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RAMAYRAT WINS SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL: TWO TITLE NORMS FOR U.S. PLAYERS

International Master (IM) Cris Ramayrat of the Philippines has captured first place in the First San Francisco International tournament, which ended October 20. Ramayrat captured the attention of U.S. fans last August when he won the U.S. Open Speed Championship, downing several Grandmasters (GMs) in the process.

Ramayrat's undefeated 7-2 tally earned him \$1000. The other top prizes went to local World Chess Federation Masters (FMs): Jay Whitehead of San Francisco scored 6½ for second place (worth \$500), and Elliott Winslow of Oakland was third with 6 (\$300). Both earned the second of three necessary norms, or legs toward the IM title.

Other scores included IM Victor Frias of Chile (5), GM Peter Biyiasas of San Jose and FM Paul Whitehead (Jay's older brother) of San Francisco (both 4), IM David Strauss of Riverside, Calif., Avinash Awate of India, and Richard Lobo of England (all 3½), and tournament organizer Guillermo Rey of San Francisco (2).

The tournament was made possible by donations from Nathan Sills and the American Chess Foundation. Miz Brown's Country Kitchen restaurant donated the playing site. Francisco Sierra directed, assisted by Karry Lawless.

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RAMAYRAT - FRIAS. Benko Gambit

(A58)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 g6 7. f4 d6 8. Nf3 Bg7 9. e4 Bxf1 10. Rxf1 0-0 11. e5 dxe5 12. fxe5 Ng4 13. Qe2 Qc7 14. d6 Qb7 15. h3 Nh6 16. dxe7 Re8 17. Bg5 Nf5 18. Qb5 Qc8 19. Ne4 Nc6 20. g4 Nfxe7 21. Nd6 Qb8 22. Qc4 Nxe5 23. Nxe5 Qxd6 24. Qxf7+ Kh8 25. Qxe8+ Black Resigns

LOBO - J. WHITEHEAD. Queen's Indian Defense

(E15)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Ba6 5. b3 Bb4+ 6. Bd2 Be7 7. Bg2 0-0 8. 0-0 d5 9. Ne5 Bb7 10. Bc3 Na6 11. Nd2 c5 12. e3 Rc8 13. Re1 Qc7 14. cxd5 Nxd5 15. Bb2 cxd4 16. exd4 Nc3 17. Qg4 Bxg2 18. Kxg2 Qb7+ 19. Kgl Nb4 20. Bxc3 Rxc3 21. Red1 Rc2 22. a3 Na2 23. Ndc4 Nc3 24. Rel b5 25. Ne3 Rd2 26. Racl Ne4 27. Nc6 Nxf2 White Resigns

AWATE - FRIAS. Sicilian Defense

(B21)

1. e4 c5 2. f4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Bb5+ Bd7 5. Bxd7+ Nxd7 6. d3 Ndf6 7. e5 Nd7 8. f5 exf5 9. 0-0 Be7 10. c4 Nb6 11. Qe2 Qd7 12. Nc3 0-0-0 13. Ng5 Bxg5 14. Bxg5 Re8 15. Qf2 d4 16. Nb5 Rxe5 17. Nxa7+ Kb8 18. Bf4 Kxa7 19. Qd2 Ka6 20. Bxe5 f6 21. Bg3 Ne7 22. b4 Na4 23. bxc5 Nxc5 24. Rab1 b6 25. Rxb6+ Kxb6 26. Qb4+ Ka6 27. Qxc5 Nc8 28. Qa3+ Black Resigns

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