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NORTH VS. SOUTH

Fresno will be host for the 23rd playing of the blue-ribbon event of the California chess year, the Northern California vs. Southern California team match, on Sunday, May 27, 1956. Head-quarters will be the Hotel Californian, which has set aside the ballroom for the match. On the evening of May 26 the annual meeting of the California State Chess Federation will be held in the Redwood Room.

The annual California rapid-transit individual championship will be staged on Saturday afternoon beginning at 4:00 P.M. The business meeting is scheduled for 9:00 P.M. and the big match is at 10:00 A.M. the next morning.

It is anticipated that the 1956 match will be the biggest on record. Partly because of increased interest in southern California and partly because of the switch from San Luis Obispo, about 75 players are expected on each side. The North rules pre-match favorite, but a strong turnout from the South may provide an upset. The North won last year, 35-24. The South has not won a match since 1949.

The switch from San Luis Obispo to Fresno has been discussed at length in the pages of THE REPORTER, but to review it quickly, it was urged by the late Herman Steiner, favorably viewed by the participants in the 1955 California Open, and voted by the Southern California Chess League. The change was agreed to by the members of the Northern California tournament committee, who agreed that it would be of a temporary nature, subject to final approval after it was seen how the new locale worked out in practice.

On the "pro" side is the fact that Fresno is in the middle of an active chessplaying area (whereas San Luis Obispo is not), plus the fact that hotel accommodations are better. On the "con" side it may be said that San Luis Obispo is near the sea in a picturesque location and is better for a family outing - besides being cooler.

One of the most important fixtures of the North-South match is the awarding of the 10-year and 5-year pins. Eligible this year for the silver 10-year pin are: Nancy Roos, Neil T. Austin, Carroll Capps, Prof. Ralph Hultgren, Wilber Leeds and George Lewis. All are from the North except for Mrs. Roos. Eligible for the bronze 5-year pin: S. Abrahams, A. Chappell, R. Currie, R. Freeman, T. Fries, E. Hoffer, N. Hultgren, C. Jonas, O. Rothe, Dr. F. Ruys and F. Weinberg of the North and D. Amneus, A. Bazael, E. Carlson, J. M. Freed, C. Fuglie, G. Goehler, R. Gross, F. Hazard, E. Hoffpaur, D. Maron, P. C. McKenna, J. P. Quillen, G. Reinhardt, E. F. Schraeder, C. Ulrich, G. Van Deene and W. Wheeler of the South.

- 1. Call to order by LeRoy Johnson, president.
- 2. Reading of the minutes by Kyle Forrest, secretary.
- 3. Financial report by Prof. Ralph Hultgren, treasurer.
- Tournaments and events conducted a report by Henry Gross, vice-president, on behalf of the Tournament Committee.

- 5. Old and new business.
- 6. Election of directors. The incumbent directors are: S.F. Bay Area League, Guthrie McClain; Redwood Empire League, Gunnar Rasmussen; Central California League, Phil Smith; Monterey Bay Area League, Jerald B. Slavich; Southern California League, Isaac Kashdan and Herman Steiner (deceased); Tri-County Area, George Hunnex; San Diego, Dudley Hosea; At Large, Northern California, Joe Stanley; At Large, Southern California, Al Raymond.

SAN FRANCISCO $12\frac{1}{2}$, EAST BAY $7\frac{1}{2}$

In the annual cross-bay tune-up for the northern team, San Francisco again trounced the invaders. This time the score was a bit one-sided, probably because final examinations at the University of California are coming up soon and such players as Dan Beninson, Roger Smook, et al were not available to play for the East Bay.

Mechanics Institute, May 12, 1956

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It will be noted that the "East Bay" covered all points around S.F. Bay except for the City itself. In addition to the usual representation from Oakland, Berkeley, Pittsburg and way points, the

easterners this time took in South San Francisco, San Brune and Palo Alto. The two teams split evenly on the top four boards and the bottom seven boards - but from Board Five to Board Thirteen the westbay only yielded one loss and two draws.

The East Bay team was certainly the youngest ever to play in this match, due to the presence in large numbers of the Oakland "B" team (1956 league champions). This team is composed principally of high school boys. With most of the Oakland "A" team present, the Oakland Chess Club accounted for two-thirds of the eastbay team.

FRESNO CHESS CLUB - by William Shirey

Phil D. Smith has won the Seventh Annual Fresno Chess Club Championship with the fine score of $8\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Tom Fries was a close second with the score of 8-1. He lost only to Smith. William Shirey was third with a score of 7-2.

The tournament was a round robin affair with ten participants. Tom Fries was tournament director.

The results:

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1.	P. D. Smith	W9	W4	Wlo	W8	W7	W5	W6	W2	D3	$8\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$
2.	T. Fries	W7	W5	W6	W9	Wlo	W4	W3	Ll	W8	8-1
3.	W. Shirey	W4	W8	W7	D 5	W6	W9	L2	WlO	Dl	7-2
4.	Leo Legler	L3	IJ	W 5	D7	W 9	L2	WlO	W8	D6	5-4
5-	R. Baker	Wlo	L2	L4	D3	W8	Ll	W9	D6	D7	$4\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$
6.	Dr. H. Kallman	W8	W9	L2	MTO	L3	D7	Ll	D5	D4	42-42
7.	M. Phetteplace	L2	WlO	L3	D4	Ll	D6	L8	W9	D5	$3\frac{1}{2}$ – $5\frac{1}{2}$
8.	O. Maschke	L6	L3	W9	Ll	L5	Wlo	W7	L4	L2	3-6
9.	R. Willis	Ll	L6	L8	L2	L4	L3	L5	L7	Wlo	1-8
10.	Mrs. McLeod	L5	L7	Ll	L6	L2	L8	L4	L3	L9	0-9

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GAME OF THE MONTH - by Dr. Kurt Lowenstein

"The most brilliant Morra Gambit ever played!" - Pierre Morra. The following is to my knowledge the first game annotated by Morra to appear in English.

A lot of nonsense has been written lately about the Morra Gambit and that includes Korn in Chess Review and Euwe in Archives, both copying some misinformation from Schwarz/Platz monograph "Die Sizilianische Partie." The line 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. P-Q4, PxP; 3. P-QB3 is NOT a Morra Gambit (according to Morra himself) despite Korn and Euwe, but should be called Sicilian Center Gambit or might be named after George Marechal of Montreal who analysed it some twenty years ago. ONLY 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. P-B3 should be called "Morra Gambit." Morra does not recommend the gambit after 2. .. P-Q3.

CORRESPONDENCE, 1955-56

Game No. 326 - Sicilian White Black Tilliette (Fr) Giacomelli (It)

(Notes by Pierre Morra)

- P-K4 P-QB4 1 2 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 2.
- 3. P-Q4 PxP 4. P-B3 PxP
- P-03 5. KtxP
- P-K3 6. B-QB4
- 7. Q-K2 P-QR3 0-0 B-K2 8.
- 9. R-Q1. Q-B2
- Kt-K4 10. B-B4

If 10...Kt-B3; 11. QR-B1, Kt-K4?, White wins with the brilliant combination 12. BxKt, PxB; 13. Kt-QKt5!, PxKt (if 13...Q moves 14. Kt-B7ch, QxKt; 15. B-Kt5ch, B-Q2;

16. BxBch wins the Q); 14. B-Kt5ch 15. R-B7, R-R3; 16. KtxP, PxKt; also wins Q.

ll. BxKt

After 11. B-Kt3, Kt-KB3; 12. QR-Bl I. 17...K-Bl?; 18. R-Q8ch1, White enters into Schuch vs. Filip

(Vienna 1949) 12...Q-Ktl; 13. B-K3, 0-0 (Gruenfeld recommends 13...P-QKt4); 14. KtxKt, PxKt; 15. Kt-R48, Kt-Q2; 16. Kt-Kt6, KtxKt; 17. BxKt, B-B3; 18. Q-Q2, P-QR4; 19. B-B4, P-R3; 20. R-B3 and wins in a few moves.

> 11. . . . B-Kt5ch! 12.



12. PxB KtxKtP Q-R4 13. If 13...Q-Ktl; 14. QR-Bl, P-B3; 17. Q-R5ch and White wins in the following two variations:

BxR; 19. Q-B7 mate.

II. 17...P-KKt3; 18. QxKP, B-B3
 (or 18...Kt-B3; 19. RxBch,
 KxR; 20. QxQ); 19. Kt-Q6ch,
 RxKt (if 19...K moves, mate
 in one or two); 20. QxR.

14. QR-Bl P-B3 15. R-B7%

Threatening 16. Q-B4!

15. ... Q-R5 16. Q-Q3 P-QKt3



17. P-QKt3

This move forces the Black Queen to abandon her diagonals and enables White to force mate in few moves; e.g., 17...QxRP; 18.Q-Q8ch, K-B2 permits the longest

resistance as 18...BxQ; 19. Kt-Q6ch, K-Bl (forced); 20. R-B7 mate.

After 18...K-B2; 19. Kt-Q6ch, K-Kt3 (forced); 20. Q-K8ch, K-R3 (forced); 21. Kt-B7ch, K moves; 22. KtxPch, K-R3; 23. Kt-Kt4 mate.

And if 17...Q-Kt5; 18. P-QR3, Q-R4; 19. Q-Q8ch and White force mate exactly as in the previous variant.

17. ... Resigns.

It is one of the tactical characteristics of the Morra Gambit that despite Black pawns on K3 and QR3, a sacrifice by White of the B on QKt5 or of the QKt on QKt5 and Q5 is frequently possible.

This particular game is superior to any played so far by masters (in the Morra Gambit line) and is of considerable theoretical interest.

> (Translated from the French by K. Lowenstein)

BEVERLY HILLS Music-maker Charles Henderson, Captain of the South team, has sold a short musical comedy to UPA, the cartooners who scored so well with the off-beat Mr. Magoo and Gerald McBoingBoing, entitled The First Game of Chess. Charlie reports that the UPA people are real gone on the idea and are having a ball making the first musical cartoon on chess.

CORRESPONDENCE In response to our request for comment on the change in the North-South match, the mail bag is heavier than usual this month. We give only the opinions of the rank-and-file - or more specifically, we have tried to exclude comments from those who have had a hand in the carrying out of the maneuver.

Spencer Van Gelder of San Francisco writes: "In accordance with your invitation, I write to urge that the annual North-South match be held at San Luis Obispo as heretofore.

"With all due appreciation of the merits of the city of Fresno and its people, the attractions of San Luis Obispo as to climate, vacation facilities, beaches, parks and so on, and the more pleasing trip outweigh anything Fresno has to offer.

"Further, don't you think that we should continue to meet at San Luis to show our appreciation for the cooperation given us by the city including 5 and 10 year pins and so on.

"Concerning Mr. Henderson's suggestion of giving the South an infusion of our superior Northern Blood from Fresno, I am heartily in accord with the suggestion that something like this be done to make the match less one-sided." (It is not generally known, but the fact of the 5-and-10-year-pin matter is that San Luis Obispo has not paid for them since we resumed the North-South series after the war. The first post-war batch of pins was paid for by the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce in 1947, 1948 and 1949. Subsequent batches were arranged for with L. Wilson Trahin, publicity director of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce; but he left their employ several years ago and this writer is holding the sack for the sum of \$174.13

Here are a couple of pithy comments: "Re the switch to Fresno - YES, BY ALL MEANS! That spook of a hotel and that deserted barn of a hall are too damn depressing. Time stumbled on but S.L.O. doesn't. Those who want a coast 'trip' - let 'em drive up to Paso Robles and cut over. I may not make it this year...say hello to Gross, Rivise, the Hendersons, et al. - best, Joe Stanley." ..."Dear Mr. Editor and good friend Guthrie: I hope that they do hold the fight(??) in Fresno this year as I may get to come - which I wouldn't if it was at San Luis...I have solved the losing streak for the South (let them play for the North) - best regards, George Chase."

Kyle Forrest of Manhattan Beach, who in addition to being Secretary of the California State Chess Federation has been co-captain for the South the past couple of years and is on the board of strategy this year, writes: "In response to your invitation expressed on page 125 of the California Chess REPORTER, Vol. V, No. 7, for March, 1956, I wish to offer some comments regarding the forthcoming 23rd

annual North vs. South team match tentatively scheduled to be played on Sunday, May 27th in the comfortable air-conditioned Hotel Californian in Fresno.

"Two major problems appear to require resolution at this time, in order that the successful perpetuation of this traditional match may be assured. The first seems to be that of officially moving the match from San Luis Obispo to Fresno. The second appears to relate to the unbalanced playing strengths of the two teams in recent years — the North winning by scores of: 35-24; 42-30; 34-27; 32-27 & 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -19 $\frac{1}{2}$ -going back only five years. As one planning to play in the forthcoming match my opinions may be of value in solving the problems outlined above.

"There is little doubt in my mind at this writing concerning the preference of Fresno over San Luis Obispo as the better place to hold the match. I have journeyed to San Luis Obispo each of the past five years to play in the Match, and thoroughly enjoyed myself each trip. However, as a former resident of the City of Fresno, I am fully aware of the superior advantages available in Fresno for an occasion such as this. Also, as Fresno is the geographical center of the State of California (see the REPORTER, Vol. 1, No. 7, for Feb., 1952, page 136) the overall transportation problem for the players in this match is automatically equalized.

"It seems to me that the best way to overcome the second problem is by "on the spot" treatment, according to a mutually agreed-upon scheme involving a movable dividing line. As you well know it has been impossible in past years to learn in advance the names of the players for each team. Players drift in to play right up to the opening gun - in fact you will no doubt remember that players have been two hours late and still participated. Consequently we have been forced to devise a readily changeable playing roster for each team. When a player arrives late - up until the time of starting play - his name is inserted in the roster according to his predetermined playing strength, and everyone below him is moved down one position. In past years it has been the practise of team captains to place late arriving Fresno & Bakersfield players on both teams in order to even up the teams and provide all attending players with a game (except the odd man). So, it appears that already a precedent has been established of placing Central California League players on the Southern Team to balance the teams numerically. Little difficulty should be encountered in extending precedence so that not only do the teams balance numerically but also qualitatively. Unless the South can field a stronger team this year than in the past it is obvious that about 6 or 8 strong players from Fresno and Bakersfield should be added to the South's playing strength to bolster up the South to a point where it would be as strong as the North. I believe that the

two team captains can agree on quite even team lineups if they are allowed to. This seems to be the easiest and fairest way of preventing lopsided matches from getting under way in the future; and the South - which hasn't won a match in 20 years - would thereby have even chances of winning in the future. Sincerely, Kyle Forrest."

Al Raymond of Lancaster, Director-At-Large for southern California writes: "Have just been through the recent Chess Reporter and am tickled that the coming Memorial Day Match will probably be held in Fresno. The Fresno Chess Club has certainly led the way in demonstrating what can be done to strengthen organized chess activity. I feel it most fitting that this annual California get-together be held in such a favorable and progressive spot.

"Noticed also that there is a move underfoot to make Fresno a part of the South for the match. As a Southerner from way back (Louisiana), I don't think this should or could be done. You've got to be born thisaway or it just don't stick. Such a proposition is also subversive to the spirit of sectional competition which we must count on to foster growth and interest in organized chess activity in both the North and South. Its ridiculous aspect may be readily grasped if by analogy we were to suggest that the rebels should have given up the fair state of Virginia to allow the Yankees to put up a better fight! Preposterous!

"Seriously, however, we do have a problem Memorial Day and I think we might even solve a larger one with it, if we were to attempt what I suggest below.

"Very little publicity outside of chess publications has been given to the match. And even in the chess publications the match has not been journalistically built. If I remember correctly, last year Herman Steiner's column devoted one paragraph. It is true that Steiner and others did attempt within the Los Angeles clubs to field a strong southern team, but as The Reporter cites this fact contributes to the poor showing of the South; San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Sacramento, Fresno vs. Los Angeles! There must undoubtedly be many strong players in the South outside of Los Angeles who could be induced to make the trip if first they knew about the match and secondly, the event were journalistically built so as to make the trip seem worth the effort.

"Also since the match is where we get most of our new members, it would be highly profitable for the Federation if we could get the cooperation of the press throughout the state in giving adequate publicity to the event.

"The fact of 140 to 180 persons getting together from all over the state for chess is certainly of general interest. We should prepare a letter for a state-wide newspaper organization or for each individual publication...plus some general information about the match so that the local newspaper could write up its town's players..."

S.F. vs.	EAST BAY,	1956	7.		Q-K4
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Game	Game No. 327 - 4 Knights			B-QKt5	Kt-B3
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		Black	11.		B -Q 2
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			13.		$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{B}$
1.	P-K4	P-K4	14.	QR-Q1	Q-B2
2.	Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	15.	Q-R3	P-QR3
3.	Kt-QB3	Kt-B3	16.	Kt-Q4	R-Ql
4.	P-QKt3	B-B4	17.	• BxKt	BxB
5.	B-K2	0-0	18.	KR-KL	Kt-Kt5
6.	P-Q3	P-Q4	19.	. KtxB	QxKt
7.	PxP	\mathtt{KtxP}	20.	RxRch	KxR
8.	KtxKt	$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{t}$	21.	Q-R5ch	Q-B2?
9.	0-0	B-K3	22.	Q-Kt5ch	Resigns
10.	B-Kt2	QR-QL		•	0
11.	Kt-Kt5	Kt-Q5	Gan	ne No. 329 -	- French
12.	KtxB	QxKt			
13.	P-B3	KtxBch		nite	Black
14.	QxKt	Q-B4	Н•	Gross V	V. Whisler
15.	QR-Q1	R-Q2	1.	P-K4	P-K3
16.	P-Q4	PxP	2.	P-Q4	P-Q4
17.	P:xP	B-Q3	3.		P-QB4
18.	Q-Q3	Q-KR4	4.		Kt-QB3
19.	P-Kt3	R-Kl ·	5.	· ·	Q-Kt3
20.	KR-Kl	R/2-K2	6.		P-B5
21.		Q-Q4	7.		B-Q2
22.	RxR	RxR	8.		KKt-K2
23.		RxRch	9.		P-KR3
24.		P-KR4	10.		P-Kt4
	Draw		11.		Kt-B4
	22.0	•••	12.		PxP
Game	No. 328 -	Sicilian	13.		Q-B2
			14.		R-KKtl
Whi	t.e	Black	15.		P-Kt3
		C.J. Bergman	16.		P-Kt5
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1.	P-K4	P-QB4	18.		B-QBl
2.	P-Q4	PxP	19.		P-KR4
ر. 3.	P-QB3	P-Q4	20.		P-R4 P-R4
4.	KPxP	r-Q4 QxP	20.		
5.	PxP	Kt-QB3	22.		P-QR5
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24.	KtxP	B-Q2	1.7.	R-B2	R-Ql
25.	Kt-Q2	P-R5	18.	Kt/3xP	Kt.xKt.
୍ଟେ	Kt-Bl	Q~R2	19.	QxP	P-B3
27.	R-Q1.	P-R6		Resigns.	
28.	B-KR1	Kt/3xQP		J	
29.	BxKt.	KtxB	Game	No. 331 - 0	Grunfeld
30.	Q-Q3	B-B4	-		
31.	R-Q2	Q-R4	Wh	ite	Black
32.	R/2-Kt2	Kt-Kt6	R. Fr	eeman R	. Willson
33.	R-B2	BxP			
34.	Kt-K3	B-Kt 4	1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
35.	Q-R7	R-KBl	2.		Kt-KB3
36.	Kt/2xKtP	B-K2	3.	P~K3	P-KKt3
37.	P-B5?	B- -Q 6	4.	P-B4	P-B3
38.	Kt-B2	BxR	5.	Kt~B3	B-Kt2
39 -	Kt.xB	R-Q1.	6.	PxP	PxP
	QxRP	Q-Kt3	7.	B-Kt5ch	B-Q2
41.	B-B3	BB4	8.	Q-Kt.3	BxB
	PxP	BxKt	9.		Q-Q2
	K-Kt2	PxP	10.	Kt-K5	QxQ
44	R-KBJ	RxB	11.	KtxQ	Kt-R3
	Resigns.		12.	P-QR3	KtQ2
	C		13.		KxKt
Game	No. 330 -	Q. Ind.	14.		P-K4
-			15.	PxP	Kt-B4
Whi	te	Black	16.	BB3	P-QR3
C. Sed	lack G.	Ramirez	1.7.	Kt-Q4	BxP
			18.		Kt-R5
1.	P-Q4	Kt-KB3	19.	Kt-K2	KtxB
2.	Kt-KB3	P-QKt3	20.		K-K3
3.	P-KKt3	P-K3	21.		QR~QBl
4.	B-Kt2	B-K2	22.		R-B4
5.	P-Kt3	B-Kt2	23.		P-QKt4
6.	B-Kt2	0-0	24.		R-QKtl
7.	QKt-Q2	P-Q4	25.	P-KB4	B-B3
8.	0-0	QKt-Q2	26.		R/4xKtP
9.	Kt-Kl	P-B4	27.		RxR
10.	P-QB4	PxQP	28.		BxKt
11.	PxQP	P-K4	29.		K-B4
12.	Kt-Q3	BxP	30.		K-K5
13.	Kt-B4	BxB	31.		R-Kt7ch
14.	KxB	Q-Ktl	32.		R-Q7
15.	R-Bl	Kt-Q4	33.		KxP
16.	K-Ktl	B-Kt4	34.	R-R3ch	R-Q6
				Resigns.	

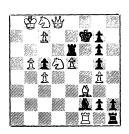
REPORTER TASKS: This month we offer two tricky problems by the late, great Sam Loyd. *NUF SAID!!

No. 93 is supposed to have been first published in 1859, but the date is uncertain. No. 94 was published in 1889. Be very, very careful of this one!

TASK No. 93 White Mates in Three



TASK No. 94 White Mates in Three



ANSWERS: Task No. 91: The key is R-K8. Task No. 92: The key is Q-Kt2.

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