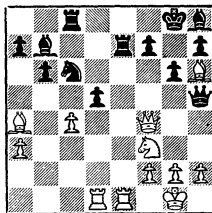


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SAN FRANCISCO: BENKO WINS U.S. OPEN, KOVACS SECOND

FRESNO: SHOLOMSON WINS CALIFORNIA OPEN

Pal Benko of New York won the 1961 U.S. Open, held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco August 14-26, by the record-breaking score of 11-1. Zoltan Kovacs of Los Angeles was second with a 10-2 score, usually good enough to win. There were 198 players, a new record, and 115 players from California competed.

Stephen Sholomson of Los Angeles won the California Open, held at the Californian Hotel in Fresno September 2-4, by the score of $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Sholomson beat out 1959 champ Tibor Weinberger of Glendale, who tied for second with John Jaffray of Miranda, 6-1. Zoltan Kovacs of Los Angeles, 1960 champion, did not defend his title. Imre Barlai of San Diego, Jules Kalisch of San Francisco, and Erik Osburn of Santa Rosa, tied for fourth through sixth, $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$, and there were 11 players tied for seventh through seventeenth with 5-2 scores. There were an even 100 players in the tournament, considered a good showing in view of the fact that the U.S. Open had just been concluded the week before. The winner received a trophy and a cash prize of \$105, and a total of \$500 was divided among the 17 prizewinners. Robert L. Henry of San Mateo won the Reserves title and trophy.

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, SAN FRANCISCO 1961

Pal Benko of New York won the 1961 U. S. Open title and the \$1,000 first prize by scoring eleven points out of twelve games, a new high in the tournament. Benko drew with Lou Levy of New York in the fifth round and with Arthur Bisguier, also of New York, in the eighth round. Meanwhile, he won with almost monotonous regularity. In retrospect, the crucial game was in Round 7 when he won in the adjournment session from Zoltan Kovacs of Los Angeles. It was a Rook-and-Pawn end game with Benko having two Pawns versus Kovacs' one. Kovacs gave up his Pawn, which was on the seventh rank but watched by Benko's Rook, for a drawing attempt which went wrong when Kovacs made the wrong move. An earlier bit of drama occurred when Ray Cuneo of Oakland took Benko to adjournment in the first round. Benko claimed the game on time at the adjournment, when Cuneo's score showed only 49 moves as his clock ran out of time. It turned out upon appeal that Benko's score, which showed 50 moves but was unreadable, had the right amount of moves and that Cuneo's flag had fallen on the 51st move. Benko sealed the move QxP, which made the material even, and won another Pawn soon after the adjournment session began.

Zoltan Kovacs, California state champion, had a good tournament and his score of 10-2 would win most Opens. Kovacs missed a draw with Benko and missed a win against Bisguier. Arthur Bisguier and Robert Byrne (Indianapolis), both ex-champions, tied for third with $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ scores. There followed: 9 points, Bill Addison (San Francisco), Jerry Sullivan (Oak Ridge, Tenn.); $8\frac{1}{2}$ points, Martin Harrow (N. Y.), Irving Rivise (Los Angeles), Charles Henin (N. Y.), Jack Witeczek (Ohio), Jim Schmitt (S. F.), Rex Wilcox (Salinas); 8 points, Dr. Peter Lapiken (Missoula, Mont.), Louis Levy (N. Y.), Milton Otteson (Milwaukee), Walt Cunningham (Arcadia), Henry Gross (S. F.), Ivars Dalberg (Portland), Lee Hyder (Berkeley), Charles Morgan (Phoenix), James McCormick (Seattle), Stephen Matzner (Anaheim), Hy Gordon (L. A.), Wade Hendricks (South San Francisco).

GLENN E. HARTLEB

We regret to report the death on the way home from the Open of Glenn Hartleb, 49, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Hartleb was a passenger in an automobile which crashed in Arkansas. He was killed instantly. Mr. Hartleb, an accountant, had played in his 16th straight Open. Jerry Spann writes: This angular, homely but beautiful man, completely dedicated to chess and to his fellow man... never met a man he didn't like. His headstone should carry this one-word epitaph, the greeting he gave us all, each letter as big as his heart and engraved as deeply as the ache in mine, "MASTER!"

SHOLOMSON WINS CALIFORNIA OPEN, FRESNO 1961

Stephen Sholomson of Los Angeles won the 1961 California Open with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, thus heading off Tibor Weinberger of Glendale (1959 champion) and John Jaffray of Miranda by half a point. Steve finished in fine style by beating Weinberger in the sixth round and Walt Cunningham (Arcadia) in the last round. On the way, he drew with Sidney Weinbaum of Los Angeles. Sholomson now qualifies for the finals of the State Championship to be held in Los Angeles on the Thanksgiving week end.

The tournament was a strong one. Although there were only two rated masters, there were no less than 26 experts. The ratings used were the latest possible, having been worked up from the U. S. Open results by S. H. Van Gelder (who was co-director with Guthrie McClain). There were 100 players, the third highest in California Open history.

Round I, 10:30 A. M. Saturday: A valiant effort was made to start the first round at the announced time of 10 o'clock. The tournament directors signed up a number of players the previous night, but because of a taxi strike they were held up at the railroad station for some time and some of the contestants had retired for the night by the time they arrived at the Hotel Californian. Registration started at 8:00 A. M. on Saturday but it was fully ten o'clock before work could start on the first round pairings.

The first round is supposed to be an easy round, and except for a few upsets the "sheep" and "goats" performed as expected. On board 22 Robert McIntyre (San Diego), rated at 1740, beat Tom Fries (Los Angeles), rated at 2045, and there were several draws.

Round II, 2:30 P. M. Saturday: The second round, like the first, was played at the rate of 30 moves per hour. It used to be an "easy" round but the average strength of the Open has gone up so that Round Two isn't so easy any more. The first upset (in board order) found Fritz Leiber (Santa Monica) springing a Bishop sacrifice to beat Henry Gross. Max Wilkerson (S. F.) upset the redoubtable Ed McCormick of New Jersey. Jim McIlrath (Redwood City) beat Jerry Hanken (L. A.). Bill Rebold (Berkeley) upset Newton Grant (San Diego). Frank Harris (Vallejo) sprung a surprise on Dr. Ben Gross (S. F.). There were a few minor upsets in the form of draws: Johnny Blackstone (Saratoga) vs. Saul Yarmak (L. A.), Nate Robinson (L. A.) vs. Imre Barlai (San Diego), Ed Bogas (Menlo Park) vs. Al Raymond (Lancaster), and Elmer Achterberg (Visalia) vs. Jules Kalisch (S. F.).

Round III, 8:30 P. M. Saturday: The scrambling of the first two rounds settled down to the more reasonable rate of 40 moves in two hours, and the chess got better as the pairings brought together more evenly-matched opponents. There were 18 players with two points. After the third round there were only six: Weinberger, Barry, Jacobs, Wilcox, Bourke, and Standers. Bob Jacobs 1-Irving Rivise 0, Eugene Warner 0-Tibor Weinberger 1, Leonard Standers 1-Walt Cunningham 0, Jim Barry 1-George Kirby 0, Rex Wilcox 1-Max Wilkerson 0, and Alan W. Bourke 1-Stanley Salter 0 were the decisive results. Dropping half a point behind were: Stephen Sholomson $\frac{1}{2}$ -Sidney Weinbaum $\frac{1}{2}$, Fritz Leiber $\frac{1}{2}$ -Erik Osburn $\frac{1}{2}$, and Jim McIlrath $\frac{1}{2}$ -Fred Fults $\frac{1}{2}$. Standers vs. Cunningham was an upset and so was U.S. amateur champ E. T. McCormick's loss to Richard Myhro.

Round IV, 12:30 P. M. Sunday: After a morning off, and the rugged first day behind them, all hands pitched in for the all-important second day of play. The top three games were Weinberger-Bourke, Jacobs-Barry, and Wilcox-Standers. When the round was over, there were three players with four points: Weinberger, Barry, and Wilcox. Bouncing back into contention with full points were Sholomson, Blackstone, Raymond, Yarmak, Barlai, Rivise, Cunningham, Wilkerson, Bengé, Warner, and Bob Walker. There was not a draw among the first 14 boards. This round also had the bottom one-third fighting for the honor of staying in the championship section. In accordance with a vote of the players last year, the field was split after four rounds, with those players with less than two points being assigned to the Reserves Section and playing for the Reserves Trophy. After the round was over, there were 64 in the championship and 36 in the reserves.

Round V, 7:30 P. M. Sunday: There being three players with perfect scores, the top-rated man with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points was paired with the top three. The top games were Weinberger-Wilcox and Sholomson-Barry. White won in both cases, which knocked Wilcox and Barry out of the ranks of the undefeated and left Tibor Weinberger the only man with 5-0. There now followed behind Steve Sholomson and Al Raymond with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points and the two losers, Barry and Wilcox with 4 points, John Mortz (who beat Irving Rivise), Walt Cunningham, John Jaffray, Bob Jacobs, and Bob Walker -- all these being the winners among those with 3 points going into the fifth round. Opportunities to climb were lost to John Blackstone and Imre Barlai, Eugene Warner and Don Bengé, who fell back with draws. The going was rough everywhere you looked: Saul Yarmak was shocked by Al Raymond, John Mortz dumped Irving Rivise, Jim McIlrath gave Sidney Weinbaum a terrific tussle, a draw, Jerry Hanken dropped one to Richard Myhro (the giant-killer), and Dr. Ben

Gross beat George Kirby, Nevada champion. In the Reserves, there were 13 players starting with the maximum of $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. To win the trophy, a player would need three straight wins, unless he were lucky. Ed Bogas beat Kyle Forrest, Robert McIntyre lost to Herb Rosenbaum, John Barlow lost to Gunnar Rasmussen, Norman Miller lost to R. L. Henry, and Lynn Mercy beat Bob Gish. Bill Rebold-Arthur Ash and Tom Layfield-John Kelly were draws.

Round VI, 8:30 A. M. Monday: By a vote of the players on Sunday night, the starting time for this round was moved an hour ahead. The only player with a perfect score was Weinberger, and there were two with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points: Al Raymond and Steve Sholomson. Mechanical pairing called for Raymond-Weinberger and Cunningham-Sholomson, but on Monday morning the logic of late Sunday night looked less attractive, and the director allowed himself to be overruled for the first time since running these events. The players involved were unanimous in requesting a change, and so the first two games became Sholomson-Weinberger and Raymond-Cunningham. Sholomson administered a rare defeat to Weinberger, although it must be reported that the latter refused an offer of a draw along the way. Raymond lost to Cunningham and the stage was set for a last-round decision between Sholomson and Cunningham. The winners among the 4-pointers were Barlai, Jacobs, Jaffray, and Wilcox. The critical game in the Reserves was Rosenbaum-Henry. Henry won and became the only player with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Round VII, 2:30 P. M. Monday: Board One was Cunningham-Sholomson, and when Black won the first-place question was settled. Cunningham had an awful lot of checks in the opening and Sholomson's King had to move, but there was evidently nothing in the position for White and Sholomson's extra Pawns won the game for him. Weinberger beat Jacobs and Jaffray beat Wilcox to tie for second. In the Reserves, Bob Henry beat F. E. Sleep to win the trophy, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

On the financial side, Sholomson ($6\frac{1}{2}$ points) won \$105, the trophy, and a place in the State championship finals. Weinberger and Jaffray (6) split the \$75 and \$60 second and third prizes. Barlai, Kalisch, and Osburn ($5\frac{1}{2}$) divided prizes of \$50, \$40, and \$30. There were \$29 prizes for 7th to 11th and \$10 for 12th to 15th; these resulted in \$12.75 going to Wilcox, Barry, Jacobs, Cunningham, Blackstone, Bourke, R. Walker, Loftsson, McCormick, Rivise, and Weinbaum (5 points each). There was a total of exactly \$500 in prize money.

The California State Chess Federation took in 55 memberships plus 19 for the U. S. C. F. Tournament directors McClain and Van Gelder received \$91 for expenses from the \$1 surcharge (50¢ for juniors).

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Pts.
1. Sholomson SL	LA	W56	W30	D17	W25	W8	W2	W10	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
2. Weinberger T	Glendale	W63	W3	W20	W12	W7	L1	W9	6	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Jaffray JW	Miranda	W74	L2	W72	W62	W12	W8	W7	6	15
4. Barlai I	San Diego	W36	D35	W71	W53	D11	W23	D14	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
5. Kalisch JR	SF	D84	D55	W31	D34	W43	W26	W18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
6. Osbun E	Sta Rosa	W75	W22	D37	L18	W54	W28	W19	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Wilcox R	Salinas	W65	W29	W21	W41	L2	W13	L3	5	17
8. Barry JE	Northridge	W57	W23	W48	W9	L1	L3	W24	5	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Jacobs RM	Manhattan Bh	W76	W19	W16	L8	W21	W11	L2	5	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. Cunningham WR	Arcadia	W67	W32	L41	W29	W24	W18	L1	5	15
11. Blackstone JA	Saratoga	W97	D40	W81	W14	D4	L9	W25	5	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
12. Bourke AW	SF	W85	W44	W62	L2	L3	W45	W29	5	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. Walker RW	Costa Mesa	W73	L49	W75	W46	W27	L7	W31	5	13
14. Loftsson JH	Richmond	D55	W84	W66	L11	W41	W32	D4	5	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. McCormick ET	E Or, NJ	W34	L21	L46	W72	W55	W27	W23	5	11
16. Rivise Irving	LA	W64	W24	L9	W17	L23	W53	W30	5	11
17. Weinbaum S	LA	W82	W27	D1	L16	D53	W42	W40	5	10
18. Raymond Al	Lancaster	W87	D66	W60	W6	W40	L10	L5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
19. Bengé D	Burbank	W100	L9	W52	W48	D20	W40	L6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Warner E	Costa Mesa	W72	W83	L2	W64	D19	D25	D21	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
21. Wilkerson M	SF	W80	W15	L7	W33	L9	W41	D20	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
22. Burke FL	LA	W79	L6	D83	W87	L33	W62	W47	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
23. Mortz John	So Gate	W99	L8	W59	W47	W16	L4	L15	4	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
24. Kupersmith L	LA	W89	L16	W76	W50	L10	W36	L8	4	14
25. Fults F	SF	W42	W69	D53	L1	W35	D20	L11	4	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
26. Spalding HA Jr	Berkeley	D68	W39	D54	D30	W37	L5	D32	4	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
27. Card DH	Palo Alto	W77	L17	W45	W49	L13	L15	W56	4	13
28. Grant Newton	San Diego	D60	L71	W69	W65	W44	L6	D39	4	13
29. Freed Jack	LA	W61	L7	W56	L10	W50	W34	L12	4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
30. Sutherland D	SF	W95	L1	W73	D26	D34	W46	L16	4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
31. Baker RE	Fresno	L40	W97	L5	W78	W58	W33	L13	4	12
32. Alexander John	Poway	W91	L10	D87	W85	W60	L14	D26	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
33. Gross Henry	SF	W46	L37	W55	L21	W22	L31	W57	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Pts.
34. Maron DE	LA	L15	W94	W58	D5	D30	L29	W54	4	11
35. Robinson N	LA	W96	D4	L40	W83	L25	W59	D38	4	10½
36. Zizda, Joseph	Monterey Pk	L4	L61	W91	W80	W51	L24	W53	4	10½
37. Leiber Fritz	Sta Monica	W98	W33	D5	L40	L26	D56	W55	4	10
38. Fries TM	LA	L83	W82	D65	D54	D57	W63	D35	4	9½
39. Shields EA	Bakersfield	D43	L26	W84	D61	D59	W60	D28	4	9
40. Yarmak SN	LA	W31	D11	W35	W37	L18	L19	L17	3½	14
41. Standers L	Burbank	W93	W47	W10	L7	L14	L21	D46	3½	13
42. Gross Dr B	SF	L25	L80	W98	W88	W49	L17	D44	3½	12
43. Gillette D Dale	Davis	D39	L81	W70	W94	L5	L47	W62	3½	11½
44. Cuneo RJ	Oakland	W78	L12	D61	W81	L28	D48	D42	3½	11
45. Farly GM	Berkeley	L47	W92	L27	W90	W61	L12	D50	3½	11
46. Myhro RJ	Granada Hills	L33	W91	W15	L13	W48	L30	D41	3½	11
47. Walker DF	Costa Mesa	W45	L41	W63	L23	D56	W43	L22	3½	11
48. Hanken JB	LA	W50	L53	W57	L19	L46	D44	W59	3½	9½
49. Kirby George	Reno, Nev.	W90	W13	L8	L27	L42	D52	W61	3½	9½
50. Rogosin W Donn	Hollywood	L48	W96	W51	L24	L29	W64	D45	3½	9½
51. Rubin Sid	Palo Alto	W59	L62	L50	W73	L36	D61	W60	3½	9
52. Crawford D	San Mateo	L66	W86	L19	L56	W64	D49	W63	3½	8
53. McIlrath Jim	Redwood City	W88	W48	D25	L4	D17	L16	L36	3	14
54. Wilson CR	Oakland	D94	W58	D26	D38	L6	D57	L34	3	12½
55. Achterberg EF	Visalia	D14	D5	L33	W95	L15	W58	L37	3	12
56. Haley CA	Costa Mesa	L1	W95	L29	W52	D47	D37	L27	3	11½
57. Rogosin H	Hollywood	L8	W98	L48	W96	D38	D54	L33	3	11
58. Mueller EH	Campbell	W86	L54	L34	W71	L31	L55	W64	3	9
59. Bond Dr RE	San Diego	L51	W77	L23	W75	D39	L35	L48	2½	11½
60. Rader HD	So San Gabriel	D28	W68	L18	W66	L32	L39	L51	2½	11½
61. Briggs Tom	Berkeley	L29	W36	D44	D39	L45	D51	L49	2½	10½
62. Salter Stanley	Sunland	W92	W51	L12	L3	D63	L22	L43	2½	10½
63. Fotias Chris	Visalia	L2	W89	L47	W74	D62	L38	L52	2½	10
64. Collins Dr BS	Sta Monica	L16	W93	W80	L20	L52	L50	L58	2	10

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Pts.	
65.	Henry, RL	San Mateo	L7	W79	D38	L28	W70	W69	W75	4½	10
66.	Bogas, E	Menlo Park	W52	D18	L14	L60	W82	D67	W76	4	9½
67.	Kelly, JB	Lansing, Mich.	L10	D74	L85	W97	W94	D66	W84	4	8
68.	Rasmussen, GH	Vallejo	D26	L60	L94	W76	D81	W87	W73	4	7½
69.	Rosenbaum, H	San Carlos	W70	L25	L28	D82	W83	L65	W74	3½	10
70.	Miller, Norman	Fresno	L69	D85	L43	W86	L65	W83	W88	3½	9
71.	Rebold, WL	Berkeley	D81	W28	L4	L58	D87	W89	D72	3½	7½
72.	Sanders, Ward	Sacto	L20	W78	L3	L15	W99	W88	D71	3½	7½
73.	Hunke, Carl	SF	L13	W100	L30	L51	W79	W77	L68	3	10
74.	Cherestes, AJ	StaMonica	L3	D67	D79	L63	W78	W82	L69	3	9
75.	Sleep, FE	Fullerton	L6	W99	L13	L59	W95	W81	L65	3	8½
76.	Nielsen, NL	SF	L9	W88	L24	L68	W98	W85	L66	3	7½
77.	Mercy, Lynn	SanFerndo	L27	L59	L95	W91	W85	L73	W94	3	7
78.	Schaur, ST	Riverside	L44	L72	W89	L31	L74	W91	W90	3	7
79.	Allen, W Bruce	China Lake	L22	L65	D74	D84	L73	W93	W87	3	6½
80.	Harris, Frank	Vallejo	L21	W42	L64	L36	D84	D86	W89	3	6½
81.	Layfield, Tom	Stockton	D71	W43	L11	L44	D68	L75	D86	2½	9½
82.	Forrest, K	Manhattan Bh	L17	L38	W99	D69	L66	L74	W97	2½	8½
83.	McIntyre, RR	San Diego	W38	L20	D22	L35	L69	L70	W96	2½	8½
84.	Owen, John	So Gate	D5	L14	L39	D79	D80	W94	L67	2½	8½
85.	Gish, Bob	LA	L12	D70	W67	L32	L77	L76	W95	2½	7½
86.	Savery, C	Hamilton AFB	L58	L52	D97	L70	W92	D80	D81	2½	7½
87.	Ash, Arthur	LA	L18	W90	D32	L22	D71	L68	L79	2	10½
88.	Bogas, R	Richmond	L53	L76	W93	L42	W90	L72	L70	2	9
89.	Freed, Mrs Helen	LA	L24	L63	L78	W100	W96	L71	L80	2	8
90.	Vayssie, Paul	SF	L49	L87	W100	L45	L88	Wf	L78	2	6
91.	Torrance, Mrs Esther	PacGr	L32	L46	L36	L77	W97	L78	W100	2	4½
92.	Bogdanoff, G	Redwood Cty	L62	L45	L96	L99	L86	W100	W98	2	3½
93.	Murphy, ML	Lynwood	L41	L64	L88	L98	W100	L79	bye	2	3
94.	Barlow, JH	San Jose	D54	L34	W68	L43	L67	L84	L77	1½	9½
95.	Allen, WA	China Lake	L30	L56	W77	L55	L75	D96	L85	1½	7
96.	Irwin, Richard	SF	L35	L50	W92	L57	L89	D95	L83	1½	6
97.	Mortz, David	So Gate	L11	L31	D86	L67	L91	W98	L82	1½	5½
98.	McCarty, JL	Alameda	L37	L57	L42	W93	L76	L97	L92	1	6½
99.	Barlow, WD	Oildale	L23	L75	L82	W92	L72	-	-	1	3½
100.	Rogosin, Peter	Hollywood	L19	L73	L90	L89	L93	L92	L91	0	5½

KERLENEVICH WINS STEINER CLUB TOURNAMENT

Marcos Kerlnevech won the Masters Section of the annual Spring events of the Herman Steiner Chess Club, completed last April. He scored 8-2 in a strong field. Sven Almgren took second place, 7½-2½. The cross-table:

"Masters" Steiner Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Score
1. M. Kerlnevech	X	1	1	0	1	1			1	1	0	1					1		8-2
2. S. Almgren	0	X	1	1	1	1	1			1			1	0					7½-2½
3. J. Barry	0	0	X	0	1	1								0	1	1	1	1	6-4
4. F. Burke			1	X	0	½	1	1	0	0			1	1	½				6-4
5. H. Gordon	1	0	0	1	X	½			1	½	½	½	1						6-4
6. W. Cunningham	0	0	0	½	X	1	½	1	1	1			1	½					5½-4½
7. M. Gordon	0	0	½	0	X	1	0	1			1		1	1	1				5½-4½
8. J. Hanken			0		0	X	0	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	1				5½-4½
9. G. Patterson		0	0	0	½	1	1	X	½	½	1	1							5½-4½
10. R. Rupeiks	0		1	½	0	½	½	X	½	1	½	1							5½-4½
11. T. Warner	0	½	1	½	0	0			X	½			1	1	1				5½-4½
12. C. Standers	1	0		½	0	0	½	½	½	X			1	1					5-5
13. G. Rubin	0			0		1	0	0			X	1	½	1	0	1			4½-5½
14. J. Mego		0	1	0		0	0	½			0	X	½	1	1				4-6
15. T. Fries			0	0		0	0	0	0	0	½	X	1	1	1				3½-6½
16. S. Mazner		1	0		½			0	0	F	½	F	X	1	F				3-7
17. J. Gibbs			0	½		0	0	0		1	0	0	0	X	1				2½-7½
18. H. Rogosin		0	0			F	F		0	0	0	0	1	F	X				1-9

Leo Kupersmith and Vincent Homolka tied for first place in the accompanying Experts Section with 9-2 scores. Ernest Klein and club president Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky tied for third.

"Experts" Steiner Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1. L. Kupersmith	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-2
2. V. Homolka	1	X	1	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	½	1	9-2
3. E. Klein	1	0	X	0	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	7½-3½
4. Mrs. Piatigorsky	0	1	1	X	1	0	0	1	½	1	1	1	7½-3½
5. R. Kogan	0	0	1	0	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	0	6½-4½
6. T. Andersen	0	0	0	1	½	X	0	½	1	1	1	1	6-5
7. E. O'Connor	0	½	0	1	0	1	X	0	1	0	1	1	5½-5½
8. R. Kotz	0	0	½	0	0	½	1	X	0	1	1	1	5-6
9. G. Castleberry	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	1	4½-6½
10. J. Zuzow	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	1	3-8
11. J. Hunt	0	½	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	2½-8½
12. L. Fielding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0-11

In the Class A Section of the Steiner Club Tournament, Joe Di Fulvio and Clare Ulrich tied for first place with 7-2 scores.

"Class A" Steiner Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. J. Di Fulvio	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	7-2
2. C. Ulrich	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	7-2
3. B. Bilman	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. D. Ifill	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. D. Rogosin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. C. King	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Doris Miller	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. S. Salter	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	3-6
9. C. Gundal	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	X	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. D. Creed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1-8

BILL ADDISON WINS MECHANICS' INSTITUTE OPEN

William G. Addison won a six-round Swiss held during July at the Mechanics' Institute, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Tied for second were Alan Bourke, Ed Simanis, and Max Wilkerson.

Mechanics' Institute Open	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Addison, W.	D2	W3	W5	W7	W13	W17	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Bourke, A. W.	D1	F3	W8	W10	W15	W18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Simanis, E.	L1	W2	D5	W10	W14	W20	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Wilkerson, M.	L5	D7	W6	W10	W18	W19	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Cleghorn, P.	L1	D2	W4	D7	W9	W13	4
6. Hoppe, R.	L4	W11	L13	W15	W17	W22	4
7. Sutherland, D.	L1	D4	D5	W11	W12	W15	4
8. Binns, P.	L2	W9	L10	W13	D15	W22	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Henry, R. L.	L5	L8	D12	W19	W20	D21	3
10. Nieder, D.	L2	L3	L4	W8	W12	W21	3
11. Nielsen, N.	L6	L7	W17	D19	D20	W22	3
12. Schoene, A.	L7	D9	L10	D14	W16	W17	3
13. Sedlack, C.	F1	L5	W6	L8	W14	W16	3
14. Carlisle, R.	L3	D12	L13	L15	W21	W22	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. McLeod, D.	L2	L6	L7	D8	W14	W21	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
16. Bedjanian, V.	L12	L13	W18	W20	L21	L22	2
17. Farly, G.	L1	L6	L11	L12	W18	W19	2
18. Garcia, G.	L2	L4	L16	L17	W19	W21	2
19. Savery, C.	L4	L9	D11	L17	L18	W20	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Shank,	L3	L9	D11	L16	L19	W22	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
21. Vayssie, P.	D9	L10	L15	L14	W16	L18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. Fufts, F.	L6	F8	F11	L14	W16	F20	1

BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE MATCHES, 1960-61ROUND X

<u>B of A 1, UCRL 5</u>			<u>Cal Res. 2½, Sperry 3</u>				
1. Ted Dabney	0	Lee Hyder	1	1. L Brown	½ C Rourke	½	
2. Pat Byrne	0	George Farly	1	2. R Edgar	0	B Davies	1
3. Bill Taucher	0	W Swiatecki	1	3. A Paxson	1	D Ingwerson	0
4. J Vucicevic	0	Ron Zane	1	4. L Banney	0	A Dawson	1
5. C Blackwell	1	Ken Stone	0	5. G Kantsky	1	H Schmid	0
6. Ed Mendoza	0	Dave Whitney	1	6. E Antoniadis	0	R Brag	1

<u>Shell 4, Crocker-Anglo 2</u>			<u>Kaiser 3, Bay Toll 3</u>				
1. R Henry	1	J Handley	0	1. H Morison	1	Frank Perez	0
2. D B Bright	0	A Palmin	1	2. C McGinley	1	J Hanke	0
3. Geo Hartwig	1	A Tokmakoff	0	3. Bill Lisker	1	Dick Enos	0
4. Kennedy	1	Forfeit	0	4. Len Larsen	0	Stan Larsen	1
5. F Younger	0	Hyndman	1	5. Jim Jellinek	0	Bob Brewer	1
6. Chakeris	1	E Sousa	0	6. Forfeit	0	Bob Gillies	1

<u>Livermore 1½, PG & E 4½</u>			<u>Fibreboard 3, Western Knapp 3</u>				
1. G Boer	0	H Bullwinkel	1	1. Jack Soward	0	J Herbst	1
2. P Wesley	0	L Solbeau	1	2. Lee Caknahan	1	T Cunningham	0
3. D Sands	1	V Bedjanian	0	3. C Herbest	1	G Rolandson	0
4. C Sink	½	J Yale	½	4. P Ferguson	0	K Atassi	1
5. D Jackson	0	J Veguilla	1	5. K Kearcher	0	V Gudrais	1
6. E Dougherty	0	J Worthen	1	6. B Van Voorhis	1	Tom Ho	0

ROUND XI

<u>Bay Toll 3, Livermore 3</u>			<u>Shell 4, Kaiser 2</u>				
1. F Perez	1	G Boer	0	1. R Henry	1	Dave Hardy	0
2. J Hauke	1	P Wesley	0	2. F Younger	1	H Morison	0
3. B Gillies	0	D Sands	1	3. G Hartwig	0	C McGinley	1
4. Dick Enos	0	C Sink	1	4. W Ritchie	½	B Morgan	½
5. W Chong	0	E Dougherty	1	5. D Bright	1	Bill Lisker	0
6. B Brewer	1	Shauples	0	6. Chakeris	½	Jack Nelson	½

<u>Sperry 2½, Crocker-Anglo 3½</u>							
1. C Rourke	1	Forfeit	0	4. D Ingwerson	½	R Vlmann	½
2. A Dawson	0	A Palmin	1	5. L Kern	0	H Hyndman	1
3. D Davies	1	C Breito	0	6. R Bray	0	E Christo	1

ROUND XI (contd.)

<u>UCRL 5, Cal Res. 1</u>			<u>Western Knapp 2, B of A 4</u>		
1. Lee Hyder	1	L Brown 0	1. Julius Herbst	0	Al de Souza 1
2. George Farly	1	Robt Edgar 0	2. Forfeit	0	J Puechner 1
3. W Swiatecki	1	T Hughes 0	3. T Cunningham	1	J Vucicevic 0
4. Ron Zane	1	Lew Barney 0	4. K Atassi	1	C Blackwell 0
5. D Whitney	1	E Antoniadou 0	5. R Willdorff	0	E Mendoza 1
6. J Tocher	0	V Kirichenko 1	6. Tom Ho	0	Bill Taucher 1
<u>P G & E 5, Fibreboard 1</u>					
1. J Veguilla	1	K Kearcher 0	4. A Nikitin	0	L Carnahan 1
2. L Solbeau	1	B Van Voorhis 0	5. J Worthen	1	L Ambrose 0
3. D Lee	1	Forfeit 0	6. A Orloff	1	P Ferguson 0

ROUND IX (contd. from previous issue)

<u>Bay Toll 4½, Crocker-Anglo 1½</u>		<u>Livermore 4, Fibreboard 2</u>			
1. F Perez	1	R Marquez 0	1. G Boer 1	Jack Soward 0	
2. Dick Enos	0	A Palmin 1	2. P Wesley	0	C Herbert 1
3. J Hauke	½	C Breito ½	3. D Sands	1	L Carnahan 0
4. S Larson	1	A Tokmakoff 0	4. C Sink	1	Ken Kearcher 0
5. Wing Chong	1	E Christo 0	5. D Jackson	0	B Van Voorhis 1
6. Roy Lee	1	C Sousae 0	6. E Dougherty	1	P Ferguson 0

FINAL STANDINGS -- BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

<u>Match Points</u>		<u>Match Points</u>	
1. Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	22	7. Bay Toll Crossings	9
2. U.C. Radiation Laboratory	17	8-9. Crocker-Anglo Natl. Bank	8
3. Shell Development Co.	19	8-9. Western Knapp Eng. Co.	7
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6. Kaiser Companies	12	12. Fibreboard Paper Products	2

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GAME OF THE MONTH

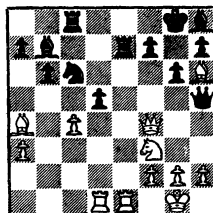
Zoltan Kovacs' clear win of second place in the U. S. Open was a real surprise only to non-Californians. This, his highest mark since coming to the United States, was well deserved -- as witness the following game. His pressing opening play leaves him with a won game against International Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier, no mean feat. Even after missing a forced winning line, he preserves chances to the very end, and yields a half-point only in time trouble and a subtle ending.

Game No. 672 QP, Semi-Tarrasch

White	Black
Z. Kovacs	A. Bisguier

- | | |
|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. PxP | KtxP |
| 5. Kt-B3 | P-QB4 |
| 6. P-K3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 7. B-Q3 | PxP |
| 8. PxP | B-K2 |
| 9. O-O | O-O |
| 10. P-QR3 | B-B3 |
| 11. B-B2 | P-QKt3 |
| 12. Q-Q3 | P-KKt3 |
| 13. R-K1 | B-QKt2 |
| 14. B-R6 | R-K1 |
| 15. QR-Q1 | QR-B1 |
| 16. B-R4 | KtxKt |
| 17. PxKt | Q-Q4 |
| 18. P-B4 | Q-KR4 |
| 19. Q-K3 | R-K2 |
| 20. Q-B4 | B-KR1 |
| 21. P-Q5 | PxP |

At this moment Black's position suffers from a weakness on the first rank and the vulnerable state of the Queen. What is the move?



22. PxP ...

Although this should win, the easiest (less brilliant) method was 22. BxKt, RxRch 23. RxR, BxB 24. P-Kt4, when P-KKt4 is met by Q-B5, and Q-R6 by Kt-Kt5.

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|------------|-------|
| 22. ... | RxRch |
| 23. RxR | QxP |
| 24. Q-B7 ! | Kt-K4 |
| 25. RxKt | BxR |
| 26. QxB | QxQ |
| 27. KtxQ | R-B6 |
| 28. B-K8 | P-B3 |
| 29. Kt-Kt4 | B-B3 |
| 30. KtxPch | K-R1 |
| 31. BxB | RxB |
| 32. Kt-K4 | R-B7 |
| 33. K-B1 | K-Kt1 |

34. B-B4 K-B2
 35. K-K1 R-R7
 36. B-B1 K-K3
 37. Kt-Kt5ch ...

The win of a second Kingside Pawn almost assures White of not losing the game. But a win was still possible with Kt-B3, to regroup the two pieces and drive the Rook out. If then R-B7, 38. B-Q2, followed by K-Q1 and P-QR4 when needed.

37. ... K-B4
 38. KtxP R-B7
 39. B-Q2 R-R7
 40. B-B1 ...

Drawn

The White pieces are ineffective after 40. B-Kt4, P-R4 41. B-B8, P-QKt4.

4. Kt-B3 P-K3
 5. P-K3 QKt-Q2
 6. Q-B2 B-K2
 7. B-Q2 O-O
 8. O-O-O PxP
 9. BxP P-QKt4
 10. B-Q3 P-Kt5
 11. Kt-K2 P-QR4
 12. P-K4 P-R5
 13. P-K5 P-Kt6
 14. PxP PxP
 15. QxKtP Kt-Q4
 16. B-Kt1 B-R3
 17. Q-B2 P-KB4
 18. PxP e. p. QKtxP
 19. Kt-B4 Q-Kt3
 20. Kt-Kt5 QR-Kt1
 21. QxPch KtxQ
 22. BxKtch K-R1
 23. Kt-Kt6 mate

Additional games from the U. S. Open appear in the special supplement (See Page 44).

Four fine upsets follow:

Game No. 674 Vienna Game

White	Black
E. McCormick	R. Myhro

GAMES SECTION

California Open, 1961

Eric Osbun closed out the tournament with fine mating attacks, of which the following is the most spectacular, even though familiar:

Game No. 673 QP, Slav Defense

White	Black
E. Osbun	D. Bengé

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
 2. P-QB4 P-QB3
 3. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
 3. B-B4 B-B4
 4. P-B4 BxKt!
 5. RxB KtxP
 6. Q-R5 O-O
 7. KtxKt P-Q4
 8. PxP PxB
 9. R-B1 Q-Q5
 10. P-Q3 PxP
 11. R-B4 Q-Kt8ch
 12. K-Q2 QxPch
 13. KxP Q-R6ch

- 14. QxQ BxQ
- 15. Kt-Kt5 B-K3
- 16. B-Q2 Kt-B3
- 17. B-B3 QR-Q1ch
- 18. K-K3 Kt-K2
- 19. R-KR4? Kt-B4ch
- 20. Resigns

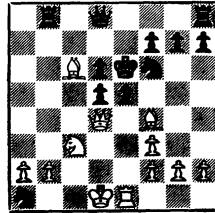
- 29. R-Q7 QxKP
- 30. RxQRP B-B4
- 31. R-QB7 B-Kt3
- 32. R-B6 Q-K2
- 33. BxP! PxB
- 34. RxKtP B-Q5
- 35. Q-R6ch Q-R2
- 36. Q-Kt5 BxPch
- 37. K-Kt2! Q-Kt2ch
- 38. K-R3 Q-Q2ch
- 39. K-R4 Q-Q5ch
- 40. K-R5 R-Kt3
- 41. Q-R6 mate

Game No. 675 Dutch Defense

White Black
F. Leiber H. Gross

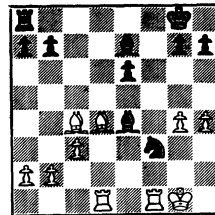
- 1. P-Q4 P-KB4
- 2. P-KKt3 P-K3
- 3. B-Kt2 Kt-KB3
- 4. P-QB4 B-K2
- 5. Kt-QB3 O-O
- 6. P-K4 PxP
- 7. KtxP Kt-B3
- 8. Kt-K2 KtxKt
- 9. BxKt P-Q4
- 10. B-Kt2 K-R1
- 11. O-O PxP
- 12. B-K3 B-Q2
- 13. Q-B2 P-QKt4
- 14. P-QR3 R-QKt1
- 15. B-K4 P-Kt3
- 16. Kt-B4 B-B3
- 17. QR-Q1 Kt-K2
- 18. P-Q5 P-K4
- 19. Kt-K6 BxKt
- 20. PxB Q-K1
- 21. B-QB5 R-Kt1
- 22. R-Q7 Kt-B1
- 23. KR-Q1 R-KKt2
- 24. RxR BxR
- 25. R-Q7 Kt-B1
- 26. BxKt PxB
- 27. RxQP Q-K2
- 28. Q-Q2 B-B1

D. Bengé - S. Yarmak



- 16. ... Q-Kt3??
- After Q-B2 what is there?
- 17. RxPch and mate

W. Rebold - N. Grant



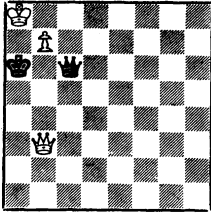
White wins with 23. RxKt, BxR
24. BxPch and R-B1, R-B7 etc.

TASKS:

This month we vary the fare with two endings. In both, White has a material advantage, but must discover a "winning idea" to gain the full point.

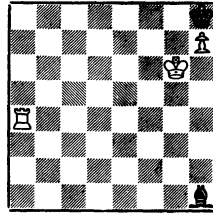
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