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YOUNG BERKELEYAN IS NEW US CHAMPION

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A decisive point and a half ahead of his nearest opposition, International Grandmaster Walter S. Browne, of Berkeley, California, has earned his first United States Chess Championship title in the 23rd staging of the event. Tying for second and third places were Grandmasters Pal Benko, of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Larry Evans, of Reno, Nevada.

The 25-year-old Browne, whose play was noted for its brilliance and innovativeness, won \$2250 of a record \$8500 prize fund. His victory was further enhanced by the caliber of the competition, which included five grandmasters, four international masters, and five national masters. Having now won the USA title, Browne will later this month attempt to add the Pan-American title, when he will compete with national champions from most of North and South America in the Championship of All the Americas.

The US Championship, a 13-round, round-robin event, was held at the Chicago Chess Club from 13 July to 1 August under the sponsorship of the US Chess Federation with financial assistance from the American Chess Foundation and the host club. Tournament directors were Timothy P. Redman and Richard W. Verber, of the Chicago Chess Club.

Final Crosstable

Rank	Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Score
1	Walter S. Browne	x	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	9½-3½
2-3	Pal Benko	½	x	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	8 -5
2-3	Larry Evans	½	0	x	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	8 -5
4	Anthony Saidy	½	½	½	x	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	7½-5½
5-8	Samuel Reshevsky	0	½	½	½	x	½	1	1	0	½	½	0	1	1	7 -6
5-8	Arthur Bisguier	0	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	7 -6
5-8	Kenneth Rogoff	0	½	0	1	0	½	x	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	7 -6
5-8	John Grefe	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	x	1	½	½	1	½	1	7 -6
9	Norman Weinstein	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	x	½	½	0	0	1	6 -7
10-11	Bernard Zuckerman	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	x	½	0	1	0	5½-7½
10-11	Andrew Soltis	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	x	1	½	0	5½-7½
12	Kim Commons	½	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	0	5 -8
13	Andrew Karklins	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	0	x	1	4½-8½
14	Larry Gilden	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	x	3½-9½

Prize Fund Distribution (\$8500)

1	Browne	\$2250.00
2-3	Benko, Evans	Each \$925.00 = 2850.00
4	Saidy	800.00
5-8	Reshevsky, Bisguier, Rogoff, Grefe	
	Each \$422.50 =	1690.00
9	Weinstein	200.00
10-11	Zuckerman, Soltis	Each \$167.50 = 335.00
12	Commons	150.00
13	Karklins	125.00
14	Gilden	100.00

Selected Games

White: Browne. Black: Bisguier. Petroff's Defense.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 NxP P-Q3 4 N-KB3 NxP 5 P-Q4 P-Q4 6
B-Q3 B-K2 7 O-O N-QB3 8 P-B4 N-N5 9 PxP NxB 10 QxN QxP 11 R-K1
B-KB4 12 N-B3 NxN 13 QxN P-QB3 14 B-R6 R-KN1 15 R-K5 Q-Q2 16
QR-K1 B-K3 17 N-N5 O-O-O 18 NxBP BxN 19 RxB QxP 20 RxB QxQ 21
PxQ PxP 22 R-N1 R-N4 23 P-KR4 R-N4 24 RxB PxR 25 RxBP R-Q8+ 26
K-R2 R-Q7 27 RxBP RxBP 28 P-R5 RxP 29 R-R8+ K-B2 30 P-R6 K-N3 31
K-R3 P-R4 32 P-N4 P-N5 33 PxP PxP 34 R-K8 R-B8 35 K-N2 R-B2 36
P-N5 R-B4 37 P-R7 RxP+ 38 K-B3 R-KR4 39 P-R8/Q RxP 40 RxR resigns.

White: Browne. Black: Evans. Sicilian Defense. 1e4 c5 2
Nf3 e6 3 Nc3 a6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 d6 6 g3 b5 7 Bg2 Bb7 8 O-O Nf6 9
Re1 Qc7 10 Nd5 ed 11 ed Kd8 12 Bg5 Nd7 14 a4 h6 15 Bf6 Nf6 15
ab ab 16 Ra8 Ba8 17 Qa1 Bb7 18 Nc6 Bc6 19 dc d5 20 Qa8 Qc8 21
Qa5 Qc7 22 Qa8 drawn.

USA TAKES SECOND IN WORLD STUDENT TEAM

Four virtual newcomers to international competition swept the USA to a second-place finish in the World Student Team Championship, held 16 July to 1 August, in Teesside, England. Entry into the event was limited to students no more than 26 years of age.

The USA team, in board order, consisted of National Masters Craig V. Chellstorp (Deerfield, IL), Sal Matera (Brooklyn, NY), Ross F. Stoutenborough (Riverside, CA), and Eugene B. Meyer (Woodstock, NY). Alternates were Roy C. Ervin (Santa Monica, CA), and John Jacobs (Dallas, TX). John Peters (North Scituate, MA) served as non-playing team captain.

The results of Final Group A, to which the team had qualified from its result in the preliminaries, were: 1st USSR 26½, 2nd USA 22½, 3rd Hungary 22, 4th England 21½, 5th Denmark 19, 6th West Germany 16, 7th Czechoslovakia 15, 8th Finland 14½, 9th-10th Netherlands and Austria 11½. A total of 28 teams competed.

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