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Chess

FREMONT OPEN AND CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Assisted by David Brooks and Robert Tanner, Hans Poschmann directed 195 players in the second annual Fremont Open and Class Championships, June 21-22. Complete results:

Open DIVISION: 1st Peter Cleghorn (2311), Berkeley, 3½-½, \$250; 2nd-6th, Craig Barnes (2280), Berkeley, Richard Bustamante (2152), Castle AFB, Larry Huges (2192), Berkeley, Nicholas Maffeo (2261), San Francisco, and Borel Menas (2050), Daly City, 3-1, \$35 each.

CLASS A: 1st-2nd, Peter Thompson (1993), Brooklyn Ctr., Minn., and Jack Ely (1818), Berkeley, 3½-½, \$150 each; 3rd-5th, Randall Feliciano (1771), San Francisco, Gabriel Sanchez (1938), Santa Clara, and Bill Chesney (1913), San Jose, 3-1, \$33 each.

Class B: 1st-3rd, Eric Burris (1739), San Rafael, Brad Diller (1796), Los Altos Hills, and John Shaw (1740), Ben Lomond, 4½-½, \$101.50 each; 4th-5th, Isidro Gines (1799), Union City, and Aaron Means (1770), Portland, Ore., 4-1, \$20 each.

Class C: 1st, Gary Houlahan (1585), Bellevue, Wash., 5-0, \$230; 2nd, Kenneth Grossman (1587), San Francisco, 4½-½, \$115; 3rd-5th, Craig Loop (1534), Vallejo, Nicholas Tripolski (1569), Burlingame, and William Peper (1530), Oakland, 4-1, \$55 each.

Class D-E: 1st, Greg Boyd (1327), Moraga, 5-0, \$200; 2nd-3rd, Bernie Beadling (1333), Union City, and Darrel Ridings, (1395), Hayward, 4½-½, \$82.50 each; 4th-5th, John Simpson (1212), San Jose, and Roscoe Willis (1399), San Francisco, 4-1, \$25 each.

Unrated Division: 1st-3rd, Frank Hanley, San Jose, Carlos Romero, San Francisco, and Mike Stark, Fremont, 4-1, \$40 each.

Here are some of the more spirited contests from the tournament, recorded in USCF endorsed 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: Donald Dean (2135). **Black:** Peter Cleghorn (2311). Fremont Open Championship, June 22, 1975. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Ne4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 de Be6 9 c3 Bc5 10 Nbd2 0-0 11 Qe2 Bf5 12 Ne4 de 13 Ng5 Ne5 14 Qh5 Qe7 15 Nf7 Rf7 16 Qf5 Nc4 17 Bc4 bc 18 Qd5 Rd8 19 Qc4 Bf2 20 Khl e3 21 Qe2 Qe4 22 Be3 Be3 23 Qa6 Rfd7 24 Rael Rd2 25 Re2 Re2 26 Qe2 Rd2 27 Resigns.

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White: Borel Menas (2050). **Black:** Nicholas Maffeo (2261). Fremont Open Championship, June 21, 1975. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 c5 5 Nf3 cd 6 Nd4 e5 7 Nf3 d4 8 Nd5 Be7 9 Bf6 gf 10 g3 Be6 11 Qb3 Bd5 12 cd Qa5 13 Nd2 Bb4 14 0-0-0 Nd7 15 Nc4 Rc8 16 Kbl Qd5 17 e4 Qc5 18 a3 b5 19 Rcl Ke7 20 ab Qc6 21 Bd3 bc 22 Rc4 Qb7 23 Rhcl Nb6 24 Rc5 Nd7 25 Rc8 Rc8 26 Rc8

Qc8 27 Bc4 Nf8 28 Bf7 Qh3 29 Bg8 Qf1 30 Ka2 Qa6 31 Qa3 Qb7 32 b5 Ke8 33 Qb3 Qc7 34 Qd5 Qd7 35 Qa8 Ke7 36 Bd5 Qb5 37 Qa7 Nd7 38 f4 d3 39 fe fe 40 Qe3 Qa4 41 Kbl Qc2 42 Ka2 d2 43 Qg5 44 Qh6 Kc7 45 Bb3 Qb3 46 Kb3 dlQ 47 Resigns.

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White: Richard Flacco (2017). **Black:** Peter Hess (2040). Fremont Open Championship, June 22, 1975. Max Lange Attack 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 0-0 Nf6 5 d4 Bd4 6 Nd4 Nd4 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bh4 g5 9 f4 gf 10 Rf4 ef 11 Qd4 c5 12 Qc3 d5 13 Bd5 0-0 14 Bf6 Qd6 15 Na3 Be6 16 Rdl Bd5 17 Rd5 Qe6 18 Rh5 Kh7 19 Bg7 f6 20 Bf8Rf8 21 Qc5 Qe4 22 Qf5 Qf5 23 Rf5 Resigns.

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White: Mike Sedayao (967). Black: Greg Boyd (1327).
 Fremont Class Championship, June 21, 1975. Two
 Knights' Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 Bc5 5
 Nf7 Bf2 6 Kf1 Qe7 7 Nh8 d5 8 ed Nd4 9 Kf2 Bg4 10 Qf1
 Qc5 11 b4 Ne4 12 Ke3 Nc2 13 Ke4 Qd4 mate.

AN EPISODE IN THE CAREER OF PAUL MORPHY

By PHILIP SERGEANT

We do not know how far Paulsen's attribution to Morphy of an intention to make Paris his future home was justified. He did not, as a matter of fact, leave America until October, 1862, when, having failed to obtain a diplomatic post in the service of the seceding Confederates, and having seen his native New Orleans captured by the Northern troops, he left for France by way of Cuba and Spain. He was, however, in New York in the autumn of 1860; and Paulsen, arriving there about the end of October on his way back to Germany after a six years residence in the States, made a final attempt to bring him to terms. This time he took the step of writing to Morphy direct at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. In this letter, which was dated October 3rd, he said:

"Allow me to invite you to a friendly contest over the board on the following terms.

A match even, consisting only of open games, or, to make it more definite, a match of six Evans Gambits, each player to conduct three times the attack and three times the defense; and of twelve Gambits on the king's side, attack and defence to be played alternately by each player throughout the match. I am aware that you have declined playing with our most prominent Chess-players, except at the odds of pawn and move. Allow me to express the opinion that the odds of pawn and move is a doubtful advantage, while it invariably and necessarily results in a kind of mongrel games, never advancing the cause of Chess and rarely proving interesting to the great majority of Amateurs.

If your high and justly acquired reputation as a Chess-player makes it a matter of necessity never to meet an adversary without imposing the condition of receiving odds, I beg leave to suggest an advantage which, without marring the beauties of our noble game, may still prove acceptable to you, viz.

I shall receive as many games out of the match as in your opinion would make the chances of winning the match perfectly even, or yield your opponent an advantage equal to the pawn and move."

Paulsen entrusted the letter to Harrisse to deliver to Morphy. Harrisse accordingly called at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, but found Morphy out. Calling a second time, with the same result, he left the letter with the clerk. Then on October 6th he wrote a note to Morphy to ask if he had received Paulsen's letter. Morphy now replied, but to Harrisse, not to Paulsen. The letter, which is the only one in the series from Morphy's pen and is a characteristic specimen of his handwriting (with the long s, for instance, in the words "Harrisse" and "chess,") is to the following effect:

New York, 1860.

E. Harrisse, Esq.,

I have received Paulsen's letter, and am quite astonished that he should ask me to play a match with him on even terms, after my repeated declarations that I had not come North to play chess and would only encounter him, if at all, **at odds**, and in an occasional game or two at the club. I am getting heartily tired of the subject, and would request you, should you see him before I do, (I went to the club yesterday, but did not meet him there) to inform him of the resolution I have taken.

Regretting that I was not at the First Avenue Hotel when you called, I remain,

Truly yours,

Paul Morphy.