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## 21st ANNUAL NORTH-SOUTH MATCH, MAY 30

Another year has rolled around, and it is time again for the blue-ribbon event of the California chess calendar, the North-South team match. The match will again be played at the Recreation Center at San Luis Obispo. Play will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, upwards of 50 players on each side, and it is possible that the 1953 record-breaking turnout of 61 will be surpassed.

Headquarters will be the Anderson Hotel, and all players are urged to make reservations in advance. It is recommended that a \$5 deposit be sent with each reservation. There are a number of other hotels and motels available, and a complete list, together with prices of each, is available from your local captain or from the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

CSCF MEETING: The annual business meeting of the California State Chess Federation will be held at the Recreation Center on the evening of May 29.

RAPID TRANSIT TOURNAMENT: The 10-second State Championship will be held on Monday, May 31, commencing at 10:00 A.M. As this event always draws a large turnout, it is anticipated that it will be played in sections, followed by a playoff.

CSCF OFFICIALS: In the February issue George Croy was listed instead of George Hunnex on the Board of Directors. We also did not have available the name of the City Terrace Club representative on the Southern California Tournament Committee. The corrected listings are:

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

The powerful Golden Gate team won the Division "A" team championship, as previously reported. Carroll M. Capps of Golden Gate won the prize for the best individual score,  $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , and will receive a copy of "Judgment and Planning in Chess" by Dr. Max Euwe.

The Palo Alto club won the trophy in Division "B" by a narrow margin over Golden Gate. Walt Shugert of the Palo Alto club won the individual prize with a perfect score of 6-0, and will also receive a copy of "Judgment and Planning."

## Final Standings:

<u>DIVISION "A"</u>			<u>DIVISION "B"</u>		
1. Golden Gate	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$24\frac{1}{2}-10\frac{1}{2}$	1. Palo Alto	$5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$28\frac{1}{2}-13\frac{1}{2}$
2. Castle	4-1	$19\frac{1}{2}-15\frac{1}{2}$	2. Golden Gate	5-1	$28\frac{1}{2}-14\frac{1}{2}$
3. Mech. Inst.	3-2	20-15	3. Mech. Inst.	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$22\frac{1}{2}-20\frac{1}{2}$
4. Russians	$2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	17-18	4. Kings	3-3	$19\frac{1}{2}-22\frac{1}{2}$
5. U.C.	1-4	13-22	5. Oakland	2-4	$14\frac{1}{2}-27\frac{1}{2}$
6. Oakland	0-5	11-24	6. Russians	1-5	18-24
			7. Alameda	1-5	$16\frac{1}{2}-25\frac{1}{2}$

DIVISION AROUND 5 - March 13, 1954University of California 2, Mechanics' Institute 5

1) V. Zemitis 1, W. Addison 0; 2) R. Burger 0, C. Bagby 1; 3) R. Smook 0, E. Pruner 1; 4) S. Sosnick 0, J. Schmitt 1; 5) N. Hultgren 1, P. Petersen 0; 6) W. Sprague 0, A. Stamer 1; 7) J. Fredgren 0, H.S. King 1.

Oakland  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Golden Gate  $4\frac{1}{2}$  1) R. Trenberth 0, I. Konig 1; 2) C. Sedlack 0, H. Gross 1; 3) C. Stamer 0, W. Pafnutieff 1; 4) R. Freeman  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. Capps  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) C. Wilson 1, R. Currie 0; 6) R. Cuneo 1, K. Colby 0; 7) E. Yaeger 0, J.C. Myers 1.

Castle  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , Russians  $2\frac{1}{2}$  1) N. Falconer 1, D. Poliakoff 0; 2) G. McClain  $\frac{1}{2}$ , N. Preo, Sr.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) M. Eudey 0, M. Rudniansky 1; 4) W. Hendricks 1, B. Popoff 0; 5) R. Hultgren 1, C. Svalberg 0; 6) R. Willson  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A. Palmin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7) M. Shimkin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , N. Preo, Jr.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

DIVISION BROUND 5 - March 6, 1954

Russians 1½, Golden Gate 5½ 1) W. Leeds 1, H. Rosenbaum 0; 2) D. Shishkin 0, G. Lutz 1; 3) E. Wrany ½, S.H. VanGelder ½; 4) N. Beloff 0, H. King 1; 5) A. Yourevich 0, H. Dasteel, Jr. 1; 6) (forfeit), Dr. A. Abrams 1; 7) (forfeit), C. Huneke 1.

Palo Alto 5, Mechanics' Institute 2 1) J. Kliger 1, O. Wreden 0; 2) G. Petriceks 1, K. Bendit 0; 3) H. Edelstein ½, N. Cappa ½; 4) F. Morsman 0, R. Barringer 1; 5) E. Dana ½, K. Bopp ½; 6) L. Moses 1, W. Stone 0; 7) W. Shugert 1, J. Hill 0.

Oakland 1, Kings 6 1) E. Lien 0, D. Peizer 1; 2) K. Kiplinger 0, G. Ramirez 1; 3) L. Ledgerwood 0, T. Eisenstadt 1; 4) W. Landfair 0, P. Chang 1; 5) N. Worth 0, H. Holden 1; 6) C. Dodge 1, B. Zeiler 0; 7) W. McCausey 0, A. Chris 1.

ROUND 6 - March 20, 1954

Mechanics' Institute 4½, Oakland 2½ 1) R. Kiel 0, E. Lien 1; 2) N. Bullwinkel ½, E. Ladner ½; 3) K. Bendit 1, E. Theodoroff 0; 4) K. Bopp 1, K. Keplinger 0; 5) N. Drownin 1, C. Dodge 0; 6) C. Norcia 1, L. Ledgerwood, Sr. 0; 7) N. Badner 0, W. Landfair 1.

Golden Gate 4½, Alameda 2½ 1) P. Dahl 1, L. Talcott 0; 2) H. Rosenbaum 1, C. Fontan 0; 3) H. King 1, D. Ogilvie 0; 4) H. Dasteel, Jr. ½, P. Kelly ½; 5) A. Abrams 0, J. Arriola 1; 6) H. Dasteel, Sr. 1, R. Holman 0; 7) N. Wyatt 0, W. Redgewick 1.

Kings 4, Russians 3 1) G. Ramirez ½, W. Leeds ½; 2) D. Peizer 1, D. Shishkin 0; 3) T. Eisenstadt 0, Dr. E. Wrany 1; 4) A. Chris 1, P. Andreeff 0; 5) P. Chang 0, N. Beloff 1; 6) H. Holden ½, A. Tokmakoff ½; 7) B. Zeiler 1, E. Yablonsky 0.

ROUND 7 - April 3, 1954

Oakland 4, Russians 3 1) E. Lien ½, W. Leeds ½; 2) T. Theodoroff 1, E. Yablonsky 0; 3) C. Dodge 1, Dr. E. Wrany 0; 4) K. Keplinger 1, P. Andreeff 0; 5) W. Landfair ½, A. Tokmakoff ½; 6) L. Ledgerwood 0, M. Razumoff 1; 7) L. Bignami 0, D. Shishkin 1.

Alameda 5, Kings 2 1) L. Talcott 1, D. Peizer 0; 2) C. Fontan 1, G. Ramirez 0; 3) D. Ogilvie 1, T. Eisenstadt 0; 4) P. Kelly 1, P. Chang 0; 5) J. Arriola 0, H. Holden 1; 6) L. Osternig 1, B. Zeiler 0; 7) R. Holman 0, A. Chris 1.

Palo Alto 3½, Golden Gate 3½ 1) J. Kliger O, P. Dahl 1; 2) G. Petriceks 1, H. Rosenbaum O; 3) H. Edelstein 1, S.H. Van Gelder O; 4) E.T. Dana ½, G. Lutz ½; 5) G. Latta O, H. Dasteel, Jr. 1; 6) L. Moses O, H. King 1; 7) W. Shugert 1, Dr. A. Abrams O.

INTER-LEAGUE TEAM MATCH

In a very impressive display of strength, the Palo Alto club, 1954 Division "B" champions of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League, trounced their southern neighbors from San Jose for a whopping 12-2 score. The San Jose club holds the championship of the Central Valley Chess League, so the victory by Palo Alto is a very creditable one. The match was played March 29 at the Palo Alto Community Center.

Palo Alto 12, San Jose 2 1) Jack Kliger 1, William Adams O; 2) Dr. Frank Ruys 1, Bert Mueller O; 3) George Petriceks 1, Mark Gaze O; 4) Harold Edelstein 1, Lyman Daugherty O; 5) Kenton Chambers ½, Francis Crofut ½; 6) Frank Morsman 1, D. Havill O; 7) E. T. Dana ½, D. Sable ½; 8) Gordon Latta 1, Lee Cox O; 9) Lincoln Moses 1, Phil Foley O; 10) Walt Shugert 1, J. Neschen O; 11) Albert Guthrie O, Tom Kimball 1; 12) Carl Erickson 1, L. Carney O; 13) Don Gold 1, B. Chapman O; 14) Paul Melton 1, G. Van Hooser O.

SACRAMENTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, April 24-25, 1954

O.A. Celle holds the 1954 City championship by virtue of a 3-1 score in a four-round Swiss. Celle's win was convincing: He not only played the next four players beneath him in the standings, but had the Black pieces in three out of four games. The crucial game was in the second round, when Celle took the lead by defeating Gee.

	1	2	3	4	Score	Solkoff
1. O.A. Celle	W5	W3	D2	D4	3-1	
2. N.T. Austin	W7	D4	D1	D3	2½-1½	9.0
3-4. J.B. Gee	W6	L1	W7	D2	2½-1½	8.0
3-4. M.O. Meyer	W8	D2	D6	D1	2½-1½	8.0
5. R.L. Richards	L1	L7	W8	W6	2-2	
6. J.A. Celle	L3	W8	D4	L5	1½-2½	
7. F. Clawson	L2	W5	L3	L8	1-3	8.0
8. O. Bender	L4	L6	L5	W7	1-3	7.0

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHESS LEAGUE  
1954 Annual County Championship Tournament - Jan. 23-April 13, 1954

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score	S - B
1. Sven Almgren	D22	W15	W10	W16	W7	W9	W6	L2	W4	W17	D3	W8	10-2	81.50
2. Harry Borochoy	W20	W4	W6	W7	L9	W41	W22	W1	W10	L3	W12	W11	10-2	80.50
3. Louis Spinner	W13	W42	L7	W35	L6	D15	W36	W22	W8	W2	D1	W4	9-3	69.25
4. Irving Rivise	W34	L2	L8	W25	W31	W5	W4	W6	L1	W10	W19	L3	8-4	57.00
5. Bernard Madrid	Bye	W31	L9	L41	W28	L4	W24	W26	L6	W35	W15	W7	8-4	49.00
6. James Lazos	W33	W8	L2	W12	W3	W11	L1	L4	W5	D9	L7	W10	7½-4½	61.50
7. Steven Mazner	W12	W29	W3	L2	L1	W27	L11	W23	D9	W16	W6	L5	7½-4½	58.00
8. Robert Cross	W17	L6	W4	L22	W32	W24	W16	D9	L3	W5	W10	L1	7½-4½	56.50
9. Ronald Gross	W23	W26	W5	W11	L2	L1	L10	D8	D7	D6	L4	D12	7-5	58.25
10. Morris Gordon	W14	W18	L1	W27	W21	W26	W9	W11	L2	L4	L8	L6	7-5	51.50
11. Samuel Geller	W37	W25	W41	L9	W22	L6	W7	L10	L15	W28	W17	L2	7-5	47.00
12. Dr. S. Weinbaum	L7	W33	D42	L6	D16	W19	W39	D15	W21	W25	L2	D9	7-5	46.25
13. D. W. Eliason	L3	L38	Bye	L23	W20	D32	W14	L16	W31	D26	W24	W22	7-5	42.75
14. Ludwig Domanski	L10	L21	W43	L32	W33	D18	L13	D30	W42	W39	W34	W25	7-5	38.50
15. R. W. Banner	D36	L1	D35	W29	W17	D3	W38	D12	W11	L8	L5	D16	6½-5½	45.25
16. Larry Remlinger	D27	W36	D39	L1	D12	W21	L8	W13	W38	L7	D22	D15	6½-5½	43.75
17. D. L. Young	L8	W28	W19	L24	L15	W40	W27	W41	W22	L1	L11	D18	6½-5½	41.25
18. Mrs. M. Harmat	W43	L10	L27	L19	W29	D14	W34	D32	W37	W23	W35	D17	6½-5½	39.25
19. A. Altshuler	L25	D35	L17	W18	D23	L12	D29	L20	Bye	W27	W38	W26	6½-5½	36.75
20. George Goehler	L2	W34	L24	D40	L13	L31	Bye	W19	D36	W38	D25	W28	6½-5½	28.75
21. Matthew C. Ek	L26	W14	W29	D38	L10	L16	W32	W31	L9	L22	D33	W35	6-6	38.25
22. Hyman Rogosin	D1	W44	W40	W8	L11	W38	L2	L3	L17	W21	D16	L13	6-6	36.25
23. Thomas Golden	L9	W30	L31	W13	D19	D39	W25	L7	L28	L18	W36	W33	6-6	35.50
24. Mrs. G. Piatiogorsky	L32	W43	W20	W17	L41	L8	L5	W39	L25	W36	L13	W34	6-6	35.50
25. John Keckhut	W19	L11	L26	L4	W35	W28	L23	W27	W24	L12	D20	L14	5½-6½	37.25
26. Kyle Forrest	W21	L9	W25	D39	W36	L10	D31	L5	D34	D13	D28	L19	5½-6½	37.00
27. Peter Meyer	D16	D39	W18	L10	W40	L7	L17	L25	D33	L19	W32	W38	5½-6½	33.50
28. John Rinaldo	L29	L17	W30	W35	L5	L25	W42	W34	D23	L11	D26	L20	5½-6½	33.25
29. Jon Edwards	W28	L7	L21	W15	L18	Bye	D19	D40	F39	W41	W31	D30	5½-6½	28.00
30. Eric Johanson	L41	L23	L28	Bye	D37	L33	W43	D14	W32	L34	W40	D29	5½-6½	25.25

31. Philip McKenna	W38 L5 W23 L3 L4 W20 D26 L21 L13 W40 L29 D37	5-7	31.25
32. Albert Markus	W24 L41 L36 W14 L8 D13 L21 D18 L30 W42 L27 W39	5-7	30.75
33. Paul Harmat	L6 L12 D34 D37 L14 W30 W40 L35 D27 W42 D21 L23	5-7	28.75
34. William Wheeler	L4 L20 D33 W43 W42 L36 W18 L28 D26 W30 L14 L24	5-7	27.75
35. George Soules	L42 D19 D15 L28 L25 W43 W37 W33 W41 L5 L18 L21	5-7	27.50
36. Chas. Henderson	D15 L16 W37 W42 L26 W34 L3 L38 D26 L24 L23 W43	5-7	27.00
37. Eugene Steiner	L11 D40 L36 D33 D30 D42 L35 W43 L18 Bye D39 D31	5-7	27.00
38. Mrs. Nancy Roos	L31 W13 W32 D21 W39 L22 L15 W36 L16 L20 L19 L27	4½-7½	29.00
39. Theodore Wyman	W44 D27 D16 D26 L38 D23 L12 L24 W29 L14 D37 L27	4½-7½	24.25
40. Robert Bercutt	Bye D37 L22 D20 L27 L17 L33 D29 W43 L31 L30 D42	4-8	18.75
41. R. Jacobs	W30 W32 L11 W5 W24 L2 L4 F17 F35 F29	4-6	-
42. D. Karpilowsky	W35 L3 D12 L36 L34 D37 L28 Bye L14 L33 F43 D40	3½-8½	16.50
43. Max Kleinberg	L18 L24 L14 L34 Bye L35 L30 L37 L40 L32 W42 L36	2-10	5.50
44. Mrs. L. Grumette	F39 F22	0-2	-

The 1954 individual championship of the Los Angeles County Chess League was won by Sven Almgren by the narrow margin of one Sonneborn-Berger tie-breaking point over Harry Borocho. There followed: Louis Spinner 9-3, and Irving Rivise and Bernard Madrid, both 8-4. Because of the narrow margin separating first and second places, Almgren and Borocho are now playing a four-game match. (Apparently this match will not legally change the order of the finish, but will make both players feel better.)

The tournament was keenly contested. The three favorites when the event commenced were Almgren, Borocho and Rivise. While these three eventually took three of the first four places, the road to victory was not without upsets. In the first round a medium sized upset came about when Hyman Rogosin held Almgren to a draw after losing the exchange in the opening. In the third round the relatively unknown Robert Cross beat Rivise. In round five youngster Ronald Gross won from veteran Borocho, and 15-year-old James Lazos beat Spinner.

It is noted with interest that a fine crop of youngsters participated: Larry Remlinger (a veteran at age 13), James Lazos, Robert Cross, Eugene Steiner, George Soules, A. Altshuler, Ronald Gross and Peter Meyer. Also noteworthy is the return after long absences of Dr. S. Weinbaum and George F. Goehler to the tournament arena.

It was held at the Hollywood Chess Group and directed by Charles E. Kodil.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE - Individual Championship 1954

	1	2	3	4	Score	Solkoff
1. Bob Burger	W10	W11	W9	W3	4-0	7.50
2. Mike Hailparn	W8	D9	W12	W6	3½-1½	7.00
3. Tom Fries	W13	W7	W6	L1	3-1	9.50
4. Phil Smith	W5	L6	D7	W9	2½-1½	8.00
5. Frank Olvera	L4	W13	D8	W10	2½-1½	7.50
6. David-Malig	W14	W4	L3	L2	2-2	10.50
7. R. C. Guzman	W15	L3	D4	D8	2-2	9.00
8. M. O. Meyer	L2	W16	D5	D7	2-2	8.00
9. J. B. Gee	W16	D2	L1	L4	1½-2½	10.00
10. Chris Fotias	L1	D12	W15	L5	1½-2½	9.50
11. Bob Womack	D12	L1	D14	D13	1½-2½	8.50
12. Bob Leigh	D11	D10	L2	D14	1½-2½	8.00
13. Richard Juhre	L3	L5	W16	D11	1½-2½	7.00
14. Ed Thompson	L6	D15	D11	D12	1½-2½	6.50
15. Ojars Celle	L7	D14	L10	W16	1½-2½	5.00
16. E. L. Jeffers	L9	L8	L13	L15	0-4	6.50

Directors: H. E. Paul  
L. H. Kerfoot

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Part II by Guthrie McClain

It was just one year ago when the editor of THE REPORTER received a note from the Golden Gate Chess Club team touring in Europe. Said team was moving around the map so fast that the published account was titled "Somewhere in Europe." It seems appropriate at this time to answer the many persons who subsequently have asked: "Just what did happen on that trip, anyway?" with a few of the highlights and some photographs.

To begin with, the team got off to a disappointing start because of airplane trouble, as reported in Vol. III, No. 1 of THE REPORTER. We were supposed to meet George Koltanowski at the Brussels Airport on March 30. After a 28-hour delay, we arrived on March 31. Kolty was not there, and we had a match that night at Luxembourg. We telephoned the Alfa Hotel at Luxembourg but Kolty was not there. We were more than a little provoked with the airline because we had already missed a reception to be given in our honor by Madame Perle Mesta, the Ambassadors; now we were in



danger of missing the chess match too. But the airline put us on a special bus and we started out across the country. The trip took us all afternoon, and it was just eight o'clock when we rumbled into the cobblestone streets of Luxembourg and parked in front of the hotel. Here, an excited hotel manager and the local airline manager refused to let us out of the bus; they took our baggage, let our wives out, and sent us on our way to the chess club.

When we climbed the stairs of the chess club we were tired, dirty and unshaven, but we felt a little proud that we had finally made it in spite of all obstacles. Upstairs there was a large gathering. Three tables were set up with U.S. and Luxembourg flags; we looked for the fourth. We looked for Kolty. There he was: Behind a crowd at the side of the room Kolty was playing a simultaneous! Evidently he had decided we weren't going to make it in time (although we had notified the hotel when we started out from Brussels) and was trying to save the situation single-handed.

When George Koltanowski saw us, he got off the outstanding remark of the tour: "Where have you guys been? You're ten minutes late!"

After the usual speeches, we prepared to play. Kolty was playing four, but some of the regular Luxembourg team had waited for us. For example, Henry Gross was to play Charles Doerner, the Luxembourg champion. As I started toward my table, a spectator, an American engineer stationed in Luxembourg, grasped my arm. "The Luxembourgis are wonderful people," he whispered, "and they're very grateful to Americans for liberating their country. But that's no reason to let them beat you. Go on in there, boy, and show 'em what the Yanks can do!"

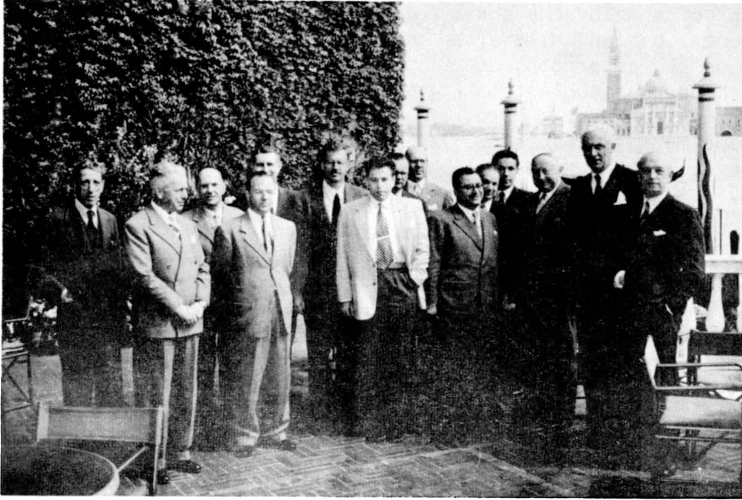
With this inspiring exhortation, I managed to stagger through the following game. I say "stagger" not because I had a bad position, but because the lack of sleep during the past four nights was beginning to catch up with me. My opponent is the 1953-54 Luxembourg champion.

Game No. 223 - K's Indian

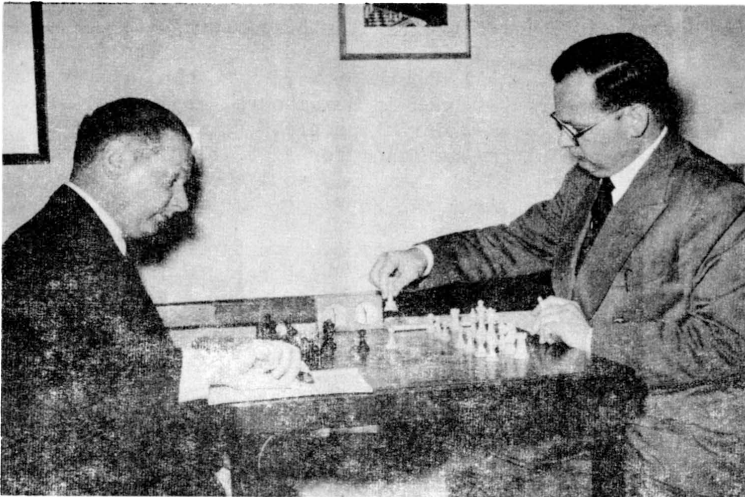
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1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt2
4. P-K4	P-Q3

Venice, April 17, 1953. Our host, E. Szabados, is third from the right.

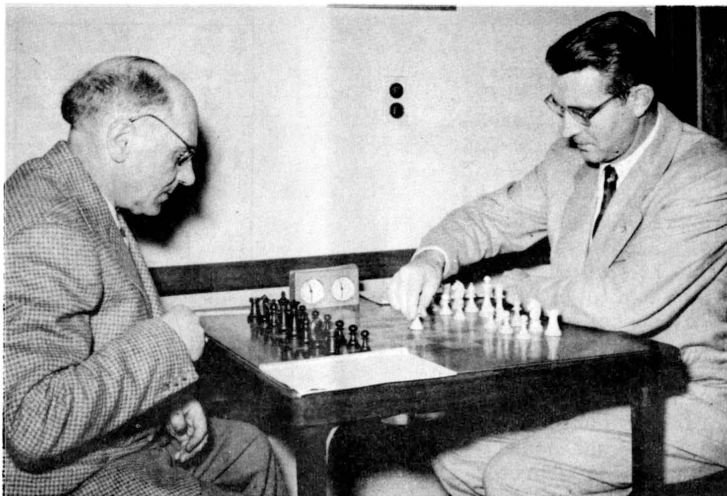


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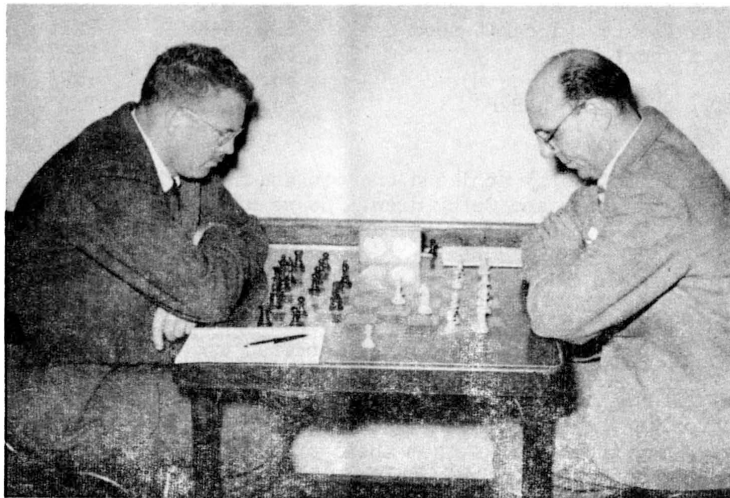


Venice, April 16, 1953. G. Fletzer playing 3. KtxP against Henry Gross' Petroff Defense on Board 2 of the first match with Venice.

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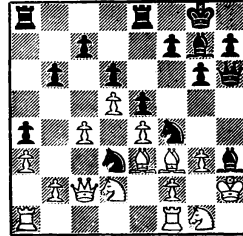


Venice, April 16, 1953. G. McClain making the first move on Board 3 against the veteran master and author G. Stalda.



Venice, April 16, 1953. L. Miliani opposes Dr. Kenneth Colby's Sicilian Defense. (Colby and McClain drew - Golden Gate's only score.)

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| 5.  | Kt-B3  | O-O    |
| 6.  | B-K2   | QKt-Q2 |
| 7.  | P-KR3  | P-K4   |
| 8.  | O-O    | R-K1   |
| 9.  | P-Q5   | Kt-B4  |
| 10. | Q-B2   | P-QR4  |
| 11. | B-K3   | P-Kt3  |
| 12. | P-R3   | Kt-R4  |
| 13. | Kt-Q2  | Kt-B5  |
| 14. | B-B3   | P-R5   |
| 15. | Kt-K2  | QKt-Q6 |
| 16. | K-R2   | Q-R5   |
| 17. | Kt-Kt1 | Q-R3   |
| 18. | P-KKt3 |        |



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| 19. | KtxB  | QxKtch   |
| 20. | K-Kt1 | B-R3     |
| 21. | PxKt  | KtxP/5   |
| 22. | Q-Q1  | P-KB4    |
| 23. | B-R1  | Q-R5     |
| 24. | B-Kt2 | PxP      |
| 25. | BxKt  | BxB      |
| 26. | R-K1  | P-K6     |
| 27. | PxP   | B-R7ch   |
| 28. | K-B1  | R-B1ch   |
| 29. | Kt-B3 | P-K5     |
| 30. | Q-Q4  | B-Kt6    |
| 31. | K-Kt1 | PxKt     |
| 32. | QxQ   | P-B7ch   |
| 33. | K-R1  | PxR(Q)ch |
| 34. | RxQ   | BxQ      |
- Resigns.

When this game was over, one of the onlookers asked me whether the sacrifice was sound. I was so groggy that I scarcely knew what he was asking; however, I airily replied that I had considered that with White's best play Black would have a perpetual check available. I can't seem to see it now!

18. ... BxP

Meanwhile, Kolty achieved one win and three draws in his simultaneous, and Gross and Colby drew. So we won the match any way you figure it: 2-1, 3-1, or  $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ , depending on how you score Kolty's results.

The next morning we took the train to Strasbourg. My wife and I had trouble fitting our belongings into our luggage and nearly missed the train. While packing, I ordered two omelettes for breakfast so that it would be ready; we then took our luggage downstairs and my wife went into the breakfast room while I lined up the transportation of the bags to the train. The cook didn't have the omelettes ready ("can't make them ahead of time; have to be eaten fresh") so when I returned from the station, breakfast wasn't ready. After waiting until the last minute in vain, we had to run for the train.

We jumped on just as it was moving. Because of the haste, and our unfamiliarity with the currency, the following things happened: (1) My wife paid something like \$5 for the breakfast we didn't eat (she didn't have time to wait for her change); and (2) my porter, a little old man who carried four heavy bags from the hotel to the station and paid a porter's fee to go through the gates, was tipped a coin (which I flipped to him on the run) about the general size of a U.S. dollar, but which I later discovered was worth only 11 or 12 cents!

The currency problem was always with us. Although we were well supplied with conversion tables, we couldn't consult them on every transaction. When we arrived in a new country, it was usually a day or two before we got the hang of the money. But every little bit helps: after having been in Denmark, we later ended up in England. We looked up the tables, and said "Aha! The shilling is exactly the same as the Danish krone." From then on, we had no difficulty with one of the most complicated currencies in the world, the English pound sterling, shilling and penny (not to mention the guinea and half-crown).

We felt like a gang of smugglers after we bought a lot of different currencies at a bank in Zurich. We had dollars, Swiss francs, Spanish pesetas, French francs, Italian lire and English pounds in quantity, plus a scattering of things like Danish kroner, Belgian francs, Luxembourg francs, and German marks. It was a real problem to know where to find the stuff when we needed it!

Our second stop was Strasbourg, where we had a marvelous time. We won our match  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  when the lightly-regarded three bottom boards made a clean sweep. We contributed something to Strasbourg's chess history, too, for Gross' opponent resigned when he had a mate in three. (Later, when we were going through Strasbourg on our way to Switzerland, we were accosted by a group of revelers in the railroad station. It was 5:00 A.M. and Kolty was about to throw them out when one of them explained: "We recognized this man" (pointing to Gross). "Isn't he the American chess player who won that game a couple of weeks ago? When he should have been checkmated?")

Dr. Colby made a remarkable comeback in the following game to score an important point against Strasbourg:

Game No. 224 - K's Indian

White	Black
<u>A. Suren</u>	<u>Dr. K. Colby</u>

(Notes by Kenneth Colby)

We are playing in a roped-off arena in the ballroom of Strasbourg's leading hotel, Maison Rouge. Demonstration boards, a couple of hundred spectators, and free drinks make it an exciting occasion. My opponent is the headmaster of a boys' school.

1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
2. P-Q4	P-KKt3
3. P-KKt3	P-QB3

I try to shorten his diagonal while mine remains long.

4. Kt-QB3	P-Q4
5. P-QKt3	B-Kt2
6. P-K3	O-O
7. B-KKt2	B-Kt5

To block the action of the Bishop further.

8. P-B3	B-K3
9. P-B5	P-Kt3
10. P-QKt4	P-QR4
11. Kt-R4	QKt-Q2
12. B-Q2	

He has ideas all over the board, and mostly good ones.

12. ...	P-QKt4
13. Kt-Kt2	PxP
14. BxP	B-B4

I have absolutely no explanation for this profundity.

15. P-Kt4	B-K3
16. Kt-R3	R-K1
17. O-O	Kt-B1

Grasping for air, I adopt the

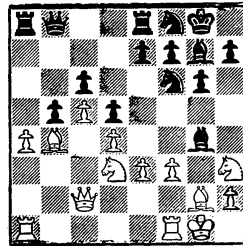
philosophical defense, i.e., close up the position, grip the first three ranks and doggedly hope for his over-enthusiasm.

18. P-R4	Q-Kt1
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Here, my opponent orders a cognac. I decline a drink, preferring to spend my energy worrying. Also notice the latent combination.

19. Kt-Q3	B-Q2
20. Q-B2	BxP?!

Brilliant against a beginner only. Unshaken by superficialities, my opponent achieves a positionally won game.



21. PxP	RxR
22. RxR	BxKt
23. BxB	QxP
24. R-R5	Q-Kt1
25. Q-R4	B-R3

Everything is useless now.

26. P-B4	Kt/1-Q2
27. QxP	P-K3
28. Q-Q6??	

Unbelievable! With 28. Q-R4 and the advancing of the passed pawn, White should win in a few moves. Now the pawn will be blocked and capturable. In Europe we found most players to be weak in the transpositions into the end game.

They are so strong in the opening and middle game that they beat one another long before the end game is reached.

28. ... QxQ  
29. PxQ B-B1

Tenacity having been unjustly rewarded, there remains only the capture of the lonesome pawn.

30. Kt-K5 R-Kt1  
31. Kt-B6?

Shattered by letting the win slip, his confidence is betrayed by illusions.

31. ... R-Kt3  
32. B-B1 RxKt  
33. B-Kt5 R-B1

Kolty has drawn his game, Henry is in good shape and Mac is winning. Mac looks at my game with astonishment and asks,

"How did you get out of that?"  
What can I say?

34. B-R4 R-B8ch  
35. K-Kt2 R-Kt8

I have less than a minute for five moves. My opponent hopes I will return the favor of a blunder.

36. B-R3 R-QR8  
37. B-B6 R-R7ch  
38. K-B3 K-Kt2  
39. BxKt KtxB  
40. R-R6 K-B3

And White resigned in a few more moves. The next day the local newspaper called this game the second sensation of the evening (the first being Henry's win). The moral: Hang on through adversity. Luck is everywhere where people are.

After Strasbourg we split up, Kolty and the Colbys going to Brussels and the Grosses and McClains touring Denmark. We were reunited in Germany a week later, and then the hectic part of the trip began. We made the mistake of going to too many places in too short a time. The matches against Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Saarbrucken, Schaffhausen and Milan followed one after the other so that we seemed to be always packing and unpacking or waiting for a train.

The language problem was a confusing one, except that English was spoken at all our hotels. Ken was supposed to be the linguist of the group (except when Kolty was with us) but when Ken replied to the Mayor of Venice in Italian it was McClain who got the credit in the next day's papers.

The Germany to Switzerland part of the trip was cold and rainy - except for one memorable day when we went up the Rhine on the steamer. The people, too, appeared somewhat cold to us. The contrast when we arrived in Italy was striking. How pleasant it was to hear people singing in the streets! The same was true in

Nice and Paris. The last week of the trip, spent in England and Ireland, was delightful. The weather in England was subtropical. And in Ireland the days were fine and "soft", and the people extra friendly.

The high spot of the trip, however, was Venice. We'll never forget the superb hospitality of E. Szabados. The pleasant reception, too, by the Lord Mayor in his palace - followed by an elaborate banquet. Milan was hospitable, too; Count Gian-Carlo dal Verme was extremely good to us - but our itinerary only allowed us one day in Milan.

We enjoyed Paris, of course. The Folies Bergere and the nightclubs of Pigalle have to be seen to be believed. And believe it or not, you get used to no clothes on the girls after a while!

#### GAME OF THE MONTH

Harald Malmgren of Sweden is a correspondence chess grandmaster, one of four appointed at the conclusion in 1953 of the world's correspondence chess championship tournament (won by C. J. Purdy of Australia,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , ahead of Malmgren and Napolitano, both 10-3).

The following game is taken from Malmgren's new book My Best Games. It was played in 1938 in a Swedish tournament and contains more hair-raising episodes than is usual in correspondence chess.

#### Game No. 225 - Dutch

White                      Black  
H. Malmgren      E. Johansson

1. P-Q4                      P-KB4
2. P-QB4                      Kt-KB3
3. P-KKt3                      P-K3
4. B-Kt2                      B-K2
5. Kt-KB3                      P-Q4
7. O-O                      P-B3
8. B-B4

An interesting departure from moves made in this position by others: (a) PxP? Keres-Botvin-

- nik, Moscow 1948; (b) R-Kt1 Reshevsky-Botvinnik, Nottingham 1936; (c) P-Kt3, Flohr-Botvinnik 1933; (d) Q-Q3 Grunfeld-Tartakower, Teplitz-Schonau 1922; (e) Q-B2 H. Steiner-Botvinnik, Groningen 1946; (f) Q-Kt3 Capablanca-Botvinnik, Moscow 1936.
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|------------|-------|
| 8. ...     | PxP   |
| 9. BxKt    | RxB   |
| 10. Kt-K5  | Q-B2  |
| 11. KtxP/4 | B-Q2  |
| 12. Kt-K5  | QR-Q1 |
| 13. R-B1   | B-B1  |
| 14. P-K3   | P-QR3 |



- 15. Q-Kt3 P-KKt4
- 16. Kt-Q3 B-Q3
- 17. Kt-K2 Q-B2
- 18. P-B4 P-Kt5
- 19. Kt-K5 Q-K1
- 20. Kt-QB3 K-Kt2
- 21. P-K4 B-Kt1
- 22. PxP B-R2
- 23. KR-K1! BxPch
- 24. K-R1 Kt-R4

- 33. KxR Q-Kt3ch

Now the point of 31. R-K7ch! appears: KR3 is not available to the Queen.

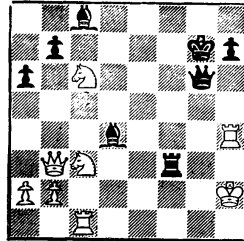
- 34. ... RxB
- 34...R-Kt1 would be answered by 35. QxR!
- 35. R-K4 RxB
- 36. R-R4ch K-Kt2

Threatening 25...KtxPch. 24... PxP would be bad because of 25. KtxBP.

- 25. KtxKtP RxB
- 26. B-K4 B-B1
- 27. B-B3 P-K4
- 28. KtxP R-Q3
- 29. KtxP

White has won two Pawns, but Black's attack is dangerous.

- 29. ... KtxPch!
- 30. K-Kt2 R-Kt3



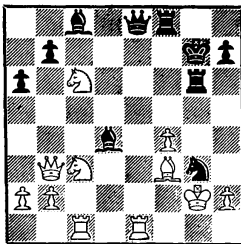
- 37. Q-Kt8ch! KxQ
- 38. Kt-K7ch K-Kt2
- 39. KtxQ B-B3
- 40. R-QB4

Black's attack is over and he is a Rook down. The rest is only a matter of technique.

- 40. ... B-K3
- 41. R-K4 B-B4
- 42. R-KB4

White could have played the text on move 40, but it is better now.

- 42. ... R-R6ch
- 43. K-Kt2 PxKt
- 44. RxB RxKt
- 45. PxR PxR
- 46. P-B4 P-Kt3
- 47. P-B5! PxP
- 48. RxP K-K3
- 49. RxP K-K3
- 50. R-QR5 B-Q5
- 51. RxPch K-Q2



- 31. R-K7ch!

Not 31. RxQ because of 31...Kt-K5 dis ch; 32. K-B1, Kt-Q7ch; 33. K-K2 (33. K-K1? KtxBch!)...KtxQ. Nor 31. PxKt because of 31... RxPch!

- 31. ... K-R3

If 31...QxR; 32. KtxQ and if 31... K-R1; 32. RxQ.

- 32. PxKt RxPch

- 52. R-R3! K-B3
- 53. R-Kt3 B-Kt3
- 54. P-R4 B-R4
- 55. K-B3 Resigns

A sparkling game, full of sharp combinations!

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION  
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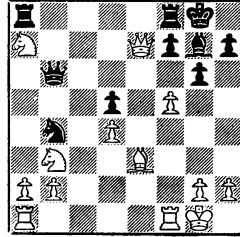
Game No. 226 - Sicilian

White	Black
S.Reshevsky	W.Hendricks
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	Kt-B3
5. Kt-QB3	P-Q3
6. Kt-Kt3	P-KKt3
7. B-K2	B-Kt2
8. O-O	O-O
9. B-K3	B-K3
10. P-B4	Kt-QR4
11. P-B5	B-B5
12. B-Q3	BxB
13. PxB	Kt-B3
14. P-Q4	P-QKt4
15. KtxP	KtxKP
16. Q-B2	Q-Kt3
17. KtxRP	Kt-Kt5
18. QxKt	P-Q4
19. QxKP	

Black has given up two pawns, but he has attacking chances, an invaluable asset in a simultaneous exhibition. See diagram.

- 19. ... RxBt
- 20. Q-Kt5 B-B3
- 21. Q-B4 Kt-B7
- 22. QR-B1 P-Kt4
- 23. Q-B2 KtxB

Position after 19. QxKP:



- 24. QxKt RxB
- 25. R-QB2 R-Kt1
- 26. R-KB3 R-R8ch
- 27. K-B2 P-Kt5
- 28. R-Kt3 P-R4
- 29. Q-QB3 R-Q8
- 30. Q-B6 QxQ
- 31. RxQ B-R5
- 32. K-K2 R-QKt8
- 33. Kt-Q2 R-Klch
- 34. R-K3??

Hastens the inevitable end

- 34. ... R-K8ch
- Resigns

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Game No. 227 - Ruy

White	Black
I.Rivise	S.Mazner
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	Kt-B3
5. O-O	P-QKt4
6. B-Kt3	B-K2
7. Q-K2	P-Q3
8. P-QR4	R-QKt1

- 9. PxP PxP
- 10. P-B3 O-O
- 11. P-Q4 PxP
- 12. PxP B-Kt5
- 13. R-Q1 P-Q4
- 14. P-K5 Kt-K5
- 15. Kt-B3 KtxKt
- 16. PxKt

Arriving at a "standard" position in this variation, which in practice seems always to favor White.

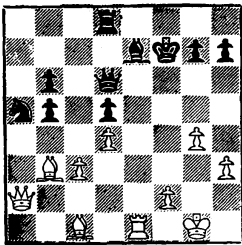
- 16. ... Q-Q2
- 17. R-R6 R-Kt2
- 18. P-KR3 B-R4
- 19. P-KKt4 B-Kt3
- 20. Q-R2 KR-Q1
- 21. R-K1

Black's game is now quite difficult.

- 21. ... R-Kt3
- 22. RxR PxR
- 23. Kt-Kt5 Kt-R4
- 24. P-K6 Q-Q3

24...PxP; 25. KtxP, KtxB; 26. QxB, R-QB1 seems preferable.

- 25. PxPch BxP
- 26. KtxB KxKt



- 27. RxBch! QxR
- 28. BxPch K-K1

If 28...K-B3; 29. P-Kt5ch, K-Kt3; 30. Q-B2ch, K-R4; 31. QxP Mate.

- 29. B-R3 Q-K8ch

- 30. K-Kt2 R-Q2?

A mistake in a very difficult position. If 30...Kt-B5; 31. B-B6ch, K-B2; 32. BxP winning. If 30...QxP; 31. Q-K2ch, K-Q2; 32. Q-K7ch, K-B1; 33. B-K6ch winning. If 30...R-B1; 31. B-B7ch, K-Q2; 32. Q-Q5ch, K-B2; 33. Q-Q6ch, K-Kt2; 34. Q-Q7ch, R-B2; 35. B-Q5ch wins. After 30...K-Q2, however, (31. B-Kt4, K-B1) no immediate winning line for White is apparent.

- 31. B-B6! Kt-B5
- 32. B-Kt4!

Even quicker than 32. BxKtP. Black is helpless.

- 32. ... Q-K3
- 33. Q-R8ch K-B2
- 34. Q-B8ch K-Kt3
- 35. Q-B5ch Resigns

L A T E N E W S

Botvinnik 12, Smyslov 12

The champion does it again. After a substantial early lead, Botvinnik draws his second straight title defence. Does this mean that the Soviet Union will claim three world's champions - Botvinnik, Smyslov and Bronstein?

Chess Romance

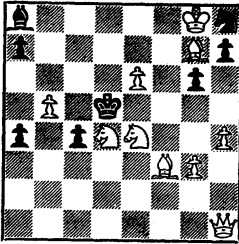
CSCF President LeRoy Johnson has a bride, Lillian Redding of the Water & Power Chess Club. The marriage took place in January.

REPORTER TASKS Boris Popoff and Dr. Norman Reider, both of San Francisco, share first place in the sixth problem-solving competition, concluded in the last issue. They will receive as prizes "Botvinnik vs. Bronstein, 1951" (Winter & Wade) and "Neuhauser-Zurich, 1953" (Hooper & Winter), respectively.

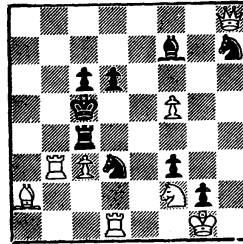
M. A. Michaels of Montreal, Canada, solved nine problems correctly, but slipped up on No. 47.

We begin our seventh contest with TASK No. 49, a famous old prize-winner by A. F. Mackenzie, and TASK No. 50, an equally fine problem by the contemporary composer E. H. Shaw.

TASK No. 49  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 50  
White Mates in Three



ANSWERS: TASK No. 47: The main line is 1. Q-R2, RxPch  
2. KxB.

TASK No. 48: The main line is 1. BxP, PxBch;  
2. P-Kt7, Q-K3  
3. Q-QB8

Answers to Tasks should be sent to: Dr. H. J. Ralston  
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