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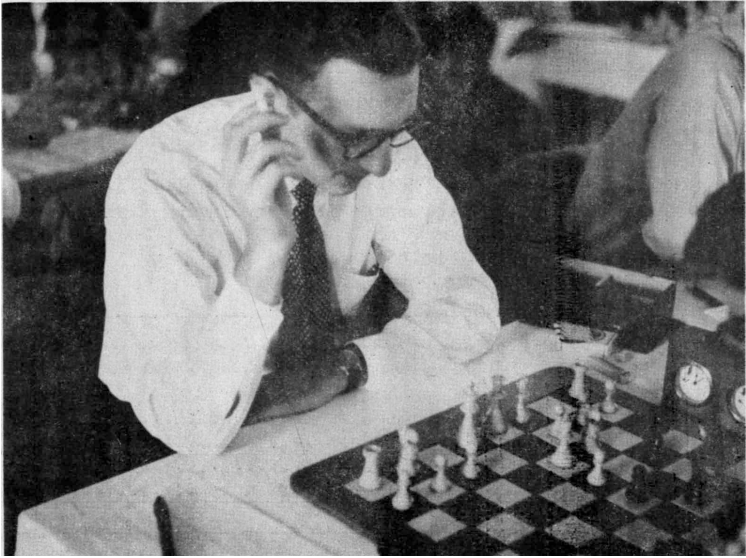
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HERMAN STEINER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT - by Irving Rivise

On January 15, 1956, there began at the Herman Steiner Chess Group Studios one of the strongest tournaments in the Southland in recent years. Lacking only the presence of Kashdan and Borochoy, who could not play for personal reasons, and Jim Cross who was still in the army, the tournament line-up contained all the known local masters.

Of added interest was the additional feature of the inclusion of recent arrivals from other parts of our country as well as the Vienna Master Zoltan Kovacs.

The pretournament favorites for the chief prizes seemed to be Jack Moskowitz (former Manhattan C.C. Champion), Bob Cross who has firmly established himself as one of our outstanding players, Kovacs and Rivise.



Robert Jacobs

The first round ran true to form for the favorites as Moskowitz beat Levin, Cross beat Schain, Rivise beat M. Gordon. Kovacs started a little nervously and soon lost a pawn to Lapiken without any compensation but in a time scramble outplayed our very own giant-killer (remember his two fine games at Long Beach versus Reshevsky and Rossolimo?) Lapiken and won. The final game of this round between Martin and Jacobs was won by Martin after Jacobs disdained a draw in an even rook and pawn ending and permitted an exchange of rooks leading to won King and Pawn ending for Martin.

Round two produced no startling upsets as Kovacs beat Rivise, Yarmak and M. Gordon drew, Martin with a tremendous advantage permitted Lapiken to escape with a draw, Cross beat Jacobs, Levin beat Schain and Moskowitz won from Almgren.

At the conclusion of round four an apparent pattern had emerged to disclose the future course of the tournament with Cross and Moskowitz leading with 4-0 scores closely followed by Kovacs with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (one game postponed).

In the fifth round Moskowitz met his first defeat at the hands of Jacobs. M. Gordon after losing a piece early in his game with Cross fought back ingeniously to secure a draw. Kovacs kept up his winning ways by defeating Martin.

In a crucial 6th round game Cross defeated Kovacs by improving a line given in Chess Archives while Lapiken was holding Moskowitz to a draw. The leaders were: Cross $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, Moskowitz $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and Kovacs $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ with one postponed game.

The 7th round once again made the race unpredictable as Martin beat Cross and Rivise defeated Moskowitz.

The following week saw Yarmak beat Cross, Almgren beat Kovacs, and Moskowitz could make little headway against Gordon's stubborn defense, the game resulting in a long hard fought draw.

In the 9th round the important encounter between Moskowitz and Kovacs resulted in a win for Moskowitz. After completing the adjourned games the leaders were Jacobs $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, Cross 6-3, and Yarmak with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ was making his presence felt.

The 11th and final round was moved back one week so that all adjourned and postponed games could be completed. After the finish of the 10th round the players' scores were:

Jacobs	$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
Cross	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
Moskowitz	6-4
Kovacs	6-4
Yarmak	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$

Jacobs was now assured of at least a tie for first place and yet the excitement of the tournament had not lessened for the pairings in this final round pitted Jacobs vs. Kovacs and Cross vs. Moskowitz.

Moskowitz and Cross soon arrived at an even position and agreed to a draw. The game between Kovacs and Jacobs was a tense affair with the advantage first with one player, then shifting to the other. In a wild time scramble Jacobs emerged with what appeared to be a winning advantage; yet Kovacs managed to hold on so that the game finally was drawn. Rivise beat Yarmak to knock him out of the prize money - enabling Lapiken to slip in ahead of him.

To this writer it was a very strange tournament in that the quality of play was very spotty - especially when one considers the high caliber of the contestants. The winner, Bob Jacobs, is well known to all of us here in California for his excellent and enterprising brand of chess. He has always finished high in all the local tournaments but this must certainly be considered his outstanding achievement to date. Certainly after losing his first two games he demonstrated his fighting capacity by coming back to score eight points of his remaining nine games, conceding but two draws. Bob Cross well deserved second place with well constructed games which were remarkably free from the blunders that marred the play of some of the others. He is well versed in opening theory but it seems to this writer that if he were to create more combinationally complex positions he would round out his fine knowledge of chess by developing a tactical ability which is necessary for top flight masters. To Moskowitz his tie for third place may have been a disappointment to him but he was fighting two battles: (1) his abstinence these past few years from competitive chess has made him a little rusty and (2) his attempts to solve the opening problems over the board against his well read opponents continually found him racing against the clock for his last ten or fifteen moves. Zoltan Kovacs is a welcome addition to California chess and while this writer does not know how Kovacs views his tie for third it seems that he too must better manage his clock if better results are expected. His knowledge of the openings is extensive but his habit of spending long periods of time on apparently simple mid-game positions hindered his winning chances.

Dr. Lapiken proved once more, if proof were really needed, that he is one of our finest players, lacking only in consistency. In tournament after tournament he demonstrates his exceptionally fine theoretical and tactical abilities by beating the strongest players and yet he is prone to relax in what seems to him to be an easy win or draw, only to find too late that his opponent has found a way out. If he can overcome this habit he should have no difficulties in winning many of our tournaments.

This tournament also witnessed the arrival of the "new" Eugene Levin. At any rate he completely changed his "chancy" style of play by deferring the usual sacrifice until late in the mid-game rather than in the opening as heretofore. Eugene also chose to play more orthodox openings than in the past and whether he is satisfied with his results will probably be reflected in the opening decisions he makes in his next few tournaments.

We are also pleased to have as a permanent resident in our midst the former U. S. Junior champion Saul Yarmak. Saul plays an

enterprising brand of chess. He plays the Vienna as white (winning a fine game from Cross with it) and adopts the Pirc defense (1... P-Q3) frequently when Black. His games also displayed a fine knowledge of the end-game.

Of the remaining players, we know they (Martin, Almgren, Rivise, Gordon and Schain) were disappointed with their respective results. The unusual aspects of this tournament can be pointed out by showing that Martin who finished eighth beat Jacobs, Cross and Moskowitz. Gordon, who finished with a 4-7 score, was able to draw with Cross, Moskowitz and Kovacs and in his game with Jacobs overlooked an apparently simple draw in the ending.

(We would not wish to suggest that Gerald Schain's recent marriage contributed to his poor showing but we cannot help but to point out that between his fine result in the Southern California Championship (tied for second) and this tournament he took unto himself a wife. Before the new Mrs. Schain takes offense I would like to mention that the history of chess is replete with such instances and that we are sure that Gerald will soon display his true abilities. I firmly believe all married chess players have gone through such an experience and hope my wife doesn't read this.)

Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky deserves the accolades for making the four Herman Steiner Memorial tournaments possible. Her continued encouragement and generous financial support were vital. George F. Goehler did fine work as tournament director, running four big tournaments single-handed, as smoothly as a seasoned veteran.

Herman Steiner Chess Group - 1956 Masters Tournament

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1. Robert Jacobs	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	8-3
2. Robert Cross	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	7-4
3- Jack Moskowitz	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Zoltan Kovacs	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Peter Lapiken	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6-5
6- Eugene Levin	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Saul Yarmak	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
8- Ray Martin	1	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	5-6
9. Sven Almgren	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	0	1	5-6
10- Irving Rivise	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	0	4-7
11. Morris Gordon	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	0	X	0	4-7
12. Gerald Schain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	X	3-8

EXPERT, "A" AND "B" GROUP TOURNAMENTS - by George F. Goehler

In the Expert group, Ronnie Gross played consistent chess. Although his opening play was not particularly outstanding, his middle game was steady and he had the habit of making his opponents beat themselves. Ronnie has shown improvement and belongs in the Master group.

Robert Brieger also played well but had the habit of getting into time trouble. LeRoy Johnson again faltered in his last few games after leading the tournament most of the way.

Nancy Roos was very ill during the first half of the tournament; in fact, she was carried from her hospital bed to the club for her first game as she refused to forfeit. She made ten moves and re-signed. Jacqueline Piatigorsky also had problems. Her mother, a visitor from France, fell and broke a hip; as a result Jacqueline's games were played hurriedly and at odd times. Her game against Johnson was probably her best.

Herman Steiner Chess Group - 1956 Experts Section

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score
1. Ronald Gross	X	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2- Robert Brieger	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	7-3
3. LeRoy Johnson	1	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	7-3
4. Sam Geller	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	0	1	1F	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Sidney Weinbaum	0	1	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	6-4
6. Gene Rubin	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Robert Lorber	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0F	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Jacqueline Piatigorsky	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Donald Stern	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3-7
10. John Gibbs	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$
11. Nancy Roos	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	2-8

In the "A" tournament, Richard Sanford and Charles Henderson always led the field. Sanford won the big one when he met Henderson. John Carvalho has just recently joined the club, having come from Hong Kong where he was the Colony champion.

Herman Steiner Chess Group - 1956 "A" Section

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1. Richard Sanford	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10-1
2. Charles Henderson	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1F	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. John Carvalho	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1F	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Russell Koutz	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	7-4
5. Don Karon	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Jack Monarch	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	0	1	0	6-5
7. Lena Grunette	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	X	0	1	1	1	1F	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$

"A" Section (continued)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
9- Ann Semo	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	X	1	0	1F	$3\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$
10. Kyle Forrest	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1F	$3\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$
11. Edward Hearsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	1F 2-9
12. Daniel Karpilowsky	0	OF	OF	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	OF	OF	OF	OF	OF	X	$1\frac{1}{2}-9\frac{1}{2}$

At this writing the "B" tourney is not complete but the winners are determined: 1st, Bruce Margolin, a high school lad and a newcomer to local chess; 2nd, Manuel Klausner, another high school newcomer; and 3rd, Clare Ullrich, the dean of the Santa Monica Blvd. Plumbing Shop chess club.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual individual championship of the Central California league was held April 21-22, 1956, at Oakdale. The four-round Swiss was won by Tom Fries of Fresno with a perfect score.

C.C.C.L. Individual Championship

	1	2	3	4	Score	Solkoff
1. T. Fries, Fresno	W8	W3	W2	W6	4-0	
2- M.E. Mattingly, Stockton	W9	W6	L1	D3	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	9.5
3- W. Whisler, Pittsburg	W10	L1	W4	D2	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	9.0
4- P. Foley, San Jose	D5	W10	L3	W7	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	7.0
5- P. Lang, Modesto	D4	L7	W10	W8-F	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	5.5
6- C.J. Smith, Oakdale	W7	L2	W8-F	L1	2-2	9.5
7- R. Baker, Fresno	L6	W5	W9	L4	2-2	8.0
8- E.L. Jeffers, Modesto	L1	W9	L6-F	L5-F	1-3	9.5
9- E. Hawksworth, Modesto	L2	L8	L7	W10	1-3	4.5
10. H. Blickenstaff, Oakdale	L3	L4	L5	L9	0-4	

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE - DIVISION A (postponed match)

U.C. $3\frac{1}{2}$, Castle $3\frac{1}{2}$	4	V Bloomfield	0	W Hendricks	1
1 D Beninson 1 G McClain 0	5	E Simanis	1	E Hoffer	0
2 R Smook 0 N Falconer 1	6	S Anderson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr E Kupka	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 J Hursch 1 R Willson 0	7	M Ratnieks	0	D Belmont	1

FINAL STANDINGS

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Games</u>
1. Mechanics' Institute	5-0	$25\frac{1}{2}-9\frac{1}{2}$
2. Golden Gate	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$21\frac{1}{2}-13\frac{1}{2}$
3. Castle	$2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{2}-17\frac{1}{2}$
4. U.C.	2-3	$16\frac{1}{2}-18\frac{1}{2}$
5. Oakland	1-4	$12\frac{1}{2}-22\frac{1}{2}$
6. Palo Alto	1-4	$11\frac{1}{2}-23\frac{1}{2}$

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

The individual scores registered by players in the recently-concluded team matches were led by a pair of perfect 5-0 records in each division. In Division "A" William Addison defended third board for the League Champions by trouncing five straight opponents. In Division "B" Douglas Willis of the championship Oakland team, holding down one of the lower boards, also repelled five invasions without a scratch. Book prizes (value up to \$4) may be obtained from league officials.

Division A: W. Addison (MI) 5-0, A.W. Bourke (MI) 3-0, K. Bendit (MI) $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Beninson (UC) $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Falconer (Castle) $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Division B: D. Willis (Oakl) 5-0, E. Lurie (GG) 3-0, W. Hudson (MI) $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Vaughn (GG) $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, S. Joplin (Oakl) 4-1, H. King (GG) 4-1, H. Rosenbaum (GG) 4-1, C. Schroth (GG) 4-1, D. Shishkin (Russ) 4-1, R. Thacker (Oakl) 4-1.

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE - by Charles B. Walker

The following match was played at Riverside on April 25:

Santa Ana $2\frac{1}{2}$ - Riverside $9\frac{1}{2}$

1 T McDermott	0	D Kerr	1	7 R Garland	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Sloboda	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 FE Sleep	0	Geo Hunnex	1	8 H Gooder	0	H Dickson	1
3 A Kalnolzos	0	CB Walker	1	9 Jude Person	1	W Lewis	0
4 A Trapp	0	CN Fuglie	1	10 W Wyatt	0	G Dubois	1
5 L Rankin	0	Capt Fettle	1	11 Martin Taylor	0	Carl Fuglie	1
6 Wm Bachman	1	C Qualls	0	12 A Fitzpatrick	0	Al Weiss	1

At present, chess clubs are organized in Covina, Pomona, Santa Ana and San Bernardino. It is hoped that at some future date we can arrange meetings with these clubs on a regular league basis, but no definite formative steps have at this time been attempted.

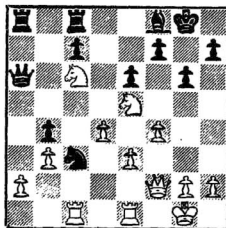
Some time ago the writer checked on the possibility of holding the California Open at the Mission Inn in Riverside, a hostelry of many attractions. The management would be interested in such a group as ours to the extent of providing a free playing room or auditorium. However, a check of the rates at the Mission Inn revealed that they begin at \$7 for a single. "There's the rub!" for the rates are higher than any of the other hotels in town and probably eliminates the Inn from serious consideration. Too many contestants would stay nearby at less luxurious quarters and we presume that it is the paying guests at the hotel who pick up the tab for the group as a whole.

GAME OF THE MONTH - by Imre König

Mechanics' Institute vs. Golden Gate was the decisive match in the S.F. Bay Area 1956 Division A schedule. On Board Two of this match White manages to obtain the superior game in the opening - after which he misses, in time-trouble, the simplest continuation. A very exciting struggle follows, and we witness the unusual Rook vs. Pawns end game - a type of game in which anything short of exhaustive analysis cannot explore the possibilities entailed.

Game No. 318 - Grunfeld

White	Black			
C. Bagby	H. Gross	Not	Kt-B5	because of ...Kt-B5.
1. P-Q4	KKt-KB5	20.	...	Kt-B5
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3	21.	Q-Kt3	Q-K2
3. QKt-B3	P-Q4	22.	KKt-B3	KR-Q1
4. P-K3	B-Kt2	23.	R-B2	Kt/4-Kt3
5. Q-Kt3	PxP	24.	B-Kt4	Q-Q2
Safer is 5...P-B3.		25.	Q-Q3	Kt-Q4
6. BxP	O-O	26.	B-Q2	KtxB
7. Kt-B3	Kt-B3	27.	QxKt	Kt-Kt3
8. Kt-KKt5	P-K3	28.	P-QKt3	Q-K2
9. B-Kt5	B-Q2	29.	QR-QB1	Kt-Q4
Bagby recommends here 9...P-K4.		30.	Kt-B5	P-QR4
If 10. BxKt, PxB; 11. PxP, Kt-Kt5		31.	Kt-Kt7	KR-QB1
and Black has prevented P-B4 with		32.	KtxP	Q-R6
the blockade of Black's black		If ...Kt-Kt5, 33. Kt-B6 follows.		
squares.		33.	Kt-B6	B-B1
10. P-B4	QKt-R4	34.	Kt/3-K5	P-Kt5
Better at once ...Kt-Q4.		35.	Q-KB2	Kt-B6
11. Q-R3	BxB	36.	R-K1	Q-R3
12. KtxB	P-Kt3			
13. O-O	P-QR3			
14. Kt-B3	Kt-B5			
15. Q-Kt3	P-Kt4			
16. QKt-K4	Kt-Q4			
17. R-Q1				
Black was threatening 17...KtxKP;				
18. BxKt, KtxB.				
17. ...	Kt-R4			



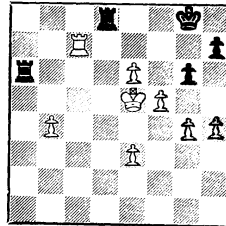
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| 37. Q-R4 | R-K1 | 54. QPxP | R-Q7 |
| 38. Q-B6 | B-Kt2 | 55. RxPch | K-Kt1 |
| 39. QxPch | K-R1 | 56. P-K6 | R/8xKtch |
| 40. KtxP | Q-Kt3 | 57. K-K4 | R-Q1 |
| | | 58. K-K5 | R-QR7 |
| | | 59. P-Kt4 | R-R3 |
| | | 60. P-B5 | |

Not ...Q-Q3 because of 41. RxKt, R-K2; 42. Kt-B6!

41. RxKt

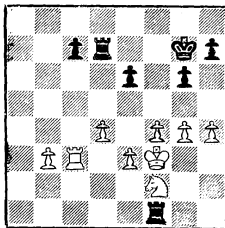
Bagby gives 41. Kt/4-B6 as better.

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| 41. ... | QxKt |
| 42. KR-QB1 | R-K2 |
| 43. Kt-B6 | QxR |
| 44. QxBch | RxQ |
| 45. RxQ | RxP |
| 46. Kt-K5 | R-K2 |
| 47. P-R4 | K-Kt2 |
| 48. K-R2 | K-B3 |
| 49. K-Kt3 | R-R8 |
| 50. Kt-Kt4ch | K-Kt2 |
| 51. K-B3 | R-B8ch |
| 52. Kt-B2 | R-Q2 |
| 53. P-KKt4 | |



60. ... R-Kt3

According to Gross, the decisive mistake. He gives 60...PxP; 61. PxP, R-Kt3; 62. P-B6, R-Kt4ch; 63. K-B4, RxPch; and the white King cannot penetrate, as in the game, for 64. K-Kt5?, R-Q4ch! Better, however, is 60...PxP; 61. PxP, R-Kt3; 62. P-K4! and the ensuing game would have been very exciting.



53. ... P-K4

The critical position. Both players hoped to turn the game in their favor. The ensuing ending of Rook against pawns is worth studying.

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|-------------|----------|
| 61. P-B6 | R-Kt4ch |
| 62. K-B4 | RxPch |
| 63. K-Kt5 | R-K5 |
| 64. R-Kt7ch | K-R1 |
| 65. P-K7 | R-KKt1 |
| 66. R-B7 | Resigns. |

LADY FOOZLE'S CORNER Ex-Associate Editor Bob Burger announced the birth March 19 of a second daughter at Long Beach, N.Y. Mother (Theresa) and baby (Marlene Rose) are doing nicely. Burger, a Madison Ave. gray flannel type, is moving from Long Beach to Palisades, N.Y. and after settling down will probably become THE REPORTER'S New York correspondent.

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(A selection of games played in Hollywood, January-March. The games are not annotated - chiefly because of a sort of plague which evidently has descended upon our annotators (the symptoms are similar to those of Spring fever, coupled with a reluctance to communicate); but besides, we are interested in getting reader reaction to this kind of presentation.)

<u>Game No. 319 - French</u>			
White	Black		
R. Jacobs	Dr. E. Levin		
1. P-K4	P-K3	23. PxKt	P-KB4
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	24. KR-B1	R/3-K3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	25. RxR	KPxPch
4. PxP	PxP	26. K-K2	Kt-K2
5. B-Q3	Kt-K2	27. B-Kt4	Kt-Q4
6. Q-R5	B-K3	28. RxP	Kt-B3
7. Kt-K2	Kt-QB3	29. P-Q5	R-Kt3
8. B-K3	Q-Q2	30. P-Q6	P-QR4
9. P-QR3	B-Q3	31. RxKt	PxB
10. Kt-Kt5	P-KKt3	32. P-Q7ch	KxP
11. KtxBch	QxKt	33. RxR	PxR
12. Q-Kt5	O-O-O	34. PxP	K-K3
13. Q-B6	B-B4	35. P-Kt4	P-Kt4
14. QxQ	RxQ	36. K-K3	K-K4
15. K-Q2	BxB	37. P-QKt3	K-Q4
16. KxB	Kt-B4	38. P-QB3	K-K4
17. B-Q2	R-K1	39. P-QB4	P-QKt3
18. QR-K1	P-B3	40. P-KKt3	PxP
19. P-KR4	R-K5	41. PxP	K-Q3
20. B-B3	P-KR3	42. KxP	K-K3
21. P-R5	P-KKt4	43. P-B5	P-Kt4
22. Kt-Kt3	KtxKt	44. K-Q4	K-Q2
		45. K-Q5	K-B2
		46. K-K6	K-B3
		47. K-B6	K-Q4
		48. K-Kt6	K-B5
		49. P-B6	Resigns.

Game No. 320 - Philidor

White	Black
I. Rivise	R. Jacobs

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|-----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. | P-Q4 | Kt-Q2 |
| 4. | P-B4 | B-K2 |
| 5. | Kt-B3 | KKt-B3 |
| 6. | P-KR3 | O-O |
| 7. | B-K2 | PxP |
| 8. | KtxP | Kt-B4 |
| 9. | Q-B2 | KKt-Q2 |
| 10. | B-K3 | B-Kt4 |
| 11. | P-B4 | B-R5ch |
| 12. | K-Q2 | R-K1 |
| 13. | P-QKt4 | Kt-K3 |
| 14. | Kt-B3 | B-Kt6 |
| 15. | P-KB3 | Kt-B5 |
| 16. | Kt-Q5 | KtxKt |
| 17. | BPxKt | Kt-B3 |
| 18. | B-Q3 | Q-K2 |
| 19. | Kt-Kt5 | BxP |
| 20. | P-K5 | BxB |
| 21. | QxB | QxP |
| 22. | QR-KB1 | QxP |
| 23. | R-B3 | RxB! |
| 24. | KxR | QxKtch |
| 25. | K-K2 | R-K1ch |
| 26. | K-Q1 | Q-K4 |
| 27. | K-B2 | Q-K7ch |
| 28. | K-Kt3 | QxQch |
| 29. | RxQ | B-K4 |
| 30. | R-QB1 | P-B3 |
| 31. | P-QR4 | Kt-Q2 |
| 32. | P-R4 | P-QR4 |
| 33. | R/1-Q1 | PxP |
| 34. | KxP | P-QKt3 |
| 35. | P-R5 | PxPch |
| 36. | KxP | B-Q5 |
| 37. | R-KKt3 | B-B4 |

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| 38. | K-R6 | R-Kt1 |
| 39. | R-K1 | R-Kt3ch |
| 40. | K-R5 | R-Kt4ch |
- Resigns.

Game No. 321 - Sicilian

White	Black
Dr. P. Lapiken	Z. Kovacs

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|-----|---------|--------|
| 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 | P-K3 |
| 7. | B-K2 | B-K2 |
| 8. | Q-Q2 | O-O |
| 9. | O-O-O | P-QR3 |
| 10. | P-KB4 | Q-B2 |
| 11. | Kt-Kt3 | R-Q1 |
| 12. | B-B3 | B-Q2 |
| 13. | K-Kt1 | QR-QB1 |
| 14. | Kt-K2 | B-K1 |
| 15. | P-B4 | P-QKt4 |
| 16. | PxP | PxP |
| 17. | R-QB1 | Q-R2 |
| 18. | Kt/2-Q4 | KtxKt |
| 19. | QxKt | Q-Kt1 |
| 20. | RxR | RxR |
| 21. | R-QB1 | RxR |
| 22. | KtxR | P-K4 |
| 23. | Q-Q3 | P-R3 |
| 24. | BxKt | BxB |
| 25. | P-B5 | Q-Kt3 |
| 26. | Kt-K2 | P-Kt5 |
| 27. | Kt-Kt3 | B-Kt4 |
| 28. | Q-Q1 | B-B3 |
| 29. | QxP | K-R2 |
| 30. | Q-Q1 | B-KKt4 |

- 31. P-QKt3 Q-K6
 - 32. P-QR4 PxP e.p.
 - 33. K-R2 Q-B6
 - 34. Q-QKt1 B-Kt4
 - 35. Q-QR1 Q-B7ch
 - 36. KxP B-K2ch
 - 37. P-Kt4 Q-Q6ch
 - 38. K-Kt2 Q-Q5ch
 - 39. K-R2 B-B5ch
 - 40. K-Kt1 Q-Q6ch
 - 41. K-Kt2 Q-Q7ch
- Resigns.

Game No. 323 - 2 Knights

White Black
R. Brieger R. Gross

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
 - 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
 - 3. B-B4 Kt-B3
 - 4. P-Q4 PxP
 - 5. O-O B-B4
 - 6. P-K5 Kt-KKt5
 - 7. BxPch KxB
 - 8. Kt-Kt5ch K-Kt1
 - 9. QxKt P-Q4
 - 10. Q-Kt3 P-KR3
 - 11. Kt-KB3 B-B4
 - 12. Kt-KL Q-K2
 - 13. Q-Kt3 B-QKt3
 - 14. QxPch K-R2
 - 15. P-KB4 QR-Q1
 - 16. Q-B3 P-Q6 dis. ch.
 - 17. K-R1 Kt-Q5
 - 18. QxKtP Kt-K7
 - 19. KtxP Q-R5
 - 20. Q-B3 B-Kt5
 - 21. Q-K4ch P-Kt3
 - 22. R-B3 RxBt
 - 23. QxKt BxR
 - 24. PxB RxB
 - 25. QxR Q-K8ch
 - 26. K-Kt2 QxB
 - 27. Q-Q3 R-KB1
 - 28. Q-Q7ch K-R1
 - 29. Q-Q2 QxKtP
 - 30. P-B5 P-Kt4
 - 31. Q-B3 B-Q5
 - 32. Q-B6 BxP
 - 33. QxPch K-Kt1
- Resigns.

EXPERT SECTION

Game No. 322 - 4 Knights

White Black
J. Piatigorsky L. Johnson

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
- 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
- 4. P-Q4 PxP
- 5. KtxP B-Kt5
- 6. KtxKt BxKtch
- 7. PxB KtPxKt
- 8. B-Q3 Q-K2
- 9. O-O O-O
- 10. B-KKt5 Q-K4
- 11. P-KB4 QxQBP
- 12. P-K5 Kt-Q4
- 13. Q-R5 P-Kt3
- 14. Q-R6 R-KL
- 15. P-B5 Q-B4ch
- 16. K-R1 Q-B1
- 17. PxP RPxP
- 18. Q-R4 Q-Kt2
- 19. R-B3 RxB
- 20. B-KR6 Q-R1
- 21. Q-QBch K-R2
- 22. RxBch Resigns.

SECTION "A"Game No. 324 - AlekhineGame No. 325 - Polish

White		Black		White		Black	
C. Henderson		R. Sanford		C. Henderson		K. Forrest	
1.	P-K4		Kt-KB3	1.	P-QKt4		P-K4
2.	P-K5		Kt-Q4	2.	B-Kt2		P-Q3
3.	P-QB4		Kt-Kt3	3.	P-K4		Kt-KB3
4.	P-Q4		P-Q3	4.	Kt-QB3		B-K2
5.	P-B4		PxP	5.	P-Kt5		B-K3
6.	BPxP		Kt-B3	6.	P-Q4		PxP
7.	B-K3		B-B4	7.	QxP		P-B4
8.	Kt-QB3		P-K3	8.	Q-Q2		O-O
9.	Kt-B3		B-QKt5	9.	P-B4		K-R1
10.	B-K2		O-O	10.	P-B5		B-B1
11.	O-O		BxKt	11.	Kt-B3		QKt-Q2
12.	PxB		P-KR3	12.	R-Q1		R-K1
13.	P-QR4		Kt-K2	13.	B-B4		K-Kt1
14.	P-QR5		Kt-Q2	14.	O-O		B-B1
15.	R-R2		P-QKt3	15.	P-QR4		Kt-Kt3
16.	Q-K1		B-Kt3	16.	B-R2		KtxKP
17.	Kt-R4		Kt-KB4	17.	KtxKt		RxKt
18.	KtxB		PxKt	18.	BxPch		K-R1
19.	B-B1		PxP	19.	Kt-Kt5		R-KKt5
20.	B-B3		R-Kt1	20.	P-B6		P-KR3
21.	RxP		P-B4	21.	PxPch		BxP
22.	RxRP		PxP	22.	BxBch		KxB
23.	B-Kt4		PxP	23.	Q-B3ch		R-Q5
24.	BxKt		RxB	24.	RxR		PxR
25.	RxR		KtPxR	25.	QxPch		K-B1
26.	QxP		Kt-B4!	26.	B-K6ch		K-K1
27.	Q-QB2		Q-Q5ch	27.	Q-R8ch		K-K2
28.	K-R1		QxKP	28.	R-B7 Mate.		
29.	B-Q2		Kt-K5				
30.	R-R5		Q-Q5				
31.	B-K1		R-Kt7				
32.	Q-R4		Kt-B7ch				
			Resigns.				



Mechanics' Institute vs. Golden Gate

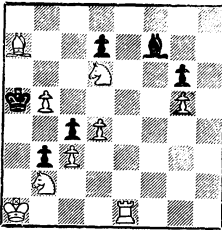
The photo is the last-round decisive match in the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League 1956 season. Mechanics' Institute, on the left, beat Golden Gate $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. The pairings, beginning with Board One nearest the camera:

1. Jim Schmitt - Vladimir Pafnutieff
2. Charles Beby - Henry Gross
3. William Addison - Carroll Capps
4. Charles Svalberg - Gilbert Ramirez
5. Horst Bullwinkel - Robert Currie
6. Alan Bourke - William Bills
7. Kurt Bendit - Ed Logwood

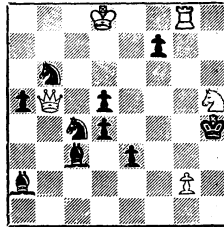
REPORTER TASKS: This month we present for your delight a modern three-mover, No. 91, by Dr. E. Palkoska, and an old one, No. 92, by H. Nanz. The Palkoska was first published in 1931, and the Nanz in 1891. We feel sure you will enjoy both of them. The Nanz has some particularly pretty, economical mates.

TASK No. 91

White Mates in Three

TASK No. 92

White Mates in Three



- Answers to previous TASKS:
- No. 87: The key is R-Kt4.
 - No. 88: The key is K-B3!
 - No. 89: The problem was set incorrectly. The black pawn at Black's QKt4 should be a black Bishop. Want to try again?
 - No. 90: The key is B-R1.

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