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NORTH 31½ - SOUTH 17½

In the 28th playing of the annual classic, Northern California continued its recent domination of Southern California. It was the fourth straight victory for the North and it was one of the South's worst defeats. The South appeared to have the strongest lineup on the top boards but could only score one draw on the first six games. Boris Siff upset Isaac Kashdan on Board One, and until James Barry defeated Charles Sedlack on Board Seven there was only the draw registered by Jack Moskowitz on Board Two against Henry Gross to appear on the South side of the scoreboard.

Over the lineup the North took the first ten boards  $7\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ ; on the first twenty the score was 12-8; on thirty, it was  $18\frac{1}{2}-11\frac{1}{2}$ ; and on the remaining 19 boards the South scored only six points. Many strong players were missing from both sides, perhaps more than average this year because it was only a two-day week end.

The match was played on May 28th in the Sarah E. McCardle Room of the Fresno County Library - a modern, quiet location. The Hotel Californian, through an oversight by the management, was given over to a national bridge tournament.

Fresno, May 28, 1961 (The South had White on Board 1)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

1	B. Siff	1
2	H. Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	R. Burger	1
4	V. Pafnutieff	1
5	V. Zemitis	1
6	Dr. A. Janushkowsky	1
7	C. Sedlack	0
8	J. Kalisch	1
9	C. Svalberg	0
10	G. McClain	1
11	Dr. F. Ruys	1
12	K. Bopp	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	E. Simanis	1
14	Dr. R. Hultgren	0
15	W. Leeds	0
16	Dr. J. M. David- Malig	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	C. Jonas	1
18	W. Sprague	$\frac{1}{2}$
19	R. Willson	0
20	Dr. E. Schnoor	0
21	L. W. Turner	1
22	N. T. Austin	0
23	W. Rebold	0
24	F. Weinberg	1
25	G. Rasmussen	1
26	E. Lien	1
27	R. Freeman	1
28	G. Farly	$\frac{1}{2}$
29	E. Wrany	0
30	F. N. Christensen	1
31	W. Hendricks	1
32	M. Bedford	0
33	P. Cleghorn	1
34	S. Van Gelder	1
35	G. B. Oakes	1
36	L. Zipfel	1
37	R. DeLashmutt	1
38	F. Olvera	0
39	L. Krogness	$\frac{1}{2}$
40	M. Mattingley	$\frac{1}{2}$

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

I. Kashdan	0
J. Moskowitz	$\frac{1}{2}$
I. Rivise	0
S. Almgren	0
H. Borochoy	0
P. D. Smith	0
J. Barry	1
M. Gordon	0
J. Hanken	1
E. Warner	0
N. Hultgren	0
J. Alexander	$\frac{1}{2}$
L. Johnson	0
G. VanDeene	1
L. Standers	1
Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky	$\frac{1}{2}$
L. Mercy	0
N. Robinson	$\frac{1}{2}$
D. Bengé	1
G. Hultgren	1
C. J. Gibbs	0
Dr. R. Wilson	1
J. Thompson	1
J. Zorrilla	0
F. Sleep	0
W. Wheeler	0
F. Hazard	0
A. Gates	$\frac{1}{2}$
D. Maron	1
E. Swett	0
E. Fazio	0
Mrs. L. Grumette	1
K. Forrest	0
J. Hunt	0
C. Ulrich	0
R. Lazaro	0
P. Templar	0
H. D. Rader	1
M. Gelbard	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

41 R. Guzman	$\frac{1}{2}$
42 C. J. Smith	1
43 R. Carlisle	$\frac{1}{2}$
44 J. Havill	1
45 F. Clark	1
46 J. Christiansen	0
47 R. Brook	1
48 N. Janushkowsky	1
49 G. Lydeard	0
	<u><math>31\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

R. Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. L. Alexander	0
C. Savery	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. Nace	0
F. Cardenas	0
S. Genits	1
J. Harrington	0
Miss O. Smith	0
L. Legler	1
	<u><math>17\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

STATISTICAL REPORT

The 1961 Northern California vs. Southern California team match was the 28th in a series started in 1926. This year's match was 49 boards, only 2 less than last year but smallest since 1950. Of the total of 49 games played, 19 were won by White, 21 by Black, and 9 were drawn.

Over the years, the North has used a total of 311 players, while the South has used 416. There have been 29 players who have played at various times for both North and South. Previous results:

<u>Year</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1926	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	South	1948	$28\frac{1}{2}$	$28\frac{1}{2}$	Tie
1927	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	North	1949	$24\frac{1}{2}$	$26\frac{1}{2}$	South
1930	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	North	1950	24	21	North
1931	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$	South	1951	$38\frac{1}{2}$	$19\frac{1}{2}$	North
1932	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	South	1952	32	27	North
1934	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	Tie	1953	34	27	North
1935	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	Tie	1954	42	30	North
1936	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	South	1955	35	24	North
1937	13	12	North	1956	$31\frac{1}{2}$	$35\frac{1}{2}$	South
1938	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	North	1957	36	37	South
1939	14	12	North	1958	$32\frac{1}{2}$	$30\frac{1}{2}$	North
1940	$18\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	North	1959	37	33	North
1946	14	11	North	1960	29	22	North
1947	17	5	North	1961	$31\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{2}$	North

The North has now won 18 times, the South 7 times, and there have been 3 ties. A total of 1,139 games have been played during this period (not counting a 20 board match between the "second" teams in 1947, won by the North  $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$ ). Total scores: 619-520.

As has been the case for a number of years, the Northern players had more years experience at North-South matches than the Southern players. The players from the North had played a total of 323 previous times, an average of 6.6 years per man, while the Southern players had played a total of 254 previous times, averaging 5.2 years per player. The following table gives the previous experience of each team:

<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>				<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>			
<u>Previous years</u>	<u>No. of players</u>	<u>Previous years</u>	<u>No. of players</u>	<u>Previous years</u>	<u>No. of players</u>	<u>Previous years</u>	<u>No. of players</u>
28	1	8	3	21	2	7	1
24	1	6	1	18	1	6	3
22	1	5	5	15	1	5	3
18	1	4	1	13	1	4	7
17	3	3	9	12	1	3	2
14	2	2	1	10	2	2	3
13	2	1	3	9	3	1	3
12	2	0	9	8	3	0	13
10	2						
9	2		49				49

The results by experience are shown as follows:

<u>Years Of Previous Experience</u>	<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>		<u>SOUTHERN CALIF.</u>	
	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
10 & over	7	8	0	8
5 - 9	9½	1½	6½	6½
1 - 4	8	6	7	8
0	7	2	4	9
	<u>31½</u>	<u>17½</u>	<u>17½</u>	<u>31½</u>

Five players at the match received their ten-year pins:

<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
Frank Weinberg, Russell Freeman	Neilen Hultgren, Fred Hazard, Clare Ulrich

In 1962, the following players will be eligible for ten-year pins:

<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
C. M. Capps J. B. Gee G. Rasmussen	G. Lewis Dr. F. Ruys E. C. Jonas Tom Fries Sam Geller L. Standers S. Weinbaum D. Maron W. Wheeler

Players presented with 5-year pins were:

<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
Robert Burger	J. Alexander
Leo Legler	A. Gates
	H. D. Rader
	Lynn Mercy
	J. Hunt
	N. Robinson

In 1962, the following players will be eligible for 5-year pins:

<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
O. Bender	Dr. A. Janushowsky
O. Celle	Karl Bopp
A. Chappell	Dr. E. Schnoor
R. Currie	Wm. Rebold
W. H. Donnelly	E. Lien
E. Edmondson	G. Farly
C. Fotias	L. Zipfel
L. Ledgerwood	R. DeLashmutt
M. Mattingley	
D. Amneus	B. Madrid
A. Bazaal	S. Mazner
E. Carlson	P. C. McKenna
E. Fisher	J. P. Quillen
C. Fuglie	R. Reed
E. Hoffpaur	G. Reinhardt
Dr. P. Lapiken	E. F. Schraeder
J. Barry	D. Bengé

The following have played five times or more:

<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
F. N. Christensen	H. Borochoy
Wm. P. Barlow	C. J. Gibbs
W. G. McClain	E. P. Elliott
W. A. Hendricks	L. Johnson
R. P. Willson	G. E. Croy
Henry Gross	M. Gordon
C. Sedlack	S. Almgren
S. H. Van Gelder	C. Henderson
C. J. Bergman	R. Banner
Dr. H. J. Ralston	K. Forrest
P. D. Smith	I. Rivise
D. N. Vedensky	H. Gordon
N. T. Austin	E. W. Grabill
Dr. R. Hultgren	F. Hazard
W. Leeds	N. Hultgren
V. Pafnutiëff	G. Patterson
F. Olvera	C. Ulrich
C. Svalberg	T. Fries
M. O. Meyer	S. Geller
W. T. Adams	D. Maron
L. Krogness	R. Martin
G. B. Oakes	L. Standers
D. M. Belmont	S. Weinbaum
E. T. Dana	W. Wheeler
L. Daugherty	F. Hufnagel

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(Players who have played 5 times or more, continued:)

<u>NORTH</u>		<u>SOUTH</u>	
R. Freeman	10	G. Hultgren	8
E. Pruner	10	A. V. Taylor	8
F. Weinberg	10	G. Chase	7
C. R. Wilson	10	M. Cook	7
C. M. Capps	9	R. Gross	7
J. B. Gee	9	G. A. Hunnex	7
E. C. Jonas	9	I. Kashdan	7
G. Lewis	9	C. E. Kodil	7
G. Rasmussen	9	L. Millstein	7
Dr. F. Ruys	9	A. Raymond	7
I. Koenig	8	A. Spiller	7
R. Baker	7	F. E. Sleep	7
L. Boyette	7	R. Travers	7
F. Crofut	7	H. Abel	6
E. O. Fawcett	7	H. Calkins	6
R. Guzman	7	Dr. B. Collins	6
H. King	7	J. M. Freed	6
A. Loera	7	G. Goehler	6
A. B. Stamer	7	L. Grummette	6
J. Tippin	7	W. T. Pinney	6
F. Byron	6	W. Steel	6
C. Ekoos	6	J. Thompson	6
Dr. M. Eudey	6	G. VanDeene	6
N. Falconer	6	J. Alexander	5
S. Kondrashoff	6	S. Austrain	5
J. Schmitt	6	W. Caverly	5
C. J. Smith	6	E. Everett	5
P. Traum	6	A. Gates	5
L. Turner	6	J. Hunt	5
E. Wrany	6	F. Johnson	5
V. Zemitis	6	L. Mercy	5
S. Abrahams	5	R. Burger	5
F. Clark	5	M. Hailparn	5
E. Hawsworth	5	E. L. Jeffers	5
L. Kerfoot	5	G. Lutz	5
R. Maxwell	5	D. McLeod	5
E. Mueller	5	N. Preo	5
G. Ramirez	5	Dr. Shimkin	5
A. Stobbe	5	R. Trenberth	5
		L. Legler	5

Of those who have played five times or more, the following have "batting" averages of .500 or more:

NORTH %		SOUTH %	
R. Burger	1000	C. R. Wilson	650
N. Falconer	917	C. M. Capps	611
Dr. F. Ruys	889	E. T. Dana	611
L. Turner	833	G. Lewis	611
W. T. Adams	818	Dr. R. Hultgren	600
F. Byron	750	P. D. Smith	594
F. Weinberg	750	F. Christensen	589
C. J. Bergman	733	Dr. M. Eudey	583
A. Loera	714	S. H. Van Gelder	583
A. B. Stamer	714	V. Zemitis	583
J. W. Tippin	714	R. P. Willson	579
L. Daugherty	700	E. O. Fawcett	571
E. Hoffer	667	W. Hendricks	566
E. C. Jonas	667	J. B. Gee	556
J. Schmitt	667	Henry Gross	556
D. Belmont	650	Dr. H. J. Ralston	536
R. Freeman	650		
		D. Maron	834
		R. Travers	786
		R. Martin	667
		G. Patterson	600
		R. Banner	591
		H. Borochoy	591
		G. Goehler	583
		E. P. Elliott	579
		A. Spiller	571
		A. V. Taylor	563
		G. Croy	559
		T. Fries	556

Because of the short weekend, the Rapid Transit Championship was not held.

The preceding statistical report may be the last comprehensive report on the North-South match. In next year's report, it has been proposed that only active players will appear in the various tabulations. While ground rules for the proposed condensed, or active list, reports to be made in the future are not yet settled, it will probably be on the basis of at least one appearance during the latest five-year period.

The present report is based on the detailed records set up by our first statistician, Wm. P. Barlow, and has been prepared by E. C. Jonas. Mr. Barlow's records were kept on loose-leaf sheets with space for all matches from 1926 through 1958. In 1959 it was necessary to produce new recording sheets, and the statistician is now in the process of copying old records and transcribing the records of 1959, 1960, and 1961. In doing this work, Mr. Jonas noted the ever-increasing bulk of the statistical report and recommended dropping inactive players from the tabulations. Original records will be preserved, however. It was also noted that occasional errors have crept into the records over the years, mostly because of misspelling or not having the first names of the players. Please write E. C. Jonas, care of The Reporter, if you have any corrections or suggestions regarding these reports.

WEST BESTS EAST 9½-6½

In the annual San Francisco - East Bay match held the weekend before the North-South match, a powerful West team had less than an easy time earning the victory. Lien provided an upset for the East on Board 2. The score:

<u>San Francisco</u>		<u>East Bay</u>	
1 W. Addison	1	E. Simanis	0
2 H. Gross	0	E. Lien	1
3 B. Siff	1	C. Sedlack	0
4 J. Kalisch	1	R. Trenberth	0
5 C. Svalberg	0	D. McLeod	1
6 R. Willson	1	Mrs. D. McLeod	0
7 A. Bourke	1	G. Farly	0
8 K. Bendit	1	F. Olvera	0
9 F. Wreden	½	R. Guzman	½
10 W. Leeds	1	C. Bergman	0
11 O. Wreden	0	S. Van Gelder	1
12 A. Palmin	1	H. King	0
13 N. Nielsen	1	R. Carlisle	0
14 P. Vayssie	0	P. Cleghorn	1
15 G. Lydeard	0	W. Loveland	1
16 J. Rawley	0	S. Genits	1
	<u>9½</u>		<u>6½</u>

LOUIS TOMORI
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We regret to report the death on February 24, 1961 of Louis Tomori, 57, of San Bruno. Mr. Tomori had been suffering from a heart condition for about 2 years. A native of Pennsylvania, he had resided in California for 20 years, teaching in the San Bruno schools for 19 years. Besides teaching mathematics and English, he helped many musically inclined young people and was the inspiration behind the high school chess club, which he formed. A strong chessplayer, Mr. Tomori was a former San Joaquin Valley champion and captain of the San Bruno and Mechanics' Institute "Pawn" teams. He was also a former concert violinist, having been first violin in the Chicago Symphony and in the Fresno Symphony.

At a Requiem High Mass held in San Bruno on February 27, Louis Tomori's passing was mourned by the community. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Helen Tomori, a step-daughter, Mrs. Norbert Dessel of Visalia, a brother, Frank Tomori of Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Jeanette Stevens of Las Vegas, Nevada.



## GAME OF THE MONTH

This year's North-South match brought together on first board 2 great friendly enemies from distant battles. When Isaac Kashdan was told that his opponent would be Boris Siff -- who recently made his home in San Francisco -- he at once recalled a game of theirs from the 1948 Manhattan Club Masters Tourney. We present here both games, the first of which Hans Kmoch called Kashdan's "magnum opus." In the second game, Siff turns in the upset of the match and thereby "repays" a 13-year-old debt.

### Game No. 644 Nimzoindian Defense

White	Black
B. Siff	I. Kashdan
(Notes by H. Kmoch)	

- |           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4  | P-K3   |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | B-Kt5  |
| 4. Q-B2   | P-Q4   |
| 5. P-QR3  | B-K2   |

This is one of the ways leading from the Nimzoindian to a kind of Queen's Gambit. Another usual one is 4. P-K3 P-Q4 5. P-QR3, B-K2. All these variations are slightly different from the ordinary Queen's Gambit, and the whole group should, therefore, have a special name: Nimzo-Queen's Gambit.

- |            |        |
|------------|--------|
| 6. PxP     | PxP    |
| 7. B-B4    | P-B3   |
| 8. P-R3    | O-O    |
| 9. P-K3    | R-K1   |
| 10. B-Q3   | QKt-Q2 |
| 11. Kt-B3  | Kt-B1  |
| 12. Kt-K5  | B-Q3   |
| 13. O-O    | Kt-K3  |
| 14. B-R2   | P-KKt3 |
| 15. Kt-B3  | Kt-Kt2 |
| 16. BxB    | QxB    |
| 17. KR-B1  | B-B4   |
| 18. Kt-Q2  | R-K2   |
| 19. P-QKt4 | QR-K1  |

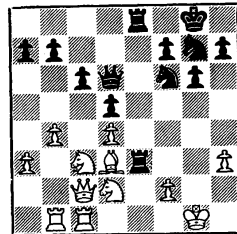
20. QR-Kt1? ...

Although probably no mistake, this move deserves a question mark, for ignoring the threat is very risky.

20. ... BxP!

This is the threat. The consequences of this combination are not quite clear, yet the exclamation mark seems justified as Black obtains fine chances.

21. PxB RxB!



The point of the first sacrifice.

22. B-B1! ...

The best defense. 22. PxB? Q-Kt6ch leads to a very peculiar situation, showing White's superior but inactive forces ignominiously helpless against the attack....

22. ... Kt-B4!

The sacrifice of the Rook is still correct though hardly good enough for a win. But there is no winning line....

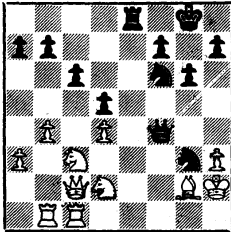
- 23. PXR Q-Kt6ch
- 24. B-Kt2 ...

Still with a win in mind, White chooses a line which only makes his own job more difficult. From the practical point of view K-R1 is preferable. Then Black has nothing better than forcing a perpetual check as follows: 24. ... KtxKP 25. Q-Q3, Kt3-Kt5! 26. PxBt Q-R5ch 27. K-Kt1, Q-Kt6ch.

- 24. ... QxPch
- 25. K-R1 Kt-Kt6ch
- 26. K-R2 Q-B5!

Threatening, first of all, mate in four: 27. ... Kt-Kt5ch! 28. PxBt, Kt-K7ch 29. K-R1, Q-R3ch 30. B-R3, QxB.

Fatal, though in the long run only, is 27. K-Kt1? on account of 27. ... Kt-K7ch! 28. KtxKt (otherwise 28. ... Kt-Kt5!! forces mate), RxBt 29. Kt-B3 (the only defense against the double



threat Q-B7ch and Q-Kt6), Q-K6ch 30. K-R1, (K-R2?, QxKt!) RxBt 31. RxB, QxRP etc.; Black has four Pawns for the piece, plus initiative.

- 27. Kt-B3? ...

Strangely enough 27. Kt-B1! seems to save the game, e.g. 27... KtxKtch 28. K-Kt1, Kt-Q7 29. R-Kt2, Kt-Kt5! 30. PxBt, Q-K6ch 31. K-R2, Q-B5ch 32. K-R1, Q-R3ch, etc. Or 27... Kt-K7ch 28. K-R1, Q-B7 29. Kt-Kt3! and Black has only a rather curious perpetual check KtxKtch 30. K-R2, Kt-B8ch! 31. K-R1, Kt-Kt6ch, etc.

- 27. ... R-K7!

Smart and decisive. But it should lead only to a winning position, not to an immediate win as it actually does.

- 28. KtxR? ...

Losing quickly. The Queen should move. Let us find where.

(1) 28. Q-Q3? This is hopeless because of 28...Kt6-K5ch 29. K-R1 (otherwise RxBch, etc.), Kt-B7ch.

(2) 28. Q-Q1? Also futile; 28. ... Kt6-K5ch 29. K-R1, RxB 30. KtxKt, KtxKt and wins, for there is no adequate defense against the main threat of Q-Kt6.

(3) 28. Q-Kt3. The best move with the practical merit of being not quite as easily refuted as Q-Q1. This is the right line for Black: 28... Kt6-K5ch 29. K-R1, RxB 30. KtxKt, KtxKt 31. R-Kt1, R-KB7 32. QR-KB1, Kt-Q7 33. Q-Q1, RxBt 34. RxB, KtxR 35. R-Kt2, KtxP etc. With four Pawns for the exchange Black must win.

- 28. ... KtxKtch
- 29. K-R1 Kt-R4!

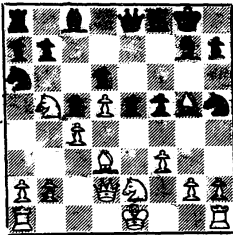
The finishing touch, protecting the Knight, threatening a mate in 3 and in 4.

- 30. Q-Q2 Kt4-Kt6ch
- 31. K-R2 Kt-B8ch!
- 32. K-R1 Q-R7ch!
- 33. Resigns

Kt8-Kt6 mate follows. A breathtaking struggle, extremely rich in combinations. It shows the bewitching power of courage and attack.

Game No. 645 King's Indian Defense

White Black  
I. Kashdan B. Siff



The above position occurred after the opening moves 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3 2. P-QB4, P-KKt3 3. Kt-QB3, B-Kt2 4. P-K4, P-Q3 5. P-B3, O-O 6. B-K3, P-K4 7. P-Q5, P-B4 8. B-Q3 Kt-R4 9. Q-Q2, P-B4 10. PxP, PxP 11. B-Kt5, Q-K1 12. Kkt-K2, Kt-R3 13. Kt-Kt5.

If there is any point to White's 11th and 13th moves, it must be to cause Black embarrassment in protecting the Queen's Pawn. But Siff ignores the threat and bluffs White into abandoning the idea.

13. ... B-Q2  
14. O-O-O ...

Cannot White afford 14. KtxP, Q-Kt3 15. B-K7? Black would obtain counter-chances after 15. ... Kt-Kt5 16. BxR, RxB 17. Kt-Kt5, KtxB 18. QxKt, P-K5 but certainly not better than he obtains after the textmove.

14. ... BxKt  
15. PxB P-QB5

After this strong move, the Q6 square becomes the weak point for White, as it had been for Black after the 13th move. But Black does not hesitate.

16. BxKBP RxB  
17. PxB Kt-B5

Now the other Knight enters the game.

18. PxB ...

If BxKt the long diagonal is opened for Black's King Bishop, but what follows is worse. In any case PxB simply opens the Knight file sooner than necessary.

18. ... Kt-Q6ch  
19. K-Kt1 R-Kt1  
20. Kt-B1 P-K5!

Obvious, but with more than one line-opening effect.

21. PxB? R-B7  
22. Resigns

The remaining top games from the North-South match are in the Games Section.

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## GAMES SECTION

NORTH-SOUTH MATCH, 1961

Board 3  
Game No. 646 Sicilian Defense  
 White Black  
 I. Rivise R. Burger

1. P-K4 P-QB4  
 2. Kt-KB3 P-QR3  
 3. P-QKt4 ...

A logical reaction to Black's slow 2nd move, if one likes to play the Wing Gambit anyway.

3. ... Kt-QB3

A spur-of-the-moment decision. Declining the gambit at least makes use of P-QR3.

4. PxP P-K4  
 5. B-B4 ...

The game now resembles the Giuoco Piano, with the absence of 2 Pawns. If White is to obtain something from the opening, perhaps 5. P-B3 followed by P-Q4 is the way.

5. ... BxP  
 6. O-O Kt-B3  
 7. B-Q5 ...

This type of move is sometimes strong when White has already played P-Q3 (so that Black cannot interpolate P-K5 after capturing the Bishop). Here it threatens nothing except a dubious exchange of Bishop for Knight. 7. P-Q3 was good.

7. ... O-O  
 8. P-B3 KtxB  
 9. PxKt P-K5  
 10. PxKt PxKt  
 11. QxP QPxP  
 12. P-Q4 R-K2

13. Kt-R3 B-K3  
 14. Kt-B2 Q-R4  
 15. Q-Kt3 B-B3  
 16. B-B4 KR-K1  
 17. P-QR4 B-Kt6  
 18. B-B7 Q-R4  
 19. Kt-K3 B-R5  
 20. Q-Kt4 ...

After Q-Q6, Q-K7 Black already threatens RxKt and B-Q4. The exchange of Queens leaves Black with a Rook on the 7th and the 2 Bishops. To compensate, his opponent goes after the Kt Pawn

20. ... QxQ  
 21. KtxQ R-K7  
 22. P-Kt3 B-Kt4  
 23. KR-Kt1 B-Q4  
 24. RxP B-Q7  
 25. B-R5 QR-K1

Inexact, for it allows 26. Kt-K5 P-B3 27. K-B1! Instead, 25. ... P-B3 would have forced the line which actually is played.

26. KR-Kt1? P-B3  
 27. P-R4 P-R4  
 28. Kt-R2 B-K8

The move White overlooked. Now everything crumbles.

29. B-B7 BxQBP  
 30. K-B1 BxP  
 31. Resigns

## Board 4

Fresh from his winning of the Golden Gate Club Championship, Mr. Pafnutieff turns in a vigorous win against another veteran (and perennial nemesis!). Instead of 14.... P-KKt3? Black could have played PxP with a

Game No. 647 QP, Blumenfeld

White Black  
V. Pafnutieff S. Almgren

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|-------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4     | Kt-KB3  |
| 2. P-QB4    | P-QB4   |
| 3. P-Q5     | P-K3    |
| 4. Kt-QB3   | P-Q3    |
| 5. P-K4     | B-K2    |
| 6. B-Q3     | O-O     |
| 7. Kkt-K2   | Qkt-Q2  |
| 8. O-O      | Kt-K4   |
| 9. Kt-Kt3   | KtxB    |
| 10. QxKt    | B-Q2    |
| 11. B-Q2    | P-QR3   |
| 12. P-QR4   | KR-K1   |
| 13. QR-K1   | KB-B1   |
| 14. P-B4    | P-Kkt3  |
| 15. P-K5    | Kt-Kt5  |
| 16. P-KR3   | Kt-R3   |
| 17. Kkt-K4  | QPxP    |
| 18. BPxP    | PxP     |
| 19. Kt-B6ch | K-R1    |
| 20. QKtxP   | BxP5    |
| 21. KtxR    | BxKt    |
| 22. P-K6    | Kt-B4   |
| 23. P-K7    | BxP     |
| 24. RxKt    | PxR     |
| 25. RxB     | Q-Q3    |
| 26. B-B3ch  | P-B3    |
| 27. BxPch   | K-Kt1   |
| 28. Q-K3    | B-Kt3   |
| 29. Q-R6    | Resigns |

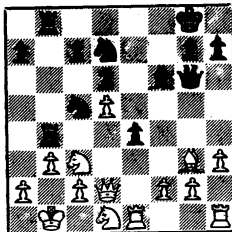
7. B-B4 (Nimzowitch's "refutation" of the gambit) in order to exploit the diagonal with 8. Kt-K3. But White played 8. P-KR3 (Blumenfeld) which is supposed to undermine the center. Finally, he switched to Spielman's P-Q5. Black thus got an adequate game, his combination (19...P-K6) being premature. In time pressure, Black is able to make a deadly Queen maneuver.

Game No. 648 Latvian Gambit

White Black  
H. Borochow V. Zemitis

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|-----------|--------|------------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K4   | 11. Kt-K3  | Kt-R3  |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-KB4  | 12. O-O-O  | Kt-B4  |
| 3. KtxP   | Q-B3   | 13. K-Kt1  | P-Kt4  |
| 4. P-Q4   | P-Q3   | 14. BxKtP  | QR-Kt1 |
| 5. Kt-B4  | PxP    | 15. BxB    | KKtxB  |
| 6. Kt-B3  | Q-Kt3  | 16. B-Kt3  | B-B3   |
| 7. B-B4   | Kt-KB3 | 17. P-Kt3  | R-Kt5  |
| 8. P-KR3  | B-K2   | 18. QR-K1  | KR-Kt1 |
| 9. P-Q5   | O-O    | 19. Kkt-Q1 | ...    |
| 10. Q-Q2  | B-Q2   |            |        |

The advice that now comes to mind is Bogoljubow's: when you see a good move, put your hands between yourself and your chair...



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| 19. ...   | P-K6    |
| 20. RxP   | RxPch   |
| 21. PxR   | KtxP    |
| 22. Q-Q3! | Kt-B4ch |

Board 5

(Notes by V. Zemitis)

Our first encounter, some eight years ago, ended in a brilliant victory for Mr. Borochow. This time the gods were with me. The Latvian Gambit again (see Vol. IX, 9-10, Game 546), which has "certain possibilities" - especially among non-Grandmasters. Borochow chose a combination of opening ideas --

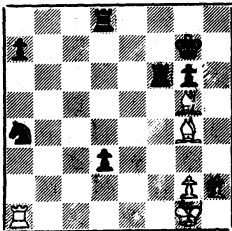
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|------------|-------|-------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 23. Q-Kt5  | RxQch | 31. Kt-Q4   | Q-R3  | 25. Q-Kt5  | B-B3  |
| 24. KtxR   | Kt-K5 | 32. R-Kt8ch | K-B2  | 26. QxKtP5 | Q-B4  |
| 25. KtxBP  | KtxB  | 33. Kt-Kt3  | Kt-B5 | 27. QxQ    | KtxQ  |
| 26. PxKt   | Kt-K4 | 34. KtxKt   | PxKt  | 28. P-B5   | Kt-R5 |
| 27. Kt-Kt2 | Q-B2  | 35. Kt-Q4   | Q-R6  | 29. Pxp    | Pxp   |
| 28. Kt-Kt5 | QxP   | 36. R-Kt7ch | K-Kt3 | 30. RxB    | RxR   |
| 29. R-Kt3  | Q-B3  | 37. P-Kt4   | Q-B6  | 31. B-R4   | K-Kt2 |
| 30. R-Q1   | P-Q4  | 38. Resigns |       | 32. R-R1   | ...   |

Board 6

A virtuoso of the Gruenfeld Defense, Phil Smith again showed his understanding of this complicated opening. 7. B-B4 was correctly met by P-B3, but White might well have tried 8. P-K4. The resourceful Doctor, as optimistic about chess as a about life in general, kept the position fluid and offered a draw at the right moment. A few moves later his opponent felt inclined to make the offer, but White was looking for a move like 30. RxB, and there it was!

Game No. 649 Gruenfeld Defense

- | White               |        | Black     |        |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Dr. A. Janushkowsky |        | P. Smith  |        |
| 1. P-Q4             | Kt-KB3 | 6. QxBP   | O-O    |
| 2. P-QB4            | P-KKt3 | 7. B-B4   | P-B3   |
| 3. Kt-QB3           | P-Q4   | 8. P-K3   | P-QKt4 |
| 4. Kt-B3            | B-Kt2  | 9. Q-Kt3  | Q-R4   |
| 5. Q-Kt3            | Pxp    | 10. B-K2  | B-K3   |
|                     |        | 11. Q-B2  | Kt-Q4  |
|                     |        | 12. B-Kt3 | P-QB4  |
|                     |        | 13. O-O   | Pxp    |
|                     |        | 14. KtxKt | BxKt   |
|                     |        | 15. Q-B5  | BxKt   |
|                     |        | 16. BxB   | Kt-R3  |
|                     |        | 17. QxKP  | KR-K1  |
|                     |        | 18. Q-Kt5 | P-KR3  |
|                     |        | 19. Q-R4  | QR-Q1  |
|                     |        | 20. QR-Q1 | P-Q6   |
|                     |        | 21. P-QR3 | Bxp    |
|                     |        | 22. Qxp   | R-K3   |
|                     |        | 23. B-Kt4 | R-QB3  |
|                     |        | 24. P-R4  | Q-R6   |



Position after  
32. R-R1

See diagram. Can Black defend?

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| 32. ...   | Kt-B6   |
| Not this way. P-Q7! would force 33. BxRch, KxB 34. RxKt, P-Q8(Q)ch, etc. as White could not afford the luxury of 33. B-Q1, Kt-B6 34. RxPch, R-B2 35. RxRch, KxR 36. BxR, KtxB 37. B-R5 Kt-B6! and Black wins! |         |
| 33. RxPch   | K-R3    |
| 34. BxR   | Kt-K7ch |
| 35. BxKt  | PxB     |
| 36. K-B2  | R-Q7    |
| 37. K-K1  | R-B7    |
| 38. R-Q7  | R-B3    |
| 39. B-Kt7ch   | K-Kt4   |
| 40. KxP   | Resigns |

Board 7

Sedlack seems to have a predilection for cramped variations in the Queen's Gambit, but this time he met a player who thrives on such positions. Barry built up his attack until the time was ripe for the final combination, when all the tenacity in the world could not hold the defense. This was the first victory for the South.  
(Game score not available.)

Board 10  
Game No. 650 QP, Benoni  
 White Black  
 G. McClain E. Warner

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4  | P-B4   |
| 3. P-Q5   | P-K3   |
| 4. Kt-QB3 | PxP    |
| 5. KtxP   | P-QKt4 |
| 6. B-Kt5  | B-K2   |
| 7. KtxB   | QxKt   |
| 8. P-K3   | B-Kt2  |
| 9. Kt-B3  | O-O    |
| 10. PxP   | P-Q4   |

As a result of the unusual 5. KtxP White has a Pawn but Black an imposing attacking position. Somewhere, however, the initiative is lost (possibly 17. ...KtxKt instead of P-B4), and with 21. P-K4 White seizes control of the game.

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|-------------|--------|
| 11. B-K2    | QKt-Q2 |
| 12. O-O     | Q-K3   |
| 13. Q-B2    | Kt-K5  |
| 14. B-KB4   | P-KR3  |
| 15. P-QR4   | P-Kt4  |
| 16. B-Kt3   | P-KR4  |
| 17. Kt-Q2   | KtxKt  |
| 18. QxKt    | P-R5   |
| 19. B-B7    | QR-B1  |
| 20. B-QR5   | P-R6   |
| 21. P-K4    | P-B3   |
| 22. KPxP    | BxP    |
| 23. KR-Q1   | BxP    |
| 24. QxKt    | QxB    |
| 25. R-K1    | Q-R4   |
| 26. R-K7    | B-B6   |
| 27. QR-K1   | P-B4?  |
| 28. Q-K6ch  | R-B2   |
| 29. QxR/lch | K-R2   |
| 30. RxRch   | QxR    |
| 31. B-B3    | B-K5   |
| 32. R-Q1    | B-Q4   |

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|------------|---------|
| 33. Q-R8ch | K-Kt3   |
| 34. Q-K5   | B-R1    |
| 35. R-Q6ch | K-R4    |
| 36. Q-R8ch | K-Kt5   |
| 37. QxB    | Q-Kt6   |
| 38. Q-Q5   | Resigns |

## Board 13

Finally, one of the shorter routes to victory by Edwin Simanis, who has returned to the San Francisco Bay Area after a couple of years in the Service. The final combination comes as quite a surprise.

Game No. 651 Sicilian Defense  
 White Black  
 L. Johnson E. Simanis

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-QB4  |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4   | PxP    |
| 4. KtxP   | B-KB3  |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-Q3   |
| 6. B-KKt5 | P-QR3  |
| 7. BxKt   | KtPxB  |
| 8. KtxKt  | PxKt   |

The exchanges have opened lines which will prove valuable only to Black.

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|------------|--------|
| 9. B-Q3    | P-KR4  |
| 10. P-KR3  | Q-R4   |
| 11. O-O    | R-QKt1 |
| 12. R-QKt1 | R-Kt1  |
| 13. K-R1   | Q-KKt4 |
| 14. R-Kt1  | B-R3   |
| 15. Kt-K2  | Q-R5   |
| 16. Kt-Kt3 | BxP    |
| 17. QxP    | ...    |

There was no defense in any case, even on the preceding move.

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| 17. ...     | BxPch |
| 18. Resigns |       |

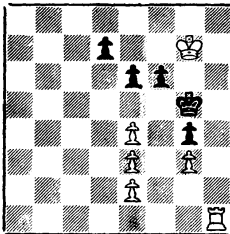
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REPORTER TASKS

In recent years, no one could fail to notice the gradual disappearance of problem columns from the leading periodicals and newspapers. Younger players may not even realize that such publications as Chess Review once had world-renowned problem pages. The positions below are taken from the pages of this magazine in the 'thirties.

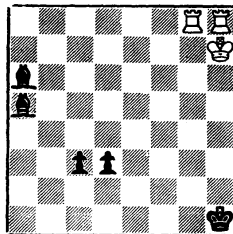
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