

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

Northern California walloped Southern California by a score of 42-30 in the 21st annual team match played last Sunday in San Luis Obispo.

This was the biggest match held in the many years of competition, 144 players meeting at 72 boards.

Northern California jumped into an early lead and was never seriously threatened.

On the first 15 boards, where the South usually makes its best showing, the North had a final score of 9-6, and on the second 15 boards smothered the South 11-4. The play on the bottom boards was fairly even.

Interesting Game

The most interesting game of the match was played at first board, where two famous international masters, Imre Konig of the North and Isaac Kashdan of the South, tangled. Konig won in beautiful fashion.

We shall publish the Konig-Kashdan game in this column soon.

The California State Rapid Championship was played Monday, with James Schmitt of San Francisco and J. Lazos of Los Angeles finishing in a tie for first and second places.

Schmitt and Lazos therefore are California co-champions for the year, at rapid chess.

First Round Set

The first round of the Northern California Championship will be played Saturday, June 12, 1 p.m., at Mechanics Institute Chess Club, 57 Post-st.

The tournament will consist of nine rounds, played over three successive weekends. Entry fee is \$5.

Eleven solvers sent in perfect solutions to the three-mover by P. H. Williams, published in this column two weeks ago and one solver was partially correct.

The main line is: 1—B-B2, KxKt; 2—B-Q1, KxKt; 3—R-B3 mate.

The honor roll is: Paul Berco-vici, Henry Gross, Jack Kaufman, Jerry Levin.

School Chess Club, Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, C. Y. Ve

Francisco; Dr. D. E. Baldwin, Corte Madera; Harry Hokensen, Santa Rosa; R. L. Snyder, Oakland; Keith Wentz, Alameda.

Correct Solution

John Beck, San Francisco, found the correct solution, but also erroneously claimed a cook by 1—K-Q4, overlooking that Black can promote the Pawn to Knight.

A number of our readers were much disturbed over the key-



TASK No. 48—By A. Mari
White Mates in Two Moves
 (Value five points)

Answer to Task No. 47: Q-R7

move to Task No. 45, by Sam Loyd, because of its being a check.

It should be noted that there is no rule against a key-move being a check. Most of the great composers have published such problems, and Sam Loyd, in particular, was very fond of such a key.

Dr. Mark Eudey of Berkeley writes:

“Col. Mulberry Sellers? Seems to me I saw that name in a story, many years ago. Could it be ‘The American Claimant,’ by Mark Twain?”

Three-Move Miniature

Here is a lovely three-move miniature by the late Godfrey Heathcote:

White (five men): King on Queen Knight two; Queen on King Knight four; Bishop on Queen Rook three; Knight on King six; Pawn on Queen Bishop four. Black (two men): King on King four; Pawn on King Bishop

two. White mates in three moves.

Correct solutions received by next Wednesday will be acknowledged in this column.

With the three games below we complete our presentation of the games from the recent match for the World Championship.

The match ended in a 12-12 tie, Botvinnik retaining his title.

No. 22—GRUNFELD DEFENSE

White—Botvinnik
Black—Smyslov

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|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 1 P-QB4 | Kt KB3 | 24 P-Kt5 | Kt-K5 |
| 2 P-Q4 | P-KKt3 | 25 Q-R3 | Q-Kt4 |
| 3 Kt-QB3 | P-Q4 | 26 Q-Kt3 | Q-K1 |
| 4 B-B4 | B-Kt2 | 27 Q-K3 | R-B1 |
| 5 P-K3 | O-O | 28 KR-QB1 | RxR |
| 6 B-K5 | P-K3 | 29 RxR | KtxB |
| 7 Kt-B3 | QKt-Q2 | 30 QxQ | RxQ |
| 8 B-Kt3 | P-B3 | 31 PxKt | R-K7 |
| 9 B-Q3 | P-Kt3 | 32 RxRP | RxP |
| 10 Q-K2 | B-Kt2 | 33 R-R8ch | K-R2 |
| 11 O-O | Q-K2 | 34 R-R7 | K-Kt1 |
| 12 KR-Q1 | Kt-R4 | 35 R-R8ch | K-R2 |
| 13 B-R4 | Q-Q3 | 36 R-Q8 | RxP |
| 14 P-KKt4 | KKt-B3 | 37 RxP | R-R2 |
| 15 B-Kt3 | Q-K2 | 38 K-B2 | P-B3 |
| 16 P-KR3 | P-B4 | 39 PxP | BxP |
| 17 PxQP | KtxQP | 40 R-Q6 | K-Kt2 |
| 18 KtxKt | PxKt | 41 RxP | P-Kt4 |
| 19 B-R6 | BxB | 42 P-Kt4 | R-R7ch |
| 20 QxB | PxP | 43 K-B1 | R-R8ch |
| 21 PxP | Kt-B3 | 44 K-B2 | R-R7ch |
| 22 QR-B1 | P-R4 | 45 K-B1 | Drawn |
| 23 R-B7 | Q-Kt5 | | |

No. 23—FRENCH DEFENSE

White—Smyslov
Black—Botvinnik

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| 1 P-K4 | P-K3 | 15 BxB | K-R1 |
| 2 P-Q3 | P-QB4 | 16 B-Q2 | B-R3 |
| 3 Kt-Q2 | Kt-QB3 | 17 R-K6 | BxP |
| 4 P-KKt3 | P-KKt3 | 18 QR-K1 | BxB |
| 5 B-Kt2 | B-Kt2 | 19 KtxB | Kt-B4 |
| 6 KKt-B3 | KKt-K2 | 20 B-Kt2 | Kt-R5 |
| 7 Castles | Castles | 21 QxQP | KtxB |
| 8 P-B3 | P-Q3 | 22 QxKKt | QxP |
| 9 P-QR4 | P-B4 | 23 Kt-K4 | R-B4 |
| 10 Q-Kt3 | P-Q4 | 24 Kt-Q6 | R-B6 |
| 11 PxQP | PxP | 25 KtxP | QR-KB1 |
| 12 R-K1 | P-KB5 | 26 KtxP | Q-B4 |
| 13 Kt-B1 | B-Kt5 | 27 R-KB1 | K-Kt1 |
| 14 PxP | BxKt | 28 RxRch | Resigns |

No. 24—KING'S INDIAN

White—Botvinnik
Black—Smyslov

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| 1 Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 | 12 Q-B2 | Kt-B4 |
| 2 P-B4 | P-KKt3 | 13 QR-Q1 | KKt-Q2 |
| 3 Kt-B3 | B-Kt2 | 14 Kt-Kt3 | Q-K2 |
| 4 P-Q4 | P-Q3 | 15 KtxKt | PxKt |
| 5 P-KKt3 | Castles | 16 P-B4 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 6 B-Kt2 | QKt-Q2 | 17 P-Kt3 | P-R5 |
| 7 Castles | P-B3 | 18 Q-B2! | B-B1 |
| 8 P-K4 | P-K4 | 19 P-K5 | P-B4 |
| 9 P-KR3 | P-QR4 | 20 R-Q3 | PxP |
| 10 B-K3 | PxP | 21 PxP | B-K3 |
| 11 KtxP | R-K1 | 22 KR-Q1 | Drawn |