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Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Livermore Open, a five-round USCF Swiss system tournament sponsored by the Livermore Chess Club, was held last weekend. Fifty chess players competed for cash prizes in nine categories. Complete results:

Winner, Jude Acers, 5-0, \$30; 2nd place, Mike Ewell, Jim Shearer, Hans Poschmann, George Roust, Craig Barnes, John Peterson and Harold Barnett, 4-1, \$2.15 each; 1st "A", Mike Ewell and Craig Barnes, 4-1, \$10 each; 1st "B", Jim Shearer, George Roust, Hans Poschmann and Harold Barnett, 4-1, \$3.75 each; 1st "C", John Peterson, 4-1, \$10; 1st "D-E", Ken Giallanza and Lawrence Lane, 1-4, \$5 each; Unrated, Bill Orr, 3½-1½, \$10; Upset Game Award, Gary Macleod, \$5; CSCF Prize for Greatest Gain in Rating Points, Harold Barnett, up 47 points, \$10.

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE TEAM RESULTS

The Bay Area High School Chess League Invitational Team Competition took place June 6 at Marina High School in San Leandro. Directed by Norm Hopkins, Marina chess advisor, the three-round Swiss system event brought together seven select teams composed of seven players each vying for top honors and trophies. The first place trophy went to the Piedmont Hills team (Oakland) for a perfect 3-0 score. Gunn High School (Alameda) won second place and a trophy with a score of 2-1. Placing third on tie breaker points was Castro Valley High School, 2-1.

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Played in the USCF Open at the fifth annual LERA Peninsula Chess Championships. Brief notes are by USCF master Erik Osbun.

White: Erik Osbun.

Black: Edward Syrett.

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Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	15 R-Q1	Q-N1(e)
2 N-KB3	P-K3	16 BxPch	K-B1
3 P-Q4	PxP	17 B-B5ch	K-N1
4 NxP	P-QR3	18 Q-Q3(f)	QxP
5 B-Q3	Q-B2	19 QxN	Q-N4
6 O-O	N-K2	20 Q-Q2(g)	P-R3
7 N-QB3	QN-B3	21 QxQ	PxQ
8 N-N3(a)	N-N3	22 N-R5	B-B1
9 P-B4	B-Q3(b)	23 B-B6	R-N1
10 Q-B3	P-N4	24 P-QN3	N-K4
11 B-K3	B-N2	25 B-R4	P-B3(h)
12 QR-Q1	N-N5(c)	26 B-Q6	R-N3(i)
13 BxP	NxQBP	27 B-B7	Resigns
14 RxB!(d)	QxR		

(a) Avoiding an exchange which would free Black's position.

(b) Black hopes to open the two diagonals leading to White's **KR2** and **KN2** for his bishops.

(c) Entering a decisive combination. Black thought his next move would be a sufficient reply to the threat of **13 BxP Px B 14 NxP** and **15 Nx Bch**. More prudent was **12...B-K2** or **12...B-N5**, but then White looks better.

(d) Black overlooked this possibility. If now **14...Nx B 15 RxQP** or **14...Px B 15 NxP Q-N1 16 R-N6**, and White will win.

(e) Unfortunately for Black, White wins after **15...QxRch 16 QxQ Px B 17 QxN** or **16...Nx B 17 QxPch**.

(f) The point. White wins two pieces for a rook.

(g) Simplest.

(h) Forced.

(i) Black holds out longer with **26...R-R1**. Now he loses the exchange and the game.

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1970 HAYWARD CHESS FESTIVAL

The Hayward Chess Club, co-sponsored by HARD and the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, will conduct its eighth annual chess festival Sunday, June 21, at the Weekes Community Center, 27182 Patrick Ave. Featured events will be four-man section tourneys beginning at 9-10 a.m. and 12:30-1 p.m., a rapid transit tournament, problem solving competition, simultaneous exhibition by chess expert Gary Pickler, and a chess lecture by Richard Shorman. Section winners receive their choice of a trophy or cash. Several other prizes of chess sets, books, and various chess supplies will be awarded. Entry fee is \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2.50 for juniors (14 years and under). Call Raymond Ausmus, 581-8804, for additional information. Please bring sets and clocks. All profits will be donated to the Hayward Chess Scholarship Fund.