

Big news for Bulletin No. 4 is still the Rating Tournament for unrated players starting 9 February (Wednesday at 7:30 PM); see our announcement for details.

The LERC Chess Club team will play its fifth of seven matches in the 1965/1966 CFNC Peninsula League on Wednesday, 9 February, against the league-leading Palo Alto team. Come on out to the Neptune room and root for our team.

The LERA Chess team tied the Max Euwe team last Thursday, 27 January, in a match that saw our top three boards lose and our bottom three boards win. Big Bill Meyer returned to his winning ways, and the two new players on the team Joe Bikulcius and Len Schwartz came through with impressive wins in 24 and 26 moves, respectively. Both of these two players avoided making errors and demonstrated a strong attacking style. Mr. Bikulcius is to be commended for his brilliant 20th move. Our top three boards lost because they made errors and because Max Euwe is the strongest team we have met this season. All six games are presented in the following paragraphs.

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First Board: After a stormy opening (9 N-Q2 is the book move), White (R. Henry, Max Euwe) trades queens on move 21. Black (J. E. Hurt, LERA) appears to have equal chances in the end game, but errs on move 31 by allowing White to win a pawn and obtain an outside passed pawn. (Black had two tries: 31....R-K1, 32 R-QR3 R-QR1; and 31....P-K5, 32 R-QR3 B-N4, 33 K-B1 P-K6, 34 K-K2 R-K5, 35 R-B3 K-K3, 36 BXP BXB, 37 RXB K-K4, 38 K-Q3 RXR, 39 KXR P-KR4 with a draw the probable outcome). After this error, the win for White is just a matter of technique; Black resigned on move 71.

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	29	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1	P-K4	P-QB4	25	K-N1	RXR	49	P-KR4	P-R4
2	N-KB3	P-Q3	26	RXR	P-K4	50	B-N4	P-K5 ch
3	P-Q4	PXP	27	R-Q6	R-K3	51	K-K3	B-Q5 ch
4	NXP	N-KB3	28	R-Q7 ch	R-K2	52	K-K2	B-K4
5	N-QB3	P-KN3	29	R-Q6	R-K3	53	K-B2	B-Q5 ch
6	P-B4	N-B3	30	R-Q7 ch	R-K2	54	K-K2	B-K4
7	NXN	PXN	31	R-Q3	K-K3	55	B-K1	KXP
8	P-K5	B-N5	32	R-QR3	R-Q2	56	K-K3	K-Q4
9	B-K2	BXB	33	B-K3	R-Q8 ch	57	P-R4	B-N1
10	QXB	PXP	34	K-B2	R-KR8	58	P-R5	K-K4
11	PXP	N-Q4	35	RXP	K-Q3	59	B-B3 ch	K-Q4
12	P-K6	B-N2	36	P-B5 ch	K-Q4	60	B-K1	K-K4
13	PXP ch	KXP	37	P-B4 ch	KXP	61	B-B2	K-B4
14	O-O ch	B-B3	38	RXP	B-R5 ch	62	P-R6	P-N4
15	B-R6	NXN	39	K-B3	R-QR8	63	PXP	KXP
16	PXN	Q-Q4	40	R-QR6	K-Q4	64	KXP	K-N5
17	QR-K1	KR-K1	41	P-N3	B-K2	65	K-K3	B-R2 ch
18	P-B4	Q-Q2	42	R-R7	B-B3	66	K-K2	B-N1
19	K-R1	QR-Q1	43	R-Q7 ch	K-K3	67	K-B1	K-B6
20	R-Q1	Q-K3	44	R-Q6 ch	K-K2	68	K-N1	K-N5
21	QXQ ch	KXQ	45	R-Q2	R-QB8	69	K-N2	K-B4
22	KR-K1 ch	K-B2	46	R-Q7 ch	KXR	70	K-R3	K-N4
23	B-K3	P-QR3	47	BXR	K-B3	71	P-R7	Resigns
24	B-N6	R-Q3	48	B-R3	K-Q4		2:37	2:48

Second Board: After a quiet opening, White (O. E. Brandt, LERA) misses an opportunity to gain control of the center with 12 P-K4. Black (W. Stark, Max Euwe) avails himself of this opportunity with 14....P-K4. White goes in for a knight sacrifice with 22 NXKBP, but fails to find the proper follow-up move 24 P-K4! (if Black replies 24....BXP then 25 Q-N4 ch N-N4, 26 BXB ch and White has a mate in six; if Black replies 24....PXP then 25 P-N4 and White either mates or wins easily; if Black replies 24....B-K3 then 25 PXP and White either mates or wins easily). Instead of playing the winning move 24 P-K4, White plays 24 P-N4 and Black plays 24....B-K5 putting an end to the attack. The rest is technique, White is a piece down without compensation and resigns on move 59.

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1	P-Q4	P-Q4	21	R-N2	N-Q2	41	K-N1	N-K5
2	P-QB4	P-QB3	22	NXKBP	KXN	42	K-R1	Q-B6
3	N-QB3	N-B3	23	R-B1	K-N3	43	Q-B1	N-Q7
4	B-B4	P-K3	24	P-N4	B-K5	44	BXN	QXB
5	N-B3	B-Q3	25	NXB	PXN	45	R-B2	QXP
6	B-N5	B-K2	26	Q-B2	KN-B3	46	R-B7	R-K2
7	P-KN3	QN-Q2	27	B-K1	K-R2	47	R-B3	Q-K8
8	B-N2	O-O	28	Q-N1	K-R1	48	P-KR4	QXP ch
9	O-O	R-K1	29	QR-KB2	N-Q4	49	R-R3	Q-K8
10	R-K1	N-N3	30	B-Q2	N(2)-B3	50	BXN ch	PXB
11	P-B5	QN-Q2	31	R-B5	P-KN3	51	QXQ	RXQ ch
12	R-N1	P-KR3	32	R-K5	Q-B2	52	K-N2	P-Q5
13	B-Q2	B-B1	33	BXP	RXR	53	R-Q3	R-K6
14	P-KR3	P-K4	34	PXR	QXP	54	RXR	PXR
15	P-K3	P-K5	35	B-N2	K-N2	55	K-B3	B-Q5
16	N-R2	N-R2	36	Q-Q3	R-K1	56	P-R4	K-B2
17	P-B3	PXP	37	K-R1	N-K5	57	K-K2	K-K3
18	NXP	QN-B3	38	B-B1	K-N1	58	P-R5	P-R4
19	P-QN4	P-R3	39	P-R3	B-N2	59	Resigns	
20	N-K5	B-B4	40	R-B3	N-N6 ch	2:14		2:08

Third Board: After a slam-bang opening, White (E. Bizley, Max Euwe) plays 16 Q-N3 threatening to win a bishop. Black (A. L. Hall, LERA) does not see the threat, and consequently loses the bishop. It is now White's turn to err, which he does with 18 BXN? Black can now win White's queen by playing 18....P-B5 ch, 19 K-R1 PXQ! Black misses this opportunity to win the game, however, and after numerous exchanges he resigns on move 31 as he is still a piece down and is threatened with mate in two (32 R-R3 ch and 33 R-KN1 mate).

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1	P-K4	P-K4	12	P-N5	PXP	23	PXP	PXP
2	B-B4	N-KB3	13	BXP	P-N4	24	N-Q5	N-N3
3	N-QB3	B-N5	14	B-R2	Q-N3 ch	25	Q-K3	QXNP
4	KN-K2	P-Q3	15	B-K3	P-B4	26	P-B3	QXRP
5	P-QR3	BXN	16	Q-N3	N-R4	27	BXP	Q-B4
6	NXB	O-O	17	QXB	N-B5	28	QXQ	PXQ
7	P-Q3	P-KR3	18	BXN	PXB	29	N-B6 ch	PXN
8	O-O	B-KN5	19	Q-N4	P-B5 ch	30	RXN ch	K-R2
9	P-B3	B-R4	20	K-R1	Q-Q5	31	R-N3	Resigns
10	P-KN4	B-N3	21	R-KN1	N-B3		(no clocks)	
11	Q-K1	P-B3	22	QXBP	N-K4			

Fourth Board: After a quiet opening, Black (J. Raney, Max Euwe) plays 16....R-K3, preparing to double rooks on the king file. White (W. D. Meyer, LERA) then demonstrates that although the black KP is thrice protected, it is lost after 17 BXN PXB 18 PXP. Black is a non-believer and plays 18....QXP whereupon he loses an entire bishop (better was 18....Q-B1 or B4, although this loses another pawn). The rest is technique, and Black resigns on move 38.

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1	P-K4	P-K4	14	P-KB4	B-N5	27	K-N1	R-KN3
2	N-KB3	P-Q3	15	N-Q5	Q-Q3	28	R-B2	R-K4
3	N-B3	N-KB3	16	K-R1	R-K3	29	R(1)-KB1	P-B3
4	B-B4	B-K3	17	BXN	PXB	30	N-B4	R-R3
5	B-N3	B-K2	18	PXP	QXP	31	R-K2	P-N4
6	O-O	O-O	19	QXQ	RXQ	32	RXR	PXR
7	P-Q4	B-N5	20	NXB	RXP	33	N-Q5	R-K3
8	PXP	BXN	21	P-B3	R-Q7	34	R-B6	RXR
9	QXB	PXP	22	P-QN3	R-K3	35	NXR ch	K-N2
10	B-N5	N-B3	23	P-B4	P-QB4	36	N-Q7	P-K5
11	Q-N3	R-K1	24	N-Q5	R-K7	37	NXP	P-K6
12	B-QR4	Q-Q3	25	NXP	R-Q1	38	K-B1	Resigns
13	BXKN	QXB	26	N-Q5	R-Q3		(no clocks)	

Fifth Board: The opening is a Sicilian in reverse. After 15 tense moves, White (J. Ball, Max Euwe) plays 16 PXP which, strangely enough, loses a pawn. The tension mounts during the next three moves, culminating in the move 20 Q-Q2, which appears to preserve White's game (20 Q-B3 was better). Black (J. V. Bikulcius, LERA) replies with the beautiful move 20....Q-KN4. White attacks the queen with 21 P-KR4, and Black counters with the devastating move 21....BXR. White tries for a swindle with 22 BXP ch; Black declines. White resigns on move 25, as after 25 K-R2 KXB, 26 Q-N4 ch K-B1, he is a rook down with no counter-play.

1	P-QB4	P-K4	10	P-QR3	O-O-O	19	RXN	B-Q3
2	P-Q3	N-KB3	11	O-O	P-KR4	20	Q-Q2	Q-KN4
3	N-QB3	P-Q4	12	P-R3	B-K3	21	P-KR4	BXR
4	PXP	NXP	13	N-N5	Q-Q2	22	BXP ch	K-N1
5	N-B3	N-QB3	14	NXB	QXN	23	PXB	QXRP ch
6	NXN	QXN	15	P-B4	N-Q5	24	K-N2	Q-N5 ch
7	B-Q2	B-K2	16	PXP	QXP	25	Resigns	
8	P-KN3	B-KN5	17	K-R2	NXP		(no clocks)	
9	B-N2	P-B3	18	B-B4	NXB			

Sixth Board: After a quiet opening, Black (A. Gardner, Max Euwe) plays 10....NXN which loses a piece. He should have played N-N3, B-Q2, and O-O-O. White (L. W. Schwartz, LERA) then builds up a devastating king side attack to which there is no answer (if 25....R-K3 so as to answer 26 Q-R6 with Q-B1, then simply 26 BXP). White's choice of moves is beyond reproach.

1	P-Q4	P-Q4	10	N-K5	NXN	19	B-B6	B-Q2
2	P-K3	N-KB3	11	BPXN	B-K2	20	Q-B4	B-B3
3	B-Q3	P-K3	12	P-KN4	N-B3	21	Q-R4	P-KR4
4	N-Q2	QN-Q2	13	PXN	BXP	22	N-B4	BXB
5	P-KE4	P-B4	14	P-N5	B-K2	23	PXB	R-K1
6	P-B3	PXP	15	B-B4	Q-N3	24	NXRP	P-K4
7	KPXP	B-Q3	16	Q-Q2	P-KN3	25	Q-N5	P-K5
8	QN-B3	N-R4	17	B-K5	O-O	26	Q-R6	Resigns
9	N-K2	Q-B2	18	O-O	Q-Q1		0:55	0:43