

Results for CalChess Masters' Open 1979

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CALCHESS MASTERS' OPEN TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SUPERB/U.C. Berkeley Campus Chess Club Director **Alan Benson** (ITD) and California Chess Bulletins Editor **Max Burkett** (LTD) co-directed the prestigious 1979 CalChess Masters' Open in the Tan Oak Room of the Student Union Building on the University of California Berkeley campus, Jan. 10-14.

Richard Fauber, chess columnist for the Sacramento Bee, donated \$5,000 in guaranteed cash prizes plus organizing expenses and \$400 in special awards for the 28 select masters who competed in the seven-round, USCF-rated Swiss system tournament.

Complete results (in Harkness-Median tie-break order):

1st, Walter Browne (2584), Berkeley, 5½-1½, \$1,600 plus trophy and \$100 bonus for highest quality set of games.

2nd-5th, Leonid Stolyarov (2406) (trophy), San Francisco, Paul Cornelius (2315) (\$100 special award for "Best Resistance" plus trophy), Berkeley, Jay Whitehead (2331) (\$100 for "Best Endgame"), San Francisco, and Vincent McCambridge (2334), LaHabra, 5-2, \$625 each.

6th-7th, David Strauss (2408), Riverside, and Vectors Pupols (2243), Bremerton, Washington, 4½-2½, \$250 each.

8th-10th, Yasser Seirawan (2480), Seattle, Washington, Lawrence Kaufman (2321), North Miami Beach, Florida, and Paul Whitehead (2385), San Francisco, 4-3, \$133.33 each.

11th-16th, John Grefe (2457), Eugene, Oregon, Nick deFirmian (2422), Berkeley, Rajan Ayyar (2223), Lompoc, Dennis Fritzing (2296) (\$100 Brilliancy Prize), Berkeley, Boris Baczynskij (2320), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and William Batchelder (2308), Laguna Beach, 3½-3½.

17th-19th, Zaki Harari (2301), San Francisco, Fred Lindsay (2331), Brighton, Michigan, and Tom Dorsch (2211), Hayward, 3-3.

20th-23rd, Craig Barnes (2245), Berkeley, Curtis Carlson (2202), Lakewood, Colorado, Elliott Winslow (2331), McLean, Virginia, and Robert Salgado (2297), Burbank, 2½-

4½.

24th, Perry Youngworth (2359), Riverside, 2-5.

25th, Rainer Rickford (2202), Los Angeles, 1½-5½.

26th-28th, David Blohm (2220), San Francisco, Paul Enright (2223), Oakland, and Harry Radke (2256), Campbell, 1-6.

White: Fred Lindsay (2331). Black: Dennis Fritzing (2296). CalChess Masters' Open, U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 13, 1979.

Old Indian Defense

1 Nf3	d6	14 h3!?	Nf2!!?(c)
2 d4	Nf6	15 Kf2	f5
3 c4	Nbd7	16 e?!(d)	Bf5(e)
4 Nc3	e5	17 Rc1	Bd3!(f)
5 e4	Be7	18 ge(g)	Bd4!(h)
6 Be2	O-O	19 Kg2	Rf4
7 O-O	Qe8	20 Bd3(i)	Rf2
8 Re1	Bd8	21 Kh1	Qd7(j)
9 Bf1	c6	22 g4	Raf8(k)
10 Rb1	Bb6	23 Bh7	Kh7
11 b3(a)	ed	24 QD4	Rh2!
12 Nd4	Ng4(b)	25 Resigns(1)	
13 Bf4	Nde5		

(Notes contributed by USCF master Dennis Fritzing)

(a) Either 11 b4 or 11 Na4 could have been played here.

(b) And not 12... Qe5 13 Nf3!, when 13... Qc3? is punished by 14 Bd2.

(c) Perhaps objectively unsound, this intuitive sacrifice creates great difficulties for White.

(d) Already White goes astray. Also no good was 16 Kg3 g5! 17 Bc1 (If 17 Bg5, then 17... Qg6.) Nd3! 18 Nf3 (Both 18 Qd3 and 18 Bd3 fail against 18... Qe5.) Bf2 19 Kh2 Ne1 20 Ne1 Qe5 21 Kh1 fe! (Avoiding 21... Qc3? 22 Qd6!, which gives White a

fantastic game.) The only move worth playing is 16 Kg1! fe 17 Be3, and now ne her 17... Bh3 nor 17... Qg6 gets Black anywhere, but 17... Nf3! is interesting: 18 gf (Or 18 Kh1 e.g., 22 Nh2 Rf1 23 Nf1 Bg4 or 22 Bh3 Qh3 23 Kg1 Qg3. Best in this line (after 17... Nf3!) appears to be 18 Nf3! ef 19 Bb6 Qg6 20 Kh1 (On 20 Bf2 follows 20... Bh3.), after which Black may try either 20... fg 21 Bg2 ab or play 20... ab right away, giving back a pawn in return for slightly better attacking chances.

(e) On the rook, a simple yet important point that gains the necessary time for Black to proceed with larger designs.

(f) An interference move, found frequently in compositions but only occasionally in real games.

(g) Naturally, not 18 Bd3 (or 18 Re5) Rf4 19 Kg1 Rd4.

(h) Amazingly enough, the fastest way to win. After the game I was kicking myself for missing 18... Rf4, since on 19 gf White gets mated with 19... Bd4 20 Re3 (Else 20 Kg2 Qg6) Ng4 21 Qg4 Qe3, etc. However, it turns out that 18... Rf4 is answered by 19 Kg2 Rd4 20 Bd3 Rd3, whereupon White replies 21 Re5! and the game slows down quite a bit.

(i) White still cannot take the rook, and 20 Re5 is hopeless due to 20... Rf2 and 21... Qe5.

(j) Threatening mate.

(k) Now if 23 Be4, as expected, Black plays 23... Qd8! 24 Qd4 Qh4 25 Bg2 (Or 25 Re3 R8f3 26 Rf3 Nf3 27 Qf2 Qh3.) Nf3 26 Qd3 Qh3!

(l) This game was awarded the brilliancy prize.

White: Walter Browne (2584). Black: David Strauss (2408). CalChess Masters' Open, U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 13, 1979. Grunfeld Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 dc 6 e4 c5 7 Bc4 Qa5 8 e5 Ng4 9 O-O cd 10 Nd5 Nc6 11 b4 Qd8 12 b5 Be6 13 bc Bd5 14 c7 Qd7 15 Bd5 Qd5 16 Rc1 Rc8 17 Qa4 Qd7 18 Qd7 Kd7 19 Rfd1 Ne5 20 Nd4 Ke8 21 f4 h6 22 Bh4 g5 23 Nf5 Rg8 24 fe gh 25 Rd8 Rd8 26 c8Q Resigns.

White: Yasser Seirawan (2480). Black: Walter Browne (2584). CalChess Masters' Open, U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 11, 1979. English Opening 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nf3 f5 4 d4 e4 5 Ng5 h6 6 Nh3 g5 7 f3 ef 8 ef Bg7 9 d5 Qe7 10 Kd2 Nd4 11 Bd3 Kd8 12 Ng1 b5 13 Nge2 bc 14 Bc4 Qc5 15 Kd3 Rb8 16 Be3 Qc4 17 Kc4 Ba6 18 Nb5 Nb5 19 Resigns.

White: Jay Whitehead (2331). Black: John Grefe (2457). CalChess Masters' Open, U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 11, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cd 5 Nd4 a6 6 Bg5 Nc6 7 f4 Ng4 8 Nd5 h6 9 Bh4 g5 10 fg Bg7 11 Nf5 Bf5 12 ef hg 13 Qg4 Rh4 14 Qg5 Qa5 15 c3 Re4 16 Ne3 Qb6 17 Qg7 Qe3 18 Kd1 Qe1 19 Kc2 Qf2 20 Kb3 Qb6 21 Kc2 Rc8 22 Kc1 Re5 23 Qg8 Kd7 24 Qf7 Nd4 25 Kb1 Rf5 26 Qg6 Rf2 27 Qg4 e6 28 Qg7 Kd8 29 Qh8 Kd7 30 Qh7 Ke8 31 Qh5 Kd7 32 Drawn.

White: Robert Salgado (2297). Black: Fred Lindsay (2331). CalChess Masters' Open, U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 14, 1979. Blackmar-Diemer Gambit 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 e4 f3 ef 5 Nf3 c5 6 Bf4 cd 7 Nd4 a6 8 Bd3 g6 9 Qd2 Bg7 10 O-O-O O-O 11 Bc4 Qb6 12 h3 Qc5 13 Bb3 e5 14 Na4 Qc7 15 Bh2 b5 16 Nc3 Bb7 17 Qg5 Nbd7 18 Nf3 Rae8 19 Rhe1 b4 20 Ne5 bc 21 Nd7 Re1 22 Bc7 cb 23 Kb2 Ne4 24 Ka3 Rd1 25 Qe7 Rf1 26 Qb4 Bc6 27 Qc4 Bb5 28 Qe4 Bd7 29 Qd3 Bb5 30 c4 Rc1 31 Bd6 Rd8 32 cb Rd6 33 Qd6 Bf8 34 Qf8 Kf8 35 ba Rc6 36 Resign.

White: Paul Whitehead (2385). Black: Rajan Ayyar (2223). CalChess Masters' Open, U.C. Berkeley, Jan. 12, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 ce 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 e5 7 Nb3 Bc7 8 O-O Qc7 9 a4 b6 10 f4 Be6 11 Be3 Nbd7 12 Kh1 O-O 13 f5 Bc4 14 Bc4 Qc4 15 Qf3 Rfc8 16 g4 d5 17 Nd2 Qb4 18 g5 Ne4 19 Nd5 Nd2 20 Bd2 Qd6 21 Bb4 Nc5 22 Bc5 Qc5 23 f6 e4 24 Qe4 Bd6 25 fg Kg7 26 b4 Qc6 27 Rael Ra7 28 Rf6 Rd7 29 Rh6 Resigns.