

CHESS BARBS

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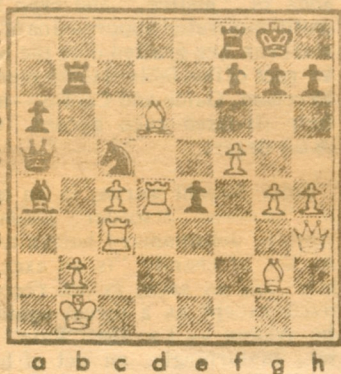
BACK - TO - BACK BIGGIES:

Lone Pine 1974 brought 53 masters, senior masters, IMs and IGMs together for a 7-rd. Swiss, Mar. 24-30, with \$5,500 of Louis D. Statham's cash money on the line for the victors. Finishing with four straight wins after stumbling over Ruben Rodriguez (for the third time running!), international grandmaster WALTER BROWNE of Berkeley carted away \$2,000 for his unbeatable 6-1 final score.

U.S. Champ JOHN GREFE had 5-1/2 points going into the last round, lost to Browne (mistake in the opening...) and so had to settle for a second-place tie with IGM PAL BENKO. Both players made \$1,000 on the deal. Further back at 5-2 each, were KAPLAN, COMMONS, KARKLINS and EVANS picking up a mere \$275 for the week's work.

One of Browne's snappiest wins was his 4th round cruch of U.S. master (2335) Roy Ervin, who just happened to get in the way of an angry young man:

White: Roy Ervin. Black: Walter Browne. 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 Re8 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 Oh3 Qa5 20 Rd4 Be3 21 Nc3 Nd5 22 Nd5 Bd5 23 c4 Bc6 24 Bg2 Rb8 25 Bf4 Bb7 26 Rcl Nc5 27 Rc3 Ba4 28 Bd6.



Ervin-Browne
Position after 28 Bd6

28...Qb6! 29 Rd2 Nb3 30 Rb3 Bb3 31 Bf8 Qa5 32 Re2 Qa2 33 Kc1 Rd7! 34 White resigns:

Aside from Browne and Grefe, a third Berkeley entrant, CRAIG BARNES (2233), posted a creditable result in such high-powered company with a score of 4-3. Here is one of his lighter mom-

ents:

White: Richard Fauber. Black: Craig Barnes. Lone Pine 1974. English Opening 1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 g3 e5 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 e4 d6 6 Nge2 f5! (Hitting first.) 7 d3 Nh6 8 0-0 (Letting slip his last chance at playing f4.) f4! 9 gf? (Ripping up his own pawn cover for the sake of a bit of material.) 0-0! 10 Nd5 (Better to throw back the pawn by 11 f5.) ef (Strong.) 11 Ndf4 Qh4 (Stronger.) 12 f3 Nd4 13 Nd5 Be4 14 Ng3 Ng4! (Strongest.) 15 fg Bg4 16 Ne7ch Kh8 17 Bh6 (Inertia.) Bd1 18 Rf8ch Rf8 19 Bf8 Ne2ch 20 Ne2 Be2 21 h3 Qg3 22 Rcl Qe3ch 23 White resigns.

Also directed by Issac Kashdan, and now in progress is the powerful Eagle Rock Tourney (near L.A.) with international participation: Gligoric, Gheorghiu, Lengyel, Kaplan, Tarjan (Berkeley), Saily, Mednis, Soltis, Kaufman, Zuckerman, Weinstein and Commons.

So far, the veterans are holding the greenhorns at bay:

White: Svetozar Gligoric. Black: Norman Weinstein. Eagle Rock 1974. Grunfeld Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cd Nd5 5 e4 Nc3 6 bc Bg7 7 Bc4 0-0 8 Ne2 c5 9 0-0 Ne6 10 Be3 Qc7 11 Rcl Rd8 12 Qd2 Qa5 13 Rfd1 b6 20 Rf1 Rd6 21 Qe1 Nd4 22 Nd4 cd 23 fe fe 24 Qg3 Re8 25 Rf5 d3 26 Rf2 Qa3 27 Rcl Qc5 28 Kh1 d2 29 Rf7ch Kg8 30 Qh3 h5 31 Qf3 Qc8 32 Qe2 d1Q 33 Qd1 Qc4 34 Qf3 Qc8 35 Ra7 Rd7 36 Rd7 Ra8 39 Qe6ch Kh8 40 Rf7 Ra2 41 Qe8ch Black resigns.

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White: James Tarjan. Black: Florin Gheorghiu. Eagle Rock 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 g3 Bb4 7 Ne2 Nf6 8 Bg2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 h3 Nc6 11 f4 b5 12 Be3 Bb7 13 g4 d5 14 e5 Nd7 15 Nd4 Nd4 16 Bd4 b4 17 Ne2 a5 18 Ncl Rfc8 19 Rf2 Nc5 20 Nd3 Ne4 21 Re2 a4 22 Rcl Qc4 23 c3 Ba6 24 Re3 bc 25 bc Qa2 26 Re4 de 27 Be4 a3 28 f5 g6 29 Qf3 Rab8 30 Rfl Rb1 31 Ncl Bf1 32 Na2 Be2ch 33 Bbl Bf3 34 Kf2 Bd5 35 f6 Bf8 36 g5 Rb8 37 White resigns.

For a complete set of Eagle Rock tournament bulletins (after the tourney), send 6 bucks to the Continental Chess Club, 2369 Colorado Blvd., L.s Angeles, Calif. 90041.

LOCAL TOURNEY RESULTS:



GRANDMASTER WALTER BROWNE

The 1974 Alameda County Chess Championship was held Apr. 6-7 at the New Berkeley South YMCA (on Calif. and Russel Streets), sponsored by the New American Chess Winners. Open Division winner was Jeremy Silman of Chula Vista, who gratefully accepted the \$100 first prize for his 3-1/2 points of Sad Sack chess. Tom Dorsch (Hayward), Guillermo Rey (S.F.) and Stephen Kornher (Berkeley) all scored 3-1 to share 2nd-4th and negligible money.

Class A in the Open Division was taken with 2-1/2 - 1-1/2 by Richard Price (Oakland) Daniel Switkes (Berkeley) and Paul Markowitz (Oakland). Each winner was presented with a surprise book prize, a first in chess competition awards, the Baghavat Gita! T.D.s for the USCF rated event were David Smith (disciple of the Krishna Consciousness Movement who arranged for the book awards, 15 of them at \$4.95 apiece, no less!), Ed Delgado and John Larkin.

The Los Altos Chess Championship (Apr. 6-7 at Los Altos High School) was won by talented young master Robert Newbold of Stanford with 4-1/2 points out of 5. Second in the '92-player event, directed by S. Barrett Williams, was Ross MacDonald, 3-2, of Menlo Park.

ODDS 'N ENDS: Last chance to sign up for the Serramonte Chess Festival is Apr. 15. Free entry, merchandise prizes, lec-

tures and exhibitions by John Grefe and George Koltanowski, Swiss system tournament, etc. Send your name and address with phone number and playing strength to: Tournament, No. 3 Serramonte Center, Daly City, Calif. 94015, and be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your return entry slip.

Remember Schroeder's Prisoner Rehabilitation Fund! Mail dollars, books, chess sets and equipment NOW to the Cleveland Chess Foundation, P.O. Box 5268, Cleveland, Ohio 44101. "No amount is too small. The next time you think about entering a chess tournament, consider staying home and send us the amount of the entry fee. If you sacrifice the chance to play in just one tournament you will afford hundreds of hours of enjoyment of the game for some other person."--Gentleman Jim Schroeder.

Off your game? Need some lessons? Attend chess lectures by Peter Prochaska (Berk. Chess Club) at the Montclair Recreation Center (2600 Moraga, Oak.) from 7-8 p.m., the 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Two hours of supervised play follow the lecture session.

FIVE-MINUTE TOURNAMENTS: Gambit game room, 625 Kearny St., SF is running 5-minute tournaments every Tuesday from 7:30 pm \$60 guaranteed prize fund (\$30-\$20-\$10); \$4 entry. Call James McCormick, 788-2066 for details. Bring clock!