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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP THANKSGIVING WEEK END

The 1954 California State Championship will be held November 25-28 at the Golden Gate and Mechanics' Institute chess clubs in San Francisco. The tournament, a 10-man round-robin, brings together last year's State and Open champions and eight survivors of qualifying tournaments. The finalists are: Herman Steiner, Eugene Levin, Irving Rivise, Ray Martin, Robert Cross and Sven Almgren of southern California and William Addison, Dmitri Poliakoff, Jim Schmitt and M. O. Meyer of northern California.

The first round, 8 P.M. Nov. 25, and rounds 2 and 4, 1 P.M. Nov. 26 and Nov. 27, will be played at the Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post Street. Rounds 3 and 5, 8 P.M. Nov. 26 and Nov. 27, and the sixth and last round, Nov. 28 in the forenoon, will be played at the Golden Gate club, 555 Post Street. The equivalent of three complete rounds have been played in advance in Los Angeles and San Francisco, leaving a six-round final which is largely North vs. South. The tournament will be directed by Henry Gross, chairman of the Northern California Tournament Committee of the CSCF and President of the Golden Gate club.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP by Irving Rivise

A fine turnout of 50 players met on Sunday, August 15, to begin the 12-round Swiss System tournament to determine four southern players to be added to the list of candidates for the California State Championship. The tournament was held at the Hollywood Chess Group quarters at 108 North Formosa.

The four favorites at the outset were Almgren, Borochoy, Martin and Rivise. A second dangerous group waiting for one of the favorites to falter included the veterans Jacobs and Mazner; and youngsters still looking to make their mark: R. Cross, Lazos and Altshuler.

Round 1: Produced no surprises as all the favorites won, although Borochoy had a difficult time with Leekley, but his experience prevailed.

Round 2: Provided a minor upset when Lazos beat Almgren. Borochoy beat Jacobs in a nice game. The other favorites continued their winning ways.

Round 3: Provided what may have been the biggest upset when Nancy Roos defeated Borochoy. The other favorites still kept on winning.

Round 4: Closed with only Martin and Rivise having perfect scores. Burke with $3\frac{1}{2}$ and Ek with 3 points were doing very well.

Round 5: Martin agreed to a draw with Rivise after staving off the latter's attack. Mazner beat Burke, Ek held Lazos to a draw. At this point the leading scores were: Martin and Rivise $4\frac{1}{2}$; Almgren, Cross and Mazner each had 4 points.

Round 6: Found Martin beating Cross, Rivise beating Almgren, Burke beating Lazos in a fine game, and young Altshuler beating Mazner. The leaders were now Martin and Rivise $5\frac{1}{2}$, Altshuler and Burke $4\frac{1}{2}$. At this point Lazos withdrew from the tournament.

Round 7: Martin and Rivise continued their neck-and-neck race by beating the two closest challengers, Burke and Altshuler, respectively, to lead the rest of the field by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Round 8: Martin was the first to stumble by losing to Almgren while Rivise and Weinbaum were drawing. After eight rounds the leaders were: Rivise 7; Martin $6\frac{1}{2}$; Almgren, Cross and Gordon 6.

Round 9: Found Rivise one full point ahead of the field as he beat M. Gordon while Martin and Weinbaum drew. Cross became a serious contender by beating Almgren.

Round 10: Rivise beat Borocho (right after Borocho had refused a draw). Martin beat Mazner, Jacobs beat M. Gordon, Cross beat Woronzoff. With but two more rounds to play, Rivise was sure to qualify but the other three places were still in doubt. The leading scores: Rivise 9, Cross and Martin 8, Almgren and Jacobs 7, Borocho $6\frac{1}{2}$.

Round 11: Produced a number of surprises. Jacobs took excellent advantage of an opening lapse by Rivise and sacrificed a Knight and proceeded to win a very fine game. Cross, who was two Pawns up in a Kt and P ending against Borocho, could only draw; which still gave Borocho qualifying chances. Woronzoff played in brilliant style to force a tremendously superior game against Martin but missed the best continuation and agreed to a draw although a Pawn ahead in a R and P ending. Almgren beat Gordon to remain in the running.

Round 12: The final round found the leaders (except for Rivise) meeting one another so that the results were in doubt right to the very end. Rivise with 9 points played Gibbs with $6\frac{1}{2}$. Martin ($8\frac{1}{2}$) played Jacobs (8). Cross ($8\frac{1}{2}$) played Steven ($6\frac{1}{2}$) and Almgren (8) was paired with Borocho (7). A curious feature was the possibility of the four qualifiers ending in a tie, i.e., if Rivise lost, Almgren won, and Martin and Cross only drew. Rivise did get into difficulties against Gibbs, but a tactical twist which took Gibbs by surprise soon won the game and undisputed first place for Rivise. Martin early obtained a fine game vs. Jacobs and relentlessly pressed his advantage home. Cross beat Steven. Now Rivise, Martin and Cross had qualified. The game between Almgren and Borocho had started much later and was still in the opening stages. Borocho soon obtained an overwhelming position but, after missing the best line, little by little let the game slip away until Almgren emerged the victor. (Almgren's winning also solved what appeared to shape up as another hassle, for had Borocho won there would have been a triple tie for fourth between Almgren, Jacobs and Borocho. Prior to the last round Martin, Jacobs, Cross and Rivise had agreed to let the S-B points decide, but Almgren and Borocho were not at this meeting. Then, too, there is a L.A. County League rule that there must be 2 S-B points between players to decide; and this rule had not previously been negated.)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE PRELIMINARIES

	Game															S - B
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score			
1. I. Rivise	W33	W57	W23	W3	D2	W4	W8	D14	W10	W9	L5	W18	10	71.50		
2. R. Martin	W34	W29	W9	W20	D1	W3	W7	L4	D14	W23	D11	W5	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	67.25		
3. R. Cross	W39	W18	W45	L1	W1	L4	L2	W23	W20	W4	W11	D9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	60.00		
4. S. Almgren	W8	L46	W40	W25	W17	L1	W46	W2	L3	W14	W10	W9	9	58.00		
5. R. Jacobs	W38	L9	W32	L45	W25	W26	L14	W21	W16	W10	W1	L2	8	52.50		
6. J. Mero	W15	D14	D18	D26	D13	L24	L8	W32	D17	W16	W30	W23	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	46.25		
7. F. Burke	D40	W31	W11	W16	L23	W45	L2	L9	W25	L13	W17	W14	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	43.75		
8. A. Altshuler	L4	W47	D37	W34	W18	W23	L1	D16	L11	W15	D12	W22	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	43.50		
9. H. Borochow	W49	W5	L2	L17	W31	D16	W6	W7	W24	L1	D3	L4	7	44.50		
10. M. Gordon	D16	L19	W22	W11	W26	D20	W12	W24	L1	L5	L4	W38	7	44.00		
11. L. Woronzoff	W21	D26	L7	L10	D15	W49	W32	W25	W8	L3	D2	D13	7	42.00		
12. D. Maron	D31	D40	W21	L23	W19	W28	L10	D30	D15	W38	D8	D16	7	42.00		
13. J. Keckhut	L45	W39	D48	W36	D6	W17	L20	L15	W27	W7	D18	D11	7	42.00		
14. S. Weinbaum	W42	D6	D26	W30	L3	W40	W5	D1	D2	L4	D21	L7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	41.25		
15. A. Deres	L6	W27	L29	D48	D11	W31	W17	W13	D12	L8	D20	D19	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	39.50		
16. G. Soules	D10	W22	W19	L7	D24	D9	W45	D8	L5	L6	W29	D12	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	39.25		
17. Mrs. N. Roos	L25	W33	W46	W9	L4	L13	L15	W28	D6	W26	L7	W35	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	37.25		
18. C. J. Gibbs	W47	L3	D6	W21	L8	L46	W36	W35	W30	D20	D13	L1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	36.50		
19. R. P. Lorber	D22	W10	L16	W37	L12	D34	L29	W47	L21	W32	W28	D15	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	36.25		
20. M. Ek	W44	W36	W30	L2	D45	D10	W13	L3	L23	D18	D15	D25	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	33.75		
21. G. Steven	L11	W44	L12	L18	W41	W22	W28	L5	W19	W24	D14	L3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	33.25		
22. R. E. Rankel	D19	L16	L10	L33	W35	L21	W49	W42	W37	W29	W23	L8	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	31.25		
23. S. Mazner	W8	W25	L1	W12	W7	L8	L3	W27	W20	L2	L22	L6	6	39.00		
24. J. Wiener	L23	W35	D31	W29	D16	W6	W30	L10	L9	L21	D25	D32	6	35.75		
25. S. Geller	W17	L23	W28	L4	L5	W36	W34	L11	L7	W39	D24	D20	6	34.75		
26. P. Meyer	W32	D11	D14	D6	L10	L5	L47	W33	W40	L17	W31	D27	6	34.50		
27. G. R. McMahon	W43	L15	W49	L28	W38	L30	W40	L23	L13	D31	W36	D26	6	24.75		
28. G. Comroe	L36	W43	L25	W27	W48	L12	L21	L17	W46	W40	L19	W30	6	23.50		
29. F. Hazard	W35	L2	W15	L24	L30	D37	W19	W46	D38	L22	L16	D40	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	29.50		
30. E. Kovacs	W41	W46	L20	L14	W29	W27	L24	D12	L18	W35	L6	L28	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	28.00		

31.	J. Marin	D12 L7 D24 W32 I9 L15 D39 D37 W41 D27 L26 W43	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	26.25
32.	D. L. Young	L26 W42 L5 L31 W33 W48 L11 L6 W34 L19 W40 D24	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	24.00
33.	Mrs. L. Grumette	L1 L17 D38 W22 L32 W39 L35 L26 W43 D34 W44 D37	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.50
34.	L. B. Rotter	L2 W38 D36 I8 W43 D19 L25 L40 L32 D33 W42 W44	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	20.25
35.	C. F. McKinnon	L29 L24 D41 W50 L22 W43 W33 L18 W39 L30 W38 L17	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	20.00
36.	Mrs. F. Frazier	W28 L20 D34 L13 W42 L25 L18 L39 W44 W43 L27 W41	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	19.25
37.	J. O. N. Thomas	W50 L1 D8 L19 D49 D29 L38 D27 L22 W44 W41 D33	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.50
38.	O. Shearer	L5 L34 D33 W47 L27 W41 W37 W45 D29 L12 L35 L10	5	21.50
39.	J. W. Neuss	L3 L13 W47 W44 L40 L33 D31 W36 L35 L25 W43 D42	5	16.00
40.	A. Thompson	D7 D12 L4 W42 W39 L14 L27 L34 L26 L28 L32 D29	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.50
41.	W. Holmes	L30 L48 D35 D43 L21 L38 W44 W49 L31 W42 L37 L36	4	10.25
42.	K. Forrest	L14 L32 W44 L40 L36 L47 W43 L22 W49 L41 L34 D39	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.50
43.	D. Sheldon	L27 L28 D50 D41 L34 L35 L42 W44 L33 L36 L39 L31	2	3.25
44.	V. Proctor	L20 L21 L42 L39 L47 Bye L41 L43 L36 L37 L33 L34	1	0.00
45.	J. R. Lazos	W13 W4 L3 W5 D20 L7 L16 L38 withdrew	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	-
46.	E. Froomess	W48 L30 L17 D49 W50 L4 L29 L28 withdrew	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	-
47.	N. J. Goldberg	L18 L8 L39 L38 W44 W42 W26 L19 withdrew	3	-
48.	J. Alexander	L46 W41 D13 D15 L28 L32 - - withdrew	2	-
49.	W. Leekley	L9 W50 L27 D46 D37 L11 L22 L41 L42 withdrew	2	-
50.	T. Golden	L37 L49 D43 L35 L46 - - - withdrew	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT Modesto, Oct. 23-24

Milton O. Meyer of Sacramento won the third annual Central California Chess League qualifying tournament, to select one player for the finals of the California State Championship. The 4-round Swiss was directed by Herbert E. Paul of Modesto (who also played when it was discovered that otherwise there would be 11 participants), Lee Kerfoot, also of Modesto, and Neil T. Austin of Sacramento.

Meyer beat out Bob Burger, now a resident of Oakland but a member of the Pittsburg club, by a full point, having a perfect 4-0 score. Burger's 3-1 score was half a point better than R. Leigh's $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. There followed four players tied with 2-2 scores.

Although a number of players who had made impressive records in league match competition were absent, Meyer beat the man he had to beat, Bob Burger, winner of the 1952 and 1953 qualifying tournaments. By the luck of the draw, which was "blind" except that players from the same club were kept apart on the initial drawing, Meyer met Burger in the first round. When Meyer won, the remainder of the tournament turned out to be anticlimactic for a rather curious reason. Tom Fries of Fresno was one of the three pre-tournament favorites. After drawing his first-round game with Leigh, Fries had the bad luck to draw Burger in round two; when Burger won, Fries never subsequently had enough points to be paired with Meyer. In the last round, the only player by the rules with enough points to be matched against Meyer was the tournament director, Herb Paul, who only entered in order to avoid a bye and who had no intention of playing in the State Championship finals. The scores:

	Club	1	2	3	4	Score	Solkoff	
1.	M. O. Meyer	Sacramento	W2	W6	W4	W5	4-0	
2.	R. E. Burger	Pittsburg	L1	W7	W3	W4	3-1	
3.	R. Leigh	Stockton	D7	W8	L2	W6	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	
4.	R. C. Guzman	Pittsburg	W10	W5	L1	L2	2-2	$10\frac{1}{2}$
5.	H. E. Paul	Modesto	W9	L4	W10	L1	2-2	9
6.	E. L. Jeffers	Modesto	W11	L1	W8	L3	2-2	9
7.	T. Fries	Fresno	D3	L2	W9	D8	2-2	$8\frac{1}{2}$
8.	R. McCullough	Fresno	W12	L3	L6	D7	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$
9.	C. J. Smith	Oakdale	L5	D11	L7	W12	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	6
10.	W. Shirey	Fresno	L4	W12	L5	D11	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	6
11.	F. Olvera	Pittsburg	L6	D9	L12	D10	1-3	6
12.	M. E. Mattingly		L8	L10	W11	L9	1-3	$5\frac{1}{2}$

GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954 by Henry Gross

Robert Currie won the strongest club tournament held in San Francisco in many a year when he captured the 1954 Golden Gate Club championship, a round robin event of 20 players, by half a point over William Addison, Henry Gross and Robert Konkel, who finished in a three-way tie for second, third and fourth.

Bob got away fast, beating the strong contender Jim Schmitt in the first round and was never headed. The strength of the tournament was attested to by the fact that at the end of the second round only two players of the 20, Currie and Gross, had perfect scores. They met and drew in round 3, so at the end of the round Capps, Currie, Gross and Van Gelder were all tied with $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. In round 4 Currie beat Van Gelder, Gross beat Herb Dasteel Jr. and Schmitt drew with Capps; so Currie and Gross again led, with $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Both won their fifth round games, and when Currie beat Huneke in round 6 while Capps was drawing with Gross, Currie took a half-point lead which he increased in round 7 by winning from Dr. Meyer Zeligs while Gross was losing a "won" game to Dr. Kenneth Colby. Capps and Schmitt were now tied for second and third, one point behind Currie. Round 8 saw Schmitt lose to Konkel while Currie and Capps were both winning. At the end of round 10, the half-way mark, Currie had a remarkable $9\frac{1}{2}$, Capps $8\frac{1}{2}$, Addison and Konkel $7\frac{1}{2}$, and Gross and Schmitt $6\frac{1}{2}$.

By beating Capps in round 11, Currie increased his lead to two full games and appeared to have cinched first place. In round 15 Currie lost his first game, to Konkel. The standings after 15 rounds were Currie 13, Konkel $12\frac{1}{2}$, Addison $11\frac{1}{2}$, Gross $11\frac{1}{2}$, Capps $11\frac{1}{2}$. All of the leaders won in the 16th round. Round 17 saw Currie lose to Addison, but Konkel lost his chance by dropping his game to Ted Eisenstadt. Konkel had won 12 straight games after losing two of his first three.

With two rounds to go, Currie led with 14. Addison, Capps, Gross and Konkel all had $13\frac{1}{2}$. Konkel beat Capps in the 18th round while Currie, Addison and Gross all won. All the leaders scored a point in the final round, leaving the final results: Currie 16; Addison, Gross and Konkel $15\frac{1}{2}$; Capps 14; Schmitt 13.

Currie won a cup and the first prize of \$40.

All the participants played good chess and no game was to be taken too lightly. Witness Dasteel's win over Smook, Eisenstadt's over Konkel, and Colby's over Gross.

GOLDEN GATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Score
1. Bob Currie	X	0	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16-3
2.) William Addison	1	X	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15½-3½
3.) Henry Gross	½	1	X	0	½	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15½-3½
4.) Robert Konkel	1	1	X	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15½-3½
5. Carroll Capps	0	1	½	0	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14-5
6. Jim Schmitt	0	0	0	0	½	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-6
7. Dave Peizer	0	0	½	1	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12-7
8. S. H. Van Gelder	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10-9
9.) Dr. K. Colby	½	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9½-9½
10.) Jim Fredgren	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9½-9½
11.) Ted Eisenstadt	0	0	1	0	0	1	½	1	0	X	0	1	1	1	½	0	1	1	1	1	9-10
12.) James C. Myers	0	0	0	½	1	0	½	0	1	1	X	1	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-10
13.) Nick Henwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-11
14.) Roger Smook	0	½	0	0	1	1	½	0	0	0	1	0	X	½	1	1	0	1	1	1	8-11
15. Godfrey Lutz	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	1	X	½	1	1	1	1	7-12
16. Herbert Rosenbaum	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	1	1	½	0	0	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½-12½
17. Henry King	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	0	1	1	1	6-13
18.) H. Dasteel, Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	X	0	1	1	3-16
19.) Carl Huneke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	3-16
20. Dr. M. Zelig	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0-19

Zeligs forfeited his last 14 games.
 Smook forfeited his last 5 games.
 King forfeited 4 games because of illness.

CASTLE CHESS CLUB

Henry Gross and Guthrie McClain tied for the 1954 championship with 6-2 scores, $\frac{1}{2}$ point ahead of Valdemars Zemitis.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score
1.) H. Gross	X	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	6-2
2.) G. McClain	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	6-2
3. V. Zemitis	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
4.) N. Hultgren	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4-4
5.) Dr. R. Hultgren	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	0	1	1	4-4
6.) P. Traum	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4-4
7. W. Hendricks	0	0	0	0	1	1	X	1	0	3-5
8. F. N. Christensen	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
9. Dr. M. Shimkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	1-7

The tournament looked like McClain's until the last round, in which he had White against Gross and a lead of a full point. The wily Gross adopted the Grunfeld Defense for the first time in his life, which disconcerted his opponent so much that he lost two pawns in the middle game. An ending of opposite Bishops offered a slight chance for a draw but Gross racked up the win in fine style.

Valdemars Zemitis, a newcomer to the club, was a very good third, and only his refusal to win from Dr. Ralph Hultgren on the latter's oversight, prevented him from tying for first place. Zemitis showed why he is former Latvian Junior Champion by playing extremely steady chess.

The remainder of the small field finished pretty well together, except for Dr. Michael B. Shimkin, who was reassigned to Washington, D.C., and had to forfeit games to Zemitis, Neilen Hultgren and Ralph Hultgren.

Paul Traum, who finished in a fourth place tie with Big Hultgren and Middle-Sized Hultgren, won a special handicap prize with 176 points - far ahead of McClain's runner-up 114 points. Wade Hendricks was off form, but of course the score doesn't reveal the close games against the leaders.

FRESNO CHESS CLUB - 1954 TEAM TRAINING TOURNAMENT by Tom Fries

Michael Hailparn has won the right to play board one for the Fresno Chess Club in this year's Central California Chess League Matches by virtue of his fine 7-1 score in the 1954 Team Training Tournament. Mike, a graduate student at Fresno State College, scored his second consecutive tournament victory in Fresno, having won the Championship Tournament concluded in April.

The tournament was one of the most exciting affairs ever held locally, with the lead changing hands several times. Going into the final round Tom Fries of Fresno and Elmer Achterberg of Visalia still had outside chances for first prize. Hailparn's sole defeat was at the hands of Fries, who in turn was knocked out of first place by a loss to Achterberg.

The affair was an eight-round Swiss System with 21 participants. The tournament was enlivened by the play of three promising youngsters - William Shirey, Roy McCullough and Robert Garabedian.

The tournament was directed by Tom Fries.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	Solk.
1. M. Hailparn	W14	W19	W13	L2	W4	W3	W9	W6	7-1	
2. T. Fries	W18	W9	D4	W1	L3	W13	W8	D7	6-2	
3. E. Achterberg	W11	L13	W9	W16	W2	L1	W6	D4	5½-2½	
4. O. Maschke	W17	W16	D2	W7	L1	L6	W13	D3	5-3	34½
5. R. Clark	L6	D15	L10	D12	W20	W14	W17	W9	5-3	26½
6. C. Fotias	W5	W8	L7	D13	W16	W4	L3	L1	4½-3½	37½
7. R. Baker	D8	W21*W6	L4	L9	D10	W11	D2		4½-3½	32
8. W. Shirey	D7	L6	D15	W14	D10	W16	L2	W13*	4½-3½	31½
9. L. Schafer	W10	L2	L3	W19	W7	W11	L1	L5	4-4	37
10. R. Garabedian	L9	W17	W5	L11	D8	D7	D12	D14	4-4	32
11. J. Hastings	L3	W18	W14	W10	L13	L9	L7	W20*	4-4	28
12. L. Legler	L19	L14	W20	D5	L15	W17*D10	W18		4-4	22
13. Dr. H. Kallmann	W21	W3	L1	D6	W11	L2	L4	L8*	3½-4½	39½
14. R. McCullough	L1	W12	L11	L8	W18	L5	W20	D10	3½-4½	31½
15. E. Thompson	L13	D5	D8	W18	W12	Withdrew			3-2	
16. R. Durant	W21	L4	W19	L3	L6	L8	L18	D17	2½-5½	25
17. H. Holladay	L4	L10	L18	W20	W19	L12	L5	D16	2½-5½	24½
18. A. Sotelo	L2	L11	W17	L15	L14	W16	L20	L12	2-6	
19. J. Houle	W12	L1	L16	L9	L17*Withdrew				1-4	
20. Dr. R. Eckdahl	L12	L17	L5	W18	L14	L11*	-	-	1-5	
21. V. Depoyan	L16	L7*	Withdrew						0-2	

* Forfeit.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUEFirst Round Results at Oakdale, October 10, 1954:

Sacramento 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Fresno 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) A. Janushkowsky O, P.D. Smith 1;
2) O. Celle 1, T. Fries O; 3) M.O. Meyer 1, E. Achterberg O; 4) N.T.
Austin $\frac{1}{2}$, O. Maschke $\frac{1}{2}$; 5) J.A. Celle O, C. Fotias 1; 6) F. Clawson
O, H. Kallman 1; 7) A.W. Bishop 1, R. Clark O; 8) J. Scheuerman 1,
R. McCullough O.

Modesto 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Pittsburg 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) L. Davis 1, A. Loera O; 2) L.
Kerfoot O, R. Trenberth 1; 3) E. Jeffers 1, R. Guzman O; 4) H. Paul 1,
F. Olvera O; 5) L. Krogness O, F. Weinberg 1; 6) E. Hawksworth O, W.
Whisler 1; 7) H. Wente $\frac{1}{2}$, T. Snavely $\frac{1}{2}$; 8) Forfeit O, R. Gilfillan 1.

San Jose 6, Oakdale 2 1) W. Adams 1, C.S. Smith O; 2) E.H.
Mueller 1, W. Maxey O; 3) H. O'Shaughnessy 1, Ed Sai O; 4) L.H.
Daugherty O, S. Slotted 1; 5) C.D. Havill 1, H. Mortensen O; 6) A.
Lutz 1, S. Sampson O; 7) P. Foley $\frac{1}{2}$, V. Smith $\frac{1}{2}$; 8) J. Neschan $\frac{1}{2}$,
H. Blickenstaff $\frac{1}{2}$.

FRESNO VS. BAKERSFIELD TEAM MATCH by Roy McCollough

The Fresno Chess Club defeated a powerful Bakersfield team in a nip-and-tuck rematch Sunday, October 17, in Fresno, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. The match was very close, remaining undecided until the result of the last game in spite of the strong Fresno line-up which included P. Smith, past California Open champion, and M. Hailparn, 1954 Fresno Board One Tournament champion.

Fresno 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, Bakersfield 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) Hailparn 1, Burtner O; 2) Smith
1, Raymond O; 3) Fries $\frac{1}{2}$, Eddy $\frac{1}{2}$; 4) Maschke 1, R. Rettick O;
5) Schafer O, Chamberland 1; 6) Baker $\frac{1}{2}$, Shields $\frac{1}{2}$; 7) Shirey 1,
Slitor O; 8) McCollough O, Warner 1; 9) Hastings $\frac{1}{2}$, M. Rettick $\frac{1}{2}$;
10) Durant O, Brooks 1; 11) Houle 1, Tenny O.

F L A S H

1955 U.S. OPEN TO LONG BEACH

According to word just received from President Frank R. Graves of the United States Chess Federation, the Tournament Committee of the U.S.C.F. has awarded the next Open to Long Beach. Mr. John P. Looney of the Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach, is to be congratulated upon following up the holding of the U.S. Junior at Long Beach in 1954 with the staging of the nation's annual Open classic in 1955.

GAME OF THE MONTH - by Valdemars Zemitis

The Dutch international master Lodewijk Prins paid a visit to California in the first part of November, 1954. As was the case on his first trip here some three years ago, the tall Dutchman charmed chess fans in Los Angeles and San Francisco. One of the handsomest as well as most agreeable of chessmasters, Prins came to the U.S. from Curacao in the Dutch Antilles, where he lectured as a representative of a Dutch cultural foundation. Prins was fresh from the Chess Olympics in Amsterdam; he not only organized the international team matches, but scored a notable win over grandmaster Alexander Kotov of Russia.

The following exhibition game was played at the home of Alexander Bisno in Beverly Hills.

EXHIBITION, LOS ANGELES 1954Game No. 257 - Queen's Pawn

White	Black
L. Prins	I. Kashdan

1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. B-Kt5	B-K2
4. QKt-Q2	

After 4. BxKt, BxB; 5. P-K4, P-Q3; Black's position is satisfactory.

4. ...	P-Q4
5. P-K3	Kt-K5

The freeing maneuver a la Lasker.

6. BxB	QxB
7. B-Q3	

White decides to ignore Black's outpost on K5. Otherwise he would play 7. KtxKt, PxKt; 8. Kt-Q2 (8. Kt-K5, Q-Kt5ch), P-KB4; 9. B-B4.

7. ...	P-KB4
8. O-O	O-O
9. R-K1	

An unorthodox move. The routine way of handling this kind of position is to start a pawn attack on the Queen-side.

9. ...	Kt-Q2
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In QP openings the freeing moves are ...P-QB4 and ...P-K4. Black has decided upon ...P-K4.

10. Kt-B1	P-B3
11. R-K2	

11. P-QB4 right away, in order to meet ...P-K4 with PxQP, followed by PxKP would have been better.

11. ...	P-K4
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The alternative was ...P-KKt4, launching a K-side attack.

12. P-B4	Kt-Q3
13. PxKP	

Best. After 13. KtxP, KtxKt; 14. PxKt, KtxP; 15. BxKt, PxB; 16. Q-Q4, B-K3; the Black pieces would be too strongly posted.

13. ...	KtxBP
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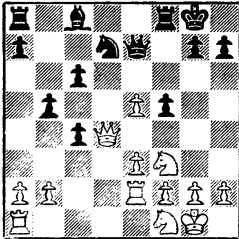
Also good: 13...KtxKP; 14. KtxKt (14. PxP; KtxKtch; 15. PxKt, PxP) ...QxKt; 15. PxP, QxP, etc.

14. BxKt	PxB
15. Q-Q4	

15. Q-Q6 was also possible: If 15...QxQ; 16. PxQ; and if 15... R-K1; 16. R-Q1, KtxP; 17. KtxKt, QxKt; 18. QxQ, RxQ; 19. R-Q8ch,

K-B2; 20. KR-Q2 compensating pressure for the pawn minus.

15. ... P-QKt4!?
15...Kt-Kt3 may have been a shade stronger. If then 16. P-QR4, B-K3; 17. P-R5, QR-Q1 followed by ...Kt-Q4, etc.



- 16. P-K4! Kt-B4
- 17. PxP BxP
- 18. Kt-Kt3 B-Q6?

After 18...P-K3, followed by a pawn onslaught on the Q-side, Black would have good winning chances. After the text move White obtains some counter-chances and with correct maneuvering manages to balance the position.

- 19. R-K3 QR-Q1
- 20. Q-Kt4 Kt-K3
- 21. P-KR4

Threatens P-R5-R6, and at the same time provides the Queen with a place for retreat.

- 21. ... R-B5
- 22. Q-R3 Kt-Q5
- 23. KtxKt KRxKt
- 24. P-R5 R-R5
- 25. Kt-B5 BxKt

Of course not 25...RxQ; 26. Kt xQch wins the exchange.

- 26. QxB R-KB1
- 27. Q-B2 RxRP
- 28. Q-K4 Q-K3

- 29. R-Q1 R-K1
- 30. P-B4 Q-R3

Now it is Black's turn to complicate matters. The White pieces are well posted except for His Majesty himself.

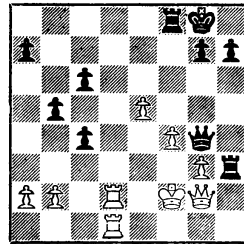
- 31. P-KKt3

White could not allow the check on R1.

- 31. ... R-R7
- 32. R-K2 Q-R4

Hoping for 33. RxR?, QxRch followed by ...R-Q1, etc.

- 33. KR-Q2 R-R6
- 34. Q-Kt2 Q-Kt5
- 35. K-B2 R-KB1



- 36. R-Q8!

Black threatened ...P-Kt5.

- 36. ... R-R3
- 37. R/8-Q6 Q-B4
- 38. R/1-Q2

There was no need to sacrifice the center pawn. Therefore, 38. K-Kt1 was better.

- 38. ... QxKP
- 39. RxR Q-B4ch
- 40. K-B1 PxR

So long as both sides keep Q & R on the board the win for either player is problematical. Therefore:

Draw agreed.

L A T E N E W S

KASHDAN GRANDMASTER, DAKE INTERNATIONAL MASTER

Recognition for two West Coast masters came when F.I.D.E. (International Chess Federation) conferred the Grandmaster title upon Isaac Kashdan of Tujunga and the International Master title upon Arthur W. Dake of Portland, Oregon. Both titles were richly deserved, Kashdan's having been earned during the 1930s when he was one of the contenders for the world's championship, and Dake's having been long overdue because of his participation in high-class competition for 25 years. The F.I.D.E. meeting at Amsterdam also appointed Hermann Helms of Brooklyn, "Dean of American Chess," International Judge.

NEW YORK CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

Grandmaster Sammy Reshevsky, U.S. Champion Arthur B. Bisguier, Open Champion Larry Evans, D. Byrne, R. Byrne and G. Kramer have entered a tournament for the Lessing J. Rosenwald Trophy to be played Dec. 19-Jan. 2 at the Manhattan and Marshall chess clubs in New York. The tournament is sponsored by a committee headed by Alexander Bisno and Jose M. Calderon and will be directed by Hans Knoch and I. A. Horowitz.

CALIFORNIA OPEN, 1954

Game No. 258 - Ruy Lopez

White	Black
I. Rivise	H. Steiner
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	Kt-Q5
4. KtxKt	PxKt
5. O-O	P-B3
6. B-B4	Kt-B3
7. R-K1	P-Q3
8. P-B3	B-K2
9. PxP	O-O
10. P-K5	

pawns on the Q-file. In that event, P-Q5 is preferable, with the Ps on Q4 and Q5, rather than Q4 and Q3 or Q2.

10. ...	Kt-K1
11. Q-K2	P-Q4
12. B-Kt3	P-B3
13. Kt-B3	K-R1
14. B-B2	P-KKt3
15. P-Q3	

Necessary, to develop the QB, but renders the KB useless.

15. ...	Kt-Kt2
16. B-R6	Q-Kt3
17. Kt-R4	

If White plans to keep the P, he must put up with doubled

White is the more resigned to the loss of his QP in that he perhaps will "regain" the KB.

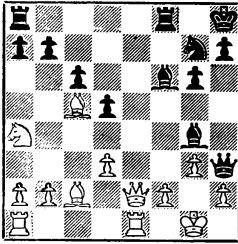
- 17. ... QxQP
- 18. Pxp BxP
- 19. B-K3

Now the Black Q is forced to the K-side, but her stay there is not unpleasant.

- 19. ... Q-R5
- 20. P-KKt3

P-Q4 seems more to the point.

- 20. ... Q-R6
- 21. B-B5 B-Kt5



- 22. P-B3?
- 22. Q-B1 was necessary.
- 22. ... BxBP!
- 23. QxB
- 23. Q-B1 now leads to 23...Q-Kt5;
- 24. BxR?, B-Q5ch.
- 23. ... B-Q5ch
- 24. BxB RxQ
- 25. R-K7 RxPch!

A passive defense of 25...R-KKt1; 26. R/QR-K1, P-KR4 might suffice since White must guard the mate at KBl, but this ends the game at once.

- 26. PxR QxPch
- 27. Resigns

If 27. K-R file, Q-R5ch wins the R. If 27. K-B1, R-B1ch leads to mate in several moves.

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

SO. CALIF. CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954

Game No. 259 - Sicilian Def.

White	Black
J. Marin	H. Borochow

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. P-KB4 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. Kt-KB3 | Kt-B3 |
| 4. Kt-B3 | P-Q4 |
| 5. Pxp | KtxP |
| 6. KtxKt | QxKt |
| 7. P-KR3? | Q-K5ch |
| 8. B-K2 | QxKBP |
| 9. O-O | BxP!? |
| 10. PxB | Q-Kt6ch |
| 11. K-R1 | P-K3 |
| 12. Q-K1 | QxPch |
| 13. Kt-R2 | |

If 13. K-Kt1, B-Q3; 14. Q-R4, QxQ and is similar to game.

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| 13. ... | B-Q3 |
| 14. Q-B2 | Kt-Q5 |
| 15. B-Kt4 | QxKtch |
| 16. QxQ | BxQ |
| 17. KxB | KtxP |
| 18. QR-Kt1 | Kt-Kt5 |
- and Black won.

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

CASTLE C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954

Game No. 260 - Queen's Gambit

White	Black
G. McClain	W. Hendricks

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

If this were perfectly sound the Queen's Gambit would lose its terrors. But Black often sacrifices soundness for lively play and novelty.

3. BPxP Kt-KB3

4. Kt-KB3 ...

After 4. Pxp, Qxp; 5. QxQ, KtxQ, Black would recover his Pawn safely. But 4. P-K4 was a good alternative to the text: 4... KtxP; 5. Kt-QB3, Q-R4; 6. B-Kt5ch, Kt-Q2; 7. Kt-K2, etc.

4. ... Pxp

5. Q-R4ch Q-Q2

6. QxQP Qxp

7. Kt-B3 QxQ

8. KtxQ P-K4

So White has retained his one move advantage. But after 8... P-QR3 White would have only that, since P-K4 by Black could not long be prevented.

9. Kkt-Kt5 Kt-R3

10. B-Kt5 B-K2

11. P-K4 O-O

12. B-QB4 B-Q2

13. O-O QR-B1

14. BxKt BxB

15. B-Q5 R-B4

An energetic defense of the Queenside pawns, but one which ends comically.

16. P-QR4 Kt-B2

17. KtxP KtxB

18. KtxKt R-R4

Even after B-Q1 White retains his advantage in his strong Kt at Q5.

19. Kt-Kt5 BxKt

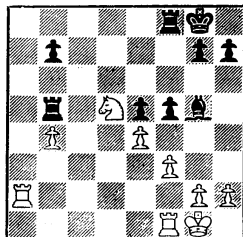
20. Pxp Rxp

After 20...KR-R1; 21. RxR, RxR; 22. R-B1 White's position is commanding.

21. P-Qkt4 B-Kt4

22. R-R2 P-B4

23. P-B3



23. ... R-B1

The plight of Black's Queen's Rook is pathetic, and the game is as well as over if nothing can be done for him. If the Bishop could be brought to bear on the Qkt Pawn, still White could defend merely by threatening to pin the Bishop after the capture.

Best might be 23...RxKt; 24. Pxr, B-K6ch; 25. K-R1, R-Q1; 26. R-Q1, B-Q5, when, instead of the humorous turnabout after 27. R-R5, P-Qkt3; 28. R-Kt5?, White could keep his edge with 27. P-B4, RxP; 28. Pxp, RxP; 29. P-Kt3, etc.

24. K-B2 B-Q1

25. K-K3 B-Kt3ch

26. K-Q3 K-B2

27. R/l-QR1 B-Q5

28. R-R8 R-B3

29. R/l-R2 R-B8

30. R-B2 Pxpch

31. Pxp RxR

32. KxR

Now the threat of K-Q3 and K-B4, the point of the previous skirmishing, is decisive. Black overstepped the time limit.

(Notes by Bob Burger)

NO. CALIF. CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954

Game No. 261 - Sicilian Def.

White	Black
W. Addison	J. Schmitt

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. P-B3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 4. B-Kt5ch | |

Varying from Alekhine's P-K5.

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| 4. ... | QKt-Q2 |
| 5. Q-K2 | P-QR3 |
| 6. B-R4 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. B-B2 | B-Kt2 |
| 8. O-O | R-B1 |

Black has a position analogous to a Ruy Lopez, in which he has the pleasant choice of playing P-K4 and B-K2, or P-KKt3 and B-Kt2. Instead, he carries.

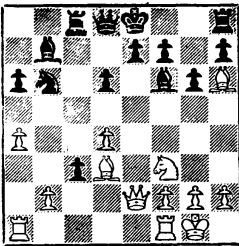
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| 9. P-Q4 | PxP |
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Still P-K4 seems best.

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| 10. PxP | P-Kt3 |
| 11. B-Q3 | Kt-Kt3 |

Further delay, and serving no purpose since P-QR4 cannot be prevented.

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| 12. Kt-B3 | B-Kt2 |
| 13. P-QR4 | P-Kt5 |
| 14. P-K5! | PxKt |
| 15. PxKt | BxP |
| 16. B-R6 | |



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| 16. ... | BxKt |
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17. PxP
 After PxP; 18. QxP, Kt-B5 Black has a difficult but playable game. Now it is all over.

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| 18. BxRP | R-B4 |
| 19. QR-Q1 | |

The same forceful move would have answered 18...PxP.

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| 19. ... | B-B3 |
| 20. P-Kt4 | |

B-Kt5ch, etc. was also good at once.

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| 20. ... | R-KR4 |
| 21. B-Kt5ch | Kt-Q2 |

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| 22. RxP | R-K4 |
| 23. RxKt | RxQ |

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| 24. R-B7ch | and mate in 2. |
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(Notes by Bob Burger)

Game No. 262 - Ruy Lopez

White	Black
W. Addison	D. Poliakoff

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. O-O | P-QKt4 |
| 6. B-Kt3 | B-K2 |
| 7. P-QR4 | P-Kt5 |
| 8. R-K1 | P-Q3 |
| 9. P-R5 | O-O |
| 10. P-B3 | B-Kt5 |
| 11. P-Q4 | |

The only difference between this and the standard position in this variation is the arrangement of the two Queen-side Pawns, which is not disadvantageous to Black.

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| 11. ... | PxBP |
| 12. PxBP | PxP |

- 13. PxP R-Kt1
- 14. R-K3 BxKt
- 15. PxB Kt-R4

A faulty idea, it turns out. But he had to do something to offset his weaknesses due to the Pawn exchanges. As has often been demonstrated, the doubled King's Bishop Pawns are strong here.

- 16. P-B4! KtxP

Willy-nilly.

- 17. R-QB3 B-Kt4
- 18. RxKt

Also good was BxKt first.

- 18. ... Kt-R6ch
- 19. K-B1?

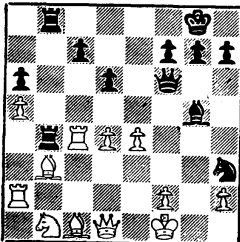
Of course K-Kt2 was much stronger, since White had no reason to fear 19...Q-Q2; 20. R-B3; or 19...Q-B3; 20. KxKt, etc.

- 20. ... Q-B3
- 21. R-R2

Practically the only defense except for K-Kt2 again, but the vulnerability of the line of guard is apparent.

- 21. ... R-Kt5
- 22. R-B4 R/1-Kt1

Black builds the attack with everything at his disposal.



- 23. BxB

After 23. RxR, RxR; 24. P-K5, Q-B4; 25. BxB, QxB; 26. Q-B3! or 25...KtxB; 26. P-B4!, Q-R6ch; 27. R-Kt2, Kt-B6; 28. B-Q5, etc. White could survive.

- 23. ... QxB
- 24. RxR RxR
- 25. Q-Q2?

The strain of the defense tells.

- 25. ... Q-Kt8ch

Even RxB wins.

- 26. K-K2 QxPch
- 27. Resigns.

For RxP follows.

(Notes by Bob Burger)

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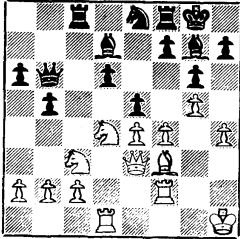
Game No. 263 - Sicilian

White	Black
J. Thomason	B. Schaeffer

- 1. P-K4 P-QB4
- 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
- 3. P-Q4 PxP
- 4. KtxP Kt-KB3
- 5. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3
- 6. B-K2 B-Kt2
- 7. P-B4 Kt-B3
- 8. B-K3 O-O
- 9. O-O P-QR3
- 10. K-R1 B-Q2
- 11. R-B2 P-QKt4
- 12. B-B3 R-B1
- 13. P-KKt4 Kt-QR4

Both youngsters are playing sound positional chess with the coolness and aplomb of veterans. Thematic move follows thematic move, but complications are coming!

- 14. Q-K2 Kt-B5
- 15. P-Kt5 Kt-K1
- 16. P-KR4 KtxB
- 17. QxKt Q-Kt3
- 18. R-Q1 P-K4



- 19. Kt-Q5

A startling combination. White sets a very complicated trap in order to win a pawn.

- 19. ... PxKt

Black falls into the trap, but one doesn't blame him for not liking the backward pawn on the Q-file after 19...Q-Q1; 20. PxP, BxP (20...PxP?; 21. Kt-Kt3

with threats of winning the BQ2).

- 20. Kt-K7ch K-R1
- 21. KtxR PxQ?
- 22. KtxQ PXR
- 23. KtxB R-Kt1
- 24. P-B3 Kt-B2
- 25. K-Kt2 R-Q1
- 26. Kt-Kt6 Kt-K3

White threatened P-K5.

- 27. Kt-Q5 K-Kt1
- 28. KxP P-R3
- 29. R-KR1 Kt-B4
- 30. R-Q1 K-B1
- 31. R-Q2 PXP
- 32. RPXP R-K1
- 33. K-K3 R-Q1
- 34. Kt-B6 BxKt
- 35. PxB R-Q2
- 36. B-Kt4 R-Q1
- 37. P-K5 P-Q4
- 38. B-B3 Kt-R5
- 39. BxP Kt-Kt3
- 40. B-Kt3 RxR
- 41. KxR Kt-B5ch
- 42. BxKt PxB
- 43. P-Kt3 Resigns.

SANTA MONICA BAY AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual tournament for the 1955 championship of the Santa Monica Bay area will commence on Monday, January 3, at 7:00 P.M. at Lincoln Park, Wilshire Blvd. and 7th Street, Santa Monica. Robert Cross is defending champion. Requirements: Club membership and \$2 entrance fee.

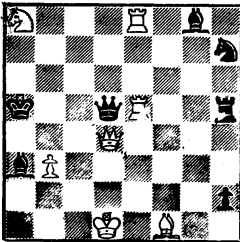
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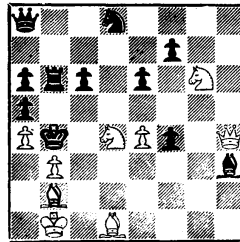
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REPORTER TASKS For this month's TASKS in our seventh problem-solving contest, we go to German sources. TASK No. 61 is by Franz Sackmann, and TASK No. 62 is by Johann Dusold.

TASK No. 61
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 62
White Mates in Three



ANSWERS: TASK No. 59: The key-move is B-Q3!

TASK No. 60: The key-move is R-R5, with
innumerable variations.

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