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LERA class results

Jim Hurt of Saratoga and Ted Yudacufski of Monterey directed 156 players in the 15th annual LERA Class Championships at Lockheed's Sunnyvale site, Sept. 20-21.

The \$3,000 prize fund attracted 39 entrants to the Open Division competition, which included an international master, a USCF senior master and five USCF national masters.

Yet, first place was captured by an expert (and past master) who won all his games.

Complete results:

OPEN DIVISION

1st, Renard Anderson (2143), Sunnyvale, 4-0, \$540; 2nd-11th, Eleuterio Alasua (2110), San Jose, Bill Chesney (2121), San Jose, Paul Enright (2234), Oakland, Edward Formanek (2353), Santa Barbara, Richard Koepcke (2062), San Jose, Charles Powell (2337), San Francisco, Gabriel Sanchez (2228), San Jose, Jeremy Silman (2402), San Francisco, Swaminathan Subramaniam, (2168), Berkeley, and Keith Vickers (2090), San Francisco, 3-1, \$60 each.

CLASS A

1st, Gene Lee (1941), Mt. View, 3½-½, \$200; 2nd-4th, Patrick Herbers (1878), Upper Lake, Greg Payne (1919), Redwood City, and Robert Raingruber (1939), Modesto, 3-1, \$58.50 each.

CLASS B

1st, Art Ambray (1708), San Francisco, 4-0 \$300; 2nd-3rd, John Bidwell (1537), Ben Lomond, and David Vining (1634), Marina, 3½-½, \$120 each; 4th-8th, Kevin Binkley (1788), Cupertino, Edward Brass (1714), Livermore, Edmond Palmieri (1747), San Mateo, Flyn Penoyer (1773), Saratoga, and Robert Whitaker (1768), San Francisco, 3-1, \$12 each.

CLASS C

1st, Raymond Mar (1517), Sunnyvale, 4-0, \$300; 2nd-3rd, Jeff Gossett (1592), Sunnyvale, and Arthur Shonk (1519), Sunnyvale, 3½-½, \$120 each; 4th-8th, Robert Arnold (1499), San Francisco, Jose Salangsang (1531), San Francisco, Alan Schulze (1424), Reno, Nevada, Randy Sprenger (1565), Los Gatos, and Tom Stamper (1450), Ashland, Oregon, 3-1, \$12 each.

Here is a game from the final round of Class B that contains a pretty combination with a two-piece sacrifice, recorded in USCF sanctioned 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 file letters only).

White: Flynn Penoyer (1773). Black: James Wu (1700).
LERA Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Sept. 21, 1980.

Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	12 c4	Qa5(g)
2 c3	e6(a)	13 Re1	0-0(h)
3 d4	d5	14 Bg5	Ne8?(i)
4 ed	Qd5(b)	15 d5!	Nd8(j)
5 Nf3	Nc6	16 Be7(k)	Nf6?(l)
6 Be3	cd	17 Bf6!	gf(m)
7 cd	Bd7(c)	18 Ne5!!(n)	fe(o)
8 Nc3	Bb4(d)	19 Bh7!	Kh7(p)
9 Bd3	Nf6(e)	20 Qh5	Kg7(q)
10 0-0	Bc3(f)	21 Qg5	Resigns(r)
11 bc	Rc8		

(Notes contributed by the winner)

(a) Attempting to transpose into the Advance Variation of the French Defense (1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3).

(b) Now we are back into Sicilian lines.

(c) Not best, as it takes squares away from the black queen.

(d) This pin, though natural looking, proves to be of little value, inasmuch as the exchange . . . Bc3, bc only serves to strengthen White's center pawn.

(e) A position has been reached paralleling the main "book" line, with the significant difference that after White castles, Black's bishop on b4 should be on e7. In addition Black has yet to castle and his white-squared bishop remains on the sidelines.

(f) Black probably should have retreated the bishop to e7, since White's pawns now become very strong.

(g) Relatively best.

(h) The king's survival prospects would be even dimmer in the center.

(i) Black had to play 14 . . . Qd8 to avoid immediate loss of material (if 15 d5, then 15 . . . Nb4), but White continues strongly with 15 Ne5! Rc7 16 Ng4.

(j) Not 16 . . . Nb4 17 Bd2, costing Black the knight.

(k) Guaranteeing at least the win of an exchange.

(l) Hoping that White will not think twice and take the material, but in reality allowing White to set up a mating combination.

(m) The diagram goes here: "White to play and win!"

(n) Taking full advantage of Black's loose bishop and undefended king side.

(o) On either 18 . . . Qc7 or a move by the bishop, White carries through his mating attack with 19 Bh7! Kg7 (or 19 . . . Kh7 20 Qh5 Kg7 21 Qg4 Kh7 22 Re3 and 23 Rh3mate) 20 Qg4 Kh8 (20 . . . Kh6 21 Re3) 21 Re3, etc.

(p) After 19 . . . Kg7 20 Qg4 Kf6 (On 20 . . . Kh8 21 Qh5, Black must prevent Qh6 here and on the next move by playing 21 . . . Kg7 22 Qg5 Kh7 23 Re3 ed 24 Rg3, but White still mates.) 21 Qh4 Kg7 22 Qg5 Kh8 23 Qh6, checkmate follows.

(q) Even less resistance is offered by 20 . . . Kg8.

(r) Nothing can stop mate after 22 Re3 ed 23 Rg3.

MISCELLANY

White: Bruce Matzner (2000). Black: Stewart Scott (2100).

Santa Clara Chess Club, June 11, 1980. King's Indian Attack
1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 Ngf3 c5 5 g3 Be7 6 Bg2 Nc6
7 0-0 b6 8 Re1 Bb7 9 e5 Nd7 10 Nf1 Qc7 11 Bf4 h6 12 g4 g5
13 Bg3 0-0-0 14 a3 Nf8 15 c3 Ng6 16 Qd2 Rdg8 17 d4 c4 18
a4 Na5 19 Qd1 h5 20 h3 hg 21 hg Rh7 22 Nd2 Nf4 23 Bf1 Qd8
24 b3 Qf8 25 bc Nc4 26 Nc4 dc 27 Bc4 Qh6 28 Nh2 Qh2 29
Bh2 Rh2 30 f3 Rg2 31 Kf1 Rh8 32 Resigns.

White: Janis Kalanis (1740). Black: Neil Regan (1768).

Santa Clara Chess Club, June 11, 1980. Queen's Gambit Declined
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 e3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 Be2
dc 7 Bc4 Qc7 8 dc Bc5 9 0-0 a6 10 a3 b5 11 Ba2 Bb7 12 Bd2.
Rd8 13 b4 Ba7 14 Rc1 Bb8 15 g3 h5 16 e4 h4 17 Qe2 hg 18
fg Ng4 19 Bf4 Ba7 20 Kg2 e5 21 Nd5 Qb8 22 Nh4 f5 23 ef
Nd4 24 Qg4 Rd5 25 Qg6 Kf8 26 Bd5 Bd5 27 Kh3 ef 28 Rf4
Ne2 29 Rc8 Qc8 30 Qd6 Ke8 31 Qe5 Be6 32 Qe2 g5 33 Re4
gh 34 Re6 Kf7 35 gh Qc3 36 Re3 Be3 37 Qa2 Kf8 38 Qe6 Bg5
39 Kg4 Qc4 40 Kg5 Qh4 41 Kg6 Rh6mate.

White: Gene Lee (1941). Black: Richard Finacom (1804).

Golden Gate Open, San Francisco, July 5, 1980. Caro-Kann Defense
1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Ne2 e6 6 Ng3 Bg6 6 Be2
c5 7 c3 Nc6 8 h4 cd 9 h5 Bb1 10 Rb1 dc 11 bc Qc7 12 Qa4
Qe5 13 Rb7 Qc3 14 Bd2 Qa1 15 Bd1 Qe5 16 Ne2 Rc8 17 Bc3
Qe4 18 h6 Nf6 19 Rh4 Qa4 20 Ba4 Kd8 21 Rf7 d4 22 Nd4 Nd4
23 Ba5 Rc7 24 Bc7 Kc8 25 Rd4 Resigns.

White: Jose Marcal (2207). Black: Alan Freberg (2049).

Golden Gate Open, San Francisco, July 5, 1980. Ruy Lopez
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Nc3 fe 5 Ne4 d5 6 Ne5 de 7
Nc6 Qg5 8 Qe2 Nf6 9 Na7 Bd7 10 Bd7 Nd7 11 Nb5 Qg2 12
Qf1 Qf3 13 Nc7 Kd8 14 Na8 Bc5 15 d4 ed 16 Bg5 Kc8 17 Kd2
dc 18 Be3 Rd8 19 Kc2 Kb8 20 Rd1 Be3 21 fe Qe3 22 Qf5 g6
23 Qd5 Qe2 24 Kb1 Qa6 25 Rd3 Resigns.

White: Kenny Fong (1977). Black: Jack Nitzberg (1759).

Golden Gate Open, San Francisco, July 4, 1980. Center Counter Defense
1 e4 d5 2 ed Nf6 3 d4 Nd5 4 c4 Nb6 5 Be3
e6 6 Nc3 Be7 7 Nf3 0-0 8 Bd3 Re8 9 Ne5 Bf8 10 Bh7 Kh7
11 Qh5 Kg8 12 Qf7 Kh7 13 Ne4 Be7 14 Bh6 Bb4 15 Kf1 Qe7
16 Ng5 Resigns.

White: Scott Castner (1350). Black: Frank Remus (1176).

Golden Gate Open, San Francisco, July 6, 1980. Ruy Lopez
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb6 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 6 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Bc5
7 c3 h6 8 d4 ed 9 cd Bb6 10 e5 Nh7 11 d5 Ne7 12 d6 cd 13
ed Nf5 14 Re1 Kf8 15 Qd5 Resigns.