

Richard Shorman

Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Alan Bourke directed the Mechanics Institute Northern California Championship, a five-round USCF-rated Swiss system tournament, held Nov. 1-2 in the Mechanics' Institute Building, 57 Post St., San Francisco.

1st over-all, William Addison, San Francisco, 5-0, \$100 plus \$50 for qualifying to play in the California State Championships.

2nd over-all, Alan Baisley, Oakland, Jude Acers, San Francisco, and Ziad Baroudi, San Francisco, 4-1, \$31 each.

Class "A"

1. Ruth Herstein, San Francisco, and Rick Swanson, San Francisco, 4-1, \$33 each; 2. Stephan Kornher, Rhonert Park, and Takashi Kurosaki, San Francisco, 3½-1½, \$20 each.

Class "B"

1, Hiawatha Bradley, San Francisco, 3½-1½, \$30; 2. Eugene Lien, Berkeley, and Andrew Gach, Palo Alto, 3-2, \$7.50 each.

Class "C"

1. Bill Myers, Sanger, 2½-2½, \$20; 2. Tom Cahill, San Francisco, and Ake Gullmes, San Francisco, 2-3, \$5 each.

Unrated

1. Anthony Hanak, San Francisco, 2½-2½, \$15; 2. Kent Bach, Alan Chu, Reinhardt Erdmann, Harry Overholtzer, Michael Segal, and Ronald Smith, 2-3, \$2.50 each.

Junior

1. Charles Pardini, San Francisco, and Craig Barnes, Berkeley, 2-3, \$7.50 each.

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White: Alan LeVergne

Black: William Addison

Northern California Championships, San Francisco, Nov. 2, 1969.

King's Gambit Accepted

1 P-K4	P-K4	10 K-R1	N-K4
2 N-QB3	N-QB3(a)	11 Q-K2	BxN
3 P-B4(b)	PxP(c)	12 PxB	Q-B3(g)
4 N-B3	P-KN4	13 R-QN1	P-N3
5 P-Q4	P-Q3(d)	14 B-N5ch	K-B1(h)
6 B-B4(e)	B-N2	15 Q-R5(i)	Q-N3
7 0-0	B-N5	16 Q-K2	N-KB3
8 P-KR3(f)	BxN	17 B-Q3	N-R4
9 QxB	BxPch	18 Resigns (j)	

(a) Not inferior to the more popular 2 . . . N-KB3, but less analyzed and more open to transposition.

(b) The sharpest continuation. Larsen won against Portisch after 3B-B4 N-B3 4 P-Q3 N-QR4 5 KN-K2! NxB 6 PxN (10th match game, 1968). Instead of wasting time chasing White's Bishop, Black should develop with 4 . . . B-N5.

(c) A rare instance in gambit play where best play is to accept and tenaciously defend the material gain. White will be unable to bolster his center by P-QB3 at the crucial moment because his QN is in the way.

(d) Black avoids 5 . . . B-N2 6 P-Q5 N-K4 7 P-Q6! But allows 6 P-Q5 N-K4 7 B-N5ch B-Q2 8 BxBch KxB (to prevent loss of the KNP after 8 . . . NxB 9Q-Q4) with some advantage for White. Technically correct is 5 . . . P-N5 6 B-B4! PxN 7 0-0 P-Q4! PxP B-KN5! 9 Q-Q2! QN-K2 10 QxP Q-Q2 or 10 . . . N-R3 (Paul Keres, *Dringspiel bis Konigsgambit*, Berlin, 1968, pp. 185-86), and Black has achieved dynamic equality.

(e) Missing his one and only chance for 6 P-Q5.

(f) White would give plenty for the right to play 8 P-B3 now. Black's last two moves have dominated the position and proven the point about White's QN (note "c"). Better than giving up another Pawn without compensation, however, is 8 P-Q5 N-Q5 or 8 N-K2 BxN 9 RxB N-B3 10 B-Q3 Q-K2.

(g) Intending Q-N3 followed by a K-side pawn storm.

(h) Addison considers this King move more precise than 14 . . . P-B3, which slightly weakens his Q-side pawns.

(i) Loses fast, as White (who cannot long endure an endgame) is driven back with direct threats. But not much in the way of improvement can be suggested for White at this stage of the game.

(j) Minus the exchange plus two pawns equals resignation.

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SAN FRANCISCO OPEN

Mike Goodall will direct the third annual San Francisco Open in the Comstock Room of the Sheraton Palace Hotel, Nov. 15-16. Almost \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded for the first three places in six playing categories. Entry fee is \$15 plus USCF membership. Round one of this five-round Swiss system event, sponsored by the Bechtel Employees' Club, begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 15.