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Chess

"CHERRY TREE" TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The seventh annual George Washington's Birthday "Cherry Tree Open" Chess Tournament was held at the Monterey Chess Center, Feb. 22-23. Eighty players participated in the USCF rated Swiss system event, directed by Ted and Ruby Yudacufski. Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Alex Suhobeck, Monterey, 3½-½, \$100; 2nd, Kerry Lawless, San Leandro, 3-1, \$50; 3rd-5th, Mike Ewell, San Jose, Clifford Kull, Mt. View, and Edward McCaskey, Pacific Grove, 2½-1½, \$10 each; Best Under 1800, Greg Payne, Mt. View, 1½-2½, cherry pie.

B-C Division

1st B, Richard Phillips, Santa Cruz, 4½-½, \$110 plus cherry pie; 2nd B, Brad Diller, Los Altos Hills, 4-1, \$70.

1st-4th C, Geir Aagedal (cherry pie), Sunnyvale, Lous Huntington, Soledad, Joe Meyer, Ohio, and Paul Gregson, San Mateo, 4-1, \$42.50 each.

D-E-Unrated Division

1st D-E, Rick Bender, Santa Cruz, 4½-½, \$75 plus cherry pie; 2nd-3rd D-E, Anthony Rossi, Fort Ord, and James Kiessling, Sunnyvale, 3½-1½, \$30 each.

1st Unrated, Charles Sibre, Monterey, \$50 plus cherry pie; 2nd-3rd Unrated, Joseph Anderson, Arroyo Grande, and Charles Boyer, Atwater, \$10 each.

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Here are the best games played by the top two prize winners, recorded in 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: Alex Suhobeck (248). Black: Frank Flynn (1904).
Cherry Tree Open, Monterey, Feb. 23, 1975. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Bd3 Bd3 5 Qd3 e6 6 Nf3 Qb6 7 b3 c5 8 0-0 Nc6 9 Nc3 cd 10 Na4 Qc7 11 Bb2 Nge7 12 Nd4 Nd4 13 Qd4 Ng6 14 c4 dc 15 bc Be7 16 Nc3 Qe5 17 Qe5 Ne5 18 Nb5 Nc4 19 Bg7 Rg8 20 Nc7 Kd7 21 Na8 Rg7 22 Rac1 b5 23 a4 a6 24 ab ab 25 Ra1 Bc5 26 Rfd1 Kc6 27 Rd8 Nb6 28 Nb6 Bb6 29 Rc1 Kb7 30 Rd7 Kb8 31 Rc6 Ba5 32 Rc5 h6 33 Kf1 Rg4 34 Rb5 Kc8 35 Rf7 Bd2 36 Ke2 Bg5 37 g3 Ra4 38 h4 Ra2 39 Kd3 Bd2 40 Rc5 Resigns.

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White: Frank Flynn (1904). Black: Kerry Lawless (1879).
Cherry Tree Open, Monterey, Feb. 23, 1975. King's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 Nbd7 6 Bg5 e5 7 d5 a5 8 Qd2 h6 9 Be3 Nc5 10 f3 a4 11 h4 Nh5 12 g4 Ng3 13 Rh3 Ne2 14 Nge2 h5 15 0-0-0 hg 16 Rg3 gf 17 Rf3 Bg4 18 Rg3 f5 19 Bg5 Bf6 20 Rdg1 Bg5 21 hg Rh5 22 ef gf 23 Rg4 fg 24 Rg4 Qd7 25 Rg1 0-0-0 26 Nb5 b6 27 Qc2 Qh7 28 Qh7 Rh7 29 Ng3 Rh4 30 Nf5 Rc4 31 Kb1 Kd7 32 g6 Ne4 33 Rh1 Nf6 34 g7 Rg4 35 Rh8 Ng8 36 Rh7 Rg5 37 Nh6 Ke7 38 Na7 Kf6 39 Nc6 Re8 40 Ng8 Rg8 41 h6 Kg7 42 Re6 Rf8 43 Re7 Rf7 44 Re8 Rg2 45 a3 Rf1 46 Ka2 Rff2 47 Nd8 Rb2 48 Ka1 Rbe2 49 Ne6 Kh7 50 Re7 Kh6 51 Resigns.

NONA IN PEAK FORM FOR TITLE MATCH

Returning triumphant with a brilliant score of 8 wins and three draws from an international women's tournament in Holland, world champion Nona Gaprindashvili confirmed her class in advance of the title competition to be held later this year.

White: Nona Gaprindashvili. Black: Alexandra Nikolau.
Wijk aan Zee, 1975.

Ruy Lopez	16 QxPch	K-K1	31 R-K7
1P-K4	P-K4	17 N-Q2	B-N2
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	18 Q-K5ch	K-B1
3 B-N5	KN-K2	19 R-K1	P-KR4(h)
4 0-0(a)	P-QR3	20 N-N3	P-B3
5 BxN(b)	NxB	21 Q-K6	B-B1
6 P-Q4	PxP(c)	22 P-B51(i)	P-N4
7 NxP	P-Q4(d)	23 B-Q6ch	K-N2
8 NxN	PxN	24 NxP	RxB(j)
9 PxP	PxP	25 N-B5ch	K-N3
10 P-QB4	P-Q5	26 N-K7ch	QxN
11 B-B41(e)	P-QB4	27 QxQ	R(3)-Q1
12 Q-B31	R-R2(f)	28 P-B6	B-B4
13 W-B6ch	R-Q2	29 P-KR3	R-QB1
14 R-K1ch	B-K2	30 Q-B5	R-R2
15 RxBch1(g)	KxR		Resigns(k)

(Notes by **Alexandr Konstantinopolsky**, translated from "64", No. 7, Feb. 14-20, 1975, pp. 2-3)

(a) A perfectly reasonable reply, as are 4 N-B3 and 4 P-Q4, since Black's last knight move makes development difficult.

(b) Also good is 5 B-B4 N-N3 6 P-Q4 B-K2 7 NxP QNxN 8 PxN NxP 9 B-N3 P-Q3 10 P-KB4 (Westerinin—Larsen, XIX Chess Olympics, 1970), but world champion Gaprindashvili prefers not to lose time.

(c) Black did not like the endgame following 6...P-Q3 7 PxP NxP 8 NxN PxN 9 QxQch KxQ.

(d) Not in accord with the spirit of the position, since the open lines can only favor White. With 7...P-Q3 Black could have established a strong defensive formation.

(e) Accentuating the weaknesses in Black's position.

(f) If 12...B-Q2, then 13 R-K1ch B-K2 14 B-Q6.

(g) With more in mind than the win of a pawn (15 QxBP), White sacrifices the exchange to pursue the attack against the enemy king.

(h) Lets the white knight into the fight, but 19...R-K2 loses to 20 Q-Q6 K-K1 (Black gets mated after 20...Q-K1 21 RxR QxR 22 Q-N8ch.) 21 RxRch QxR 22 Q-N8ch, etc.

(i) The last straw, reasserting the significance of the square Q6, e.g., 22...R-K2 23 QxRch QxQ 24 B-Q6 QxB 25 PxQ, and White wins.

(j) Desperation, but 24...R-KB2 25 N-B5ch K-N3 26 N-K7ch K-N2 27 Q-K4 offers scant solace.

(k) A beautiful victory!

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White: Gaprindashvili (USSR). Black: Polihroniade (Rumania). VI Women's Chess Olympics, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 a4 a6 8 Na3 Be6 9 Bc4 Bc4 10 Nc4 Ne4 (Often effective in other openings, e.g., 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Bc4 Ne4, Black's "fork trick" proves drastically inopportune here.) 11 Ne4 d5 12 Bg5! (Totally disruptive. Now Black's game falls apart.) f6 (The sequel to 12...Be7 would be 13 Ned6 followed by Qd5.) 13 Bf6! gf 14 Qd5! Nd4 (White was threatening 15 Qe6 and 16 Nf6.) 15 0-0-0 Be7 16 Ned6 Bd6 17 Nd6 Ke7 18 Rd4! (Crushing all resistance.) ed 19 Re1 Resigns.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave., Hayward (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.). Evenings, except Monday and Tuesday, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Wednesday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets. Friday, 8-12 p.m.