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Chess

LERA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 12th annual LERA Class Championships were held in Sunnyvale, Sept. 24-25. The five-round, USCF rated Swiss system event attracted 160 players to the CalChess tourney. Jim Hurt of Saratoga was the Director-in-Charge, with Ted and Ruby Yudacufski of Monterey conducting the pairing operations. Complete results:

Open Division

1st-5th, Curtis Carlson (2235) Berkeley, Peter Cleghorn (2357), Berkeley, Nick deFirmian (2399), Berkeley, Gabriel Sanchez (2055), Santa Clara, and Boris Siff (2229), San Jose, 3½-1½, \$90 each.

Class A

1st, Chandler Yergin (1941), Santa Clara, 4-1, \$170; **2nd-6th**, Robert Anderson (1993), San Jose, Mitchell Bedford (1951), Salinas, Roy Blackmer (1902), Los Altos, Reginald Perry (1801), Monterey, and Max Wilkerson (1856), Colma, 3½-1½, \$35 each.

Class B

1st-2nd, Mike Arne (1601) Castro Valley, and Peter Vazquez (1642), Redwood City, 4½-½, \$180 each; **3rd-4th**, Juergen Kasprk (1706), Piedmont, and Iraj Rahbar (1660), Campbell, 4-1, \$60 each.

Class C

1st, Romulo Aguilar (1562), San Francisco, 5-0, \$170; **2nd-4th**, Andy Ansel (1597), Oakland, Robert Berkey (1588), South Palo Alto, and Nick Hill (1575), Oakland, 4-1, \$57 each.

Class D

1st, James Griffiths (1379), San Jose, 4½-½, \$150; **2nd-4th**, George Barber (1371), San Jose, Scott McMahon (1254), Modesto, and Mark Shier (1332), Palo Alto, 4-1, \$50 each.

Class E

1st-2nd, Steven Mohr (1169), Tracy, and Daniel Solovay (1092), Berkeley, 4-1, \$25 each.

Unrated Division

1st, Robert Booth, Pacifica, 4½-½, \$75; **2nd**, E. D. Schrull, San Jose, 4-1, \$45; **3rd-6th**, Don Cowan, Tracy, Ron Dodgen, Cupertino, Michael Ogush, Santa Clara, and Hugh Thomas, Monte Sereno, 3½-1½, \$8 each.

Here is a selection of entertaining games from the Open-A Division, recorded in USCF mandated 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: Thomas Dorsch (2139). Black: Gabriel Sanchez (2055). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 24, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cd 5 Bc4 Qc7 6 Qe2 Nb6 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 Nf3 Nd5 9 Be4 Ncb4 10 Nd4 e6 11 Nb5 Qe5 12 cb Bb4 13 Nd2 Nf4 14 Qc4 d5 15 Qc2 0-0 16 0-0 de 17 Ne4 Bd7 18 Nbc3 Bc6 19 f3 f5 20 Ng5 Bc3 21 bc Qe2 22 Qe2 Ne2 23 Kf2 Ncl 24 Racl e5 25 Rfel Rfe8 26 Rcdl h6 27 Nh3 Kf7 28 Ke3 Rad8 29 Nf2 f4 30 Ke2 Bb5 31 Resigns.

White: Martin Sullivan (2098). Black: Peter Cleghorn (2357). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 24, 1977. Ponziani Opening 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3 Nf6 4 d4 Ne4 5 d5 Nb8 6 Bd3 Nc5 7 Ne5 Nd3 8 Qd3 Qe7 9 Qe3 d6 10 Nf3 Nd7 11 0-0 Qe3 12 Be3 Nb6 13 Bb6 ab 14 Rel Be7 15 Nbd2 Bd7 16 Re3 Kd8 17 Rael Re8 18 a3 Ra5 19 C4 Ra4 20 b4 Bf6 21 Ne4 Bb2 22 Nfg5 Re7 23 Nd6 Re3 Ndf7 Kc8 25 fe Ba3 26 Ne5 Bb4 27 Rfl h6 28 Ne6 Bd6 29 Ng7 Be8 30 Ne8 Be5 31 Rf5 Bb2 32 d6 c5 33 Rf7 Be5 34 Re7 Ral 35 Kf2 Ra2 36 Kf3 Bh2 37 g3 Rd2 38 Rh7 b5 39 cb c4 40 b6 c3 41 Rc7 Kd8 42 Nf6 Rd6 43 Ne4 Rb6 44 Rc3 Rb2 45 Rd3 Ke7 46 Nd2 Rb6 47 Kg2 Bg3 48 Kg3 Rd6 49 Rd6 Kd6 50 Kh4 b5 51 Kh5 b4 52 Kh6 Ke5 53 Kg5 b3 54 Kf3 Kd5 56 Ke2 Resigns.

White: Nick de Firmian (2399). Black: Martin Sullivan (2098). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 25, 1977. Pirc Defense 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Bd3 Na6 6 NF3 0-0 7 e5 Nd7 8 Ne4 c5 9 c3 cd 10 cd de 11 fe Nb4 12 Bbl Nb6 13 0-0 h6 14 a3 Nc6 15 Ba2 Bg4 16 Be3 Nd5 17 Bf2 b6 18 Qd2 Qd7 19 Bh4 Rfd8 20 Radl Rac8 21 Nd6 ed 22 Bd8 Rd8 23 Bd5 de 24 de Qe7 25 Qe3 Bf3 26 Rf3 Ne5 27 Rf7 Rd5 28 Rg7 Resigns.

White: Roy Blackmer (1902). Black: Reginald Perry (1801). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 25, 1977. Slav Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3 c6 5 Bg5 dc 6 e4 b5 7 e5 h6 8 Bh4 g5 9 Ng5 hg 10 Bg5 Be7 11 ef Bf6 12 Bf6 Qf6 13 Ne4 Qg7 14 g3 Na6 15 a3 Ke7 16 Bg2 Rd8 17 Qh5 Rd4 18 Nc5 Rd6 19 Qh4 Ke8 20 Ne4 Rd3 21 Nf6 Kf8 22 Nh7 Kg8 23 Nf6 Kf8 24 Be4 Rd6 25 Rdl Rdl 26 Kdl Bb7 27 Nh7 Ke8 28 Nf6 Kf8 29 Nd7 Ke8 30 Nf6 Kf8 31 Ke2 Nc5 32 Nh7 Drawn.

White: Robert Anderson (1993). Black: Max Wilkerson (1856). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 25, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 a6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 e6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Nc6 bc 7 Bd3 Nf6 8 0-0 d5 9 e5 Nd7 10 Qe2 g6 11 Bd2 Bg7 12 f4 0-0 13 Khl f6 14 Qg4 Qe7 15 Qh4 Rf7 16 ef Bf6 17 Qg3 Nc5 18 Rcl Nd3 19 cd Bd4 20 Rcel Qf6 21 f5 ef 22 Bg5 Qg7 23 Re8 Rf8 24 Re7 Rf7 25 Rfel Ra7 26 Re8 Rf8 27 Qb8 Qc7 28 Qb4 c5 29 Qb3 c4 30 Qdl Qc6 31 Rf8 Kf8 32 Qe2 Kg7 33 Qd2 Bf6 34 Bh6 Kf7 35 dc dc 36 Bf4 Rd7 37 Qe2 Re7 38 Qd2 Bb7 39 Re7 Be7 40 Qe2 Qe6 41 Qe6 Ke6 42 Kgl Bc6 43 g3 g5 44 Be3 h5 45 Kf2 Bf6 46 Ke2 g4 47 Bf4 h4 48 Ke3 hg 49 hg Bf3 50 Na4 Bd5 51 Drawn.

White: Mike McCusker (1786). Black: Paul Stainthorpe (1816). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 25, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 Bc4 Nc6 8 f3 0-0 9 Qd2 Bd7 10 0-0-0 Rc8 Nd5 Nd5 17 Qd5 Qc7 18 Rd2 Rc8 19 Rhdl Rc2 20 Kbl Be6 21 Qd3 Ba2 22 Ka2 Qa5 23 Kbl Bb2 24 Resigns.

White: Paul Cripe (1907). Black: Reginald Perry (1801). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 24, 1977. Nimzovich Defense 1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 c3 e6 5 Rd3 Nge7 6 Nf3 h6 7 0-0 Qd7 8 Rel g5 9 Bfl Ng6 10 h3 g4 11 Nh2 gh 12 g4 Bbl 13 Rbl Be7 14 Bh3 0-0-0 15 f4 Rdg8 16 Khl Kb8 17 b4 Nh4 18 a4 Rg6 19 Qe2 Nd8 20 a5 f5 21 b5 fg 22 Bg4 h5 23 Bf3 Nf5 24 Nf1 Rhg8 25 Be3 Bh4 26 Bf2 Qe7 27 Ne3 Ng3 28 Bg3 Bg3 29 Ng2 Be1 30 Be1 h4 31 f5 ef 32 Bd5 Ne6 33 Be6 Qe6 34 Nf4 Qb3 35 Ng6 Rg6 36 Qh5 Qd5 37 Resigns.

White: John Peterson (2084). Black: James Black (1896). LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 24, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 d4 cd 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 5 Qd4 Nb6 6 Bf4 Nc6 7 Qe4 g6 8 Nf3 Bg7 9 Nbd2 0-0 10 0-0-0 d 5 11 ed Bf5 12 de Ne7 13 Qb7 Ned5 14 Nc4 Nf4 15 Rd8 Rfd8 16 Nb6 Ne2 17 Be2 Bh6 18 Nd2 Rd2 19 f4 Bf4 20 b3 Ra2 21 Resigns.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Avenue and Decatur Way; phone, 785-9904). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Captain Anchovy's Pizza Chess Group, 1456 136th Ave. (Palma Plaza shopping center; phone, 352-7115), San Leandro, Wednesday, 7-12 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Wednesday, 7-11 p.m.