

Richard Shorman**Chess****PAUL MASSON TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

U.S. senior chess master Kim Commons of Huntington Beach, Calif., won \$1,250 first prize at the Paul Masson American Chess Championship, July 14-15. Commons, 22, was the only player in the top division to win all four of his games.

Runners-up John Dedinsky (Palo Alto) and Roy Ervin (Santa Monica) placed second and third, receiving \$500 each for scores of 3½-½ in the USCF rated contest, held out-of-doors at the historic Paul Masson Mountain Vineyard in Saratoga.

More than 500 players competed for \$7,000 in prize money, distributed to 43 winners in six playing categories.

Tournament director for the record breaking event was United States Chess Federation National Secretary Martin E. Morrison, assisted by Elwin Meyers, Alan Benson, Robert Manners and Edward Delgado.

Added attractions were an appearance by world blindfold chess champion George Koltanowski, a rare chess set exhibit by Stanford professor Paul R. Hanna and afternoon wine tasting sessions for the players, compliments of Paul Masson.

Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Kim Commons, Huntington Beach, 4-0, \$1,250; 2nd-3rd, John Dedinsky, Palo Alto, and Roy Ervin, Santa Monica, 3½-½, \$500 each; 4th-5th, Dennis Fritzinger, Berkeley, and James McCormick, Seattle, Wash., 3-1, \$75 each; 6th-12th, Gordon Barrett, Granada Hills, Eric Bone, Houston, Tex., Ed Kennedy, Pleasant Hill, Robert Newbold, Palos Verdes, Ira Pohl, Santa Cruz, S. Subramaniam, Berkeley, and Robert Wolf, Stanford, 2½-1½, \$14.28 each.

1st-7th Expert, Paul Enright, Berkeley, Barry Kraft, San Francisco, Gene Lee, Mt. View, Takashi Kurosaki, San Francisco, Borel Menas, Daly City, Keith Nelson, Tucson, Ariz., and John Toulouse, Berkeley, 3-1, \$50 each.

Class A

1st-3rd, Richard Gordon, San Jose, Mitchell Montchalin, Portland, Ore., and Jon Sjogren, Berkeley, 4-0, \$283.33 each

Class B

1st-3rd, James Evans, San Francisco, Van Vandivier, Indianapolis, Ind., and Wilmar McGruder, Los Angeles, 4-0, \$283.33 each.

Class C

1st-5th, Irvin Strauss, Berkeley, Paul Markowitz, Berkeley, Choombhan Lertrathakabn, Boulder, Colo., Felix Lee, Berkeley, and Robert Lucia, San Diego, 4-0, \$170 each.

Class D-E

1st-5th, Malcolm Young, Palo Alto, Jay Whitehead, San Francisco, Thomas Tedrick, Richmond, Jeff Mendoza, Sunnysvale, and David Barr, Cupertino, 4-0, \$170 each.

Unrated Section

1st-8th, Otis Benning, San Bernadino, Mervin Field, Belvedere, T. J. Fountain, Modesto, Luiz Gentil, Los Angeles, Daryl Hatano, Sacramento, Bodo Jens, Eureka, Adam Mesinger, Berkeley, and Edgar Pavia, Ensenada, 4-0, \$93.75 each.

White: Jon Sjogren

Black: Joseph Tracy

Saratoga, July 14, 1973.

Alekhine's Defense

1 P-K4	N-KB3	9 N-B3	N-B3
2 P-K5	N-Q4	10 B-K2	P-K4(d)
3 P-Q4	P-Q3	11 0-0	P-B4(e)
4 P-QB4	N-N3	12 P-Q5	N-K2
5 PxP(a)	BPxP(b)	13 P-B5! (f)	PxP
6 N-QB3	P-N3	14 BxP	R-K1(g)
7 B-K3	B-N2	15 Q-N3!	K-R1
8 P-KR3(c)	0-0	16 N-KNS!	Resigns(h)

(a) Releasing the tension on his KP while preserving pawn control in the center. The committing "four pawns attack" (4 P-B4 PxP 5 BPxP N-B3 6 B-K3) yields greater space, but affords Black more counterplay.

(b) Which way to recapture remains mostly a matter of taste.

(c) Approved by current grandmaster practice, White takes pains to restrict the action of Black's QB.

(d) Natural and bad. Theory recommends 10...B-B4 as relatively best.

(e) Following through with his plausible plan to stake out a claim in the center.

(f) White's counter-point, undermining the base of Black's pawn chain and showing up the extreme weakness of the white-squared diagonal leading to the enemy king.

(g) Defending against 15 P-Q6, 16 P-Q7 and 17 BxR.

(h) Premature, perhaps, but Black must lose at least the exchange without the slightest compensaion.

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More interesting games played at the Paul Masson tourney, recorded in streamlined coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Roy Ervin. Black: Gene Lee. Saratoga, July 15, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 Bd7 9 0-0-0 0-0 10 g4 Rc8 11 Kb1 Ne5 12 h4 b5 13 h5 Nc4 14 Bc4 bc 15 Bh6 Rb8 16 hg fg 17 Bg7 Kg7 18 Qh6 Kf7 19 g5 Qa5 20 gf Qc3 21 Qg7 Resigns.

White: Robert Joslin. Black: Gene Lee. Saratoga, July 14, 1973. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 Nc3 d5 5 e3 Nc6 6 a3 a6 7 cd ed 8 Ne5 Bd6 9 Nc6 bc 10 dc Bc5 11 b4 Bd6 12 Qd4 0-0 13 Bd3 Re8 14 Bb2 Be5 15 Qh4 d4 16 0-0-0 dc 17 Bh7 Nh7 18 Rd8 cb 19 Kd2 Bf5 20 Ra8 Ra8 21 e4 Bf6 22 Resigns.

White: Kim Commons. Black: James McCormick, Saratoga July 15, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 Re1 Nf6 6 c3 0-0 7 h3 a6 8 Bf1 d6 9 d4 cd 10 cd d5 11 e5 Ne4 12 Nc3 Nc3 13 bc Bf5 14 Nh4 Be6 15 Bd3 Qd7 16 Qe2 Rfe8 17 f4 f5 18 Kh2 Rac8 19 Rg1 Na5 20 Bd2 Nc4 21 Bc1 Na5 22 g4 Rc3 23 gf Rd3 24 Qd3 Bf5 25 Nf5 Qf5 26 Qf5 gf 27 Rg5 e6 28 Bd2 Nc4 29 Rag1 Re7 30 Be1 Rf7 31 Bh4 Nd2 32 R5g3 Ne4 33 R3g2 Kf8 34 Rc1 Rd7 35 Rc8 Kf7 36 Kg1 Bf8 37 Kf1 b5 38 Rgc2 Bh6 39 R2c7 Rc7 40 Rc7 Kg6 41 Re7 Bf4 42 Re6 Kh5 43 Bf2 a5 44 Rb6 b4 45 Rb5 Bd2 46 Rd5 a4 47 e6 Kg6 48 e7 Kf7 49 Bh4 Time.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave., Hayward (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.). Evenings, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Newark Chess Club, 35501 Cedar Blvd. (in the Newark Community Center). Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets. Friday, 8-12 p.m.