

**Richard Shorman****Chess****LERA CLASS TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

The 12th annual Lockheed Employees Recreation Association (LERA) Thanksgiving Class Tournament brought 123 chess players to Sunnyvale for a USCF-CalChess competition, Nov. 23-25. Tournament directors for the six-round Swiss event were Jim Hurt of Saratoga and Ted Yudacufski of Monterey. Complete results:

**OPEN DIVISION**

1st, Nick de Firmian (2477), Berkeley, 5½-½, \$300; 2nd-3rd, Tom Dorsch (2235), Hayward, and Stewart Scott (2079), Sunnyvale, 4½-1½, \$115 each; 4th-7th, Victor Baja (2211), San Francisco, Erik Osbun (2169), Santa Rosa, Gabriel Sanchez (2201), Santa Clara, and Subu Subramaniam (2120), Oakland, 4-2, \$10 each.

**CLASS A**

1st, Ron Wright (1950), Berkeley, 5-1, \$250; 2nd-3rd, Chris Black (1840), Sunnyvale, and Rudolfo Maninang (1901), Sunnyvale, 4½-1½, \$90 each.

**CLASS B**

1st-2nd, Scott Christensen (1725), Marina, and Karel Zikan (1787), Monterey, 4½-1½, \$150 each; 3rd-6th, Dan Browne (1649), Berkeley, Ron Chestnut (1499), Menlo Park, Roger Hofman (1794), San Francisco, and Steve Levine (1752), Santa Clara, 4-2, \$15 each.

**CLASS C**

1st-2nd, George Nichols (1571), Berkeley, and Baraka Shabazz (1471), Anchorage, Alaska, 5-1, \$180 each; 3rd-4th, Edward Bass (1598), Livermore, and John Romo (1445), Livermore, 4½-1½, \$30 each.

**CLASS E**

1st, Dan McDaniel (1156), Livermore, 4-2, \$35; 2nd-4th, Martin Hall (0875), Santa Clara, David Korb (1147), Palo Alto, and Jerry Marshall (1144), San Jose, 3-3, \$7 each.

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Here are some interesting games selected from the 12th annual LERA Thanksgiving Class Tournament, recorded in USCF recommended 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).

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White: Nick de Firmian (2477). Black: Dennis Fritzing (2257). Sunnyvale, Nov. 24, 1979. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 d6 5 0-0 Bd7 6 d4 Nf6 7 c3 Be7 8 Nbd2 0-0 9 h3 Re8 10 Re1 Bf8 11 Bc2 g6 12 Nf1 Bg7 13 Ng3 Qe7 14 Bg5 Rad8 15 Qd2 Qf8 16 a4 ed 17 cd h6 18 Be3 Bc8 19 d5 Ne5 20 Ne5 Re5 21 Rad1 Re7 22 f4 h5 23 Bf2 Bh6 24 Bd4 Ne8 25 Qf2 Bg7 26 Bb3 Bd4 27 Qd4 Qg7 28 e5 de 29 fe Nd6 30 Re2 Rde8 31 ed Qd4 32 Rd4 Re2 33 Ne2 Re2 34 dc Rb2 35 d6 Bd7 36 Re4 Rd2 37 Re7 Rd6 38 Rd7 Resigns.

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White: Richard Hobbs (1969). Black: Lee Corbin (2097). Sunnyvale, Nov. 23, 1979.

Center Counter Defense

1	e4	d5	33	Be4	Bf6
2	ed	Nf6	34	Rg4	c6
3	Nc3	Nd5	35	Bf3	Kd7
4	Bc4	Nb6	36	h4	Nd5
5	Bb3	Nc6	37	h5	Ke6
6	Nf3	e5	38	Re4	Kf5
7	d3	Bg4	39	g4	Kg5
8	h3	Bh5	40	a3	Rf7
9	Ne5	Bd1	41	Kf2	Nf4
10	Bf7	Ke7	42	Ke3	Re7
11	Bg5	Kd6	43	b4	Nd5
12	Ne4	Ne5	44	Kd2	Nc7
13	f4	Kd4	45	Bd1	Re4
14	Rd1	Qg5	46	de	Bd4
15	c3	Ke3	47	Kd3	Bg7
16	0-0	Qc5	48	a4	Kf4
17	Rd2	Nd4	49	Kc4	Ke4
18	Re1	Kf4	50	b5	cb
19	Nc5	Bc5	51	ab	b6
20	Re4	Kg5	52	Bc2	Kf4
21	cd	Bd6	53	Bf5	Bh6
22	Rg4	Kh6	54	Bd7	Ke5
23	Rh4	Kg5	55	Bc6	Ne6
24	Rg4	Kf6	56	Bd7	Nc5
25	Rf2	Ke7	57	Bc8	Ne4
26	Rg7	Kf8	58	Bd7	Nd6
27	Rg4	Ke7	59	Kb4	Kd4
28	Rg7	Raf8	60	Bc6	Ne4
29	Bg6	Kd8	61	Bd7	Bd2
30	Bh7	Rf2	62	Ka3	Kc4
31	Kf2	Rf8	63	Resigns	
32	Ke2	Be7			



White: Ben Gross (1811). Black: Jose Marcal (1997). Sunnyvale, Nov. 25, 1979. QP Game 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5 3 e3 e6 4 c3 d5 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 0-0 Bd6 7 Nbd2 0-0 8 c4 cd 9 ed b6 10 cd Nd5 11 Nc4 Be7 12 a3 Bb7 13 Nce5 Ne5 14 de Rc8 15 Qe2 Rc1 16 Rac1 Nf4 17 Qe3 Nd3 18 Rd1 Ba6 19 Rc3 Bc5 20 Rcd3 Bd3 21 Qd3 Qd3 22 Rd3 Rc8 23 g3 h6 24 b4 Bf8 25 Kg2 Rc2 26 Nd4 Ra2 27 Nc6 a6 28 h4 Rc2 29 Nb8 a5 30 Rd8 ab 31 ab Rc7 32 b5 f6 33 Nd7 Resigns.



White: Frank Berry (1928). Black: Chuck Bradshaw (1647). Sunnyvale, Nov. 23, 1979.

Evan's Gambit

1	e4	e5	11	Qh5	h6
2	Nf3	Nc6	12	Nf7	Rf7
3	Bc4	Bc5	13	Qf7	Kh8
4	b4	Bb4	14	Be3	Nd4
5	c3	Bc5	15	Nc3	Nec6
6	0-0	d6	16	Bg5	Be6
7	d4	ed	17	Be6	Qg5
8	cd	Bb6	18	Bd5	Ne5
9	h3	Nge7	19	f4	Qg3
10	Ng5	0-0	20	Resigns	



White: John Romo (1445). Black: David Gampell (1409). Sunnyvale, Nov. 23, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bb3 Nc6 8 Be3 Be7 9 f4 0-0 10 Qf3 Qa5 11 0-0 Rd8 12 Kh1 e5 13 Nde2 Bg4 14 Qf2 Be2 15 Bb6 Qb6 16 Qb6 Bf1 17 Rf1 Rab8 18 Qf2 b5 19 Qg3 b4 20 fe de 21 Nd5 Ne4 22 Qf3 Nf6 23 Nf6 Bf6 24 Qc6 Resigns.

**GRANDMASTER LAMENT: NO MORE PIGEONS**

"The increased percentage of draws in many strong international tournaments does not illustrate an eventual decline of fighting spirit, but rather the growth of competitors in quality and number — a phenomenon which puts new standards into grandmasters' practice.

"A vast knowledge of openings that reaches deep stages of the middlegame, a well specialized individual repertoire and high techniques of defense are very commonly met today even among players of lesser reputations. Gradually, the strongest grandmasters are becoming accustomed to having to wear down every day a stubborn resistance which defies their powers and forces them to find ever keener weapons whereby to achieve victory.

"That perennial burden of having to win the game in the next round is especially hard when grandmaster meets grandmaster. In systems known profoundly by the opponent, one has to invent some little move which will make the opponent, devote more time than usual on the opening and also spend extra time and energy in attempting to solve well and truly the problems of the later phases of the struggle.

"This much is, however, but a half measure to success. Whatever one does, the opposition is still very capable and, if White, will retain his initial advantage or at least the balance. Next as a necessity is a colossal measure of endurance, the ability to find the right replies throughout all the five hours of play, while maintaining the tension right to the time control.

"Then, there is a possibility that the opponent may be exhausted and fail to do his best when the crisis of the game attains its peak, and the flag threatens to fall."

—Svetozar Gligorich, edited from "Chess Review," Nov. 1967, pg. 328.