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GROSS AND RIVISE NEW CO-CHAMPS ALMGREN WINS OPEN

Henry Gross of San Francisco and Irving Rivise of Los Angeles tied for first and second, with scores of $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$, in the 8-man round robin for the California State Championship, played at Mechanics Institute over the Labor Day week end. Since there was not time for a play-off, Gross and Rivise are co-champions for 1952-53.

Meanwhile, at Santa Barbara, Sven Almgren of Los Angeles was scoring a fairly easy victory in a 40-man Swiss for the California Open Championship. Pete Velliotes of Santa Barbara was second and Phil D. Smith of Fresno third.

As a result of the tie for State honors, three players--Gross, Rivise, and Almgren--will be seeded in the 1953 State Final.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP The final tournament was played at Mechanics Institute in San Francisco. Henry Gross of San Francisco swept through the first six rounds with five wins and one draw, leading Irving Rivise of Los Angeles by a whole point. But in the seventh inning lightning struck Gross in the form of Eugene Levin of Los Angeles, who has been playing bang-up chess. Gross found himself playing a difficult line in the Giuoco Piano, where Levin, with the white pieces, had all the play. Levin finally scored the point. Meanwhile, Rivise was beating D. Poliakoff of San Francisco, the new Northern California Champion, in another hard game.

The severity of the struggle in this tournament is witnessed by the fact that Neil Falconer of Berkeley, the 1951 Open Champion, was only able to break even, and Arthur Spiller of Culver City, the 1951 State Champion, did not win a single game! The tournament was marked by an unusually large number of K-pawn openings, and few Q-pawn games.

Undoubtedly, the 1952 tournament was one of the hardest in many years. The box-score:

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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N.	Falconer	Berkeley	0	1	0		1	0	1	1/2	3=-3=	IV-V
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D.	Poliakoff	San Fran.	0	0	_ Õ	_1	0		1	1	3-4	VI
R.	Burger	Lafayette	0	0	1	0	0	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	12-52	VII
<u>A.</u>	Spiller	Culver City	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u> </u>		1-6	AIII

CALIFORNIA OPEN - ROUND BY ROUND

It was a fine summer's night August 29 as the players began to arrive for the 1952 California Open. Kurt Lowenstein, Santa Barbara Chess Club representative, was on hand at the Lobero Hotel to greet the new arrivals. Many of the players had brought their families. The lobby of the Lobero looked like Old Home Week. There were reunions of people who had met for the first time at last year's Open and there were many old friends who stayed up late talking over old times. But the majority went to bed early in preparation for the three rounds to be played on the first day.

ROUND I 10:00 A.M. Saturday This round was played at the rate of 30 moves in the first hour and 15 moves per hour thereafter. The favorites won pretty well as expected, but Alan Chappell of Gilroy upset George Chase, veteran expert from the Cosmo Chess Club of Los Angeles, in an English Opening in 71 moves.

ROUND II 2:30 P.M. Saturday
This round was played at the same rate as Round I. The hardest game of this round was Bill Adams (San Jose) vs. Pete Velliotes (Santa Barbara), which went 44 moves to a draw. Another hard game was Ray Cuneo (Oakland) vs. Sven Almgren (Los Angeles), which was won by the eventual new champion. As it was planned that during the speed-up of the first two rounds, difficult games would be avoided wherever possible, it was unfortunate that a few rigorous games had to be played. One loss on time took place: Tom Fries (Fresno) had not understood that there was a control on move 45, and went over his time against Carroll Capps (San Francisco); but the game was lost anyhow.

ROUND III 7:00 P.M. Saturday The rate of play went back to normal--40 moves in the first two hours. There was still a time control every half hour thereafter. Now the games were supposed to be hard, and so they were! Hans Zander of the Inglewood Chess Club probably had the toughest opponents of the day: Mark Eucher (Los Angeles) in Round I, Fred Byron (San Francisco) in Round II, and Bill Adams in Round III. Zander did well, too, scoring a win and two draws. Two Santa Barbara players, Don Hansford and Robert Hyde, played the second longest game of the tournament--75 moves-to a draw. The game would have gone on even longer, had not the tournament director pointed out that the position (a rook ending) was a book draw.

ROUND IV 1:00 PoM. Sunday After having the whole morning off, the players were supposed to be well rested from the gruelling first day. The feature match of the round was Almgren vs. Phil Smith of Fresno, the Central Valley individual champion. Almgren's win put him into the lead with four points. Carroll Capps, who drew with John Keckhut of Santa Monica, held second place with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points.

ROUND V 7:00 P.M. Sunday The star billing of this session was Capps vs. Almgren. The draw kept Almgren ahead with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Tied for second were Capps, P. Smith, Morris Gordon (Los Angeles), M.O. Meyer (Sacramento), and Keckhut, all with 4 points. The shortest game and the longest game of the tournament took place in this round: Milt Meyer, playing the black side of a French Defense, pulled off an opening trap and beat Bob Currie of San Francisco in 13 moves; James Christman of Phoenix and San Diego drew with Ray Cuneo in 76 moves of a Slav Defense. Mrs. Piatigorsky played all day suffering from a severe intestinal disorder, but she refused to quit and pluckily continued in order to avoid spoiling the tournament for the others.

<u>ROUND VI</u> 9:00 A.M. <u>Monday</u> Leading the pairings was Almgren vs. Gordon. When Almgren won a Queen's Gambit in 45 moves, he led the field with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points. Four players were tied for 2nd: Pete Velliotes (who drew with Meyer), Phil Smith and Carroll Capps (who drew their game) and Mark Eucher (who knocked Bill Adams out of the running).

ROUND VII 1:30 P.M. Monday Sven Almgren arrived at an early draw with Pete Velliotes and clinched the first prize with the fine score of 5 wins and 2 draws out of 7 games. A hot contest developed for second place. Gordon beat Capps, but did not have enough S-B points to catch Velliotes. so P. Smith vs. Eucher held the attention. The player who won this game would be a clear second with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points, and if it were a draw Smith would be very close to Velliotes. First Smith thought he could force a draw, but after checking his S-B points, he thought he had better play for a win. In trying to win he gave Eucher winning chances. When the scheduled time came for the awarding of prizes, Eucher had the better game and refused a draw. The ceremonies were postponed an hour. At 7:30 Dr. Moley was waiting. The newspaper was waiting. All the other games had been over a long time and the scoring was completed except for this game. News flashes went around the room: "Eucher

has a win." "No, Smith can draw it." Then Eucher won a Pawn. a win was still dubious. At this point the game was stopped and Dr. Kurt Lowenstein introduced Dr. Raymond Moley, world-famous economist and columnist, for the presentation of the prizes. A scheme was worked out for Dr. Moley to present the prizes and then have the envelopes handed back pending the decision in the Smith-Eucher game. Following Dr. Moley's brief address, Dr. Lowenstein presented Guthrie McClain, tournament director, with a purse from the players in appreciation for an enjoyable tournament. Then Smith and Eucher went back to work. About an hour later Smith succeeded in drawing an extremely difficult game, and Pete Velliotes had won second place for the home town. Smith was third, $\frac{1}{4}$ S-B point behind Velliotes. The prizes: lst, Sven Almgren, trophy (presented by the Santa Barbara Chess Club) and \$60.00; 2nd, Pete Velliotes, \$35.00; 3rd, Phil Smith, \$25.00; 4th, Steve Smale (Grand Blanc, Michigan), \$20.00; 5th, Mark Eucher, \$15.00; 6th, Morris Gordon, \$10.00; 7th, M. O. Meyer, \$10.00.

The group next adjourned to the McClains hotel room for cocktails and post-mortems. The tournament was voted a success and it was stated by Dr. Lowenstein that chess in Santa Barbara, in the doldrums recently, was now on the up grade. The party moved on to the Pink Cricket for dining and dancing until midnight, whereupon six of the hardier types, led by Champion Almgren, went for a refreshing swim in Santa Barbara's famous surf.

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CCCL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT By Neil T. Austin

The first qualifying tournament for the State Championship to be sponsored by the Central California Chess League was held in Modesto August 16-17. The tournament was a 12-man 4-round Swiss.

R. E. Burger of Lafayette topped the field with a score of $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, thereby becoming eligible for the finals in San Francisco. M. O. Meyer of Sacramento was second with 3-1 and M. Hailparn of Fresno third with $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$.

The field was weakened somewhat by the absence of Phil Smith of Fresno and Bill Adams of San Jose, both of whom decided to play in the Open in Santa Barbara.

The score:

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1.	R. Burger	W 9	W8	W6	D2	3	1	0	$3\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	8.5
2.	M. O. Meyer	DlO	WЗ	W4	Dl	2	2	0	3 -1	9.5
3.	M. Hailparn	D6	L2	WlO	W7	2	1	1	2 1 -11/2	8.0
4.	L. E. Davis	Wll	D7	L2	W 9	2	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	7.5
5.	M. E. Mattingly	L7	Wll	W 8	D6	2	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	7.0
6.	J. B. Gee	D3	Wlo	Ll	D5	_1_	2	1	2 -2	9.5
7.	R. L. Richards	W5	D4	D9	L3	1	2	1	2 -2	9.0
8.	F. Crofut	W12	Ll	L5	Wll	2	0	2	2 -2	7.5
9.	L. E. Woolfe	Ll	Wl2	D7	L4	1	1	2	1글-2글	8.5
10.	E. L. Jeffers	D2	L6	L3	Dl2	0	2	2	1 -3	8.5
11.	T. Fries	L4	L5	Wl2	L8	1	0	3	1 -3	7.5
12.	L. Krogness	L8	L9	Lll	D10	0	1	3	<u> </u>	5.5

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP Ten players entered this tournament, which also served as a qualifying tournament for the State Championship finals. E. L. Jeffers of Modesto unfortunately had to withdraw due to illness, so nine men actually finished.

After a nip-and-tuck struggle, D. Poliakoff of San Francisco emerged winner with a score of 8-1. Henry Gross of San Francisco, new State Co-Champ, was second with 7-2, and C. M. Capps of San Francisco third with 6-3.

The score:

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	W-L	Rank
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5. B. Popoff	S.F.	l	1/2	0	1	-	1	0	0	O	1	4늘-4늘	V-VI
6. J. Schmitt	S.F.	0	Ō	0	불	0		_1_	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$	V-VI
7. S. Smale	Mich.	0	0	12	0	1	0	_	1/2	1	1	4-5	VII
8. F. Byron	S.F.	0	0	Õ	0	1	0	1/2	_	1	1	3불-5불	VIII
9. R. Cuneo	Oakland	0	0	0	고	1	0	õ	0	-	1	2불-6불	IX
10. E.L.Jeffers	Modesto	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	0	F		0-9	X

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Irving Rivise of Los Angeles, new State Co-Champ, won this gruelling 18-man, 12-round Swiss, which also served as a qualifying tourna-Rivise, but was shy on S-B points. Eugene Levin, by finishing a strong third, qualment for the State Championship finals. Dr. Peter Lapiken had to withdraw in round nine on doctor's orders. Ray Martin of Santa Monica had the same game score as SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP ified for the State finals.

determine eligibility for this tournament. As a consequence, the finalists for the State Championship - Rivise, Martin and Levin - had really survived a fiery ordeal? The Southern California players held a series of qualifying tournaments to

The score:

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VALLEJO-SACRAMENTO TEAM MATCH

Sacramento defeated Vallejo by a score of 7-3 in a 10-board team match played in July. The score:

VALLEJO		SACRAMENTO
1. G. Rasmussen 2. O. Richmond 3. M. K. Fountain 4. F. Norling 5. G. Nyland 6. G. Boague 7. O. Turley	0 0 0 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 0	1. M. O. Meyer 1 2. R. L. Richards 1 3. O. A. Celle 1 4. J. B. Gee 0 5. N. T. Austin 1 6. R. E. Russell 1 7. J. A. Celle 1
8. W. Abram 9. H. M. Sutton 10. Marianne Boague	0 1 0	8. S. G. Johnson 1 9. N. E. Talcott 0 10. J. Hardy 1

Samuel W. Bean

It is with the deepest regret that we must record the death, early in August, 1952, of Samuel W. Bean, long one of the leading players of the Oakland Chess Club.

Mr. Bean lost his sight and hearing when a youth. In spite of this handicap, however, he was always a most dangerous antagonist. In the last series of team matches of the Central California Chess League he had defeated R. E. Russell of Sacramento, M. C. Jackson of Modesto, C. J. Smith of Oakdale and L. C. Woolfe of Stockton. He had also recently won the championship of the Oakland Chess Club.

We are informed that at the time of his death, Mr. Bean was on the verge of winning the World Championship among blind players. GAME OF THE MONTH The great German master, Adolph Anderssen, is generally credited with two "immortal games." Actually, he played a great many just as deserving of that title. The following is the eighth game from the match between Anderssen and William Steinitz for the World Championship, and is taken from Supplement No. 2 of THE REPORTER. The notes are by Russian grandmaster M. I. Tchigorin, translated by Dr. A.Buschke of New York. The time - 1866

Game	No. 127	- Salvio
Wh	ite	Black
Stei:	nitz	Anderssen
1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	P-KB4	PxP
3.	Kt-KB3	P-KKt4
4.	B-B4	P-Kt5
5.	Kt-K5	Q-R5ch
6.	K-Bl	Kt-KR3
7.	P-Q4	P-Q3
8.	Kt-Q3	P-B6
9.	P-KKt3	Q-K2
10.	Kt-B3	B-K3
11.	P-Q5	
ne te	nth game.	Steinitz

In the tenth game, Steinitz retreats with the B to Kt3, obtaining the better game.

... B-Bl 12. P-K5

With the coming Knight sacrifice, Steinitz undertakes a very interesting but unsound attack. Moreover, his attack is weakened by his previous P-Q5. If he were to play as a preparatory measure 12. K-B2, threatening P-K5, Black would paralyze the attack by 12.. P-KB3, and then Kt-B2 (unless White captures the Knight).

_		PxP
13.	KtxP	QxKt
14.	B-B4	Q-Kt2
15.	Kt-Kt5	B-Q3 ? ?

This move is considerably stronger than 15... Kt-R3, after

which White could keep up a more or less strong attack by 16. BxP. With very good reason, Anderssen offers the exchange: 16. BxB, Px B; 17. Kt-B7ch, K-Q1; 18. KtxR, because after 18...QxP, he would have two extra pawns and would get a very strong game. In addition, White could not save the Kt at QR8.

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16.	Q-Klch	K-Q1
17.	BxB	PxB
18.	Q-Kt4	Kt-B4
19.	B-Q3	Kt-QR3
20.	Q-R3	Kt-B4
21.	BxKt	



Q-R3!!!

22. B-Q3

If 22. Q-B3, then 22...R-K1; 23. P-KR4, BxB etc.

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23.	P-KR4	Q-Q7							
24.	KR-Ktl	R-K7 €							
	Resigns.								
Α	gem of	greatest	purity?						

CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Traum, Secretary of the Castle Chess Club of Berkeley, writes:

"At the last meeting of the Castle Chess Club, the members discussed the value of THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER, and the magazine came out with flying colors. We realized that THE REPORTER filled a great need in the chess picture, especially in California. Also we felt that to keep going at the present rate THE REPORTER might be able to use a little monetary as well as moral support....So \$5.00 was voted as a donation. This \$5.00 was immediately matched by Henry Gross, Wade Hendricks and Ralph Hultgren. So you will find \$20.00 enclosed. We wish a long and prosperous life for THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER."

(To all of which, all we can say is "Thanks" - Ed.)

John Alexander of San Diego sends a check for \$5.50 and says:

"Please renew my subscription for one year and send me your two supplements. Please apply the balance to your deficit, if any."

James Bolton of New Haven, Connecticut, after enclosing solutions to two "Tasks," says:

"What does THE REPORTER say about the U. S. Championship? This question especially affects the winners of the 1952 California events. We here will raise the issue in the New England Championship this Labor Day Week-end."

(The question raised by Mr. Bolton is, of course, of great concern to California players. We trust the CSCF will have something to say on this matter - Ed.)

Ricardo M. Pingarron of Pomona writes:

"I have not learned much about the new State Federation, but it should assist groups in securing matches against members and the results should be made known in the magazine and ratings adjusted so that increased interest be obtained.

"Out of the Pomona Chess Club, founded five years ago by Joseph E. Kirk and yours truly, we have formed a new club which is

called the Tri-County Chess Club. This new club is formed by three units: The Riverside County unit, the San Bernardino County unit, and our Pomona club, which is the East Los Angeles County unit. Our headquarters are located in Pomona, 25 miles east of Los Angeles. We find it difficult to contact other clubs for matches. If the new Federation were to undertake rating of clubs as well as members, contacts could be made and interest in the game increased.

"The Tri-County Chess Club is ready and willing to help form such a department and has given me authorization to join."

We have received a long letter from Dr. Frank C. Ruys of Redwood City, presenting a comprehensive plan for a Correspondence Division of the State Federation. Dr. Ruys has offered to direct this phase of California chess.

Briefly stated, Dr. Ruys recommends that players be rated A to F, A being top strength. Players are to indicate their strength as best they can. Sections will be set up according to these ratings. An initial fee of 25¢ will be charged each player.

Dr. Ruys suggests that a series of events be offered, including a Federation championship, class championships, gambit tournaments or other specified opening tournaments, individual matches with other players in the Federation, with ladder ratings, women's championship, and the like. Entrance fees for these events will be \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Dr. Ruys has had extensive experience in correspondence play. We suggest that all players interested in participating in a CSCF correspondence division write to Dr. Ruys to that effect. The address: Frank C. Ruys, M. D., 295 Madrone St., Redwood City, Calif.

As soon as it is known how many players are anxious to participate in CSCF-sponsored correspondence chess, the Directors of the CSCF will be in a position to decide the wisdom of this course. Watch THE REPORTER for further news on this matter.

THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER is happy to announce that a reciprocal agreement has been reached with THE BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE whereby THE REPORTER will act as California distributor for BCM publications, and the BCM will act as distributor for REPORTER publications in all countries outside the United States and Canada.

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It is with great pleasure, indeed, that we announce this liaison between THE REPORTER and the BCM, the oldest chess magazine in existence, in continuous publication since 1881.

<u>HELSINKI</u> The team representing the Soviet Union won the Team Tournament, with a score of 21-11. Then followed Argentina $19\frac{1}{2}-12\frac{1}{2}$, Yugoslavia 19-13, Czechoslovakia 18-14, United States 17-15, Hungary 16-16, Sweden 13-19, West Germany $10\frac{1}{2}-21\frac{1}{2}$, and Finland 10-22.

The fifth place scored by the United States is disappointing, but is somewhat made up for by the fine showing of young Robert Byrne of New York. Byrne scored several notable victories, not the least of which was a win over David Bronstein, recent challenger for the World Title.

TAMPA Larry Evans of New York repeated his performance of last year, winning the U. S. Open with a score of 10-2. Arturo Pomar of Spain was second, $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind.

Four California players participated: Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, 17th, Mrs. G. Piatigorsky of Los Angeles, 28th, A. J. Fink of San Francisco, 39th, and Arthur Spiller of Culver City, 40th.

<u>DENVER</u> Four California players entered the 1952 Colorado Open, played in Denver August 1-3. The tournament was won by Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa, with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

The California players were: Phil D. Smith of Fresno, who shared 3rd to 6th, Mark Eucher of Los Angeles, with the same score, Arthur Spiller of Culver City, 7th, and M. O. Meyer of Sacramento, 9th.

OMAHA Robert Currie, 16-year-old San Francisco star, placed fourth in the National Junior Championship. The tournament was won by Curt Brasket of Tracy, Minnesota, in a field of 20 players.

Currie distinguished himself by finishing in a tie for first and second with Brasket in the Junior Rapid Championship!

<u>DALLAS</u> Herman Steiner won the Southwest Open, played at Dallas, Texas, by a score of $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

SALTSJOBADEN Herman Steiner of Los Angeles will represent the United States in the International Tournament. Arthur Bisguier of New York, previously announced as the second player from the United States, has withdrawn. Five players will be qualified from this tournament for the Candidates Tournament next spring, which will determine the challenger to meet Botvinnik for the World Title.

COSMO This Los Angeles club is to be congratulated on having completed four years of publication of Cosmo*s News Bulletin, which was launched in October, 1948, and has appeared every month since that time.

Four years are a long time for chess publications, which come and go like leaves on a tree! Long life!

SAN FRANCISCO The Golden Gate Chess Club has moved its quarters to the Hotel Cecil, 545 Post Street. A city fire department ruling against the old quarters at 251 Post Street may prove to be a blessing in disguise, for the new rooms are far more spacious.

At its annual business meeting, held Friday, September 19, the following officers were elected for the new year: President, Henry Gross; Secretary, Bob Currie; Treasurer, Godfrey Lutz. Regular weekly meetings of the club will henceforth be on Saturday nights.

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 of THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER

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U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH -- LARRY EVANS VS. HERMAN STEINER

Game #128	B (5th Mat	ch Game) Ruy	23.	B-B2	Kt-Kt6
-			24.	P-Kt3	Kt-B3
	White	Black	25.	B-K2	KtxKt
L	• Evans	H. Steiner	26.	BxB	QxB
			27.	QxKt	KR-Kl
1.	P-K4	P-K4	27P-Q4	now seems	feasible.
2.	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	Perhaps S	teiner felt	White's KP
3.	B-Kt5	B-Kt5	would be	as weak as	Black's QP.
Alapin°s	Defense.		28.	Q-B2	P-R3
	P-B3	B-R4	29.	P-Kt3	Q-B2
5.	0-0	KKt-K2		P-B4	R-Q2
	Kt-R3	B-Kt3	31.	R Q5	R-Rl
7.	Kt-B4	PQ3	32.	Q-Kt2	R-Kl
8.	P-Q4	PxP	33.	Q-Ktl	R-Rl
9.	KtxB	RPxKt	34.	P-QR4	R-Kl
10.	KtxP	00	35.	K-Kt2	R-K3
11.	B-Kt5	B-Q2	36.	KR-Ql	Q-Kl
12.	B-K2	K-Rl	37.	K-B3	R/Q2-K2
13.	P-KB4	P-B3	38.	R-Kl	Kt-Kt5
14.	B-R4	Kt-Kt3	39.	R/Q5-Q1	
15.	B-Kt3	Q-K2	,		
16.	B-B3	QB2		骨	
17.	P-QR3	QR-Ql		1	
18.	Q-B2	Kt-R4	anca.	1 1 1 1	1
19.	KR-Kl	Kt-K2			
20.	QR-Ql	P-QB4	#### A	/≛ //	
21.	Kt-K2	B-K3	<u> A</u>	A AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	
22.	Kt-Bl	B-B5		Î M	



If 22...P-Q4; 23.P-B5, B-B1; 24. B-B7,R-Q2; 25.BxKtP and 26.BxBP.

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Q-R4ch 40. K-Kt2 Q-Kl 41. K-B3 Q-B3

41...Q-R4ch, apparently leading to a draw by repetition, is preferable.

42.	P-B5	RK4
43.	P-Kt4	R-Q2
44.	B-Kt3	R-Kl
45.	P-R4	0-B2

47. 48. 49. Not 49.	P-Kt5 B-B4 K-B2 R-K3 PxRP, PxP; 50	
	50P-Q4!	
	tens his own	
and then	applies the	pressure. Q-B3
50.	R/Q1-K1	K-R2
51.	Q-Q3	K-Rl
52.	PxBP	PxP
53.		R-KKtl
	R-Kt3	R/Ktl-Kl
	Q-Q2	KtxBP
56.	PxKt	RxR
57.	B-Kt7ch	K-Ktl
	BxPch	K-B2
59.	R-Kt7ch	K-Bl
60.	R-Kt8ch	K-B2
6l.	RxR	RxR
62.	Q-R6	R-KKtl
63.	Q-R7ch	KxB
64.	QxR	KxP
	Q-Q5ch	K-B5
66.	Q-Kt5ch	K-K5
67.	P-KR5	Q-B2
68.	Q-Kt6ch	K-Q5
69.	P-R6	Q-Q1
	P-R7	Q-Blch
	K-Kt2	K-K6
72.	Q-K6ch	K-Q7
		Q-B5
74.	P-R8/Q	Resigns.

Game #129 (6th Match Game) Slav

1	White	Black
Н.	Steiner	L. Evans
1. 2. 3.	P-Q4 P-QB4 Kt-QB3	P-Q4 P-QB3 Kt-B3

4.	Kt-B3	P-K3
5.	B-Kt5	P-KR3
6.	BxKt	QxB
7.	P-K3	Kt-Q2
8.	B-Q3	B-K2
9.	Q-K2	0-0
10.	PxP	KPxP
11.	P-KKt4	Kt-B4
12.	Kt-K5	KtxBch
13.	KtxKt	Q-R 5
14.	P-KR3	P-KB4
15.	Kt-B4	K-R2
16.	0-0-0	PxP
17.	PxP	QxKtP
18.	P-B3	Q-B4
19.	QR-Ktl	B-Kt4
20.	Q-Kt2	K-Ktl
21.	Kt/B3-K2	R-B2
22.	R-R5	K-Bl
23.	Q-R2	K-K2
24.	R/KtlxB	PxR
25.	Q-Kt2	K-Ql
26.	RxP	Q-B3
27.	P-K4	PxP
28.	PxP	B-Q2
29.	Q-Kt3	R-K2
30.	P-K5	Q-B2



31. P-K6
White has played sprightly chess, but he has achieved no win. He therefore settles for a draw.

.. BxP

32.	RxP	Q-B3
33.	R-Kt6	Q-B2
34.	R-Kt7	Q-B3
35.	R-Kt6	Q-B2
36.	R-Kt7	
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Drawn.

If the Queen tries to escape by 36...Q-B4, then 37. R-Kt5, Q-K5; 38. R-K5, Q-R8ch; 39. K-Q2, K-Q2; 40. KtxB, RxKt; 41. Q-Kt4 and 42. Kt-B4 draws.

Game #130 (7th Match Game) Ruy

1	White	Black
Н.	Steiner	L. Evans
_		
1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3.	B-Kt5	P-QR3
4.	B-R4	B-Kt5
5.	P-B3	B-R4
6.	Kt-R3	P-QKt4
7.	B-Kt3	Kt-B3
8.	0-0	0-0
9.	P-Q4	P-Q3
10.	PxP	QKtxP
11.	KtxKt	PxKt
12.	B-Kt5	QxQ
13.	KRxQ	B-Kt2
14.	P-B3	KR-Ql
15.	Kt-B2	B-Kt3ch
16.	K-Bl	P-B3
17.	K-K2	RxR
18.	RxR	R-Ql
19.	RxRch	BxR
20.	Kt-K3	B-Bl
	Dra	wn.

If White was seeking to refute Black's unusual defense, he played very tamely.

Game #131 (8th Match Game) Sicilian

Rlack

White

,	vnite	Black
Н•	Steiner	L. Evans
1.	P-K4	P-QB4
	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3.	P-Q4	P x P
4.	KtxP	Kt-B3
5.	Kt-QB3	P-Q3
6.	B-K2	P-KKt3
7.	0-0	B-Kt2
8.	Kt-Kt3	0–0
9.	P-B4	P-QKt4
10.	B-B3	P-Kt5
11.	Kt-Q5	KtxKt
12.	PxKt	Kt-R4
13.	KtxKt	QxKt
14.	R-Kl	R-Kl
15.	K-Rl	B-B4
16.	P-Kt4	B-Q2
17.	P-QR3	QR-Bl
18.	R-K4	Q-B2



19. R-K2 This retreat starts White on the down grade. 19. RxKtP, QxP; 20. QxQ, RxQ; 21. R-Kt7 is bet-

ter, but probably has less winning chances -- and White is trying to win.

B-Kt4 P-QR4

20. R-Kt2

21.	PxP	PxP
22.	P-R4	P-K4
23.	PxP e.p.	RxP
24.	P-B5	KR-Kl
25.	P-R5	Q-K2!
Threaten	ing 26Q-1	R5ch and
27R-K	Bch, thus ga	aining time
to block	the K-side	•
26.	B-Q2	P-Kt4
27.	BxQKtP	BxP

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27.	BxQKtP	BxP
28.	R-QKtl	B-K4
29.	B-R5	B-QB3
30.	B-Kt4?	Q-Kt2!

This "pin" proves fatal. Already 31. R-B2 (to save the diagonal) would cost a Pawn, after 31...

BxB and ultimately ... RxP

31. BxB QxB 32. B-Q2 P-R3 33. B-K3 R-K2 34. B-Q4?

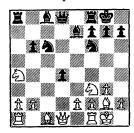
Immediately fatal. The rest is forced.

	• • •	DXD
35.	QxB	R-K7
36.	R-KKtl	Q-KB6
37.	QxP	QRxP
38.	Q-Kt8ch	K-R2
	Resigns.	

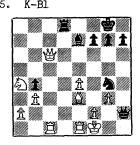
Game #132 (9th Match Game) Q.G.D.

	White	Black
L.	Evans	H. Steiner
1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	P-K3
3.	Kt-QB3	P-QB4
4.	PxQP	KPxP
5.	Kt-B3	Kt-QB3
6.	P-KKt3	Kt-B3
7.	B-Kt2	B-K2
8.	0-0	0-0
9.	PxP	P-Q5

10. Kt-QR4 P-QKt4
11. PxP e.p. PxP



12.	KtxQP	KtxKt
13.	BxR	B-R3
14.	B-B3	P-QKt4
15.	Kt-B3	P-Kt5
16.	Kt-R4	B-Kt4
17.	P-Kt3	Q-Q2
18.	B-K3	KtxBch
19.	PxKt	Q-R6
20.	R-Bl	R-Q1
21.	Q-B2	B-Q6
22.	Q-B6	B-K5?
23.	PxB	Kt-Kt5
24.	KR-Kl	QxRPch
25.	K-Bl	



... Kt-K4?? 25...R-Q7!! wins. A case of "chess blindness!" 26. Q-B2

Drawn by perpetual check. Score: Evans $6\frac{1}{2}$, Steiner $2\frac{1}{2}$.

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Game #133 (10th)	Watch Came) Nimzo	40• R-Kt2 P-K6
Game #155 (10th 1	Materia Game / Nimizo	41. R-K2 Q-K5
White	Black	42. $R/1-K1$ QxPch
		43. P-Kt3 Q-B6
H. Steiner	r L. Evans	
3 7004	W+ WDZ	44. RxP Q-B7ch 45. K-R1 P-B5
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	
2. P-QB4	P-K3	
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	47. K-R2 P-Kt4
4. B-Kt5	P-B4	48• R-K7ch K-Kt3
5. P-Q5	P-KR3	49 • R/2-K6ch K-R4
6. B-R4	P-Q3	50. R-KKt7 Q-B7ch
7. P-K3	P-K4	51. K-R1 P-B6
8. B-Q3	P-K5	52. R/7-Kt6 Q-Q7
9. B-B2	BxKtch	53. R(Kt6)-B6 Q-Q4ch
10. PxB	B-B4	
11. Kt-K2	Q-K2	anni Mille anni Mille anni Mille
12. Q-Kt1	QKt-Q2	
13. 0-0	P-QKt3	
14. P-R4	P-KKt4	T W T W
15. B-KKt3	K-Bl	
16. R-R2	K-Kt2	
17. P-B4	B-Kt3	
18. P-R3	KR-Kl	
19. Q-Kl	Kt-R4	
20. B-R2	P-B4	
21. Kt-Kt3	\mathtt{KtxKt}	54. K-R2 QxR!
22. QxKt	PxP	Resigns.
23. PxP	K-R2	The pawns cannot be stopped.
24. Q-K3	R-KKtl	
25. B-Q1	Kt-B3	The first ten games of this match
26. B-KKt3	B-R4	were played in Los Angeles. When
27. B-R4	BxB	the players took to the road,
28. RxB	R-Kt2	Evans needed one point to retain
29. Q-Kl	QR-KKtl	his U.S. championship, having a
30. K-R2	Q-KB2	score of $7\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$. In the follow-
31. R-KB2	Kt-R4	ing game, played at San Francisco,
32. Q-K3	Kt-Kt6	Evans won the necessary point.
33. BxKt	RxB	Three more games were then played
34. QxR	RxQ	in Reno and Las Vegas. Each
35. KxR	Q-Kt2ch	player won one game and there was
36. K-R2	QxBP	one draw.
37. P-R5	•	OHE GLAM.
38. PxP	QxBP PxP	The finel seems
		The final score:
39. R-QR1	QxP	Evans 10, Steiner 4

Game #134 (11th Match Game) English

Whi L.Ev		Black H.Steiner
1.	P-QB4	P-K4
2。	Kt-QB3	Kt-QB3
3.	P-KKt3	P-B4
4.	B-Kt2	Kt-B3
5.	P-K3	P-K5
6.	P-Q3	B-Kt5
7.	Kt-K2	PxP
8.	QxP	Kt-K4
9。	QxBP	Q-K2
10.	Q-B2	\mathtt{KtxP}
11.	0-0	P-B3
12.	P-QR3	BxKt
13.	\mathtt{KtxB}	P-Q4
14.	P-K49	Kt-Kt3
15.	PxP	KKtxP
16 c	KtxKt	KtxKt
17.	BxKt	PxB

18.	B-Q2	BK3
19 $_{\circ}$	KR-Kl	K-B2
20。	B-Kt4	Q-Q2
21.	R-K5	P-QR4
22.	B-B3	P-R5
23。	QR-Kl	B-R6
	B-Kt4	
25.	R-K7ch	K-Ktl
26。	QxQ	PxQ
27.	QxQ B-B3	P-R4
	RxPch	
29.	R/1-K7	R-KR3
30。	R/K7-B7ch	K-K1
	B-Q2	
	R-B7	
33。	R/Kt7-K7cl	h K-Ql
	B-Kt5	
35.	B-B6	R-KBl
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CALIF. CHAMPIONSHIP-SAN FRANCISCO, 1952

In the following last-round game Eugene Levin knocks Henry Gross out of indisputed first place.

Game No. 135 - Giuoco White Black E. Levin H. Gross

P-K4 1. P-K4 B-B4

- 2. B-B4 Kt-KB3 3.
- Kt-QB3 4. 0-0 P-Q3
- 5. P-B3
- B-KKt5 6. P-KR3 B-R4
- P-KKt4 7. B-Kt3
- 8. P-Q4 PxP
- 9. PxPB-Kt3 10. B-OKt 5? P-Q4

13.

- 11. PxPQxP
- 12. Kt-B3 Q-Q3 R-Klch
- 13...K-Bl was necessary. Black is relying on...Q-Kt6ch to refute P-Q5, and fails to see White's next move.

Kt-K2?



- B-KB4 ! ! 14. QxB15. Kt-Q5Q-Q3 16. KtxKt K-Bl
- 17. BxKt PxB18. R-QBl P-QB4
- 19. Q-R4 P-KB3

- 20. Kt-R4 B-Kl Q-B2 PxP21.
 - 22. Q-K4 R-Q1
- Kt/4-B523. Q-Q2
- 24. Kt-B6 R-Bl
- 25. Kt/5-K7B-Kt3
- 26. KtxBch PxKt
- 27. Kt-K7 and wins.

CALIF. OPEN-SANTA BARBARA, 1952

	Gar	ne No. 136	6 - French
		White	Black
	R.	Currie	M.O.Meyer
	1.	P-K4	P-K3
	2.	P-Q4	P-Q4
	3.	Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3
	4.	P-K5	KKt-Q2
	5.	QKt-K2	P-QB4
	6.	P-QB3	P-B3
	7.	P-KB4	PxQP
	8.	BPxP	PxP
	9.	BPxP	B-Kt5ch
]	٥.	B-Q2	Q-R5ch
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- 11. P-Kt3 BxBch
- 12. ЭхВ Q-K5
- 13. Q-B3 0-0



Recently it seems that the youngsters pull off most of the traps. Here the veteran turns the tables. 14. Resigns.

Game No. 137 - Q.G.D.

hite	Black
Mueller	F.Byron
P-Q4	Kt-KB3
P-QB4	P-K3
Kt~KB3	P-B4
P-K3	P-Q4
PxQP	KPxP
Kt-B3	Kt-B3
PxP	BxP
B-Q3	0~0
0-0	B-KKt5
B-K2	R-Kl
Q-B2	Q-Q2
R-Ql	QR-Ql
KtxP	KtxKt
QxB	Q-B4
Kt-Q4	KtxKt
BxB	QxB
	Mueller P-Q4 P-Q84 Kt-KB3 P-K3 PxQP Kt-B3 PxP B-Q3 O-O B-K2 Q-B2 R-Q1 KtxP QxB Kt-Q4



17. P-B3

White cannot recapture the Knight because of 17... Kt-B5

		\mathtt{KtxPch}
18.	K-B2	Kt-R5
19。	R-KKtl	Kt-B3
20،	Q-B2	Kt-K5ch

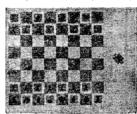
21. K-Kl Kt-B6ch 22. K-Bl KtxPch

23. K-Kl Q-Kt6ch 24. K-K2 Q-B7 mate.

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REPORTER TASKS Thomas McDermott of Anaheim, California, is the winner of our third contest. Congratulations!

The contest evidently was fairly difficult. No solver had a perfect record. McDermott, with five correct solutions and one partially correct, barely nosed out Boris Popoff of San Francisco, the winner of our previous contest.

Our fourth contest consists of six tasks, Nos. 21-26 inclusive. TASK No. 21 is an extraordinary three-mover by the late British composer C. A. L. Bull. TASK No. 22 is a position from a game played many years ago between Rev. G. A. MacDonnell (White) and S. Boden.

TASK No. 21 White Mates in Three



TASK No. 22 Black to Play



ANSWERS: TASK No. 19: The key move is 1. B-R7, with the main line ... KtxR; 2. Q-Ktl.

TASK No. 20: The key move is 1. R-B8, with the main line 1... P-Kt4; 2. Q-Q5ch.