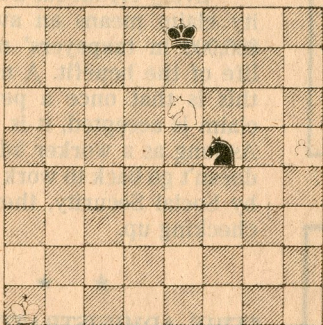


Chess

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FOR THE BEGINNER



White to play and win.

MEYER WINS PEOPLE'S OPEN

By John Peters

Eugene Meyer of Washington, D.C., scored 5½ points in six games to take first prize in the Masters' section of the People's Open Tournament at the University of California, Berkeley. The event, held February 17-19, attracted 215 players, including five Senior Masters. Clear second with 5 was Nick de Firmian, a Berkeley student. Tied with 4½ points were Victor Frias of Chile, Dennis Fritzingler of Berkeley, Jay Whitehead of San Francisco, Richard Lobo of England, and John Peters of Los Angeles. Meyer defeated Lobo and me on the last day to clinch his victory.

Here's my best game from the tournament.

White: Leonid Stolyarov. Black: John Peters.

1. P-K4	P-QB4	17. QR-B1	RxR
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	18. RxR	Q-Q3
3. P-B3	N-KB3	19. R-K1(a)	R-B1
4. B-K2	P-KN3	20. N-B6(b)	QxB
5. 0-0	B-N2	21. NxPch	K-B1
6. P-K5	PxP	22. Q-R3(c)	R-B8
7. NxP	QN-Q2	23. NxBch	K-N1
8. P-Q4	PxP	24. N-K7ch	K-R1
9. PxP	0-0	25. R-B1	RxRch
10. N-QB3	N-N3	26. KxR	Q-B8ch
11. B-B3	KN-Q4	27. K-K2	Q-B7ch
12. NxN	NxN	28. K-B1	N-B5
13. Q-N3	N-N3	29. Q-N4	Q-Q6ch
14. R-Q1	B-K3	30. K-K1	NxP
15. P-Q5	B-B4	Resigns	
16. B-B4	R-B1		

(a) Black meets 19.N-Q3 by 19... P-K4, because 20.PxP e.p. loses to 20... QxN.

(b) If 20.B-N3, then 20... Q-B4; 21.P-Q6, B-K3 favors Black.

(c) 22.NxR, NxN; 23.QxP, B-K4 counterattacks; the text looks desisive, but Black escapes.

SOLUTION to above position: 1.N-N7ch, NxN; 2.P-R6, K-B2; 3.P-R7 wins.