

California. A. J. Fink won the California State Championship, this time scoring $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ in a good field. Other leading scores were V. Pafnutieff $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; N. Falconer 7-5; R. Konkel 6-6.

Morris Gordon won the gruelling Los Angeles Championship with 10-4 after a close, exciting race. He nosed out runner-up George E. Croy by half a point. W. H. Steckel, G. Patterson and E. Bersbach tied for third with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. Gordon, who scored his first important triumph in this tourney, received a \$100 first prize and a trophy.



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ABOVE: Los Angeles Champion Morris Gordon (about to make a move) plays runner-up George E. Croy. Among the onlookers are (beginning from left) Paul Harmat, H. Rogosin, L. Pritchard and LeRoy Johnson. Gordon won the title in a hotly contested tournament (see Page 8).

RIGHT: The Los Feliz Chess Club of Los Angeles has organized a Junior Chess Club with an initial membership of twenty-five enthusiastic youngsters. The club's activities are directed by Nathan Kramer, and a very lively season is planned. Californians look forward to a considerable increase in the ranks of such teen-age experts as James Cross, Eugene Levin, William Grossman and Peter Velliot.

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