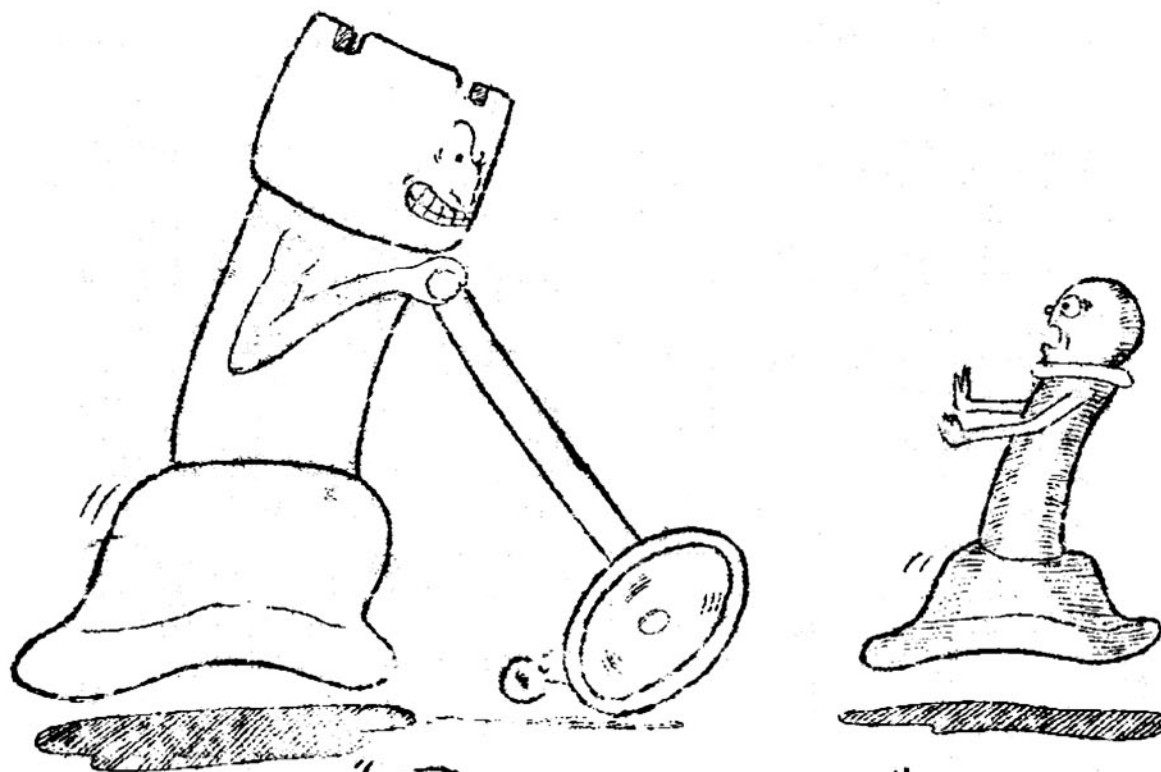


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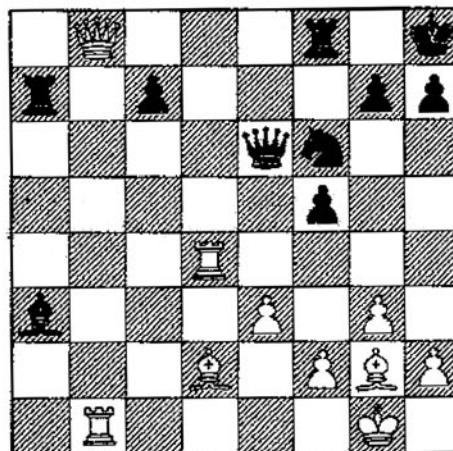
A quartet of great players won the 1979 Statham Masters Plus tournament held in Lone Pine, California, from March 25 to April 4. Grandmasters Gligoric, Hort, Gheorghiu, and Liberzon each scored 6 1/2 of a possible 9 to finish tied for first place in the world famous event. Many consider Svetozar Gligoric the finest Yugoslavian player ever. Vlastimil Hort is Czechoslovakia's leading player, and Florian Gheorghiu is a many-time Romanian champion. All three are consistent winners on the international circuit. Vladimir Liberzon was born in the Soviet Union, but emigrated to Israel in the early seventies. He won the Lone Pine tournament in 1975.

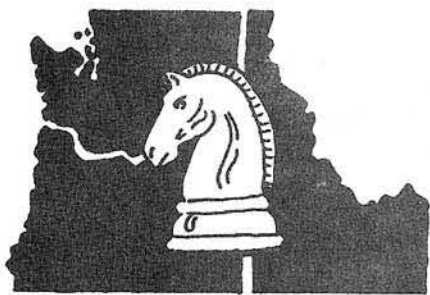
The top American player was Grandmaster William Lombardy, who was a half point back at 6. Lombardy was the World Junior Champion in 1957, and has been a leading force in United States chess for many years. At Lone Pine, he defeated Viktor Korchnoi in an interesting endgame. Korchnoi, the world's second ranked player, was the pre-tournament favorite. Many thought his sharp style would be ideally suited to Lone Pine's Swiss System format, but he lost to Lombardy and Liberzon and had to settle for 5 1/2 - 3 1/2. Tied with Lombardy at 6 were Grandmasters Bent Larsen of Denmark, Gennadi Sosonko of Holland, Dragutin Sahovic of Yugoslavia, and International Masters Hans Ree of Holland and Yehuda Grunfeld of Israel.

Yasser Seirawan, the current US Junior Champion, finished with 5 1/2 points, a spectacular result in view of his opposition. Seirawan faced eight Grandmasters in the 9 rounds, and scored 4 1/2 points against them. His opponents included all four of the eventual winners; he drew against Gligoric, Gheorghiu, and Liberzon, but suffered his only loss to Hort. Seirawan stunned the tournament with his second-round upset of Danish Grandmaster Bent Larsen, currently the seventh ranked player in the world. Seirawan, of Seattle, Washington, scored victories also over British Grandmaster Anthony Miles and San Francisco star Paul Whitehead. Seirawan drew with Grandmaster Gennadi Sosonko of Holland, and with Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky, 68, a living legend of the United States for the past sixty years.

Seirawan-Larsen

1. c4 f5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. g3 e5 4. Bg2 Be7 5. Nf3 d6
6. 00 00 7. d3 Kh8 8. Rb1 a5 9. a3 Qe8 10. c5 a4
11. cd Bd6 12. Nd2 Ra7 13. Nc4 Bc5 14. b3 ab 15.
Qb3 Nc6 16. e3 Na5 17. Qb5 Qe7 18. Na5 Bd7 19. Qb3
Ra5 20. Qb7 Qd6 21. Rd1 Ba3 22. d4 ed 23. Rd4 Qc5
24. Bd2 Ra7 25. Qb3 Qe7 26. Nb5 Bb5 27. Qb5 Qe6
28. Qb8! (Diagram position) Bc5 29. Rd8 Qg8 30.
Rf8 Qf8 31. Qf8+ Bf8 32. Rb8 Kg8 33. Bb4 Ral+ 34.
Bf1 c5 35. Bc3 Rd1 36. Kg2 Kf7 37. Bc4+ Ke7 38.
Bf6+ gf 39. Rb7+ Rd7 40. Rb6 Rd6 41. Rb5 Kd6 42.
Rb7+ Kd6 43. Rh7 Rb6 44. Bd3 Rb2 45. Rh4 Kd5 46.
Bf5 c4 47. Rd4+ Kc5 48. Be6 Rb4 49. Kf3 c3 50. Rd8
Rb6 51. Bf5 Be7 52. Rd7 Bd6 53. h4 Rb2 54. Rd8 Kc6
55. Rc8+ Bc7 56. Rf8 c2 57. Rf6+ Bd6 58. Bc2 Rc2
59. g4 Kd7 60. h5 Be7 61. Rf5 Bh4 62. Kg2 Ke6 63.
h6 Bf6 64. e4 Bd4 65. Kg3 Re2 66. f3 Be5+ 67. Re5+
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