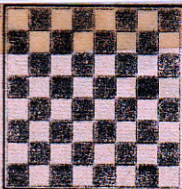


# chess

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## Tournament Results

Forty-nine players competed for a share of the \$400 prize fund and trophies in the USCF-rated Bay Area Amateur Open, held Dec. 16-17 at the Oakland Central YMCA.

### Class "A"

First prize, \$60 and trophy: Dennis Waterman, 5 out of 5.

Second prize, \$40 (two-way tie): Harold Blajwas, 3½; Dennis Saccuzzo, 3½.

Third prize, \$20: Gene Bromley, 3½.

### Class "B"

First prize, \$33.33 and trophy: David Bantano, 4.

Second prize, \$33.33: Jay Spingarn, 4.

Third prize, \$33.33: Randy Hough, 4.

### Class "C"

First prize, \$40 and trophy: Jim Fosaaen, 4½.

Second prize, \$33.34 (two-way tie): Leonard Trotter, 4; Carlos Mao, 4.

Third prize, \$16.67: Jonathan Hale, 4.

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Here is the last-round game that decided the final placing in the "C" division, the winner taking third prize.

White: David Glanville.

Black: Jonathan Hale.

Giuoco Piano

1 P-K4	P-K4	8 B-K3	B-N3(d)
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	9 N-KR4(e)	NxP(f)
3 B-B4	B-B4	10 N-N6(g)	NxN
4 0-0(a)	P-Q3(b)	11 PxN	R-K1

5 P-KR3      N-B3      12 QB3(h)      B-K3

6 N-B3(c)      0-0      13 BxB      RxB

7 P-Q3      P-KR3      14 Resigns(i)

(a) Intending to launch a fierce attack after the natural 4 . . . N-B3 with 5 P-Q4 (Max Lange).

(b) A thoroughly acceptable move, solid and safe. Robert Wormald wrote in 1875, "The authorities are unanimous in recommending 4 . . . N-B3 as Black's best move; but, for our own part, we confess we fail to recognize its superiority over 4 . . . P-Q3. The latter line of play, at any rate, possesses the merit of avoiding the embarrassing attack arising from 5 P-Q4" ("The Chess Openings," London, 1875, p. 23).

(c) If White still wants to work up an attack, he does better to operate with direct threats in the center, e.g., 6 P-B3 Q-K2 (6 . . . NxP is too risky) 7 P-Q4 B-N3.

(d) And not 8 . . . BxB, opening the game for White.

(e) Hoping to crush his opponent quickly, White strikes out too soon with too little, paying dearly for his overconfidence. A good move here is 9 Q-Q2.

(f) Of course!

(g) White has still not learned his lesson: better to admit the error of his ways and struggle on with 10 PxN QxN 11 Q-B3.

(h) Completely demoralized, White misses his last chance to extricate the piece and conjure up an attack with 12 Q-R5.

(i) A fine "psychological" victory for Hale.

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## *Free Tournament*

The sixth Presidio Service Club open tournament for players below 2,000 rating (or unrated) takes place on Saturday and Sunday, January 20-21, 1968, First round starts at 1 p.m. Bring your own board and men (plus chess clock, if available). Many prizes and no entry fee, but the number of entries is limited. Mail your entry now (include your name, address and rating) to Miss Elizabeth de la Torre, Presidio Service Club, Building No. 69, Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.