

After three rounds of play, the Golden Gate and Russian Chess Clubs of San Francisco were tied for first place in the "A" division of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League. The standings:

Golden Gate and Russians, 2½-½; Castle, 2-1; Mechanics' Institute and University of California, 1-2; Oakland 0-3.

#### The Third Round

The detailed scores in the third round, played Feb. 13, were:

Russians 5½, U. C. 1½; Poliakov ½, Zemitis ½; Preo Sr. 0, Burger 1; Popoff 1, Smook 0; Rudniansky 1, Sosnick 0; Svalberg 1, Fredgren 0; Palmin 1, N. Hultgren 0; Preo Jr. 1, Sprague 0.

Golden Gate 4½, Mechanics' Institute 2½; Konig 1, Addison 0; Pafnutieff ½, Bagby ½; Gross 1, Schmitt 0; Currie 1, Peterson 0; Capps 1, Wreden 0; Myers 0, A. Stamer 1; Dr. Colby 0, Federoff 1.

#### Big Match Feb. 27

Castle 4, Oakland 3; McClain ½, Loera ½; Falconer ½, Trenberth ½; Dr. Eudey 1, Sedlack 0; Professor Hultgren 1, Freeman 0; Willson 0, Cuneo 1; Hendricks 1, Talcott 0; Neilson 0, Yaeger 1.

The crucial match between the

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Russians and Golden Gate will be played Feb. 27.

M. Rudniansky has won the championship of the Russian Chess Club with the splendid score of 12½-½. Twelve wins and one draw!

Dan McLeod of San Bruno writes:

"The Reuben Fine Chess Club of San Bruno and the San Bruno Recreation Department announce that they will hold a Tri-City Chess Championship Tournament, starting Feb. 25.

"Any resident of San Bruno,

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Millbrae or South San Francisco is eligible.

"This probably will be a round-robin tournament, each player meeting every other player at least once.

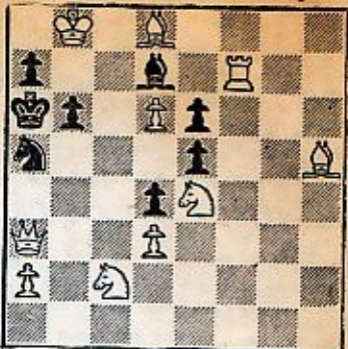
"Three very fine trophies have been donated by the Rotary Club of San Bruno. Trophies will be awarded for first and second places and for the best woman's score in the tournament.

"We look forward to a good turnout for this first chess tournament in this area, and urge all men and women who play chess to participate.

#### Meetings on Thursdays

Further information may be obtained at regular meetings of the chess club, which are held every Thursday evening at 8 in the cafeteria of North Brae School in San Bruno, or by calling the tournament director, Dan McLeod, at JUno 3-0462."

An interesting "30-30" tournament (30 moves each 30 minutes) is being played at the Mechanics' Institute.



**White Mates in Three Moves**  
(Value 7 points)

Answer to Task No 32: Q-B8

Five of the strongest players in the club — Carroll Capps, Charles Svalberg, James Schmitt, William Addison and Robert Currie—are playing in the double round-robin.

At the half-way mark, Currie is leading with a score of 2½-1½. Addison, Capps and Schmitt are tied at 2-2, with Svalberg a half-point behind.

Fast tournament chess, of the 30-30 type, is becoming increasingly popular in the United States. An average game takes less than 1½ hours to play, which should be good news to a considerable number of chess widows.

### S. F. Man's Play Good

Task No. 33, by J. G. Campbell, is a famous old brain-teaser. We hope you like it. Campbell was one of the greatest 19th Century British composers. For full credit, you should give two distinct variations leading to mate.

In the following game, played at the Reshevsky exhibition Feb. 6, Henry Gross of San Francisco takes the master apart in no uncertain fashion. Gross' play

could scarcely be improved upon.

# QUEEN'S GAMBIT

White — S. Reshevsky

Black — H. Gross

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	PxP
3.	Kt-KB3	P-QR3
4.	P-K3	B-Kt5
5.	P-KR3	B-R4
6.	P-KKt4	B-Kt3
7.	Kt-K5	B-K5
8.	BxP	P-K3
9.	Castles?	Kt-QB3
10.	KKt-B3	P-KR4
11.	QKt-Q2	PxP
12.	KtxB	PxKt
13.	QxP	Q-R5
14.	K-Kt2	Kt-B3
15.	KtxKtch	PxKt
16.	B-Q2	Castles
17.	R-R1	R-Kt1ch
18.	K-B1	KtxP!
19.	PxKt	QxP
20.	BxRP	PxB
21.	B-B3	Q-B5ch
22.	K-K1	R-Q6
23.	Q-R8ch	K-Q2
24.	R-Q1	R-Kt4!
25.	Q-B3	KR-Q4
26.	RxR	RxR
27.	Q-K2	B-Kt5
28.	P-KR4	P-KB4
29.	P-R5	P-B5
30.	P-R6	P-B6
31.	Q-B2	BxBch
32.	PxB	RxP
33.	Q-Q2ch	K-B1

White resigns, just in time to avoid mate.