

# Currie Wins G. Gate Chess Title

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Robert Currie of San Francisco won the championship of the Golden Gate Chess Club with a score of 16-3, leading William Addison and Robert Konkel by one-half point.

Addison and Konkel, with 15½-3½, tied for second and third, with the possibility that Henry Gross, who still has one game to play, may finish with the same score.

Carroll Capps ended up with a score of 14-5, and James Schmitt with 13-6.

## Field of 20

Currie's victory, over a field of 20 players, including United States Master Henry Gross and Northern California Champion William Addison, represents his best effort to date. Currie has just enrolled as a freshman in the University of California, and will play for the Bears' chess team in the team matches next spring.

We learn that James Schmitt has also enrolled at UC. The university chess team is going to be really tough this year!

The 12 teams finishing in the first division in the Chess Olympics, now being played in Amsterdam, are:

England, Iceland. Soviet Union, Israel, Sweden, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, West Germany, Holland, Hungary and Argentina.

## Tied for First

After four rounds of the finals, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia were tied for first

place with 12 points, followed by Argentina with 10 points.

Little Israel was proving to be a sort of dark horse, holding the mighty Russian team to a 2-2 tie.

Yugoslavia won all of its first four matches in the finals, defeating Holland, England, Sweden and Israel.

Don't forget—the championship tournament of the Russian Chess Club, Russian Center, 2450 Sutter-st, begins tomorrow night. There is still time to enter, which you may do by phoning Peter Prokoodin, afternoon, at WALnut 1-0204.

The miniature by Kohtz and Kockelkorn, published in this column two weeks ago, is solved by: 1 Kt-B4, K-Q5; 2 Q-K8 and mate next move. If Black, on his first move, plays KxB, there follows 2. Kt-B3, and mate next move.

## Seven Successful

The problem is a beauty, but gave our readers a great deal of trouble. Only seven were successful:

Vasilii Bassalaeff, Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, John F. Yale, all of San Francisco; Jack E. Davis, San Rafael; Harry Hokensen, Santa Rosa; E. C. Jonas, Fort Ord; Keith Wentz, Alameda. Bouquets to all of you.

Here is a neat little four-mover, by the great American composer of the last century, Bouquets to all of you.

White (six men): King on King Knight eight; Rook on King Bishop six; Knight on King Rook seven; Pawns on King Rook two,

King Knight two and King Bishop four.

Black (two men): King on King Rook four; Pawn on King Rook three. White to move and mate in four moves.

The following game took only about six minutes to play, but is well-played, nonetheless. James Schmitt of San Francisco defeats Harry Boroehow of Los Angeles in the preliminaries of the California Rapid Championship, San Luis Obispo, May 31 last. Each player has 10 seconds in which to make a move.

## NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE

White—J. Schmitt		Black—H. Boroehow	
1 P-Q4	Kt-KB3	11 P-B4	P-K4
2 P-QB4	P-K3	12 BPxP	PxP
3 Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	13 B-Kt5	PxP
4 P-K3	O-O	14 BxKt	PxB
5 B-Q3	P-Q3	15 Kt-R5	Kt-Kt3
6 P-K4	BxKtch	16 KtxPch	K-R1
7 Px8	P-K3	17 Q-R5	Kt-B1
8 Kt-K2	QKt-Q2	18 P-K5	R-K3
9 Kt-Kt3	R-K1	19 QxBP	Resigns
10 O-O	Kt-B1		

The following instructive game was played in the recent Pan-American tournament in Hollywood. Henry Gross of San Francisco defeats Robert Cross with a pretty combination.

## FRENCH DEFENSE

White—H. Gross		Black—R. Cross	
1 P-K4	P-K3	13 Kt-Q4	B-R5
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	14 O-O	P-QR4
3 Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	15 R-Q2	Kt-Q4
4 B-Q2	P-CB4	16 B-Kt2	PxP
5 P-QR3	BxKt	17 PxP	KtxKtP
6 BxB	QPxP	18 B-QR3	KtxBP?
7 PxP	QxQch	19 KtxKt	BxKt
8 BxQ	Kt-KB3	20 P-B6!	B-Q6
9 P-KKt3	B-Q2	21 PxKt	BxR
10 B-Kt2	B-B3	22 BxR	B-Q6
11 Kt-K2	QKt-Q2	23 B-K7	Resigns
12 P-QKt4	O-O		

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