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Chess

CHESS FESTIVAL RESULTS

The fifth annual Hayward Chess Festival was held at The White Hall in Hayward, Sept. 6-7. Jerry Rogers directed the four-round, USCF-rated Swiss system event, which drew 76 players together for a weekend of chess competition. Complete results:

Open Division: **1st**, Steven Spencer (2259), Willow Spring, Mo., 3½-½, \$115; **2nd-3rd**, Martin Sullivan (2098), Hayward, and Borel Menas (2050), Daly City, 3-1, \$30 each.

Class A: **1st**, Reynauldo Johnson (1953), Oakland, 3-1, \$115; **2nd**, Roy Blackmer (1843), Palo Alto, 2½-1½, \$40; **3rd-5th**, Greg Payne (1924), Palo Alto, Eric Burriss (1850), San Rafael, and James Buff (1830), San Francisco, 2-2, \$7 each.

Class B: **1st**, Randy Fong, (1669), Hayward, 3½-4½, \$115; **2nd-5th**, Richard Phillips (1743), San Carlos, Fred Crosby (1657), Hayward, Louis Argyres (1646), San Leandro, and Steven Jacobi (1619), San Luis Obispo, 3-1, \$15 each.

Class C: **1st-6th**, Nicholas Tripolski (1591), Burlingame, Iraj Rahbar (1587), Campbell, Greg Pinelli (1525), San Francisco, Craig Loop (1509), Walnut Creek, Robert Berkey (1501), E. Palo Alto, and Norman Dibble (1497), Oakland, 3-1, \$30 each; **College Grant**, Rick Kiger (1544) (Cal State), San Leandro, 2-2, \$20.

Class D: **1st**, Gene Crocker (1359), Berkeley, 4-0, \$115; **2nd**, Robert Berg (1243), Vacaville, 3½-½, \$40; **3rd**, Claus Schilling (1258), Pittsburg, 2½-1½, \$10.

Class E: **1st**, Alex Ondi (1096), San Jose, 3-1, \$40; **2nd**, Alan Rollerson (1144), Oakland, 2½-1½, \$10.

Unrated Division: **1st**, Robert Black, Union City, 3½-½, \$35.

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Here are three of the most action-packed games from the tournament, recorded in USCF approved 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: Steven Spencer (2259). **Black:** Martin Sullivan (2098). Hayward Chess Festival, Sept. 6, 1975. Pirc Defense 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Bg5 c6 5 Qd2 Nbd7 6 f4 b5 7 Bd3 Nb6 8 Nf3 Bg7 9 0-0 0-0 10 f5 Nc4 11 Bc4 bc 12 e5 de 13 de Nd5 14 fg hg 15 Kh1 Rb8 16 Rab1 Bg4 17 Nd5 cd 18 Bh6 c3 19 Qf4 Bf3 20 rf3 Rb2 21 Rbf1 Qb8 22 Bg7 Kg7 23 Rh3 f6 24 Qh6 Kf7 25 ef ef 26 Qh7 Ke6 27 Re3 Kd6 28 Qe7 Kc6 29 Rc3 Kb6 30 Qc5 Resigns.

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White: James Black (1923). **Black:** Borel Menas (2050). Hayward Chess Festival, Sept. 7, 1975. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cd 5 Nd4 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4 5 10 a4 Nd4 11 Bd4 Be6 12 Nd5 Bd5 13 ed Qc8 14 Bb3 Qf5 15 0-0 h5 16 Rfe1 Rfe8 17 c4 h4 18 Bc2 Qh5 19 Ra3 Rac8 20 Qe2 e5 21 Bb6 e4 22 Qf1 Nd5 23 cd Rc2 24 Rb3 Qd5 25 Rb5 Bd4 26 Kh1 Bc5 27 Ba5 h3 28 gh ef 29 Re8 Kh7 30 Rc5 dc 31 Rd8 Qe4 32 Re8 Qf4 33 Bc7 Qc7 34 Qg1 f2 35 Resigns.

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White: James Buff (1830). **Black:** Harry Radke (1289). Hayward Chess Festival, Sept. 7, 1975. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 e6 5 Be3 Nf6 6 Nc3 Bb4 7 Bd3 d5 8 ed Nd5 9 Qd2 Qa5 10 Nde2 0-0 11 0-0 Ne5 12 Bd4 Nd3 13 cd Bd7 14 a3 Nc3 15 bc Bd6 16 Qb2 Bc6 17 c4 Qg5 18 Ng3 e5 19 Be3 Qg6 20 Rad1 Rfd8 21 d4 ed 22 Bd4 Rd7 23 Be5 Rad8 24 rfe1 Qe6 25 Bd6 Rd6 26 Qa1 g6 27 Rd6 Qd6 28 h3 Qf4 29 Qc3 Qd2 30 Qa1 Rd4 31 Nf1 Qf4 32 Ne3 h5 33 Re2 Qd6 34 Nd5 Rd5 35 cd Qd5 36 f3 h4 37 Drawn.

USSR ZONAL QUALIFIER

Not one well-known grandmaster of the "superstar" variety competed in this year's USSR zonal tournament to qualify three players for the next stag in the current world championship cycle, inasmuch as FIDE rules now allow for automatic seeding of previous candidates. In the Soviet Union, however, even the second-string grandmasters present a formidable lineup, to which the participation in Vilnius of such luminaries as David Bronstein, Ratmir Kholmov, Mark Taimanov, Alexander Belyavsky and Vladimir Tukmakov attest.

The 15-round candidates' contest ended with an entirely different foursome in the winner's circle this time, all tied for first with nine points. While Yuri Balashov, a student of Botvinnik's, and Vladimir Savon, former USSR Champion, may be familiar to some foreign chessplayers, not many will recognize Boris Gulko and Vitaly Tseshkovsky for the strong players they really are. A further competition will be organized to determine which three remain in contention for the interzonals.

A sharp lesson in opening theory was handed to Tukmakov in this tournament by Balashov which should be of interest to students of the Grunfeld Defense.

White: Yuri Balashov.

Black: Vladimir Rukamov

USSR Zonal, Vilnius, 1975.

Grunfeld Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	11 R-B1	R-Q1
2 P-QB4	P-KN3	12 Q-Q2	Q-R4
3 N-QB3	P-Q4	13 KR-Q1	P-N3
4 P x P	N x P	14 B-KR6(a)	B-R3(b)
5 P-K4	N x N	15 B x QB	B x B(c)
6 P x N	B-N2	16 Q x B	Q x B
7 B-QB4	P-QB4	17 N-B4	P x P(d)
8 N-K2	N-B3	18 R-Q3!	Q-R6
9 B-K3	0-0	19 N-R5	Resigns (e)
10 0-0	Q-B2		

(Notes by Viktor Khenkin, translated from "64", No. 36, Sept. 5-11, 1975, pg. 5)

(a) This position has been met hundreds of times in tournaments, and Tukmakov especially should be exhaustively familiar with it, since the Grunfeld is his favorite defense.

(b) A move of doubtful worth, and it is so regarded by theory.

(c) Apparently, some error in home analysis. Otherwise it would be difficult to explain why Black consented to this whole variation. After 15 . . . Q x B 16 B x B K x B 17 P-Q5 White maintains a perceptible positional advantage.

(d) Black still suspects nothing. The only defensive chance was 17 . . . K-R1 in order to cover his KR2 square with R-KN1-N2. Even in that case, however, Black's king would not be safe. Now it is all over . . .

(e) Checkmate cannot be averted.