

# CHESS BARBS

y Jude Acers (US senior master) **TOURNAMENT RESULTS:** The late great Paul Masson "wino" Open, July 14-15, brought 537 chess players to the Paul Masson Mountain Vineyard in Saratoga hoping to get their hands on a cut of the \$7,000 prize fund. All alone and out in front at the out-of-doors sun-drenched spectacular was Calif. state champion Kim Commons (2376), whose 4-0 clean sweep left him \$1,250 happier and virtually guarantees his advance, together with his other recent successes, into the senior master class.

Commons, 22, of Huntington Beach scored his best individual win

in the all-important final round against Seattle master Jim McCormick, now living in Berkeley, who also stood at 3-0 going into the stretch.

White: Kim Commons. Black: James McCormick. Saratoga, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 Rel Nf6 6 c3 0-0 7 h3 a6 8 Bfl d6 9 d4 cd 10 cd d5 11 e5 Ne4 12 Nc3 Nc3 13 bc Bf5 14 Nh4 Be6 15 Bd3 Qd7 16 Qe2 Rfe8 17 f4 f5 18 Kh2 Rac8 19 Rgl Na5 20 Bd2 Nc4 21 Bcl Na5 22 g4 Rc3 23 gf Rd3 24 Qd3 Bf5 25 Nf5 Qf5 26 Qf5 gf 27 Rg5 e6 28 Bd Nc4 29 Ragl Re7 30 Bel Rf7 31

Bh4 Nd2 32 R5g3 Ne4 33 R3g2 Kf8 34 Rcl Rd7 35 Rc8plus Kf7 36 Kgl Bf8 37 Kfl b5 38 Rgc2 Bh6 39 R2c7 Rc7 40 Rc7plus Kg6 41 Re7 Bf4 42 Re6plus Kh5 43 Bf2 a5 44 Rb6 b4 45 Rb5 Bd2 46 Rd5 a4 47 e6 Kg6 48 e7 Kf7 49 Bh4 and Black lost on time.

Second and third place money of \$500 each went to Roy Ervin (2342) of Santa Monica and John Dedinsky (2179) of Palo Alto for identical finishes of 3 1/2 - 1/2. Ervin, especially, played some really incisive chess, crushing USCF expert Gene Lee (also a prize winner) so badly that he walked around afterward in a daze, asking what happened.

White: Roy Ervin. Black: Gene Lee. Saratoga, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 Bd7 9 0-0-0 0-0 10 g4 Rc8 11 kbl Ne5 (Lee, a specialist in the main line of the Yugoslav Dragon Sicilian, proceeds according to pattern, unaware of the tremendous significance that rests from White's not playing his bishop to c4.) 12 h4 b5 13 h5 (Now it is all too clear that White has saved at least two tempi for the attack by withholding Bfl-c4-b3.) Nc4 14 Bc4 bc 15 Bh6 Rb8 16 hg fg 17 Bg7 Kg7 18 Qh6 Kf7 19 g5 (Murderous!) Qa5 20 gf Qc3 21 Qg7 Black resigns.

Berkeley winners include Dennis Fritzing (2302), who shared 4th-5th spots with Mc Cormick (2246) at 3-1 and \$75 each, Subramaniam (2142), Paul Enright (1970), John Toulouse (2091) and Jon Sjogren (1974).

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**IN-DEPTH GAME:** Here is a fabulous At-momic explosion of a game that bursts high over the 2551 Elo rating of international grandmaster Walter Browne at the 6th Continental Open, held in Atlanta, Georgia, last May. Milan Momic (Elo 2277) literally falls all over his powerful foe... Annotations by Jude Acers.

White: Milan Momic (Muscle Shoals, Alabama). Black: Walter

Browne (New York, NY). Atlanta, 1973. E 98c Najdorf Sicilian 1 d4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 h6! 9 Bh4 Nbd7 10 0-0-0 (10 Bc4? g5!, Tarjan-Browne, 1967) Qc7 11 Bg3?! TN (11 Be2 g5! 12 fg Ne5 13 Qf2 hgl 14 Bg5 Nfg4 15 Qf4 Nf2 (15...Bg5? 16 Qg5 Nf2 17 Nd b5 plus/minus) 16 Qf2 Bg5 Nfg4 15 Qf4 Nf2 (15...Bg5? 16 Qg5 Nf2 17 Ndb4 plus/minus) 16 Qf2 Bg5ch 17 Kbl Bd7 18 h4 Be7 19 g4 Qc5 20 Qg3 b5 Sofrenski) b5 12 e5 Bb7 18 h4 Be7 19

b5 12 e5 Bb7 13 Qe2 Nd5 14 Ne4 Nf4!! (14...de 15 fe Ne5? 16 Ne6 fe 17 Qh5ch) 15 Bf4 de

16 Ne6! (16 Bg3? Qa5! 17 Nb3 Qa2 18 Nd6ch Bd6 19 Rd6 Bd5) fe 17 Qh5ch Kf8 18 Ng5 Bg5 19 Bg5 Rc8 20 c3 Nc5 21 Be3! Bd5?! (21...Nw4!, e.g., 22 Bd3 Nc3!23 Rhf1ch Kg8 24 bc Qc3ch 25 Kbl e4 (25...Qb4 equals) 25 Qf7ch Kh7 26 Qe6 ed 27 Qf5ch Kg8 equals (28...g6? 29 Qd7ch plus/minus) 22 Be2 Ne4 23 Rhf1ch Kg8? (23...Nf6) 24 Rd6!!! plus/minus Ed (24...Nc3? 25 Rc5! plus/minus) 25 Bg4 Nd6?! (25 ...Rf8 26 Be6ch Kh7 27 Bf5ch Kg8 (27...Rf5 28 Qf5ch Kg8 29 Qe8ch plus/minus) 29 Rf5 Qe7 (29...Nc3 30 Qe6ch Kh7 31 Rf7 plus/minus) 30 Qa6 b4 31 Qa8ch Kh7 32 Qd5 equals minus) 26 Be6ch Kh7 27 Rf6! 1-o.



**COMMONS TO WIN**



**McCORMICK IN PLACE**

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