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Chess

STAMER MEMORIAL RESULTS

The 12th annual Arthur B. Stamer Memorial chess tournament, limited for the first time to no more than 100 participants, was held at the prestigious Mechanic's Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, July 4-6, 1975. Mike Goodall directed the six-round Open USCF Swiss system event, which distributed \$1,800 in prizes to 15 winners in six playing categories. Complete results:

Overall: 1st-2nd, Craig Barnes (2280), Berkeley, and C. Bill Jones (2281), Palo Alto, 5½-5½, \$400 each; 3rd, Nick Maffeo (2261) San Francisco, 5-1, \$108.33.

Expert: 1st-2nd, Victor Baja (2179), San Francisco, and David Brummer (2087), San Francisco, 5-1, \$108.33 each.

Class A: 1st-3rd, Yuri Chemokud (1999), San Francisco, Robert Henry (1925), San Jose, and Craig Mar (1801), Oakland, 4½-1½, \$58.33 each.

Class B: 1st-2nd, Mingson Chen (1729), San Francisco, and Curt Wilson (1764), Lafayette, 4-2, \$87.50 each.

Class C: 1st, Mike Ruchlis (1571), Berkeley, 3½-2½, \$125; 2nd, Marcus Aurelius (1572), Duncan Springs, 3-3, \$50.

Unrated: 1st, Mark Power, San Francisco, 3-3, \$100; 2nd-3rd, Paul Erickson, San Francisco, and Antonio Santiago, San Francisco, 2-4, \$25 each.

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In addition to competing in the tournament, USCF expert Peter Grey also annotated 17 of the best games for the benefit of Mechanic's Institute members. Here is "a lively game which did credit to both players", as Grey describes his third round defeat at the hands of USCF master Robert Newbold.

White: Robert Newbold.

Black: Peter Grey

Stamer Memorial, San Francisco, July 5, 1975.

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| Scotch Game | 23 P-R3 | N-Q6ch | 46 K-N5 |
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 | 24 K-K3 | NxB |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 25 QRxN | K-Q2 |
| 3 P-Q4 | PxP | 26 K-Q3 | R-K1(e) |
| 4 NxP | N-B3 | 27 QR-K1 | B-N2 |
| 5 NxN | NPxN | 28 RxR | KxR |
| 6 P-K5 | Q-K2 | 29 P-QN4 | P-KR3 |
| 7 Q-K2 | N-Q4 | 30 N-B3 | PxP |
| 8 P-QB4 | B-R3 | 31 R-K1ch | K-Q2 |
| 9 Q-K4(a) | N-B3 | 32 NxP | R-K1 |
| 10 Q-K2 | N-Q4 | 33 R-KR1 | R-K2 |
| 11 N-Q2 | N-B5(b) | 34 R-R7 | P-B3 |
| 12 P-KR4(d) | P-N4 | 35 N-B3 | P-KB4 |
| 12 Q-K3(c) | N-N3 | 36 N-Q4 | BxN |
| 13 P-KR4(d) | QxKP | 37 RxRch | KxR |
| 14 PxP | NxQ | 38 KxB | K-Q3 |
| 15 QxQch | N-N5 | 39 P-R4 | P-R3 |
| 16 P-B4 | N-K6 | 40 P-R5 | PxP |
| 17 B-K2 | N-B7 | 41 KxP | P-B4 |
| 18 K-B2 | P-Q4 | 42 P-N5(f) | PxPch |
| 19 R-QN1 | N-N5 | 43 KxP | P-B5 |
| 20 B-Q3 | B-B1 | 44 KxP | K-B3 |
| 21 B-B5 | RxB | 45 P-N3 | K-N2 |
| 22 BxB | | | Resigns |

(a) Just an experiment, to see what Black will do.

(b) This has been played rarely, and not all, so far as I can determine, with the follow-up 12 . . . P-N4, other games having gone 12 Q-K4 N-N3 13 P-B4, with advantage to White. Although 11 . . . N-N3 is the usual move, 11 . . . P-N3, 11 . . . N-N5 and 11 . . . 0-0-0 have also been tried.

(c) Presumably White chose to avoid the line, 12 Q-K4 P-N4 13 N-B3 P-Q4 14 BpxP BxB 15 KxB Pxp 16 Q-R4ch Q-Q2, but this looks O.K. for him.

(d) Undoubtedly White's best try, seeking to exploit the gash in Black's King-side. If 13 P-KN3 instead, then 13 . . . N-N3 14 P-B4 PxP 15 PxP Q-R5ch is good for black, while 13 N-B3 allows 13 . . . BxP!

(e) At this point Black makes a basic error in judgment. Instead of hurrying to exchange a pair of rooks, he should first seek to repair matters on his King-side with 26 . . . B-N2 and 27 . . . P-KR3, after which the chances remain in the balance. As played, White gets a clearly superior endgame.

(f) Naturally not 42 PxP, which allows Black drawing chances after 42 . . . K-B3.

MORE GAMES FROM PAUL MASSON

A mixture of chess and wine at the Paul Masson Mountain Vineyard in Saratoga provided the setting for many interesting duels in the sun. Here a few more games from the record-breaking outdoor competition, 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: Kimm Commons (2432). Black: William Batchelder (2266). Saratoga, 1975. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 e6 3 d4 c5 4 cd ed 5 Nc N6 6 Bg5 Be7 7 Be Nge7 8 e3 cd 9 Nd4 Qb6 10 Nb3 Be6 11 Bb5 0-0 12 0-0 Rad8 13 Bc6 Nc6 14 Na4 Qb4 15 Nac5 Bc8 16 a3 Qb4 17 Nd4 Rd6 18 Nc6 Rh6 19 h3 bc 20 Qd4 qg5 21 f4 \$qg6 22 Kh2 Bh3 23 gh qg4 24 Resigns.

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White: Paul Nikitovich (2050). Black Jay Whitehead (1995). Saratoga, 1975. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nd4 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 0-0 9 Bc4 Qc7 10 Bb3 Bd7 11 h4 Ne5 12 Rfc8 13H5 Nc4 14 Bc4 Qc4 15 hg fg 16 g4 Be8 17 Bh6 Bh8 18 Kb1 b5 19 Nce2 e5 20 b3 Qf7 21 Nf5 gf 22 gf Qc7 23 Rdg1 Kf7 24 Bg5 Kf8 25 Nc3 Bf7 26 Bf6 Bf6 27 Rh7 Qc3 28 Rf7 Kf7 29 Qd5 Ke7 30 Qe6 Kd8 31 Qd6 Ke8 32 Rg8 Resigns.

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White: Antony Saidy (2420). Black: Jeremy Silman (2277) Saratoga, 1875. Queen's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6 3 c4 e6 4 e3 Bb7 5 Bd3 Bb4 6 Bd2 Qe7 7 0-0 Bd2 8 Nbd2 d6 9 e4 e5 10 d5 a5 11 Nh4 g6 12 g3 Bc8 13 Ng2 Bh3 14 b3 Nbd7 15 a3 h5 16 Re1 h4 17 Nh4 Rh4 18 gh Nh5 19 Bf1 Qh4 20 Bh3 Qh3 21 Qf3 Qh4 22 Kh1 Ke7 23 Rg1 Ndf6 24 Rae1 Rh8 25 Nf1 g5 26 b4 g4 27 We3 ab 28 ab Nh7 29 Qe2 f5 30 Ng3 Ng7 31 Nf5 Nf5 32 Qg4 Nf6 33 Qh4 Nh4 34 Re3 Nh5 35 h3 Kf7 36 Kh2 Ng4 37 Reg3 Nhg6 38 Ra1 Ne2 39 Rf3 Ngf4 40 Ra7 Rc8 41 c5 bc 42 bc Kf6 43 c6 Rg8 44 Rc7 Rg2 45 Kh1 Rg1 46 Kh2 Rg2 47 Drawn.

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White: Tom Dorsch (2055). Black: Robert Newbold (2231). Saratoga, 1975. Robatsch Defense 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c3 Nf6 4 Nd2 0-0 5 f4 d6 6 h3 e5 7 fe de 8 d5 Nh5 9 Ngf3 Ng3 10 Rg1 f5 11 Bd3 c6 12 c4 Qb6 13 Qb3 Qe3 14 Kd1 Qf2 15 Qc2 fe 16 Be4 Qe2 mate.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

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

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave., Hayward (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.). Evenings, except Monday and Tuesday, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

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

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets, Friday, 8-12 p.m.