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CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Qualifying tournaments for determining eligibility of players for the California State Championship tournament are now in progress in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The State Championship finals will be an eight-man round-robin, three players each from the North and South in addition to the defending Champion, Arthur Spiller of Santa Monica, and the 1951 Open Champion, Neil E. Falconer of Berkeley.

The finals will be held at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco over the Labor Day week end, August 30-31-September 1. It is anticipated that the first prize will amount to approximately \$100.

In the southern qualifying tournament, 48 players are enrolled. They are playing in 6-man sections at Santa Monica, Hollywood, Los Feliz and Cosmo chess clubs. Two men from each section will qualify for the semi-final tournament.

In the North, a ten-man round-robin now in progress at the Mechanics' Institute will qualify two players. The winner will also receive the Northern California Championship trophy. The contest-

ants are C.M. Capps, J. Schmitt, B. Popoff, D. Poliakoff, R. Cuneo, R. Currie, S. Smale, F. Byron, H. Gross and E. Jeffers. The last round is scheduled for August 10.

The third finalist from northern California will be selected from the Central Valley Chess League. Present plans are to hold a tournament in Modesto on August 16th and 17th. Those interested in playing should communicate with Neil T. Austin, 1608 42nd Street, Sacramento 19.

CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP The Open, which last year at Santa Cruz was without doubt the most successful tournament ever held in California--just ask any one of the 43 players!--will be played at Santa Barbara over the Labor Day week end, August 30-31-September 1. The winner of this event is automatically seeded to the State Championship finals of the following year. The tournament is being sponsored by the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce and the California State Chess Federation, and will be directed by Guthrie McClain. For reservations and instructions write one of the following:

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Kurt Lowenstein, 6 Willina Lane, Santa Barbara.

The Open will be a 7-round Swiss System event. The entry fee will be \$5. There will be cash prizes and a trophy for the winner. Since overhead is negligible, a large entry list will assure handsome prizes (last year the prizes in the Open were larger than those of the State Championship!). As there will be three rounds on the first day, entrants are warned to register by 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, August 30--or better yet, register Friday night, August 29; meet the other players, greet old friends...and get a good night's rest before that gruelling first day begins.

Because of an A. F. of L. convention in Santa Barbara ending August 30, there will be a shortage of hotel accommodations for the night of August 29. Send in your reservations early! State the type of accommodations desired and whether doubling up is acceptable. Important: Players should bring chess sets and clocks, if possible.

The next issue of THE REPORTER, in which detailed accounts of the above tournaments will be given, will appear the latter part of September. There will be no August issue, this being the month in which your editors take a rest.

HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS During the past eight months, we have been accumulating material dealing with the history of California Championship tournaments. It was important that this work be done as soon as possible, since, with the flight of time, there was danger that the story of the past might be lost forever. We have used all available sources for gathering information. Newspaper clippings, especially those left by our late beloved E. J. Clarke of San Francisco, have provided much important material. The files of the British Chess Magazine have yielded a great many details, and also old copies of the American Chess Bulletin. A few recent items have been taken from Chess Digest and The Reporter. These important sources, however, would not have proved adequate without supplementary information provided by a number of California chess players. We wish to acknowledge with the greatest thanks the help of A. J. Fink, Henry Gross and Arthur B. Stamer of San Francisco, and Harry Borochof and Herman Steiner of Los Angeles. A number of other players have also supplied scattered bits of information, and to these players we express our gratitude.

In the following account, we have included only those tournaments which may be justly considered true championship tournaments; that is, in which at least one player, of recognized strength, from both North and South, has participated. There have been several tournaments in which either North or South has not had true representation. These competitions are of little or no interest to the person interested in the history of California championships.

1921 The first tournament for the Championship of California was held at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, San Francisco, from December 27, 1921, to January 8, 1922. Eleven players participated.

The late Elmer W. Gruer of Oakland scored the greatest victory of his career, winning 10 straight games! Then came Stasch Mlotkowski of Los Angeles with 7-3, E. J. Clarke of San Francisco and Harry Borochof of Los Angeles with 6-4, A. J. Fink of San Francisco and W. Metzke of Fresno with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, Dr. W. R. Lovegrove of San Francisco $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, Charles Woskoff of San Francisco 4-6, George Hallwegen of San Francisco $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$, and Bernardo Smith and S. Swanson of San Francisco 2-8.

1922 Twelve players. Los Angeles Athletic Club, beginning September 4.

Winner, A. J. Fink of San Francisco with a score of 9-2. Harry Borochof and R. F. Lyon of Los Angeles $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, E. F. Schrader of San

Diego 7-4, S. Mlotkowski of Los Angeles and Bernardo Smith of San Francisco $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, D. Mugridge of Los Angeles $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, E. W. Grabill and G. S. G. Patterson of Los Angeles 4-7, C. H. Whipple, Jr. of Los Angeles $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$, E. R. Perry of Los Angeles 3-7, and J. F. Smyth of Oakland 2-9.

1923 The Western Chess Association tournament was played this year in San Francisco at the Mechanics' Institute, from July 30 to August 6. It was agreed that the California chess player having the highest score would be recognized as California champion for the year.

S. Mlotkowski of Los Angeles and N. T. Whitaker of Washington, D. C. tied for first and second with scores of 9-2, in a field of 12 players. Mlotkowski therefore became California champion.

Other scores were: S. Factor of Chicago 8-3; A. J. Fink of San Francisco 7-4; E. W. Gruer of Oakland and Dr. W. R. Lovegrove of San Francisco $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; Currier of Washington, D.C. 6-5; Prof. G. E. K. Branch of Berkeley $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; Prof. A. W. Ryder of Berkeley 3-8; D. Mugridge of Los Angeles $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$; G. S. G. Patterson of Los Angeles and A. Feldman of Stockton $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$.

1925 Played in Los Angeles August 16 - 23. Nine players.

Won by S. Mlotkowski of Los Angeles with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. A. J. Fink of San Francisco $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; E. W. Gruer of Oakland $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; E. F. Schrader of Los Angeles 4-4.

1926 Played at Athens Athletic Club, Oakland.

Tie for first and second between E. W. Gruer of Oakland and A. J. Fink of San Francisco. Gruer won the play-off, thereby becoming champion. Other scores: S. Weinbaum of Pasadena third; Henry Gross of San Francisco fourth.

1927 Played in Los Angeles, August 7 - 14. Ten players.

Won by E. W. Gruer of Oakland with a score of 8-1. Then came D. Mugridge of Los Angeles 7-2; Harry Borochof of Los Angeles 6-3; A. J. Fink of San Francisco $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; Henry Gross of San Francisco and S. Rubinstein of Los Angeles $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; G. S. G. Patterson and H. Bierwirth of Los Angeles $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; Prof. Bateman of Pasadena $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$; and W. Smith 0-9.

1928 Double-round, six players. Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco.

A. J. Fink and Henry Gross of San Francisco tied for first and second with scores of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Fink won the play-off, thereby becoming champion. The scores are exceptional because Harry Borochow and S. Rubinstein of Los Angeles withdrew from the tournament in its early stages -- reasons not known. Other scores: Dr. W. R. Lovegrove of San Francisco and D. N. Vedensky of Berkeley $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

1929 Played in Los Angeles, September 22 - 29. Nine players.

Won by A. J. Fink of San Francisco with a score of 6-2. Fink won the Brock Trophy for having won three California championships (1922, 1928, 1929).

Harry Borochow and Dr. M. Scholtz of Los Angeles tied for second and third with scores of 5-3. Other players were Charles Bagby of San Francisco, S. Weinbaum of Pasadena, C. H. Whipple, E. P. Elliott, E. W. Grabill, and H. Bierwirth of Los Angeles.

1930 Played at Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, San Francisco, August 24 - 31. Nine players.

Won by Harry Borochow of Los Angeles with a score of 7-1. Other scores: W. Lamb of Los Angeles $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; G. S. G. Patterson of Los Angeles 5-3; Charles Bagby, Henry Gross and J. Tippin of San Francisco 4-4; A. J. Fink of San Francisco $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; Irving Spero of Los Angeles 2-6; and R. Kilian of Kelso, Nevada 1-7.

1931 Played at the Beverly Hills Chess Club in August. Eleven players.

Won by Harry Borochow of Los Angeles with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Other scores: Henry Gross and J. Tippin of San Francisco 8-2; G.S.G. Patterson of Los Angeles 7-3; A. J. Fink of San Francisco 5-5; W. Lamb, L. Marks and A. H. Bierwirth of Los Angeles 4-6; C. J. Gibbs and George Goehler of Los Angeles $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$; and C. H. Whipple, Jr. of Los Angeles $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$.

1932 The International Chess Tournament was played this year at Pasadena, in August. It was agreed that the California player having the highest score would be champion for the year.

The scores: A. Alekhine $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; I. Kashdan $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; A. W. Dake, S. Reshevsky and H. Steiner 6-5; Harry Borochow of Los Angeles $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; J. Bernstein, S. Factor, R. Fine and F. Reinfeld 5-6; J. J. Araiza $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$; and A. J. Fink of San Francisco 3-8. Harry Borochow of Los Angeles thereby became California champion. This was the third straight championship for Borochow.

1939 Played at the Hollywood Chess Group during September. Nine players.

Won by P. Woliston of Los Angeles with a score of 7-1. Other scores: H. Borochoy and H. Steiner of Los Angeles 6-2; George Koltanowski of Belgium $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; Kovacs of Vienna 4-4; A. J. Fink of San Francisco 3-5; G.S.G. Patterson of Los Angeles $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; Bazard 2-6; C. J. Gibbs of Los Angeles 1-7.

1945 Played at Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco, beginning January 15. Ten players.

Tie for first and second between H. Steiner of Los Angeles and A. J. Fink of San Francisco, with scores of 8-1. There was no play-off, so Steiner and Fink were co-champions for the year.

Other scores: Charles Howland of Oakland $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; J. Hurt $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; H. Donnelly of San Francisco 5-4; Charles Svalberg of San Francisco $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; I. Goldberg $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; M. Forti $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$; C. Jarrell $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$; and Dr. H. Tower 0-9.

1948 This year saw a new plan. A 36-man Swiss tournament, of 7 rounds, open to all players, was played at Atascadero September 4-6.

James Cross of Glendale was the winner, with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Then followed: A.J. Fink of San Francisco $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Neil Falconer of Berkeley $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Ray Martin of Santa Monica 5-2; and Wade Hendricks of Santa Cruz 5-2.

This tournament may be considered not only the California State Championship for the year, but also the first California Open Championship. Jim Cross therefore has the distinction of being the first double-holder of the two championships.

1949 Two tournaments were held simultaneously at Atascadero over the Labor Day week-end. The first was the officially recognized round-robin of seven players for the State championship, for which preliminary qualifying tournaments were held in the North and in the South. The second tournament, which was a Swiss, open to all, cannot be recognized as an official tournament, since it was never advertised as such, and was described at the time as an "open minor tournament." For the sake of the record, however, we shall give the results of both.

State Championship: Won by George E. Croy of Los Angeles with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Other scores: Irving Rivise of Los Angeles 4-2; Leslie Boyette of San Francisco, Jim Cross of Glendale and Earl

Pruner of San Francisco 3-3; Robert P. Smith of Pasadena $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; and Clark Jonas of San Francisco 0-6.

Open Minor Tournament Twelve players, 7 rounds. Won by Phil D. Smith of Bakersfield with a score of 6-1. Then followed Wade Hendricks of Castro Valley 5-2; R. Goudswaard of Santa Rosa 5-2; Nick Russ of San Francisco $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; Judge B.C. Jenkins of Santa Rosa $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

It was on this occasion that a steering committee consisting of LeRoy Johnson (chairman) and George Croy of Los Angeles, and W.G. McClain and H.J. Ralston of San Francisco, laid the plans for holding two tournaments each year, alternating between North and South: A California State Championship, with preliminary qualifying tournaments, and a California Open Championship, open to all players. This procedure has been followed since that time.

1950 California State Championship Played at Barton's Chess Studio, San Francisco, over the Labor Day week-end. Eight players.

Won by Ray Martin of Santa Monica with a score of 6-1. Then followed George Croy of Los Angeles and V. Pafnutieff of San Francisco 4-3; Phil D. Smith of Bakersfield $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; Charles Bagby of San Francisco and Sven Almgren of Los Angeles 3-4; W.H. Steckel of Los Angeles $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; and Leslie Boyette of San Francisco 2-5.

1950 California Open Championship Played at Santa Barbara over the Labor Day week-end. Six rounds, 23 players.

Won by Arthur R. Spiller of Culver City with a score of 5-1. Then followed C.M. Capps of Oakland $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; George A. Steven of Santa Monica $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; George Hunnex of Elsinore $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Pete Velliotes $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

1951 California State Championship Played in Santa Monica and Los Angeles over the Labor Day week-end. Seven players.

Won by Arthur R. Spiller of Culver City with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Other scores: Irving Rivise of Los Angeles 4-2; Sven Almgren of Los Angeles and Earl Pruner of San Francisco $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; Adolph Weiss of Los Angeles 2-4; Ray Martin of Santa Monica $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; Charles Svalberg of San Francisco 1-5.

1951 California Open Championship Played at Santa Cruz over the Labor Day week-end. Seven rounds, 43 players.

Won by Neil E. Falconer of Berkeley with a score of 6-1. Then followed V. Pafnutieff of San Francisco $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Wm. T. Adams of San Jose $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Henry Gross of San Francisco 5-2; Robert Currie of San Francisco 5-2.

And now, in the words of H. G. Wells, our history breaks off with a note of interrogation.

NEW YORK Sammy Reshevsky of New York defeated Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia by the close score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ in their match played at the Manhattan Chess Club. The last game was a real thriller, in which Reshevsky over-stretched himself and had to fight hard to avoid loss and a drawn match.

SAN FRANCISCO By winning the eleventh game of their match, Larry Evans of New York retained his title of U.S. Champion against challenger Herman Steiner of Los Angeles. Score: Evans $8\frac{1}{2}$, Steiner $2\frac{1}{2}$.

NEVADA After 14 games the score between Larry Evans and Herman Steiner is 10-4. Games 12, 13 and 14 were played in Reno and Las Vegas. It appears likely that the last two games will be played in New York City.

SONOMA The chess festival honoring Paul Morphy, sponsored by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco Chronicle, was staged June 22 in the Plaza of the city of Sonoma. The festival was a huge success, with 215 entries. The players were first segregated into four classes and then subdivided into 4-man sections. There were prizes for each section and grand prizes for each class winner, as well as team prizes. The trophy in Class A was won by Robert Currie of San Francisco, an up-and-coming young high school star. The prize for the best-played game was won by Robert Burger of Lafayette for his game against Guthrie McClain. A feature of the event was the reading by Dr. Edward Kupka (Berkeley) of an inspiring Morphy Day message from Hermann Helms, editor of The American Chess Bulletin, that "grand old man" of American chess. The festival was directed by International Master George Koltanowski of San Francisco, ably assisted by wife Leah.

E. BOGOLJUBOW, well-known grandmaster who played two world championship matches against Alexander Alekhine, died in Triberg, June 18, at the age of 65. He had competed in the recent Belgrade International Tournament where he had finished in a tie for 13th place.

<p>HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOOK, 1952 (now in preparation) Price: \$1.00</p>

GAME OF THE MONTH This being a light month, chessically speaking, we give a light game, but a game with a beautiful ending. We happened to walk into the Mechanics' Institute late one night, a few weeks ago, just in time to witness the conclusion of a casual game between Arthur Stamer and H. S. King. The veteran Stamer has pulled off many brilliancies in his long career, but most of them have not been saved for posterity. Don't look too closely at the earlier stages of the game -- remember, it was all in fun.

Game No. 122 - C. C. Gam.

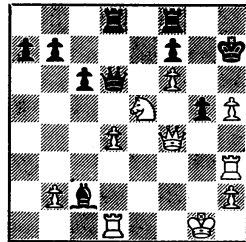
White	Black
A.B. Stamer	H.S. King

27. P-KKt4	B-B7
28. R-KR3	P-KR4
29. PxP	

1. P-K4	P-Q4
2. PxP	Kt-KB3
3. P-QB4	P-K3
4. Kt-QB3	PxP
5. P-Q4	PxP
6. Kt-B5	P-B3
7. BxP	B-QKt5
8. O-O	O-O
9. Q-Q3	QKt-Q2
10. B-B4	Kt-Kt3
11. B-QKt3	QKt-Q4
12. B-Kt3	B-Q3
13. KtxKt	KtxKt
14. B-K5	Kt-B3
15. B-B2	P-KKt3
16. QR-Q1	P-KR3
17. BxB	QxB
18. Kt-K5	Kt-Q4
19. B-Kt3	B-K3
20. Q-Q2	

29. Q-Kt5 would win quickly, but again, why be common?

... P-KKt4



It looks like Black has found a defense, since after 30. QxP, R-KKt1 pins the white Q. But----

30. QxP!!!	R-KKt1
31. Q-Kt6ch!!!	RxQch
32. PxRch	K-Kt1
33. PxPch	K-B1
34. R-R8	mate.

20. KtxKtP only wins a pawn. Why be routine?

...	K-R2
21. BxKt	BxB
22. P-B4	BxRP
23. P-B5	B-Q4
24. P-B6	B-K5

The black B is being overworked.

25. Q-B4	B-B4
26. R-B3	QR-Q1

Just at this moment the janitor came in and started putting out the lights. But Stamer was through, anyhow. Time for coffee before going home to bed. Being the gentleman he is, King was just as proud of this game as though he had played white.

INGLEWOOD CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Hans Zander won the 1952 championship of the Inglewood Chess Club with a score of $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, nosing out runner-up Abe Freeman by $\frac{1}{2}$ point. John Metzler, Geo. Laudenbach, Charles Kodil and George Junod finished tied in points for third to sixth places with 11-4, but were rated in that order on the basis of S-B points.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	W - L	S - B
1 Hans Zander	X	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	$12\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	85.75
2 Abe Freeman	0	X	1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	12-3	76.75
3 John Metzler	1	0	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	11-4	69.50
4 Geo. Laudenbach	0	1	1	X	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-4	67.00
5 Chas. Kodil	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	X	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-4	65.50
6 George Junod	0	0	0	1	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-4	62.50
7 Erie Strong	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	61.00
8 Walter Marlett	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	8-7	44.00
9 Dan Preston	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	X	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$	34.00
10 Chas. Escoffery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	6-9	19.50
11 Tom Goebel	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	0	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$	28.25
12 Neal Morrison	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	1	0	1	5-10	26.75
13 Howard Swire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	0	1	1	3-12	11.00
14 Frank Morrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	X	0	1	3-12	9.50
15 Harold Roy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	X	0	2-13	8.00
16 Robert Baer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1-14	2.00

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHESS LEAGUE by John Keckhut

For the second successive year, Hollywood won the "A" division team championship of the Los Angeles County Chess League, with a score of 4-0. Los Feliz was second with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Santa Monica 2-2, Long Beach 1-3, and Los Angeles $\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

In the "B" division, the newly-formed Wilshire Club was the winner. Wilshire and Hollywood finished with the same score of 5-1, but Wilshire won first place on the basis of game points. On the same basis, Cosmo finished third and Santa Monica fourth, both clubs having the same match-score of 4-2, but Cosmo having a substantial lead in game points. Valley was fifth with 2-4, Fairfax High sixth with 1-5, and Water & Power seventh with 0-6.

The shining light of the season was Cosmo's teen-ager Roy Zeller, who won six straight games on board three, and only had the white pieces once.

The Fairfax High club was a new entry, and did very well when one considers that they were competing, for the most part, with experienced adults. The Valley club, also a new entry in the league, needs only experience to prove itself a tough opponent.

"A" DIVISION

<u>Round 2</u>	<u>LONG BEACH</u>		<u>LOS ANGELES</u>	
	1. L. Joyner	1	1. -----	0
	2. C. Wallace	1	2. -----	0
	3. W. Keller	1	3. G. Chase	0
	4. W. Golden	0	4. M. Lane	1
	5. E. Groomess	1	5. -----	0
	6. R. Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. L. Domanski	$\frac{1}{2}$
		<u>$4\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>$1\frac{1}{2}$</u>
<u>Round 3</u>	<u>SANTA MONICA</u>		<u>HOLLYWOOD</u>	
	1. A. Spiller	$\frac{1}{2}$	1. J. Cross	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. R. Martin	0	2. E. Levin	1
	3. J. Keckhut	0	3. I. Rivise	1
	4. G. Steven	0	4. W. Steckel	1
	5. -----		5. -----	
	6. L. Fielding	0	6. R. Banner	1
		<u>$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>$4\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Los Feliz defeated Long Beach by forfeit on 6 boards.

<u>Round 4</u>	<u>HOLLYWOOD</u>		<u>LOS ANGELES</u>	
	1. J. Cross	1	1. R. Smith	0
	2. E. Levin	1	2. I. Leviton	0
	3. I. Rivise	1	3. E. Hoffpaur	0
	4. W. Steckel	1	4. ?	0
	5. L. Boyette	$\frac{1}{2}$	5. ?	$\frac{1}{2}$
	6. R. Banner	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. ?	0
		$\frac{5}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>SANTA MONICA</u>		<u>LONG BEACH</u>	
	1. A. Spiller	$\frac{1}{2}$	1. L. Joyner	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. R. Martin	0	2. C. Wallace	1
	3. G. Van Deene	$\frac{1}{2}$	3. W. Keller	$\frac{1}{2}$
	4. J. Keckhut	1	4. O. Rolo	0
	5. G. Steven	$\frac{1}{2}$	5. T. Baraquet	$\frac{1}{2}$
	6. H. Abel	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. R. Gross	0
		$\frac{3}{2}$		$\frac{2}{2}$

<u>Round 5</u>	<u>HOLLYWOOD</u>		<u>LOS FELIZ</u>	
	1. J. Cross	0	1. S. Almgren	1
	2. E. Levin	1	2. M. Gordon	0
	3. I. Rivise	1	3. H. Gordon	0
	4. W. Steckel	1	4. L. Johnson	0
	5. R. Banner	0	5. S. Geller	1
	6. A. Bisno	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. N. Roos	0
		4		2

Los Angeles lost to Santa Monica on a 6 board forfeit.

"B" DIVISION

<u>Round 3</u>	<u>WATER & POWER</u>		<u>HOLLYWOOD</u>	
	1. C. Taber	1	1. C. Henderson	0
	2. J. Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$	2. E. Rubin	$\frac{1}{2}$
	3. ?	$\frac{1}{2}$	3. M. Freedman	$\frac{1}{2}$
	4. ?	0	4. W. Wheeler	1
	5. ?	$\frac{1}{2}$	5. J. Piatigorsky	$\frac{1}{2}$
	6. ?	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. ?	$\frac{1}{2}$
		$\frac{2}{2}$		$\frac{3}{2}$
<u>Round 4</u>	<u>WILSHIRE</u>		<u>COSMO</u>	
	1. D. Amneus	1	1. S. Morrow	0
	2. C. Marko	0	2. R. Zeller	1
	3. E. Fisher	$\frac{1}{2}$	3. B. Graves	$\frac{1}{2}$
	4. R. Flapan	1	4. C. Gray	0
	5. N. Negley	0	5. L. Zeitlin	1
	6. S. Salkin	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. R. Taylor	0
		$\frac{3}{2}$		$\frac{2}{2}$

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WATER & POWER

1. J. Bell	0
2. C. Taber	0
3. F. Larsen	0
4. ?	0
5. ?	1
6. ?	<u>1</u>
	2

SANTA MONICA

1. A. Almeida	1
2. J. Barlow	1
3. W. Holmes	1
4. E. Godsey	1
5. -----	0
6. -----	<u>0</u>
	4

FAIRFAX

1. J. Wolfe	1
2. H. Sagorsky	0
3. P. Navicas	0
4. J. Navicas	1
5. H. Majerovic	0
6. G. Lewis	<u>0</u>
	2

VALLEY

1. J. McCardle	0
2. B. Johnson	1
3. R. Hagedorn	1
4. E. Malone	0
5. L. Pinson	1
6. S. Krimsky	<u>1</u>
	4

Round 5

COSMO

1. -----	0
2. T. Cragg	0
3. R. Zeller	1
4. C. Gray	1
5. C. Graves	0
6. L. Zeitlin	<u>0</u>
	2

HOLLYWOOD

1. C. Henderson	1
2. M. Freedman	1
3. W. Wheeler	0
4. O. Shearer	0
5. J. Piatigorsky	1
6. D. Maron	<u>1</u>
	4

VALLEY

1. J. McCardle	1
2. B. Johnson	1
3. R. Hagedorn	1
4. E. Malone	0
5. L. Pinson	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. S. Krimsky	<u>1</u>
	$4\frac{1}{2}$

WATER & POWER

1. C. Taber	0
2. F. Larsen	0
3. G. Dewey	0
4. E. Perdue	1
5. W. Buckley	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. H. Lunday	<u>0</u>
	$1\frac{1}{2}$

WILSHIRE

1. D. Amneus	1
2. C. Marko	0
3. E. Fisher	1
4. R. Flapan	1
5. N. Negley	1
6. S. Salkin	<u>1</u>
	5

FAIRFAX

1. J. Wolfe	0
2. H. Sagorsky	1
3. P. Navicas	0
4. J. Navicas	0
5. W. Gusinow	0
6. M. Halpern	<u>0</u>
	1

Round 6FAIRFAX

1. J. Wolfe	1
2. S. Klein	0
3. H. Majerovic	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. W. Gusinow	0
5. G. Lewis	0
6. Heinberg	0
	<u>$1\frac{1}{2}$</u>

SANTA MONICA

1. M. Flood	0
2. A. Almeida	0
3. D. Hestenes	0
4. J. Barlow	1
5. W. Holmes	0
6. P. Snyder	$\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>$1\frac{1}{2}$</u>

WILSHIRE

1. D. Amneus	1
2. C. Marko	1
3. E. Fisher	1
4. R. Flapan	1
5. N. Negley	1
6. S. Salkin	1
	<u>6</u>

COSMO

1. T. Cragg	0
2. R. Zeller	1
3. B. Graves	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. C. Gray	1
5. L. Zeitlin	1
6. H. Southard	1
	<u>$4\frac{1}{2}$</u>

HOLLYWOOD

1. S. Giritsky	1
2. M. Freedman	1
3. W. Wheeler	1
4. J. Piatigorsky	0
5. E. Rubin	1
6. D. Maron	$\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>$4\frac{1}{2}$</u>

WATER & POWER

1. J. Bell	0
2. C. Taber	0
3. F. Larsen	0
4. G. Dewey	0
5. E. Perdue	0
6. H. Lunday	0
	<u>0</u>

Round 7HOLLYWOOD

1. C. Henderson	1
2. M. Freedman	1
3. E. Rubin	1
4. W. Wheeler	1
5. J. Piatigorsky	1
6. D. Maron	1
	<u>6</u>

VALLEY

1. J. McCardle	0
2. B. Johnson	0
3. R. Hagedorn	0
4. F. Malone	0
5. L. Pinson	0
6. S. Krinsky	0
	<u>0</u>

Cosmo defeated Santa Monica by forfeit 6-0.

Fairfax defeated Water & Power 6-0.

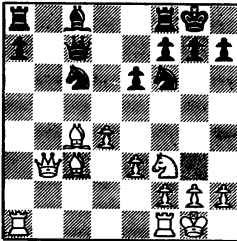
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U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH -- LARRY EVANS VS. HERMAN STEINER
LOS ANGELES 1952

(Annotations by Neil E. Falconer)

Game #123 (1st Match Game) Semi-Slav

White	Black
L. Evans	H. Steiner
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	P-QB3
4. Kt-B3	PxP
5. P-QR4	B-Kt5
6. P-K3	P-QKt4
7. B-Q2	Kt-KB3
8. PxP	BxKt
9. BxB	PxP
10. P-QKt3	O-O
11. PxP	PxP
12. BxP	Q-B2
13. Q-Kt3	Kt-B3
14. O-O	



... R-Kt1

This ultimately renders the QRP untenable. Now, to save this P, Black must either put the R on QKt2 (tangling himself up) or rely on the readily exchangeable QKt.

15. Q-R2	B-Kt2
16. KR-B1	B-R1
17. P-R3	Q-K2

18. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
19. KtxKt	BxKt
20. B-K1	KR-B1
21. B-Q3	Kt-B3
22. QxRP	Kt-Q2?

23. RxB is threatened, and is not prevented by 22...R-Kt2. 22...Q-Q1 or Q-K1 seems relatively best.
23. B-R6 Q-Kt4
Material loss is inevitable.
23...R-QR1 "traps" the Q, but, after 24.BxR, etc., the price is too high.

24. RxB	RxR
25. QxKt	R/B3-Kt3
26. B-Q3	P-Kt3
27. R-B1	R-Q1
28. R-B8	R-Kt1
29. QxRch	QxQ
30. RxQch	RxR
31. P-B4	P-R4
32. K-B2	K-Kt2
33. P-K4	P-B3
34. K-K3	R-QB1
35. B-Q2	K-B2
36. P-Q5	P-K4
37. PxP	PxP
38. B-Kt5	R-B4
39. B-B6	R-B5
40. K-B3	R-Q5
41. B-K3	R-B5
42. B-KKt5	R-B6ch
43. K-B2	R-B7ch
44. K-B1	Resigns.

Score: Evans 1, Steiner 0.

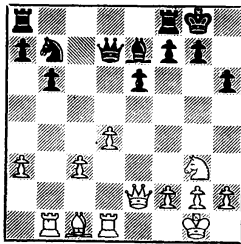
Game #124 (2nd Match Game) Nimzo

White	Black	Nimzo
H. Steiner	L. Evans	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	

- 2. P-QB4 P-K3
- 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
- 4. P-K3 O-O
- 5. B-Q3 P-Q4
- 6. Kt-K2 P-B4
- 7. PxQP BPxP
- 8. PxQP KtxP
- 9. O-O Kt-QB3
- 10. P-QR3 B-K2
- 11. Q-B2 P-KR3
- 12. R-Q1 KtxKt
- 13. PxKt P-QKt3
- 14. Kt-Kt3 B-Kt2
- 15. Q-K2 Kt-R4
- 16. R-Kt1 Q-Q4
- 17. B-K4 Q-Q2
- 18. BxB KtxB

- 20. ... P-Kt3
- Not 20...PxB; 21.Q-Kt4ch, B-Kt4;
- 22.Kt-B6ch.
- 21. Q-K5 P-B3
- 22. KtxPch BxKt
- 23. QxB Q-KB2
- 24. QxQch KxQ
- 25. R-Q3

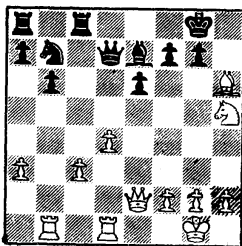
In only 25 moves Steiner has achieved a won ending against the champion--an impressive performance.



19. Kt-R5! KR-B1

Seemingly a blunder, but Black is already helpless. If 19...P-Kt3; 20.BxB, PxKt; 21.QxRP, etc.

20. BxB!



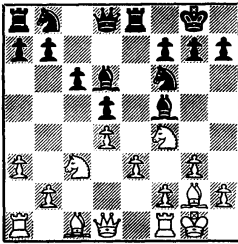
- ... R-B3
- 26. R-K1 QR-QB1
- 27. B-Q2 Kt-R4
- 28. R/K1-K3 Kt-B5
- 29. R-B3ch K-Kt2
- 30. B-B1 P-QKt4
- 31. P-KR4 R-R3
- 32. R-Kt3 R-KR1
- 33. R-Kt4 KtxP
- 34. R/Q3-Kt3 Kt-B5
- 35. RxBch K-B2
- 36. B-R6 R-R8ch
- 37. K-R2 K-K2
- 38. R/Kt3-Kt5 R-QKt8
- 39. R-QB5 P-R4
- 40. B-Kt5ch K-Q2
- 41. R-Kt7ch K-Q3
- 42. R-QKt7 P-K4
- 43. RxB KtxR
- 44. RxB PxP
- 45. B-B6 R-R3
- 46. BxB RxBch
- 47. K-Kt3 Resigns.

Score: Evans 1, Steiner 1.

Game #125 (3rd Match Game) Nimzo

	White	Black
	L. Evans	H. Steiner
1.	P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2.	P-QB4	P-K3

- 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
- 4. P-K3 O-O
- 5. Kt-K2 P-Q4
- 6. PxP PxpP
- 7. P-QR3 B-Q3
- 8. P-KKt3 P-B3
- 9. B-Kt2 R-K1
- 10. O-O B-KB4
- 11. Kt-B4



... BxKt

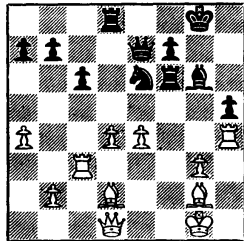
White's fianchetto has weakened

his K4 and, potentially, his K3. 11...Kt-K5 seems preferable to the text move, which makes it harder to capitalize on White's weak squares.

- 12. KtPxB QKt-Q2
- 13. Kt-K2 Kt-R4
- 14. Kt-Kt3 KtxKt
- 15. RPxKt Kt-B3
- 16. B-Q2 Q-Q2
- 17. P-B3 P-KR4
- 18. R-K1 R-K3
- 19. P-R4 QR-K1
- 20. K-B2 Q-K2
- 21. R-QB1 Kt-R2
- 22. R-B3 P-KKt4
- 23. Pxp KtxP
- 24. R-R1 B-Kt3
- 25. R-R4 R-B3

This puts the R on an awkward square, and the next move locks it in.

- 26. K-Kt1 Kt-K3
- 27. P-K4! Pxp
- 28. Pxp R-Q1



Black's dilemma: The Kt must move, to extricate the R -- but must stay where it is, to prevent B-KKt5.

- 29. P-Q5 Q-Q3
- 29...Q-Q2 is no better; 30.Q-K1, Pxp; 31.P-K5 followed by 32.B-R3.
- 30. Q-K1 Pxp
- 31. P-K5 Q-Kt3ch

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| 32. | B-K3 | P-Q5 | 3. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 33. | PxR | PxB | 4. | P-K3 | P-QR3 |
| 34. | QxP | QxP | 5. | BxP | P-K3 |
| 35. | R-Kt3 | QxP | 6. | O-O | P-B4 |
| 36. | RxP | K-Kt2 | 7. | Q-K2 | P-QKt4 |
| 37. | RxP | R-Q6 | 8. | B-Kt3 | Kt-B3 |
| 38. | Q-K1 | Q-Kt4 | 9. | P-QR4 | P-Kt5 |
| 39. | K-R2 | R-K6 | 10. | R-Q1 | Q-B2 |
| 40. | Q-B2 | Q-K4 | 11. | QKt-Q2 | B-Kt2 |
| 41. | R-R5 | Q-B6 | 12. | B-B4 | B-K2 |
| 42. | R-QB4 | Q-R6 | 13. | Kt-Kt3 | PxP |
| 43. | R-QKt5 | K-R2 | 14. | PxP | O-O |
| 44. | B-K4! | K-R3 | 15. | B-KKt5 | KR-Q1 |
| 45. | BxB | PxB | 16. | QR-B1 | P-R3 |
| 46. | Q-B6 | Kt-Kt2 | 17. | BxKt | BxB |
| 47. | R-B7 | | 18. | P-Q5 | PxP |
| 47. | R-Kt7 | is met by 47...Kt-B4. | 19. | BxP | R-Q3 |
| | ... | Q-R7ch | 20. | Kt-B5 | QR-Q1 |
| 48. | K-R3 | Q-K3ch | 21. | KtxB | QxKt |
| 49. | QxQ | KtxQ | 22. | B-Kt3 | |
| 50. | R-B4 | R-K7 | | | |
| 51. | P-Kt4 | R-K6ch | | | |
| 52. | K-Kt2 | P-R5 | | | |
| 53. | P-Kt5ch | K-R4 | | | |
| 54. | R/5-Kt4 | P-R6ch | | | |
| 55. | K-R2 | KxP | | | |
| 56. | R-R4 | K-B4 | | | |
| 57. | RxP | R-K7ch | | | |
| 58. | K-Kt1 | P-Kt4 | | | |
| 59. | R-R3 | P-Kt5 | | | |
| 60. | P-R5 | Kt-Kt4 | | | |
| 61. | P-R6 | Kt-B6ch | | | |
| 62. | K-B1 | R-KR7 | | | |
| 63. | P-R7 | R-R8ch | | | |
| 64. | K-B2 | Resigns. | | | |

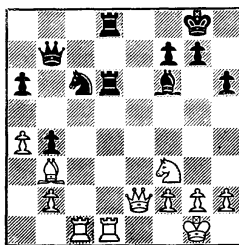
Score: Evans 2, Steiner 1.

Game #126 (4th Match Game) Q.G.A.

White	Black
H. Steiner	L. Evans

- | | | |
|----|-------|------|
| 1. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. | P-QB4 | PxP |

White's exchange of his QB and QP leaves Black with a B that dominates the board.



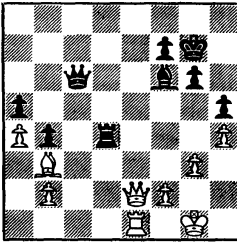
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| ... | Kt-Q5 | |
| 23. | KtxKt | BxKt |
| 24. | K-R1 | P-QR4 |
| 25. | P-R3 | Q-Q2 |
| 26. | R-Q2 | B-B3 |
| 27. | RxR | QxR |
| 28. | R-Q1 | Q-B2 |
| 29. | R-K1 | |
| 29. | RxRch, 30.B-B4 and 31.P-QKt3 | should draw readily. Steiner |

does that most dangerous thing-- try to win a drawn position.

29. ... P-Kt3
 30. P-Kt3 K-Kt2
 31. P-R4?

A weakening move which White cannot afford.

- ... P-R4
 32. K-Kt2 Q-B3ch
 33. K-Kt1 R-Q5!



Threatening 34...BxP! and thereby winning the time to invade the 6th and 7th ranks before White can play P-QKt3.

34. Q-K3

The situation is desperate. Perhaps 34.Q-B1, BxRP!; 35.Q-Kt2!, QxQch; 36.KxQ, B-B3; 37.B-Q1 and 38.P-QKt3 might save the game.

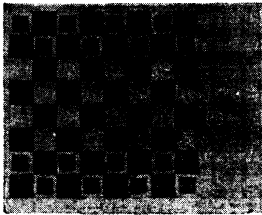
- ... Q-Q2!
 35. B-R2 R-Q6
 36. Q-Kt6?

A blunder--but 36.Q-K2, R-Q7 and 37...RxKtP should lose also.

- ... RxPch
 37. K-B1 R-KR6
 38. R-K3 Q-Qch
 Resigns.

Score: Evans 3, Steiner 1.

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