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Chess

George William Church Jr., 39-year-old president and chairman of the board of Church's Fried Chicken, put up \$50,000 of his company's money to host the first commercially sponsored major chess tourney in the United States. Judging from the chicken jokes rampant in local chess quarters, his investment has turned a healthy profit in good will and public relations around the chess globe.

"We don't know if we will ever expand to Europe," said Church of his fried chicken chain in the U.S., Australia and British Columbia, "but if we do, they will have heard of us."

"This tournament is bringing a great deal of recognition to chess and to San Antonio. Certainly the Fischer-Spassky match started the boom this year and chess is growing rapidly," he explained.

Three Soviet chess stars, including a former world champion, and seven international grandmasters were among the 16 players invited to compete for a share of the \$11,000 prize fund. All participants and tournament officials had their travel expenses and living accommodations paid by Church's firm. Finally, each player received an outright gift of \$300 ("pocket money") plus a free blazer jacket, tailor-made for a successful tournament.

Directed by Harry Golombek, well-known English chess author and columnist for the London Times, and co-ordinated by world blindfold chess champion George Koltanowski of San Francisco, the 15-round event was battled out at the Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas, from Nov. 18 through Dec. 14.

As expected, the Soviet contingent dominated the contest, but their hegemony was disrupted by veteran grandmaster Lajos Portisch of Hungary, who won an exciting game from Anatoly Karpov in round 9 and defeated Paul Keres in a finely disputed struggle in round 11.

At tourney's end the boxscore tally showed a three-way tie for \$7,000 among former world champion Tigran Petrosian (who quietly glided into top spot without losing a game), 20-year-old super grandmaster Anatoly Karpov and seven-time Hungarian champion Lajos Portisch.

Final Standings

1. Anatoly Karpov, USSR	10½	\$2,333
2. Tigran Petrosian, USSR	10½	\$2,333
3. Lajos Portisch, Hungary	10½	\$2,333
4. Svetozar Gligoric, Yugoslavia	10	\$ 700
5. Paul Keres, USSR	9½	\$ 600
6. Vlastimil Hort, Czechoslovakia	9	\$ 450
7. Duncan Suttles, Canada	9	\$ 450
8. Bent Larsen, Denmark	8½	\$ 256
9. Henrique Mecking, Brazil	8½	\$ 256
10. Donald Byrne, USA	7	\$ 175
11. Walter Browne, Australia	6½	\$ 162
12. Larry Evans, USA	6½	\$ 162
13. Julio Kaplan, Puerto Rico	5	\$ 150
14. Mario Campos-Lopez, Mexico	3½	\$ 87
15. Anthony Saidy, USA	3½	\$ 87
16. Kenneth Smith, USA	2	\$ 50

White: Portisch. Black: Karpov. Nimzo-Indian Defense. 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 P-K3 P-B4 5 B-Q3 0-0 6 N-B3 P-Q4 7 0-0 PxBP 8 BxBP QN-Q2 9 Q-K2 PxP 10 PxP P-QN3 11 P-Q5 BxN 12 PxP B-N5 13 PxN QxP 14 P-QR3 B-Q3 15 R-Q1 Q-B2 16 P-R3 B-N2 17 B-K3 QR-K1 18 QR-B1 Q-N1 19 B-QN5 R-K2 20 B-B6 BxB 21 QRxB B-B4 22 RxN PXR 23 N-Q4 BxN 24 RxB Q-K4 25 Q-B3 K-R1 26 R-Q5 Resigns.

White: Portisch. Black: Keres. English Opening. 1 P-QB4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-K3 3 N-B3 P-B4 4 P-KN3 N-B3 5 B-N2 B-K2 6 0-0 0-0 7 P-Q4 P-Q4 8 PxQP KNxP 9 NxN PxN 10 PxP BxB 11 B-N5 P-B3 12 R-B1 B-N3 13 B-Q2 B-N5 14 Q-N3 K-R1 15 P-K3 P-Q5 16 PxP BxN 17 QxB(3) NxP 18 Q-R5 Q-Q2 19 QR-K1 KR-K1 20 BxB RxR 21 BxR(8) N-K7ch 22 K-N2 NxP 23 RPxN QxB 24 Q-B7 P-KR3 25 B-Q5 K-R2 26 Q-N8ch K-N3 27 B-B7ch K-N4 28 QxPch K-B4 29 B-R5 K-K3 30 B-N4ch P-B4 31 BxPch KxB 32 Q-B7ch Resigns.

White: Campos. Black: Kaplan. Sicilian Defense. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-KN3 6 B-K3 N-B3 7 P-B3 B-N2 8 Q-Q2 0-0 9 B-QB4 B-Q2 10 B-N3 R-B1 11 P-KR4 N-K4 12 B-R6 BxB 13 QxB RxN 14 PxR QR4 15 Q-Q2 R-B1 16 O-O RxP 17 N-K2 Q-N3ch 18 Q-Q4 R-B4 19 N-B4 B-N4 20 N-Q3 BxN 21 PxB NxQP 22 QR-N1 N-B5 23 K-R2 Q-B2 24 Q-K3 P-Q4 25 P-K5 N-K3 26 KR-B1 P-Q5 27 RxR QxB 28 Q-K1 N-Q4 29 R-B1 N-B6 30 BxN PxB 31 P-B4 P-QN4 32 P-R5 P-N5 33 Q-N3 K-N2 34 Q-Q3 P-R4 35 Q-R6 Q-Q4 36 Q-R7 Q-Q1 37 Q-R6 P-Q6 38 QxKP P-Q7 39 P-R6ch KxP 40 R-KR1 P-Q8(Q) 41 Resigns.

White: Browne. Black: Kaplan. Sicilian Defense. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-QB3 5 N-QB3 P-K3 6 P-KN3 P-QR3 7 B-N2 B-Q2 8 0-0 R-B1 9 R-K1 N-B3 10 NxN BxN 11 N-Q5 BxN 12 PxB P-K4 13 P-KB4 Q-B2 14 Q-K2 N-Q2 15 B-R3 P-B3 16 B-K3 P-KN3 17 B-K6 B-N2 18 QR-B1 Q-B5 19 Q-N4 R-B2 20 P-N3 Q-B6 21 BxNch RxB 22 Q-K6ch K-Q1 23 B-N6ch K-B1 24 R-K4 Resigns.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 250 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Newark Chess Club, 35501 Cedar Blvd., (in the Newark Community Center, close to Newark Blvd.). Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets. Meets evenings, the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.