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Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

A record 105 chess players turned out for the CCCA's USCF class tournament at the San Jose Central YMCA, July 18-19. Martin Morrison and Elwin Myers directed the four-round Swiss system event. Complete results:

Master-Expert-A Division, Jude Acers, San Francisco, and Bill Jones, Redwood City, 3½-½, \$37.50 each.

Best "A", Alan LaVergne, Menlo Park, and Horst Mohrmann, San Jose, 3-1, \$25 each.

Class "B", 1st-2nd, Roger Bonilla, Palo Alto, and Robert Sferra, Los Altos, 4-0, \$55 each; 3rd, Stan Flowerdew, San Jose, Mark Gazse, Los Gatos, Richard Gordon, San Jose, Erwin Hamm, Bowman, Robert Howard, Mt. View, Ben Jansen, Hayward, and Bradley Mills, Santa Cruz, 3-1, \$2.14 each.

Classes C-D-E, David Bloomquist, Bakersfield, and Dennis Myers, San Jose, 4-0, \$50 each.

Best "D-E", Chris Black, Sunnyvale, and Alfred Hansen, Hillsborough, 3-1, \$12.50 each.

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The most brilliant attacking game of the tournament was played between Sigmund Malek, winner of the recent Daly City Open, and Serge VonOettingen, a gambit specialist from the Davis Chess Club.

White: Sigmund Malek. San Jose, July 19, 1970. Center Counter Defense

Black: Serge VonOettingen.

| 1 | P-K4 | P-Q4 | 12 BxN(i) | B-N5ch! |
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| 2 | PxP | N-KB3 | 13 K-B1(j) | QxBch |
| 3 | P-Q4 | NxP | 14 N-K2 | BxN!(k) |
| 4 | P-QB4 | N-N5(a) | 15 PxB | B-N5! |
| 5 | Q-R4ch(b | N/1-B3 | 16 P-B3 | BxP! |
| 6 | P-Q5(c) | B-B4(d) | 17 PxB | QxPch |
| 7 | N-QR3 | P-QN4! | 18 K-N1 | QxN |
| 8 | Q-N3(e) | PxP | 19 Q-Q4(I) | R-Q1 |
| 9 | BxP(f) | R-QN1(g) | 20 Q-B2(m) | R-Q8ch |
| 10 | Q-R4 | P-K3 | 21 K-N2 | QxQch |
| 11 | PxN(h) | N-Q6ch | 22 Resigns | |

- (a) Threatening the stock combination 5... QxP 6 QxQ N-B7ch. Black plays 4 N-N5 (the Kiel variation) in hopes of inducing an unwary opponent into "winning" a piece with 5 Q-R4ch and 6 P-Q5. The main line is analytically unsound for Black but extremely trappy when White takes the bait.
- (b) Much stronger is 5 P-QR3! N/5-B3 6 P-Q5 N-K4 7 N-KB3 NxNch (7 . . . B-N5? 8 Q-N3!) 8 QxN (Rolf Schwartz, "Skandinavisch und Jugoslawisch," Hamburg, 1969, pp. 88-89).
- (c) Missing 6 P-QR3! for the last time. After 6... N-R3 7 B-K3 B-Q2 8 Q-B2 (or 8 Q-N3) White still has the advantage (pg. 88).
- (d) Maroczy's suggestion, switching Black to the offensive. If 7 PxN??, then 7 . . . N-B7ch compels White to give up his queen or be mated by 8 K-K2 Q-Q6mate.
- (e) An unbooked alternative to either 8 PxP QxP 9 PxN Q-K4ch! or 8 QxNP R-QN1 9 Q-R4 P-K3 10 PxN N-Q6ch 11 BxN B-N5ch 12 B-Q2 BxBch 13 KxB QxBch.
 - (f) On 9 QxP Black simply wins a pawn with 9 . . . QxP.
- (g) Gaining an important attacking tempo due to the threat of 10 ... N-Q6ch and 11 ... RxQ.
 - (h) White must take the knight now or lose his QP.
- (i) Best may be 12 K-B1 B-B4 (Both 12 . . . NxNP 13 BxN B-Q6ch 14 N-K2 RxB' 15 R-Q1! and 12 . . . BxN 13 QxB N-N5 14-B-N3! lead nowhere.) 13 N-B3 (or 13 Q-Q1 NxBP 14 QxQch RxQ 15 B-B4 0-0! 16 BxBP R-B1 and 17 . . . NxR) NxBP 14 B-KN5 P-B3 15 B-R4 RxP! The textmove allows a brilliant finish.
- (j) After 13 B-Q2 BxBch 14 KxB QxBch Black's attack is well worth a piece.
 - (k) Preparing 15 . . . B-N5! by denying 16 Q-B2 in reply.
- (1) Returning the piece with 19 B-Q2 offers longer resistance but just postpones the inevitable.
- (m) And this move can be excused on the grounds that White has nothing better.