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USCF PROMOTIONAL PLAN

According to a letter received from Kenneth Harkness, newly appointed business manager of the United States Chess Federation, a comprehensive five-year promotional program has been adopted and is now in operation. The first step in this program is the publication of a new type of Chess Life. At present, this has the form of a five-column newspaper, but according to Mr. Harkness it will be published, beginning in 1953, in a smaller, more convenient format. New features will be added, including regular contributions from a number of leading young American masters. As before, it will appear twice a month.

There is every indication that the United States Chess Federation is going to have a new lease on life, under the energetic leadership of Mr. Harkness, who has real talent for promotion.

Beginning in 1953, USCF membership dues will be \$5.00 per year, which includes subscription to Chess Life. It will also be possible for members to obtain chess books and equipment at reduced rates. Members will also be eligible for National rating, such ratings to be published twice each year. The rating system has been in operation for some time, and seems to have been quite successful. We note that a lengthy article, written by K. Whyld, appears in the December 1952 issue of the English magazine Chess, in which is suggested a rating system for British players, patterned more or less after the American system. While on the subject of ratings, we should like to say that several years ago steps were taken to establish a rating system for California players, and the draft-Constitution of the California State Chess Federation provides for the systematic publication of such ratings. Our own personal interest and desire for a rating system were somewhat chilled, however, by a conversation which we had with Hermann Helms of Brooklyn, who seems to feel that a rating system may do more harm than good, in that it may easily lead to a variety of personal grievances. Mr. Helms does not object to National, State, City, or Club Champions, but thinks ratings are too finely drawn.

In any event, a rating system needs to be carefully considered, in all its aspects, before it is adopted. We are of the opinion that such a rating system should, if adopted, be on a class basis, rather than on a numerical basis, and this is the suggested form for the California State ratings.

The California State Chess Federation certainly will want to see a strong, financially stable National organization. This is the only hope for the progress of American chess. We have seen enough of dissension, bitterness, and family wrangling. And we have seen far more than enough of the complete domination of American chess by a handful of men who care less for American chess than they do for their own personal aggrandizement. It is time for a new chess deal.

--- H.J.R.

New Year's Greetings

CASTLE CHESS CLUB Guthrie McClain won the 1952 championship with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, scoring 5 wins and 5 draws. Fred Byron was second by $\frac{1}{2}$ point, followed by Neilen Hultgren with 6-4. The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SCORE
1. W.G. McClain	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
2. F. Byron	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	7-3
3. N. Hultgren	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	6-4
4-5. S.A. Abrahams	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
4-5. H. Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
6-7. F.N. Christensen	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5-5
6-7. W.A. Hendricks	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	5-5
8-9. Dr. M. Eudey	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-6
8-9. Dr. R. Hultgren	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	X	1	0	4-6
10. E. Hoffer	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	X	1	3-7
11. P. Traum	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$

Guthrie McClain was the only player to go without defeat. McClain's lucky win over Fred Byron in the first round turned out to be the decisive game. Byron revised his style during the tournament, and between his first round loss to McClain and his ninth round loss to Gross sandwiched some of the best chess of the tournament.

Neilen (Middle-Sized) Hultgren displayed the most improvement, losing only to Byron, Gross and his father, Prof. Hultgren, and won a special handicap prize. Neilen, who is a University of California student, will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Sam Abrahams, returned from a two years' leave of absence spent in Philadelphia, made a good showing despite lack of practice and frequent business trips during the tournament.

Henry Gross took his opponents too lightly on occasion. Although scoring $2\frac{1}{2}$ points against the three prizewinners, our State co-champion was the victim of three spectacular upsets--to Abrahams, Christensen and R. Hultgren--and nearly lost a fourth, to Hoffer. Fred Christensen regained some of his old form as he won second place in the handicap race while finishing in a tie with Wade Hendricks for 6th and 7th. The latter won the title of "drawing master" with six draws out of ten games. The two Ph. D.s, Mark Eudey and Ralph Hultgren, appropriately finished together. Manny Hoffer and Paul Traum, who brought up the rear, played enterprising chess throughout the tournament and were always dangerous.

GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB State co-champion Henry Gross won the first championship of San Francisco's newest club by a 9-2 score. Gross, who is also club president, had eight wins, one loss and two draws. Bob Currie was a good second with 8-3 and Robert Konkell third with 7-3. Jack Vaughn won a promotion to the club's "A" team in the S.F. Bay Area Chess League by coming in fourth with 7½-3½.

The tournament was an eleven-round Swiss. The scores:

			S-B
1. Henry Gross	W23 L19 W12 W13 D4 D6 W16 W2 W3 W9 W5	9-2	47½
2. Bob Currie	W14 W11 D5 W9 W6 W16 L3 L1 D8 W4 W10	8-3	46½
3. Robert Konkell	W13 L16 W15 W19 W17 W7 W2 W4 L1 L6	7-3	40½
4. Jack Vaughn	L16 W18 W14 W24 D1 W5 W12 L3 W6 L2 W8	7½-3½	36½
5. Neilen Hultgren	W8 D15 D2 W10 W19 L4 D6 D7 W9 L1	6-4	33½
6. Peter Dahl	W20 W12 W19 W16 L2 D1 D5 D9 L4 W3 L7	6½-4½	32½
7. Dr. R. Hultgren	L15 L8 W21 W11 W22 L3 L10 D5 W13 W19 W6	6½-4½	29
8. Keith Draughon	L5 W7 L10 D17 W14 W11 D9 W16 D2 L4	5½-4½	31
9. B.B. Popoff	W18 W10 D16 L2 W15 W19 D8 D6 L5 L1	5½-4½	26½
10. Dr. M. Zeligs	W22 L9 W8 L5 L16 W17 W7 W14 W19 L11 L2	6-5	27
11. Dr. K. Colby	W21 L2 L13 L7 W20 L8 D15 D19 W22 W10 W16	6-5	23
12. Nick Henwood	W17 L6 L1 W20 W13 W15 L4 L16	4-4	18
13. Fred Schreuder	L3 W24 W11 L1 L12 W22 L19 W17 L7 W21	5-5	15½
14. Herbert Dasteel	L2 W20 L4 W23 L8 L21 W17 L10 W18 W22	5-5	13½
15. Godfrey Lutz	W7 D5 L3 L22 L9 L12 D11 W21 W20 W18 D17	5½-5½	22
16. James Myers	W4 W3 D9 L6 W10 L2 L1 L8 W12 L11	4½-5½	27½
17. Dr. M. Korshet	L12 W23 W22 D8 L3 L10 L14 L13 W21 D20 D15	4½-6½	12½
18. R. Wertheimer	L9 L4 W23 D21 W24 L20 W22 L14 L15	3½-5½	4
19. Al Johnson	W24 W1 L6 L3 L5 L9 W13 D11 L10 L7	3½-6½	17½
20. Glen Hultgren	L6 L14 W24 L12 L11 W18 D21 L15 D17	3-6	7½
21. Dr. W. Browne	L11 L22 L7 D18 W23 W14 D20 L15 L17 L13	3-7	8½
22. Ben Wong	L10 W21 L17 W15 L7 L13 L18 L11 L14	2-7	8½
23. Henry King	L1 L17 L18 L14 L21 D24	1½-5½	1¼
24. William Parker	L19 L13 L20 L4 L18 D23	1½-5½	1¼

CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER BOOKS

HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 1952..... Price: \$1.00

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 - STEINITZ-LASKER WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP 1894
Price: 50¢ to Subscribers; Others \$1.00

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SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 - ANDERSSSEN-STEINITZ WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP 1866
Price: 50¢ to Subscribers; Others \$1.00

COSMO (Los Angeles) "B" TOURNAMENT Leonard Zeitlin won the "B" section of Cosmo's tournament with a clean sweep of 7-0. His impressive victory was as fine a showing as ever was made in club tournaments. He will receive a trophy cup as reward.

Robert W. Taylor was second with 5-2, revealing his growing strength. Nelson Bryant, third with 4-3, also showed marked improvement in play.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SCORE
1. L. Zeitlin	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-0
2. R. Taylor	O	X	O	1	1	1	1	1	5-2
3. N. Bryant	O	1	X	1	1	O	1	O	4-3
4. B. Graves	O	O	O	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
5. N. Lott	O	O	O	O	X	1	1	1	3-4
6. S. Rodriguez	O	O	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	X	O	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
7. C. Gray	O	O	O	O	O	1	X	1	2-5
8. N. Hudgins	O	O	1	O	O	O	O	X	1-6

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE After three rounds, San Jose was in the lead in the annual team matches by a score of 3-0. Then came Sacramento $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Pittsburg 2-1, Stockton 2-1, Fresno $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Modesto 1-2, Visalia 0-3 and Oakdale 0-3.

San Jose had piled up a tremendous lead in game scores with $24\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, compared with second-place Sacramento, 16-10.

R.E. Burger of the Pittsburg team had the best top-board record, with 3-0. M.C. Jackson of Modesto was second with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Fresno, November 2

<u>OAKDALE</u>		<u>FRESNO</u>	
1. H. Mortensen	0	M. Hailparn	1
2. W. Maxey	0	T. Fries	1
3. C.J. Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Kallman	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. H. Tusosian	0	E.J. Cook	1
5. V. Smith	1	M. Rubin	0
6. A. Buerer	1	W. Eickholt	0
7. S. Sampson	0	Mrs. Rubin	1
	$2\frac{1}{2}$		$4\frac{1}{2}$

MODESTO

1.	M.C. Jackson	1
2.	L.H. Kerfoot	0
3.	L.E. Davis	0
4.	E.L. Jeffers	1
5.	H.E. Paul	1
6.	H.P. Betker	1
7.	C.J. Cook	0
		<u>4</u>

VISALIA

E. Achterberg	0
W. Markus	1
C. Fotias	1
R. Clark	0
J. Williams	0
R. Watson	0
E. Thompson	1
	<u>3</u>

STOCKTON

1.	L.C. Woolfe	0
2.	M.E. Mattingly	0
3.	R.A. Leigh	0
4.	J. David-Malig	0
5.	P.T. Hubbard	$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	M. Ellenberg	1
7.	W. LeDeux	0
8.	J. Saxon	1
9.	A. Stubbs	1
10.	A.C. Saxon	0
11.	Mrs. David-Malig	0
		<u>$3\frac{1}{2}$</u>

SACRAMENTO

M.O. Meyer	1
R.L. Richards	1
J.B. Gee	1
O.A. Celle	1
R.E. Russell	$\frac{1}{2}$
N.T. Austin	0
S.S. Kozen	1
S.G. Johnson	0
F. Clawson	0
N. Zimmerman	1
J. Hardy	1
	<u>$7\frac{1}{2}$</u>

SAN JOSE

1.	G. Kirby	0
2.	W.T. Adams	1
3.	F. Crofut	0
4.	B. Mueller	1
5.	M. Gazse	$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	J. Kalnins	1
7.	L. Daugherty	0
8.	H. O'Shaughnessy	1
9.	G. VanHooser	0
10.	H. Wood	1
		<u>$5\frac{1}{2}$</u>

PITTSBURG

R.E. Burger	1
A. Loera	0
R. Trenberth	1
G. Garcia	0
F. Olvera	$\frac{1}{2}$
F. Weinberg	0
S. Wilson	1
H. Lansing	0
S. Escobar	1
J. Glover	0
	<u>$4\frac{1}{2}$</u>

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Oakdale, November 23

<u>SAN JOSE</u>		<u>OAKDALE</u>		
1.	G. Kirby	1	H. Mortensen	0
2.	W.T. Adams	1	W. Maxey	0
3.	F. Crofut	1	C.J. Smith	0
4.	B. Mueller	1	H. Tusosian	0
5.	J. Kalnins	1	V. Smith	0
6.	M. Gazse	1	A. Buerer	0
7.	L. Daugherty	1	S. Sampson	0
8.	H. O'Shaughnessy	1	V. Lemons	0
9.	H. Wood	1	H. Barton	0
10.	E. Innocenti	1	D. Darroh	0
11.	G. VanHooser	1	E. Sai	0
12.	A. Buschine	<u>1</u>	L. Sawyer	<u>0</u>
		12		0

<u>MODESTO</u>		<u>SACRAMENTO</u>		
1.	M.C. Jackson	1	M.O. Meyer	0
2.	L.E. Davis	1	R.L. Richards	0
3.	E.L. Jeffers	$\frac{1}{2}$	J.B. Gee	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	L.H. Kerfoot	0	O.A. Celle	1
5.	H.E. Paul	0	R.E. Russell	1
6.	H.P. Betker	0	N.T. Austin	1
7.	C.J. Cook	0	S.G. Johnson	1
8.	H. Wentz	0	F. Clawson	1
9.	E. Hawksworth	<u>1</u>	H. Evanson	<u>0</u>
		$\frac{3}{2}$		$\frac{5}{2}$

<u>FRESNO</u>		<u>PITTSBURG</u>		
1.	M. Hailparn	0	R.E. Burger	1
2.	P.D. Smith	Forf.	R. Trenberth	1
3.	T. Fries	0	A. Loera	1
4.	H. Kallman	Forf.	F. Olvera	1
5.	E. Cook	0	F. Weinberg	1
6.	R. Womack	<u>1</u>	G. Garcia	<u>0</u>
		1		5

Fresno, November 23

<u>STOCKTON</u>		<u>VISALIA</u>		
1.	L.C. Woolfe	1	E. Achterberg	0
2.	R. Leigh	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Markus	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	M.A. Saunders	0	C. Fotias	1
4.	M. Ellenberg	1	R. Clark	0
5.	A. Stubbs	1	J. Williams	0
6.	H. Minchaca	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	E. Neustadt	<u>0</u>	E. Thompson	<u>1</u>
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Signing in at Santa Barbara for the California Open, August 31, 1952. Tournament Director Guthrie McClain shakes hands with Hans Zander, while Mark Eucher writes a check and Steve Smale waits his turn. The others are, left to right: Ray Cuneo, Pete Velliotes,



John Keckhut (rear), Carroll Capps, Bob Currie (rear); Albert Markus, Robert Hyde, Andy Buschine (rear), Dr. Kurt Lowenstein, Dr. B. Weininger. (Sven Almgren, winner of the tournament, is unfortunately not in this picture, the only one available.)

CORRESPONDENCE Imre Konig, chess master and author, who is now in Los Angeles, writes:

"....I am favorably impressed by the high standard of chess in California and the clever organization to be able to keep it up in spite of the great distances. As soon as I settle down I shall write about it for the British Chess Magazine."

From James Schmitt, who recently returned to Oregon from San Francisco:

"....Oregon doesn't have a chess federation. Two things I would like to do are to eventually form a state chess federation and to print a magazine....Keep up your good work for chess."

James Bolton of New Haven, Connecticut, says:

"As predicted, we 'Resolved, that the New England Chess Association recommend that the United States Chess Federation use its system of ratings as the means to qualify players for the biennial United States Championships.' It should be explained that the rating system already evaluates even local events, while the Triennial plans were nullified long ago."

Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha 2, Nebraska, announces that Volume V in the American Tournament Series, the Wertheim Memorial Chess Congress, 1951, is available at the price of \$2.00.

This tournament book contains the 66 games played at the Manhattan Chess Club in New York, June 1951, as a memorial to Maurice Wertheim. Twenty-six of the games are annotated.

The Koninklijke Nederlandse Schaakbond has issued the first four in a series of booklets dealing with recent important chess events. Number Two in the series, Dubrovnik 1950, is of particular interest, both for the games themselves and for the history of the International Team Matches. The compiler is H. J. J. Slavekoorde, Goudreinetstraat 125, The Hague.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE The regular semi-annual meeting was held at the Hotel Cecil, San Francisco, November 16.

Present were Peter Prokoodin, Russian Chess Club; Dr. C. E. Buell, Tom Joe and Charles Smalley, Tower; Neilen Hultgren, U.C.; Victor Ricketts, Palo Alto; H. S. King, Mechanics' Institute; Russell Freeman, Oakland; Herbert Rosenbaum, Hakoah; James Fredgren, U.C.; Roger Smook, U.C.; Henry Gross, Golden Gate; Ralph Hultgren, Castle; Guthrie McClain, Castle; H. J. Raiston, CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER.

Vladimir Pafnutieff of the Mechanics' Institute was awarded the prize for best individual score in the "A" division team matches of last Spring. Peter Dahl of the Golden Gate Chess Club was the recipient of the prize for best individual score in the "B" division.

Golden Gate, Mechanics, Russians, Castle, University of California, Oakland, Palo Alto, Hakoah, Tower will enter teams in the matches this year.

The following officers were elected for 1952-53: President, W.G. McClain; Vice-President, Herbert Rosenbaum; Secretary-Treasurer, Ralph Hultgren. President McClain appointed Henry Gross Tournament Director.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHESS LEAGUE The Los Angeles County Chess Championship has passed the half-way mark, and at last word Ray Martin was leading with a score of 6-1, his only loss being to Irving Rivise. The latter and Arthur Spiller were among the leaders in a total field of 26 players.

SALINAS The Salinas Chess Club elected its annual slate of officers at its weekly Tuesday meeting on November 11. Rolla Taylor was the unanimous choice for President, while Foster Clark was unopposed for the Vice-Presidency. The incumbent Secretary-Treasurer, Sam Lowe, was re-elected. George Oakes was retained as Tournament Director.

Play for the annual Salinas City Championship was to begin in December.

PALO ALTO Kenton Chambers of Stanford was leading the Palo Alto tournament with a score of 23-4. George Petriceks, a high-school youngster, was second with $21\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$, and Albert Guthrie third with 21-9. Richard Mathews, last year's champion, had a score of $13\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. The double-round tournament started with 19 entrants, two players withdrawing.

COSMO (Los Angeles) Eugene Rubin appears to have won the club championship. So far, he had not lost a game, and had a 7-0 score.

L.A. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 1952-53Game No. 148 - Sicilian

White Black

M. Gordon A. Spiller

(Notes by John Keckhut)

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. Kt-QB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. Kt-B3 | P-Q3 |

More interesting prospects for Black are offered by (1) 3...Kt-Q5, fianchetto of the King's Bishop and control of Q5, or (2) 3...P-K3, eyeing ...P-Q4.

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| 4. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5. KtxP | Kt-B3 |
| 6. B-QKt5 | |

Gordon usually plays 6. B-QB4, giving Black a difficult game. Black equalizes easily with the text move.

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| ... | B-Q2 |
| 7. KtxKt | BxKt |
| 8. BxBch | PxB |
| 9. O-O | P-KKt3 |
| 10. Q-B3 | |

Threatening 11.P-K5, PxP; 12.QxPch.

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| ... | Kt-Q2 |
| 11. Q-R3 | B-Kt2 |
| 12. B-R6 | O-O |
| 13. BxB | KxB |
| 14. QR-Q1 | |

White retains a slight initiative from all the exchanging, and finds his only chances (slim as they are) on the King-side.

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| ... | QR-Kt1 |
| 15. P-QKt3 | Kt-B4 |
| 16. P-B4 | |

This turns out to be the long way to get the King's Rook out, rather than a short cut.

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| ... | Q-Kt3 |
| 17. K-R1 | QR-Q1 |

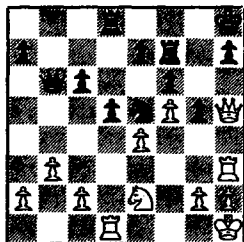
18. P-B5

Seeking a square for the Rook and rather impatiently seeking an attack.

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| ... | P-B3 |
| 19. R-B4 | P-Kt4 |
| 20. R-Kt4 | Kt-Q2 |
| 21. Q-R5 | Kt-K4 |
| 22. R-Kt3 | |

Finally accomplishing what might have been done more efficiently by KR-K1-K3-Kt3 or R3. All of which shows the doubtfulness of 16.P-B4 and 17.P-B5. Black now has a strong Knight and can soon force ...P-Q4 with good prospects.

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| ... | K-R1 |
| 23. Kt-K2 | P-Q4 |
| 24. R-R3 | R-B2 |



25. R-Kt3?

White almost played 25. R/3-Q3?? but realized in time that 25... KtxR; 26.QxR, Kt-B7ch; 27.K-Kt1, Kt-R6 (double check) wins. But he had touched the Rook and had to move it, which now loses a Pawn. Better would have been 25. Kt-Q4.

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| ... | PxP |
| 26. RxRch | QxR |
| 27. P-KR4 | PxP |
| 28. R-R3 | |

Somewhat better was 28.QxP, Q-Q8ch; 29.Kt-Kt1. The text move

allows Black a neat finish.

- ... Q-Q8ch
 29. K-R2 R-Kt2!

Obvious, but powerful. White is suddenly in a trap from which there is no escape.

30. RxP Kt-B6ch!
 Resigns.

If 31.PxKt, QxKtch and mate follows. At move 30. nothing else worked either. If 30.Kt-Kt3, Kt-Kt5ch, or 30.QxP, QxKt.

Game No. 149 - Sicilian

White Black

- I. Rivise J. Keckhut

(Notes by John Keckhut)

1. P-K4 P-QB4
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
 3. P-Q4 PxP
 4. KtxP Kt-B3
 5. Kt-QB3 P-Q3
 6. B-KKt5

The Richter Attack, a restrengthened opening in recent years.

- ... P-K3
 7. B-K2 B-K2
 8. Q-Q2

Inviting a trap: 8...P-KR3; 9.B-R4, KtxP?; 10.BxB, KtxQ; 11.BxQ and the Kt can find nothing to capture since the Bishop vacated KB1.

- ... P-QR3
 9. O-O-O KtxKt
 10. QxKt O-O
 11. P-B4

White can win a pawn by 11.BxKt, BxB; 12. QxP but Black recovers by 12...Q-R4.

- ... Q-R4

Preventing an effective 12.P-K5.

12. B-B3 P-R3

I am pushing this pawn and wondering about the soundness of 13. P-

KR4!?! Opening the rook-file may well be worth a Bishop, considering the maneuver Q-Kt1-R2.

13. B-R4 P-K4

Nothing is new in this position, but it's good nevertheless. White has numerous alternatives, but none are particularly inviting.

14. PxP PxP
 15. Q-R4 Q-B4
 16. BxKt BxB
 17. Kt-Q5 B-Kt4ch
 18. K-Kt1 P-Kt4
 19. Q-R5 B-K3
 20. P-KR4

Both sides are now ready to attack.

- ... B-Q1

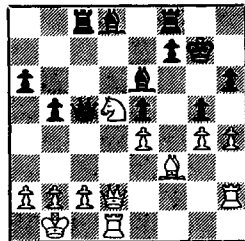
The Bishop may have been better off here first.

21. Q-Q2 R-B1
 22. P-KKt4 P-Kt4!

Allowing P-Kt5 would never do.

23. R-R2 K-Kt2!

Threatening 24...PxP. White's attack has stopped before it got started.



24. P-R5 P-R4
 25. Q-K3

Doubtful, since Black can win a pawn by 25...BxKt; 26.QxQ, BxPch; 27.KxB, RxQ. But a draw would be likely, so:

Draw agreed.

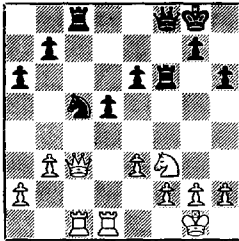
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Game No. 150 - Reti
 White Black
 M. Eucher H. Zander

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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| 1. | Kt-KB3 | P-QB3 |
| 2. | P-QKt3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt2 | P-Q4 |
| 4. | P-K3 | B-B4 |
| 5. | P-QB4 | P-KR3 |
| 6. | B-K2 | P-K3 |
| 7. | Q-O | B-K2 |
| 8. | P-Q4 | O-O |
| 9. | QKt-Q2 | QKt-Q2 |
| 10. | Kt-K5 | KtxKt |
| 11. | PxKt | Kt-Q2 |
| 12. | Kt-B3 | P-R3 |
| 13. | R-B1 | R-B1 |
| 14. | B-Q3 | BxB |
| 15. | QxB | F-KB4 |
| 16. | PxP e.p. | BxP |
| 17. | BxB | RxB |
| 18. | KR-Q1 | Kt-B4 |
| 19. | Q-Q4 | Q-B1 |
| 20. | PxP | BPxP |
| 21. | Q-B3 | |

Commencing a very interesting plan--thwarted by a far-sighted counterplan. White threatens to win the pinned Kt by P-QKt4.



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| 21. | ... | R-B3 |
| Forced. | | |
| 22. | Kt-Q4 | Kt-K5 |
| 23. | Q-R5 | RxR |
| 24. | RxR | KtxP |
| 25. | KtxP | |

White expects 25...RxKt; 26.QxQP, Q-B2; 27. R-B1 regaining the Kt.
 ... Kt-R6ch!
 26. PxKt R-Kt3ch
 Resigns.

CASTLE C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952

Game No. 151 - French

White Black
 H. Gross W.G. McClain

(Notes by Guthrie McClain)

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. | Kt-QB3 | B-Kt5 |
| 4. | B-Q2 | |

Alekhine's famous fingerslip variation (vs. Flohr, Nottingham 1936): Alekhine intended 4. P-K5 first.

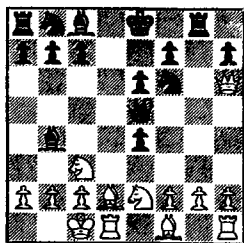
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| ... | PxP | |
| 5. | Q-Kt4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 6. | QxKtP | R-Kt1 |
| 7. | Q-R6 | QxP |

Keres-Rotvinnik, World's Championship 1948, continued 7...Kt-B3 and White won.

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| 8. | KKt-K2 | Q-K4 |
| 9. | O-O-O | |

Gross-Ralston, Pacific Invitational 1951, continued 9. B-B4, Q-KB4; 10.Kt-Q4, Q-B4!; 11.Kt-Kt5, R-Kt3; 12.Q-R4, P-K4; 13.B-Kt5, P-QR3; 14.BxKt, PxKt; 15.O-O-O, Kt-Q2; 16.R-Q5, Q-Kt3; 17.BxKP and White won. Black, however, main-

tained the position was dangerous for White if Black played 17... B-K2! So White's 9th steers the game into less familiar channels.



9. ... Kt-Kt5
Just as White anticipated improvements on "book" on the move before, now Black is wary of new analysis. The text invites a liquidation of material via a

temporary double pawn-sacrifice. (This game was played in the late stages of the tournament. A draw would be satisfactory to Black, who was in the lead.) The end game in prospect offers Black at least as good chances as White.

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| 10. | QxP | R-R1 |
| 11. | QxP | QxQ |
| 12. | KtxQ | BxBch |
| 13. | RxB | P-KB4 |
| 14. | P-KB3 | RxP |
| 15. | Kt/2-Kt3 | |

One of Black's objectives was an end game with B and Kt against two Kts. White retains his B, but his pieces are somewhat out of play.

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| ... | RxR |
| 16. | KtxR Kt-K6 |

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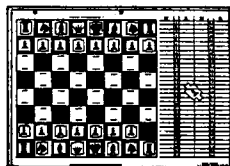
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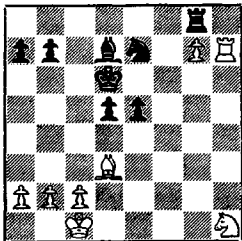
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| 17. | B-Kt5ch | K-K2 |
| 18. | Kt-B3 | P-B3 |
| 19. | B-Q3 | Kt-Q4 |
| 20. | KtxKt | BFxKt |
| 21. | P-KKt4 | PxP |
| 22. | PxP | kt-B3 |
| 23. | R-R2 | |

White's passed pawn is both his principal strength and his greatest weakness. Black is relying on the nearness of his King to win the pawn. White's 23rd move keeps the King away for the time being because of Q-side threats.

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| ... | B-Q2 | |
| 24. | R-R7ch | K-Q3 |
| 25. | P-Kt5 | R-KKt1 |
| 26. | P-Kt6 | Kt-K2 |
| 27. | P-Kt7 | P-K4 |

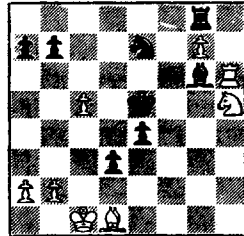


28. Kt-Kt3
The Kt is one move late in getting into decisive action.

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| ... | P-K5 | |
| 29. | B-K2 | B-B4 |
| 30. | R-R6ch | K-K4 |
| 31. | Kt-R5 | B-Kt3 |
| 32. | P-B4 | |

To obtain the diagonal QR2-KKt8 for the Bishop. But Black now gets two dangerous passed pawns.

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| ... | P-Q5 | |
| 33. | P-B5 | P-Q6 |
| 34. | B-Q1 | |



... BxKt?
34...B-B2! holds the position.

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| 35. | RxBch | K-B5 |
| 36. | R-R4ch | K-K4 |
| 37. | R-R5ch | K-B5 |

Drawn.

Black, with only 30 seconds left on his clock, submits to repetition rather than risk 37...K-Q5; 38.R-Kt5, P-K6; 39.B-B3. Variations like 37...K-Q5; 38.R-Kt5, Kt-B4; 39.RxKt, RxP were too tricky to explore while the clock inexorably ticked on.

GOLDEN GATE C.C. CH*P. 1952

Game No. 152 - Q's Pawn

White Black

B.B. Popoff H. Gross

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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|----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | P-QB4 |
| 3. | PxP | Kt-QB3 |
| 4. | B-B4 | |

Since White evidently cannot prevent ...P-K4, this is lost time.

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| ... | P-KKt3 | |
| 5. | Kt-B3 | P-Q5 |
| 6. | Kt-QR4 | B-Kt2 |
| 7. | P-B3 | P-K4 |
| 8. | B-Q2 | B-K3 |
| 9. | P-K4 | Kt-B3 |
| 10. | Q-B2 | O-O |

11. R-Q1 Kt-Q2

12. PxP

12. P-QKt4 seems more consistent with White's previous strategy. White is too dangerously behind in development to open lines.

... PxP

13. Kt-Kt5?

And now White, instead of developing, opens still more lines.

... Kt/2-K4

14. KtxB

PxKt

15. B-QB4

(See diagram)

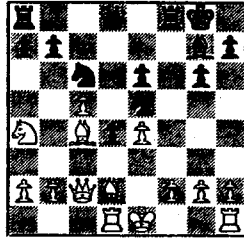
... P-Q6!

16. Q-B1

Not 16. BxPch, K-R1; 17. Q moves, Q-B3 and wins a piece; while 16. Q-B3 loses to ...Kt-B6ch.

... Kt-Q5

17. B-K3



(Position after 15. B-QB4)

If 17. B-Kt3, Q-R5; 18. B-K3, QxKP; 19. P-B3, P-Q7ch!

17. ... Q-R4ch

18. R-Q2

There is nothing better.

... Kt-B7ch

19. K-Q1 KtxB

20. RxP Kt/7xBch

Resigns.

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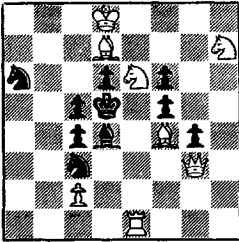
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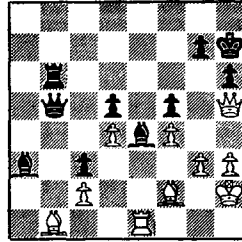
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TASK No. 26

Black to Play



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