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### HY GORDON WINS STEINER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A decisive victory was scored by Hy Gordon in the top section of the Herman Steiner Chess Club's 1959 championships. Gordon's  $9\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  score was two points ahead of Irving Rivise's  $7\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ . Leslie Simon and Leonard Standers tied for third with  $6\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$  scores.

### SAN LUIS OBISPO — IMRE BARLAI STATE COLLEGE CHAMPION

A newcomer to California chess, Imre Barlai of San Diego State College, won the first annual California Intercollegiate title at Cal Poly on March 27-28, 1959. Barlai won five straight games in the Swiss System tournament. Ernest Mitsunaga of San Jose State was second, 4-1, and Zalton Kocsis of San Diego State was third. The tournament was sponsored by the Cal Poly Chess Club and will be an annual fixture.

### VAN NUYS TEAMS WIN THREE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TITLES

The young teams from Van Nuys upset the dope bucket in Class I, Class II-West and Class III of the 1959 Southern California team tournament. All sections were close finishes — Long Beach, Santa Monica and Pasadena, respectively, were barely nosed out. In the Class II-East section, Inglewood won the title.

STEINER CHESS CLUB - HY GORDON WINS MASTER TOURNAMENT

Hyman Gordon won a convincing victory in the top section of the four club championships of the Herman Steiner Chess Club. Gordon had a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  score, two full points ahead of runner-up Irving Rivise. Hy allowed only one draw, to twin brother Morris, and won nine games outright. He needed but one draw out of his last two games to cinch the title, but he kept up his dazzling pace, downing Joe Mego and Marcos Kerllenevich to complete a winning streak of nine straight.

The ease of Gordon's victory was a surprise, for he had been relatively inactive in recent years. His best prior achievement was winning the Los Angeles City championship in 1948.

Irving Rivise recovered from a shaky start and won his last five games to finish with  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Leslie Simon and Leonard Standers shared third and fourth places with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  scores. The masters tournament was played on Sunday afternoons between January and April, 1959. The ten-round Swiss was directed by Gene Rubin.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Pts	
1.Hyman Gordon	x	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1				$9\frac{1}{2}$	
2.Irving Rivise	0	x	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1		1	1					$7\frac{1}{2}$	
3.Leslie Simon	0	0	x	1	1	1	0			1	1		$\frac{1}{2}$	1			$6\frac{1}{2}$	
4.Leonard Standers	0	1	0	x		0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$		1		1	1	1			$6\frac{1}{2}$	
5.Robert Hamman	0	0	0		x	1		0	1		1	1	1			1	6	
6.Frank L. Burke	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	x	1		1		0	1				1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
7.Jim E. Barry	0	0	1	0		0	x	1		1		1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$			$5\frac{1}{2}$	
8.Tom Fries		0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1		0	x			$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0		1	0	1	5	
9.Gordon Palmer		0			0	0			x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1*	$4\frac{1}{2}$	
10.Joe Mego		0	0	0				$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		1	1	0	4	
11.Morris Gordon	$\frac{1}{2}$	0			0	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x				1	1	4	
12.Robert Rupeiks	0	0	0	0	0		1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$			x		1	0*	1	4	
13.M. Kerllenevich	0	0		0	0	0	0		1				x	1	1	1	4	
14.LeRoy Johnson			$\frac{1}{2}$	0			0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0		0	0	x	1	1	3	
15.John W. Jaffray			0				$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	1*	0	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	
16.Ernest Sopousek					0	0	0	0	0*	1	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$1\frac{1}{2}$

\* Forfeit

There were three other club tournaments which will be reported in these pages in the near future. The experts tournament is a round-robin with ten contestants. Play is on Sunday afternoons. Class A has ten players and is played on Friday evenings. Class B, with seven players, is also being played on Friday evenings.

IMRE BARLAI WINS CALIFORNIA INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Imre Barlai of San Diego State College won the 1959 collegiate championship of California with a perfect score of 5-0 in a tournament held at California State Polytechnic College of San Luis Obispo on March 27-28, 1959. Barlai, 29, was an easy winner as he disposed of his strongest rivals in early rounds and was never in trouble.

Ernest Mitsunaga, 22, of San Jose State, won second prize with a 4-1 score. Zalton Kocsis, 21, also from San Diego State, tied with three others at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  and took third prize on tie-breaking points.

Barlai, a mathematics student, escaped across the Austrian border during the Hungarian revolt of two years ago (as did Kocsis, also). Barlai had some narrow escapes, such as being picked up by the Russians on his way to the border and being saved by the appearance of an auto full of press correspondents, whose presence compelled the Russians to appear to be merciful. Barlai got a job with American headquarters in Vienna and soon came to the U.S. under the emergency quota.

Name	College	1	2	3	4	5	Pts	S-B
1.Imre Barlai	San Diego State	W16	W9	W3	W12	W7	5	14
2.Ernest Mitsunaga	San Jose State	L12	W13	W21	W14	W8	4	$8\frac{1}{2}$
3.Zalton Kocsis	San Diego State	W6	W14	L1	D4	W12	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{3}{4}$
4.Fletcher Gross	Cal Tech	W18	W15	L12	D3	W13	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$
5.Bill Rogers	Stanford	W21	D12	W19	D7	D6	$3\frac{1}{2}$	7
6.James Iwashita	San Jose State	L3	W24	W11	W19	D5	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$
7.Mike Kotlan	San Diego State	D13	W8	W20	D5	L1	3	$7\frac{1}{2}$
8.Patric Barry	Diablo Valley	W17	L7	W15	W9	L2	3	7
9.Kent McGillicuddy	Diablo Valley	W10	L1	W16	L8	W15	3	7
10.Mike Zimmerman	Cal Poly	L9	W18	L14	W16	W19	3	$5\frac{1}{2}$
11.Thomas Jones	Diablo Valley	L19	W23	L6	W21	W14	3	3
12.Joe Titone	U.C. Riverside	W2	D5	W4	L1	L3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$
13.Anthony Lucido	Diablo Valley	D7	L2	W18	W20	L4	$2\frac{1}{2}$	5
14.Andy Kempner	U.C.L.A.	W22	L3	W10	L2	L11	2	3
15.Ron Davis	Diablo Valley	W23	L4	L8	W17	L9	2	2
16.Robert Matsushige	Cal Poly	L1	W17	L9	L10	W22	2	2
17.Richard Clune	Diablo Valley	L8	L16	W22	L15	W20	2	$1\frac{1}{2}$
18.Don Radeke	Diablo Valley	L4	L10	L13	W22	W21	2	1
19.Norbert Kalthoff	Cal Poly	W11	D20	L5	L6	L10	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$
20.Larry Richardson	Diablo Valley	W24	D19	L7	L13	L17	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$
21.Don Lima	Cal Poly	L5	W22	L2	L11	L18	1	0
22.William Jachens	San Jose State	L14	L21	L17	L18	L16	0	0
23.Ali Nourishad	SIO Jr College	L15	F11	withdrew			0	0
24.Pete Tahbaz	SIO Jr College	L20	F6	withdrew			0	0

CHESS FRIENDS - JOHN HUDSON WINS CONTRA COSTA CHAMPIONSHIP

Lieutenant John A. Hudson of Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, won the A division title of the five-round Swiss played on April 25-26 by the score of 4-1. Hudson allowed two draws. The winner, who is in California as a student and, much to our regret, is not likely to stay long, is a familiar figure in national tournaments. He won the first USCF Amateur Championship held in Asbury Park and plays in the master class, although holding a rating slightly below the 2200 points required of a master.

Sgt. Robert A. Karch tied for second,  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , with Ronald Thacker and Bill Stevens, and took second on tie-breaking points. Thacker won the Contra Costa resident title and trophy.

In division B, LeRoy Turner, Stan Kilker and Sam Kitabayashi tied with 4-1 scores. C. Seim, U.S. Navy, took C division honors, 5-0.

PORTLAND, OREGON - FIRST ANNUAL USCF PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN

Richard Schultz of Seattle won the first USCF-sponsored event ever held in the Pacific Northwest  $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . The winner drew with Duane Meador of Vancouver, Wash., in round four, and in round five he won the Big One - against Ivars Dalbergs of Portland. Dalbergs finished second, 5-1, and Meador was tied for third with Deane B. Moore of Portland,  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ .

There were 34 contestants in the six-round Swiss which was held at the University of Portland Pilot House on March 28-29. Tournament Director was Donald W. Johnson, who reports that it was the first tournament in Oregon to 1) have players from California (5); 2) have a player from Ohio; 3) to be sponsored by the USCF; and 4) to offer a women's award (indeed, to have any female players at all).

LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Steve Mann of Polytechnic High won the individual championship of Southern California high schools in February at the Herman Steiner chess club in Hollywood. Mann scored  $6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  and was awarded a gold trophy and a year's membership in the U.S. Chess Federation. Dennis Busch of Fairfax took second place with a 6-1 score. He lost only to Mann and also received a gold trophy and a year's membership in the California State Chess Federation. The prizewinners were survivors of qualifying tournaments which attracted approximately 100 players.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE - VAN NUYS TEAMS CLEAN UP

The Van Nuys Chess Club, a relatively new group without a master player in the club, won first place in three of the four sections of the team match schedule for 1959. In Class I, Van Nuys won four matches and tied one with the Herman Steiner Club; in Class II-West, they won out on total points after ending in an 8-1 deadlock with Santa Monica; and in Class III, they came from behind to win by a 6-2 score. In the fourth section, Class II-East, Inglewood won, 7½-1½.

In Class I, the van Nuys team faced the strongest players in southern California. They were not awed by their opposition, evidently! The Lincoln Park club of Long Beach placed second by defeating Herman Steiner in the deciding match. Long Beach finished with 4-1 and Steiner had 3½-1½. The scores:

CLASS I

<u>S.M. Killers 1</u>	<u>Van Nuys 3</u>	<u>S.M. Killers 4</u>	<u>Pasadena 0</u>
1 L Simon 0	J Barry 1	1 L Simon 1	N Hultgren 0
2 F Lieber 0	G Soules 1	2 F Lieber 1	G Hultgren 0
3 E Bersbach ½	R Hamman ½	3 E Bersbach 1	T Cotter 0
4 G Palmer ½	D Hestenes ½	4 G Palmer 1	W Edwards 0
<u>S.M. Giants 1</u>	<u>Long Beach 3</u>	<u>Van Nuys 2</u>	<u>Steiner 2</u>
1 R Martin ½	R Gross ½	1 J Barry 0	I Rivise 1
2 R Cross 0	J Rinaldo 1	2 G Soules 0	Z Kovacs 1
3 S Almgren 0	C Wallace 1	3 R Hamman 1	H Borochow 0
4 P Waterman ½	F Falkowitz ½	4 D Hestenes 1	G Rubin 0
<u>S.M. Giants 3</u>	<u>S.M. Killers 1</u>	<u>Van Nuys 3</u>	<u>Long Beach 1</u>
1 R Martin 1	L Simon 0	1 J Barry 0	L Remlinger 1
2 S Almgren 1	F Lieber 0	2 G Soules 1	E Froomeess 0
3 N Lessing 1	E Bersbach 0	3 R Hamman 1	J Rinaldo 0
4 Forfeit 0	G Palmer 1	4 D Hestenes 1	C Wallace 0
<u>Steiner 3</u>	<u>Pasadena 1</u>	<u>Steiner 1½</u>	<u>Long Beach 2½</u>
1 H Borochow 1	R Syvertsen 0	1 I Rivise 0	L Remlinger 1
2 G Rubin ½	S Lewis ½	2 Z Kovacs ½	R Gross ½
3 Kerllenevich ½	A Larsen ½	3 H Borochow 1	J Rinaldo 0
4 N Robinson 1	G Hultgren 0	4 S Mazner 0	C Wallace 1
<u>Pasadena 2½</u>	<u>S.M. Giants 1½</u>	<u>Long Beach 3½</u>	<u>S.M. Killers ½</u>
1 R Syvertsen 0	R Martin 1	1 R Gross ½	L Simon ½
2 D Amneus 1	Forfeit 0	2 J Rinaldo 1	F Lieber 0
3 S Lewis ½	S Almgren ½	3 C Wallace 1	E Bersbach 0
4 A Larsen 1	Forfeit 0	4 F Falkowitz 1	G Palmer 0

<u>S.M. Giants</u>	<u>1½</u>	<u>Steiner</u>	<u>2½</u>	<u>Long Beach</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>1</u>
1 R Martin	½	I Rivise	½	1 R Gross	0	D Amneus	1
2 S Almgren	0	Z Kovacs	1	2 J Rinaldo	1	S Lewis	0
3 N Lessing	0	J Moskowitz	1	3 C Wallace	1	N Hultgren	0
4 F Haight	1	H Borochoy	0	4 F Falkowitzl		Wilson	0

<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Van Nuys</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Van Nuys</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>S.M. Giants</u>	<u>1</u>
1 R Syvertsen	0	J Barry	1	1 J Barry	0	R Martin	1
2 D Amneus	0	G Soules	1	2 G Soules	1	Forfeit	0
3 S Lewis	0	R Hamman	1	3 R Hamman	1	Forfeit	0
4 A Larsen	0	D Hestenes	1	4 S Sholomsonl		Forfeit	0

		<u>Steiner</u>	<u>3½</u>	<u>S.M. Killers</u>	<u>½</u>		
1 I Rivise	1	L Simon	0	3 J Moskowitzl		E Bersbach	0
2 Z Kovacs	1	F Lieber	0	4 S Mazner	½	G Palmer	½

FINAL STANDINGS

Van Nuys	4½-½	(15)	Santa Monica Killers	1-4	(7½)
Long Beach	4-1	(13)	Santa Monica Giants	1-4	(5½)
Steiner	3½-1½	(12)	Pasadena	1-4	(5)

In Class II-East, the Inglewood Chess Club lost only one match, to City Terrace, and tied a match with Long Beach. Long Beach was second with 6½-2½ in matches and 34 points, and had the only undefeated team in Class II. The Downey Chess Club was third with the same match score but only 30½ points.

Class II-East

<u>Monterey Park</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Water &amp; Power</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Water &amp; Power</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>City Terrace</u>	<u>5</u>
1 H Rader	0	J Freed	1	1 J Freed	0	S Weinbaum	1
2 J Zizda	1	J Kovac	0	2 J Kovac	0	G Barrett	1
3 L Thompson	0	R Bukey	1	3 D Norton	0	B Kakimi	1
4 Tytell	1	Guyer	0	4 Guyer	0	P Klaus	1
5 W Smith	0	Anderson	1	5 J Bell	0	C Swett	1
6 K Schachterl		J Bell	0	6 H Freed	1	B Oak	0

<u>San Gabriel</u>	<u>½</u>	<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>5½</u>	<u>Monterey Park</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Jet Prop Lab</u>	<u>1</u>
1 Auerbach	0	L Bowen	1	1 H Rader	1	Szirmay	0
2 McLain	0	N Hultgren	1	2 J Zizda	1	S Golomb	0
3 W Cunningham	0	T Cotter	1	3 L Thompson	1	D Norton	0
4 Fk Frilling	0	D Young	1	4 W Irwin	0	Earnest	1
5 R Walmisley	0	A Carpenter	1	5 W Smith	1	Pearlman	0
6 J Titone	½	E Edwards	½	6 K Schachterl		Forfeit	0

Jet Prop Lab		1	Inglewood		5	Standard Oil		3½	Water & Power		2½
1	Szirmay	0	G Croy	1	1	G Hunnex	0	J Freed	1		
2	S Golomb	½	T Cragg	½	2	T McDermott	½	J Kovac	½		
3	Earnest	½	Berg	½	3	B Madrid	1	R Bukey	0		
4	Coy	0	K Reismann	1	4	E Sleep	1	Guyer	0		
5	P Weber	0	Davidson	1	5	Hayes	1	Anderson	0		
6	Forfeit	0	G Stearns	1	6	Farshley	0	J Bell	1		

City Terr		3	Jet Prop Lab		3	Downey		3½	Monterey Fk		2½
1	S Weinbaum	1	Szirmay	0	1	Tiluks	1	H Rader	0		
2	G Barrett	0	S Golomb	1	2	Poons	0	J Zizda	1		
3	B Kakimi	1	Forfeit	0	3	Pye	1	L Thompson	0		
4	P Klaus	0	D Norton	1	4	Keeseey	1	Tytell	0		
5	Schiff	0	Earnest	1	5	Burg	0	Irwin	1		
6	C Swett	1	Forfeit	0	6	Rangnow	½	W Smith	½		

Inglewood		4	Pasadena		2						
1	G Croy	1	L Bowen	0	4	K Reismann	0	D Young	1		
2	T Cragg	1	G Hultgren	0	5	Davidson	1	A Carpenter	0		
3	Berg	0	T Cotter	1	6	G Stearns	1	E Edwards	0		

Inglewood 6 Stand Oil (f) 0FINAL STANDINGS CLASS II EAST

1	Inglewood	7½-1½	(36½)	6	Jet Prop Lab	3½-5½	(24½)
2	Long Beach	6½-2½	(34)	7	Monterey Fk	3-6	(23)
3	Downey	6½-2½	(30½)	8	Stand Oil	3-6	(21½)
4	City Terr	6-3	(29½)	9	San Gabriel	2-7	(20)
5	Pasadena	5½-3½	(32½)	10	Water & Power	1½-7½	(16)

Van Nuys barely eked out a win in Class II-West. The second Santa Monica team also had an 8-1 score, but only 38½ points as against Van Nuys' 39½. Santa Monica won its match from Van Nuys, but lost a match against the South Bay-X team, which finished third.

CLASS II-WEST

Steiner		3½	Van Nuys-2		2½	Torrance		2½	South Bay-X		3½
1	W Wheeler	1	R Berggren	0	1	A Thompson	1	G Palmer	0		
2	A Gates	½	D Lee	½	2	D Merriman	0	R Kozel	1		
3	Hatter	½	W Colby	½	3	E Gordon	0	R Ambil	1		
4	C Ulrich	½	N Goldberg	½	4	D Carter	½	W McAuliffe	½		
5	J Hunt	1	Krinski	0	5	Cann	0	A Paliwoda	1		
6	Bailey	½	Milner	½	6	Harrison	1	A deBeaubien	0		

<u>Santa Mon-1</u>	<u>2½</u>	<u>Van Nuys-2</u>	<u>3½</u>	<u>Calif Bank</u>	<u>2½</u>	<u>South Bay-X</u>	<u>2½</u>
1 P Wrangell	1	R Berggren	0	1 A Mizrahi	½	G Palmer	½
2 J Jaffray	½	D Lee	½	2 W Alto	1	R Kozel	0
3 Forfeit	0	W Colby	1	3 P Weber	0	R Ambil	1
4 B Collins	0	N Goldberg	1	4 D Kruze	1	W McAuliffe	0
5 W Holmes	0	Krimsky	1	5 Hannah	0	A Paliwoda	1
6 E Gardos	1	Milner	0	6 Steene	0	Apple	1

<u>Van Nuys-1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Santa Mon-1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Steiner</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>South Bay-Y</u>	<u>0</u>
1 J Broadwell	1	J Jaffray	0	1 W Wheeler	1	Safonov	0
2 Comroe	1	Forfeit	0	2 A Gates	1	Habberfield	0
3 Kurruk	0	A Loera	1	3 Hatter	1	R Fether	0
4 K Smith	1	Forfeit	0	4 Smith	1	Fells	0
5 P Weiss	0	W Holmes	1	5 C Ulrich	1	O'Brien	0
6 Noggy	1	E Gardos	0	6 Bailey	1	Fountain	0

<u>Van Nuys-2</u>	<u>2½</u>	<u>Santa Mon-2</u>	<u>3½</u>	<u>South Bay-Y</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Torrance</u>	<u>1</u>
1 R Berggren	1	D Benge	0	1 Safonov	1	J Thompson	0
2 D Lee	0	A Michaelson	1	2 Habberfield½	½	D Merriman	½
3 W Colby	0	E Jeffers	1	3 Johnson	1	E Gordon	0
4 N Goldberg	½	G Sturges	½	4 R Fether	1	D Carter	0
5 Zatuko	1	B Mintz	0	5 Fells	1	Conant	0
6 Krimsky	0	C Lowery	1	6 O'Brien	½	Cann	½

<u>Calif Bank</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Van Nuys-1</u>	<u>6</u>	4 Edwards	0	Baumstein	1
1 A Mizrahi	0	Kurruk	1	5 Hannah	0	Ahrens	1
2 W Alto	0	K Smith	1	6 Steene	0	Berlin	1
3 P Weber	0	P Weiss	1				

<u>Santa Mon-2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>No Holly (f)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Van Nuys-1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Torrance (f)</u>	<u>0</u>
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Inglewood 6 Standard Oil (f) 0

FINAL STANDINGS CLASS II-WEST

1 Van Nuys-1	8-1	(39½)	6 South Bay-Y	4½-4½	(29½)
2 Santa Mon-2	8-1	(38½)	7 Santa Mon-1	4-5	(27½)
3 South Bay-X	5½-3½	(27)	8 Torrance	2-7	(17½)
4 Steiner	5-4	(34½)	9 North Holly	2-7	(15)
5 Van Nuys-2	5-4	(28½)	10 Calif Bank	1-8	(15½)



The Class II title will be settled by a playoff between the two leaders in each section. The playoff will involve Van Nuys, Inglewood, Santa Monica and Long Beach.

In Class III, Van Nuys had been running second or third when they put on a spurt and won the last two matches. Their 6-2 score edged out Pasadena, the only team to defeat the winners. Pasadena had 5½-2½ and City Terrace was third, 5-3.

<u>System-2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Van Nuys</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Monterey Pk</u>	<u>4</u>
1	Carter	0	L Pinson	1	1	Killgrove	0
2	Dodson	1	Bennett	0	2	Reimers	1
3	Weinstein	0	H Neisler	1	3	Witt	0
4	Berry	0	Needle	1	4	Nichols	1
5	Tschekaloff	0	Holt	1	5	Richards	0
6	Laird	1	King	0	6	Kolbe	0
						Tologian	1

<u>Van Nuys</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>System-1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>City Terrace</u>	<u>3</u>
1	L Pinson	0	Killgrove	1	1	Sherman	1
2	Bennett	0	Taylor	1	2	Harrison	0
3	H Neisler	1	Vein	0	3	Isaacs	1
4	Needle	0	Satin	1	4	Cockrel	1
5	Holt	1	Reimers	0	5	Hayden	0
6	Saxey	0	Nichols	1	6	Clark	0
						Hyun	1

<u>San Gabriel-2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>System-2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>San Gabriel-1 (AO)</u>	<u>Santa Mon(A)</u>
1	H Finsten	1	Carter	0	1
2	Geller	0	Weinstein	1	2
3	Gray	1	Forfeit	0	3
4	Griesmeyer	1	Tschekaloff	0	4
5	Davis	0	Laird	1	5
6	Call	1	Root	0	6

<u>City Terrace</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Van Nuys</u>	<u>4</u>		
1	L Hillman	0	L Pinson	1	4
2	W Ponce	0	Bennett	1	5
3	Soto	0	H Neisler	1	6

System-2 (f) 0 Pasadena 6

FINAL STANDINGS CLASS III

1 Van Nuys	6-2	(29)	6 Santa Monica	4½-3½	(24)
2 Pasadena	5½-2½	(32)	7 System-2	2-6	(18½)
3 City Terr	5-3	(26½)	8 Monterey Park	2-6	(17)
4 San Gabriel-1	5-3	(25)	9 San Gabriel-2	1½-6½	(19½)
5 System-1	4½-3½	(25)			

GAME OF THE MONTH

by Bob Burger

Who will be the next World Champion, Fischer or Tal? This is not as presumptuous a question as it may seem. Here are undoubtedly the two youngest qualified aspirants for the title who have ever come forward. Their styles are well-rounded, yet markedly different. If Fischer is sometimes criticized for being overly cautious, then Tal is equally criticized (or praised, depending on your tastes) for taking too many chances.

The following game, from the 1957 Russian Championship (won by Tal), is a typical "Tal game". Does Tal really take chances, or is he just a little bit more sure of the position than everyone else?

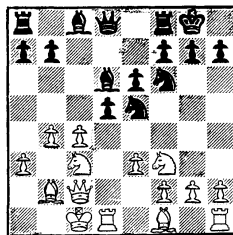
Game No. 480 - Queen's Gambit

White		Black
M. Tal	L. Aronin	

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|----------|--------|
| 1 P-Q4   | P-Q4   |
| 2 P-QB4  | P-K3   |
| 3 Kt-QB3 | P-B4   |
| 4 P-K3   | Kt-KB3 |
| 5 Kt-B3  | Kt-B3  |
| 6 P-QR3  | B-Q3   |

In a similar position, from the same tournament, Tal with Black played PxBP and B-K2. The text move is ambitious (he is playing as if he were on the White side) and Tal answers in kind.

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|----------|-------|
| 7 PxBP   | BxP   |
| 8 P-QKt4 | B-Q3  |
| 9 B-Kt2  | O-O   |
| 10 Q-B2  | Kt-K4 |
| 11 O-O-O |       |



A move of this kind is made either in an offhand game or in the Russian Championship! White can often castle Queenside in the Queen's Gambit, but rarely so early and with this exposed Pawn formation.

11 ... Q-K2  
The complications after ... KtxP, favor White: 11 KtxP; 12 BxKt, PxB; 13 Kt-QKt5, Kt-Q4; 14 P-Kt3!

(P-K4; 15 B-B5ch followed by Q-K1 is not as conclusive, since the Bishop can go to his KR3) B-Kt1 (what else?) 15 P-K4, Q-K1; 16 PxKt, QxKt; 17 Kt-Kt5, P-B4 (if P-KKt3, then 18 Kt-K4); 18 Pxp with a strong attack. However, 11...B-Q2 was to be considered (Pxp, R-B1, with counterplay for the Pawn).

12 Kt-QKt5! ...

Naturally, the QP is not worth opening up lines for Black.

12 ... QKt-Q2

13 KtxB QxKt

14 Q-B3 R-K1

Already, White's Queenside castling has been justified. It is Black's king position which is under attack.

15 P-Kt4 Q-B1

16 B-Q3 Kt-Kt3

17 P-KKt5 Kt-R5

18 Q-B2 KtxB

19 KxKt Pxp

After Kt-K5; 20 BxKt, PxB; 21 QxP, Black still has no counterplay.

20. PxKt PxB

21. QxP P-K4

Pxp would give the KKt file to White and the Black QB would remain out of the fight.

22 Kt-Kt5 P-KKt3

23 P-KR4! ...

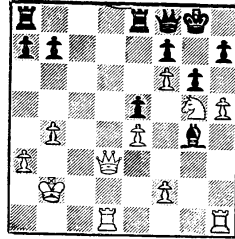
A natural move but well calculated in this case. Black is about to develop at last.

23 ... B-B4

24 P-K4 B-Kt5

25 P-R5!

See diagram



25 ... QR-Q1

No better is BxR; 26 Pxp, RPxP; 27 QxB with the threat of R-R8ch.

Also, 25 ... Bxp loses to RxB, Pxr 27 Q-KB3, Q-R3; 28 R-KKt1.

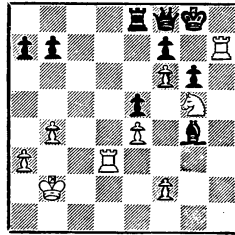
26 Pxp ...

There is obviously no backing out now, for either side. This is one of those games which reaches a climax with tragic inevitability.

26 ... RxQ

27 RxR RPxP

28 R-R7 ...



A study. The White QR threatens to gain entry either by the KR file or the seventh rank. The Black Bishop cannot guard both. The Black Queen, without a move, must give herself up for a Rook, but how?

28 ... R-B1!  
 Not R-Q1, 29 RxR, QxR; 30 R-R8ch  
 KxR; 31 KtxPch, K-Kt1; 32 KtxQ,  
 B-B1 (not B-B6 33 P-B7ch and  
 Kt-K6ch, Kt-Kt5ch); 33 K-B3 and  
 Black is moveless.

29 P-B3 R-B3!  
 If B-R4; 30. R-Q7  
 30 RxP  
 If PxB, RxP; 31 QR-R3, R-B7ch and  
 the Black King is safe.

30... QxR  
 31 KtxQ KxKt  
 32 PxB KxP  
 After all the bloodshed, the bal-  
 ance is exactly equal!

33 R-Q7 R-Kt3  
 34 K-B3 K-Kt4  
 35 K-B4 KxP  
 36 P-R4 P-R3  
 So that 37 P-R5, R-Kt4  
 DRAWN

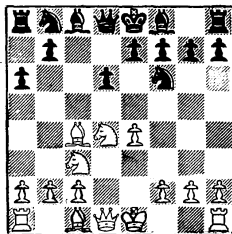
### UNSOLVED OPENING PROBLEMS by PHIL SMITH

**PROBLEM:** What to play as White  
 against the Sicilian's Najdorf  
 variation?

This is one of the most impor-  
 tant opening problems today. Af-  
 ter 1.P-K4, P-QB4; 2.Kt-KB3, P-Q3  
 3.P-Q4, PxP; 4.KtxP, Kt-KB3; 5.  
 Kt-QB3, P-QR3, the favorite for  
 White has been 6.B-KKt5. But re-  
 cent analysis by Larry Evans in  
 Chess Life and Chess Archives in-  
 dicates the resulting Pawn sacri-  
 fice may not be sound, i.e., af-  
 ter; 6.B-KKt5, P-K3; 7.P-B4,  
 Q-Kt3 (or first 7...P-KR3); 8.  
 Q-Q2, QxP. Keres at Munich avoid-  
 ed the sacrifice -- and he had  
 previously been the leading expon-  
 ent of the White side of it.

So alternatives have been re-  
 vived, but many have already been  
 rejected because they are not as  
 aggressive as 6.B-KKt5 (B-K2,  
 P-KR3 and P-KKt3) or because they  
 sometimes prove to be weakening  
 (P-QR4 and even P-B4).

So a "new" old move has been  
 found (used in the 1950 Russian  
 championship); 6.B-QB4.

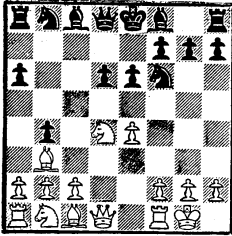


It is not widely analyzed; many  
 opening analysts such as Evans,  
 Pachman, Fine and Chess Archives  
 have given little or no attention  
 to it. The 9th edition of MCO  
 has three columns on it and Pan-  
 ov's book on the openings in  
 Russian has half a page devoted  
 to it.

Bobby Fischer plays it regular-  
 ly; he also likes the bishop move  
 in other Sicilian variations and  
 defeated Reshevsky in one of them  
 in the deciding game of the re-  
 cent national championship.

In the 1958 Portoroz Interzonal, the Najdorf variation was played 13 times (there were 42 Sicilians in 210 games), including 6. B-KKt5 five times, 6.B-QB4 four times, 6.P-B4 three times and 6.P-KKt3 once.

In January 1959, Chess Review ran a Shakmaty interview with Bobby which mentions his game with Sherwin in the 1957 championship. After 6.B-QB4, Sherwin played P-K3 (all four Portoroz games continued QKt-Q2); 7.0-0, P-QKt4; 8.B-Kt3! P-Kt5; 9.Kt-Kt1 (the crucial line in this variation).



Now Shakmaty quotes Bobby: "Where should the Knight go? To QR4 or QKt1?" I. Lipnitsky in his "Problems in Contemporary Chess Theory" recommends the move given in the game, but it seems to me that after 9...KtxP; 10. Q-B3 B-Kt2; 11.B-R4ch, Kt-Q2; 12. B-B6 (12.Kt-B6, KKt-B4), BxB 13. KtxB, Q-Kt3; 14. QxKt, P-Q4 Black keeps the Pawn with a good game. In case of 9.Kt-R4, the capture on K4 gives White a strong attack after 10.B-K3.

Fischer apparently got this line from a Shakmaty article, which is also the source of MCO 9th and even of Panov's analysis. Or if Bobby got it from Lipnitsky, he apparently forgot part of what he read.

However, the editors of Shakmaty, when they printed the interview with Bobby, evidently had new information, for the Chess Review article quoted them as remarking that Bobby had not considered the line 9. ...KtxP; 10. Q-B3, B-Kt2; Kt-Q2. The article said this line is recommended by Lipnitsky (pp 163-167).

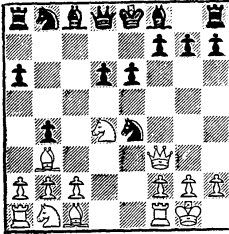
MCO 9th gives 7.0-0 a question mark and recommends Bronstein's line 7.P-QR3. After 7.0-0, MCO gives the same alleged refutation that Bobby did and adds that (after 7...P-QKt4; 8. B-Kt3, P-Kt5; 9.Kt-Kt1, KtxP; 10. Q-B3) 10...P-Q4 (instead of ...B-Kt2) is good for White: 11. P-B4, PxPe.p.; 12 KtxBP, KtxKt; 13. QxKt, B-K2; 14. Kt-B5!

Panov shows another 10th move for White (in place of Q-B3); R-K1, P-Q4; 11. B-KB4, B-Kt2; 12. Q-R5, Q-B3; 13. RxKt! PxR; 14. KtxP!

To see if Lipnitsky is right and MCO and Bobby wrong, the writer obtained a copy of Lipnitsky from New York. He gives exclamation marks to 8.B-Kt3 and 9. Kt-Kt1 and after 9...KtxP;

10 Q-B3 gives extensive analysis to two Black moves 10...P-Q4 or ...B-Kt2. All the lines except possibly one seem to favor White.

Some of Lipnitsky's sacrificial lines, often based on actual games, are beautiful.



Lipnitsky gives two main variations:

I) 10...P-Q4 and II) 10...B-Kt2.

#### VARIATION I

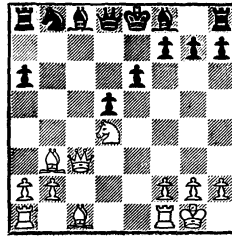
10...P-Q4; 11.P-B4, PxPe.p.; 12. QKtxP, KtxKt

a) 13. PxKt. A Russian game of 1954 continued 13...B-B4; 14 .Q-Kt3 0-0; 15. B-R6, BxKt; 16. PxB, Q-B3; 17.B-KB4, Kt-B3; 18. KR-Q1, B-Q2; 19.B-B2, P-Kt3; 20.B-Kt5, Q-R1; 21.Q-B4, P-B3; 22.B-R6, R-B2; 23. Q-Q6, P-B4; 24.B-R4, KtxP; 25.BxB.

But Lipnitsky examines 13...B-Q3; 14. Kt-B5! PxKt; 15.QxQP, R-R2 (if...BxPch; 16.KxB, QxQ; 17. BxQ, R-R2; 18.R-Klch) 16. R-Klch B-K3 (16...K-B1? 17.B-R3); 17. Q-Q4, BxPch (if 17...R-K2; 18. QxP, R-B1; 19. B-R6, Kt-Q2; 20. B-R4! and 21. QxRch. Or if 19...R-B2; 20.BxB,PxB;

21. RxPch; B-K2; 22.QxRch); 18.KxB, QxQ 19. PxQ, 0-0; 20. B-R3 (also possible is 20.RxB, PxR; 21. BxPch, K-R1; 22. B-R3 and 22. P-Q5, R-Q1 (20...R-B1? 21. RxB); 21. P-Q5, B-B1 (21.. B-Q2; 22. R-K7); 22.B-K7, R/Q-Q2; 23. B-Q6. All of this is good for White, but Black has better: 14...0-0! 15.KtxB, QxKt 16. R-KB4 and it seems White lacks compensation for the Pawn.

b) 13. QxKt



(1) A Moscow game of 1954 continued 13...B-K2; 14. Kt-B5! PxKt; 15. QxP, B-B3; 16. B-R4ch, K-K2; 17. R-Klch, B-K3; 18. B-Kt5, BxB; 19. QxBch, K-Q3; 20. Q-B4ch, K-K2; 21. Q-R4ch, P-B3; 22. Q-Kt4ch, K-B2; 23.RxB! KxR; 24.R-Klch, K-B2; 25.Q-Kt7ch and White seems to win.

(2) 13...B-Kt2; 14. Kt-B5! PxKt 15.B-R4ch, Kt-Q2; 16.R-Klch B-K2; 17.QxP, R-KB1; 18.B-R6.

(3) 13...B-Q2; 14.R-K1, B-K2; 15.Kt-B5! PxKt; 16. QxP, R-B1; 17. BxP.

(4) 13...B-Q3; 14. Kt-B5! PxBt  
15. QxP, R-B1 16. B-R4ch, B-Q2 17.  
R-K1ch, B-K2 18. B-R6.

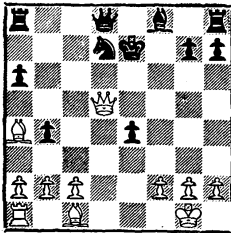
Conclusion: Black should prefer  
10...B-Kt2 to P-Q4.

VARIATION II

10...B-Kt2 11.Kt-Q2 (this is the  
move the Shakmaty editors said  
Bobby Fischer had not considered  
when he (and MCO9th) pointed out  
the shortcomings of the variation  
starting with 11.B-R4ch). Lip-  
nitsky now examines two lines for  
Black, 11...P-Q4 and 11...Kt-B4.  
He also mentions 11...KtxKt 12.  
QxB, KtxB 13.RPxKt, Kt-Q2, seem-  
ingly good for White.

(After 11...KtxKt; 12.B-R4ch, we  
don't see what Black can do - ED)

A) 11...P-Q4; 12. B-R4ch, Kt-Q2  
13. KtxP! PxBt 14. KtxKt, PxBt  
15. Q-R5ch, K-K2 (if 15...P-Kt3  
16. Q-K5! R-KKtl; 17. QxPch and  
18. QxR); 18. R-Q1! B-Q4 19.RxB!  
PxR; 20. QxQP.



There are now 3 lines given for Black:

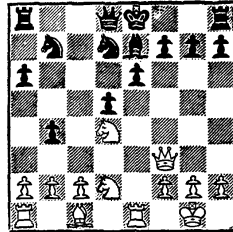
(1) 18...Kt-B3; 19.Q-K5ch, K-B2;  
20. B-Kt3ch.

(2) 18...Q-B1; 19.B-Kt5ch,Kt-B3;  
20.R-K1.

(3) 18...P-R3; 19.QxPch,K-B3;  
20.Q-B6ch, K-K4 (20...K-K2; 21.  
B-Kt5ch and 22.R-K1ch) 21.B-Q2.

Black loses in all these lines,  
but does 11...Kt-B4 save him?

(B) 11...Kt-B4 12.B-R4ch,QKt-Q2  
13.B-B6, P-Q4; 14. R-K1, B-K2;  
15.BxB, KtxB.



Now White has two lines:

(1) 16.Kt-B6, Q-B2; 17.KtxB,  
KxKt; 18.QxQP with an endgame ad-  
vantage.

(2) 16. RxP!? PxR; 17. KtxP,  
Q-Kt3; 18.QxP! (keeping 18.KtxPch  
in reserve. If 18. KtxPch, K-Q1;  
19.QxP, Q-Kt4 20.Q-K4 and Black  
might win, having a piece for  
three pawns). Or Black can play  
19...K-B1; 20.Kt-K4, Q-Kt4; 21.  
Kt-KB5, B-B1; 22.Kt-Q6ch, BxKt;  
23.KtxBch, KtxKt; 24. QxRch,  
Kt-Ktl; 25.B-B4, Q-Kt2; again  
Black has a piece for three pawns.  
18...Kt-B3 (...Q-Kt4, which re-  
futes the 18.KtxPch line, is now  
impossible, and ...Q-Q3 is met by

QxKt). 19. KtxPch, K-B1;  
20. Kt-K6ch, and Black can either  
accept the perpetual check or try  
for a win by 20...K-Kt1. When  
21. Q-Kt3ch, K-B2 looks bad for  
White; and 21. Q-Kt3, Kt-QR4;  
22. Q-Kt3ch, K-B2; etc., does  
not look good, White being a Rook  
down. Therefore, White should  
prefer 16. Kt-B6 to 16. RxP!?

Final conclusion: 7. O-O is a  
sound line and Bronstein's  
7. P-QR3 (to avoid sacrificing a  
pawn by 7...P-QKt4; 8. B-Kt3!)  
is not necessary. MCO-9 seems  
to be wrong in giving a question  
mark to 7. O-O. Instead,  
Lipnitsky seems right in giving  
exclamation marks both to  
8. B-Kt3 and 9. Kt-Kt1.

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Game No. 481 - Sicilian

White Black

I. Barlai K. McGillicuddy

(Notes by Robert E. Burger)

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|----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-K4   | P-QB4  |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | P-Q3   |
| 3. | P-Q4   | PxP    |
| 4. | P-B3   | PxP    |
| 5. | KtxP   | Kt-QB3 |
| 6. | B-QB4  | P-KKt3 |

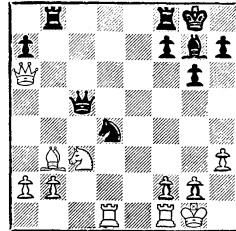
P-K3 is a good alternative here.

7. P-K5 B-KKt2  
PxP was possible (QxQ, KtxQ).

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| 8.  | PxP    | Kt-B3 |
| 9.  | O-O    | O-O   |
| 10. | PxP    | QxP   |
| 11. | B-KKt5 | Q-B4  |
| 12. | B-Kt3  | B-Kt5 |
| 13. | BxKt   | BxB   |
| 14. | P-R3   | BxKt  |
| 15. | QxB    | B-Kt2 |
| 16. | QR-Q1  | Kt-Q5 |

White threatened R-Q5 and the  
pressure on KB2 ties up the  
Black Rooks.

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|-----|------|--------|
| 17. | QxP  | QR-Kt1 |
| 18. | Q-R6 |        |



18. ... Kt-B6ch  
Hoping for too much. KtxB and  
RxP gave at least equality.

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|-----|--------|---------|
| 19. | PxKt   | Q-Kt4ch |
| 20. | K-R1   | Q-R5    |
| 21. | Q-Q6   | QxPch   |
| 22. | Q-R2   | QxPch   |
| 23. | Q-Kt2  | Q-R4ch  |
| 24. | K-Kt1  | R-Kt5   |
| 25. | Kt-K4  | K-R1    |
| 26. | Kt-Kt3 | Q-R5    |
| 27. | R-Q7   | R-Kt5   |
| 28. | R-K1   | P-B4    |
| 29. | R/l-K7 | BxP     |
| 30. | Q-Kt7  |         |

Quite in the spirit of the game!

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| 30. | ...  | RxKt   |
| 31. | PxR  | QxPch  |
| 32. | K-B1 | Q-B5ch |



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|-----|-------|----------|
| 33. | K-K2  | Q-Kt5ch  |
| 34. | Q-B3  | Q-R5     |
| 35. | Q-Kt7 | Q-R7ch   |
| 36. | K-Q3  | Q-Kt6ch  |
| 37. | K-B4  | Q-B5ch   |
| 38. | K-Kt5 | P-R3ch   |
| 39. | KxP   | Q-B8ch   |
| 40. | K-R7  | Resigns. |

Game No. 482 - K's Indian

White	Black
Z. Kocsis	I. Barlai

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|-----|----------|--------|
| 1.  | Kt-KB3   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2.  | P-KKt3   | P-Q3   |
| 3.  | P-Q4     | P-KKt3 |
| 4.  | B-Kt2    | B-Kt2  |
| 5.  | O-O      | QKt-Q2 |
| 6.  | P-B4     | O-O    |
| 7.  | P-K3     | P-K4   |
| 8.  | P-Kt3    | P-B3   |
| 9.  | B-Kt2    | P-K5   |
| 10. | Kt-K1    | P-Q4   |
| 11. | Kt-QB3   | Kt-Kt3 |
| 12. | P-B5     | QKt-Q2 |
| 13. | P-B3     | PxP    |
| 14. | BxP      | R-K1   |
| 15. | Q-Q2     | Kt-B1  |
| 16. | Kt-Q3    | Kt-K3  |
| 17. | QR-K1    | Kt-Kt4 |
| 18. | R-K2     | KtxBch |
| 19. | RxKt     | B-Kt5  |
| 20. | KR-B2    | BxR    |
| 21. | RxB      | Kt-K5  |
| 22. | Q-K1     | Kt-Kt4 |
| 23. | R-KB2    | BxP    |
| 24. | B-B1     | Q-Q2   |
| 25. | K-R1     | Q-Kt5  |
| 26. | Q-B1     | BxKt   |
|     | Resigns. |        |

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Game No. 483 - K's Indian

White	Black
J. Mortz	Yaffe

(Notes by Robert E. Burger)

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|----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | P-QB4  | P-KKt3 |
| 3. | Kt-QB3 | B-Kt2  |
| 4. | P-K4   | P-Q3   |
| 5. | P-B3   |        |

The Sämisch system is the new threat to the King's Indian in opening theory, since the Munich Chess Olympics. THE REPORTER will soon have an article on this line.

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| 5.  | ...    | O-O    |
| 6.  | B-Kt5  | P-B3   |
| 7.  | Q-Q2   | QKt-Q2 |
| 8.  | P-KR4  | P-K4   |
| 9.  | P-Q5   | Q-B2   |
| 10. | P-KKt4 | Kt-K1  |
| 11. | P-R5   | P-KB4  |

Black's play is thematic, but he fails to follow it up with gusto.

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| 12. | RPxP | RPxP |
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Could he have afforded PxKtP;

13. Pxpch, QKt-B3?

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| 13. | Q-R2  | QKt-B3 |
| 14. | KtPxP | KtPxP  |
| 15. | B-R3  | PxKP   |
| 16. | BxB   | RxB    |
| 17. | PxKP  | K-B2   |

After these quiet exchanges, Black is left simply with a cramped position. The King, so carefully denuded on the King-side, now seeks refuge on the other wing — but it proves to be even weaker!

- 18. Kkt-K2 Q-Q2
- 19. O-O-O K-K2
- 20. Kt-Kt3 K-Q1
- 21. Kt-B5 B-R1
- 22. Q-KB2 K-B2

An oversight, but the position was uncomfortable anyway.

- 23. QxP P-B4
- 24. Q-R5ch P-Kt3
- 25. Kt-Kt5ch K-Q1
- 26. QxPch Resigns.

NORTH-SOUTH MATCH (#37), 1958

Frank Olvera has recently returned to the chess scene after a forced absence of several months due to illness. Although it will take Frank a while to regain his chess nerves, his presence alone is good news for many clubs in the Contra Costa County area. The Pittsburg team in the Central Valley League has been led by Frank for as long as the REPORTER can remember, and his face is a familiar sight at most important California events. Here is his game from last year's North-South match:

Game No. 484 - Four Knights

White Black  
 F. Olvera R. Seiden

(Notes by Robert E. Burger)

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
- 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
- 4. B-Kt5 B-Kt5
- 5. O-O O-O

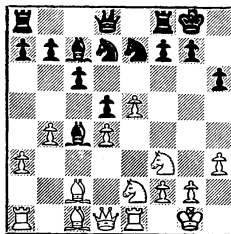
- 6. P-Q3 P-Q3
- 7. P-KR3 P-KR3
- 8. Kt-K2 Kt-K2
- 9. P-B3 P-B3
- 10. B-R4 B-R4
- 11. B-B2

Finally the spell is broken. Black cannot continue to duplicate White's moves after 11...B-B2; 12. P-Q4 because White starts gobbling material.

- 11. ... B-K3
- 12. P-Q4 PxP
- 13. PxP B-B5

Strong though it may look, this move is a strategic error. The Bishop either gets cut off from the scene of battle after P-Q4, or is left hanging.

- 14. P-R3 P-Q4
- 15. P-K5 Kt-Q2
- 16. P-QKt4 B-B2
- 17. R-K1



A game that was identical for ten moves is now completely one-sided after six more. Black is seriously cramped and as a result cannot defend the Kingside adequately.  
 17. ... P-B3  
 This further weakness is fatal. The right way to attack

White's K5 was P-QKt3 followed by P-QB4.

- 18. P-K6            Kt-QKt3
- 19. Kt-B4           Kt3-B1
- 20. Kt-Kt6          R-K1
- 21. Kt3-R4          P-QR4

This is asking for it. But there was no future in KtxKt; 22. BxKt, followed by B-B7 and Kt-Kt6.

- 22. Q-Kt4            PxP
- 23. BxRP             KtxKt
- 24. QxKt             Resigns.

White could have announced mate in six beginning QxKt, B-R7ch; 25. K-R1, Q-B2; 26. P-K7, RxP; 27. Q-R7ch, K-B2; 28. B-Kt6ch, K-B1; 29. Q-R8 mate.

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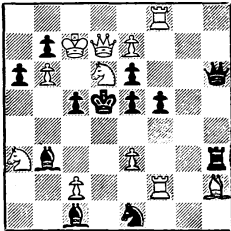
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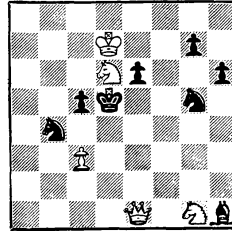
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TASK No. 150  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 151  
White Mates in Four



ANSWERS: No. 137: B-Q5. No. 138: B-R8. No. 139: Kt-Kt4.  
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No. 141: B-Kt8. No. 142: K-R2. No. 143: Three  
Indians, B-B1, B-B8, R-Q8. No. 144: Q-B2.  
No. 145: Q-Kt7. No. 146: B-B7. No. 147: R-Q4.

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