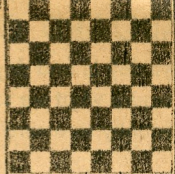


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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 1969 CFNC Championships, CFNC-USCF Open Qualifier, and Junior Playoffs attracted over 100 entrants to the Eagles' Lodge in Hayward, February 22-23.

A special vote of thanks and appreciation is due members of the Hayward aerie who graciously donated their time, labor, and a brilliancy prize trophy to the tournament.

CFNC-USCF Open Division

1. George Kane, Berkeley, 4½-½, \$150 (includes \$50 entry fee to California State Championships and \$50 expenses for the State Qualifier).

2. Ted Syrett, Palo Alto, 4-1, \$50.

3. David Lynn, Saratoga, 3-2, \$40 (Best "A").

CFNC "B" Division

1. Dan McLeod, San Bruno, 5-0, \$25 plus trophy.

2. Lupe Lopez, Hayward, 4½-½, trophy.

3. Steve Nelson, Alameda, 4-1, trophy.

CFNC "C" Division

1. Steve Leifur, Oakland, 5-0, \$25 plus trophy.

2. Jim Tilden, San Jose, 4-1, trophy.

3. Mike McLeod, San Bruno, 4-1, trophy.

Junior Divisions

14-15 Age Group

1. Harry Radke, San Jose, 4-1, trophy.

2. Jim Shearer, Livermore, 4-1, trophy.

11-13 Age Group

1. Craig Barnes, Berkeley, 4½-½, trophy.

2. Terry Garnett, Concord, 3½-1½, trophy.

10 and Under

1. Shawn Hurt, Saratoga, 4-1, trophy

2. Matthew Sullivan, San Jose, 4-1, trophy.

Brilliancy Prize Awards

1. Ed Silva, Castro Valley, trophy donated by Eagles Auxillary.

2. Bruce Wagner, Concord, trophy donated by the Hayward Chess Club.

High Scoring Hayward Club Member

1. Lupe Lopez, Hayward, 4½-½, trophy donated by the Hayward Chess Club.

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White: Ted Syrett.

Black: John Weisickle.

CFNC-USCF Open Qualifier, Hayward, February 22, 1969.

French Defense

1 P-K4	P-K3	25 RxP	BxR
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	26 RxB	Q-K3ch
3 N-QB3	B-N5	27 R-B1	Q-K3
4 B-Q2(a)	N-K2(b)	28 N-K4	RxN(j)
5 B-Q3	PxP(c)	29 BxR	R-Q5
6 NxP	QxP	30 R-K1	Q-Q2
7 N-KB3	BxBch	31 Q-N5	R-Q8
8 N/3xB(d)	QN-B3	32 Q-K3(k)	RxRch
9 0-0	O-O(e)	33 QxR	Q-Q5ch
10 N-KB3	Q-Q1	34 K-N2	Q-K4
11 N/3-N5(f)	N-B4	35 Q-K2	QxP
12 Q-R5	P-KR3	36 BxN	PxB
13 P-KN4	P-KN3	37 P-QR4	Q-N3
14 Q-R3	PxN	38 Q-K8ch	K-N2
15 PxN	KPxP	39 Q-K5ch	K-N1
16 N-B3	B-K3	40 P-R4	P-QB4
17 QR-Q1	Q-B3	41 P-KR5(1)	Q-K3(m)
18 Q-R6	P-R3	42 QxP/7	Q-N5ch
19 P-B4(g)	PxP	43 K-B2	QxP
20 RxP	QR-Q1	44 Q-B8ch	K-N2
21 R-K1(h)	Q-N2	45 QxRP	Q-B4ch
22 Q-R3	R-Q5	46 K-K3	QxP
23 R/1-KB1	KR-Q1	47 P-R5	Q-N6ch(n)
24 Q-N2	Q-K4(i)	48 Q-Q3	Drawn

(a) One of several gambit lines against the French Defense. Usual is 4 P-K5.

(b) Less promising than straightforward acceptance of the Pawn by 4...PxP 5 Q-N4 QxP! 6 0-0-0 P-KR4! (Rolf Schwarz, *Die Franzosische Verteidigung*, Hamburg, 1967, pp. 185-87).

(c) Or 5...P-QB4 6 QPxP QN-B3 7 PxP NxP (7...PxP 8 Q-R5!) 8 N-K4!, and White has the advantage.

(d) Also good is 8 QxB. Black dare not take the poison QNP.

(e) Castling in this case ought to be preceded by P-KR3.

(f) White threatens to explode the King side with 12 N-B6ch PxN 13 Q-R5.

(g) As much to prevent 19...N-K4 as to press the initiative.

(h) A crucial loss of tempo. Black now works up threats of his own.

(i) Falling in with White's design to recover the initiative. Better is simply 24...RxR 25 RxR R-Q5.

(j) The Knight must not be permitted to penetrate the black squares.

(k) Not 32 RxR QxRch 33 K-B2 Q-Q5ch 34 Q-K3 QxP, and White is down too many pawns without the satisfaction of having disrupted the enemy's structure in return (33 BxN? QxPch).

(1) Still pressing.

(m) In time trouble, Black misses 42...Q-Q3.

(n) A pity. Black wins after 47...Q-B6ch. The draw must be taken by perpetual check now, otherwise White's powerful outside passed Pawn cannot be restrained.

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