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LERA tourney

LERA THANKSGIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 14th annual Lockheed Employees Recreation Association Thanksgiving Class Championships attracted 105 chess players to the LERA Gun Club firing range in Sunnyvale, Nov. 28-30. Tournament directors Jim Hurt of Sunnyvale and Ted Yudacufski of Monterey administered the six-round, USCF-CalChess Swiss system event

Complete results:

OPEN DIVISION

1st, Jay Whitehead (2481), San Francisco, 5-1, \$325; 2nd-4th, Bill Adam (2240), Berkeley, Charles Powell (2352), San Francisco, and Elliott Winslow (2274), San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$105 each.

CLASS A

1st, Barry Brandt (1973), Reno, Nevada, 5-1, \$200; 2nd-3rd, Robert Karnisky (1898), Palo Alto, and Robert Raingruber (1939), Modesto, 4½-1½, \$95 each.

CLASS B

1st, Lou Maser (1752), Modesto, 5-1, \$240; 2nd-3rd, Ryszard Bleszynski (1774), Cupertino, and Ron Easter (1749), Hayward, 4½-1½, \$95 each; 4th-7th, Dan Coleman (1773), San Mateo, T. C. Hartwell (1734), Twin Falls, Idaho, Robert Whitaker (1768), San Francisco, and Allen Wong (1753), San Jose, 4-2, \$12.50 each.

CLASS C

1st, Donald King (1558), San Jose, 5½-½, \$200; 2nd-3rd, William Hepner (1529), Atherton, and Hills Lee (1534), Sunnyvale, 5-1, \$80; 4th-5th, Thomas Kyrimis (1529), San Francisco, and Stanley Sell (1442), Santa Clara, 4½-1½, \$20 each.

CLASS D

1st, Timothy Parr (1370), Sunnyvale, 3½-2½, \$25; 2nd, Michael Watt (1379), San Jose, 2½-3½, \$15.

UNRATED SECTION

1st, Ken Thompson, Milpitas, 6½-½, \$40 2nd, Stephen Rosenman, Atherton, 6-1, \$20.

White: Jay Whitehead (2481). Black: Richard Lobo (2314). LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 30, 1980.

Giuoco Piano

1	e4	e5	12	cd	Bg4
2	Nf3	Nc6	13	e5!(c)	de
3	Bc4	Nf6	14	Nce5(d)	Bf5(e)
4	d3	Bc5	15	Nf7!	Rf7
5	0-0	d6	16	Ne5	Bg6
6	c3	Bb6	17	Ng6	hg
7	Nbd2	0-0	18	Qd3!	Kf8(f)
8	Bb3	a6?!	19	Qg6(g)	Rd7(h)
9	Nc4	Ba7	20	Rfe1!	Bd4(i)
10	Bg5	Nb8?(a)	21	Nf6!	Resigns(j)
11	d4!(b)	ed			

(Notes contributed by Northern California State Champion Jay Whitehead).

(a) Tenable for Black is 10...h6 11 Bh4 g5 12 Ng5! (White stands only slightly better after 12 Bg3 Be6 13 Ne3.) hg 13 Bg5, although he still has problems in view of White's threats of Ne3-d5 or Kh1 followed by f4.

(b) Taking immediate advantage of Black's lapse by opening up the game. The triple attack on his pawn at e5 compels Black to give up the center.

(c) Pressing forward the attack with maximum energy. The positional approach, 13 Ne3 Bf3 14 gf, also favors White.

(d) On 14 de Black manages to defend with 14...Qd1 15 Rad1 Nfd7 16 Na5 Nc5.

(e) Both sides had to consider a number of alternatives: 14...Bf3 15 Qf3 Bd4 16 Rad1 (16 Qb7? Ra7), winning, since after 16...c5 17 Qb7 Black no longer has 17...Ra7. If 14...Be6, then 15 d5! (and not 15 Be6? fe 16 Qb3 Qd5, holding) Bf5 16 Nd4! Bg6 (Winning a pawn by 16...Be4 17 Re1 Bd5 loses to 18 Bf6 gf 19 Nf5!) 17 Ng6 hg 18 Qd3, with an overwhelming position, e.g., 18...Nbd7 19 Ne6! On 14...Bh5 White may choose either 15 Qd3 (threatening 16 g4 Bg6 17 Ng6 hg 18 Qg6) Nc6 16 Nc6 (not now 16 g4? on account of 16...Ne5 17 Ne5 Bd4, when 18 Nf3?? blunders the queen to 18...Rf2) bc 17 Rac1, with a solid advantage, or 15 Re1, threatening to pursue the attack by 16 g4 Bg6 17 h4!

(f) Best. After 18...Nc6, for instance, 19 Qg6 Qd7 20 Bf6 wins outright.

(g) Of course, 19 Bf7 Kf7 would suffice, eg.g., 20 Bf6 gf (20...Kf6 21 Qf3, etc.) 21 Qb3 Kg7 22 Qb7 Nd7 23 Rac1 Bb6 24 Rfe1, but White is playing for mate.

(h) What else? On the one hand, protecting the rook by 19...Qe8 inspires the pretty variation 20 Rfe1 Re7 21 Qf6! gf 22 Bh6. Defending with 19...Qd7, on the other hand, affords scant relief after 20 Rfe1, since both 20...Nc6 21 Bf6 gf (21...Rf6 22 Qh7!) 22 Qh6! Kg8 (22...Rg7 23 Qh8) 23 Re3! and 20...Bd4 21 Rad1 Nc6 22 Bf6 gf (if 22...Bf2 23 Kf2 Rf6, then 24 Qf6 gf 25 Rd7 wins a rook, while 22...Rf6 loses to 23 Qh7 Ne5 24 Qg8 Ke7 25 Re5) 23 Qh6 Kg8 24 Rd3! lead to mate (24...f5 25 Rg3 Bg7 26 Qg7mate).

(i) One last try at re-developing the knight, 20...Nc6, fails against 21 Bf6 Qf6 22 Qh7.

(j) All bases are covered: 21...Qf6 22 Re8mate; 21...gf 22 Qg8mate; 21...Bf6 22 Qh7; 21...Bf2 22 Kh1.

White: Jose Marcal (2148). Black: Leonardo Moguel (2147).

LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 29, 1980.

Robatsch Defense

1	e4	d6	19	Qd3	Ra8
2	d4	g6	20	0-0	Be7
3	Nc3	Bg7	21	f5	bc
4	f4	c6	22	bc	Nc4
5	Be3	b5	23	Nd2	Nd2
6	e5	Nh6	24	Qd2	gf
7	Nf3	b4	25	gf	ef
8	Ne4	d5	26	Qf4	c5
9	Nc5	Nd7	27	Qf5	Qd7
10	Nd3	a5	28	Ng4	Qf5
11	Bf2	Ng4	29	Rf5	cd
12	h3	Nf2	30	cd	Rc8
13	Nf2	e6	31	Rb1	h5
14	g4	Nb6	32	Ne3	Rg8
15	Qd2	Qc7	33	Kf1	Rg3
16	c3	Bf8	34	Nd5	Rh3
17	Bd3	Ba6	35	Rb7	Bb4
18	Ba6	Ra6	36	Rff7	Resigns

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White: Pedro Marcal (2060). Black: Charles Powell (2352). LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 28, 1980. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bd3 Nc6 7 Be3 Nd4 8 Bd4 e5 9 Bb5 Nd7 10 Be3 Be7 11 0-0 0-0 12 Nd5 Nf6 13 Nf6 Bf6 14 Bc4 Bg5 15 Qd2 Be3 16 Qe3 Qc7 17 Qb3 Kh8 18 c3 f5 19 f3 f4 20 Rad1 Rf6 21 Rf2 g5 22 Rfd2 g4 23 Be2 g3 24 Qb4 a5 25 Qb5 Bd7 26 Qc4 Qb6 27 Kh1 Rh6 28 Rd4 Be6 29 Resigns.

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White: Dan McDaniel (1598). Black: James Hauser (1447). LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 30, 1980.

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1	d4	Nf6	11	Ne4	Be7
2	Nf3	e6	12	Nfg5	g6
3	e3	c5	13	Nf6	Bf6
4	c3	Nc6	14	Qg4	h5
5	Bd3	d5	15	Qg3	Bg5
6	0-0	c4	16	Bg5	Qd7
7	Bc2	Bd6	17	Bf6	Kh7
8	Nbd2	0-0	18	Re4	Ne7
9	Re1	b5	19	Rg4	Qd5
10	e4	de	20	Be7	Resigns

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White: Ryszard Bleszynski (1774). Black: James Jewett (1664). LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 28, 1980. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 de 4 Ne4 Nd7 5 Qe2 Ngf6 6 Nd6mate.

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White: Mark Barnett (1376). Black: Art Gardner (1525). LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 30, 1980.

Two Knights' Defense

1	e4	e5	8	Bd5	Nd4
2	Nf3	Nc6	9	Qf7	Kd6
3	Bc4	Nf6	10	Na3	Qe7
4	Ng5	d5	11	Nc4	Kc5
5	ed	Nd5	12	b4	Kb4
6	Nf7	Kf7	13	Ba3	Resigns
7	Qf3	Ke7			