

CHESS BARBS

by Jude Acers (US senior master) **RUSSIAN WOMEN SWEEP INTERZONAL:** Six Soviet women participated in "their" world championship qualifying tournament at Minorca, Spain from Sept. 29 to Oct. 28 and walked away with everything in sight. Valentina Kozlovskaya was "first among equals" this time, scoring 13 1/2 out of a possible 19 points, following her at 13 points a piece were Aleksandriya, Konoplyova, Levitina and Shul. Tatyana Zatulovskaya had to content herself with a tie for 6-8 place (12 - points).

And where were our American women chess representatives, "international woman master" Eva Aronson and "class A" (USCF 1856) player Ruth Donnelly? Out of sight, with 3 1/2 and 2 points, at the rock bottom of the tournament chart. What happened to them shouldn't have happened to a dog, but it did, and the only thing left is to try to learn something useful from the flop.

Though co-winner of this year's women's championship in the United States, Eva Aronson is 65 years old and is not about to go running away with any top prizes in such competition: Ruth Donnelly went to Minorca as a

substitute for Marilyn Braun, the other half of the women's U.S. championship for 1973. Naturally, we flunked; we had to send weak players.

White: Eva Aronson (USA).
 Black: Katarina Jovanovic (Yugoslavia). Women's Interzonal, Minorca, 1973. King's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 d6 4 Nc3 g6 5 e4 Bg7 6 B d3 Na6 7 Nge2 0-0 80-0 Nc7 9h3 a6 10 Be3 Bd7 11 a4 b6 12 Rb1 Rb8 13 b4 Be8 14 Qb3 Nd7 15 f4 cb 16 Qb4 a5 17 Qa3 Na6 18 Bd4 Nb4 19 Bg7 Kg7 20 Na2 Nd3 21 Qd3 Nc5 22 Qd4ch Kg8 23 Nac3 Na4 Ba4 25 c5 b5 26 c6 b427 Rfci Qc7 28 Qai Bb5 29 Nd4 Bd3 30 Rb2 Be4 31 Ra2 b3 32 Nb3 Rb3 33 Ra5 Qb6ch



White: Ruth Donnelly (USA).
 Black: Alexandra Nicolau (Romania). Women's Interzonal, Minorca, 1973. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 cd cd 5 Qa4ch Bd7 6 Qd4 ed 7 Qd5 Nc6 8 a3 Nf6 9 Qd1 Bc5 10 e3 Qe7 11 Nf3 Rd8 12 Bb5 Bh3 13 Qe2 Bg2 14 Rg1 Bf3 15 Qf3 0-0 16 Bc6 bc 17 Qc6 Rd6 18 Qg2 g6 19 b4 Qe5 20 Bb2 Be3 21 fe Qe3ch 22 Kf1 Rd2 23 Qg3 Qg3 24 Rg3 Rb2 25 b5 Rh2 26 kc2 27 a4 Rc8 28 Ra3 Rb2 29 Rf3 Ng4 30 Nd5 R8c2 31 Nf6ch Nf6 32 Rf6 Kg7 33 Raf3 Rclch 35 Rf1 h5 36 Rf4 Ra2 37 Kf1 Kh6 38 Kel Kg5 39 Rc4 h4 40 Kf1 f5 41 Rd4 Kh5 42 Rf4 g5 43 Rf5 Ra4 44 Rc5 h3 45 Rc8 Kh4 46 Kf2 Ra2ch 47 Kgl g4 48 Khl Ralch 49 White resigns.

HAMMIE, TURNBULL SHARE TOP HONORS AT CHABOT: Alan Benson (assisted by Rebecca Oliver) directed the Chabot Hayward tournament, Nov. 17-18, a 5 round, USCF-rated Swiss in seven divisions. Robert Hammie and Murray Turnbull, both from Berkeley, fought their way to a surefire 11-move non-grandmaster draw in the last round to guarantee (4 1/2-1/2) first prize money of \$122.50 each. Other Berkeley winners in the "Open-Expert" division were James McCormick and Steve Cross (tied with Ted Syrett, Menlo Park) at 4 points each.

White: Robert Hammie (2050).
 Black: Paul Whitehead (1718). Hayward, Nov. 17, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 0-0 9 Bc4 Bd7 10 h4 Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 h5 Nh5 13 g4 Rc4 14 gh Rd4 15 Qg2 Rc4 16 hg hg 17 0-0-0 Rc3 18 bc Qa5 19 Qh2 Rc8 20 Qh7ch Kf8 21 Bh6 Qa3ch 22 Kbl Black resigns.



White: James McCormick (21-80).
 Black: Chuck Ensey (17-41). Hayward, Nov. 17, 1973. Petroff's Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Ne4 4 Nc3 Nc3 5 dc Be7 6 Ne5 0-0 7 Qh5 g6 8 Ng6 hg 9 Qg6ch Kh8 10 Qh5ch Kg8 11 Bd3 f5 12 Qg6ch Kh8 13 Bf5 Rf5 14 Qf5 d6 15 Qh5ch Kg8 16 Qg6ch Kh8 17 Qh5ch Kg8 18 Be3 Nc6 19 0-0-0 Bd7 20 Qg6ch Kh8 21 Rd5 Ne5 22 Bd4 Bf6 23 Be5 Be5 24 Rel Qe8 25 Qh6ch Kg8 26 Re3 Qf7 27 Rde5 Black resigns.

TOURNAMENT THIS WEEK IN SUNNYVALE: The 1973 LERA San Jose Class Championships will be held Fri. thru Sun., Nov. 23-25, at the LERA Auditorium, corner of Mathilda Ave. and Java St. (7 blks. N of Hwy. 101, opposite Sunnyvale; Take N. Mathilda exit.). Prize money, based on 50 entries in each of the Open, A, B, C, D-E and Unrated divisions, will total \$4,400. Entry fee is \$25 for Open to Band \$20 otherwise. Ted and Ruby Yudacufski will direct the 6-rd., USCF Swiss system event. Round one begins Fri., Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. Bring sets and clocks.



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