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### LARRY LEDGERWOOD WINS CHESS FRIENDS OPEN

Larry Ledgerwood of Oakland won the Expert-A Division of the annual Open Championship,  $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , by defeating Harold Edelstein of San Carlos in the last round. B Division was won by Louis Tomori of San Bruno, who nosed out Miloslav Nekvasil of San Francisco on tie-breaking points; both players scored  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . Amos Knack of Redwood City won the Division C title with a 5-0 score, ahead of Louis Bignami of Oakland,  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ .

### SAN JOSE REPEATS AS CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LEAGUE CHAMPS

The powerhouse from San Jose cleaned up again against all opposition and retired another trophy by winning the team title three times in a row. Sacramento took second honors and Pittsburg third.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

The Golden Gate Chess Club is leading in Division "A" by virtue of a 5-2 win over Castle on March 23. Golden Gate has  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , followed by Castle and U.C., 4-1 and 3-1. In Division "B" the Mechanics' Institute "B" team ( $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ) leads the improving Alameda team (4-2).

CHESS FRIENDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, Oakland YMCA, February 9-10, 1957

A DIVISION: 1. L. Ledgerwood  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2-6. R. Plock, H. Edelstein, R. Dickinson, W. Hendricks, S. Gartenhaus,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points; 7-10. A. Chap-pell, D. Taggart, F. Cummings, G. Farly, 4 points.

B DIVISION: 1. L. Tomori  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2. M. Nekvasil  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3-5. E. Brent, R. Gieger, L. Turner, 4 points; 6-10. M. Bredoff, N. Buder, P. Cleg-horn, C. McGinley, H. Thomas,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points.

C DIVISION: 1. A. Knack 5; 2. L. Bignami  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3-5. R. Stenner, C.W. Hathaway, R. Wiebe, 4 points; 6-8. C. Barton, L. Hill, G. Peter-son,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points.

A total of 116 finished the tournament. The first three in each division won trophies. Directed by International Master George Koltanowski.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

San Jose began the season with a 5-3 win over Sacramento, the runners-up, and finished with easy wins over Pittsburg (7-1) and Fresno (by forfeit). Individual honors also went to San Jose: Francis Crofut scored 6-0 on fifth board to take the prize, and Lyman Daugherty scored 5-0, Bill Adams 5-1, and Bert Mueller 5-1. J. Scheuerman of Sacramento had 5-1 and Phil Smith of Fresno  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . The next affair for the League will be the individual championship on May 4 at Oakdale.

ROUND V, February 3, 1957Fresno 5, Stockton 3

1 P Smith	1 R Leigh	0	5 O Maschke	1 Willingham	1
2 R Baker	1 JM David-Malig	0	6 L Legler	1 R Mah	0
3 R Womack	1 H Minchaca	0	7 D Hudson	0 M Sanders	1
4 C Phettleplace	1 M Mattingly	0	8 R Schein	0 A Radinsky	1

San Jose 7, Modesto 1

1 J Kalnins	0 L Davis	1	5 F Crofut	1 R Olson	0
2 D Foley	1 E Hawksworth	0	6 P Foley	1 Forfeit	0
3 W T Adams	1 L Krogness	0	7 L H Daugherty	1 Forfeit	0
4 E H Mueller	1 C J Cook	0	8 O'Shaughnessy	1 Forfeit	0

Sacramento 8, Oakdale 0

1 A Janushkowsky	1 C J Smith	0	5 J Scheuerman	1 R Ewing	0
2 M K Saca	1 R Corporan	0	6 N T Austin	1 Forfeit	0
3 O Bender	1 H Mortensen	0	7 W Hartley	1 Forfeit	0
4 A Bishop	1 V Smith	0	8 W Chesney	1 Forfeit	0

ROUND VI, February 24, 1957

Oakdale 4, Modesto 4

1 W Maxey	O E L Jeffers	1	5 H Mortensen	1	E Hawksworth	0
2 R Ewing	O L Davis	1	6 F Kimball	1	H Wente	0
3 A Buerer	O L Krogness	1	7 R Corporan	1	C J Cook	0
4 E Sai	O H Paul	1	8 I Jones	1	Forfeit	0

San Jose 7, Pittsburg 1

1 J Kalnins	$\frac{1}{2}$ W Whisler	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 F Crofut	1	F Olvera	0
2 D Foley	$\frac{1}{2}$ L Talcott	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 E Hindman	1	R Guzman	0
3 W T Adams	1 S Foulson	0	7 L Daugherty	1	F Weinberg	0
4 E H Mueller	1 R Trenberth	0	8 P Foley	1	L Turner	0

Stockton 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sacramento 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

1 R Leigh	$\frac{1}{2}$ A Janushkowsky	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 H Minchaca	1	E Edmondson	0
2 M Mattingly	0 N T Austin	1	6 M Sanders	0	J Scheuerman	1
3 JM David-Malig	0 W Haines	1	7 A Radinsky	0	A Bishop	1
4 D Willingham	1 O Bender	0	8 W Jarvis	1	W Chesney	0

ROUND VII, March 17, 1957

San Jose 8, Fresno 0

1 J Kalnins	1 Forfeit	0	5 F Crofut	1	Forfeit	0
2 W T Adams	1 Forfeit	0	6 O'Shaughnessy	1	Forfeit	0
3 E H Mueller	1 Forfeit	0	7 L Daugherty	1	Forfeit	0
4 E Hindman	1 Forfeit	0	8 P Foley	1	Forfeit	0

Pittsburg 3, Sacramento 5

1 W Whisler	1 M Saca	0	5 R Guzman	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Haines	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 L Talcott	1 E Edmondson	0	6 F Weinberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	N T Austin	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 S Poulsen	0 A Janushkowsky	1	7 F Olvera	0	O Bender	1
4 R Trenberth	0 J Scheuerman	1	8 M Rivera	0	A Bishop	1

Stockton 5, Oakdale 3

1 R Leigh	1 A Buerer	0	5 D Willingham	1	E Sai	0
2 H Minchaca	$\frac{1}{2}$ F Kimball	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 R Mah	0	H Mortensen	1
3 JM David-Malig	$\frac{1}{2}$ C J Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 W Jarvis	1	S Slosted	0
4 F Di Paula	$\frac{1}{2}$ J Sutherland	$\frac{1}{2}$	8 M Sanders	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Ewing	$\frac{1}{2}$

F I N A L S T A N D I N G S

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Games</u>
1 San Jose	6-0	39 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Sacramento	5-1	32 $\frac{1}{2}$ -15 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Pittsburg	4-2	27-21
4 Fresno	3-3	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ -25 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 Stockton	2-4	23 $\frac{1}{2}$ -24 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 Modesto	$\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ -36 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Oakdale	$\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ -36 $\frac{1}{2}$

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

Castle got off to a flying start by upsetting the Mechanics' "Knight" team, 4-3, while U.C. was holding Golden Gate and the Knights to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  draws; but the strong Golden Gaters punctured Castle's dreams on March 23 by a convincing 5-2 score and took over first place.

In Division "B" the Mechanics' Institute Bs lead the pack, having yielded one draw so far, to Oakland. Alameda's slow start has been overcome by a four-match winning streak.

DIVISION AROUND II, Feb. 2, 1957

<u>Palo Alto <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, Golden Gate <math>6\frac{1}{2}</math></u>				4	E Rodemich	0	H Gross	1	
1	L Festinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Ramirez	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	Forfeit	0	H Rosenbaum	1
2	C Stein	0	W Pafnutieff	1	6	Forfeit	0	Dr K Colby	1
3	S Washburn	0	C Capps	1	7	Forfeit	0	S Van Gelder	1
<u>U.C. <math>5\frac{1}{2}</math>, Oakland <math>1\frac{1}{2}</math></u>				4	O Celle	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$	
1	J Hursch	1	J Demos	0	5	D Peizer	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Trenberth	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	R Currie	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Sedlack	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	A Chappell	1	R Cuneo	0
3	E Simanis	1	C Bergman	0	7	V Bloomfield	1	E Lien	0
<u>Oakland Jrs. 0, M.I. "Knights" 7</u>				4	Forfeit	0	H Bullwinkell		
1	W Landfair	0	J Schmitt	1	5	S Joplin	0	A Bourke	1
2	R Thacker	0	C Bagby	1	6	L Bignami	0	C Svalberg	1
3	A Wang	0	E Pruner	1	7	C Fontan	0	K Bendit	1
<u>Castle 4, M.I. "Bishops" 3</u>				4	W Hendricks	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Jonas	$\frac{1}{2}$	
1	N Falconer	1	L Simon	0	5	C Willson	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Stamer	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	G McClain	0	W Addison	1	6	R Willson	1	D Nieder	0
3	Dr RHultgren	1	A Palmin	0	7	E Hoffer	0	R Plock	1

ROUND III, Feb. 16, 1957

<u>M.I. "Bishops" 5, Palo Alto 2</u>				4	S Carlson	0	L Fuller	1	
1	W Addison	1	H Harrison	0	5	D Nieder	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Pesek	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	E Jonas	1	G Latta	0	6	R Plock	1	S Washburn	0
3	A Stamer	1	T Bullockus	0	7	W Ross	$\frac{1}{2}$	V Ricketts	$\frac{1}{2}$
<u>M.I. "Knights" 3, Castle 4</u>				4	E Pruner	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Hultgren	$\frac{1}{2}$	
1	J Schmitt	$\frac{3}{4}$	G McClain	$\frac{1}{4}$	5	H Bullwinkell	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Belmont	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	C Bagby	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Falconer	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	A Bourke	1	C Wilson	0
3	K Bendit	0	W Hendricks	1	7	C Svalberg	0	F Adelman	1
<u>Oakland 7, Oakland Jrs. 0</u>				4	R Freeman	1	Forfeit	0	
1	J Demos	1	R Thacker	0	5	R Trenberth	1	Forfeit	0
2	C Sedlack	1	Forfeit	0	6	R Cuneo	1	Forfeit	0
3	C Bergman	1	A Wang	0	7	E Lien	1	Forfeit	0

<u>Golden Gate 3½, U.C. 3½</u>				4 H Gross	1 E Simanis	0	
1 G Ramirez	0	J Hursch	1	5 H Rosenbaum	0	D Peizer	1
2 W Pafnutieff	0	R Currie	1	6 Dr K Colby	½	A Chappell	½
3 C Capps	1	O Celle	0	7 S Van Gelder	1	V Bloomfield	0

ROUND IV, March 9, 1957

<u>Palo Alto 3, U.C. 4</u>				4 T Bullockus	½	D Peizer	½
1 L Festinger	0	J Hursch	1	5 H Harrison	0	A Chappell	1
2 C Stein	0	R Currie	1	6 F Morsman	1	A Yee	0
3 L J Fuller	½	E Simanis	½	7 J Pesek	1	D Lee	0

Oakland Juniors forfeited to Golden Gate

<u>Castle 5, Oakland 2</u>				4 D Belmont	1	R Freeman	0
1 N Falconer	½	J Demos	½	5 W Hendricks	1	R Trenberth	0
2 G McClain	½	C Sedlack	½	6 R Willson	1	R Cuneo	0
3 Dr RHultgren	1	C Bergman	0	7 C Wilson	0	E Lien	1

<u>MI "Bishops" ½, MI "Knights" 6½</u>				4 E Jonas	0	H Bullwinkel	1
1 W Addison	0	C Bagby	1	5 A Stamer	½	K Bendit	½
2 D Nieder	0	E Pruner	1	6 L Tomori	0	A Bourke	1
3 R Plock	0	J Schmitt	1	7 C Woskoff	0	C Svalberg	1

ROUND V, March 23, 1957

<u>MI "Knights" 6, Palo Alto 1</u>				4 H Bullwinkel	1	T Bullockus	0
1 C Bagby	½	L Festinger	½	5 K Bendit	½	H Harrison	½
2 J Schmitt	1	C Stein	0	6 A Bourke	1	J Pesek	0
3 E Pruner	1	L Fuller	0	7 C Svalberg	1	V Ricketts	0

<u>Oakland 1½, M.I. "Bishops" 5½</u>				4 R Freeman	0	A Stamer	1
1 J Demos	0	W Addison	1	5 R Trenberth	0	D Nieder	1
2 C Sedlack	0	R Plock	1	6 R Cuneo	1	A Christ	0
3 C Bergman	½	E Jonas	½	7 E Lien	0	O Wreden	1

<u>Golden Gate 5, Castle 2</u>				4 H Gross	1	Dr RHultgren	0
1 G Ramirez	½	G McClain	½	5 H Rosenbaum	0	R Willson	1
2 W Pafnutieff	1	N Falconer	0	6 Dr K Colby	½	C Wilson	½
3 C Capps	1	W Hendricks	0	7 S Van Gelder	1	F Adelman	0

Oakland Juniors forfeited to U.C.

<u>STANDINGS AFTER FIVE ROUNDS:</u>		<u>Matches</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Golden Gate	3½-½	20
2.	Castle	4-1	20½
3.	U.C.	3-1	16½
4.	Mech. Inst. "Knights"	2½-1½	19
5.	Mech. Inst. "Bishops"	2-2	14
6.	Palo Alto	0-5	8
7.	Oakland	0-4	7

S.F. BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE DIVISION BROUND III, Feb. 23, 1957

<u>Oakland 4, U.C. 3</u>				4 N Buder	1 R Tinder	0
1 R Dickenson	1 A Yee	0	5 S Joplin	OF R Harrison	1	
2 A Wang	OF D Jacobson	1	6 L Bignami	1 F Lew	0	
3 D Willis	0 R Wiebe	1	7 W Joplin	1 Forfeit	0	
<u>Alameda 4, Precita Valley 3</u>				4 W Rebold	0 J Reynolds	1
1 W Whisler	OF N Renaud	1	5 D Ogilvie	1 E Bartholomew	0	
2 L Talcott	1 J Cook	0	6 P Kelly	0 L Allen	1	
3 F Olvera	1 D Gibsun	0	7 R Holman	1 L Tullis	0	
<u>M.I. "B/1" 3, M.I. "B" 4</u>				4 R Barringer	0 W Hudson	1
1 D Taggart	0 P Peterson	1	5 D McLeod	1 D Shishkin	0	
2 L Tomori	1 F Arvidson	0	6 J C Williams	1 Lundstrom	0	
3 L Miller	0 W Ross	1	7 J Foster	0 A Cordero	1	

ROUND IV, March 2, 1957

<u>Precita Valley 3, M.I. "B/1" 4</u>				4 J Cook	1 N McLeod	0
1 J Reynolds	0 D Taggart	1	5 L Allen	1 L Miller	0	
2 E Bartholomew	0 R Keil	1	6 L Tullis	0 R Barringer	1	
3 N Renaud	1 D McLeod	0	7 B Blakemore	0 A Christ	1	
<u>U.C. 2, Alameda 5</u>				4 Douglas	0 D Ogilvie	1
1 A Chappell	OF L Talcott	1	5 Forfeit	0 R Holman	1	
2 Forfeit	0 F Olvera	1	6 Zeudenwitz	$\frac{1}{2}$ R Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3 R Wiebe	$\frac{1}{2}$ W Rebold	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 A Yee	1 L Osternig	0	
<u>Golden Gate <math>4\frac{1}{2}</math>, Oakland <math>2\frac{1}{2}</math></u>				4 J Vaughn	1 W Joplin	0
1 Dr B Gross	1 D Willis	0	5 G Lutz	$\frac{1}{2}$ L Bignami	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2 H Edelstein	0 N Buder	1	6 C Huneke	1 C Henderson	0	
3 H King	0 E Yaeger	1	7 N Nielsen	1 C Larsson	0	

ROUND V, March 16, 1957

<u>Alameda 5, Golden Gate 2</u>				4 G Garcia	1 H King	0
1 L Talcott	$\frac{1}{2}$ P Allinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 P Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$ C Huneke	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2 F Olvera	0 Dr B Gross	1	6 D Ogilvie	1 N Nielsen	0	
3 W Rebold	1 G Lutz	0	7 R Holman	1 I Dublin	0	
<u>M.I. "B/1" 3, U.C. 4</u>				4 N McLeod	0 N Roth	1
1 D Taggart	0 A Yee	1	5 R Barringer	1 R Tindex	0	
2 R Keil	1 Luederitz	0	6 J C Williams	1 D Ross	0	
3 D McLeod	0 P Nielsen	1	7 D Shishkin	OF P Lempert	1	

<u>M.I. "B" 4, Precita Valley 3</u>									
1	P Peterson	1	J Reynolds	0	5	F Rodnite	0	D Gibson	0
2	W Ross	1	J Cook	0	6	W Hudson	0	L Allen	1
3	F Arvidson	0	N Renaud	1	7	Freund	1	D Ryan	1
								I Vegvary	0

ROUND VI, March 30, 1957

<u>U.C. 2, M.I. "B" 5</u>									
1	A Yee	0	W Ross	1	4	P Nielsen	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Peterson	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	Lee	1	H S King	0	5	Roth	$\frac{1}{2}$	Foster	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Jacobson	0	F Arvidson	1	6	R Wiebe	0	F Rodnite	1
					7	Tinder	0	W Hudson	1

<u>Golden Gate 4, M.I. "B/1" 3</u>									
1	B Gross	1	D Taggart	0	4	C Huneke	1	L Miller	0
2	H King	1	F Rosenthal	OF	5	N Nielsen	0	D McLeod	1
3	G Lutz	0	L Tomori	1	6	B Wong	1	N McLeod	0
					7	Luederitz	OF	Madera	1

<u>Oakland <math>2\frac{1}{2}</math>, Alameda <math>4\frac{1}{2}</math></u>									
1	B Turner	0	L Talcott	1	4	Ledgerwood Sr	0	P Kelly	1
2	Dodge	0	F Olvera	1	5	L Bignami	$\frac{1}{2}$	L Osternig	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	E Yaeger	1	W Rebold	0	6	Joplin Sr.	1	R Holman	0
					7	C Larsson	0	Rivera	1

<u>STANDINGS AT END OF SIXTH ROUND:</u>			<u>Matches</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Mech. Inst. "B"		$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	$22\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Alameda		4-2	21
3.	Oakland		$2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$18\frac{1}{2}$
4.	Golden Gate		3-2	$20\frac{1}{2}$
5.	Mech. Inst. "B/1"		2-3	$18\frac{1}{2}$
6.	Precita Valley		1-4	14
7.	U.C.		1-4	11

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VS. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The 24th annual North-South team match will be played again at the Hotel Californian in Fresno, on Sunday, June 2, 1957. The State Speed Championship will be played on Saturday, June 1, at 2:30 P.M.

As a tune-up for the big match, northern players will be pitted against each other on May 4 (tentative) in the annual San Francisco vs. East Bay team match. As always, this match will be played at the Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post Street, San Francisco, at 7:30 P.M.

Southern players have taken a leaf from the northerners' book and will stage a north-south match of their own. For this match, the area from just south of the Hotel Californian in Fresno to the Mexican border will be divided by a line drawn judiciously somewhere across Los Angeles. The match will be played on Sunday, May 5, at 1 P.M. at the Women's Club of Hollywood, 1749 N. La Brea Avenue.

GAME OF THE MONTH

Sammy Reshevsky's visits to California are always good material for these pages. His numerous wins, we feel, are adequately reported in the national press. So we always can use a local victory or two for Game of the Month. In Los Angeles on February 21 at Romanoff's the grandmaster won 54 of 77 games, losing 2 (John McMillan, Los Angeles, and Dr. Sam Naiditch, Azusa) and drawing 21. In San Francisco he played 8 clock games, winning 4, losing 2 (W. Addison, San Francisco, and Jack Hirsch of Denver and U.C.) and drawing 2 (H. Bullwinkel and H. Gross), plus a non-clock game with "Mike" Zeligs, his San Francisco host.

The San Francisco display was a rough one for Sammy. He came from behind to score 5-3 in the clock games, in which type of simultaneous he excels. In the following game Bill Addison, Golden Gate club champion, wins prettily.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1957

<u>Game No. 371 - K's Ind.</u>	
White	Black
W. Addison	S. Reshevsky

1. P-KB4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-KKt3
3. P-KKt3	B-Kt2
4. B-Kt2	O-O
5. O-O	P-Q3
6. P-Q3	

The opening started as a Bird's, but is now seen to be a "Lenin-grad System" inverted - another example of a current fad - playing a Black-side opening with a move in hand. Why this fad is so popular nowadays is a mystery to us - perhaps it is that we are living in a period of transition, with everyone trying to find new principles; perhaps it is because chessplayers are becoming defensive specialists and want (a) to use the fruits of their labors when playing with

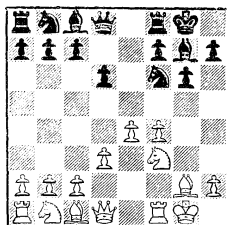
the Whites, and (b) to avoid the other player's defensive speciality.

At any rate, it is not more than a few years ago that a player would follow 1. P-KB4 with 2. Kt-KB3, 3. P-K3, 4. P-Q4, 5. B-Q3 and 6. QKt-Q2 (remember the late Bill Steckel?), but nowadays 1. P-KB4 might mean anything.

6. ...	P-K4
7. P-K4	PxP
8. Pxp	

White has arrived at a typical position in his King's Indian with a saving of no less than two moves (the first being his having the first move, and the second being his saving of the Kt move to prepare P-KB4 by making that move first). This position is often very strong when arrived at in the normal sequence for Black, so it behooves the second player, here, to be careful.

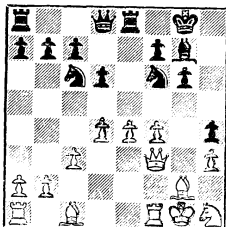




8. ... B-Kt5  
 Far be it from right that we should tell Mr. Reshevsky how to play, but if we were Black we'd move the Kkt and play ...P-KB4 as fast as we could. The QB we'd keep for the protection of our KB4, because White is surely aiming at an eventual P-KB5.

- 9. P-KR3 B-R4
- 10. Kt-B3 R-K1
- 11. Kt-K2 Kt-B3
- 12. P-B3 Kt-Q2
- 13. Kt-Kt3 BxKt
- 14. QxB P-KR4
- 15. P-Q4 P-R5
- 16. Kt-R1 Kt-B3?

Evidently a superficial move. It's not like Sammy to go in for the line ...P-KR4-5 and ...Kt-B3 when there is a clear refutation. Not only does White regain the pawn, but his King is badly exposed.



- 17. P-B5! KtxP
- 18. PxP PxP
- 19. Q-Kt4

Regaining the P, with interest.

- 19. ... P-Q4
- 20. QxKtP Q-Q2

Black is "busted." Only some feat of legerdemain can save him now; his pieces haven't good squares, while White's have plenty.

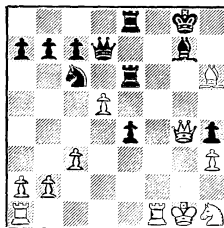
- 21. B-R6 R-K3
- 22. Q-Kt4

Threatening 23. BxB and holding two awkward pins.

- 22. ... QR-K1
- 23. BxKt!

This is decisive.

- 23. ... PxB
- 24. P-Q5



- 24. ... RxB
- 25. QxQ R-Kt3ch
- 26. Kt-Kt3 RxBch
- 27. K-R1 R-K4
- 28. PxKt PxP
- 29. Q-Q8ch Resigns.

U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, 1957

San Francisco will entertain the youth of the nation from July 8 to July 14, when the cream of our juniors will compete for the U.S. championship. It is hoped that young Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn will defend his title against the likes of Gil Ramirez, the San Francisco junior who holds the state championship, Larry Remlinger of Long Beach, and Stephen Sholomson of Los Angeles, as well as talented youngsters from other states.

Every effort will be made by the U.S. Chess Federation and Chess Friends of Northern California, co-hosts, to entertain the players, minimize their living costs, and keep them out of mischief. To attend to these responsibilities, the Chess For Youth Committee has been formed. Headed by Tom Tripodes, president, Ernst O. Anders, Jerry Spann and Dr. S. Werthammer, vice-presidents, Chuck McGinley, treasurer, and Leah Koltanowski, secretary. The committee will have plenty of willing workers. Cash is always welcome, however, and contributions will be welcome. If you want to help this worthy project, send a check or money order to Chess For Youth Committee, 286 4th Street, San Francisco 3.

NATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

In order to stimulate interest in the Royal Game through the public curiosity it will arouse and the publicity it is certain to evoke, the U.S. Chess Federation will sponsor a nation-wide series of team matches during 1957. The plan is simple: Teen-Agers will play against Veterans and Juniors will oppose Seniors. Matches may be played at any time; records will be accumulated through district and area totals to, finally, a national scoreboard. It is hoped that our thousands of organized chess clubs will contact unaffiliated players in playgrounds, institutions of learning, hospitals, religious and fraternal orders, etc., in order to secure full participation.

In California, the CSCF and Chess Friends will work together on the project. It is anticipated that in San Francisco and Los Angeles the main problem will be a superabundance of Teen-Agers, through the established playground tournaments. Our first task, therefore, is to turn out the Veterans by the hundred!

ROSSOLIMO VISITS CALIFORNIA

International grandmaster Nicolas Rossolimo will be next to visit the West Coast. It looks as though the 1955 (Long Beach) U.S. Open Champion will go from north to south: he will exhibit at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco on April 27th, at the Presidio of Monterey on April 30th, and will evidently go next to Los Angeles and San Diego.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION,  
SAN FRANCISCO, 1957

Game No. 372 - English

White Black  
S. Reshevsky J. Hirsch

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|-----|--------|----------|
| 1.  | P-QB4  | P-QB4    |
| 2.  | Kt-QB3 | Kt-QB3   |
| 3.  | P-KKt3 | P-Q3     |
| 4.  | B-Kt2  | P-KKt3   |
| 5.  | P-Q3   | B-Kt2    |
| 6.  | P-K3   | Kt-R3    |
| 7.  | KKt-K2 | Kt-B4    |
| 8.  | O-O    | Q-O      |
| 9.  | R-Kt1  | P-K3     |
| 10. | P-QR3  | B-Q2     |
| 11. | P-QKt4 | PxP      |
| 12. | PxP    | Kt/3-K2? |

An unusual gambit. Black fears the master's exploitation of the Q-side more than the loss of a P, and opens up in the hope of counterplay.

13. BxP R-Kt1

If he really wanted to make it a gambit, Black could have played 13...B-B3?!, sacrificing the exchange for a K-side attack.

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| 14. | B-Kt2 | Q-B2  |
| 15. | B-Q2  | B-QB3 |
| 16. | BxB   |       |

A doubtful move which weakens the K-side. Safer was 16. P-K4, Kt-Q5; 17. KtxKt, BxKt; 18. Kt-K2, B-Kt2; 19. B-QB3 with an easy plus.

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|-----|--------|------|
| 16. | ...    | KtxB |
| 17. | Kt-Kt5 |      |

An awkward square for the Kt. 17. Kt-K4 seems to be better. The last two moves, without

being outright blunders, give Black a good game.

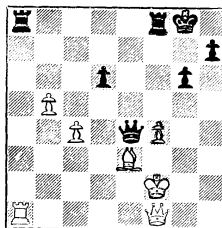
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| 17. | ...  | Q-Kt2 |
| 18. | P-K4 | P-QR3 |
| 19. | PxKt | PxKt  |
| 20. | PxKP | BPxP  |
| 21. | P-B4 |       |

There doesn't seem to be any effective way to stop Black's threat of ...Kt-B6ch. If 21. Kt-B4, Kt-Q5; if 21. B-B3, BxB; 22. KtxB, Kt-K4.

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| 21. | ...   | Kt-Q5   |
| 22. | B-K3  | Kt-B6ch |
| 23. | K-B2  | KtxP    |
| 24. | Kt-Q4 |         |

...Q-B6ch was threatened. White's game is suddenly a shambles.

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| 24. | ...   | KtxR  |
| 25. | QxKt  | BxKt  |
| 26. | BxB   | P-K4  |
| 27. | B-K3  | PxQBP |
| 28. | PxBP  | PxP   |
| 29. | PxP   | Q-K5  |
| 30. | P-Kt5 | R-R1  |
| 31. | R-R1  |       |



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| 31. | ...   | RxPch          |
| 32. | BxR   | QxBch          |
| 33. | K-Kt2 | Q-K5ch         |
| 34. | K-R3  | R-KB1          |
| 35. | Q-Kt2 | R-B6ch         |
| 36. | K-R2  | Q-R5ch         |
| 37. | K-Kt1 | R-KKt6 & wins. |

FRESNO vs. MODESTO, 11/11/56Game No. 373 - Benoni

White	Black
P.D. Smith	E.L. Jeffers

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4  | P-K3   |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-QB4  |
| 4. P-Q5   | P-Q3   |
| 5. P-K4   | B-K2   |
| 6. B-Q3   | P-K4   |
| 7. Kkt-K2 | O-O    |
| 8. O-O    | R-KL   |

Perhaps a mistake. It would appear that this R's chances lay in the B-file.

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| 9. P-QR3   | P-Kkt3 |
| 10. P-Qkt4 | Qkt-Q2 |
| 11. P-B3!  |        |

A subjective exclamation point (Smith's), on account of the positional trap he lays for his opponent.

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| 11. ...  | PxP     |
| 12. PxP  | Q-Kt3ch |
| 13. K-R1 | QxP     |

Into the trap - which doesn't immediately win material, but gives White a lasting "bind."

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| 14. B-K3   | Kt-B4 |
| 15. Kt-Kt5 | R-Q1  |
| 16. Q-B2   | Q-Kt6 |
| 17. QxQ    | KtxQ  |
| 18. R-R3   | Kt-B4 |
| 19. BxKt   | PxB   |
| 20. Kt-B7  | R-Kt1 |
| 21. RxB    | Kt-KL |
| 22. KtxKt  | RxKt  |
| 23. Kt-B3  | K-B1  |
| 24. R-Kt1  | R-Q1  |

Black has a hopelessly defensive position, with nothing to do but await the end.

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| 25. K-Kt1 | K-KL     |
| 26. B-B2  | P-Kt3    |
| 27. Kt-R4 | R-Q3     |
| 28. KtxBP | P-Qkt4   |
| 29. Kt-Q3 | P-B4     |
| 30. B-R4  | BfxP     |
| 31. RxB   | RxB      |
| 32. BxRch | B-Q2?    |
| 33. RxB!  | RxB      |
| 34. KtxP  | B-B4ch   |
| 35. K-B1  | K-K2     |
| 36. KtxR  | K-Q3     |
| 37. KtxB  | Resigns. |

U.C. vs. GOLDEN GATE, 2/16/57Game No. 374 - Reti

White	Black
R. Currie	V. Pafnutieff

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|------------|--------|
| 1. Kt-KB3  | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-B4    | P-Kkt3 |
| 3. P-Qkt3  | B-Kt2  |
| 4. B-Kt2   | O-O    |
| 5. P-Kkt3  | P-B4   |
| 6. B-Kt2   | Kt-B3  |
| 7. O-O     | P-Kt3  |
| 8. P-Q4    | PxB    |
| 9. KtxP    | B-Kt2  |
| 10. Kt-B2  | R-B1   |
| 11. Kt-B3  | Kt-KL  |
| 12. Q-Q2   | P-Q3   |
| 13. Kt-K3  | Kt-B2  |
| 14. KR-KL  | P-KR4  |
| 15. Kkt-Q5 | K-R2   |
| 16. Kt-K4  | Kt-K3  |

Black would do better to exchange Kts here, for little by little White is getting his pieces on better squares than Black is.

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| 17. BxB     | KxB1  |
| 18. Q-Kt2ch | P-B3? |

Overlooking the strength of White's next move. The hole at K3 is fatal.

19. B-R3 Kt-B4  
 20. Kt-B4  
 White refuses the exchange, for  
 he has better...  
 20. ... Q-K1  
 21. KtxKt PxB  
 22. Kt-K6ch K-B2  
 23. Q-Q2  
 Why take the two exchanges, when  
 mate beckons?  
 23. ... Kt-K4  
 24. Q-R6 Resigns.

20. R-K2 B-Q2  
 21. R-Kt2 K-R1  
 22. B-K2 Q-R2  
 23. B-R5 R-Kt2  
 24. P-QKt4 QR-KKt1  
 25. P-B5 B-K1  
 26. BxB RxB  
 27. Kt-K2 P-KR4  
 28. P-KR4  
 Forced; otherwise ...P-R5.  
 But now the KtP is weak.  
 28. ... QR-KKt1  
 29. R-B3 R-Kt5  
 30. Q-Q1 Q-Kt3

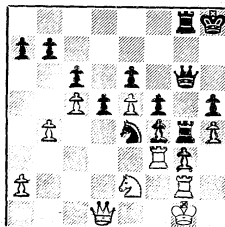
OAKLAND vs. CASTLE, 3/9/57

Game No. 375 - Q.G.D.

White	Black
R. Cuneo	R. Willson
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3
4. B-Kt5	B-K2
5. P-K3	P-KR3
6. B-R4	Kt-K5
7. BxB	QxB
8. Kt-B3	O-O
9. B-Q3	P-KB4
10. O-O	Kt-Q2
11. Q-B2	P-B3
12. Kt-Q2	Q-Kt4
13. P-B4	

A better plan would be 13. QR-K1,  
 followed by P-B3 and P-K4.

13. ...	Q-K2
14. Kt-B3	P-KKt4
15. P-KKt3	Q-Kt2
16. Kt-K5	R-B3
17. QR-K1	KtPxP
18. KPxP	QKtxKt
19. QPxP	R-Kt3



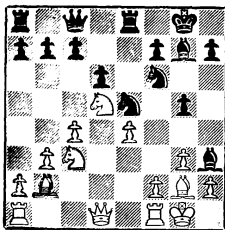
31. R-R2  
 Other moves are useless. If  
 31. Q-K1, RxRP wins.  
 31. ... KtxP  
 32. KtxKt RxB  
 33. RxR QxRch  
 34. K-R1 R-Kt5  
 35. P-R4 QxBP  
 36. Q-Q2 Q-B8 mate.

GOLDEN GATE "B" vs. ALAMEDA

Game No. 376 - Benoni

White	Black
N. Nielsen	D. Ogilvie
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3

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|-----|--------|-----------|-----|---------|--------|
| 2.  | P-QB4  | P-QB4     | 6.  | O-O     | B-Kt2  |
| 3.  | P-Q5   | P-Q3      | 7.  | P-Q4    | PxP    |
| 4.  | Kt-QB3 | P-K3      | 8.  | KtxP    | B-Q2   |
| 5.  | P-K4   | PxP       | 9.  | P-K4    | O-O    |
| 6.  | BPxP   | QKt-Q2    | 10. | KKt-K2  | Kt-K4  |
| 7.  | Kt-B3  | Kt-Kt5    | 11. | P-Kt3   | Q-B1   |
| 8.  | B-QKt5 | P-QR3     | 12. | Kt-B4   | R-KL   |
| 9.  | Q-R4   | B-K2      | 13. | B-Kt2   | P-KKt4 |
| 10. | O-O    | O-O       | 14. | Kt/4-Q5 | B-R6   |
| 11. | B-K2   | Kt-Kt3    |     |         |        |
| 12. | Q-Q1   | B-B3      |     |         |        |
| 13. | B-Q2   | R-KL      |     |         |        |
| 14. | R-QB1  | BxKt      |     |         |        |
| 15. | BxB    | RxP       |     |         |        |
| 16. | Kt-Q2  | R-QR5     |     |         |        |
| 17. | P-QKt3 | R-KB5     |     |         |        |
| 18. | P-KKt3 | KtxQP     |     |         |        |
| 19. | PxR    | KtxRP     |     |         |        |
| 20. | Kt-KB3 | KtxKtch   |     |         |        |
| 21. | BxKt   | KtxP      |     |         |        |
| 22. | B-Q2   | Q-Kt4ch   |     |         |        |
| 23. | B-Kt2? | QxB mate. |     |         |        |



15. P-B4 BxB?

Black underestimates the weakness of his K-side and the strength of White's QB.

16. KtxKtch! BxKt  
17. PxKt BxR  
18. PxB B-R6

He has won the exchange, but Black is threatened with mate.

19. Q-R5 K-R1  
20. Kt-Q5 Q-Kt5  
21. Q-R6 R-KKt1  
22. Q-Kt7ch! Resigns.

For if 22...RxQ; 23. PxBch and the Kt mates. A pretty finish!

#### CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMP., 1956

##### Game No. 377 - English

White	Black
R. Cross	S. Geller
1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-QB3	P-K4
3. Kt-B3	P-Q3
4. P-KKt3	Kt-B3
5. B-Kt2	P-KKt3

#### CHESS DIGEST

Since we described the Australian magazine Chess Digest last August, we have received a number of inquiries from persons desiring a subscription. We have not heard from Mr. Wilton, editor of Chess Digest, since we sent him half-a-dozen orders last September. In Chess World, published in Sydney, we have read that Chess Digest failed to appear for several months, but "this does not mean that it has suspended publication." Chess Digest is published in Melbourne.

BOOK REVIEWS

"THE GOLDEN TREASURY OF CHESS" by the Editors of Chess Review  
(Harvey House, 320 pp. \$3.95).

This is a revised edition of the 1943 collection of games edited by F. J. Wellmuth. The revision consists of adding a section at the end, covering the period 1943-1956. By using the original plates for the rest of the book, a considerable saving of printing costs has been effected - a saving which has been passed on to the buyer. In the revised edition the name of Mr. Wellmuth has, strangely, disappeared - except for occasional personal remarks in the introductions to the games.

The book is a great bargain: 571 games, indexed, from circa 1485 to 1956, with more than 250 diagrams. The games are collected in seven sections: My Favorites (Wellmuth's), The Pre-Morphy Period, The Morphy Period, The Age of Steinitz, Modern Chess, Moderns, Hypermoderns and Eclectics, and The Period of Russian Hegemony. The last selection is curious in that it gives very few Russian games, relatively (6 Russian vs. Russian and 8 Russian vs. non-Russian, out of a total of 31 games).

"The Golden Treasury of Chess" is frankly for entertainment. In this it is highly successful. It neither teaches you how to play chess nor psychoanalyzes the players. It is of particular interest to Californians, for Wellmuth had a ranch at Hawthorne and collected games by such well-known local players as Carl Bergman, Harry Borochoy, E. P. Elliott, E. W. Grabill, Dr. R. B. Griffith, Everett Perry, A. N. Pray, Prof. Ryder, C. H. Whipple and Charles Woskoff.

"PICTURE GUIDE TO BEGINNER'S CHESS" by Al Horowitz (Harvey House,  
200 pp. \$2.95).

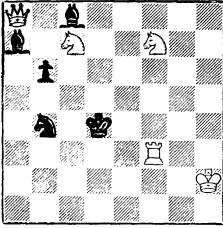
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<u>CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER BOOKS</u>		
SUPPLEMENT No. 2	-- ANDERSSON-STEINITZ WORLD'S CH <sup>o</sup> P., 1866.....	\$1
SUPPLEMENT No. 3	-- FRANK MARSHALL-J.R. CAPABLANCA, 1909, Annotated by Imre König.....	\$1
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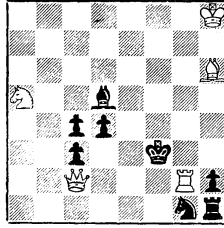
REPORTER TASKS: Due to the appearance of this issue of THE REPORTER so soon after the last one, we are deferring ladder standings and solutions until next time.

This month we offer two 8-pointers. At the time of writing this, we have received only one correct solution to Task No. 108, so apparently our solvers are still struggling with that one. The present 3-movers are not so tough, but they are tricky. Beware!

TASK No. 109  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 110  
White Mates in Three



You may enter our problem ladder at any time. Sooner or later, you will win a prize.

All matters relating to problems should be referred to:

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