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## CHESS NEWS

INTERNATIONAL CHESSMASTER George Koltanowski visited San Quentin Saturday, March 24, 1956 and played a simultaneous chess exhibition on 60 boards!! The master started playing at 10:20 A.M. and stopped at 2:20 P.M. to adjudicate all unfinished games. In this time, four hours, he had won 46 games outright, lost one, and adjudicated 13 games to be draws. Some of the unfinished games had much play left in them with the outcome being in doubt, a few games were certain draws with only a few more moves needing to be made to prove this claim; yet three or four of the unfinished games showed an advantage for the player of the Black pieces

Mr. Koltanowski had good news for the San Quentin chess club in that the CHESS FRIENDS of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, Inc. would probably enter five six man chess teams in competition with five institution teams. This competition will start on Saturday, March 31, 1956 with all five teams arriving on that date. All teams will be in action at the same time. Each San Quentin team will play two of the visiting teams on the same date, using two hours for each team match encounter. Referees will be appointed for supervising each team match. Mr. Koltanowski will visit the institution with the teams unless he has another engagement on that date.

PHI DELTA EPSILON MEDICAL FRATERNITY of the University of California, which is a group of Pre-Medical students, is scheduled to visit the institution on Saturday, April 7, 1956 to play a match with the local team. They will bring at least a dozen players for this match. This group represents a very strong group of chess players and they do very well in competition in the Bay Area according to information gleaned from Mr. Koltanowski's fine chess column in the San Francisco Chronicle.

## CHESS NEWS

ELECTIONS FOR the office of President, Vice-President and Secretary will be held on April 7 as stated in the by-laws. There will be time enough for this before the University of California chess group arrives for play on that date. All players who are members and who are present are eligible to vote. A member cannot vote unless he has been a club member for one month prior to election. It is important that all members take part in the voting for club officers as these are the men who are responsible for keeping the chess program going and making it an interesting thing for all players. Think before you vote!

ONE OF THE CLUB'S good strong players (A) Frazier, has decided to quit playing as he says he isn't playing good enough right now! What a shame! He is capable of beating anyone at any time.

SOMETHING WILL HAVE to be worked out about the problem of new members waiting to get into the club (club limit 40). This waiting list is now 26 players. Events like the recent 60 board simultaneous exhibition will give these players a chance to keep their hand in at the game. In the meantime they should study and improve their play. Whenever openings occur in the club's 40 man limit, new player's are added.

APPROXIMATELY two months from now (probably June) International Master George Koltanowski plans to visit San Quentin and play an 80 board exhibition!!! All chess players should be in readiness when the time comes for this exhibition as they will be invited to take part. This is only one part of a really big event scheduled for later in the year.

RESULTS OF TEAM MATCHES-March 3, 1956EVANS (2)

Gibbs.....	0
Carter.....	1
Boren.....	0
Kressen.....	0
Moore.....	1
Ward.....	0

FINE (4)

Gardner.....	1
Green.....	0
Duncan.....	1
Rose.....	1
Williams.....	0
Hill.....	1

MARSHALL (4½)

Flohr.....	1
Hall.....	1
Nolte.....	1
McQuerry.....	½
Easley.....	1
Barrios.....	0

RETI (1½)

Hansen.....	0
Rexinger.....	0
Forfeit.....	0
Devote.....	½
Campos.....	0
Mistriell.....	1

KOLTANOWSKI (1½)

Sensell.....	1
Albritton.....	0
Frazier.....	0
Jayne.....	0
Till.....	0
Glover.....	½

BIRD (4½)

Brarens.....	0
Garcia.....	1
Carstens.....	1
Sorentino.....	1
Williamson.....	1
Perrin.....	½

THE defeat of the RETI team by the MARSHALL group left no chance for the RETI team to win first place. Up until this time the RETI group was very much in the running for first place honors, but no less than five consecutive draw matches proved that the RETI group did not have enough over-all strength. When the BIRD team defeated the KOLTANOWSKI team by the overwhelming score of 4½-1½, they made certain that they were not going to finish last in the league. Another team that seemed to have their strength concentrated in two players was the EVANS group. Most of their losses throughout the schedule were sustained by the same players from week to week.

RESULTS OF TEAM MATCHES-March 10, 1956FINE (3)

Green.....	1
Gardner.....	0
Duncan.....	1
Rose.....	0
Williams.....	0
Morris.....	1

BIRD (3)

Garcia.....	0
Brarens.....	1
Carstens.....	0
Williamson.....	1
Sorrentino.....	1
Ferrin.....	0

KOLTANOWSKI (1)

Sensell.....	0
Frazier.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Albritton.....	0
Jayne.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Till.....	0
Glover.....	0

MARSHALL (5)

Hall.....	1
Flohr.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Holte.....	1
McQuerry.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Basely.....	1
Barrios.....	1

RETI (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Campos.....	0
Corriean.....	1
Hansen.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Devote.....	1
Rexinger.....	1
Mistriell.....	1

EVANS (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Gibbs.....	1
Forfeit.....	0
Carter.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Kressen.....	0
Moore.....	0
Ward.....	0

FINAL STANDINGS AFTER 10 MATCHES

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>MATCHES</u>		<u>GALES</u>	
MARSHALL	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
RETI	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	33	27
FINE	5	5	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
EVANS	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
BIRD	3	7	27	33
KOLTANOWSKI	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$

## TEAM MATCH NEWS and STATISTICS

The January 21, 1956 team match between the FINE and KOLTANOWSKI teams was corrected to read: FINE  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , KOLTANOWSKI  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . A ruling was received from CFNC stating that a forfeit was given only for the board in question and not for the whole match as was formerly thought to be correct. Therefore, FINE forfeited one point for the misplayed board, 6. Also, the FINE-KOLTANOWSKI match of February 22, 1956 is corrected to read: FINE  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and KOLTANOWSKI  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . In the previous issue of CHESS NUTS (March 1956) it had been erroneously reported that the KOLTANOWSKI team had won, however, Hill defeated Glover on board 6 thus no forfeit was credited to the KOLTANOWSKI group.

Some highpoints of the schedule were the five consecutive draw matches by the RETI team. Although both the MARSHALL and the RETI teams each lost only one team match, the MARSHALL group was sufficiently strong overall and managed to keep from drawing all but one match. However, the two matches between these two teams ended up in a 3-3 tie and  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in favor of the MARSHALL group, thus leaving no doubt as to the strength of these teams when playing each other.

Credit must be given the FINE group for the great job they did during the last half of the schedule. After getting off to a poor start they pulled themselves together and with the addition of two new members they played well and finished third with a 5-5 match record. Duncan's handling of this team proved that it only takes a little effort on the part of the Team Captain to make an improved showing.

Another greatly improved team in the last half of the team schedule proved to be the

## TEAM MATCH NEWS AND STATISTICS

BIRD group. Like the Fine team they also fought hard to stay out of the cellar position. After being 1-4 in team standings they improved during the last five matches and won 2 and lost 3. This at least kept them from finishing in last place.

The EVANS group had to rely on the same 2 or 3 players to win points in each match as some of their players had a hard time in getting a win in their match games. However, they did well enough to finish with a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  match record.

As for the KOLTANOWSKI team little can be said. They started off the season as if they were going to walk over all opponents, but then the bottom fell out of the barrel and the cargo was lost at the end of the trip. Individually though, the team had several very good players, but they proved too inconsistent and lost when they should have been winning.

Several things were noticeable during the league schedule. First, playing too long a schedule causes a loss of morale as teams show little chance of finishing first; second, playing a double round match proved that on too many occasions lineups were made whereby it was necessary to play an opponent previously played. This did not prove a good test for the individual qualities of the players; third, it became necessary for some teams to use too many reserve players of weaker strength or else forfeit the game; fourth, playing one match with all teams engaged each week made it impractical to accomplish anything else; fifth, too many mis-matches occurred during the schedule, thus the weaker players felt they had no chance and consequently they did not try as hard to win their games.



## TEAM MATCH NEWS AND STATISTICS

Individual records of all participating players during the intra-mural league schedule show the following totals. Only games played in the ten team matches are counted here. Games that were forfeited were not counted for or against any player. Players are listed according to the classification they started the league schedule with in January. However, this does not mean that (A) players played only (A) players. In most cases they did but not always. The same is true for the (B) and (C) groups. Teams played under CFNC rules and were permitted to play (A) players on boards 1, 2, and 3; (B) players on boards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; (C) players on any of the first six boards.

### (A) group

<u>Player</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Gardner	3	1	0	3	1
Brarens	3	1	0	3	1
Brown	3	2	0	3	2
Hansen	7	2	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sensell	5	2	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gibbs	6	4	0	6	4
Hall	6	4	0	6	4
Flohr	5	3	2	6	4
Frazier	4	5	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Duncan	4	5	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Garcia	4	5	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Green	3	6	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$

### (B) group

Sorrentino	4	0	0	4	0
Valentine	1	0	0	1	0
Easely	7	1	0	7	1
Williamson	7	1	0	7	1
Goldsmith	3	1	0	3	1
Nolte	7	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jayne	0	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

TEAM MATCH NEWS AND STATISTICS(B) group (continued)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Henderson	2	2	0	2	2
Carter	6	2	2	7	3
McQuerry	5	2	3	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Rose	5	4	0	5	4
Petry	3	4	0	3	4
Devote	5	4	1	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Corrigan	2	4	1	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Fluty	1	4	1	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Rexinger	4	5	1	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Kressen	3	5	1	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Williams	1	5	1	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Albritton	3	5	2	4	6
Campos	4	6	0	4	6
Boren	2	7	0	2	7
Till	2	7	1	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Carstens	1	9	0	1	9

(C) group

Arelanes	1	0	0	1	0
Mistriell	8	2	0	8	2
Hill	6	2	0	6	2
Morris	4	3	0	4	3
E. Moore	3	4	0	3	4
Barrios	5	4	1	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Glover	3	6	1	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Perrin	1	6	2	2	7
Ward	1	5	0	1	5
Rodriquez	0	1	0	0	1

And there you have the complete records of all players who took part in the intra-mural team matches which started on January 7, 1956 and ended March 10, 1956. The last two team matches were rushed to completion one week prior to their scheduled deadline as so little time remained in which to prepare for some tough matches against visiting teams.

## CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP-Totals

At the time of this printing most of the A, B, and C class play for division champions has been decided. The essential thing was to decide only the winners of each class. At present it is not certain as to the eventual winner of the A class title, but from all indications it should be Gardner although Sensell still has a chance providing he plays Gardner and wins!

	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>		<u>"B"</u>
Gardner	6½	½	Carter	12    3
Sensell	5	1	Albritton	12    3
Hall	5	2	Nolte	11    4
Gibbs	3½	4½	Devote	9½    3½
Flohr	2	3	Carstens	8    4
Duncan	2	4	McQuerry	10    5
Frazier	1½	5½	Rexinger	8½    5½
Green	1	2	Easley	4    6
Garcia	1	6	Boren	4    7
			Till	6    8
			Campos	4    9
			Rose	2½    6½
			Petry	2    8
			Kressen	2    5
			Corrigan	1    3
<u>"C"</u>			<u>CLASS CHAMPIONS</u>	
Mistrirel	8	1	"A"	undetermined
Rodriquez	5	2	"B"	Carter & Albritton
Ward	6	3	"C"	Mistrirel
Glover	6	3		
Barrios	5	4		
Morris	4	5		
Hill	1	4		
Arelanes	1	5		
Perrin	1	5		
Moore, E.	1	6		

Both Carter and Albritton tied for the "B" class championship and engaged in a playoff which Carter won 2½-1½. Carter then engaged in a playoff with the "C" class champion, Mistrirel, and won 2 straight games.

## CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS

### "A" Division

The players competing in this division played at a slow rate considering that they had three whole months in which to play a total of eight games. The leader most of the way was Hall who had five straight wins before losing two games in succession, to Flohr and then to Gardner. Gardner was a late entry but played fast enough to stay in the running and looks like the eventual winner in that division, although Sensell has a chance providing he can defeat Gardner before the deadline of March 31, 1956. If the game is not played, Gardner wins as he has the highest score for 7 games played.

### "B" Division

This was the largest group to compete and also proved the closest race throughout. The lead changed between Carter, Albritton, Nolte, and Devote but with final results in it showed Carter and Albritton in a tie for top honors. These players engaged in a play-off with Carter winning. Carter then played the "C" class champion and won 2 straight. Carter will next engage in a three game playoff against the winner of the "A" division. This eventual winner will earn the right to play club champion Hansen in a six game match.

### "C" Division

This was a run-away race from start to finish and Mistril won with ease. Ward, Glover and Rodriguez offered Mistril the best competition but the winner was never in doubt. Mistril has since been promoted to the "B" class because of his splendid team match record and "C" class play.

## INTERESTING GAMES

International Master George Koltanowski visited San Quentin March 24, 1956 and played a mammoth chess exhibition on 60 boards!! He awarded 13 players a draw by adjudication and gave up a win to Gibbs. His loss and draw games are given on the next few pages without notes. Koltanowski had the White pieces in all games.

Black: Gibbs

### QUEEN'S GAMBIT

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	21. Q-Q3	Q-R4
2. N-KB3	P-Q4	22. P-QN3	R-K8ch
3. P-K3	P-KN3	23. NXR	RXNch
4. P-QB4	P-QB3	24. RXR	QXRch
5. N-CB3	B-N2	25. Q-B1	B-R7ch
6. Q-QN3	O-O	26. KxB	QxQ
7. B-Q2	P-K3	27. P-B3	Q-Q6
8. R-B1	QN-Q2	28. Adjudicated a win for black.	
9. B-Q3	R-K1		
10. O-O	P-QR3		
11. P-K4	NxKP		
12. NxB	PxN		
13. BxP	P-K4		
14. PxB	NxP		
15. KR-Q1	Q-B2		
16. B-B3	B-N5		
17. BxN	BxB		
18. P-KR3	B-B5		
19. R-B2	Rx3		
20. PxB	QR-K1		

If White had moved P-KN3 on his 22nd Black would have had to save his Bishop and allow White to then move P-QN3. Just one of those things. That's all!

## INTERESTING GAMES

Another fairly interesting draw game is the following:

Black: Hansen

### PETROFF'S DEFENSE

1. P-K4	P-K4	13. P-QB4	PxP
2. N-KB3	N-KB3	14. BxP	N-QB3
3. NxP	P-Q3	15. B-Q2	Q-B3
4. N-KB3	NxP	16. B-B3	Q-N3
5. P-Q4	P-Q4	17. KR-K1	P-B5
6. B-Q3	B-Q3	18. B-K6	Q-K1
7. O-O	O-O	19. N-N5	BxB
8. P-QB4	P-QB3	20. NxB	P-B6
9. N-QB3	P-KB4	21. NxR	Q-R4
10. PxP	PxP	22. PxP	Q-R6
11. Q-N3	NxN	23. Q-K6	BxPch
12. PxN	K-R1	24. K-R1	QxPch
		25. KxB	QxPch

Adjudicated a draw.

Black: Nolte

### COLLE OPENING

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	14. P-KR3	N-KR3
2. N-KB3	N-KB3	15. B-K3	Q-QB2
3. P-K3	P-QB4	16. P-KN4	P-KB4
4. P-QB3	PxP	17. PxP e.p.	KPxP
5. KPxP	P-KN3	18. Q-Q2	N-KB2
6. B-Q3	B-N2	19. B-B2	B-K3
7. O-O	O-O	20. B-Q4	B-R3
8. R-K1	N-QB3	21. Q-Q1	N-KN4
9. QN-Q2	R-K1	22. NxN	BxN
10. N-K5	NxN	23. Q-KB3	Q-KB2
11. PxN	N-KN5	24. B-QN3	R-Q1
12. N-KB3	Q-QN3	25. QR-Q1	R-Q3
13. Q-K2	P-QR3		

Draw by adjudication.

## INTERESTING GAMES

Black: Garcia

PHILIDOR'S DEFENSE

- |           |       |           |       |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4   | F-K4  | 13. N-QN3 | F-KR4 |
| 2. N-KB3  | F-Q3  | 14. P-K5  | PxP   |
| 3. F-Q4   | N-QB3 | 15. NxN   | QxN   |
| 4. KB-N5  | B-Q2  | 16. QxQ   | PxQ   |
| 5. O-O    | FxP   | 17. PxpP  | N-KN5 |
| 6. NxP    | N-K4  | 18. P-KR3 | B-KR5 |
| 7. Bx3ch  | CxB   | 19. PxN   | 3xR   |
| 8. P-KB4  | N-QB3 | 20. P-KN5 | 3-KN6 |
| 9. F-QB3  | N-KB3 | 21. 3xR   | KxB   |
| 10. Q-KB3 | P-KN3 | 22. N-QR5 | K-Q2  |
| 11. QN-Q2 | K3-K2 | 23. R-KB1 | K-K2  |
| 12. KR-K1 | O-O-O | 24. R-KB3 | P-KR5 |

Adjudicated a draw when time ran out.

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Black: Frazier

SICILIAN DEFENSE

- |               |         |           |       |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4       | P-QB4   | 14. P-KB4 | P-K4  |
| 2. P-QB3      | N-QB3   | 15. 3xN   | PxB   |
| 3. P-Q4       | FxP     | 16. PxpP  | 3xP   |
| 4. PxpP       | F-Q4    | 17. N-Q3  | 3xQNP |
| 5. F-K5       | F-K3    | 18. Nx3   | QxN   |
| 6. N-KB3      | B-QN5ch | 19. QxpCh | K-R2  |
| 7. N-QB3      | KN-K2   | 20. N-Q4  | R-Q1  |
| 8. P-Q3       | P-QR3   | 21. Q-QN3 | QxQ   |
| 9. O-O        | N-KN3   | 22. NxC   | B-KB4 |
| 10. N-K2      | O-O     | 23. B-QN6 | R-K1  |
| 11. N-K1      | P-KB4   | 24. KR-K1 | R-K2  |
| 12. PxpP e.p. | Qxp     |           |       |
| 13. 3-K3      | B-Q3    |           |       |

Adjudicated a draw  
as time ran out.

Both of the above games are interesting although the first game listed will end in a loss for Black. It is only a matter of time. The second game given looks like a certain draw.

INTERESTING GAMES

Black: Hall

PHILIPOR'S DEFENCE

1.	F-K4	P-K4	14.	Q-B3	N-B
2.	N-KB3	P-Q3	15.	B-B4ch	K-R
3.	P-Q4	PxP	16.	N-B5	BxN
4.	NxP	KN-K2	17.	PxB	Q-Q2
5.	N-B3	QN-B3	18.	P-KN4	R-K2
6.	B-K3	B-Q2	19.	QR-K	QR-K
7.	B-K2	N-N3	20.	B-Q2	N-Q
8.	O-O	B-K2	21.	RxR	RxR
9.	P-B4	O-O	22.	R-K	RxR
10.	N-Q5	R-K	23.	BxR	P-B3
11.	NxP	RxN	24.	Q-K3	P-Q4
12.	B-Q3	R-K	25.	B-N3	P-N4
13.	P-B3	P-B3			Drawn by ad- judication

Black: Flohr

MAX LANGE

1.	P-K4	P-K4	16.	BPxP	P-QN4
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3	17.	B-N2	B-N2
3.	B-B4	B-B4	18.	B-B2	P-B5
4.	O-O	N-B3	19.	N-KB1	N-N3
5.	P-Q4	BxP	20.	QR-Q1	QR-Q1
6.	NxB	NxN	21.	P-KN4	P-KN4
7.	P-KB4	P-Q3	22.	N-N3	P-KR3
8.	P-QB3	N-K3	23.	R-K2	O-O
9.	P-KB5	N-QB4	24.	P-KR4	N-R2
10.	QN-Q2	Q-K2	25.	N-R5	P-KB3
11.	Q-KB3	P-QB3			Draw by adju- dication
12.	P-QN4	N-Q2			
13.	KR-K1	P-QB4			
14.	B-QN3	P-QR4			
15.	P-QR3	PxP			

Both of the above games are interesting with the first being drawish but the second has much play left in it with a possibility of some sharp combinational play arising.



INTERESTING GAMES

Black: Gardner

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

1.	P-K4	P-KN3	18.	PxB	RxB
2.	P-Q4	B-KN2	19.	Q-K5	RxN
3.	N-KB3	P-K3	20.	PxR	BxN
4.	B-Q3	N-K2	21.	P-N3	QxQ
5.	O-O	O-O	22.	RxQ	NxQBP
6.	N-Q2	P-Q3	23.	PxB	NxR
7.	Q-K2	N-Q2	24.	BxN	R-Q1
8.	P-QB3	P-QN3	25.	B-N3	K-B2
9.	P-KR3	B-N2	26.	K-B1	NxB
10.	P-K5	PxP	27.	PxN	R-Q8ch
11.	PxP	N-Q4	28.	K-K2	R-KR8
12.	N-QB4	B-QR3	29.	R-K3	RxP
13.	B-KN5	Q-N1	30.	R-Q3	K-K2
14.	QR-Q1	P-QB3	31.	R-Q1	R-KR4
15.	KR-K1	N-QB4	32.	R-QR1	R-QR4
16.	B-B2	P-B3	33.	R-KR1	P-KR4
17.	PxP	BxP			

Drawn by adjudication

Black: Sensell

SLAV DEFENSE

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	13.	QxQBP	Q-K2
2.	N-KB3	N-KB3	14.	P-QB4	O-O
3.	P-K3	P-QB3	15.	B-R6	R-N3
4.	P-QB4	B-B4	16.	Q-QR4	N-K5
5.	N-QB3	P-K3	17.	P-QR3	R-KN3
6.	Q-QN3	Q-QB2	18.	P-KN3	B-R6
7.	B-Q2	QN-Q2	19.	B-B1	B-N5
8.	R-B1	B-Q3	20.	B-K2	B-R6
9.	PxP	KPxP			
10.	QN-N5	Q-N1			
11.	NxBch	QxN			
12.	QxQBP	R-N1			

Drawn by adjudication

The reader can draw his own conclusions from the above two games. Certainly there are many things that can happen in either game. Maybe a loss in one and a win in the other?

INTERESTING GAMES

Black: Brarens

CENTER COUNTER OPENING

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|-----|--------|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| 1.  | P-K4   | P-Q4  | 12. | N-N3  | P-KN3 |
| 2.  | PxP    | N-KB3 | 13. | Q-K2  | Q-Q3  |
| 3.  | N-QB3  | NxP   | 14. | R-Q   | Q-KB3 |
| 4.  | B-QB4  | NxN   | 15. | P-KB4 | P-K5  |
| 5.  | Q-KB3  | P-K3  | 16. | B-K3  | Q-KN2 |
| 6.  | QPxN   | B-Q3  | 17. | B-Q4  | B-KB3 |
| 7.  | N-K2   | O-O   | 18. | Q-K3  | N-QB3 |
| 8.  | B-Q3   | P-KB4 | 19. | B-QN5 | B-Q2  |
| 9.  | O-O    | P-K4  | 20. | R-Q2  | P-QR3 |
| 10. | B-B4ch | K-R1  | 21. | B-KB1 | B-K3  |
| 11. | Q-R5   | B-K2  | 22. | QR-Q  | P-QN4 |

Adjudicated a draw as time ran out.

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Black: Williamson &amp; Sorentino

COLLE OPENING

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|-----|---------|-------|-----|-------|---------|
| 1.  | P-Q4    | P-Q4  | 13. | NxB   | QxN     |
| 2.  | N-KB3   | N-KB3 | 14. | N-K5  | Q-B2    |
| 3.  | P-K3    | P-K3  | 15. | P-KN4 | N-KN2   |
| 4.  | B-Q3    | P-QB4 | 16. | Q-B3  | P-KB3   |
| 5.  | P-QB3   | PxP   | 17. | NxKNP | PxN (a) |
| 6.  | KPxP    | B-Q3  | 18. | BxP   | N-K2    |
| 7.  | O-O     | O-O   | 19. | BxR   | RxB     |
| 8.  | R-K1    | R-K1  | 20. | B-K3  | N-N3    |
| 9.  | QN-Q2   | B-Q2  | 21. | R-KB1 | R-K2    |
| 10. | N-K5    | N-B3  | 22. | QR-K1 | N-K1    |
| 11. | P-KB4   | P-KN3 | 23. | B-B1  | K-B2    |
| 12. | N(2)KB3 | N-KR4 | 24. | P-KN5 | --      |

The game was adjudicated a draw at this point.

(a) Sorentino played the game from this point as Williamson had to leave.

## CHESS FACTS

Although Capablanca lost his title to Dr. Alekhine, Capablanca has always managed to come out ahead of his great rival in tournaments in which both participated. Some results are:

### At St. Petersburg, 1914

Capablanca, 2nd prize	Alekhine	3rd
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### At London, 1922

Capablanca, 1st prize	Alekhine	2nd
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### At New York, 1924

Capablanca, 2nd prize	Alekhine	3rd
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### At New York, 1927

Capablanca, 1st prize	Alekhine	2nd
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### At Nottingham, 1936

Capablanca, 1st prize	Alekhine	6th
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PHILIDOR NEVER PLAYED PHILIDOR'S DEFENCE!

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Hans Bruening won a game in 6 moves without moving a piece!

	<u>Amateur</u>	<u>Bruening</u>
1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	P-K3
3.	N-QB3	P-QB4
4.	B-B4	PxQP
5.	BxN	PxN
6.	B-K5	PxNP

And Black wins (the threat is 7...PxR or 7....B-K5ch).

## CHESS FACTS

At Dresden 1892, Dr. Tarrasch beat Marco in five minutes. Although the game took so short a time, it is one of the most important for the theory of the Ruy Lopez!

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The first International Chess Tournament was played at Madrid in 1575 at the Court of Philip the Second. The players were Ruy Lopez and Alfonso Ceron of Spain and Giovanni Leonardi and Paolo Boi of Italy. Leonardi won first prize.

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The first chess problem, as far as is known, was composed by the Caliph Mutasim Billah during his reign in Bagdad from 834 to 842.

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Dr. Lasker made a clean sweep at the New York Tournament held in 1893, winning 13 games straight, without allowing a single draw.

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In 1911 Spielmann and Alapin played a match of ten games at Munich with the novel idea (suggested by Alapin) of being permitted to analyze the positions on a separate board. Although Spielmann did not avail himself of the privilege, he won the match by  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ !

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At Teplitz-Schonau 1922 Rubinstein won only five games. But four of these received brilliancy prizes!

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A ten year old boy once took part in a Master's Tournament. This was Sammy Reshevsky in New York in 1921).

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## PIRATE

by J. Rexinger

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While stranded on a tropic isle  
Far out at sea  
I chanced upon a cavern  
Underneath a lea,  
And it was lonesome there -  
Devoid of any company.  
The rocky corridor went down  
Beneath the earth.  
I trod the dark foreboding path  
To prove my worth.  
The walls were cold and grim;  
They gave no hint of mirth.

The cavern widened and I came upon a room.  
Amazed - I watched a pirate  
Enter through the gloom  
And peer at me - appraising me  
With eyes of doom!  
He placed his cutlass on  
The cavern's rocky bed;  
Invited me to chess.  
I knew that he was dead!  
I tried to run, but found  
My feet were turned to lead.

Though Kipling says that East  
And West shall never meet  
We played with human bones  
Upon a canvass sheet.  
There was no choice, and if I lost -  
I'd join his demon fleet!  
The room was tense, and not a sound  
Escaped our lips.  
We played like silent ghosts  
Who sail on silent ships.  
God help my soul if I but  
Made one tiny slip!

I stole a pawn, a knight -  
 And almost trapped his Queen;  
 The rook went! Check! and then  
 Those human bones turned green!  
 But then his Queen was loose  
 And laid my left flank clean.  
 His Queen was loose and threatening  
 To check - and mate.  
 Another pawn, and he was knocking  
 At the gate of life,  
 In his depthless eyes  
 Burned pools of hate.

I held the Queen's file with a Rook  
 and massed my brawn  
 To box his rook in tight,  
 And checked him with a pawn.  
 He couldn't stop the mate!!!  
 I looked, and he was gone.  
 His cutlass on the cavern floor  
 Was pointing West,  
 As if somehow he knew  
 That he was not the best.  
 From afar a clipper ship appeared -  
 To end my lonely quest:  
 And then I knew that God had made  
 Some sort of test.....

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Alekhine played through five consecutive strong Master Tournaments without losing a game. Out of 77 games he won 51 and drew the remaining 26. The record of these successes:

Kecskemet.....	1927	16 games
Bradley Beach.....	1929	9 games
San Remo.....	1930	15 games
Bled.....	1931	26 games
London.....	1932	11 games
	TOTAL	77 games

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## PLAYER'S CLASSIFICATION

The breakdown into A, B, and C Divisions of all members of the Chess club shows the following players having earned their Class rating according to all play in their A, B, and C class championship as well as results after ten team matches were played. Once having earned a class a player will not be demoted since it is obvious as he keeps studying and playing he should get better not worse at the game.

### "A" Class players

Green	Nolte	Gibbs	Sorentino
Hansen	Frazier	Carter	Sensell
Hall	Flohr	Duncan	Williamson
Gardner	Garcia	Brarens	Brown

### "B" Class players

Corrigan	Albritton	Devote	Mistriell ✓
Campos	Till	Petry ✓	McQuerry
Kressen	Rose	Jayne	Rexinger
Easely	Carstens	Boren	

### "C" Class players

Hill ✓	Glover ✓	Rodriguez	Barrios ✓
Morris ✓	Ward ✓	Arelenes	Moore

All players earn promotion in class according to all of their record in club competition.

## FRENCH DEFENSE

Of the defenses to 1. P-K4 other than 1....P-K4 none is more important than the French. It has been one of the most used defenses in every tournament. Great players like Steinitz, Reti, Rubinstein, Nimzovitch, Botvinnik and Stahlberg all have favored it with good success.

One of its' virtues is that it combines solidity with hidden resources for the second player. It tempts white to attack, but many of the most tempting attacks turn out to be premature.

After the moves 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; White has the choice of four main lines: 3. Pxp, 3. Kt-QB3, 3. P-K5 and 3. Kt-Q2.

3.Pxp (Exchange Variation) is not often adopted unless one has it in mind to play for a draw because the liquidation of the center solves most of Black's problem.

### EXCHANGE VARIATION

<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
1. P-K4	P-K3	1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. Pxp	Pxp	3. Pxp	Pxp
4. N-KB3	N-KB3	4. N-KB3	B-Q3
5. B-Q3	B-Q3	5. B-Q3	N-QB3
6. O-O	O-O	6. P-B3	KN-K2
7. N-B3	P-B3	7. O-O	B-KN5
8. B-KN5	B-KN5	8. R-K1	Q-Q2
9. P-KR3	B-R4	9. B-KN5	P-B3
10. P-KN4	B-N3	10. B-R4	P-KR4
11. N-K5	Q-N3	11. Q-N-Q2	P-KN4
12. BxN	PxB	12. B-N3	BxB
13. N-B3	QxNp	13. BPxp	O-O-O
14. N-K2			Black has a clear positional advantage.

White's position is worth more than a pa wn.



## FRENCH DEFENSE

The second of the four main lines is 3. N-QB3. This line is preferred by most of the masters because it maintains tension in the center and is aggressive. Black can choose one of three main replies: 3...N-KB3, 3...B-N5 and 3...PxP.

### 3...N-KB3

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4   | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-QB3  | N-KB3 |
| 4. B-KN5  | B-K2  |
| 5. P-K5   | KN-Q2 |
| 6. BxB    | QxB   |
| 7. N-N5   | N-N3  |
| 8. P-QB3  | P-QR3 |
| 9. N-QR3  | P-QB4 |
| 10. N-B2  | N-R5  |
| 11. R-Kt1 | P-QN4 |
| 12. P-KB4 | N-B3  |
| 13. N-B3  | B-Q2  |
| 14. Q-Q2  | R-QB1 |
| 15. B-Q3  | N-N3  |
| 16. O-O   | N-B5  |

An even game

### 3...N-KB3

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4   | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-QB3  | N-KB3 |
| 4. B-KN5  | B-K2  |
| 5. P-K5   | KN-Q2 |
| 6. BxB    | QxB   |
| 7. P-B4   | O-O   |
| 8. Q-Q2   | P-QB4 |
| 9. N-B3   | N-QB3 |
| 10. C-C-O | P-B3  |
| 11. KPxP  | QxP   |
| 12. P-KN3 | PxP   |
| 13. KNxP  | N-B4  |
| 14. B-N2  | B-Q2  |
| 15. KR-K1 | QR-B1 |
| 16. NxN   | RxN   |
| 17. BxP   | and   |

White won the endgame.

### 3...B-N5

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4  | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5  |
| 4. P-K5  | P-QB4 |
| 5. P-QR3 | BxNch |
| 6. PxP   | N-K2  |
| 7. N-B3  | Q-R4  |
| 8. Q-Q2  | Q-R5  |
| 9. B-Q3  | P-B5  |
| 10. B-K2 | QN-B3 |
| 11. P-R4 | B-Q2  |
| 12. P-R5 | P-KR3 |

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|-----------|------|
| 13. N-R4  | N-B4 |
| 14. NxN   | PxN  |
| 15. R-KN1 | N-K2 |
| 16. P-K4  | PxP  |
| 17. BxNP  | BxB  |
| 18. RxB   | N-B4 |
| 19. Q-K2  | Q-Q2 |
- Smyslov-Botvinnik,  
Leningrad, 1941

## FRENCH DEFENSE

### 3....PxP (The Rubinstein Variation)

This line is open to the theoretical objection in that it gives up the center without getting any compensation. Plain development gives white the better game.

<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
1. P-K4	P-K3	1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. N-QB3	PxP	3. N-QB3	PxP
4. NxP	N-KB3	4. NxP	N-Q2
5. NxNch	PxN	5. N-KB3	KN-B3
6. N-B3	P-N3	6. NxN ch	NxN
7. B-N5ch	P-B3	7. B-Q3	B-K2
8. B-Q3	B-QN2	8. Q-K2	O-O
9. B-K3	Q-B2	9. B-KN5	P-B4
10. Q-K2	N-Q2	10. PxP	Q-R4ch
11. B-QR6	BxB	11. P-B3	QxP(B4)
12. QxB	B-Q3	12. O-O	R-Q1
13. O-O-O	P-N4	13. N-K5	

white has a clear positional advantage.

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3. P-K5 for White is not so good as it releases the tension in the center and leaves Black a number of good defenses.

<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
1. P-K4	P-K3	1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	P-QB4	3. P-K5	P-QB4
4. P-QB3	N-QB3	4. N-KB3	N-QB3
5. N-KB3	Q-N3	5. B-Q3	PxP
6. B-K2	PxP	6. O-O	P-B3
7. PxP	KN-K2	7. B-QN5	B-Q2
8. P-QN3	N-B4	8. BxN	PxB
9. B-N2	B-N5ch	9. QxP	PxP
10. K-B1	P-KR4	10. QxKP	N-B3

Black has advantage.

## FRENCH DEFENSE

3. N-Q2 for White attempts to keep the tension in the center and at the same time avoid the pin with B-QN5 for Black. In this way it supports the QP. Tarrasch used to like this type of defense but later changed his opinion of it. Nimzovitch also played this line quite frequently.

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4   | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-Q2   | P-QB4 |
| 4. KPxP   | KPxP  |
| 5. B-N5ch | B-Q2  |
| 6. Q-K2ch | Q-K2  |
| 7. QxQch  | BxQ   |
| 8. BxBch  | NxB   |
| 9. PxP    | NxP   |
| 10. N-N3  | N-R5  |
| 11. K-K2  | B-B3  |
| 12. P-QB3 | N-K2  |
| 13. O-O   | O-O   |

2

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4   | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-Q2   | P-QB4 |
| 4. KN-B3  | N-QB3 |
| 5. PxQP   | KPxP  |
| 6. B-N5   | B-Q3  |
| 7. O-O    | N-K2  |
| 8. PxP    | BxP   |
| 9. N-N3   | B-N3  |
| 10. B-K3  | BxB   |
| 11. BxNch | PxB   |
| 12. PxB   | O-O   |
| 13. Q-Q2  |       |

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4  | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-Q2  | N-QB3 |
| 4. KN-B3 | N-B3  |
| 5. P-K5  | N-Q2  |
| 6. N-N3  | P-B3  |
| 7. B-QN5 | B-K2  |
| 8. B-KB4 | O-O   |
| 9. PxP   | PxP   |
| 10. O-O  | N-N3  |
| 11. R-K1 | B-Q3  |
| 12. B-N3 | P-QR3 |

White has a clear positional advantage.

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4  | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-Q2  | N-KB3 |
| 4. P-K5  | KN-Q2 |
| 5. B-Q3  | P-QB4 |
| 6. P-QB3 | P-QN3 |
| 7. N-K2  | B-R3  |
| 8. BxB   | NxB   |
| 9. O-O   | P-N3  |
| 10. N-B3 | B-N2  |
| 11. B-N5 | Q-B1  |
| 12. Q-Q2 | P-R3  |

With an equal position.

## THE PYGMY TREES

By J. Rexinger

When I was twelve years old, my family moved from the city to the little Sierra mountain town of West Point, California. Although much more interested in our horses, and the excellent hunting and fishing which West Point afforded, I yet remember the sensation which was created by my father's exterior decorating. Our house nestled comfortably at the bottom of Valentine Hill.

The only paved road into this part of the Sierra's ran parallel to our property some twenty-five yards above the house. My father planted trees and flowers along the graveled drive. Along our two acres which fronted on the highway he planted fifty Chinese Pygmy trees.

The trees were novel; and they were decorative. These Pygmy trees were actually beautiful Chinese Elms. They had been transplanted at an early age to metal tubs. The tap roots were cut. The trees grew only by their secondary roots. I found later that they had been given very little water.

Travellers would stop on the highway and admire these delicate little trees; asked about them and even after the details of producing these tiny trees were known, how many people realized that they were admiring nothing but starved, puny distorted trees? How many people will openly admire the facade of a perverted tree: at the same time dismissing the offensive sight of a starved animal as ugly? These people are as numerous as sands upon a Riviera beach. Ergo - the tiny trees are weaklings: unfit to Natural survival because they lack the security of their intended long tap roots.

Certain people and trees are very much alike. A pygmy can develop a false sense of security and actually be content with a

shortened root. A wintry blast of wind will rip it from the soil and throw it about. A fish - flopping about and gasping on land - is not an unreal comparison. The tree is content to be crippled as long as someone feeds it; waters it; admires it. It gives no thought to its shortcomings and its inability to stand alone. Soon it dies. Long before its prescribed time, it dies.

To those whose tap root has been snipped at one time or another, chess is one medium by which to begin the birth process anew. If there is such a thing as an ego in a tree, this would be the instrument which forces a malady of this type to recede into the distance when the tree is being admired. So can an ego do the same to an individual. If the individual is a relatively better than average player, the tendency to push all else into the background develops.

There is an uncoded statute of laws for chess. These laws are moral, social, and ethical. Character can be molded very easily through a game of chess. Character is usually weakened by rejection of these laws; usually strengthened by acceptance. A broader, objective, more comprehensible point of view is developed as we progress in our ability to play the game. Progress is not synonymous with repulsion of an objective point of view.

Just as it is impossible for a stunted tree to stand alone, so is it impossible for the individual to stand alone. Unity marked the beginning of our San Quentin Chess club. Unity marks our closely knit constructive present. If there is a future, it will be only through you - the individual, and your efforts in cooperation with the coordinated unit that the San Quentin Chess Club is today.

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