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CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Ninety-eight players competed for \$1,900 in cash prizes at the First Chess Players Class Championship, held in the Jefferson Youth Center, Santa Clara, March 6-8.

John Sumares was in charge of the five-round, USCF-rated, Swiss system event, directed by Amada and Francisco Sierra with assistance from Don Lieberman.

Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Nick de Firmian (2531), Berkeley, 4½-½, \$400; 2nd-3rd, Peter Biyiasas (2490), San Francisco, and Borel Menas (2213), San Francisco, 4-1, \$175 each;

1st-3rd Expert, John L. Peterson (2156), San Jose, Raymond Schutt (2070), Sunnyvale, and Robin Smith (2082), Los Gatos, 3½-1½, \$83.33 each.

Category I (Class A)

1st, Dave Cater (1947), Sunnyvale, 4½-½, \$120; 2nd, Raymond Kratochvil (1834), Berkeley, 3½-1½, \$80; 3rd-4th, Thomas Boyd (1910), Oakland, and Mike Fitzgerald (1870), San Jose, 3-2, \$20 each.

Category II (Class B)

1st, Mike Cardillo (1767), San Jose, 4½-½, \$120; 2nd-3rd, Lucy Collier (1494), Stanford, and Greg Pinelli (1730), San Jose, 4-1, \$60 each.

Category III (Class C)

1st, Frank Hanley (1587), Sunnyvale, 5-0, \$120; 2nd, Mark Danner (1538), Fresno, 4-1, \$80; 3rd, Nicholas Dodge (1359), Santa Cruz, 3½-1½, \$40.

Categories IV-VI (Classes D-E-Unrated)

1st-2nd, Alan Hansen (Unr.), Mt. View, and Ron Harbeck (Unr.), Palo Alto, 4-1, \$70 each; 3rd, Mark Youtsey (Unr.), Santa Cruz, 3½-1½, \$40.

Here are some of the best games played in the First Chess Players Class Championship, recorded in USCF approved coordinate 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: Nick de Firmian (2531). Black: Peter Biyiasas (2490). Chess Players Class Championship, Santa Clara, March 8, 1981.

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5	22	Nh2	Re7
2	Nf3	Nc6	23	Ng4	Ng4
3	Bb5	a6	24	Qg4	Ra7
4	Ba4	Nf6	25	Bd5	Qe8
5	O-O	Be7	26	Re3	Be7
6	Re1	b5	27	Rf3	Bg5
7	Bb3	d6	28	h4	Bf4
8	c3	O-O	29	g3	Bc1
9	h3	Bb7	30	b3	Bb2
10	d4	Re8	31	Kg2	Rc7
11	a4	Bf8	32	c4	bc
12	d5	Nb8	33	Bc4	Ba3
13	ab	ab	34	Bd5	Bb4
14	Ra8	Ba8	35	Qh5	Bc5
15	Na3	c6	36	g4	Kf8
16	Bg5	Nbd7	37	Qg6	Kg8
17	dc	Bc6	38	g5	hg
18	Nc2	Qa8	39	hg	Qd7
19	Bf6	Nf6	40	Qh5	Ra7
20	Nb4	h6	41	g6	Resigns
21	Nc6	Qc6			

White: Nick de Firmian (2531). **Black:** Gabriel Sanchez (2331). Chess Players Class Championship, Santa Clara, March 8, 1981. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 Nc6 5 ed ed 6 Bb5 Bd6 7 O-O Nge7 8 dc Bc5 9 Nb3 Bd6 10 h3 O-O 11 Nbd4 a6 12 Bd3 Nd4 13 Nd4 Bc7 14 Qh5 g6 15 Qh4 Nc6 16 Bg5 f6 17 Bh6 Qd6 18 Rfe1 Nd4 19 Qd4 Bh3 20 g3 Rfe8 21 Qh4 Bd7 22 Bf4 Qc6 23 Bc7 Qc7 24 Qf6 Bc6 25 Bf1 Qg7 26 Qg7 Kg7 27 f4 Kf6 28 Kf2 g5 29 Bd3 h6 20 Rh1 Rh8 31 Rh5 Bb5 32 Rah1 gf 33 Rh6 Rh6 34 Rh6 Ke5 35 Rh5 Kd4 36 gf Rc8 37 Bb5 ab 38 c3 Kc5 39 Ke3 Rg8 40 f5 Kd6 41 f6 Rg3 42 Kf2 Rg8 43 Ke3 Rg3 44 Kf2 Rg8 45 f7 Rf8 46 Rh7 b4 47 cb d4 48 Ke2 Ke5 49 Kd3 Kd5 50 Rh5 Kc6 51 Rf5 Resigns.

White: Charles Powell (2428). **Black:** Peter Biyiasas (2490). Chess Players Class Championship, Santa Clara, March 7, 1981. QP Game 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 g6 3 Bf6 ef 4 e3 d6 5 Ne2 f5 6 g3 Nd7 7 Bg2 Nf6 8 c4 Bg7 9 Nbc3 O-O 10 O-O h5 11 b4 h4 12 c5 hg 13 hg d5 14 b5 c6 15 bc bc 16 Qa4 Qc7 17 Rab1 Ne4 18 Rb2 Bd7 19 Rfb1 Rfb8 20 Ne4 fe 21 Rb8 Rb8 22 Rb8 Qb8 23 Qb3 Qc7 24 Bf1 Bg4 25 a3 Bf6 26 Nc3 Bg5 27 Na2 Kg7 28 Nb4 Qb8 29 Qc3 Bd7 30 Ba6 Bd8 31 Kf1 Bc7 32 Ke2 Bc8 33 Kd2 Ba6 34 Na6 Qb7 35 Nc7 Qc7 36 Qb4 Qc8 37 Qa5 Qb7 38 Kc2 Qd7 39 Qa6 Qf5 40 Qe2 Qc8 41 Kb3 Qb7 42 Ka2 a5 43 Qb2 Qa6 44 Qb6 Qe2 45 Qb2 Qf1 46 Qc2 Kh6 47 Qd2 a4 48 Qc2 Qb5 49 Qb2 Qc4 50 Kal Kg5 51 Qd2 Qb3 52 f4 Kg4 53 Qc1 f5 54 Resigns.

White: Renard Anderson (2118). **Black:** Richard Roloff (1862). Chess Players Class Championship, Santa Clara, March 7, 1981.

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5	15	Kd1	Bg3?!(c)
2	Nf3	Nc6	16	Qe4	Kf8
3	Bb5	f5(a)	17	Be3	Bf2
4	Nc3	fe	18	Bd2	Nf6(d)
5	Ne4	d5	19	Bb4	c5
6	Ne5	de	20	Qe5	Bg4
7	Nc6	Qg5(b)	21	Kd2	Qg2(e)
8	Qe2	Nf6	22	Qd6	Ke8
9	f4	Qh4	23	Kc3	cb
10	g3	Qh3	24	Kb3	Rc8
11	Ne5	c6	25	Rhe1	Be1
12	Bc4	Bc5	26	Re1	Be2
13	d3	Ng4	27	Qe6	Resigns
14	Nf7	Bf2			

(Analysis contributed by Renard Anderson).

(a) The Schliemann Defense, a violent attempt to wrest the initiative from White, has been extensively analyzed in recent years. It is also seen in a deferred version, 3...a6 4 Ba4 f5, as in the 20th game of the 1974 world championship between Karpov and Korchnoi.

(b) "ECO" gives White an edge after 7...Qd5 8 c4 Qd6 9 Na7 Bd7 10 Bd7 Qd7 11 Qh5 Kd8 12 Qa5.

(c) A novelty? Timman — Bohm, 1980, quoted in Informant No. 29, continued 15...e3 16 Qf3 Nh6 16 Qe4 Kf8 18 Be3.

(d) White wins following 18...Bf5 (or 18...Bc5 19 Kc1!) 19 Bb4 c5 20 Qb7 Re8 21 Nh8.

(e) Another desperate try that fails is 21...Ne4!? 22 Qe4 Re8 23 Bc5 Bc5 24 Ne5. An exciting game for both sides.

White: Raymond Schutt (2070). **Black:** Christopher Kleman (1802). Chess Players Class Championship, Santa Clara, March 6, 1981. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 Nc6 5 ed Nd4 6 Nd4 cd 7 Bb5 Bd7 8 de fe 9 O-O Nf6 10 Bc4 Bd6 11 Qe2 Qb6 12 Re1 e5 13 c3 O-O-O 14 Nb3 dc 15 Be3 Qc7 16 Rec1 cb 17 Qb2 Bc6 18 Ba7 Qd7 19 Na5 Bc7 20 Nc6 Qc6 21 Bb5 Qd6 22 Rc7 Qc7 23 Rc1 Qc1 24 Qclmate.