

# Richard Shorman

# Chess

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

David Smith and Ed Delgado directed the 1974 Bay Area Open, Feb. 2-3, which attracted 120 players to the Oakland YMCA in search of a share of the \$1,000 prize fund.

### Open Division

1st-3rd, John Grefe (U.S. Champion), Berkeley, Jeremy Silman, Chula Vista, and James McCormick, Berkeley, 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$100 each.

1st A, Daniel Switkes, Berkeley, 3-1, \$150; 2nd-4thA, Carl Shiflett, Berkeley, Peter Prochaska, Berkeley, and Walter Dorne, San Francisco, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$25 each.

1st Under 1800, Dennis Sims, San Francisco, 2-3, \$25.

### Booster Section

1st, Richard Dorn, San Francisco, 5-0, \$150; 2nd-3rd, Clifford Kull, Los Altos, and Paul Markowitz, Oakland, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$56.50 each.

1st-2nd C, Brad Diller, Los Altos Hills, and Frank Parker, San Francisco, 4-1, \$75 each.

1st Under 1600, Chris Rivers, Piedmont, 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$25.

### Novice Category

1st-2nd, Steven Little, Tracy, and Woodrow Morgan, San Jose, 5-0, \$37.50 each; 3rd-5th, Richard Hobbs, Berkeley, Philip Arnol, San Francisco, and Thomas Schmidt, Kentfield, 4-1, trophy.

1st-2nd E, Fred Gass, Fairfield, and Julian Boothe, Mt. View, 3-2, trophy.

1st-2nd Unrated, Hubert Knuckles, Oakland, 4-1, \$10 plus trophy, and James Osorio, San Francisco, 4-1, \$15; 3rd Unrated, Jack Kriger, San Francisco, 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, trophy.

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Master McCormick has provided the side comments for this bright little episode, recorded in 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: James McCormick (2247). Black: Robert Hammie (2055). Oakland, Feb. 2, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Be2 Be7 7 f4 Nc6 8 Be3 e5 9 Nb3 ef 10 Bf4 0-0 11 0-0 Ne5 12 Kh1 Bd7 13 Qe1 Bc6 14 Nd4! ("Usually my pawn sacrifices are only 40 per cent sound, but this one is likely to be 90 per cent correct.") Be4 15 Rd1 Ng6 16 Bg5 Bc6 17 Nf5 Nd5 ("Probably the losing move, but White is winning anyway.") 18 Be7 Nge7 19 Nd5 Nd5 20 Qg3 Qf6 21 Bc4 Ne7 22 Nd6 Qb2 23 Nf7 ("Crunch!") Qc2 24 Bb3! Qb2 25 Rf2! ("A genuine Karpovian rook move.") Qa3 26 Nd8 Qb3 27 Qb3 Nd5 28 Rd5 Rf2 29 Rf5 Resigns.

## KARPOV TO FACE SPASSKY IN SEMI-FINALS

Defeating Lev Polugaevsky by a score of 3-0 (draws not counting), 23-year-old Anatoly Karpov must now face former world champion Boris Spassky in a semi-final match to be held later this year.

White: Anatoly Karpov. Black: Lev Polugaevsky.  
Moscow, 1974, 6th Match Game.

### Sicilian Defense

|             |            |              |          |
|-------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 P-K4      | P-QB4      | 21 QR-K1!(g) | N-B4(h)  |
| 2 N-KB3     | P-Q3       | 22 NxQP      | N(B4)-Q6 |
| 3 P-Q4      | PxP        | 23 BxN       | NxB(i)   |
| 4 NxP       | N-KB3      | 24 R-Q1      | N-N5     |
| 5 N-QB3     | P-QR3      | 25 QxNP(j)   | QR-N1    |
| 6 B-K2      | P-K4       | 26 Q-R7      | Q-B3     |
| 7 N-N3      | B-K2       | 27 B-B4(k)   | R-R1     |
| 8 0-0       | B-K3       | 28 Q-B2      | QR-Q1    |
| 9 P-B4      | Q-B2       | 29 Q-N3!     | Q-B6     |
| 10 P-QR4    | QN-Q2      | 30 R-B3      | Q-B7     |
| 11 K-R1     | 0-0        | 31 R(1)-KB1  | B-Q5     |
| 12 B-K3     | PxP        | 32 B-R6!     | N-B3(l)  |
| 13 RxP      | N-K4       | 33 N-B5!     | Q-N7     |
| 14 P-R5!(a) | N(3)-Q2(b) | 34 B-B1!(m)  | Q-N4     |
| 15 R-KB1    | B-B3       | 35 N-R6ch    | K-R1     |
| 16 N-Q5     | BxN        | 36 NxPch     | RxN      |
| 17 QxB!(c)  | QxBP(d)    | 37 RxR       | B-B3     |
| 18 N-Q4     | QxNP(e)    | 38 Q-B2!     | K-N1     |
| 19 QR-N1    | Q-B6       | 39 RxB       | PxR      |
| 20 N-B5     | Q-B7!(f)   | 40 QxP       | Resigns  |

(Condensed notes by international grandmaster Leonid Shamkovich, translated from "Sovetsky sport", Feb. 1, 1974, pg. 3)

(a) In the second match game Karpov obtained a crushing advantage after 13...KR-K1 14 N-Q4 N-K4 15 N-B5 N-N3 16 R-KB1 B-KB1 17 Q-Q4!, but was unable to win, while in the fourth game Polugaevsky improved with 13...N-K4 14 N-Q4 QR-Q1!...and lost.

(b) Guarding his QN3 square and threatening 15...B-N4. Preferable, however, is 14...N(4)-Q2.

(c) Home analysis or not, Karpov deserves great credit for daring to play this move, since the full consequences of his pawn sacrifice (actually two pawns) could not have been foreseen even under ideal conditions.

(d) Accepting the challenge. Polugaevsky pondered over this crucial decision for an hour and two minutes.

(e) Half measures will not do, e.g., 18...Q-B4 19 N-B5! QxQ 20 PxQ, and White recovers the pawn with a massive plus in position.

(f) Only after considerable thought did Karpov make his reply...

(g) Correctly calculating that his quarry on QN7 would not get away from him.

(h) Although still difficult for Black, 21...Q-B3 22 NxQP was the lesser of evils.

(i) Clearly underestimating the danger. Polugaevsky should have recaptured with the queen, maintaining the blockade on White's KP.

(j) Reporters in the press room also examined 25 Q-R5, with the unpleasant threat of 26 RxB PxR 27 Q-N4ch K-R1 28 B-R6, but Karpov would rather win back his pawn while keeping the initiative firmly in hand.

(k) Karpov's trainer and second, grandmaster Semyon Furman, demonstrated that 27 RxB! PxR 28 B-R6 leads to victory, as White threatens 29 Q-K3. Black's 28...N-Q6 fails against 29 BxR, and 28...Q-B7 loses to 29 R-QB1 Q-Q6 30 Q-B5! Furman is probably right, but White's position is so good that he can win in more than one way. Karpov's quiet move carries the threat of 28 P-K5.

(l) Hoping to complicate the game after 33 NxP Q-B5!

(m) The fatal blow. Now Black's king side crumbles.

### **SUPER TOURNAMENT IN HAYWARD!**

Spawned by U.S. Champion John Grefe, the First California People's Chess Festival has been organized with big money prizes and near perfect playing conditions in mind. If the tournament site is confirmed, the \$5,000 event (based on 300 entries) will take place at Chabot College Student Center, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, Feb. 16-18. Guthrie McClain will direct the six-round USCF-CSCF Swiss system in six divisions (Open, Expert, A, B, C and D-E-Unrated) with a time control of 40 moves in two hours. Prizes are 1st \$750, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100 in the Open section and \$350, \$250 and \$100 in each of the other classes, with trophies awarded to all first place winners. Entry fee is \$25 plus USCF and CSCF membership, with discounts of \$5 for early registration, juniors under 18, first USCF tournament and Chabot students. Round one begins at noon, Saturday, Feb. 16. Please bring sets and clocks. For further information call 843-2875 or send your entry **today** to California State Chess Federation, 2228 No. 2 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Calif. 94704.