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# Chess

The 77th U.S. Open was held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., Aug. 15-27. The 12-round Swiss system event with a prize fund of over \$10,000 attracted a strong field, including U.S. champions Walter Browne of Berkeley and Diane Savereide of Culver City.

First place was shared between international grandmasters Anatoly Lein and Leonid Shamkovich, formerly of the Soviet Union and now residing in New York. Their 10-2 score earned them both \$1,000 and co-ownership of the U.S. Open title.

Half a point off the pace at 9½-2½ were grandmasters Pal Benko, New York, Walter Browne, California, and William Lombardy, New Jersey, international master William Martz, Wisconsin, and USCF masters Larry D. Evans, N.Y., Ronald Henley, Texas and John Watson, Nebraska.

California master Nick DeFirmian was among those finishing with 9-3, while former U.S. High School Champion Craig Barnes of Berkeley and USCF master Elliott Winslow of St. Louis made good showings with totals of 8½-3½. White: Elliott Winslow (2250). Black: Walter Brown (2562). U.S. Open, Fairfax, Va., Aug. 20, 1976.

## Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	27 P-R5	N-K4
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	28 Q-N8ch	R-K1
3 P-Q4	PxP	29 Q-N5ch	K-B1
4 NxP	N-KB3	30 BxBch	KxB
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	31 P-N4(i)	R(1)-QB1(j)
6 B-KN5	P-K3	32 Q-B5	RxPch
7 P-B4	P-N4	33 QxR	RxQch
8 P-K5	PxP	34 KxR	N-KB3
9 PxP	Q-B2	35 P-R6	N(4)xP
10 Q-K2	KN-Q2	36 P-R7	NxP
11 O-O-O	B-N2	37 R-Q7ch	K-N3
12 NxKPI?	PxN	38 RxN	N-K4
13 Q-N4	N-B4(a)	39 K-B3	P-R4
14 R-Q8chl(b)	QxRI(c)	40 R-KN7	N-B3
15 BxQ	KxB(d)	41 KN2!	K-B4!
16 P-N4(e)	N(4)-Q2	42 R-QB7	K-N3
17 B-K2!(f)	P-KR4!	43 R-Q7	K-B4
18 QxKP	BxQNP	44 R-QN7	N-Q1
19 Q-N3	BxN	45 R-QR7	N-B3
20 QxB	R-K1	46 R-KN7	K-N3
21 R-Q1!	N-B3	47 R-N6	K-B4
22 BxRP	RxP	48 R-N5ch	K-N3
23 B-B3!?(g)	R-K3	49 R-R5	N-Q5
24 QxP	R-K2	50 K-B3	N-B3
25 Q-N6	R-B1	51 Drawn	
26 P-KR4	R-QB2(h)		

(Notes by USCF master Elliott Winslow, translated from "U.S. Open Bulletin," Rd. 6, Aug. 20, 1976)

(a) Brown consumed 95 minutes clock time on this complex position, rejecting 13...QxP 14 B-Q3 N-KB3 15 BxN PxP 16 K-N1! (suggested by Canadian IM Bruce Amos) K-B2 17 KR-K1 R-N1 18 Q-R3 BxP 19 QxRPch R-N2 20 B-N6ch! K-K2 21 Q-R4!, and 21...Q-QB4 (to prevent 22 Q-N4ch) loses to 22 N-K4!, i.e., 22...BxN 23 QxB or 22...Q-K4 23 NyP! QxN 24 Q-N4mate. Another intricate variant that had to be considered was 13...QxP 14 B-Q3 B-K2 15 BxB KxB 16 KR-K1 Q-B3 17 Q-N4ch! K-Q1 18 B-K4 BxB 19 NxB Q-B5ch 20 K-N1 R-R2, which Browne thought good for Black until convinced that 21 Q-Q4! R-B2 22 QxP Q-B1 23 QxQch RxQ 24 N-N5 R-QB3 25 NxPch seems to turn the tables.

(b) After 14 P-N4? Black simply plays 14...N(1)-Q2.

(c) The correct decision. Disastrous would be 14... K-B2 15 BxP! N(1)-Q2 16 R-B1ch K-N1 17 BxN, and no one move can answer all the threats.

(d) Black must resist the temptation to finesse by 15...P-N5? on account of 16 B-N6 (of course not 16 QxQNP?? N-Q6ch) PxN 17 BxN, with the idea of 18 QxNP and 19 QxB.

(e) Necessary, since 16 B-K2 allows 16...P-N5 as an effective counter.

(f) Better than Geller's 17 P-QR3 N-QB3 18 QxKP N(3) x KP 19 B-K2 R-B1 20 R-Q1 RxN 21 QxN(5) R-B2 22 B-N4, mainly because Browne was prepared to improve with 19...B-K2! 20 R-Q1 B-N4ch 21 K-N2 R-K1.

(g) White could have simplified into a favorable ending here by 23 B-N4 R-K2 24 BxN RxB 25 QxP.

(h) Browne now had four minutes remaining to reach his 40th move.

(i) And White was not much better off with five minutes to spare. In the post-mortem Browne advanced 31 P-R6! as a winning try.

(j) Only 1½ minutes left!

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White: Matthew Grinberg (1894). Black: Diane Savereide. (2090). U.S. Open, Fairfax, Va., Aug. 22, 1976. Grunfeld Defense 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 g3 d5 5 d4 0-0 6 cd Nd5 7 Bg2 Nb6 8 0-0 Nc6 9 e3 e5 10 de Ne5 11 Ne5 Be5 12 Qc2 c6 13 b3 Nd5 14 Bb2 Nb4 15 Qe4 Nd3 16 Rad1 Bf5 17 Rd3 Qf6 18 Qc4 b5 19 Ne4 bc 20 Nf6 Bf6 21 Bf6 Bd3 22 Rd1 Bc2 23 Rd6 cb 24 Bc6 Rad8 25 Rd8 Rd8 26 Ba4 Rd1 27 Kg2 ba 28 Bc2 a1Q 29 Bal Ra1 30 h4 a5 31 Kf3 a4 32 Ke2 a3 33 Bb3 Rb1 34 Resigns.

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White: Brian Hulse (2173). Black: Richard Fauber (2012). U.S. Open, Fairfax, Va., Aug. 20, 1976. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Nf3 h6 4 Bc4 d6 5 h4 Nf6 6 Nc3 Bg4 7 d4 Nh5 8 Ne5 de 9 Qg4 Nf6 10 Qf5 Ad4 11 Qc8 Qd8 12 Bf7 Resigns.

### FIDDLER'S GREEN WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL

The Fiddler's Green Chess Club and Book Salon sponsored a USCF rated, four-round Swiss system Women's Invitational Tournament in San Francisco, Aug. 28-29. Peter Andrews, owner of Fiddler's Green, located at 4155 24th St., guaranteed the \$375 prize fund. Mike Goodall directed. Complete results:

**1st-3rd**, Pamela Ford (1733), San Francisco, Ruth Herstein (2005), Los Angeles, and Karen Street (1608), Los Angeles, 3-1, \$100 each; **4th-6th**, Dina Gratz (1470), Pacific Grove, Mary Lasher (1485), Orinda, and Elizabeth Traina (1419), San Francisco, 2-2 \$25 each; **7th**, Colette Felder (1774), Los Angeles, 1-3.

White: Pamela Ford. Black: Ruth Herstein. Fiddler's Green Women's Invitational, San Francisco, Aug. 29, 1976. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 ed ed 4 Nf3 Bd6 5 c4 dc 6 Bc4 Nf6 7 0-0 0-0 8 Bg5 Bg4 9 Qb3 Nc6 10 Nbd2 Na5 11 Qc3 Nc4 12 Nc4 Ne4 13 Bd8 Nc3 14 bc Rad8 15 Nfe5 Be6 16 Rfb1 Bd5 17 f3 b6 18 a4 Be7 19 Ne3 Ba8 20 a5 f6 21 Nf5 Rfe8 22 ab ab 23 Nd3 Bf8 24 Ra7 Rd7 25 Rb6 Rd4 26 Nd4 cb 27 Ne6 Bd5 28 Nf8 Kf8 29 Rc7 b5 30 Nf4 Bc4 31 Nh5 Re1 32 Kf2 Re2 33 Kg1 Bf7 34 Ng3 Rc2 35 Ne4 Bc4 36 Rb7 Bd3 37 Nc5 Bc4 38 Ne4 Rc1 39 Kf2 Rc2 40 Kg1 Rc1 41 Kf2 Rd1 42 Nc5 Rd2 43 Kg1 Re2 44 Ne4 Re1 45 Kf2 Rd1 46 Nc5 Rd6 47 Kg1 Kg8 48 Rd7 Rd7 49 Nd7 Kf7 50 Nc5 f5 51 Kf2 Ke7 52 Ke3 Kd6 53 Kd4 g5 54 g4 Be2 55 gf Bf3 56 Ne4 Be4 57 Ke4 h6 58 Kd4 h5 59 Ke4 Ke7 60 Ke5 g4 61 f6 Ke8 62 Kf5 Kf7 63 Kg5 h4 64 Kh4 Kf6 65 Kg4 Ke5 66 Kf3 Kd5 67 Ke3 Resigns.

### BICENTENNIAL HAYWARD CHESS FESTIVAL

The sixth annual and Bicentennial Hayward Chess Festival will take place at Hayward Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd., Rms. 3-4, Sept. 11-12. A non-rated Beginner Section open to everyone, with no memberships required, will be conducted in addition to the regular USCF sections. Cash prizes based on participation. Entry fee prior to Sept. 10 is \$10 for USCF sections and \$5 for Beginner and Under 15 (double at tournament site), sent to Jerry Rogers, 19541 Times Ave., Hayward, Calif. 94541; telephone, 276-5754. Round one starts 10 a.m., Sat., Sept. 11.