

# Chess

**LERA TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

The seventh annual LERA Memorial Day Class Championships were held at the Sunnyvale site of the Lockheed Corporation, May 26-28. Jim Hurt of Saratoga and Ted Yudacufski of Monterey directed the six-round, USCF-CalChess, Swiss system tournament. A prize fund of \$2,852 was distributed to the winners in seven divisions among the 168 participants. Complete results:

**Open Division**

**1st**, Walter Browne (2591), Berkeley, 5½-½, \$500; **2nd**, Nick de Firmian (2393), Berkeley, 5-1, \$250; **3rd-4th**, Peter Biyiasas (2519), Alexandria, Virginia, and Jay Whitehead (2391), San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$100 each.

**Class A**

**1st-2nd**, Kevin Lewis (1949), Rohnert Park, and John Ready (1979), Clayton, Missouri, 4½-1½, \$150 each; **3rd-4th**, Errol Jensen (1803), Travis AFB, and Leonardo Moguel (1936), San Mateo, 4-2, \$35 each.

**Class B**

**1st**, Efren Penano (1775), Martinez, 6-0, \$260; **2nd-3rd**, Pedro Marcal (1672), Palo Alto, and David Thomson (1798), San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$105 each; **4th-7th**, Bill Campbell (1614), San Jose, T.C. Hartwell (1723), Twin Falls, Idaho, Zoran Lazetich (1713), Sacramento, and Steve Levine (1729), Santa Clara, 4-2, \$13 each.

**Class C**

**1st**, Bradley Taylor (1528), Santa Clara, 5½-½, \$180; **2nd-3rd**, Will Delaney (1453), San Francisco, and Dan Schmidt (1546), San Jose, 5-1, \$75 each; **4th-8th**, Chris Flammer (1397), Los Altos Hills, Song-Dong Kim (1413), Berkeley, Russell Lindgren (1346), Milpitas, Jose Reyes (1525), San Jose, and T.G. Wright (1524), Los Gatos, 4-2, \$6 each.

**Class D**

**1st**, Craig Flores (1234), Santa Clara, 5½-½, \$180; **2nd-3rd**, Kenneth Barr (1314), San Jose, and Mark Shulman (1231), Palo Alto, 4½-1½, \$75 each; **4th-8th**, Chi-Mun Cheng (1334), Sacramento, Chris Hull (1323), Palo Alto, Nicholas Sinkewitsch (1181), Menlo Park, Mark Slater (1370), Sunnyvale, and Milo Torres (1221), Daly City, 4-2, \$6 each.

**Class E**

**1st**, Robert Barker, (1024), Santa Clara, 5-1, \$70; **2nd-3rd**, Dean Cress (1183), Santa Clara, and Scott Taylor (1012), Saratoga, 4½-1½, \$30 each.

**Unrated Division**

**1st**, John Galaang, Sunnyvale, 5½-½, \$180; **2nd**, Michael Pellascio, Santa Clara, 5-1, \$50; **3rd5th**, Doug Walker, San Jose, Scott Walsh, Santa Barbara, and Julius Willis Jr., San Francisco, 4-2, \$10 each.

**White: Nick de Firmian (2393). Black: Ruth Haring (1921).**  
**LERA, Sunnyvale, May 26, 1979.**  
**Ruy Lopez**

1 e4 e5	13 Qc3	Nf6
2 Nf3 Nc6	14 e5!(d)	de
3 Bb5 a6	15 Qe5	Qe7
4 Ba4 d6	16 Qc7	Rc8(e)
5 O-O Bd7	17 Qa5	Bg7
6 d4 b5?(a)	18 Re1	Ne4!(f)
7 Bb3 Nd4	19 Nc3!	Rc3!(g)
8 Nd4 ed	20 Bg5!	Qg5(h)

9 c3(b) dc	22 bc	Bc6
10 Qh5!	23 Qc7!	Resigns
11 Qd5 Be6		
12 Qc6 Bd7		

(Notes by international master Nick de Firmian)  
 (a) A dubious win of a pawn. Better is 6 . . . Nf6 . . .  
 (b) If 9 Qd4?, then 9 . . . c5 10 Qd5 c4, trapping the bishop.  
 (c) Probably stronger is 10. . . Qe7, although after 11 Nc3 White has tremendous compensation for the pawn.  
 (d) White must open the position quickly. On 14 Bg5 Bg7 15 e5 instead, Black has 15. . . Ne4! Now, however, 14 . . . Ne4 simply loses to 15 Qd4.  
 (e) Black did not like 16 . . . Bg7 17 Bg5 00 18 Nc3, when she has a very awkward position. The immediate threat would be 19 Bg6 Bg6 20 Nd5, winning a piece.  
 (f) Since 18 . . . Be6 19 Qa6 wins easily for White, Black tries to complicate.  
 (g) Counting on 20 bc? Bc3, which leads to a drawn ending after 21 Qc7! Ba! 22 Qb8 Qd8 23 Re4 Be6 24 Qd8 Kd8 25 Be6 fe 26 Re6 Re8, etc.  
 (h) Also hopeless is 20 . . . f6 (20 . . . Qe5?? 21 Qd8mate) 21 Re4 Qe4 22 Qc3.

White: Jim Seals (1814). Black: Erik Osbun (2129). LERA, Sunnyvale, May 26, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 Bg7 4 Be3 Nf6 5 Nc3 Qa5 6 Qd2 cd 7 Nd4 Ng4 8 Nb3 Qb4 9 Bc5 Bc3 10 Bb4 Bd2 11 Bd2 b6 12 Nd4 Bb7 13 f3 Ne5 14 Bc3 f6 15 Nb5 Na6 16 f4 Ng4 17 e5 Ne3 18 Kd2 Nf1 19 Rhf1 Bg2 20 Rf2 Bc6 21 ef ef 23 f5 Nc5 24 Nd6 g5 25 a5 Ne4 26 Ne4 Be4 27 ab ab 28 Ra8 Ba8 29 Bb4 Re8 30 Bd6 Re4 31 Kd3 b5 32 b3 Bd5 33 Rf3 Re1 34 Re3 Rd1 35 Kc3 Bc6 36 Re8 Kg7 37 Re7 Kh6 38 Bc5 Rd5 39 ba Rf5 40 Kd4 Rf2 41 Resigns.

White: Jose Marcal (1818). Black: John Ready (1979). LERA, Sunnyvale, May 26, 1979. Nimzovich Defense 1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Nf3 e6 5 c3 Qd7 6 Be2 f6 7 Bf4 Nge7 8 Nh4 Ng6 9 Ng6 hg 10 Nd2 g5 11 Bg3 0-0-0 12 b4 fe 13 b5 Nd4 14 cd ed 15 Qa4 d3 16 Rel e5 17 Qa7 Qe6 18 b6 Bd6 19 bc Bc7 20 Qa8 Kd7 21 Qb7 Qd6 22 Bdl Rhe8 23 Ba4 Ke6 24 Rc6 Re7 25 0-0 Resigns.

White: Eugene Lubarsky (1664). Black: Walter Browne (2591). LERA, Sunnyvale, May 26, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 f3 e5 7 Nb3 Be6 8 Be3 Nbd7 9 Be2 b5 10 Qd2 Nb6 11 Rd1 Rc8 12 Na5 Qc7 13 g4 h6 14 h4 Be7 15 Rg1 d5 16 g5 d4 17 Nb5 ab 18 Bb5 Nfd7 19 Bd4 ed 20 Qd4 Qc5 21 Bd7 Nd7 22 Nb3 Bb3 23 Qd7 Kf8 24 Rg2 Qe3 25 Re2 Qg1 26 Kd2 Rc2 27 Kd3 Qd1 28 Resigns.

White: Chris Flammer (1397). Black: Robert Whitaker (15205). LERA, Sunnyvale, May 28, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Bc4 Bd7 9 Qd2 0-0 10 h4 Nd4 11 Bd4 Qc8 12 Bb3 Be6 13 0-0-0 Bb3 14 cb Qc6 15 Kb1 Rfc8 16 h5 Nh5 17 Bg7 Kg7 18 g4 Nf6 19 Qh6 Kg8 20 Nd5 Qd7 21 e5 Qe6 22 ef ef 23 Qh7 Kf8 24 Qh8mate.

White: Jay Whitehead (2391). Black: Stewart Scott (2068). LERA, Sunnyvale, May 28, 1979. Petroff's Defense 1 34 35 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Ne5 d6 4 Nf3 Ne4 5 d4 d5 6 Bd3 Bd6 7 0-0 0-0 8 c4 c6 9 Nc3 Nc3 10 bc Bg4 11 Bb1 b6 12 h3 Bh5 13 Re1 Nd7 14 a4 Re8 15 Re8 Qe8 16 Be3 Nf6 17 a5 ba 18 c5 Bc7 19 Rb7 Qc8 20 Ba6 h6 21 Qb3 Bf3 22 gf Nd7 23 c4 Nb8 24 Rc7 Qc7 25 Bb7 a4 26 Qb1 cd 27 Ba8 Na6 28 d5 cd 29 Bd5 Nc5 30 Bc5 Qc5 31 Qb8 Kh7 32 Bf7 Qg5 33 Kh2 Resigns.