

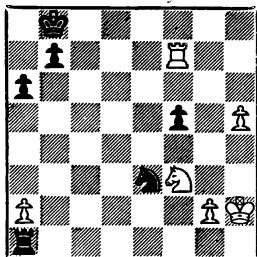
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Fischer-Petrosian  
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36...P-B5. But does  
36...RxP draw? (See  
Tasks)

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CCCA'S SAN JOSE CLASS

Date: April 1 and 2, 1972. (Saturday and Sunday).

Place: San Jose Cen. YMCA, 1717 The Alameda, San Jose, Calif.

Entry Fee: \$5. (1999-) & \$10.(2000+)

Prizes: \$450 prize fund, based on approx. 110 entries.

\$100 1st, 2000+; \$25 2nd; \$50 ea: 1st 1900-1999; 1800-1899;  
1700-1799; 1600-1699; 1500-1599; 1400-1499; 1399- (one prize  
per player; unrated players restricted to 1/2 of each prize).

Schedule: 4-Round Swiss. (Time control, 40/2 (2000+); 40/1½ (1999-)).  
In 5 Divisions (unrateds given estimated rating; players  
may play above their class). Calpoints, for State Champion-  
ship.

Rounds: 11:30-4:30, and 11:30-4:30.

Late Registration: 10:30-11:15 a.m., Saturday.

Tournament Director: Martin E. Morrison, Box 1622, Oakland, CA 94604.

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MARIN CC'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT

Date: April 15-16, 1972.

Place: Mill Valley Youth Center, 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA.

Entry Fee: \$10.

Prizes: \$600 Prize Fund (Based on approx. 75 entries).

\$150 1st; \$100 2nd, \$50 each 3rd, 1st Expert, 1st A, 1st B,  
1st C, 1st D/E, and Best Marin County. (Unrateds given esti-  
mated rating, rateds guaranteed at least 1/2 of each prize,  
one prize per player). Calpoints, for State Championship.

Schedule: 5-Round Swiss. (Time control, 45/1½ (Rounds 1-3);  
45/2(Rounds 4-5).

Rounds: 12-3:30-7; 11-4.

Tournament Director: Martin E. Morrison, Box 1622, Oakland, CA 94604.

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### KIM COMMONS, CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPION

Kim Commons won four games, drew one, and lost one in the State Championship finals held at the San Fernando Valley Chess Club the first week of January. His loss was to runner-up Jim Tarjan and his draw was with Ross Stoutenborough. His victims were last year's co-champion, Dennis Fritzing, Julius Loftsson, Craig Barnes, and Alex Suhobeck. Kim played sparkling chess and fully deserved his victory.

There were eleven players slated to participate but Charles Henin, Tibor Weinberger, Julie Kaplan and Peter Grey dropped out. Since this has happened frequently in recent years, attention is being given to modifying the system and putting in a forfeit fee. One of the difficulties is the system of playing preliminary games as part of the finals. The preliminary games are usually played by appointment, rather than at fixed times and places, and so it is difficult to appoint referees.

We have recently learned of the tragic death of Charles Henin, last year's co-champion (please see Page 83).

KIM COMMONS WINS CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Kim Commons of Huntington Beach and Los Angeles is the 1972 State Champion, having won the title in January by a score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in the 7-man round-robin. Commons won four games, drew one and lost one. Runner-up Jim Tarjan, 4-2, defeated Commons but lost to Julius Loftsson and drew two games. Dennis Fritzingler, co-champion last year (with Charles Henin, who did not compete this time) was third.

The finals were held at the San Fernando Valley Chess Club and were directed by Gordon S. Barrett. Preliminaries were held at San Fernando and at the Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco. The cross-table:

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1971-72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. K. Commons	X	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
2. J. Tarjan	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 - 2
3. D. Fritzingler	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
4. J. Loftsson	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
5. R. Stoutenborough	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
6. C. Barnes	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 - 4
7. A. Suhobeck	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	2 - 4

FIVE TIE FOR FIRST IN AMERICAN OPEN AT SANTA MONICA

Five players tied for first place at Thanksgiving in the American Open: grandmasters Larry Evans of Reno and Walter Browne of Australia, Carl Filnick of Los Angeles, and Ross Stoutenborough and David Strauss of Riverside. The scores were 7-1. The cash was divided and the trophy was awarded to Filnick by a narrow margin of tie-breaking points.

There were 304 contestants, a record for the seven-year-old classic. The tournament director was William Bragg. We regret that a cross-table of the tournament is not available.

TARJAN, FRITZINGER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONS

Jim Tarjan of Berkeley and Dennis Fritzingler of Redwood City won the annual Northern California Championship, held at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco in December, by  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  scores. There were four players tied for third place, 4-1: C. Bill Jones, Thomas Maser, Charles Maddigan and Peter Grey who qualified for the State Championship finals on tie-breaking points because Fritzingler was already seated.

The tournament was held later than usual and qualified two players instead of one because of a new tournament this year at the Mechanics' Institute, the Carroli M. Gapps Memorial. The tournament director was Alan Benson.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP, DECEMBER 4-5, 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. J. Tarjan	W43	W5	W12	W8	D2	4½ - ½
2. D. Fritzinger	W21	W32	W11	W4	D1	4½ - ½
3. C. Bill Jones	W9	L14	W33	W25	W12	4 - 1
4. F. Maser	W29	W22	W24	L2	W15	4 - 1
5. C. Maddigan	W37	L1	W*	W22	W7	4 - 1
6. P. Grey	W30	D7	W26	W10	D8	4 - 1
7. E. Rosenthal	W33	D6	W14	W19	L5	3½ - 1½
8. G. Rey	W17	W20	W25	L1	D6	3½ - 1½
9. M. Costa	L3	W37	W41	D14	W30	3½ - 1½
10. D. Krause	W35	L25	W17	L6	W26	3 - 2
11. G. Nowak	W28	W23	L2	L15	W27	3 - 2
12. C. Barnes	W36	W15	L1	W16	L3	3 - 2
13. E. McNally	L23	W29	D28	W30	D14	3 - 2
14. S. Cross	W38	W3	L7	D9	D13	3 - 2
15. H. Bradley	BYE	L12	W23	W11	L4	3 - 2
16. Dr. Kent Bach	W31	L24	W34	L12	W28	3 - 2
17. T. Sailor	L8	W42	L10	W38	W25	3 - 2

- 2½ Points: 18. Boris Popov, 19. Charles Pardini, 20. Dr. Ben Gross, 21. James Cornwell, 22. Martin Sullivan, 23. Mike Cardillo.
- 2 Points: 24. Max Wilkerson, 25. Rod Carlisle, 26. Randy Feliciano, 27. Randall Pina, 28. Kevin Fong, 29. Ronald Byrne, 30. Alan Hawkins, 31. James O'Gallagher.
- 1½ Points: 32. A. J. DiMilo, 33. Fred Wreden, 34. William Collin.
- 1 Point: 35. Ken Black, 36. Richard Hinton, 37. Keith Guertner, 38. James Dean, 39. Tony DiMilo, 40. Paul Peller.
- ½ Point: 41. Borel Menas, 42. Bob Monroe.
- 0 Points: 43. Jerrold Samuels.

KOOPAL, FRANCIS TIE IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OPEN

Ahmad Koopal and Greg Francis tied for first place in the San Gabriel Valley Open, each player drawing twice for scores of 6-1. Al Larsen, Marv Methven and Don Bicknell tied for third, 5½-1½.

It was the 24th time that the Pasadena Chess Club has staged the San Gabriel Valley classic. The tournament director was Greg Francis.

## 24TH ANNUAL SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OPEN, 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. A. Koopal	W58	W18	W10	D12	W2	D3	W13	6 - 1
2. G. Francis	W38	W26*	W4	W14	L1	W17	W7	6 - 1
3. A. Larsen	W17	W19	D13	W5	W6	D1	D4	5½ - 1½
4. M. Methven	W31	W35	L2	W37	W29	W12	D3	5½ - 1½
5. D. Bicknell	W37	W20	D6	L3	W45	W27	W12	5½ - 1½
6. M. Neuss	W9	W46	D5	W13	L3	D8	W18	5 - 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
7. G. Contos	L46	W16	W34	W18	W28	W14	L2	5 - 2
8. M. Scott	D27	L28	W38	W16	W34	D6	W19	5 - 2
9. C. Williams	L6	W53	L17	W32	W21	W28	W24	5 - 2
10. Steffanson	W25	W45	L1	W26*	L14	W39	W17	5 - 2
11. Mohai	W44	D49	D28	D22	W40	W15	D14	5 - 2
12. M. Thomason	W47	W43	W23	D1	W27	L4	L5	4½-2½
13. I. Besen	W24	W21	D3	L6	W30	W29	L1	4½-2½
14. Fred Frilling	W52	W60*	W56	L2	W10	L7	D11	4½-2½
15. J. Zuzow	D16	W41	L27	W49	W22	L11	W30	4½-2½
16. Lee	D15	L7	W57	L8	W38	W45	W27	4½-2½
17. R. Chamberlain	L3	W55	W9	W20	W19	L2	L10	4 - 3
18. M. Cowdrey	W39	L1	W54	W7	W36	W23	L6	4 - 3
19. O. Root	W51	L3	W24	W21	L17	W37	L8	4 - 3
20. Edwards	W50	L5	W46	L17	W26	L24	W37	4 - 3
21. Hamilton	W62	L13	W53	L19	L9	W36	W43	4 - 3
22. D. Rader	L35	W36	W42	D11	L15	W40	D29	4 - 3
23. G. Istvanyi	W55	W42	L12	L29	W31	L18	W39	4 - 3
24. A. Buck	L13	W52	L19	W51	W43*	W20	L9	4 - 3
25. Roth	L10	L50	W55	L36	W49	W35	W45	4 - 3
26. J. Cromshaw	W36	L2	W35	L10	L20	W50	W34	4 - 3

3½ Points: 27. R. Kotz, 28. Sanders, 29. Lessenevitch, 30. E. Nilsson, 31. Barnes, 32. Grauso, 33. Sharbie.

3 Points: 34. Randel, 35. Sax, 36. Hemming, 37. J. Thissen, 38. Ullah, 39. V. Lambros, 40. Ross, 41. Smith, 42. Luchetta, 43. Bate-man, 44. Simpson.

2½ Points: 45. Frank Frilling, 46. R. Buck, 47. Adams, 48. Fischer.

2 Points: 49. Feinstein, 50. Hurwitz, 51. Wallstrom, 52. Thomas, 53. Ginkel, 54. Robinson, 55. Hull, 56. Boyko.

1½ Points: 57. McGuire.

1 Point 58. Russell, 59. Margelin, 60. N. Hultgren.

0 Points: 61. Hoffman, 62. Lopez.

#### RAMIREZ CASTLE CHESS CLUB CHAMPION

Gil Ramirez of Daly City won the 1971 Castle Chess Club championship, held at members' homes during the year, by a margin of half a point over Arthur Wang of Oakland. Peter Dahl of San Francisco, last year's champion, was third.

It was Ramirez' first year in the club and he joined Dahl, Ken Grivainis and Michael Goodall as first-time winners. The cross-table:

## CASTLE - 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score
1. Ramirez	X	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Wang	0	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8 - 2
3. Dahl	0	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	7 - 3
4. Gross	1	0	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Eudey	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	5 - 5
6. Wilson	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	1	0	1	1	5 - 5
7. Smith	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	X	-	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Traum	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-	X	1	1	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Hultgren	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	1	3 - 7
10. Freeman	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	2 - 8
11. Lien	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1 - 9

## WEST COVINA TOURNAMENTS: by David Argall

The second annual Holiday Special was won for the second time by Don Bicknell. Playing the toughest schedule, Bicknell easily outdistanced his opposition with a score of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , yielding a draw only in the last round. Thurlo Mishler placed second with 4-1, losing only to Bicknell. Mishler crushed favored Jeff Birkel to attain second. Ralph Weldon made his second tournament a profitable one by winning the C prize with a score of 3-2. Weldon's rating is estimated at 1500 and bound to rise.

## HOLIDAY SPECIAL, DECEMBER 17-19, 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Don Bicknell	W8	W4	W2	W3	D7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Thurlo Mishler	W10	W5	L1	W7*	W4	4 - 1
3. David Argall	W6	W7	D8	L1	W11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Jeff Birkel	W12	L1	W11	W5	L2	3 - 2
5. David Sassoon	W11	L2	W9	L4	W10	3 - 2
6. Ralph Weldon	L3	L9	W12*	W10	W8	3 - 2

2 $\frac{1}{2}$  Points: 7. Valentine Aguilera. 8. Jerry Payne.

2 Points: 9. Scott Koehler.

$\frac{1}{2}$  Point: 10. E. M. Norman.

0 Points: 11. Lowell Swisher.

Rick Flacco once again showed his performance at the US Open was no fluke. Drawing only with Sam Jurado, Flacco scored 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  to easily win the Fall Classic Chess Tournament.

Second place went to William Beattie, whose 5-1 score was marred only by a loss to Flacco. Tied for third were David Argall, Sam Jurado, William E. Smith and George Torres, all with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Torres also won the B prize. James Whiting won the C prize with 4-2. But the D prize was split 4 ways. Ron Downing, Gregory Jones, Juan Meza and John Perea all scored 3-3. Play took place at the Mesa School.

## FALL CLASSIC, NOV-DEC, 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. R. Flacco	W23	W16	W5	D4	W2	W9	5½ - 1½
2. W. Beattie	W25	W22	W12	W3	L1	W8	5 - 1
3. D. Argall	W6	W8	W7	L2	D4	W14	4½ - 1½
4. S. Jurado	W19	W14	W9	D1	D3	D5	4½ - 1½
5. W. E. Smith	W17	W10	L1	W22	W11	D4	4½ - 1½
6. G. Torres	L3	W29*	D18	W15	W25	W17	4½ - 1½
7. T. McCleary	W15	W27	L3	W14	L8	W11	4 - 2
8. W. Metzger	W28	L3	W27	W10	W7	L2	4 - 2
9. D. Sassoon	W13	W24	L4	W12	W18	L1	4 - 2
10. J. Whiting	W21	L5	W25*	L8	W12	W16	4 - 2

3 Points: 11. V. Aguilera, 12. R. Downing, 13. G. Jones, 14. R. D. Martinez, 15. J. Meza, 16. L. Oje, 17. J. Perea.

2½ Points: 18. D. Rojo.

2 Points: 19. J. Blees, 20. N. Hutcherson, 21. E. M. Norman, 22. J. Payne, 23. G. Smith, 24. R. Weldon, 25. R. Williams.

1 Point: 26. E. Britt, 27. J. Ford, 28. A. Rojo, Jr.

0 Points: 29. T. Goddard, 30. R. Hearn.

PICKLER WINS DAVIS TOURNAMENTS

Gary Pickler won a Davis Rated Tournament held June-September by a score of 4-1 and continued his winning ways in an October-December tournament, 5-0. The tournaments were directed by Serge Von Oettingen. We are pleased to see that the last one has achieved the ripe old age of No. 29!

## 27TH DAVIS RATED TOURNAMENT, JUNE-SEPTEMBER, 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. G. G. Pickler	W7	W2	W6	W4	W8	5 - 0
2. F. J. Garosi	W15	L1	W11	W13	W6	4 - 1
3. D. S. Napoli	W10	W14	D4	L6	W13	3½ - 1½
4. S. H. Scenick	W5	W8	D3	L1	W10	3½ - 1½
5. D. Comini	L4	L13	W15	W14	W12	3 - 2
6. T. Borsch	W12	W11	L1	W3	L2	3 - 2
7. D. Jacobson	L1	W12*	L13	W11	W15	3 - 2
8. K. D. Olwell	W13	L4	W14	W10	L1	3 - 2

2 Points: 9. J. Bingle, 10. G. P. Comini, 11. J. R. Conner, 12. H. Everett, 13. R. Paige.

1 Point: 14. D. H. Dewsnup, 15. B. Earl.



29TH DAVIS RATED TOURNAMENT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1971

## SECTION A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. G. Pickler	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	4 - 1
2. G. Lee	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. P. Taylor	0	1	X	1	0	1*	3 - 2
4. S. Sosnick	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	1	1*	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
5. D. Oppedal	0	0	1	0	X	1*	2 - 3
6. A. Lotz	0	0	0*	0*	0*	X	0 - 5

## SECTION B

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. W. Alexander	W7	W4	W14	W2	D3	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
2. K. Olwell	W3	W9	W11	L1	W5	4 - 1
3. J. Conner	L2	W10	W13*	W6	D1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
4. G. Comini	W13	L1	W9	L5	W8	3 - 2
5. W. Hamaker	L14	W12*	W7	W4	L2	3 - 2
6. D. Olmsted	W12	L14	W8	L3	W11*	3 - 2

2 Points: 7. H. Everett, 8. D. Seaborg, 9. W. Walls, 10. D. Koutney, 11. R. Eberly.

1 Point: 12. W. Earl, 13. R. Unger

0 Points: 14. B. Nelson.

PASADENA SUMMER DOLDRUMS TOURNAMENT

Greg Francis won the summer tournament held at the Pasadena Chess Club with a score of 5 - 1. Five players tied for second place with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  scores. The tournament was designed to allow any partial or whole participation during the period of the tournament. Pairings were made on playing nights on the basis of net scores (wins minus losses).

PASADENA 1971 SUMMER DOLDRUMS TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Francis	W35	W3	W7	L2	W8	W4	5 - 1
2. Lee	W8	W5	W13	W1	L4	D3	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. Istvanyi	W34	L1	W19	W21	W7	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
4. Root	W23	W19	--	W18	W2	L1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
5. Roth	W27	L2	W36	D12	W13	W15	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
6. Davis	W28	W30	W12	--	--	--	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
7. Potts	W21	W20	L1	W16	L3	W22	4 - 2
8. Koopal	L2	W33	W24	W20	L1	W18	4 - 2
9. Sanders	W42	L12	W35	--	W14	--	4 - 2
10. Methven	W40	--	W29	--	D18	--	4 - 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
11. Bateman	---	---	W38	---	---	W20	4 -- 2
12. Thomason	W22	W9	L6	D5	---	---	3½-2½
13. Edwards	W32	---	L2	W17	L5	W26	3½-2½
14. Pease	---	---	---	W27	L3	W25	3½-2½
15. Grause	---	L38	W34	W26	W21	L5	3½-2½
16. Hamilton	W39	---	---	L7	---	W29	3½-2½
17. Lopez	W36	L18	---	L13	W35	W30	3½-2½

3 Points: 18. Vest, 19. Randal, 20. Cowdrey, 21. Williams, 22. Barnes.  
 2½ Points: 23. Perez, 24. Carpenter, 25. Mohai, 26. Fisk, 27. Buck,  
 28. Vancli, 29. Nilsson, 30. Lesenevitch, 31. Neiswander,  
 32. Anderson, 33. Tan, 34. Russell.  
 2 Points: 35. Theisinger, 36. Ullah, 37. Ross.  
 1½ Points: 38. Kotz, 39. Smith, 40. Hall, 41. Robinson.  
 ½ Point: 42. Hoffman

NOTE: In this tournament, games not played were scored as one-half point.

#### GAME OF THE MONTH

Kim Commons won the California State Chess Championship the hard way, defeating defending co-champion Dennis Fritzingler in the following game. Annotator John Grefe calls it the most interesting game of the tournament.

Fritzingler sacrificed a Pawn in the opening in the interests of tactical chances. Commons saved the day with the sacrifice of a Knight and opened up Black's King position. A spectacular defense by Black was not quite good enough...

#### 1972 CALIF. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Game No. 1202-King's Indian

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>K. Commons</u>	<u>D. Fritzingler</u>
(Notes by J. Grefe)	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-KKt3
3. P-B4	B-Kt2
4. P-KKt3	O-O
5. B-Kt2	P-B4
6. P-Q5	P-QKt4

This is the Benko-Volga Gambit. Black sacrifices a pawn in order to exert pressure on the a & b

files in conjunction with the strong fianchettoed King's Bishop.

7. PxF	P-QR3
8. PxF	P-Q3
9. Kt-B3	BxP
10. O-O	QKt-Q2
11. Q-B2	

An alternate method of development here is R-K1, followed by P-R4.

11. ... Q-B2

A game Padevski-Browne, Sarajevo

1970, continued 11...Q-R4; 12. R-Kt1, RR-Kt1 (12...Kt-KT3; 13. R-Q1, Kt-B5; 14. Kt-Q2, Kt-Q2!; 15. B-R3?!, KKT-Kt3

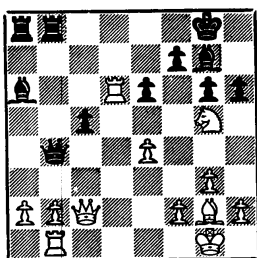
16. P-R3, Kt-Kt; 17. P-QKt4, KtxR, is good for Black. Forintos, Browne Skopje 1970) 13. B-Q2, Kt-Kt3; 14. P-Kt3, Q-R6; 15. B-B1, Q-R4; 16. B-Q2 drawn.

12. R-Q1	KR-Kt1
13. B-Q2	Kt-Kt3
14. B-K1	Q-Kt2
15. R-Kt1	

Better appears to be 15. P-K4, intending to answer 15...Kt-B5 with 16. P-Kt3. After the move played Black obtains a superior position.

15. ...	KKtxP
16. KtxKt	KtxKt
17. Kt-Kt5	P-K3
18. P-K4	Kt-Kt5
19. BxKt	QxB
20. RxP	P-R3?!

This weakening of the Kingside leads to great complications, not completely unfavorable for Black. As the game continuation shows, however, Black was unaware of the dangers this move confronts him with, and a much simpler way to try for an advantage would have been 20...R-R2 or even 20...P-B5, and if 21. P-K5! then ...R-R2 etc.



21. KtxBP?!

21. Kt-R3 or 21. Kt-B3, BxP! do not seem at all attractive for White, while 21.KtxKP?! can be answered by 21...P-B5! (21...PxKt; 22. P-K5!, Q-Kt6!; 23. BxR, RxB; 24. QxBP, Q-K5

is also good for Black). After the move played Black could have gotten a very strong position by 21...Q-B5!, for if 22. Q-Q2, KxKt; 23. B-B1, QxRP, etc, while an exchange of Queens is also unfavorable for White. After 21...KxKt, the Black King comes under a very strong attack.

21. ...	KxKt?
22. 'P-K5!	

If 22...R-R2; 23. RxP!!, K-Kt1; 24. QxKtP and White has more than enough compensation for the piece.

22. ...	BxP?
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Black has an ingenious-looking defensive idea in mind, but it turns out to be insufficient. Better chances were offered by 22...Q-Kt5, though here 23 R-K1 looks very strong for White; but Black still can put up a tough resistance. After 22...BxP he is clearly lost.

23. R-Q7ch	K-B3
24. Q-Q1!	B-Q6

The first point of Black's defense.

25. QxB	R-R6
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The second point. But Black's ingenious maneuver is doomed to failure.

26. Q-K2	Q-Kt5
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If 26...BxP; 27. B-Q5!, R-Kt3; 28. B-Kt3 is fatal for Black.

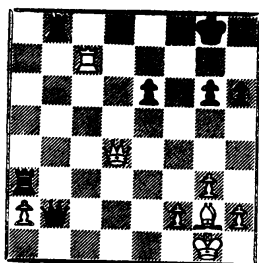
27. Q-Q1	B-Q5
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Black is practically in Zugzwang. If 27...R-B6; 28. P-B4!

28. RxB!	
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Black had overlooked this move in his calculations.

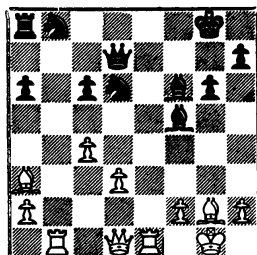
28. ...	PxR
29. QxPch	K-B2
30. R-B1	QxP
31. R-B7ch	K-Kt1



- 32. R-B8ch                      K-R2
- 33. Q-Q7ch                     Q-Kt2
- 34. QxQch                      KxQ
- 35. RxB                         RxP
- 36. B-R3                        RESIGNS

White was rewarded for his daring sacrifice and sharp tactical play.

WINNING CHESS CONCEPTS - by Hyman Gordon



The diagrammed position should provide a fine challenge to the championship mettle of your readers. In the actual game, Black won when White played BxKt followed by QxKt and R-K8ch. Black simply moved K-B2, White was forced to retreat the Rook and Black's two Kts for a Rook were sufficient to win. Yet White by applying a high degree of logic and imagination combined with precise timing of his moves, constant threats to win material, and capitalizing on the weakness of the cramped Queen's Rook and Kt of the

Black forces can construct a scientific pattern of action that leads to victory.

White's first move should be:

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
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1. Q-Kt3

This move immediately threatens to win a piece.

1. ...                      Kt-QB1

Black's best defense.

If White                      Black

.....                      B-K3

BxKt                        QxB

Q-Kt7 wins

If White                      Black

....                        Kt-B2

Q-Kt4                      B-Kt2

Q-Kt7? wins at least a piece.

If Black plays QxQ, R-K8ch wins two pieces quickly.

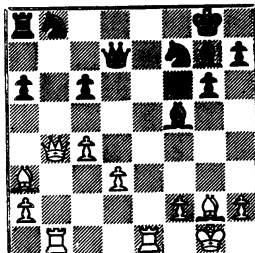
If ....                      B-K2

RxB                        QxR

BxKt                        QxB

Q-Kt7 and the Black Rook is

lost.



JUDE ACERS RETURNS FROM EXHIBITION TRIP

The Reporter's Games Editor, Jude F. Acers, returned at the end of the year from a nationwide tour in which he gave 124 simultaneous exhibitions in 82 different cities and towns. He visited thirty states in six months.

Acers is described by Martin E. Morrison, editor of Chess Voice, as follows: "In a rare combination, Acers combines his top-flight chess ability with a zeal for publicizing and promoting chess at all levels. On his nationwide tour his exhibitions were covered on radio and television. Audiences were spellbound at his lectures. One reporter described his rush of words as 'a machine gun with its trigger stuck.' Acers describes chess to the press and public-at-large as this country's most popular sport, but little recognized because it is not a spectator sport. He is one of the most vigorous salesmen chess has.

Acers, never known for his false modesty, describes himself as one of the top ten young players in the country. His opponents, at first amused by his lofty claims, have been embarrassed by his stunning series of victories...His total record to date is 1033 wins, 37 losses, 18 draws!"

Acers spent January in Jackson, Wyoming, as the paid guest of John Alexander. He taught chess to skiers and to young people, and was so successful that he has been invited back next year.

GAMESCALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1971-72Game No. 1203 - King's Indian Rev.

(Notes by John Grefe)

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>D. Fritzinger</u>	<u>J. Tarjan</u>
1. P-KKt3	P-QB4
2. B-Kt2	Kt-QB3
3. P-Kt3	P-Q4
4. Kt-KB3	P-K4
5. O-O	P-KKt3
6. B-Kt2	B-Kt2
7. P-B4	F-Q5

If 7...KKt-K2; 8. PxP, KtxP; 9. Kt-B3 is favorable for White.

8. P-Q3                      Kt-B3

In view of what follows, KKt-K2 may be suggested as a good alternative here.

## 9. F-QKt4!

White is now playing the Benko-Volga Gambit in reverse. However, he has made two moves completely irrelevant to that system already - 3. F-QKt3 and 6. B-QKt2, so that he is actually playing Black, and a tempo down at that. He feels that all this is justified by the weakness of the diagonal a3-c8, and this judgment appears to be quite sound.

9. ...                      PxP  
10. P-QR3                      P-Kt6

This is the safest reply, and leads to an equal game for Black.

11. QxP                      O-O

12. Qkt-Q2                    Q-B2  
 13. P-QR4  
 13. P-K3 is also a good choice here.  
 13. ...                    P-QR4  
 14. B-R3                    R-Q1  
 15. Kt-K1

And here 15. P-R3 comes into consideration. Both players wish to engage in an immediate tactical struggle.

15. ...                    B-Kt5  
 16. Q-Q1                    B-KB1  
 17. BxB                    KxB  
 RxB is much sounder.  
 18. P-R3                    B-B4  
 19. R-Kt1                    Kt-Q2

Black should take time to consolidate his position by 19... K-Kt2.

20. P-K4                    PxPep  
 21. PxP                    Kt-B4  
 22. B-Q5                    B-K3  
 23. Kt-Kt3

If 23. Kt-K4, BxB; 24. PxB,RxP; 25. Kt-B6, KR-Q1; 26. KtxPch, K-Kt2; 27. Kt-Kt5, R-Q2 is playable for Black. White's Knight on e1 is the culprit in this game. If this piece were more actively placed he would get dangerous threats against the Black King. As it is it must constantly guard the d-pawn.

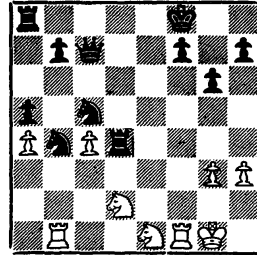
23. ...                    Kt-Kt5  
 24. BxB!                    KtxB  
 25. Q-B3                    R-Q2  
 26. Kt-Q2                    Kt-B4

Again, moving the King is desirable but here White has the strong threat, 27. Kt-K4.

27. P-Q4!                    PxP  
 28. PxP                    RxP?

A time-pressure error. After 28...KtxP Black has good chances to make his material superiority

29. Q-B6



29. ...                    Kt-K3

If 29...RxKt?; 30. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 31. RxRch and wins. If 29...QxPch; 30. Kt-Kt2 etc. If 29...R-Q3 30. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 31. RxPch! (31.QxR, Q-Kt3 is not good for White). If 29...R-Q2; 30. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 31. QxR, QxPch; 32. Kt-Kt2, RxKt; 33. Q-R1-K1ch and White wins. Or 29...R-Q2; 30. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 31. QxR, RxKt; 32. Kt-Kt2, Kt-K5; 33. QR-K1, P-B4; 34. RxKtch!, PxR; 35. Q-B8ch, K-K3; 36. R-B6ch, K-K4; 37. Q-KR8! and White wins. A very pretty variation. (Except for 33...RxKtch! which draws.Ed.)

30. Kt-Kt3  
 30.QKt-B5, wins for White. For example, 30.QxPchch; 31. Kt-Kt2, Kt-B5; 32. R-Kt2, KtxPch; 33. K-R1 and it is Black who will be mated first. Or 30...R-Q6!?: 31. Kt-K5, Kt-Q1; 32. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 33. QxP (33. KtxBP, Q-Kt3ch; 34. P-B5 (34. K-R1, KtxKt; 35. QxR, R-Q1 and Black wins) QxPch 35. K-R1, Q-B3ch; 36. Kt-B3, KtxKt; 37. QxR, is less clear). After 33. QxP the White attack will be decisive.

30. ...                    R-K5!  
 31. Q-R8ch                    K-K2  
 32. QxR                    RxKt!  
 33. KRxR                    QxPch

Drawn. A hard fought and exciting game!

Game No. 1204 - Sicilian

(Notes by John Creffe)

White	Black
<u>J. Tarjan</u>	<u>K. Commons</u>
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-KKt3
3. P-B3	P-Kt2
4. P-Q4	PxP
5. PxP	Kt-KB3

In *Gligoric* and *Sokolov's* excellent book on the Sicilian, only 5...P-Q4 is mentioned at this point.

6. P-K5	Kt-Q4
7. B-B4	Kt-Kt3
8. B-Kt3	P-Q4
9. P-KR3	Kt-B3
10. O-O	O-O
11. Kt-B3	B-K3

11...B-B4 also comes into consideration. Perhaps Black did not like the locks of 12. Kt-KR4, B-K3; 13. P-R4, Q-Q2; 14. B-B2, etc.

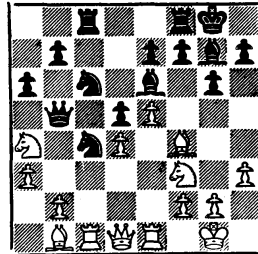
12. R-K1	Q-Q2
13. B-B4	QR-B1
14. R-B1	P-QR3
15. B-B2	Kt-Kt5

Black has difficulty finding a sound plan due to White's powerful center. As Black has a solid position, he should adopt a waiting policy, e.g. 15...KR-R1. The attempt to seize the initiative on the Queenside is doomed to failure against White's active position, and the Black pieces will be driven back.

16. B-Kt1	Kt-B5
17. Kt-QR4!	Q-Kt4

This makes matters worse, but Black is already in desperate straits.

18. P-R3	Kt-B3
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19. B-Q3?

White could have decided matters at once with 19. P-QKt3! If 19... KtxRP; 20. R-B5, Q-Kt5; 21. B-Kt2 wins the Queen at once. So Black would have to go in for 19...Kt5-R4; 20. B-Q3, QxP! 21. B-B2 and now (a) 21...Q-Kt4; 22. R-Kt1, Q-B5; 23. B-Q3, Q-R7; 24. R-K2, QxP; 25. B-B1 wins; or (b) 21... Q-R7; 22. R-R1, Q-B5; 23. Kt-Kt6, Q-B6; 24. R-K3, Q-Kt7; 25. Kt-R4, Q-Kt4; 26. R-Kt1, Q-B5; 27. B-Q3, Q-R7; 28. R-K2, QxP; 29. B-B1 etc. or (c) 21...QxP; 22. R-K3, Q-R7. (22...QxKt5; 23. R-Kt1, Q-B5; 24. B-Q3 etc) 23. R-R1, Q-B5; 24. R-B3, Q-Kt5; 25. R-Kt1 etc. (d) 21... Q-B5; 22. Kt-Kt6, Q-R7 (22...Q-B6; 23. R-K3, Q-Kt7; 24. R-Kt1, Q-R7; 25. R-R1, Q-Kt7; 26. Kt-R4, Q-Kt5; 27. R-Kt1, Q-B5; 28. R-R3, Q-R7; 29. R-R1 etc) 23. R-R1, Q-Kt7; 24. Kt-R4, Q-Kt4; 25. R-Kt1, Q-B5; 26. B-Q3, etc. These variations are all very difficult to work out over the board, and White's desire to maintain his positional superiority while avoiding complications is quite understandable.

19. ...	Q-R4	<u>MONTEREY OPEN, 1971</u>
20. R-K2	P-QKt4	<u>Game No. 1205 - Alekhine Defense</u>
21. Kt-B5	Q-Kt3	White
22. P-Kt3	KtxQP?	A. Suhobeck
		Dr. K. Bach

Black should have tried 22...Ktx RP. If 23 R-R2, KtxQP, there could follow 24. KtxKt, RxKt; 25. KtxB, PxKt; 26. B-K3, RxR; 27. QxR, P-Q5; 28. B-Kt5, P-Kt4 with a position not unfavorable for Black. If 24. KtxB, KtxKt (24... PxKt?; 25. RxR) 25. B-K3, P-Q5; 26. KtxP, KtxKt is good for Black But White can play 24. KtxKt, Rx Kt; 25. Rxr!, QxR; 26. B-K3 and wins. So after 22...KtxRP; 23. R-R2 Black must play 23...P-Kt5 then after 24 BxP, R-R1; 25. B-Kt7, R-R2; 26. KtxB, PxKt is satisfactory for Black. 26. BxKt, QxB; 27. Kt-Q3, Q-Kt3 is also unclear. White can maintain his advantage with 25. B-Q3. The move played, obtaining 3 Pawns for a piece, is insufficient to hold the game as White's pieces are extremely well placed for attack and defense.

23. KtxKt	QxKt
24. B-Kt1	QxP
25. PxKt	PxP
26. KtxB	PxKt
27. Q-K7!	

White concludes the game in excellent style.

27. ...	K-R1
28. B-Kt5	KR-Q1
29. QxP3	R-B2
30. P-R4	QR-Q2
31. P-R5	R-Qch
32. RxR	RxRch
33. K-R2	Q-B4
34. BxKP	R-Q8ch
35. P-R6	RESIGNS

1 - 0 on time. Black's position was quite hopeless.

Dr. Kent Bach achieves counterplay and then a "miracle draw" against Monterey master Alex Suhobeck, from the final round of the 1971 Monterey International Open tournament. Bach now a USCF expert, didn't lose a game in the event and is clearly a problem for players of any strength.

1. P-K4	Kt-KB3
2. P-K5	Kt-Q4
3. P-Q4	P-Q3
4. P-QB4	Kt-Kt3
5. PxP	BPxP
6. Kt-KB3	P-Kt3
7. Kt-B3	B-Kt2
8. B-K2	O-O
9. O-O	Kt-B3
10. B-K3	B-Kt5
11. P-QKt3	P-Q4
12. P-B5	Kt-B1
13. P-Kt4	

Boleslavsky's recommendation. Alan Bourke proved that Black is okay in three games with Acers in 1970 however.

13...KtxKtp; 14. R-Kt1, Q-R4?; 15. Q-Kt3 wins. Acers-Pauls 1967. Now 14. R-Kt1 is usual.

14. R-B1?!	P-K3
15. Kt-Q2	BxB
16. KtxB	Q-Q2

Adequate but 16...Kt1-K2 is deadeye equal. The text threatens to pick off the KtP and keep the goodies!

17. Q-Kt3	Kt1-K2
18. P-QR4	Kt-B4

More thematic than 18...P-QR4 or 18...P-K4.

19. Kt-KB3	KtxB
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A serious error. Black should bring both Rooks to the center files and



break at E5. The text cedes space and makes White's center stable.

20. PxKt R-R2

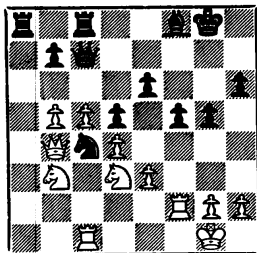
To double on the A file if White cracks open the position. White's advantage has become clear. White maneuvers easily to a won position.

- 21. Q-B3 R-B1
- 22. Kt-B4 Q-Q1
- 23. Kt-Q3 B-R3
- 24. K-B2 E-Kt2
- 25. R-QR1 R2-R1
- 26. F-Kt5 Kt-R4
- 27. Kt-Q2 B-R3
- 28. Kt-K5 F-B3
- 29. Kt-Kt4 B-Kt2
- 30. K-Kt1 P-B4
- 31. Kt-B2 P-Kt4
- 32. Kt-Q3 Q-B2
- 33. QR-B1 Q-Q1
- 34. R-KB2? P-R3
- 35. R1-KB1 PxP
- 36. PxB Q-Kt3

A little joke as Dennis Fritzinger would say. Black's endgame prospects are poor.

- 37. Q-Kt4 Q-B2
- 38. R-QB1 B-B1?!
- 39. Kt-Kt3 Kt-B5

Allows a winning combination but if 39...KtxKt; 40. QxKt Black must attempt ...P-B5 or face Suhobeck's doubled pieces on the C file. (P-B6 will then come by pony express).



40. RxKt! FxR

41. QxF Q-KB2

If 41...Q-K2; 42. Kt-K5 followed by either 43. P-Q5 or 43. P-K4 would win positionally while 42. RxP! wins immediately. Black prays to Marshall and remains alert.

42. Kt-K5!

Regains the exchange, nets a Pawn by force. How can White survive? Tune in after time central at move 45.

- 42. ... Q-B3
- 43. Kt-Q7 Q-B2
- 44. Kt-Kt6 R-Q1
- 45. KtxR RxKt
- 46. P-B6 PxB
- 47. QxBP?!

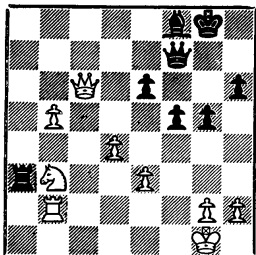
Unnecessary. 47. PxB wins cold. White threatens 48. Kt-B5 and 48. P-K4 and Black cannot obtain play or blockade the passer.

47. ... R-R6!

Setting up amazing counterplay if white refuses to sacrifice his K Pawn.

48. R-Kt2

Possible is 48. Kt-B5, RxP; 49. P-Kt6, Q-B3!; 50. Q-Q7, BxKt!; 51. PxB, R-K8ch; 52. R-B1 and (a) 52...Q-K4; 53. Q-B8ch, K-any; 54. Q-B7ch wins. (b) 52...Q-R8; 53. QxPch! kills. (c) 52...Q-B6; 53. Q-Kt5!, RxRch draws! Truly an amazing position. (or 53... Q-K6ch; 54. K-R1, Q-B7!; 55. Q-K8ch and draws by perpet.)



- 48. ... P-K4
- 49. P-Q5 P-B5!
- 50. P-K4

Criticized after play but necessary. Here we go.

- 50. ... RxKt!!
- If you can do it so can I.
- 51. RxR Q-R2ch
- 52. P-Kt6 Q-R8ch
- 53. K-B2 Q-R7ch
- 54. K-K1 QxR
- 55. Q-Kt6ch K-R1
- 56. Q-B6ch K-Kt1
- Draw Agreed

- 12. QxKt KtxP
- 13. BxB KtxB
- 14. R-K1 B-Kt2
- 15. Kt-R4 Kt-B4!
- 16. R-B3

White is structurally weaker despite a development edge.

- 16. ... R-B1
- 17. RxR QxR
- 18. P-KKt4! Kt-K2
- 19. Kt/3-Kt5 Kt-Kt3

To prevent mate in two.

- 20. P-KR4! P-K4!
- 21. P-B3

Played with less than ten minutes remaining and 28 moves left!

- 21. ... R-Q1!
- 22. P-R5! RxP?
- 22...Kt-B1! (Addison) Holds and leaves Black better. The text enters a decisive combination. If 22...BxKt; 23. QxB, RxP; 24. Q-Kt1 (Acers)

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Game No. 1206 - Caro-Kann Defense

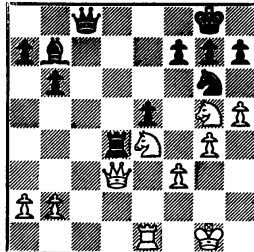
White	Black
<u>J. Acers</u>	<u>R. Hoppe</u>
1. P-K4	P-QB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. PxP	FxP
4. P-QB4	P-K3
5. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3
6. B-Kt5	

Weak. Correct is 6.Kt-B3 or 6. P-B5 -Addison)

- 6. ... B-K2
- 7. Kt-B3 O-O
- 8. R-QB1 P-QKt3!
- 9. B-Q3 Kt-B3!
- 10. O-O

10. FxP is safest. But I'm the man with the plan!

- 10. ... Kt-QKt5
- 11. FxP KtxB



- 23. QxR! PxQ
- 24. Kt-Q6

I overlooked this beautiful variation entirely thinking Acers had just given up, understanding that Black was better at his 22nd move! (Hoppe)

- 24. ... Q-QB4
- 25. PxKt P-Q6ch
- 26. K-B1

Black resigns with both flags dropping!

BOOK REVIEWS by Jude Acers

Think Like A Grandmaster by Alexander Kotov: translated by Bernard Cafferty. 198 p.p., B. T. Batsford Limited, London 1971 (Available through USCF and Chess Digest)

Gee Whiz, What a Book!! It contains 159 diagrams, illustrative and discussion positions to fascinate, entertain and instruct.

However, the value of the text to the serious player is first, organization of at-the-board thinking and at-home study and, second, some terrific exposition on Kotov's famous axioms. These practical pointers are not from a writer seeking your wallet but the wonderfully helpful Soviet trainer and grandmaster who won the powerful 1952 Saltsjobaden Interzonal Tournament three points ahead of Petrosian and Taimanov. Kotov's score was a colossal  $16\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ . In the candidates event that followed he scored 8-8 with 12 draws. He is best known for dynamic, studious play and was so progressive as a self-disciplined student that he became world famous overnight by whizzing through the 1939 USSR Championship  $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  only stopped in the final round by Botvinnik. Kotov was one of a handful of players to receive the title of Soviet Grandmaster immediately upon a single national performance basis. That just doesn't happen very often, believe me.

The axioms emphasized (but by no means even a fraction of book content) are:

- 1) Never move without thinking. (speed chess is out).
- 2) Calculate every variation only once - everytime the chessplayer has to calculate in tree style he must cover each branch once only.
- 3) Look everytime for the most fantastic possibility on the board. This stimulates imagination, interest, alertness and the ability to find resources under great pressure and seemingly hopeless situations.
- 4) Remember Russian Master Blumenfeld's rule: "When you have finished calculating variations, look for one minute with the eyes of a beginner. Look: do you lose the queen, do you allow mate in one or two?"
- 5) Always keep score accurately and totally even in time pressure.
- 6) Always record your move before making it on the board. (no exceptions - even in time pressure) Kotov makes you want to train yourself for this and other tasks!

The volume is really an honest attempt by a compulsive teacher and Soviet trainer to help the serious player get out of the jungle of Swiss system analysts and bar championships. It succeeds and the translation by Chafferty is excellent and on the money.

In my opinion the study of many master games in the exact method discussed by Kotov will indeed take the hardworking expert to grand-master class. It's a matter of interest and organization, not talent.

The volume will at any rate improve the analytical standards of the reader immeasurably and surely increase his confidence in practical chessplay. He will want to improve!

CONCLUSION: An outstanding, well produced book that is a veritable triumph for Kotov, Chess Digest and the financier of the entire "Contemporary" series, Kenneth R. Smith of Dallas. The handwriting is on the wall: U. S. players are now getting information on training and theory that will produce world class players far more rapidly than ever before. This book is a solid opener. We should all be thankful. I certainly am.

HASTINGS 1934-1935 by James Schroeder (1970)

With Dr. Max Euwe, Sir George Thomas, Salo Flohr (6½-2½) Capablanca 5½-3½ (!), Botvinnik (!) and Lillienthal (5-4). Sir George Thomas only beat Norman in round one, Capablanca in round II and Botvinnik in Round III. All 45 games included with some notes that are accurate. Another excellent publication from the very energetic publisher and chess promoter extraordinaire who lives in Ohio. He is probably one of the world's toughest non-professional players in both over-the-board and correspondence practice. (\$2.00 from Author, Box 5268, Cleveland, Ohio.)

VIEW FROM THE FLAGPOLE by James Schroeder

A series of classic master games, dozens of factual chess statements, book reviews and stories that is unlike anything yet printed. Irregular issues that are definitely worth waiting for. Excellent printing, good diagrams. The most recent issue gives 32 Botvinnik games to "illustrate his style." Very unusual and excellent material for the student. (\$4.00 from author, Box 5268, Cleveland, Ohio.)

YEAR-END ELECTIONS

CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION: Secretary Spencer Van Gelder recently conducted a mail poll of the ten directors. Re-elected for 1972 were:

President . . . . .	Grandmaster Isaac Kashdan
Vice-President. . . . .	Robert E. Burger
Secretary . . . . .	Spencer Van Gelder
Treasurer . . . . .	Dr. Ralph Hultgren

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

The following officers will run the League in 1972:

President . . . . . Gordon S. Barrett (re-elected)  
 Vice-President. . . . . Paul Pollard  
 Tournament Director . . . John Barnard  
 Treasurer . . . . . Henry Shipin (re-elected)  
 Secretary . . . . . David Argall

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

The nominating committee released in February the state of candidates for 1972 elections. As predicted in these pages (July-August) international master George Koltanowski has been nominated for Vice-President. An unexpected development: Martin E. Morrison of Oakland is the only nominee for Secretary - a very important office.

The nominations:

President . . . . . Frank Skoff, Chicago  
 Vice President. . . . . George Koltanowski, San  
 Francisco; Russell W. Miller,  
 Yakima, Major Robert A. Karch,  
 APO San Francisco; Dr. Arpad E. Elo,  
 Milwaukee.  
 Secretary . . . . . Martin E. Morrison, Oakland

<p><u>INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR CHESS?</u> John Grefe, Berkeley chessmaster is now giving personal chess lessons. John is a contributor to the California Chess Reporter and is highly qualified. For details, write to 2202 McKinley Avenue, Berkeley, Ca. 94703, or to the Reporter.</p>
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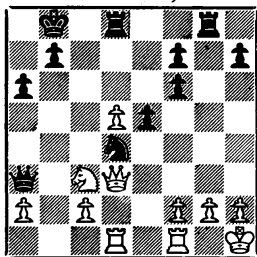
CHARLES HENIN

We regret to record the tragic death in February of Charles Henin of Los Angeles. Henin died suddenly. He was found in his room with evidence of alcohol and drugs, thus giving rise to reports that the cause of death was an overdose. Henin, 36, was estranged from his family: his wife, Terry Elizabeth, and two children: Eva, 8 and Anthony Eric, 5.

The likeable Chuck Henin was a New York area chessmaster who came to California several years ago and won many friends and numerous tournaments. He was California Co-Champion (with Dennis Fritzinger) in 1971.

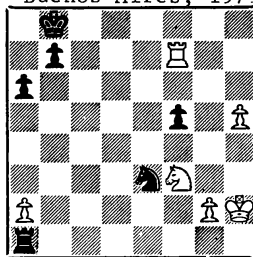
## TASKS:

No. 317  
Fischer-Petrosian  
1st Game  
Buenos Aires, 1971



After 20...QxRP(3)

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After 36...P-R5

With the World Championship match set to begin in a few months, the Final Candidates match is still being analyzed with no apparent agreement on several crucial points in the play. The most interesting account to appear thus far is a booklet by Dr. Reuben Fine, published by "The Hostel Chess Association" (no pun intended) under the auspices of our old friend, John Alexander. John has done a service to chess fans by luring Fine out of retirement to analyze the match. If the Grandmaster's notes are not always in agreement with those of Korchnoi or Byrne, they are certainly perceptive and witty: (The authoritative book has yet to be written).

As examples of how "doctors disagree" consider the above two positions from the monumental first game. In 317 Black has just regained his gambit pawn, the "cripple" at White's QR3. Byrne question-marks this move, giving White's reply 21. P-B4 an exclamation point. The Russian analysts agree. Fine, however, shows that after the virtually forced 21...R-QB1; 22. Kt-K4, QxP! (instead of QxQ, as in the game) 23. KtxP, KRxP! White loses - either in the King hunt after 24. KxR, Rxpch, or in the complications after 24. Kt-Q7ch, K-R2; 25. KtxP, KtxP! If this is so, then 21. P-B4 deserves a question mark, instead of which 21. Kt-K4 at once is the only chance.

In 318, all commentators agree that 36...P-B5 is the losing move, and recommend the natural 36...Rxp. However, in the line 37. R-Kt7, P-B5 (threatening R-R4) 38. R-Kt5, (Black's pawns are too advanced for 38. P-R6, R-R4; 39. P-R7, R-R4ch; 40. K-Kt1, K-R2; 41. Kt-Kt5, P-R4; 42. R-Kt8, P-R5; 43. P-R8(Q), RxQ; 44. RxR, P-R6; 45. R-QB8, P-R7; 46. R-B1, Kt-B7, etc.), 38...R-QB7 (threatening R-B3); 39. Kt-Q4 (instead of Byrne's 39. Kt-Kt), R-B2; 40. K-R3, White can support his advanced pawns, while Black cannot. E.g., 40...R-B2; 41. P-R6, R-R2; 42. R-Kt6, P-R4; 43. Kt-B6ch! or 40...R-R2; 41. K-R4, P-Kt4; 42. R-Kt6 followed by P-R6. Do our readers agree? (It has been said that if the Reporter had to announce a doubling of dues it should be done on the Task Page.)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA USCF OPEN

Date: May 6 and 7, 1972. (Saturday and Sunday).

Place: Hilton Inn, International Airport, San Francisco.

Entry Fee: \$8 by April 28, 1972, \$10 later.

USCF Membership required. (Restricted to -2000).

Registration: 9:00 a.m., Saturday.

Prizes: (Prize fund increased or decreased dependent on number of entries.)

A, B & C: \$100 1st; \$50 2nd, \$25 3rd.

Special cash prizes for unrated and beginners.

Special Award Plaques given by San Francisco Chronicle.

Schedule: 5-Round Swiss. (Dinner party Saturday evening at Inn).

Time Control - 45/2.

Rounds: 10-1:30-5 Saturday,  
11-5 Sunday.

Tournament Director: Martin Morrison, Box 1622, Oakland, CA 94604.

Entries and inquiries to: Alfred Hansen, 1035 Whitwell Rd., Hillsborough, CA 94010.

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BERKELEY CC'S SPRING

Date: June 2-16, 1972.

Place: Berkeley Chess Club, Palm Room, Berkeley Cen. YMCA, 2001 Allston Way, Berkeley, Calif.

Schedule: 3-Round Swiss. Time control, 40/1½.

Rounds on Fridays, 7-11 pm.

Entry Fee: FREE.

Tournament Director: Martin E. Morrison, Box 1622, Oakland, CA 94604.

Berkeley CC membership required (\$3 -16, \$3.50 students, \$4 others.)

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