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Chess

MENAS WINNER AT REDWOOD CITY

USCF expert **Borel Menas** of Daly City, formerly trainer for the Rumanian women's chess team, captured the first-place trophy and won \$100 at the Redwood City tournament, Nov. 3-4.

The crucial game of the 90-player event was fought in the final round between **Menas** and his chief rival, **Roger Gabrielson**, who finished second.

White: Roger Gabrielson. Black: Borel Menas. Redwood City, Nov. 4, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 c3! Bg7 4 d4 Qc7 5 Bd3! (Stronger than 5 Bc4 cd 6 Qb3 e6 7 cd? b5, which let Black win in the opening, Gheorghiu—Georgescu, 1961.) **d6 6 Be3 Nf6 7 h3 Nfd7! 8 0-0 Nc6 9 d5 Nce5 10 Ne5 Ne5 11 Be2 0-0 12 f4 Nd7 13 Qd2** (Intending 14 c4 followed by 15 Nc3.) **Nf6! 14 Bf3 e6 15 c4 ed 16 cd Ne4!! 17 Drawn** (Agreed drawn in light of 17 Be4 Re8, with the unanswerable threat of 18...Re3 and 19...Bd4. Comments based on notes by Borel Menas.)

Open Division

1st, Borel Menas, Daly City, 4½-½ \$100 plus trophy; **2nd**, Roger Gabrielson, Berkeley, 4-1, \$75; **3rd-6th**, Eleuterio Alzasua, San Jose, Steven Cross, Berkeley, Thomas Dorsch, Davis, and Robert Hammie, Berkeley, 3½-1½ \$15 each.

Best A Harry Radke, San Jose, 3½-1½ \$75.

Class B

1st-2nd, Horst Remus (trophy), Los Altos, and Henry Blume, Portola Valley, 5-0, \$37.50 each; **3rd-4th**, Andrew Gouw, San Jose, and Lloyd Strickland, Palo Alto, 4-1, \$2.50 each.

Class C

1st-3rd, Jaye Whitehead (trophy), San Francisco, Thomas Carey, San Francisco, and Raymond Musselman, Berkeley, 4-1, \$25 each.

Class D-E

1st, John Spargo, Albany, 4-1, \$40 plus trophy; **2nd-4th**, Allen Rice (trophy), Palo Alto, Robert Holland, Sunnyvale, and Greg Payne, San Mateo, 3-2, \$5 each.

Unrated Section

1st, Richard Lew, San Francisco, 3½-1½ \$30; **2nd-3rd**, Richard McCullough (trophy), Woodacre, and Mike Riley, Hayward, 3-2, \$10 each.

Tournament directors for the five-round, USCF rated Swiss system competition were **Ted** and **Ruby Yudacufski**.

TRIPLE PIECE SACRIFICE

A strong player who did not know about Lasker's famous double bishop sacrifice on KR7 and KN7 would be hard to find these days. Tarrasch, Alekhine and Koltanowski are among those who have imitated and expanded Lasker's original idea.

Talented young Soviet grandmaster **Gennady Kuzmin** (equal second with Karpov, Karchnoi, Petrosian and Polugaevsky in this year's USSR Championship) took full advantage of his rare opportunity against **Yevgeny Sveshnikov** with a triple minor piece sacrifice (!) for an ironclad mate.

White: Gennady Kuzmin. Black: Yevgeny Sveshnikov. Moscow, 1973, 41st USSR Championship.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	12 P-B4	NxP(f)
2 N-KB3	P-K3	13 P-QB5	B-K2
3 P-Q4	PxP	14 B-Q3	N-B3(g)
4 NxP	N-QB3	15 B-Q4(h)	N-Q4(i)
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	16 N-N6!	NxN(j)
6 B-K2	Q-B2	17 BxPch!	KxB
7 0-0	N-B3	18 Q-R5ch	K-N1
8 B-K3	B-N5	19 BxP!	KxB(k)
9 NxN(a)	NPxN(b)	20 Q-N4ch	K-R2
10 N-R4	0-0(c)	21 R-B3	BxPch
11 P-QB4(d)	B-Q3(e)	22 K-R1	Resigns

(Combined notes by Kuzmin, Sakharov and Shashin translated from "64", No. 43, Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 1973, pg. 9 and "Sovetsky sport", Oct. 24, 1973, pg. 3)

(a) A small opening finesse. If 9 N-R4 first, then Black can avoid the trade of knights by 9...N-K2.

(b) The same response would follow 9...QPxN.

(c) Grandmaster Furman played 10...B-N2 against Kuzmin at Baku, 1972 and White also obtained a superior game after 11 P-QB4 B-Q3 12 P-B4 NxP 13 P-QB5 B-K2 14 B-Q4 0-0 15 B-Q3 P-B4 16 BxN PxP 17 B-K5 Q-Q1 18 Q-Q4.

(d) Another problem variation arises after 11 N-N6 R-N1 12 NxB KRxN 13 BxP.

(e) The threat was 12 P-B5. Probably 11...B-K2 represents the lesser of evils (11...NxP? 12 P-B5 Q-K4 13 B-Q4 Q-B5 14 BxNP!), but it involves a silent repudiation of the whole point behind Black's eighth move (8...B-N5).

(f) Black is practically forced to accept White's pawn sacrifice.

(g) Defending the knight with 14...P-B4 does not improve Black's position.

(h) White's "dagger" bishops now loom menacingly on the horizon...

(i) The decisive error. Petrosian pointed out the only chance, 15...P-N3, after which White gains no more than strong pressure with 16 Q-K2 and N-N6-B4. Of course, Sveshnikov was aware of a potential double bishop sacrifice, but he overlooked the possibility of it taking place a move later, instead of immediately.

(j) On 16...R-N1 17 BxPch! KxB 18 NxN BPxN 19 Q-R5ch K-N1 20 BxP! QxPch 21 K-R1 KxB 22 Q-N4ch K-R1 23 R-B3 Q-QB7 24 P-B5 Black's queen sacrifice will not save him, because White picks off the rook on QN8 after 24...QxBP 25 RxQ PxR 26 Q-R3ch and 27 Q-N3ch.

(k) There is no defense: 18...P-B3 loses to 19 Q-N6.

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White: Yefim Geller. Black: Paul Keres. Moscow, 1973, 41st USSR Championship. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 d6 7 c3 0-0 8 d4 Nd7 9 Be3 Bf6 10 Nbd2 Re8 (The root cause of Black's defeat, weakening the square f7 and self-pinning his knight on d7, which blocks the development of all his queen-side pieces. Preferable is 10...ed 11 cd Nb6, opening a path for his bishop, even at the cost of giving up the center.) **11 d5 Ne7 12 b4! g6 13 c4 c6 14 Rc1 Bg7 15 c5!** (Sacrificing a pawn to open the game for a winning attack.) **dc 16 bc cd 17 ed Nd5 18 Bg5 Ne7** (Nor does 18...Bf6 suffice, due to 19 Ne4! Bg5 20 Nfg5 Ne7 21 Bd7 Bd7 22 Qd7, and Black is minus a piece.) **19 Ne4 h6 20 Nd6! hg 21 Nf7!! Qa5** (Capturing the knight leads to mate or loss of the queen: 21...Kf7 22 Ng5 Kf8 23 Ne6 or 22...Kf6 23 Nh7 Kf7 24 Bb3.) **22 N7g5** (Threatening the fatal check, 23 Bb3.) **Rf8 23 Bd7 Qa2 24 Re2 Qa3 25 Re3 Qb4 26 Bc8 Rac8 27 Qd7 Nf5** (On 27...Rfe8 White had a beautiful finish in store with 28 Qe6 Kh8 29 Nf7 Kh7 30 N3g5 Kg8 31 Nh6 Kh8 32 Qg8! and 33 Nhf7mate!) **28 Qe6 Kh8 29 Qg6 Resigns** (Notes by international master Nezhmetdinov, translated from "Sovetsky sport", Oct. 17, 1973, pg. 3).

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION BY JAMES TARJAN

USCF senior master **James Tarjan**, 21, will conduct a 50-board simultaneous exhibition at the First Church of Universal Life, 2334 Stuart St., Berkeley, Nov. 13, starting at 7 p.m. Playing fee is \$3 a board with a spectator charge of \$1 (spectators 18 or under, free). Please bring your chessmen and board. Call 843-9849 for additional information.

CHABOT COLLEGE CHESS TOURNAMENT

Alan Benson, assisted by **Rebecca Oliver**, will direct a five-round open Swiss system tournament at Chabot College Student Center, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, Nov. 17-18. Prizes totaling \$1,600 (based on 155 entries) will be awarded in seven playing categories. Entry fee is \$12 plus USCF membership. Round one begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 17. Please bring sets and clocks.