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NORTH 42 - SOUTH 30

The Northern California team continued its winning ways by taking the 21st annual match from Southern California by the convincing score of 42-30. The match, played on May 31 at the Recreation Center in San Luis Obispo, saw a record-breaking 72 players on each side. While the South had its strongest team in many years, it ran into the strongest Northern team on record. The match would have been closer, however, had not four Bakersfield players, playing on the North side because of a surplus of Southern players, rolled up a 4-0 score against their natural allies.

PAN-AMERICAN CHESS CONGRESS
Hollywood Athletic Club, July 10-24

The time for this really big tournament is fast approaching. Contestants are urged to send their entries, together with the \$15 entry fee, at once to: 2nd Pan-American Chess Congress, 108 North Formosa, Los Angeles, California.

The Hollywood Athletic Club, 6525 Sunset Boulevard, is the site of the event, and is recommended as the place to stay while playing. Rooms, restaurant, and bar facilities are all under one roof, and the prices are moderate.

A major change has been made since the first announcements of the tournament: Play will be in two sections, the first for USCF masters and USCF experts, or the equivalent; and the second, for all other players. Each section will be a 12 to 14 round Swiss. A prize fund of \$4,000 has been announced, with a \$1,000 first prize for the master-expert section. The 2nd Pan-American Chess Congress is endorsed by the California State Chess Federation, the Los Angeles County Chess League, and the Hollywood Chess Group. The Congress will be directed by C. E. Kodil.

REDWOOD CITY CHESS FESTIVAL, July 11

Redwood City will hold its first Chess Festival under the sponsorship of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce on July 11, 1954, at the Sequoia High School. The main feature of the festival will be a short tournament of three rounds to be held between noon and 6:00 P.M. Games may be started as late as 2:00 P.M. and will count if all three games are completed. Players will be classified in A, B, and C classes and will compete in four-man sections. Tournament director will be George Koltanowski, who will also give a 30-board simultaneous exhibition.

Entry fee: \$1.50 (\$2.50 after July 1). Each class will have its own prizes & points.

CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Hotel Carrillo, Santa Barbara, September 4-6

The 1954 Open will be held at the Hotel Carrillo, instead of the Californian, as announced in the last number of THE REPORTER. The Carrillo has an excellent playing arena in the Garden Room, which offers complete seclusion and privacy for the tournament.

The newly decorated Carrillo Hotel is the largest hotel in Santa Barbara. The rates at the Carrillo begin at \$4 single, \$5 double, and \$7 twin beds. Those who intend to play should send their reservations before August 10 in order to avoid being disappointed, as the Labor Day week end is always crowded in Santa Barbara. For a list of other hotels and rates, write the Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 299, Santa Barbara, California.

The Open will be a 7-round Swiss, with three rounds Saturday, two Sunday and two Monday. All receipts will be paid out in prizes, and if the turnout is as expected, first prize will be \$100 or more. The winner will also receive a trophy from the California State Chess Federation. The tournament will be directed by W. G. McClain.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

This tournament will be held in October, on dates to be announced. It will be a 10-round Swiss and will qualify 4 finalists for the State Championship. Entry fee, \$5.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 10-man State finals will be held in San Francisco on November 28-28, 1954. The players will be: Herman Steiner, 1953 State Champion, Eugene Levin, 1953 Open Champion, and 8 survivors of preliminary qualifying tournaments. First prize will be approximately \$120.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, May 31, 1954 (The South had White on Board 1)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

1.	I. König	1
2.	H. Gross	0
3.	V. Pafnutieff	0
4.	N. Falconer	1
5.	V. Zemitis	0
6.	E. Pruner	1
7.	C. Capps	1
8.	R. Burger	1
9.	R. Currie	0
10.	J. Schmitt	1
11.	Phil Smith	1
12.	W. Barlow	0
13.	G. McClain	$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	M. Hailparn	1
15.	C. Stamer	$\frac{1}{2}$
16.	J. B. Gee	1
17.	W. Hendricks	$\frac{1}{2}$
18.	Dr. H. J. Ralston	$\frac{1}{2}$
19.	C. Bergman	$\frac{1}{2}$
20.	A. Stamer	1
21.	C. Svalberg	1
22.	W. T. Adams	1
23.	C. Sedlack	1
24.	M. O. Meyer	$\frac{1}{2}$
25.	J. Slavich	1
26.	R. E. Russell	$\frac{1}{2}$
27.	O. Celle	0
28.	Dr. R. Hultgren	$\frac{1}{2}$
29.	R. P. Willson	1
30.	C. R. Wilson	1
31.	N. Austin	0
32.	R. Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$
33.	D. Peizer	1
34.	N. Hultgren	0
35.	L. Talcott	$\frac{1}{2}$
36.	Dr. F. Ruys	1
37.	B. Mueller	0
38.	T. Fries	1
39.	F. N. Christensen	0
40.	G. Ramirez	0

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

I. Kashdan	0
H. Steiner	1
S. Almgren	1
J. Moskowitz	0
H. Borochow	1
H. Gordon	0
I. Rivise	0
R. Cross	0
J. Lazos	1
C. Wallace	0
R. Gross	0
M. Gordon	1
E. Kovacs	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. Altschiller	0
L. Remlinger	$\frac{1}{2}$
Geo. Steven	0
Geo. Croy	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. Fuglie	$\frac{1}{2}$
F. Hazard	$\frac{1}{2}$
S. Geller	0
R. Banner	0
G. Van Deene	0
Dr. B. Lemberger	0
R. Greene	$\frac{1}{2}$
L. Erwin	0
J. Alexander	$\frac{1}{2}$
F. Fultz	1
Z. S. Offenbach	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. Hoffpaur	0
C. Karson	0
E. P. Elliott	1
F. Hufnagel	$\frac{1}{2}$
G. Hunnex	0
R. N. Travers	1
J. Rinaldo	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. Eucher	0
P. Petersen	1
E. Fisher	0
C. Gibbs	1
R. Eglitis	1

41. G. Rasmussen	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Altshiller	$\frac{1}{2}$
42. C. Jonas	1	C. Henderson	0
43. W. Leeds	1	LeRoy Johnson	0
44. G. Lutz	0	K. Reissmann	1
45. G. B. Oakes	0	D. Maron	1
46. S. H. Van Gelder	1	W. Silton	0
47. R. Maxwell	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Graves	$\frac{1}{2}$
48. H. S. King	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Saules	$\frac{1}{2}$
49. E. Lien	1	Mrs. C. Grumette	0
50. C. Ekoos	$\frac{1}{2}$	K. Forrest	$\frac{1}{2}$
51. R. Guzman	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. B. Collins	$\frac{1}{2}$
52. L. Daugherty	1	Phil McKenna	0
53. F. Olvera	0	E. Johanssen	1
54. E. Wrany	0	C. Kodil	1
55. F. Weinberg	1	L. Gross	0
56. E. T. Dana	1	L. Korney	0
57. R. Remillard	0	A. Lovinger	1
58. Miss H. Ivanoff	0	C. R. Bates	1
59. L. Kerfoot	0	N. Roos	1
60. L. Krogness	0	E. Funston	1
61. L. Tomori	0	A. P. Junod	1
62. A. Chappell	0	M. Pincus	1
63. G. Hultgren	0	C. Ulrich	1
64. M. O. Johnson	1	P. Reps	0
65. Mrs. V. Pafnutieff	1	Mrs. P. McKenna	0
66. A. E. Hoerchner	1	F. Sleep	0
67. J. Stanley	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Calkins	$\frac{1}{2}$
68. M. Sanders	1	M. Templer	0
69. A. Raymond	1	M. Cook	0
70. M. Rettick	1	H. Mager	0
71. P. Chamberlain	1	R. G. Bryan	0
72. K. Warner	1	V. G. Proctor	0
Total	<u>42</u>		<u>30</u>

STATISTICAL REPORT, by William P. Barlow The 1954 Northern California vs. Southern California team match was the largest ever held, a total of 72 boards being played, eleven more than in the previous year. A total of 145 players were present. N. Brooks was not matched. The results of the previous matches follow:

<u>Year</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1926	4½	7½	South	1939	14	12	North
1927	6½	5½	North	1940	18½	6½	North
1930	6½	5½	North	1946	14	11	North
1931	10½	14½	South	1947	17	5	North
1932	9½	10½	South	1948	28½	28½	TIE
1934	12½	12½	TIE	1949	24½	26½	South
1935	12½	12½	TIE	1950	24	21	North
1936	9½	15½	South	1951	38½	19½	North
1937	13	12	North	1952	32	27	North
1938	14½	10½	North	1953	34	27	North
				1954	42	30	North

In the 21 matches played, the North has won 13 times, the South has won 5 times, and there have been 3 ties. A total of 707 games has been played during this period (not counting a 20-board match between the Northern second team and the Southern team in 1947, won by the North second team 10½-9½) and the North has scored 386½ points against 320½ for the South.

As has been the case for a number of years, the Northern players had more years of experience at San Luis Obispo than the Southern players. The players from the North had played a total of 318 previous times, an average of 4.42 years per man, while the South players had played a total of 212 previous times, averaging 2.94 years per player. The following table gives the previous experience of each team:

<u>Northern California</u>				<u>Southern California</u>			
<u>Previous Years</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>
20	2	6	5	17	1	5	7
17	1	5	3	15	2	4	1
16	1	4	8	14	1	3	5
14	1	3	6	12	2	2	6
12	2	2	10	10	1	1	17
10	4	1	7	8	1	0	24
8	3	0	16	7	2		
			<u>72</u>				<u>72</u>

The results by experience are shown as follows:

<u>Years of Previous Experience</u>	<u>Northern California</u>		<u>Southern California</u>	
	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
10 & over	5½	5½	4½	2½
5 - 9	9	5	6	6
1 - 4	18½	12½	8½	20½
0	9	7	11	13
	42	30	30	42

For the first time in years the freshman players made an even score. The statistics above seem to show that experience does not count. They are, however, somewhat distorted due to the fact that there were 17 players from the south with one year's previous experience and these players only scored 4½ points. Excluding the freshman and second year men the seasoned players won 43 and lost 37.

There were no players at the match who were eligible for their ten-year pins.

Players presented with five-year pins were:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>
E. T. Dana	H. S. King	F. Hufnagel
L. Daugherty	L. Krogness	P. Petersen
C. Ekoos	R. Maxwell	R. Travers
N. E. Falconer	E. Pruner	
L. Kerfoot		

The following table shows the players who have now played five times or more:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
Wm. P. Barlow	21	E. P. Elliott	18
F. N. Christensen	21	H. Borochow	16
W. G. McClain	18	G. E. Croy	16
W. A. Hendricks	17	C. J. Gibbs	15
A. J. Fink	15	L. Johnson	13
H. J. Ralston	15	H. Steiner	13
D. N. Vedensky	14	R. Banner	11
C. J. Bergman	13	I. Spero	11
R. P. Willson	13	E. W. Grabill	10
Henry Gross	11	H. Gordon	9

Players who have played five times or more (continued):

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
M. O. Meyer	11	G. S. G. Patterson	9
C. Sedlack	11	Nancy Roos	8
S. H. Van Gelder	11	G. Steven	8
C. M. Capps	9	M. Cook	7
G. Lewis	9	M. Gordon	7
V. Pafnutieff	9	R. Martin	7
P. Smith	9	L. Millstein	7
N. T. Austin	8	A. Spiller	7
R. Hultgren	8	A. V. Taylor	7
W. Leeds	8	S. Almgren	6
D. M. Belmont	7	G. Chase	6
E. O. Fawcett	7	S. Geller	6
J. B. Gee	7	C. Henderson	6
A. Loera	7	G. A. Hunnex	6
G. B. Oakes	7	C. E. Kodil	6
F. Olvera	7	P. Petersen	6
A. B. Stamer	7	W. T. Pinney	6
J. Tippin	7	R. Travers	6
C. R. Wilson	7	H. Abel	5
W. T. Adams	6	S. Austrian	5
L. L. Boyette	6	W. D. Caverly	5
Fred Byron	6	E. Everett	5
F. Crofut	6	F. Hufnagel	5
C. Ekoos	6	R. Solana	5
S. Kondrashoff	6	S. Weinbaum	5
C. Svalberg	6		
F. Clark	5		
E. T. Dana	5		
L. Daugherty	5		
M. Eudey	5		
N. E. Falconer	5		
L. Kerfoot	5		
H. S. King	5		
L. Krogness	5		
R. Maxwell	5		
N. Preo	5		
E. Pruner	5		
M. B. Shimkin	5		
R. Trenberth	5		

The following players will be eligible for 10-year pins in the 1955 match:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>
C. M. Capps	V. Pafnutieff	H. Gordon
G. Lewis	P. Smith	G. S. G. Patterson

Those players who have played four times and who will be eligible for 5-year pins in 1955 are as follows:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>
S. Abrahams	G. Rasmussen	D. Amneus
R. Currie	O. Rothe	A. Bazael
W. H. Donnelly	Dr. F. Ruys	E. Carlson
M. Hailparn	P. Traum	K. Forrest
G. Lutz		J. M. Freed
E. H. Mueller		C. Fuglie
J. Nedham		F. Hazard
		E. Hoffpaur
		J. P. Quillen
		G. Reinhardt
		I. Rivise
		E. F. Schraeder
		A. J. Stobbe

Of the players who have participated five times or more, the North has 27 players who have a batting average of more than 0.500, while the South has 15 in the same category:

<u>North Player</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>North Player</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>South Player</u>	<u>%</u>
N E Falconer	1000	W Leeds	643	H Steiner	808
W T Adams	917	C R Wilson	643	R Martin	786
R Maxwell	875	H Gross	636	R Travers	750
F Byron	750	E T Dana	625	A V Taylor	643
E Pruner	750	C Capps	611	H Borochoy	625
C Svalberg	750	G Lewis	611	E P Elliott	611
S H Van Gelder	750	L Daugherty	600	G Patterson	611
A Loera	714	M Eudey	600	G Croy	594
A B Stamer	714	F Christensen	595	R Banner	591
J W Tippin	714	D Belmont	571	S Almgren	583
R P Willson	692	E O Fawcett	571	M Gordon	571
C J Bergman	667	W Hendricks	562	A Spiller	571
P D Smith	667	H J Ralston	536	I Spero	545
J B Gee	643			L Johnson	538
				C J Gibbs	533

The North over the years has used a total of 211 players, while the South has used a total of 276 players. There have been 16 players who have played at various times both for the North and the South.

Of the total of 72 games played in 1954, 33 were won by White, 23 were won by Black, and 16 were drawn.

THE DISTAFF SIDE, by Mrs. G. McClain

It is interesting to note that more women played in the North-South match this year than ever before. Mrs. Nancy Roos has played eight times, Mrs. Philip McKenna and Mrs. Walter Pafnutieff twice each. In addition, Helen Ivanoff and Mrs. C. Grumette played for the first time this year.

There is a loyal group of fans who make the yearly trip to San Luis Obispo although they do not play in the match, i.e. the "Chess Widows," Mrs. Wm. Barlow has attended 18 times, Mrs. E.P. Elliott 14, Mrs. G. McClain 11, Mrs. Fred Christiansen 8, Mrs. Wade Hendricks 6 (they spent part of their honeymoon at the North-South match!), Mrs. Walter Pafnutieff 5, Mrs. Chas. Henderson, Mrs. Milton Meyer, Mrs. Jay Gee, Mrs. Frank Ruys 4, Mrs. Neil Austin, Mrs. Gerard Van Deene, Mrs. Wm. Caverly 3, Mrs. LeRoy Johnson and Mrs. C. Fuglie 2. New-comers this year were Mrs. C.R. Bates, Mrs. E. Kovacs, Mrs. R. Graves, Mrs. Chester Stamer, Mrs. Neil Falconer, Mrs. A. Lovinger, Mrs. W. Silton, Mrs. R. Remillard. Mrs. R. W. Banner has attended 10 times.

No formal entertainment is planned for the wives, but there is usually an impromptu dinner party for post-mortems before the trip home. This year there were 34 present at Mattie's restaurant. The dinner was excellent, and the speeches admirably short, since only the losers were called upon.

CSCF MEETING

The annual business meeting of the California State Chess Federation was held at San Luis Obispo on the evening of May 29. Among the matters discussed was a proposal to admit high school students at a reduced rate, and it was voted to accept students in groups of four for a membership fee of \$1. The 10 members of the Board of Directors were mainly reelected, with the important exception of I. Kashdan, who was elected director from Los Angeles County. At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. Kashdan was elected Chairman for 1954-55.

BISQUIER U.S. CHAMPION Arthur B. Bisquier of New York (an honorary member of the Golden Gate Chess Club of San Francisco) won the U.S. Championship in June over a field of 14 players. Bisquier's score was 10-3. Larry Evans, defending champion, was second with 9-4.

RUSSIANS BEAT U.S. 20-12 The U.S.S.R. team of eight gave the U.S.A. an anticipated trouncing in June, but some observers thought the Americans did better than they were expected to. In the four-round match, the eight Russian grandmasters played without M. Botvinnik, world champion.

GERALD E. K. BRANCH

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death on April 13, 1954, of Gerald Branch. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dr. Branch's family.

Dr. Branch died at his office desk at the University of California, with which he had been associated since 1912. During his long career as a professor of chemistry, Dr. Branch saw many young people come and go, including several of the editors of this magazine. What we former members of the University of California Chess Club owe to Gerry Branch will never be summed up, but outstanding were his quick wit and his unflagging good nature. He was quick to contribute to any chess fund and could always be counted upon to take part in an out-of-town team match.

Dr. Branch was perennial champion of the Faculty Club, several times champion of the Castle Chess Club, and often a contender for State championships. He was a formidable opponent, and his specialty was the king-side attack. He gave a series of simultaneous exhibitions during a vacation in England in the 1930s which were reported as brilliant in British chess magazines of the time.

During one of the early rounds of the 1951 Castle Chess Club tournament Dr. Branch had one of the first of his heart attacks. Luckily there was a doctor present, and we got him home safely. It happens that his subscription to THE REPORTER had just expired, and he had intended to give us a check. During the next few months Dr. Branch was confined to his bed. Then one day he sent us this note: "Enclosed is a discovered check."

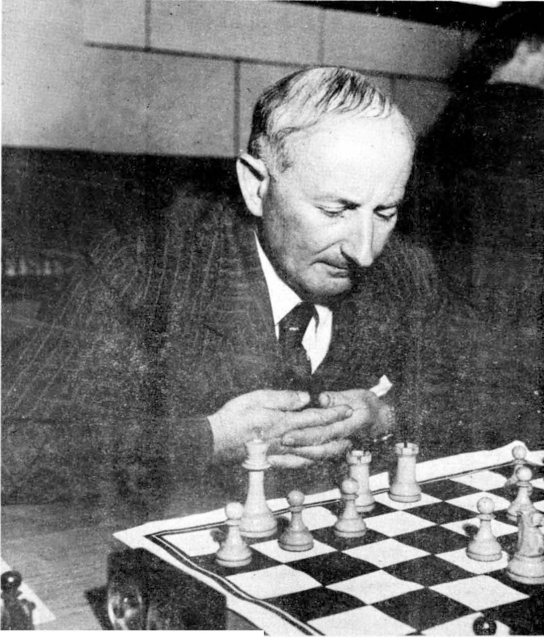
ATASCADERO-SHANDON, by A. E. Russell

The newly formed chess club of Atascadero journeyed to Shandon on June 1 for a team match with the scarcely older Shandon club. Results were as follows:

- Atascadero 4, Shandon 2 1) R.E. Russell 1, J.L. Lund 0;
 2) W.G. Stroh 0, N. Hopper 1; 3) Mrs. P. Stroh 0, H. Hicklin 1;
 4) F. Stanton 1, J. Sinton 0; 5) Mrs. M. Horton 1, O. Leverenz 0;
 6) D. Roosenberg 1, B. Fleig 0.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY "A" LEAGUE

This year the competition resulted in a fantastic tie between Long Beach and Santa Monica. Not only were these teams tied in match scores (4-1) but also in game points ($12\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$). The heavily



(Left)
International
Master Imre
König played
Board One for
Northern Cali-
fornia.

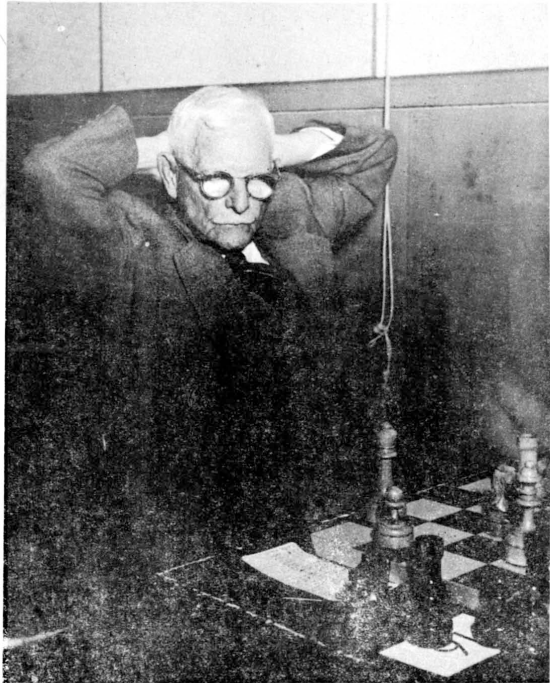


(Right)
Talented Southern
California Juniors:

J. R. Lazos (15);
Larry Remlinger (13).



(Left)
International
Masters
I. Kashdan and
H. Steiner.
"Kash" is the
new Chairman
of the USCF.



(Right)
The "Grand Old Man"
of California Chess:
E. P. Elliott of
Los Angeles, former
Western Champion.

Los Angeles County "A" League (continued)

favored Hollywood team failed to live up to expectations and could only win two matches outright, drawing two and losing one to Long Beach. We understand now that a home match between Long Beach and Santa Monica will be played to decide the champions.

Here are the statistics:

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Game Points</u>
Long Beach	4-1	12½-7½
Santa Monica	4-1	12½-7½
Hollywood	3-2	13-7
Van Nuys	2½-2½	10-10
Pasadena	1½-3½	8½-11½
Inglewood	0-5	3½-16½

Here is how it all happened, round by round:

ROUND 1 - Apr. 23-26, 1954

Hollywood 4, Inglewood 0 J. Moskowitz 1, K. Reissman 0; I. Rivise 1, N. Goldberg 0; E. Berman 1, B. Bylinkin 0; S. Geller 1, E. Fisher 0.

Long Beach 2½, Pasadena 1½ C. Wallace 1, G. Croy 0; R. Gross 1, A. Larsen 0; L. Remlinger ½, E.B. Adams ½; L. Rinaldo 0, W. Miller 1.

Santa Monica 2½, Van Nuys 1½ R. Cross ½, G. Steven ½; J. Keckhut ½, R. Rankel ½; G. Van Deene 1, P. Meyer 0; H. Abel ½, D. McGinty ½.

ROUND 2 - Apr. 30-May 1, 1954

Pasadena 2, Hollywood 2 G. Croy 0, I. Rivise 1; A. Larsen 1, E. Berman 0; E.B. Adams 1, E. Levin 0; C. Merritt 0, S. Mazner 1.

Santa Monica 2½, Long Beach 1½ R. Cross 1, S. Giritsky 0; J. Keckhut 0, C. Wallace 1; G. Van Deene 1, R. Cross 0; H. Abel ½, L. Remlinger ½.

Van Nuys 3, Inglewood 1 G. Steven 1, K. Reissman 0; R. Rankel 1, N. Goldberg 0; P. Meyer 1, B. Bylinkin 0; D. McGinty 0, E. Fisher 1.

ROUND 3 - May 5-7, 1954

Hollywood 3½, Santa Monica 1½ J. Moskowitz ½, R. Martin ½; E. Berman 1, P. Lapiken 0; H. Borochow 1, R. Cross 0; E. Levin 1, G. Van Deene 0.

Pasadena 2½, Inglewood 1½ A. Larsen 1, K. Reissman 0; E.B. Adams 0, N. Goldberg 1; C. Merritt 1, E. Fisher 0; W. Miller ½, J. Thomas ½.

Long Beach 3, Van Nuys 1 S. Giritsky 1, G. Steven 0; C. Wallace 1, R. Rankel 1; R. Cross 1, P. Meyer 0; I. Rivise 1, D. McGinty 1.

ROUND 4 - May 14-15, 1954

Long Beach 2½, Hollywood 1½ S. Giritsky ½, J. Moskowitz ½;
C. Wallace ½, I. Rivise ½; R. Gross 1, E. Berman O; L. Remlinger ½,
H. Borochoy ½.

Santa Monica 4, Inglewood 0 P. Lapiken 1, K. Reissman O; R.
Cross 1, N. Goldberg O; J. Keckhut 1, E. Fisher O; G. Van Deene 1,
J. Thomas O.

Van Nuys 2½, Pasadena 1½ G. Steven ½, G. Croy ½; R. Rankel ½,
A. Larsen ½; P. Meyer ½, E.B. Adams ½; D. McGinty 1, C. Merritt O.

ROUND 5 - May 19-21, 1954

Long Beach 3, Inglewood 1 S. Giritsky 1, K. Reissman O; C.
Wallace 1, N. Goldberg O; R. Gross 1, E. Fisher O; L. Remlinger O,
J. Thomas 1.

Santa Monica 3, Pasadena 1 P. Lapiken 1, G. Croy O; R. Cross
1, A. Larsen O; J. Keckhut ½, E.B. Adams ½; G. Van Deene ½, C. Mer-
ritt ½.

Hollywood 2, Van Nuys 2 I. Rivise O, G. Steven 1; H. Borochoy
1, R. Rankel O; R. Banner O, P. Meyer 1; R. Jacobs 1, D. McGinty O.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY "B" LEAGUE

The Hollywood Chess Group (6-1) nosed out North American (5½-1½),
although losing in their encounter. See page 169 for scores.

ROUND 1 - Apr. 16, 1954

North American 3½, Hollywood 2½ D. Eliason 1, G. Gibbs O;
J. Wiener 1, L. Woronzoff O; M. Ek O, E. Steel 1; J. Gysbers ½, F.
Goetze ½; H. Bell 1, W. Wheeler O; F. Fillmore O, D. Maron 1.

Inglewood 3½, Valley 2½ R. Tibbitts 1, M. Coban O; H. Zander
½, A. Keats ½; A. Freeman 1, J. McCardle O; J. Cary 1, I. Griff O;
R. Reed O, A. Comroe 1; T. Parker O, R. Hagedorn 1.

Beverly Hills 5, Water & Power 1 P. Waterman 1, A. Thompson O;
V. Fotre ½, J. Russell ½; K. Forrest 1, G. Dewey O; J. Burton 1, C.
Tabor O; E. Johanssen 1, J. Bell O; L. Korney ½, F. Larsen ½.

Cosmo 4½, Santa Monica 1½ L. Domanski 1, Dr. B. Collins O;
T.W. McRae ½, W. Holmes ½; R. Graves O, H.H. Lidstrom 1; K. Dickens
1, O.H. Wentcher O; T. Cragg 1, W. Shanko O; C. Gray 1, Forfeit.

ROUND 2 - Apr. 23, 1954

Hollywood 4, Valley 2 F. Hazard 1, A. Keats O; F. Goetze O,
J. McCardle 1; H. Rogosin 1, I. Griff O; D. Maron 1, A. Comroe O;
G. Goehler 1, R. Hagedorn O; G. Comroe O, G. McMahon 1.

Los Angeles County "B" League (continued)

Beverly Hills 3½, Inglewood 2½ P. Waterman 1, L. Johnson O; V. Fotre ½, R. Tibbitts ½; K. Forrest 1, L. Weiss O; J. Burton 1, H. Zander O; E. Johanssen O, A. Freeman 1; L. Korney O, J. Cary 1.

Cosmo 5, Water & Power 1 L. Domanski 1, A. Thompson O; T. McRae 1, J. Russell O; R. Graves 1, G. Dewey O; K. Dickens O, C. Tabor 1; G. Hess 1, J.E. Smith O; H. Fein 1, F. Larson O.

Santa Monica 5, North American 1 D. Hood 1, D. Eliason O; J. Ickes ½, J. Wiener ½; Dr. B. Collins 1, M. Ek O; W. Holmes 1, J. Gysbers O; O.H. Wentcher ½; H. Bell ½; W. Shanks 1, W. McGill O.

ROUND 3 - Apr. 28-30, 1954

Hollywood 4½, Beverly Hills 1½ M. Freedman ½, P. Waterman ½; W. Steel ½, V. Fotre ½; F. Goetze 1, K. Forrest O; H. Rogosin ½, J. Burton ½; W. Wheeler 1, E. Johanssen O; D. Maron 1, L. Korney O.

Inglewood 4½, Cosmopolitan 1½ L. Johnson O, L. Domanski 1; R. Tibbitts 1, R. Graves O; L. Weiss 1, K. Dickens O; H. Zander 1, L. Zeitlin O; J. Cary ½, T. Cragg ½; R. Reed 1, S. Rodriguez O.

Santa Monica 6, Water & Power 0 D. Hood 1, Forfeit; J. Ickes 1, A. Thompson O; B. Collins 1, J. Russell O; P. Wrangell 1, C. Taber O; W. Holmes 1, J. Bell O; O. Wentcher 1, C. True O.

North American 4, Valley 2 D. Eliason 1, A. Keats O; J. Wiener 1, J. McCardle O; M. Ek O, I. Griff 1; J. Gysbers 1, R. Hagedorn O; H. Bell O, L. Pinson 1; F. Rosen 1, G. McMahon O.

ROUND 4 - May 5-7, 1954

Hollywood 5½, Cosmo ½ C.J. Gibbs 1, L. Domanski O; M. Freedman 1, R. Graves O; F. Hazard 1, L. Zeitlin O; F. Goetze 1, T. Cragg O; H. Rogosin 1, C. Gray O; D. Maron ½, S. Rodriguez ½.

Inglewood 3½, Santa Monica 2½ L. Johnson 1, C. Budd O; R. Tibbitts 1, Forfeit; L. Weiss O, J. Ickes 1; H. Zander ½, W. Holmes ½; A. Freeman O, O. Wentcher 1; J. Cary 1, W. Shanks O.

North American 4½, Beverly Hills 1½ D. Eliason ½, P. Waterman ½; J. Wiener 1, V. Fotre O; M. Ek 1, K. Forrest O; J. Gysbers ½, J. Burton ½; H. Bell ½, E. Johanssen ½; W. McGill 1, L. Korney O.

Valley 5, Water & Power 1 I. Griff 1, D. Norton O; R. Hagedorn O, A. Thompson 1; L. Pinson 1, Kroman O; L. Mercy 1, J. Russell O; M. Ettinger 1, G. Dewey O; G. McMahon 1, C. True O.

ROUND 5 - May 12-14, 1954

Hollywood 5, Santa Monica 1 C.J. Gibbs $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Hood $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Freedman 1, J. Ickes 0; W. Steel 1, B. Collins 0; F. Hazard 1, W. Holmes 0; F. Goetze $\frac{1}{2}$, O. Wentcher $\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. G. Piatigorsky 1, W. Shanks 0.

Inglewood 4, Water & Power 2 L. Johnson 1, A. Thompson 0; R. Tibbitts 0, J. Russell 1; H. Zander 1, C. Taber 0; A. Freeman 1, Diamond 0; J. Cary 1, C. True 0; Goebel 0, Larson 1.

Cosmo 3, North American 3 L. Domanski $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Eliason $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Graves 0, J. Wiener 1; L. Zeitlin 1, M. Ek 0; T. Cragg 1, J. Gysbers 0; S. Rodriguez 0, H. Bell 1; J. Hess $\frac{1}{2}$, F. Rosen $\frac{1}{2}$.

Valley 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Beverly Hills 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ M. Coban 1, P.J. Waterman 0; A. Keats $\frac{1}{2}$, V. Potre $\frac{1}{2}$; J. McCardle 1, K. Forrest 0; I. Griff 1, J. Burton 0; L. Pinson 0, E. Johanssen 1; G. McMahon 0, L. Korney 1.

ROUND 6 - May 19-24, 1954

Hollywood 4, Water & Power 2 C.J. Gibbs 0, D. Norton 1; M. Freedman 1, A. Thompson 0; F. Goetze $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Russell $\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. G. Piatigorsky $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Bell $\frac{1}{2}$; D. Maron 1, A. Larson 0; G. Goehler 1, C. True 0.

North American 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Inglewood 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ D. Eliason 1, R. Tibbitts 0; J. Wiener 1, L. Weiss 0; J. Gysbers $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Zander $\frac{1}{2}$; H. Bell $\frac{1}{2}$, A. Freeman $\frac{1}{2}$; F. Rosen $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Cary $\frac{1}{2}$; W. McGill 0, R. Reed 1.

Valley 6, Cosmo 0 M. Coban 1, L. Domanski 0; A. Keats 1, T. McRae 0; J. McCardle 1, R. Graves 0; I. Griff 1, L. Zeitlin 0; R. Hagedorn 1, S. Rodriguez 0; L. Pinson 1, J. Hess 0.

Beverly Hills 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Santa Monica 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.J. Waterman $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Budd $\frac{1}{2}$; V. Potre $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Hood $\frac{1}{2}$; K. Forrest 0, J. Ickes 1; J. Burton 1, P. Wrangell 0; E. Johanssen 1, W. Holmes 0; L. Korney $\frac{1}{2}$, O. Wentcher $\frac{1}{2}$.

(ROUND 7 - May 26-June 4, 1954)

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Game Points</u>
"B" League results: Hollywood	6-1	31-11
North American	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	25-17
Valley	4-3	25-17
Inglewood	4-3	21-21
Cosmopolitan	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	18-24
Beverly Hills	3-4	20-22
Santa Monica	2-5	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ -22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Water & Power	0-7	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -34 $\frac{1}{2}$

GAME OF THE MONTH

There are prepared variations and there are prepared variations. What chess player has not dreamed of springing a full-fledged prepared "sockdolager" on his unsuspecting opponent? Opportunities for such are fairly rare, however, and it is usually sufficient to give the game a slight turn in your favor. It is not often that a player can, a la Alekhine, pull a variation out of his sleeve which has been carefully saved for the right occasion. When such an occasion arises, it works much better if the prepared variation is one in which you have specialized before.

In the game below, played on first board at San Luis Obispo, May 31, 1954, the player of the Black pieces introduces with 4... Kt-B3 a line currently called the "Taimanov Variation." In addition to being one of the present "sharp" lines in the Nimzoindian, it has for Black the added merit of being a variation König himself specialized in some ten years ago.

Game No. 234 - Nimzo

White Black
I. Kashdan I. König
(Notes by Imre König)

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
4. P-K3 Kt-B3
5. B-Q3

Here 5. P-QR3 is playable, as on 5...BxKtch; 6. PxB, O-O; 7. B-Q3, P-QKt3; 8. P-K4, Kt-K1; 9. P-K5, P-B4; 10. Kt-R3! (Smyslov-Taimanov XX U.S.S.R. Championship); however with 7...P-K4; 8. Kt-K2, P-K5; 9. B-Kt1, P-QKt3; 10. Kt-Kt3, B-R3; 11. KtxP, KtxKt; 12. BxKt, BxP; 13. B-Q3, BxB; 14. QxB, P-Q4; Black can obtain a satisfactory game.

5. ... P-K4
6. P-QR3

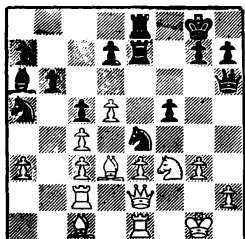
Here is, however, this move a mistake after which White cannot re-

cover and the game becomes theoretically important.

6. ... BxKtch
7. PxB P-K5
8. B-B2 Kt-QR4
9. Q-K2 O-O
10. P-B3 P-QKt3
11. PxP KtxP
12. Kt-B3 P-KB4
13. B-Kt2 B-R3
14. B-Q3 Q-K2
15. O-O P-B4
16. QR-B1 QR-K1
17. R-QB2 Q-K3
18. P-Q5 Q-R3
19. R-K1 R-K2
20. B-B1 R/1-K1
21. P-Kt3
(see diagram)
... Q-R4

The winning move. Black threatens 22...Kt-Q3 and with this move he prevents White from playing 23. Kt-Q2.

22. Q-B1 BxP
23. BxB KtxB



(Position before 21...Q-R4)

24. Kt-R4

On 24. QxKt, QxKt; 25. P-Q6ch. R-K3 would follow.

24. ... KKt-Q3

25. R-B2 R-B2

26. P-R4 Kt-K4

27. P-R5 R/1-KB1

28. PxP PxP

29. Kt-B3 KtxKtch

30. RxKt Kt-K5

31. K-Kt2

White is forced to give up a second pawn as Black threatened 31. Kt-Kt4 winning the exchange.

31. ... KtxBP

32. Q-B4 Kt-K5

33. R/1-B1 Q-Kt3

34. R-B4 Kt-Q3

35. Q-Kt3 P-Kt4

36. B-Kt2 P-Kt5

37. R-B1 Kt-K5

38. R-QR1 Q-R4

39. Q-B2 P-Q3

40. R-R6 R-K1

41. P-Kt4 Q-Kt3

Playable was 41...PxP; 42. QxKt, RxR; 43. QxR, Q-R6ch; 44. K-Kt1, R-KB1; 45. B-B6, RxB; 46. R-R8ch, K-B2; 47. R-R7ch, K-Kt3 but the text move is simpler.

42. Q-R4 R/2-K2

43. P-R3 P-R4

44. R-R8 BPxP

45. PxP PxP

46. RxRch QxR

Better than 46...RxR; 47. Q-Q7.

47. QxQch RxQ

48. RxP R-K2

49. K-B3 Kt-Q7ch

50. K-K2 Kt-Kt6

51. K-Q3 Kt-R4

52. R-Kt6 R-Q2

53. P-K4 P-B5ch

Resigns.

CORRESPONDENCE

D.N. Vedensky writes us a letter from New York about the U.S.S.R. vs. U.S.A. match:

"I arrived in New York in the afternoon of June 21 on a hot, humid day, the kind of day one wishes he were in California. I managed to see the third round match which was played at the Roosevelt Hotel on the evening of my arrival, and also poked my nose in to see the last round of June 23. The June 21 session started, like the others, shortly after seven thirty and ended at quarter to one. Most of the people, including myself, sat glued to their chairs throughout the session, and the atmospheric condition in the room contributed to much of the glue.

"From my visit and having played over most of the games, and having talked to different people in the room, I gained a few impressions: To begin with, I think that our team made an extremely creditable showing, and that only on Boards 2 and 3 (Bronstein and Keres) we were definitely outclassed. Bronstein seemed to be the most dangerous opponent on the Russian team. His play was razor-sharp and he took immediate advantage of the slightest slip made by an opponent. Keres also played well, but over-extended himself in the last game, probably from overconfidence. Outside of these two boards, I think you could bet either way, and our players played just as good caliber of chess as the Russians, with special laurels going, of course, to Donald Byrne.

"It seems to me that the Russians were playing very conservative chess, that is, for the Russians. They certainly showed more enterprise playing each other in the Soviet Union. It looks as if they were instructed not to take any chances for the fear that something unpleasant might happen and they would not be able to demonstrate the superiority of Marxism and Communism over the capitalist system. Had they played the same kind of chess in their own country, they would have been taken to severe task for the 'lack of creative achievements.'

"Botvinnik's absence from the line-up was not mysterious at all. It can be readily explained by the Russians' reluctance to expose him to defeat in the four drawn game series. I think that Smyslov was taking great pains not to lose, and although each one of his games with Reshevsky was a hard-positional struggle, he always chose simplifying lines.

"The interview with the Russian players did not come off..... I obtained Bondarevsky's room number, and called them on the house phone. A thin voice answered and I asked whether I had the pleasure of speaking to Mr. Bondarevsky. A peevish answer came over the phone, 'No, no, no, this is not Bondarevsky. This is Kotov. I am sleeping now. I am resting for the match.' I felt like telling him, 'Come on, Mr. Kotov, you are not sleeping now, and where do I find Bondarevsky,' but the hero of the Soviet Union sounded so annoyed that I dropped the whole matter, and perhaps, after all, he tried to rest up before the match, who knows? His play during that night was quite lackadaisical, and frequently he would get up from his chair and look at the five-foot board on which his game was demonstrated. There was a quizzical expression on his face, and it seemed to me that he was groping for ideas, and examining the big board on the theory that perhaps a kibitzer might see more than a player."

MATCH, 1954, Notes by Bob Burger

Game No. 235 - King's Indian

3rd Match Game

White Black
S. Almgren I. Rivise

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2
4. Kt-B3 P-Q3
5. P-K3

A solid line pointing to Queen's side operations.

5. ... O-O
6. B-Q3 P-B4
7. B-Q2 Kt-B3
8. P-Q5 QKt-Kt5
9. B-Kt1 B-Kt5
10. P-QR3 Kt-R3
11. P-KR3 B-Q2
12. O-O Kt-B2
13. Q-K2 P-QR3
14. B-Q3 P-QKt4!

This break gives Black the advantage on the Q-side, casting doubt on White's opening strategy.

15. P-K4 PxP
16. BxP Kt-Kt4
17. P-K5 PxP
18. KtxKt PxKt
19. BxP BxB
20. QxB P-K5
21. Kt-K5 Q-Kt1!
22. QxQ KRxQ
23. Kt-B6 RxKtP
24. B-K3 KtxP
25. BxP R-QB1
26. QR-Q1

If KtxPch, KtxKt; 27. BxKt, B-Q5 followed by R/l-B7.

26. ... P-K3
27. RxKt PxR
28. Kt-K7ch K-R1

29. KtxR R-E7

X-rayed on the Bishop file again!

30. Kt-Q6 RxB
31. KtxPch K-Kt1
32. Kt-Kt5 B-B3
33. Kt-K6 R-B3
34. Kt-B4 R-Q3
35. R-Q1 P-Q5
36. Kt-K2 P-Q6
37. Kt-Kt3 R-Q5
38. Kt-B1 B-K2
39. P-B3 PxB
40. PxP BxP
41. Kt-Kt3 B-B4
42. K-Kt2 B-Q3
43. Kt-K4 K-B2
44. Kt-B2 P-Q7
45. K-B1 B-B5
46. K-K2 P-Kt4
47. Kt-Q3

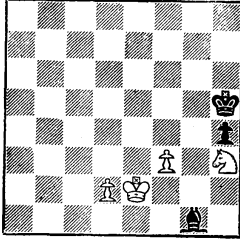
After Kt-K4, K-Kt3; 48. KtxP, K-R4! Black has winning chances.

47. ... K-Kt3
48. P-R4 R-Q3
49. R-KKt1 K-B4
50. PxP BxP
51. Kt-B2 B-B5
52. R-Kt7 P-R4
53. R-B7ch K-K4
54. R-K7ch K-B3
55. R-KR7 K-Kt3
56. R-R8 B-R3
57. K-Q1 R-QR3
58. K-K2 P-R5
59. R-Kt8ch K-R4
60. R-Kt1 R-QB3
61. R-KR1

The sealed move at 3:30 in the morning after seven straight hours of play.....(Rivise).

61. ... R-B7
62. Kt-Q1 B-B5
63. R-R3 R-B3
64. Kt-B2 R-KKt3

- 65. R-R1 R-Kt7
- 66. K-B1 R-R7
- 67. RxR BxR
- 68. K-K2 B-Kt8
- 69. Kt-R3



- 69. ... B-K6
- 70. K-Q1 K-Kt3
- 71. K-K2 K-B4
- 72. K-Q1 K-K4
- 73. K-K2 K-Q5
- 74. K-Q1 K-B6

And not K-Q6 because of Kt-B4ch.

- 75. P-B4 K-B5
 - 76. K-K2 K-Q4
 - 77. K-Q1 K-K5
 - 78. K-K2 K-B4
 - 79. Kt-Kt5 KxP
- Resigns.

Game No. 236 - Ruy Lopez

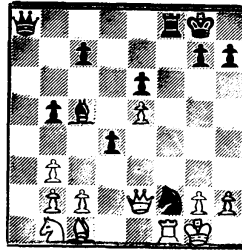
4th Match Game

- | White | Black |
|-----------|------------|
| I. Rivise | S. Almgren |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. O-O | KtxP |
| 6. P-Q4 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. B-Kt3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. PxP | B-K3 |

- 9. Q-K2 Kt-QR4
- 10. Kt-Q4 KtxB
- 11. RfxKt B-QB4
- 12. KtxB PxxKt
- 13. RxxRP?

Recommended, I learned later, by Reinfeld, but it looks like a losing move - (Revise).

- 13. ... O-O!
- 14. RxR QxxR
- 15. B-K3 P-Q5
- 16. B-B1 KtxP!



- 17. QxP Kt-K5?

Simply B-Kt3 maintains the pressure.

- 18. Q-Q3! RxxRch
- 19. KxxR Q-R7
- 20. Kt-Q2 Q-R8
- 21. KtxKt QxBch
- 22. K-K2 B-Kt3
- 23. Kt-Q2 Q-KKt8
- 24. Q-R3 K-B2
- 25. Q-R5ch K-B1
- 26. Q-B3ch K-K2
- 27. Q-Kt3 P-Kt3
- 28. K-Q3 B-R4
- 29. P-B3 PxxP
- 30. PxxP Q-B4
- 31. K-B2 B-Kt3
- 32. Kt-K4 K-K6
- 33. Q-R4ch Q-K2
- 34. QxPch K-Q1
- 35. QxxKtP

The misplacement of the Black Queen has cost two pawns.

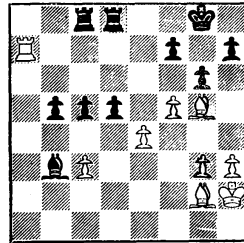
- 35. ... Q-K7ch
- 36. Kt-Q2 QxKP
- 37. P-R4 B-B4
- 38. Q-K4 Q-B3
- 39. Q-Q3ch B-Q3
- 40. Kt-K4 Q-K4
- 41. KtxB Resigns.

- 16. R-B3 B-K7
 - 17. R-Kt3 B-Q3
 - 18. R-QB3 B-Q5ch
 - 19. K-R2 P-QKt4
- Cat and mouse play against the Rook!
- 20. Kt-Kt3 BxR
 - 21. PxB KtxRP
 - 22. RxKt BxKt
 - 23. RxP P-K3
 - 24. P-B5 PxQP
 - 25. B-Kt5

Game No. 237 - King's Indian
5th Match Game

White Black
S. Almgren I. Rivise

- 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
- 2. P-QB4 P-KKt3
- 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2
- 4. Kt-B3 P-Q3
- 5. P-KKt3 O-O
- 6. B-Kt2 P-QB4
- 7. O-O Kt-B3
- 8. PxB PxB
- 9. QxQ



Stahlberg-Szabo, Saltsjobaden, 1952, went 9. B-K3, Q-R4; 10. Q-R4, QxQ; 11. KtxQ, P-Kt3; 12. QR-Q1 (12. Kt-K5, KtxKt; 13. ExR, B-Q2!), B-QR3 with a good game for Black.

- 9. ... RxQ
- 10. P-KR3? B-K3
- 11. Kt-Q2

White's passivity leaves him permanently backward.

- 11. ... QR-B1
- 12. P-K4 QKt-Kt5
- 13. Kt-Q5 Kt/3xKt
- 14. BPxKt B-Q2
- 15. P-B4 B-Kt4!

As White's imposing pawn alignment lacks the effective support of his pieces it is in reality only a shell.

- 25. ... P-Q5!
 - 26. ExR RxB
 - 27. PxB PxB
 - 28. R-Kt7 B-B5
 - 29. B-B3 PxB
 - 30. PxB B-Q4
 - 31. ExB RxB
 - 32. R-K7 P-Q6
 - 33. R-K1 P-Kt5
 - 34. K-Kt2 P-Kt6
 - 35. K-B2 RxPch
- Resigns.

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