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Chess

BROWNE WINNER AT LONE PINE

Standing alone with a final score of 6-1, international grandmaster **Walter Browne** of Berkeley captured first prize and \$2,000 at the Louis D. Statham Masters' Tournament in Lone Pine, Calif., Mar. 24-31.

U.S. Champion **John Grefe**, also from Berkeley, and IGM **Pal Benko** of New York shared 2nd-3rd places with 5¹/₂-1¹/₂, earning \$1,000 each.

A four-way tie at 5-2 for 4th-7th spots netted **Julio Kaplan**, **Kim Commons**, **Andrew Karklins** and **Larry Evans** \$275 apiece.

Other prize winners (\$100 each, 4¹/₂-2¹/₂) were **Florin Gheorghiu**, **Larry Gilden** and **John Jacobs**.

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The most brilliant game of the all-master event (average rating of the 53 players: 2350) was acknowledged to be Julio Kaplan's combinative victory over Timothy Taylor in the last round, recorded here 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: Julio Kaplan (2449). Black: Timothy Taylor (2312). Lone Pine, 1974. Dutch Defense 1 Nf3 f5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 d6 4 d4 g6 5 0-0 Bg7 6 Nc3 0-0 7 Re1 Na6 8 e4 fe 9 Ne4 Ne4 10 Re4 c5 11 Ng5! d5 12 Rh4 h6 13 Nh3 g5 14 Bg5 hg 15 Ng5 Bf5 16 Qh5 Qd6 17 Re1 Nc7 18 dc Qc5 19 Rf4 Qc2 20 Be4!! Qd2 21 Bf5 Qe1 22 Kg2 Rf6 23 Bh7 Kh8 24 Rf6 Bf6 25 Nf7 Kg7 26 Qg6 Resigns.

More fighting games from Lone Pine:

White: Craig Barnes (2233). Black: Arnold Denker (2308). Lone Pine, 1974. Robatsch Defense 1 e4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 d4 d6 4 f4 Nh6 5 Bc4 Nc6 6 Nf3 Na5 7 Bb3 Nb3 8 ab 0-0 9 h3 f5 10 Qe2 Nf7 11 Bd2 c6 12 0-0-0 e5 13 ef gf 14 g4 fg 15 hg Bg4 16 Rdg1 h5 17 Rg4 hg 18 Qe4 Re8 19 Qh7 Kf8 20 Nh4 Re6 21 f5 Ng5 22 Ng6 Rg6 23 Qg6 Nf7 24 Ne4 d5 25 Bb4 Resigns.

White: Roy Ervin (2335). Black: Walter Browne (2612). Lone Pine, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7 f4 b5 8 Qf3 Bb7 9 0-0-0 e6 10 a3 Rc8 11 f5 e5 12 Nde2 Qc7 13 Rd2 Be7 14 h4 0-0 15 g4 b4 16 ab d5 17 ed Bb4 18 Kb1 e4 19 Qh3 Qa5 20 Rd4 Bc3 21 Nc3 Nd5 22 Nd5 Bd5 23 c4 Bc6 24 Bg2 Rb8 25 Bf4 Rb7 26 Rc1 Nc5 27 Rc3 Ba4 28 Bd6 Qb6 29 Rd2 Nb3 30 Rb3 Bb3 31 Bf8 Qa5 32 Re2 Qa2 33 Kc1 Rd7 34 Resigns.

White: Curt Brasket (2362). Black: Walter Browne (2612). Lone Pine, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7 Qe2 b5 8 f4 e5 9 Nd5 Bb7 10 fe de 11 Nf3 Qa5 12 Bd2 b4 13 c4 Bc5 14 g3 0-0 15 Bh3 Bd5 16 cd Rac8 17 Bf1 Bb6 18 a3 Rc2 19 Qa6 Qc5 20 Qe2 b3 21 Bh3 Ne4 22 Qe4 Nf6 23 Qe3 Qe3 24 Be3 Be3 25 d6 Bf2 26 Kf1 Nd5 27 Re1 Be1 28 Ne1 Ne3 29 Kg1 Rd8 30 d7 f5 31 Bf5 Nf5 32 Nc2 bc 33 Kf2 Rd7 34 Rc1 Nd4 35 Ke3 Rc7 36 Kd3 Nb3 37 Resigns.

White: Arthur Bisguier (2449). Black: Larry Evans (2503). Lone Pine, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5 Bd7 4 Bd7 Qd7 5 c4 Nc6 6 Nc3 g6 7 d4 cd 8 Nd4 Bg7 9 Be3 Nf6 10 f3 0-0 11 0-0 e6 12 Qd2 Ne5 13 b3 d5 14 ed ed 15 c5 Rfc8 16 Na4 Nc4 17 c6 Nd2 18 cd Nd7 19 Rfd1 Drawn.

GAPRINDASHVILI STILL TOPS

Women's World Champion **Nona Gaprindashvili** convincingly won a 14-woman event in Belgrade, Yugoslavia by the excellent showing of 11 points out of a possible 13. Her closest competitor, Veretsai of Hungary, finished with 9¹/₂-3¹/₂.

White: Nona Gaprindashvili (USSR). Black: Vlasta Kalkbrenner (Yugoslavia). Belgrade, 1974. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ndf3 Qa5 8 Kf2 b5 9 Bd3 b4 10 Ne2 Ba6 11 f5 Bd3 12 Qd3 Be7 13 Nf4 c4 14 Qc2 Nd8 15 Nh5 Bf8 16 g4 Qb6 17 Bg5 g6 18 Nf6 Nf6 19 Bf6 Rg8 20 Bd8 Kd8 21 f6 h6 22 Rhc1 Rc8 23 cb Bb4 24 a3 Bf8 25 Rab1 Qa6 26 Qd2 Qa4 27 b3 Qa3 28 bc dc 29 Ra1 c3 30 Qd3 Qb2 31 Kg3 c2 32 Ra7! Qc1 33 Qb5 Qf4 34 Kf2 Qe3! 35 Kg3 Qf4 36 Kg2! Qg4 37 Kf2 Qf3 38 Kf3 Rc3 39 Kf2 Rc7 40 Qb8 Rc8 41 Qb7 Resigns.

EDWARD LASKER'S BEST GAME OF CHESS

"The following game I consider the most beautiful I ever played, and though it was not a tournament game, and can, therefore, hardly be classed among the best games, I submit it with my own notes because I believe it will give your readers pleasure." —Edward Lasker ("Chess Pie," vol. 1, 1922, pg. 13).

White: Edward Lasker.

Black: Sir George Thomas.

London, 1912.

Dutch Defense

1 P-Q4	P-KB4(a)	10 Q-R5(d)	Q-K2(e)
2 N-KB3	P-K3	11 QxPch!!	KxQ
3 N-B3	N-KB3(b)	12 NxBch	K-R3(f)
4 B-N5	B-K2	13 N(5)-N4ch	K-N4
5 BxN	BxB	14 P-R4ch	K-B5
6 P-K4	PxP	15 P-N3ch	K-B6
7 NxP	P-QN3(c)	16 B-K2ch	K-N7
8 B-Q3	B-N2	17 R-R2ch	K-N8
9 N-K5	0-0	18 K-Q2mate(g)	

(a) This postpones the development of the men for one move, but sometimes it enables Black later on to plant his knight on K5.

(b) Worthy of consideration is 3...P-Q4, as it would soon lead into a Queen's Pawn Opening in which White cannot play P-QB4.

(c) Black has to make this additional move with a pawn in order to develop his queen's wing. As a result, White is two moves ahead in the mobilization of his army.

(d) This looks very strong, but is perhaps premature. At any rate, the move embodies a number of vicious threats, one of which Black overlooks.

(e) With the intention to recapture with the pawn in case White plays 11 NxBch. The best move was probably 10...B(3)xN. If then 11 PxB, Black gets the better of it through 11...R-B4. After the move Black actually chooses White has an occasion for a brilliant finish.

(f) Not 12...K-R1 on account of 13 N-N6mate.

(g) This game was played in the City of London Chess Club in 1912. A year later, Alekhine called my attention to the fact, discovered in Moscow, where he went over the game with Bernstein, that I could have mated in seven instead of eight moves by playing 16 K-B1 or 17 0-0, as then Black would have been unable to prevent mate by 17 N-R2.

SERRAMONTE CHESS FESTIVAL

The Serramonte Shopping Center in Daly City is sponsoring a free multiple weekend Swiss system tournament with prizes in all playing categories, May 4, 11, 18 and 25. U.S. Champion **John Grefe** and international master **George Koltanowski** will be on hand for the finals with simultaneous exhibitions and demonstrations. Participation limited on a "first come" basis; entries close Apr. 15. Send your name, address, telephone number and playing category (M-E, A, B, C, D or Unrated) to **Promotion Dept., No. 3 Serramonte Center, Daly City, Calif. 94015** and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Registration at 8:30 a.m., round one at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 4. Please bring chessmen and board.

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, 1 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

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

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