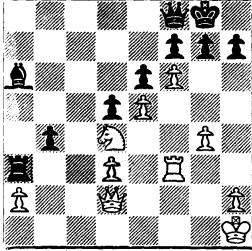


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The California Junior Championship, which was held last year in San Francisco, will be back in Los Angeles this summer. The dates are: July 12 to 14 at the Memorial Building of the Los Angeles High School, 4600 West Olympic Boulevard. Six Rounds will be played, starting at 7:00 pm, Friday, July 12. International Grandmaster, Isaac Kashdan, will be tournament director.

Anyone under 21 is eligible. There is no entrance fee, but participants must be members of both the USCF and the California State Chess Federation. Non-Members may join when registering. The Junior Dues are: \$5 for USCF and \$2.50 for CSCF.

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SPRING TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY

During March and April there were some large and important tournaments in California. The standout was the Eagle Rock International Tournament held at the Continental Chess Club. In this new club there gathered 12 highly-rated chessplayers including three grandmasters (Gligoric, who won, 7½-3½, Gheorghui, who tied for second, 7-4, with Julio Kaplan, international master, and Lengyel, who scored 4½-6½) which gave the necessary prestige and rating to make possible the international master title for Americans. Edmar Mednis of New York made the IM norm with a score of 6-5.

In March the National Open was held at Las Vegas, Nevada. It was followed a week later by the Louis D. Statham Masters-Plus Tournament, the fourth annual tournament to be held in the little town of Lone Pine in the Owens Valley on the other side of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The National Open set records with 296 contestants. But little Lone Pine topped the National's \$5,000 in prizes with its own \$5,500.

Grandmaster Walter Browne won at Lone Pine, 6-1. Another GM, Pal Benko, tied for second with John Grefe, U.S. co-champion. GM Larry Evans was tied for fourth place with three others, and GMs Florin Gheorghiu, Arthur Bisguier and Levente Lengyel also participated. Both the Eagle Rock and the Lone Pine tournaments were directed by GM Isaac Kashdan.

GLIGORIC WINNER IN EAGLE ROCK TOURNEY - by Isaac Kashdan

Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia defeated Edmar Mednis of Woodside, N.Y. in the final round to gain the first prize in the International Chess Tournament at the Continental Chess Club in Eagle Rock.

The game took two sessions and 68 moves, finishing long after the other competitors. It was typical of Gligoric, who worked harder for his wins, and earned his success. He won six games, lost two and drew three for a total of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Tied for second place were Florin Gheorghiu of Romania and Julio Kaplan of Puerto Rico. Each finished with 7-4. Gheorghiu had been a point ahead of Gligoric after seven rounds, but then drew four game in succession, all in relatively few moves.

Kaplan gained the tie by defeating Bernard Zuckerman of New York. The latter had the better game but blundered, losing a knight. Perhaps this compensated for the previous game, when Kaplan had a decided advantage over Anthony Saily of Santa Monica, but lost.

Gheorghiu was the only undefeated player, with three wins and eight draws, Kaplan had four wins, one loss and six draws.

Mednis remained in fourth place despite his loss. His score of 6-5 was enough for the title of international master, which had been his main goal. He was the only player to achieve this distinction in the tournament.

The tournament was the first held in the newly organized Continental Chess Club. This is the most lavishly equipped chess club in the area and the only one open at practically all hours.

(Ed. note - Grandmaster Kashdan was tournament director and Jerry Hanken was technical director for the host club.) -Crosstable,p.103

BISQUIER, WEINSTEIN, CELORIO TOP, NATIONAL OPEN by Martin E. Morrison

Grandmaster Arthur B. Bisquier edged out National Masters Norman S. Weinstein and Eduardo Celorio on tie-breaking points to gain the title of National Open Champion at the Eighth National Open Chess Championship Tournament. Tying for fourth through twelfth places, one-half point behind the leaders, at $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, were US Co-Champion, John Grefe, International Grandmaster Florin Gheorghiu (Rumania), International Masters Peter Biyiasas (Canada) and Arnold Denker, and National Masters Ruben Rodriguez (Philippines), Kenneth Frey, Roy C. Ervin, Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, and John Jacobs.

The event broke all previous records with its 296-player turnout. Held 17-22 March at the Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, the National Open offered a \$5,000.00 prize fund. Tournament Director was George Koltanowski.

BROWNE CAPTURES LONE PINE TOURNAMENT -by Jude F. Aders

Lone Pine 1974 brought 53 masters, senior masters, IMs and IGMs together for a seven-round Swiss March 24-30, with \$5,500 of Louis D. Statham's money on the line for the victors. Finishing with four straight wins after stumbling over Ruben Rodriguez (for the third time running!), international grandmaster Walter Browne of Berkeley carted away \$2,000 for his unbeatable 6-1 final score.

U.S. Champ John Grefe had 5½ points going into the last round, lost to Browne (mistake in the opening...) and so had to settle for a second-place tie with IGM Pal Benko. Both players made \$1,000 on the deal. Further back at 5-2 each were Kaplan, Commons, Karklins and Evans picking up a mere \$275 for the week's work.

International grandmaster Isaac Kashdan was the tournament director.

LONE PINE, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 24 - 30, 1974

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. W. Browne	2612	W19	W36	L13	W27	W15	W4	W3	6 - 1
2. P. Benko	2500	D28	W30	W52	D18	D9	W13	W8	5½-1½
3. J. Grefe	2484	W29	W53	D7	W13	W6	W12	L1	5½-1½
4. L. Evans	2503	W21	D27	W50	W7	D12	L1	W18	5 - 2
5. J. Kaplan	2449	D48	D38	W44	W41	D18	D22	W20	5 - 2
6. K. Commons	2428	W43	W17	W8	D12	L3	D18	W22	5 - 2
7. A. Karklins	2395	W44	W10	D3	L4	D19	W38	W12	5 - 2
8. F. Gheorghiu	2510	W47	W41	L6	W36	D13	W9	L2	4½-2½
9. L. Gilden	2411	D32	W31	D11	W40	D2	L8	W29	4½-2½
10. J. Jacobs	2251	W26	L7	D35	W50	W16	D19	D17	4½-2½
11. N. Weinstein	2504	W20	D52	D9	D19	L22	D32	W38	4 - 3
12. A. Bisguier	2449	W22	W34	W40	D6	D4	L3	L7	4 - 3
13. R. Rodriguez	2432	W37	W49	W1	L3	D8	L2	D19	4 - 3
14. P. Biyiasas	2425	D31	L50	D30	D45	W48	W33	D21	4 - 3
15. A. Saidy	2425	W42	D18	D27	W34	L1	D21	D23	4 - 3
16. L. Levy	2324	L49	D23	W42	W33	L10	D25	W40	4 - 3
17. F. Thornally	2323	W51	L6	D33	W31	D38	D23	D10	4 - 3
18. L. Kaufman	2320	W46	D15	W48	D2	D5	D6	L4	4 - 3
19. E. Martinovsky	2319	L1	W45	W46	D11	D7	D10	D13	4 - 3
20. T. Taylor	2312	L11	D51	D31	W44	W24	W26	L5	4 - 3
21. A. Denker	2308	L4	L24	W43	W49	W35	D15	D14	4 - 3
22. A. Dake	2293	L12	D39	W51	W25	W11	D5	L6	4 - 3
23. W. Goichberg	2248	L36	D16	W28	D35	W41	D17	D15	4 - 3
24. C. Barnes	2233	L27	W21	L41	W46	L20	W37	W36	4 - 3

3½ Points: 25. L. Lengyel, 26. L. Christiansen, 27. R. Ervin, 28. M. Diesen, 29. D. Wateman, 30. R. Gross, 31. W. Dobrich, 32. J. Loftsson, 33. Keith Nelson, 34. J. Berry.

<u>3 Points:</u>	35. E. Formanek, 36. C. Brasket, 37. R. Fauber, 38. R. Newbold, 39. K. Fitzgerald, 40. N. Maffeo.
<u>2½ Points:</u>	41. D. Strauss, 42. J. Stone, 43. R. Burns, 44. J. Burstow, 45. E. Winslow, 46. D. Krystall.
<u>2 Points:</u>	47. D. Sutherland, 48. B. Jones, 49. J. Frankle.
<u>1½ Points:</u>	50. P. Cleghorn, 51. V. Pupols, 52. K. Frey.
<u>1 Point:</u>	53. E. Celorio,

RODRIGUEZ WINS IN PACIFIC COAST OPEN -- by Isaac Kashdan

Ruben Rodriguez of the Philippines continued his series of fine performances in the Southland by winning the Pacific Coast Open Tournament, held by the Continental Chess Assoc. at the Hyatt House in Commerce on March 9-10, 1974. He won his first four games, then drew in the final round with Ronald Gross of Cerritos.

That gave Rodriguez a total of 4½ points. He then had to wait for the result of the game between Keykhosro Kahyai and William Batchelder. Each had 3½ points, with a chance to tie for first if he won.

It was a long wait. The game was the last to finish, taking about seven hours. In the final stage Batchelder was trying to win with a rook and bishop versus a rook after all the pawns were exchanged. Eventually he agreed to a draw.

That gave Rodriguez the trophy, Batchelder and Kahyai tied for second place with four points. Gross wound up with the same score, as did David Berry, Donald Haffner, D. Parniani and Ronald Pease.

In the Reserve Section of the tournament, limited to players rated under 1600, the winner was John Metchikoff with a score of 4½-½. Following the pattern of the main event, Metchikoff won four games in a row, then drew with J.C. Polk.

Again there was a multiple tie for second with 4-1. Polk was in the group, along with Bart Gibbons, Jack Loel, Rick Long, Daniel Mandraken, Michael Mills, Barry Noble, Glen Sarvis and Tom Weissbaum.

Rodriguez who is 27 years old, has been in Los Angeles since last August. He learned chess from his brother Romeo, now in San Francisco and also of master rank, although Ruben is well ahead in current rating.

In February, Rodriguez won a strong tournament in Hayward, ahead of grandmaster Walter Browne and U.S. co-champion John Grefe.

This was reported here, but some of the details were omitted.

In the major encounter in the fifth round, Rodriguez defeated Browne. Earlier he had drawn with Grefe and Boris Siff. In the sixth and final round Rodriguez was paired with Larry Gilden, who was leading with 4½-½.

Needing a win, Rodriguez came through, clinching the first prize with a total of 5-1. Browne and Gilden tied for second with 4½-½.

Grafe followed with 4-2.

The tournament was the first of a series to be sponsored by the California State Chess Federation in the San Francisco area.

In the game Rodriguez sacrificed his queen. He obtained approximate equality in material, plus a strong attack. Browne managed to escape the threats with only one pawn minus in a rook ending. It remained a close fight, with the white pawns finally triumphing.

WATERMAN WINS LERA OPEN - by Jim Hurt

The ninth annual LERA Peninsula Open Chess Championships were held at Lera on the April 27-28 weekend. 206 players competed for \$2,300 in cash prizes in six separate divisions from beginners to masters.

The strongest player was Peter Biyiasas, chess champion of Canada. The second strongest player was Peter Cleghorn, chess champion of Alaska. The overall winner, however, was Dennis Waterman of San Francisco, closely followed by Harry Radke of San Jose. Peter Biyiasas placed third and Peter Cleghorn was fourth.

A total of 34 players were awarded cash prizes, representing the winners of the six divisions. Each player competed only with players of his own approximate strength, so all players had a fair chance to win a prize. This was one of the largest tournaments to be held in the Bay Area in recent years.

Open Section: 1. Dennis Waterman (S.F.) 5-0, \$300. 2. Harry Radke, (San Jose) 4-1, \$150. 3. Peter Biyiasas (Canada) 3½-1½, \$90. 4. C. Bill Jones (Palo Alto), Borel Menas (Daly City), Tom Dorsch (Davis) and Peter Cleghorn (S.F.) all 3-2, \$15 each.

Class A: 1. James MacFarland (S.F.) 4½-½, \$150. 2-3. Michael Sarley (Richmond) and Erwin Hamm (Sacramento) 4-1, \$62.50 each. Tied for fourth, Dr. Mitchell Bedford (Salinas), Joseph J. Tracy (S.F.) and Ridgely Schneider (Woodside).

Class B: 1. Henry Blume (Portola Valley) 5-0, \$250. Tied for fourth: James H. Black, Jim S. Buff, and John L. Pope. Class C: 1-2. Roy Blackmer (Palo Alto), Thomas Willis (S.F.) and Chris Papesh (Moss Beach), 4½-½, \$125 each. Tied for fourth: Leland Soohoo, James O'Gallagher and Gary Luke. Class D-E: 1. Peter Buyer (Milpitas) 5-0, \$150. Tied for second; Michael Pace, Mike Wood, Stanley Rall, Roscoe Willis and Wayne Smith. Unrated: 1. William Bartley (S.F.), 5-0, \$80. Tied for second; Ken Myles, Bobby Cohen, Patrick Hurley and Noble Samn.

OPEN DIVISION

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Dennis Waterman	2275	W7	W10	W5	W9	W4	5 - 0
2. Harry Radke	2178	W12	L8	W14	W13	W6	4 - 1
3. Peter Biyiasas	2437	L10	W20	D11	W15	W8	3 - 1½

Open Division (Continued)

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
4. Peter Cleghorn	2358	L6	W17	W7	W8	L1	3 - 2
5. C. Bill Jones	2275	W20	D6	L1	D12	W10	3 - 2
6. Borel Menas	2123	W4	D5	D13	W11	L2	3 - 2
7. Tom Dorsch	2084	L1	W19	L4	W14	W13	3 - 2
$2\frac{1}{2}$ Points:		8. M. McDonald-Ross, 9. Jerry Gutierrez, 10. Charles Maddigan, 11. Stewart Scott, 12. Michael Ewell.					
2 Points:		13. Phil Smith, 14. Gene Lee.					
$1\frac{1}{2}$ Points:		15. Paul Enright.					
1 Point:		16. Robert Hammie, 17. Eleuterio Alsasua.					
$\frac{1}{2}$ Point:		18. Keith Nelson.					
0 Points:		19. Dr. Ira Pohl, 20. Roger Gabrielson.					

MYERS VISALIA AMATEUR CHAMPION -- by Chris Fotias

Although some sixty players generally come from all parts of California every Spring to clash in the annual Visalia Amateur Open Championships, only thirty-three were willing to pay the inflated price for gasoline in order to participate in the tenth annual pre-Easter tourney this year.

The winner was William Myers of Sanger, undefeated in the five games played. First prize was \$50 and a trophy. Andy De Baets (Lemoore), Robert Clark (Visalia) and Russell Vorpapel (Loomis) tied for second and divided \$35. Trophies were awarded for class winners (11 trophies in all). The tournament was held at the Student Union of the College of the Sequoias and was directed by William Bragg of Santa Monica.

TENTH ANNUAL VISALIA AMATEUR TOURNAMENT, APRIL 6-7, 1974

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Bill A. Myers	1622	W1	W36	W18	W5	W2	5 - 0
2. Bob Clark	1703	W16	W13	W17	W6	L1	4 - 1
3. Andy De Baets	1597	W33	L4	W14	W12	W10	4 - 1
4. Russell Vorpapel	1682	W31	W3	L8	W21	W9	4 - 1
5. Michael Kunz	1649	W9	W8	W7	L1	D6	3½ - 1½
6. John Noel	1468	W25	W24	W4	L2	D5	3½ - 1½
7. Donna W. Bragg	1734	W23	D19	L5	W22	W17	3½ - 1½
8. Jon Ginsburg	1380	W30	L5	W29	D17	W18	3½ - 1½
9. Bill Karr	1561	L5	W15	W16	W11	L4	3 - 2
10. Art Stobbe	1707	L14	W22	L3	W19	L5	3 - 2
11. David Norris	1222	W29	W25	W13	L2	W22	3 - 2
12. T. Thoroddsson	1719	W28	L17	W18	L3	W19	3 - 2
13. Chris Fotias	1549	W26	L2	L11	W27	W24	3 - 2
14. Norman Braskat	1200	L22	W23	L3	W25	W21	3 - 2
15. Jim Brackett	1212	L18	L9	BYE	W31	W23	3 - 2
16. Don MacDonell	1222	L2	W32	L9	W29	W27	3 - 2

Visalia Amateur (Continued)

2½ Points: 17. Billy Thornhill, 18. John Jacino, 19. Paul Hubbard,
20. Felipe Torres.

2 Points: 21. Mark Dawson, 22. David Galfond, 23. Kurt Salierno,
24. Jose, Ramos, 25. Brooke Radding, 26. Geary A. Miller.

1½ Points: 27. Ernst Kopmann, 28. Kelly Toomey.

1 Point: 29. Matt Miller, 30. Marcy Krystall, 31. Michael Keith,
32. Christopher Krier, 33. Kevin Leslie.

CONTINENTAL CHESS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
TOURNAMENT, EAGLE ROCK, APRIL 6-18

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1. Gligoric	X	½	0	1	1	0	1	½	½	1	1	1	7½
2. Gheorghiu	½	X	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	7
3. Kaplan	1	½	X	½	0	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	7
4. Mednis	0	0	½	X	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	6
5. Saidy	0	½	1	½	X	½	0	0	½	½	1	1	5½
6. Soltis	1	½	½	1	½	X	½	½	0	½	½	½	5½
7. Weinstein	0	½	0	0	1	½	X	½	1	½	½	½	5
8. Commons	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	X	½	½	0	½	5
9. Lengyel	½	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	X	0	1	½	4½
10. Tarjan	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	X	0	½	4½
11. Kaufman	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	1	0	1	X	½	4½
12. Zuckerman	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	X	4

BILL ADAMS

It is with deep regret that we record the death of William T. Adams of San Jose. A native and chess champion of Michigan, Bill came to San Jose in the thirties. We first met him during the North-South team matches, and he was not only a first-class chessplayer but also an organizer, a worker, and a person you always greeted with a happy handshake. The North-South matches were partly social gatherings, and Bill Adams was one of those who made it so. He was a stamp dealer, but seldom talked shop. He was many times president of the San Jose Chess Club, its perennial champion, and also served as president of the Central California Chess League. Under his leadership the San Jose team won the Central Valley team title often. He had the top winning percentage for the North team for several years (7½-1½ after his first nine games). The following game may not be his best game but it is a good example of Bill's trenchant style: Game No. 335-King's Gambit. White: Morris Gordon; South: W.T. Adams. North-South Match, 1956. 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-KB4, PxP; 3. Kt-KB3, P-KKt4; 4. P-Q4, B-Kt2; 5. B-B4, P-Q3; 6. O-O, Kt-QB3; 7. P-B3, P-KR3; 8. Kt-R3, KKt-K2; 9. Q-Q3, O-O; 10. P-QKt4, P-Q4; 11. BxQP, KxB; 12. PxKt, QxP; 13. B-Kt2, B-B4; 14. Q-Q2, P-Kt4; 15. P-R3, P-QR4; 16. KR-B1, BxRP; 17. QKtXP, QxOKt; 18. PxB, QR-K1; 19. P-QR4, Q-Q4; 20. R-B1, R-K6; 21. O-Kt2, Pxp; 22. PxB, Kt-KtP; 23. P-R5, KR-K1; 24. Q-Kt4, R-Kt6; 25. QR-Kt1, Kt-B7; 26. Q-R5, RxB; 27. RxKt, BxPch; 28. K-R1, BxR and White resigned.

GAMES OF THE MONTH

by Jude Acers

There have been so many comments on three games shown on my United States and Canadian chess tours that it is time to show them to Chess Reporter readers as well. The first is my favorite master game.

BRESLAU, GERMANY 1859

Game No. 1286 - Ruy Lopez

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>Adolph Anderssen</u>	<u>Dr. Max Lange</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	Kt-Q5

The controversial Bird's Defense which I would consider playing against a grandmaster even in these modern times. Many masters do not know open variations played a century ago such as the Danish Gambit, King's Bishop's Gambit and the Max Lange attack. And even if they do the variations are satisfactory; Black sacrifices development for a wedge that prevents White's center expansion with P-Q4. Spassky has played this successfully five times so far. (Anyhow, if Robert E. Burger plays it, it must be good!)

4. KtxKt	PxKt
5. B-QB4	

Played by Lasker in a match game with Bird in 1892, White got nothing. Best but not checkmating is 5. 0-0, P-QB3 and White has indeed his initiative to defend. (Tartakower.)

5. ...	Kt-KB3
6. P-K5?	

Best is 6. P-Q3, P-Q4! when Black is rolling like the Quebec Express toward Dallas.

6. ...	P-Q4!
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7. B-Rt3?!

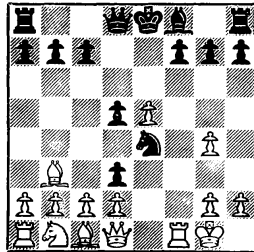
Nobody has pointed out that 7.B-K2 is probably necessary.

7. ...	B-KKt5!!!
8. P-KB3	Kt-K5
9. 0-0	

On 8. PxB, Q-R5ch; 9. P-Kt3, Ktx KtF; 10. PxB, QxRch; 11. K-K2, Q-Kt7ch! wins.

9. ...	P-Q6
10. PxB?!	

I would play 10. Q-K1! here when the struggle is still far from over. Now you will not believe what Dr. Lange has in mind. Remember that he had to visualize all of this at move seven as well. Dr. Lange could be scary.



10. ...	B-B4ch
11. K-R1	Kt-Kt6ch
12. PxB	Q-Kt4
13. R-B5	P-KR4!!!
14. PxB	QxR
15. P-KKt4	RxPch!!!
16. PxB	Q-K5!
17. Q-B3	Q-R5ch
18. Q-R3	Q-K8ch

19. K-R2	B-Kt8ch	21. K-R2	Q-Kt8mate
20. K-R1	B-B7ch	See, he saw it all the time.	

One of two Rossolimo immortal games that fascinated everyone twenty years ago. It still is not as well known as many other games. I do not understand why. It will live forever.

BAD GASTIEN, GERMANY 1948

Game No. 1287 - Sicilian Defense

White	Black
<u>Nicholas Rossolimo</u>	<u>I. Romanenko.</u>

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-KKt3
4. O-O	B-Kt2
5. R-K1	Kt-B3
6. Kt-B3	Kt-Q5?!

6...0-0 is usual.

7. P-K5! Kt-Kt1

Unhealthy is 7...KtxB; 8. PxKt, KtxKt; 9. PxB, KtxQ; 10. PxR=Q mate. Afterward Romanenko told Rossolimo that he had overlooked this variation (?) when he played his sixth move.

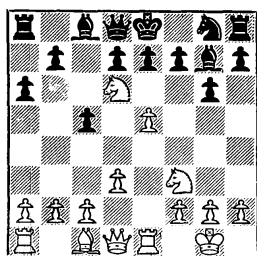
8. P-Q3!	KtxB
9. KtxKt	P-QR3
10. Kt-Q6ch	

Beginning what Schwartz quite properly calls a fantasy attacking operation. I have never seen anything like it in all chess literature. If now 10...K-B1 White can simply play 11. Kt-K4 and the squeeze is on. It's hard to see what White really has if Black just steals everything in sight like Larry Evans. Let's find out.

10. ...	PxKt
11. B-Kt5	Q-R4
12. PxPch	K-B1
13. R-K8ch!!!	KxR
14. Q-K2ch	K-B1
15. B-K7ch!	K-K1

Black dies after 15...KtxB; 16. QxKtch, K-Kt1; 17. Kt-Kt5 and mate in two. Get ready, here comes the bomb.

16. B-Q8ch!!!	KxB
17. Kt-Kt5	Resigns



Henry Ernest Atkins (1872-1955) won the British Championship 9 times and competed on 5 World Olympiad teams for England, with terrific scores as well. This was in spite of his insistence on being a non-professional, all of his lifetime, considering chess a wonderful hobby. At age 65 he competed for the last time in t



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Walter Browne



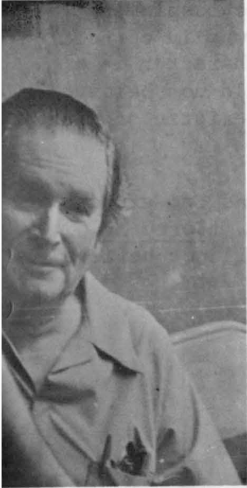
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British title event and came third! A living legend at the school where he was headmaster, Atkins was really a grandmaster and world title candidate who cited the fate of Steinitz and Kurt von Bardeleben as proof of the horror and starvation that awaited the chessplayer for stakes. (I am sorry to say that until 1972 he was wholly correct)

A careful player, Henry Atkins once stepped out of character in a city tourney. Mr. Atkins tells us that his friends could not believe their eyes as he played the game, it being so uncharacteristic of his style.

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Game No. 1288 - Danish Gambit

White	Black
H. E. Atkins	Jacobs
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-Q4	PxP
3. P-QB3	PxP
4. B-QB4	Kt-KB3!

Far better than the Schlechter Defense 4...PxP; 5. BxP. P-Q4; 6. BxP, Kt-KB3; 7. BxPch, KxB; 8. QxQ, B-Kt5ch; 9. Q-Q2, BxQch; 10. KtxB when Reuben Fine says Black is winning after 10...P-QB4 but I doubt it. (11. Kt1-B3, R-K1; 12. 0-0 looks tremendous and Black's Queen side majority trots but cannot run.)

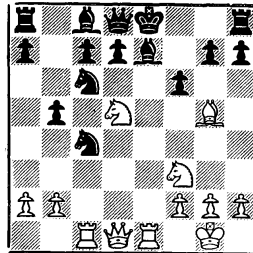
5. Kt-KB3?!	KtxP
6. 0-0	Kt-Q3

Universally blasted by annotators but Black is O.K. and playing to win with three extra buttons.

7. KtxP!!	KtxB!
8. R-K1ch	B-K2
9. Kt-Q5	Kt-B3
10. B-Kt5	P-B3
11. R-QB1	P-Kt4!

Quite nervy. Black avoids "safety first" with 11...0-0; 12. RxKt, PxB?; 13. RxKt!, QPxR; 14. KtxB ch, K-R1; 15. Q-B2 and as Jim Tarjan would say "not so easy, not so easy." In my opinion, Black should seriously consider playing 11...0-0; 12. RxKt, B-Q3

with long defense and two extra pawns in the docket. (Sorry Mr. Smith!) Now you will not believe your eyes.



12. RxKt!	PxR
13. Kt-K5!!!	PxB?

At last Black goes wrong. Wild is 13...KtxKt; 14. RxKt, PxR; 15. BxB, QxB; 16. KtxQ, KxKt; 17. Q-Q5! with terrific Queen activity for a truckload of material. Black can hold the game with 13...0-0; 14. KtxKt, PxKt; 15. KtxBch, K-R1; 16. Q-R5, B-KKt5! (Acers)

14. Q-R5ch	P-Kt3
15. Kt-B6ch!!	

A "Walter Browne type" surprise. First he sees it ... then you do!

15. ...	BxKt
16. KtxKtPch	Q-K2

On 16...K-B2; 17. Kt-K5ch wins the house but it takes longer.

17. RxQch	BxR
18. Kt-K5ch	

Naturally not 18. KtxRch as then

White would be unable to give mate	20. Kt-Q6ch	K-Q1
while two rooks and two bishops	21. Q-K8ch	RxQ
down with the only remaining member	22. Kt-B7mate	
of the whole White army!	If Rossolimo had played Dr.	
18. ...	K-Q1	Atkins the game would have been
19. Kt-B7ch	K-K1	drawn, of course.

GAMESNATIONAL OPEN, 1974Game No. 1289 - Sicilian

Nethercot, an A player, plays a good game against the Canadian Champion, but throws it away with his ill-considered 35th move.

White	Black
<u>P. Biyiasis</u>	<u>B. Nethercot</u>
1. e4	c5
2. Nf3	e6
3. d4	cd
4. Nxd4	a6
5. Bd3	Nc6
6. Nxc6	dc
7. 0-0	e5
8. Nd2	Ne7
9. a4	Ng6
10. Nc4	Be7
11. Bd2	a5
12. Be3	Ra6
13. Qh5	Qc7
14. g3	0-0
15. f4	f6
16. fe	fe
17. Nd2	b5
18. ab	cb
19. Bxb5	Bc5
20. Bc4+	Be6
21. Bxe6+	Rxe6
22. Rxf8+	Nxf8
23. Nc4	Bxe3+
24. Nxe3	Qb6
25. Qe2	Qxb2
26. Rxa5	Qb4
27. Ra1	Qxe4

28. Rf1	Nd7
29. c3	Nf6
30. Qd2	g6
31. Rf2	Kg7
32. h3	h5
33. Kh2	Qc6
34. Qd8	Qe8
35. Qc7+	Qe7??
36. Qxe7+	Rxe7
37. Rxf6	Kxf6
38. Nd5+	Ke6
39. Nxe7	Kxe7
40. Kg2	Kd6
41. Kf3	Kd5
42. Ke3	g5
43. g4	hg
44. hg	e4
45. c4+	Resigns

Game No. 1290 - Pirc Reversed

White	Black
<u>J. Hanken</u>	<u>A. Bisguier</u>
1. Nf3	d5
2. g3	Nc6
3. Bg2	e5
4. d3	g6
5. 0-0	Bg7
6. c3	Ne7
7. e4	0-0
8. Qc2	b6
9. Re1	Bb7
10. Nbd2	Qd7
11. b4	Rfe8
12. Bb2	Rad8
13. Rad1	a6

14. a4	Qc8	8. Ng5+	Kg8
15. Nb3	Qa8	9. f4	Bg4
16. Nfd2	Rd7	10. Be3	h6
17. a5	Red8	11. Nf3	Bxf3
18. Ra1	Qb8	12. gf	e6
19. Nf1	d4	13. Qd3	Ne7
20. Red1	dc	14. Rg1	Kf7
21. Bxc3	Na7	15. Ng3	h5
22. Ne3	Nb5	16. 0-0-0	Bf6
23. Nc4	Nxc3	17. Rd2	h4
24. Qxc3	Nc8	18. Nh1	Nf5
25. Ne3	Nd6	19. Nf2	b6
26. Bh3	Nb4	20. Ng4	Qd7
27. Qc2	Nd4	21. Ne5+	Bxe5
28. Nxd4	Rxd4	22. fe	Qa4
29. Rab1	b5	23. Rdg2	Rhg8
30. Qc3	h5	24. Kf1	Qc4
31. Nc2	R4d6	25. Qxc4	dc
32. Bg2	Rc6	26. Bg5	Rac8
33. Qb2	Rcd6	27. Rd2	c6
34. Qc3	Qc8	28. Bf6	h3
35. Ne3	Qd7	29. Rg4	Rc7
36. Rbc1	Rc6	30. Kc1	b5
37. Qb2	Rxc1	31. Re2	b4
38. Rxc1	Qxd3	32. f4	Ke8
39. Rxc7	Bxe4	33. c3	c5
40. Qa2	Rf8	34. dc	bc
41. Bf1	Qd5	35. bc	Kd7
42. Qb3	Bh6	36. Rb2	Kc6
43. Nc2	Qd1	37. Rg4	Rd7
44. Rc3	Rd8	38. Ra1	Rxd1+
45. Rc7	Bd5	39. Kxd1	Ne3+
46. Qd3	Bc4	40. Kc4	Nd5
Resigns		41. Bg5	Rf8
		42. Rb1	a6
		43. a4	Kxc5
		44. Rb7	Nxf4
		45. Be7+	Kc6
		46. Bxf8	Kxb7
		47. Ke3	Nd3
		48. Bg7	Kc6
		49. Kf3	Nb2
		50. a5	Nd1
		51. Ke4	Nxc3+
		52. f4	Nd5
		53. Bh6	Kb5

Game No. 1291 - Pirc

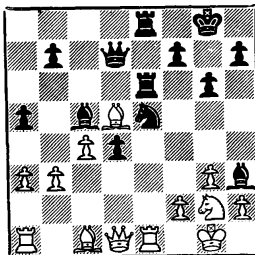
<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>G. Rey</u>	<u>A. Denker</u>
1. e4	g6
2. Nc3	Bg7
3. Bc4	Nc6
4. Nge2	Nf6
5. d4	Nxe4
6. Bxf7+	Kxf7
7. Nxe4	d5

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| 54. Bg5 | Nb4 |
| 55. Bd2 | Nc6+ |
| 56. Ke4 | Nxa5 |
| 57. Kf4 | Nb3 |
| 58. Bc3 | Kc5 |
| 59. Kg5 | Nc1 |
| 60. Kxg6 | Ne2 |
- Resigns

Game No. 1292 - QP Game

A Queen sac makes this game a noteworthy addition to the tournament.

White	Black
<u>D. Barnett</u>	<u>J. Jacobs</u>
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	c5
3. Nf3	cd
4. Nxd4	e6
5. g3	d5
6. Bg2	e5
7. Nf3	d4
8. O-O	Nc6
9. e3	Bc7
10. ed	ed
11. a3	a5
12. b3	O-O
13. Bb2	Bc5
14. Nbd2	Bf5
15. Nh4	Bc4
16. Bf3	Bh3
17. Bg2	Qd7
18. Re1	Rae8
19. Ne4	Nxe4
20. Bxe4	g6
21. Bc1	Re6
22. Ng2	Rfe8
23. Bf3	Ne5
24. Bd5	(See Diagram)
25. ...	Qxd5
26. Kh1	Nf4
27. Nxe1	Kxe1+
28. Qxe1	Nxe1



29. Bd2	Nd3
30. Kg1	b6
31. Bh6	Bf8
32. Bg5	Kg7
33. Bd8	Bc5
34. Ra2	Ne5
35. Bc7	Nf3+
36. Kh1	d3
37. Bf4	g5
38. Bc1	Bd4

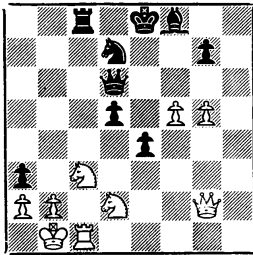
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Game No. 1293 - Sicilian

In the outstanding game of the tournament, the energetic Walter Browne of Berkeley meets the terror of the Philippines, Reuben Rodriguez. The spectator tension must have been at maximum, as the game is guaranteed to keep the reader on the edge of his seat.

White	Black
<u>W. Browne</u>	<u>R. Rodriguez</u>
1. e4	c5
2. Nf3	d6
3. d4	cd
4. Nxd4	Nf6
5. Nc3	Nc6
6. Bg5	e6
7. Qd2	a6

- 8. O-O-0 h6
- 9. Bf4 Bd7
- 10. Nb3 e5
- 11. Be3 Be6
- 12. f3 h5
- 13. g4 Rc8
- 14. Kb1 Nb8
- 15. h4 Nbd7
- 16. Bh3 Nb6
- 17. Bxb6 Qxb6
- 18. g5 hg
- 19. Bxe6 fe
- 20. hg Rxh1
- 21. Rxh1 Nd7
- 22. Qg2 b4
- 23. Ne2 a5
- 24. Rc1 a4
- 25. Nd2 d5
- 26. ed ed
- 27. f4 e4
- 28. f5 Qd6
- 29. c4 bc
- 30. Nxc3 a3



- 31. Rd1 Qe5
- 32. Nb3 Nb6
- 33. Qd2 Bb4
- 34. Qd4 Qxd4
- 35. Rxd4 Bxc3
- 36. bc Rxc3
- 37. Rb4 Nc4
- 38. Rb8+ Kd7
- 39. Rb7+ Kd6
- 40. Rxg7 e3
- 41. Rh7 e2

- 42. Rh6+ Kc7
- 43. Rh7+ Kd8
- 44. Rh1 Rf3
- 45. Kc2 Rf1
- 46. Rh8+ Ke7
- 47. f6+ Kf7
- 48. Rh7+ Kg6
- 49. Rg7+ Kh5
- 50. Re7 e1(Q)
- 51. Rxel Rxe1
- 52. f7 Rf1

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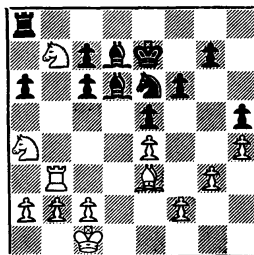
Game No. 1294 - Ruy Lopez

Here the Philippine tiger chokes on one of Bisguier's biscuits, as Arthur runs rings around him in a brilliantly conceived middlegame and endgame.

White	Black
<u>R. Rodriguez</u>	<u>A. Bisguier</u>
1. e4	e5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. Bb5	Nf6
4. O-O	Nxe4
5. d5	Nd6
6. Bxc6	dc
7. ed	Nf5
8. Qxd8+	Kxd8
9. Bf4	h6
10. Nc3	Be6
11. Ne4	b6
12. Rfd1+	Kc8
13. Nd4	Nxd4
14. Rxd4	Kb7
15. c3	c5
16. Rd2	a5
17. Be3	Be7
18. f4	Rhd8
19. Rxd8	Rxd8
20. h3	Rd3
21. Re1	Bxa2
22. f5	Rd8
23. f6	Bf8
24. fg	Bxg7

25. Nf6	Be6	5. Bxc6+	bc
26. g4	Kc6	6. d4	f6
27. Ra1	Kb5	7. Be3	Ne7
28. Kf2	Kc4	8. Nc3	Ng6
29. Ra3	Kd3	9. h4	h5
30. b4	cb	10. de	de
31. cb+	Kc2	11. Qxd8+	Kxd8
32. ba	Kb2	12. O-O-O+	Ke8
33. Ra4	Ra8	13. Nd2	Be6
34. a6	Bb3	14. Nb3	Rd8
35. Bd4+	Kc2	15. Rxd8+	Kxd8
36. Ra3	Bf8	16. Rd1+	Bd6
37. Ra1	c5	17. Nc5	Bc8
38. Be3	Kb2	18. g3	Nf8
39. Re1	Rxa6	19. N3a4	Ne6
40. h4	Be6	20. Rd3	Ke7
41. g5	hg	21. Rc3	Bd7
42. Bxg5	c4	22. Rb3	Ra8
43. h5	Bc5+	23. Nb7	
44. Kg2	c3		
45. h6	Bf5		
46. h7	Ra8		
47. Rh1	Rh8		
48. Kf3	Be7		
49. Bf1+	Kb3		
50. Rh6	Bf8		
51. Rh5	Bg6		
52. Rg5	Be7		
53. Rg2	Bxf6		
54. ef	Rxh7		
55. Kf4	Rh1		
56. Be3	Rf1+		

Resigns



23. ...	g6
24. Nxd6	cd
25. Rb7	Rc8
26. Ra7	f5
27. f3	c5
28. Rxa6	fe
29. fe	Rf8
30. Ra7	Rf3
31. Nb6	Rxe3?
32. Nd5+	Resigns

Game No. 1295 - Ruy Lopez

This game is played in elegant Grefean manner, with John exerting the grip of a python on the hapless Black position.

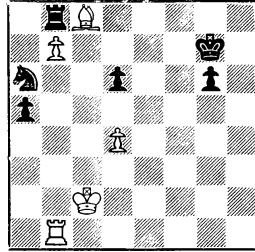
White	Black
<u>J. Grefe</u>	<u>B. Rowley</u>
1. e4	e5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. Bb5	a6
4. Ba4	d6

Game No. 1296 - Sicilian

The Grandmaster's star must have been in an unlucky orbit, as he gets outplayed in a beautiful game by soon-to-be Master Paul Heinrich.

White	Black
<u>P. Heinrich</u>	<u>W. Browne</u>
1. e4	c5
2. Nf3	d6
3. d4	cd
4. Nxd4	Nf6
5. Nc3	a6
6. Bg5	e6
7. f4	Bc7
8. Qf3	Qc7
9. O-O-O	Nbd7
10. g4	b5
11. Bxf6	Nxf6
12. g5	Nd7
13. f5	Bxg5+
14. Kb1	Ne5
15. Qh5	Qe7
16. Nxe6	Bxe6
17. fe	g6
18. ef+	Kx f7
19. Qe2	Kg7
20. Qf2	Rhf8
21. Qd4	Rfd8
22. h4	Bh6
23. h5	Qa7
24. hg	hg
25. Qd5	Qf7
26. Qd4	Qa7
27. Qd5	Qf7
28. Qd4	Rac8
29. Be2	Qc7
30. Bg4	Rb8
31. Qf2	Qf7
32. Qg2	Qf4
33. Be2	Rd7
34. Nd5	Qg5
35. Qh3	Rh8
36. Rdg1	Qd8
37. Qe6	Rf7
38. Rg2	Qd7
39. Qxd7	Rxd7
40. Rgh2	Rf7
41. c3	Ra7
42. b4	Nf7
43. Kc2	Bg5

44. Rxb8	Nxb8
45. a4	ba
46. Ra1	a5
47. Rxa4	Bd8
48. b5	Rb7
49. Ra1	Nf7
50. b6	Rb8
51. Rb1	Ne5
52. b7	Nd7
53. Bg4	Nc5
54. Bc6	Nxe4
55. Nf4	Nc5
56. Ne2	Bf6
57. Nd4	Rxd4
58. cd	Na6



59. Kc3!	Nc7
60. Kc4	Kf6
61. Rb6	Ke7
62. Rc6	Ne6
63. Ra6	d5+
64. Kc3	Nd8
65. Rxc6	Nxb7
66. Bxb7	Kf7
67. Rh6	Kg7
68. Rb6	a4
69. Kb4	a3
70. Kxa3	Rf8

Resigns

Game No. 1297 - French

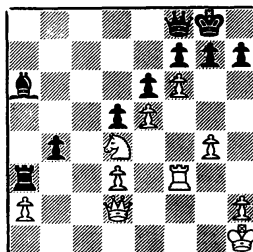
White	Black
<u>L. Nezhni</u>	<u>L. Levy</u>
1. e4	e6
2. d4	d5

3. e5	c5	13. cd	d5
4. c3	Nc6	14. Qf2	b5
5. Nf3	Qb6	15. e5	Rb8
6. Bd3	Bd7	16. Bc5	b4
7. dc	Bxc5	17. Ne2	a5
8. b4?	Bxf2+	18. Rac1	Ba6
9. Ke2	Nxb4	19. Ned4	Nxd4
10. cb	Bd4	20. Qxd4	Rc8
11. Nxd4	Qxd4	21. Bxe7	Qxe7
12. Qb3	Qxe5+	22. Qe3	Qd7
13. Kd1	Nf6	23. Nd4	Rxc1
14. Bb2	Qg5	24. Rxc1	Rc8
15. g3	0-0	25. Rf1	Qa7
16. Re1	Ne4	26. g4	a4
17. Bxe4	de	27. f5	Qe7
18. Rxe4	Qh5+	28. f6	Qf8
19. g4	Qxh2	29. Qd2	a3
20. Bd4	e5	30. ba	Rc3
21. Rxe5	Bxg4+	31. Rf3	Rxa3
22. Ke1	Qh4+		
23. Bf2	Qh1+		
24. Kd2			

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Game No. 1298 - Sicilian

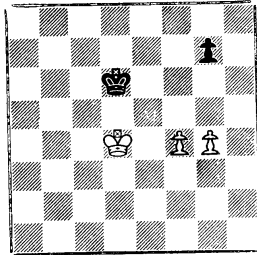
In a Sicilian-turned-French blockade, White utilizes his superiority in the center to launch a kingside attack with a winning combination and a neat mop-up at the end. Watch that Knight!



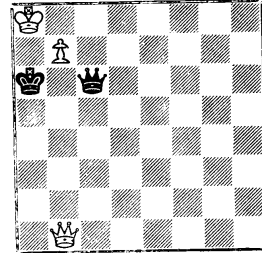
White		Black	
<u>N. Weinstein</u>		<u>M. Diesen</u>	
1. e4		c5	
2. Nf3		d6	
3. d4		cd	
4. Nxd4		Nf6	
5. Nc3		e6	
6. f4		Nc6	
7. Nf3		Be7	
8. Bd3		0-0	
9. 0-0		a6	
10. Qe1		Nd7	
11. Kh1		Nc5	
12. Be3		Nxd3	
		32. Nxe6!	fe
		33. f7+	Qxf7
		34. Rxf7	Kxf7
		35. Qf4+	Ke8
		36. Qxb4	Rxa2
		37. Qb8+	Kd7
		38. Qd6+	Kc8
		39. Qxe6+	Kb8
		40. Qb6+	Bb7
		41. d4	Re2
		42. Qd6+	Ka7
		43. e6	Bc8
		44. Qc7+	RESIGNS

TASKS.

No. 343
 J. R. Capablanca
 Analysis from
 Chess Fundamentals



No. 344
 L. Van Vliet
 (or Kling & Horwitz, 1851)



These two positions are representative of the type of material in a worthwhile new edition in paper of Fred Reinfeld's The Joys of Chess (1961, Hanover House). The \$2.95 Collier Books edition (1974) has been updated only by a brief introduction by Al Horowitz; in a way, this is appropriate, as for both popular authors this is a post-humous work.

There is no rationale for the sequence or choice of chapters. But I think it is enough that the selections pleased the author, ranging from long anecdotes by Edward Lasker to chess problems and combinations. The emphasis is on fireworks, not on systematic presentation of ideas. The two examples above show Reinfeld at his best.

In the first position, he has unearthed some analysis by Dr. Jenö Ban to show that Capa's evaluation of this basic position was faulty. The greatest master of the endgame states that 1.P-B5 only draws after 1...P-Kt3. But Ban discovered an easy win with 2.PxP, K-K3; 3.P-Kt5(not K-K4, K-B3 and a basic draw with the White King not in front of the Pawn results), K-K2; 4.K-K5,K-B1; 5.K-B6,K-Kt1; 6.P-Kt7, K-R2; 7.P-Kt8(Q)+ (avoiding the stalemate as well as P-Kt6+), KxQ; 8. K-Kt6, and now the basic position is reached in which White can choose the side of the Knight file which Black deserts.

It is typical, also, of this book that the references are weak. Where did Ban first publish this analysis? What was the date of Capablanca's book? Has it ever been corrected in reprints, etc.? The second position is not only undated in Reinfeld's book, but is practically identical with a Kling & Horwitz study (see Basic Chess Endings) published some 75 years earlier! In that version, the Queen starts at Kt3 but the play is the same: 1.Q-Kt4, and the idea is to force the Black Queen to a square on which it can be attacked by the White Queen when the White Queen checks (when the Black Queen captures, the queening Pawn picks her up), e.g., 1...Q-R8; 2.Q-R3+,K-Kt3; 3.Q-Kt2+,K-R3; 4. Q-R2+,K-Kt3; 5.Q-Kt1+.

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Entry Fee: \$25 in advance (\$20 junior, senior, women),
\$30 late entry
Prize Fund: \$6,325 based on 320 entrants:
1st: \$1,000 11 Trophies
USCF and CSCF membership required. 10% Discount if joining
for first time.
Six-Round Swiss. Three Sections: (M/E/A-B & C-D/E/UNR).
Late Registration: 8:30 to 10:30 am, August 31.
First Round: 12 noon.
Tournament Director: Alan Benson
2420 Atherton St., #1, Berkeley, CA 94704

BRING SETS, BOARDS & CLOCKS-NO EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED

CALIFORNIA OPEN (SOUTH)

Place: At the Beach, Seaside Park (Fairgrounds), Ventura
Entry Fee: \$25
Prize Fund: \$5,000.
USCF & CSCF Memberships required.
Six-Round Swiss. (Details later)
Tournament Director: Isaac Kashdan, International Grandmaster
Advance Entries to: Ventura County Chess Club
P. O. Box 253
Ventura, California 93001

SETS & BOARDS WILL BE SUPPLIED. PLEASE BRING CLOCKS.