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1954 U. S. OPEN FOR HOLLYWOOD U. S. JUNIOR FOR LONG BEACH

The coming new year of 1954 will be a banner year for chess in California. The U. S. Open, which this year shattered attendance records at Milwaukee, will be held in Hollywood. The U. S. Junior Championship will be held in Long Beach. Add to this the scheduled spring international tournament (with Gligorić, Trifunović and others), the usual team tournaments, the big North-South match, the State Championship, the California Open, and the various club championship tournaments, and you have the biggest year in California chess history. In addition, a California junior championship is scheduled for Los Angeles for the coming Christmas holidays.

The U. S. Open will be played from July 10-24. Herman Steiner, U. S. C. F. Vice-President for California, was successful in obtaining the Hollywood Athletic Club for the event. The Club, which was the site of the Pan American Tournament of 1945, is located on Sunset Boulevard in the center of Hollywood, and hotel rooms and restaurant are all in the same building.

The U. S. Junior Tournament will be played in Long Beach just before the Open. The dates are June 30 - July 9. There are many fine junior players in the nation, but the eyes of Long Beach will be upon their own Larry Remlinger, the 12-year-old who was the sensation of the 1953 Junior at Kansas City.

U. S. INTERCOLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

to be held under the auspices of

The United States Chess Federation

The Intercollegiate Chess League of America & Columbia University

FIRST PRIZE: \$100 membership in USCF, \$25 set of Windsor Castle Chessmen, and custody of H. Arthur Nabel Trophy for two years.

DATES: December 26th through December 30th, 1953.

PLACE: John Jay Hall, Columbia University, Amsterdam Ave. & 114th St. New York. Registration not later than 10 A.M., December 26.

ELIGIBILITY: Open only to college (not extension) undergraduates from any college in North America. Every entry must be prepared to show credentials proving himself to be a college student in good standing and eligible to represent his school. Entry will not be accepted from any person who has a bachelor's degree or has played in four U.S. Intercollegiate tournaments (individual or team). There is no limit to the number of entries from any college. Every contestant must be a member in good standing of the USCF. Non-members may pay USCF dues in order to enter tournament.

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 to members in good standing of the USCF. Members must be prepared to show USCF membership cards expiring after December 25.

ACCOMODATIONS: Write to Rhys W. Hays, 430 W. 116th st., New York 27.

CLOCKS: If possible, please bring your own chess clock. Chess sets and boards will be provided.

1953 INGLEWOOD CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT

Karl Reissmann, formerly of New York, was undefeated in winning the Inglewood championship for the second straight year.

A Group

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	S-B
1. K. Reissmann	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-1	$30\frac{1}{2}$
2. N. Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	24
3. C. Kodil	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	22
4. L. Weiss	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	6-3	$20\frac{1}{4}$
5. H. Zander	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	5-4	17
6. E. Fisher	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	0	1	1	1	5-4	$15\frac{3}{4}$
7. J. Karsen	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	1	1	4-5	9
8. A. Freeman	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	3-6	6
9. B. Bushueff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1-8	0
10. F. Morrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0-9	0

B Group

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	S-B
1. T. Goebel	-	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-1	39
2. C. Beauchamp	0	-	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	$34\frac{1}{4}$
3. E. Strong	1	0	-	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-3	$26\frac{3}{4}$
4. R. Walters	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	-	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	$25\frac{3}{4}$
5. R. Reischel	0	0	1	0	-	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{1}{4}$
6. J. Stuntebeck	0	0	0	1	0	-	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{4}$
7. F. Ganzert	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	0	1	1	4-6	12
8. R. Jordan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	1	3-7	5
9. H. Roy	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	-	0	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{3}{4}$
10. B. Perkins	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	-	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{3}{4}$
11. G. Segall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0-10	0

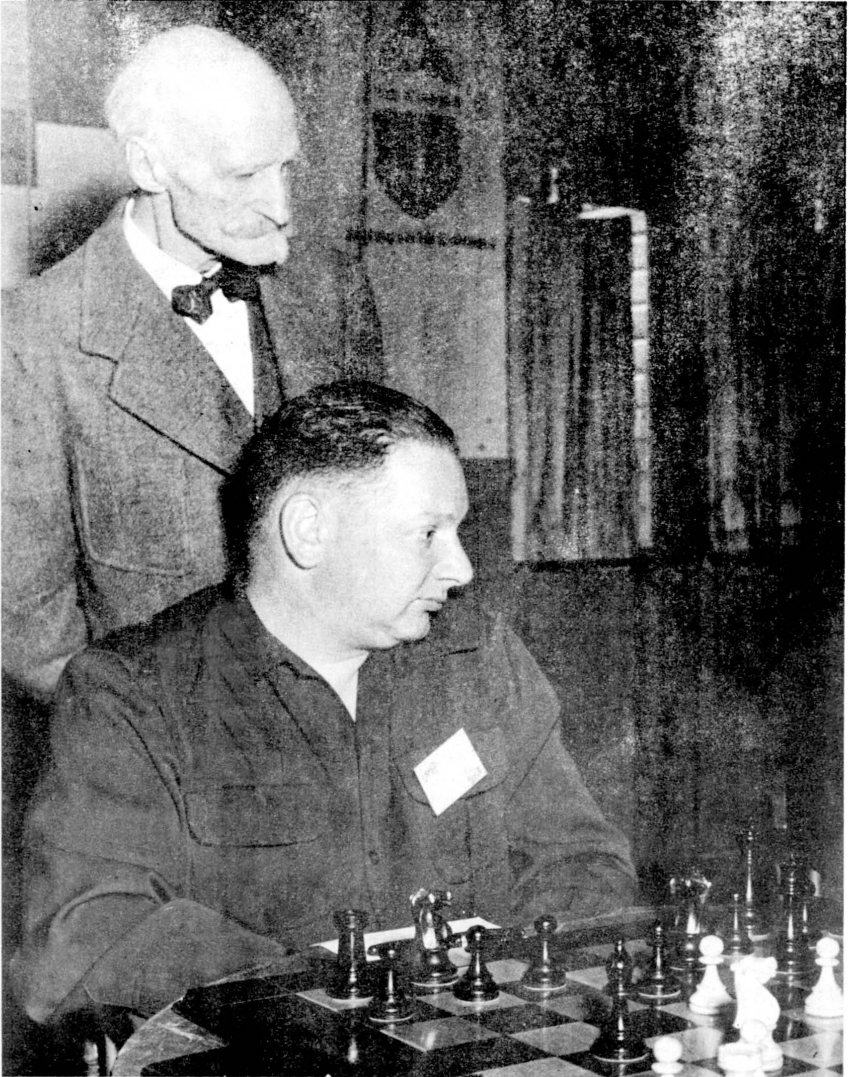
CASTLE CHESS CLUB Henry Gross won the 1953 championship, thus adding another title to his extensive 1953 collection. Mark Eudey was second by half a point over Wade Hendricks. The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score
1. H. Gross	X	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-1
2. M. Eudey	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	9-3
3. W.A.Hendricks	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4- 5. F.N.Christensen	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	7-5
4- 5. D. Neilson	1	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	7-5
6. W.G.McClain	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Dr.R.Hultgren	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6-6
8. F. Byron	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	1	1	0	1	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. N. Hultgren	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	0	1	5-7
10-11. M. Hoffer	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4-8
10-11. P. Traum	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-8
12. Dr.E.Kupka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. L. Ralston	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	2-10

Henry Gross swept eleven out of twelve games for a fine victory, losing only one game, to Dan Neilson. Mark Eudey was the most improved player, climbing a long way from his eighth place tie of 1952. Wade Hendricks also improved from a tie for sixth in 1952, while Fred Christensen and Dan Neilson showed improved form after a long layoff from tournaments.

FRESNO CHESS CLUB The 1953 Board One Qualifying Tournament saw a tie for first and second between Mike Hailparn and Phil Smith. According to prior agreement a match was played to break the tie. Smith won the match 2-0 and therefore plays first board on the Fresno team in the current Central Valley League team tournament.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	S-B
1. M. Hailparn	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. P. Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{4}$
3. R. Womack	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	0	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-3	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
4. T. Fries	0	0	1	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-3	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
5. O. Maschke	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
6. Schafer	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	X	1	1	3-4	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
7. L. Legler	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
8. W. Markus	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	X	1-6	4



Henry Gross
Castle Chess Club Champion

Photo by
Nancy Roos

PALO ALTO CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

By Victor Ricketts

The Palo Alto Chess Club Championship for 1953 was won by Jack Kliger, a newcomer to Palo Alto play, formerly of the Marshall Chess Club, New York. The tournament was single round, with eighteen participants. Kliger lost only one game, to Edmund T. Dana, a former champion, and drew only one, with Albert Guthrie. Feature of the tournament was the keen competition among five or six other players for second to sixth place.

The score:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Score
1. Jack Kliger	X	1	1	0	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 1/2-1 1/2
2. George Petriceks	0	X	0	1	1	0	1	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-4
3. Lincoln Moses	0	1	X	0	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	12 1/2-4 1/2
4. Edmund T. Dana	1	0	1	X	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	12-5
5. Walt Snugert	0	0	1/2	0	X	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11 1/2-5 1/2
6-7. Albert Guthrie	1/2	1	0	0	1/2	X	0	1/2	1	-	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 1/2-6 1/2
6-7. Richard Mathews	0	0	0	1	0	1	X	1	0	1/2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 1/2-6 1/2
8. Victor Ricketts	0	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	0	X	1	1	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	9 1/2-7 1/2
9-10. Carl Erickson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	X	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	9-8
9-10. Don Gold	0	0	0	1	0	1	1/2	0	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	9-8
11. Kenneth Van Woert	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1/2	0	1	X	0	0	1/2	1	1	1	1	8-9
12. Robert Roslin	0	1/2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	1/2	0	0	1	1	1	7 1/2-9 1/2
13. Paul Melton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1/2	X	0	0	0	1	1	1	7-10
14-15. Michael Bredoff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	0	1	X	1	1	1	0	4 1/2-12 1/2
14-15. A. E. Gillece	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	1	0	1	4 1/2-12 1/2
16. H. Kempenich	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	X	1/2	1	4-13
17. Butler Rhodes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	X	1	3-14
18. G. W. Bolitho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	0	1	0	0	0	X	1 1/2-15 1/2

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE The Fresno and Sacramento teams are off to a flying start in the 1953-54 team matches. Fresno, strengthened by the addition of some strong Visalia players, beat San Jose and will evidently be a team to be reckoned with. Sacramento is defending champion.

First Round - October 11, 1953:

San Jose 3½, Fresno 5½ 1) J. Kalnins ½, M. Hailparn ½; 2) W. T. Adams 1, R. Womack 0; 3) F. Crofut 0, T. Fries 1; 4) B. Mueller 1, O. Maschke 0; 5) L. Daugherty ½, L. Legler ½; 6) H. O'Shaughnessy ½, E. Achterberg ½; 7) M. Gazse 0, C. Fotias 1; 8) D. Havill 0, H. Kallmann 1; 9) L. Greenberg 0, E. Thompson 1.

Sacramento 8½, Modesto 1½ 1) R. E. Russell 1, L. E. Davis 0; 2) M. O. Meyer ½, E. L. Jeffers ½; 3) J. B. Gee 1, L. H. Kerfoot 0; 4) A. Janushkowsky 1, J. Berry 0; 5) O. A. Celle 1, H. Betker 0; 6) N. Zimmerman 1, Du Purties 0; 7) O. Bender 1, H. E. Paul 0; 8) J. A. Celle 0, Franklin 1; 9) F. Clawson 1, Bundert 0; 10) N. T. Austin 1, E. Hawksworth 0.

Pittsburg 3½, Stockton 4½ 1) F. Olvera 0, W. Reid 1; 2) F. Weinberg 0, J. M. David-Malig 1; 3) G. Garcia 0, R. Leigh 1; 4) Whisler 1, R. Juhre 0; 5) J. Smith 1, M. A. Sanders 0; 6) C. Daggs 0, J. Saxon 1; 7) Gilfillan ½, P. Hubbard ½; 8) H. Lansing 1, E. Louie 0.

Second Round - November 1, 1953:

Sacramento 5, Stockton 4 1) M. O. Meyer 0, J. M. David-Malig 1; 2) R. E. Russell 0, R. Leigh 1; 3) J. B. Gee 1, W. Reid 0; 4) A. Janushkowsky 1, R. Juhre 0; 5) O. A. Celle 1, J. Saxon 0; 6) N. T. Austin 1, P. Hubbard 0; 7) N. Zimmerman 0, M. A. Sanders 1; 8) O. Bender 0, M. Elenberg 1; 9) J. A. Celle 1, A. C. Saxon 0.

San Jose 10½, Oakdale ½ 1) J. Kalnins 1, C. J. Smith 0; 2) W. T. Adams 1, H. Mortensen 0; 3) B. Mueller 1, W. Maxey 0; 4) M. Gazse 1, S. Sampson 0; 5) F. Crofut 1, A. Buerer 0; 6) L. Daugherty 1, H. Tusosian 0; 7) H. O'Shaughnessy 1, Kimball 0; 8) D. Havill ½, V. Smith ½; 9) N. Lutz 1, J. Smith 0; 10) G. Van Hooser 1, Ed Sai 0; 11) L. Greenberg 1, J. Sai 0.

Modesto 3½, Fresno 6½ 1) L. E. Davis 0, P. D. Smith 1; 2) E. L. Jeffers ½, M. Hailparn ½; 3) H. P. Betker 0, T. Fries 1; 4) L. H. Kerfoot 1, C. Fotias 0; 5) Franklin 0, E. Achterberg 1; 6) J. Berry 1, O. Maschke 0; 7) L. Krogness 0, H. Kallmann 1; 8) Du Purties 0, E. Thompson 1; 9) H. E. Paul 1, R. Baker 0; 10) H. Wente 0,

GAME OF THE MONTH by Imre König

The following game of of interest because it illustrates a clash between two different types of players. Smyslov has a very safe style and he represents the real positional player. Geller is one of the most aggressive attacking players of the younger generation. Smyslov has something in common with the late Dr. Lasker in the way he does not try to gain advantage out of the openings by study, but applies on them the general principles of chess. In this game, Geller is able to obtain the initiative, but overreaches himself and falls victim to Smyslov's counter-attack.

ZURICH, 1953Game No. 203 -- King's Indian

	White	Black
V.	Smyslov	E. Geller

1.	P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2.	P-QB4	P-KKt3
3.	Kt-QB3	B-Kt2
4.	P-K4	P-Q3
5.	Kt-B3	O-O
6.	B-K2	P-K4
7.	O-O	P-B3
8.	R-K1	PxP
9.	KtxP	R-K1

A new line. Normally Black develops the QKt, first going to QB4 via Q2, and later the Kkt goes to Q2, followed sometimes by Kt-K4.

10.	B-B1	Kt-Kt5
11.	P-KR3	Q-B3

The point of the new system.

12.	PxKt	QxKt
13.	P-Kt5	

This pawn exerts pressure on Black's game, and prevents him playing P-KB4.

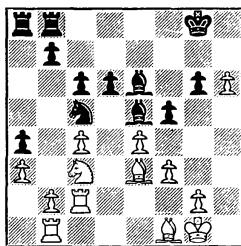
...		Kt-Q2
14.	B-B4	QxQ
15.	QRxQ	B-K4
16.	B-K3	Kt-B4
17.	P-B3	B-K3
18.	R-B1	

A necessary threat to meet the threat 18...BxKt; 19. PxR, Kt-R5; 20. R-B1, Kt-Kt7.

18.	...	P-QR4
19.	R-B2	P-R5
20.	P-R3	Kr-Kt1
21.	R-Kt1	P-R3

An interesting pawn-sacrifice to obtain the initiative.

22.	PxP	P-B4
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23.	P-B4	
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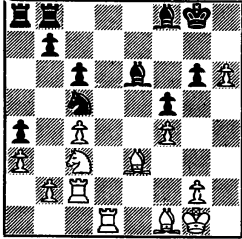
With this fine move White not only meets Black's threat ...P-B5, but gains the upper hand.

...	B-B3	
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If 23...BxKt; 24. BxKt, PxR; 25. PxR, PxP; 26. R/2-Kt2, R-R2; 27.

R-Kt6 (threatening RxBP) gives
White the better game.

- 24. P-K5 B-K2
- 25. PxP BxP
- 26. R-Q1 B-KB1



- 27. Kt-Q5! R-Q1

On 27...PxKt; 28. PxP regains the
piece.

- 28. Kt-B6ch K-B2
- 29. RxR RxR
- 30. Kt-R7 Kt-K5
- 31. Kt-Kt5ch K-B3
- 32. P-KKt4! R-Q8
- 33. KtxKtch PxKt
- 34. P-Kt5ch K-B2
- 35. K-B2 R-Q2
- 36. R-Q2 RxR
- 37. BxR B-B4ch
- 38. B-K3 K-Q3
- 39. B-Q4 K-Kt1
- 40. K-K3 B-KB4
- 41. P-B5 B-B2
- 42. B-K2 B-R4
- 43. B-Q1 B-K8
- 44. BxP Resigns

A fine example of Smyslov's end
game technique.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kyle Forrest of Beverly Hills writes:

"Allow me to congratulate your editors on the fine reporting of the California State Open Chess Championship played during the last Labor Day week end. Your round by round treatment of the event, including many interesting vignettes, followed by the good photographs of the seven winners and our Referee, Bill Adams, was very refreshing, even to one who participated in the event.

(We regret we did not have a photo of Mark Gazse, eighth prize-winner - Ed.)

"Knowing that most chess players maintain interest in their playing proficiencies from time to time, I have prepared a table based on the S-B point scores of those who played in the last two State Open Championships. The first-named person is the player who improved the most during the past year, and the last-named is the one who declined the most. Although there were 66 players in 1953 and 40 players in 1952, I find that only 21 players participated in both matches."

	POSITION		IN PERCENTAGE		NET CHANGE
	1953	1952	1953	1952	In %
1. W. Markus	18	36	58.8%	20.2%	+38.6%
2. H. Dasteel	13	34	55.8	22.5	+33.3
3. Mrs. G. Piatigorsky	25	35	51.0	21.3	+29.7
4. L. Daugherty	36	40	33.3	4.5	+28.8
5. G. Chase	16	17	58.8	33.7	+25.1
6. J. Alexander	5	15	77.5	55.1	+22.4
7. M. Gordon	4	6	93.1	76.4	+16.7
8. K. Forrest	59	39	21.6	9.0	+11.4
9. D. Maron	23	22	51.9	43.8	+ 8.1
10. M. Hailparn	26	28	50.0	43.8	+ 6.2
11. B. Mueller	24	21	51.0	50.6	+ 0.4
12. F. Crofut	11	14	59.8	60.7	- 0.8
13. T. Fries	52	31	34.3	36.0	- 1.7
14. E. Achterberg	32	30	38.2	40.4	- 2.2
15. M. O. Johnson	63	24	19.6	32.6	-13.0
16. P. D. Smith	10	3	64.7	84.3	-19.6
17. A. Chappell	47	26	24.5	46.1	-21.6
18. M. O. Meyer	15	7	61.7	83.1	-22.4
19. J. Christman	35	18	34.3	60.7	-26.4
20. P. Petersen	66	20	3.9	53.9	-50.0
21. R. Cuneo	49	10	19.6	69.7	-50.1

(Note: The percentages seem to be each player's percentage of the winner's S-B score - Ed.)

Horace S. King of San Francisco also writes of the Open:

" The following figures may give a clear picture of the success of the contending aspirants as shown by (A) the contestants' final scores; (B) Sonneborn-Berger points, where the contestant assumes the total score of every opponent he beats and one-half the score of every opponent with whom he draws; (C) the sum of the opponents' final standings (rankings); (D) the sum of the reciprocals of (C); and (E) points scored under the Solkoff system, where the contestant acquires all his opponents' final scores without respect to wins, losses, or draws...

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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
	Score	S-B	Opponents' Standings	Reciprocals of (C)	Solkoff System
1.E.Levin, Van Nuys	6-1	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	120	.979	31
2.P.Lapiken, L.A.	6-1	23	171	.602	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.V.Pafnutieff, S.F.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	106	1.639	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.M.Gordon, L.A.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	124	2.144	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.J.Alexander, S.Diego	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	175	.761	28
6.R.Jacobs, L.A.	5-2	21	108	1.431	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.C.Bagby, S.F.	5-2	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	121	.937	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
8.M.Gazse, Los Gatos	5-2	17	229	.261	25
9.R.Russell, Auburn	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	144	.261	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
10.P.Smith, Fresno	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	196	.337	26
11.F.Crofut, San Jose	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	198	.323	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
12.A.Spiller, Air Base	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	176	.932	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
13.H.Dasteel, S.F.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	248	.326	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
14.W.Hendricks, So.S.F.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	190	1.318	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
15.M.O.Meyer, Sacto.	4-3	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	123	.932	31
16.G.Chase, L.A.	4-3	15	155	.515	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
17.R.Gross, Compton	4-3	15	131	.777	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
18.W.Markus, Visalia	4-3	15	184	.516	28
19.R.Richards, Sacto.	4-3	15	160	.371	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
20.J.Wiener, La Habra	4-3	14	205	.389	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
21.R.Smook, Berkeley	4-3	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	175	.834	28
22.Dr.E.Kupka, Berkeley	4-3	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	266	.200	22 $\frac{1}{2}$

"It will be interesting for some more industrious statistician to pursue these ploddings through the entire field of 66 contestants, and to suggest other criteria of success."

A. E. Hoerchner of Salinas says:

"The B. C. F. Yearbook arrived just in time to ease the consciences of two engineers and a high school math teacher, who tried, without singular success, to develop a single round robin for twelve players. We were ending up with the #3 player playing two games on the final night..."

"Chess in Salinas is a howling success....With the addition of Slavich (Formerly of Long Beach and San Jose) and Mattingley of Lodi, there are eight in the "A" competition. In the "B" class, we jumped from 9 last year to 14. So, as Tournament Director, I am working.... I must say that while reading about your receiving purses from the players as T.D. was a pleasant surprise.....I can now see that such considerations are certainly earned!

"I've been reading Ralston's column in the San Francisco News, and do enjoy it....Convey my respects to Bip when you see him, please."

(In answer to Al Hoerchner and all those who have expressed wishes for a speedy recovery for Dr. Ralston, we may say that he is up and about, has resumed teaching his classes at the Stanford Dental School, and continues his keen and selfless interest in chess - although still under doctor's orders to take it easy - Ed.)

George Kirby of San Jose writes:

"I was recalled to active duty by the Naval Reserve and am now in Japan, but I would still like to keep up with all the chess activities in California, so please send the REPORTER to me.... No matter where I am, I wouldn't be without the REPORTER!"

From Gunnar H. Rasmussen of Vallejo:

"The Redwood Empire Chess League, consisting of chess clubs from Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Vallejo, Crockett, and a newly formed club in Sacramento, has adopted a single round robin schedule for the League's 1953-54 Trophy Tournament and will end the season with a dinner meeting sometime in April."

U. S. WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP To be held in New York December 5-20 inclusive. Open to all players who are U. S. citizens and members of the U. S. Chess Federation. Entry fee \$5.00 - Tournament will be either Round Robin or Swiss System depending on number of entries. Entries close November 15. Address inquiries to Albert S. Pinkus, 1700 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn, New York (Secretary and Treasurer to the Tournament Committee).

SACRAMENTO With 17 contenders for the 1953-54 Championship of the Capital City Chess Club, a preliminary qualifying tournament is under way. The preliminary is a five-round Swiss, and will qualify 8 for a championship round-robin. The other 9 players will engage in a consolation tournament for suitable prizes.

COSMO CHESS CLUB The annual Club championship got under way October 7 and a hotly contested tournament is expected at 2180 W. Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles. Last year's winner was Eugene Rubin. The tournament is again directed by Tommy Cragg.

S. F. BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE The 1954 team matches will get under way January 9 for Division B and January 16 for Division A. The following teams are entered: (A) Russians, Golden Gate, Castle, Mechanics' Institute, Oakland, and U. C.; (B) Russians, Palo Alto, Mechanics' Institute, Golden Gate, Tower, Kings, Alameda, and Oakland. At a meeting held November 15, the following officers were elected for the new year: President, Guthrie McClain; Vice-President, Vladimir Pafnutieff; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Burger.

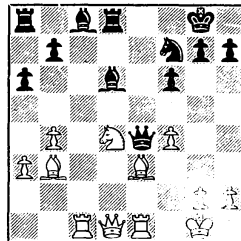
CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - LOS ANGELES, 1953

Game No. 204 - Ruy

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>R. Burger</u>	<u>H. Steiner</u>
(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)	

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|------------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | B-Kt5 |
| 5. O-O | KKt-K2 |
| 6. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 7. KtxP | O-O |
| 8. B-KKt5 | P-KB3 |
| 9. B-K3 | Kt-K4 |
| 10. P-KB4 | Kt-B2 |
| 11. P-B4 | P-B3 |
| 12. P-QR3 | B-R4 |
| 13. P-QKt4 | B-B2 |
| 14. Kt-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 15. BPxP | PxP |
| 16. PxP | KtxP |
| 17. KtxKt | QxKt |

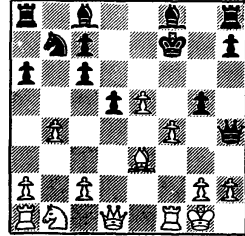
diagonal KKt1-QR7 is weak.
 18. R-B1 B-Q3
 19. R-K1 R-Q1
 20. B-Kt3 Q-K5
 21. B-QB2 Q-Q4
 22. B-Kt3 Q-Kt
 Draw Agreed.



Black has freed his position, but is behind in development, and his

Final position, see next page.

White missed the following beautiful win: 23. BxKtch, KxB; 24. RxB; R(Q1)xR; 25. Q-Kt3ch, K-B1; 26. Kt-K6ch, K-K1; 27. B-B2, Q-Kt3; 28. P-B5; Q-R3; 29. Kt-B5 disc.ch, K-Q1; 30. Q-Kt8ch, K-B2; 31. Q-B7ch, K-Kt3; 32. QxP mate.



Game No. 205 - Ruy

White Black

R. Burger D. Poliakoff

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	Kt-KB3
5. P-Q4	PxP
6. P-K5	Kt-K5
7. O-O	B-K2
8. KtxP	Kt-B4
9. Kt-B5	B-B1?

Not 9...KtxB; 10. KtxPch, K-B1; 11. B-R6, and wins the Q on the next move by disc. ch, but 9... O-O was safe (10. Q-Kt4, P-KKt3).

10. Q-Kt4

This loses time. 10. BxKt, QPxB;

11. Q-B3 seems very strong.

... P-KKt3

11. Kt-R6

Risky.

...	P-Q4
12. BxKtch	PxB
13. Q-Q1	

Q-KB4 seems safer.

...	Q-R5
14. B-K3	P-Kt4
15. P-QKt4	Kt-Kt2
16. KtxP	KxKt

Black has won a piece, but he is undeveloped and his K-side is disorganized.

17. P-KB4

17. ...	P-Kt5
18. P-B5	BxKtP

So as to get rid of the white B by 19...B-B4.

19. P-QB4

Now 19...B-B4 would be met by 20. BxB, KtxB; 21. PxP.

19. ...	R-Q1
20. P-KKt3	Q-R4
21. P-K6ch	K-Kt1
22. R-B4	K-B1
23. Q-Q4	B-B4
24. Q-B6ch	K-K1
25. BxB	KtxB
26. RxB	BxP
27. PxP	KtxP
28. QxKtch	Resigns

Game No. 206 - Ruy

White Black

D. Poliakoff H. Steiner

(Notes by Dimitri Poliakoff)

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	Kt-B3
5. P-Q3	P-QKt4
6. B-Kt3	B-K2
7. P-QR4	QR-Kt1
8. PxP	PxP
9. Kt-B3	P-Q3
10. Kt-Q5	O-O
11. P-B3	Kt-K1
12. Kt-K3	P-Kt3
13. P-Q4	B-B3

14. Kt-Q5 B-KKt2 32. B-B4! Q-Qb3
 15. B-Kt5 Q-Q2 33. B-K4

If 15...Kt-B3; 16, KtxKP, PxKt; 17. Decisive. If now...Q-B1; 34. Q-B3. BxPch, PxB; 35. R-K7ch wins

16. O-O P-R3 ... QxB
 17. B-K3 K-R2 34. QxRPch K-Kt1
 18. B-B2 PxP 35. QxRch KxQ
 19. KtxP 36. RxQ R-B1
 37. R-K5 K-Kt1
 38. R-R7 B-R1
 39. P-B4 P-B3
 40. R-K6 B-B3
 41. B-K3 Resigns.

So as to be able to play P-KB4.

- ... Kt-K4
 20. P-KB4 Kt-B5
 21. B-B1 P-QB3
 22. Kt-K3 P-QB4
 23. Kt-B3 KtxKt
 24. BxKt Q-K2
 25. R-K1 P-Kt5
 26. P-K5!

The decisive breakthrough.

- ... PxBP
 27. PxBP PxP
 28. KtxP

Again the best, as it forces the exchange of the Black KB.

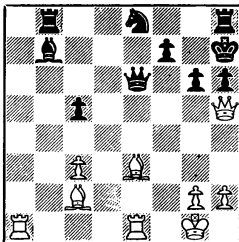
- ... BxKt
 29. PxB B-Kt2

Not 29...QxP; 30. BxRP. The text move prevents the threatened Q-Q5, but, however, is not fully satisfactory.

30. Q-R5 R-KR1
 31. P-K6

Better than 31. QxPch, K-Kt1; 31. Q-Kt5, QxQ.

- ... QxP



Game No. 207 - Ruy
White Black
H. Gross I. Rivise

(Notes by I. König)

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
 3. B-Kt5 P-QR3
 4. B-R4 Kt-B3
 5. O-O B-K2
 6. P-Q4 PxP
 7. P-K5 Kt-K5
 8. KtxP KtxKt

Better is 8...Kt-B4.

9. QxKt Kt-B4
 10. Kt-B3 O-O
 11. B-B4

Preferable was 11. B-K3.

- ... Kt-K3
 12. Q-Q2 KtxB
 13. QxKt P-Q4

Black should have tried to open lines for his Bishops by playing 13...P-Q3; 14. QR-Q1, PxP; 15. QxP, B-Q3.

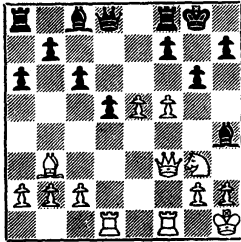
14. QR-Q1 P-QB3
 15. Kt-K2 B-Kt4
 16. Q-Q4 Q-R4
 17. B-Kt3 B-K3

Threatening to win a piece by
18...P-QB4.

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| 18. | Q-Q3 | P-KKt3 |
| 19. | P-KB4 | B-B4 |
| 20. | Q-KB3 | B-K2 |
| 21. | Kt-Kt3 | B-B1 |
| 22. | K-R1 | |

To be able to play P-B4 without
being exposed to ...Q-B4ch.

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| ... | B-R5 |
| 23. | P-B5 Q-Q1 |



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| 24. | R-Q4 | Q-Kt4 |
| 25. | R-Kt4 | Q-R3 |
| 26. | P-B4 | K-R1 |
| 27. | PxQP | PxQP |
| 28. | B-B2 | BxKt |
| 29. | RxB | B-Q2 |
| 30. | R-R3 | Q-Q7 |
| 31. | B-Q3 | QR-B1 |
| 32. | Q-Kt3 | R-B8 |
| 33. | Q-R4 | RxRch |
| 34. | BxR | P-KR4 |
| 35. | Q-B6ch | K-Kt1 |
| 36. | P-K6 | Q-B5 |

On 36...B-Kt4; 37. PxKtP, BxB;
38. KtPxPch wins.

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| 37. | R-KB3 | Resigns |
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Game No. 208
Queen's Gambit Declined

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>W. J. Reid</u>	<u>G. Lutz</u>

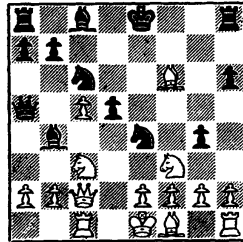
(Notes by I. König)

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| 1. | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | P-K3 |
| 3. | P-QB4 | P-Q4 |
| 4. | Kt-B3 | B-Kt5 |
| 5. | B-Kt5 | P-KR3 |
| 6. | B-R4 | P-B4 |
| 7. | PxQP | KPxP |
| 8. | PxP | P-KKt4 |
| 9. | B-Kt3 | Kt-K5 |
| 10. | B-K5 | |

Better was 10. Q-Kt3, Q-R4; 11.
R-B1, Kt-QB3; 12. P-K3.

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| ... | P-B3 |
| 11. | B-Q4 Q-R4 |
| 12. | Q-B2 Kt-B3 |
| 13. | R-B1 P-Kt5 |
| 14. | BxP |

Hoping for 14...KtxB; 15. Q-Kt6ch,
K-K2; 16. Q-Kt7ch.



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| 14. | ... | R-B1! |
| 15. | Kt-Q2 | |
| 15. | P-QR3, RxB; 16. PxP, KtxKtP; | |
| | also wins a piece. | |
| ... | RxB | |

- 16. KktxKt PxB
- 17. QxPch B-K3
- 18. P-K3 O-O-O
- 19. B-B4 B-B4
- 20. Q-B4 QxBP
- 21. O-O BxKt
- 22. RxB Q-Q3
- 23. QxQ KRxQ
- 24. P-Kt4 K-Kt1
- 25. P-QR3 B-Q6
- 26. R-K1 BxB
- 27. RxB P-KR4
- 28. P-Kt3 Kt-K4
and Black won.

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GOLDEN GATE vs. VENICE, Apr. 1953

When the following game appeared in George Koltanowski's column in the S.F. Chronicle soon after his return to San Francisco in May, Gross was surprised to read that Black claimed a win in all variations after 18...RxB. Gross wrote to Koltanowski, demonstrating equality at least after 19. Kt-R3; subsequently Kolty met Fletzer with Paul Keres at Zurich in September, whereupon all analyzed the position with the results shown below.

Game No. 209 - Ruy

White	Black
H. Gross	G. Fletzer
(Notes after Gino Fletzer and Giuseppe Stalda in "L'Italia Scacchistica," August, 1953)	
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	Kt-B3
5. O-O	KtxP

The master Fletzer likes to sail in troubled seas; placid honeymoon waters are not suited to his active and dynamic character so he prefers the text line to 5... B-K2; 6.R-K1, P-QKt4, etc. (Stalda)

6. P-Q4	P-QKt4
7. B-Kt3	P-Q4
8. PxB	B-K3
9. P-B3	B-K2
10. B-K3	

A playable move to control the squares Q4 and QB5, but it has the defect of not threatening anything and of obstructing the King's file. (Fletzer)

10. ...	Kt-B4
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Theory gives here 10...O-O or 10...Kt-R4 or 10...Q-Q2. But against 10...O-O; 11. QKt-Q2 puts up to Black the exchange of Knights; on 10...Kt-R4; 11. Kt-Q4! is good; and on 10...Q-Q2, QKt-Q2 also follows. The text move is an innovation. (Fletzer)

11. B-B2

Simpler would have been BxKt at once, followed by Q-K2 and QKt-Q2, completing the development. The text move permits the annoying pin on the KKt and compels BxKt anyway. (Stalda)

11. ...	B-Kt5!
12. BxKt	BxB
13. Q-Q3	

White logically frees himself of the pin as soon as possible, being convinced that the KP is untouchable. But it would have been more prudent not to enter into the complications, playing quietly 13. R-K1, followed eventually by Q-Q3 and QKt-Q2. (Stalda)

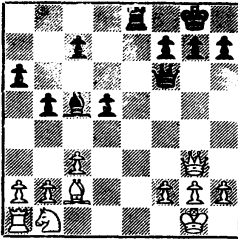
13. ... BxKt!

If this move was not good, the whole line falls apart. Only after a long and elaborate study of the various continuations, bearing out the correctness of the sacrifice on the 16th move, was Black able to select a line of play which, at first glance, seems rash. (Fletzer)

14. QxB KtxP!!

A profound and surprising combination which turned out to be perfectly correct. (Stalda)

15. R-K1	Q-B3
16. Q-Kt3	O-O!
17. BxKt	QR-K1!
18. RxB	RxB



The critical position. The S.F. Chronicle said "If 19.Kt-R3, then ...P-Kt5 decides." (Apparently Fletzer's note.)

L'Italia Scacchistica said: "Better (than Kt-Q2) but not sufficient to save the situation would have been 19.Kt-R3, R-K7; 20.R-KB1, BxPch; 21.QxB, RxQ; 22.RxR, Q-QKt3; and at length Black would win." (We think White now has the best of it. - Ed.)

The line attributed to Keres

goes: 19.Kt-R3, P-Kt5; 20.PxP, QxP; 21.R-KB1, BxP; 22.B-R4, R-K7; 23. Kt-Kt1, B-K8; 24.Q-QKt3, BxPch; 25. K-R1, B-B4; 26.QxP, R-KB7; 27.R-K1, R-K7; 28.R-Q1 and 29.Kt-Q2 or B-Kt3 wins for White. Best for Black seems to be 23...R-K8; 24. Q-Q3, RxRch; 25.KxR, B-B4; 26.Q-B2, Q-Q5; 27.Kt-B3 and White is at least equal. Black's entire plan appears to be dubious.

The actual finish of the game:

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| 19. | Kt-Q2 | R-K7 |
| 20. | Kt-B3 | RxB |
| 21. | QxP | BxPch |
| 22. | K-B1 | P-R3 |
| 23. | Q-Kt8ch | K-R2 |
| 24. | Q-K5 | Q-KKt3! |
| 25. | QxP | B-K6 |
| 26. | Kt-R4 | R-B7ch |
| 27. | K-K1 | Q-B7 |
- Resigns.

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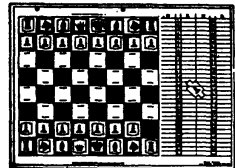
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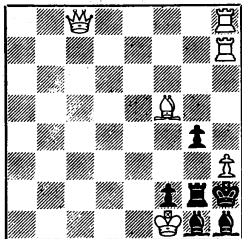
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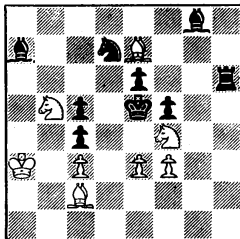
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