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STEINER STATE CHAMPION

LEVIN WINS OPEN

Herman Steiner of Hollywood is the new State Champion, having won the ten-man round robin held at the Hollywood Chess Group's quarters over the Labor Day week end by a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Henry Gross of San Francisco was runner-up $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, and William Addison of San Francisco finished third, 6-3.

Eugene Levin of Van Nuys won the Open Championship in a record-breaking field of 66, played at the same time at San Jose. Dr. Peter Lapiken of Los Angeles was a close second, having the same 6-1 score but 23 S-B points as against Levin's $25\frac{1}{2}$.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Herman Steiner was the odds-on favorite in the 1953 finals. After breezing through the qualifying tournament 10-0, Steiner scored 4-0 in the first four rounds played against southern California opponents prior to Labor Day. The last five rounds produced a $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score for a $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ total, and a fairly comfortable one-point margin. Henry Gross was a creditable second with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. William Addison was a good third, $1\frac{1}{2}$ points ahead of a tight group of four players with even scores of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.

It evidently was not an easy tournament! Steiner's only loss was to Dmitri Poliakoff; the latter lost to ninth-place Burger, who drew with Steiner and Gross; while last-place Wolfe's only win was over Burger!

The tournament was directed by Charles E. Kodil and held at the quarters of the Hollywood Chess Group. The ten players had been chosen as follows: Gross and Rivise, co-champions in 1952, and Almgren, last year's Open champion, were seeded; Addison, Poliakoff and Currie qualified in the Northern California Championship; Steiner, Gordon and Wolfe qualified in the Southern California Championship; and Burger qualified in a Central Valley Chess League tournament. Four rounds between players in the same area were played before the entire group met on September 5th to play two rounds each on Saturday and Sunday and one round on Monday.

The prizes were: 1st, \$100; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$25. The remainder of the prize money was paid out at the rate of \$1.80 per point. The total prize fund of \$220 was made up of \$100 each from the northern and southern qualifying tournaments plus \$20 from the California State Chess Federation.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. H. Steiner, L.A.	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
2. H. Gross, S.F.	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
3. W. Addison, S.F.	0	1	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	6-3
4. S. Almgren, L.A.	0	0	0	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
5. R. Currie, S.F.	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	1	0	0	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
6. H. Gordon, L.A.	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
7. I. Rivise, L.A.	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	0	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
8. D. Poliakoff, S.F.	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	X	0	1	4-5
9. R. Burger, Lafayette	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	2-7
10. J. Wolfe, L.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1-8

CALIFORNIA OPEN - ROUND BY ROUND

As people began to arrive on Friday, September 4, for the 1953 Open, a party of San Jose Chess Club members and their wives was on hand at the Sainte Claire Hotel to welcome the visitors and to direct them to the picnic at Alum Rock Park. It was soon clear that attendance records for the Open would be broken, for no less than 51 persons came to the picnic. Those who failed to attend missed one of the nicest get-togethers ever held in the history of California chess. The ladies of the San Jose Chess Club had cooked tremendous pots of beans, chili con carne, tagliarini and tamales, and there was plenty of beer and coffee. The friendly hospitality of the San Jose group made the evening an enjoyable one.

ROUND I 10:00 A.M. Saturday A fine large room for play had been provided by the Sainte Claire Hotel, with an adjoining double room for post-mortems and another for the ladies. The San Jose committee, headed by Bill Adams and including Harry Shaw and Howard O'Shaughnessy, amongst others, had done a fine job on arrangements. Bill Adams was to be referee - a thoughtful move which eliminated Adams from participation, but helped insure a smooth-running tournament.

The first round was played at the rate of 30 moves per hour and 15 moves per half hour thereafter. There were no real upsets, the favorites winning pretty much as expected. There were three losses on time.

ROUND II 2:30 P.M. Saturday With the speed-up still in effect, the games were again supposed to be "easy." The shortest and longest games of the tournament were played in this round: The shortest was 17 moves and 29 minutes, won by Morris Gordon over Lyman Daugherty, while the longest was Alex Mercer vs. W. J. Reid, which went 78 moves to a draw. (There was a shorter game in number of moves in the first round, won by Vladimir Pafnutieff over Godfrey Lutz in 11 moves, but the total time elapsed was the criterion.) The major upset of the round was Ronnie Gross' win over Phil Smith.

ROUND III 7:30 P.M. Saturday The rate of play was now 40 moves in the first two hours and ten moves per half hour thereafter. The games were more severe, as the weeding-out process began in earnest. At the end of the first day's play there were five players with perfect 3-0 scores: Charles Bagby, Morris Gordon, Peter Lapiken, Eugene Levin and Arthur Spiller.

ROUND IV 1:30 P.M. Sunday The players were supposed to be pretty well rested from the rigorous first day. The featured pairings were Spiller-Bagby, Gordon-Lapiken and Pafnutieff-Levin. Gordon and Pafnutieff scored fine wins, while Spiller and Bagby drew; Gordon now held down first place with 4 points, followed by Bagby, Robert Jacobs, M. O. Meyer, Pafnutieff, R. E. Russell and Spiller with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. The eventual two top scorers, Levin and Lapiken, headed the 3-point group.

ROUND V 7:30 P.M. Sunday The leadership was again tied, as Gordon drew with Pafnutieff, Bagby won from Meyer, Spiller lost to Jacobs, Levin won from Russell and Hailparn lost to Lapiken. There were three players with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points - Bagby, Gordon and Jacobs. Four players were grouped with 4 points - John Alexander, Levin, Lapiken and Pafnutieff. An incident occurred in this round which made news all over the country, and was broadcast on Lowell Thomas' radio program: Dr. D. N. McInturff had started his game with M. O. Johnson, when an emergency call came from the hospital - one of his patients was "expecting." The doctor informed his opponent, and was prepared to forfeit the game, when Mr. Johnson generously offered to take the board and men to the hospital and continue there. This was done, the lady (wife of a San Jose police officer) kindly deferred the birth until 12:30, and the game was finished first. Apparently playing with icy calm, while his opponent perhaps was somewhat unnerved by it all, the doctor won the game!

ROUND VI 9:00 A.M. Monday The games were tough, in this, the next to last round. There were 13 draws in the 33 games, and no less than 6 draws in the first eight (between the players with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points and up). Star billing was held by: Jacobs-Bagby, Levin-Gordon, Alexander-Pafnutieff, and Lapiken-Spiller. The most gruelling game was Levin-Gordon, which was not finished until just before the last round started. Levin's fine win put him into a tie for first with Bagby and Jacobs (who drew) and Lapiken, who won from Spiller. So the last round started with four persons having 5 points.

ROUND VII 1:30 P.M. Monday A decision had to be reached from among these pairings: Jacobs(5)-Levin(5); Bagby(5)-Lapiken(5), Pafnutieff($4\frac{1}{2}$)-Gross, and Gordon($4\frac{1}{2}$)-Meyer. The S-B points were such that the winner of the Jacobs-Levin game would secure first place; a draw there would place the winner of the Bagby-Lapiken game first; while Pafnutieff and Gordon had chances only if the first two games resulted in draws. When Lapiken won from Bagby, everything depended upon the Jacobs-Levin game. Levin won a pawn on the 17th move, but had a long and difficult game to win. Lapiken anxiously awaited the outcome, for a draw would leave him in sole possession of first place.

At one point Lapiken reported that he had found a drawing move for Jacobs, but whether it was there or not, Levin eventually won another pawn and the game. It was the last game to be finished, and at the end a burst of applause went up for a popular victory.

It was now 8:00 P.M., and time for the awarding of the prizes. Because of the large entry list and due to the fact that there were no expenses deducted, the cash prizes were the largest in history of the California Open. The prizes: 1st, Eugene Levin, trophy (presented by the California State Chess Federation) and \$125; 2nd, Peter Lapiken, \$75; 3rd, Vladimir Pafnutieff, \$50; 4th, Morris Gordon, \$25; 5th, John Alexander, \$20; 6th, Robert Jacobs, \$15; 7th, Charles Bagby, \$10; 8th, Mark Gazse, \$10.

There were ten special prizes, as follows: For the best sportsmanship displayed during the tournament, a bust of Lincoln donated by Michael Runce of Santa Cruz, won by M. O. Johnson (who had played at the hospital with Dr. McInturff); the best score by a San Jose player, a book prize, won by Mark Gazse; for the best score by a Central Valley League player, \$5, also won by Mark Gazse; for the shortest game in time elapsed, an inlaid chess board donated by the maker, Andrew Buschine of San Jose, won by Morris Gordon; for the longest game in number of moves, an oil painting donated by the artist, Paul Rinck of San Jose, won by Alex Mercer; brilliancy prize, \$10, won by Peter Lapiken for his game against Michael Hailparn; for the best ladies' score, a corsage, won by Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky; for the best score by a junior, \$5, won by Ronald Gross of Compton; for the player traveling the longest distance, a book to James Christman of Phoenix, Arizona; and for the lowest score, a book (Chess the Easy Way) to Peter Petersen of Lomita.

The proceedings closed with a few words of thanks on behalf of the visitors for the splendid hospitality extended by the host club, and the presentation to Guthrie McClain, tournament director, of a purse from the players in appreciation of an enjoyable tournament.

The next order of business was dinner, when thirty or so die-hards held forth at the Prime Rib for several hours with much jollity, post mortems, and general relaxing of the three days' tension. The players agreed unanimously that the 1953 Open had been the best ever; and in this the wives present, who numbered about a dozen, concurred.

CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
San Jose, September 5-7, 1953

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	S-B
1) E Levin, Van Nuys	W43	W41	W14	L3	W9	W4	W6	6	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
2) P Lapiken, Los Angeles	W48	W53	W21	L4	W26	W12	W7	6	23
3) V Pafnutieff, San Fran.	W29	W35	D15	W1	D4	D5	W17	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	25
4) M Gordon, Los Angeles	W62	W36	W5	W2	D3	L1	W15	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$
5) J Alexander, San Diego	W47	W20	L4	W51	W32	D3	W18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$
6) R Jacobs, Los Angeles	W13	D27	W31	W17	W12	D7	L1	5	21
7) C Bagby, San Francisco	W38	W32	W16	D12	W15	D6	L2	5	19 $\frac{3}{4}$
8) M Gazze, Los Gatos	W49	L16	W35	L18	W58	W30	W23	5	17
9) R Russell, Auburn	W37	W40	D26	W16	L1	D14	D10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
10) P Smith, Fresno	W46	L17	W25	D52	D21	W26	D9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
11) F Crofut, San Jose	W42	L15	W56	D21	W31	D19	D14	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{4}$
12) A Spiller, Castle Air Base	W60	W30	W52	D7	L6	L2	W19	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
13) H Dasteel, San Francisco	L6	D64	D40	W36	W41	D28	W33	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
14) W Hendricks, So. S. F.	W61	W50	L1	W41	D18	D9	D11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
15) M O Meyer, Sacramento	W54	W11	D3	W27	L7	D17	L4	4	15 $\frac{3}{4}$
16) G Chase, Los Angeles	W33	W8	L7	L9	W51	W21	L26	4	15
17) R Gross, Compton	D26	W10	W19	L6	W52	D15	L3	4	15
18) W Markus, Visalia	D51	D25	W58	W8	D14	D23	L5	4	15
19) R Richards, Sacramento	W23	D31	L17	W39	W27	D11	L12	4	15
20) J Wiener, La Habra	W24	L5	D46	D26	D34	D31	W39	4	14
21) R Smook, Berkeley	W56	W58	L2	D11	D10	L16	W22	4	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
22) Dr E Kupka, Berkeley	D40	L52	W36	D50	W35	W32	L21	4	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
23) D Maron, Los Angeles	L19	D51	W44	W46	W24	D18	L8	4	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
24) E Mueller, Campbell	L20	W37	L41	W48	L23	W44	W34	4	13
25) Mrs G Piatigorsky, L.A.	W57	D18	L10	D20	W53	D29	D27	4	13
26) M Hailparn, Fresno	D17	W62	D9	W53	L2	L10	W16	4	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
27) J Kalnins, San Jose	W65	D6	W34	L15	L19	W38	D25	4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
28) H Edelstein, San Carlos	L31	L39	W61	W49	W59	D13	D29	4	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
29) G Lutz, San Francisco	L3	W57	W60	L32	W50	D25	D28	4	11
30) S Van Gelder, San Fran.	W59	L12	L39	W60	W42	L8	W41	4	10
31) D Eliason, Manhattan Bch.	W28	D19	L6	W38	L11	D20	D32	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
32) E Achterberg, Visalia	W64	L7	W54	W29	L5	L22	D31	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
33) D Peizer, San Francisco	L16	W49	L51	D56	W46	W52	L13	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
34) H Rosenbaum, San Fran.	D50	W61	L27	D42	D20	W39	L24	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
35) J. Christman, Phoenix	W45	L3	L8	D54	L22	W59	W52	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
36) L Daugherty, San Jose	W66	L4	L22	L13	D55	W56	W50	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
37) C Huneke, San Francisco	L9	L24	L63	D47	W64	W54	W58	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
38) S Poulsen, Berkeley	L7	W65	D42	L31	W54	L27	W45	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
39) R Clark, Visalia	L53	W28	W30	L19	W40	L34	L20	3	11
40) E Thompson, San Jose	D22	L9	D13	W55	L39	D42	D44	3	9 $\frac{3}{4}$

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	S-B
41) G Oakes, Salinas	W44	L1	W24	L14	L13	W53	L30	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
42) R Womack, Fresno	L11	W47	D38	D34	L30	D40	D43	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
43) C Fotias, Visalia	L1	D44	L50	D63	W49	D51	D42	3	8
44) T Kimball, San Jose	L41	D43	L23	W64	W56	L24	D40	3	7
45) C Havill, Mt. View	L35	L54	W65	L59	W48	W57	L38	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
46) Dr JM David-Malig, Stcktn	L10	W66	D20	L23	L33	D47	W60	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
47) A Chappell, Gilroy	L5	L42	L48	D37	W66	D46	W62	3	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
48) P Hubbard, Stockton	L2	L55	W47	L24	L45	W65	W59	3	6
49) R Cuneo, Oakland	L8	L33	W64	L28	L43	W66	W51	3	5
50) W Reid, Stockton	D34	L14	W43	D22	L29	D58	L36	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
51) W Shugert, Redwood City	D18	D23	W33	L5	L16	D43	L49	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
52) T Fries, Fresno	W55	W22	L12	D10	L17	L33	L35	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
53) E Yaggie, San Francisco	W39	L2	W55	L26	L25	L41	D57	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
54) A Kiviaho, Redwood City	L15	W45	L32	D35	L38	L37	W63	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
55) J Rinaldo, Long Beach	L52	W48	L53	L40	D36	W63	L56	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
56) W Stevens, San Francisco	L21	W63	L11	D33	L44	L36	W55	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
57) Miss H Ivanoff, Berkeley	L25	L29	L59	W61	W60	L45	D53	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
58) A Mercer, Ben Lomond	W63	L21	L18	W62	L8	D50	L37	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
59) K Forrest, Beverly Hills	L30	L60	W57	W45	L28	L35	L48	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
60) R Donnelly, San Jose	L12	W59	L29	L30	L57	W62	L46	2	4
61) M Mattingly, Lodi	L14	L34	L28	L57	L65	W64	W66	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
62) Dr DN McInturff, Sunnyvle	L4	L26	W66	L58	W63	L60	L47	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
63) MO Johnson, Healdsburg	L58	L56	W37	D43	L62	L55	L54	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
64) W Getz, Los Gatos	L32	D13	L49	L44	L37	L61	W65	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
65) C White, San Jose	L27	L38	L45	L66	W61	L48	L64	1	2
66) P Petersen, Lomita	L36	L46	L62	W65	L47	L49	L61	1	1

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

The Executive Committee of the Central California Chess League held their annual meeting at Oakdale, September 20. A schedule for play was approved, and the following officers elected: William T. Adams, San Jose, President; C. J. Smith, Oakdale, Vice-President; N. T. Austin, Sacramento, Secretary-Treasurer. Other Directors present were M. A. Sanders, Stockton, M. Hailparn, Fresno, Frank Olvera, Pittsburg, E. L. Leffers, Modesto, Elmer Achterberg, Visalia. Match play will begin October 11, with all teams meeting at Oakdale.

NICOLAI RUSS

It is with the deepest regret that we record the sudden death of Nick Russ on Sept. 4, 1953. Mr. Russ was an active player of both correspondence and over-the-board chess, and had many friends in the San Francisco Bay area and elsewhere. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Russ' family.



Eugene Levin (1st)



Peter Lapiken (2nd)



Vladimir Pafnutieff (3rd)



Morris Gordon (4th)



John Alexander (5th)



Robert Jacobs (6th)



Charles Bagby (7th)



Bill Adams
(Referee)

SALINAS YMCA CHESS CLUB George Oakes, perennial winner of the City championship, was elected president of the Salinas YMCA Chess Club. Foster Clark and Sam Lowe were reelected to their posts of vice president and secretary-treasurer of the group. Al Hoerchner was nominated tournament director for the 1953 season.

GAME OF THE MONTH by Imre Konig

The following game was awarded the brilliancy prize at San Jose.

Game No. 196 - Albin Counter-Gambit

White Black
M. Hailparn P. Lapiken

- 1. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2. P-QB4 P-K4
- 3. PxKP P-Q5
- 4. P-K4 Kt-QB3
- 5. P-KB4 P-KKt4

This line, introduced by Schlechter, is best.

- 6. P-KB5

Better is 6. Kt-KB3, PxP; 7. BxP.

... KtxP

- 7. Kt-KB3 KtxKtch
- 8. QxKt P-KR4

This and the following move show good judgment of the position. Black sets up a barrier on the King's side to cover his weaknesses there.

- 9. B-Q3 P-KB3
- 10. P-KR4 P-Kt5
- 11. Q-Kt3 B-Q3
- 12. B-B4 BxB
- 13. QxB Kt-R3
- 14. Kt-R3 Kt-B2
- 15. O-O Kt-K4
- 16. KR-Q1 P-B4
- 17. Q-Q2 Q-B2
- 18. Q-QB2 KR-Kt1
- 19. Kt-Kt5 Q-Kt1

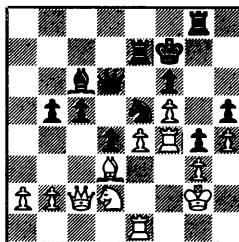
On 19...Kt-B6ch; 20. K-B2, Q-R7; would follow 21. R-R1.

- 20. P-KKt3 B-Q2
- 21. K-Kt2 P-R3

- 22. Kt-R3 B-B3
- 23. R-KB1 K-B2
- 24. QR-K1 Q-Q3
- 25. Kt-Kt1 QR-K1
- 26. Kt-Q2 P-Kt4

Beginning the decisive breakthrough on the Queen's side.

- 27. R-B4 R-K2
- 28. PxP PxP



- 29. BxP BxB
- 30. Q-Kt3ch

White has fallen into the trap set by Black. Although White wins a pawn temporarily, the opening of the lines helps only Black.

- ... K-Kt2
- 31. QxB R-QKt1
- 32. Kt-B4 RxQ
- 33. KtxQ RxBch
- 34. K-B1 R-Q2

Better than 34...Kt-Q6, as it wins a piece.

- 35. Kt-B8 R-Kt1
- Resigns.

HAKOAH CHESS CLUB The 1953 Championship of the Hakoah Chess Club has been won by Herbert Rosenbaum with the fine score of 10-2. Tied for second and third with 9-3 were H. Loewy and V. Wolf, while young Dave Peizer was fourth with a creditable 8-4 score.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score
1. H. Rosenbaum	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	10-2
2.) H. Loewy	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	9-3
3.) V. Wolf	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	9-3
4. D. Peizer	0	0	1	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-4
5. P. Wolf	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.) A. Herskovich	0	0	0	1	1	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-5
7.) F. Brull	0	0	0	0	1	1	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-5
8. A. Horne	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	1	1	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	6-6
9. C. Huneke	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. M. Lawrence	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$
11. I. Dublin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$
12.) A. Levy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	1	2-10
13.) M. Katen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	2-10

LATE NEWS

The outstanding developments in the Candidates Tournament now being played in Switzerland are: (1) The return to form of V. Smyslov, who has stayed on top by a narrow margin so far; (2) The terrific battle being put up by Sammy Reshevsky, who has been a constant threat to Smyslov's leadership; (3) The comeback staged by former champion Dr. Max Euwe. The tournament, a double-round affair, is a severe test for the 15 grandmasters participating (nine of whom are from the U.S.S.R.). Incidentally, the U.S.A. representative at the F.I.D.E. meetings, being held concurrently with the tournament, is Philip C. McKenna of California. The latest report on the scores is as follows: 1. Smyslov 12-6; 2. Reshevsky 11-7; 3. Bronstein 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Najdorf 10-8; 5-6. Keres and Petrosian 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

PHILADELPHIA Arthur B. Bisguier won the challengers' tournament of the United States Chess Federation 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Hans Berliner and Karl Burger 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$, A. DiCamillo 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Paul Brandts 6-4, and Saul Wachs 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Under the current scheme for determining the U.S. Championship, the first six in this tournament will play in 1954 against the top five in the U.S. Open plus Larry Evans and the second and third players in the last U.S. Championship (Sammy Reshevsky and Max Pavey).

1953 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Game No. 197 - Petroff Def.

White	Black
H. Steiner	H. Gross

(Notes by Imre Konig)

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. Kt-B3 | B-Kt5 |
| 4. B-B4 | P-Q3 |
| 5. Kt-Q5 | B-R4 |
| 6. Q-K2 | O-O |

Better was 6... KtxKt; 7. BxKt, P-QB3.

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| 7. P-B3 | P-B3 |
| 8. KtxKtch | QxKt |
| 9. P-Q3 | P-KR3 |

The Black Queen is now exposed; the text move gives a mark for attack, but on 9... B-K3; 10. B-KKt5, Q-Kt3; 11. P-KR4 would have endangered the Black Queen.

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| 10. P-KR3 | B-K3 |
| 11. B-Kt3 | BxB |
| 12. PxB | B-Kt3 |
| 13. P-KKt4 | Q-K2 |
| 14. Kt-Q2 | Kt-Q2 |

Black could have prevented the White Knight from occupying the strong square K-B5 by playing 14...Q-R5; 15. Kt-B1, P-Kt3; 16. Kt-Kt3, Kt-Q2, but his position still would have remained inferior.

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| 15. Kt-B1 | Kt-B4 |
| 16. R-R3 | P-QR4 |
| 17. Kt-Kt3 | P-Q4 |
| 18. Kt-B5 | Q-K3 |
| 19. B-K3 | KR-Q1 |
| 20. O-O | Kt-Q2 |
| 21. BxB | KtxB |
| 22. KR-R1 | PxP |
| 23. PxP | P-R5 |

24. Q-K3?

A fine move that prevents Black from obtaining counterplay as in 24. PxP, Kt-B5; 25. R/3-R2, R-Q7.

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| 24. .. | P-B4 |
| 25. QxBP | R-Q7 |
| 26. R/3-R2 | R/1-Q1 |
| 27. PxP | R-Q8ch |
| 28. K-Kt2 | K-R2 |
| 29. P-R5 | Kt-B1 |
| 30. P-Kt4 | Black here |

overstepped the time limit.

Game No. 198 - K's Indian

White	Black
H. Steiner	R. Currie

(Notes by Imre Konig)

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| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KKt3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | B-Kt2 |
| 4. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 5. P-B3 | O-O |
| 6. B-Kt5 | P-B4 |
| 7. P-Q5 | R-K1 |
| 8. Q-Q2 | QKt-Q2 |
| 9. Kt-R3 | |

An important theoretical innovation which prevents Black from obtaining counterplay on the Queen's side by ... P-QR3 and ... P-QKt4.

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| 9. ... | Q-R4 |
| 10. B-K2 | P-QR3 |
| 11. Kt-B2 | R-Kt1 |
| 12. P-QR4 | Q-B2 |
| 13. O-O | Kt-B1 |
| 14. P-B4 | B-Q2 |

Longer resistance would have been given by 14...P-R3; 15. B-R4, K-R1.

15. P-K5

The decisive breakthrough. White now wins at least the exchange.

15. ...	PxP	16. ...	RxB
16. PxP	Kt-R4	17. KR-K	BxP
17. P-KKt4	Kt-Kt6	18. R-Q7	R-B2
18. PxKt	BxKP	19. R/K1-K7	RxR
19. B-B4	P-KKt4	20. RxR	R-QB
20. BxB	QxB	21. P-KKt4	B-Kt3
21. K-Kt2	Kt-Kt3	22. P-KB4	K-B1
22. Kt/2-K4	Resigns.	23. R-Q7	B-K1
		24. R-Q2	B-B2
		25. K-B2	B-Q4!
		26. KtxB	R-Q1
		27. R-B2	RxKt
		28. K-B3	P-QR4!

1953 CALIF. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPGame No. 199 - Petroff Def.

White	Black
R. Jacobs	E. Levin

(Notes by N. E. Falconer)

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3. B-B4	Kt-B3
4. P-Q4	PxP
5. O-O	B-K2
6. P-K5	Kt-K5
7. B-Q5	Kt-B4
8. BxKt	QPxB
9. QxP	QxQ
10. KtxQ	O-O
11. Kt-QB3	P-B3
12. PxP	

This starts White on the downward path. 12. B-B4 is better.

12. ...	BxP
13. B-K3	Kt-K3
14. QR-Q1	KtxKt
15. BxKt	B-B4
16. BxB	

Suddenly White's position has become difficult. If (after 16. BxB, RxB;) 17. R-Q2, R-Q3; 18. Kr-Q1, QR-Q1 undoubles Black's pawns, and leaves Black with a B against a Kt in the ending. White therefore gambles on the 7th rank.

The way Black "activates" his Q-side Ps in the next 15 moves is instructive.

29. K-K4	K-K2
30. P-KR4	P-KKt3
31. K-K3	P-R5
32. R-B4	R-Kt4
33. R-B2	R-R4
34. R-B3	K-Q3
35. K-Q4	R-Q4ch
36. K-K3	P-B4
37. R-B4	P-QKt4
38. R-B2	P-B5
39. K-K4	P-B4
40. R-B2	R-Q5ch
41. K-K3	P-Kt5
42. P-B5	PxP
43. RxP	RxP
44. R-R5	P-R6
45. PxP	R-Kt6ch
46. K-K4	RxP
47. R-R6ch	K-B2
48. K-Q5	P-B6
49. R-B6ch	K-Q2
50. R-Q6ch	K-K2
51. R-K6ch	K-B2
52. R-K2	RxP!
53. RxR	P-Kt6 and won.

Powerful, precise, position-play by Levin in the last round game he had to win to win the tournament.

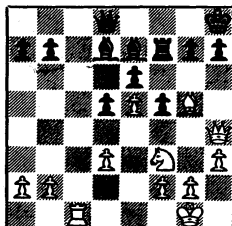
Game No. 200 - French

White	Black
E. Levin	R. Russell
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	P-QB4
4. Q-Kt4	PxP
5. B-Q3	Kt-K2
6. Kt-KB3	QKt-B3
7. O-O	Kt-Kt3
8. R-K1	B-K2
9. QKt-Q2	Kt-Kt5
10. KtxP	KtxB
11. PxKt	O-O
12. Kt/2-B3	B-Q2
13. Kt-K2	P-B3
14. Kt-B4	KtxKt

14...KtxKP; 15. KtxKt, PxKt; 16. RxP, B-Q3; 17. R-Kt5, R-B2; 18. Kt-R5, Q-K2 seems adequate also.

15. BxKt	P-B4
16. Q-Kt3	K-R1
17. QR-B1	QR-B1
18. P-KR3	RxR
19. RxR	Q-Kt3
20. B-Kt5!	Q-Q1?

Black underestimates what is coming. 20...BxB; 21. KtxB, P-R3; 22. Q-R4, K-Kt1 was best.
21. Q-R4! R-B2
Black sees the threat - but fails to meet it. A slower death follows 21...R-K1; 22. BxB, QxB;



23. QxQ, RxQ; 24. R-B7 winning.
22. BxB RxB
23. Kt-Kt5 P-KR3
24. Kt-B7ch Resigns.

Game No. 201 - Center-Counter

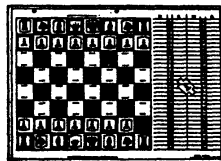
White	Black
P.D. Smith	M. Hailparn
1. P-K4	P-Q4
2. PxP	QxP
3. Kt-QB3	Q-R4
4. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
5. B-Q3	B-Kt5
6. P-B3	B-R4
7. KKt-K2	P-K3
8. B-Q2	P-B3
9. O-O	B-Kt5
10. P-QR3	BxKt
11. BxB	Q-B2
12. Q-K1	B-Kt3
13. R-Q1	Kt-Q4
14. Q-B2	BxB

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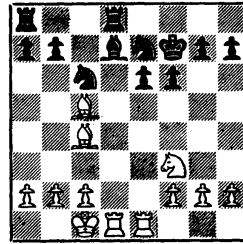
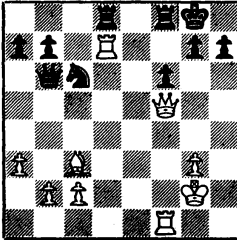
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| 15. | RxB | Kt-B5 |
| 16. | KtxKt | QxKt |
| 17. | P-KKt3 | Q-B2 |
| 18. | P-B4 | |
18. P-Q5 is an interesting alternative.
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| 18. | ... | O-O |
| 19. | P-B5 | PxP |
| 20. | QxP | P-B3? |
| 21. | P-Q5 | PxP |
| 22. | RxP | Kt-B3 |
| 23. | R-Q7 | Q-Kt3ch |
| 24. | K-Kt2 | QR-Q1 |

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| 4. | KKt-B3 | QPxP |
| 5. | KtxP | PxP |
| 6. | QxP | Kt-QB3 |
| 7. | QxQ | KtxQ |
| 8. | B-KB4 | P-B3 |
| 9. | B-Kt5ch | Kt-B3 |
| 10. | Kt-Q6ch | BxKt |
| 11. | BxB | B-Q2 |
| 12. | O-O-O | KKt-K2 |
| 13. | KR-K1 | K-B2 |
| 14. | B-B5 | KR-Q1 |
| 15. | B-B4 | |



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| 25. | RxPch! | KxR |
| 26. | Q-Kt5ch | K-R1 |
- (or 26...K-B2; 27. QxPch, K-K1; 28. QxRch, K-Q2; 29. R-Q1ch, K-B1; 30. RxRch, KtxR, 31. B-B6 winning.)
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| 27. | RxP | R-Q7ch |
| 28. | K-R3 | |
- (28. R-B2 disc. ch. is one move shorter.)
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| 28. | ... | R-KKt1 |
| 29. | R-BBdisch | Resigns. |

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| 15. | ... | Kt-R4? |
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- Losing at once, but after 15... B-B1 (forced); 16. RxR, KtxR; 17. R-Q1, Kt-B3; 18. P-QR3 with a strong bind (if 18...P-QR3, 19. B-Kt6).
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| 16. | RxB | KtxB |
| 17. | RxKtch | and won. |

Game No. 202 - French Def.
 White Black
 Mrs.G.Piatigorsky E. Yaggie

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. | Kt-Q2 | P-QB4 |

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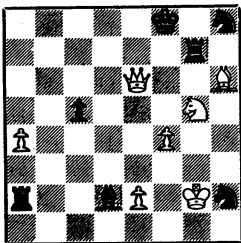
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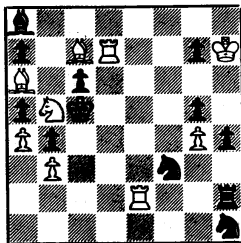
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