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THE CSCF - ARE ITS DAYS NUMBERED?

The California State Chess Federation has had about the same life span as The California Chess Reporter: When you see "Volume XXV" on our masthead you know that the magazine is 25 years old and that the CSCF is also 25.

The CSCF came into being because it was needed. It conducted the North-South team match, the State Championship, the California Open, the State Junior Championship, and The State Speed Championship. There was once even a correspondence chess championship. As "big money" tournaments came into being, statewide tournaments lost out to persons who ran tournaments in the big cities and offered larger prizes. A few years ago the annual meeting in Fresno - the mid-point - was abandoned because of competing tournaments in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas.

Now a power play has come along whereby John Barnard will form a Southern California chapter of the USCF and John Larkin will form a Northern California chapter. What this will do to the CSCF and to The Reporter is anyone's guess, but it is perfectly obvious that there isn't room for all three State organizations.

LOUIS D. STATHAM LONE PINE MASTERS-PLUS TOURNAMENT, March 7-13, 1976

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. Tigran Petrosian (USSR)	2635	W32	W19	D13	W14	D17	W6	D4	5½-1½
2. Larry Christiansen (Ca)	2431	W28	W29	D5	D4	D8	W12	D3	5 - 2
3. Vassily Smyslov (USSR)	2580	W21	D25	W27	D13	W12	D11	D2	5 - 2
4. Oscar Panno (Argen)	2520	W31	W44	D14	D2	D18	W17	D1	5 - 2
5. Miguel Najdorf (Argen)	2510	W30	W43	D2	D12	L11	W21	W22	5 - 2
6. Miguel Quinteros "	2540	W57	L11	W24	W25	W13	L1	W18	5 - 2
7. Anthony Miles (Eng)	2510	W50	D20	W46	L17	W14	D18	W19	5 - 2
8. Kenneth Rogoff (Mass)	2496	W52	L27	W43	W31	D2	D19	W17	5 - 2
9. Gyozo Forintos (Hung)	2490	D46	L24	W48	W35	W42	D22	W20	5 - 2
10. Walter Browne (Ca)	2580	D35	L26	W52	W46	D19	W24	W11	5 - 2
11. John Grefe (Ca)	2419	W36	W6	L12	W27	W5	D3	L10	4½-2½
12. Leonid Shamkovich (Is)	2485	W55	W15	W11	D5	L3	L2	W32	4½-2½
13. Norman Weinstein (Ms)	2480	W48	W33	D1	D3	L6	D28	W30	4½-2½
14. Arthur Bisguier (NY)	2440	W47	W44	D4	L1	L7	W37	W28	4½-2½
15. Curt Brasket (Minn)	2303	W22	L12	L18	D44	W35	W34	W25	4½-2½
16. Roy Ervin (Ca)	2290	L25	W21	W34	L18	D32	W44	W38	4½-2½
17. William Martz (Wisc)	2406	D24	W37	W20	W7	D1	L4	L8	4 - 3
18. Pal Benko (NY)	2474	D26	D42	W15	W16	D4	D7	L6	4 - 3
19. John Peters (Mass)	2416	W45	L1	W36	W29	D10	D8	L7	4 - 3
20. John Watson (Colo)	2371	W51	D7	L17	D24	W43	W26	L9	4 - 3
21. Jeremy Silman (Ca)	2331	L3	L16	W53	W33	W49	L5	W36	4 - 3
22. Kim Commons (Ca)	2452	L15	W55	W45	D42	W25	D9	L5	4 - 3
23. Michael Rohde (NJ)	2343	L49	D28	D51	W36	L24	W40	W37	4 - 3
24. Ronald Henley (Tex)	2298	D17	W9	L6	D20	W23	L10	D26	3½-3½
25. Arnold Denker (Fla)	2371	W16	D3	W26	L6	L22	W45	L15	3½-3½
26. Mark Diesen (Md)	2306	D18	W10	L25	D38	W29	L20	D24	3½-3½
27. Arthur Dake (Ore)	2340	W40	W8	L3	L11	D45	L30	W42	3½-3½
28. Peter Cleghorn (Ca)	2301	L2	D23	D54	W39	W38	D13	L14	3½-3½
29. Marcel Sisniega (Mex)	2191	W41	L2	W30	L19	L26	W43	D31	3½-3½
30. Edward Formanek (Il)	2318	L5	W40	L29	D41	W47	W27	L13	3½-3½
31. Larry D. Evans	2320	L4	W53	W33	L8	L37	W49	D29	3½-3½
32. James Sherwin (NY)	2339	L1	L45	W55	W51	D16	W42	L12	3½-3½
33. Nick DeFirmian (CA)	2260	W39	L13	L31	L21	D50	W52	W44	3½-3½
34. Anthony Saidy (CA)	2411	D42	D35	L16	D49	W52	L15	W45	3½-3½
35. Julius Loftsson (CA)	2335	D10	D34	D49	L9	L15	W46	D41	3 - 4
36. Timothy Taylor (Pa)	2301	L11	W57	L19	L23	W53	W39	L31	3 - 4
37. David Berry (CA)	2294	D54	L17	D39	W50	W31	L14	L23	3 - 4
38. Peter Blyivasas (Can)	2460	L43	D48	W47	D26	L28	W41	L16	3 - 4
39. Eugene Martinovksy (Il)	2347	L33	D47	D37	L28	W51	L36	W49	3 - 4
40. Craig Barnes (Ca)	2228	L27	L30	BYE	L43	W48	L23	W50	3 - 4
41. Frank Street (Ca)	2207	L29	D52	D50	D30	W54	L38	D35	3 - 4

Louis D. Statham Lone Pine (Continued)

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
42. Kenneth Frey (Mex)	2295	D34	D18	W44	D22	L9	L32	L27	2½-4½
43. Robert Gruchacz (NJ)	2306	W38	L5	L8	W40	L20	L29	D47	2½-4½
44. David Strauss (Ca)	2369	W53	L4	L42	D15	W46	L16	L33	2½-4½
45. Boris Baczynskij (NY)	2300	L19	W32	L22	W54	D27	L25	L34	2½-4½
46. Jonathan Tisdall (NY)	2316	D9	W54	L7	L10	L44	L35	W52	2½-4½
47. Dennis Fritzinger (Ca)	2311	L14	D39	L38	W55	L30	D50	D43	2½-4½
48. C. Bill Jones (Ca)	2311	L13	D38	L9	L52	L40	W53	W54	2½-4½
49. John Fedorowicz (N.J)	2256	W23	L14	D35	D34	L21	L31	L39	2 - 5
50. Yasser Seirawan (Wa)	2319	L7	D51	D41	L37	D33	D47	L40	2 - 5
51. Jerald Meyers (NY)	2286	L20	D50	D23	L32	L39	D54	D53	2 - 5
52. Rudi Blumenfeld (NY)	2317	L8	D41	L10	W48	L34	L33	L46	1½-5½
53. Viktors Pupols (Wa)	2275	L44	L31	L21	W56	L36	L48	D51	1½-5½
54. Tibor Weinberger (Ca)	2378	D37	L46	D28	L45	L41	D51	L48	1½-5½
55. David Brummer (Fla)	2312	L12	L22	L32	L47	L56	BYE	-	1 - 6
56. Dennis Waterman (Ill)	2302	-	-	-	L53	W55	-	-	1 - 6
57. Frank Thornally (NY)	2331	L6	L36	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 7

LONE PINE 1976

by Jerome B. Hanken

Lone Pine, California, a small, friendly town half-way between America's lowest point at Death Valley and its highest at Mt. Whitney, hosted the sixth annual Louis B. Statham International Tournament in mid-March.

The 1976 version of this now world-renowned event was one of the highest quality and certainly the most lucrative for the participants. An unprecedented prize fund of \$22,000 cash was offered by Mr. Statham and another \$700 in round-by-round brilliancy prizes sweetened the pot.* The tournament returned to the one-week, seven-round Swiss Format of the 1971-74 versions after an experiment with a two weeks, ten round Swiss in 1975. Last year, a great push toward a higher number of Grand Masters and Elo Ratings led to many problems (not the least of which was the grumbling caused by the deduction of expense money from ultimate prizes). This year, the trend toward higher and higher requirements was reversed with a bottom-line 2300 USCF rating (2250 for juniors). In spite of this and the elimination of expense money entirely, the field was stronger at

* Brilliancy prizes awarded later: Miguel Quinteros (vs. Ronald Henley), Anthony Miles (vs. John Peters), William Martz (vs. Anthony Miles), John Grefe (vs. Miguel Najdorf), Kenneth Rogoff (vs. Rudi Blumenfeld), Timothy Taylor (vs. Frank Thornally), Kim Commons (vs. Boris Baczynskij), Curt Brasket (vs. Anthony Sady), and Craig Barnes (vs. Yasser Seirawan)

the top than 1975.

Fifty-eight started the tournament including eleven Grand Masters and ten International Masters. Frank Thornally dropped out with a severe case of flu after Round two and David Brummer, after losing his first five games, and losing to "BYE" in Round six, (he had a BYE, but arranged a game with a spectator . . . and lost!) did not play his last game.

The mysterious Dennis Waterman drifted in after two rounds, played two games (1-1) and then drifted back out claiming pressing business. Other than these, all games were played, and less than twenty-five percent were draws.

The presence of two U.S.S.R. ex-world champions added a considerable amount of excitement to the tournament. Tigran Petrosian and Vassily Smyslov are legends in the chess world and did not disappoint their fans. Petrosian picked up the clear first prize with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. He played in his usual vise-like style, squeezing a position until it cried "Uncle" and taking an occasional short, judicious draw (as in his last round 7 - mover with Panno). He was rumored to be looking for sound American investments for his cool eight grand. This was the largest cash award ever given out in an American chess event of any kind. In a remarkably formful finish, Smyslov shared second through tenth money with all but three of the remaining Grand Masters and International Master, Kenneth Rogoff, one of our Inter-zonal players. The nine who made 5-2 each received \$1,512 and the one non-titled player in the group, twenty-year-old Larry Christiansen of Riverside, is the overwhelming consensus candidate to become America's first new Grand Master in many years. Larry finished second on tie-breaks and played powerful chess with a plus score against four Grand Masters. His victory over Grand Master Leonid Shamkovich in Round 6 was a beautiful ending. If Larry gets just a few invitations in the next couple of years, he will surely make a second norm, and achieve the title. Smyslov drew with Christiansen in Round seven to come up to five points. He had knocked Shamkovich out of clear first at the end of Round four before young Larry was able to get to the Israeli Grand Master.

Miguel Quinteros from Argentina recovered from a defeat by Tigran in Round six and another by John Grefe in Round two to defeat Pal Benko in Round seven to make his five points.

Oscar Panno made four draws and put an end to International Master Bill Martz's remarkable 113 tournament game streak without loss in a 90 plus move Queen Ending, for his five.

Tony Miles of England, fresh from his Grand Master norm, completion at Dubna U.S.S.R. and his triumph at the National Open in Las Vegas, lost to Martz in Round four, but recovered with a win over American Grand Master Arthur Bisguier in Round five and a wild, crazy victory

over Jack Peters of Massachusetts in Round seven, in which he ran his King all the way up to g5 to support a full-blown, middle game, King side attack. (I call this game "Mr. Toad's wild ride"). Thus, Miles made his five. It is of interest to mention that Tony is the first Grand Master ever produced in the British Isles.

Miguel Najdorf, one of the great players in Chess history and a dazzlingly colorful character, made his five points after a loss to John Grefe in Round five. In Round seven, the imaginative young American, Kim Commons, sacrificed a piece and for many moves, appeared to be winning. Najdorf found startling defenses time after time and during the second session, I quote from the great man himself, "I give mate!"

Kenneth Rogoff, an extremely pleasant and self-effacing young man, with great chess talent, lost an early game to the old warrior, Arthur Dake, but handed a demoralized Martz his second consecutive defeat in Round seven, to make his five points.

Gyozo Forintos, the congenial Hungarian Grand Master, played the well-known Swiss Gambit (your humble reporter has perfected this ploy) with only one-half out of his first two. After that, he played no titled player in the tournament. In Round seven, he defeated John Watson of Denver (who seems to lose a disproportionate number of last round games) to come up to five.

I have saved the United States Champion, Walter Browne, for last because he deserves special notice. Water is not always the most popular person with his peers or with the ordinary chess player. He is brash, confident, and comes across at times as overbearing and egotistical. A lot of the bad-mouthing one hears about him can be attributed to jealousy, as Browne has been by far the most successful tournament player in America in the last six years. He works hard at chess and during the tournament, I can only quote Najdorf who said, after winning six of nine blitz games with Walter "You were a perfect gentleman."

Walter lost an early game to Mark Diesen, a fine junior from Maryland, and faced John Grefe in Round seven with a score of 4-2 while Grefe was 4½-1½. A win by Grefe would place a total of \$6500 at that table, and there were suggestions the night before the round of possible collusion. I refused to believe anything like that could happen, knowing both players to be men of integrity and Browne vindicated my faith by defeating Grefe in a fine game in which Walter's two knights proved more than a match for Grefe's two Bishops.

I have known Walter Browne since he was United States Junior Champion at 16 when I played him in the United States Open in Seattle. At that time, he was a somewhat wild and undisciplined youth. During this tournament, I found him to have fully matured. He is now a congenial, sensible and aware human being, who is a lot of fun to be around. He has by no

means lost his color and I hope that he never does. This is part of his charm. We all wish him the best in the Inter-zonal.

The saddest group to report on is, of course, the 4½ pointers. For one-half point more, each would get \$1,512 rather than the \$67 that they received. (Bisguier and Shamkovich each actually got \$400, the minimum for a Grand Master, as I presume did Benko who only had four.) John Grefe was the only one to come down to this score and it must have hurt. The others, aside from the above-named Grand Masters, were Norman Weinstein, (who got a Grand Masters norm out of Lone Pine in 1975) Curt Brasket, who scored a brilliant win over International Master Anthony Saïdy in Round six, and Roy Ervin, who was only able to get in on his Elo Rating as his USCF was too low. All won in Round seven to reach the 4½ level. (Ervin received an odd special prize of \$300 for perfect attendance - all six years at Lone Pine. Browne also received this unexpected windfall.)

But where were the juniors? Except for Christiansen who was no longer considered a true junior, even though he is still the United States Junior Champion, none was in the prize fund. In a way, this is unfortunate as the tournament was created at least partially in order for juniors to get a chance at the established players and this philosophy has continued right through 1976. Most of America's highest-rated youngsters were here and I wouldn't be surprised if the United States Junior in Memphis this year has participants all from Lone Pine '76. They did make their presence felt. Drawling, didactic, Ron Henley from Texas blasted Grand Master Forintos in Round two and would have gotten a considerable amount of attention except for the fact that this was the round in which Diesen surprised Walter Browne. The latter victory was the early sensation of the tournament. However, both Diesen and Henley tended to fade at the end. Later, when young Mark lost to John Watson for the second time in a week, he exhibited his terrible temper by trying to kick a hold in the town hall brick wall.

The youngest participant in the tournament, 15-year-old Yasser Seirawan, was a big disappointment with only two points. Nevertheless, he won a couple of five minute games from Petrosian to the cheers of the spectators in the skittles room.

Also disappointing was 17-year-old New Jersey Junior, John "Fritz" Fedorowicz, who, after a great tournament in Las Vegas, seemed to run out of gas and lost his last three games at Lone Pine.

Sixteen year old Michael Rohde, also from New Jersey, was actually the only Junior with a plus score in spite of losses to his peers, Fedorowicz and Henley, the latter being a beautiful game which just missed the brilliancy prize for that round. Henley had only 3½ points but played the best chess of the Juniors.

Nick DeFirmian from Santa Barbara, who seems almost too nice a person to ever become a Grand Master, also had $3\frac{1}{2}$ points, as did 17-year-old Marcel Sisniega, the current Champion of Mexico. Friend Diesen also made that score.

David Berry of Los Angeles had three points after five rounds. Unfortunately, he had the same score after seven rounds.

Jon Tisdall from Syracuse, New York, blew a draw with Browne in Round four and then collapsed. This was really unfortunate as in the ten rounder in 1975 Jon made a remarkable even score, while playing a number of Grand Masters, and received little or no recognition. He recovered with a last round win to finish with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points. The other Junior was Jerald Meyers of New York who finished with two.

There were lots of interesting sidelights to Lone Pine, 1976. This was the second year the tournament was played in the magnificent Town Hall which was donated to the Town of Lone Pine through the generosity of the Stathams. The playing conditions were very good. The spectators seemed to show their appreciation of the better viewing setup by keeping the noise level well within the confines of acceptability. Last year, the setup was quite unfavorable with half of the games up against the wall unviewable by the public. This year, however, all games were surrounded by chairs, were away from the walls, and were observable from all angles.

The town of Lone Pine, itself, is like a picture postcard, nestled at the foot of snow-covered mountains, the air is crisp and clear, and the scenery very beautiful. The nights in March are chilly and, in fact, there was a snow storm a week before the tournament, but the days are balmy enough for outdoor games such as softball games organized by Jim Buff and Walter Browne. (Two formal games were played with Browne's hand-picked teams winning both times over ex-major leaguer Buff. Your humble reporter played with Browne in both games and hit a grand slam home run in the 21-13 first game.)

In 1975, there was a lady in the tournament, Alla Kushnir, who received a lot of attention and did quite well. No woman entered in 1976, but Arthur Dake noted after Round one that Diane Savereide, United States Women's Champion, and Ruth Cardoso, United States Open Women's Champion, were both present, but not high enough rated to play. Dake suggested a match and Doris Statham came through with a prize of \$100 to the winner and \$50 to the loser. The match was arranged and set up on a card table in the extreme west end of the playing hall, and yours truly was pressed into service as the official arbiter. Cardoso was ill with the flu and hung a rook in game one. Game two was postponed, but when it was played, Savereide had a pawn more, but could not win. In Game three, Savereide again could not push home a pawn advantage and when Cardoso sacrificed successfully in the last game,

the match was declared drawn and the cash split.

I have saved for last a discussion of the tournament organization and direction, of which I was a very small part. Organizer, Manager, Journalist, Director, prime mover, International Grand Master and International Judge, Isaac Kashdan was, as always, the moving force and presence in the tournament. Approaching the end of his seventh decade, "Kash" has lost none of his powers. He was challenged bitterly last year in an unseemly dispute about the pairings, but this year, the tournament was unbelievably smooth. Myron Lieberman was his assistant for the first time. Myron is a well-established national director from Arizona, and incidently, a very nice guy, who took much of the day-by-day burden of running the tournament off the shoulders of Kashdan. Carl Budd did his usual fine job in assisting and Myron Johnson was invaluable in his function of setting up the games and name plates, picking up game scores, passing out bulletins, watching adjournments, and watching clocks. Your writer was good at arranging rides back to Los Angeles and holding the hands of disappointed juniors. I was also privileged in being able to watch the wildest time scramble of the tournament in Round three between Jim Sherwin and David Brummer when twenty moves were made with neither side keeping score. Hans Knoch would have double-forfeited them. However, under Kashdan's benevolent rules, I helped reconstruct the game and Sherwin went on to win.

This account would not be complete without mention of the fine hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Statham. The cocktail parties at the magnificent Statham home were very enjoyable and the final awards brunch at the Sierra Trails, presided over by a witty and lively Master of Ceremonies, Kashdan, was a fitting climax to the great event. Max Burkett and Alan Benson labored long into the night to produce the fine, daily bulletins. Jay Whitehead, the San Francisco Wunderkind helped check game scores and Ken Fong rushed the bulletins to the tournament hall like Paul Revere on his horse. The generosity of local residents and organizations was unparalleled in providing free coffee, sandwiches and cookies for the players and staff. All in all, it was a wonderful tournament and all of the players and staff are hoping for an equally successful event next year.

LONE PINE, 1976

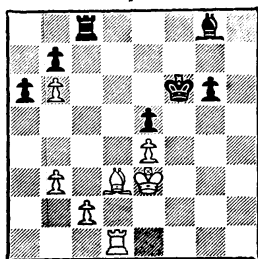
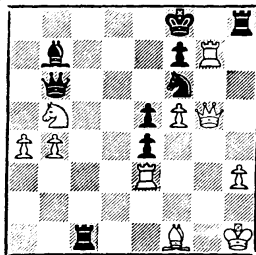
By Bob Burger

California players provided a lot of the fireworks as they continued to press the out-of-state and out-of country visitors for top honors. Grandmaster Miguel Najdorf was the victim of a John Grefe brilliancy in Round five. Two rounds later, Kim Commons was on the verge of nailing the Argentine Grandmaster again. But after monopolizing

the play he overstepped himself in this position:

Now instead of the relatively safe 40 Kg2, White pressed with 40 a5 Rf1: ch 41 Kg2 Qd8! when Black would be solid indeed after 42 Kf1: Ba6, with all the play. White eventually lost.

Najdorf, incidentally, managed to pull another chestnut from the fire against an American master in Round 2. Formanek had completely dominated the opening, disdaining a pawn for what he thought a better position.



Here Najdorf avoids 36... Rc6 37 Ba6: when ba: 37 b7 Rb6 38 Rd6ch wins for White. Black plays instead 36... Ke7 37 Rg1 Rc6 and now 38 Ba6:? ba: 39 b7 Rb6 40 Rg6: Be6! is another story.

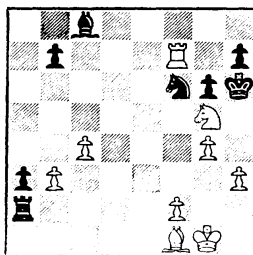
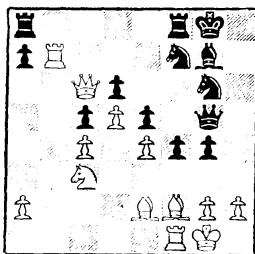
Two of the most complex positions of the tournament occurred in Round 2. John Grefe made a nice positional sacrifice. Mark Diesen played a spectacular King hunt against Walter Browne, allowing a dangerous advanced passed pawn.'

Grefe - Quinteros

After 24... f4

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| 25 Rf7:! | Kf7 |
| 26 Qd6 | Kg8 |
| 27 Qe6+ | Kh7 |
| 28 Qg4: | |

and White won easily



Diesen-Browne

After 27... Kh6

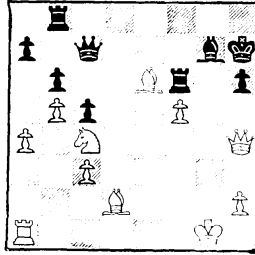
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| 38 Nf3 | Ra1 |
| (38... Ne4 39 Re7) | |
| 39 g5+ | Kh5 |
| 40 gf | Rf1+ |
| 41 Kf1 | Bh3+ |
| 42 Ke2 | a2 |
| 43 Rh7:ch | Kg4 |
| 44 Rh4+ | Kf5 |
| 45 Kd4+ | etc. |

Tony Saily survived a blaze of sacrifices by a desperate Roy Ervin, only to succumb to an oversight in obvious time trouble just before adjournment:

Saily - Ervin

After 26 f5

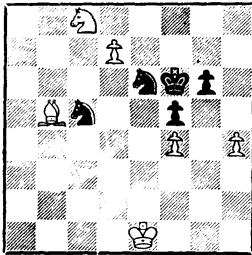
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| 26 ... | Re6! |
| 27 fe | Bd4+! |
| 28 cd | Qg7+ |
| 29 Kf2 | Rf5+ |
| 30 Bf4(?) | |



(Ke3!)

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| 30 ... | Qd4:+ |
| 31 Kg3 | Qa1: |
| 32 Qh6ch | Kg8 |
| 33 Qg6+ | Qg7 |
| 34 Qg7:+ | Kg7: |
| 35 e7 | Rg8 |
| 36 d6?? | (h4!) and lost |

Other fine efforts by young Californians:
Panno - Christiansen

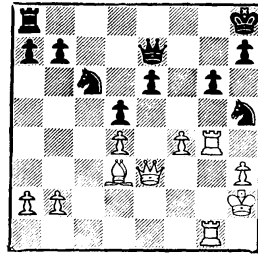


After 62 Bb5

Christiansen saves the draw neatly:

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| 63 ... | Sd7:! |
| 64 Bd7: | Sf4: |
| 65 Kf2 | g5 |
| 66 Kf3 | Sg6! |

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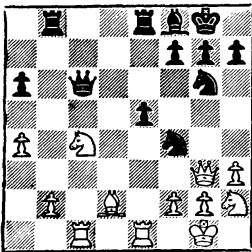


DiFirmian - Silman

After 26 Qg3

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| 26 ... | Bb4! |
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(If 27 Se5: Qc1: 28 Bc1: Be1: winning a piece)



Ervin - Strauss

After 28 ... Q37

29 Bg6:! and soon won. Black is overwhelmed on

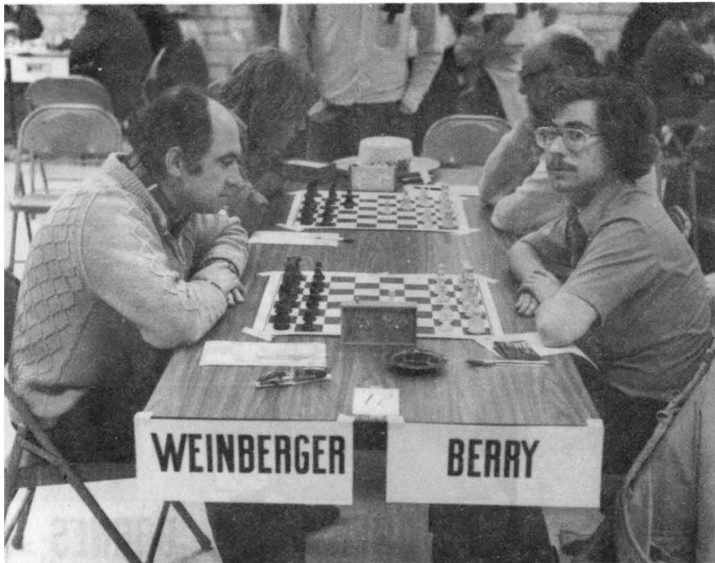
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| 29. ... | hg: |
| 30. Rg6: | sf6 |
| (Else 21 Rh6ch) | |
| 31. f5! | |



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Finally a bolt from the blue (or gray):

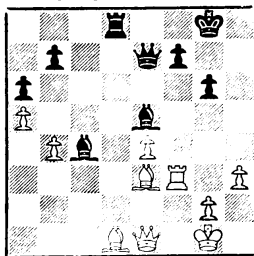
Baczynskyj - Denker

After 30 Rf3

30 ...

31 Resigns

Qb4:!



GAME OF THE MONTH

One of the purposes of the annual tournaments at Lone Pine is to give young players a chance to compete against established players with big reputations. While John Grefe of Berkeley, a former U.S. Co-champion is not exactly a youngster any more, he is at least 37 years younger than Miguel Najdorf. In the following game he sacrificed two rooks in defeating the veteran grandmaster from Argentina, and won the brilliancy prize for the day.

Miguel (Moise) Najdorf was playing for Poland in the 1939 Chess Olympiad when World War II broke out. He chose not to return to Europe (along with several other chessplayers). He won the championship of his adopted country many times and received the title of Grandmaster in 1949. Najorf is no stranger to California, having played in the Piatigorsky Cup Tournament and exhibited in Los Angeles and San Francisco. (He is a good friend of this magazine's senior editor, who saw him last at an insurance actuarial convention in San Francisco - a trip which saw them go to Bimbo's 365 Club to see the girl in the Fish Bowl along with Mrs. Najdorf and their beautiful daughter.)

LONE PINE, 1976

Game No. 1413 - Philidor Defense

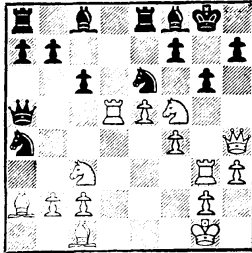
White	Black
<u>John Grefe</u>	<u>Miguel Najdorf</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	P-Q3

James Schroeder gives this move a question mark. Perhaps Najdorf was trying to take his young opponent out of the modern openings books and into the books of the 18th

century.

3. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
4. Kt-B3	QKt-Q2
5. B-QB4	B-K2
6. O-O	O-O
7. Q-K2	P-B3
8. P-QR4	Q-B2
9. P-R3	PxP
More solid, although cramped, was 9... P-QKt3.	

10. KtxP	R-K1	24. ...	Q-Kt3ch
11. B-B4	Kt-K4	If 24. ... PxR;	25. KtxP, B-Kt2;
12. B-QKt3	KKt-Q2	Kt-B6ch, BxKt;	27. QxB, Q-B2;
13. QR-Q1	B-B1	BxKt, PxB;	29. Kt-R6 checkmate.
14. B-B1	Kt-B4	25. B-K3	Q-Kt5
15. B-R2	P-Q4	26. R-QKt5!	KtxKt
16. P-B4		27. RxQ	Kt-K7ch
If 16. PxP, Kt-Kt5.		28. K-R2	KtxR
16. ...	Kt/K4-Q2	29. QxKt	BxR
17. P-K5	Kt-Kt3	30. Kt-R6ch	K-R1
18. P-R5	Kt/3-Q2	31. P-B5!	Kt-Q1
19. Q-R5		32. PxP	BPxP
The first sacrifice: the QRp.		33. Q-B4	B-B1
19. ...	Kt-K3	34. Kt-B7ch	KtxKt
20. Kt-B5	QxRP	35. QxKt	B-K3
21. R-B3	Kt-Kt3	36. BxB	B-Kt2
22. R-Kt3	P-Kt3	37. B-Q4	QR-Q1
23. Q-R4	Kt-R5?	38. B-B3	P-QKt4
Black should have played B-Q2.		39. B-Q7	R-KB1
24. RxP		40. Q-K7	Resigns



BOOK REVIEW

by Guthrie McClain

The Golden Dozen, by Irving Chernev, Oxford University Press, New York and Oxford. 331 pages, 115 games, with diagrams and photographs: \$12.50.

This book is subtitled The Twelve Greatest Players of All Time. It is superbly manufactured, with highly readable text, clear and legible notes, and high quality paper. It is a square book, being eight by eight inches, and might not fit all bookshelves, but the large page size allows many typesetting improvements.

The author, Irving Chernev, is a resident of San Francisco,

having come out West presumably to retire in the warm sun but finding offers to continue writing books impossible to refuse. He says in the Preface that he has always been fascinated by lists (The Ten Greatest Novels, The Ten Greatest Pianists, and so on) and for a lifetime he has gathered facts about Chess, so that when Oxford Press wanted a book about the best chessplayers he was ready. His twelve best, ranked in order, may find disagreement from readers, especially young ones. Bobby Fischer's list of ten, made in Chessworld, 1964 is remarkably different, for example. Here is Chernev's twelve, together with Fischer's ten. Fischer's list is in chronological order.

The Golden Dozen

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jose Raul Capablanca | 7. Mikhail Tal |
| 2. Alexander Alekhine | 8. Vasily Smyslov |
| 3. Emanuel Lasker | 9. Boris Spassky |
| 4. Robert J. Fischer | 10. David Bronstein |
| 5. Mikhail Botvinnik | 11. Akiba Rubinstein |
| 6. Tigran Petrosian | 12. Aron Nimzowitsch |

Fischer's Ten, 1964

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Paul Morphy | Alexander Alekhine |
| Howard Staunton | Jose R. Capablanca |
| Wilhelm Steinitz | Boris Spassky |
| Siegbert Tarrasch | Mikhail Tal |
| Mikhail Tchigorin | Samuel Reshevsky |

Only four of the Golden Dozen are on Fischer's list. Even if you include Bobby himself, as Editor Frank Brady pointed out at the time, you would only have five out of twelve. It's interesting to compare Fischer's comments with Chernev's: "Lasker ... was a coffee-house player: Lasker knew nothing about openings and didn't understand positional chess" - Fischer. "Lasker was the first great master to be thoroughly at home in both position and combination play. In his understanding of strategy, he was far ahead of his time." - Chernev.

Here is Fischer on Capa: "(Capablanca) had the totally underserved reputation (as Petrosian does today) of being the greatest living end-game player ... he didn't know the simplest Book and Pawn endings ... His trick was to keep his openings simple, and then play with such brilliance in the middle game that the game was decided - even though his opponent didn't always know it - before they arrived at the ending."

Chernev on Capa: "Capablanca was a genius, the greatest ever produced by chess. He handled every phase of the game with equal facility. He was superb in the opening, marvelous in the midgame, and wonderful in the ending."

Chernev is not alone in his judgment of the great Cuban. He gives quotations from Euwe, Botvinnik, Alekhine, Lasker, Konig and Stahlberg which are just as superlative as his own. It appears to me that Fischer was too severe.

The Golden Dozen is primarily a games collection. As such, it duplicates other games collections. However, here you have in one book over one hundred games of superb caliber, which will allow you to compare the styles and strengths of many great champions. The price is steep, but it's a lot of book.

		GAMES FROM LONE PINE			
<u>Game No. 1414 - Ruy Lopez</u>		13. PKN3	NR6+	26. QxQ	RxQ
White	Black	14. KN2	NN4	27. NR6	RN2
<u>R. Ervin</u>	<u>P. Biyiasas</u>	15. NQ2	PKB3	28. N/4B5	RN3
1. PK4	PK4	16. PKR4	NB2	29. RR4	NQ2
2. NKB3	NQB3	17. PR5	PQB4	30. NxB	RxN/2
3. BN5	PQR3	18. NB5	KR1	31. NB5	RK1
4. BR4	PQ3	19. QN4		32. NxP	RQN1
5. PB3	BQ2	Black is lost after		33. R/1R1	RN2
6. 0-0	KNK2	18 moves.		34. NB5	RB2
7. PQ4	NN3	19. ...	RKN1	35. RN4	R/1KB1
8. QNQ2	BK2	20. NB3	NB1	36. RR5	PN3
9. PQ5	NN1	21. RR1	PKN4	37. NQ6	RK2
10. BxB+	NxB	22. RPxP	RxP	38. BxN	PxB
11. NB4	0-0	23. QR5	QK1	39. R/5xNP	NB3
12. NK3	NB5	24. BK3	NN4	40. RR4	RQ2
		25. N/3R4	RKN1	41. NB4	Resigns
<u>Game No. 1415 - King's Ind.</u>		12. BK3	PxP	23. QQ1	RR4
White	Black	13. BxP	RR3	24. NR4	NN5
<u>M. Diesen</u>	<u>J. Watson</u>	14. KRQ1	RK1	25. QB3	QR7+
1. NKB3	NKB3	15. QB2	PR3	26. KB1	N/2K4
2. PQB4	PKN3	16. NQ2	PR5	27. RQ8+	KR2
3. PKN3	BN2	17. NB3	PQB4	28. KK2	
4. BN2	0-0	18. BK3	QxBP	If 28.Q-Kt2, KtxBch	
5. 0-0	PQ3	A well calculated		29. PxKt,B-R6	
6. NB3	PK4	exchange sacrifice		28. ...	NxQ
7. PQ4	QNQ2	to get a Kingside		29. NxN	QR6
8. PK4	PB3	attack.		30. NN1	QN7
9. PKR3	QN3	19. BKB1	QK3	31. RxB	NxB
10. RN1	QN5	20. BxR	PxB	32. KxN	BQ5+
11. QN3	PQR4	21. QxP	QxRP	33. KQ3	QxBP
		22. RxP	R-K4	34. N/1K2	RR7
				Resigns	

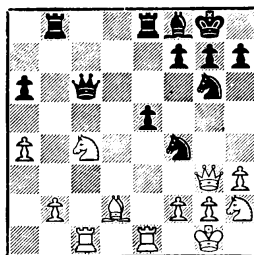
Game No. 1416 - Ruy Lopez

White	Black
<u>N. DeFirmian</u>	<u>J. Silman</u>
1. PK4	PK4
2. NKB3	NQB3
3. BN5	PQR3
4. BR4	NB3
5. O-0	BK2
6. RK1	PQN4
7. BN3	PQ3
8. PB3	O-0
9. PKR3	QQ2
10. PQ4	RK1
11. QNQ2	BB1
12. PQ5	NK2
13. PB4	PB3
14. PQR4	PxBP

15. PxP	QxBP
16. NxBP	BK3
17. NR5	BxB
18. QxB	QB2
19. BQ2	QRN1
20. QB3	QN3
21. NB4	QB3
22. QQ3	NN3
23. NR2	PQ4
24. PxP	NxP
25. QRB1	N/4B5
26. QKN3	

26. ...	BN5
27. NB3	BxB
28. N/3xB	NR5
29. NK4	N/RxP
30. N/B-Q6	NxR
31. NB6+	KB1
32. NxP+	KK2
33. NB5+	KQ2
34. RxN	QKN3
35. NN5	QxN/N

White Resigns



Game No. 1417 - King's Indian

White	Black
<u>J. Grefe</u>	<u>M. Quinteros</u>
1. PQB4	PKN3
2. NQB3	BN2
3. PQ4	PQ3
4. NB3	NKB3
5. PK4	O-0
6. BK2	PK4
7. BK3	NN5
8. BN5	PKB3
9. BR4	NB3
10. PQ5	NK2

11. NQ2	PKR4
12. O-0	NR3
13. PB3	PQB4
14. RN1	PB4
15. PQN4	PN3
16. NPxP	NPxP
17. QR4	NB2
18. NN3	PN4
19. BB2	NN3
20. NR5	PN5
21. BPxP	RPxP
22. NN7	QN4

23. QB6	BxN
24. RxB	PB5
25. RxN	KxR
26. QxQP	KN1
27. QK6+	KR2
28. QxNP	QK2
29. QR5+	BR3
30. BN4	RB3
31. BB5	KN1
32. NR4	RR3
33. NxP	RxP
34. NK6	Resigns

Game No. 1418-English

White	Black
<u>A. Dake</u>	<u>K. Rogoff</u>
1. PQB4	NKB3
2. NQB3	PB4
3. PKN3	PQ4
4. PxP	NxP

5. BN2	NB2
6. NB3	NB3
7. PQ3	PK4
8. BK3	BK2
9. RQB1	O-0
10. NQ2	BQ2
11. O-0	NR3

12. NQ5	N/K-Q5
13. NK4	PQN3
14. N/4B3	RB1
15. BQ2	NN5
16. NxB+	QxN
17. PQR3	N/N-B3
18. PK3	NK3

19. PB4	PxP	35. QB7	QN1	51. NN3	QQ7
20. NPxP	NB2	36. NR5	QN1	52. QN6	QQN7
21. QK2	KR1	37. RxB	NxR	53. QQ6	PxP
22. NK4	PB3	38. QxN	RxKP	54. BxP	QxRP
23. NN3	PQR4	39. QxRP	RK7	55. QXP+	RN2
24. KRQ1	PR5	40. QN5	RK8+	56. QQ8+	RN1
25. PQ4	NQ1	41. KB2	RQ8	57. QQ4+	RN2
26. PxP	PxP	42. QN7	QKB1	58. QQ8+	RN1
27. RxP	QxR	43. BK4	RQ7+	59. QB6+	RN2
28. BN4	QR2	44. KN3	RQ1	60. PN5	QN6
29. BxR	N/2K3	45. QQB7	RB1	61. PN6	QKB6
30. BQ6	NKB2	46. QQ7	RQ1	62. QN2	KN1
31. PB5	NB4	47. QQB7	RB1	63. BK6+	KB1
32. BB4	RK1	48. QR7	QQ3+	64. QK5	QN2
33. QB4	NK4	49. KR3	RKN1	65. QB6+	KK1
34. BxN	RxB	50. PN4	PN3	66. BN4	RKB2
				67. BR5	Resigns

Game No. 1419-Reti		21. PB3	NR2	44. BR2	N/R-N2
White	Black	22. QRQ1	NK3	45. NB4	KB3
O. Panno	L. Christiansen	23. NB1	RxR	46. PB4	NK5
1. NKB3	PQ3	24. RxR	NQ5	47. NK3	N/2Q3
2. PQ4	NKB3	25. BK1	PQN4	48. BN3	KK2
3. PKN3	BN5	26. PQB3	NK3	49. PN4	PxP
4. BN2	QNQ2	27. KR2	BB1	50. NxP	PB4
5. PKR3	BxN	28. PxP	PxP	51. NK5	KB3
6. BxB	PB3	29. BB1	PN5	52. NB3	NQN4
7. PK4	PK4	30. BB4	RQ1	53. KB1	N/4B6
8. 0-0	BK2	31. RxR	NxR	54. KK1	KK2
9. NB3	0-0	32. NQ3	NQB3	55. NK5	KB3
10. PN3	RK1	33. KN2	NB3	56. NB6	KN2
11. BN2	BB1	34. PxP	BxP	57. NK7	KB3
12. PQR4	QR4	35. BxB	PxB	58. NB8	NQN4
13. RK1	PKN3	36. QR1	KN2	59. BR4	NQ5
14. BN2	BN2	37. QR6	NQ2	60. PQ6	NK3
15. N-R2	QR-Q1	38. QN5	QQ3	61. PQ7	N/5B4
16. PxP	PxP	39. QQ5	QxQ	62. BN5	NxQP
17. QB1	PR4	40. PxQ	NQ5	63. BxN	NxP
18. BQB3	QB2	41. NxNP	NQB4	64. KB2	PN4
19. PR4	NB4	42. NB6	N/5xP	65. KB3	NN3
20. QN2	PR4	43. NxP	NR4	66. PxP+	KxP

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<u>Game No. 1420-Pirc</u>		15. BxN	RPxB	32. RK1	QR5
White	Black	16. BR4	BB4	33. KR2	RxR
<u>L. Shamkovich</u>	<u>V. Smyslov</u>	17. QK2	NN5	34. QxR	QBQ3
1. NKB3	PQ3	18. KRQ1	RxR+	35. NxB	QxN
2. PK4	NKB3	19. RxR	NxRP	36. QK3	QB4
3. NB3	PKN3	20. NxN	RxB	37. QK2	PQN4
4. PQ4	BN2	21. NB3	RR1	38. QK1	Q-Q4
5. BK2	0-0	22. NQN5	Q-B1	39. QK3	BB1
6. 0-0	PB3	23. N/5Q4	BQ2	40. KN3	KN2
7. PKR3	QB2	24. QK4	PK3	41. QB4	QK6
8. PK5	PxP	25. PB3	QB2	42. QB6+	KN1
9. PxP	RQ1	26. RK1	RR4	43. QB4	BN2
10. QK1	NQ4	27. QR4	BK1	44. QK3	QB7
11. QBQ4	NR3	28. QK4	PR3	45. QB5	QxNP
12. BQ2	NN3	29. PR4	QQ2	46. QQB8+	B-B1
13. BN3	PQB4	30. QK3	R-R2	47. QXNP	PN5
14. BK3	PB5	31. RK2	RR8+	White Resigns	

<u>Game No. 1421-Sicilian</u>		14. PxP	PxP	31. RR7	BB1
White	Black	15. 00	BQB3	32. BQ4	RxP
<u>Quinteros</u>	<u>Weinstein</u>	16. NR2	QB2	33. BB1	RR6
1. PK4	PQB4	17. NN4	BN2	34. RB7	RR1
2. NKB3	PQ3	18. PKB4	RxR	35. BN5	BR3
3. PQ4	PxP	19. RxR	RR1	36. BxB	RxB
4. NxP	NKB3	20. RKB1	QB5	37. RB8	RR4
5. NQB3	PQR3	21. QxQ	PxQ	38. BN6	RN4
6. PKN3	P-K3	22. RQ1	NB4	39. B-Q8	RN2
7. BN2	BK2	23. RQ4	RR8+	40. KK3	PR3
8. BK3	0-0	24. KB2	RQN8	41. PN6	PxP
9. PKN4	NB3	25. RxBP	RxP	42. PxP	PR4
10. PN5	NQ2	26. PK5	PQ4	43. PB5	PxP
11. PKR4	NxN	27. RxN	RxN	44. PK6	PB5+
12. QxN	RN4	28. RB7	BKB1	45. KQ3	RN6+
13. PQR4	BN2	29. PR5	BR3	46. KB2	Resigns
		30. PB3	RB5		

<u>Game No. 1422-Pirc</u>		6. 0-0	NB3	14. NB4	QB3
White	Black	7. QNQ2	PKR3	15. NR5	QN3
<u>B. Baczyński</u>	<u>A. Denker</u>	8. PQR4	PQR3	16. PQN4	PB3
1. PK4	PKN3	9. PR3	PK4	17. BK3	QB2
2. PQ4	BN2	10. PxP	NxP	18. NB4	NQ2
3. PQB3	PQ3	11. NxN	PxN	19. PR5	QRQ1
4. NKB3	NKB3	12. BK2	BK3	20. QRQ1	KRK1
5. BQ3	0-0	13. QB2	QQ2	21. PB4	PxP

22. BxP	NK4	25. BK3	RxR	29. QK1	BQB5
23. NxN	BxN	26. BxR	PxP	30. RB3	QxP
24. BxKRP	PQB4	27. PxP	QK2	Resigns	
		28. QQ2	RQ1		

<u>Game No. 1423-French</u>		10. 0-0	BQ3	22. RB3	BQ2
White	Black	11. NKB3	0-0	23. RKN1	BK1
<u>R. Ervin</u>	<u>D. Strauss</u>	12. BKB4	BxB	24. KR2	BR4
1. PK4	PK3	13. NxB	NK5	25. R/3N3	BxN
2. PQ4	PQ4	14. NK2	RxN	26. BxB	PKN3
3. NQ2	NKB3	15. PxR	NN4	27. BQ3	NKR4
4. PK5	KNQ2	16. PB4	NR6+	28. RN4	QK2
5. BQ3	PQB4	17. KR1	QR5	29. BxP	NB3
6. PQB3	NQB3	18. QQ2	NxP/7+	30. RR4	RKN1
7. NK2	PxP	19. KN2	NKN5	31. RN5	QN5
8. PxP	PB3	20. PKR3	NB3	32. QxP	QxQP
9. PxP	NxBP	21. QK3	KR1	33. QxKN+	Resigns

<u>Game No. 1424-Caro-Kann</u>		17. KN1	PQR3	36. KN3	BQ7
White	Black	18. KRK1	BK2	37. PB4	PxP+
<u>Christiansen</u>	<u>Shamkovich</u>	19. PKB4	PB4	38. KxP	PN4
1. PK4	PQB3	20. PB5	KPxP	39. RK8+	KN2
2. PQ4	PQ4	21. QxBP	0-0	40. KQ5	RB2
3. NQ2	PxP	22. PxP	QxBP	41. BQ4+	PB3
4. NxP	BB4	23. BK3	QB2	42. KK6	BB6
5. NN3	BN3	24. NQ7	NxN	43. BB5	BK4
6. PKR4	PKR3	25. RxN	QN6	44. KB5	RQ2
7. NB3	NQ2	26. BB2	QN4	45. PR4	RN2
8. PR5	BR2	27. QR3	QRQ1	46. RK7+	RxR
9. BQ3	BxB	28. PR3	RxR	47. BxR	KB2
10. QxB	N/1B3	29. QxR	QxNP	48. BB5	KK1
11. BQ2	PK3	30. BQ4	B-N4	49. PN5	PxP
12. 0-0-0	PQN4	31. BB5	QQ7	50. PxP	KQ2
13. NK4	NxN	32. QxQ	BxQ	51. BB8	KK1
14. QxN	RB1	33. RK7	RB1	52. BxP	BQ5
15. NK5	NB3	34. PN4	BB6	53. KK6	PB4
16. QQ3	QQ4	35. KR2	RB3	54. BxP	Resigns

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White	Black
<u>D. Berry</u>	<u>A. Pollard</u>

(Notes by A. P.)

1. d4	Nf6	3. d5	e5	10. Bh6	Ng7
2. c4	c5	4. Nc3	d6	11. Qd2	Nf6
		5. g3	Be7	12. f3	Kh8
		6. Bg2	0-0	13. Rad1?	...
		7. Nh3	Nbd7	(Rab1: 13.g3;)	
		8. 0-0	Ne8	13. ...	Ng8
		9. e4	g6	14. Bxg7+	Kxg7

15. f4	Bf6	22. Ne2	h4	33. hg	Rxh5+
16. Kh1	...	23. gh	ef	34. Kg1	Bxf3
(16. f5, h5;)		24. Qxf4	Ng4	35. Qxf3	Rh1+
16. ...	Bd7	25. h5	Rh8	36. Kf2	R8h2+
17. Nf2	h5	26. Ng3	Ne5	37. Ke3	Rxf1
18. Nd3	Qe7	27. Nxe5	Bxe5	38. Qxf1	a5
19. Rb1	Nh6	28. Qf2	Rh7	39. Rb3	Qe5
20. b4	...	29. Rb3	Rah8	40. Qf4	Qa1
(20. a3!)		30. Rf3	f6	41. Qxd6	Qc1+
20. ...	cb!	31. Ra3	Bg4	42. Kd4	Qd2+
21. Rxb4	b6	32. Bf3	Bxg3	43. Resigns	

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Game No. 1426 - Sicilian

White	Black	7. Nc3	Nc7	15. Ne2!	f6
<u>D.Strauss</u>	<u>I.Dahlbergs</u>	8. Bc6	bc?!	16. ef	ef
1. e4	c5	9. d4	cd	17. Nf4	Re8
2. Nf3	Nc6	10. Qd4	O-O	18. Nd4	c5
3. Bb5	g6	11. Qh4	Ne6	19. Nd5	Qd8
4. O-O	Bg7	12. Bh6	d5	20. Nc6	1-O
5. Re1	Nf6	13. Rad1	Bh6?		
6. e5	Nd5	14. Qh6	Qb6		

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Game No. 1427 - Pirc Def.

White	Black	10. Bf4	Nd7	21. Ne3	Qg6
<u>Christiansen</u>	<u>Y.Seirawan</u>	11. Qd2	Ne5	22. Bd3	Rad8
1. Nf3	g6	12. Rad1	e6	23. Qc3	Bc8?
2. e4	Bg7	13. Bh6!?	Qe7	24. Qa5!	Rd7
3. d4	d6	14. Bg7	Kg7	25. Qe5!	fe
4. Nc3	Nf6	15. Kh1	c6	26. Rf8	Rd6
5. Be2	O-O	16. d6	Qd8	27. Rc8	Qh5
6. O-O	Nc6	17. Rf4	g5!?	28. Rc7	Kg8
7. d5	Ne5?!	18. Rf2	f6	29. h5	1-O
8. Ne5	de	19. Rdf1	Bd7		
9. f4?!	df	20. Nd1	Qe8		

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Notice the mates which are set for 1-Qe5, 1-Se3, & 1-Se5 and how they are changed after the key: 1Be4.

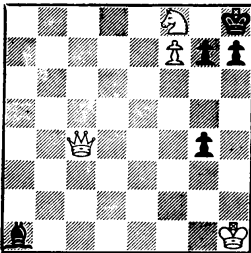
No. 366 A duel between the White Knight and Black Bishop: after the key, the Bishop can defend on several squares. In each case, the Knight then chooses a square with a double threat unanswerable by the Bishop.
1Rg4, threat 2Ke7
Notice, accordingly, 1She2?Bd1!
1Sg3? Bc2!, 1Se3? Be6:!, 1Sd2? 3d5!

TASKS: Fugues and Counterpoint

The mathematical features which music and chess have in common suggest that some chess positions can be given a musical interpretation. In broad terms, the struggle to capture a trapped piece has fugue-like qualities; as another example, Frank Marshall might be said to have provided counterpoint to Alekhine's combinational genius.

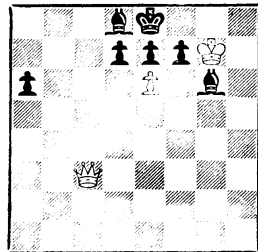
The following composed positions have these qualities in a more literal way. In the first, the famous "Love Chase," so dubbed by Loyd in the era when problems were given titles to identify them in competitions, the Queen pursues the Bishop successfully to any of the five squares at its disposal. In the second three-mover, the Queen's carefulness in choosing squares is enhanced by the options which Black exercises on his first move: White's second moves thus are counterpointed.

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Sam Loyd
1869



Mate in Three

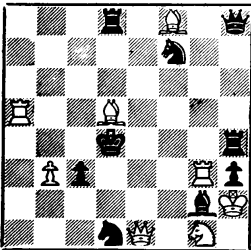
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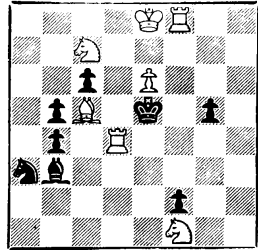
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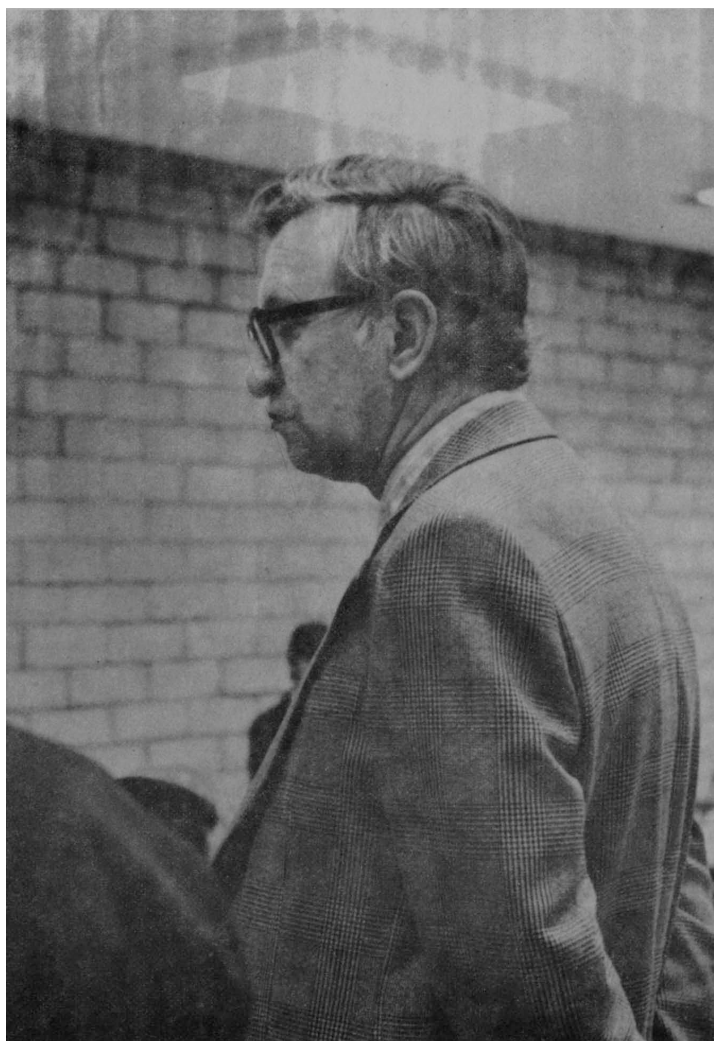
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