

## Richard Shorman

# Chess

### PEOPLE'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

USCF Senior Regional Vice President Alan Benson, with ITD Mike Goodall and LTD Mike Donald, directed the fifth annual People's Chess Tournament on the University of California campus at Berkeley, Feb. 18-20. The six-round, USCF and CalChess competition, sponsored by "SUPERB", attracted 142 players vying for \$1,890 in cash prizes, over \$100 in gift certificates from the Gambit Game Store and 13 trophies.

Complete results (in Harkness-Median tie-break order):

#### Master Division

**1st-2nd**, Larry Christiansen (2493) (trophy), Modesto, and Nick DeFirmian (2370) (U.C. Student trophy), Berkeley, 5-1, \$300 each; **3rd-5th**, Yasser Seirawan (2390) (Jr. trophy), Seattle, Wash., John Peters (2434), Los Angeles, and Harry Radke (2233), San Jose, 4½-1½, \$33.33 each; **6th**, Jay Whitehead (2273), San Francisco, 4-2, \$22.75 (Gambit gift certificate).

#### Expert Division

**1st-2nd**, Craig Barnes (2156) (trophy), Walnut Creek, and Rajan Ayyar (2094), Lompoc, 4½-1½, \$135 each; **3rd**, Curtis Carlson (2181), Berkeley, 4-2, \$45; **4th**, Craig Mar (2178), Oakland, 3½-2½, \$18.75 (Gambit gift certificate).

#### Class A

**1st**, Richard Dost (1915), Berkeley, 5-1, \$160 plus trophy; **2nd-7th**, Frank Berry (1897), Los Altos, Robert Phillips (1975), San Lorenzo, David Weldon (1815), Berkeley, Robert Fojt (1800), Berkeley, David Bocek (1724), Redding, and Ron Wright (1878), Berkeley, 4-2, \$20 each; **8th**, Peter Prochaska (1997), San Francisco, 3½-2½, \$15 (Gambit gift certificate).

#### Class B

**1st-2nd**, Fred Nelson (179) (trophy), Murray, Utah, and Craigh Campbell (1785), Council Bluffs, Iowa, 5-1, \$105 each; **3rd-4th**, Michael Ogush (1556), Santa Clara, and Gary Pylant (1650), Memphis, Tenn., 4½-1½; \$17.50 each; **5th**, Duane Wilk (1722), Atascadero, 4-2, \$11.25 (Gambit gift certificate); **6th**, Russell Freeman (1783), Oakland, 3-3, Senior trophy.

#### Class C

**1st**, John Wells (1554), Merced, 5-1, \$120 plus trophy; **2nd**, William Talcott (1538), San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$60; **3rd-7th**, Branisla Steiner (1445), Oakland, Joseph Ruggiero (1527), San Francisco, Oscar Salgado (1398), Oakland, Alan Chappel (1564), Morgan Hill, and Gregg Guffrey (1572), Joshua Tree, 4-2, \$6 each; **8th**, Daniel Sunnarborg (1560), Pleasant Hill, 3½-2½, \$7.50 (Gambit gift certificate).

#### Class D-E

**1st**, Nelson Sowell (1240), Oakland, 5½-½, \$80 plus trophy; **2nd**, Jon Wooley (1350), Hayward, 5-1, \$40; **3rd**, George Chu (1322), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$20; **4th**, Eugene Lubarsky (Unr.), Santa Barbara, 4-2, \$3.75 (Gambit gift certificate); **5th**, Robert Solovay (1125), Berkeley, 2-4, Class E trophy.

### Booster Section

**1st**, Mark Euchignani (Unr.), Novoto, 6-0, \$15 (Gambit gift certificate) plus Best Jr. trophy; **2nd**, Jal Szymanski (New), Oakland, 5-1, \$10 (Gambit gift certificate) plus Best New Player trophy; **3rd**, Gary Carter (Unr.), Berkeley, 4-2, \$5 (Gambit gift certificate) plus Best Unrated trophy.

**White: Larry Christiansen (2493). Black: Yasser Seirawan (2390). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 6, Feb. 20, 1978.**

irc Defense 1 Nf3 g6 2 e4 Bg7 3 d4 d6 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Be2  
O-O 6 O-O Nc6 7 d5 Nb8 8 Bg5 c6 9 Qd2 a5 10 Rad1 Qc7  
11 Rfe1 Nbd7 12 h3 a4 13 a3 Re8 14 Bf1 Nb6 15 Bh6  
cd 16 Bg7 Kg7 17 ed Bd7 18 Re3 Ra5 19 Rd3 Nc4 20  
Qc1 Rc5 21 Ng5 Na3 22 Rd4 h6 23 Nge4 Ne4 24 Re4  
Nc4 25 Rdd4 Nb6 26 Rh4 Rh8 27 Qa1 Ra8 28 Bd3 g5 29  
Rh6 Kh6 30 Rh4 Kg7 31 Rh7 Kf6 32 Rh6 Kg7 33 Rh7 Kf6  
34 Ne4 Kg6 35 Qd1 g4 36 Qd2 Rd5 37 Qh6 Kf5 38 Rf7  
Ke5 39 Qg7 Ke6 40 Rf6 Ke6 41 Rf6 Ke5 42 Rd6 Kf4 43  
g3 Resigns.

**White: Nick DeFirmian (2370). Black: John Peters (2434). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 6, Feb. 20, 1978. Sicilian Defense** 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 Nc6 7 Bf6 gf 8 Bc4 e6 9 O-O Bg7 10 Nc6 bc 11 Qg4 O-O 12 Rad1 d5 13 Rd3 f5 14 ef Qf6 15 Bb3 e5 16 Rf3 e4 17 Rf4 Re8 18 Bd5 cd 19 Nd5 Qe5 20 Re4 Bf5 21 Re5 Bg4 22 Rg5 Be6 23 Nf6 Kh8 24 Ne8 Re8 25 b3 Drawn.

**White: Jay Whitehead (2273). Black: Ulf Wostner (2036). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 1, Feb. 18, 1978.**

**Robatsch Defense**

1 e2-e4	d7-d6	11 Nf3xe5	O-O(f)
2 d2-d4	g7-g6	12 Ne5xf7!	Bc8-a6(g)
3 Nb1-c3	Bf8-g7	13 Nf7-d6	Nf6-d5(h)
4 Bf1-c4	c7-c6	14 Qe2-e6	Kg8-h8
5 Qd1-e2!	b7-b5(a)	15 Nd6-f7	Rf8xf7(i)
6 Nc3xb5!	Qd8-b6(b)	16 Qe6xf7	Nd7
7 Nb5-c3	Bg7xd4	17 Nc3xd5	c6xd5(j)
8 Ng1-f3(c)	Bd4-g7(d)	18 Qf7xd5	Ra8-d8
9 O-O	Ng8-f6(e)	19 Bc1-e3	Qb6-f6(k)
10 e4-e5!	d6xe5	20 Qd5-a5	Resigns

(Notes contributed by USCF master Jay Whitehead)

(a) Sidestepping White's tainted pawn, 5...Bd4? 6 Bf7! Kf7 7 Qc4, but inadvertently offering one of his own. Correct is 5...Nf6 6 e5 de 7 de Nd5 8 Bd2, followed by 0-0-0, with only a slight edge for White.

(b) Black cannot play 6...cb because of 7 Bd5! A game from Lone Pine, 1977 between Regan and Tisdall continued here 6...d5!? 7 Bf4! Na6 8 Bb3! (stronger than 8 Bd3 cb 9 Bd5 Kf8, as played in Regan — Soltis, New York, 1978, and if 10 Ba6, then 10...Qa5) cb 9 Qb5 Qd7 10 Qd5 Qd5 11 Bd5 Rb8 12 Bb8 Nb8 13 e5; with a huge advantage.

(c) More potent than 8 Qf3 e6 9 Nge2 Bg7.

(d) Trading off his king-side bishop, 8...Bc3, would leave Black's prospective castled position very weak.

(e) Perhaps 9...Ba6 was better, since White now punches through the center.

(f) An improvement would be 11...e6, but after 12 Be3 Qb2 13 Bd4 or 13 Qd2 Black's game would likely get worse.

(g) On 12...Rf7 White pounces with 13 Qe7 Nd5 14 Nd5!

(h) An alternative to resignation, though not much better, is 13...Kh8 14 Qe7 Bc4 15 Nc4 Qd4 16 Nd6.

(i) Of course, 15...Kg8? would have meant an early lunch after 16 Nh6 Kh8 17 Qg8 Rg8 18 Nf7mate!

(u) Or 17...Bc4 18 Nb6 Bf7 19 Nd7, and Black comes up a rook short.

(k) White would fire the same parting shot after 19...Qb7.

**White: Norman Symonds (2055). Black: Paul Cornelius (2324). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 1, Feb. 18, 1978.**

French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ndf3 cd 8 cd f6 9 ef Nf6 10 Ne2 Bd6 11 O-O Qc7 12 Nc3 a6 13 Re1 O-O 14 Qb3 Bd7 15 Bg5 Ng4 16 h3 Nd4 17 Nd5 Qb8 18 Qc3 Nf3 19 gf Bh2 20 Kg2 Nf2 21 f4 Nd3 22 Qd3 Bc6 23 Kh2 Bd5 24 Re2 b5 25 b3 Ra7 26 Rg1 Kh8 27 Qd4 Rff7 28 h4 Rad7 29 Re3 Ba8 30 Qc3 Rc7 31 Qb2 Qc8 32 Qe5 Rc2 33 Kh3 Bd5 34 Bh6 Rcc7 35 Reg3 Qf8 36 h5 Kg8 37 f5 Rfe7 38 f6 Rf7 39 Bg7 Qc8 40 Bf8 Resigns.

**White: Gregory Smith (1825). Black: Thomas Dorsch (2199). U.C. Berkeley, Rd. 1, Feb. 18, 1978. Sicilian Defense** 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 e6 4 Nf3 a6 5 a4 Nge7 6 e5 d6 7 Ne4 de 8 Nc5 Ng6 9 Ne4 ef 10 d4 Be7 11 Be2 O-O 12 O-O b6 13 c3 Bb7 14 Qc2 Qc7 15 Bd3 Rac8 16 Nf2 Nb4 17 Qe2 Nd3 18 Qd3 e5 19 Re1 ed 20 Nd4 Bc5 21 b4 Bd4 22 cd Rfe8 23 Bd2 Qc6 24 Qh3 Nh4 25 Bf4 Ng2 26 Re8 Re8 27 Bd2 Nh4 28 Ra3 Qg6 29 Ng4 Nf5 30 Kf2 Nd4 31 Ne3 Nf3 32 Qd7 Bc6 33 Qh3 Nd2 34 Resigns.