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TWENTY - FIVE YEARS

As we enter our twenty-fifth year of publication we no longer ask innocently "how have we lasted so long?" Instead we look about us with the hope that one who is younger and keener than us is waiting to get into this editorial chair. We are not going to hold our breath in the meantime, however. We ourselves got here without the remotest notion of how long a term we were going to serve, and we will probably have to wait for another innocent to come along.

In the meantime we apologize deeply for the delay in publishing this issue. We have been late before, in fact we have a crisis almost every Spring because of the press of work - since we have a job which comes first - but this delay is the longest ever. Our excuse is the Lone Pine Tournament book, which delayed the magazine six months. We did not know it would take so long. Maybe it was worth it. Who knows?

CALIFORNIANS WIN NATIONAL TITLES

by Isaac Kashdan

For years New York was the major center for American chess. Most of the grandmasters lived and played there. It was the invariable site for the U.S. Championship Tournament. Talented youngsters interested in improving were told to go East, to the Manhattan or Marshall Chess Club.

No longer. The current has turned to the West, and is running stronger every year. California is the state of the chess champions, and juniors in particular have more opportunities here than anywhere else.

Let us look at the record in 1975. Winning the U.S. championship for the second time in succession was Walter Browne of Berkeley. He scored $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ without the loss of a game in the tournament at Oberlin College, Ohio.

Three other Californians were in the event, former U.S. champion John Grefe and James Tarjan of Berkeley, and Kim Commons of Los Angeles. All are threats for the future, though they did not finish among the leaders. Noteworthy is that Grefe, at 28, was the oldest of the four.

The U.S. women's title was won by Diane Savereide of Culver City competing in the tournament for the first time. She finished with $7\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$, a full point ahead of the field. Her only loss was to Ruth Herst of Los Angeles, who tied for second place with Ruth Orton of Fayetteville, Ark.

The pattern was followed in the Invitational U.S. Junior Championship, which was limited to the eight highest rated players under 20. Larry Christiansen of Riverside won for the third time, winning six games and drawing two for a total of 6-1.

As a prize for this victory Christiansen was sent to the World Junior Championship in Yugoslavia. He came close behind Valery Chekho of the Soviet Union, who won with 10-3.

BIYIASAS PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CHAMPION

by Isaac Kashdan

Canadian champion Peter Biyiasas of Vancouver played six games and won them all to pick up the first prize in the Pacific Southwest Open Tournament, played in Santa Monica over the July 4 weekend. As it happened, he did not have to meet any of the other leading contenders.

In second place, with five wins and a draw, was Kim Commons of Los Angeles, who won the American Open last year, also in Santa Monica. Commons had a difficult time beating Zaki Harari of Los Angeles in th

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final round.

Nine players were tied with scores of 5-1. Among them was Senior Master Tibor Weinberger of Santa Monica and Masters William Batchelder of Laguna Beach and Kenneth Fitzgerald and Julius Loftsson of Los Angeles. The others were John Blackstone, Santa Fe Springs; Enrique Conejo, Bell; Randall Hough, Riverside; Paul Quillen, Glendale, and Sidney Rubin, Los Angeles.

The tournament was sponsored by the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club, which meets Monday and Wednesday evenings at 1450 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST OPEN, JULY 4-6, 1975

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Peter Biyiasas	2477	W59	W36	W60	W31	W17	W8	6 - 0
2. Kim Commons	2432	W61	W35	D62	W63	W14	W16	5½ - ½
3. Tibor Weinberger	2406	W45	W64	W65	D18	W66	D12	5 - 1
4. Kenneth Fitzgerald	2272	W46	D9	W44	W67	D21	W36	5 - 1
5. Wm. Batchelder	2266	W47	W68	W69	L8	W40	W35	5 - 1
6. Julius Loftsson	2240	L49	W22	W56	W70	W43	W37	5 - 1
7. John Blackstone	2164	W51	L25	W71	W54	W44	W48	5 - 1
8. Enrique Conejo	2117	W72	W41	W73	W5	W13	L1	5 - 1
9. Sidney Rubin	2014	W74	D4	W75	W76	D16	W30	5 - 1
10. Paul Quillen	1981	W77	L17	W78	W79	W80	W31	5 - 1
11. Randall Hough	1963	W81	L18	W82	W83	W29	W32	5 - 1
12. John Hoggatt	2312	W84	L21	W85	W86	W18	D3	4½ - 1½
13. David Berry	2299	W87	W37	W88	W32	L8	D19	4½ - 1½
14. Frank Street	2248	W48	W23	W89	W20	L2	D21	4½ - 1½
15. Zaki Harari	2237	W28	D24	W90	W26	W25	L2	4½ - 1½
16. James Vlrich	2177	W91	W38	W92	D25	D9	D23	4½ - 1½
17. Irving Rivise	2173	W93	W10	W94	W40	L1	D22	4½ - 1½
18. David Kerman	2160	W95	W11	W96	D3	L12	W33	4½ - 1½
19. Jerome Hanken	2116	W52	L44	W97	W99	W49	D13	4½ - 1½
20. Ken Hense	2086	W53	W98	W100	L14	D28	W62	4½ - 1½
21. Arthur Spiller	2036	D101	W12	W102	W103	D4	D14	4½ - 1½
22. Spencer Kell	2007	W55	L6	W104	W105	W106	D17	4½ - 1½
23. Chris Del Faro	1995	W107	L14	W108	W109	W110	D16	4½ - 1½
24. J. Wollschlager	1994	W111	D15	W112	L29	W65	W113	4½ - 1½
25. Robert Greene	1959	W114	W7	W58	D16	L15	W115	4½ - 1½
26. Arthur Kaufman	1915	W79	D116	W117	L15	W118	W66	4½ - 1½
27. Frank D. Berry	1852	L30	D119	W120	W90	W69	W116	4½ - 1½
28. Bart Gibbons	1835	L15	W121	W122	W123	D20	W124	4½ - 1½
29. Roy Ervin	2336	W124	L125	W126	W24	L11	W127	4 - 2
30. Steven Schonhaut	2239	W27	D124	W125	D42	W41	L9	4 - 2
31. Francisco Alonso	2164	W126	W39	W127	L1	W42	L10	4 - 2
32. Richard Fowell	2156	W113	W128	W129	L13	W45	L11	4 - 2

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST OPEN (Continued)

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
33. Carl Pilnick	2146	W70	L40	W130	W131	W47	L18	4 - 2
34. Ray Martin	2124	D86	L42	W132	W112	W133	D46	4 - 2
35. Frank Metz	2074	W54	L2	W134	W77	W57	L5	4 - 2
36. Michael Leidner	2062	W131	L1	W135	W136	W91	L4	4 - 2
37. R. Harshbargar	2041	W115	L13	W137	W81	W129	L6	4 - 2
38. Raoul Lozoda	1979	W136	L16	W*	L137	W126	W109	4 - 2
39. Perry Youngworth	1977	L65	L31	W138	W125	W89	W137	4 - 2
40. Arthur Greensite	1957	W120	W33	W139	L17	L5	W79	4 - 2
41. V. McCambridge	1936	W104	L8	W140	W	L30	W141	4 - 2
42. Chris Hans	1931	W137	W34	D142	D30	L31	W97	4 - 2
43. Steven Havas	1931	W118	L66	W143	W144	L6	W71	4 - 2
44. Steven Markman	1917	W145	W19	L4	W94	L7	W114	4 - 2
45. Dr. Ted Bullockus	1898	L3	W146	W147	W100	L32	W88	4 - 2
46. Charles J. Jones	1880	L4	D90	W148	W102	W107	D34	4 - 2
47. Nathan Jacobi	1877	L5	W85	W149	W127	L33	W150	4 - 2
48. Everett Hildreth	1871	L14	W126	W151	W152	W63	L7	4 - 2
49. Alfred Marnlet	1855	W6	L89	W153	W58	L19	W154	4 - 2
50. T. Weissbein	1818	D155	L113	W156	W75	D157	W130	4 - 2
51. Martin Fabian	1804	L7	W56	W158	L96	W135	W73	4 - 2
52. James Krol	1772	L19	D57	W160	W117	D64	W129	4 - 2
53. Joel Hayashida	1761	L20	D161	W162	D163	W164	W78	4 - 2
54. David Hickox	1757	L35	W135	W165	L7	W94	W166	4 - 2
55. Emil Klein	1732	L22	L94	W167	W168	W169	W96	4 - 2
56. Joe Vasconcelles	1590	W170	L51	L6	W171	W172	W173	4 - 2
57. Daul Razien	1568	W171	D52	D159	W160	L35	W93	4 - 2
58. Geo. Ohlmacker	1382	W130	W172	L25	L49	W104	W173	4 - 2

(0-3½ points, nos. 59 to 210, are omitted)

BROWNE WINS RECORD PAUL MASSON TOURNAMENT

U.S. Champion Walter Browne of Berkeley won the third annual American Class Championships held at the Paul Masson Winery near Saratoga on July 19-20. A record-breaking 735 players made the 1975 tournament the world's largest outdoor weekend event. There were 41 players in the Master section, 38 Experts, 70 Class A, 107 Class B, 187 Class C, 137 Class D, 42 Class E, and 113 in the Unrated section.

Browne took home \$1,650 for his first prize with a 4-0 score. Peter Biyiasas of Vancouver, 3½-½, won \$1,100. Tied for third were six players with 3-1 scores: Jonathan Berry of Vancouver, David Brummer of San Francisco (and Florida), Viktors Pupols of Bremerton, Wash., David Strauss of Berkeley (and Riverside), Don Sutherland of Denver and Tibor Weinberger of Santa Monica - all won \$150.

Jay Dean of Seattle, Nick De Firmian of Santa Barbara, Robert Hammie

of Berkeley and Ira Pohl of Santa Cruz, all $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, tied for Expert honors - \$273.75 each. Vincent McCambridge of La Habra won Class A with 4-0 and won \$525. David Collyer (Tacoma), William Hardy (Eugene), Raymond Mosley (Los Angeles) Arthur Schain (La Habra) and Eric Tangborn (Tacoma), $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, tied for first in Class B and won \$229 each.

Leo Louie (Field Landing), and Ingmar Stegis (Wachtung, N.J.) 5-0 divided Class C first and second places, \$420 each. Jack Klotz (Atascadero), Charles Moore (San Bruno) and Victor Vaughn (Ridgecrest) tied in Class D 5-0, \$331.67 each. Buck Eng (San Carlos) won Class E, 5-0 - \$260. The Unrated section had a three-way tie: William Grant (San Francisco), Joseph Reif (San Francisco) and Raymond Rotor (San Francisco), 5-0 - \$163.33 each. First place winners and ties also received champagne. Cash prizes totaled \$10,000.

Tournament director for the event was Martin Morrison of Newburgh, N.Y. (USCF Technical Director) and directing the sections were: Alan Benson, Roger Blaine, Robert Corwin, Michael Donald, Michael Goodall, Bryce Perry, Ken Stone, Ted Yudacufski and Ruby Yudacufski.

BARNES, JONES WIN STAMER MEMORIAL

Craig Barnes (Berkeley) and C. Bill Jones (Palo Alto) won the 12th Annual Arthur B. Stamer Memorial Tournament with scores of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and won \$400 each. Nicholas Maffeo of San Francisco was third 5-1.

Class prizes were: Expert, Victor Baja (S.F.) and David Brummer (Florida) - 5-1. Class A, Yuri Chemokud (S.F.), Robert Henry (San Jose) and Craig Mar (Oakland) $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Class B, Mingson Chen (S.F.) and Curtis Wilson (Lafayette) 4-2. Class C, Michael Ruchlis (Berkeley) $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Unrated, Mack Power (S.F.) 3-3.

The tournament was directed by Michael Goodall and the total prize fund was \$1,800.

REENTS WINS U.S. JUNIOR OPEN TOURNEY

by Isaac Kashdan

Donald Reents of Rockford, Ill., is the U.S. Junior Open Chess Champion as the result of a week of spirited competition at San Diego State University in August.

Reents, who celebrated his 20th birthday on the final day, won his first four games, then was set back by Calvin Blocker of Cleveland, top rated of the 145 participants. This proved a momentary halt as Reents went on to win his remaining three games for a final score of 7-1.

The same total was reached by Dadi Jonsson of National City. He also won four games in succession, then drew two with San Diego experts

Juan Gomez and Jack Zinke. Two more wins gave Jonsson his seven points.

Reents was ahead on tie-breaking points, based on the opposition each of the leaders had faced, and was awarded the championship trophy. This meant second place for Jonsson.

Gomez, who along with Jonsson was one of the few undefeated players in the event, wound up with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points, tying with Gary Folker of La Haba. Gomez won five games and drew with Albert Wong of Irving and Alan Anderson of Tempe, Ariz., as well as Jonsson. Folker lost to Blocker and drew with Danny Short of San Diego.

Anderson, Blocker and Zinke were in a group of 10 players who tied with scores of 6-2. This included the top six in the original rating order. Blocker, the No. 1 man, played like a champion at the outset, winning five games for the longest opening streak in the tournament.

A draw with Charles Johnson of San Diego did not seem too serious, but in the seventh round Blocker lost to Ron Frasco of Los Angeles, and drew his final game with Anderson. This allowed four of his rivals to move ahead.

Rated Nos. 2 and 4 in the opening list were two of the most talented and successful younger players in the country, 14-year-old Yasser Seirawan of Seattle and 13-year-old Perry Youngworth of Riverside. Each won six games and lost two, a good enough result, though perhaps not up to their expectations.

Zinke, the No. 3 player, started with four wins, then drew four in a row as the competition got tougher. Peter Thompson of Brooklyn Center, Minn., and Frasco, who completed the top six, also won six and drew two. Frasco lost in the first round to Kenneth Judd of Phoenix, then won six in a row before succumbing to Reents in the final round.

The others in the six point group were Anderson, Greg Fields, Los Angeles; Michael Morley, San Diego, and Maki Jeffrey, Poway. Neither Fields nor Anderson was defeated, each winning four games and drawing as many.

This was the 30th annual U.S. Junior Open, all under the auspices of the U.S. Chess Federation. The sponsor was Leo Cotter of Mission Viejo, who worked indefatigably for weeks on every detail of the organization. He was ably assisted by Jack Maughmer of San Diego, Ralph Porter of Rolling Hills, and Ed Tierney and David Walden of San Clemente.

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KEARNS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPION

Jerry Kearns of Alameda tied for first place with two other players and won the California State Junior Title on tie-breaking points in August at the Faculty Club on the Cal campus. Paul Nikitovich of Enslewood, Colorado and Jay Whitehead of San Francisco tied with Kearns, and the prize money was divided equally \$58 each. Victor Baja (S.F.) and James Ely (Berkeley) tied for fourth place. Trophies for the winners were donated by the Filipino Chess Association of California. The tournament was directed by Alan Benson.

CALIFORNIA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, BERKELEY, JULY 12-13, 1975

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Jerry Kearns	1936	W13	D4	D2	W6	W17	4 - 1
2. Paul Nikitovich	2074	W10	D16	D1	W11	W9	4 - 1
3. Jay Whitehead	2043	W12	D11	W16	W9	D4	4 - 1
4. Victor Baja	2179	W7	D1	D11	W5	D3	3½-1½
5. James Ely	1830	W19	W6	D9	L4	W11	3½-1½
6. William Noble	1965	W18	L5	W13	L1	W15	3 - 2
7. Ross Millikan	1560	L4	L13	W17	W19	W14	3 - 2
8. Fred Fischer	1479	L9	L10	BYE	W13	W12	3 - 2
<u>2½ Points:</u>	9. Gabriel Sanchez, 10. Bruce Kessinger						
<u>2 Points:</u>	11. David Abramson, 12. Richard Kasa, 13. Rick Kiger, 14. Alex Frantz, 15. Richard Dost.						
<u>1½ Points:</u>	16. Barry Nelson, 17. John Whitt.						
<u>1 Point:</u>	18. Gary Smith, 19. Aziz Abdul-Rahim.						

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Entrance Fees	\$ 95.00	Prizes	\$175.00
Contribution from CSCF	<u>210.69</u>	Rent, Faculty Club	40.00
		Tournament Director	50.00
		Rating Fees	4.50
		Postage & Other Expenses	<u>36.19</u>
	\$305.69		\$305.69

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CALIFORNIA CHESS CLASSIC, LOS ANGELES AUGUST 2-3, 1975

by David Argall

Walter Browne, twice U.S. Champ, was the heavy favorite with a 200+ rating advantage, which soon became 300 as his nearest competition was knocked off by lesser lights. In fact, by the end of the 3rd round, 4 of the top 5 had withdrawn in disgrace.

Browne actually could have done with a little less "help." The low rateds were so successful at knocking off the high rateds that the acceleration system was a total failure. Both Browne and John Blackstone of Sante Fe Springs scored perfect 5-0's. Right behind them at $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ was Julius Loftsson of L.A.

Gene Venable of San Diego lead the A's with 4-1. The mob right behind him at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ were: Jen Henrichsen of Denmark, Donald Cotten of Ontario, Charles Jones of Alaska, Michael Dost of Florida, Herbert Haberland of South Carolina, and Chris Hans of Riverside. Also at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ were the leading B's, Sol Goldberger of L.A. and William Duckworth of Huntington Park. Edmund Hermelyn of Santa Monica was 3rd with 3-2.

Among the Reserves, Jeff Klein of BelAir scored 5-0 for clear 1st. Youngsters sure play a lot of chess these days. At 16, Klein already has 100 under his belt and he is far from the most games.

Right behind Klein were 2 visitors, Michael Mulford of Seattle and Jesus Viscarra of Mexicali, both with $4\frac{1}{2}$. E. John Baker of Placcencia outdid all the D's with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Ron Bohl of Oklahoma City was best D at 3-2. Also at 3-2 was 2nd unrated, Jorge Enrique of Mexicali. 2nd C went to R. Tyler Sperry of Cardiff with 4-1. 3rd D-E was divided by Aron Andrade, 1318, of Lancaster and Betty Roberts, 1348, of Reseda, both with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ and \$25.

Ben Nethercot and David Harris directed the 116-player event, held at the Quality Inn Airport. Besides Browne, it included 7 masters, 9 Experts, 25 A, 26 B, 27 C's, 13 D's, 2 E's and 6 unrateds. The average rating was 1690 with the average of the top ten 2277. Ops, almost forgot Rowley Johnson of Pasadena with 4-1.

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Walter Browne	2580	W18	W14	W36	W15	W6	5 - 0
8. John Blackstone	2216	W68*	W17	W43	W46	W10	5 - 0
7. Julius Loftsson	2241	D24	W38	W50	W21	W48	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
35. Gene Venable	1864	L52	W64	W59	W43	W39	4 - 1
24. Jens Henrichsen	1953	D7	W45	L21	W42	W64	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
27. Donald Cotten	1923	W51	L11	D61	W50	W13	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
29. Chris Hans	1916	W12	L10	W51	D41	W17	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
30. Charles Jones	1907	L13	D49	W57	W61	W21	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
37. Michael Dost	1844	W54	W20	W2	L6	D11	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
41. Herbert Haberland	1803	W58*	L19	W41	D29	W23	3½-1½
48. Sol Goldberger	1775	W65	W28	D10	W9	L7	3½-1½
52. William Duckworth	1743	W35	W31	L15	W33	D8	3½-1½
46. Edmund Hermelyn	1786	W63	W26	W11	L8	L15	3 - 2

BIYIASAS AND BUSTAMANTE TIE AT MONTEREY by Richard Shorman

Ninety-five players participated in the eleventh annual Monterey International Open chess tournament, June 28 and 29. Ted and Ruby Yudacufski directed the USCF-rated Swiss system event. Complete results:

Open Division: 1st-2nd. Richard Bustamente (trophy), Castle AFB and Peter Biyiasas, Canada, 3½-½, \$135. each; 1st-3rd A, Clifford Kull, Mt. View, Peter Thompson, Minnesota, and Mike Ewell, San Jose, 2½-1½, \$33.35 each; 1st under 1800, Chris McDade, Tennessee and Jan Kuba, Folsom, 1½-2½, book prize.

Class B. 1st, Mark Gatos, Los Gatos, 5-0, \$125; 2nd-3rd, Wayne McClintock, Oakland, and Karel Zikan, Seaside, 4-1, \$37.50 each.

Class C 1st-4th, Woodrow Morgan, San Jose, Scot Williams, Modesto, Francis Gallagher, New Jersey and Gary Driscoll, Mt. Hermon, 3-2, \$45 each.

Class D-E. 1st-2nd, Harry Bender, San Jose, and Alan Brodie, Palo Alto, 4½-½, \$75 each.

Unrated Division 1st 2nd, Bob Riner, Monterey, and Jeffrey Tolhurst, Carmel Valley, 3-2, \$22.50 each.

MONTEREY INTERNATIONAL OPEN, JUNE 28-29, 1975

	Rating	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Richard Bustamente	2152	W14	D17	W8	W7	3½- ½
2. Peter Biyiasas	2477	W28	D5	W4	W3	3½-. ½
3. David Brummer	2080	W23	W12	W6	L2	3 - 1
4. Eleuterio Alasua	2073	W20	W13	L2	W11	3 - 1
5. Kon Grivainis	2044	W25	D2	D10	W15	3 - 1
6. Robert Harshbarger	2041	W22	W21	L3	W13	3 - 1
7. Peter Cleghorn	2311	D11	W9	W17	L1	2½-1½
8. Clifford Kull	1983	W10	D19	L1	W17	2½-1½
9. Horst Bullwinkel	2072	W18	L7	W14	D12	2½-1½
10. Harry Radke	2202	L8	W23	D5	W19	2½-1½
11. Peter Thompson	1993	D7	W20	W19	L4	2½-1½
12. Mike Ewell	1990	W27	L3	W24	D9	2½-1½

BARNES WINS PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY TOURNAMENT

Craig Barnes of Berkeley won the tournament held at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco in June and earned \$153, plus a roundtrip ticket to Manila. Barnes scored $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, drawing with William Bills in the last round.

A flock of players tied for second, 4-1; four got \$19 each - Peter Cleghorn, Ziad Baroudi, William Bills and Daniel Switkes, while two Jerome Leiman and Ben Gross, got \$81 each for the Class A prizes.

In Class B there was a three-way tie with 3-2: Paul Vayssie, David Abramson and Robert Fickling. Class C had a three-way tie with 2-3; Gerald Shebar, Michael Ruchlis and Gerardo Tenando \$33.50 each. The D-E Unrated division was won by Lino Megpantay, tied with Roscoe Willis. Trophies were also awarded.

The tournament director was Alan Benson.

2ND ANNUAL PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN, JUNE 6-8, 1975

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Craig Barnes	2260	W17	W12	W10	W3	D4	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
2. Peter Cleghorn	2316	W19	D20	W15	D4	W12	4 - 1
3. Ziad Baroudi	2148	W21	W13	W7	L1	W14	4 - 1
4. William Bills	2146	W22	W23	W24	D2	D1	4 - 1
5. Daniel Switkes	2032	W46	W25	D9	W8	D6	4 - 1
6. Jerome Lerman	1926	W40	D8	W26	W9	D5	4 - 1
7. Dr. Ben Gross	1824	W44	W11	L3	W18	W10	4 - 1
8. Victor Baja	2179	W27	D6	W25	L5	W15	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
9. Steve Cross	2157	W18	W32	D5	L6	W26	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
10. Borel Menas	2081	W28	W14	L1	W16	L7	3 - 2
11. William Bartley	1982	W29	L7	W27	L15	W23	3 - 2
12. Boris Popov	1912	W30	L1	W36	W17	L2	3 - 2
13. Gregory Hoyal	1895	W31	L3	L18	W34	W21	3 - 2
14. Lucio Raymundo	1822	W41	L10	W37	W*	L3	3 - 2
15. Wade Regensberg	1812	W42	W33	L2	W11	L8	3 - 2
16. Robert Fickling	1776	L24	W34	W28	L10	W22	3 - 2
17. David Abramson	1767	L1	W30	W38	L12	W28	3 - 2
18. Paul Vayssie	1711	L9	W35	W13	L7	W41	3 - 2

(Nos. 19 to 46, 0 points to $2\frac{1}{2}$ points, omitted)

GOLDEN GATE OPEN

PAUL MASSON CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two of the biggest tournaments ever to be held in California are coming our way in July 1976. The first is the Golden Gate Open, a new tournament with \$11,500 in a guaranteed prize fund. It will be held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco July 3-5 and will be directed by Michael Goodall. Its co-sponsor is the CSCF. The second is the Fourth Annual Paul Masson tournament to be held July 24-25 at the winery on a hilltop near Saratoga. It is a very large tournament and will be directed by Martin E. Morrison.

DE FIRMIAN, CORBIN TIE FOR RIVERSIDE TITLE by Randall Hough

Forty-three players participated in the annual Riverside Open, August 9-10. Nick De Firmian and Lee Corbin tied for first, with the former winning on tie-breaks. Class winners were Robert Klein (A), Ray Fisher (B), Mark Arnold (C), Robert Norton (D), Chris Hereth (E), and Clarence Campbell (UR). The prize fund totaled \$510. Randall Hough directed for the Riverside Chess Club.

RIVERSIDE OPEN - AUGUST 9-10, 1975

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Nick De Firmian	2140	W40	W7	W10	W12	D2	4½-½
2. Lee Corbin	2110	W18	W22	W11	W9	D1	4½-½
3. Robert Gudino	2016	L35	W27	W17	W14	W12	4 - 1
4. Robert Klein	1970	W41	D17	W5	D6	W9	4 - 1
5. Chris Hans	1916	W19	W24	L4	W23	W11	4 - 1
6. Richard Borgen	2163	W25	W13	L9	D4	W16	3½-1½
7. Raymond Fisher	1774	W27	L1	D25	W19	W20	3½-1½
8. Perry Youngworth	2075	W21	W20	L12	L16	W24	3 - 2
9. Roger Neustadter	2017	W33	W14	W6	L2	L4	3 - 2
10. Mark Saylor	2006	W31	W15	L1	D20	D17	3 - 2
11. Eugene Oda	1985	W26	W16	L2	W24	L5	3 - 2
12. Donald Cotten	1923	W43	W23	W8	L1	L3	3 - 2
13. Tom Weissbein	1809	W37	L6	L24	W33	W25	3 - 2
14. Stuart Goldkind	1741	W34	L9	W31	L3	W29	3 - 2
15. Daniel Stone	1633	W29	L10	L19	W27	W31	3 - 2
16. Michael Grotke	1617	W42	L11	W28	W8	L6	3 - 2
17. Mark Arnold	1558	W39	D4	L3	W21	D10	3 - 2
18. Greg Richardson	1449	L2	L29	W34	W28	W22	3 - 2
19. Robert Norton	1332	L5	W32	W15	L7	W23	3 - 2

(Nos. 20-43, 0 to 2½ points, omitted)

MACKIE, DE FIRMIAN, TIE FOR CAL POLY TITLE

Two high school students from Santa Barbara, Kurt Mackie and Nick DeFirmian, went up to San Luis Obispo and won the honors with 3½-½ scores. Joseph Anderson (Arroyo Grande) and Robert Korte (Solvang) shared Class C honors, and Daniel Adams (Presidio of Monterey) won Class D. The tournament director was George M. Lewis.

2ND CAL POLY OPEN, SAN LUIS OBISPO, MAY 3-4, 1975

	Rating	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Kurt Mackie	1782	W20	W8	D3	W11	3½-½
2. Nick DeFirmian	2157	W18	W19	D11	W10	3½-½
3. James Garnett	1803	W16	W7	D1	D4	3 - 1
4. Schuyler Bailey	1649	W22	D5	W15	D3	3 - 1

2nd Cal Poly Open (Continued)

	Rating	1	2	3	4	Score
5. Joseph Anderson	1553	W32	D4	W12	D9	3 - 1
6. Douglas Weber	1767	W17	D14	D9	W16	3 - 1
7. Steven Jacobi	1605	W31	L3	W21	W20	3 - 1
8. Robert Korte	1587	W36	L1	W27	W17	3 - 1
9. Grant Copeland	1563	W35	D10	D6	D5	2½-1½
10. Vance Ray	1674	W26	D9	W14	L2	2½-1½
11. Karel J. Zikan	1640	W27	W25	D2	L1	2½-1½
12. Joe Meyer	1690	W21	D15	L5	W25	2½-1½
13. Daniel Adams	1340	W28	L24	W18	D15	2½-1½
14. Soren Threadgill	1581	W34	D6	L10	W28	2½-1½

(Nos. 15 to 36, 0 to 2 points, omitted)

1975 C.M.C. INVITATIONAL by George M. Lewis, Tournament Director

The 1975 C.M.C. Invitational, held at the West Facility of the California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo, was won on tie break by Cal. Poly architecture student Michael J. McHale over 15 year old Steven Jacobi of San Luis Obispo. Both had 3½-½. Best unrated was David Trout, San Luis Obispo, who scored 2-2 in his first tournament.

A variety of circumstances prevented some of the inmate regulars from participating, however, James Elder scored a respectable 2-2 after a long layoff from tournament competition.

The event was made possible through the efforts and co-operation of the Men's Colony administration and correctional officers.

GAME OF THE MONTH

The following game is a brilliancy from a tournament which produced many brilliant games - Lone Pine 1975. Although it did not win a prize because a flashy win by David Berry over Dennis Waterman caught the eye of the judges for the fourth-round prize, Evans-Benko deserved more. In The Reporter's opinion, it is one of the top games of the tournament if not the best game.

Game No. 1378 - Queen's Gambit Declined

(Notes by Larry Evans from his syndicated column)

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>L. Evans</u>	<u>P. Benko</u>
1. P-Q4	P-Q4

This was already a minor victory

for me. I asked Benko why he didn't play his Benko Gambit (1...Kt-KB3 2. P-QB4,P-B4 3. P-Q5, P-Kt4!?). He said: "I don't always play the same thing. I use psychology."

2. P-QB4	P-K3
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This is known in the books as a

"Queen's Gambit Declined." Black defends his center with Pawns and maintains a strong point on Q4. 2. ... Pxp is known as the Queen's Gambit Accepted, after which White could regain the Pawn with 3. Q-R4 ch or 3. P-K3 (and now 3...P-QKt4? 4. P-QR4!, P-QB3 5. Pxp, Pxp; 6. Q-B3 wins material--a standard trap).

3. Kt-QB3 B-K2
4. Pxp

Black's order of moves is careful and deliberate. The usual 3...Kt-KB3 allows 4. B-Kt5 pinning the Knight.

4. ... Pxp
5. B-B4

It is better to bring this Bishop out before hemming it behind the Pawns with 5. P-K3. Pieces should be posted as actively as possible in the opening.

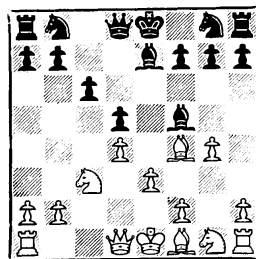
5. ... P-QB3

Black is also preparing to bring his QB to KB4. Inaccurate is 5... B-KB4? 6. Q-Kt3! winning a Pawn, because of the double attack on the enemy QP and QKtP. Hort-Benko, Hastings 1975, continued: 5... Kt-KB3 6. P-K3, 0-0 7. B-Q3, P-B4 8. Pxp, Bxp 9. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 10. 0-0, P-Q5 11. Kt-K4! Benko backed down with B-K2 (instead of KtxKt), and later lost.

6. P-K3 B-KB4

Black seizes this diagonal now. If 6...Kt-B3 7. B-Q3! prevents Black's QB (the problem child) from finding a good post.

7. P-KKt4!



White's last is an idea of former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik, who used it several times in defense of his title against Tigran Petrosian in 1963. White weakens his Kingside Pawn structure to create double-edged play. I was glad to use it against Benko, because he likes "quiet" positions. Now both sides must play sharply, especially White, since it is unsafe for him to castle on the exposed wing.

7. ... B-K3

The retreat 7 ... B-Kt3 is weak because of 8. P-KR4! If 8 ... P-KR4 9. P-Kt5! and Black has trouble finding a decent square for his KkT. If 8...Bxp? 9. Q-Kt3!, P-QKt3, 10. RxB!, QxR 11. KtxP!, PxKt 12. QxQP and Black's position crumbles.

8. B-Q3

This is the most natural developing move, bringing out a new piece. In several games Botvinnik tried 8. P-KR3 and 8. P-KR4.

8. ... B-Q3

Moving the same piece twice in the opening is a violation of principle, and this is no exception. Better is 8. ...Kt-Q2.

9. Q-B3!

After this game I looked the variation up in some opening manuals and found that this was reached in Taimanov-Marovic, Skopje 1970. That game continued 9. Q-K2, P-KR4 10. P-Kt5, Kt-K2 11. Kt-B3, BxB 12. PxB, B-Kt5 13. P-KR3, BxKt 14. QxB with a small edge for White.

9. ... BxB

Flustered by an unfamiliar position, Black does not find the right path. Better is 9... P-KR4 or 9. ... Kt-K2.

10. PxB!

Perhaps Benko was expecting only 10. QxB. By accepting doubled Pawns and ruining his Pawn structure, however, White acquires a very dangerous Pawn center.

10. ... P-KR4

11. P-B5 B-Q2

Not 11. ... PxB? 12. Q-K3! and White wins a piece because the Bishop is pinned.

12. PxB!?

I was going for a quick kill. Probably better is 12. P-KR3, PxB 13. PxB, RxR 14. QxR keeping the Pawn center intact.

12. ... Q-B3

13. 0-0-0

White is banking on quick development at any cost, hoping to get at Black's King before he has time to consolidate.

13. ... Kt-K2

Prudent. Black has no desire to snatch material with 13. ... QxQP 14. KKt-K2, Q-B3 15. KR-K1 and his King is exposed in the center.

14. R-K1 Kt-R3!?

Trying to bring out his pieces, but this is dangerous. Either 14... K-B1 or 14...0-0 was to be considered. But risky is 14... QxQP 15. KKt-K2, Q-B3 (not 15... Q-B4 16.

P-B6) 16. Kt-Kt3 with a strong grip on the position.

15. BxKt PxB

Black's Pawns are ruined on the Queenside, but at least he got rid of the pesky Bishop. When defending, try to exchange pieces.

16. KKt-K2 BxP?

This loses. Better is 16 ... K-B1, although after 17. Kt-R4 Black still has many problems to solve.

17. Kt-Kt3 Q-R3ch

Even worse is 17...B-K3, 18. QxQ, PxB 19. Kt-R4!

18. Q-K3

Now White is ready to swap Queens, trading in his attack for a positional advantage in the endgame.

18. ... QxQch

19. RxQ B-K3

Black appears to be out of trouble, but White's next move demonstrates that this is illusory.

20. Kt-R4

Preparing to occupy the "hole" at QB5. A hole is a weak square which cannot be defended by a Pawn. (Normally Black could play ...P-QKt3 but here Black no longer has a QKtP.)

20. ... K-Q2

21. KR-K1 K-Q3

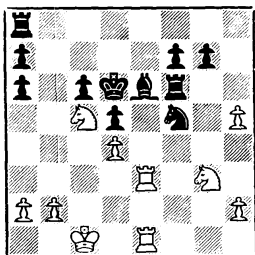
22. Kt-QB5 R-R3

Black is hoping for 23. KtxP after which Kt-B4 gives him some counter-chances. But White is hunting for bigger game than a Pawn.

23. P-B4! R-B3

Again everything appears to be defended. But now White has a winning combination!

24. P-B5 KtxP



The position White was aiming for.
Do you see the winning line of play?

25. RxBch!

No credit for other moves.

25. ... PxR

26. RxPch!

This offer of a second Rook smashes
Black to smithereens. It must be
accepted since 26...K-B2 27. RxR,
KtxKt 28. R-B7ch is decisive.

26. ... RxR

27. KtxKtch K-B2

28. KtxRch K-Q2

29. Kt/6xP

The combination has netted White two
knights and passed KRP's for Black's

Rook. Black could resign now
but prefers to prolong the
agony rather than be the victim
of a short brilliancy.

29. ... R-QB1

30. P-R6 P-R4

31. K-Q2 P-R5

32. P-R4

There is no rush. Too hasty
is 32. P-R7? R-KR1 and Black
picks up a Pawn. White's plan
is to bring his King to the
support of the passed Pawns.

32. ... P-R4

33. K-K3 R-QKt1

34. K-B4 RxP

35. P-R7 R-Kt1

36. K-Kt5 Black

Resigns

After 36... R-KR1 37. K-Kt6
Black will eventually be compel-
led to sacrifice his Rook to
the KRP, after which the win is
child's play. "I should have
played the Benko gambit,"
moaned Benko. (These notes
appear with permission of Boys'
Life, where Larry Evans' column
appears monthly.)

BOOK REVIEWS by Jude Acers

Here it is and you're not gonna believe it! ... The CHESS INFORMANT
Vol 18. 311 pages, 673 games, all annotated. \$10, Yugoslavian Chess
Institute.

It's another fabulous buy from Matanovic and Company! (It's so hot
that smoke emerges between the pages!)

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has the best paid annotators, typesetters and the most accurate proof-
readers available. Gliga says they check it all three times! While
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takes this book apart the moment it comes off the press. (Its rival, THE CHESSPLAYER is not really a rival but rather a supplement to INFORMANT -- The CHESSPLAYER gives every game of every major tournament. So naturally concentration on outstanding theoretical notes is not possible usually.)

CHESS INFORMANT, Volume 18 is the hottest book they've ever published because they have perfected a speed production which gives us hundreds of games less than two months old! Formerly, as Grefe points out, "Let's face it. Even the best Chess encyclopedia of tournament play, INFORMANT is six or eight months behind." Well, not anymore!

Here are many games from the Houston International three months before publication, and a game I sent them forty days before publication is included. There are 19 games annotated by Botvinnik, 39 by Bronstein and Lepeskin, 15 games with good notes by the American team of Robert Byrne and Edmar Mednis. Incidentally, if you really desire truth, the real story of the fabled "Game of The Minute" Browne-Bisguier, Chicago 1974, let Mr. Byrne and Mr. Mednis take you there.

Still, what Dr. Browne had the audacity to do to my beloved Petroff is enough to force a good master out of retirement. Shame on you, Dr. Browne!

The CHESS INFORMANT is carried around in a suitcase by Bobby Fischer, Gligoric, Tal and everybody else as well. It is a must if you are really concerned with the chess played in every tournament worldwide, rather than chess headlines about how to cheat your opponent by really trying. (We at the California Chess Reporter have often failed to mention the INFORMANT series; please forgive us!)

The growing tendency of master players is to skip CHESS LIFE & REVIEW entirely and send the top-flight games directly to INFORMANT and the CHESSPLAYER. This trend is bound to continue after INFORMANT 18.

It is really amazing how many great games played by people like Soltis, Tarjan, Mednis, Grefe, Commons, Barnes and Bob Burger never reach Chess Life and Review while these American Masters are regularly featured in foreign chess magazines with notes. (Check out Schach ECHO, DEUTSCHE-SCHACHTUNG, the CHESSPLAYER and INFORMANT series, and you'll discover that hundreds of great games by American players have been skipped by C L & R.)

CHESS LIFE & REVIEW does not even have a master player in charge of stealing U.S. games and plagiarizing Robert Byrne's superb N.Y. Times chess annotations! So I suggest spending money on INFORMANT and The CHESSPLAYER. If you don't have much money to spend. (I browse through CL & R and skip the notes, save Gligoric and Keres.) (Editor's note: This was written in March 1975, before the untimely

death of Paul Keres.)

As much as I abhor saying anything favorable about Robert Fischer, I must admit that Bobby Fischer caused the INFORMANT masterworks to pop out with increased speed, unlimited Tito government financing, by providing a hitherto undreamed-of market for quality games annotations. O.K. Bobby, thanks a lot. (Boy, that was tough to say!)

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The section devoted exclusively to all tournament and worldwide FIDE events is something to behold. The rating list of every chessplayer in the FIDE world is given on page 295. Happy reading, statisticians! A terrific games index is provided; even an annotator index is provided!

This book is so remarkable a job by hundreds of top chess authors and bureaucrats that I have actually broken ACERS' FIRST COMMANDMENT: "Thou shalt never review a chess book for the California Chess Reporter unless the publisher sends the book to the mighty Acers free of charge for said review!")

There are some things in life that are worth more than money. CHESS INFORMANT, and knowing Burgermeister, Ken Smith, Tarjan, Grefe, the Browne Bomber, Larry and Ingrid Evans, the Great Radaikin, Weasel Bendit, and listening to the miller's tale -- and nice ladies too. And chess, And Almost, Dennis Waterman! And definitely Fritzing the poet, Burkett the motorcycle Langer ... But heaven knows, nothing is as important as keeping the California Chess Reporter no more than a year behind!

AN IMMORTAL FOR THREE DOLLARS

Review of Reinfeld's CHESS MASTERS ON WINNING CHESS

CHESS MASTERS ON WINNING CHESS by Fred Reinfeld, Collier Books, 260 pages, 19 immortal games. \$2.95. (with notes by 19 grandmasters), softback, Foreword by Al Horowitz.

I have always believed that there are only two gifts to consider for the typical chessplayer; two books that for price, fun and instruction may never be topped. LOGICAL CHESS MOVE BY MOVE by Irving Chernev is the best chess manual that I have ever seen and so naturally I made a point of naming it in hundreds of public chess lectures, newspaper articles as I travelled. And I have purchased maybe a hundred copies for people in prisons, students and the like. It really is worth reading and took Chernev almost eight years to complete. Every single move of every single master game has a careful easy-to-understand note.

The second book has a huckster title, is written by nineteen grandmasters, translated from old, mostly foreign sources (such as WIENER SCHACHZEITUNG, SCHAAKMAT, INTERNATIONAL CHESS MAGAZINE, and there is one from CHESS REVIEW, 1951). Believe me, it is great: COVER TO COVER, NITROGLYCERINE! Rating: A+

CHESS MASTERS ON WINNING CHESS is really in a class by itself. The idea is to take a player's most memorable game or an exciting one and find the best notes to it that are possible in chess literature. If you are tired of the monotonous CHESS LIFE & REVIEW paste-up salami each month, this volume will serve to remind you what great chess writers and editors do for the reader. The old masters, their games, their annotations and Mr. Reinfeld run circles around the absolute trash published mechanically nowadays. If you want to buy a great collection of annotated games, here it is.

Try an experiment. Kick the Mickey Mouse weekend chess tournament habit for three dollars, save gasoline, hotel bills, and all that wear and tear on your nervous system for totally meaningless Elo Rating Points, trophies and the like. Here's a simple plan for the weekend:

Get Coca-Colas by the dozen, a well-lighted table, chess set and music on the FM radio that you really enjoy. Then play over these games, reading all the wonderful stories of these great masters. The most powerful 19 games you've ever seen with deep notes by the players! The good notes by Reinfeld add even more later theory on games. Reinfeld's notes are clearly italicized for all of you Reinfeld Haters to disassemble, criticize or skip.

I have read every page of this book in 1960 and 1974. I have enjoyed every single game. I have tried to analyze improvements on the game moves. I ask that my readers not laugh at the title before looking at Fred Reinfeld's wonderful book. Nineteen Grandmasters rise

from the dead to say hello again. I can say with absolute certainty that this book is worth the price, worth any trouble that might occur in securing it for your fireside reading.

And just a thought - send me a postcard if you agree that it is really the best chess treat you've ever had.

The Foreword, by Al Horowitz, runs seven pages, includes funny stories about Alekhine, Capablanca and their chess writing. Horowitz points out that deep notes to one's own games are just about the hardest way to make a living for a chess professional. Horowitz tells us about the annotating viewpoints of the great players. He is quite humorous. Don't skip the Foreword that weekend.

And remember what Mikhail Botvinnik said: "Turn up the radio. It's good training and it prepares one for the unexpected playing conditions."

Among the games are the Hall of Famers: Steinitz, Zukertort (his immortal queen sac versus Blackburne in London 1883 is re-created minute by minute by both the winner and loser!) Tarrasch, Vidmar, Capablanca, Spielman, Nimzovitch, Reti, Alekhine, Botvinnik and my favorite oldie, Dr. Hans Kmoch who uttered those famous words about one of my moves against C. Bill Jones (annotated in C L & R just before Mr. Kmoch died) "taking the rook is rejected as beneath dignity."

OK, I've told you about CHESSMASTERS ON WINNING CHESS. The publisher's address is: Collier Books, 866 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Maybe you believe, maybe you do not. I smile when I thumb through this book. They are all there ... my friends.

G A M E S

In an article on the Moscow 1971 International Tournament (won by Stein and Karpov) Robert Byrne remarked that Stein made a specialty of obtaining the two Bishops and putting them to good use. Here is a fine example.

USSR CHAMPIONSHIP 11/20/70
Game No. 1379 - English

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>Stein</u>	<u>Averbakh</u>
1. P-KKt3	P-Q4
2. B-Kt2	P-K4
3. P-Q3	

(Notes by John Grefe)

In the game Larsen-Donner, Zurich 1959, there occurred
3. Kt-KB3, P-K5 4. Kt-Q4, P-QB4
5. Kt-Kt3, P-B5 6. Kt-Q4, B-QB4
7. P-QB3, Kt-QB3 8. Ktx Kt, PxKt
9. 0-0, Kt-K2 10. P-Kt3! with advantage to White.
3. ... Kt-QB3
4. Kt-KB3 P-KKt3

With 4... Kt-B3 the game would become a Pirc Reversal. After the next few moves we have an English Opening.

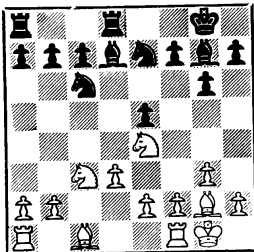
5. P-B4	PxP
6. Q-R4	B-Kt2
7. QxBP	KKt-K2

8. 0-0 0-0

9. Kt-B3

It is instructive to compare this position to that which arises after the moves 1. P-QB4, P-K4 2. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3 3. Kt-B3, Kt-B3, 4. P-KKt3, P-Q4 5. PxP, KtxP 6. B-Kt2, KKt-K2! 7. 0-0, P-KKt3. In this position White can obtain an advantage after 8. P-QKt4, P-QR3 (8...B-Kt2 9. P-Kt5, Kt-Q5 10. P-QR4, 0-0 11. B-QR3!, etc.) 9. P-QR4, B-Kt2 10. B-QR3, 0-0 11. P-Kt5, as in Larsen-Lehmann, Palma de Mallorca 1967. In the game under consideration it is as if White had reached this position (after 7... P-KKt3) and then decided to play 8. Q-R4 and 9. Q-QB4, a strange maneuver, indeed! Nevertheless, White does not stand badly as he has lost only one tempo due to these transpositional subtleties, and his Queen will be actively placed on KR4.

- 9. ... B-K3
- 10. Q-KR4 Kt-B4
- 11. QxQ KRxQ?
- 12. Kt-KKt5 B-Q2
- 13. KKt-K4 KKt-K2



If 13...P-KR3 14. Kt-B5, B-QB1 15. BxKt! with a great advantage to White (15. Kt-R6, R-Q2 16. Kt-Kt5, KKt-Q5 17. Kt(5)xBP, PxKt 18. KtxR, KtxPch 19. K-R1, B-Kt2 20. B-K3, BxKt 21. KR-K1, Kt(7)-Q5 22. BxKt,

RxB is insufficient for White.

- 14..B-Kt5 P-KR3
- 15. Kt-B6ch K-R1
- 16. KtxB RxKt
- 17. B-K3 R-QKt1
- 18. KR-B1 Kt-Q5
- 19. K-B1 P-QB4
- 20. QR-Kt1 P-Kt3?

Black embarks on a faulty plan of exchanging all the Rooks, after which his Queenside Pawns fall prey to the White Bishops. It was essential to try 20... P-QR4 21. P-Kt3, Kt(2)-B3 22. P-QR3, P-Kt3! intending on 23. Kt-Q5, Kt-Kt4.

- 21. P-Kt4 PxP
- 22. RxP R-QB1
- 23. QR-Kt1 R(2)-B2
- 24. B-Q2 KKt-B4
- 25. P-K3 Kt-K3
- 26. Kt-Kt5 RxRch
- 27. RxR RxRch
- 28. BxR P-R3
- 29. Kt-B3 Kt-B4
- 30. K-K2 K-Kt1
- 31. P-Kt4 Kt-Q3
- 32. B-B6 B-B1
- 33. Kt-Q5 P-B4
- 34. PxP PxP
- 35. KtxP P-K5

Black must lose at least a Pawn.

- 36. P-Q4 Kt-Q6
- 37. B-Q2 Kt-Kt4
- 38. B-Kt7 Kt-Kt5
- 39. P-QR4 Kt-Q3
- 40. B-R8

Black overstepped the time limit but his position was beyond repair.

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Game No. 1380 - French Defense

White	Black
<u>S. Cross</u>	<u>W. Burgar</u>
1 e4	e6
2 d4	d5

3 Nc3	Bb4
4 e5	Qd7
5 Qg4	f5
6 Qf4	b6
7 g4	Nh6
8 Qg3	Nxg4
9 h3	Nh6
10 Bxh6	gh
11 Be2	Ba6
12 Qh4	Bxe2
13 Nxe2	Nc6
14 Rg1	Bf8
15 Qf6	Resigns

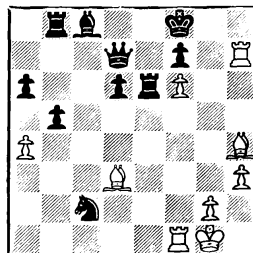
20 ed	Bxc3
21 Ne4	Bg7
Threat Nd5 unclear.	
22 f5	g5
23 f6	Nxd5
24.Nxg5	...
Threat mate.	
24. ...	hg
25 Rg4	Ne3
26 Rxg5	Nxc2
27 Rxg7+	Kf8
28 Bd3	Re6
29 Rh7	...

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Game No. 1381 - Benoni

White	Black
<u>K. Fitzgerald</u>	<u>J. Brandenburg</u>

1 d4	Nf6
2 Nf3	c5
3 d5	e6
4 c4	ed
5 cd	d6
6 Nc3	g6
7 e4	Bg7
8 Be2	0-0
9 0-0	Na6
10 Bg5	Nc7
11 Nd2	Rb8
12 a4	b6
13 f4	Re8
14 Rb1	a6
15 Qc2?!	Qd7
16 h3	b5
17 b4	cb
18 Rxb4	h6
19 Bh4	Nfxd5



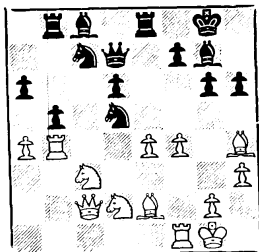
29 ...	Rxf6
30 Rh8+	Resigns

If 29...Kg8, 30 Rf4 Qa7+ 31 Bf2 Re1+ 32 Kh2 Qxf2 33 Rxf2 (Threat Rf4) ba (Threat Rb4) 34 Bxc2 Rb4 35 Rf3 Ree4 36 Bxe4 Rx34 37 Rg7+ Kf8 38 Rfg3 Ke8 39 Rg8+ Kd7 40 R3g7 (Threat Rxf7 & Q's.)

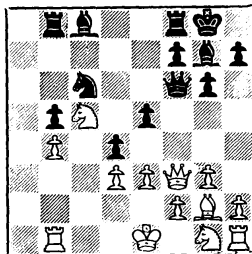
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Game No. 1382 - Sicilian

White	Black
<u>S. Spencer</u>	<u>P.Enright</u>
1 e4	c5
2 Ne2	d6
3 d4	cd
4 Nxd4	Nf6
5 Nc3	a6
6 Be3	Qc7
7 f4	Nbd7



8	Bd3	g6	3	g3	Bg7
9	g4	Nc5	4	Bg2	Nc6
10	g5	Bg4	5	a3	a6
11	Qd2	Nfd7	6	Rb1	Rb8
12	Nd5	Qd8	7	b4	cb
13	Rg1	Bh5	8	ab	b5
14	f5	Bg7	9	cb	ab
15	b4	Nxd3+	10	Ne4	d5
16	cd	Ne5	11	Nc5	e5
17	Rc1	Rc8	12	d3	Nf6
18	Rxc8	Qxc8	13	Bg5	0-0
19	f6	Bf8	14	Bxf6	Qxf6
20	Rg2	e6	15	e3	d4
21	Nf4	d5	16	Qf3	...
22	ed	Bf3			
23	de	Bxg2			
24	Qxg2	Bxb4+			
25	Kf1	0-0			
26	e7	Re8			
27	Nd5	Nc6			
28	Nxc6	Qf5+			
29	Nf4	bc			
30	Qxc6	Qb5			
31	Qxb5	ab			
32	Nd5	Bd6			
33	Bb6	h6	16	...	Nxb4:
34	h4	hg	17	Qxf6	Bxf6
35	hg	Kh8	18	Rxb4	be7
36	Nc7	Rxe7	19	ed	ed
37	fe	Bxe7	20	Bc6	Rb6
38	Nxb5	Bxg5	21	Rxb5	Rxc6
39	a4	Bd2	22	Nb3	Ba6
40	d4	Kg7	23	Re5	Bb4+
41	d5	Kf6	24	Kf1	f6
42	d5	Kf6	25	Re2	Bxd3
43	a5	Resigns	26	Nxd4	Rd6
			27	Nc2	Bc5
			28	Ne3	Re8
			29	Nh3	Bxe3
			30	fe	Rxe3
			31	Nf4	Rxe2
			32	Nxd3	Ra2
			33	Ne1	Rd8
			34	h3	h5
			35	Rg1	g5
			36	g4	h4



So many interesting positions in this one, I didn't know where to put the diagram. D.F.

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Game No. 1383 - English

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>Bo Jacobsen</u>	<u>J. Tarjan</u>
1 c4	c5
2 Nc3	g6

37 Rh1 Rxel+
Resigns

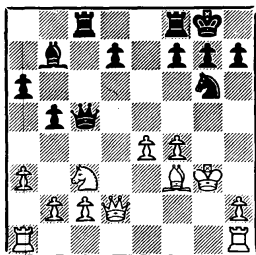
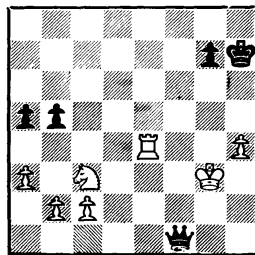
22. gh+ Kh8
23 Rgl Rc4
24 Qxd6 Rcx4
25 Qxf4 Rxf4
26 Kxf4 Qf7+
27 Ke3 Qa7+
28 Kxf3 Qxgl
29 Re2 Qf1+
30 Kg3 Kxh7
31 Re4 a5!

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Game No 1384 - Sicilian

White Black
Kurt Piastowski A. Benson

1 e4 c5
2 Nf3 e6
3 d4 cd
4 Nxd4 Nc6
5 Nc3 Qc7
6 Be3 a6
7 a3 b5
8 Be2 Bb7
9 f4 Nxd4
10 Qxd4 Ne7
11 Bf3 Ng6
12 g3 Rc8
13 Kf2 e5
14 Qd2 ef
15 gf Bc5
16 Bxc5 Qxc5+
17 Kg3 0-0!



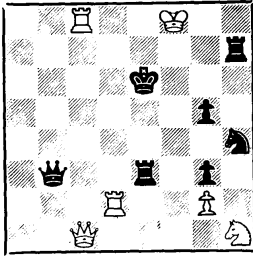
18 h4 d6
19 Rh2 f5
20 ef Bxf3
21 fg Qh5

32 b4 Qa1
33 Re3 Qxa3
34 ba Qc5
35 Kf4 b4
36 Ne4 Qxc2
37 a6 Qc4
38 Kf5 Qb5+
39 Kg4 Qxa6
40 Ng5+ Kh6
41 Nf7+ Kg6
42 Ng5 b3
43 h5+ Kf6
44 Ne4+ Kf7
45 Nd2 b2
46 Re1 Qa4+
47 Kf3 Qh4
48 Ke2 Qxh5+
49 Kd3 Qc5
Resigns

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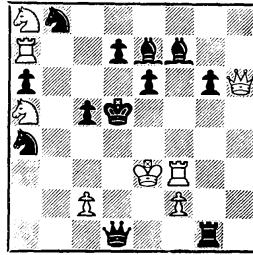
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It is a rare pleasure to be able to present original composition here -- rarer still that they are among the first works of an aspiring young composer and player. Victor's problems have begun to appear in chess magazines; from what I have seen he is not only a gifted and accurate analyst, but also the possessor of a strange style.

The two problems above will show what I mean by "strange". These are technically studies, though the first could be listed as a mate in 10 and the second as a mate in seven. Like early nineteenth century problems, they are really long-winded combinations from very game-like positions. Sacrifices are called for on just about every move -- there are nothing but checks by white, and but one by black. And there are only a few variations.

Yet before you say this sounds easy, examine how carefully the sacrifices are controlled, so that each one must be made in order. The main lines are, first, 1 Rd6 ch Kf5 2 Rc5 ch Kg4 3 Rd4 ch Kh5 4 Sg3 ch Rg3 5 Qg5 ch Rg5 6 g4 ch Kh6 7 Rd6 ch Sg6 ch (the exception) 8 Rg6 ch Kg6 9 Rc6 ch Qe6 10 Re6 mate; and, second, 1 Rf5 ch! gf5: 2 Rd7: ch Sd7: 3 Sc7 ch Kd6 4 Qe6: ch Be6: 5 Se8 ch Ke5 6 f4 ch Kd5 7 c4 mate. In the solution to the first problem, no captures are shown in the notation. In problem literature, the capture sign (:) after the move is preferred, as shown here in the second case.

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