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Chess

HAYWARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Jerry Rogers directed 20 participants in a USCF rated "tornado" (30 moves in 30 minutes) tournament at Swan Felipe Park, Jan. 22-23. Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Martin Sullivan (2085), Hayward, 5½-1½, \$50; 2nd, Randy Fong (1907), Hayward, 5-1, \$35.

Class B

1st, Ernest Curto (1753), Fremont, 4½-1½, \$35.

Class C

1st-2nd, Hans Poschmann (1567), Fremont, and Gary Smith (1542), San Leandro, 3-3, \$18 each.

Class D

1st, Charles Brunton (1325), Vacaville, 3-3, \$35.

Unrated Division

1st, Greg Kurrell, Redwood City, 4-2, \$35.

Considering the fast time control (30-30), the Hayward "tornado" produced some worthwhile games. Here are two of them, recorded in USCF sanctioned 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: Martin Sullivan (2085). Black: Randy Fong (1907). Hayward "Tornado", Jan. 23, 1977. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nd5 Qh4 5 Ke2 Bg4 6 Nf3 Bd6 7 d4 Nf6 8 Nf6 gf 9 Kd2 Qh5 10 h3 Qa5 11 c3 Bh5 12 Qb3 Nd7 13 Qb5 Qb5 14 Bb5 Rg8 15 Nh4 0-0-0 16 Kc2 Rde8 17 Bd3 f5 18 e5 Be7 19 Nf5 Rg2 20 Kb3 f3 21 Ne7 Re7 22 Bf4 f6 23 Rae1 fe 24 de f2 25 Ref1 Ne5 26 Be4 Bf3 27 Bf5 Kd8 28 Be3 Bd5 29 Kc2 Nc4 30 Bd4 Re2 31 Kc1 Rb2 32 Bh7 Ra2 33 h4 c5 34 Bc5 Rg7 35 Bb1 Rd2 36 Be3 Re2 37 Bf2 Bh1 38 Bd4 Bg2 39 Rf8 Ke7 40 Bg7 Re1 41 Kc2 Be4 42 Kb3 Nd2 43 Kb4 Rb1 44 Nc5 Rg1 45 Bh6 Rg6 46 Rh8 Rb6 47 Bd2 Drawn.

White: Hans Poschmann (1567). Black: Greg Kurrell (Unr.). Hayward "Tornado", Jan. 23, 1977. Polish Opening 1 b4 e5 2 Bb2 Bb4 3 Be5 Nf6 4 c4 Nc6 5 Bb2 d5 6 cd Qd5 7 Bf6 gf 8 Nf3 Bg4 9 Nc3 Bc3 10 dc Bf3 11 gf 0-0-0 12 Qc2 Ne5 13 Bh3 Kb8 14 0-0 Rhg8 15 Kh1 Nf3 16 Qe5 17 Resigns.

MINOR BRILLIANCY

Though flawed by comparison with the titanic clashes between major masters, attacking games by players of lesser rank occasionally make just as powerful an impression . . .

White: Alfred Schroeder. Black: A. B. Hodges.
Rice Memorial Tournament, New York, 1916.
Ruy Lopez

1 P-K4	P-K4	18 KxN	RxPch
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	19 K-N3(g)	P-B4
3 B-N5	P-QR3	20 B-B4	K-R1
4 B-R4	N-B3	21 Q-QB1	P-B5ch
5 N-B3	B-K2	22 K-R2	P-K5!!(h)
6 0-0	P-QN4	23 QxR	PxN
7 B-N3	P-Q3	24 Pxp	N-K4
8 P-QR4	P-N5	25 B-B1(i)	Q-R5ch
9 N-Q5	B-N5!(a)	26 K-N2	NxNPI
10 P-B3(b)	R-QN1	27 PxN	P-B6ch
11 B-B4	NxP	28 K-N1	P-B7ch
12 Bxp	Pxp	29 K-N2	QxPch
13 QPxP	0-0	30 K-R2	Q-N8ch
14 B-K3(c)	B-N4	31 K-R3	R-B6ch
15 P-R3(d)	BxB!	32 K-R4	Q-r7ch
16 RPxB(e)	BxPch(f)	33 Resigns(j)	
17 RxB	NxR		

(Modified notes from "The Field" in "The Year-Book of Chess, 1915-1916", London, 1917, pp. 121-22).

(a) If, instead, 9 . . . Nxp White would obtain a strong attack by 10 P-Q4. The moves so far have been the same as those in a game between Tarrasch and Janowski in the Petro-grad Tournament of 1914.

(b) Tarrasch now played 10 NxNch PxN! 11 P-B3 R-KN1 12 B-Q5 Q-Q2 13 K-R1 R-N1, and lost a hard fought struggle of 74 moves.

(c) White's object in making this move was probably to prevent 14 . . . N-B4, which would have threatened 15 . . . NxB and 15 . . . P-K5, but it leaves his QNP unguarded. The same purpose would have been better served by 14 P-N4, which would also have had the advantage of initiating a dangerous attack by the advance of his pawns on the queen side.

(d) There was no time for this provocation. The correct move was 15 B-Q3.

(e) If 16 BPxB, then 16 . . . BxN 17 RxB RxP 18 B-N5 N-R4, and Black has the better position besides having won a pawn. If 16 NxB, then 16 . . . BxN 17 PxB N-N4, again with advantage for Black.

(f) Black plays well in giving up his bishop and knight for the rook and two pawns, which are about an equivalent, as it enables him to maintain his attack, whereas had he retired his bishop the advance of White's pawns on the queen side would soon have thrown him on the defensive.

(g) The king would have been less exposed to attack at N1.

(h) A fine sacrifice. Black now forces the game in brilliant style.

(i) A better defense would have been 25 B-K2, but Black would still have won, e.g., 25 . . . Q-R5ch 26 K-N1 Q-N6ch 27 K-R1 (If 27 K-B1, then 27 . . . NxBP and wins.) P-R4 28 PxP (Or 28 B-Q1 Q-K8ch and 29 . . . PxP, winning.) P-B3 29 N-B7 R-B4 30 Q-N8ch K-R2 31 Q-N1 P-N3 32 PxPch QxP, and wins.

(j) A finely played game by Hodges.

WHITEHEAD SIMULTANEOUS

USCF master Jay Whitehead, 15, of San Francisco demonstrated his skill and staying power in a 4½-hour session against 18 opponents at the Oakland Chess Club, Feb. 1. The final tally was Visiting Master—16, Stalwart Defenders—2 (Henry Mar, 1517, and Lani Harris, Unr.) and no draws.

White: Jay Whitehead (2239). Black: Scott McCargar (1634). Simultaneous Exhibition, Oakland, Feb. 1, 1977. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cd 8 cd f6 9 ef Nf6 10 Nf3 Bd6 11 Bf4 Bf4 12 Nf4 Qd6 13 Qd2 0-0 14 Ne2 e5 15 de Ne5 16 Ne5 Qe5 17 0-0 Ng4 18 Ng3 h5 19 Rae1 Qf6 20 Be2 Qf7 21 Bf3 Rd8 22 Qg5 Be6 23 Nh5 Nh6 24 Re6 Resigns.

"Black Tuesday"

Concurrently with the Whitehead exhibition, a number of speed chess games were being contested at the Oakland Club. Among them was this little beauty between "Chess Voice" editor John Larkins and Class A player Kerry Lawless of San Leandro. A kibitzer labeled the episode "Black Tuesday" in deference to the Feb. 1 playing date.

White: John Larkins. Black: Kerry Lawless. Five-Minute Game, Oakland, Feb. 1, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nd4 4 Bc4 b5 5 Bd5 Rb8 6 Nf3 e6 7 Nd4 ed 8 Nf3 de 9 Qe2 d5 10 0-0 Nf6 11 d3 Be7 12 de Ne4 13 Nc3 Nc3 14 bc 0-0 15 Bb2 b4 16 Ne5 Qb6 17 Nd7 Bd7 18 Qe7 Bb5 19 Rfe1 Rfe8 20 Qh4 bc 21 Bc3 d4 22 Bd2 c4 23 Qf2 c3 24 Bc1 Re1 25 Qe1 Re8 26 Qf2 Re2 27 Qf3 d3 28 Kf1 d2 29 Qa8 Re8mate.