

# Richard Shorman

# Chess

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The San Francisco Bay Area Amateur Open brought over 200 chess players to the Oakland Central YMCA, Dec. 9-10, to compete in a five round Swiss system tournament for players rated below expert strength. Martin Morrison and Elwin Meyers directed.

### Class A

1st, Reynoldo Johnson, Los Angeles, Donald Clapp, Lafayette, Gene Lee, Mt. View, and Antonio Saguisag, San Francisco, 5-0, \$48 each.

2nd, Kerry Lawless, San Leandro, and William Noble, Concord, 4½-½, \$12 each.

### Class B

1st, Raymond Cuneo, Piedmont, Dan Litowsky, San Francisco, Marc McNowen, Walnut Creek, Leonard Monk, Berkeley, Stewart Scott, Sunnyvale, and Harold Barnett, Livermore, 4-1, \$36 each.

2nd, Robert Fojt, James Jee, Gary Kobliska, all Berkeley, Richard Price, Fremont, and Donald Stone, Moraga, 3½-1½, \$3 each.

### Class C

1st, Thomas Boyd, Turlock, 4½-½, \$100.

2nd, Richard Frye, San Jose, and Peter Lamasney, Alameda, 3½-1½, \$37 each.

### Class D

1st, Robert Haskell, Sacramento, 3-2, \$50.

### Best Game Prize

\$10 to William Noble, Concord, for his win against Dan Pearce in round 3.

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White: William Noble.

Black: Dan Pearce.

Oakland, Dec. 9, 1972.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	13 P-N5(h)	PxN
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	14 PxN	PxPch
3 N-B3(a)	N-QB3	15 K-N1	BxP
4 P-Q4	PxP	16 NxN(i)	QxN
5 NxP	N-B3	17 B-R6	K-R1(j)
6 B-QB4(b)	P-QR3(c)	18 BxPch	BxB
7 B-N3	P-K3	19 RxB!	KxR
8 B-K3	B-K2	20 Q-N4ch	K-B3(k)
9 Q-K2(d)	0-0(e)	21 Q-R4ch	K-K4
10 0-0-0	Q-B2	22 Q-N5ch	KxP
11 KR-N1(f)	P-QN4	23 R-K1ch	K-Q5
12 P-N4	P-N5(g)	24 Q-K3mate	



(a) A modern opening wrinkle intended to force Black away from the Najdorf Sicilian (3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-QR3), as 3 . . . N-KB3 meets 4 P-K5 in reply.

(b) The Sozin variation — Fischer's favorite. White could also go for the complex, but less sharp, Richter-Rauzer attack with 6 B-KN5 P-K3 7 Q-Q2.

(c) Black's attempt to transpose into the Dragon system by 6 . . . B-Q2 (hoping for something like 7 B-N3 P-KN3 8 P-B3 B-N2 9 B-K3 0-0 10 Q-Q2) turns out badly after 7 0-0 P-KN3 8 NxN!, e.g., 8 . . . BxN (or 8 . . . PxN 9 P-B4 Q-B2 10 P-K5! PxP 11 PxP QxP 12 BxPch, KxB 13 QxB) 9 B-KN5 B-N2 10 N-Q5 BxN (not 10 . . . NxN 11 PxN B-Q2 12 R-K1 or 10 . . . 0-0 11 BxN PxP 12 P-QB3) 11 PxP 0-0 12 R-K1 (Isaac Boleslavsky, "Shakhmatny byulleten," No. 8, 1970, pg. 228) R-B1 13 B-N3 R-B2 14 Q-Q2 Q-Q2 15 R-K2 R-N1 16 P-QR4 Q-Q1 (Tseytlin — Stein, Riga, 1971) and now Gufeld suggests 17 P-R4!?, threatening 18 QR-K1 and 19 P-KR5 ("Chess Informant," No. 11, 1977, pg. 100).

(d) Velimirovic's idea: White castle's long and storms the king side while preventing a possible N-KN5 by Black.

(e) "Castling into it." Most recent master practice favors keeping the black king in the center and using the tempo saved on getting rid of White's white-squared bishop. A game from the 40th USSR Championship, now in progress, continued 9 . . . Q-B2 10 0-0-0 N-QR4 11 P-N4 P-QN4 12 P-N5 NxPch 13 RPxN N-Q2 14 P-R4 B-N2 15 P-B3 P-N5 16 N-R4 N-B4 17 K-N1 R-QB1 18 P-R5 NxN 19 PxN P-Q4 20 P-N6 B-KB3 21 PxPch KxP 22 P-R6 P-N3 23 KR-K1 KR-Q1 24 P-K5 QxKP 25 Q-Q2 Q-Q3 26 B-N5 P-K4 27 BxB QxB 28 QxP R-Q2 29 N-N3 Drawn (Razuvaev — Shamkovich, Baku, 1972).

(f) Another finesse, guaranteeing P-N4 with the KNP protected twice (against . . . NxN followed by . . . P-K4) and preparing an eventual R-N3-R3.

(g) If here 12 . . . NxN, then White builds an unstoppable assault by 13 BxN N-Q2 14 P-N5 N-B4 15 Q-R5 (Boleslavsky). Nor does 14 . . . B-N2 in this line constitute an improvement: 15 Q-R5 P-N3 16 Q-R6 P-K4 17 R-Q3 KR-B1 (forced) 18 BxPch KxB 19 QxRPch, etc. (Zhukov — Kudryashov, Krasnovodsk, 1971).

(h) Boleslavsky claims a clear win for White with 13 NxN QxN 14 N-Q5! PxN 15 P-N5 PxP (best) 16 PxN BxP 17 B-Q5 Q-R5 18 Q-R5! B-K3 (if 18 . . . K-R1, then 19 B-Q4 BxB 20 RxB) 19 RxPch! BxR 20 R-N1 KR-B1 21 BxKP K-B1 22 RxB! P-Q4 23 B-KB5. White's actual move is not wrong, however.

(i) Nikitin played 16 Q-B3 versus Matulovic in 1966, but Black obtained the better game after 16 . . . B-K4! 17 B-R6 P-N3 18 Q-B3 B-Q2 (Stronger still is 18 . . . B-QN2 19 P-B4 B-B3.) 19 P-B4 B-B3 20 BxR RxP 21 B-R4 R-B1 (Aleksandr Nikitin, "Sitsilianskaya zashchita," Moscow, 1969, pp. 80-81).

(j) A total lapse in a very difficult situation. Black's fighting chances issue from 17 . . . P-N3, surrendering the exchange, for which he already has two pawns compensation. Now Noble closes the show with an attractive king hunt.

(k) Else 20 . . . K-R1 21 R-N1 mates even faster.

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