

# chess

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## Rapid Transit Tourney Results

Fifteen players competed in a round-robin rapid transit chess tournament (10 seconds a move) at the Berkeley YMCA Chess Club Sept. 13. Tournament director Jerry Long awarded cash prizes to the winners of the two divisions:

	Upper Division	Lower Division
1st prize (\$8)	Richard Laver	Jim Fosaaen
2nd prize (\$5)	Donald Dean Mark Watson	Jack Ulrich
3rd prize (\$3)	Van Fong	Randy Lanouette

The game from this event which appears below presents a fair picture of the winner's expert chess qualifications.

White: Richard Laver. Black: Roy McCollough.  
Ben-Oni Defense.

1 P—Q4	N—KB3	21 P×P	N—K2
2 P—QB4	P—B4	22 QR—Q1 (e)	N—B4
3 P—Q5	P—K3	23 B—N6	Q—K2
4 N—QB3	P×P	24 KR—K1	B×P (f)
5 P×P	P—Q3	25 Q×P	Q—Q3 (g)
6 P—K4	P—KN3	26 N—K4	B—R7ch
7 P—B4 (a)	B—N2	27 K—R1	Q—B5
8 N—B3	B—N5	28 Q—QB3 (h)	P—B3 (i)
9 B—N5ch	KN—Q2	29 B—Q4	N×B
10 0-0	0-0	30 Q×N	Q—K4 (j)
11 P—KR3	B/5×N	31 N×Pch	Q×N
12 Q×B	N—N3	32 K×B	Q—Q3ch
13 P—QR4	P—QR3	33 K—R1	R—B5
14 B—Q3	P—B5	34 Q—Q2 (k)	QR—KB1
15 B—B2	QN—Q2 (b)	35 Q—Q3	R/5—B4 (l)
16 P—R5	N—B1	36 R—K6	Q—Q2
17 B—K3	N—B4 (c)	37 Q—B4	Q—N2
18 P—K5	N—Q6	38 P—Q6	Q×P, and
19 B×N	P×B		Black resigns (m).
20 B—Q4	P×P (d)		

(a) The sharpest line, aiming at an eventual P—K5.

(b) Better is 15...P—QR4, followed by N—R3.

(c) Now White plunges through the center. Correct is 17...Q—B2, but at 10 seconds a move one must play what comes naturally.

(d) This opening of lines only helps White.

(e) Abandoning his QRP; Black should snap it up before White has a chance to change his mind.

(f) Dangerous, but necessary if Black is to maintain material equality and break up White's imposing Pawn center.

(g) If 25...P—B3, then 26 P—Q6!

(h) Threatening 29 N—B6ch.

(i) Black lasts longer with 28...QR—B1.

(j) The only other way to fight is on with 30...B—N6.

(k) An immediate 34 Q—Q3, covering White's KB1, is more to the point.

(l) After 35...R/5—B3 Black is still in the game.

(m) Black resigned without waiting for White's reply