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### FRESNO: STEINER WINS CALIFORNIA OPEN

International master Herman Steiner successfully defended his Open title at Fresno, September 3-5. While the sun blazed outside and forest fires raged, the cool interior of the Hotel Californian was the setting for Steiner's 6-1 victory. Tied for second and third places were Roger Smook of Berkeley and Ray Martin of Santa Monica. Smook won the qualifying place in the State Championship finals (vacant because Steiner is already qualified) with  $2\frac{3}{4}$  S-B points to Martin's  $2\frac{1}{4}$ .

### NEW YORK: NANCY ROOS U.S. CO-CHAMPION

Mrs. Nancy Roos of Manhattan Beach rewarded her California supporters by winning the national title with Gisela Gresser of New York, former U.S. Champion. The winners' scores of 9-2 were followed by: Miss Mona May Karff of New York  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky of Los Angeles 8-3; Mrs. Kenneth Vines of New Orleans  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; Miss Lucille Kellner of Detroit  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; Mrs. Lena Grumette of Los Angeles, Mrs. Willa Owens of Avon Lake, Ohio and Mrs. Mary Selensky of Philadelphia 4-7; Mrs. Rosalie de Serrano of East Orange, N.J.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ ; Miss Wally Henschel of New York 2-9; and Miss Kate Henschel of New York 1-10.

THE CALIFORNIA OPEN ROUND BY ROUND

When the 1955 California Open started there was a fine field of 74 players on hand. While the attendance record of 81 set last year at Santa Barbara was not threatened, it was an exceptionally good showing - the same size as the rich Hollywood, 1954, International Open. There were undoubtedly a few players who did not care to brave the 110-degree-plus temperature, or else the attendance would have been greater. (There were also some southern California players who wanted badly to get out of town, however, because of the high temperatures in the Los Angeles region.)

At any rate, those who took a chance on leaving cool San Francisco for the torrid climate of Fresno were agreeably surprised. Although it was extremely hot out on the streets, the air conditioning in the Hotel Californian was very efficient. Those who stayed all day in the hotel found the cool, dry atmosphere just about the best yet in a California Open. The service, too, was excellent. The management of the hotel thought of everything to make us comfortable.

The only factor that was the least bit distracting was the presence of an Armenian Youth Congress on the same floor as the chess tournament. But those of us who fought it out with the Italian Catholic Federation at San Jose, 1953, and with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Order of Pocahontas at the U.S. Open at Long Beach, 1955, found the Armenian Youth relatively easy to get along with.

(It will be remembered that at San Jose, 1953, the Italian Catholics had a real good time. Long after the chess tournament's evening rounds were over - that is to say, after 1:00 A.M. - various room parties went on. One of our players, Dr. Edward Kupka of Berkeley, complained to the desk clerk along about two or three o'clock one morning - whereupon the revelers began to kick on his door. Since Ed had a game at nine in the morning, he became justifiably peeved at this and called the cops... More recently, our chessplayers tangled with the Red Men at Long Beach. The convention was in session at the Wilton Hotel, where many of the players were staying. Now, we apologize ahead of the next remark to any of our readers who are members of the Red Men and Pocahontas: It seemed to us that one of the requirements of membership in the organization must have been deafness! We first became acquainted with the Red Men in an elevator; people were jammed in like sardines, yet they were all shouting at each other! Later on, the night's parties began. It was customary after the night's round in the Open to gather in somebody's room to post-mortem the games.

With half-a-dozen Red Men parties going on all night, it actually became impossible to hear each other speak. Maybe we were on the same floor with an unusually vociferous group; but Henry Gross, on another floor, reports that one morning at six he was awakened by some shouting outside his window. When he looked out the window he saw a couple of dozen Red Men lying on their backs on the lawn in front of the hotel, calling out to members of their party in the rooms above...)

ROUND I - 10:30 A.M., Saturday, September 3: The sign-up took place between 9 and 10, at which time names and addresses, entry fees and California State Chess Federation dues were taken. Due to the foresight of Tom Fries and Bob Baker of the host Fresno Chess Club, a great deal of this work had been done the night before. The players were seeded and the games began at 10:30. It was hoped that the seeding and the 30-move-per-hour time limit would make for relatively easy games in the first round, but the usual hard games turned up anyway. For example, Herman Steiner caught a tartar in James Christman of Phoenix, and had a difficult win. Irving Rivise was matched with a very stubborn Ted Dana from Los Altos, and found it impossible to win. Mike Hailparn (Fresno) was trying to win a Rook ending with a Pawn plus when Russell Koutz (Mesa, Arizona, and Inglewood, Calif.) played a Rook check, unsupported, for a stalemate. Charles Bagby (San Francisco) came up against an unyielding J. Demos from Berkeley and had to call it a draw. Walter Pafnutieff and Harold Edelstein, both from San Francisco, played the longest game of the morning. It was almost the first adjudicated game of all California Opens, but just before the afternoon's round Paf was able to demonstrate a win so that Edelstein resigned. The round's upsets: Herbert Dasteel, Jr. of San Francisco held Robert Brieger of Houston to a draw; Paul Nielsen of Los Angeles beat Walter Grombacher of Chicago; J. Mego of Los Angeles beat John Alexander of San Diego; and Howard Bullwinkel of San Francisco won from Larry Ledgerwood of Oakland.

ROUND II - 2:30 P.M. Saturday, September 3: The pairings for the second round were still supposed to be "easy" but were toughened up over the first round. The time limit was still 30 moves per hour. Steiner won a hard, but not too long, game from Al Raymond of Bakersfield; Jim Schmitt of San Francisco won prettily from Ray Richards of Sacramento; Ray Martin (Santa Monica) beat George Goehler (Los Angeles); Phil Smith (Fresno) won quickly from Spencer Van Gelder (San Francisco); Earl Pruner (San Francisco) beat Mego; Roger Smook (Oakland) won from Ed Yeager (Berkeley); Bagby trounced Brieger. Upsets: Nielsen (again!) won from Mark Eucher (Berkeley, Los Angeles or Detroit - take your choice); Russ Freeman (Oakland) drew with

Arthur Spiller (Los Angeles - present address U.S. Armed Forces, England); Tom Fries drew ex-Open Champion Sven Almgren; Bullwinkel (again!) held Bill Adams of San Jose to a draw; George McMahon of Los Angeles drew with Alexander; and Pafnutieff was held to a draw by Siverdts Poulsen of Berkeley.

ROUND III - 8:00 P.M. Saturday, September 3: The time limit reverted to the usual 40 moves in two hours and the seeding was over. The top games were Steiner 1, Schmitt 0; Martin 1, Gil Ramirez (San Francisco) 0; Smith  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Pruner  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Ted Eisenstadt (San Francisco) 0; Smook 1; Nielsen 0, Elmer Achterberg (Visalia) 1. The upsets: Adams was held to a draw by Dave Peizer of San Francisco; young "Casey" Logwood of San Francisco beat Demos; and Rivise was finding the going stiff with another draw, this time with Spiller.

ROUND IV - 1:00 P.M. Sunday, September 4: After a full morning's rest the players were full of fight and the quality of the games showed it. Smook held Steiner to a draw in a fighting game while Martin was defeating Achterberg and taking over first place. In the other top games, Pafnutieff won from Smith, Pruner drew with Bagby, Fries beat Logwood, Schmitt drew with Spiller, Rivise was upset by Sidney Weinbaum of Los Angeles, Ramirez lost to Adams in a pretty game and Ledgerwood beat Eucher. Among the upsets were: Poulsen beat Alexander, Goehler beat Demos, Ray Cuneo of Oakland won from Eisenstadt and Eugene Lien of Oakland drew with Richards. After four rounds the leading scores were: Martin 4, Steiner, Pafnutieff, Smook and Fries  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

ROUND V - 7:30 P.M. Sunday, September 4: Steiner knocked Martin out of the lead in a nice game. Pruner, Ledgerwood and Weinbaum gained a tie for second while defeating Fries, Achterberg and Mego, respectively. Also tied for second were Pafnutieff - Smook, a draw, Martin, and Freeman, who beat Ken Warner of Bakersfield. Rivise was held to a draw by Ramirez (both players thought they would get an easy game, having only 2-2 scores!); Grombacher lost to Edelstein (saying to the tournament director, later: "I never saw such a hard tournament before! I'm losing games to players I never heard of, and I usually score 60-70% in Mid-West tournaments.") By the end of the fifth round several players had withdrawn. Alexander, who has been in ill health, forfeited his fifth-round game and withdrew; Demos withdrew after his fifth game; and A. Diamond, T. Medhurst and Al Raymond had previously withdrawn.

As the second day drew to a close, all local attention was focused on the great forest fires which were raging in the mountains. Every person who brought in a newspaper was the center of attention. What most of the chessplayers didn't know was that the families of

Wade Hendricks and Louis Tomori were in a mountain cabin in the path of the flames. Hendricks and Tomori drove to the cabin on Saturday night and attempted to do so on Sunday night but were turned back by the fire lines. Attempts to find an alternate route also failed, and the two spent an anxious night. As they prepared to play on Monday morning they received good news: The families had been evacuated by the Forest Service.

ROUND VI - 9:30 A.M. Monday, September 5: As the last day started bright and early, the leading scores were: Steiner  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; Weinbaum, Martin, Pruner, Ledgerwood, Pafnutieff and Freeman 4. Weinbaum was paired with Steiner, and the player of the black pieces won handily. Martin and Smook held second place by winning from Pruner and Freeman, respectively; but Steiner was in the driver's seat by a half-point with one round to go. The other four of the first seven pairings were all hard-fought draws: Ledgerwood-Pafnutieff, Bagby-Smith, Fries-Adams and Wade Hendricks (South San Francisco)-Peizer. Logwood held his lead over his teen-age rivals from San Francisco, Peizer, Eisenstadt and Ramirez, by winning from Cuneo. Rivise broke into the win column after a long dry spell by defeating Christman, but Ramirez, still with only an even score, was still finding the pickings pretty lean - running into Spiller for a loss.

ROUND VII - 3:30 P.M. Monday, September 5: The seventh and last round found Steiner in the lead with  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points, followed by Smook and Martin, 5 points. Pafnutieff and Logwood had  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , and a host of strong players followed with 4: Ledgerwood, Almgren, Pruner, Schmitt, Weinbaum, Fries, Bagby, Adams, Achterberg, Brieger, Smith, Freeman, Peizer, Walker, Hendricks and Warner. Such strong players as Rivise, Spiller and Richards had only  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . The featured pairings were Steiner-Pafnutieff and Smook-Martin. With a lead of half a point, Steiner was interested in the S-B points, in case he wanted to concede a draw to Pafnutieff while either Smook or Martin should win. When the unofficial S-B points showed him to be ahead of both Smook and Martin, Steiner settled for a draw and got set for the result of the Smook-Martin game. This game had many ups and downs, and at various points it looked like a win first for Smook, then for Martin. Then Herman got a rude shock: Of his seven "horses" there was not a single win, and there was one loss. Meanwhile, Smook's horses were producing one more win than losses, and Martin's were breaking even. So, as Smook still had winning chances, the situation was: Steiner  $25\frac{1}{2}$  S-B points, Smook  $20\frac{1}{2}$  with a game to go. If Smook beat Martin, his 5 S-B points from Martin would give him a total of  $25\frac{1}{2}$  and he would win the California Open Championship by one-quarter of a point.

As Steiner watched anxiously, Smook missed the winning line and now Martin had the advantage. This was fine from Herman's standpoint, for he had Martin clearly edged on S-B points. The game moved on to a difficult end game, and was finally drawn.

Other games in the last round: Logwood  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Ledgerwood  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Almgren O, Pruner 1; Schmitt  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Weinbaum  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Fries  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Bagby  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Adams 1, Achterberg O; Brieger 1, Smith O; Freeman O, Peizer 1; Walker O, Hendricks 1; Rivise 1, Warner O; Richards O, Spiller 1. An upset: M. O. Johnson (Healdsburg) 1, C. R. Wilson (Berkeley) O; this was Curt's sixth upset out of seven games!

Following the last game to be finished, the prize money was quickly calculated and the following prizes awarded: First, Herman Steiner, trophy and \$107 in cash. Second and third, Roger Smook and Ray Martin, \$60 each. An eight-way tie existed for the remaining \$125, and the following players received \$15.62 each: Walter Pafnutieff, Earl Pruner, Bill Adams, Larry Ledgerwood, Dave Peizer, Ed Logwood, Robert Brieger and Wade Hendricks. (Steiner, Smook, Pafnutieff, Adams, Peizer and Hendricks had no losses. Charles Bagby, a non prizewinner, also had no losses.)

The festivities concluded with the presentation to Guthrie McClain, tournament director, with a purse by the players in appreciation of an enjoyable tournament. McClain thanked Imre König and M. O. Meyer for their assistance in refereeing and tabulating, and was joined by all present in thanking the Fresno club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Hotel Californian for the excellent staging of the tournament.

CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP  
Fresno, September 3-5, 1955

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	S-B
1) H Steiner, Los Angeles	W56	W71	W14	D2	W3	W15	D4	6	25 $\frac{1}{4}$
2) R Smook, Berkeley	W46	W33	W31	D1	D4	W27	D3	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$
3) R Martin, Santa Monica	W43	W23	W35	W29	L1	W5	D2	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	22 $\frac{1}{4}$
4) V Pafnutieff, San Fran.	W19	D45	W40	W22	D2	D7	D1	5	22
5) E Pruner, San Francisco	W24	W18	D22	D12	W13	L3	W21	5	21 $\frac{1}{4}$
6) W T Adams, San Jose	W32	D20	D8	W35	D12	D13	W29	5	20 $\frac{3}{4}$
7) L Ledgerwood, Oakland	L20	W32	W38	W36	W29	D4	D9	5	20
8) D Peizer, San Francisco	W53	D42	D6	D56	W49	D11	W27	5	17 $\frac{3}{4}$
9) E Logwood, San Francisco	W44	D26	W69	L13	W42	W30	D7	5	17
10) R Brieger, Houston	D51	L12	D62	W55	W46	W36	W22	5	16
11) W Hendricks, So San Fran	D62	D47	D23	W48	W56	D8	D24	5	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
12) C Bagby, San Francisco	D69	W10	W21	D5	D6	D22	D13	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	S-B
13) T Fries, Fresno	W67	D21	W20	W9	L5	D6	D12	4½	17½
14) J Schmitt, San Francisco	W30	W38	L1	D17	D21	W37	D15	4½	17½
15) S Weinbaum, Los Angeles	W58	L29	W71	W18	W16	L1	D14	4½	16½
16) J Mego, Los Angeles	W70	L5	W19	W50	L15	D26	W37	4½	15½
17) A Spiller, Los Angeles	W66	D27	D18	D14	L22	W35	W38	4½	15½
18) I Rivise, Los Angeles	D48	W62	D17	L15	D35	W56	W25	4½	14
19) H Edelstein, San Carlos	L4	W63	L16	W59	W65	D23	W39	4½	12
20) H Bullwinkel, San Fran.	W7	D6	L13	D24	L43	W54	W44	4	15½
21) S Almgren, Los Angeles	W28	D13	L12	W40	D14	W45	L5	4	15
22) P D Smith, Fresno	W52	W64	D5	L4	W17	D12	L10	4	14½
23) G F Goehler, Los Angeles	W54	L3	D11	W69	D45	D19	D30	4	13½
24) C Walker, Riverside	L5	W52	D57	D20	W40	W34	L11	4	13½
25) K Warner, Bakersfield	L35	W60	W28	W26	L27	W50	L18	4	13½
26) J Lazerson, San Fran.	W57	D9	D42	L25	W48	D15	D36	4	13½
27) R Freeman, Oakland	W60	D17	D45	W43	W25	L2	L8	4	13½
28) E Lien, Berkeley	L21	W41	L25	D38	D48	W63	W47	4	11½
29) E Achterberg, Visalia	W72	W15	W37	L3	L7	W43	L6	4	11½
30) R Cuneo, Oakland	L14	W73	W55	W31	D37	L9	D23	4	11½
31) T Eisenstadt, San Fran.	W59	W50	L2	L30	L36	W65	W45	4	10½
32) G B Oakes, Salinas	L6	L7	L46	W68	W55	W57	W43	4	10½
33) E Yeager, Berkeley	W74	L2	L43	D44	D54	W67	W46	4	10
34) L Tomori, San Bruno	L71	L56	W61	W67	W63	L24	W49	4	9½
35) G Ramirez, San Francisco	W25	W55	L3	L6	D18	L17	W56	3½	11½
36) M Eucher, Detroit	W41	L37	W65	L7	W31	L10	D26	3½	11½
37) P Nielsen, Los Angeles	W65	W36	L29	W47	D30	L14	L16	3½	10½
38) R Richards, Sacramento	W68	L14	L7	D28	W70	W42	L17	3½	9½
39) G Chase, Los Angeles	L42	L44	D72	W52	W69	W53	L19	3½	8½
40) M Hailparn, Fresno	D47	W48	L4	L21	L24	Wbye	W50	3½	7½
41) W Melworm, Van Nuys	L36	L28	D52	L51	Wbye	W60	W58	3½	6½
42) R Baker, Fresno	W39	D8	D26	D49	L9	L38	D53	3	11
43) E Yaggie, San Francisco	L3	W54	W33	L27	W20	L29	L32	3	11
44) R Garabedian, Fresno	L9	W39	L50	D33	W51	D49	L20	3	10
45) S Poulsen, Berkeley	D63	D4	D27	W70	D23	L21	L31	3	10
46) C Fotias, Visalia	L2	L65	W32	W64	L10	W48	L33	3	9
47) R Koutz, Mesa	D40	D11	W59	L37	L26	W64	L28	3	8½
48) E T Dana, Los Altos	D18	L40	W66	L11	D28	L46	W64	3	8½
49) P Foley, San Jose	L64	W53	W67	D42	L8	D44	L34	3	8
50) J W Jaffray, Glendale	W61	L31	W44	L16	W57	L25	L40	3	8
51) H Dasteel Jr, San Fran.	D10	L69	L63	W41	L44	D59	W66	3	7½
52) D L Young, San Gabriel	L22	L24	D41	L39	D66	W61	W67	3	7½
53) A Critchlow, Campbell	L8	L49	W73	D58	W60	L39	D42	3	6½
54) K Chapman, San Jose	L23	L43	D60	W72	D33	L20	W63	3	5½
55) C Henderson, Bev. Hills	W73	L35	L30	L10	L32	W68	W65	3	5½
56) J Christman, Phoenix	L1	W34	W64	D8	L11	L18	L35	2½	8½
57) G Lutz, San Francisco	L26	W74	D24	D63	L50	L32	D59	2½	6½



Left: The champ, Herman Steiner      Right: Sidney Weinbaum

A critical game, Ray Martin-Roger Smook, attracts a rapt audience







Vladimir Pafnutieff

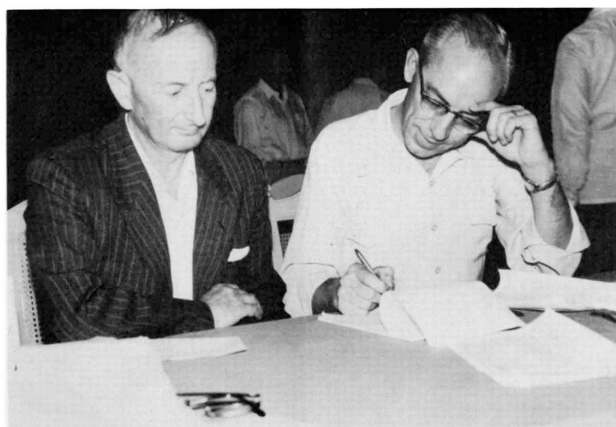
Earl Pruner





Left to right: Phil Smith, Bill Adams, R. Brieger

Imre König and Milt Meyer at the scorer's table





Larry Ledgerwood

Roger Smock skittles with Mark Eucher





Gil Ramirez vs. Arthur Spiller  
(Steiner-Weinbaum in the background)

Left: Louis Tomori

Right: Charles Walker





Post-mortem: Harold Edelstein and George Goehler

Bridge whiles away the waiting hours: Mrs. E. T. Dana, Mrs. M. O. Meyer, Mr. & Mrs. P. D. Smith



CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (continued) Fresno, Sept. 3-5, 1955

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	S-B
58) H Chamness, Wilmington	L15	W68	L70	D53	L64	W62	L41	2½	5½
59) D Havill, Mountain View	L31	W72	L47	L19	D62	D51	D57	2½	4½
60) E Thompson, Berkeley	L27	L25	D54	W66	L53	L41	Wbye	2½	3½
61) Mrs C Henderson, Bev. H.	L50	L67	L34	Wbye	W68	L52	D62	2½	3
62) R Womack, Fresno	D11	L18	D10	L65	D59	L58	D61	2	7½
63) R Boles, Hanford	D45	L19	W51	D57	L34	L28	L54	2	5½
64) S Van Gelder, San Fran.	W49	L22	L56	L47	W58	L47	L48	2	5½
65) W Grombacher, Chicago	L37	W46	L36	W62	L19	L31	L55	2	5
66) G McMahon, Los Angeles	L17	D70	L48	L60	D52	W72	L51	2	3½
67) T F Kimball, San Jose	L13	W61	L49	L34	W72	L33	L52	2	3
68) M O Johnson, Healdsburg	L38	L58	W74	L32	L61	L55	W72	2	1½
69) J Demos, Berkeley	D12	W51	L9	L23	L39			1½	5½
70) J Alexander, San Diego	L16	D66	W58	L45	L38			1½	3½
71) A Raymond, Bakersfield	W34	L1	L15					1	4
72) C R Wilson, Berkeley	L29	L59	D39	L54	L67	L66	L68	1½	1¾
73) T Medhurst	L55	L30	L53					0	0
74) A Diamond	L33	L57	L68					0	0

U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

We were tickled pink to receive the following from Mrs. Nancy Roos:

"New York, September 15, 1955

"Dear Mac:

"Before leaving New York for Los Angeles I wish to send greetings to you and all others in northern California.

"Maybe you learned already how fortunate I was to win the U.S. Women's Chess Championship title in a tie with Gisella Gresser.

"I played better chess than my physical condition would justify. Shortly before the tournament I was injured through a car banging into the rear of mine. To remedy the spinal pains, a New York physician gave me two prescriptions, one - codeine tablets against pains, one - capsules containing some different concoction. Just before starting my game against Miss Karff I took two of the capsules with a glass of water. The doctor friend who then arrived told me that I had swallowed the sleeping medicine. Yet, I liked the nerve-calming effect it had, and for the next days I swallowed sleeping capsules before I sat down to play.

"Thus, I give away my formula on how to win a chess tournament. There have been written many books on tournament success, but none quoted the tip with the sleeping pills. It's true, yawning into your opponent's face during the game is not very polite; however, a point is a point, regardless of what one ingests...

"I am glad that I didn't disappoint again those who rooted for me. Another time I hope I'll repeat the performance with better games.

"Nancy."

(Nanny says also: "I believe I played a fairly decent game against my co-champion Gisela Gresser." This game follows on a later page.

-Ed.)

GAME OF THE MONTH - by Neil E. Falconer

U.S. OPEN, LONG BEACH 1955

Game No. 294 - Slav Def.

White	Black
H. Steiner	W. Addison

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-QB4  | P-QB3 |
| 2. P-Q4   | P-Q4  |
| 3. Kt-Q2  | Kt-B3 |
| 4. KkT-B3 | B-B4  |
| 5. Q-Kt3  | Q-Kt3 |
| 6. P-B5   |       |

Giving the game an unusual character from the very beginning.

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| 6. ...   | Q-B2  |
| 7. Kt-R4 | B-Kt3 |
| 8. P-QR3 | P-K4  |

The slower 8. QkT-Q2 would be safer and equally effective in forcing P-K4 and freeing Black's game. Addison, however, is willing to "mix it" immediately.

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| 9. Pxp   | KKt-Q2 |
| 10. KtxB | RPxKt  |
| 11. P-K6 |        |

This looks attractive but is part of the cause of White's future difficulty. Black at once regains the P and now White must hold the QBp or be a P down. His efforts to hold the QBp cause the rest of his game to suffer.

Better would be 11. Kt-B3, followed by B-B4, P-K3 and castles, though this would abandon White's original strategy, and give Black menacing Q-side pawns.

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| 11. ...    | PxP  |
| 12. Q-B2   | K-B2 |
| 13. Kt-B3  | B-K2 |
| 14. P-QkT4 |      |

White's game looks much superior. What follows shows that appearances can be deceiving.

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| 14. ... | P-R4! |
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The "busting up" process begins.

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| 15. R-QkT1 |   |
| 15. B-Kt2  | "looks" much better, but after 15...PxP; 16. Pxp, RxR; 17. BxR, P-QkT3 loses a pawn (18. Pxp, Bxpch and 19... Qxp). |

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| 15. ...    | PxP   |
| 16. Pxp    | Kt-K4 |
| 17. R-Kt3? |       |

Optimistically planning on 18. KtxKtch, QxKt; 19. R-B3ch, B-B3; 20. B-Kt2, etc. Black's next move throws a monkey wrench in those plans.

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| 17. ... | R-R8! |
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The 8th rank was unguarded, and Black promptly occupies it.

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| 18. Q-Kt2? |  |
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Again too optimistic. After Black's next move, the White Q loses a move getting off the "hot" diagonal.

- 18. ... B-B3!
- 19. Kt-Q4 R-QR5

Black must leave the rank, but White's plans have been frustrated, and no less than four pieces are trained on White's K-side where - save for the Kt - not one piece (or pawn) has been moved.

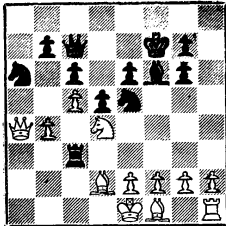
- 20. Q-B2

Setting up the battery which is to be unmasked on the next move. 20. P-K3, however, would have been more prudent though 20... Kt-B5; 21. BxKt, PxB; 22. R-B3, RxRP is not too appetizing.

- 20. ... Kt-R3
- 21. R-KR3 RxR
- 22. QxR R-QB6!

One R being dead, another comes to plague White.

- 23. B-Q2



- 23. ... KtxBP!

The point of the previous move.

- 24. PxKt R-B5
- 25. Q-R2

Q-R1 does not work, since, after 25...RxKt! the Q cannot retake.

- 25. ... RxKt

- 26. P-K3

At last - on the 26th move, White moves a second piece on the K-side!

- 26. ... R-KR5
- 27. P-Kt3

After the more natural 27. B-K2, Kt-Q2 White must lose either his KRP or QBP, either loss being fatal.

The text move has a barb to it.

- 27. ... RxP!
- 28. RxR Kt-B6ch
- 29. K-K2 KtxR
- 30. B-R3

The point. Now - maybe - the Kt is trapped.

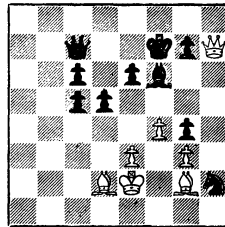
- 30. ... P-KKt4

Sufficient to free the Kt is 30...Q-K4 which, by threatening 31...Q-R4ch or 31...Q-K5ch, forces 31. B-Kt2, after which the Kt exits at Kt5. But Addison has a plan to win without reserving the Kt.

- 31. P-B4 P-Kt5
- 32. B-Kt2 P-QKt3!
- 33. Q-Kt1(!)

Steiner is fighting hard. This move insures the win of the Kt.

- 33. ... PxP!
- 34. Q-KR7





34. ... Q-Kt2! configuration of all of White's  
 34...Kt-B6 would not save the Kt, other pieces is such that they  
 after 35.Q-R5ch and 36.QxP(Kt4). are helpless to prevent it!  
 35. QxKt Q-Kt4ch 38. Q-R1 Q-Q6ch  
 36. K-K1 39. K-K1 P-B6  
 36. K-B2 looks better but proves 40. B-QB1 Q-B7  
 worse, after 36...Q-Q6; 37. B-K1, 41. B-QR3 Q-Kt8ch  
 P-Q5!; 38. P-K4, Q-K6ch; 39. K- Resigns.  
 B1, P-Q6.

36. ... Q-Kt8ch A remarkable win by Addison, who  
 37. K-K2 P-B5! got Steiner off balance in the  
 The winning strategy is now opening, and never let up there-  
 plain. The passed P will cost after. There are very few master  
 White the QB and Black then games of so unusual a character.  
 wins with the second BP. The

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LOG CABIN - MECHANICS' INSTITUTE TEAM MATCH

The traveling Log Cabin team from West Orange, N.J., paused in San Francisco on its way from Long Beach to Alaska long enough to take a shellacking from the Mechanics' Institute powerhouse. The Institute thereby revenged a "sneak attack" of several years ago, when E. Forry Laucks' team beat the M.I. reserves.

<u>Mechanics' Institute</u>		<u>Log Cabin</u>	
1. W. Addison	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Sherwin	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. J. Schmitt	1	T. Miller	0
3. N. Falconer	1	R. Haefner	0
4. C. M. Capps	1	V. Pupols	0
5. E. Pruner	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Coplon	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. R. Currie	1	R. Houghton	0
7. C. Bagby	<u>1</u>	E. F. Laucks	<u>0</u>
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As reported in our last issue, international master Herman Steiner won the 1955 club championship. The cross-table:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Score
1. H. Steiner	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16-1
2. R. Cross	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. J. Moscowitz	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. R. Jacobs	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	13-4
5. I. Rivise	0	0	1	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12-5
6. P. Lapiken	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-6
7. L. Standers	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10-7
8. L. Woronzoff	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	8-9
9-) G. Rubin	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$
10.) S. Weinbaum	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	X	1	0	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$
11. J. Mego	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	0	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	7-10
12. M. Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$
13-) F. Burke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6-11
14.) Gross	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	6-11
15. G. Steven	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	X	0	0	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -12 $\frac{1}{2}$
16-) A. Altshuler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-13
17.) R. Lorber	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4-13
18. P. Meyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	2-15

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2ND HOLLYWOOD PAN-AMERICAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, Los Angeles, Calif. Spence Limited Editions (130 Copies), Vol. XIV, American Tournament Series. 32 8x12 $\frac{1}{2}$  pages, \$2.00. Edited by Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha 2, Nebraska.

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U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
NEW YORK, 1955

Game No. 295 - Polish

White Black  
Nancy Roos Gisela Gresser

1. P-Qk4  
Nanny's specialty.
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|------------|--------|
| 1. ...     | P-K3   |
| 2. B-Kt2   | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. P-QR3   | P-Q4   |
| 4. P-K3    | P-QR4  |
| 5. P-Kt5   | P-B4   |
| 6. P-QB4   | QKt-Q2 |
| 7. PxP     | PxP    |
| 8. P-QR4   | B-K2   |
| 9. Kt-KB3  | O-O    |
| 10. B-K2   | Kt-Kt3 |
| 11. O-O    | B-B4   |
| 12. P-Q3   | R-B1   |
| 13. QKt-Q2 | KKt-Q2 |

Pushing one of the Queen-side pawns looks tempting: P-B5 would threaten to create a passed pawn; P-Q5 would block the White QB and make the QP backward. However, Black probably felt that the advanced pawns would be weak, and deny squares to the White Kts where the pawns now stand.

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| 14. R-B1  | B-B3    |
| 15. B-R3  | R-K1    |
| 16. P-R3  | Kt-R1   |
| 17. Q-Kt3 | P-Q5    |
| 18. P-K4  | B-K3    |
| 19. Kt-B4 | QKt-Kt3 |
| 20. Q-Q1  | KtxKt   |
| 21. FxKt  | Q-B2    |

With a protected passed pawn at Q5 and the Queen-side

locked, Black now need only fear a King-side attack...

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| 22. B-Q3  | P-QKt3 |
| 23. R-B2  | Kt-B1  |
| 24. B-B1  | P-R3   |
| 25. Kt-K1 | QR-Q1  |
| 26. P-B4  | B-B1   |
| 27. Q-R5  |        |

...which White now launches.

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| 27. ...  | B-Kt2 |
| 28. P-K5 | B-K2  |

White takes full advantage of the awkward posting of the two Black bishops.

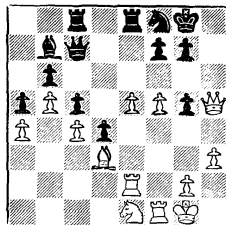
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| 29. R-K2 | R-B1 |
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To make a hole for the B...

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| 30. P-B5 | B-Kt4 |
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but BxP was threatened.

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| 31. BxB | PxB |
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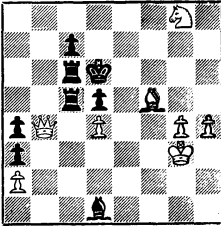


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| 32. P-B6!       | PxP   |
| 33. RxP         | Kt-K3 |
| 34. Q-R7ch      | K-B1  |
| 35. QR-KB2      | Kt-Q1 |
| 36. Q-R6ch      | K-K2  |
| 37. QxP         | K-B1  |
| 38. R-Kt6       | QxP   |
| 39. R-Kt8 mate. |       |

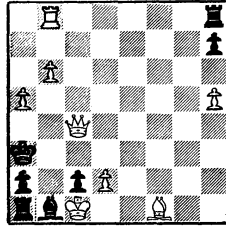
A neat finish. Nanny deserves great credit for defeating her co-champion Mrs. Gresser (now playing for the world title in Moscow) while full of sleeping pills.

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TASK No. 79  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 80  
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Answers to last month's TASKS: Task No. 77: The key is R-R3.  
Task No. 78: The key is R-KB1

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