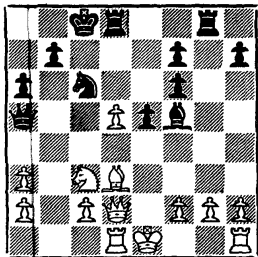


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### NOW WE WAIT FOR FISCHER TO DO WHAT WE KNOW HE CAN

The California Chess Reporter is not unaware of the phenomenon of Bobby Fischer. His exploits were reported in these columns long before they appeared elsewhere, beginning with the 1957 U.S. Junior Championship, where Bobby won the championship with our own Gil Ramirez second, Steve Sholomson third, and Ron Thacker, Arthur Wang, and Rex Wilcox following.

We have also watched the general news media, who have seized upon Fischer as if upon a dancing bear. (The only bear we know who is dancing, however, is Spassky!) We have been critical of Fischer's play only because there has been a vacuum in this regard. We have run two diagrams where Fischer might have been at a loss against Larsen, and in this issue we point out two other critical positions from the Petrosian match. We think Larsen played better than Petrosian, regardless of the score. And we give these positions (all four of them) as some sort of proof. This is news. What else can eclipse it?

KAPLAN, LOFTSSON, R. GROSS TIE FOR FIRST AT CALIFORNIA OPEN

International master Julio Kaplan of Berkeley, Julius Loftsson of Los Angeles and Ronald Cross of Cerritos tied for first place in the California Open, held at Del Webb's TowneHouse in Fresno, with 6-1 scores. Kaplan was defeated in the fifth round by Loftsson, who then held the lead, 5-0. But Loftsson finished with two draws while Kaplan and Cross were winning.

The trophy for first place and the place in the State Championship finals went to Kaplan on tie-breaking points.

No less than thirty players won a prize of some kind. Kaplan and Loftsson received \$154 each. Cross won the Expert trophy and \$192. Class winners were Michael Mills of Fresno, Class A; David Lynn of Saratoga, Class B; Ed Townsend of Seal Beach, Class C; David Galfond of Coleta, Classes D-E; Jimmie Davis of Redondo Beach, unrated; and Greta Olsson of Santa Monica, women's. The prize fund totaled \$1,230 and there were seven handsome trophies which were donated by Bill Myers of Fresno.

There were 118 contestants. Tournament directors were Martin Morrison and Elwyn Meyers with assistance from Bill Myers. The cross-table:

## 22ND ANNUAL CALIFORNIA OPEN, FRESNO SEPTEMBER 4-6, 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. J. Kaplan	W11	W21	W18	W5	L2	W15	W10	6 - 1
2. J. Loftsson	W58	W5	W19	W12	W1	D11	D5	6 - 1
3. R. Cross	W67	W36	D41	D27	W76	W32	W11	6 - 1
4. J. Tarjan	W49	W20	D24	L33	W56	W31	W22	5½-1½
5. J. Blackstone	W117	W26	W25	L1	W24	W14	D2	5½-1½
6. H. Noland	D87	W89	D38	W64	W35	D25	W26	5½-1½
7. M. Appleberry	W88	W39	W*	L8	D26	W40	W25	5½-1½
8. D. Fritzingler	W57	D34	W54	W7	D15	D17	D16	5 - 2
9. I. Rivise	W66	D54	D34	D55	W43	W53	D17	5 - 2
10. L. Christiansen	W87	W37	D27	D23	W20	W33	L1	5 - 2
11. S. Schwartz	W68	W110	D53	W59	W41	D2	L3	5 - 2
12. L. Raterman	W69	W22	W30	L2	L25	W39	W27	5 - 2
13. R. Lalazarian	W70	D38	W40	D16	W46	L22	W33	5 - 2
14. L. Kupersmith	D89	W73	D55	W43	W50	L5	W34	5 - 2
15. R. Wolf	W72	D40	W44	W53	D8	L1	W35	5 - 2
16. J. Mego	W60	D47	W105	D13	D52	W28	D8	5 - 2
17. G. Saidi	W74	D55	W47	W52	D33	D8	D9	5 - 2
18. P. Velliotis	W75	W28	L1	W45	L32	W42	W36	5 - 2

## 22nd Annual California Open, (Continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
19. T. Maser	W76	W64	L2	L41	W83	W69	W37	5 - 2
20. B. Lainson	W80	L4	W70	W49	L10	W41	W38	5 - 2
21. I. Pohl	W95	L1	L85	W75	W74	W71	W48	5 - 2
22. M. Mills	W100	L12	W86	W41	W62	W13	L4	5 - 2
23. N. Miller	W112	D56	W65	D10	D29	L27	W55	4½-2½
24. V. Radaikin	W73	W77	D4	D29	L5	D34	W56	4½-2½
25. M. Rubin	W90	W85	L5	W42	W12	D6	L7	4½-2½
26. M. Pollowitz	W97	L5	W37	W71	D7	W29	L6	4½-2½
27. J. Silman	D104	W116	D10	D3	W30	W23	L12	4½-2½
28. D. Lynn	W106	L18	W63	D30	W65	L16	W54	4½-2½
29. P. D. Smith	W71	D65	W56	D24	D23	L26	D40	4 - 3
30. S. J. Rubin	W94	W83	L12	D28	L27	W87	D46	4 - 3
31. G. Rubin	L77	W102	W68	W57	D34	L4	D47	4 - 3
32. S. Wollschlager	W79	W44	L59	W85	W18	L3	-	4 - 3
33. J. Sawyer	W96	D52	W92	W4	D17	L10	L13	4 - 3
34. W. Bragg	W81	D8	D9	W88	D31	D24	L14	4 - 3
35. Dr. F. Gamboa	W98	L2	W87	W60	L6	W62	L15	4 - 3
36. J. Jaffray	W113	L3	L52	W48	W54	W44	L18	4 - 3
37. P. Perillo	W99	L10	L26	W79	W18	W66	L19	4 - 3
38. D. Cotten	W101	D13	D6	L62	W85	W60	L20	4 - 3
39. H. Rosenbaum	W91	L7	W94	L22	W77	L12	W59	4 - 3
40. T. Dorsch	W51	D15	L13	W112	W49	L7	D29	4 - 3
41. G. Rasmussen	D102	W104	D3	W19	L11	L20	W67	4 - 3
42. Greta Olsson	W116	W103	L*	L25	W80	L18	W85	4 - 3
43. J. Rowell	W62	L53	W77	L14	L9	W75	W69	4 - 3
44. Dr. B. Gross	W63	L32	L15	W95	W105	L36	W71	4 - 3
45. L. Wolfley	L83	W46	W99	L18	L66	W74	W72	4 - 3
46. G. Wong	D92	L45	W67	W103	L13	W93	D30	4 - 3
47. G. Schweger	W84	D16	L17	D50	W72	D52	D31	4 - 3
48. R. Kunz	L105	W90	W112	L36	W61	W77	L21	4 - 3
49. R. Roubal	L4	W80	W51	L20	L40	W97	W86	4 - 3
50. K. Burnett	L52	D96	W97	D47	L14	W99	W81	4 - 3
51. J. Davis	L40	W78	L49	L72	W95	W68	W66	4 - 3

3½ Points: 52. R. Stoutenborough, 53. B. Menas, 54. A. DiMilo, 55. W. Beattie, 56. H. A. Overholtzer, 57. F. Weinberg, 58. R. Robinson, 59. J. Horning, 60. E. Townsend, 61. R. Engstrom, 62. F. Cummings, 63. W. Moore.

3 Points: 64. A. McKenzie, 65. F. Harris, 66. W. Stuart, 67. S. Levine, 68. D. Ifill, 69. M. Holgerson, 70. H. Baer, 71. S. Cunningham, 72. A. Carlson, 73. Donna Bragg, 74. K. Forrest, 75. J. Williams, 76. R. Korte, 77. Dr. B. Collins, 78. L. Roberts, 79. R. Smith, 80. M. Maloney, 81. L. Fair, 82. D. McLeod, 83. E. McCaskey, 84. E. Keith, 85. D. Hinrichsen, 86. K. Black.

<u>2½ Points:</u>	87. D. Choate, 88. L. O'Doan, 89. T. Reese, 90. N. Lunde 91. D. Galfond, 92. J. Porter, 93. J. Dean.
<u>2 Points:</u>	94. A. Hansen, 95. W. Kennedy, 96. J. Wolf, 97. E. Sheffield, 98. C. Lamb, 99. G. Pitzer, 100. P. Norris, 101. R. Hartmann, 102. C. Smith, 103. W. Pannell, 104. R. Walchwell, 105. E. Alsasua, 106. A. Worrell, 107. K. Furlong.
<u>1½ Points:</u>	108. G. Brooks, 109. B. Hildreth.
<u>1 Point:</u>	110. K. Morrisey, 111. R. Schreiber, 112. J. Ets-Hokin, 113. L. Frasier, 114. Anita Gross, 115. Margie Lizza.
<u>½ Point:</u>	116. D. Peltier.
<u>0 Points:</u>	117. G. Castleberry, 118. K. Guertner.

### WILKERSON WINS SAN FRANCISCO CLASS TOURNAMENT

Max Wilkerson of San Francisco won the first annual San Francisco class championships, held at the Travel Lodge at the Wharf in September, by a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . Class winners were: Walter Heaton of San Francisco, Class A; Alan Carlson of Gardena, Class B; Martin Sullivan of San Leandro and Romulo Aguilar of San Francisco, tied in Class C; Adam Lotz of Davis and Randall Mullins of Sunnyvale, tied in Classes D-E.

There were 116 contestants and the tournament directors were Martin Morrison and Elwyn Meyers. The cross-table:

### SAN FRANCISCO CLASS TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 11-12, 1971

#### MASTER-EXPERT SECTION

	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Max Wilkerson	W2	W3	D4	W5	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
2. Ervin Middleton	L1	D4	W5	W6	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
3. Craig Barnes	W5	L1	W6	D4	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
4. Guillermo Rey	W6	D2	D1	D3	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
<u>½ Point:</u>	5. Vitaley Radaikin, 6. Boris Popov.				

#### CLASS A SECTION

	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Walter Heaton	W24	W19	W4	W7	4 - 0
2. Dr. Kent Bach	W5	W20	D7	W8	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
3. Kevin Burnett	D6	W21	W19	W10	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
4. Steven Cross	W22	W11	L1	W14	3 - 1
5. Kevin Fong	L2	W15	W12	W11	3 - 1
6. Peter Grey	D3	D8	W17	D9	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
7. Randall Hough	W23	W12	D2	L1	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
8. Harry Overholtzer	W25	D6	W14	L2	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
9. Marcos Costa	W10	L14	W22	D6	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$

- 2 Points: 10. Zeev Ben-Porat, 11. Hiawatha Bradley, 12. Charles Nevins, 13. Lawrence Wolfley, 14. Lawrence Ross, 15. Frank Leffman, 16. John Narcisi, 17. James Buff.
- 1½ Points: 18. Kenneth Black.
- 1 Point: 19. Gene Lee, 20. Stephen Gee, 21. Thomas Dorsch, 22. Dr. Ben Gross, 23. Raymond Segal, 24. Frank Luederitz.
- ½ Point: 25. Gency Anima.
- 0 Points: 26. Leo Jones, 27. Randall Feliciano.

## CLASS B SECTION

	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Alan Carlson	W30	W6	W5	W8	4 - 0
2. Louis Bignami	W23	W29	D3	W10	3½- ½
3. Kevin Olwell	W24	W26	D2	W9	3½- ½
4. Robert McIntyre	D32	W11	D13	D18	3 - 1
5. Carl Shiflett	W25	W12	L1	W21	3 - 1
6. James Jirovsek	W16	L1	W22	W15	3 - 1
7. Raymond Cuneo	L29	W30	W27	W13	3 - 1
8. Elmo Mugnani	W35	W21	D10	L1	2½-1½
9. Ron Watson	D33	W32	W24	L3	2½-1½
10. Hans Mager	W34	W14	D8	L2	2½-1½
11. William Lanam	D13	L4	W23	W12	2½-1½

- 2 Points: 12. Dennis Sims, 13. James Cornwell, 14. John Monterde, 15. Don Ifill, 16. Leroy O'Doan, 17. James Conner, 18. Randall Pina, 19. A. Marshall, 20. Ken Burns, 21. Richard Roach.
- 1½ Points: 22. George Harris, 23. Richard Rosell.
- 1 Point: 24. George Putnam, 25. Michael Cooper, 26. Jim Blackwood, 27. Dennis Claudio, 28. John King, 29. Michael Williamson, 30. Clifford Lamb, 31. James Buff.
- ½ Point: 32. Daniel Litowsky, 33. Michael Griffis.
- 0 Points: 34. Jerrold Samuels, 35. Frank Bent.

## CLASS C SECTION

	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Romulo Aguilar	W32	W24	W15	W6	4 - 0
2. Martin Sullivan	W25	W7	W16	W9	4 - 0
3. Ake Gullmes	W27	D12	W17	W15	3½- ½
4. Ronald Smith	W28	L16	W30	W19	3 - 1
5. Virgilio Santos	W20	W8	L6	W16	3 - 1
6. Robert Korte	W21	W29	W5	L1	3 - 1
7. William Hardy	W11	L2	W*	W12	3 - 1
8. Ken Ellis	W36	L5	W22	W26	3 - 1
9. Marc Franklin	W35	W34	W14	L2	3 - 1

## Class C Section (continued)

	1	2	3	4	Score
10. George Currie	L16	W28	W*	W14	3 - 1
11. Kenneth Horne	L7	W26	W*	D20	2½-1½
12. Harold Woest	BYE	D3	W29	L7	2½-1½
<u>2 Points:</u>	13. Grayson Perkins, 14. Paul Vayssie, 15. Michael Koblentz, 16. Myron Johnson, 17. Julian Gomez, 18. Harvey Lesser, 19. David Cowles, 20. Paul Watsky, 21. Michael Pool, 22. Steffen Johnson.				
<u>1 Point:</u>	23. Barry Nelson, 24. Joseph Szepanski, 25. Johann Weiler, 26. Neil Levy, 27. Russell Jacob, 28. Peter Nagel, 29. Michael, Carney, 30. Everett Rowe, 31. Rick Eberly, 32. Lawrence Wong, 33. Keith Guertner.				
<u>½ Point:</u>	34. Leon Hopkins.				
<u>0 Points:</u>	35. Cary Krumholz, 36. Gerald Mosheim.				

## CLASS D-CLASS E SECTION

	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Randall Mullins	W11	W6	D2	W5	3½-½
2. Adam Letz	W3	W11	D1	W6	3½-½
3. Leslie Gee	L2	W9	D5	W7	2½-1½
4. Nora Harris	W7	D5	L6	W8	2½-1½
<u>2 Points:</u>	5. Steven Weinroth, 6. Stewart Katz, 7. Jim Lindsay.				
<u>1 Point:</u>	8. Jim Olwell, 9. George Marcus.				
<u>0 Points:</u>	10. Blair Hull, 11. Michael Redding.				

WEST COVINA TOURNAMENT REPORTS by David Argall

The West Covina Summer Sweepstakes Weekend Chess Tournament was won by Donald Cotten with the score of 4½-½. His only draw was against Charles Crotts in the last round. Favorite Don Bicknell scored a respectable 4-1 to finish second. His only loss was to Cotten. Third place went to Charles Crotts with 3½-1½. Thomas Mishler took the B prize with 3-2.

The tournament was held at Mesa School, on Barranca just south of the San Bernardino Freeway, where the West Covina Chess Club meets every Friday. David Argall directed the 12 man event.



## WEST COVINA SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES, JUNE 25-27

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. D. Cotten	W7	W9	W2	W6	D3	4½-½
2. D. Bicknell	W6	W3	L1	W5	W4	4 - 1
3. Charles Grotts	W9	L2	W11	W7	D1	3½-1½
4. David Argall	W8	W5	L7	W11	L2	3 - 2
5. Emil Herzog	W11	L4	W9	L2	W8	3 - 2
6. T. J. Mishler	L2	W9	W10	L1	W11	3 - 2
7. Lyle Oje	L1	W12	W4	L3	-	2 - 3
8. D. Sassoon	L4	L11	W12	W10	L5	2- 3
9. R. Williams	L3	L6	L5	W12	W10	2 - 3
10. H. Graydon	W12	L1	L6	L8	L9	1 - 4
11. Jerry Payne	L5	W8	L3	L4	L6	1 - 4
12. J. Perea	L10	L7	L8	L9	BYE	1 - 4

Don Bicknell and Rick Flacco tied for first place in the West Covina August Action Chess Tournament. Each won three games while drawing with the other and with Craig Faber. This was an expected excellent performance on the part of Bicknell, who has dominated West Covina Chess for years, but Flacco's victory at the age of 16 may signal the emergence of a future Senior Master.

David Sassoon won the B prize and John Perea won the C prize. Both scored 2½-2½.

The tournament took place at Mesa School. There were 12 entries and David Argall directed.

## WEST COVINA AUGUST ACTION, AUGUST 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. D. Bicknell	W9	D8	W7	D2	W5	4 - 1
2. R. Flacco	W6	W5	D8	D1	W7	4 - 1
3. D. Argall	L7	W12	W11	D5	W9	3½-1½
4. T. McCleary	W12	D7	W9	-	-	2½-2½
5. W. Beattie	W11	L2	W6	D3	L1	2½-2½
6. J. Perea	L2	D11	L5	W10	W12	2½-2½
7. D. Sassoon	W3	D4	L1	W8	L2	2½-2½
8. C. Faber	W10	D1	D2	L7	-	2 - 3
9. B. Ford	L1	W10	L4	W11	L3	2 - 3
10. S. Miller	L8	L9	W12	L6	BYE	2 - 3
11. M. Marcella	L5	D6	L3	L9	W12	1½-3½
12. P. Stewart	L4	L3	L10	L11	L6	0 - 5

Don Bicknell and Paul Kopløy scored  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  to tie for first in the West Covina Summer Rating Tournament. Both won their first four games and scored a fighting draw with each other.

Third place was a tie between David Argall and Craig Faber at 4-1. Faber also won the A prize. Rick Flacco won the B prize with a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Johana Blees, Charles Lautman, Fred Meiden and Richard Williams shared the C prize at 2-3.

Play took place at Mesa School on Friday nights. There were 24 entries. David Argall directed.

WEST COVINA SUMMER RATING, JULY-AUGUST 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. D. Bicknell	W22	W6	W8	W7	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
2. P. Kopløy	W16	W4	W5	W9	D1	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
3. D. Argall	L20	W23	W16	W10	W8	4 - 1
4. C. Faber	W15	L2	W11	W19	W7	4 - 1
5. R. Flacco	W21	W12	L2	D6	W16	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
6. E. Herzog	W23	L1	W21	D5	W17	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
7. W. Beattie	W14	W10*	W15	L1	L4	3 - 2
8. M. Neuss	W19	W20	L1	W12	D3	3 - 2
9. D. Sassoon	W24	L13	W14	L2	W12	3 - 2
10. W. E. Smith	W11	L7*	W15	L3	W15	3 - 2

2 Points: 11. J. Blees, 12. L. Ferguson, 13. G. Grotts, 14. C. Lautman, 15. F. Meiden, 16. R. Moorman, 17. J. Payne, 18. R. Williams.

1 Points: 19. H. Graydon, 20. L. Oje., 21. J. Perea.

0 Points: 22. A. Hannenberg, 23. J. Meza, 24. W. Woodward.

GAME OF THE MONTH

The 1971 California Open had a strong field as usual. International master and former World Junior Champion Julio Kaplan of Berkeley and Puerto Rico led a list of 30 masters and experts, and there were 118 contestants in all.

In the 5th round a struggle took place between two of the top players, Kaplan and Julius Loftsson. An old-fashioned opening was played and Kaplan had an advantage, which in the middle game became a bind. But he played a weak move and in a moment Loftsson had the edge. At the end each side was attempting to mate the other with a force of Rook plus 2 Knights.

CALIFORNIA OPEN, FRESNO 1971

Game No. 1185 - Giuoco

White	Black
<u>J. Kaplan</u>	<u>J. Loftsson</u>

(notes by Julius Loftsson)

- |           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | F-K4   |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4   | B-B4   |
| 4. P-B3   | Q-K2   |
| 5. P-Q4   | B-Kt3  |
| 6. O-O    | Kt-B3  |
| 7. R-K1   | F-Q3   |
| 8. P-KR3  | O-O    |
| 9. Kt-R3  |        |

Rossolimo's move. The Knight is heading towards Q5.

9. ... P-KR3

The usual plan in this position (worked out by former world champion Euwe) is to set up a Steinitzian strongpoint defense with 9...K-R1 followed by Kt-Q1, B-K3, Kt-KKt1 and P-KB3.

I didn't remember the book analysis of the Euwe system very well and didn't dare play it because the margin of error is small.

Yet 9...P-KR3 is inferior and is shown up in the next few moves.

10. Kt-B2

More active was 10. B-Kt3 threatening 11.Kt-B4 and 12. P-QR4. Black's best reply is 10...P-QR3 but after 11. Kt-B4, B-R2; 12. Kt-K3 White stands better.

10. ... R-K1

11. B-QKt5!

An excellent move found after 28 minutes deliberation. Black has now nothing better than 11...B-Q2 allowing White to trade Bishops and then sink his King Knight on K-B5 with great effect, because of the weakening caused by 9...P-KR3.

11. ... B-Q2  
12. P-Q5 Kt-Kt1

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| 13. BxB   | QKtxB  |
| 14. Kt-R4 | K-R2   |
| 15. Kt-B5 | Q-B1   |
| 16. P-QR4 | P-QR3? |

Much stronger was 16...P-QR4. The text move allows White to advance with P-QKt4, P-QB4 and P-QB5.

This dangerous possibility could have been avoided by 16...P-QR4. Then White would only have had a slight advantage.

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| 17. P-QR5! | B-R2    |
| 18. P-QKt4 | Kt-KKt1 |
| 19. B-K3   |         |

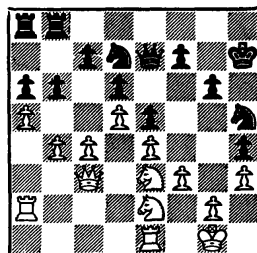
Probably even stronger was 19. Q-Kt4 holding up Black's P-KKt3.

If 19...QKt-B3; 20. Q-B3 still preventing 20...P-KKt, because of 21. KtxRP. Black's best seems to be 19. R-Q1.

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| 19. ...    | BxB    |
| 20. QKtxB  | P-KKt3 |
| 21. Kt-Kt3 | Q-K2   |
| 22. P-QB4  | KR-Kt1 |
| 23. Q-B2   | P-Kt3? |

This ought to have lost the game. 23...P-Kt3 just opens up lines for White. Yet the lesser evil was to make waiting moves and watch White play KR-B1 and P-QB5. Very depressing!

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| 24. Q-B3  | KKt-B3 |
| 25. R-R2  | P-R4   |
| 26. P-KB3 | P-R5   |
| 27. Kt-K2 | Kt-R4  |



28. Pxp??

Horrible. With one move White throws away all his advantage and from now on has to fight for a draw. Correct was 28. KR-R1 which wins a pawn and maintains the bind.

28. ... Pxp!  
29. KR-R1 P-R4!

Of course! The pawn can now only be won at the expense of the "c5" square. Black has neutralized White's Q-side initiative and now stands better because White has all the play on the King-side.

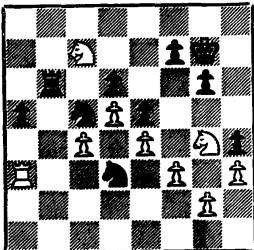
30. Q-B1

If 30. Pxp, Pxp; 31. RxP, RxR; 32. QxR, Kt-B4 and Black has more than enough for the pawn.

30. ... Q-Kt4  
31. Kt-Kt4 QxQ  
32. KtxQ Kt-B5  
33. Kt-K3 R-R2  
34. Kt-K2 Kt-Q6!

Forcing White to exchange Pawns- i.e. to open the Knight file for Black.

35. Pxp Pxp  
36. Kt-B3 R-Kt6  
37. Kt-Kt5 R-R3  
38. R-R3 Kt(2)-B4  
39. RxR KtxR  
40. R-R3 Kt(Kt)-B4  
41. Kt-Kt4 K-Kt2  
42. Kt-B7 R-Kt3!



Not 42...R-R2; 43. Kt-K8 winning the Q-pawn.

43. RxP?

In time pressure (time-control was at move 45) allows the Black Rook into his position with disastrous result. 43. Kt-Kt5 was necessary although after 43...P-R5 Black has a very favorable endgame - outside passed pawn, White's QB pawn being backward and possibilities of pawn play on the Kingside.

43. ... P-B4  
44. Pxp Pxp  
45. Kt-K3 R-Kt8+

46. Kt-B1  
Kaplan took 42 minutes deciding between the text move and 46. K-R2. It loses too but the winning method is more involved. Best is (after 46. K-R2) 46...K-Kt3 (Not 46...Kt-B7; 47. KtxP+ and 48. KtxRP) 47. Kt-K8, R-K8! This seems to be the only winning move. Kaplan feared 47...P-B5; 48. Kt-Kt4, P-K5 but it fails because of 49. R-R7 threatening mate(!) in two. But after 47...R-K8! White is lost. E.g. 48. Kt-B2, R-K7; 49. Kt-R3, Kt-K8; 50. K-R1, RxP; 51. R-R7, R-Q7 with a decisive mating attack.

46. ... P-K5!

If now 47. Pxp, KtxP, and 48...Kt-Kt6.

47. Kt-K8ch K-Kt3!

Not 47. ...K-B1 because of 48. KtxQP, P-K6?; 49. R-R8+ followed by 50. KtxBPcheck and 51. KtxKP.

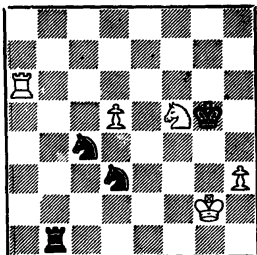
48. P-Kt4 PxpPe.p.

Not 48...P-K6 because of 49. R-R7, P-K7? (if Kt-Kt2; 50. RxKt and 51. KtxKP) 50. R-Kt7ch, K-R3; 51. P-Kt5ch, KR4; 52. Kt-B6 mate!

49. Pxp KtxP  
50. KtxQP KtxKt  
51. K-Kt2

If 51. R-R6, Kt-B5; 52. RxKtch, K-Kt4 and there is no defense against 52...P-Kt7

51. ... KtxBP  
 52. R-R6ch K-Kt4  
 53. KtxP



Here I saw the specter of White sacrificing his Knight for my last pawn, then exchanging rooks, leaving me with the famous (and extremely difficult) endgame of King and 2 knights vs King and a pawn. But fortunately Black has now a mating attack with his three pieces.

53. ... Kt-B5ch  
 54. K-B3 Kt-K4ch  
 55. K-B2 R-Kt7ch  
 56. K-K1 Kt-Kt7ch!

It's mate in three.

WHITE RESIGNS

#### CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Sept. 5, 1971 at Fresno, CA  
Gunnar Rasmussen, Chairman

The meeting was called to order at the TowneHouse at 9:15 P.M. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Directors Rivise, Morrison, McClain, Myers. President Isaac Kashdan voted by proxy to Guthrie McClain. Harold Sanders voted by proxy to Martin Morrison.

By order of the chairman it was decided to dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Director Morrison noted that the by-laws of USCF have been changed to require that State Directors to USCF shall be certified in writing to USCF Secretary before March 31 for the forthcoming year commencing July 1.

In order to meet this date it was resolved:

a) USCF directors from California shall be appointed by the end of each calendar year; b) appointments shall be made by current CSCF directors and/or officers from three California areas, namely Central California current director Martin Morrison, San Francisco and Northern California current director Guthrie McClain, Southern California current President Isaac Kashdan or alternate appointed by him.

Next business was a discussion of amendments to CSCF constitution and by-laws. A draft version of suggested amendments was presented to your

Secretary and director McClain by director Morrison about two months ago. Discussions between Morrison and McClain led to re-writing of the draft which was then sent to all directors. The gist of the discussion was that the amendments and revisions were sufficiently important so that all members should have the opportunity to communicate their views to their local directors so that directors could vote intelligently in accordance with constituents' wishes. Therefore, it was resolved:

RESOLVED THAT: (a) The proposed amendments and revisions to the by-laws and CONSTITUTION of the CSCF shall be published in the next issue of the Chess Reporter. (b) the Secretary will mail ballots, simultaneously with publication, to all directors with a request that ballots be returned within 30 days. November is considered as a necessary deadline so as to implement the modernized Constitution and by-laws regulations and procedures for the forthcoming State Championship matches and other important CSCF activities late this year and in 1972.

RESOLUTION: It was resolved that the detailed financial statement of CSCF receipts, disbursements and financial condition presented each year in writing by the Treasurer at the annual meeting shall be published in the Chess Reporter in the issue next after the annual meeting.

RESOLUTION: It was resolved unanimously that tournament directors of CSCF-sponsored events including the California Open, the State Chess Championship tournaments held in conjunction with the annual meeting and other important CSCF-sponsored events shall present to the Secretary of CSCF, in writing within 15 days after the event, a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements in connection with such events, including but not limited to entry fees, donations, membership dues, prizes, directors' and assistants' fees, commissions and other expenses, playing room costs, trophy costs, etc.

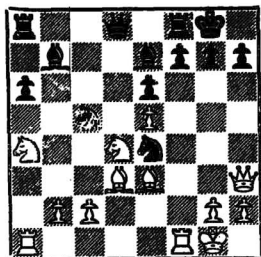
It was recommended that CSCF establish a suggested scale of fees for directors of CSCF-sponsored tournaments in recognition of the considerable amount of work involved in arranging and directing tournaments and matches.

Meeting was adjourned sine die at about 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Spencer Van Gelder, Secretary  
California State Chess Federation

WINNING CHESS CONCEPTS by Hyman Gordon

B. Larsen vs. R. Byrne  
Lugano, 1970



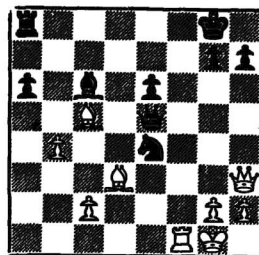
the winning ideas.

Before trying to find Black's main flaw, the student should make a general evaluation of the possibilities inherent in the situation. The Black minor pieces seem to be as mobile for action as the White minor pieces. However, the Black Queen and rooks do not command the chess area as well as the White major pieces.

Larsen noted that Black's main weakness was the pinned KtxK5. How should he proceed? He used the exchange of pieces tactic to eliminate one of the Black pieces protecting the Kt at K5.

The first move was 17. Kt-R6. There followed 17...BxKt; 18. KtxKt, BxKt; 19. BxB (note the beautiful coordination of the White forces, and the loneliness and isolation of the pinned Black Knight. 19...P-B4; 20. PxP e.p. White continues with his plan to concentrate on the pinned Kt rather than win the exchange, which would give Black some counterplay. 20...RxP; 21. RxR, QxR; 22. R-KB1 (now the Queen must move to a square that protects the Kt. But both the Queen and the Kt are subject to pins whether the Queen moves to K4 or Kt3. 22...Q-K4; 23. P-QKt4, P-R3; (not the best move. 23...P-QR4 would give White more trouble) 24. R-K1; RESIGNS.

The student who wishes to create an original chess masterpiece would do well to study Larsen's plan of action very deeply. He must apply to the highest degree his personal qualities of dedication, enthusiasm and confidence so admirably exemplified by Larsen in this game.



CALIFORNIA OPEN, FRESNO, 1971  
Game No. 1186 - Alekhine's Def.

White	Black
<u>P. Smith</u>	<u>M. Followitz</u>
1. P-K4	Kt-KB3
2. P-K5	Kt-Q4
3. P-Q4	P-Q3
4. Kt-KB3	B-Kt5
5. B-K2	P-K3
6. O-O	Kt-QB3
7. P-B4	Kt-Kt3
8. PxP	PxP
9. Kt-B3	P-Q4
10. P-B5	

A fine idea based on the following sacrificial combination going to move 21. White does not allow Black time to break up the center.

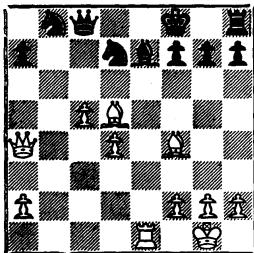
10. ...	Kt-Q2
11. P-Kt4	KtxP

Better was P-QR3, when 12. P-QR4 would deprive the White Queen of its attacking square.

12. R-Kt1	BxKt
13. BxB	Kt-QB3
14. RxP	R-QKt1

Too slow. B-K2 was essential.

15. RxR	QxR
16. Q-R4	Q-B1
17. KtxP!	PxKt
18. BxP	QKt-Kt1
19. R-K1ch	B-K2
20. B-B4	K-B1



21. QxP?

Three advanced pawns for the piece should win, but as immediate

result could have been achieved with 21. RxB, KxR; 22. B-Q6ch, K-K1; 23. Q-Kt5! threatening both Q-K2ch and P-B6. Having missed the quick win, White now tires.

21. ...	Kt-B3
22. BxKt?	

Again, Q-R4 keeps Black in a bind and sets up the same combination.

22. ...	QxB
23. Q-B7?	

Why not R-Kt1? There is no need to exchange Queens when Black has an exposed King.

23. ...	QxQ
24. BxQ	P-B4
25. P-B6?	

And now this only weakens the pawns. P-QR4 and R-R1 should win.

25. ...	Kt-B3
26. B-K5	K-B2
27. P-B7	R-QB1
28. P-QR4	Kt-K1
29. P-Q5	B-Q3
30. P-B4	RxP
31. P=R5	R-B4
32. R-R1	BxB
33. PxB	RxQP
34. P-R6	Kt-B2
35. P-R7	Kt-R1
36. R-Kt1	RxP?
37. R-Kt7ch	R-K2
38. RESIGNS	

Game No. 1187 - French Defense

White	Black
<u>J. Tarjan</u>	<u>G. Rubin</u>
1. P-Q4	P-K3
2. P-K4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	P-QB4
4. P-QB3	B-Q2
5. Kt-Q2	Kt-QB3
6. Kkt-B3	PxP
7. PxP	R-B
8. B-K2	Q-Kt3
9. Kt-Kt3	Kt-Kt5



- 10. O-O                    B-Kt4
- 11. B-Q2                   Kt-QB3
- 12. R-B                    Kkt-K2
- 13. R-B5                   BxB
- 14. QxB                    P-QR3
- 15. KR-B                   Kt-Kt3
- 16. B-R5                   Q-R2
- 17. QR-B2                  B-K2
- 18. P-Kt3                   O-O
- 19. P-KR4                   QR-R
- 20. B-Q2                   KR-K
- 21. P-R5                   Kt-B
- 22. P-R6                   P-Kkt3
- 23. B-Kt5                   Kt-Q2
- 24. Q-K3                   B-B
- 25. Q-B4                   P-R4
- 26. P-R4                   Q-Kt3
- 27. R-B3                   B-Kt5

An enterprising gambit for the last round of the tournament, but well analyzed in current publications as risky for Black.

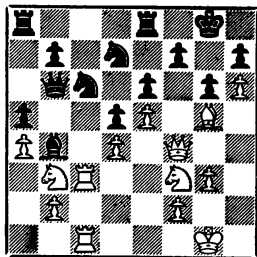
- 6. ...                    B-B4
- 7. B-QB4                   P-K3
- 8. O-O                    B-Q3
- 9. Kt-Kt5                   B-Kt3

If O-O, 10. RxB, PxR; 11. Q-R5, P-R3; 12. KtxP, etc.

- 10. BxP!                    O-O

Black prefers equality to 10... PxB; 11. KtxP, Q-K2; 12. Q-K2, K-Q2; 13. P-Q5, with such threats as Q-Kt4.

- 11. B-QB4                    Kt-QB3
- 12. B-K3                    Q-K2
- 13. Q-Q2                    P-KR3
- 14. Kt-R3                    Kt-Kt5



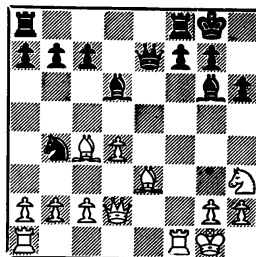
28. Kt-B5!

A fine blocking sacrifice to secure the black squares.

- 28. ...                    BxKt
- 29. RxB                    QR-B
- 30. Kt-R2                   QxP
- 31. Kt-Kt4                   Resigns

Game No. 1188 - Blackmar-Diemer

White	Black
<u>J. Tarjan</u>	<u>M. Mills</u>
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-QB3	P-Q4
3. P-K4	KtxP
4. KtxKt	PxKt
5. P-KB3	PxP
6. KtxP	



15. B-Kt3

Natural enough, even though it loses a pawn. White might have been more aggressive with 15. Kt-B4 and if KtxBP; 16. R-B3! (not 16. KtxB, QxBch; 17. QxQ, KtxQ; 18. KtxR, KtxR, etc). Now KtxB is a real threat and K-R2 or B-R2 is answered by QR-KB1; or 16...BxKt; 17. BxB, KtxP; 18. R-QB1, etc.

- 15. ...                    BxP!
- 16. B-QB4                   B-Kt3
- 17. B-B4                   QR-Q1
- 18. P-QR3                   Kt-B7
- 19. QR-B1                   KtxQP

Perhaps Black overlooked the fact

that White controls his QB5 with the move-in-hand BxPch, so the Knight can be taken. Even so, he gets good compensation for the moment.

- 20. QxKt BxRP
- 21. Q-B3 B-B4ch
- 22. K-R1 B-Q3

Perhaps B-Q5, holding more space in the center, would have given Black chances. The defense now goes downhill.

- 23. QR-K1 Q-Q2
- 24. B-K3 P-B4
- 25. Kt-B4 BxKt
- 26. BxB K-R1
- 27. BxRP Q-Q5
- 28. B-K3 QxQ
- 29. PxQ P-Kt3
- 30. R-Q1 K-Kt1
- 31. K-Kt1 KR-K1
- 32. K-B2 B-B7
- 33. RxR RxR
- 34. K-K2 R-Q2
- 35. B-B4 B-R5
- 36. B-K3 P-QKt4
- 37. B-Q3 P-Kt5
- 38. P-B4 R-B2
- 39. R-B5 P-Kt6
- 40. RxKBP RxR
- 41. BxR RESIGNS

- 9. P-QR4 P-Kt3
- 10. R-K1 B-Kt2
- 11. Kt-B4 P-K4

11...Q-B2 was the alternative, intending to meet 12. P-K5 with P-Q4; 13. Kt-Q6, KtxP etc.

- 12. Q-Kt3 ...

White wishes to enforce the advance P-R5 through tactical means. A game Grefe-S. Rubin, L. Statham Master-Expert Tourn. 1971 continued: 12. B-Q2, Q-Q2; 13. P-QKt4, PxP; 14. PxP, QR-K1?; 15. P-Kt5, Kt-Q1; (Black must not go in for 15...Kt-Q5; 16. KtxKt, PxKt; 17. B-Kt4, Kt-B1; 18. P-K5! etc.) 16. B-Kt4, Kt-B1; 17. P-Q4 with clear advantage to White.

- 12. ... Q-Q2

I considered here 12...P-Q4 but had to reject it in view of 13. PxP, QxP; 14. Q-Q1! (not 14. KKtxP?, Qx Bch; 15. KxQ, Kt-R4dis. ch wins a piece) and there is no defense to 15.KKtxP, the variation 14.QR-Q1; 15. KKtxP, QxBch; 16. KxQ, KtxKtch; 17. K-B1, KtxKt; 18. RxKt, etc. being insufficient for Black.

- 13. P-R5 PxP
- 14. KtxRP KtxKt
- 15. RxKt K-R1

Black prepares P-B4. I felt P-KR3 first was too loosening, but White already has the advantage.

- 16. B-K3 Kt-B3
- 17. R-R3?

This natural looking move gives away the advantage. White decides to play against Black's QRP but better was 17.R-R1 or better still 17. R-R4! White did not wish to place his rook on such an exposed square, but overlooked the possibility of slowing down Black's play on the King-side the idea being 1. R-R4, R-B4; 18. PxP, PxP; 19. R-R4! with strong pressure.

S.F. BAY AREA LEAGUE MATCH 1971

Game No. 1189 - King's Indian

White	Black
R. Hoppe (S.F.State)	J. Grefe (UC)

(Notes by John Grefe)

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. Kt-KB3 | P-QB4  |
| 2. P-KKt3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt2  | P-KKt3 |
| 4. O-O    | B-Kt2  |
| 5. P-Q3   | P-Q3   |
| 6. QKt-Q2 | P-K3   |
| 7. P-K4   | KKt-K2 |
| 8. P-B3   | O-O    |

17. ... QR-Kt

I felt 17...R-B4; 18. PxP, PxP; 19. Kt-Kt5 was too loosening for Black. The idea of this move is to force the White Queen to a decision, either to move to a2 or back towards the King-side.

18. Kt-Q2 P-B4

19. P-KB4 B-R3?

This move gives White an interesting tactical possibility. Which, however he fails to exploit. Better was first ...B-R1 and then this Bishop move.

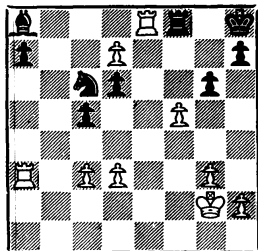
20. BPxP BxBch

21. RxB B-R1

On 21...QPxP; 22. Q-Q5 is strong.

22. Q-R2?

If White wishes to retreat his queen, he should play it to C2, maintaining contact with the Kingside. However, even stronger than moving the Queen is 22.P-K6! White refrained from this move because he could not gauge the relative strength or weakness of the advanced pawn. As the following pretty variations demonstrate, White would have obtained a decisive advantage, but he could hardly be blamed for being unable to fathom such complex possibilities over the board! 22. P-K6!, RxQ; 23. PxQ, RxKtP; 24. PxP!, RxKt; 25. R-K8, RxBch; 26. KxR.



(27. K-R1 just fails in some pretty play: A) 26. B-Kt2 and White can win with 27. R-Kt3, Kt-Kt5!; 28. RxBch (28. P-R4?, R-QB7ch; 29. K-Kt1, R-B8ch, 30. K-B2, R-B7ch; 31. K-K1, R-B8ch; 32. K-Q2, R-B7ch and White cannot avoid the perpetual) K-Kt2; 29. R-B7ch!, KxR; 30. P-Qch, Kany; 31. KtxB and wins, or 27. RxBch, K-Kt2; 28. R-QKt8!, KtxR; (28...R-Q7; 29. RxP!, etc) 29. RxP, KtxP; 30. RxB, R-QB7; 31. RxBch, K-R3; 32. PxP, PxP; 33. P-B4 and wins. B) 26...K-Kt1; 27. RxP! (27. RxBch, KxR; 28. RxP, K-K2; 29. P-Qch and White wins but here Black has 28...B-Kt2! with good drawing chances)...B-Kt2; 28. RxB, R-B7; 29. R-B7 and wins. C) 26...K-Kt2!; 27. RxR (27. RxP, KtxR; 28. P-Q, B-B3; 29. Q-K7ch, R-B2; 30. P-B6ch, K-R3; 31. Q-K3ch, P-Kt4; 32. R-K4, R-R7; 33. P-R4 and wins, but Black can play 28...RxR; 29. QxR, B-B3 and White draws by perpetual check) KxR; 28. KxR, Kt-K4ch with good drawing chances.) 26. KxR, Kt-K4ch; 27. K-B2, KtxP; 28. RxBch, KtxR; 29. RxP, B-B3 (29. ...B-R8; 30. PxP, PxP; 31. R-R6etc) 30. R-R6 and the type of endgame reached Rplus possible 2 separated passed pawns vs. B plus Kt offers Black drawing chances only if he can actively centralize his forces, which is very difficult here. The try 26. K-B1, K-Kt2; 27. RxP!, RxBPch; (...KtxR; 28. RxR, Kt-B3; 29. RxB, RxP; 30. R-B8, K-B3; 31. RxKt, K-K2; 32. RxQP, K-Q1; 33. P-B6, R-R4; 34. P-Kt4, R-R6; 35. K-Kt2) 28. KxR, KtxRch; 29. RxB, Kt-B3; 30. R-QB8, R-B2 does not win for

White.

22. ... QPxP

23. PxP?

After his oversight on the previous move, White embarks on a faulty plan and his position soon collapses.

23. ... PxF

24. Kt-B4? P-B5

The pawn obviously cannot be taken and the White King succumbs quickly to the concerted action of the black pieces.

25. PxP PxF

26. R-B3 R-Kt1

27. P-Kt3 RxBch

Also good was 27...K-Q5; 28. R-B2, Kt-B6ch; 29. K-R1, Q-R6 etc. The rest is forced.

28. KxR Q-Kt5ch

29. K-B2 Kt-Q5

30. PxKt QxRch

31. K-K1 R-K1ch

32. Kt-K5 PxF

33. R-R5 Q-R8ch

34. K-Q2 Q-Kt7ch

35. K-B1 QxQ

36. RxQ RxBKt

37. RxP B-Q4

38. P-Kt4 P-B6

39. K-Q1 B-Kt6ch

40. K-Q2 P-B7

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edge for White.

9. Kt-K2

B-K4 was also to be considered.

9. .... P-B3

10. FxP PxF

11. B-KB4 Q-K2

11...P-KKt4; 12. B-Q2 with the threat of P-KR4.

12. Q-Q2 R-K1

12...P-KKt4 13. P-KR3, Kt-R3; 14. B-Kt3, Kt-B4, B-B2 is a good alternative to the text.

13. P-KR3! Kt-K6

14. K-B2 Kt-Q4

14...Kt-B4; 15. P-KKt4, Kt-Q3; 16. Kt-Kt3 followed by QR-K1 and later

P-Kt5 with a strong initiative.

15. B-B4 B-K3

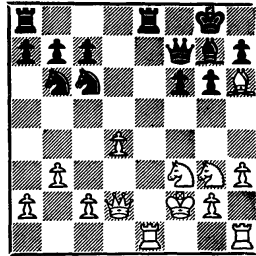
16. QR-K1 Q-Q2

17. B-R6 B-B2

18. Kt-Kt3 Kt-Kt3

19. BxBch QxB

20. P-QKt3



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Game No. 1190 - Pirc Defense

White		Black
R. Ervin		R. Newbold

- (Notes by Roy Ervin)
- |           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-Q3    |
| 2. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3  |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3  |
| 4. P-B4   | B-Kt2   |
| 5. Kt-B3  | O-O     |
| 6. B-Q3   | Kt-B3   |
| 7. P-K5   | PxF     |
| 8. BPxP   | Kt-KKt5 |
- 8...Kt-Q4; 9. KtxKt, QxKt; 10. P-B3 followed by Q-K2 with a slight

Now the character of the two positions comes into sharp contrast. White has a mobile majority and Black's Kts will only act as targets for the White pawns whereas White's Kts will occupy the center squares. White therefore shoots for the ending.

20. ... QR-Q1

21. BxB KxB

22. RxR RxR

23. R-K1 RxR

24. QxR	Q-Q2	35... P-QR4; 36. P-B6, Kt-Q3;
25. Q-Q2	Q-K2	37. KtxKt, KxKt; 38. K-K4! and
26. P-B4	Kt-Q1	Black is quite helpless against
27.P-Q5	Kt-Q2	the threat of Kt-Kt5ch. Amusing
27...Q-B4ch; 28. Kt-Q4 (threatening		is 38...P-B4ch; 39. PxP, PxPch;
Kt-K4) P-B4; 29. K-B1 now threaten-		40. KtxPmate.
ing Kt(Q)xPch.		36. PxRP
28. Kt-Q4	Q-K4	PxBP
29. Q-K3	P-QR3	37. KtPxP
		PxP
So that White cannot play Kt-Kt5		38. Kt-B5ch
entering the ending.		K-B2
30. QxQ	KtxQ	39. P-B6
31. Kt-K4	K-B2	Kt-R4
32. K-K3	K-K2	On39...Kt-Q1,P-Q6 wins a piece
33. P-KKt4	P-QKt3	and the game.
34. P-B5	Kt-Kt2	40. Kt-B5
Better is 34...PxP; 35. KtxP, P-QR4;		Kt(R)-B5ch
36. Kt-Kt5, P-B3, P-Q6ch and White		41. K-Q4
stands better but the win is much		K-Kt3
harder to demonstrate than in the		42. Kt-K3
game.		KtxKt
35. P-Kt4	P-KR4	43. KxKt
		K-B2
		There is nothing left.
		44. KtxP
		K-K2
		45. KtxP
		K-Q3
		46. Kt-Kt5ch
		KxP
		47. P-B7
		Kt-B5ch
		48. K-B4
		Kt-Kt3
		49. Kt-R7
		Resigns

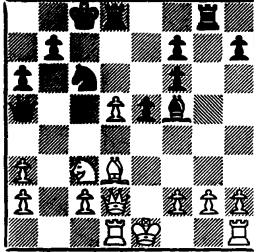
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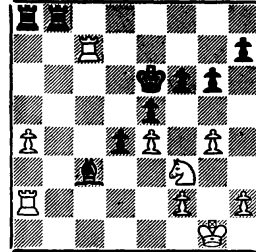
## TASKS:

No. 313  
Fischer-Petrosian,  
1st Game, 1971



Black played 17...BxB  
and lost. Can he win  
with P-K5?

No. 314  
Petrosian-Fischer,  
8th Game, 1971



Black played 34...R-  
QB1 and won in 66  
moves. Is there a  
faster way?

The commentators have all pointed out that in the first match game, Fischer-Petrosian, Black could have made things uncomfortable for his opponent with 16...B-Kt5 (instead of 16...B-B4, 17. B-Q3 leading to the above position), when 17. P-B3 would make it difficult to castle. Hy Gordon has called our attention to an ingenious line beginning 17...P-K5. Gordon correctly shows that 18. PxKt, PxP leaves White's King more exposed than Black's, and 18. BxP, BxB; 19. KtxB, R-K1 wins a piece. The critical line is 18. KtxP, QxP (Gordon), when 19. Kt-Q6ch, RxKt; 20. BxBch, QxB; 21. QxR, R-K1ch followed by R-Q1 wins. However, can White hold everything in this line with 19. P-B3?

In the second diagram, Black can pin himself to advantage—a rare combination, with 34...R-Kt8ch, 35. K-Kt2, R-QB8, threatening P-Q6, P-Q7. If the Rook moves off the B file, R-B7 replaces P-Q7. A rare combination, right?

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