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SOUTH 35 $\frac{1}{2}$  - NORTH 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  Southern California ended a six-year dry spell at Fresno on May 27 by trouncing Northern California in the blue-ribbon event of the California chess year, the North-South team match. The match was one of the most exciting on record. The South got off to an early lead but the North held the deficit to only one or two points until the very end, when a big swing took place and the South was suddenly seven points ahead. The 34th point was slow to come, however. At length, a great cheer sprang up: A hitherto unknown hero playing Board 58 for the South had won the deciding game. All observers agreed that the winning team was the South's greatest powerhouse ever. Full credits for getting out Southern California's great potential strength go to Captain Charles Henderson (who did such a magnificent job that when the time came to discuss whether the North or the South would get the Central California players there was no argument - the North needed them and the South did not).

The match was held for the first time in Fresno, at the Hotel Californian. It was prececed by the State Speed Championship (won by Jim Cross), and by the annual meeting late Saturday night of the

FRESNO -- May 27, 1956 (The South had White on Board 1.)

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>			<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>		
1.	I. Kashdan	1	I. König	0	
2.	J. Cross	$\frac{1}{2}$	N. Falconer	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3.	R. Jacobs	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. Pafnutieff	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4.	R. G. Cross	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Schmitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5.	Z. Kovacs	1	P. D. Smith	0	
6.	Dr. P. Lapiken	1	H. Gross	0	
7.	I. Rivise	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. McClain	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8.	R. Martin	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. N. Vedansky	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9.	H. Borochow	1	W. Whister	0	
10.	Dr. E. Levin	1	W. P. Barlow	0	
11.	S. Almgren	0	W. Bills	1	
12.	L. Remlinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. A. Jannshkowsky	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13.	M. Gordon	0	W. T. Adams	1	
14.	R. Gross	1	T. Fries	0	
15.	A. Suchobeck	1	G. Svalberg	0	
16.	L. Standers	1	H. Bullwinkel	0	
17.	L. Johnson	0	C. Sedlack	1	
18.	J. Rinaldo	1	E. C. Jonas	0	
19.	A. Raymond	1	R. P. Willson	0	
20.	S. Weinbaum	0	D. Belmont	1	
21.	J. Wiener	1	E. Edmondson	0	
22.	S. Geller	1	W. Leeds	0	
23.	R. Lorber	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. A. Hendricks	$\frac{1}{2}$	
24.	G. Goehler	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$	
25.	E. Fisher	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. M. Eudey	$\frac{1}{2}$	
26.	G. Van Deene	0	Dr. R. Hultgren	1	
27.	B. Madrid	0	N. T. Austin	1	
28.	G. W. Chase	0	C. R. Wilson	1	
29.	F. Hazard	0	C. J. Bergman	1	
30.	C. Gibbs	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Badner	$\frac{1}{2}$	
31.	W. Melworm	1	L. Jeffers	0	
32.	K. Warner	1	L. Post	0	
33.	A. Bisno	1	S. H. Van Gelder	0	
34.	B. Mintz	0	R. Thacker	1	
35.	K. Reissmann	0	F. N. Christensen	1	
36.	R. Reed	1	H. King	0	
37.	F. Hufnagel	1	L. Daugherty	1	
38.	Z. Offenbach	1	E. T. Dana	0	
39.	C. Henderson	1	H. E. Paul	0	
40.	R. Koutz	0	R. Baker	1	

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>		<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	
41. D. Maron	0	Nancy McLeod	1
42. K. Forrest	1	E. Hoffer	0
43. M. Rettick	1	E. Wrany	0
44. A. W. Markus	0	D. Willis	1
45. P. V. Nielsen	0	N. Hultgren	1
46. Dr. B. Collins	0	C. Fotias	1
47. C. Ulrich	0	R. Guzman	1
48. W. Wheeler	1	F. Olvera	0
49. Nancy Roos	1	A. J. Stobbe	0
50. R. Webber	$\frac{1}{2}$	O. Rothe	$\frac{1}{2}$
51. L. Zeitlin	1	M. O. Johnson	0
52. S. Bergreen	0	D. McLeod	1
53. Dr. V. Dane	0	L. Tomori	1
54. A. Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Bishop	$\frac{1}{2}$
55. G. Hardt	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Krogness	$\frac{1}{2}$
56. D. E. Webster	0	L. Turner	1
57. G. Dick	1	J. King	0
58. J. B. Thompson	1	P. Lang	0
59. F. Johnson	0	A. Lutz	1
60. N. P. Brooks	0	D. Gillette	1
61. H. Calkins	0	L. Legler	1
62. V. G. Proctor	0	C. Phetteplace	1
63. A. Valdez	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. E. Hoerchner	$\frac{1}{2}$
64. H. Chamness	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. L. Mitchell	$\frac{1}{2}$
65. G. Horowitz	1	J. Hastings	0
66. P. Templar	0	E. Hawksworth	1
67. E. Lindstrom	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Leach	$\frac{0}{2}$
	<u><math>35\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u><math>31\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

STATISTICAL REPORT - by William P. Barlow

The 1956 Northern California vs. Southern California team match was the second largest ever held, a total of 67 boards being played, eight more than in the previous year.

Of the total of 67 games played in 1956, 28 were won by White, 24 were won by Black, and 15 were drawn.

The results of the previous matches follow:

Year	North	South	Winner	Year	North	South	Winner
1926	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	South	1946	14	11	North
1927	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	1947	17	5	North
1930	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	1948	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	TIE
1931	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	South	1949	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	South
1932	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	South	1950	24	21	North
1934	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	TIE	1951	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	North
1935	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	TIE	1952	32	27	North
1936	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	South	1953	34	27	North
1937	13	12	North	1954	42	30	North
1938	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	1955	35	24	North
1939	14	12	North	1956	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	South
1940	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	North				

In the 23 matches played, the North has won 14 times, the South has won 6 times, and there have been 3 ties. A total of 833 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 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the North has scored 453 points against 380 for the South.

As has been the case for a number of years, the Northern players had more years of experience at the North-South match than the Southern players. The players from the North had played a total of 335 previous times, an average of 5.00 years per man, while the South players had played a total of 192 previous times, averaging 2.87 years per player. The following table gives the previous experience of each team:

Northern California				Southern California			
Previous Years	No. of Players	Previous Years	No. of Players	Previous Years	No. of Players	Previous Years	No. of Players
22	2	7	3	16	2	5	2
19	1	6	3	14	1	4	7
18	1	5	4	9	1	3	6
15	1	4	6	8	1	2	8
14	2	3	5	7	4	1	11
12	3	2	3	6	3	0	21
10	2	1	8				
9	3	0	18				
8	2						
<hr/> <u>67</u>				<hr/> <u>67</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	5	7	1½	1½
5 - 9	6½	8½	6	5
1 - 4	10½	11½	17½	14½
0	9½	8½	10½	10½
	31½	35½	35½	31½

The freshman players had a plus score winning 20 and losing 19.

There were four players at the match who were eligible for their ten-year pins.

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
N. T. Austin, W. Leeds, R. Hultgren	Nancy Roos

Players presented with five-year pins were:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
D. Belmont	N. Hultgren	G. Goehler	C. Ulrich
T. Fries	E. C. Jonas	R. Gross	G. Van Deene
R. Freeman	O. Rothe	F. Hazard	W. Wheeler
E. Hoffer	F. Weinberg	D. Maron	

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

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
Wm. P. Barlow	23	E. P. Elliott	19
F. N. Christensen	23	H. Borochow	17
W. G. McClain	20	C. J. Gibbs	17
W. A. Hendricks	19	G. E. Croy	16
H. J. Ralston	16	L. Johnson	15
D. N. Vedensky	16	R. Banner	11
C. J. Bergman	15	I. Spero	11
A. J. Fink	15	H. Gordon	10
R. P. Willson	15	E. W. Grabill	10
Henry Gross	13	Nancy Roos	10
C. Sedlack	13	M. Gordon	9
S. H. Van Gelder	13	G. S. G. Patterson	9
M. O. Meyer	12	S. Almgren	8
V. Pafnutieff	11	S. Geller	8
P. Smith	11	C. Henderson	8
N. T. Austin	10	R. Martin	8
R. Hultgren	10	G. Steven	8

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

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
W. Leeds	10	G. Chase	7
C. M. Capps	9	M. Cook	7
G. Lewis	9	F. Hufnagel	7
F. Olvera	9	C. E. Kodil	7
C. R. Wilson	9	L. Millstein	7
W. T. Adams	8	A. Spiller	7
D. M. Belmont	8	A. V. Taylor	7
J. B. Gee	8	S. Weinbaum	7
C. Svalberg	8	K. Forrest	6
E. T. Dana	7	G. A. Hunnex	6
L. Daugherty	7	W. T. Pinney	6
E. O. Fawcett	7	I. Rivise	6
L. Krogness	7	R. Travers	6
A. Loera	7	H. Abel	5
G. B. Oakes	7	S. Austrian	5
A. B. Stamer	7	W. D. Caverly	5
J. Tippin	7	E. Everett	5
L. L. Boyette	6	G. Goehler	5
Fred Byron	6	R. Gross	5
F. Crofut	6	F. Hazard	5
C. Ekoos	6	D. Maron	5
M. Eudey	6	R. Solana	5
N. E. Falconer	6	C. Ulrich	5
H. King	6	G. Van Deene	5
S. Kondrashoff	6	W. Wheeler	5
E. Pruner	6		
F. Clark	5	E. Moeller	5
R. Freeman	5	N. Peco	5
T. Fries	5	G. Rasmussen	5
M. Hailparn	5	O. Rothe	5
E. Hoffer	5	M. B. Shimkin	5
N. Hultgren	5	A. Stobbe	5
E. Jonas	5	P. Traum	5
L. Kerfoot	5	R. Trenberth	5
G. Lutz	5	F. Weinberg	5
R. Maxwell	5		

The following players will be eligible for 10-year pins in the 1957 match:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>
C. M. Capps	F. Olvera	M. Gordon
G. Lewis	C. Wilson	G. S. G. Patterson

Those players who have played four times and who will be eligible for 5-year pins in 1957 are as follows:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
S. Abrahams	J. Nedham	D. Amneus	F. Johnson
A. Chappel	Dr. F. Ruys	A. Bazael	I. Kashdan
R. Currie	J. Schmitt	H. Calkins	P. C. McKenna
W. H. Donnelly		E. Carlson	B. Madrid
R. Guzman		B. Collins	J. P. Quillen
E. L. Jeffers		J. M. Freed	G. Reinhardt
M. O. Johnson		C. Fuglie	E. F. Schraeder
I. König		E. Hoffpaur	L. Standers

Of the players who have participated five times or more, the North has 33 players who have a batting average of more than 0.500, while the South has 17 in the same category:

<u>North Player</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>North Player</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>South Player</u>	<u>%</u>
W T Adams	938	C Cappo	611	D Maron	800
N E Falconer	917	G Lewis	611	W Wheeler	800
M Hallparn	900	E Hoffer	600	R Martin	750
R Maxwell	875	R Hultgren	600	R Travers	750
R Freeman	800	G Lutz	600	H Borochoy	647
T Fries	800	E Pruner	600	A V Taylor	643
F Byron	750	R P Willson	600	G Patterson	611
C J Bergman	714	F Christensen	587	G Goehler	600
A Loera	714	E T Dana	583	F Hazard	600
A B Stamer	714	M Eudey	583	G Croy	594
J W Tippin	714	W Hendricks	583	R Banner	591
S H Van Gelder	708	L Daugherty	571	E P Elliott	579
E C Jonas	700	E O Fawcett	571	A Spiller	571
C R Wilson	667	C Svalberg	563	S Almgren	563
P D Smith	637	W Leeds	556	C J Gibbs	559
D Belmont	625	H Gross	538	M Gordon	556
J B Gee	625	C Sedlack	538	I Spero	545
N T Austin	611	H J Ralston	536		

The North over the years has used a total of 241 players, while the South has used a total of 320 players. There have been 24 players who have played at various times both for the North and the South.

SOUTH WINS MATCH by Isaac Kashdan (from Los Angeles Times, June 3, 1956)

A 67-man team representing Southern California met an equal number of northern chess experts in Fresno last Sunday, and after five hours of battle the South was victorious by the close score of  $35\frac{1}{2}$  to  $31\frac{1}{2}$ . This was the first win for the South since 1949.

The margin of victory was obtained on the top 10 boards, manned by a powerful delegation of masters from Los Angeles. This group, headed by your editor, won five and drew five, to score  $7\frac{1}{2}$  points.

The superiority of the South was even more evident on the first 25 boards, with a score of  $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ . For the first 50 boards, the South led by  $28\frac{1}{2}$ - $21\frac{1}{2}$ . It was in the lower group that the northern team was more successful, scoring 10 of the last 17.

Special prizes were offered for winners of the shortest games for each side. These were won by M. Rettick of Bakersfield and E. Hawksworth of Turlock.

NORTH vs. SOUTH - by Don Maron (from the Herman Steiner C.C. News)

In several ways this was a memorable year for the Southern California team. First of all, everyone on both sides felt deeply the loss of our own beloved Herman Steiner. As was most fitting, the ceremonies of the match started with a moment of silence in memory of Herman. As he would have wished, however, his absence did not dampen the ardor of his team. Those formidable and often thankless organizational duties had fallen on other shoulders. Charlie and Lyn Henderson, proving themselves once more the true friends of chess which they are, had assembled an imposing roster and arranged for transportation and accommodation. One would like to think they had Herman's unheard blessing.

For the first time, the Californian Hotel in Fresno was the scene of the match. Discounting the sentimental attachment which many of us have for the old Anderson Hotel in San Luis Obispo, the present arrangement was altogether preferable. This affair was a repetition of the success of the California Open held last September at the same locale. Most of the chess players were human enough to appreciate the improvement in facilities and refreshments. The rooms provided much better sound proofing, with the result that those few players who chose to sleep Saturday night before the match were not disturbed by their rowdier neighbors.

At a gentlemanly hour the following morning, activity got under way in the air-cooled comfort of the Empire Room. Charlie Henderson



and Kyle Forrast worked out the line-up of the rebel team using the newly acquired USCF ratings. The result of the match need scarcely be told. For the first time in years, the South won - and by a comfortable (?) margin of four points. Final score  $35\frac{1}{2}$ - $31\frac{1}{2}$ .

Since the Southern team has always over the years more than held its own on the upper boards, one might get the impression that the South achieved its victory by the stratagem of sending up only a small and select team. Such was not the case. Captain Charlie Henderson marshalled an army of no less than 72 contestants, a numerically imposing force. Since the North fielded only 62, he graciously consented to lend five players to the enemy. Ironically, these turncoats scored heavily against us!

Again the story on the upper boards was repeated with six wins and six draws on the first twelve boards. Contrary to custom, however, between boards 30 and 40, and again lower down, the South asserted its supremacy. The South is fortunate in the addition of one new master to the team, Zoltan Kovacs, and the return of Jim Cross after an absence to the lists.

Yes, it was a great victory and everyone on the team will think of it as a tribute to Herman Steiner whose efforts over the years have done so much to enliven organized chess in Southern California. He built the machine; the rest of us just kept it oiled.

#### OBSERVED AND OVERHEARD AT FRESNO - by Neil T. Austin

South captain Charles Henderson accepting congratulations on his getting out the best South team in years...and the North's Guthrie McClain on his attaining master status. The South scored heavily on the top boards...the North failing to overhaul them on the bottom boards. Looking down the list...Kashdan getting revenge on Imre König...Neil Falconer losing his first half-point in N-S competition...D. Vedensky arriving from Cleveland...Bill Barlow and Fred Christensen aiming for 50 year pins...some of the North's "old guard" - Svalberg, Sedlack, Willson, Leeds, Hendricks, Freeman, Hultgren, Wilson...and the South's Johnson, Chase, Gibbs...it is nearly 50 years since C.J. Gibbs won the U.C. championship...you may see the trophy in Stephens Union...speaking of veterans, we missed E.P. Elliott...many of his victims were on the North side...a moment of silence for Herman Steiner...Herb Paul making his first appearance in 20 years...E. Hawksworth winning the fastest game prize on his very first appearance...Nancy Roos getting her 10 year pin...and Dan Belmont finally getting his 5 year pin. Prediction: 1957 will see the strongest match in N-S history.



Captain Henderson with the new North-South  
perpetual trophy donated by the Hotel Californian.

HYLAND FLING by Dick Hyland (from Los Angeles Times, June 6, 1956)

Some time ago 20th Century-Fox's musical marvel, one Charles Henderson, a Harvard, phoned and said, "Will you write something of the hottest sports event during the Memorial Day week?"

It was easy to say yes. Sports events are found on these pages almost as often as scandals, even these days. Charlie Henderson is always pleasant and, in addition, is married to Mitzi Mayfair and there hasn't been a better New York musical comedy star than the bouncing Mitzi, any time. Excuse enough.

Then came the jolt. "This is the 27th annual North-South Chess Matches," said Charlie Henderson. "In Fresno. I'm captain of the South team. We're gonna win for the first time in seven years."

Several things popped into mind. First, we have a chess editor of The Times, Isaac Kashdan. He is an International Grandmaster and quite a player. But he moves with the traditional speed of his game. If a chess match is concluded the middle of one week and he gets it into the paper before the following week - well, there may be a rule against it, I dunno.

In brief, it would look very good if your Flinger announced that a 67-man South chess team defeated a like North team in the State of California before the chess editor did. I might have gotten away with it when the late Herm Steiner was chess editor but this kid Kashdan I don't know so well.

Then, too, it came to mind that while chess is supposedly a simon-pure affair and each player was supposed to pay his or her own way to Fresno and his or her own hotel bill, the North-South angle provoked further interest.

The North has beaten the South 12 of the last 14 matches and the last six straight. If, by any chance, the South should beat the North were we going to have another "investigation" prompted by Northerners who simply must not be beaten and if they are it isn't any simon-pures doing it?

The Fresno matches were broken up into classes. There were 15 master boards, followed by lower classifications, experts, near-experts and simple wood-shifters. This Charlie Henderson is a full Harvard. Perhaps no more full nor more often full than other Harvards but enough so to need watching. The Harvards were the fellows who painted the football crimson, the color of their jerseys, when Pop Warner sewed brown-colored football silhouettes to his Carlisle Indians' jerseys. Tricky people.

It could be, then, that Charlie Henderson would switch his players around, as Ducky Drake and Jess Mortensen do for dual meets, seeking advantage. It could be, too, that expense accounts would be looked at with questioning eyes. Mrs. Sonya Graf Stevenson, a South player, was on Charlie Henderson's South team and she is from Palm Springs. Everyone knows there are few in financial need floating around Palm Springs. And Mrs. Nancy Roos, another South star is ladies' champion of the United States. Everybody knows what happened to Wes Santee when he was champion and headed north of the Tehachapi.

The result was that we have held off on reporting this North-South chess match first, to give Chess Editor Kashdan a chance to make the paper and, second, to see if any cries came out of Berkeley or even the local District Attorney's office to the effect that a South player had ridden directly to Fresno in a friend's car when he was supposed to hitchhike.

This, of course, could make him ineligible in the PCC but perhaps it is not such a crime in the chess conference.

If anyone is interested, Henderson let slip that a couple of South players DID get rides in friends' automobiles and ONE South star even FLEW to Fresno! And the South won,  $35\frac{1}{2}$ - $31\frac{1}{2}$ !

#### U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.            JULY 16-28, 1956

ENTRY FEE: \$15            PRIZES: \$3,000 - FIRST PRIZE \$1,000

12-Round Swiss: To be played in the air-conditioned Civic Room, Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel.

Daily Play: 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m., excepting Saturday, July 21 (reserved for U.S. Lightning Championship).

Directed by International Master George Koltanowski.

U.S. Women's Open title will be awarded to ranking woman player, or if 12 or more women apply a separate Women's Open will be held.

The TOPFLIGHT MEDAL will be awarded all players finishing in the top one-half of the standings. NOTICE: Players are urged to bring clocks, board and men.

1956 CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT CHAMPIONSHIP

Jim Cross celebrated his return from the Army into California chess circles by winning the State Speed Championship at Fresno on May 26. Jim, admittedly out of practice, survived an eleven-man preliminary to qualify for the finals and then showed that he is not far from his best form by scoring four wins and two draws in the finals for a fine 5-1 score.

Zoltan Kovacs was a clear second, 4-2, and there was a triple tie for third between Ronnie Gross, Gene Levin, and Al Raymond. Kovacs drew with Cross and the veteran Sidney Weinbaum (who also drew with Cross) but lost a critical game to Raymond.

The cross-table:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. J. Cross	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5-1
2. Z. Kovacs	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4-2
3. R. Gross	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	3-3
4. Dr. E. Levin	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	3-3
5. A. Raymond	0	1	1	0	X	0	1	3-3
6. S. Weinbaum	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	X	0	2-4
7. T. Fries	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1-5

Preliminary scores:

Section A		Section B		Section C	
J. Cross	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	E. Levin	9-1	S. Weinbaum	8-2
Z. Kovacs	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	T. Fries	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Gross	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
R. Lorber	8-2	N. Falconer	7-3	A. Raymond	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Z. Offenbach	6-4	R. Willson	7-3	P. S. Smith	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$

A total of 33 players contested for the title. The also-rans were E.T. Dana, Dr. A. Janushkowsky, R. Thacker, E. Fisher, W. Markus, W. Wheeler, M.O. Johnson, F. Hazard, F. Olvera, Dan McLeod, Nancy McLeod, L. Tomori, R. Reed, B. Madrid, W.A. Hendricks, E. Edmondson, W. Whisler, E.L. Jeffers, W. Melworm, L. Zeitlin, and R. Koutz.

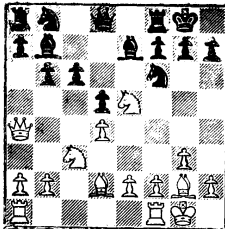
GAME OF THE MONTH - by Imre König

The Queen's Indian Defense has undergone great changes in the past five years. The evolution, however, has been inconspicuous - so inconspicuous that it was only realized when the Russian masters adopted the old classical continuations which omit the fianchetto of the King's Bishop.

In the following game grandmaster Isaac Kashdan elects the formerly-titled Modern Continuation. In spite of the tactical turns he is able to give the line, I believe that the annotations given below will show that Black can always obtain equality.

SOUTH-NORTH, FRESNO, 1956Game No. 352 - Q's Indian

White	Black
I. Kashdan	I. König
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-KB3	P-QKt3
4. P-KKt3	B-Kt2
5. B-Kt2	B-Kt5ch
6. B-Q2	B-K2
7. Kt-B3	P-Q4
8. Q-R4ch	P-B3
9. PxP	PxP
10. Kt-K5	O-O
11. O-O	



This position was once considered good for White, but today it is thought that the pressure on the QB file is only temporary, and that Black, after careful defense, can obtain excellent chances in the center.

11. ... Kkt-Q2

More thematic would have been 11...B-Q3; and if 12. Kt-Q3, Q-K1 with excellent chances in the center and K's side. White could not play 12. P-K4 because after the exchanges the BQ2 would be unprotected.

12. Kt-Q3	B-B3
13. P-K4	P-QKt4
14. Q-B2	ExP
15. Pxp	ExKt
16. ExB	PxP
17. Kt-B4	Kt-Kt3
18. QR-Q1	

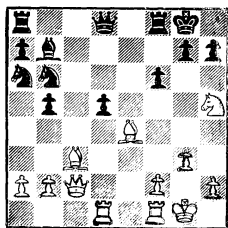
18. KR-Q1, with the idea of playing B-R5, looks stronger.

18. ...	Kt-R3
19. Kt-R5	P-B3

19...Q-B2 looks better superficially, since after 20. KtxP, P-Kt5; 21. Kt-R5, P-B4 wins

material. But on 20. Q-K2, P-B3; 21. QxP, White has regained the P with the better position.

20. B-K4



20. ... PxB

The best move, which should give Black good counterplay.

21. RxQ QRxR

22. Kt-B4 R-B2

23. R-Q1 RxRch

A decisive mistake. Best was

...R-QB1. If now 24. Q-Kt3,

Kt-B4; 25. QxP, B-R3; 26. Q-Kt4, Kt-B5; 27. B-Q4, R-Kt2.

24. QxR R-Q2

25. Q-Kt3ch B-Q4

26. KtxB RxKt

27. B-Q4 Kt-B2

28. BxKt PxB

29. Q-B2 Kt-K3

30. QxP R-K4

31. Q-B6 P-Kt4

32. P-KR3 K-B2

33. QxP/6 P-R4

34. P-QR4 PxB

35. Q-R7ch K-Kt3

36. QxP Kt-B4

37. Q-B2ch K-R5

38. P-Kt4 Kt-K5

39. P-B4 PxB

40. PxB R-K2

41. P-Kt5 Kt-Q3

42. Q-B6 R-KSch

43. K-B2 R-Q8

44. P-Kt6 R-Q7ch

45. K-K1 R-Q6

46. P-Kt7 Resigns.

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CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

The 1956 meeting at Fresno was delayed until a late hour because of the speed championship running longer than expected, but a great deal was accomplished in the time allowed.

The customary reports showed the Federation to be in a sound financial position, and conducting its tournaments, matches, and other affairs satisfactorily. The following members of the Board of Directors were elected:

Guthrie McClain	San Francisco Bay Area
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Jerald B. Slavich	Monterey Bay Area
Isaac Kashdan	Southern California
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Al Raymond	At Large - Southern California

Rating Committee: Upon the motion of I. Kashdan it was decided to study USCF ratings in California with a view to improving accuracy by rating all events whether USCF-chartered or not. President LeRoy Johnson appointed the following committee: Neil T. Austin (Chairman), G. McClain, H. Gross, I. Kashdan and K. Forrest. The Committee was to study the matter of furnishing ratings to the USCF rating statistician and of publishing ratings of California State Chess Federation members not presently covered by the USCF.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were elected: President, George F. Goehler of Los Angeles (replacing LeRoy Johnson, who expressed a desire to retire); Vice-President, Henry Gross of San Francisco; Secretary, Kyle Forrest of Manhattan Beach; Treasurer, Prof. Ralph Hultgren of Berkeley. The Board of Directors then elected Irving Rivise of Los Angeles Chairman for the ensuing year. It was voted again to join the USCF. The matter of the 1956 State Championship was taken up, and it was decided to hold a nine-man final in San Francisco, because of the absence of the 1955 champion, the late Herman Steiner. The finalists will be as follows: Three players from northern California, three from southern California, one from central California, and the winner of the 1956 California Open (to be held at Santa Barbara, September 1-3).



NORTH-SOUTH TEAM MATCH, FRESNO, May 27, 1956Game No. 333 - Sicilian

White Barlow-N      Black Levin-S  
 Wm.P. Barlow-N      Du-S. Levin-S  
 (Board 10)

1. P-R4      P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3    Kt-QB3
3. P-Q4      PxP
4. KtxP      Kt-B3
5. Kt-QB3    P-Q3
6. B-K2      P-KKt3
7. B-K3      B-Kt2
8. F-KR3      O-O
9. Q-Q2      P-QR3
10. O-O-O    Kt-QR4
11. B-R6      P-QKt4
12. BxB      KxB
13. P-R3      Kt-B5
14. BxKt      PxP
15. QR-K1    P-K4
16. Kt-B6    Q-B2
17. Kt-Kt4   B-K3
18. Kt/4-Q5   BxKt
19. KtxB      KtxKt
20. QxKt      QR-Kt1
21. P-QB3    R-Kt4
22. Q-Q2      KR-QKt1
23. R-K2      Q-R4
24. QxP      R/l-Kt3
25. Q-Q8      Rxp!
26. RxR      Qxpch
27. R-B2      Qxpch
28. K-Q2      R-Q3ch
29. QxR      QxQch
30. K-B1      Q-R6ch
31. K-Kt1    Q-Q6
32. R-K1      P-QR4
33. R-K2      P-R5
34. P-B3      P-R6
35. R-Q2      Q-Kt6ch
36. K-B1      K-R3
37. R-K2      K-Kt4

38. R/K2-Q2    K-B5
  39. R-K2      P-B4
  40. R-R2      Q-B6ch
  41. K-Q1      P-R4
  42. Pxp      Pxp
  43. R/K2-Q2   P-K5
  44. Pxp      Pxp
  45. R-B2ch    K-K4
  46. R/B2-K2   P-R5
  47. R/K2-Q2   P-K6
  48. R-K2      K-K5
  49. R/K2-QB2   Q-Q6ch
  50. K-K1      P-B6
  51. R-B1      Q-Q7ch!
- Resigns.

Game No. 334 - K's Indian

White-N      Black-S  
 Dr.A. Janushkowsky   L. Remlinger  
 (Board 12)

1. P-Q4      Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4      P-KKt3
3. Kt-QB3    B-Kt2
4. P-KKt3    O-O
5. B-Kt2    P-Q3
6. Kt-B3    Q/Kt-Q2
7. O-O      P-K4
8. P-K3      R-K1
9. P-Kt3    Kt-R4
10. B-Kt2    P-K5
11. Kt-Q2    P-KB4
12. P-KKt4   Pxp
13. Kt/Q2xpP   Q-R5
14. Kt-Kt3   Q/Kt-B3
15. Q-B2      P-QR3
16. QR-Q1    R-Kt1
17. KR-K1    B-Q2
18. Q-B1      B-R3
19. Kt-Q5    KtxKt
20. BxKtch   B-K3
21. B-Kt2    KR-B1

22.	Q-B2	R-B2	25.	QR-Kt1	Kt-B7
23.	R-Q2	KtxKt	26.	Q-R5?	RxB
24.	RPxKt	Q-K2	27.	RxR	BxPch
25.	R/Q2-K2	B-Kt2	28.	K-R1	BxR
26.	Q-K4	B-Q2		Resigns.	
27.	QxQ	RxQ			
28.	P-K4	QB-B3			
29.	P-Q5	B-Q2			
30.	BxB	KxB			
31.	P-K5	RxP			
32.	RxR	PxR			
33.	RxP	R-K1			

Drawn.

Game No. 335 - K's Gambit

White Black  
M. Gordon-S W.T. Adams-N  
(Board 13)

1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	P-KB4	PxP
3.	Kt-KB3	P-KKt4
4.	P-Q4?	B-Kt2
5.	B-B4	P-Q3
6.	O-O	Kt-QB3
7.	P-B3	P-KR3
8.	Kt-R3	KKt-K2
9.	Q-Q3	O-O
10.	P-QKt4	P-Q4
11.	BxQP	KtxB
12.	PxKt	QxP
13.	B-Kt2	B-B4
14.	Q-Q2	P-Kt4!
15.	P-R3	P-QR4
16.	KR-B1?	BxRP
17.	QKtxP	QxQKt
18.	PxB	QR-K1
19.	P-QR4	Q-Q4
20.	R-B1	R-K6
21.	Q-Kt2	PxP
22.	PxP	KtxKtP
23.	P-R5	KR-K1
24.	Q-Kt4	R-Kt6

Game No. 336 - Reti  
White Black  
Dr. R. Hultgren-N G. VanDeene-S  
(Board 26)

1.	Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
2.	P-B4	P-K3
3.	Kt-B3	P-B4
4.	P-KKt3	Kt-B3
5.	B-Kt2	B-K2
6.	O-O	O-O
7.	P-Q3	P-Q4
8.	P-Kt3	P-QR3
9.	B-QR3	R-Kt1
10.	PxP	PxP
11.	P-Q4	Q-R4
12.	B-Kt2	R-Q1
13.	Kt-QR4	Kt-K5
14.	PxP	KtxQBP
15.	KtxKt	QxKt
16.	Q-Q2	B-B4
17.	Kt-Q4	B-K5
18.	QR-B1	Q-Q3
19.	KtxKt	PxKt
20.	BxB	PxB
21.	QxQ	RxQ
22.	B-K5	Resigns.

Game No. 337 - Dutch  
White Black  
B. Madrid-S N.T. Austin-N  
(Board 27)

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	P-K3
3.	Kt-KB3	P-KB4
4.	P-K3	Kt-KB3

1. P-Q3 P-B3  
 2. Q-Q B-K1  
 3. Kt-B3 Q-Q  
 4. Q-B4 Kt-K5  
 5. Kt-Q2 Q-K1  
 10. P-B4 Kt-Kt7  
 11. R-Kt B-K1  
 12. P-B4 Kt-Q2  
 13. R-B3 Kt-B3  
 14. R-R1 Q-B2  
 15. R-KP1 Kt-K5  
 16. P-K1 P-KKt4  
 17. BxKt BPxR  
 18. P-KKt4 B-Q2  
 19. Kt-B2 Kt-PxP  
 20. RxBP Q-Kt2  
 21. P-Kt5 RxR  
 22. PxR P-K4  
 23. R-KKt5 KPxBP  
 24. KtxP B-Q3  
 25. Q-B2 BxKt  
 26. QxB QxPch  
 27. K-RL R-KB1  
 28. Q-K3 QxBP  
 29. P-Kt6 Q-B8ch  
 30. R-Kt1 Q-B8ch  
 31. QxQ RxQ  
 32. B-B3 PxP  
 33. RxBch K-B2  
 34. R-Kt7ch K-K3  
 35. K-Kt2 R-B2  
 36. RxR KxR  
 37. P-KR4 K-Kt3  
 38. B-Q4 P-Kt3  
 39. P-Kt4 K-B4  
 40. K-Kt3 B-K1  
 41. P-R3 B-R4  
 42. P-R4 P-K6  
 43. BxKP K-K5  
 44. B-B2 P-Q5  
 45. B-K1 P-B4  
 46. PxP PxP  
 47. K-B2 Q-Q6  
 48. B-R5 P-B5

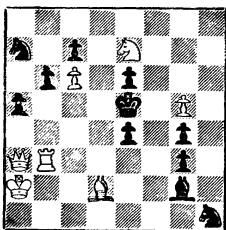
49. K-K1 P-B6  
 50. B-Kt4 K-B7  
 51. B-B5 P-Q6  
 Resigns.

Game No. 338 - Center-Counter  
 White Black  
 K. Reissmann-S F. Christensen-N  
 (Board 86)

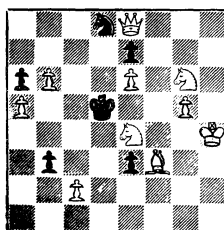
1. P-K4 F-Q4  
 2. PxP QxP  
 3. Kt-QB3 Q-QR4  
 4. P-Q4 P-QB3  
 5. B-QB4 Kt-B3  
 6. P-KR2 B-B4  
 7. B-Q2 Q-B2  
 8. Kt-B3 P-K3  
 9. Kt-K5 B-Q3  
 10. P-B4 P-KR3  
 11. O-O O-O  
 12. Q-K2 BxP  
 13. QR-B1 B-KB4  
 14. P-KKt4 B-R2  
 15. P-Kt5 PxP  
 16. PxP BxKt  
 17. PxB K5-Q2  
 18. B-B4 Kt-Kt3  
 19. B-Kt3 R-Q1  
 20. R-B3 Q-K2  
 21. QR-B1 QKt-Q2  
 22. P-KR4 R-KB1  
 23. P-R4 Kt-Q4  
 24. KtxKt BPxKt  
 25. R-Kt3 B-B4  
 26. R-B2 Kt-B4  
 27. B-B2 BxB  
 28. QxB Kt-K5  
 29. R-KR3 QR-B1  
 30. Q-K2 KtxR  
 31. QxR Q-B4  
 32. K-R2?? QxQch  
 33. K-RL Q-B8ch  
 34. K-R2 R-B7ch  
 35. K-Kt3 R-Kt7 mate.

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White Mates in Three



TASK No. 96  
White Mates in Three



Answers: Task No. 93: The key is K-Kt7.  
Task No. 94: The key is Kt-Kt4. If 1...P-Kt8/B; 2. B-Q5.

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