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Chess

LERA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Over 200 players participated in the six-round Swiss style tournament held Nov. 23-25 at the Lockheed facilities in Sunnyvale (LERA). Ted and Ruby Yudacufski directed the USCF-rated event, which awarded more than \$3,000 in prize money. Complete results:

Open Division

1st, Harry Radke, San Jose, 5-1, \$250; 2nd-4th, David Forthoffer, Mt. View, Jerry Gutierrez, San Francisco, and Dennis Waterman, San Francisco, 4½-1½ \$85 each.

Class A

1st, Bill Chesney, San Jose, 5-1, \$160; 2nd, Carl Shiflett, San Francisco, 4½-1½ \$90 each; 3rd-4th, Van Vandivier, Salinas, and Murray Turnbull, Berkeley, 4-2, \$50 each.

Class B

1st-2nd, Sheldon Ross, Orinda, and Sandy Long, Los Altos, 5-1, \$240 each; 3rd-7th, John Verhagen, Santa Clara, Andrew Gouw, San Jose, Paul Markowitz, Oakland, Gabriel Sanchez, Santa Clara, and Herbert Rosenbaum, San Carlos, 4½-1½ \$32 each.

Class C

1st, James Black, San Jose, 5½-½ \$340; 2nd-5th, Michael Carroll, San Jose, Robert Cromwell, San Jose, J. E. Guzman, Oakland, and Mark Schynert, Los Altos, 5-1, \$85 each.

Class D

1st, Richard Dorn, San Francisco, 5½-½, \$260; 2nd, Greg Payne, San Mateo, 5-1, \$130; 3rd-5th, Norman Johnson, Oakland, Mark Fischer-Colbrie, Los Altos, and Peter Buyer, Milpitas, 4½-1½, \$45 each.

Class E

1st, Michael Wood, Modesto, 4-2, \$25.

Unrated Division

1st, Michael Sarley, Richmond, 6-0, \$200; 2nd-5th, Richard Lew, San Francisco, Frank Parker, San Francisco, Stephen Clark, Mt. View, and David Abramson, San Jose, 4½-1½ \$50 each.

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Here are some of the more energetic skirmishes from the tournament, 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: Michael Ewell (2012). Black: David Forthoffer (2093). Sunnyvale (LERA), Nov. 23, 1973. Grunfeld Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Ne4 5 cd Ng5 6 h4 Ne4 7 Ne4 Qd5 8 Nc3 Qd8 9 e3 Bg7 10 h5 c5 11 hg hg 12 Rh8 Bh8 13 Qa4 Bd7 14 Bb5 cd 15 ed Nc6 16 Nge2 a6 17 d5 ab 18 Qh4 Bg7 19 Qh7 Bf8 20 dc bc 21 Nf4 Bf5 22 Nh5 Qd4 23 Ng3 Bc2 24 Nge2 Qb4 25 Rc1 Qb2 26 Qh8 b4 27 Qd4 bc 28 Qc4 Ba4 29 Rc3 Bb5 30 Qe4 Ra2 31 Resigns.

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White: David Forthoffer (2093). Black: Stewart Scott (2022). Sunnyvale (LERA), Nov. 25, 1973. Petroff's Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Ne5 d6 4 Nf3 Ne4 5 d4 d5 6 Bd3 Bd6 7 c4 0-0 8 0-0 c6 9 Nc3 Nc3 10 bc Bg4 11 Rb1 b6 12 Re1 Nd7 13 Qa4 Bf3 14 Qc6 Bh2 15 Kh2 Qh4 16 Kg1 Bg2 17 Kg2 Qg4 18 Kf1 Rae8 19 Re8 Qd1 20 Re1 Qd3 21 Kg1 Qb1 22 Qd7 dc 23 Qe7 h6 24 Qf8 Resigns.

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White: Larry Wagner (2080). Black: Yuri Chemokud (2006). Sunnyvale (LERA), Nov. 23, 1973. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 Bc5 4 Ngf3 Ne7 5 a4 a5 6 Be2 Bd7 7 Ne5 Ng6 8 Nd7 Nd7 9 Nb3 de 10 de Qh4 11 g3 Qe4 12 Qd7 Kf8 13 0-0 Qe2 14 Nc5 b6 15 Qd3 Qh5 16 Nd7 Ke7 17 b3 Rhd8 18 Ba3 Ke8 19 Rfd1 Ne5 20 Qb5 Rd7 21 Rd7 Nf3 22 Kg2 Qb5 23 Re7 Kd8 24 ab Ne5 25 Rd1 Resigns.

White: Michael Sarley (Unrated). Black: David Abramson (Unrated). Sunnyvale (LERA), Nov. 25, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 Qc7 9 0-0-0 Nbd7 10 Bd3 b5 11 Rhe1 b4 12 Nd5 ed 13 Nf5 Kf8 14 Ne7 Ke7 15 e5 de 16 fe Kf8 17 ef Nf6 18 Qf6 gf 19 Bh6 Resigns.

THE WILD RICE GAMBIT

In 1903 Professor Isaac Rice sponsored a six-game match between world champion Emanuel Lasker and championship contender Mikhail Chigorin to test a wild variation of the King's Gambit.

Chigorin won the spectacular contest by a score of 2 wins, 1 loss and 3 draws, playing the Black pieces throughout.

Round three produced truly sparkling chess, rich in combinations, that finally ended in a praiseworthy draw by perpetual check.

White: Emanuel Lasker.

Black: Mikhail Chigorin.

Analysis Match, Brighton, England, 1903.

King's Gambit Accepted

1 P-K4	P-K4	15 B-B4	P-QB3(c)
2 P-KB4	PxP	16 B-Q3!(d)	QxP(4)
3 N-KB3	P-KN4	17 Q-B2	P-KB4(e)
4 P-KR4	P-N5	18 N-Q2	P-N4
5 N-K5	N-KB3	19 R-K1	Q-B2
6 B-B4	P-Q4	20 R-K5	B-K3(f)
7 PxP	B-Q3	21 N-K4!	B-B5!(g)
8 0-0(a)	BxN	22 BxB(h)	QxB
9 R-K1	Q-K2	23 N-Q6	Q-B8
10 P-B3	P-B6(b)	24 R-K7!	N-Q2!(i)
11 P-Q4	N-K5	25 RxN	R-B3
12 RxN	B-R7ch	26 Q-N3ch(j)	K-R1
13 KxB	QxR	27 N-B7ch	Drawn(k)
14 P-KN3	0-0		

(Notes by Isaak Romanov, translated from "Tvorcheskoe nasledie M. I. Chigorina", Moscow, 1960, pp. 246-48)

(a) This sacrifice of a knight constitutes the so-called Rice Gambit.

(b) As a result of exhaustive analysis, theoreticians now give preference to the defense beginning with 10...N-R4.

(c) In his comments to the first match game, where the same 15 moves were made, Chigorin remarked, "Among other reasons, I decided upon this move because it had never been seen in print before."

(d) "In all probability, the best response to 15...P-QB3. Part of White's task is to retain the KB for the defense of his K2. By sacrificing a pawn White occupies the QN1-KR7 diagonal with his queen and bishop, which places a severe strain on Black's position."

(e) "A dangerous move that exposes the king, yet necessary if Black is to avoid a likely draw after 17...Q-KR4 18 N-Q2 R-K1 19 N-K4 RxN. Black must give up the exchange in this line, since 18...B-K3 19 N-K4 N-Q2 allows White the powerful rejoinder, 20 N-Q6!"

(f) "On 20...R-K1 White also obtains a very strong attack with 21 N-B4, as 21...PxN? is answered by 22 BxQBP B-K3 23 RxB RxR 24 Q-N3."

(g) The knight cannot be taken because of 22 R-N5ch.

(h) "Better than 22 N-Q6." Chigorin supported his opinion with the variation, 22...BxB 23 QxB QxP and if 24 R-K7, then 24...N-Q2! 25 RxN Q-K3 26 R-QB7 Q-K8 27 Q-Q2 Q-B8? (threatening 28...P-B7 and intending to counter 28 B-K3 with 28...Q-R6ch, winning). But whereas 28 B-K5! is ruinous, Black can still win a move earlier with 27...P-B7.

(i) "White was threatening 25 Q-N3ch K-R1 26 B-K5ch and mate next. On 24...P-B4 White has at least a draw after 25 NxBP RxN! 26 R-K8ch K-N2 27 R-K7ch."

(j) Another perpetual checking possibility is 26 B-K5 Q-K7ch 27 QxQ PxQ 28 BxR P-K8(Q) 29 R-N7ch, etc.

(k) Black must accept the draw, since 27...RxN 28 B-K5ch would lose for him. A great fight to the finish!