

# Richard Shorman

# Chess

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Eighty players participated in the Monterey Coast Open chess tournament at the Monterey Chess Center, Jan. 10-11. Ted and Ruby Yudacufski directed the four-round Swiss system, USCF-rated event. Complete results:

**Open Division:** 1st-3rd, Peter Cleghorn, Berkeley, Roy Ervin, Berkeley, and Robert Hammie, Berkeley, 4-0, \$128.35 each.

**Expert Division:** 1st-2nd, Alex Suhobeck, Monterey, and Roger Gabrielson, Berkeley, 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$32.50 each.

**Class A:** 1st-9th, Ronald Basich, Santa Cruze, Max Wilderson, Colma, Alan Colby, Oakland, Frank Flynn, Burlingame, Mitchell Bedford, Salinas, Charles Whelan, San Jose, Tim Stevens, Stanford, Jim Buff, San Francisco, and Allen Becker, San Mateo, 3-1, \$16.15 each.

**Class B:** 1st-2nd, Karel Zikan, Marina, and Wayne Sewell, Salinas, 3-1, \$50 each.

**Class C:** 1st-2nd, Mark Marron, Monterey, and William Dewing, Palo Alto, 3-1, \$55 each.

**Class D-E:** 1st-2nd, Gary McGreal, Stanford, and Harvey Becker, San Mateo, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$65 each.

**Unrated Division:** 1st-7th, Ralph Palmeris, Crockett, Eric Johnson, Watsonville, John Gilmore, San Jose, Robert Harmssen, San Jose, Ben Sepulveda, Concord, George Barber, San Jose, and Olav Grinde, Carmel Valley, 1-3, \$10.71 each.

**Women's Division:** 1st-3rd, Pamela Ford, San Francisco, Dina Gratz, Pacific Grove, and Elizabeth Traina, San Francisco, 2-2, \$8.35 each.

**Special Awards:** Upset Prize, Susan Mills, book; Monterey County Chess Champion, Alex Suhobeck, book.

## KERES MEMORIAL

A three-day, nine-round competition in memory of Paul Keres was held in Tallin in mid-January with an unusually fast time control for a grandmaster event of thirty minutes per player per game. First prize went to international grandmaster Aivar Gipslis of Latvia, who won five games while drawing four others to score seven points out of nine. Also covering the distance without loss was former world champion Mikhail Tal, finishing only a half point behind. The remaining titled players among the ten participants were international grandmaster Yuri Averbakh, international master Ivo Ney, five points each, and international master Vladas Mikenas, three points.

White: B. Rytov. Black: M. Tal.  
Tallin, 1976. Benoni Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	18 Q-K1	N-R4
2 P-QB4	P-B4	19 N-K4	N-B5
3 P-Q5	P-KN3	20 QN-B3	BxN
4 N-QB3	B-N2	21 NxB	N-Br
5 P-K4	O-O(a)	22 P-N3	PxP
6 P-K5	N-K1	23 PxP	NxPch!
7 N-B3	P-Q3	24 NxN	Q-R5ch
8 PzP	NxP	25 K-N1	P-K5!(d)
9 B-K2	B-N5	26 BxB(e)	P-K6
10 N-Q2?!	B-B4	27 R-QB2(f)	Q-R6
11 O-O	P-K4(b)	28 B-Q1	P-K7
12 P-QN3	P-KR4	29 Q-B2	PXr(Q)ch
13 B-N2	N-Q2	30 NxQ	KxB
14 P-B3(c)	N-B3	31 Q-Q2	Q-R5
15 N-R4	RpK1	32 Q-B3ch	Q-B3
16 K-R1	P-N3	33 QxQch	KxQ
17 R-B1	P-R5	34 Resigns(g)	34 Resigns(g)

(Notes translated from "64" No. 3, Jan. 16-22, 1976, pp. 8-9)

(a) Curiously, most opening manuals do not even mention the possibility of this "invitation."

(b) Black has won the opening struggle . . . and six minutes on the clock.

(c) Sooner or later the weakness on K3 will become apparent. White should have considered 14 R-K1 with the idea of B-KB1 (or B-KB3) and N(2)-k4.

(d) Tal does not relish the prosaic win of a pawn by 25 . . . QxPch 26 QxQ NxBch, preferring to sacrifice a second piece for the attack instead.

(e) Parrying the mate threat after 27 . . . Q-R6 but losing decisive material.

(f) White has no compensation for the loss of the exchange in this position and Tal won easily.

### BRILLIANT BREVITY

Schoolgirl Maiya Chiburdanidze of Georgia, already a rated master since she was 12, polished off her Berlorussian rival with explosive finesse in the current USSR Juvenile Chess Championship. The game is recorded in Streamlined coordinate chess 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: R. Idleson. Black: M. Chiburdanidze. Tbilisi, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 g6 5 Be3 Bg7 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 Bc4 O-O 8 f3 (A slip that gives Black a chance to seize the initiative.) Qb6! 9 Bb5 (And this further error costs White at least a pawn.) Ne4! 10 Nd5 Qa5 11 b4 Nb4 12 Ne7 Kh8 13 fe Nc2 14 Kf2 Ne3 15 Ke3 Qa3 16 Qd3 Qe7 17 Rhf1 d5 18 Rae1 a6 19 Ba4 f5 20 Resigns.

### SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE OPEN

The third San Jose City College Open Chess Tournament will be held at the San Jose City College Cafeteria & Student union, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Cash awards and merchandise prizes will be presented to the winners of the USCF-rated, five-round Swiss system tourney in seven categories. Entry fee is \$10 for Open-Expert-A, \$9 Class B-C, \$8 Class D-E, \$7 Unrated, \$6 Junior, \$5 Senior and \$4 Female if received by Francisco Sierra, Tournament Director, 663 Bucher Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051 by Jan. 29. Round one begins at 12:15 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31. Time control for all rounds is 45 moves in 100 minutes. Please bring sets and clocks. For additional information phone (408) 241-1447.

### BAY AREA POSTAL CHESS

Play postal chess in the Bay Area under the auspices of the Central California Chess Association's postal chess league. First place in each five-man section wins \$15 and a perfect score receives a bonus prize. All opponents will be from the Bay Area region and results will be published in CCCA's "Chess Voice" magazine. No special memberships required. Each player carries on four games by mail simultaneously, two as White and two as Black. Send \$4 entry fee to Kip Brockman, Tournament Director, 1328 Purdue St., Suite 7, San Leandro, CA 94579 with your name, address and phone number to begin play. For more information, please call 351-4924, evenings.