

# The Game in San Francisco

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After swinging through Texas on his annual continental tour, Israel A. Horowitz, New York State chess champion, has finally reached the Pacific Coast. While in San Francisco, recently, the New Yorker gave an exhibition of simultaneous play at the Mechanics Institute Chess Club, the oldest and most influential organization of its kind in the Far West.

Horowitz encountered seventeen opponents, and playing in his best form, defeated sixteen of them and lost but one. The lone successful adversary was C. Larsen, a newcomer at the Mechanics Institute. Among the defeated was Charles Howland, the present institute champion, who has to his credit games over late grand masters—Harry N. Pillsbury and Dr. Emanuel Lasker. Another redoubtable opponent was Dr. W. R. Lovegrove, a septuagenarian who has not been active in recent years. The doctor had a pawn to the good with a promising outlook, but permitted his advantage to slip away. The following was the position:

Horowitz (White)—K on KkT; Q on QkT3; R on K and QR; B on K3 and Q3; Kt on QB3; P on KR2; KkT2, KB2, QkT2 and QR2.

Dr. Lovegrove (Black)—K on K; Q on K4; R on KR and QR; B on KB and QB3; Kt on KkT5; P on KR2, KkT2, KB2, K3, QkT2 and QR2.

As black was threatening checkmate Horowitz played P-KkT3. Black then tried to checkmate again with Q-KR4, which was answered by P-KR4. Thereupon Dr. Lovegrove, instead of playing KtxB, followed by B-QB4, and, castling, continued with Kt-K4. Horowitz then wound up the game as follows:

1—B-K4, B-Q3; 2—BxBch, PxB; 3—QR-Q, R-Q; 4—Kt-K4, K-K2; 5—KtxB, RxKt; 6—RxR, KxR; 7—Q-R3ch, winning.

In his game with Larsen, Horowitz reached the following difficult position:

Horowitz (White)—K on KkT; Q on QkT6; R on QR and K5; P on QR2, QkT2, QkT5, KB2, KkT2 and KR2.

Larsen (Black)—K on KkT; Q on QB5; R on QB and KB; P on Q6, K3, KB2, KkT2 and KR2.

Horowitz, to move, played KR-K. The encounter was then concluded with the following line of play:

1—P-Q7; 2—KR-Q, Q-B8; 3—Q-R5 (not as good as Q-K3), QxQR; 4—RxQ, R-B8ch; 5—RxR, PxR, (Q)ch, &c.

## ZUKERTORT OPENING

| CAPPS<br>White | LAPIKEN<br>Black | CAPPS<br>White | LAPIKEN<br>Black |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 Kt-KB3       | P-Q4             | 15 B-K2        | K-B2             |
| 2 P-QkT3       | P-QB4            | 16 Kt-B3       | P-QR3            |
| 3 B-Kt2        | P-B3             | 17 B-B3        | P-Kt4            |
| 4 P-K3         | P-K4             | 18 Q-Kt7       | K-Kt             |
| 5 KtxP         | PxKt             | 19 P-KR3       | Kt-B4            |
| 6 Q-R5ch       | K-Q2             | 20 QxP         | R-R2             |
| 7 BxP          | Q-K              | 21 Q-R8        | P-Q5             |
| 8 Q-Kt4ch      | Q-K3             | 22 PxP         | PxP              |
| 9 Q-Kt3        | Kt-QB3           | 23 R-K         | Q-Kt3            |
| 10 BxP         | B-Q3             | 24 R-K8        | R-QB2            |
| 11 P-KB4       | Kt-Q5            | 25 Kt-Q5       | Kt-K6ch          |
| 12 BxR         | KtxPch           | 26 KtxKt       | PxKt             |
| 13 K-Q         | KtxR             | 27 RxP         | Resigns(a)       |
| 14 BxKt        | Kt-K2            |                |                  |

(a) A hopeless struggle. 27 . . . Q-Kt8ch; 28 K-K2, R-B8; 29 B-K5, etc.

(Played between C. Capps and P. Lapiken in the championship tournament, Mechanics Institute Chess & Checker Club, San Francisco).