



# FRENCH DEFENSE

White	Black
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1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	P-QB4
4. Q-Kt4	Kt-QB3
5. Kt-KB3	PxP
6. B-Q3	B-Q2
Q-B2 is better here.	
7. O-O	Q-B2
8. R-K1	O-O-O
9. P-B3	—

Exposing the Black King to direct attack is worth the pawn.

—	PxP
10. KtxP	P-B4
11. O-Kt3	P-KR3
12. Kt-QKt5	Q-Kt1
13. B-Q2	P-Kt4
14. QR-B1	P-R3
15. P-QR4	B-K1
16. KKt-Q4	K-Q2
17. KtxKt	PxKKt
18. Kt-Q4	P-B4
19. BxRP1	PxKt
20. B-R5	K-K2
21. BxRch	QxB

22. R-B8	Q-R4
23. KR-QB1!	K-B2
If 23 . . . QxB; 24. KR-B7ch, B-Q2; 25. Q-R3ch and wins.	
24. B-K2	BxP
25. B-R5ch	K-Kt2
26. R(B8)-B7ch	Kt-K2
27. Q-QR3	R-Kt1
28. RxKtch	K-R1
If 28 . . . BxR; 29. QxBch, K-R1; 30. QxP, K-R2; 31. Q-B7ch, K-R1; 32. B-Kt6 wins.	
29. Q-Q6	Q-Q7
30. R-KB1	R-Kt2?
31. R-K8!	BxR
32. QxBch	K-R2
33. QxB	P-Kt5
34. QxP	Q-Kt4
35. B-B7	P-Q6
36. QxQP	P-Q7
37. P-K6	P-R4
38. R-Q1	Q-K2
39. QxPch	K-R1
40. RxP	R-Kt4
41. Q-Q3	Resigns

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The Salinas Chess Club, by defeating Santa Cruz  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ , has clinched the championship of the Monterey Bay Area Chess League for the third consecutive year, thus coming into permanent possession of the League Trophy. The standings to date: Salinas, 3-0; Santa Cruz, 1-2; Carmel, 0-2.

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Mr. Earl Pruner of San Francisco won the weekly "rapid" tournament at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club for the third successive time, thereby coming into possession of the first trophy of the current season. Ten-second tournaments are played each Friday evening. We learn that Mr. Pruner was to be inducted into the Army late in February. We predict a sudden sharp increase in chess activity in the armed forces.

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S. G. Johnson and Ray L. Richards are leading the 1952 Sacramento City Championship Tournament with scores of 2-0. Closely following with scores of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  are former titleholders M. O. Meyer and J. B. Gee. The lead in the Reserve Section was shared by J. H. Hastings, Earl Waters, and Gene Gray, all with scores of 2-0.

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MR. BERNHARD SILBERBERG, San Francisco: In answer to your remarks concerning chess symbolism, it would not seem desirable to change the system until a large number of chess players are agreed on the matter. The so-called "binomial system" is even simpler and more precise than the one you advocate.