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# *Chess*

## **PAUL MASSON TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

The seventh annual Paul Masson American Class Chess Championships, the largest fully class and largest rated outdoor tournament in the world, was held at the historic Paul Masson Mountain Winery in Saratoga, June 30-July 1. Some 600 players attended, including 27 masters, two international masters, three international grandmasters and a former world junior champion. Chief director and organizer for the \$15,000 event was Bryce Perry of Palo Alto.

World blindfold champion George Koltanowski conducted his famous "knight's tour" demonstration and directed a Las Vegas Chess rapid transit tourney, with \$100 in prizes. Other special attractions were complimentary wine tasting between rounds and the presence of the mini-computers "My Chess" and "Sargon II."

Partial results, courtesy of Paul Masson Publicity Manager Bruce Labadie:

### **Master Division**

**1st-2nd**, Nick de Firmian and Paul Whitehead, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; **3rd**, Larry Christiansen, 3-1; **4th-6th**, William Batchelder, Peter Biyiasis and Perry Youngworth, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### **Expert Division**

**1st-4th**, Steven Cross, Richard Koepcke, Todd Miller and John Wright, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; **5th-8th**, Robert Brieger, Tony Brown, Joseph Kleiman and Edward Syrett, 3-1.

### **Class A**

**1st-2nd**, Eleuterio Alasua and Robert Anderson, 4-1; **3rd-7th**, Richard Aiken, Leonard Moguel, Tomothy Roth, Douglas Sailer and Matthew Sullivan, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### **Class B**

**1st**, Michael McCusker, 5-0; **2nd-4th**, Zoran Lazetich, Pedro Marcal and Joseph Sprince, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; **5th-7th**, Darinko Bozich, Eugene Lubarsky and Michael McHugh, 4-1.

### **Class C**

**1st**, Paul Friedrich, 5-0; **2nd-4th**, Pat McKenzie, Bradley Taylor and Carl Taylor, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### **Class D**

**1st-2nd**, Cary Eubanks and Allen Wong, 5-0; **3rd** Christopher Luzzio, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; **4th-11th**, Bernie Appleby, Mark Biggs, Jeff Breckon, Chi Cheng, Christopher Hull, Ben Sepulva, Andrew Wong and Joseph Wright, 4-1.

### **Class E**

**1st-2nd**, Dean Cress and Jim Walker, 5-0; **3rd**, Robert Barker, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; **4th-8th**, David Dillon, Doug McCusker, Robert Rice, Tito Torres and Bob Vacheron, 4-1.

### **Unrated Division**

**1st-3rd**, Fatollah Bakhtiary, Leonard Reznichenko and Dave Wilkins, 5-0; **4th**, Robert West, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Here are some of the best games from Paul Masson '79, recorded in USCF approved 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: Robert Anderson (1929). Black: Mark Saylor (1989).**



## Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	13 Qd3	Bf5
2 Nf3	Nc6	14 Qd2	Bc2(c)
3 d4	cd	15 d6(d)	Rd8
4 Nd4	e5(a)	16 Bc5	Qg2(e)
5 Nb5	a6	17 Qc2	Qh1
6 Nd6	Bd6	18 Ke2	Qa1
7 Qd6	Qf6	19 de	Rd7(f)
8 Qd1	Qg6	20 Ne4	f6(g)
9 Nc3	Nge7	21 Ba3	Kf7(h)
10 Be3	d5(b)	22 Ng5	fg(i)
11 ed	Nb4	23 Qf3	Resigns(j)
12 Bd3	Nd3		

(Annotations contributed by Class A winner Robert Anderson of San Jose)

(a) The Labourdonnais variation, considered not as sound as the similar Lasker variation, 4 . . . Nf6 5 Nc3 e5.

(b) A characteristic and necessary advance, since otherwise White can play Qd2, followed by 0-0-0, with strong pressure on the squares d5 and f6.

(c) "ECO" (B32) gives 14 . . . Qg2 an equal sign, although I prefer White. A possible continuation might run 15 0-0-0 Qf3 16 Rhg1 g6 17 Rg3 Qh5 18 f4 e4 19 Bd4, with advantage.

(d) Forcing the game into a very sharp path. Also promising is 15 0-0 0-0 16 Rac1 and 17 Rfd1, after which White's "d" pawn becomes dangerous.

(e) Black cannot play it safe with 16 . . . 0-0 on account of 17 de, winning.

(f) Subject to refutation are 19 . . . Rd4 20 Bd4 ed 21 Nd5 d3 22 Kd3 Qf1 23 Kd4 and 19 . . . Rc8 20 Ne4 Qa2 (20 . . . Rc7 21 Qd2) 21 Nd6 Kd7 (Most resistant appears to be 21 . . . Ke7 22 Nc8 Ke6 23 Nb6!, which, however, still looks grim for Black.) 22 Nc8 Kc8 (22 . . . Rc8 23 Qf5 Kc7 24 Qc8 Kc8 25 e8Q, etc.) 23 Ba3 Kb8 (23 . . . Kd7 24 Qa4) 24 Qd3 25 Qd8 Rd8 26 edQ Ka7 27 Bc5.

(g) Other defenses to consider are I) 20 . . . Re7 21 Be7 Ke7 22 Qc7 Ke6 (22 . . . Ke8 23 Nd6) 23 Qd6 Kf5 24 Ng3 Kf4 25 Qb4 Kg5 26 f4!, winning in all variations; II) 20 . . . Qa2 21 Ba3, winning; III) 20 . . . Qg1 21 Ba3 Qg4 22 f3 Qg2 23 Nf2, and White's Qc8 cannot be stopped; IV) 20 . . . Qd1 21 Qd1 Rd1 22 Kd1 Kd7 23 Nd6 Ke7 24 Nb7, with a much better ending for White; V) 20 . . . f5 21 Bd6! fe (21 . . . Kf7 22 Qc4, etc.) 22 Qc8 Kf7 23 e8Q Re8 24 Qd7 Kf6 25 Qe8 Qf2 26 Kf1, and Black will be lucky to draw by perpetual check.

(h) Essential was the try, 21 . . . Qd1. The move, 21 . . . Re7, is refuted nicely by 22 Qc8 Kf7 23 Nd6 Kg6 24 Qg4 Kh6 25 Nf5 mate.

(i) Or 22 . . . Ke8 23 Qc8, and mate next move.

(j) Since 23 . . . Ke8 leads to 24 Qf8 Rf8 25 efQ mate.

White: John Grefe (2446). Black: Fidel Salas (2207). Paul Masson, Saratoga, June 30, 1979. Sicilian Defense: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 g4 a6 7 g5 Nfd7 8 f4 b5 Ne5 10 fe Be6 11 Ne6 fe 12 Bh3 Qe7 13 0-0 Nbc6 14 a4 b4 15 Ne2 Nf7 16 Kh1 Nfd8 17 Bf4 Rb8 18 Qd3 a5 19 Rad1 Rb7 20 Qb3 e5 21 Be3 g6 22 Qd5 h6 23 gh Qh4 24 Rf3 Rbh7 25 c4 g5 26 Rg3 g4 27 Bg4 Bh6 28 Bg1 Bf4 29 Rg2 Qe7 30 c5 Rh6 31 cd Qg5 32 d7 Kf8 33 Nf4 Qf4 34 Qc5 Ne7 35 Rf2 Qf2 36 Qf2 Resigns.

White: William Batchelder (2302). Black: Nick de Firmian (2393). Paul Masson, Saratoga, July 1, 1979. Nimzo-Indian Defense: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 b6 5 Ne2 Ba6 6 Ng3 0-0 7 e4 d5 8 cd Bf1 9 Kf1 ed 10 e5 Ne4 11 Qd3 c5 12 a3 Bc3 13 bc Nc6 14 f3 f5 15 Kg1 cd 16 cd f4 17 Ne2 Qh4 18 g3 fg 19 fe g2 20 Qg3 ghQ 21 Kh1 Qe4 22 Resigns.

White: Craig Mar (2287). Black: Paul Whitehead (2394). Paul Masson, Saratoga, June 30, 1979. Queen's Pawn Game 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Bg5 Nbd7 4 Nf3 c5 5 Bf6 Nf6 6 dc e6 7 Qd4 Bd7 8 e3 Rc8 9 c6 bc 10 Qa7 Rb8 11 Bd3 Bd6 12 0-0 0-0 13 e4 e5 14 Qa6 Qc7 15 ed cd 16 Nb5 Bb5 17 Bb5 e4 18 Ng5 Bh2 19 Kh1 Ng4 20 Be2 Bg1 21 f4 ef 22 Nf3 Be3 23 Resigns.

White: Nick Carlin (1945). Black: Steve Erickson (1888). Paul Masson, Saratoga, July 1, 1979. Sicilian Defense: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 c4 Nf6 6 Bd3 Qc7 7 Nc3 Bb4 8 Bd2 Nc6 9 Nc6 bc 10 Qe2 e5 11 0-0 0-0 12 Rac1 d6 13 h3 Be6 14 f4 Bc5 15 Kh1 ef 16 Rf4 Bd4 17 Rcf1 Be5 18 Rf6 Bf6 19 Rf6 gf 20 Qh5 Qe7 21 g4 Kh8 22 e5 f5 23 gf Bc4 24 f6 Resigns.

#### CAPT. ANCHOVY'S SPEED CHESS

Five-time USCF master Tom Dorsch of Hayward scored 10½-½ to win the Capt. Anchovy's Summer Speed Chess Championship in San Leandro, July 25. Second in the 12-man round-robin line-up was USCF master Martin Sullivan, Hayward, with 9½-1½, who lost only to third-place finisher Kenny Fong of Hayward, 8-3. Kenny Lawless served as tournament director.