

## Richard Shorman

# Chess

### LERA THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Ted and Ruby Yudacufski directed the 1975 LERA Thanksgiving Class Championships, a six-round USCF-rated Swiss system tournament, in Sunnyvale, Nov. 28-30. Over \$2,000 in prizes was awarded to winners among the 165 players. Complete results:

Open Division: 1st, Tom Dorsch, Hayward, 4½-1½, \$200; 2nd-4th, William Bills, San Francisco, Michael Tomey, Sunnyvale, and Paul Whitehead, San Francisco, 4-2, \$60 each.

Class A: 1st-2nd, Allen Becker, San Mateo, and Jerome Lerman, San Francisco, 5-1, \$150 each; 3rd, John Pope, Berkeley, 4-2, \$60; 4th-8th, Alan Colby, Palo Alto, Walter Dorne, Berkeley, Jerry Kearns, Alameda, Craig Mar, Oakland, and Peter Prochaska, San Francisco, 3½-2½, \$8 each.

Class B: 1st, John Dwyer, San Jose, 5½-½, \$220; 2nd, Charles Smith, Portland, Ore., 5-1, \$110; 3rd-4th, Lewis Argyres, San Leandro, and Raymond Musselman, Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$60 each.

Class C: 1st, Robert Springer, Berkeley, 5½-½, \$300; 2nd-4th, Robert Black, Union City, Ted Fong, Los Altos, and Joel Lutzker, Palo Alto, 5-1, \$100 each.

Class D-E: 1st-3rd, Dean Huddleston, San Jose, Randy Sprenger, Los Gatos, and Steven Wierzba, San Francisco, 5-1, \$120 each; 4th-6th, Allan Glasscoe, El Cerrito, Michael Jones, Napa, and Gary Olson, San Jose, 4½-1½, \$15 each.

Unrated Division: 1st-3rd, George Barber, San Jose, Timothy Fung, Oakland, and Scott McCargar, Oakland, 5-1, \$67 each.

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Here are some of the more interesting games from the tournament, 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: Tom Dorsch. Black: Robert Sferra. LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 29, 1975. Goring Gambit** 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 ed 4 c3 d5 5 ed Qd5 6 Be2 Nf6 7 cd Be7 8 Nc3 Qa5 9 0-0 0-0 10 h3 h6 11 Bf4 Be6 12 a3 Nd5 13 Bd2 Nc3 14 bc Qf5 15 c4 Bd7 16 Rb1 b6 17 Rb5 Qg6 18 Bf4 Nd4 19 Qd4 Bb5 20 cb Ba3 21 Bd3 Bc5 22 Qc3 Qe6 23 Be5 Rfd8 24 Bb1 f6 25 Bc7 Rd7 26 Qc2 Resigns.

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**White: William Bills. Black: Paul Whitehead. LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 29, 1975. King's Indian Defense** 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 Nbd7 7 Bg5 e5 8 d5 h6 9 Be3 Ng4 10 Qd2 f5 11 ef gf 12 h3 Nke3 13 fe Nc5 14 0-0-0 a5 15 Rdgl a4 16 g4 e4 17 Nd4 f4 18 ef Qf6 19 Ndb5 a3 20 Nc7 ab 21 Kc2 Ra5 22 g5 hg 23 Rg5 e3 24 Qe3 Bf5 25 Kb2 Nd3 26 Kb1 Nf4 27 Rf5 Qf5 28 Kb2 Qf6 29 Bg4 Rc5 30 Be6 Qf2 32 Qf2 Rf2 33 Kb3 Rf3 34 Ng7 Kg7 35 Rel Rc7 36 Kb4 Rh3 37 Nb5 Rd7 38 Re6 Rh6 39 Rh6 Kh6 40 Ka5 Kg6 41 Kb6 Kf6 42 Nc7 Ke5 43 Kb7 Kd4 44 Kc6 Rh7 45 Kd6 Kc4 46 Drawn.

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**White: Roger Gabrielson. Black: Martin Sullivan. LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 29, 1975. Queen's Indian Defense** 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6 3 g3 Bb7 4 Bg2 e6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Nc3 0-0 7 d4 Ne4 8 Qc2 f5 9 Rd1 d6 10 d5 Nc3 11 Qc3 e5 12 b4 a5 13 a3 Nd7 14 Be3 g5 15 c5 f4 16 c6 fe 17 Qe3 ab 18 cb Ra3 19 Ra3 ba 20 Bh3 a2 21 Ra1 e4 22 Nd4 g4 23 Bg4 Bg5 24 f4 ef 25 Qe6 Kh8 26 Nc6 f2 27 Kf1 Qf6 28 Qf6 Nf6 29 Bf3 Resigns.

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**White: Jerome Lerman. Black: Andrew Gach. LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 29, 1975. Sicilian Defense** 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qf3 Be7 8 0-0-0 Qc7 9 Qg3 b5 10 Bb5 ab 11 Ndb5 Qc5 12 Nd6 Bd6 13 Rd6 Nbd7 14 Rhd1 Ke7 15 Rd7 Bd7 16 e5 Bc6 17 ef gf 18 Qc7 Ke8 19 Bf6 Rg8 20 Qd8 Resigns.

### OPENING THEORY AND OPENING PRACTICE

Appropriate to this game from the Alekhine Memorial tournament in Moscow is an illuminating quote from Larry Evans, the grandmaster editor of MCO-10: "Not all refutations are published the minute they are discovered. A master prefers to spring them over the board in the form of prepared variations."

White: Albin Planinc. Black: Viktor Korchnoi.

Alekhine Memorial, Moscow, 1975.

King's Gambit Accepted

1 P-Kr	p-k4	11 B-K2	BxB
2 P-KB4!?(a)	PxP	12 QxB	N-B3
3 N-KB3	P-KN4	13 BxP	NxQP
4 P-KR4	P-N5	14 Q-B2(d)	NxKP!
5 N-K5	P-Q3	15 NxN	QxNch(e)
6 NxNP	N-KB3	16 K-Q1	0-0-0!
7 N-B2?!	R-N1	17 BxB(f)	RxP!
8 P-Q4	B-R3	18 Q-B1	NxP
9 N-B3	Q-K2	19 R-B1	Q-N5ch
10 N-Q3(b)	B-N5(c)	20 Resigns	

(Notes by international grandmaster Aleksei Suetin, translated from "64", No. 43, Oct. 24-30, 1975, pg. 10)

(a) A very rare appearance of the King's Gambit in modern grandmaster play. Planinc has been blessed with a highly original gift for chess and it is quite possible that he throws down the gauntlet to his powerful opponent out of a love for the romantic style, the more so in view of the fact that Korchnoi had just recently written a chapter on the King's Gambit for the Yugoslav publication, "Encyclopedia of Chess Openings." Or could it be that Planinc considers the variation played in this game good for White?

(b) Korchnoi gave this move an exclamation point, denoting an improvement in this line for White.

(c) On 10 . . . NxP Korchnoi recommends 11 N-Q5 Q-Q1 12 Q-K2 P-KB4 13 Q-R5ch.

(d) Here Korchnoi concludes his recommendation with the symbol for "White stands slightly better," citing the game Lunjakov—Telegin, USSR, 1965. As soon as the position arises in his own game, however, Black unleashes a whirlwind.

(e) Where to play the king? Black seems to be in dire straits after 16 K-B1, but 16 . . . NxP 17 QxN RxP! 18 QxR QxN 19 Q-K2ch QxQch 20 KxQ BxB yields Black three pawns for the exchange and a clear advantage.

(f) Black is winning as well on 17 R-K1 Q-Q4 18 BxB Q-R4ch 19 K-B1 QxB.

## WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way; phone, 873-9904). 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.