

Chess

LONE PINE \$45,000 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The ninth annual Louis D. Statham Masters-Plus Chess Tournament brought 73 select players to Lone Pine, Calif. for a nine-round, USCF-rated Swiss system competition, Mar. 25-Apr. 4. International grandmaster Isaac Kashdan directed the \$45,000 event designed to give American masters a chance to earn World Chess Federation (FIDE) titles.

All 324 games from Lone Pine, 1979 (in coordinate chess notation) may be ordered for \$6 postpaid from California Chess Bulletins, 1009 MacArthur Blvd., Apt. 6, Oakland, Calif. 94610.

Complete results:

1st-4th, Florin Georgiu (2540), Romania, Svetozar Gligoric (2560), Yugoslavia, Vlastimil Hort (2600), Czechoslovakia, and Vladimir Liberzon (2515), Israel, 6½-2½, \$8,875 each.

5th-10th, Yehuda Gruenfeld (2430), Israel, Bent Larsen (2620), Denmark, William Lombardy (2520), USA, Hans Ree (2480), Holland, Dragutin Sahovic (2520), Yugoslavia, and Genadi Sosonko (2535), Holland, 6-3, \$1,008.33 each.

11th-22nd, Arthur Bisguier (2445), USA, Mark Diesen (2460), USA, Julio Kaplan (2460), USA, Viktor Korchnoi (2695), Switzerland, Anatoly Lein (2535), USA, Walter Morris (2345), USA, Ludek Pachman (2510), West Germany, John Peters (2475), USA, Samuel Reshevsky (2485), USA, Yasser Seirawan (2485), USA, Leonid Shamkovich (2495), USA, and James Tarran (2525), USA, 5½-3½, \$62.50 each.

23rd-33rd, Pal Benko (2495), USA, Peter Biyiasas (2485), Canada, Walter Browne (2540), USA, Nick deFirmian (2415), USA, Gert Ligterink (2440), Holland, Steven Odendahl (2370), USA, Helgi Olafsson (2440), Iceland, Anthony Miles (2560), England, Gudmundur Sigurjonsson (2490), Iceland, and Vitaly Zaltsman (2470), USA, 5-4.

34th-44th, Joseph Bradford (2398), USA, Murray Chandler (2380), New Zealand, Dragoljub Janosevic (2400), Yugoslavia, Predrag Ostojic (2410), Yugoslavia, Miguel Quinteros (2545), Argentina, Andrew Soltis (2445), USA, Paul Van der Sterren (2400), Holland, Herman Van Riemsdyk (2435), Brazil, and Norman Weinstein (2465), USA, 4½-4½.

45th-57th, Janos Barle (2420), Hungary, Hans Bohm (2410), Holland, Lawrence Day (2375), Canada, Edward Formanek (2410), USA, John Grefe (2400), USA, Vincent McCambridge (2260), USA, Marcos Paolozzi (2310), Brazil, Margier Petursson (2420), Iceland, Bruce Rind (2410), USA, Douglas Root (2314), USA, David Strauss (2345), USA, John Van der Weil (2400), Holland, and John Watson (2375), USA, 4-5.

58th-60th, Joel Benjamin (2320), USA, Sal Matera (2415), USA, and Kamran Shirazi (2370), Iran, 3½-5½; **61st-68th**, Calvin Blocker (2435), USA, Arnold Denker (2330), USA, Stanimir Nikolic (2440), Yugoslavia, Janoz Rigo (2385), Hungary, Paul Whitehead (2365), USA, Michael Wilder (2255), USA, Perry Youngworth (2275), USA, and Mikhael Zlotnikov (2435), USA, 3-6; **69th-70th**, Rosendo Balinas (2365), Philippines, and Jeremy Silman (2370), USA, 2½-6½; **71st-72nd**, James Thibault (2310), USA, and Jay Whitehead (2235), USA, 2-7; **73rd**, Rajan Ayyar (2315), USA, 1-8.

White: Vladimir Liberzon (2515). Black: Viktor Korchnoi (2695).

Lone Pine, 1979.

Caro-Kann Defense

1 e4	c6	34 Re3	a6
2 d4	d5	35 g4!(j)	Qc7
3 Nc3	de	36 g5	Qb6
4 Ne4	Nf6	37 Qb6	Nb6
5 Nf6	ef(a)	38 Rd1	fg
6 Bc4	Nd7	39 fg	h6
7 Ne2(b)	Bd6	40 h4	hg
8 Bf4	Nb6	41 hg	Na4
9 Bb3	O-O	42 Rdd3	Rc4
10 O-O	Bgr	43 Kf2	Rg4
11 f3	Bf4	44 Rg3	Rc4
12 Nf4	Bf5	45 Ke2	Rc7

13 c3	Qc7	46 Kd2	Nb2
14 Nd3	Rad8	47 Rd8	Nc4
15 Re1(c)	Nd5	48 Kd3	f6
16 Nc5	g6	49 Kd4	fg
17 Qd2	b6	50 Rg5	Kh6
18 Ne4	Kg7	51 Rc5	Rf7
19 Rad1	Nf4	52 Rc6	Rf2
20 g3(d)	Ne6	53 Rg8	Rf4
21 Nf2	c5(e)	54 Kd5	Ne3
22 d5	c4	55 Ke3	Rg4
23 Ba4	Nc5	56 Ra6	Nd1
24 Bb5?(f)	Bd3?(g)	57 Rc6	Nb2
25 Bc6!(h)	Rd6	58 Kd5	Na4(k)
26 b4	Nd7	59 Ra8	Rg2
27 Nd3	cd	60 Ra5	Rg3
28 Re7!(l)	Rc6	61 c4	Nc3
29 dc	Qc6	62 Kc5	bc
30 f4	b5	63 Kc4	Ne4
31 Qd3	Nb6	64 a4	Nd2
32 Qd4	Na4	65 Kd5	Resigns
33 Rc1	Rc8		

(Edited notes by international grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon as related to Kenn Fong of Oakland)

(a) Very seldom seen today, and I know only one move to play against it, 6 Bc4.

(b) Next time I shall play 7 Qh5 g6 8 Qe2 Be7 9 Bh6, but against Korchnoi, a difficult player for me, I did not want to take chances.

(c) Now Korchnoi could play 15 . . . Bd3 16 Qd3 c5 17 Qe4 cd 18 cd Qd7 19 Rad1, with only a small advantage for White.

(d) Normal is 20 Ng3 Bc8 21 Ne2, exchanging to a better endgame, but with 20 g3 I was expecting 20 . . . Nd5 21 c4 Ne7 22 Nf6! Kf6 23 d5, and White wins.

(e) I cannot win the bishop with 22 g4 because of 22 . . . Ng5, but 21 . . . c5 is a very risky move, as White gets a passed pawn in the center.

(f) An important moment. Correct is 24 Bc6! Bd7 25 Bd7 Rd7 26 Qd4! (Best. There are many interesting continuations for White, e.g., 26 Ng4 Qd6 27 Qh6 Kg8 28 Rd4 Nd3 29 Rc4 Ne1 30 Rc6 Nf3 31 Kg2 Ne5 32 Nf6 Qf6 33 Rf6 Ng4, which is good for Black.) b5 (And not 26 . . . Ne6 27 Qe3 Nc4 28 Rd4.) 27 d6 Qb6 28 Re7 Rfd8 29 Rd7 Rd7, with some advantage for White, but not enough for a win. Korchnoi was in time pressure. The move 24 Bb5 is a mistake, but it wins the game!

(g) Instead, he should have played 24 . . . Nd3! 25 Nd3 Rd5! 26 Qf4 Qf4 27 Nf4 Rb5 28 g4 Bc8 29 Re2, with a pawn up.

(h) Now Black's position is completely hopeless.

(i) Stronger than 28 Bd7 Qd7 29 Qd3 b5.

(j) Opening up Black's king.

(k) If 58 . . . Nc4, then White wins with 59 Rc4 Rc4 60 a4 Rc3 61 ab.

White: Edward Formanek (2410). Black: Joseph Bradford (2398). Lone Pine, 1979. French Defense 1 d4 e6 2 e4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Qb6 6 a3 c4 7 Nbd2 Bd7 8 g3 0-0-0 9 Bh3 f5 10 Ng5 Nh6 11 0-0 Be7 12 f4 Bg5 13 fg Nf7 14 Kh1 h6 15 gh Rh6 16 Bg2 Rdh8 17

h3 g5 18 b4 g4 19 h4 Rh4 20 gh Rh4 21 Kg1 Nd4 22 Kf2 Ne5 23 Kg3 Qc7 24 Nc4 Nc4 25 Kh4 Qh2 26 Kg5 Nf3 27 Bf3 gf 28 Qf3 Ne5 29 Qh1 Qg3 30 Kf6 Ng4 31 Ke7 Qc7 32 Kf7 Be8 33 Ke8 Nf6 34 Kf8 Kd8 35 Resigns.