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Chess

LERA MEMORIAL DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The eighth annual Lockheed Employees Recreation Association Memorial Day Class Championships was held at Lockheed's Sunnyvale facility, May 24-26. Jim Hurt of Saratoga and Ted Yudacufski of Monterey directed the six-round, USCF-CalChess Swiss system competition with 119 participants.

Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Borel Menas (2106), San Francisco, 5½-½, \$340; 2nd, Richard Lobo (2360), San Francisco, 5-1, \$170; 3rd, Stewart Scott (2104), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$100; 4th-6th, Mike Arne (2097), Castro Valley, Tom Crispin (2138), Mt. View, and Doug Sailer (2048), San Francisco, 4-2, \$25 each.

Class A

1st, Gency Anima (1900), San Francisco, 5-1, \$180; 2nd-4th, Kenny Fong (1977), Hayward, Frank Hamaker (1807), Palo Alto, and George Syty (1867), Saratoga, 4-2, \$58 each.

Class B

1st-2nd, Frederick Muollo (1696), San Jose, and Horst Remus (1718), Los Altos, 5-1, \$160 each; 3rd-4th, Joe Anderson (1791), Boulder Creek, and Brian Scanlon (1607), San Jose, 4½-1½, \$40 each.

Class C

1st, Kevin Binkley (1529), Cupertino, 5½-½, \$160; 2nd, Matthew Akers (1525), San Bruno, 5-1, \$100; 3rd, Mark Shier (1527), Palo Alto, 4½-1½, \$60.

Class D

1st, Joseph Salazar (1395), Menlo Park, 5½-½, \$110; 2nd, Antone Esteban (1307), Sunnyvale, 4½-1½, \$70; 3rd-5th, San Cloutier (1392), Campbell, Donald King (1375), San Jose, and Dan McDaniel (1253), Livermore, 4-2, \$14 each.

Class E

1st-2nd, Robert Flowers (1162), San Jose, and Michael Wyatt (1164), Los Gatos, 6-1, \$33 each.

Unrated Division

1st-2nd, Gerald Hawkins, Santa Clara, and Ford Osborn, Los Altos, 6-1, \$38 each.

Here are some of the best games played in the top sections of the LERA Memorial Day Championships, 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 of the board regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Richard Lobo (2360). Black: Borel Menas (2106).
LERA, Sunnyvale, May 25, 1980.

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5	23	gf	Rf4
2	Nf3	Nc6	24	fg	Rg4
3	Bb5	f5	25	Kf2	Re4!(h)
4	Nc3	Nd4	26	Kf3	Re7
5	Ba4(a)	Nf6	27	Rg1	c6
6	ef	Bc5	28	Rg5	g6
7	0-0	0-0	29	Rc5	Kg7
8	Ne5	d5	30	b3(i)	h5
9	Nf3!(b)	Bf5	31	a4	ba
10	Nd4	Bd4(c)	32	ba	Rd7
11	Ne2?	Bg4	33	Kf4	Rd5
12	c3	Qe7	34	Rc4	g5
13	Bb5	Bf2!	35	Kg3	Kf6
14	Rf2	Ne4	36	Rb4	Rd7
15	Rf8	Rf8	37	Rb1	Kf5
16	d4	a6	38	Rf1	Ke4
17	h3	ab	39	Re1	Kd3
18	hg	Nf2!(d)	40	Re5	Rd5
19	Qb3	Qe2	41	Re7	Kc3
20	Qd5	Kh8	42	Rb7	Ra5
21	Bf4(e)	Ng4(f)	43	Rb6	Ra4
22	Qf3(g)	Qf3	44	Resigns(j)	

(Notes contributed by USCF Expert Borel Menas)

(a) Dubious. The Encyclopedia of Chess Openings (ECO) recommends 5 Ne5 here.

(b) In the April 1980 issue of "Chess Life" it was pointed out that White must remove Black's knight from the d4 square, but that 9 Ne2 was not the way to go about it, on account of 9 . . . Qd6! (ECO mentions only 9 . . . Qe7.) 10 Nd4 Bd4 11 Nf3 Ng4 12 h3 Bf5 13 c3 Be4! 14 hg Bf3 15 gf Qg3 16 Kh1 Qh3, followed by 17 . . . Be5.

(c) And now ECO suggests 11 d3, with a complicated game.

(d) The winning move. Due to the threat of 19 . . . Qh4, White is compelled to return the piece.

(e) More or less forced. If, for example, 21 Bg5, then 21 . . . Ng4 22 Bh4 Qe3 23 Kh1 Qf4 24 g3 Qd2 25 Qg2 Rf2 wins.

(f) Of course not 21 . . . Rf4?? 22 Qd8 and mates. Black now threatens to check on f2 and capture on f4. White cannot counter with 22 Rf1 because of 22 . . . Qf1! and 23 . . . Ne3, forking the king and queen.

(g) At the cost of a pawn, White succeeds in breaking the direct attack on his king only to face a lost endgame.

(h) Cutting off the enemy king from the center.

(i) White cannot push 30 d5 in view of 30 . . . Re5.

(j) After 44 Rc6 Kd4 Black's pawns cannot be stopped.

White: Stuart Saroff (1816). Black: Kenny Fong (1977).
LERA, Sunnyvale, May 25, 1980. Falkbeer Counter Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 ed e4 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Bc4 Bc5 6 d4 ed 7 Qd3 0-0 8 h3 Nbd7 9 Bd2 Re8 10 Nge2 Nb6 11 Bb3 a5 12 a3 Bd7 13 0-0-0 c6 14 g4 Qc8 15 Nd4 Nbd5 16 g5 Nh5 17 Nd5 cd 18 Bd5 Ra6 19 Be4 Rd6 20 Bh7 Kh8 21 Qf3 Bd4 22 Qh5 Bb2 23 Kb2 Rb6 24 Ka1 Qc5 25 Bf5 Kg8 26 Qh7 Kf8 27 Bb4 ab 28 Qh8 Resigns.

White: Kenny Fong (1977). Black: Romulo Aguilar (1826).
LERA, Sunnyvale, May 24, 1980. Danish Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 d4 ed 3 c3 dc 4 Nc3 d6 5 Bc4 Be6 6 Be6 fe 7 Qb3 Qc8 8 Nf3 Nc6 9 Ng5 Nd8 10 f4 Be7 11 0-0 Bg5 12 fg Ne7 13 Nb5 Ng6 14 Qc3 Kd7 15 Qg7 Kc6 16 Nd4 Kb6 17 a4 a5 18 Be3 c5 19 Nb5 Qc6 20 Rad1 Qe4 21 Rd6 Nc6 22 Qc7 Ka6 23 Bc5 Resigns.

White: Kenny Fong (1977). Black: James Slouber (1736).
LERA, Sunnyvale, May 26, 1980. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 ed Qd5 4 d4 cd 5 cd Nc6 6 Nf3 Bg4 7 Be2 e6 8 Nc3 Bb4 9 0-0 Bc3 10 bc Nf6 11 Ba3 Qa5 12 Qb3 0-0-0 13 Rab1 Rd7 14 Bb5 Bf3 15 gf Qc7 16 Qa4 Nd5 17 Bc6 bc 18 Bc5 Nc3 19 Qa6 Kd8 20 Rb6 Ne2 21 Kh1 Nd4 22 Bd4 Rd4 23 Rc6 Qf4 24 Rc8 Kd7 25 Qb7 Kd6 26 Qc7 Resigns.

White: Kenny Fong (1977). Black: Charles Bradshaw (1771).
LERA, Sunnyvale, May 25, 1980. Danish Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 d4 ed 3 c3 dc 4 Nc3 Bb4 5 Bc4 Nf6 6 e5 Qe7 7 Qe2 Ng8 8 Nf3 d6 9 0-0 Bc3 10 bc de 11 Ne5 Be6 12 Be6 fe 13 Qh5 Kf8 14 Ba3 c5 15 Bc5 Resigns.

White: Ralph Palmeri (1551). Black: Mike Arne (2097). LERA,
Sunnyvale, May 24, 1980.

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5	10	Kh1	0-0
2	Nf3	Nc6	11	fg	Ng4
3	Bb5	f5	12	Rf8	Rf8
4	0-0	fe	13	Ne3	Be3
5	Bc6	dc	14	de	Rf2
6	Ne5	Nf6	15	Qe1	Qd6
7	Qe2	Qd5	16	Qg1	Rf1
8	Nc4	Bg4	17	Resigns	
9	f3	Bc5			

White: Richard Lobo (2360). Black: Mike Arne (2097). LERA,
Sunnyvale, May 26, 1980. Nimzo-Indian Defense 1 c4 e6 2 Nc3 b6 3 d4 Bb4 4 Qb3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 a3 Bc3 7 Qc3 0-0 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bh4 g5 10 Bg3 Ne4 11 Qc2 f5 12 e3 Ng3 13 hg Qf6 14 d5 Nd8 15 de Ne6 16 0-0-0 a5 17 g4 Nc5 18 gf Bb7 19 Bd3 Rfe8 20 Rh5 g4 21 Nh2 Re4 22 Be4 Be4 23 Qc3 a4 24 Kd2 Bg2 25 Qf6 Ne4 26 Ke1 Nf6 27 Rh6 Kf7 28 Rd4 Rg8 29 Rg6 Rh8 30 Ng4 Resigns.