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MEXICAN NATIONAL OPEN

The Mexican National Open will be held in the Casino de Telefonistas, Second and H Streets, Tijuana, Mexico, during Easter Week, April 1-5. Meet the best of Mexico in this great new event! National trophies will be awarded by the President of Mexico, the Governor of the State, and the Mayor of Tijuana.

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Round 1 starts at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1. Registrations all day.
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Round 4 Thursday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. Round 5 Thursday at 5 p.m.
Round 6 Friday, April 4 at 9:30 a.m. Round 7 Friday at 5 p.m.
Round 8 Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. Ceremonies Saturday evening.

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CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

David Blohm of San Francisco won the State Championship in December in a decimated tournament which ended with only six players in the running. The disputes in the tournament caused more commotion than any event in California since the 1950s. For what we hope is a definitive account of the happenings, please see the next two pages.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Mailed with our last issue was a questionnaire for Californians on the three main events of the State Federation: (A) The North-South Team Match; (B) The California Open; and (C) The State Championship. (We failed to include the State Junior Championship, which is not presently provided with funds by the CSCF.) We urge all chessplayers in California to answer on the reply cards, or write letters. More question forms and cards are available on request.

DAVID BLOHM WINS CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

David Blohm of San Francisco won the title by a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ in a tournament which was distinguished by acrimony and the Hong Kong Flu. George Kane and Ray Schutt tied for second, 4-2. The tournament was held at the Mechanics' Institute and was directed by Charles Savery.

The tournament, in which 11 players had originally qualified, was badly weakened by illness and other reasons which cut down the field. Oddly enough, the reduction made for larger prizes for those who were able to finish. Felled by illness were Charles Henin, Tibor Weinberger, George Hunnex and Rex Wilcox (John Blackstone was also ill, but managed to finish anyhow) and cut down by technicalities were Ray Schutt and Jude Acers. For the Schutt story, we quote Isaac Kashdan:

"The final game between Blohm and Ray Schutt of Los Angeles lasted just half a move. At the time Blohm had 4 - 1 and needed only a draw to win the championship. Schutt, with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, could win if he defeated Blohm. A draw in the crucial game would drop Schutt to a tie for 2nd and 3rd with George Kane. A loss for Schutt would be even worse. Kane would then take second and Schutt and Julius Loftsson would tie for 3rd and 4th.

"Blohm, with the white pieces, moved 1.P-K4. Schutt, instead of replying on the board, made a verbal gambit. He asked "David, are you playing for a draw?" Former California junior champion Blohm, evidently more conversant with the rules of chess, claimed that the question was in effect an offer of a draw, which he accepted. Tournament director Charles Savery, called upon for a decision, ruled that Blohm was right and that the game was drawn.

"The rule has been in effect for some 30 years, on the theory that a player has no right to ask for his opponent's intentions by such queries, as, 'Are you playing for a win?' or 'Are you playing for a draw?' Any remark to that effect is construed as an offer of a draw.

"On the other hand, players should consider that decisions in chess should be arrived at over the board, not by technicalities. Blohm would have added to his reputation by continuing the game rather than taking advantage of a query that Schutt did not think had any significance."

We are informed that there actually was another move made. Schutt made a move after the decision had been made, intending to protest. (The move was 1..P-KRt3) Schutt then protested to the president of the California State Chess Federation, Isaac Kashdan, with copies of his

letter to the executive director of the United States Chess Federation, Ed Edmondson, Gordon S. Barrett, Chairman of the southern section of the CSCF tournament committee, the writer, who is chairman of the northern section of the tournament committee as well as editor of the California Chess Reporter, and to the players in the tournament. As the previous quotation from Isaac Kashdan shows, the protest was overruled.

The tournament director, Charles Savery, was not supported from every quarter, however. Gordon Barrett wrote in Terrachess that the offer of a draw was not made according to the rules of chess, mainly because Schutt had not moved and the rule covering the offer of a draw requires the player to make the offer just as he makes his move. Col Edmondson wrote us that because neither player had made a move the draw offer was totally against the rules of chess.

In our opinion, the law covering the offering of a draw does not apply in this case. It is, instead, the law defining the powers and duties of the tournament director.

The other dispute occurred in the previous round. Jude Acers and Schutt arrived at the adjournment time with some play left (Acers was ahead a pawn). Schutt wrote down a move, placed it in the envelope and stopped his clock. Acers objected to this because the envelope was not yet sealed. The tournament director was called and Acers claimed the game because of the breach of the rules. The tournament director ruled that Schutt should forfeit some time on his clock but not the game. The ruling was that Schutt should lose 20 minutes. Acers refused to play under the ruling and was therefore deemed to be forfeited. He was also forfeited in the next round, the last round of the tournament, and was not awarded his share of the prize for the sixth place.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1968

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. David Blohm	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
2. George Kane	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4 - 2
3. Ray Schutt	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1*	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 - 2
4. Julius Loftsson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1*	$\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$
5. Walter Dorne	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 - 4
6. Jude Acers	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	F	F	0	X	1	$1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
7. John Blackstone	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$

Games played but not counted in the results: Wilcox 1, Kane 0; Blohm 1, Wilcox 0; Blackstone 1, Hunnex 0; Schutt 1, Hunnex 0; Henin 1 Hunnex 0; Blackstone 1, Henin 0; Henin 1, Loftsson 0; Henin 1, Schutt 0; and Acers 1, Wilcox 0.

THREE-WAY TIE IN CALIFORNIA OPEN

Tibor Weinberger, John Blackstone and Gilbert Ramirez tied for first place in the 1968 California Open, held at the Hacienda Motel in Fresno over the Labor Day week end. Weinberger had won six straight games but lost to Blackstone in the last round. Meanwhile, Ramirez, who had lost to Ira Pohl in the third round, was winning his final game. The three players divided \$340 in prizes and were qualified into the State Championship finals (although the flu eliminated Weinberger and a Saturday job eliminated Ramirez).

Class prizes were won by: Arthur Spiller, David Blohm and Hugh Noland for Expert; Mike Goodall, Jim McIlrath, Norman Miller and Allen Van Gelder for Class A; John Rowell, Ray Cuneo, L. Post, Paul Vayssie and George Oakes, Class B; Greg Wong, Roy Ervin and R. Sills, Class C; and Frank Harris, Upset Prize.

The tournament had 71 contestants and was directed by Gordon S. Barrett. While the number of players was less than normal it could hardly be called a failure, for there was a strong field and players from up and down the State attended.

CALIFORNIA OPEN, AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1968

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. T. Weinberger	W34	W13	W6	W24	W20	W4	L3	6 - 1
2. G. Ramirez	W25	W28	L12	W17	W10	W20	W7	6 - 1
3. J. Blackstone	W37	W21	W32	L20	W29	W11	W1	6 - 1
4. A. Spiller	W48	W22	W46	D14	W12	L1	W15	5½-1½
5. F. Thornally	W30	L23	W42	W13	D6	W32	W12	5½-1½
6. H. Noland	W18	W44	L1	W46	D5	D12	W29	5 - 2
7. J. McIlrath	W62	W63	W39	D21	W14	D8	L2	5 - 2
8. D. Blohm	L57	W59	W25	W28	W23	D7	D9	5 - 2
9. M. Goodall	W69	D15	L22	W57	W16	W14	D8	5 - 2
10. A. Van Gelder	W40	W50	L14	W44	L2	W34	W23	5 - 2
11. N. Miller	W59	L35	W48	W22	W24	L3	W20	5 - 2
12. V. Radaikin	W49	W27	W2	W15	L4	D6	L5	4½-2½
13. L. Standers	W55	L1	W27	L5	W25	W42	D19	4½-2½
14. I. Rivise	W42	W26	W10	D4	L7	L9	W36	4½-2½
15. G. Kane	W64	D9	W35	L12	W33	W21	L4	4½-2½
16. J. Lazos	L33	W18	W43	D26	L9	W51	W52	4½-2½
17. B. Lainson	L58	W45	W53	L2	W37	W31	D18	4½-2½
18. J. Rowell	L6	L16	W56	W54	W61	W33	D17	4½-2½
19. M. Rubin	W45	L33	D57	D37	W58	W43	D13	4½-2½
20. I. Pohl	W47	W57	W33	W3	L1	L2	L11	4 - 3
21. T. Fries	W38	L3	W40	D7	W36	L15	D26	4 - 2

California Open, Continued

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
22. C. Wilson	W67	L4	W9	L11	W41	L29	W48	4 - 3
23. P. Shuey	W65	W5	L24	W63	L8	W44	L10	4 - 3
24. J. Mego	W51	W61	W23	L1	L11	D36	D30	4 - 3
25. L. Post	L2	W56	L8	W50	L13	W45	W44	4 - 3
26. G. Rasmussen	W56	L14	W50	D16	L32	W47	D21	4 - 3
27. P. Vayssie	W41	L12	L13	D38	D57	W58	W55	4 - 3
28. A. DiMilo	W71	L2	W60	L8	D51	D35	W42	4 - 3
29. R. Hammie	L50	W65	W51	W61	L3	W22	L6	4 - 3
30. R. Cuneo	L5	W69	W52	D34	L42	W60	D24	4 - 3
31. G. Oakes	L52	W62	L63	W66	W46	L17	W43	4 - 3
32. Dr. R. Moore	W39	W58	L3	D33	W26	L5	L16	3½-3½
33. F. Harris	W16	W19	L20	D32	L15	L18	W58	3½-3½
34. C. Huneke	L1	D39	W66	D30	W63	L10	D38	3½-3½
35. A. Critchlow	W43	W12	L15	L36	D47	D28	D37	3½-3½
36. B. Gross	L54	W49	W68	W35	L21	D24	L14	3½-3½
37. H. Edelstein	L3	D66	W62	D19	L17	W59	D35	3½-3½
38. R. Ervin	L21	L43	W64	D27	D40	W65	D34	3½-3½
39. R. Sills	L32	D34	L7	L41	W66	W52	W51	3½-3½
40. E. Bohanan	L10	W54	L21	L43	D38	W68	W57	3½-3½
41. G. Wong	L27	L53	W65	W39	L22	W57	D47	3½-3½
42. E. Shields	L14	W55	L5	W49	W30	L13	L28	3 - 4
43. A. Eydal	L35	W38	L16	W40	W45	L19	L31	3 - 4
44. D. Welsh	W68	L6	W58	L10	W60	L23	L25	3 - 4
45. D. Hinrichsen	L19	L17	W69	W52	L43	L25	W59	3 - 4
46. F. Hufnagel	W66	W52	L4	L6	L31	W50	-	3 - 4
47. L. O'Doan	L20	L60	W55	W68	D35	L26	D41	3 - 4
48. M. Mattingly	L4	W67	L11	L60	W62	W61*	L22	3 - 4
49. C. Fotias	L12	L36	W71	W42	D52	D53	W64	3 - 4
50. T. Mishler	W29	L10	L26	L25	W68	L46	D53	2½-4½
51. M. Gazse	L24	W71	L29	W59	D28	L16	L39	2½-4½
52. J. Jaffray	W31	L46	L30	L45	D49	L39	W60	2½-4½
53. D. Quarve	L63	W41	L17	L58	D54	D49	D50	2½-4½
54. M. Mills	W36	L40	L61	L18	D53	L55	W67	2½-4½
55. A. Brethen	L13	L42	L47	W71	D65	W54	L27	2½-4½
56. J. Narcisi	L26	L25	L18	L62	D67	W69	W65	2½-4½
57. W. Stellmacher	W8	L20	D19	L9	D27	L41	L40	2 - 5
58. H. Hyde	W17	L32	L44	W53	L19	L27	L33	2 - 5
59. C. Dawdy	L11	L8	W67	L51	W64	L37	L45	2 - 5
60. M. Andrews	L61	W47	L28	W48	L44	L30	L52	2 - 5
61. J. Heffernan	W60	L24	W54	L29	L18	L48*	-	2 - 5
62. W. Stuart	L7	L31	L37	W56	L48	L64	W69	2 - 5
63. P. Smith	W53	L7	W31	L23	L34	-	-	2 - 5
64. J. Hale	L15	L68	L38	W69	L59	W62	L49	2 - 5

California Open, Continued

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
65. J. Thiessen	L23	L29	L32	W67	D55	L38	L56	1½-5½
66. W. Barlow	L46	D37	L34	L31	L39	L67	W71	1½-5½
67. A. Alpert	L22	L48	L59	L65	D56	W66	L54	1½-5½
68. R. Evans	L44	W64	L36	L47	L50	L40	-	1 - 6
69. L. Frasier	L9	L30	L45	L64	W71	L56	L62	1 - 6
70. W. Hall	-	-	-	-	-	W71	-	1 - 6
71. E. Briggs	L28	L51	L49	L55	L69	L70	L66	0 - 7

BROWNE WINS RIVERSIDE OPEN

Walter Browne added another title to his collection when he won the seventh annual Riverside Open, 5½-½. John Blackstone was second, 5-1. Donald Cotten directed the 28-player event.

SEVENTH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE OPEN, NOVEMBER 1-3, 1968

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. W. Browne	W19	W5	W25	W15	D2	W4	5½-½
2. J. Blackstone	W14	W7	W13	W4	D1	D3	5 - 1
3. R. Myers	L15	W12	W23	W8	W13*	D2	4½-1½
4. Dr. L. Raterman	W17	W9	W10	L2	W7	L1	4 - 2
5. L. Corbin	W27	L1	W15	W17	W11	W12	4 - 2
6. D. Cotten	W12	L13	L11	W18	W17	W10	4 - 2
7. L. Nezhni	W21	L2	W16	W20	L4	D9	3½-2½
8. L. Portillo	D22	W16	D20	L3	D9	W18	3½-2½
9. Ross Stoutenbro	W26	L4	D22	W23	D8	D7	3½-2½
10. P. Weisz	W28	D20	L4	W24	W15*	L6	3½-2½
11. R. Newbold	L20	W26	W6	L13	L5	W23	3 - 3
12. R. Ervin	L6	L3	W28	W19	W14	L5	3 - 3
13. G. Saidi	W18	W6	L2	W11	L3*	-	3 - 3
14. C. Whitman	L2	L23	W21	W26	L12	Q16	3 - 3
15. R. Gross	W3	D25	W5	L1	L10*	-	2½-3½
16. L. Christiansen	D24	L8	L7	W21	W18	L14	2½-3½
17. W. Wozniakowski	L4	W21	W19	L5	L6	-	2 - 4
18. L. Cantafio	L13	W28	L24	L6	L16	W26	2 - 4
19. T. Devine	L1	W27	L17	L12	W26	L8	2 - 4
20. R. Schultz	W11	D10	D8	L7	-	-	2 - 4
21. R. Fisher	L7	L17	L14	L16	BYE	W27	2 - 4
22. W. Fogarty	D8	W24	D9	-	-	-	2 - 4
23. K. Zowal	L25	W14	L3	L9	D27	L11	1½-4½
24. W. Bragg	D16	L22	W18	L10	-	-	1½-4½
25. E. Blackmore	W23	D15	L1	-	-	-	1½-4½
26. E. Briggs	L9	L11	W27	L14	L19	L18	1 - 5
27. H. Vaughn	L5	L19	L26	-	D23	L21	½ - 5½
28. V. Wirship	L10	L18	L12	-	-	-	0 - 6

BICKNELL WINNER OF WHITTIER AMATEUR OPEN

D. Bicknell won the \$100 first prize in the Fall Whittier Amateur Open, 5½-½. Class prizes were won by: Ray Bagley, Class A; Fred Frilling, E. Hurt and Ray Benz, Class B; Ron Pridonoff, Tore Lydersen, C; and Kelly Dingeman, D. Ken Fleshman was the tournament director.

WHITTIER AMATEUR OPEN, FALL 1968

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. D. Bicknell	W19	W32	D8	W5	W9	W2	5½-½
2. Fred Frilling	W42	W15	W4	W10	W13	L1	5 - 1
3. E. Hurt	W20	W7	D5	D13	W22	W10	5 - 1
4. R. Benz	W31	W38	L2	W28	W27	W7	5 - 1
5. R. Bagley	W43	W9	D3	L1	W18	W14	4½-1½
6. T. Mishler	L7	W34	D14	W35	W16	W13	4½-1½
7. L. Pritchard	W6	L3	W23	W24	W8	L4	4 - 2
8. R. Mendoza	D29	W39	D1	W11	L7	W20	4 - 2
9. W. Dunkin	W34	L5	W21	W37	L1	W22	4 - 2
10. W. Thornton	W23	W30	W18	L2	W19	L3	4 - 2
11. F. Brock	L15	W42	W33	L8	W21	W19	4 - 2
12. R. Henderson	L30	W41	W17	L19	W23	W26	4 - 2
13. R. Pridonoff	W37	W14	W24	D3	L2	L6	3½-2½
14. R. Hayes	W25	L13	D6	W15	W17	L5	3½-2½
15. T. Lyderson	W11	L2	D38	L14	W35	W27	3½-2½
16. J. Postma	D17	L18	W25	W29	L6	W28	3½-2½
17. K. Dingeman	D16	W40	L12	W38	L14	W32	3½-2½
18. B. Perrin	W44	W16	L10	D27	L5	W37*	3½-2½
19. P. Yasutake	L1	W26	W28	W12	L10	L11	3 - 3
20. R. Hull	L3	W43	L32	W25	W24	L8	3 - 3
21. R. Wilson	W26	L24	L9	W30	L11	W31	3 - 3
22. T. Streeter	D39	W29	D27	W32	L3	L9	3 - 3
23. H. Gandara	L10	W44	L7	W41	L12	W30	3 - 3
24. J. Clifton	W41	W21	L13	L7	L20	W36	3 - 3
25. W. Hall	L14	W31	L16	L20	W40	W33	3 - 3
26. D. Rader	L21	L19	W40	W33	W31	L12	3 - 3
27. Frank Frilling	W33	D28	D22	D18	L4	L15	2½-3½
28. W. John	W35	D27	L19	L4	W29	L16	2½-3½
29. I. Basistai	D8	L22	W39	L16	L28	W41	2½-3½
30. T. Reese	W12	L10	L37	L21	W34	L23	2 - 4
31. G. Torres	L4	L25	W44	W34	L26	L21	2 - 4
32. L. Hoke	W40	L1	W20	L22	L37*	L17	2 - 4
33. E. Mayhew	L27	W35	L11	L26	W42	L25	2 - 4
34. D. Abrigo	L9	L6	W36	L31	L30	W39	2 - 4
35. C. Larson	L28	L33	W42	L6	L15	W40	2 - 4
36. G. Gonzalez	L38	L37	L34	BYE	W41	L24	2 - 4

Whittier Amateur Open, Fall 1968 (Continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
37. H. Keesey	L13	W36	W30	L9	L32*	L18	2 - 4
38. L. Portillo	W36	L4	D15	L17	-	-	1½-4½
39. E. Saleido	D22	L8	L29	L40	W43*	L34	1½-4½
40. W. McGrann	L32	L17	L26	W39	L25	L35	1 - 5
41. D. Foster	L24	L12	W43	L23	L36	L29	1 - 5
42. P. Bronson	L2	L11	L35	W43	L33	-	1 - 5
43. R. Williams	L5	L20	L41	L42	L39	BYE	1 - 5
44. R. Richardson	L18	L23	L31	-	-	-	0 - 6

LYON, RHEE TIE FOR EL SEGUNDO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Irwin Lyon and Peter Rhee tied for first place in the 1968 El Segundo Club Championship, 5½-½. The cross-table:

EL SEGUNDO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1968

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. I. Lyon	W4	W10	D2	W17	W13	W5	5½-½
2. P. Rhee	W18	W9	D1	W8	W3	W*	5½-½
3. R. Taylor	W14	W25	L8	W4	L2	W16	4 - 2
4. R. Radwin	L1	W21	W6	L3	W22	W12	4 - 2
5. D. Sefton	W26	W7	L17	W10	W12	L1	4 - 2
6. A. Gojich	L7	W26	L4	W24	W19	W13	4 - 2
7. D. Bragg	W6	L5	D10	D15	D9	W17	3½-2½
8. H. Walpuski	W19	D11	W3	L2	W15	L9	3½-2½
9. J. Stolpe	W20	L2	W14	L12	D7	W8	3½-2½
10. D. Linn	W21	L1	D7	L5	W14	W19	3½-2½
11. J. Batchelder	W22	D8	W15	L13	W17	-	3½-2½
12. G. Halsey	L13	W20	W16	W9	L5	L4	3 - 3
13. H. Monteros	W12	L14	W18	W11	L1	L6	3 - 3
14. J. Porter	L3	W13	L9	W26	L10	W18	3 - 3
15. H. Cillers	W24	D17	L11	D7	L8	W20	3 - 3
16. R. Herrera	L17	W24	L12	W*	W18	L3	3 - 3
17. A. Vorderstrasse	W16	D15	W5	L1	L11	L7	2½-3½
18. H. Shipin	L2	W23	L13	W22	L16	L14	2 - 4
19. V. Lopez	L8	L22	W20	W23	L6	L10	2 - 4
20. M. Gojich	L9	L12	L19	W21	W23	L15	2 - 4
21. K. Cook	L10	L4	L24	L20	W26	W23	2 - 4
22. A. Cameron	L11	W19	W*	L18	L4	-	2 - 4
23. C. Cook	L25	L18	W26	L19	L20	L21	1 - 5
24. B. Glazer	L15	L16	W21	L6	-	-	1 - 5
25. J. Nanassy	W23	L3	L*	L*	-	-	1 - 5
26. A. Caldwell	L5	L6	L23	L14	L21	-	0 - 6

SECTION B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1. A. Estilai	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1*	7 - 0
2. F. Garosi	0	X	1	½	1	1	½	1*	5 - 2
3. G. Drake	0	0	X	1	1	0	1	1	4 - 3
4. M. Langhans	0	½	0	X	0	½	1	1	3 - 4
5. L. Senbetu	0	0	0	1	X	1	0	1*	3 - 4
6. R. Pipkin	0	0	1	½	0	X	1	0	2½-4½
7. M. Salkin	0	½	0	0	1	0	X	1	2½-4½
8. G. Davis	0*	0*	0	0	0*	1	0	X	1 - 6
9. W. Guiles	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	Withdrew

GAME OF THE MONTH

David E. Welch of Los Angeles won the I.S. Turover first brilliancy prize at the U. S. Open, Snowmass-at-Aspen 1968. After a poor opening, Welch took advantage of some weak moves by T. Dunning of San Antonio and tore after his opponent with a barrage of sacrifices. It was an unsound game, but it had a brilliant finish. Whether or not the game merits an honor such as the Turover Brilliancy Prize may be debated, but winner Welch seized his salvation with both tactical hands.

U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, 1968Game No. 1061-French Defense

White	Black
<u>D. Welch</u>	<u>T. Dunning</u>
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	P-QB4
4. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
4...PxP is best. Black's theoretical objective should be the undermining of the a1-h8 diagonal.	
5. B-Q3	PxP
6. O-O	KKt-K2
7. B-KB4	Kt-Kt3
8. B-Kt3	Q-Kt3
9. Q-B1	
In my opinion Black's position is better.	
9...	B-Q2
Or 9...Kt-Kt5; 10. B-K2, Q-B4	
10. QKt-Q2	
10. P-QR3 is necessary.	
10. ...	R-B1

Allowing White to repair his position More energetic is 10...Kt-Kt5! and Black has an advantage after 11.P-QR3, KtxB. Also playable was P-R5 followed by Kt-R4.

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| 11. P-QR3 | P-QR4 |
| 12. R-K1 | B-B4 |
| 13. R-Kt1 | O-O |
| 14. P-KR4 | P-B3! |
| 15. PxP | |

Avoiding the simplification after 15. P-R5, KKtxP, 16. KtxKt, PxKt; 17. BxP, KtxB; 18. RxKt when 18... B-Q3 is very strong for Black.

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| 15.... | PxP |
| 16. P-R5 | KKt-K2 |
| 17. P-B4 | PxPe.p. |
| 18. PxP | Q-R2 |
| 19. Kt-Kt3 | Kt-Q1 |
| 20. Q-R6 | R-KB2 |
| 21. Kt-R4 | |

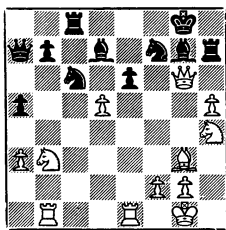
White is aware, I believe, of the critical material and positional

problems he suffers and so attempts to contrive counterplay artificially. He is surely lost and Black must cooperate magnificently in the brilliancy prize stretch.

- 21. ... Kt2-B3
- 22. P-B4 B-B1
- 23. BxPch

Initiating a totally unsound sacrifice in a lost position, White now gives free rein to his imagination and shows practical understanding of Black's desire for ABC defense, namely the eviction of White's Queen immediately by the use of minor pieces. Welch understands that this is simply not possible but that if patience is exercised by Black there is no hope. So the trap is set in the grand Walter Browne-Frank Marshall tradition.

- 23. ... RxB
- 24. QxP B-Kt2
- 25. Q-Kt6 Kt-B2
- 26. PxP



- 26. ... Kt-K2?

For no reason Black throws away a totally won position and allows White's imagination to assert itself in fatal fashion. With simply 26...PxP Black wins by preparing the calm refutation of the attack by ...R-KR3 as well as ...P-QR5. If 27. B-B4, (To prevent R-KR3)...P-R5

28. Kt-Q2, Q-Q5; 29. P-KKt3, Kt3-K4 and consolidation is definitely possible for Black. Or 27. Kt-B5, BxKt; 28. QxB, R-Q! (a brilliant resource to "lure the white protector from protection of dark KB2" 29. B-B7, R-KB1 winning simply.

27. PxP! KtxQ
28. PxKtch KxP
28...K-R; 29. KtxKtmate. 28...K-B1; 29. B-K6ch!, (29. KtxKtch KxP30, R-K7ch is technically difficult) KxP; (29...Kt-K2; 30. RxKt is terrible) KxP; 30. PxKtch, K-Kt1; 31. PxRch, K-R1; 32. R-K7, with play similar to the game. (The idea here is the threat 33. B-K5, BxB 34. Kt-Kt6 mate)

- 29. PxKtch K-Kt1
- 30. PxRch KxP
- 31. R-K7

Murderous. White's attack involves five pieces against one. Now that is not really fair is it?

- 31. ... B-KKt5
- 32. B-K5 R-KKt1
- 33. Kt-Q4 Q-B4
- 34. QRxP Q-B8ch
- 35. K-R2 K-R3
- 36. KtR4-B5ch BxKt
- 37. KtxBch K-Kt4
- 38. KtxB R-Rch
- 39. K-Kt3 QxPch
- 40. P-B3 R-KKt

Permits mate in three but nothing is to be saved resigning .

- 41. B-B4ch Resigns

CALPOINTS -- by Gordon S. Barrett

Calpoints? And just what are they, you ask?

Well, they're something new. Like we here in Southern California always seem to be thinking up something new. And this is tops. Learn the term well: you'll be hearing a lot from and about CALPOINTS from now on.

The word really stands for California Points - So. Cal. really, but calpoint sounds better than socalpoints. Anyway, these are points you will all be earning starting next year for a grand purpose indeed: to qualify into the California State Championship.

At the last meeting of the So. Cal. Chess League, a new system of qualification into the State Championship was adopted, to replace the present four-men-qualification-from-one-tournament-and-if-you-miss-it-you've-had-it system. This is the way the new system works:

Starting in 1969, a number of tournaments will be declared "CALPOINT" tournaments, in which the top finishers will be awarded a number of calpoints, depending on their finish-spot in the table. At the end of the year, these calpoints will be totalled, and the four highest-total gatherers earn the qualifying berths into the State Championship. Since calpoints are awarded only to the first, second, and third finishers, this means that the four State Finals qualifiers will be those players who have won the most first, second and third places in the Calpoint Tournaments so declared by the League. Clear enough? In fact, the qualifiers will have proven their top standing by doing well consistently throughout the year, eliminating the lucky one-shot deals and entire dependence on one tournament as at present.

The Calpoint Tournaments for 1969 are as follows:

L.S. COUNTY OPEN	SAN BERNARDINO OFEN	SO. CAL OPEN
WEST COAST OPEN	ERNEST SHIELDS OPEN	AMERICAN OPEN
EL SEGUNDO OPEN	LONG BEACH CLASSIC	SO. CAL. CHAMPS.
JOHN GILBRETH OPEN	PACIFIC-SW OPEN	

In these tournaments, all winners (clear or tied for first) will receive 15 calpoints; all second-place finishers receive 10 calpoints; third-place finishers receive 8 calpoints. Fourth and fifth place finishers will receive 5 and 3 calpoints respectively, however, the calpoints are carried only to the five-total, which means that if there are five players tied for first, second and third places, no fourth or fifth

calpoints will be given. This works on the higher level as well; e.g., if six players tie for first, all six will receive 15 points each, but no further calpoints will be awarded to anyone else. A little confusing maybe, but actually it's simple once you get the hang of it.

The idea is for you to accumulate as many calpoints as possible by playing in as many of the calpoint tournaments as possible and doing well in all of them. It will follow that the four qualifiers under this system will have proven themselves throughout the year to be the best representatives of local chess, right? Right.

The S.C.C.L. Tournament Director will keep tab on all accumulated calpoints, and will inform the players involved of their totals after each event in which their calpoint status changes. Additionally, a quarterly list of all calpoint holders will be published in TERRA-CHESS. (Or upon request).

The Calpoint Tournaments will be reviewed each year by the League and revised as necessary (new tourneys may be added, etc.). Also, the new system is an experiment during 1969, and may be revised as new ideas and experience warrant it. Each Calpoint Tournament will be advertized as such, so all players will be aware of its importance.

SPECIAL! NOTE - Since it is most likely that most calpoints will be accumulated by masters and top experts, some of the lower-class players may feel that all this doesn't really affect them. While this may be true, the League is presently working on another system whereby class-players will also have a chance to earn meritpoints with a rainbow at the end of the road. Watch TERRACHESS for news on this forthcoming system.

In the meantime, get in there and get some CALPOINTS. You'll get your first chance in January at the L.A. County Open at Santa Monica. Happy gathering of violets, everyone!

GAMES

<u>CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP-1968</u>		
Game No. 1062 - Indian	White	Black
	R. Wilcox	D. Blohm
1.	P-QKt3	P-KKt3
2.	B-KT2	Kt-KB3
3.	P-Kt3	B-Kt2
4.	B-Kt2	P-B4
5.	P-K3	0-0
6.	Kt-K2	Kt-B3
7.	0-0	P-QKt3
8.	P-Q3	B-Kt2
9.	Kt-Q2	Q-B2
10.	P-QR3	P-Q3
11.	P-R3	P-QR4
12.	P-KB4	P-R5

13. P-K4	PxP	21. R-K2	P-QR4
14. PxP	Kt-KKt5	22. KtxB	QRxKt
15. PxKt	BxB	23. BxP	R-QB2
16. R-Kt1	B-Kt2	24. B-Kt5	R(2)-KB2
17. P-R4	Kt-Q5	25. P-Kt3	P-Kt4
18. KtxKt	BxKtch	26. B-B6	K-Kt2
19. K-R2	B-QB3	27. B-Q5	R-Q2
20. Kt-B3	B-KKt2	28. P-QR4	RxB
21. R-KR1	P-QKt4	29. PxB	R-Q1
22. PxP	BxQKtP	30. R-K7ch	K-B1
23. K-Kt1	R-R7	31. R-QB7	RxP
24. B-B1	Q-R4	32. R-Kt1	R-Q3
25. B-K2	R-R1	33. K-Kt2	P-Kt5
26. K-B2	Q-B6	34. P-B3	P-R4
27. K-K3	P-Q4	35. PxP	PxP
28. PxP	B-Q5ch	36. P-R3	PxPch
29. K-K4	P-K3	37. KxP	R-R3ch
30. Kt-Kt5	PxPch	38. K-Kt2	R-Kt3
31. K-B3	RxB	39. R-B1ch	K-K1
32. KxB	R-R7ch	40. R(1)-B7	K-Q1
33. RESIGNS		41. QR-Q7ch	K-B1
		42. R-B7ch	K-Q1
		43. R-QR7	K-K1
		44. KR-K7ch	K-B1
		45. KR-QB7	R-K3
		46. P-Kt4	B-R4
		47. R-B8ch	R-K1
		48. R-B6	B-Q5
		49. K-B3	R-Kt1
		50. P-Kt5	P-Kt4
		51. PxP	P-R5
		52. RxBP	RxB
		53. R-R8ch	K-K2
		54. R-R7ch	K-Q1
		55. R-KKt6	R-Kt6ch
		56. K-Kt4	RESIGNS

Game No. 1063 - Ruy Lopez

White	Black
<u>D. Blohm</u>	<u>J. Acers</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	P-B4
5. P-Q4	PxQP
6. KtxP	KtxKt
7. QxKt	P-QB4
8. Q-K5ch	Q-K2
9. QxQch	BxQ
10. P-QB4	PxP
11. Kt-QB3	Kt-B3
12. B-KKt5	O-O
13. O-O	P-R3
14. BxKt	BxB
15. KtxP	BxP
16. QR-Kt1	B-Q5
17. Kt-Q6	R-B3
18. Kt-K8	R-B1
19. Kt-Q5	R-Kt1
20. QR-K1	P-QKt3

Game No. 1064 - Sicilian Defense

White	Black
<u>G. Kane</u>	<u>R. Schutt</u>
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	P-QR3
5. B-Q3	B-B4

6. Kt-Kt3	B-R2	17. P-K5	R-QKt1
7. O-O	Kt-QB3	18. Q-K3	P-QKt5
8. P-QB4	P-Q3	19. Kt-QR4	PxP
9. Kt-B3	Kt-B3	20. PxP	R-Kt4
10. K-R1	Kt-K4	21. R-B7	Q-Q1
11. P-B4	QKt-Kt5	22. Q-R7	BxP
12. Q-B3	Q-B2	23. KtxB	RxKt
13. B-Q2	B-Q2	24. Kt-Kt6	R-B4
14. QR-B1	B-B3	25. RxxR	QxKt
15. P-KR3	P-KR4	26. RxKt	QxR
16. P-Kt3	Q-Kt3	27. QxQ	BxR
17. QR-K1	Kt-B7ch	28. B-B4	R-QB1
18. K-Kt2	KtxB	29. Q-Kt4	R-B3
19. QxKt	O-O	30. Q-Kt7	RxB
20. K-R2	KR-Q1	31. QxB	R-B4
21. P-KB5	P-Q4	32. Q-Q8ch	K-R2
22. PxKP	QPxKP	33. Q-Kt6	R-B8ch
23. PxPch	KxP	34. K-R2	R-B7
24. Q-K2	P-R5	35. P-B3	P-K4
25. Kt-Q5	PxPch	36. QxP	K-R3
26. KxP	BxKt	37. Q-B6	R-B1
27. PxB	Q-Q3ch	38. QxBP	R-QR1
28. K-Kt2	QxP	39. Q-B6	K-R2
29. QxKP	QR-B1	40. QxP	RxP
	DRAWN	41. Q-K7ch	RESIGNS

Game No. 1065 - Sicilian

White		Black	
<u>J. Acers</u>		<u>J. Blackstone</u>	
1. P-K4		P-QB4	
2. P-Q4		PxP	
3. P-QB3		PxP	
4. KtxP		Kt-QB3	
5. Kt-KB3		P-KRt3	
6. B-QB4		B-Kt2	
7. O-O		P-Q3	
8. P-KR3		Kt-B3	
9. Q-K2		O-O	
10. R-Q1		Kt-Q2	
11. P-QR3		P-QR3	
12. B-R2		P-QKt4	
13. B-Kt5		P-KR3	
14. RxP		PxB	
15. RxKt		P-K3	
16. R-Q1		Q-K2	

Game No. 1066 - Queens Gambit

White		Black	
<u>R. Schutt</u>		<u>J. Acers</u>	
1. P-Q4		Kt-KB3	
2. P-QB4		P-K3	
3. Kt-KB3		B-K2	
4. Kt-QB3		P-Q4	
5. P-K3		O-O	
6. B-Q3		PxP	
7. BxP		P-QKt3	
8. O-O		B-Kt2	
9. Q-K2		P-B4	
10. R-Q1		QKt-Q2	
11. P-K4		PxP	
12. P-K5		PxKt	
13. PxKt		BxP	
14. B-QKt5		PxP	
15. BxP		BxB	
16. QR-Kt1		Q-B3	

17. RxKt	BxKt	35. B-Kt5	R-Q7ch
18. QxKb	QxQ	36. K-K3	R-Kt7
19. PxQ	B-K4	37. B-K8	B-B4ch
20. B-R6	R-Q1	38. K-K4	R-K7ch
21. QR-Q1	RxR	39. K-Q3	RxP
22. RxR	PKKt4	40. RxPch	K-K4
23. P-R3	P-R4	41. B-B6	P-Kt5
24. K-B1	B-B3	42. RPxP	P-R6
25. K-K2	R-Q1	43. P-Kt5	P-R7
26. RxRP	B-Q5	44. R-R7	K-B4
27. R-B7	K-Kt2	45. P-B4	RxP
28. B-B4	B-B3	46. RxP	R-Q5 ch
29. P-QR4	P-R5	47. K-B3	KxP
30. B-Kt5	R-QKt7	48. R-Q2	R-B5
31. B-Q3	B-Kt7	49. R-K2	K-B3
32. B-B4	B-R6	50. R-K4	R-B6ch
33. B-Kt5	B-Kt5	51. K-Q2	FORFEITS
34. B-Q3	R-Q1		

CALIFORNIA OPEN, 1968Game No. 1067 - King's Indian

White	Black
<u>V. Radaikin</u>	<u>G. Ramirez</u>

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| 1. P-K Kt3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. B-Kt2 | P-KKt3 |
| 3. P-Q3 | B-Kt2 |

3...P-Q4 is better. White employs a system which seeks to exploit the rigid development by Black, notably the poorly placed Kt at KB3.

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| 4. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 5. Kt-K2 | |

The point; White preserves his unobstructed KB diagonal and prepares a bind with P-KB4.

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| 5. ... | O-0 |
| 6. O-0 | P-B4 |
| 7. P-QB4 | |

This move, inviting ...P-K4 with a blocked position, indicates White's desire to draw. To be considered was 7.QKt-B3, Kt-B3; 8. P-Kt3.

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| 7. ... | Kt-B3 |
| 8. QKt-B3 | B-Q2 |
| 9. P-QR3 | Kt-K1 |

Ramirez, a former State Champion and California Open Champion, has arrived at a most difficult type of position, a problem of a Swiss system tournament. It is the "draw danger" whereby he is compelled to manufacture counterplay from a bad position. A waiting policy was in order.

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| 10. R-Kt1 | P-QR4 |
| 11. P-QR4 | Kt-B2 |

The right track, but the train derails.

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| 12. P-Kt3 | Kt-K3 |
| 13. B-Kt2 | KKt-Q5 |
| 14. KtxKt | PxKt |

A blunder. Obviously 14...KtxKt, 15. Kt-K2, KtxKtch (15...P-K4; 16. KtxKt, KPxKt; 17. P-KB4); 16. QxKt, B-B3 leads to a poor game for Black. But here Black has no compensation for his target QP, blunted KB and the passivity of his position.

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| 15. Kt-Kt5 | Q-Kt3 |
| 16. P-B4 | Kt-Q1 |

A good idea. Black prepares for

the exchange of bishop for menacing Kt and considers ...P-K4 with the intention of answering P-B5 with ...P B3 and ...Kt-B2.

17. K-R1 P-B4

Black seeks from move to move to patch together an escape from the bind.

18. R-K1

A pointless waiting move. B-QR3 would have been better.

18. ... BxKt

19. RPxB P-K4

A mistake; PxP holds the position.

20. BPxP

The beginning of the end. With no more than mechanical moves, White may open the position favorably.

20. ... BxP

21. PxP RxP

...PxP was actually better. Black is positionally lost.

22. R-KB1 K-R1

Black loses by force after the alternative 22...RxR; 23. QxR, Kt-B2; 24. B-Q5, Q-B2 (not R-KB1; 25. Q-Kt2, R-Kt1; 26. R-KB1 etc.); 25. P-Kt6, Q-K2; 26. Q-B3, K-Kt2; 27. BxKtP. Black's stranded Kt makes opposition on the KB file impossible. This alone must cost Black the game. The "boa constrictor" feature of the controversial and underrated Radaikin's play was never better displayed than in this tournament.

23. RxR PxR

24. B-Q5 Q-B2

25. Q-R5 Q-K2

26. QxBP P-R5

27. R-R1 P-R6

28. RxP RxR

29. BxR P-Kt3

30. K-Kt2 B-Kt2

31. Q-K4 B-K4

32. Q-B3 Here, Black's time ran out.

JOHN GILBRETH OPEN, MAY 1968
Game No. 1068 - English

White Black

D. Anderson D. Littrell

(notes by David Anderson)

1. P-QB4 P-KB4

2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3

3. P-KKt3 P-K4

4. B-Kt2 Kt-B3

5. P-Q3 B-K2

6. P-K3 0-0

7. KKt-K2 P-Q3

8. 0-0 Q-K1

9. Kt-Q5 B-Q1

10. KKt-B3 Kt-Kt1

11. P-K4 P-B3

12. KtxKt BxKt

13. P-B4 KPxP

14. BxP B-Q5ch

15. K-R1 Q-Kt3

16. Q-Kt3 Kt-R3

17. P-B5ch B-K3

18. PxBP QxBP

19. QxP

The most aggressive; the retreat would have been inconsistent.

19. ... KtxP

20. QxBP QR-B1

21. Kt-Q5

This may or may not have been the best, but the variations which I had time to look at were too intriguing to resist. 21...Q-B2; 22. QxP, KR-Q1; 23. Kt-K7ch, K-R1; 24. KtxR, RxQ; 25. BxR and wins. More complicated is 22...QR-Q1; 23. Kt-K7ch, K-R1; 24. B-K5.

21. ... KR-K1

22. QxP KtxP

23. B-K3 Q-K4

24. QxQ BxQ

25. BxP BxP

26. QR-Q1 Kt-K4

27. QR-K1 Kt-Kt5

- 28. Kt-Kt6 R-B7
 - 29. Kt-R4 B-B3
 - 30. QRxB RxR
 - 31. B-Q5 K-B2
- If 31...RxPch; 32.K-Kt1, R-K7; 33. R-B4 followed by Kt-B5.
- 32. P-KR3 Kt-K4
 - 33. Kt-B5 RxKt
 - 34. BxR Kt-Q6
 - 35. BxRch KxB
 - 36. B-K3 K-Q4
 - 37. P-QR4 K-B5
 - 38. P-R5 K-Kt4
 - 39. B-Kt6 Resigns

This game decided the experts prize.

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Game No. 1069 - French

White	Black
<u>F. Thornally</u>	<u>S. Subramanian</u>
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. Kt-Q2	Kt-KB3
4. P-K5	KKt-Q2
5. P-KB4	P-QB4
6. P-B3	Kt-QB3
7. QKt-B3	

The classical Hungarian plan which supports the pawn center by royal migration.

- 7. ... Q-Kt3
- 8. P-KKt3 B-K2?

A serious error. The Bishop is poorly placed here and cedes time to White. For this reason 8...PxP; 9. PxP, B-Kt5ch; 10. K-B2; P-B4 is better. The whole black system is probably insufficient to equalize with best White initiative.

- 9. K-B2 O-O
- 10. K-Kt2 P-B

10...P-B4 is objectively best.

White's game is positionally superior because of the total inaccessibility of the base pawns that support his

center bind.

- 11. B-Q3 K-R1
- 12. B-B2 Q-B2

Black experiences difficulties developing his Queens Bishop. 12...P-QR4 with the idea of P-QR5, Q-R2, and P-QKt4 is not a maneuver against a weakened White Queen side but rather the striking of air.

- 13. P-KR4 P-B4
- 14. BxP was threatened.
- 14. Kt-K2 PxP
- 15. PxP P-QKt3
- 16. Kt-B3 B-R3
- 17. Kt-KKt5

Very strong but Black has contrived to hold the position and indeed can resist all but an idea.

- 17. ... BxKt
- 18. RPxB P-Kt3
- 19. P-KKt4 Kt-K2
- 20. B-K3 PxP
- 21. QxP Kt-KB4

Subramanian seriously considered 21...R-B4 here. After 22. BxR,Ktx B; 23.B-B2 White experiences technical difficulties after 23...Q-B5 or 23...R-QB1 but should certainly win.

- 22. B-B2 R-B2
- 23. Q-R3 Kt-B1
- 24. QR-QB1 R-QB1
- 25. BxKt RxB
- 26. Kt-Kt5

A magnificent idea, White plays to "tempotap" Black's pieces at QR3, QR8 so as to penetrate on the Black squares.

- 26. ... QxR
- 27. RxQ RxR
- 28. Q-K3! R-Q8

Otherwise Kt-Q6 and Q-QR3 win

quietly. Thornally now concludes forcefully in a manner that redeems the rather poor quality of his play

in several other games of the tournament.

- 29. Kt-Q6 B-B8ch!
- 30. K-R2 B-Q6
- 31. KtxR KtPxKt
- 32. B-K1 B-K5
- 33. Q-QB3 Kt-Kt3
- 34. Q-B8ch K-Kt2
- 35. Q-Q7ch K-R1
- 36. B-Kt4 R-R8ch
- 37. K-Kt3 R-Kt8ch
- 38. K-B2 R-Kt7ch
- 39. K-K1 RxP
- 40. B-K7 R-Kt8ch
- 41. K-B2 R-Kt7ch
- 42. K-K3 KxB
- 43. QxKt Resigns

SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 25, 1968

Game. No. 1070 - Sicilian

White	Black
<u>J. Acers</u>	<u>S. Spencer</u>
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	P-KKt3

The accelerated dragon variation which has always been of interest to theoreticians since the turn of the century.

- 5. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2
- 6. B-K3 Kt-B3
- 7. KtxKt

Very strong although Stephen Spencer feels otherwise. He is, for our cheerleader's information, a nationwide junior chess power and as these notes were written was playing in the United States Closed Junior Invitational in New York City. Other young players from California who competed were George Kane (Berkley) and Jim Tarjan (Los Angeles). My analysis on 7. B-QB4, Q-R4! - the Stein variation is still not finished. Is anyone's?

7. ... KtPxKt
 7...QPxKt; 8. QxQch, KxQ; 9.0-0-0ch, Kt-Q2! (Acers) is tenable despite numerous superficial notes that argue otherwise. Tenable yes, comfortable, no. Against 10.B-QB4 Black may choose either P-K3 or R-KB1 in reply. But not 10. B-QB4, BxKt?! 11.PxB, P-K3; 12.B-Q4 with a powerful bind.

8. P-K5 Kt-Kt1
 8...Kt-Q4 is best.

9. P-B4
 9.B-Q4, P-QB4; 10.BxP, Q-B2; 11. B-Q4, BxP; 12.P-B4!, B-B3; 13. Q-Q2, BxB; 14. QxB, Kt-B3; 15.0-0-0, 0-0; 16. P-KKt4 (Evans) or 16. B-QB4 (acers) or earlier 12. B-K2, B-QKt2; 13.BxB, QxB; 14.0-0, Kt-B3; 15. B-B3, BxB; 16.QxB,0-0; 17. KR-K1,Q-QB4; 18. QR-Q, QR-Kt1 (Bradvarpic-pirc Yugoslavia 1957) are all lines that I would prefer not to comment upon at present. The analysis of this variation is hardly correct.

9. ... P-B3
 Enters the main variation and rightly so. Poor is the much more common 9...Kt-R3.

10. P-B5
 Prepared analysis but extremely speculative.

10. ... Q-R4
 Simplest is 10...BPxP!; 11.PxP, Kt-B3; 12.B-Q3, P-Q4. But Spencer's tactical preferences mix it up.

11. PxBP
 This should lose by force. 11. PxKtP,QxKP; 12.Q-Q4, QxQ; 13. BxQ, PxP; 14.B-Q3 with a probable Black Win after 14...R-R3

11. ... KtxP

12. PxP
I considered 12.P-KKt4,PxP; 13. Px P,QxP; 14.B-Q3, Q-K3! briefly.
12. ... Kt-K5
A serious error. Black wins easily after 12...Kt-Q4 in all variations A. 13.Q-R5, BxKtch (Black overlooked that White's QB was twice attacked after 14. PxB, QxPch;15. K-B2, QxB mate).
B. 13.B-Q4, P-K4
C. 13. B-Q2, KtxKt (...BxKt is weaker but also wins) the text allows White a great, near decisive return from the dead because of a tactical oversight.
13. B-Q4 KtxKt
Sad necessity. 13...P-K4 (14.Q-B3? Kt-Kt4) and White crashes down 14. Q-R5 exploiting a lateral pin and threatening PxPch as well as B-Q3.
14. PxKt BxB
15. QxB P-K4
16. Q-QB4
A. 16.Q-K3!, PxP; 17.B-Q3,QxPch; 18. K-K2 is in White's favor. B.
16. Q-Q2 (Ramiriz) is also interesting and White's threat PxP is hard to meet as in A. 16...PxP; 17. B-Q3, R-Kt 17.Q-Kt5,QxPch; 18.K-K2.
C. 16. Q-Q3 (the only other move considered seriously. B-R3; 17. P-Kt7, R-KKt; 18.QxRP, QxPch; 19. K-B2, Q-Q5ch. Spencer's variation 16...P-Q4! is also workable 17.P-Kt7?, R-KKt1; 18.QxRP, QxPch; 19. K-B2, B-K3. 17.PxP would be called for and I prefer White in any case.
16. ... PxP
17. B-Q3 K-K2
An enterprising stitch in time. Spencer feels the position is satisfactory here. The whole continuation that follows was poorly planned by White.
18. O-O
18. Q-Kt4ch, QxQ; 19. PxQ, P-Q4 with a good ending for Black (or 18. K-Q2, P-Q4 likewise). If 20. BxP, R-KKt is decisive.
18. ... Q-Kt3ch!
19. K-R1
Stupid! 19. R-B2, RxP; 20. Q-Kt4ch, QxQ; 21. PxQ, R-R3; 22. R1-KB1 was the simplest continuation for a tenable endgame. White's doubling on the KB file would be quite adequate for winning chances. White overlooked the extremely fine defensive idea of Spencer - clearly a type of the best chess thinking one can ask for - which forces a drawn position.
19. ... P-Q4
20. Q-R4 P-K5
21. BxP Q-B2
21...PxB; 22. QxPch wins in all variations. The main line is 22... B-K3; 23. QR-K1, P-B4; 24.QxKtP threatening both 25.Q-B7ch and 25. R-B6.
22. P-KKt3 B-K3
Very good and forcing matters. Naturally not 22...QxP; 23.Q-Kt4ch, Q-Q3; 24. R-B7ch, K-K3; 25. R-B6ch. If 23...K-Q2 White mates in 2 while 23...K-Q1, 24. R-B8ch, K-B2; 25. RxR.
23. Q-Q4??
23. BxP, QxP; 24.Q-Kt4ch, K-Q2; 25. Q-Kt7ch, K-Q3; 26. Q-Kt4ch P-B4; 27. Q-B4ch, QxQ; 28. RxQ,QR-KKt1; 29. R-B6 is necessary to hold the game.
23. ... QxP
24. Q-Kt4ch K-Q2
White Resigns
This is the end. 25.Q-Kt7ch, K-Q3; 26. Q-Kt4ch, P-B4. Very accurate play by Stephen Spencer in the

mutual king hunting phase of this game.

LONG BEACH OPEN, 1968Game No. 1071 - Sicilian

White	Black
<u>H. Mayer</u>	<u>J. Hall</u>
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	P-K3
6. P-B4	Kt-B3
7. Kt-B3	Q-B2
8. B-Q3	B-K2
9. O-O	O-O
10. P-QR3	P-QKt4
11. KtxP	Q-Kt3ch
12. K-R1	KtxP
13. BxKt	QxKt
14. B-Q3	Q-Kt3
15. P-QKt3	B-B3
16. R-QKt1	Kt-K2
17. Kt-Kt5	Kt-B4
18. BxKt	PxB
19. B-Kt2	BxB
20. RxB	B-R3
21. R-K1	QR-K1
22. Kt-R3	B-Kt4
23. R-QKt1	RxRch
24. QxR	R-K1
25. Q-B3	B-B3
26. R-K1	RxRch
27. QxR	B-K5
28. Kt-Kt5	Q-Q5
29. P-R3	P-KR3
30. KtxB	PxKt
31. Q-Kt4	Q-Q8ch
32. K-R2	P-K6
33. Q-K4	P-K7
34. Q-K8ch	K-R2
35. QxBP	P-K8=Q
36. Q-B5ch	K-Kt1
37. Q-B8ch	K-B2
38. O-B5ch	K-K2

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Chess at Odds used to be popular at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco, but is seldom seen nowadays. This game was played in Harrington's Bar on Front Street, where a revival of the ancient art seems to be in progress.

Game No. 1072 - Odds

White	Black
<u>R. E. B.</u>	<u>J. H. H.</u>
(Remove White's QRP, QKTP, QR)	
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-KB4	PxP
3. P-Q4	P-Q4
4. P-K5	Q-R5ch
5. K-Q2	B-Kt5ch
6. P-B3	Q-B7ch
7. B-K2	Q-R6ch
8. K-B2	B-B4ch
9. K-Kt2	Q-K5
10. Kt-Q2	QxKtP
11. KKt-B3	B-R4
12. R-Kt1	Q-R6
13. RxP	B-KKt5
14. Kt-Kt5	BxB
15. Q-R4ch	P-Kt4
16. QxB	Q-R3
17. QxBP!	QxR
18. Kt-K6!	Resigns

MARSHALL OPEN, 1965Game No. 1073 - Caro-Kann

White	Black
<u>J. Grefe</u>	<u>A. Mengarini</u>
(notes by J. Grefe)	
1. P-K4	P-QB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. PxP	PxP
4. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	Kt-B3
6. Kt-B3	B-B4?

This experiment turns out poorly due to the possibility of simul-

taneous attack on b7 and d5 by White, but the refutation is not easy to find. More usual is 6... B-Kt5.

7. Q-Kt3! Kt-QR4
This seems to give Black the advantage for if the Queen retreats, simply ...PxP. But White has prepared a surprise for his opponent.

8. Q-Kt5ch! B-Q2

9. PxP!!

The point of the previous moves.

If now 9...BxQ; 10. BxBch, Kt-Q2;

11. Kt-K5, Q-B2; 12. BxKtch, K-Q1;

13. B-R4, P-K3; 14. B-B4 and wins e.

g. 14...B-Kt5; 15. 0-0! and if Bx Kt?; 16. P-Q6.

9. ... R-B1
the best chance.

10. Q-Q3 P-KKt3

11. B-Kt5 B-Kt2

12. BxKt BxB

13. P-QKt3 0-0

14. B-K2 Q-B2

15. R-QB1 P-QKt4

16. 0-0 Kt-Kt2

17. Q-Q2 Q-Kt3

18. Kt-K4 B-Kt2

19. Kt-K5 B-B4

20. Kt-Kt3 Kt-Q3

21. B-B3 P-KR4?

22. KtxB KtxKt

23. Kt-Q7 Q-Q3

24. KtxR B-R3

If now 25. Q-Kt2, BxR with drawing chances.

25. QxP! Resigns

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Game No. 1074 - Nimzo

White

Black

C. Henin

J. Alexander

1. P-Q4

Kt-KB3

2. P-QB4

P-K3

3. Kt-QB3

B-Kt5

4. P-K3

P-QB4

5. Kt-K2

PxP

6. PxP

P-Q4

7. P-QR3

B-K2

8. PxP

PxP

9. Kt-B4

0-0

10. B-K3

Kt-B3

11. B-K2

P-KKt4

12. Kt-Q3

Kt-K5

13. KtxKt

PxKt

14. Kt-B5

BxKt

15. PxB

Q-K2

16. Q-Q6

QxQ

17. PxQ

R-Q1

18. R-Q1

P-B3

19. P-RR4

P-KR3

20. P-KB3

PxP

21. PxP

B-B4

22. K-B2

K-B2

23. B-B4ch

K-Kt2

24. KR-Kt1

QR-B1

25. P-B4

Kt-R4

26. B-K2

Kt-B5

27. B-Q4

KtxQP

28. BPxP

PxP

29. PxP

Kt-K5ch

30. K-K3

K-B2

31. B-R5ch

K-K3

32. PxP

KtxP

33. B-KB3

Kt-Q4ch

34. K-B2

R-B7ch

35. K-K1

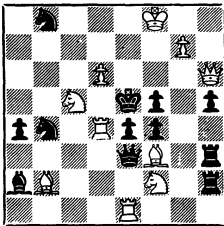
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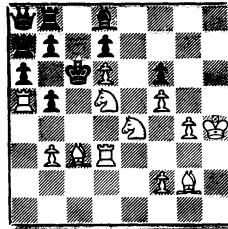
TASKS: THE A. J. FINK MEMORIAL, 1967-68

No. 281
 E. Visserman
 First Prize, Two-movers
 A. J. Fink Memorial Tourney



Mate in 2

No. 282
 V. Bartolovic
 First Prize, Three-movers
 A. J. Fink Memorial Tourney



Mate in 3

In 1967 a problem-composing tourney was initiated to honor the memory of A.J. Fink, somewhat in conjunction with the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, with whose name that of A. J. Fink will forever be associated.

The tourney was honored by a high quality of entries from the world over, especially considering the general waning of interest in problems in this country and the absence of formal tourneys here for at least a decade. In fact, I am not aware of any formal problem-composing tournament ever before conducted in the western United States.

Especially satisfying was the participation of two of Fink's friends from the Good Companion era, who are still at the top of the two-move field: Señor Arnaldo Ellerman, who achieved first and second Honorable Mention, and Comins Mansfield, who was gracious enough to judge the two-move section.

The announcement of the awards has been unduly delayed in the hope that a fitting and comprehensive booklet could have been published in this connection, including a representative selection of Fink's problems - which have never been published in collected form. This overdue project will have to be postponed further, but the tourney report is currently being sent to all entrants, plus the prizes. (Full results, next issue.)

FIFTH ANNUAL EL SEGUNDO OPEN

The El Segundo Open will be held in the Recreation Park Clubhouse, 300 East Pine Avenue, April 18-20, 1969. The event will be sponsored by the El Segundo Recreation and Parks Department Chess Club and will be directed by Gordon S. Barrett.

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