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# Chess

**"THE PEOPLE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT"**

International masters Peter Biyiasas and John Grefe and international grandmaster Walter Browne divided over \$1,000 in prize money for scoring equal first at the People's Chess Tournament in Berkeley, Feb. 14-16. The six-round, USCF-rated, Swiss system competition in three sections attracted 220 players and a crowd of interested spectators to the well appointed Faculty Club on the campus of the University of California.

Demonstration-board analysis of top games, separate playing rooms for each section, complete restaurant facilities and sponsorship by CSCF all contributed to the success of the tournament. Berkeley chess organizer Alan Benson, assisted by Mike Goodall and Mike Donald, directed the \$3,600 event, which featured a playing schedule of only two rounds a day at 40 moves in two hours for all games. Complete results (prize winners listed in tie-break order):

**Master-Expert Division**

Master Section: **1st-3rd**, Peter Biyiasas (2439) (trophy), Vancouver, Canada, John Grefe (2419), Berkeley, and Walter Browne (2580), Berkeley, 5-1, \$437.50 each; **4th-5th**, Jeremy Silman (2331), San Francisco, and Kim Commons (2452), Los Angeles, 4½-1½, \$46.87 each; **Top U.C. Student**, Paul Cornelius (2242), Berkeley, 4-2, trophy.

Expert Section: **1st**, Ervin Middleton (2190) (trophy), Las Vegas, Nevada, 4½-1½, \$375; **2nd-7th**, Martin Sullivan (2061), Hayward, Aki Kanamori (2110), San Francisco, Harry Radke (2120), San Jose, John Thornley (2086), Santa Cruz, Jim McCormick (2121), Berkeley, and William Bartley (2034), San Francisco, 4-2, \$54.37 each.

**Class A-B**

Section A: **1st**, Stephan Havas (1973) (trophy), Santa Barbara, 5½-½, \$300; **2nd-4th**, Ron Frasco (1970) (junior trophy), Bel-Air, Janis Salna (1894) (senior trophy), Oakland, and Charles Nevins (1830), Fairfield, 5-1, \$87.50 each.

Section B: **1st**, Gary Berry (1794) (trophy), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$225; **2nd-4th**, John Miller (1675), Tracy, Paul Schure (1722), San Francisco, and Louis Argyres (1740), San Leandro, 4-2, \$66.25 each.

**Class C-D-E-Unr.**

Section C: **1st**, Mario Dragicev (1483) (trophy), Pleasant Hill, 6-0, \$187.50; **2nd-4th**, Allen Buckbee (1524), San Francisco, Leslie Colin (1497), San Jose, and John Brennan (1567), San Francisco, 5-1, \$53.75 each.

Section D-E-Unr.: **1st**, Calixto Magaoay (1363) (trophy), Vallejo, 5-1, \$112.50; **2nd-3rd**, Charles Wilson (Unr.), San Francisco, and Myron Johnson (1345), Oakland, 4½-1½, \$46.87 each; **4th-5th**, Timothy Tobiason (1367), San Francisco, and Mark Lopez (Unr.), San Jose, 4-2, \$9.37 each.

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Here are some of the most action-packed games played in the Master-Expert Division, 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: Roy Ervin (2290). Black: Jeremy Silman (2331). Berkeley, Feb. 16, 1976. Sicilian Defense (analysis by USCF master Roy Ervin) 1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 Nc6 3 Bg2 g6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 Bg7 6 Nb3 Nf6 7 Nc3 d6 8 0-0 0-0 9 h3 Bd7 10 e4 Ne5 11 a4 Rc8 12 Nd4 a6 13 Nce2 Bc6 14 f4 Ne7 15 Nc6 bc 16 Be3 Rb8 17 b3 c5 18 Rb1 Qc7 19 c4 (Also quite playable is 19 Qd2.) Rfc8 20 Qd3 (Wasting time. White should begin immediate operations against Black's king side with 20 g4!) Nf8 21 g4 Ne6 22 g5 Nd7 23 Kh1 Nd4! 24 Nd4 cd 25 Bd4 Bd4 26 Qd4 Rb4 27 Qd1 Rcb8 28 e5 de 29 f5 gf (A bold decision that brings the game to a rapid crisis, but 29 . . . f6 is not without risk either.) 30 Rf5 e6 31 Rf1 (White was unsure about the ultimate consequences of sacrificing the exchange by 31 Rf6 here, especially since the text move assures a powerful attack in any case.) Nc5 32 Qh5 Rb3 33 Rbe1 Nd3 34 Be4 f5 35 gf Nf4 36 Rf4 (In his zeal for a swift victory White tries to force the issue, whereas 36 Rg1! Kh8 37 Rg7! Nh5 38 Rc7 Nf6 39 Bg2 remains unclear.) ef 37 Rg1 Rg3 38 Rg3 fg 39 Qg5 Kh8 40 f7 g2! (the saving move, and it wins!) 41 Resigns (Of course, 41 Kg2 loses to 41 . . . Qf7 42 Qe5 Qg7. After 41 Kg1 Black might err with 41 . . . Qa7?, overlooking 42 c5, but there is no quarrel about the outcome following 41 . . . Qb6 42 c6 Qb2.)

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White: Paul Whitehead (2139). Black: Kim Commons (2452). Berkeley, Feb. 15, 1976. Center Counter Defense 1 e4 d5 2 ed Nf6 3 Bb5 Bd7 4 Bc4 Bg4 5 f3 Bf5 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 g4 Nb6 8 d3 Bc8 9 Bb5 Bd7 10 Bc4 Bc8 11 Bb5 Bd7 12 Bc4 c6 13 dc Bc6 14 g5 Nc4 15 gf Ne5 16 d4 Ng6 17 d5 Bd7 18 Qe2 gf 19 Bd2 Bg7 20 0-0-0 Rc8 21 h4 f5 22 d6 e6 23 h5 Ne5 24 h6 Bf6 25 Nd5 Nc4 26 Nf6 Qf6 27 Bc3 Qg5 28 Kb1 Rg8 29 Nh3 Qh6 30 f4 Na3 31 Ka1 Rc3 32 bc Rg3 33 Rd3 Bb5 34 d7 Kd8 35 Qe5 Bd3 36 Qb8 Kd7 37 Qb7 Kd6 38 Ng5 Rg5 39 fg Nc2 40 Kb2 Qg5 41 Rd1 Ne1 42 Qb8 Ke7 43 Qa7 Kf6 44 Qf2 f4 45 Re1 Bf5 46 a4 Kg6 47 Rf1 Bh3 48 Rg1 Bg4 49 a5 h5 50 Ra1 Qb5 51 Kc1 f3 52 a6 Qg5 53 Kh2 Qb5 54 Drawn.

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White: Craig Barnes (2228). Black: Roger Gabrielson (2050). Berkeley, Feb. 15, 1976. Robatsch Defense 1 e4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 f4 c6 4 Nf3 d5 5 d4 de 6 Ne4 Bg4 7 Be3 Nd7 8 Bc4 Ngf6 9 Nf6 Nf6 10 Bf7 Kf7 11 Ne5 Ke8 12 Ng4 Ng4 13 Qg4 Bd4 14 Qe6 Be3 15 Qe3 Qa5 16 c3 Rf8 17 0-0-0 Qa2 18 Rhe1 Qf7 19 g3 Qf6 20 Qc5 Rf7 21 Rd6 Qf5 22 Qd4 a5 23 Qh8 Rf8 24 Qh7 Rf7 25 Qh8 Rf8 26 Qh4 Rf7 27 Rde6 Qc5 28 R1e5 Qg1 29 Kc2 Qf2 30 Kb1 Qf1 31 Ka2 Kd7 32 Re7 Kd6 33 Qg5 Resigns.

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White: Max Burkett (2134). Black: Mark Eucher (2020). Berkeley, Feb. 15, 1976. Alekhine's Defense 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 ed cd 6 Nc3 g6 7 Bd3 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0 9 Nge2 Nc6 10 0-0 e5 11 d5 Ne7 12 b3 f5 13 f4 Nd7 14 Qd2 h6 15 fe Ne5 16 Rad1 g5 17 c5 f4 18 Bd4 Ng4 19 Bc4 Bd4 20 Nd4 Ne3 21 cd N7f5 22 Ne6 Qb6 23 Kh1 Rf7 24 d7 Bd7 25 Ne4 Nf1 26 Rf1 Ne3 27 Qc3 Nd5 28 Bd5 Be6 29 Be6 Qe6 30 Re1 Rc8 31 Qd2 Rfc7 32 h4 Rc6 33 Qd4 g4 34 Rd1 Rc1 35 Nf6 Kf7 36 Nh5 Rd1 37 Qd1 Re8 38 Nf4 Qe1 39 Qe1 Re1 40 Resigns.

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White: Steve Cross (2054). Black: Roy Ervin (2290). Berkeley, Feb. 14, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 Be3 d5 7 Nc6 bc 8 Nd2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 c4 e5 11 cd cd 12 Qc2 Bb7 24 Rac1 de 14 Ne4 Nd5 15 Nc5 Ne3 16 Nb7 Nc2 17 Nd8 Nb4 18 Nc6 Nd3 19 Ne7 Kh8 20 Rc7 a5 21 b3 a4 22 Rb1 ab 23 ab Ra2 24 Nc6 Rc2 25 Rd7 e4 26 Nd4 Rf2 27 b4 g6 28 b5 Ra8 29 Ne6 Rb2 30 Rd8 Rd8 31 Rb2 fe 32 Resigns.

### **LERA PENINSULA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 12th annual LERA Peninsula Class Championships will take place in the LERA Auditorium (corner of Mathilda Ave. and Java St., seven blocks north of the Bayshore Freeway, North Mathilda off-ramp), opposite Sunnyvale. The five-round, USCF-rated Swiss will have seven divisions, each with its own cash prizes, ranging from \$300 1st in the Open Division to \$100 1st in the Unrated Division, depending on number of entries. Entry fee, if mailed by Feb. 25 to Jim Hurt, P.O. Box 451, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94088, is \$25 Open, \$20 "A," \$15 "B" and \$10 "C," "D," "E" and Unrated. Round one starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 28 at a time control of 40 moves in 90 minutes, Jim Hurt directing.