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CHESS BARBS

RODRIGUEZ BIG WINNER AT HAYWARD: Ruben Rodriguez of San Francisco, a chess master from the Philippines (USCF rating 2432), won first place, \$450 and a massive trophy in the 1st Calif. People's Chess Festival, held Fe. 16-18 at Chabot College in Hayward. His final score of 5-1 included victories over international grandmaster Walter Browne and US senior master Larry Gilden, who tied for second at 4½-\$ (\$195 each). US Champion John Grefe also finished in the winners' circle with a 4-2 result.

Section winners were (Experts) Jeremy Silman (trophy) and James McCormick, 5-1, \$180 each, (Class A) Antonio Saguisag 5-1, \$210 plus trophy, (Class B) Richard Dorn 5½-\$210 plus trophy, (Class C) five-way tie at 5-1 with the trophy awarded to Kip Brockman on tie-breakers, and (Class D-E-Unrated) Wayne Smith, 6-0, (!?sandbagger?!), \$210 plus trophy.

Tournament Director for the 199-player event was Guthrie McClain, distinguished editor of the Calif. Chess Reporter, assisted by Alan Benson, Ed Delgado and

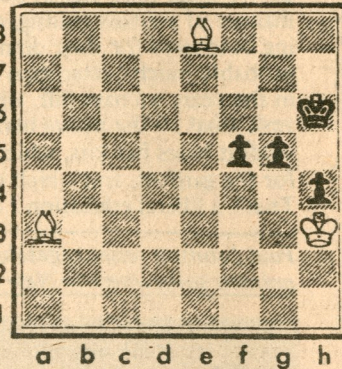
Dr. Ralph Hultgren.

Here is the crucial last-round money game.

White: Ruben Rodriguez (2432). Black: Larry Gilden (2396). Hayward, Feb. 18, 1974. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 e5 4 Ngf3 Nd7 5 g3 Ngf6 6 Bg2 Bd6 7 0-0-0 8 ed cd 9 c4 Nc5 10 d4 ed 11 Nd4 Bg4 12 Qc2 dc 13 Nc4 Bg3 14 hg a4 Kf4 15 Be3 Qd3 16 Qd3 Nd3 17 Bb7 Rab8 18 Na5 Bc8 19 Bg2 a6 20 b3 Bg4 21 Nc6 Bb5 22 Nd4 Re5 23 Nf3 Rf5 24 Ne1 Rd8 25 f3 Bh5 26 g4 Ng4 27 fg Bg4 28 Rf5 Bf5 29 Nd3 Rd3 30 Kf2 h5 31 Rh1 g6 32 Bf3 Rc6 33 Rcl Rcl 34 Bcl Bc8 35 b4 f6 36 a4 Kf7 37 b5 ab 38 ab Ke6 39 b6 Kf5 40 b7 Bb7 41 Bb7 g5 42 Kg3 Kg6 43 Bc6 f5 44 Bgch Kh6 45 Bap h4ch 46 Khb Black resigns.

Walter Browne fell into a prepared variation in round two, but fought his way out with grim determination, spending 36 minutes on his eleventh move:

White: Walter Browne (2592). Black: C. Bill Jones (2259). Hayward, Feb. 16, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 e6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 5 Nd5 ed 6 d4 Nc6



Final Position

7 dc Bc5 8 Qd5 d6 9 ed Qb6 10 Qe4 Be6 11 Qh4 Bd6 12 Bd3 Nb4 13 0-0 Nd3 14 ca 0-0 15 b3 Bd5 16 Be3 Qa6 17 Ng5 h6 18 Ne4 Ba4 19 Raal 19 20 Nc3 Bf7 21 Eda Rd8 22 Be5 Rd7 23 d4 Re8 24 Qh3 Bg6 25 Qf3 Bb4 26 Nd5 Qa5 27 Nf4 Bf7 28 Qh3 Qa2 29 Qf5 Ree7 30 d5 Qa6 31 Ne6 Be2 32 de Rd1 33 Rdl Qa5 34 g4 Ba3 35 Bd6 Qf5 36 gf Bd6 37 Rd6 Kf8 38 Rd8 Re8 39 Rd7 Re7 40 Rd8 Re8 41 Rd7 Re7 42 Rd5 g6 43 Rd8 Kg7 44 Rd7 Kf6 45 Re7 Ke7 46 fg Ke6 47 f4 Black resigns.

Blood and gore galore from round four:

White: Guillermo Rey (2093). Black: Richard Kelson (1900). Hayward, Feb. 17, 1974. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Be7 7 Re1 d6 8 c3 Na5 9 Bc2 c5 10 h3 0-0 11 d4 Qc7 12 Nbd2 h6 12 Nf1 Re8 14 d5 c4 15 N3h2 Nb7 16 Ng4 Nc5 17 Ng3 Nh7 18 Bh6 gh 19 Nh6ch kf8 20 Nf7 Bh3 21 Qh5 Nf6 22 Qg6 Bc8 23 Re3 Ng8 24 Nh6 Nh6 25 Qh6ch Kg8 26 Nf5 Bh4 27 Qh4 Bf5 28 ef Re7 29 f6 Rd7 30 Rg3ch Black resigns.

And a "brilliancy" from Class B:

White: Peter Schwartz (1663). Black: Tom Dowse (1605). Hayward, Feb. 16, 1974. Alekhine's Defense 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 g6 5 Ng3 c6 6 Qf3 f6 7-e6 Qb6 18 e4 f6 9 ed Qa4 10 Nc3 cd 11 Be3 Qb4 12 Qd5 Qb2 13 Bb5ch Kd8 14 0-0 Qc3 15 Bd4 Qa5 16 Racl Na6 17 Ba7 Nc7 18 Rc7 Qc7 19 Qd4 Ra7 20 Qh8 Qc5 21 Qf8ch Kc7 22 Qe7ch Kb6 23 Qd8ch Kb5 24 e7 Black resigns.

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TION AT SERRAMONTE: Write to Donna Lee Henderson, 3 Serramonte Center, Daly City, Calif. 94015 to sign up for a gala chess event honoring new US champion John Grefe. All kinds of activities have been planned. Swiss style tournament (Master-Expert, A, B, C, D, E, Women, Jr. under 15, Jr. under 12, Jr. under 10), simultaneous exhibitions against all comers by Grefe and world blindfold champion George Koltanowski with prizes to those who win or draw. Starts the first weekend in May. NO ENTRY FEE, but advance registration required, so get your name in fast!

CHESS LESSONS: Take private or class instruction from USCF masters and watch your game improve. Phone Peter Cleghorn, 584-0847 or C. Bill Jones, 327-5662 for the pertinent details.

