

CHESS

By E. J. CLARKE

Elmer W. Gruer of Oakland has retained his title by winning the California State chess championship for the third time in the tournament at Los Angeles, August 7-14. Gruer went through the nine rounds without losing a game, drawing with A. J. Fink and H. Borochof. Donald Mugridge of Los Angeles, the lad who defeated Sammy Rzeschewski when that infant prodigy made his sensational tour of the United States in 1922, was second, losing only to Gruer and drawing with Gross and Rubenstein. Harry Borochof of Los Angeles was third, losing to Mugridge and Rubenstein. Following is a complete score:

Player—	W.	L.	Dr.	Totals	
				W.	L.
E. W. Gruer	7	0	2	8	1
D. Mugridge	6	1	2	7	2
H. Borochof	5	2	2	6	3
A. J. Fink	4	3	2	5½	3½
H. Gross	3	3	3	4½	4½
S. Rubenstein	4	4	1	4½	4½
G. Patterson	3	5	1	3½	5½
H. Bierwirth	3	5	1	3½	5½
Professor Bateman	2	6	1	2½	6½
W. Smith	0	9	0	0	9

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Rudolf Smirka of Marshall's Chess Club won the New York State championship tournament at Rome, N. Y., with eight straight wins. Bruno Forsberg, a former member of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, was in a triple tie for fourth with a score of 4 to 4. It is expected that Smirka will enter the National Chess Federation championship tournament at Kalamazoo, Mich., August 25 to September 5.

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Before sailing for Buenos Aires last Saturday Capablanca gave out the information that he had been unable to do the work of annotating the games for the book of the New York tournament of 1927, and he and the committee had ceded the rights to the American edition to Dr. Alekhine. The latter is getting out a German edition and it is expected that he will also undertake the other work upon the conclusion of his match with Capablanca—Brooklyn Eagle.

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The first international team tournament held in London in connection with the British Chess Federation meeting was won by Hungary; Denmark, second; British Empire, third. Final standing:

Countries	W.	L.	Countries	W.	L.
Hungary..	40	20	Jugoslavia..	30	30
Denmark .	38½	21½	Italy	28½	31½
British Em	36½	23½	Sweden ...	28	32
Holland ..	35	25	Argentina..	27	33
Czechoslovak	34½	25½	France ...	24½	35½
Austria...	34	26	Belgium..	21½	38½
Germany..	34	26	Finland ..	21½	38½
Switzerland	32	28	Spain	14½	45½

Each country was represented by four players. Next year the United States, now a member of the federation, will no doubt enter a team.

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Following are three games from the California championship tournament:

GAME NO. 50

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE

Rubenstein (White)	Gruer (Black)	Rubenstein (White)	Gruer (Black)
1 P-K4	P-K4	18 P-B3	BxS
2 S-KB3	S-QB3	19 PxB	P-KB4
3 B-B4	S-B3	20 B-B4	BxB
4 S-S5	P-Q4	21 RxB	Q-S6
5 PxP	S-R4	22 PxS	QxR
6 P-Q3	P-KR3	23 B-B	QxSP
7 S-B3	P-K5	24 QxQ	PxQ
8 Q-K2	SxB	25 K-S	RxRch
9 PxS	B-K2	26 KxR	K-B2
10 KS-Q2	B-KS5	27 K-B2	P-KS4
11 Q-K3	Castles	28 K-K3	P-KR4
12 S-QB3(a)	QB-B4	29 S-Q	K-K2
13 Castles	S-S5	30 P-B5	R-KB
14 Q-K2	B-Q3	31 S-B2	R-B5
15 P-KR3	Q-R5	32 P-S4	P-R5
16 S(Q2)xP	B-R7ch	33 P-B4	P-R6
17 K-R	QR-K		& wins(b)

NOTES

- (a) All "book" so far; but here 12, P-KR3 is necessary. Gruer takes instant advantage of Rubenstein's "improvement."
- (b) For White must give up his knight, else one of these pawns will queen.

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GAME NO. 51

QUEEN'S PAWN

H. Gross (White)	S. Rubenstein (Black)	H. Gross (White)	S. Rubenstein (Black)
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	14 Q-R4	BxS
2 P-QB4	P-QB3	15 PxB	SxR(a)
3 S-KB3	S-KB3	16 RxB	Castles
4 S-B3	P-K3	17 Q-Q	P-QS4
5 B-S5	B-S5	18 Q-R5	B-Q2
6 PxP	KPxP	19 P-S4	B-K
7 Q-S3	Q-Q3	20 Q-R3	Q-S4
8 P-K3	S-K5	21 K-R	QxP
9 B-B4	Q-K2	22 R-KS!(b)	B-S3
10 B-Q3	S-Q2	23 RxQ	PxR
11 Castles	P-KB4	24 QxP	RxP
12 S-K5(?)	QSxS	25 BxB	PxB
13 QBxS	S-Q7	26 QxP and wins	

NOTES

- (a) Black has won the exchange, but it a question whether White's two bishops plus queen and rook mobility are not more than compensation.
- (b) Cleverly played, White now wins the grand exchange!

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GAME NO. 52

SICILIAN

A fighting game between the two Los Angeles experts. Borochof holds a "discovered check" in reserve for ten moves. When the check is unlimbered, Patterson surrenders.

Borochof (White)	Patterson (Black)	Borochof (White)	Patterson (Black)
1 P-K4	P-QB4	15 Q-Q4	QR-Q
2 S-KB3	P-K3	16 B-KB2	P-K4
3 P-Q4	PxP	17 Q-K3	S-S5
4 SxP	S-KB3	18 B-R4ch	P-S4
5 B-Q3	P-Q3	19 Q-B3	P-B4
6 P-QB4	P-QR3	20 PxSP	QR-KB
7 S-QB3	B-K2	21 P-KR3	P-KR4
8 B-K3	QS-Q2	22 P-S4	PxP
9 R-QB	P-QS3(?)	23 Q-K2	S-Q6
10 S-B6	Q-B2	24 BxS	PxB
11 SxB	KxS	25 QxP	P-K5
12 Castles	B-S2	26 S-Q5ch	BxS
13 B-S	P-R3	27 QxB	S-K4
14 P-B4	S-B4	28 P-S6dis.ch	Resigns

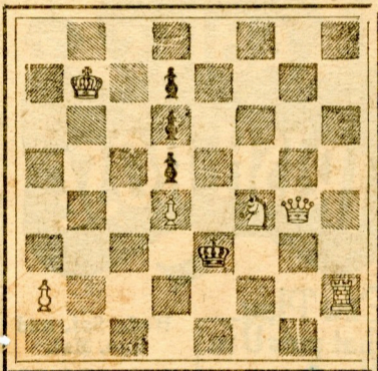
PROBLEMS

By A. J. F.

PROBLEM NO. 40

By J. Dobrusky

"HUMORISTICKE LISTY," 1882



W6-B4-Mate in three.

Solvers' list held over,

Solution to No. 38: R-Q8, No. 39: R-K2.