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Chess

BERKELEY MAY DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Sponsored by SUPERB and the U.C. Berkeley Campus Chess Club, the May Day Chess Tournament attracted 106 players to the U.C. Berkeley Student Union Bldg., May 19-20. The prize fund of \$1,162 was supplemented by \$90 in Gambit Game Store gift certificates, five trophies and five bouquets of flowers for the winners ("April showers bring May flowers!").

USCF Senior Regional Vice President Alan Benson, assisted by USCF Senior Tournament Director Mike Goodall, directed the four-round, USCF-rated (CalChess) Swiss system competition in five sections.

Complete results (in Solkoff tie-break order):

Master-Expert Division

1st-3rd, Nick de Firmian (2393), Berkeley, Paul Cornelius (2369) (trophy), Berkeley, and Dan Switkes (2133) (flowers), Berkeley, 3½-½, \$136.66 each; **4th**, Swaminathan Subramaniam (2086), Berkeley, 3-1, \$28 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class A

1st, Dorr Lovett (1770), Oakland, 4-0, \$130 plus trophy and flowers; **2nd-5th**, Steven Wierzba (1657), Oakland, Allen Becker (1995), Berkeley, Doug Sailer (1942), San Francisco, and Ron Wright (1898), Berkeley, 3-1, \$24.37 each; **6th**, John Ready (1979), Clayton, Missouri, 2-2, \$23 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class B

1st-2nd, Ben Gross (1791) (flowers), San Francisco, and Jaroslav Skrenek (1699) (trophy), Berkeley, 3½-½, \$75 each; **3rd-4th**, Raymond Kratochvil (1728), Oakland, and Daniel Browne (1637), Moscow, Idaho, 2½-1½, \$12.50 each; **5th-6th**, Joe Ruggiero (1690), San Francisco, and Pedro Marcal (1672), Palo Alto, 2-2, \$9 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.

Class C

1st-3rd, Tom Foerster (1580) (trophy), Berkeley, Thomas Willis (1559), San Francisco, and Robert Shelton (1556) (flowers), Pacific Grove, 3½-½, \$58.33 each; **4th**, Myron Johnson (1434), Oakland, 3-1, \$13 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class D-E-Unrated

1st-2nd, Israel Parry (Unr.) (trophy and flowers), Mill Valley, and Julius Willis (Unr.), San Francisco, 4-0, \$75 each; **3rd-4th**, Tsung-Wen Chen (1189), Pinole, and Nicholas Sinkewitsch (1181), Menlo Park, 3-1, \$12.50 each; **5th-6th**, Phillip Vacheron (0610), Berkeley, and Anthony Coleman (Unr.), San Francisco, 2½-1½, \$4 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.

Here is one of the best games from the Master-Expert Division of the Berkeley May Day Tournament with annotations by the winner (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: Paul Whitehead (2394). Black: Paul Cornelius (2369).**

May Day Tournament, U.C. Berkeley, May 20, 1979.
Pirc Defense

1 e4	d6	12 Ndl	c5
2 d4	g6	13 c3(d)	bc
3 Nc3	Bg7	14 bc	cd
4 Be3	Nf6	15 cd	Ne5!(e)
5 f3(a)	c6	16 Qf2	Nec4
6 Qd2	b5	17 Rcl	Ne3
7 Nge2	Nbd7	18 Qe3	O-O
8 g4(b)	Nb6	19 f4	Bd7(f)
9 Ng3	h5!	20 Ba6?	Nd5!(g)
10 a5	Nfd7	21 Resigns	
11 h4(c)	b4		

(Annotations by USCF master Paul Cornelius.)

(a) White develops his pieces in a way which resembles the Samisch variation of the King's Indian Defense. However, there is a major difference here: White does not have a pawn on c4. This circumstance allows Black to advance immediately on the queen side, discouraging White from castling there.

(b) White's plan is clear: Ng3, Bh6, perhaps Bd3, and h4-h5, with a strong attack. Black wants to counter this threat with pressure against White's center, using the pawn thrusts b4 and c5. After long thought, Black decided to prevent the exchange of his king bishop and regroup his knights more effectively before carrying out the thematic queen-side expansion.

(c) This move answers the threat of 11 . . . h4 12 Nge2 Nc4, but now the knight on g3 is unprotected.

(d) A natural push that meets with a surprising rebuttal.

(e) Representing a complete success for Black's strategy. The simple point of this pretty move is 16 de Be5, forking White's rook and knight. More important, however, is that Black gets a knight to C4.

(f) Black stands clearly better: White's pawns are weak and his pieces are poorly placed. In addition, he has no permanent shelter for his king. Black intends Rc8, exchanging White's best piece and preparing to infiltrate from the queen side. The pawns at d4 and a2 are particularly sensitive. White tries to cross Black's plan, but he overlooks a tactical blow that destroys his position.

(g) After 21 ed Qa5 33 Kf5 Qa6 White's game is in ruins, e.g., 23 Nc3 Rab8 24 Rc2 Qc4!, with decisive threats.

LONE PINE BULLETINS

Many excellent games were played at the 1979 Louis D. Statham Masters-Plus tournament in Lone Pine, Calif. and recorded in bulletin form. For a complete set, postpaid, send \$6 to California Chess Bulletins, 1009 MacArthur Blvd., Apt. 6, Oakland, Calif. 94610.

White: John Peters (2475). Black: Viktor Korchnoi (2695). Lone Pine, 1979. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Ne4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 de Be6 9 c3 Nc5 10 Nd4 Ne5 11 Qe2 Nc4 12 f4 Be7 13 Nc6 Qd6 14 Ne7 Qe7 15 Bc2 f5 16 b3 Nd6 17 Ba3 Nce4 18 Nd2 O-O 19 Nf3 c5 20 Qe3 Rac8 21 Racl a5 22 Bd2 b4 23 cb d4 24 Nd4 cd 25 Qd4 Rfd8 26 Qb6 ab 27 Qb4 Rb8 28 Nc4 29 bc Rb2 30 Rfel Ra2 31 Resigns.

White: John Grefe (2400). Black: Arnold Denker (2330). Lone Pine, 1979. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 Qc7 4 f4 Qf4 5 Ngf3 Nf6 6 Nb3 Qc7 7 e5 Ng4 8 d4 Bf5 9 Nh4 Bd7 10 Be2 Nh6 11 Bh6 gh 12 O-O Na6 13 Ba6 ba 14 Nc5 e6 15 Qh5 Bc8 16 Rf6 Bc5 17 dc Rb8 18 Rafl Rf8 19 Qh6 Qe5 20 Qh7 Rb2 21 Rf7 Rf7 22 Qg8 Resigns.

White: Kamran Shirazi (2370). Black: Sal Matera (2415). Lone Pine, 1979. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 e4 d6 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 f4 O-O 6 Nf3 c5 7 d5 e6 8 de Be6 9 Bd3 Nc6 10 f5 Bd7 11 O-O Nd4 12 Bg5 h6 13 Bf4 Qe7 14 Qd2 g5 15 Be3 Nf3 16 gf Bc6 17 h4 Nh7 18 Rf2 Bd4 19 Bd4 cd 20 Ne2 Qe5 21 hg Ng5 22 f4 Ne4 23 fe Nd2 24 Nd4 Ne4 25 Nc6 Nf2 26 Ne7 Kh8 27 Kf2 de 28 f6 Resigns.

White: Stanimir Nikolic (2440). Black: Leonid Shamkovich (2495). Lone Pine, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 g6 4 Nf3 d6 5 Bc4 Bg7 6 d3 e6 7 a3 Nge7 8 Qe2 O-O 9 Ba2 Nd4 10 Nd4 cd 11 Nbl b6 12 Nd2 Bb7 13 Nf3 Rc8 14 Qf2 d5 15 e5 Nf5 16 Bb3 f6 17 g4 fe 18 gf Rf5 19 Bd2 Qf8 20 O-O ef 21 Nd4 Rg5 22 Khl Bd4 23 Qd4 e5 24 Bd5 Qf7 25 Bd7 ed 26 Be4 Rc2 27 Bf4 Rf5 28 Bf5 Qf5 29 Rael Qh 3 30 Resigns.