

Richard Shorman

Chess

EXHIBITION RESULTS

International grandmaster Walter Browne defeated all but five of his opponents and allowed only five draws in a 50-board simultaneous exhibition held Jan. 4 at the LERA auditorium in Sunnyvale. Jim Hurt directed the event.

Book prizes were awarded to the winners: 1, Francisco Sierra, San Jose; 2, Sydney Willett, Santa Clara; 3, Fred Sommer, San Jose; 4, Jim Harvey, San Jose; 5, Andrew Gach, Palo Alto.

Draws were achieved by Norman Wild, San Jose, Laron Jacobsen, Saratoga, Paul Masgalajian, Hayward, Chris Larsen, Los Altos, and Harry Radke, San Jose.

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The CCCA's first regional round robin chess tournament attracted 44 entrants to the Walnut Creek Recreation Center, Jan. 3. Organized by Saleh Mujahed, secretary of the Walnut Creek Chess Club, the four-man sections were USCF rated and paired so that players of most nearly equal ratings competed in each of the eleven groups. The two top scorers in each section won cash prizes of \$5 and \$3 respectively.

USCF master Jude Acers turned out the most brilliant game of the day, complete with notes.

White: Judge Acers. Black: Randall Hough.

CCCA Regional, Walnut Creek, January 3, 1970.
Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	12 Q-K1	0-0
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	13 N-KR4	P-N3
3 P-Q4	PxP	14 P-B5	P-Q4(e)
4 NxP	N-KB3	15 B-R6	KR-K1
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	16 PxNP	RPxP
6 P-B4	Q-B2(a)	17 PxP	NxP(f)
7 B-Q3	P-K4	18 NxKNP!!	PxN(g)
8 N-B3	P-QN4	19 Q-N3!(h)	P-N4
9 0-0	QN-Q2	20 BxKNP	P-K5
10 K-R1	B-N2(b)	21 B-B4ch	Resigns(i)
11 P-QR3(c)	B-K2!(d)		

(a) Up to this point both sides are following theory. In my opinion, the whole line is suspect for Black.

(b) If 10 . . . P-N5, then 11 N-Q5! gives Black a jolt.

(c) Frank Thornally's brilliant innovation. Normal is 11 Q-K1, 11 B-Q2 or 11 Q-K2 (as in Hearst-Evans, U.S. Championship, 1954).

(d) Better than Fischer's 11 . . . P-N3.

(e) The losing move. When Black played this blunder, I was considering 14 . . . K-N2! (forced) 15 P-KN4 P-R3 16 BxPhc?! Kxb 17 PNSch K-N2 (or 17 . . . KxP 18 R-N1ch K-R3 19 NxP, with a crush).

(f) A fantastic possibility is 17 . . . P-K5 18 NxKP BxQP 19 NxNch NxN 20 NxP PxN 21 BxKNP, threatening after 21 . . . B-B2 to play 22 B-B4! and 23 Q-N3.

(g) Of course not 18 . . . NxN? 19 NxBch RxN, and White mates in two.

(h) The end of the line. Hough saw the truth, too, but decided to play on for the record.

(i) Rather than remove Black's queen immediately, I planned to finish up with 21 . . . K-R1 22 Q-R3ch K-N1 23 BxKP N/2-B3 23 BxQ.

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HAYWARD CLUB AND CITY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Hayward Club and City Chess Championships will begin Monday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m., at the Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St. (Hayward Arts and Science Center). Trophies will be awarded to the highest scoring players in each category (M, E, A, B, C, D and unrated). Other prizes according to number of entries. Open to all Hayward residents or Hayward Chess Club members. The best placing city resident in each class will represent the city of Hayward in the Alameda County Chess Championships. Entry fee is \$2.