

Chess

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PAUL MASSON TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The sixth annual Paul Masson American Class Chess Championships — the largest fully class and USCF rated outdoor tournament anywhere — was held at the historic Paul Masson mountain winery in Saratoga, July 22-23. More than 600 chess players competed for a share of the \$15,000 prize fund. Chief Tournament Director was USCF Executive Director Martin Morrison, assisted by Bill Bates, Alan Benson, Mike Donald, Mike Goodall, Jim Hurt, Bryce Perry, Hans Poschmann and Don Stone.

Special added attractions included world blindfold champion George Koltanowski's renowned knight's tour demonstration, a Las Vegas Fun Chess tournament, a simultaneous exhibition to benefit USCF youth programs by Peter Prochaska, Control Data Corporation's expert rated 4.7 computer chess program (operated by Dr. David Cahlander and John Douglas), a QuadraChess display, a CyberChess promotion and, of course, fine complimentary wines by Paul Masson between rounds.

Complete results:

Master Division

1st-3rd, Florin Gheorghiu (2520), Romania, John Grefe (2456), Eugene, Oregon, and James Tarjan (2490), Los Angeles, 3½-½, \$1,166.66 each; **4th-5th**, Julius Loftsson (2354), Los Angeles, and David Strass (2385), Riverside, 3-1, \$150 each.

Expert Division

1st-3rd, Victor Baja (2128), San Francisco, Eric Burris (2143), San Rafael, and Robert Salgado (2162), Burbank, 3½-½, \$516.67 each; **4th-10th**, Robert Atlas (2088), Houston, Texas, Mark Buckley (2149), Fair Oaks, Steven Cross (2071), Oakland, Bart Gibbons (2064), Los Angeles, Rainer Rickford (2123), Los Angeles, Stephen Sandager (2130), Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Dennis Waterman (2189), Myrtle Point, Oregon, 3-1, \$25 each.

Class A

1st, Kirk Widdison (1946), Beaverton, Oregon, 4-0, \$1,000; **2nd-5th**, Francisco Alonso (1988), Monterey Park, James MacFarland (1993), Sacramento, Larry Nezhni (1972), Pacoima, and David Weldon (1900), El Sobrante, 3½-½, \$175 each.

Class B

1st-3rd, Ben Gross (1768), San Francisco, Anthony Hopson (1790), Paramount, and Stephen Martin (1774), Salinas, 5-0, \$516.67 each; **4th-6th**, Andy Ansel (1757), Oakland, David Bocek (1778), Redding, and Anthony Marshall (1724), Sunnyvale, 4½-½, \$58.33 each.

Class C

1st-3rd, Stephen Bagalini (1483), Tucson, Arizona, Robert Gardina (1555), Burbank, and Joseph Ruggiero (1555), San Francisco, 5-0, \$516.66 each; **4th**, Zoran Lazetich (1534), Sacramento, 4½-½, \$100.

Class D

1st-4th, Robert Feldstein (1312), Bronx, New York, Spencer Fernandez (1382), Belmont, Charles Garner (1324), Sunnyvale, and Keith Higashihara (1233), San Jose, 5-0, \$412.50 each.

Class E

1st-2nd, Rey Castro (1070), San Jose, and Daniel Holbrook (1178), Santa Rosa, 5-0, \$700 each; **3rd-8th**, Alvaro Alvarado (1125), Anaheim, Jeffrey Breckan (1194), San Luis Obispo, Ramon Icasiano (1022), San Jose, Burton Marks (1163), Los Angeles, Grant McMurran (1181), Laguna Niguel, and Gary Usher (1192), Calabasas, 4-1, \$54.17 each.

Unrated Section

1st-2nd, Keith Fraser and Antonio Gallo, 5-0, \$350 each; **3rd-13th**, Robert Anderson, Peter Casillas, Stanley Cohn, Ruben Ignacio, William Knowles, Joe Lonsdale, Tomas Moran, Antoine Rubington, Anthony Talley, James Weaver and Peter Wong, 4-1, \$13.64 each.

Here is a sample of the chess played at Paul Masson, Saratoga, recorded in USCF approved coordinate 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: Florin Gheorghiu (2520). Black: Paul Whitehead (2357).

Paul Masson, Saratoga, July 22, 1978.

King's Indian Defense

1 d4	Nf6	20 g4	b4
2 c4	g6	21 Ne2	e4
3 Nc3	Bg7	22 Bc2	Ra7
4 e4	O-O	23 Nf4	Qg7(e)
5 Be3	d6	24 Rh7l(f)	Qh7
6 f3	e5	25 Ng6l(g)	Kg8
7 d5	c6	26 Rh7	Rh7
8 Bd3	cd	27 Nf8(h)	Rh1
9 cd	Nh5	29 Bd1	Kf8
10 Nge2	f5	29 Qg5	Bd7
11 Qd2	Nd7	30 Kd2	fg
12 O-O-Ol(a)	a6(b)	31 Qf6	Ke8
13 ef	gf	32 Qd6	ef
14 Ng3l(c)	Ng3	33 gf	Nd3
15 hg	b5	34 Be2	Nc1
16 Bh6	Qe7	35 Qb4	Na2
17 Bg7	Kg7(d)	36 Qe4	Kf7
18 Rh5	Nc5	37 fg	Resigns(i)

(Abbreviated notes by USCF master and Calif. State Co-Champion Paul Whitehead)

(a) A theoretical novelty. White usually castles kingside here.

(b) Dubious, in light of what follows. Perhaps 12 . . . Ndf6 is better.

(c) White now holds a significant advantage.

(d) Recapturing with the queen loses quickly to 18 Rh5.

(e) Best. If either 23 . . . Rf6 or 23 . . . Qf6, then White wins with 24 g5 and 25 g6. Equally ruinous would be 23 . . . Kg8 because of 24 Ng6! hg 25 Rh8 Kf7 26 R1h7, etc.

(f) Perfectly timed.

(g) The point! Black must lose material and White retains his attack.

(h) Simple and effective. The noose slackens after 27 Qg5 Rg7 28 Qh5 Rf6, even though White would still stand slightly better in an unclear position.

(i) Gheorghiu gave me a real chess lesson!

White: John Grefe (2456). Black: Yasser Seirawan (2452). Paul Masson, Saratoga, July 23, 1978. Queen's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Ba6 5 Qa4 c6 6 Nc3 b5 7 cb cb 8 Nb5 Qb6 9 Nc3 Bb4 10 Bg2 O-O 11 O-O Bc3 12 bc Be2 13 Rel Bb5 14 Qc2 d5 15 a4 Bc4 16 Ne5 Rc8 17 h4 Nbd7 18 Nd7 Nd7 19 h5 h6 20 Bf4 Nf6 21 Qd1 Bb3 22 Qf3 Bc2 23 Bh6 Be4 24 Qf4 Nh5 25 Qh4 Bg6 26 Bg5 Rc3 27 g4 Nf6 28 Bf6 gf 29 Qf6 Rac8 30 a5 Qd6 31 Re5 Rc1 32 Rcl Rcl 33 Kh2 Rd1 34 f4 Qf8 35 Re3 Qg7 36 Qd8 Qf8 37 Qg5 Qd6 38 Kh3 Kf8 39 f5 Bh7 40 Qh6 Kg8 41 Qg5 Kf8 42 Rc3 Resigns.