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Chess

PAUL MASSON HOSTS RECORD CHESS TOURNEY

U.S. Champion Walter Browne won \$1,650 first prize at the Paul Masson American Class Championships in Saratoga, July 19-20. A record-breaking 735 players made the USCF-rated event the world's largest outdoor Swiss system weekend chess competition.

Performing an amazing feat of blindfold chess wizardry, international master George Koltanowski successfully recalled his previous year's knight's tour exhibition. With his back to an oversize demonstration chess board "Kolt" verbally traced the route of a knight to all 64 squares without duplication and correctly named what had been written on each square a year earlier.

Further attractions included a "Vegas Fun Chess" tournament, in which the roll of specially marked dice determines the pieces to be moved; a display of rare and unusual chess sets from the magnificent Harbeson and Hafler collections; and between-rounds complimentary wine tasting, courtesy of Paul Masson Mountain Vineyard.

Chief tournament director for the \$10,000 contest was Martin Morrison, assisted by Alan Benson, Roger Blaine, Robert Corwin, Michael Donald, Mike Goodall, Bryce Perry, Ken Stone and Ted and Ruby Yudacufski. Complete results:

Master Section (41 Players)

1st, Walter Browne (2580), Berkeley, 4-0, \$1,650 plus Paul Masson Champagne; **2nd**, Peter Biyiasas (2477), Vancouver, Canada, 3½-1½, \$1,100; **3rd-8th**, Jonathan Berry (2233), Vancouver, Canada, David Brummer (2087), San Francisco, Viktors Pupols (2239), Bremerton, Wash., David Strauss (2332), Riverside, Don Sutherland (2229), Denver, Colo., and Tibor Weinberger (2406), Santa Monica, 3-1, \$150 each.

Expert Division (38 Players)

1st-4th, Jay Dean (2135), Seattle, Wash., Nick DeFirmian (2165), Santa Barbara, Robert Hammie (2085), Berkeley, and Ira Pohl (2010), Santa Cruz, 3½-1½, \$273.75 each plus Paul Masson Champagne; **5th-8th**, John Farwell (2006), Fairfield, Conn., Raymond Martin (2124), Van Nuys, Borel Menas (2050), and Martin Sullivan (2132), Hayward, 3-1, \$12.50 each.

Class A (70 Players)

1st, Vincent McCambridge (1936), LaHabra, 4-0, \$525 plus Paul Masson Champagne; **2nd-7th**, William Chesney (1913), San Jose, Reynauldo Johnson (1959), Oakland, Peter Klimek (1976), Berkeley, Peter Prochaska (1894), Antonio Saguisag (1963), San Francisco, and Tom Weissbein (1818), San Bernardino, 3½-1½, \$103.33 each.

Class B (107 Players)

1st-5th, David Collyer (1779), Tacoma, Wash., William Hardy (1630), Eugene, Ore., Raymond Mosley (1776), Los Angeles, Arthur Schain (1715), LaHabra and Eric Tangborn (1788), Tacoma, Wash., 4½-1½, \$229 each plus Paul Masson Champagne.

Class C (187 Players)

1st-2nd, Leo Louie (1586), Fields Landing, and Ingmar Stegis (1598), Watchung, N.J., 5-0, \$420 each plus Paul Masson Champagne; **3rd-7th**, Janis Kalnins (1552), Santa Clara, Rick Kiger (1481), San Leandro, Jeff Klein (1529), Bel-Air, John Loughlin (1460), Eugene, Ore., and Kurt Luoto (1459), Rohnert Park, 4½-1½, \$61 each.

Class D (137 Players)

1st-3rd, Jack Klotz (1291), Atascadero, Charles Moore (1263), San Bruno, and Victor Vaughn (1301), Ridgecrest, 5-0, \$331.67 each plus Paul Masson Champagne; **4th-7th**, Aaron Andrade (1318), Lancaster, Nick Fulgham (1239), Eureka, James Johnson (1272), Daly City, and Howard Wesely (1353), Modesto, 4½-1½, \$37.50 each.

Class E (42 Players)

1st, Buck Eng (1071), San Carlos, 5-0, \$260 plus Paul Masson Champagne; **2nd-7th**, Mark Camp (1182), Turlock, Gerald Marr (1002), San Jose, John McCarthy (1174), Riverside, Patrick McKenzie (1034), Cupertino, Ernest Prokos (1158), Kelseyville, and Alex Temko (1148), Berkeley, 4-1, \$50.83 each.

Unrated Division (113 Players)

1st-3rd, William Grant, San Francisco, Joseph Reif, San Francisco, and Raymond Rotor, San Francisco, 5-0, \$163.33 each plus Paul Masson Champagne; **4th**, Jack Buettner, San Jose, 4½-1½, \$50.

Here are some of the best games from the tournament, recorded in USCF-approved 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: Walter Browne. Black: Larry Christiansen. Saratoga, 1975. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 Bd7 7 Qd2 Rc8 8 0-0-0 Nd4 9 Qd4 Qa5 10 Bd2 e5 11 Qe3 a6 12 f3 b5 13 Nb5 Qa2 14 Qa3 Qa3 15 Na3 d5 16 Ba6 Rb8 17 ed Ba3 18 Ba Nd5 19 Rhe1 f6 20 f4 Bg4 21 Be2 Be2 22 Re2 0-0 23 fe Ra8 24 Kb2 Rfb8 25 Ka2 Rc8 26 ef gf 27 Be1 Nc3 28 Bc3 Rc3 29 Kb2 Rca3 30 Rd8 Kf7 31 Ra8 Ra8 32 c4 h5 33 Kc3 h4 34 h3 f5 35 c5 Kf6 36 Kc4 f4 37 c6 Kf5 38 Kb5 Rb8 39 Ka6 f3 40 gf Kf4 41 c7 Rh8 42 Rd2 Resigns.

White: Dennis Fritzinger. Black: Jonathan Berry. Saratoga, 1975. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Bc4 Qh4 4 Kf1 d6 5 d4 g5 6 c3 Nf6 7 Nf3 Qh5 8 e5 Ne4 9 Qe1 Ng3 10 Kg1 Nh1 11 ed Kd8 12 dc Kc7 13 Qe5 Bd6 14 Qh8 g4 15 Na3 a6 16 Ne5 g3 17 Bf4 Qh2 18 Kf1 Qh4 19 Ng6 fg 20 Bd6 Kd6 21 Qe5 Kd7 22 Be6 Kd8 23 Qh8 Ke7 24 Qc8 Qf6 25 Kg1 Qe6 26 Qb7 Nd7 27 Nc2 Rb8 28 Qc7 Nf2 29 Re1 Ne4 30 Qf4 Rb2 31 Nb4 Ndf6 32 Qc7 Kf8 33 d5 Qf5 34 Qb8 Ne8 35 Rf1 Qf2 36 Rf2 gf 37 Resigns.

White: Dennis Fritzinger. Black: Steven Schonhaut. Saratoga, 1975. Falkbeer Counter Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 ed c6 4 Nc3 cd 5 fe d4 6 Ne4 Qd5 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 Nf3 Bg4 9 Neg5 h6 10 Be4 Qc5 11 Nh3 Bh3 12 gh 0-0-0 13 d3 Nge7 14 0-0 f5 15 ef gf 16 Nh4 Rg8 17 Kh1 Nd5 18 Nf5 Ne5 19 c3 dc 20 d4 Qb4 21 bc Nc3 22 Qc2 Kb8 23 Bd2 Rc8 24 Rac1 Qb5 25 Bc3 Bb4 26 Qb1 Rc3 27 Rc3 Qf1 28 Qf1 Resigns.

White: Elizabeth Traina. Black: Jeffrey Miller. Saratoga, 1975. Vienna Game 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Bc5 3 f4 Bg1 4 Rg1 Qh4 5 g3 Qh2 6 Rg2 Qh6 7 d3 ef 8 Bf4 Qc6 9 Nd5 d6 10 g4 Nd7 11 Qf3 Ne5 12 Be5 de 13 Rf2 Be6 14 0-0-0 Nh6 15 Bh3 f6 16 g5 Bh3 17 gh Be6 18 hg Rg8 19 Nf6 Kf7 20 Qh5 Kg7 21 Qh7 Kf8 22 Ng8 Resigns.

White: Alex Temko. Black: Ralph Leftwich. Saratoga, 1975. Two Knights' Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 ed Nd5 6 Nf7 Kf7 7 Qf3 Ke6 8 Nc3 Ne7 9 d4 Qd6 10 0-0 c6 11 Re1 Ng 12 Bf4 Nf4 13 Qf4 Kd7 14 Qf7 Ne7 15 de Qg6 16 e6 Kc7 17 Qf4 Kd8 18 Rad1 Nd5 19 Nd5 cd 20 Rd5 Ke7 21 Qd6 Kf6 22 e7 Kf7 23 Rf5 Resigns.