
by Jude Acers (US seniors master)
DIAGRAM: White has just played
47 Re2-e7, setting up unanswerable threats against the king and
cinching the win..he thought! Instead, Black shot back with 47...
Rflch 48 Kh2 Rhlch!, and suddenly it all became perfectly

clear: 49 Kg3 Qg2ch!! 50 Kg2 Rg1ch! 51 Kg1 Stalemate!

US CHAMPIONSHIP: Senior master John Grefe stepped into the lead in the seventh round of the US Championship by smashing IGM Walter Browne of Berkeley in 21 moves. Current standings, not including adjourned games, are Grefe, 5-1/2; Kavalek, 5; Evans, 4-1/2; Browne, 4; Tarjan (Berkeley) and Benko, 3-1/2; Karlins and Mednis, 3; Bisguier and Gilden, 2; D. Byrne and Martz, 1-1/2; Kane, 1. George Koltanowski of San Francisco is tournament director.

p Five out of the 13 players (Grefe, Browne, Tarjan, Gilden and Kane) have lived in Berkeley at one time or another (noted as a public service for the Berkeley

CC).

CHIGORNI MEMORIAL: Tal and Spassky are running neck and neck at the half-way mark in the IX Chigorin Memorial Tournament at Sochi. Both remain undefeated and continue to churn out fighting games trying to outdistance the other. Spassky, for example, crushed Soviet master Korensky like a steamroller.

White: Spassky. Black: Koren-

sky. Sochi, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 Be7 8 0-0-0 Nd4 9 Qd4 0-0 10 f4 Qa5 11 Bc4 Bd7 12 e5! de 13 fe Bc6 14 hf!?(A) Bc5(B) 15 Qf4 Nd5(C) 16 Bd5 Bd5 17 Bf6!!(D) Rfc8 18 Bg7! Kg7 19 Qf6ch Kf8(E) 20 Rhf1!(F) Rc7 1 Nd5 ed 22 e6 Qa2 23 e7ch Kg8 24 Qf7ch Kh8 25 e8-Qch Re8 26 Qe8ch Kg7 27 Qe5ch Kg8 28 Qg5ch Black resigned.

(Analysis by Roshal and Khenkin from //64//, No 37, Sept. 14-20,

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(A) Karpov won a game against Ungurean at the XX Chess Olympics in Skopje with 14 Bd2, but Spassky's move is sharper.

(B) Spassky believes that Black's only chance in this variation has to be 14...Rad8, with a probable continuation of 15 Qf4 Nh5 16 Qg4 Bg5ch 17 Qg5, but after 17... g6 the situation is still unclear: 18 Be2 h61 19 Qe3 Ng7 or 18 g4 Bh1 19 Rh1 Rd4!

(C) Loses outright, but 15... Ne8 looks too passive, while 15... Nd7 16 Rd7| Bd7 17 Ne4 threatens

too much.

(D)Brilliant and absolutely convincing. White intends to rip off the king's pawn cover and move in for a mating attack.

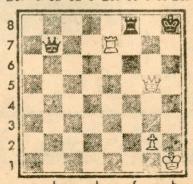
(E) On 19...Kg8 White has 20 Rh3 Qd8 21 Rg3ch Kf8 22 Qh6ch Ke7 23 Rg7 Qf8 24 Qf6ch Ke8 25 Nd5 ed 26 e6l Rc7 27 Rh7.

(F) The simplest and shortest way to rack up the point.

The other grandmasters in this FIDE category XI event are Szabo, Krogius, Smejkal, Suetin, Filip, Balashov, Andersson and Kholmov, with nine points out of 15 needed to confirm the IGM norm (6-1/2 for IM). The median Elo strength of the participants equals 2513.

INTERZONAL PLAYOFF MATCH: The Portisch-Geller-Polugaevsky playoff match to decide the final two spots for the world championship candidates' series is being held at Portorozh, Yugoslavia as a 12-round, quadruple round-robin competition. Lajos Portisch (Hungary) leads after seven rounds with 2-1/2 points out of three, followed by Lev Polugaevsky (USS) with two out of four and Efim Geller (USSR), 1-1/2 out of five.

White: Portisch. Black: Geller. Portorozh, 1973. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Be7 4 cd ed 5 Bf4 c6 6 e3 Bf5



18 Nf4 Bf4 19 ef c5 20 f5 Bh7 21 Nh5 Bf5 22 Bf6 Nf6 23 Qg5 Nh5 24 Qf5 g6 25 Qg5 Qf6 26 Rg3 Qg5 27 Rg5 Nf6 28 Rd1 (Now both players were in terrible time scrambles.) cd 29 Rd4 Rc2 30 Rf4 Kg7 31 Bd5 Rb2 ew Bb3 Relch 33 Kh2 Re4 34 Re4 Ne4 35 Re5 f5 36 Re7ch Kf6 37 Re6ch Kg7 38 f4 Nc5 39 Re7ch Kf8 40 Rf7ch Ke8 41 Rg7 (the sealed move) Nb3 42 ab Rb3 43 Rg6 Kf7 44 Rg5 Kf6 45 Re3 46 Rg6ch Kf7 47 Rg5 Kf6 48 Rg6ch Kf7 49 Drawn. MONTEREY TOURNEY RE-SULTS: Ted and Ruby Yudacufski directed the 1973 Cal-Open at the Monterey Chess Center over the Labor Day weekend which qualified the winner to a berth in the California State Championship. The seven-round, Swiss system, USCF and CSCF tournament saw Tibor Weinberger (Santa Monica). Boris Siff (San Jose) and James

McCormick (Berkeley) top the

list of 85 players at 6-1 each.

All three took away \$200 apiece

in prize money, but Weinberger

won the right to play in the state

championship by finishing with

the highest tie-break points.

7 Nge2 Nd7 8 Ng3 Bg6 9 Be2

Ngf6 10 h4 h5 11 Bg5 Bd6 12

Rh3 Ob6 13 Od2 0-0 14 Kf1 Rfe8

15 Kgl Rac8 16 Bf3 Ng4 (Gel-

ler, who has been in severe time

trouble every game of this match.

had only 20 minutes left on his

clock at this point.) 17 Nce2 Ndf6

LERA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP: The ninth annual LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships will take place Sept. 29-30 at the LERA Auditorium (corner of Mathilda Ave. & Java St. seven blocks north of Bayshore, opposite Sunnyvale; take N. Mathilda exit). Ted and Ruby Yudacufski will direct the five-round Swiss in six divisions. Money prizes for the Open Division are \$240 first, \$120 second, \$60 third and \$40 fourth. Classes A. B. C. D/E and Unrated have prize funds of \$200. \$100, \$50 and \$40 allocated to each division, based on 50 entries each for the lower three classes and 30 entries for the upper divisions.

Special note from the tournament organizers: "The problems of registering the majority of the players on Saturday morning just before the first round of play is an overwhelming task and often results in delaying the start of the tournament. For this reason, you will save \$5 over registering Saturday morning by sending your entry fee by mail."

Entry fee by mail.

Entry fee, if mailed to LERA
Chess Club, P.O. Box 451, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94088 by Sept. 26, is
\$15 for the Open, A and B divisions, and \$10 for C, D/E and
Unrated (plus USCF membership).
Round one begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 (registration from
8 a.m.). Please bring sets and
clocks.