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## REMLINGER LONG BEACH CHAMPION

### ADDISON WINS AT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

Thirteen-year-old Larry Remlinger won the 1955 Long Beach Chess & Checker Club Championship with the fine score of 9-1. Larry had no losses, allowing only two draws. Second and third places were taken by two eighteen-year-olds, E. Froomess  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  and R. Gross 8-2. A large field of 37 players competed in the event, which was a 10-round Swiss held at the Lincoln Park club house. J. P. Looney directed.

William Addison won with a perfect 7-0 score in a small tournament held at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco in February. Addison's principal threat was Earl Pruner, who finished second,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ . The tournament was direct by A. B. Stamer.

LONG BEACH CHESS & CHECKER CLUB - 1955 CHAMPIONSHIP

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	Score	S-B
1. L. Remlinger	W15	W19	W9	W12	D8	D2	W3	W5	W4	W10	9	574
2. E. Proomess	W11	W34	W28	W3	W4	D1	L5	W8	W9	W13	8½	49
3. R. Gross	W5	W22	W18	L2	W28	W12	L1	W11	W8	W15	8	43½
4. C. Wallace	L12	W27	W7	W13	L2	W28	W16	W15	L1	W5	7	37
5. R. Day	L3	W30	W6	W33*	W23	W8	W2	L1	W12	L4	7	34½
6. Pesanti	W10	L14	L5	W29	D17	W35	L9	W23	W16	W22	6½	29½
7. K. Stone	L33	W15	L4	W22	W14	L16	W19	L18	W20	W25	6	30
8. J. Doan	W13	W29	W33	W23	D1	L5	W11	L2	L3	D9	6	29½
9. O. Rolo	D23	W20	L1	W34	L10	W24	W6	W21	L2	D8	6	28½
10. Clark	L6	W57	L13	W26	W9	L15	W28*	W16	W14	L1	6	23
11. L. Gross	L2	W25*	W22	W17	W35	W19	L8	L3	L13	W12	6	23
12. K. Reissmann	W4	W17	W14	L1	W16	L3	D15	W13	L5	L11	5½	30½
13. J. Blaney	L8	W31	W10	L4	W18	W21	D17	L12	W11	L2	5½	27½
14. Huffman	W32	W6	L12	L35	L7	W27	W20	W17	L10	D18	5½	26½
15. L. Weiss	L1	L7	W31	W30	W36	W10	D12	L4	W18	L3	5½	22½
16. E. Fisher	W27	L28	W34	W21	L12	W7	L4	L10	L6	W17	5	22
17. C. Boyer	W35	L12	W36	L11	D6	W23	D13	L14	W19	L16	5	20½
18. Timmel	W37	W21	L3	L28	L13	D25	W35*	W7	L15	D14	5	17
19. Bascom	W31	L1	L23	W20	W27	L11	L7	W35*	L17	W29	5	16½
20. Frembling	L22	L9	W37	L19	W29	W36	L14	W28	L7	W31	5	14½
21. Skinner	W26	L18	W29	L16	W33*	L13	W22	L9	L25	W23*	5	13
22. S. Foster	W20	L3	L11	L7	W31	W30	L21	D27	W24	L6	4½	18½
23. W. Markus	D9	W26*	W19	L8	L5	L17	W25	L6	W27	L21*	4½	16½
24. Thatch	L28	W32	L35	L27	W34	L9	W29	D26	L22	W30	4½	15½
25. Satterlee	L34	L11*	L30	W31	W37	D18	L23	W36	W21	L7	4½	14
26. DeBellis	L21	L23*	L27	L10	Bye	W34	W30	D24	L29	W36	4½	9½
27. Rhodes	L16	L4	W26	W24	L19	L14	W36	D22	L23	D32	4	15
28. G. Phillips	W24	W16	L2	W18	L3	L4	L10*	L20	L30	Bye	4	14½
29. Chamness	W30	L8	L21	L6	L20	W37	L24	W32	W26	L19	4	12½
30. R. Reed	L29	L5	W25	L15	W32	L22	L26	D31	W28	L24	3½	13½



SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE"A" DIVISION - Round V, March 12, 1955Castle 3, Mechanics' Institute 4

- 1) N. Falconer 1, C. Bagby 0;  
 2) G. McClain  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Addison  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) R. Hultgren 0, D. Poliakov 1;  
 4) F. Byron 0, J. Schmitt 1; 5) W. Hendricks 0, E. Pruner 1;  
 6) P. Traum 1, C. Svalberg 0; 7) G. Hultgren  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A. Stamer  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Golden Gate 4, University of Calif. 3

- 1) I. Konig 1, V. Zemitis 0; 2) V. Pafnutieff 1, R. Burger 0; 3) R. Konkell 0, R. Smock 1; 4) H. Gross 0, M. Eucher 1; 5) C. Capps 1, W. Sprague 0;  
 6) Dr. K. Colby 0, J. Fredgren 1; 7) D. Peizer 1, E. Simanis 0.

Round VI, March 26, 1955Mechanics' Institute 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Oakland  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

- 1) C. Bagby 1, C. Bergman 0; 2) W. Addison 1, L. Ledgerwood 0; 3) E. Pruner 1, C. Stamer 0; 4) D. Poliakov 1, C. Sedlack 0; 5) J. Schmitt  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R. Trenberth  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) C. Svalberg 1, C. Wilson 0; 7) A.B. Stamer 1, R. Cuneo 0.

Palo Alto  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Castle 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

- 1) J. Kliger 0, G. McClain 1;  
 2) J. Petrick 0, N. Falconer 1; 3) W. Shugert 0, F. Byron 1;  
 4) K. Chambers 0, R. Hultgren 1; 5) H. Edelstein 0, R. Willson 1;  
 6) E.T. Dana  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Hendricks  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7) V. Ricketts 0, F. Christensen 1.

"B" DIVISION - Round IV, March 5, 1955Oakland 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Alameda 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

- 1) W. Landfair  $\frac{1}{2}$ , L. Talcott  $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 2) T. Theodoroff 1, C. Fontan 0; 3) N. Buder 0, R. Locherby 1;  
 4) L. Ledgerwood, Sr. 0, P. Kelly 1; 5) C. Larsson 0, O. Sobol 1;  
 6) D. Willis 0, L. Leonard 1; 7) H. Henderson 0, R. Rutherford 1.

Russians 3, Kings 4

- 1) A. Palmin 0, T. Eisenstadt 1;  
 2) C. Fedoroff 0, G. Ramirez 1; 3) W. Leeds 1, E. Logwood 0;  
 4) P. Andreeff 0, B. Zeiler 1; 5) A. Tokmakoff 1, H. Holden 0;  
 6) N. Beloff 1, (forfeit) 0; 7) A. Droujinin 0, U. Kapostins 1.

Round V, March 19, 1955Alameda 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Russians 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

- 1) L. Talcott 1, A. Palmin 0;  
 2) J. Peterson 0, W. Leeds 1; 3) P. Kelly  $\frac{1}{2}$ , B. Popoff  $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 4) R. Rutherford 0, P. Andreeff 1; 5) D. Ogilvie 0, A. Tokmakoff 1;  
 6) E. McGinley 0, N. Beloff 1; 7) L. Osternig 0, A. Droujinin 1.

Golden Gate 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Oakland 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

- 1) S.H. Van Gelder 0, T. Theodoroff 1; 2) H. Rosenbaum  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Landfair  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) G. Lutz 1, N. Buder 0;  
 4) C. Schreth 1, L. Bignami 0; 5) H. King 1, L. Ledgerwood, Sr. 0;  
 6) Dr. A. Abrams 1, C. Larsson 0; 7) C. Huneke 1, D. Willis 0.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

San Jose repeats as team champions! After a nip-and-tuck race throughout the season, the San Jose team trounced Sacramento in the last round by the convincing margin of  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , thus starting the competition for a new trophy with the first leg won. (San Jose nosed out Sacramento in 1954 on points with 69.6% against 67.5%, both teams having 5-1 in matches won, and captured the trophy three legs to two.)

Round VII, March 13, 1955

Sacramento  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , San Jose  $6\frac{1}{2}$  1) O.A. Celle O, W.T. Adams 1;  
 2) A. Janushkowsky O, Bert Mueller 1; 3) M.O. Meyer 1, D. Havill O;  
 4) N.T. Austin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. Kalnins  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) J.C. Scheuerman O, G. Barber 1;  
 6) W. Rogers O, L.H. Daugherty 1; 7) A.W. Bishop O, J. Kimball 1;  
 8) J.A. Celle O, P. Foley 1.

Pittsburg 4, Fresno 4 1) R. Trenberth O, M. Hailparn 1;  
 2) R.C. Guzman 1, T. Fries O; 3) G. Garcia O, W. Shirey 1;  
 4) F. Olvera  $\frac{1}{2}$ , O. Maschke  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) F. Weinberg 1, R. Garabedian O;  
 6) W. Whisler 1, R. Baker O; 7) J. Smith O, M. Phetteplace 1;  
 8) T. Snavelly  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R. McCullough  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Stockton  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , Oakdale  $2\frac{1}{2}$  1) R. Leigh 1, E. Sai O; 2) Dr. J.M. David-Malig O, C.J. Smith 1; 3) R. Juhre 1, H. Blickenstaff O;  
 4) J. Saxon 1, H. Mortensen O; 5) M. Sanders 1, Mrs. V. Smith O;  
 6) A. Saxon O, D. Thiel 1; 7) J. Lindstead  $\frac{1}{2}$ , S. Slosted  $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 8) J. Finucane 1, S. Sampson O.

FINAL STANDINGS

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Games</u>
1. San Jose	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	34-14
2. Sacramento	5-1	30-18
3. Fresno	4-2	$30\frac{1}{2}$ - $17\frac{1}{2}$
4. Pittsburg	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	26-22
5. Modesto	1-5	$17\frac{1}{2}$ - $30\frac{1}{2}$
6. Oakdale	1-5	15-33
7. Stockton	1-5	15-33

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE"A" DIVISIONRound I

March 2, 1955 - Santa Monica 3, Inglewood 1 1) R. Martin 1, N.J. Goldberg 0; 2) R. Cross 1, K. Reissmann 0; 3) H. Abel 0, N. Thomas 1; 4) B. Mintz 1, H. Zander 0.

March 4, 1955 - Long Beach 2½, Pasadena 1½ 1) S. Giritsky 1, E.B. Adams 0; 2) C. Wallace ½, R. Syvertsen ½; 3) R. Cross 0, W. Miller 1; 4) L. Remlinger 1, R.O. Wilson 0.

Hollywood 2½, Van Nuys 1½ 1) H. Steiner ½, G. Steven ½; 2) J. Moskowitz ½, R. Rankel ½; 3) F. Burke ½, P. Meyer ½; 4) M. Gordon 1, R. Lorber 0.

Round II

March 9, 1955 - Hollywood 4, City Terrace 0 1) H. Steiner 1, S. Weinbaum 0; 2) R. Jacobs 1, J. Wiener 0; 3) M. Gordon 1, T.A. Baraquet 0.

March 12, 1955 - Long Beach 2, Santa Monica 2 1) C. Wallace 0, R. Martin 1; 2) R. Cross 1, R. Cross 0; 3) L. Remlinger 0, S. Almgren 1; 4) E. Froomess 1, H. Abel 0.

Round III

March 16, 1955 - City Terrace 2½, Inglewood 1½ 1) J. Wiener 1, N.J. Goldberg 0; 2) T.A. Baraquet 1, K. Reissmann 0; 3) V. Dane ½, B. Bylinkin ½; 4) P. Hubbard 0, N. Thomas 1.

March 18, 1955 - Long Beach 3½, Van Nuys ½ 1) S. Giritsky 1, G. Steven 0; 2) C. Wallace 1, P. Meyer 0; 3) L. Remlinger ½, R. Lorber ½; 4) E. Froomess 1, H. Wildeman 0.

Santa Monica 4, Pasadena 0 1) R. Martin 1, G. Croy 0; 2) R. Cross 1, A. Larsen 0; 3) S. Almgren 1, E.B. Adams 0; 4) H. Abel 1, W. Miller 0.

Round IV

March 30, 1955 - Long Beach 4, City Terrace 0 1) C. Wallace 1, S. Weinbaum 0; 2) R. Cross 1, T.A. Baraquet 0; 3) E. Froomess 1, E. Slobin 0; 4) J. Rinaldo 1, V. Dane 0.

"B" DIVISIONRound I

February 25, 1955 - Hollywood 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Water & Power  $\frac{1}{2}$  1) S. Geller 1, J. Kovac 0; 2) W. Steel 1, G. Dewey 0; 3) G. Goehler 1, D. Norton 0; 4) F. Goetze 1, J. Russell 0; 5) D. Maron  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. Taber  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) A. Larsen 1, A.C. Thompson 0.

February 28, 1955 - Santa Monica 6, No. American 0 1) F. Wrangel 1, M. Ek 0; 2) R. Sale 1, C.F. McKinnon 0; 3) W. Holmes 1, N. Vatsos 0; 4) B. Collins 1, W. McGill 0; 5) O.H. Wentcher 1, H.W. Bell 0; 6) E. Edwards 1, D. Lewis 0.

March 24, 1955 - No. American 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , City Terrace 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) M. Ek 1, S. Davis 0; 2) J. Gysbers 0, B. Kakimi 1; 3) C. McKinnon 1, S. Weiner 0; 4) N. Vatsos 1, P. Hubbard 0; 5) W. McGill  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Wm. Pietri  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) H. Bell 1, E. Norman 0.

Note: Cosmo vs. Beverly Hills (3-3) is under protest and will be reported later.

Round II

March 2, 1955 - Inglewood 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Santa Monica 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) L. Johnson 1, P. Wrangell 0; 2) R. Reed 1, R. Sale 0; 3) R. Kautz  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Holmes  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4) H. Lopez 1, B. Collins 0; 5) G. Rubin 1, O.H. Wentcher 0; 6) K. Forrest 0, E. Edwards 1.

March 4, 1955 - Hollywood 5, Valley 1 1) S. Geller 1, C. Lukaart 0; 2) R. Boguslaw 0, L. Mercy 1; 3) M. Freedman 1, E. Malmouth 0; 4) W. Steel 1, J. McCardle 0; 5) F. Goetze 1, G. Norman 0; 6) C. Henderson 1, R. Hagedorn 0.

Long Beach 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Pasadena  $\frac{1}{2}$  1) J. Rinaldo  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C.J. Shults  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) R. Day 1, W. Edwards 0; 3) N. Morein 1, E. Saldana 0; 4) L. Weiss 1, D.L. Young 0; 5) L. Gross 1, D.J. Hubbard 0; 6) J. Blaney 1, Forfeit.

North American 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Beverly Hills 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) M. Ek 1, P. Waterman 0; 2) C. McKinnon 0, N. Robinson 1; 3) N. Vatsos  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. Burton  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4) W. McGill 1, A. Lovinger 0; 5) H. Bell 1, P. Loeser 0; 6) D. Lewis 0, S. Andalman 1.

City Terrace 4, Water & Power 2 1) S. Davis 1, G. Dewey 0; 2) B. Kakimi 1, J. Russell 0; 3) E. Norman 0, C. Taber 1; 4) S. Wiener 1, L. Anderson 0; 5) M. Leherer 0, F. Larsen 1; 6) W. Pietri 1, P. Granger 0.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE - "B" DIVISION (Continued)Round III

March 9, 1955 - Hollywood 5, City Terrace 1 1) S. Geller 1, S. Davis O; 2) W. Steel 1, B. Kakimi O; 3) J. Gibbs O, N. Kramer 1; 4) G. Goehler 1, S. Wiener O; 5) F. Goetze 1, Wm. Pietri O; 6) P. Nielson 1, E. Norman O.

March 10, 1955 - North American 5, Water & Power 1 1) M. Ek O, J. Kovac 1; 2) J. Gysbers 1, J. Bell O; 3) N. Vatsos 1, C. Taber O; 4) W. McGill 1, A. Thompson O; 5) H. Bell 1, L. Anderson O; 6) D. Lewis 1, N. Granger O.

March 11, 1955 - Inglewood 4, Valley 2 1) L. Johnson 1, C. Lukaart O; 2) R. Kautz O, L. Mercy 1; 3) H. Lopez O, E. Malmuth 1; 4) G. Rubin 1, G. Norman O; 5) A. Freeman 1, C. Boyer O; 6) K. Forrest 1, L. Pinson O.

Pasadena 3, Cosmo 3 1) C. Shults O, L. Domanski 1; 2) W. Edwards O, T. Cragg 1; 3) E. Saldana 1, L. Zeitlin O; 4) D. Young  $\frac{1}{2}$ , K. Stone  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) R. Hargraves 1, S. Rodriguez O; 6) D. Hubbard  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A. Gates  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

March 12, 1955 - Long Beach 4, Santa Monica 2 1) J. Rinaldo  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. Budd  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) R. Day 1, R. Sale O; 3) J. Doan 1, B. Mintz O; 4) L. Gross  $\frac{1}{2}$ , O.H. Wentcher  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) J. Blaney O, E. Gardos 1; 6) O. Rolo 1, E. Edwards O.

Round IV

March 16, 1955 - Inglewood 4, City Terrace 2 1) L. Johnson O, S. Davis 1; 2) R. Reed 1, B. Kakimi O; 3) R. Kautz 1, E. Norman O; 4) H. Lopez O, S. Wiener 1; 5) G. Rubin 1, M. Leherer O; 6) A. Freeman 1, H. Menchaca O.

March 17, 1955 - North American 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Cosmo 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) M. Ek O, L. Domanski 1; 2) J. Gysbers 1, L. Zeitlin O; 3) C. McKinnon 1, K. Stone O; 4) N. Vatson  $\frac{1}{2}$ , F. Frazier  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) W. McGill 1, S. Rodriguez O; 6) H. Bell O, A. Gates 1.

Hollywood 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Beverly Hills 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) S. Geller 1, P. Waterman O; 2) W. Steel 1, N. Robinson O; 3) G. Goehler 1, J. Marmor O; 4) F. Goetze  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. Burton  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) C. Karson 1, A. Lovenger O; 6) P. Nielsen O, E. Johansson 1.

March 18, 1955 - Pasadena 4, Santa Monica 2 1) C. Shults 1, J. Hatfield O; 2) E. Saldana  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Holmes  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) D. Young  $\frac{1}{2}$ , B. Collins  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4) R. Hargraves 1, B. Mintz O; 5) W. Stanton O, O. Wentcher 1; 6) D. Hubbard 1, E. Edwards O.



Long Beach 4½, Valley 1½ 1) J. Rinaldo 1, L. Mercy 0;  
 2) R. Day 0, E. Malmuth 1; 3) J. Doan 1, G. Norman 0; 4) N.  
 Morein 1, R. Hagedorn 0; 5) T. Golden ½, L. Pinson ½; 6) S.  
 Foster 1, J. Drago 0.

#### Round V

March 23, 1955 - Inglewood 5, Cosmo 1 1) L. Johnson 1, L.  
 Domanski 0; 2) R. Reed ½, K. Stone ½; 3) R. Kautz 1, R. Taylor 0;  
 4) G. Rubin 1, S. Rodriguez 0; 5) A. Freeman ½, C. Gray ½; 6) K.  
 Forrest 1, A. Gates 0.

March 25, 1955 - Hollywood 4½, North American 1½ 1) S. Gel-  
 ler 1, M. Ek 0; 2) R. Boguslaw ½, J. Gysbers ½; 3) M. Freedman ½,  
 C. McKinnon ½; 4) W. Steel ½, N. Vatsos ½; 5) C. Henderson 1, W.  
 McGill 0; 6) P. Nielsen 1, H. Bell 0.

#### CALIFORNIA TOOTS ITS OWN HORN — PROPOSED INFORMATION BULLETIN

At a recent meeting of the Southern California Chess League it was decided to issue a special bulletin to be passed out to chessplayers visiting our State in connection with the U.S. Open at Long Beach in August.

It was proposed to ask THE REPORTER to publish the booklet. The editors of THE REPORTER heartily approved of the idea, and promptly called it to the attention of the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central California chess leagues. As matters stand at the moment, San Francisco has voted to go along with the idea and Central Valley is expected to join in soon.

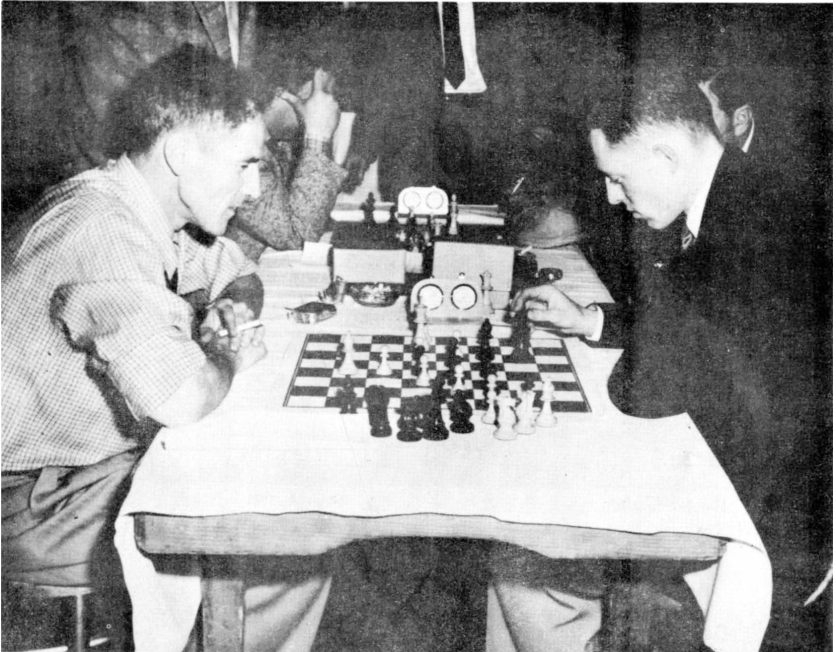
Each chess club will have a section in the proposed booklet. There will be a descriptive page or two of the club's history, location, and activities, photographs of members, teams and officials, and one or two annotated games. At the present time Official Photographer Nancy Roos is covering the South, and has already taken a number of photos. In the San Francisco league, each club is arranging for its own photos.

It is anticipated that each club's share of the cost of the booklet will be \$3 or thereabouts. The booklets are to be distributed free of charge to visitors at the U.S. Open.



(Photo by  
Jasper Nutter)

Larry Remlinger,  
Long Beach Champion.



Al Raymond (left)

Mike Hailparn (right)

Board One of the Bakersfield-Fresno Team Match,  
February 27, 1955.

FRESNO-BAKERSFIELD TEAM MATCH - by Al Raymond

The Fresno Chess Club defeated the Kern County Chess Club of Bakersfield  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  at Bakersfield February 27th. This match initiated a series of ten annual ones to be played between the two clubs for the Steiner Cup, a handsome trophy presented to the contestants by the Clary Multiplier Corp. of San Gabriel, and named in honor of Herman Steiner, International Master and present California Title holder.

The match was held in the beautiful Spanish Ballroom of the El Tejon Hotel. Mr. Steiner was a guest at the match and presented trophies at ceremonies conducted over station K.B.A.K. T.V.

Kenneth Warner of Bakersfield High won the Clary Cup, the Junior Championship Trophy, by defeating Robert Garabedian of Roosevelt High in the annual Junior Championship match.

Mr. Steiner gave a simultaneous exhibition following the inter-city match and proved his reputation by winning on 27 of 29 boards and drawing on the other two with Ernie Shields and Al Raymond.

## Results:

	<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Bakersfield</u>	
1.	M. Hailparn	$\frac{1}{2}$	Al Raymond	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	E. Achterberg	1	Dan Eddy	0
3.	T. Fries	1	R. Rettick	0
4.	R. Garabedian	0	K. Warner	1 *
5.	C. Fotias	1	M. Rettick	0
6.	O. Mashke	1	P. Chamberlain	0
7.	N. Thettleplace	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Shields	$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	W. Shirey	1	E. Burtner	0
9.	L. Legler	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Slitor	$\frac{1}{2}$
10.	R. Baker	1	F. Jackson	0
11.	R. Clark	1	N.P. Brooks	0
12.	T. Hastings	1	C. Smith	0
13.	R. McCullough	0	W. Barlow	1
14.	N. Mitchell	0	G. Smith	1
15.	N. Wood	0	C. Schimmel	1

\* Junior Championship Match.

GAME OF THE MONTH

Young Bobby Cross is one of southern California's many promising junior masters. As reported in the January REPORTER, Bobby was the youngest competitor in the California State Championship, San Francisco, 1954 — an event in which he gained some invaluable experience although finishing near the bottom. Our associate editor Valdemars Zemitis said (January REPORTER): "No question he has talent for this wonderful game, but I think that his style is too 'dry.' He ought to complicate positions and thus give his imagination an unlimited field for action."

Bobby must have taken this advice to heart, for in the following game he goes after Grandmaster Sammy Reshevsky as though supremely confident of the results. (Sammy ran up against Cross twice in exhibitions in March in Los Angeles, and came off with only a half-point to his credit.)

HOLLYWOOD, March 23, 1955  
(10-Game Clock Exhibition)

Game No. 280 - Sicilian  
White                      Black  
R. Cross                    S. Reshevsky

(Notes by R. Cross)

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-QB4  |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3   |
| 3. P-Q4   | PxP    |
| 4. KtxP   | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |

Here I expected 5. P-QR3, the Najdorf defense, and had decided to play 6. B-KKt5, a line popularized by Keres which turns the game into a Richter of sorts. After the text I delighted in the opportunity to play the following line, which nearly wrecks this variation of the Sicilian.

6. B-K3                      B-Kt2

Not 6. Kt-Kt5 because of 7. B-Kt5 ch, winning.

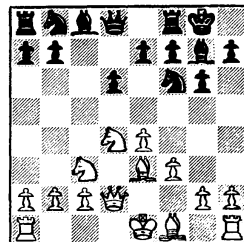
7. P-B3

The key move of the system popularized by Bronstein and Keres. Its purpose is three-fold: It secures the KP from attack, protects the QB from maneuvers like Kt-Kt5, and also prepares a P-rush by P-KKt4 and P-KR4.

7. ...                      0-0

8. Q-Q2

Another key move, preparing Q-side castling.



8. ...                      P-QR3

Far too slow. Better is an im-

mediate Kt-QB3 with the following possibilities:

- a) 9. O-O-O, KtxKt; 10. BxKt, Q-R4; 11. K-Kt1!, P-K4!; 12. B-K3, B-K3; and the QP is immune but remains a weakness, i.e., 13. B-KKt5 followed by Kt-Q5 gaining the B-pair or 13. P-QR3 followed by Kt-Q5 at an opportune moment. Of course, 13. QxP is bad, because of 13... BxPch, 14. KtxB, QR-Q1 winning.
- b) Tricky is 9. O-O-O, KtxKt; 10. BxKt, Q-R4; 11. K-Kt1!, B-K3?!; 12. Kt-Q5, QxQ; 13. KtxPch, K-R1; 14. RxQ, KR-K1; 15. BxKt (if Kt-Q5, BxKt gives Black a fine game), BxB; 16. Kt-Q5, BxKt; 17. RxB with a P up and a won game, as in Rivise-Addison, Cal.State Chp. 1954.
- c) 9. O-O-O, KtxKt; 10. BxKt, P-QR3; 11. P-KKt4, P-QKt4; 12. P-KR4 with a plus for White.

These possibilities show that White has very fine attacking chances and Black's counterplay often either falls short or leads to fatal weakness.

9. P-KR4 P-QKt4  
10. P-QR3

Doesn't hurt in this position because Black must lose time to develop the Q-side.

10. ... B-Kt2

The wrong diagonal, as will be seen.

11. O-O-O Kt-B3  
12. P-KKt4 Kt-K4

KtxKt is certainly not good here because of the misplaced QB and a commencing K-side Pawn-roller.

13. P-R5 Q-B1

To meet 14. PxP forcing RPxP because of 15. Kt-K6. However, 13...B-B1 was better (but the defense has become difficult).

14. B-R6 Kt-B5

Premature; the Kt was needed for defense whereas the White KB was merely an obstruction.

15. BxKt QxB

16. BxB KxB

17. Q-Kt5!

Threatens 18. Kt-B5ch.

17. ... B-B1

Meets the threat. See note to move 13.

18. PxB

Now forced as Black threatened ...P-R3! and ...P-Kt4.

18. ... BPxP

19. Kt-Q5!

Cuts off the Q, threatens Kt-Kt6, and threatens to exchange the last defending piece, the Kt.

19. ... R-R2!

Meets all threats and indirectly defends the KRP. Reshevsky is like a leech in defense.

20. Kt-B5ch BxKt

21. KtPxB R-KKt1

21...R-QB1 would be answered by

22. P-B3 and the KKtP would still require protection. Of course, 21...KtxKt leads to mate in three starting RxPch.

22. KtxKt PxB

23. Q-R6ch

23. RxPch wins in all variations but one, i.e., KxR; 24. QxBP,

R(1)-Kt2; 25. R-RLch, K-Kt1;

26. PxB, QR-K2! and defense wins! Shucks!

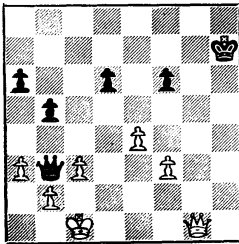
23. ... K-R1

24. PxB R-QB1

- 25. P-B3 Q-Kt6
- 26. QR-Kt1
- 26. ... R-KKt2
- 27. Q-K3 R(1)-KKt1
- 28. PxP RxRch
- 29. RxR RxRch
- 30. QxR KxP

Practically anything wins here.

- 31. Q-R7ch
- 31. Q-R2ch wins QP but text is more decisive as White comes out three pawns ahead.
- 31. ... K-Kt3
- 32. QxP Q-B5
- 32...P-Q4 is met by 33. Q-K6.
- 33. QxQP Q-B8ch
- 34. Q-Q1



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- Whew!
- 34. ... Q-B7
  - The rest requires no comment.
  - 35. Q-Q3 K-Kt2
  - 36. K-Kt1 K-R3
  - 37. K-R2 Q-Kt3
  - 38. Q-Q7 Q-K6
  - 39. QxP QxKBP
  - 40. Q-KB5 Q-Q6
  - 41. QxPch Resigns.

CORRESPONDENCE Several readers have expressed appreciation of the special article on the State Championship by Valdemars Zemitis in the January issue of THE REPORTER. Typical were these comments:

"Cheers and cheers for the January, 1955, number. Bouquets to Valdemars Zemitis. More numbers of the same and Marilyn Monroe will have competition for popularity" - Fred D. Knuppel, New York.

"Mr. V. Zemitis employs a writing style which many of us in southern California find surprisingly fascinating. Seldom does one find partial game scores and annotations so cleverly presented in narrative form along with such warm, friendly descriptions of the players and their individual styles of play. Few — if any — of us really were aware of the great talent possessed by Mr. Zemitis as displayed in this truly fine report on the 1954 California State Championship.

"I sincerely hope that THE REPORTER will soon contain more of Mr. Zemitis' 'golden' writings. It is so refreshing to read high-quality, honest, objective chess reporting..." - Kyle Forrest, Manhattan Beach.

(We are happy to report that Associate Editor Zemitis is preparing two special articles for early publication in THE REPORTER. - Ed.)

Mrs. L. Grumette writes us concerning a matter of importance to California woman chessplayers:

"A meeting was recently held here to discuss plans for the California State Championship for women. Several suggestions as to time, place, etc., were made, and the following were the ones agreed upon:

"There will be eight to ten rounds of play. Players will meet in San Luis Obispo on Decoration Day week end — Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

"Alternative plan: The first four or five rounds to be played at Los Angeles, with only Southern players participating. A like number of games to be played at San Francisco, among the Northern players. Remaining rounds to be played at San Luis Obispo Saturday and Sunday, at which time Northern players will be paired against Southern players.

"We will appreciate any ideas and suggestions you may have."

— Lee Grumette, Hollywood.

(A very good California Women's Championship was held in April, 1954, at the Hollywood Chess Club. Nine women participated, including international master Sonja Graf Stevenson, who won the championship. But there was a singular lack of interest among northern California women. It would appear that southern California women are making every effort to include the North in this year's event; since there probably will be at least two or three woman players making the trip to San Luis Obispo as members of the North team, there is every reason to believe that the 1955 California Women's Championship will be a truly state-wide event. The number of games to be played off before the northern and southern groups meet at San Luis Obispo will have to be decided, of course, after the number of entrants is determined. Those interested can obtain details from Mrs. Grumette at 1539 Laurel Ave., Hollywood 46, Calif. - Ed.)

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U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 8-20, 1955                      Long Beach, California

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U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 15-24, 1955                      Lincoln, Nebraska

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HOLLYWOOD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1955

Game No. 281 - French  
 White Black  
 P. Lapiken R. Gross

- 1. P-K4 P-K3
- 2. Q-K2

The Tchigorin Variation — adopted naturally enough, by Dr. Lapiken, himself a Russian.

- 2. ... P-QB4
- 3. P-KB4 Kt-QB3

The game has transposed into a Sicilian Defense with White having made the unnatural move Q-K2.

White's third move, P-KB4, fore-shadows an early King-side attack.

- 4. Kt-KB3 Kkt-K2
- 5. P-Q3 P-Kkt3
- 6. P-B3 B-Kt2
- 7. B-K3 P-Kt3
- 8. Qkt-Q2 P-Q4
- 9. P-K5 B-R3
- 10. B-B2 Q-Q2
- 11. O-O-O O-O-O

Black avoids the threatened attack by castling on the same side, where his pieces and pawns are better placed. If 11...O-O, White would open a file in short order with P-Kkt4, P-KR4 and P-KR5.

- 12. P-Kkt4 P-R3
- 13. P-KR4 P-B5!

Aggressive action! If 14. Pxp as in the game, White's K-position becomes weak; and if 14. P-Q4, P-Qkt4 with action on the Qkt and QR files.

- 14. Pxp Kt-R4

The unhappy location of the QK2 makes this whole transaction uncomfortable for White.

- 15. P-Kt3?

Better to let Black regain his Pawn gracefully. The text weakens the K-position.

- 15. ... Q-B2
- 16. Kt-Q4 K-Kt1
- 17. R-Kt1

If this R is to be moved, it would be more useful at R3; White's King needs protection. The threat is P-KB5, but first R-K1 must be played in order to protect the KP.

- 17. ... R-QB1
- 18. R-K1 B-KB1
- 19. B-Kt3

Renewing the threat of P-KB5.

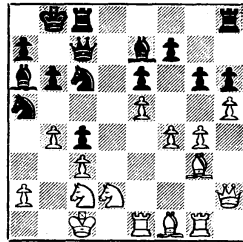
- 19. ... Kkt-B3
- 20. Kt-B2 B-K2
- 21. Q-R2

Threatening to open the KR2-Qkt7 diagonal by Pxp, P-B5 and P-K6.

- 21. ... KR-Q1
- 22. P-R5

22. Pxp would be answered by ... BxB; 23. KRxB, RxB; keeping the diagonal closed.

- 22. ... QPxP
- 23. P-Kt4



- 23. ... KtxP?!

A brilliant concept which could not to have succeeded. Better was 23...Kt-Kt6ch!; 24. PxKt,

PxP; 25. BxB, (25. KtxP, BxB;  
26. QRxB, KtxP; 27. PxKt, Q-B6;  
28. B-K1, QxKt; 29. R-Kt3, Q-R7)  
PxKt; 26. BxR, RxB; 27. KxP,  
KtxPch; 28. K-Q1, QxBP and White  
is helpless.

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| 24. PxKt    | Kt-Kt6ch |
| 25. PxKt    | PxP      |
| 26. KtxP    | Q-B6     |
| 27. Kt-B5?? |          |

After 27. BxB, Black would have  
nothing. For example: 27. BxB,  
QxKt; 28. BxR, RxB; 29. R-K1.

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| 27. ...   | BxKt |
| 28. PxB   | RxP  |
| 29. K-Kt1 | BxB  |
- Resigns.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION,  
BAKERSFIELD, 1955

Game No. 282 - Irregular

White	Black
H. Steiner	R. Rettick

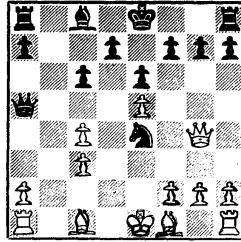
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| 1. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4  | P-K3   |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-B4   |
| 4. Kt-B3  |        |

4. P-Q5, making a Ben Oni of  
the opening, was to be consid-  
ered here. But the genial  
southern California master  
seldom is willing to close a  
position to this extent, pre-  
ferring open lines in which his  
positional talent will have  
freedom.

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| 4. ...   | PxP    |
| 5. KtxP  | Kt-B3  |
| 6. P-K4  | B-Kt5  |
| 7. KtxKt | BxKtch |
| 8. PxB   | KtPxKt |
| 9. P-K5  |        |

The game is now beginning to  
resemble a French Defense. Such  
positions are often "duck soup"  
for the combinative player.

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| 9. ...    | Kt-K5 |
| 10. Q-Kt4 | Q-R4  |



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| 11. B-Q3!?   | QxPch |
| 12. K-K2     | QxR   |
| 13. QxKt     | P-KB4 |
| 14. PxP e.p. | QxP   |
| 15. B-R3     |       |

At the cost of the exchange and a  
Pawn, White has a long-term bind  
on the position.

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| 15. ... | P-K4? |
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This Pawn going to become weak.  
Black should exert every effort  
to develop his pieces, particularly  
his QB, instead of setting up  
another target for White to shoot  
at.

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| 16. R-K1   | B-Kt2   |
| 17. R-QKt1 | R-QKt1? |
| 18. P-B4   | P-Q3    |
| 19. PxP    | PxP     |
| 20. B-B5   | P-QR3   |
| 21. Q-Kt4  |         |

Threatening 22. RxB, RxR; 23. Q-  
B8ch.

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| 21. ...  | Q-B2  |
| 22. B-B5 | P-Kt3 |
| 23. B-K6 | Q-Kt2 |
| 24. B-Q6 | R-Q1  |

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| 25. P-B5  | P-QR4 | 31. R-Kt8ch    | E-B1  |
| 26. R-Kt6 | R-R1  | 32. B-K6       | R-QB2 |
| 27. B-B4  | B-B1  | 33. Q-Q5       | R-Q2  |
| 28. Q-K4  | B-Q2  | 34. RxBch      | KxR   |
| 29. RxP   | R-R2  | 35. Q-R8 mate. |       |
| 30. R-Kt6 | K-Q1  |                |       |

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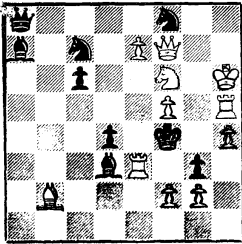
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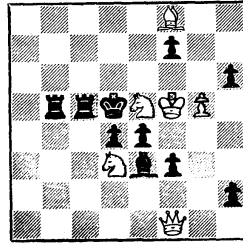
Qualifying: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Modesto, in October.  
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REPORTER TASKS We conclude our eighth contest with two three-movers: No. 69, by J. Obermann, and No. 70, by Sam Loyd. These problems are not too difficult, but both are very pretty.

TASK No. 69  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 70  
White Mates in Three



ANSWERS: TASK No. 67: The main line is 1. K-R2, Kt-Kt4; 2. Q-KR1.  
TASK No. 68: The main line is 1. Q-Q3, KtxKt; 2. Q-KB3.

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