Resigns.

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White: "My Chess" Computer (1500). Black: Steve Hanamura
(1471). U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 6, 1980. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3
d6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Bc4 Nc6 5 0-0 e6 6 d3 Be7 7 Be3 a6 8 a4 Na5 9
Ba2 Rb8 10 Qe2 Bd7 11 e5 de 12 Ne5 0-0 13 f4 Be8 14 f5 Qd6 15
Nc4 Nc4 16 Bc4 e5 17 a5 b5 18 ab Rb6 19 b3 Bb5 20 Na4 Rc6 21
Bb5 ab 22 Nc3 b4 23 Ne4 Ne4 24 de Qc7 25 Qc4 Rd8 26 c3 h6 27
Rfd1 Rb8 28 Ra2 bc 29 Qc3 Rb7 30 Rd5 c4 31 Ra8 Kh7 32 b4 Bb4
33 Qa1 c3 34 Rdd8 g5 35 Rh8 Kg7 36 Rag8 Kf6 37 Rh6 Ke7 38
Bg5 Kd7 39 Rh7 Qb6 40 Kf1 Qb5 41 Ke1 c2 42 Time forfeit.

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White: Alan LaVergne (2149). Black: Mike Arné (1986). U.C.
Berkeley, Jan. 5, 1980. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4
Ba4 d6 5 d4 Bd7 6 d5 Nce7 7 Bd7 Qd7 8 c4 g6 9 Nc3 Bg7 10 0-0
h6 11 Ne1 f5 12 f4 Nf6 13 fe de 14 Nd3 fe 15 Nc5 Qd6 16 Ne6 Rh7
17 c5 Qd7 18 Ng7 Resigns.