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Chess

LERA SAN JOSE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ted and Ruby Yudacufski of Monterey directed the third annual LERA San Jose Class Championships in Sunnyvale, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1. The six-round, USCF-rated Swiss system competition in six divisions attracted 179 players. Complete results:

- Open Division

1st, Harry Radke, San Jose, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$200; **2nd-5th**, Dan Burkhard, Pennsylvania, Daniel Switkes, Berkeley, Borel

Menas, Daly City, and William Bills, San Francisco, 4-2, \$50 each.

Class A

1st, Steve Cross, Berkeley, 6-0, \$225; **2nd**, Max Wilkerson, Colma, 5-1, \$125; **3rd**, Michael Tomey, Sunnyvale,

4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$60; **4th-5th**, John Pope, Berkeley, and Yuri Chemokud, San Francisco, 4-2, \$20 each.

Class B

1st, Raymond Fong, Berkeley, 5¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$300; **2nd-3rd**, Tom Reikko, Grass Valley, and William Poindexter, Napa, 5-1,

\$110 each; **4th**, James Ely, Berkeley, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$50.

Class C

1st, Jerry Kearns, Alameda, 5¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$250; **2nd**, John Dwyer, Jr., San Jose, 5-1, \$125; **3rd-5th**, Wayne McClintock, Oakland, Larry Lesyna, San Jose, and Richard Paige, Sunol, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$38.50 each.

Class D-E

1st, Roger Hofmann, Berkeley, 5¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$225; **2nd-4th**, Frederick Stivender, San Mateo, Leslie Dutcher, San Jose, and Pawel Kerntopf, Stanford, 5-1, \$75 each.

Unrated Division

1st, Geir Aagedal, Sunnyvale, 5¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$100; **2nd**, Mike DuDash, Sunnyvale, 4¹/₂-1¹/₂, \$50; **3rd-5th**, Carl Taylor, Santa Cruz, Tracy Gray, Monterey, and Paul Mor-

ton, Concord, 4-1, \$8.50 each.

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Two outstanding games from the Open Division were Radke's

fifth round victory over Burkhard and the action-packed win by

Menas in the final round versus Enright. The moves have been

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 by file letters only).

White: Harry Radke (2157). Black: Dan Burkhard (2093). Sunnyvale, Dec. 1, 1974. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 de 4 Ne4 Nd7 5 Nf3 Ngf6 6 Nf6 Nf6 7 Bg5 Be7 8 Bd3 0-0 9 Qe2 c5 10 dc Qa5 11 c3 Qc5 12 Rd1 Rd8 13 Bf6 Bf6 14 Bh7 Kh7 15 Rd8 Bd8 16 Qd3 Qf5 17 Qd8 Qb1 18 Qd1 Qb2 19 Qd3 f5 20 0-0 Qa2 21 Rd1 Qa4 22 Ne5 Qh4 23 Qf3 a5 24 Rd4 Qf6 25 Qh3 Kg8 26 Qh5 Qh6 27 Qf7 Kh7 28 g3 a4 29 Rh4 Qh4 30 gh a3 31 h5 Bd7 32 h6 Resigns.

White: Borel Menas (2036). Black: Paul Enright (2146).
 Sunnyvale, Dec. 1, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 d6 3 Bb5 Nd7 4 f4 a6 5 Bc4 e6 6 a4 Ne7 7 Nf3 Nc6 8 0-0 Be7 9 f5 Nde5 10 Ne5 Ne5 11 Ba2 0-0 12 d3 Bf6 13 Qh5 g6 14 Qh3 ef 15 ef Bf5 16 Rf5 gf 17 Bh6 Ng4 18 Nd5 Bd4 19 Kf1 Re8 20 c3 Re6 21 Bf4 Bg7 22 Qh5 Rg6 23 Re1 Nf6 24 Qf5 Nd5 25 Qd5 Qf6 26 g3 Rb8 27 Re4 b5 28 a5 b4 29 Bc4 bc 30 bc Rb1 31 Ke2 Rh6 32 Re8 Bf8 33 Qf7 Qf7 34 Bh6 Resigns.

USSR CHAMPIONSHIP OFF TO FAST START

Eight international grandmasters top the list of 16 participants in this year's USSR championship in Leningrad, with an average rating of 2529:

Tal (2635), Polugaevsky (2630), Kuzmin (2600), Taimanov (2580), Savon (2575), Vasyukov (2560), Tseshkovsky (2545), Vaganyan (2540), Balashov (2540), Grigoryan (2520), Dvoretsky (2495), Romanishin (2470), Belyavsky (2460), Kupreychik (2460), Gulko (2435) and Albur (2420).

Young Gennady Kuzmin, who pulled off a triple minor piece sacrifice for a mating attack in the last Soviet championship and performed brilliantly at the Chess Olympics in Nice, continued to make a name for himself with this sparkling display in the first round.

White: Gennady Kuzmin.

Black: Boris Gulko.

XLII USSR Championship, Leningrad, 1974.

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 N-KB3	N-KB3	17 KR-B1	N-Q2(i)
2 P-B4	P-QN3	18 NxB!	PxN
3 P-Q4	P-K3	19 N-K4!!(j)	PxN
4 P-QR3(a)	P-Q4(b)	20 BxN	QxB(4)
5 N-B3	B-K2	21 BxPch	K-R1
6 PxP	PxP	22 BxN	QR-Q1(k)
7 B-N5	0-0	23 R-Q1	Q-K4
8 P-K3	P-B4	24 P-N3	B-B4
9 B-K2	N-B3	25 R-R2	Q-R4
10 0-0	B-K3(c)	26 Q-N3	BxP(l)
11 Q-R4(d)	N-QR4(e)	27 R-Q5!	Q-B2(m)
12 PxP	PxP	28 B-K6!!(n)	Q-B3
13 P-QN4!	PxP(f)	29 R-KB5	Q-R3
14 PxP	N-B5	30 RxRch	RxR
15 N-Q4	Q-N3(g)	31 PxB	Q-B3
16 P-N5!	Q-B4(h)	32 B-R3	Resigns

(a) While not a developing move, yet not wholly out of place either, as Petrosian has shown more than once. Theoretically best is 4 P-KN3, preparing to fight for control of White's K4 square by fianchettoing the KB.

(b) A push that robs Black's formation of its elastic "hyper-modern" character by blocking the long diagonal.

(c) Gradually transforming a Queen's Indian Defense into an inferior variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined.

(d) Exploiting the weakened white squares on the queen side to the fullest.

(e) Virtually justifies White's fourth move, but Black's position is no longer easy to defend.

(f) Even less palatable would be 13...N-N2 14 B-QR6, e.g., 14...Q-N3 15 QR-N1 or 14...Q-B2 15 B-KB4.

(g) Desperately trying to cover the white squares...

(h) If 16...N-K4, abandoning his knight outpost, then 17 P-B4 QN-N5 (forced) 18 P-B5! B-Q2 19 B(2)xN, winning a piece.

(i) Hoping to remove his queen from the rook's line of fire after 18 BxB QxB, since White cannot gain a pawn with 19 BxN on account of 19...N-N3.

(j) Black must accept the sacrifice of White's bishop in order to save his own, only to lose a pawn at the end of the combination.

(k) Worrying about the defense of his QRP is the least of Black's troubles now.

(l) Perhaps White will play 27 PxB Q-B6, allowing the counter-threat ...R-Q7.

(m) After 27...BxPch 28 RxB Q-R3 Black simply loses a piece for a pawn.

(n) The brilliant point. On 28...QxB White has the surprising shot, 29 RxR!

HOLIDAY INN OPEN TOURNAMENT

A five-round, USCF-rated Swiss style tourney will be held Dec. 14-15 at The Beautiful Holiday Inn, 1010 Northgate Dr., San Rafael. Cash prizes (based on 100 entries) will be \$300 for 1st, \$200 2nd, \$100 3rd, \$75 4th and \$50 each for 5th through 10th, plus separate awards of \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the top three places in the M-E, A, B, C-D-E and Unrated Divisions. Entry fee is \$20 if mailed to Jerry Frazier, Tournament Director, 37 Angela Ave., San Anselmo, Calif. 94960, by Dec. 10; otherwise, add \$5. Round one begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. Please bring sets and clocks. For further information, telephone 453-7353 or 459-3163.