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# Chess

### LERA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The ninth annual LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships drew just over 200 players to Lockheed's Sunnyvale complex, Sept. 29-30, for a USCF-rated, five-round Swiss system tournament directed by Ted and Ruby Yudacufski. Complete results:

#### Open Division

1st, Romeo Rodriguez, San Francisco, 4-1, \$150; 2nd, Boris Siff, San Jose, Philip Smith, Fresno, and Dennis Fritzing, Berkeley, 3½-1½, \$45 each.

#### Class A

1st, Stewart Scott, Sunnyvale, 4-1, \$100; 2nd, David Thomson, San Francisco, Michael Ewell, San Jose, and Robert Sferra, Los Altos, 3½-1½, \$33.50 each.

#### Class B

1st, Van Vandivier, Salinas, 4½-½, \$230; 2nd, Peter Prochaska, Berkeley, Mark Gazse, Los Gatos, Roger Bonilla, Palo Alto, and George Oakes, Salinas, 4-1, \$57.50 each.

#### Class C

1st, Brant Corenson, Los Gatos, and David Teplow, Berkeley, 4½-½, \$127.50 each; 2nd, Nigel Crawford, Los Gatos, Ray Musselman, Berkeley, and Alejandro Duval, San Jose, 4-1, \$30 each.

#### Class D-E

1st, Chris Brentlinger, Berkeley, and Christopher Papesh, Moss Beach, 4½-½, \$142.50 each; 2nd, Paul Cripe, Modesto, Shawn Hurt, Saratoga, Patrich Jackson, Fremont, John Pope, Berkeley, Roy Gabets, Milpitas, and Richard Spitzer, Monterey, 4-1, \$17 each.

#### Unrated Division

1st, Michael Sarley, Richmond, and Tom Reikko, Grass Valley, 4½-½, \$132.50 each; 2nd, David Peterson, Piedmont, Mark Pasternak, Montara, M. G. Musni, San Bruno, Allan Kretz, Berkeley, Raymond Mar, Sunnyvale, Joseph Hart, San Francisco, and Jess Vera, Santa Clara, 4-1, \$13 each.

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Here are some interesting games played by three of the tournament winners, recorded in USCF approved 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: Sabu Subramaniam (2116). Black: Romeo Rodriguez (2292). Sunnyvale, Sept. 29, 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 Bd7 9 Bc4 0-0 10 0-0-0 Qb8 11 h4 b5 12 Bb3 a5 13 h5 a4 14 Bd5 b4 15 Nce2 b3 16 a3 bc 17 Qc2 Nd4 18 Rd4 Nd5 19 ed Bf5 20 Qd2 Qb3 21 Rhh4 Rac8 22 Nc3 Rc3 23 Qc3 Rc8 24 Resigns.

**White: Stewart Scott (1941). Black: Kerry Lawless (1928). Sunnyvale, Sept. 29, 1973. Flank Opening** 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 b3 d6 3 d4 g6 4 Bb2 Bg7 5 g3 0-0 6 Bg2 Nbd7 7 0-0 c5 8 c4 Rb8 9 Nc3 a6 10 Qd2 b5 11 dc b4 12 Nd5 Ne4 13 Qc2 Ndc5 14 Bg7 Kg7 15 Nd4 Bf5 16 Qb2 Kg8 17 Nc6 Resigns.

**White: Brant Corenson (1560). Black: Wayne McClintock (1552). Sunnyvale, Sept. 29, 1973. French Defense** 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 Qg4 Ne7 6 Qg7 Rg8 7 Qh7 cd 8 a3 Qa5 9 Rb1 dc 10 ab Qb4 11 Nf3 cb 12 Bd2 Qa3 13 Qd3 Qa2 14 c3 Bd7 15 Qc2 Ba4 16 Qb2 Qb2 17 Rb2 b5 18 g3 a6 19 h4 Nbc6 20 h5 Rh8 21 h6 Ng6 22 Bf4 Rc8 23 Bd3 Nf4 24 gf Ne7 25 Kd2 Ng6 26 f5 Nf4 27 fe fe 28 Rb4 Nd3 29 Kd3 Rc4 30 Ng5 Ke7 31 h7 a5 32 Rc4 bc 33 Kd2 Be8 34 Rb1 a4 35 Rb7 Bd7 36 f4 Ra8 37 f5 ef 38 e6 Kf6 39 Rd7 Kg5 40 Rg7 Kh6 41 Rg8 Kh7 42 Ra8 a3 43 e7 Resigns.

### XLI USSR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 41st USSR Championship got under way in Moscow, Oct. 2 with the participation of 13 international grandmasters, one international master and four Soviet masters.

Topping the list of entrants are Karpov (2660), Tal (2660), Spassky (2655), Korchnoi (2650), Petrosian (2640), Polugaevsky (2625), Smyslov (2610) and Geller (2605).

Close behind follow Taimanov (2585), Keres (2580), Kuzmin (2575), Savon (2575) and Tukmakov (2545), with Grigorian (2485), Rashkovsky (2485), Averkin (2460), Belyavsky (2450) and Sveshnikov (2385) bringing up the rear.

The average Elo rating of 2568 actually exceeds that of the two powerful interzonal tournaments held recently in Leningrad and Petropolis!



White: Paul Keres.

Black: Aleksandr Belyavsky.

Moscow, 1973, 41st USSR Championship.

**Queen's Indian Defense**

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	21 NxN	NxN(g)
2 P-QB4	P-K3	22 B-N2(h)	QR-Q1
3 N-KB3	P-QN3	23 B-Q4	B-B1
4 P-K3	B-N2	24 R-K1	Q-R4
5 B-Q3	B-N5ch	25 R-K3	B-R3
6 QN-Q2	O-O	26 Q-N4	R-K2
7 O-O	P-Q4	27 BxNP!	RxB
8 P-QR3	B-K2(a)	28 Q-K6ch	R-B2
9 P-QN4	P-B4(b)	29 BxB	Q-Q7
10 NPxP	NPxP	30 B-K2!(i)	R-Q3
11 PxQP	BPxP	31 Q-K5	R-QN3
12 P-K4!(c)	PxP(d)	32 R-Q1	Q-R7
13 P-K5	N-K5	33 QxP(j)	QxQ
14 NxP(e)	N-Q2	34 RxQ	NxP
15 N(2)-B3	R-K1(f)	35 B-B3	R-N7
16 P-K6!	PxP	36 P-R3	R-B2
17 NxP	Q-N3	37 K-R2	R-N8
18 N(3)-N5	BxN	38 R-Q2	R-KB8
19 NxB	N(2)-B4	39 R(3)-K2	N-R8
20 R-N1	Q-B2	40 B-Q5ch!	Resigns(k)

(Notes by Boris Shashin, translated from "Sovetsky sport", Oct. 6, 1973, pg. 3)

(a) Simply 8...BxN looks good enough.

(b) The unusual central structure requires the utmost alertness from both players, as they examine with extreme care the consequences of the multiple pawn captures.

(c) No need to re-take! This way Black is saddled with an isolated QP.

(d) Forced, in view of White's threatened 13 P-Q6!

(e) On 14 Q-B2, with the idea of trading off the centralized enemy knight, Black can respond 14...N-Q2 15 NxN R-B1 16 Q-N1 PxN 17 BxP BxB 18 QxB N-B4 19 QxQP N-N6 20 QxQ KRxQ 21 R-N1 NxB.

(f) Black should play 15...N(2)-B4 to avoid White's next move. With plenty of pieces on the board, an isolated center pawn controls valuable squares, but it loses potency with every exchange. Keres now succeeds in exposing Black's king and in opening the long black diagonal, while Belyavsky must consent to numerous trades.

(g) Better is 21...PxN.

(h) Having outplayed his opponent, White proceeds to demonstrate that old principles like the advantage of two bishops and the weakness of an isolated pawn in a simplified position still mean something today.

(i) Threatening 31 R-Q1, and if 31...Q-B7, then 32 RxN, or 31...Q-R4 32 B-R5.

(j) The "isolani" falls, and with it the game.

(k) After 40...K-N2 41 P-N4 R(2)-B8 42 B-N2 Black must lose more material.

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