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North vs. South Telegraphic Match

The Decoration day telegraphic match between the Chess Club of Southern California, at Los Angeles, and the Mechanics' Institute Chess club of San Francisco aroused much interest in both cities. At the local club many visitors watched the novelty of chess games being played with opponents 560 miles distant.

Just before play began a slight flurry was caused by the substitution of Doctor Lovegrove at board 10 for a local player. The southerners had just announced their lineup, and their bright, particular star, Stasch Miotkowski (who has had all kinds of cable, telegraphic, tournament and match play experience), had been selected to play at board No. 2. But quickly flashed the message: "Change Miotkowski to board 10!" Fink was at board No. 2 for the M. I. C. C., and was a much disappointed youth. But as the local club had conceded the right of pairing to Los Angeles, it had to stand.

There was a bit of comedy during the day. About 3 p. m. a message was handed Fink at No. 2: "I resign. Congratulations!" signed O. E. Frazier. Owing to changes in the lineup, two of the institute players had a surprise awaiting them. Fink was under the impression that he was playing C. W. Waterman. Sternberg at No. 1 thought he was matching chess skill against Struve, and had accordingly sacrificed a pawn early in the game. He found out late in the afternoon that he had been battling with the veteran of Los Angeles chess, C. W. Waterman!

Allen G. Pearnsall of San Diego acted as referee for the Mechanics' Institute at Los Angeles during the match, while W. C. Firebaugh of San Francisco performed a like office for the southerners at the institute.

Here follows a summary of the telegraphic match and a review of the games from a northern standpoint:

Board 1. Sternberg (W.) vs. C. E. Waterman (B.)—As mentioned, the local player sacrificed a pawn in a Sicilian (Waterman's pet defense) and, though he got a good attack in return, failed to recover the material. Still Mr. E. was of the opinion that a draw would have resulted had he not made an unfortunate error in making a move for his opponent, misplacing a piece. Sternberg suffered a mate, 38 moves.

Board 2. Fink (W.) vs. Frazier (B.)—Fink essayed the solid, conservative Giuoco Piano, and maintained the advantage until he had trapped his opponent's queen. Frazier fought on for a few moves, but soon resigned to the inevitable, 26 moves.

Board 3. Stamer (W.) vs. Woodward (B.)—Another Sicilian defense. But Stamer has made quite a study of this opening (so highly praised by Howard Staunton), and, playing steady, consistent chess, managed to secure a passed pawn and a favorable position when adjournment time came. However, he accepted a draw, a result likely to occur; but the advantage, if any, was with the institute expert, 25 moves.

Board 4. Ford (W.) vs. Struve (B.)—Here the local player was in straits soon after play started, the southerner winning a piece on his fifteenth move. Won by Los Angeles, 22 moves.

Board 5. B. Smith (W.) vs. Whipple (B.)—A horse-proved Smith's undoing on this board—his own skate at that. A Giuoco Piano, the play went along on regulation lines. Whipple worked up a nice attack on his opponent's king. Smith defended like a veteran; but he evidently underrated Whipple's resources, for he deliberately put a knight out of play and when a piece was needed to aid in defending his monarch the knight was marooned far away. When it finally jogged back the battle was over, Whipple mating in 32 moves.

Board 6. Rosenblatt (B.) vs. Perry (W.)—The southerner opened with the queen's pawn, the only game of that kind in the match. Rosenblatt tried for a French by replying P-K3. Perry continued 2 P-QB4, so the institute representative made it Dutch, 2 1/2 P-KB4. Unfortunately this game was also marred by a clerical error, Rosenblatt moving the wrong pawn on the board for his opponent. This immediately cost him the exchange. When play ceased the game was decided a win for Perry, 20 moves.

Board 7. W. Smith (B.) vs. Borough (W.)—A Ruy Lopez on classic lines was played at this board. Borough developed the QKt at Kt3 via Q2 and B sq., and brought the KB to QB2. Smith adopted the line of play followed by the institute in its recent correspondence game with San Diego. It was the general opinion that this was the best game of the match. The Mechanics' Institute expert exchanged his Q for four minor pieces, and after that remained with two rooks and a bishop against a queen. Winning was a question of but a few moves and Borough resigned, 45 moves.

Board 8. G. Hallwegen (B.) vs. Petersen (W.)—If the S. C. player had known how dearly Hallwegen loves a sudden attack and glories in being on the defensive in the early stages of a game, Petersen would never have adopted the Scotch, with the violent attack attachment (Kt-Kt5, Q-R5, etc.). The veteran wore a look on his face which plainly said: "My turn to attack will come—and there won't be any retreat from Moscow." Sure enough, Petersen's attack pattered out (I beg your pardon, "Pete"), and he was endeavoring to burn bridges behind him to cover his precipitate retreat when the veteran made such a breach in his position that Petersen's king was surrounded by the colored troops and taken prisoner, 22 moves.

Board 9. Clarke (B.) vs. W. S. Waterman (W.)—Perhaps W. S. W. had received some pointers on the Evans from Miotkowski and purposely springing them. Not caring to defend an Evans, I switched to the Two Knights Defense, hoping for the Kt-Kt5 attack. But the game drifted into a mild variation of the Giuoco. The southern expert parried a queen-side attack and by advancing his king-side pawns had his opponent on the anxious seat. Things looked bad for the institute at this board when Waterman planted a passed supported pawn at K6. However, at adjournment, as material was even and as a loss or win would not have affected the result of the match, a draw was proposed by Los Angeles and, of course, accepted, 50 moves.

Board 10. Lovegrove (B.) vs. Miotkowski (W.)—It was most inconsiderate of the former Pennsylvania champion to insult Doctor Lovegrove into an Evans Gambit and then spring a new variation of this famous attack on the M. I. C. C. representative. Unfortunately (from a Northerners standpoint, of course!) Lovegrove was unfamiliar with it and "got in bad." Miotkowski's variation runs: 1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3 B-B4, B-B4; 4 P-QKt4, PxP; 5 P-R3, B-R4; 6 P-Q4, P-Q3; 7 Q-Kt5. The usual move is 7 Castles. Instead of 7 1/2 Q-Q2, which should give black an even game, Lovegrove replied 7 1/2 QKtP, and lost in 23 moves.

From a Southern Standpoint

(By W. S. Waterman)

Well, the big match is over. San Francisco put up a gallant fight, but fortune favored the Los Angeles club. It was a very successful match in every way, and we look forward to a return match next year. We are well pleased with the sportsmanlike attitude of the M. I. C. C., especially in allowing change in the lineup, and also in standing by the mistake in reading move on board No. 1. But we think C. W. W. had the best of the game and probably would have won anyway.

Board No. 9 played an accurate defense, and I could make no headway against it until toward the end, when I had a prospect of a king-side attack. I did not crowd the attack very hard, as I thought it best to play safe in view of the fact that our players were winning and all I needed was a draw.

We tried to get Doctor Griffith for our team, but he has not played any chess for a couple of years.

The match stirred up much enthusiasm here.

GAME DEPARTMENT

Here is the Phillips-Gruer game mentioned in last week's column. Had Gruer won this game he probably would have taken first place and the championship:

Game No. 51
QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING
Phillips (white) vs. Gruer (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-Q4	K1-KB3	36 Q-QKt2	P-QR3
2 K1-KB3	P-B4(a)	37 P-R3(a)	Q-Q3
3 P-K3	P-K3	38 P-K3	B-R5
4 P-B3	P-Q4	39 K1-K4	Q-K2
5 B-Q3	Kt-Q3	40 B-K	B-R
6 Castles	B-K2	41 Kt-Q2	P-B3(f)
7 E-K	Castles	42 B-R	P-B3
8 QKt-Q2	P-QKt3	43 Kt-K1	B-Kt2(g)
9 Kt-R	B-Kt2	44 R(R)-QB	P-KB4
10 K1-Kt3	Q-B2	45 P-KB4	N-R
11 B-Q2	QR-R	46 K1-K1	O-R5(h)
12 QR-B	NR-R	47 Kt-K2	B-Q2
13 P-K4	PxP	48 B-B	B-B5
14 KtP	PxP	49 K-B2	Q-K2
15 PxP	Q-Q4	50 P-Q2	O-QR2
16 B-B3	K1-Q4	51 P-Kt3	B-Q4
17 Q-Q2	B-B3	52 P-KB4	Q-K2
18 QR-Q	P-Kt5	53 Kt-B	B-R5
19 P-KB3(c)	B-Kt2	54 K1-Q3	K-R2
20 B-K1	KtxR	55 K1-K3	B-B5
21 PxKt	Kt-B4(d)	56 R-K	RxP
22 B-QB	B-K2	57 Q-Q2	B-Q3
23 R-QB	KR-B2	58 Q-R	RxKt
24 R-B2	Q-B	59 RxR	B-R5
25 Q-B	Kt-B5	60 Q-K	Q-Q2
26 RxKt	RxR	61 B-K3	Q-B3
27 Kt-Q2	KR-B2	62 R-Q	Q-B3
28 Kt-B3	B-QR3	63 K1-Q2	RxR
29 R-Q	B-Kt4	64 QxR	Q-K7
30 R-Kt5	B-R5	65 Kt-B3	Q-R1
31 B-Q2	Q-R4	66 Q-K	RxP
32 R-B2	Q-K2	67 RxP	Q-Kt3(i)
33 R-Q2	B-QR2	68 R-Ktch	K-K1
34 QR-Kt2	B-Q4	69 Q-Ktch	B-R2
35 R-B2	P-QKt4	70 Q-B6 and wins	

NOTES BY E. W. GRUER

- (a) A bizarre defense. Adopted to take white away from his favorite queen's game of the B-B4 variation. The correct reply is F-Q4.
- (b) White now has a weak queen's pawn.
- (c) Wasting valuable time.
- (d) White will now have difficulty defending his weak Q-side pawns.
- (e) To prevent F-Kt5. Eventually white creates another weakness at QR3.
- (f) Black may have taken the pawn at this stage. One variation: 41 1/2 BxKt; 42 Kt5B. QxP; 43 QxQ. BxQ; 44 R-R. P-Kt5, etc. Black had in mind possibilities of a K-side attack.
- (g) Threatening RxP.
- (h) Maneuvering to reverse the Q and R.
- (i) A blunder, which can only be explained by a temporary aberration. 67 1/2 BxR, 70 QRh, B-B2; 71 Kt-B3, Q-B3, 72 Kt-Ktch, K-B3. Now if 73 Kt-Ktch, RxKt, and the Q can not retreat, as the white king stands on mate.

The following games are from the recent telegraphic match between Los Angeles and San Francisco. It is the consensus of opinion that the Borough vs. Smith game is the best of the match.

Game No. 52
RUY LOPEZ
Borough, L. A. (white) vs. W. Smith, M. I. (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4	25 Kt-B	B-QR
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	26 Kt-B2	QR-K
3 B-Kt5	P-QR3	27 Kt-Kt4	P-KB4
4 B-B4	Kt-B3	28 Kt-R6ch	K-B
5 P-Q3	P-Q3	29 Q-Kt3	P-B4
6 P-B3	B-K2	30 P-Kt3	P-QB5
7 Castles	P-QKt4	31 QxP	RxP
8 B-B2	B-Kt2	32 B(B3)-B2	B-Q6
9 R-K	Castles	33 R-K	QxRch
10 QKt-Q2	R-K	34 RxQ	RxRch
11 Kt-B	B-KB	35 K-R2	B-K5
12 Kt-Kt3	P-Kt3	36 R-Kt2	RxKt
13 P-KB3	Q-K2	37 PxP	PxP
14 Kt-B2	Kt-Q	38 P-B4	RxR
15 P-KB4	PxP	39 Q-B3ch	R-K4
16 RxP	Kt-K2	40 KxP	PxP
17 R-Q2	B-Kt2	41 QxR	R(B)-K
18 Kt-Kt4	KtxKt	42 P-KR4	R-Ktch
19 QxKt	B-QB	43 K-R3	RxP
20 R-KB	Kt-Q5	44 P-R4	P-Kt2
21 Q-Q	KtxQ	45 Q-B6	R(Kt7)-Kt
22 QxKt	B-Kt2	46 P-QR5	F-B4
23 R-B3	QR-Q	47 Resigns	
24 QR-KB	R-KB		

Game No. 53
GIUOCO PIANO
B. Smith, M. I. (white) vs. C. H. Whipple, L. A. (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4	17 QR-R	B-KB
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	18 Q-K	P-Q4
3 B-QB4	B-B4	19 Kt-QB5	Q-Q3
4 Kt-QB3	P-Q3	20 P-QKt4	BxKt
5 P-Q3	B-KKt5	21 QxR	P-QB4
6 B-QKt5	P-QB3	22 P-QB3	PxP
7 RxKt	PxR	23 PxP	P-Q5
8 B-K3	RxB	24 P-K4	Kt-Kt5
9 PxR	R-Kt	25 Q-KKt4	Kt-R5
10 P-QKt3	Kt-K2	26 P-KKt3	P-R4
11 Castles	Castles	27 Q-KR4	Kt-Ktch
12 Kt-K2P	KR4	28 N-Kt2	Q-R3
13 Kt-Q2	Q-Q2	29 P-KKt4	Q-Q7
14 P-KR3	B-B4	30 K-R	P-Kt4
15 Q-K	PxP	31 Kt-QKt3	Q-K3
16 KtxP	RxR	32 Q-K	QxP mate

Game No. 54
SCOTCH GAMBIT
Petersen, L. A. (white) vs. Hallwegen, M. I. (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4	8 Kt-R2	Q-B3
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	9 Kt(Kt5)-B3	B(Kt)-K5
3 P-Q4	PxP	10 B-KB4	P-B3
4 B-QB4	B-B4	11 QRxKt	PxB
5 Kt-Kt5	Kt-R3	12 QR-Q	Q-Q3
6 Q-R5	Q-K2	13 K-Kt2	R-KR
7 Castles	Nt-K4	14 KtP	RxKt
8 B-Kt3	P-Q3	15 RxR	B-R3
9 P-KR3	Castles	16 R-(B)-Q	Kt-Kt4
10 P-KB4	Kt-Q2	17 R(Q)-Q2	B-K6
11 P-R5	Kt-R3	18 R(Q4)-Q3	KR-K
12 Q-R4	B-Q2	19 RxP	RxR
13 Kt-Q2	QR-K	20 RxR	BxBch
14 K-R	P-QB3	21 K-Kt	R-K7
15 P-Kt4	P-Q4	22 R-KKt2	Q-B4ch
16 PxP	PxP	23 Resigns	
17 QKt-B3	Q-Q3		

PROBLEMS

PROBLEM NO. 45. BY C. A. L. BULL.
First prize Manchester Times (1898).
Black—4 Pieces.



White—5 Pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 46. BY G. J. SLATER
First prize Hampstead Express (1898).
Black—5 Pieces.



White—10 Pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS
No. 37: Kt-Q4 [No. 29: B-R3
No. 38: Q-Kt7 [No. 40: B-Kt2

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CORRESPONDENCE

KITCHEN, City—You are wrong in regard to problem by J. G. Nix. Solutions appear two weeks after problems are published.

EATON, City—Some deep water problems are now on the road for our solvers.

ELLIS, Los Gatos—The knight moves must have been somewhat puzzling to you.

WINDLE, Winnemucca—"Where did we get it?" It appeared in the June issue of the American Chess Magazine, 1897, as a reprint from Farmer's Voice of Chicago, edited by Rev. Leander Turney, now of California.

NOTES

O. D. Hall of San Jose reports that a tourney is now in progress in the Santa Clara city, with 18 players competing.

First blood in the North vs. South correspondence match has been scored for the North. G. Herrington has notified Hallwegen, captain of the Northerners, that he defeated C. H. Scobey of Los Angeles in 15 moves. Good work!

CHICAGO, June 7.—Ty Cobb of the Detroit Americans has increased his batting average to .450 and retains the title of premier of both major leagues, according to unofficial figures given out today.

The first thing a housewife does after moving into a house is to look in all the closets to see if the last tenants left any family skeletons.