

Chess

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Nearly 60 chess players competed in the Central California Chess Association's USCF Class Tournament at Concord, Sept. 6-7. Complete results:

EXPERT—A DIVISION

1. Gary Pickler, Danville, 3½-1½, \$ 30.

2-3. Harry Radke, San Jose, William Gray, Monterey, Garland Brinkley, Sacramento, and Everett McNally, Hayward, 3-2, \$4.37 each.

CLASS "B"

1. Frank Berry, Berkeley, 5-0, \$30.

2-3. David Betance, Sunnyvale, and Duncan Campbell, Orinda, 3½-1½, \$8.75 each.

CLASS "C"

1. Richard Flink, Castro Valley, 4½-½, \$30.

2-3. Schuyler Bailey, Sacramento, and Lawrence Prink, San Jose, 4-1, 8.75 each.

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The most exciting game from this event was fought in round three, when USCF master Jude Acers, who participated "hers conceurs," sweeping the field with a perfect score, crossed swords with the tournament winner, USCF expert Gary Pickler. Notes to the game are by Jude Acers.

White: Jude Acers.

Black: Gary Pickler.

Concord, Sept. 7, 1969.

QP Counter Gambit

1 P-K4	P-K4	25 Q-B6	P-K5
2 N-KB3	P-Q4(a)	26 NxKP	BxPch!(g)
3 PxP	B-Q3	27 K-R1	Q-R5
4 P-Q3?(b)	N-KB3	28 N-N5!!(h)	N-K4
5 N-B3	P-B3(c)	29 Q-R8ch(i)	K-B2
6 PxP	NxP	30 N-K6ch	K-Q2
7 B-K2	B-KB4	31 Q-Q5ch	K-B1
8 0-0	Q-Q2	32 Q-R8ch	K-Q2
9 B-N5	0-0-0	33 Q-Q5ch	K-B1
10 N-KR4	K-N1(d)	34 QxRch	QxQ
11 NxB	QxN	35 NxQ	R-R2
12 BxN	PxB	36 P-KN3	NxB
13 N-K4	KR-N1	37 K-N2!/(j)	NxRch
14 P-QB3	Q-R6	38 RxN	BxP
15 N-N3	Q-R5	39 KxB	KxN
16 B-B3	N-K2	40 K-B4	R-R4
17 Q-N3	R-Q2	41 R-K2	K-Q2
18 QR-K1	P-B4	42 P-R4	K-Q3
19 QxP	Q-N4	43 P-N4	P-R4
20 QxRP	R/2-Q1	44 PxP	PxP
21 Q-B7(e)	R-N2	45 P-Q4	R-R8
22 Q-K6	B-B2(f)	46 R-K5	R-QB8
23 Q-N3	P-N3	47 R-B5	Resigns
24 Q-N5	N-N3		

(a) Pickler's specialty. It offers a pawn for little compensation.

(b) White allows unnecessary counterplay: 3 P-Q4 wins in a walk.

(c) Enterprising and dangerous.

(d) Correct is 10 . . . B-K3, and if 11 N-K4 NxN 12 BxR?, then 12. . . QxB! 13 PxN QxN, crunch! I intended 12 PxN P-B3 13 B-K3 plus a lot of praying. Black is now theoretically lost (again), but White must play coolly to prove his point.

(e) I thought for half an hour here. If 21 Q-R5, then 21. . . Q-B3 threatens to win the white made with 22 R-R1.

(f) Loses, but what a fantastic finish. I was scared to death!

(g) Accepting the poisoned Bishop, 27 KxB Q-R5ch 28 K-N1 R-R2, leads to mate, so . . .

(h) The planned defense.

(i) Sealing Black's fate at last.

(j) Simplest, but 37 R-K8 also wins by force. What a close call!