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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER is now six months old and growing steadily. Since its inception, THE REPORTER has averaged approximately 50 new subscriptions per month, and it now appears that the original goal of 350 subscribers will be comfortably exceeded by the end of the first year of publication. There is, as yet, no sign of declining rate of growth, although, of course, we shall ultimately reach a saturation point. What that point will be we have no means of determining, or even guessing.

THE REPORTER covers the State, from Eureka in the North to San Diego in the South, and from the Coast in the West to Jamestown in the East. We even have a scattering of subscribers in such out-of-

State localities as Florida, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Ohio, Idaho, Arizona, Oregon and Mexico. Copies of THE REPORTER go to leading chess journals printed in English, and are exchanged with many important newspaper columns. In short, California chess activities are widely publicized throughout the English-speaking world.

THE REPORTER has received many kind felicitations from prominent chess journals and columnists, both within and outside of the United States. In the past, chess activity in California has gone largely unnoticed outside of California for want of adequate publicity. Those days are gone forever!

It is to be hoped that THE REPORTER will help to encourage and stimulate chess interest and activity in California. This, of course, is a fundamental objective of the magazine. There is no reason at all why California should not become one of the principal chess centers of the world, just as it has become one of the principal centers in science, art and industry. THE REPORTER will do everything in its power to help promote this end.

We urge our subscribers to keep THE REPORTER in mind when they meet their chess friends. Subscribers can easily obtain new subscriptions for the magazine. The bigger the circulation, the better will be THE REPORTER. We are looking forward to the day, perhaps not far distant, when the magazine will enjoy a circulation sufficiently great to allow printing rather than multilithing. Here is a Christmas suggestion: Give your chess friend a subscription to THE REPORTER. For only one dollar, you will provide him with a year of pleasure and profit and at the same time help California chess to grow and mature. And don't forget the supplements, which are worth far more than the trifling 50¢ they cost.

Meanwhile, THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER wishes its subscribers and friends

A V E R Y M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S

and

A H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE, by Francis Crofut.

The results of the first-round team matches, played October 7, were: San Jose 7, Sacramento 3; Stockton $3\frac{1}{2}$, Modesto $2\frac{1}{2}$; Pittsburg 4, Fresno 2.

The second round was played at Oakdale October 28. Pittsburg had the bye. After losing to Pittsburg in the first round, Fresno came back strong to tie the Sacramento team 4-4. It looked like Fresno all the way until Hailparn threw a rook away against Gee - the last game finished.

The Oakdale team always seems able to score at least three points against even the League's strongest teams. This time they lost to Stockton $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Woolfe's loss to Brown came as a surprise as he had a perfect record in last season's play.

San Jose won from Modesto 7-2 but the quality of chess played was way below par on at least three boards. Dr. David-Malig lost to Betker even after winning a rook; Crofut won from Paul after blundering away a knight; and in the MacCarty-Davis game the tide of battle turned at least three times and finally ended in a draw.

Both Stockton and Oakdale had very interesting line-ups. Stockton had two father-son combinations: Paul Hubbard on board three with his son Paul Jr. on board eight, and C. Saxon on board seven with son Jack on board nine.

Oakdale has always been a "Smith family" group. Boards two and six are Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith, and they played their daughter Betty (Mrs. Galloway) of Modesto as a "ringer" on board seven.

Detailed scores:

| <u>FRESNO</u> | | <u>SACRAMENTO</u> | |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Smith, P. | 1 | 1. Russell, P.E. | 0 |
| 2. Worden, M. | 1 | 2. Austin, N.T. | 0 |
| 3. Hailparn, M. | 0 | 3. Gee, J.B. | 1 |
| 4. Cook, E. | 0 | 4. Meyer, M.O. | 1 |
| 5. Forrest, K. | 1 | 5. Richards, R. | 0 |
| 6. Digaut, V. | 0 | 6. Flynn, G. | 1 |
| 7. Ough, P. | 1 | 7. Johnson, S.G. | 0 |
| 8. Fries, T. | 0 | 8. Stagg, R. | 1 |
| | <u>4</u> | | <u>4</u> |

| <u>STOCKTON</u> | | | <u>OAKDALE</u> | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Woolfe, L. | 0 | 1. | Brown, R. | 1 |
| 2. | Mattingly, M. | 1 | 2. | Smith, C.J. | 0 |
| 3. | Hubbard, P. | 1 | 3. | Macey, W. | 0 |
| 4. | LeDoux, W. | 1 | 4. | Buerer, A. | 0 |
| 5. | Jarvis, W. | 1 | 5. | Mortenson, H. | 0 |
| 6. | Sanders, M. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6. | Smith, Mrs. C.J. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. | Saxon, C. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7. | Galloway, Mrs. B. | 0 |
| 8. | Hubbard, P. Jr. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8. | Sampson, S. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9. | Saxon, J. | 0 | 9. | Mortenson, T. | 1 |
| 10. | Forkner, N.N. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10. | Wakefield, S. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | $\frac{6\frac{1}{2}}$ | | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |

| <u>SAN JOSE</u> | | | <u>MODESTO</u> | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | Adams, W.T. | 1 | 1. | Jeffers, E. | 0 |
| 2. | Kirby, Geo. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2. | Kerfoot, L. | 0 |
| 3. | MacCarty, S. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3. | Davis, L.E. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4. | Mueller, Bert | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4. | Krogness, L. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. | Kalnins, J. | 1 | 5. | Berry, J. | 0 |
| 6. | Crofut, F. | 1 | 6. | Paul, H. | 0 |
| 7. | David-Malig, Dr.J. | 0 | 7. | Betker, H. | 1 |
| 8. | Daugherty, Prof.L. | 1 | 8. | Cook, Dr. C.J. | 0 |
| 9. | Wood, H. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9. | Bennett, L. | 0 |
| | | 7 | | | 2 |

The next round of matches will take place December 2.

Francis Crofut is handling the ratings in the CCCL this year and he would like to have the names and addresses of all the members in each club even though they have not played in any of the matches, in order to compile a chess-players directory. His address is Rt. 5, Box 494, San Jose, California.

The Central California Chess League is very much in favor of the proposed CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION and will give it their moral and financial support. It is felt that the State Federation should be affiliated with the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION if possible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS In reporting your local news, please be sure to give full names of all players, and complete cross-tables of all tournament results. THE REPORTER cannot publish fragmentary information. Our policy is: Complete coverage or nothing!

CASTLE-SAN JOSE TEAM MATCH The San Jose Chess Club was host to the Castle Chess Club of Berkeley Nov. 4 in a friendly team match. The Castle team proved its class (California State Club Champions) by defeating the strong San Jose contingent by a score of $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

| <u>CASTLE</u> | | <u>SAN JOSE</u> | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Wm. P. Barlow | 1 | 1. Wm. T. Adams | 0 |
| 2. Henry Gross | 1 | 2. George Kirby | 0 |
| 3. Guthrie McClain | 1 | 3. Stanley MacCarty | 0 |
| 4. Neil Falconer | 1 | 4. Bert Mueller | 0 |
| 5. Wade Hendricks | 1 | 5. Janis Kalnins | 0 |
| 6. Fred Byron | 1 | 6. Francis Crofut | 0 |
| 7. Prof. R. Hultgren | 1 | 7. Prof. L. Daugherty | 0 |
| 8. Em. Hoffer | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8. Leslie Talcott | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9. Dr. Frank Ruys | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9. Dr. J.M. David-Malig | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. Dr. Mark Eudey | 0 | 10. Howard Wood | 1 |
| 11. Paul Traum | 1 | 11. Andrew Buschne | 0 |
| 12. Fred M. Christensen | 1 | 12. Howard O'Shaughnessy | 0 |
| 13. Neiler Hultgren | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13. Carl Pohlhammer | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14. Glen Hultgren | 0 | 14. Ernest Rideout | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |

Castle had White on the odd-numbered boards. George Van Hooser captained the San Jose team, and Guthrie McClain the Castle team.

Adams, playing the Sicilian at first board, had what appeared to be an overwhelming game against Barlow, but tried to force the win too soon and found himself in an end-game down the exchange. "End-game Barlow" lived up to his title. Gross won an interesting ending from Kirby in which he had a bishop for two pawns, but he had to work his hardest to score the point. McClain won a piece from MacCarty before the opening was scarcely over, whereupon his opponent resigned. The youngest of three Hultgrens played a good game, but lost through lack of experience. Big Hultgren won a nice positional game against Daugherty, and middle-sized Hultgren showed he is a comer by drawing with Pohlhammer. Eudey at tenth board lost through "lack of ideas." He needs more practice.

The players of both teams had lunch together before the match, and after it was all over they adjourned to Prof. Daugherty's home for a quiet (!!!) evening of skittles. On the way home the Castle team enjoyed an omelette or two at L'Omelette.

CHESS FORGERIES THE REPORTER has been requested by the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION to make a statement regarding two games published in The Nebraska Chess Bulletin for July-August 1951 and in Sacramento Chess News for October 14, 1951. The games also found their way to Erich Marchand, Games Editor of Chess Life, official organ of the Federation.

These games were alleged to have been played by Vitaley Radaikin of San Francisco against Charles Bagby of San Francisco and against Arthur Bisguier of New York. Both games were supposed to have been won by Radaikin, and both had the "brilliant touch," although both were unsound. The game against Bagby was alleged to have been played in an inter-club match at the Mechanics' Institute during December 1950. The game against Bisguier was said to have been a stakes game played in New York during July 1951.

From the outset, the authenticity of the games was strongly suspect. There was no inter-club match played at the Mechanics' Institute during December 1950, nor for a considerable period before or after that time. The games themselves smacked strongly of the type of skittles "brilliantcy" one is apt to see almost any day in a first-class chess club.

On being questioned, Bagby disclaimed any knowledge of the game, and stated flatly that it certainly was not a match or tournament game. Bisguier, writing from Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, says: "I have never heard of Mr. Radaikin, the score of the game is completely unfamiliar to me, the variation is one of my favorites (I would never fall victim to such a trap in the gambit variation of the Ruy Lopez), and last, but by no means least, I was inducted into the armed forces June 27, 1951, and I did not visit New York until October 1, 1951. Since the alleged game was supposed to have taken place in New York sometime in July, Mr. Radaikin evidently confused me with some other gentleman."

Mr. Bagby has long been recognized as one of California's leading players. Mr. Bisguier is the 1950 United States Open Champion, and a player of international repute.

We wonder where else these games have appeared, and where they will appear in the future?

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GAME OF THE MONTH Games played by masters before they became masters always have a peculiar fascination. The present game, between Frank J. Marshall and Ally and W. E. Napier and Ally, was played in 1895 and is not very well-known. Marshall was 18 years of age at the time, and Napier only 14! As is well-known, Marshall was later to become a great International Master, and holder of the United States Championship from 1909 to 1936. Napier is not nearly so well-known to the present generation of chess players. Marshall, in his book "My Fifty Years of Chess," says of Napier: "At this tournament (Hanover 1902 - Ed.) I met my old friend W. E. Napier. He was born in England, but has spent most of his life in the United States. As a young man he competed often with C. S. Howell, A. W. Fox and myself. He was sent abroad by his parents to study music, but he preferred chess and so played in quite a few European tournaments; at one time he was champion of Great Britain. He is still active today (1942 - Ed.), plays a fine game of chess and writes unusually well on the subject."

Game No. 67 - Two Knights* Def.

White Black
Marshall & ally Napier & ally

16. R-K2 Q-Q3
17. B-Q2

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|--|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4 | Kt-B3 |
| 4. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5. Kt-Kt5 | Kt-K4 |
| 5...P-Q4; 6. PxP, Q-K2ch is considered best for Black. | |
| 6. B-Kt3 | P-KR3 |
| 7. QxP | B-Q3 |

An awkward-looking spot for the B, but it doesn't stay there long!

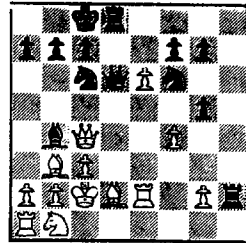
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| 8. P-KB4 | Kt-B3 |
| 9. Q-B4 | B-Kt5ch |
| 10. P-B3 | P-Q4 |
| 11. PxP | Q-K2ch |

Arriving at a position analogous to that in the first note.

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| 12. K-Q2 | PxKt |
| 13. R-K1 | B-K3 |
| 14. QPxB | O-O-Och |
| 15. K-B2 | RxP |

... Kt-QR4!
A killer!

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 18. QxB | Q-Q6ch |
| 19. K-Q1 | Kt-Kt5 |
| 20. P-K7 | R-R8ch |
| 21. R-K1 | Kt-K6ch |
| 22. K-B1 | RxRch |
| 23. BxR | Q-Q8ch! |
| 24. BxQ | RxB mate. |



Quite a game for a boy of 14! Needless to say, Marshall did not include this game in his book!

CORRESPONDENCE Phil Smith of the Fresno Chess Club writes: "Enclosed please find one dollar for a year's subscription to your excellent publication... I moved to Fresno August 31 from L.A., as I am handling public relations for Fresno Junior College..... Kyle Forrest got me into the Fall tourney of the Fresno Chess Club... I am also playing with the club's team in the Central California Chess League matches..."

"I am enclosing the annotated (by me) score of my game with R.E. Russell in the Sacramento-Fresno match at Oakdale October 28. The match was drawn 4-4. Fresno won on the top two boards. On board three young Mike Hailparn was three pawns up in a safe position against Gee and then blew it...Our sixth board was a Frenchman who was born in Russia - Victor Digaut - he was champ of Northern Turkestan in 1917 and won games from Nimzovitch and Bogoljubow - walked thousands of miles to escape Russia to Harbin. He gave up chess and just recently came back to the game - he lost. He knows Walter Pafnutieff's family and Walt and Popoff and some of your other Russians." (We are very pleased to note the return of Phil Smith to active play. Smith is one of California's best players. Last year he finished with an even score in the State Championship finals, and was the man who finally broke the almost unprecedented winning streak of 1950 Champion Ray Martin - Ed.)

From Ricardo M. Pingarron of Pomona: "...I could have begun my letter by congratulating you for the fine magazine..... I only hope that some day you will publish a game in which the notations will be what were the reasons for the moves. As yet we have never had a magazine so well written and should my suggestion be accepted, you would be the very first editor to perform one more of the many good services you are rendering to the CHESS FRATERNITY. I enclose two dollars for a subscription for two years." (Thanks for all those kind words, Mr. Pingarron. The type of annotated game you mention has been requested by several other subscribers. The difficulty is that such annotations, to be properly done, would require an enormous amount of space. But perhaps we shall be able to meet your request some day - Ed.)

A. E. Hoerchner of Jamestown writes: "I like the new chess diagrams. They are sharp, distinct and bold..... Regarding the CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION, there cannot be the slightest doubt in any man's mind that such an organization would encourage, nurture and develop chess play in this area.... Besides club and league matches, there could easily be a monthly OPEN to be played in different sections. Such OPENS held under CSCF auspices would

tend to classify more players into their groups, and to develop stronger players... It should be that every player who so desires can be classified into a group of play that he will enjoy without being hopelessly outclassed...Another suggestion for the magazine would be a regular column which expounds chess theory..."

From George Flynn of Sacramento: "...Congratulations on the fifth issue! Excellent! The diagrams are greatly improved."

Jack Soudakoff of New York says: "Congratulations on putting out the Steinitz-Lasker match book. Good luck to you."

From Herman Steiner, Los Angeles International Master: "...I want to congratulate you for the fine magazine you issue. It is newsy, and varied. I shall be glad to push it wherever I can."

UNITED STATES WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP Mrs. Mary Bain of Miami won the Women's Championship of the United States in the tournament recently held in New York City. She finished with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, one full point ahead of her nearest competitor, Mrs. Gisela Gresser of New York. The two California representatives, Mrs. Nancy Roos of Los Angeles and Mrs. G. Piatigorsky of Los Angeles, scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ and 3-6, respectively. Mrs. Piatigorsky is said to have been studying chess only for about one year, under the tutelage of Herman Steiner. Her achievement in this top-flight tournament is therefore a noteworthy one. Mrs. Roos' game appears to have suffered somewhat through lack of sufficient hard practice. Summary of results:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mrs. Mary Bain (Miami)..... | $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Mrs. G. Gresser (N.Y.)..... | $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Miss N. May Karf (Boston)..... | 6-3 |
| Mrs. K. Slater (N.Y.)..... | $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Mrs. L. Grumette (N.Y.)..... | $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Miss L. Kellner (Detroit)..... | $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Mrs. Nancy Roos (L.A.)..... | $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Mrs. Willa Owens (Avon Lake, Ohio).. | 3-6 |
| Mrs. G. Piatigorsky (L.A.)..... | 3-6 |
| Miss A. Raettig (Hoboken)..... | 2-7 |

We are willing to predict that within a couple of years Mrs. Piatigorsky will take her place among the very best women players.

CHESS FESTIVAL International Master George Koltanowski's second chess festival, sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle, the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League, and the Industrial Chess League, is scheduled to be held Sunday, December 2, at Marines' Memorial Club, San Francisco. Doors will open at 11 A.M., with the activities scheduled to begin at noon.

Koltanowski will stage a rapid-transit blind-fold exhibition, and a number of well-known Bay Area players will try to show their skill against all comers at simultaneous chess. The first festival was a big success, with something like 2,000 enthusiasts moving through the hall during the day.

Jack Spence, Editor of The Nebraska Chess Bulletin, 208 South 25th Ave., Omaha 2, announces that the 1948 U.S. Championship games are now available as Vol. III of the "American Tournament Series." The price is \$2.00 postpaid. The games are annotated by Marchand, Santasiere, Reinfeld, etc., with a round-by-round account by the latter. Volume IV of the series will be the Hollywood Pan-American 1945, won by Reshevsky, Fine second. Price will be about \$2.00, and most of the games will be annotated, if possible. This is due to appear in the Spring. It is planned to publish the great New York 1927 tournament in the Fall of 1952.

LATE NEWS A 10-man tournament of the Fresno Chess Club, designed to rank its team in the Central California Chess League Team Matches, has been won by Philip D. Smith, formerly of Bakersfield and Los Angeles, with a clean score of 9-0. M. Worden, former Sacramento Chess Club member, is second at the moment, with a score of 5-2, but he has one adjourned game with Tom Fries and another to play with Mike Hailpam. The latter has a chance to overtake Worden, for his score is $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, with three games to play against Worden, Dr. Herbert Kallman (defending Champion), and Elmer Cook.

The tournament was marred by the withdrawal of four players, including Clark Jonas, who played two games. Jonas is a former San Francisco player. (The complete cross-table of the Fresno tournament will be given in a later issue of THE REPORTER - Ed.)

The initial meeting of the new Tri-County Chess Club (San Bernardino, Orange and Pomona) was a big success. The club will meet the first Monday of each month, and tournaments will be played in each unit once a week. Ricardo M. Pingarron was elected President of the club, and Frank Fontaine Secretary-Treasurer. The new club

is willing to meet all comers in match play. Write to the club at 410 W. 12th Street, Pomona, California.

The Los Angeles County Chess Championship started October 27 with 17 entries. Co-tournament directors are LeRoy Johnson, John Keckhut and Ray Martin. Lionel Joyner, former Canadian Junior Champion, now a resident of Santa Monica, is one of the leading lights in the tournament. After nearly losing to Sam Geller, Joyner sacked his Queen and scored a win. Keckhut drew against Sven Almgren after having a winning position.

The Santa Monica Club Championship is roaring into its final stages, with former California Champion Ray Martin returning to his earlier winning form. Martin leads with 5-0. Arthur Spiller, present State Champion, lost to Keckhut but is by no means to be counted out. Standings: Ray Martin 5-0; Dave Eliason $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; John Keckhut $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Arthur Spiller $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Gerard Van Deene $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Tom Cragg and George Chase are leading the Cosmo (Los Angeles) Club Championship with 5-0. Charles Kodil and Roy Zeller are close behind with one loss apiece in a field of 12 players.

At its regular semi-annual meeting November 11, the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League went on record as supporting the formation of the CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION, to which it will give financial as well as moral support. THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER was designated official organ of the League. Officers elected for 1951-52 were: Guthrie McClain, President; Victor Ricketts, Vice-President; Prof. Ralph Hultgren, Secretary-Treasurer. President McClain appointed Henry Gross Tournament Director for the coming year.

The following teams will play in the forthcoming League matches:
 "A" Division: Castle Chess Club of Berkeley, Golden Gate Chess Club of San Francisco, Mechanics' Institute Chess Club of San Francisco, Russian Chess Club of San Francisco, Oakland Chess Club.
 "B" Division: Palo Alto Chess Club, Golden Gate Chess Club, Berkeley Chess Club, Russian Chess Club, Hakoah Chess Club of San Francisco.
 Matches are due to start in December.

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| SUPPLEMENT #1 of THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER STEINITZ-LASKER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH - 1894 Is now available. Subscribers, 50¢; others \$1.00. Send check or money order. |
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1. Dr. Frank C. Ruys
2. Howard Ridout
3. Jerry Maurovich
4. Walter Pafnutieff
5. Neil Falconer
6. John Alexander
7. Henry Gross
8. Dan Fidlow
9. Stanley MacCarty
10. Peter Petersen
11. Andrew Buschine
12. Carl Pohlhammer
13. Francis Crofut
14. Ray Cuneo
15. Alan Chappell
16. R. E. Russell
17. Robert Allen
18. Robert Currie
19. Wm. T. Adams
20. E. H. Yaggie
21. Al Wohn
22. Lyman Daugherty
23. Guthrie McClain
24. Fred Byron
25. Russell Maeth
26. Dr. Edward Kupka
27. Mark Eucher
28. Dr. J.M. David-Malig
29. Mrs. G. Piatigorsky
30. Malcolm Wiener
31. Don Maron
32. Emil Bersbach
33. Dal Ogilvie
34. Dr. Elizabeth Meyer
35. Bert Mueller
36. George Steven
37. Janis Kalnins
38. Herbert Rosenbaum
39. Jim Fredgren
40. Roger Smook
41. Wade Hendricks
42. Godfrey Lutz
43. George B. Oakes



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Game No. 68 - Ruy Lopez
 White Black
 H. Gross J.B. Gee

Notes by H. Gross

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|-----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. | B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. | O-O | B-K2 |
| 6. | R-K1 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. | B-Kt3 | O-O |
| 8. | P-KR3 | P-Q4? |
| 9. | PxP | KtxP |
| 10. | KtxP | KtxKt |
| 11. | RxKt | P-QB3 |
| 12. | P-Q3 | B-Q3 |
| 13. | R-K1 | Q-R5 |
| 14. | Q-B3 | B-Q2 |
| 15. | B-Q2? | |

15. BxKt, PxB; 16. Kt-B3 leaves white with a P plus and a good game.

... P-Kt4
 16. R-K4

If 16. BxKt, P-KKt5 is uncomfortable for White.

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|-----|-------------|
| ... | P-KKt5 |
| 17. | PxP Q-R7ch |
| 18. | K-B1 Q-R8ch |
| 19. | K-K2 QR-K1 |
| 20. | Q-R3? |

Very bad because it allows the Black Kt to go to his KB3. White seeks to prevent Q-R5.

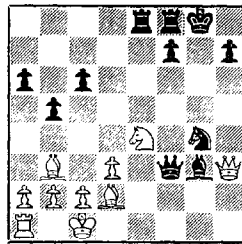
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| ... | Q-Kt3 |
| 21. | P-Kt3? |

From bad to worse! 21. BxKt, PxB; 22. Q-R4? threatening a draw by perpetual check is met by

22...P-B3! but 22. Q-R5! seems to force 22...K-R1 to avoid the immediate draw after which 23. B-B3ch, P-B3; 24. QxP leaves White with considerable play. Even 22. Q-B3 is preferable to the text-move.

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| 21. | ... | Kt-B3 |
| 22. | P-KB3 | KBxP |
| 23. | Kt-B3 | Q-B7ch |
| 24. | K-QL | QxPch |
| 25. | K-B1 | BxP |
| 26. | RxBch | KtxR |
| 27. | Kt-K4 | |

Black threatens 27...R-K8ch; winning White's Q after 28. BxR, B-B4ch. There is no answer. 27. Kt-QL is met by R-K8 or even QxKt ch, while 27. Q-R5 loses to B-B5.



... RxKt!

Black finishes the slaughter in an artistic manner. He is to be complimented for his aggressive play in which he conjures an attack out of nothing except some help from his opponent.

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| 28. | PxR | Kt-B7 |
| 29. | Q-B1 | Kt-Q6ch |
| 30. | QxKt | Q-R8ch |
| 31. | B-K1 | QxBch |
| 32. | Q-QL | B-B5ch |

Resigns.

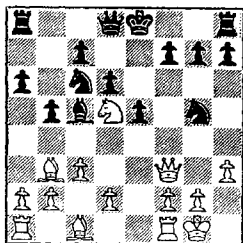
Game No. 69 - Ruy Lopez

White Black
C. Capps J.B. Gee

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. | B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. | Kt-B3 | |

Revived by Alekhine.

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| ... | P-QKt4 | |
| 6. | B-Kt3 | B-B4? |
| 7. | O-O | P-Q3 |
| 8. | Kt-Q5 | B-KKt5 |
| 9. | P-B3 | KtxP |
| 10. | P-KR3 | BxKt |
| 11. | QxB | Kt-Kt4 |



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| 12. | Kt-B6ch | PxKt |
| 13. | QxKtch | K-K2 |
| 14. | P-Q4 | B-Kt3 |
| 15. | BxKt | PxB |
| 16. | PxP | Q-Q2 |
| 17. | PxPch | QxP |
| 18. | QR-Klch | K-B3 |
| 19. | Q-B3ch | Q-B5 |
| 20. | Q-R5 | QR-KB1 |
| 21. | Q-R6ch and announced mate | |
- in two.

Capps scored two smashing victories in the N. Calif. tournament with 5. Kt-B3. It pays to dig out old variations!

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Game No. 70 - English

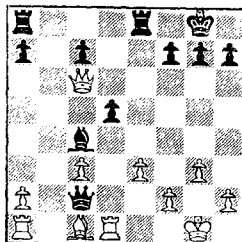
White Black
K. Forrest P.D. Smith

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| 1. | P-QB4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. | Kt-B3 | Kt-B3 |
| 4. | P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5. | KtxP | B-Kt5 |
| 6. | KtxKt | |

Making Black's game easier.

6. B-Kt5 is the usual move, giving Black difficult problems.

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| ... | KtPxKt | |
| 7. | Q-Kt3 | Q-K2 |
| 8. | P-Kt3 | O-O |
| 9. | B-Kt2 | R-K1 |
| 10. | P-K3 | B-R3 |
| 11. | O-O | P-Q4 |
| 12. | Q-R4 | BxP |
| 13. | R-Q1 | BxKt |
| 14. | PxB | Kt-K5 |
| 15. | BxKt | QxB |
| 16. | QxBP | Q-B7 |



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| 17. | B-Q2 | B-K7 |
| 18. | QxQP | BxR |
| 19. | R-B1 | QR-Q1 |
| 20. | QxR | RxQ |
| 21. | RxQ | BxR |
| 22. | B-K1 | R-Q8 |
- Resigns.

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Game No. 71 - Q. G. D.

White Black
P.D. Smith (F) R.E. Russell (S)

Notes by P.D. Smith

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 4. B-Kt5 | B-K2 |
| 5. P-K3 | O-O |
| 6. Kt-B3 | P-KR3 |
| 7. B-R4 | Kt-K5 |

Russell played P-QKt3, the Tartakower line, against Mueller of San Jose in the first-round matches.

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| 8. BxB | QxB |
| 9. PxP | KtxKt |
| 10. PxKt | PxP |
| 11. Q-Kt3 | R-Q1 |

Fine says in PCO that R-Q1 has been refuted and claims Bernstein's Q-Q3! equalizes.

12. B-Q3

Marshall's line. Fine advocates P-B4, claiming it gives White a full plus. But he fails to mention a strong line for Black: 12.P-B4, PxP; 13. BxP, Kt-Q2! 14. O-O or QR-B1, Kt-Kt3 (Korn's MCO).

... Kt-B3

Better is 12...P-QB4; 13.Q-R3, P-QKt3; 14.O-O, Kt-B3; 15.B-Kt5, P-B5! 16. QxQ, KtxQ (Marshall-Treybal, Folkestone, 1933).

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| 13. O-O | P-QKt3 |
| 14. B-Kt5 | Kt-R4 |
| 15. Q-Kt4 | P-QB4 |
| 16. PxP | QxP |
| 17. Kt-Q4 | B-Q2 |
| 18. B-R6 | B-B1 |

19. B-K2 B-Kt2

In view of White's reply, B-Q2 was better, since at Kt2 the B blocks the file which is opened in the ensuing exchanges.

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| 20. QxQ | PxQ |
| 21. Kt-Kt3 | KtxKt |
| 22. PxKt | P-Q5 |

To avoid the pin - 23. B-B3 - for if 22...R-Q2? 23. B-B3, B-B3; 24. KR-Q1, QR-Q1; 25. P-B4! with a strong plus.

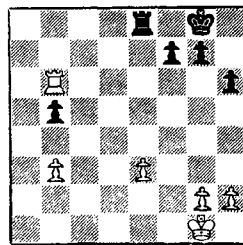
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| 23. BPxP | PxP |
| 24. KR-Q1 | PxP |
| 25. PxP | RxRch |
| 26. RxR | P-QR3 |
| 27. B-B4 | B-B3! |
| 28. R-Q6 | |

If 28. R-KB1, B-K1; 29. R-R1, P-QR4; 30. P-QKt4, P-R5 and Black is safe.

... B-Kt4

Black has come up with a clever defense to save his pawn - when he made his 26th move he must have foreseen his 30th one!

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| 29. BxB | PxB |
| 30. R-QKt6 | R-K1! |



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| 31. RxP | RxP |
| 32. R-KtSch | K-R2 |
| 33. K-B2 | R-K2 |
| 34. K-B3 | K-Kt3 |
| 35. P-QKt4 | K-B4 |

- 36. P-Kt5 K-K4
- 37. P-Kt6 K-Q3
- 38. P-Kt7 K-B2
- 39. R-Kt8 KxP
- 40. RxP

53. P-Kt5, PxPch; 54. KxP, K-B2 draws.

- 49. PxR K-K3
- 50. K-Kt4 K-B3
- 51. K-R5 K-Kt2
- 52. P-Kt3 K-R1
- 53. KxP K-Kt1
- 54. P-Kt7 Resigns.

Assures the win of a pawn - culminating the planning after move 31 - when the position, of course, was a book draw. See Fine's Basic Chess Endings. However, next to winning a won game, drawing a drawn game is the hardest thing in chess. Russell wanted to call it a draw at move 30 - but it was a match.

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Game No. 72 - Q.G.D.

White Black
A. Spiller J. Keckhut

- ... K-B3
 - 41. R-R7 R-K3
- Forced, for if Black allows
42. RxRP, White wins easily.
- 42. RxBP R-Kt3
 - 43. P-R4 K-Q4
 - 44. P-R5 R-QB3
 - 45. K-B4 R-B7
 - 46. R-KKt7

- 1. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2. P-QB4 P-K3
- 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
- 4. B-Kt5 B-K2
- 5. P-K3 O-O
- 6. Kt-B3 P-KR3
- 7. B-R4 Kt-K5
- 8. BxB QxB
- 9. KtxKt PxBt
- 10. Kt-Q2 P-KB4
- 11. Q-B2 Kt-Q2
- 12. O-O-O P-B4
- 13. Kt-Kt3 P-QKt3
- 14. PxP KtxP
- 15. KtxKt PxBt
- 16. Q-Q2 R-Kt1
- 17. B-K2 R-Kt3
- 18. Q-B3 B-Kt2
- 19. R-Q2 R-Kt1
- 20. R/l-Q1 B-B3
- 21. P-QKt3 B-K1
- 22. K-Kt2 Q-QB2
- 23. K-R1 R-Kt5
- 24. P-Kt3 P-QR4
- 25. R-QKt1 Q-Kt3
- 26. P-QR3

What else? If 46. R-KR7, RxP? would lose, but Black could play as in the game. Perhaps 46. K-Kt3 at once was better.

- ... R-B7ch
- 47. K-Kt3 R-B3
- 48. R-Kt6

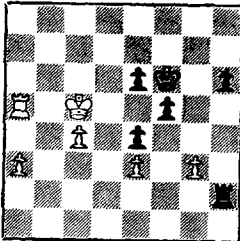
Smith won a game against Steckel in the State Championship, 1950, with this same maneuver, but the difference was that Steckel was lost whether he captured or not - here Russell can decline the exchange of rooks and draw.

... RxR??
A hasty move, as Russell pointed out after the game; 48...K-K3 would have drawn. 49. RxR, (what else?) KxR; 50. K-B4, K-K3; 51. P-Kt3, K-B3; 52. P-Kt4, K-K3;

The State Champion starts a combination...

- ... RxP

- 27. RxR QxR
- 28. QxQ RxQ
- 29. R-Q8 K-B2
- 30. K-R2 R-Kt3
- 31. B-R5ch
...the point...
... P-Kt3
- 32. BxPch KxB
- 33. RxB R-Q3
...but Black still stands well.
- 34. K-Kt3 K-B2
- 35. R-B8 R-Q7
- 36. RxB RxP
- 37. K-B3 K-B3†
- 38. RxB R-K7
- 39. K-Q4 R-Q7ch
The point of 37...K-B3.
- 40. K-B5 RxBP



- 41. K-Kt6 R-K7
- 42. P-B5 RxP
- 43. P-B6 RxBKtP
- 44. P-B7 R-Kt1
Of course not 44...R-QB6??
- 45. R-B5 P-B5
Resigns.

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Game No. 73 - Dutch

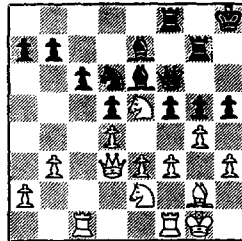
White Black

Mrs. N. Roos Mrs. G. Piatigorsky

- 1. P-QB4 P-KB4

- 2. P-Q4 P-K3
- 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
- 4. P-KKt3 B-K2
- 5. B-Kt2 P-Q4
- 6. PxP PxP
- 7. Q-Kt3 P-B3
- 8. Kt-B3 O-O
- 9. O-O K-R1
- 10. B-B4 Q-K1
- 11. QR-Q1 QKt-Q2
- 12. P-K3 Q-R4
- 13. Q-B2 Kt-K5
- 14. Kt-K2 R-KKt1
- 15. B-K5 KtxB
- 16. KtxKt P-KKt4
- 17. P-B3 Kt-B3
- 18. P-Kt3 B-K3
- 19. Q-Kt2 R-Kt2
- 20. R-B1 Q-K1
- 21. Q-Q2 P-KR4
- 22. K-B2 Q-KB1
- 23. Q-Q3 Kt-K5ch
- 24. K-Kt1 Kt-Q3
- 25. P-KR3 Q-B3
- 26. P-KKt4 R-KB1?

P-R5 was the move.



- 27. Kt-Kt3 Q-R3
- 28. KtxRP R-R2
- 29. Kt-Kt3 PxP
- 30. BPxP Kt-K1
- 31. Kt-Kt6ch K-Kt1
- 32. KtxR BxKt
- 33. Kt-B5 BxKt

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| 34. RxB | B-Q3 |
| 35. R/1-B1 | Q-R5 |
| 36. R/5-B3 | P-Kt3 |
| 37. Q-Kt6ch | Resigns. |

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| 21. ... | BxKt |
| 22. PxB | QR-Q1 |
| 23. B-Kt5 | Q-B2 |
| 24. BxR | RxB |
| 25. Q-Q6 | Kt-Q4 |
| 26. BxKt | PxB |
| 27. QxQP | QxQ |
| 28. RxQ | K-B1 |
| 29. P-K6 | R-K1 |
| 30. RxB | Resigns. |

Game No. 74 - French

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| White | Black |
| Mrs. G. Piatigorsky | Mrs. L. Grumette |

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. Kt-Q2 | PxP |
| 4. KtxP | B-K2 |
| 5. Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 6. KtxKtch | BxKt |
| 7. P-B3 | O-O |
| 8. B-Q3 | Kt-Q2 |
| 9. B-KB4 | P-B4 |
| 10. Q-B2 | P-KKt3 |
| 11. O-O | R-K1 |
| 12. KR-K1 | P-QR3 |
| 13. QR-Q1 | Q-K2 |
| 14. Kt-K5 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 15. Kt-Kt4 | B-Kt2 |
| 16. Q-Q2 | P-B4 |
| 17. Kt-K5 | Kt-Q4 |
| 18. B-R6 | B-B3 |
| 19. B-QB4 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 20. B-Kt3 | B-Q2? |

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Game No. 75 - Sicilian

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| White | Black |
| Wm. P. Barlow | Wm. T. Adams |

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3 |

The Modern Variation, usually chosen to avoid the Richter Attack.

3. P-Q4

A possibility here is P-QKt4, which is stronger than the direct Wing Gambit.

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| ... | PxP |
| 4. KtxP | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 6. B-K2 | |

P-B4 is recommended by Fine.

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| ... | B-Kt2 |
| 7. B-K3 | O-O |
| 8. P-KR4 | Kt-B3 |
| 9. P-KKt4 | P-Q4! |

A thrust in the center is the correct answer to a flank attack.

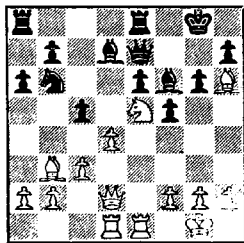
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| 10. KtxKt | PxKt |
| 11. PxP | |

P-K5 is better.

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| ... | KtxP |
| 12. KtxKt | PxKt |
| 13. P-QB3 | R-Kt1 |
| 14. Q-B2 | Q-B2 |

Threatening RxP!

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| 15. O-O-O | Q-R4 |
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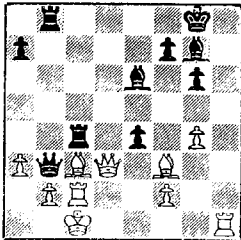
21. B-K3?

PxP wins a piece; if 21...Kt-Q4; 22. KtxB, QxKt; 23. P-QB4, and if 21...BxKt; 22. PxB.

16. P-R3 P-K4

Plausible, but actually weak. ...B-Q2 would leave White well-nigh helpless. Threatened are ...B-R5 and ...KR-B1. If 17. R-Q2? BxP! 18. PxB (18. QxB, KR-B1), QxPch, and if 17. R-Q3, P-K4.

17. P-R5 P-Q5
 18. B-Q2 PxB
 19. BxP Q-Kt3
 20. PxB RfXP
 21. B-B3 B-K3
 22. R-Q2 KR-B1
 23. Q-K4 R-B5
 24. Q-Q3 Q-Kt6
 25. R-B2 P-K5



26. BxP BxB
 27. PxB QxPch
 28. K-Q2 Q-K2
 29. Q-R3 R-Q1ch
 30. B-Q3 Q-Kt4ch
 31. K-K1 K-B1?

This move, made under time pressure, loses the exchange... Q-K4ch!; 32. B-K2, R/5 to a safe square would draw.

32. BxR BxB
 33. Q-R8ch QxQ
 34. RxQ R-K1ch
 35. K-Q2 P-R4
 36. R-R8ch K-K2
 37. RxRch KxR
 38. R-Kt2 P-R5

39. R-Kt4 B-Kt6

40. R-Kt7 Resigns.

This game well illustrates the old adage "The hardest thing to do in chess is to win a won game."

Game No. 76 - K's Gambit

White Black
 Dr. F. Ruys Dr. David-Malig

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. P-KB4 PxB
 3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
 4. Kt-B3

Best is 4. P-K5, Kt-R4; 5. P-Q4, P-Q4; 6. Kt-B3, etc.

... P-Q4

This move equalizes.

5. PxB KtxP
 6. B-B4

Best is 6. KtxKt, QxKt; 7. P-Q4.

... Q-K2ch

7. Kt-K2

White would like to play K-B2 but can't because of ...Q-B4ch winning the Bishop.

... Kt-Kt3

8. B-Kt3 P-Kt4

9. P-Q4 B-Kt2

10. O-O O-O

11. Q-Q3 P-KR3

12. B-Q2 B-Kt5

13. QR-K1

To be considered here was P-QB4, threatening B-B2.

... Q-Q2

14. Kt-K5 BxKt

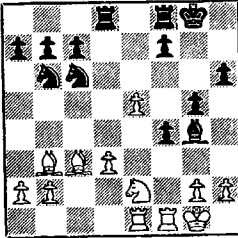
Black will regret the loss of his strong King's Bishop.

15. PxB QxQ

16. PxB Kt-B3

17. B-B3 QR-Q1

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18. KtxP1? PxBt
 19. RxB B-R4
 ...B-K3 was much better.
 20. R-R4 B-Kt3
 21. P-K61 PxB
 22. RxBP??
 RxBP wins quickly.

- ... K-R2
 23. R-Kt4 R-KKt1
 24. P-Q4 B-B4
 25. RxBch KxR
 26. RxB RxB
 27. BxB B-K5
 28. B-K6 Kt-Q4
 29. B-Qch K-K3
 30. B-B3 P-Kt3
 31. K-B2 KtxP
 32. B-KKt4 P-Kt4
 33. P-KR4 P-B4
 34. P-R5ch K-R2
 35. B-Q1 P-B5
 36. P-KKt4 P-Kt5
 37. BxB KtxB
 38. K-Q3 B-B7
 39. KxB BxB
 40. KxB KtxP
 41. P-Kt4 KtxP??

Failing to notice that his sole remaining Pawn is a Rook's Pawn queening on a square of the opposite color from his Bishop.

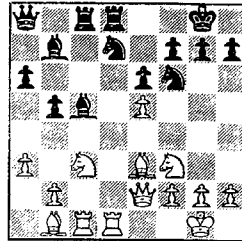
42. KxBt

Drawn.

Game No. 77 - Q.G.A.

White Black
 E. Cobo J. Cross

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
 3. P-B4 PxB
 4. Kt-B3 P-QR3
 5. P-K3 P-K3
 6. BxB P-QKt4
 7. B-Q3 P-B4
 8. O-O B-Kt2
 9. Q-K2 QKt-Q2
 10. R-Q1 Q-B2
 11. P-K4 PxB
 12. KKtxP B-B4
 13. B-K3 O-O
 14. QR-B1 QR-B1
 15. P-QR3 Q-Kt1
 16. Kt-B3 Q-R1
 17. B-Kt1 KR-Q1
 18. P-K5?



- ... BxBt
 19. PxB KtxP1
 20. RxBch RxB
 21. BxB KtxPch
 22. K-B1 KtxPch
 23. K-Kt1 Kt-B6ch
 24. K-B1 Kt-Q5
 Threatening mate.
 25. BxBch KtxB

- 26. Q-R5 Kt-KB3
- 27. Q-R3 Kt-Kt6

Resigns. A pretty combination by the former national junior champ.

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Game No. 78 - Q.G.D.

White Black
R.P. Willson J. Kalnins

- 1. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
- 3. P-B4 P-K3
- 4. B-Kt5 QKt-Q2
- 5. QKt-Q2 P-KR3
- 6. B-R4 B-K2
- 7. R-B1 O-O
- 8. P-K3 P-B3
- 9. B-Q3 PxP
- 10. KtxP P-B4
- 11. P-K4 P-QKt4
- 12. Kt/4-K5 P-B5
- 13. Kt-B6 Q-K1
- 14. B-Kt1 B-Kt2
- 15. KtxBch QxKt
- 16. O-O Q-Kt5
- 17. Q-K2 KR-B1
- 18. P-QR3 Q-R4
- 19. KR-K1 Q-Kt3
- 20. Q-B2 Kt-R4
- 21. P-K5 P-B4
- 22. PxP e.p. Kt/4xP

- 23. Kt-K5 QxP
- 24. QR-Q1 QxB
- 25. RxKt B-K5
- 26. RxB QxR
- 27. QxQ KtxQ
- 28. BxKt P-B6
- 29. PxP RxP
- 30. P-Kt3 R/1-QB1
- 31. RxP R-B8ch
- 32. K-Kt2 P-Kt4
- 33. Kt-Kt4 R/8-B5
- 34. KtxPch K-B1
- 35. R-B7ch K-K1
- 36. B-Kt6 K-Q1
- 37. R-QKt7 R/1-B2
- 38. RxP Resigns.

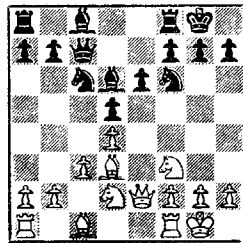
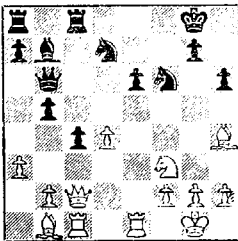
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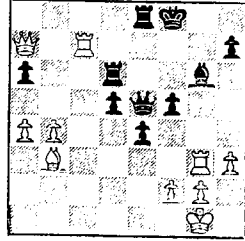
- 1. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
- 3. P-K3 P-K3
- 4. B-Q3 B-Q3
- 5. O-O O-O
- 6. QKt-Q2 P-B4
- 7. P-B3 Kt-B3
- 8. Q-K2 PxB
- 9. KPxB Q-B2



Black does not stand well.
His questionable 8th move...PxP
gives White control of K5 and
frees White's King's Bishop with-
out having to play P-K4.

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| 10. | R-K1 | R-K1 |
| 11. | Kt-K5 | BxKt |
| 12. | PxB | Kt-Q2 |
| 13. | Kt-B3 | P-B4 |
| 14. | PxP e.p. | KtxP |
| 15. | B-KKt5 | P-K4 |
| 16. | B-Kt5 | P-K5 |
| 17. | BxKKt | PxB |
| 18. | Q-Q2 | B-K3 |
| 19. | Kt-Q4 | QR-Q1 |
| 20. | QR-Q1 | P-QR3 |
| 21. | B-R4 | P-Kt4 |
| 22. | B-Kt3 | KtxKt |
| 23. | QxKt | Q-K4 |
| 24. | Q-R7 | R-Q3 |
| 25. | P-QR4 | P-Kt5 |
| 26. | R-K3 | B-B2 |

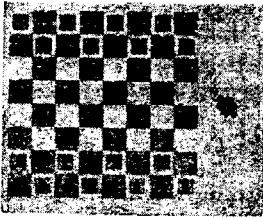
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| 27. | R-Kt3ch | K-B1 |
| 28. | PxP | QxP |
| 29. | P-R3 | Q-K4 |
| 30. | R-QB1 | P-B4 |
| 31. | R-B7 | B-Kt3 |



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| 32. | RxP† | R-K2 |
| If...BxR, 33. QxB wins. | | |
| 33. | Q-Kt8ch | R-K1 |
| 34. | R-R8ch† | K-B2 |
| 35. | RxR | Resigns. |

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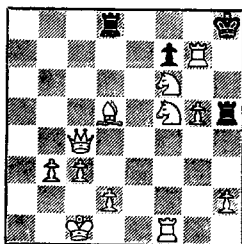
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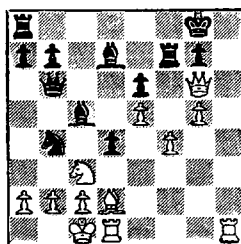
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