

Chess

LERA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The eighth annual LERA Memorial Day Class Championships brought 167 chess players to Sunnyvale for a six-round, USCF and CalChess Swiss system class competition, May 27-29. Jim Hurt of Saratoga was Director-in-Charge of the \$2,784 event, with Ted and Ruby Yudacufski of Monterey handling the pairings. Complete results:

OPEN DIVISION

1st, Peter Biyiasas (2407), Vancouver, B.C., 5-1, \$300; **2nd-3rd**, Leonid Stolyarov (2347), San Francisco, and Elliott Winslow (2317), St. Louis, Mo., 4½-1½, \$120 each; **4th-7th**, C. Bill Jones (2315), Palo Alto, Jim Wahl (2000), San Jose, Jay Whitehead (2267), San Francisco, and Paul Whitehead (2322), San Francisco, 4-2, \$15 each.

Class A

1st, Robert Anderson (1941), San Jose, 5-1, \$300; **2nd**, David Weldon (1900), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$140; **3rd-5th**, Roy Blackmer (1987), Los Altos, Tony D'Aloisio (1812), San Francisco, and Jose Rivera (1886), Jolon, 4-2, \$47 each.

Class B

1st, Darinko Bozich (1706), San Mateo, 5½-½, \$250; **2nd-4th**, Dan Fukuma (1708), Cupertino, Mike Huber (1674), San Jose, and Donald Lieberman (1682), Santa Clara, 4½-1½, \$84 each.

Class C

1st, Romulo Aguilar (1588), Daly City, 5½-½, \$240; **2nd**, Richard Cullen (1595), Berkeley, 5-1, \$120; **3rd-4th**, Dexter Hermstad (1572), Saratoga, and Art Mathinsen (1583), San Rafael, 4½-1½, \$55 each.

Class D

1st, Masatoshi Eubank (1312), San Francisco, 5½-½, \$220; **2nd**, Tom Hill (1361), San Jose, 5-1, \$110; **3rd-5th**, Paul Hope (1365), Fairfax, Michael Spinrad (1350), Moraga, and Leonard Trottier (1294), El Cerrito, 4½-1½, \$37 each.

Class E

1st, John Gilmore (1197), San Jose, 5-1, \$50; **2nd-3rd**, Paul Novak (1184), Redwood City, and David TenEyck (0946), San Jose, 4½-1½, \$15 each.

Unrated Division

1st-2nd, Carolyn Withgitt, Menlo Park, and Allen Wong, Berkeley, 5-1, \$55 each.

White: Peter Prochaska (1935). Black: Paul Stainthorpe (1864). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, May 29, 1978.

King's Indian Defense

1 P-Q4	21 N-N1	B-QN2	QxRP!
2 P-QB4	N-KB3	22 NxP	KR-QB1!
3 N-QB3	P-KN3	23 B-B4!(j)	P-N6
4 P-K4	B-N2	24 Q-QB2(k)	B-K2
5 P-B3	P-Q3	25 Q-Q2	RxN
6 B-K3	O-O	26 NxR(1)	N-K7ch
7 P-Q5	P-K4(a)	27 Q-B3(m)	RxQch
8 Q-Q2(b)	P-B3	28 BxN	Q-R8ch
9 BPxP	PxP	29 NxR	N-B4(o)
10 KN-K2	P-QR3	30 N-N1(n)	N-R5!(q)
11 P-KN4	P-QN4	31 P-Q6?(p)	BxQP
12 PxP(d)	P-KR4(c)	32 K-Q2	B-N5ch
13 N-N3	NxRP	33 K-K1	QxP?(r)
14 P-KR4	N-B5!(e)	34 K-B2	B-B3
15 Q-R2(g)	B-B3(f)	35 R-Q7	K-R1
16 P-R5	K-N2	36 RxPch	B-N4
17 P-R6ch	R-R1	37 R-B7	K-R2
18 O-O-O	K-R2	38 R-B8ch	K-R1
19 B-K2	N-Q2	39 R-B7ch	K-R2
20 N-B5!!	Q-R4(h)	40 R-B8ch	Drawn
	P-N5(i)	41 R-B7ch(s)	

(Annotations by CalChess Chairman Peter Prochaska)

(a) Another reasonable way of opposing White's restrictive strategy is 6 . . . N-B3.

(b) Objectively speaking, White's most promising line may be Polugaevsky's idea, 8 B-Q3, intending to castle short, and quick queen-side play.

(c) Black must take some action now or in the near future to stop White's king-side onslaught.

(d) More aggressive, though not necessarily better than 12 P-KR3.

(e) Withdrawing the knight, 13 . . . N-KB3, leaves Black facing a tremendous attack after 14 P-KR4. Now, however, on 14 BxN PxP 15 QxP Black obtains ample compensation for a pawn in view of White's weakened dark squares and his insecure king.

(f) Either 14 . . . Q-R4 or 14 . . . N-Q2 would be answered strongly by 15 P-R5.

(g) Played to prevent 15 . . . BxP (or 15 . . . B-R5), but in reality giving Black the tempo he needs to consolidate. After the game, both players agreed that 15 PR-5 would have offered greater winning chances, e.g., 15 . . . B-R5 16 Q-R2 NxRP 17 N-K2!, but Black may still be able to hold out after 16 . . . P-N4.

(h) Apparently with potent threats, since 20 K-N1 loses to 20 . . . P-N5. White's reply comes as a shocker.

(i) Probably best. Accepting the sacrificial knight leads to 22 BxN PxP 23 QR-N1 B-QN2 (and not 23 . . . R-KN1 because of 24 R-N7ch!, with mate to follow) 24 Q-R5, when Black may try 24 . . . N-K4, but White wins after 25 QxP (5) ch N-N3 26 QxB.

(j) White would be hard pressed to defend against Black's well placed pieces and advancing pawns following 23 NxP KR-B1ch 24 K-Q2 QxNPch 25 K-K1 R-B7.

(k) Of course not 24 NxR QxBch or 24 P-N3 N-K7ch.

(l) The only way, as 26 BxN fails against 26 . . . BxN.

(m) Forced but good, since White will emerge with both rooks for the queen.

(n) White has maintained his position at the cost of trouble with the clock, 10 more moves being required in only one more minute.

(o) Here Black offered a draw, which should have been accepted.

(p) An error in time pressure. A better plan is 31 B-Q3 N-R5 32 R-Q2.

(q) Now 32 R-Q2 does not work because of 33 . . . BxQP so White's king has to take a walk.

(r) Black should have played 34 . . . B-B3 to keep the enemy rook off of the seventh rank, whereupon White's hopes for survival would fall on 35 R-Q8.

(s) The time control of 40 moves in two hours having been met, White now has no better course than to repeat the position, which he can force. A nerve-racking game!

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White: Gabriel Sanchez (2138). Black: Peter Bilyasas (2407). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, May 27, 1978. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 d4 d6 4 g3 Nd7 5 B2 e5 6 NF3 Ngf6 7 O-O O-O 8 Rb1 Re8 9 e4 ed 10 Nd4 Nc5 11 Re1 Ng4 12 Nb3 Ne5 13 Nc5 dc 14 Qe2 Qd3 15 Bf4 Bg4 16 Qd3 Nd3 17 Re3 Nf4 18 gf c6 19 e5 Bf5 20 Be4 Be6 21 Bd3 Bh6 22 Ne4 Bf4 23 Nf6 Kh8 24 Ne8 Be3 25 Nd6 Bd4 26 Nb7 Rc8 27 Be4 Rc7 28 Nd8 Bc4 29 Nc6 Ba2 30 Rc1 Rd7 31 Kf1 Bb3 32 f4 Kg7 33 f5 gf 34 Bf5 Bb2 35 Rc5 Rd5 36 Rd5 Bd5 37 Na7 Be5 38 h3 Bd4 39 Nc8 Bc5 40 Bg4 Kf6 41 Kf2 Ke5 42 Resigns.