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## CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION

The annual business meeting of the CSCF will be held on the evening of May 29, 1954, at San Luis Obispo. It is too early to know what the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer will disclose, but it is certain that our young State organization will show up well. The tournaments and team matches sponsored by the Federation have had unprecedented successes, and the current year's program promises even greater things.

The CSCF has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a fine group of officers, directors, and committee members. The President of the Federation, LeRoy Johnson of Los Angeles, has just announced the first Tournament Committee. The committee is divided into northern and southern sub-committees, each of which is responsible for its regional events.

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CENTRAL VALLEY CHESS LEAGUE - by Neil T. Austin

And all was dark in Mudville - for San Jose took home the cup.

In what amounted to a story-book finish, a strong San Jose team defeated Sacramento to win the 1953-54 Championship and regain the cup, this time permanently. It was by the narrowest of margins as both teams had two legs on the trophy, and San Jose's win threw the two teams into a tie on the basis of matches won. However, San Jose scored 69.6% in games won and lost, as against 67.5 for Sacramento. This was the first time in the League's six year history that the tie-breaking procedure had been necessary.

Although the issue of the match was never in doubt after San Jose scored its first point, Sacramento made it close. Coming from behind to tie the score at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ , Sacramento needed a draw in the Meyer-Kalnins game to tie the match, win the title, and take the trophy for keeps. However, Kalnins had a material advantage, and Meyer was faced with a hopeless task. With so much at stake, it was decided to play the game out. In the wee small hours of Monday morning, Milt turned up his King. The game went approximately  $11\frac{1}{2}$  hours, and about 140 moves. This was played in one session with no rest periods, and certainly constitutes a record in league play. Both deserve great credit for this titanic struggle.

The final standings:	1.	San Jose	5-1	$35\frac{1}{2}$ - $15\frac{1}{2}$	69.6%
	2.	Sacramento	5-1	$40\frac{1}{2}$ - $19\frac{1}{2}$	67.5%
	3.	Fresno	4-2	35 -24	
	4.	Modesto	3-3	$25\frac{1}{2}$ - $30\frac{1}{2}$	
	5.	Stockton	2-4	$25\frac{1}{2}$ - $28\frac{1}{2}$	
	6.	Pittsburg	2-4	$23\frac{1}{2}$ - $27\frac{1}{2}$	
	7.	Oakdale	0-6	$11\frac{1}{2}$ - $51\frac{1}{2}$	

Tom Fries of Fresno won the individual prize with a score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Ojars Celle of Sacramento also attained that score, but with a slightly higher board average.

San Jose came back strongly after an initial setback at the hands of Fresno. A veteran team, they survived the loss of last year's top board, Kirby, in fine fashion.

Sacramento needs no excuses. They lost by a margin of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points in 60 games. Surprisingly enough, the margin of victory over Oakdale was the deciding factor. San Jose scored  $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , while Sacramento could only score 9-3.

Fresno failed to bring their best team to play Pittsburg, and thus missed making it a three way tie in match points. They were fully as strong as the two leaders, and scored the only win over the Champions.

Modesto, playing without Monty Jackson, made a surprisingly strong showing. They were exactly in the middle, losing to the top three, and winning from the lower three.

Stockton was expected to do better this year, but the loss of Woolfe, before the season started, and together with the later loss of Reid was too much.

Pittsburg also did not live up to preseason dope. Blessed with three top boards that were hard to beat in Burger, Loera, and Trenberth, they never got them all out at once, and seldom got any two out together.

Oakdale was outgunned again. Some of their players showed excellent promise, and would probably show well if playing at a higher board.

The final two rounds:

#### ROUND 6

Modesto 7, Oakdale 3 1) L.E. Davis 1, Ed Sai 0; 2) E.L. Jeffers 0, C.J. Smith 1; 3) L. Krogness 1, F. Kimball 0; 4) Lee Kerfoot  $\frac{1}{2}$ , H. Mortensen  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) Herb Betker  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Maxey  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) H.E. Paul 1, H. Tusosian 0; 7) C.J. Cook 1, Mrs. C.J. Smith 0; 8) E. Hawksworth 1, S. Sampson 0; 9) H. Wente 1, A. Buerer 0; 10) W. Kessler 0, J. Quayle 1.

Sacramento 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Pittsburg 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) M.O. Meyer  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R.E. Burger  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) J.B. Gee 1, R. Trenberth 0; 3) R.E. Russell 1, J. Smith 0; 4) F.B. Jackson 1, R.C. Guzman 0; 5) O.A. Celle 1, G. Garcia 0; 6) N.T. Austin 0, F. Olvera 1; 7) F. Clawson 1, F. Weinberg 0; 8) N. Zimmerman 1, R. Gilfillan 0; 9) J.A. Celle 1, W. Whisler 0.

San Jose 5, Stockton 2 1) J. Kalnins 1, David-Malig 0; 2) W. Adams 0, R. Leigh 1; 3) M. Gazse 1, P.T. Hubbard 0; 4) B. Mueller 1, R. Juhre 0; 5) L. Daugherty 0, M. Sanders 1; 6) F. Crofut 1, S. Hubbard 0; 7) O'Shaughnessy 1, Neustadt 0.

ROUND 7

Pittsburg 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Fresno 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) A. Loera  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Phil Smith  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) J. Smith O, M. Hailparn 1; 3) R. Guzman  $\frac{1}{2}$ , T. Fries  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4) R. Garcia 1, R. Womack O; 5) F. Olvera 1, O. Masckle O; 6) F. Weinberg 1, Leo Legler O; 7) W. Whisler 1, J. Hastings O; 8) H. Lansing  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Shirey  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

San Jose 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sacramento 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) J. Kalnins 1, M.O. Meyer O; 2) W.T. Adams  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R.E. Russell  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) B. Mueller O, J.B. Gee 1; 4) M. Gazse O, A. Janushkowsky 1; 5) L. Daugherty  $\frac{1}{2}$ , O.A. Celle  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) F. Crofut 1, N.T. Austin O; 7) D. Havill  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J.A. Celle  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 8) G. Barber 1, F.B. Jackson O.

Oakdale 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Stockton 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) Ed Sai O, David-Malig 1; 2) J. Smith O, R. Leigh 1; 3) F. Kimball 1, P. Hubbard O; 4) S. Sampson O, R. Juhre 1; 5) H. Mortensen O, J. Saxon 1; 6) V. Smith  $\frac{1}{2}$ , M. Sanders  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7) A. Buerer O, E. Neustadt 1; 8) R. Corcoran O, A.C. Saxon 1; 9) D. Thiel O, P.K. Hubbard 1; 10) J. Sai O, J. Coudere 1.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

In Division "A" the strong Golden Gate team took top honors by a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  score. The Castle team was a surprisingly strong second, 4-1.

In Division "B" the Palo Altans, who were sidetracked by the Russian club last year after winning the title in 1952, outclassed the field to take the 1954 tournament.

Full details will appear in our next issue. The February results:

DIVISION AROUND 3 - February 13, 1954

Golden Gate 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Mechanics' Institute 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) I. König 1, W. Addison O; 2) V. Pafnutieff  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. Bagby  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) H. Gross 1, J. Schmitt O; 4) R. Currie 1, P. Petersen O; 5) C. Capps 1, O. Wreden O; 6) J.C. Myers O, A. Stamer 1; 7) Dr. K. Colby O, C. Federoff 1.

Oakland 3, Castle 4 1) A. Loera  $\frac{1}{2}$ , G. McClain  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) R. Trenberth  $\frac{1}{2}$ , N. Falconer  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) C. Sedlack O, M. Eudey 1; 4) R. Freeman O, R. Hultgren 1; 5) R. Cuneo 1, R. Willson O; 6) L. Talcott O, W. Hendricks 1; 7) E. Yaeger 1, D. Neilson O.

University of California 1½, Russians 5½ 1) V. Zemitis ½, D. Poliakoff ½; 2) R. Burger 1, N. Preo, Sr. 0; 3) R. Smook 0, B. Popoff 1; 4) S. Sosnick 0, M. Rudniansky 1; 5) J. Fredgren 0, C. Svalberg 1; 6) N. Hultgren 0, A. Palmin 1; 7) W. Sprague 0, N. Preo, Jr. 1.

ROUND 4 - February 27, 1954

Russians 1½, Golden Gate 5½ 1) D. Poliakoff ½, I. König ½; 2) B. Popoff 0, V. Pafnutieff 1; 3) N. Preo, Sr. ½, H. Gross ½; 4) C. Svalberg 0, C. Capps 1; 5) M. Rudniansky ½, R. Currie ½; 6) A. Palmin 0, J.C. Myers 1; 7) N. Preo, Jr. 0, Dr. K. Colby 1.

Mechanics' Institute 5½, Oakland 1½ 1) C. Bagby 1, R. Trenberth 0; 2) W. Addison 1, C. Sedlack 0; 3) J. Schmitt ½, C. Stamer ½; 4) E. Pruner 1, R. Freeman 0; 5) P. Petersen 1, C. Wilson 0; 6) A. Stamer 1, R. Cuneo 0; 7) F. Rosenthal 0, E. Yaeger 1.

Castle 4, University of California 3 1) N. Falconer ½, R. Burger ½; 2) G. McClain ½, V. Zemitis ½; 3) M. Eudey ½, R. Smook ½; 4) F. Byron 1, J. Fredgren 0; 5) R. Hultgren 0, S. Sosnick 1; 6) F. Christensen ½, N. Hultgren ½; 7) W. Hendricks 1, E. Simanis 0.

DIVISION B

ROUND 3 - February 6, 1954

Golden Gate 5½, Oakland 1½ 1) H. Rosenbaum ½, E. Lien ½; 2) S.H. VanGelder 1, R. Field 0; 3) H. Dasteel, Jr. 1, K. Keplinger 0; 4) H. King 0, L. Ledgerwood, Sr. 1; 5) F. Burtner 1, G. Miller 0; 6) C. Huneke 1, W. McCausey 0; 7) Dr. A. Abrams 1, W. Landfair 0.

Russians 3, Mechanics' Institute 4 1) W. Leeds ½, N. Cappa ½; 2) D. Shishkin ½, K. Bendit ½; 3) Dr. E. Wrany 1, C. Norcia 0; 4) P. Andreeff 0, N. Miller 1; 5) A. Tokmakoff 1, L. Tomori 0; 6) N. Beloff 0, K. Bopp 1; 7) E. Yablonsky 0, J. Hill 1.

Alameda 2, Palo Alto 5 1) L. Talcott 0, J. Kliger 1; 2) C. Fontan ½, G. Petriceks ½; 3) D. Ogilvie ½, F. Morsman ½; 4) S. Lisker 0, E. Dana 1; 5) P. Kelly 1, L. Moses 0; 6) J. Arriola 0, W. Shugert 1; 7) W. Redgewick 0, C. Erickson 1.

ROUND 4 - February 20, 1954

Palo Alto 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Oakland 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) J. Kliger 1, E. Lien 0; 2) G. Petriceks 1, E. Ladner 0; 3) F. Morsman  $\frac{1}{2}$ , E. Theodoroff  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4) E. Dana 1, N. Schaller 0; 5) G. Latta 1, C. Dodge 0; 6) W. Schugert 1, L. Ledgerwood, Sr. 0; 7) C. Erickson 0, K. Kiplinger 1.

Mechanics' Institute 5, Alameda 2 1) E. Pruner  $\frac{1}{2}$ , L. Talcott  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) O. Wreden  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. Fontan  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) N. Cappa 1, D. Ogilvie 0; 4) N. Miller 1, P. Kelly 0; 5) K. Bendit 1, L. Tinnin 0; 6) C. Norcia 1, S. Lisker 0; 7) N. Bullwinkel 0, R. Holman 1.

Golden Gate 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Kings 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) H. Rosenbaum  $\frac{1}{2}$ , G. Ramirez  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) S.H. VanGelder 1, D. Peizer 0; 3) G. Lutz 1, P. Chang 0; 4) H. Dasteel, Jr. 1, A. Chris 0; 5) F. Burtner 0, B. Zeiler 1; 6) H. King 1, H. Holden 0; 7) Dr. A. Abrams 1, S. Gould 0.

1954 CAPITAL CITY CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Alex Janushkowsky repeated his performance in the preliminary rounds to go through the final 7-round Swiss undefeated. O. Celle gained second place by defeating J. B. Gee in the final round, and Gee was third.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. Dr. A. Janushkowsky	W11	W2	W4	D7	D3	W5	W8	6-1
2. O. A. Celle	W12	L1	D8*	W6	W10	W9	W3	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. J. B. Gee	W9	W13	D7	W5	D1	D4	L2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. M. O. Meyer	W10	W11	L1	W9	D7*	D3	L5	4-3 26.5
5. J. A. Celle	W14	L7	W6	L3	W11	L1	W4	4-3 25.5
6. N. T. Austin	L13	W10	L5	L2	W14	W12	W9	4-3 21.5
7. R. E. Russell	W8	W5	D3	D1	D4*	Withdrawn		3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. F. Clawson	L7	W12	D2*	W11	L9	D10	L1	3-4 26.
9. W. Hartley	L3	W14	W13	L4	W8	L2	L6	3-4 24.5
10. C. Iverson	L4	L6	W14/ <del>W13</del>	L2	D8	D12		3-4 22.5
11. N. Zimmerman	L1	L4	W12	L8	L5	D13	Bye	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 22.
12. H. Keith	L2	L8	L11	W14	W13	L6	D10	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 21.5
13. F. B. Jackson	W6	L3	L9	L10	L12/ <del>D11</del>	W14		2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20.5
14. N. E. Talcott	L5	L9	L10/ <del>L12</del>	L6	Bye	L13		1-6

\* Draw agreed.

/ Forfeit.

GAME OF THE MONTH

Sammy Reshevsky swept through California in January and February on an exhibition tour without any losses (and mighty few draws), until his final seance at the Golden Gate club. One of his four losses was to the Northern California Champion, Henry Gross.

It is not easy to play well against a grandmaster in a simultaneous exhibition. The master can pick his spots for thinking, now going from board to board slowly and then suddenly dashing through a startled array of unprepared opponents. The master has the Whites, and with his encyclopaedic knowledge of the openings he gets a definite edge on any opponent who fails to make the best moves. In the following game Reshevsky gets off to perhaps the worst start of any game on his tour.

Game No. 216 - Q.G.A.

White	Black
S. Reshevsky	H. Gross

(Notes by Henry Gross)

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	4. P-K3	B-Kt5
2. P-QB4	PxP	5. P-KR3	B-R4
3. Kt-KB3	P-QR3	6. P-KKt4	B-Kt3

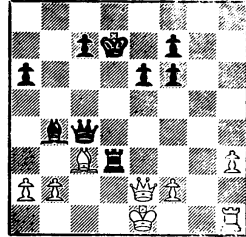
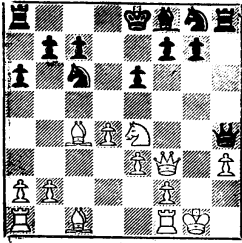
"Together with the accelerated fianchetto this variation is on record nowadays as one of the best forms of the queen's gambit accepted. Understandable, for in both variations black solves the problem of his QB, the development of which often cause great concern, at the earliest opportunity. While in so doing he chooses the diagonal QRL-KR8 in the accelerated fianchetto, the development runs along the diagonal QBL-KR6 in the present case." Euwe, Chess Archives, Sept.1,1952.

7. Kt-K5	B-K5
8. BxP	P-K3
9. O-O	

I believe it is a strategic error to castle after white has weakened his king's side by his pawn advance. In the same position Golombek played 9. R-Ktl against me in the Bognor Regis tournament in May 1953.

9. ...	Kt-QB3
10. Kt-KB3	P-KR4
11. QKt-Q2	PxP
12. KtxB	PxKt
13. QxP	Q-R5





White's game is already lost. His KRP is weak and his king is exposed. Black will seek to open the Kkt file for a further line of attack against White's already exposed king.

- 14. K-Kt2            Kt-B3
- 15. KtxKtch        PxKt
- 16. B-Q2            O-O-O
- 17. R-R1

Hoping to be able to march his king to safety to K2 and then move his QR to the open Kkt file. But he overlooks Black's 18th move.

- 17. ...            R-Ktlch
- 18. K-B1            KtxP!

18...Kt-K4 would be equally effective. It is just a case of which road Black prefers to take him to his destination. I liked the scenery along the route on this one.

- 19. PxKt            QxP
- 20. BxRP            PxB
- 21. B-B3            Q-B5ch
- 22. K-K1

White has now uncastled. If 22. Q-K2 then simply Q-B3.

- 22. ...            R-Q6
- 23. Q-R8ch        K-Q2
- 24. R-Q1            R-Kt4
- 25. Q-B3            KR-Q4
- 26. RxR            RxR
- 27. Q-K2            B-Kt5

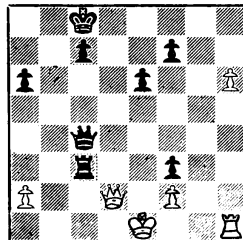
28. P-KR4  
White has no choice but to sit there and take it. 28. BxB?, Q-B8ch.

28. ...            P-KB4  
White cannot allow the pawn to reach KB6 but there is no way for him to prevent it.

- 29. P-R5            P-B5
- 30. P-R6            P-B6

Or 30...BxBch; 31. PxB, QxPch; 32. K-B1, Q-B8ch; 33. K-Kt2, P-B6ch; 34. QxP, QxRch; 35. KxQ, RxQ and White is hopeless. The move I played while not as simple as the foregoing line at first glance actually forces a mate much quicker.

- 31. Q-B2            BxBch
- 32. PxB            RxP
- 33. Q-Q2ch        K-B1



34. Resigns. For if 34. K-Q1 to stop the threatened 34...R-B8ch. simply 34...R-B8ch!



SALINAS CHESS CLUB PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT - by A. E. Hoerchner

This tournament ended with Jerry Slavich in undisputed first place with a 6-0 score. Second place went to Foster Clark ( $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) by virtue of a three game tie breaking match with Albert Lukavich ( $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ ). Clark and Slavich will meet in a three game match for the city title. George Oakes finished with 3-3, Carl Taylor with 2-4, and M. Mattingly and A. Hoerchner finished the section with identical scores of  $\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the "B" section, Elmer Hawkins, 1952 champion, took first place with an impressive 8-0 score. By virtue of S-B points, Robert Reyna (5-3) came in second, Owen Miller (5-3) 3rd, and student Rex Wilcox (5-3) 4th. Other competitors were Sam Lowe (4-4) 5th, Bob Scamara (4-4) 6th, Ted Russell (3-5) 7th, Bob Cotes (2-6) 8th and Frank Clark (0-8) 9th.

Hawkins will meet Miller for the class "B" title as second place winner Reyna moved after completing the tourney.

CHESS FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Indefatigable George Koltanowski has organized a southern California league similar to the previously established Chess Friends of Northern California, Inc. Play is under way in a 3-class Swiss System tournament at the Water and Power Chess Club in Los Angeles. The first 10 in Classes A, B and C will be picked to play in a radio match against 10 players in each class from northern California.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL CHESS LEAGUE

At a meeting held on February 20 at Glendale High School, no less than 23 teams signed up. The league is endorsed by the Los Angeles County Chess League and is under the direction of John Keckhut, youth director of the County Chess League.

CASTLE vs. MECH. INST. 1954

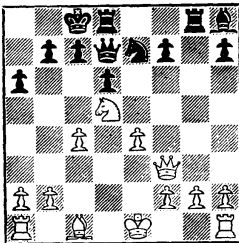
Game No. 217 - Ruy Lopez

White Black  
N. Falconer C. Bagby

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|----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-K4   | P-K4   |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt5  | P-QR3  |
| 4. | B-R4   | P-Q3   |
| 5. | P-B4   | B-Q2   |
| 6. | P-Q4   | KtxP   |
| 7. | KtxKt  | PxKt   |
| 8. | BxBch  | QxB    |
| 9. | QxP    | B-K2   |

A positional gambit; if White does not take, then 10...B-B3 and 11...Kt-K2.

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|-----|-------|--------|
| 10. | QxP   | B-B3   |
| 11. | Q-Kt3 | Kt-K2  |
| 12. | Kt-B3 | R-KKt1 |
| 13. | Kt-Q5 | B-R1   |
| 14. | Q-KB3 | O-O-O  |



Continuing in (positional) gambit style. White now takes the 2nd pawn, hoping to force exchange of Queens, give back one pawn, and remain a pawn ahead.

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|-------|----------------------------------|-------|
| 15.   | QxP                              | KtxKt |
| 15... | QR-K1; 16. KtxKtch, QxKt;        |       |
| 17.   | QxQ, RxQ is perhaps even better! |       |
| 16.   | QxQch                            | RxQ   |

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|-----------|-------------------------|---------|
| 17.       | BPxKt                   | RxP     |
| 18.       | K-B1                    | R-Kt5   |
| 19.       | P-KB4                   | B-Q5    |
| Not 19... | R-K1; 20. K-B2!; RxKP?; |         |
| 21.       | K-B3 winning.           |         |
| 20.       | K-K2                    | R/Q-Kt2 |
| 21.       | K-Q3                    | B-B3    |
| 22.       | B-K3                    |         |

The Bishop can wait no longer as 22...R-Kt8 was threatened. Black now regains his "gambit" pawns with much the preferable position.

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| 22. | ...     | BxKtP |
| 23. | QR-KKt1 | R-Kt7 |

Necessary to maintain Black's bind on the position - otherwise 24. RxR and 25. R-KKt1 and White gets the edge. As the Black Rook can not be displaced, White's game is very difficult. As the QRP cannot be saved, White moves it to an awkward square, to make its price to Black (in loss of time and position) as high as possible.

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| 24. | P-QR4 | P-KR4 |
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A loss of time. Either 24...K-Q2 or 24...P-QB4 is much better.

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| 25. | RxR  | RxR    |
| 26. | B-Q4 | BxB    |
| 27. | KxB  | R-QR7? |

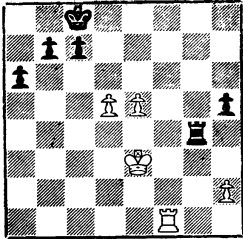
Now Black in turn becomes pawn-hungry. 27...P-QB3 or 27...K-Q2 is preferable.

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| 28. | P-K5! | RxPch |
| 29. | K-K3  | PxP   |
| 30. | PxP   | R-Kt5 |
| 31. | R-KB1 |       |

(see diagram)

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| 31. | ... | P-QKt4? |
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Now Black is lost. 31...K-Q2; 32. R-B7ch, K-Q1; 33. P-K6, R-KR5!; 34. R-Q7ch, K-B1; 35. R-Kt7, K-Q1; 36. R-Kt8ch, K-K2; 37. R-QB8, R-QB5! (not 37...K-Q3?; 38. R-Q8ch, K-K2; 39. R-Q7ch and wins); 38.



(Position after 31. R-KB1)

K-Q3, P-QKt4 seems sufficient to draw.

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| 32. R-B8ch | K-QKt2 |
| 33. P-K6   | R-Kt8  |
| 34. K-B2   | R-Kt2  |
| 35. R-B7   | R-Kt1  |
| 36. P-Q6   | K-B3   |
| 37. PxP??  |        |

White saw that 37. P-K7 won (37... R-K1; 38. R-B8, K-Q2; 39. RxR and 40. PxP). 37. P-Q7 also wins. Unfortunately, with less than a minute to make four moves, White "saw" that 37. PxP won too.

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| 37. ... | R-K1 |
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The only move to stop 38. P-K7.

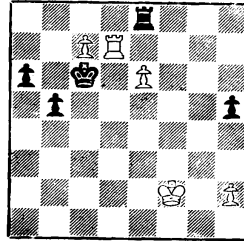
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| 38. R-Q7 | R-QB1 |
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Again the only move, to stop 39. R-Q8.

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| 39. R-B7 | R-K1 |
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Not 39...RxP?; 40. P-K7, K-Q2; 41. P-K8 = Qch, KxQ; 42. RxR. White failed to see Black could simply come back.

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| 40. R-Q7 | R-QB1 |
| 41. R-B7 | R-K1  |
| 42. R-Q7 | Draw. |



(Final Position)

White forces the draw by repetition. If 42. K-B3 (to force the KP through) 42...P-Kt5 (not 42...K-Q3?; 43. R-Q7ch! and White wins), the Black P is faster than the White K, and the K cannot cross the K-file to stop the Q-side pawns because of ...RxPch.

Moral: Avoid "winning" pawns, if you want to stay out of trouble!

GOLDEN GATE vs. RUSSIANS, 1954Game No. 218 - Budapest

White Black

V. Pafnutieff B. Popoff

(Notes by Imre König)

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|-----|--------|---------|
| 1.  | P-Q4   | Kt-KB3  |
| 2.  | P-QB4  | P-K4    |
| 3.  | PxP    | Kt-Kt5  |
| 4.  | B-B4   | Kt-QB3  |
| 5.  | Kt-KB3 | B-Kt5ch |
| 6.  | Kt-B3  | Q-K2    |
| 7.  | Q-Q5   | P-B3    |
| 8.  | PxP    | KtxP/3  |
| 9.  | Q-Q1   | Kt-K5   |
| 10. | B-Q2   | BxKt    |
| 11. | BxB    | O-O     |
| 12. | P-K3   | P-Q3    |
| 13. | R-B1   | B-K3    |
| 14. | B-K2   | R-B2    |
| 15. | O-O    | QR-KB1  |
| 16. | B-K1   |         |

A fine defensive move with the idea of driving off the black knight with P-B3.

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| 16. | ...    | Kt-Q1 |
| 17. | Kt-Q4  | B-B1  |
| 18. | B-KKt4 | BxB   |
| 19. | QxB    | Kt-B4 |
| 20. | B-B3   | Kt-Q6 |
| 21. | R-B2   |       |

21. ... QxP

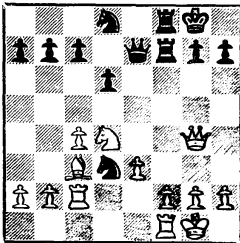
Seemingly devastating, but actually falling into White's clever trap.

22. QxPch!!

A problemlike turn. The move particularly deserves praise because the tempting 22. Kt-B5, Q-K3;

23. BxP, is met by QxKt.

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| 22. | ...          | KxQ     |
| 23. | Kt-B5 dis ch | K-Kt3   |
| 24. | KtxQ         | Kt-K3   |
| 25. | P-B3         | P-KR4   |
| 26. | Kt-Q1        | P-R5    |
| 27. | P-KR3        | K-R4    |
| 28. | Kt-B2        | Kt/3-B5 |
| 29. | KtxKt        | KtxKt   |
| 30. | R-Q1         | Kt-B5   |
| 31. | R-B2         | R-KKt1  |
| 32. | K-B1         | R-K2    |
| 33. | R-Q4         | Kt-Kt3  |
| 34. | R-K2         | R/1-K1  |
| 35. | RxR          | RxR     |
| 36. | R-Kt4        | R-K3    |
| 37. | K-B2         | P-B3    |
| 38. | P-B4         | R-K2    |
| 39. | K-B3         | R-KB2   |
| 40. | P-KKt3       | PxP     |
| 41. | KxP          | Kt-K2   |
| 42. | R-Kt5ch      | K-R3    |
| 43. | K-Kt4        | Kt-Kt3  |
| 44. | R-R5         | Mate.   |



U.C. vs. GOLDEN GATE, 1954

Game No. 219 - Sicilian

White Black  
E. Simanis Dr. K. Colby

(Notes by Imre König)

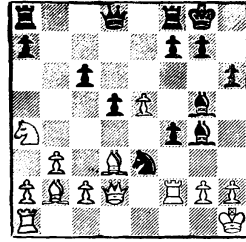
The Boleslavsky variation of the Sicilian Defense is one of the most intriguing defenses of modern times. It was invented by Louis Paulsen, who successfully adopted it against Dr. Tarrasch in the last century, but it gained no recognition as Black's loose pawn formation made it seem risky to adopt. It was reintroduced by I. Boleslavsky and today is recognized as a fighting defense. Black can in many cases take the initiative from White if the latter tries to initiate a premature attack, as happened in this game.

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| 1.  | P-K4   | P-QB4  |
| 2.  | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3.  | P-Q4   | PxP    |
| 4.  | KtxP   | Kt-B3  |
| 5.  | Kt-QB3 | P-Q3   |
| 6.  | KtxKt  | PxKt   |
| 7.  | B-Q3   | P-K4   |
| 8.  | O-O    | B-K2   |
| 9.  | P-QKt3 | O-O    |
| 10. | B-Kt2  | P-Q4   |
| 11. | P-B4   | PxBP   |
| 12. | P-K5   |        |

This move is premature - the cause of future difficulties.

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| 12. | ...  | Q-Kt3ch |
| 13. | K-R1 | Kt-Kt5  |
| 14. | Q-B3 | Kt-K6   |
| 15. | R-B2 | B-Kt4   |

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|-----|-------|-------|
| 16. | Kt-R4 | Q-Q1  |
| 17. | Q-R5  | P-KR3 |
| 18. | Q-K2  | B-Kt5 |
| 19. | Q-Q2  |       |



19. ... KtxKtP!  
The decisive move. The Knight cannot be taken as P-B6 would win the exchange.

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| 20. | Q-Kt4  | Kt-K6 |
| 21. | R-KKt1 | B-K3  |
| 22. | RxP    |       |

White is hoping for 22...BxR; 23. QxB, with the double threat of QxKt and also QxP, but Black refutes this move with a nice counter-combination.

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| 22. | ...  | P-Q5!  |
| 23. | RxQP | B-Q4ch |
| 24. | B-K4 | KtxP!  |

Winning at least the exchange.

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| 25.        | BxB       |  |
| Better was | 25. Q-B3. |  |

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| 25. | ...      | KtxQ  |
| 26. | BxPch    | RxB   |
| 27. | RxQch    | RxR   |
| 28. | P-K6     | R-B7  |
| 29. | B-K5     | K-B1  |
| 30. | Kt-B5    | R-K7  |
| 31. | R-B1ch   | B-B3  |
| 32. | BxB      | PxB   |
| 33. | RxPch    | K-Kt1 |
|     | Resigns. |       |

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION,  
HOLLYWOOD, 1953

Game No. 220 - French

White	Black
I. König	G. McClain

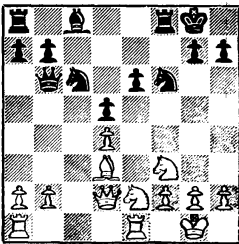
(Notes by Valdemars Zemitis)

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| 1. P-K4  | P-K3    |
| 2. P-Q4  | P-Q4    |
| 3. Kt-Q2 | Kt-KB3  |
| 4. P-K5  | KKt-Q2  |
| 5. B-Q3  | P-QB4   |
| 6. P-QB3 | Kt-QB3  |
| 7. Kt-K2 | Q-Kt3   |
| 8. Kt-B3 | PxP     |
| 9. PxP   | P-KB3   |
| 10. PxP  | B-Kt5ch |
| 11. B-Q2 |         |

Better than 11. Kt-B3, as in Game No. 176 of THE REPORTER.

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| 11. ...    | BxB   |
| 12. QxB    | KtxBP |
| 13. O-O    | O-O   |
| 14. KR-Kl? |       |

Overlooking Black's answer, after which Black gets a strong attack.



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| 14. ... | P-K4 |
| 15. PxP |      |

The alternative 15. KtxP also leads to wild complications in which the second player seems to enjoy at least equal chances.

For example: 15. KtxP, KtxKt; 16. PxKt, Kt-Kt5; 17. Kt-B4, Q-KR3; 18. P-KR3, RxKt; 19. PxKt, BxP and White cannot play 20. P-KKt3 because of ...B-B6 with mate to follow.

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| 15. ...    | Kt-Kt5 |
| 16. Kt-Kt3 | RxKt!  |

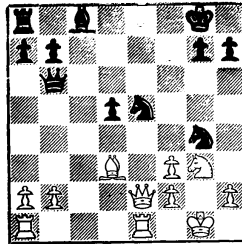
After this surprising sacrifice of the exchange White's King-side position becomes very precarious.

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| 17. PxR | QKtxP! |
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The point of the previous sacrifice.

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| 18. Q-K2 |  |
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If 18. RxKt, then KtxR; 19. Q-K2, Q-KB3 with an overwhelming position. Also 18. BxPch, KxB; 19. Q-B2ch, K-Kt1; 20. PxKt, Kt-B6ch; 21. K-Kt2, KtxRch; 22. RxKt, BxP is in Black's favor.



18. ... KtxP/B2!  
Another surprise! If now 19. BxPch, KxB; 20. QxKt, KtxPch with a clear advantage in the end game.

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| 19. QxKt | QxQch  |
| 20. KxQ  | KtxBch |
| 21. K-K3 | KtxR   |
| 22. RxR  | B-Q2   |

and Black won easily in the ensuing end game.



GOLDEN GATE vs. CASTLE, 1954

Game No. 221 - French

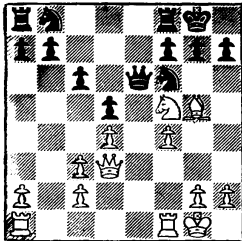
White            Black  
I. König        G. McClain

(Notes by Guthrie McClain)

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| 1. | P-K4   | P-K3   |
| 2. | P-Q4   | P-Q4   |
| 3. | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 4. | B-Kt5  | B-Kt5  |
| 5. | PxP    | PxP    |

... QxP is correct.

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| 6.  | B-Q3   | O-O   |
| 7.  | Kt-K2  | B-Kt5 |
| 8.  | P-B3   | B-KR4 |
| 9.  | O-O    | P-B3  |
| 10. | Kt-Kt3 | B-Kt3 |
| 11. | P-B4   | BxKt  |
| 12. | PxB    | BxB   |
| 13. | QxB    | Q-Q3  |
| 14. | Kt-B5  | Q-K3  |



15. B-R6!

A complete surprise. Mr. König handles this position like a virtuoso.

15. ...            Kt-K5

I had been relying on this move to get me out of my difficulties...

16. Q-R3            PxB

16...Kt-Q3 was the only chance to

save the situation. I was somewhat demoralized at the time, and erroneously thought that White had an easy win with 16...Kt-Q3; 17. KtxKt. But the best would have been 16...Kt-Q3; 17. KtxP, QxQ; 18. PxQ and White would be only a doubled Pawn ahead (although Black's defense is very difficult, and he could easily go astray).

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| 17. | Q-Kt4ch | Kt-Kt4   |
| 18. | QR-K1   | Q-B3     |
| 19. | PxKt    | Resigns. |

L.A. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954

Game No. 222 - Benoni

White            Black  
S. Almgren        H. Borochow

(Notes by Harry Borochow)

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|----|-------|--------|
| 1. | P-Q4  | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-B4   |

The Modern Benoni, giving Black more chances than by 1... P-QB4, for counter-attack.

3. P-Q5            P-KKt3

Preparing to take the valuable diagonal KRL-QR8, awaiting opportunities on the Q-side.

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| 4. | Kt-QB3 | P-Q3 |
| 5. | P-KKt3 |      |

The B will not be too well placed at KKt2, biting his own "granite", the P at Q5, when the play subsequently shifts to the Q wing. Bronstein, vs. Smyslov, in 1953 World's Championship Candidates Tournament, here played 5. Kt-B3, whence followed 5...B-Kt2; 6. P-K4, P-QKt4; Smyslov subsequently

getting excellent Queen's side play (after ...P-QR3), with both QR and QKt files in his control, winning, although Bronstein may have missed an equalizing line.

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| 5. ...   | B-Kt2  |
| 6. B-Kt2 | O-O    |
| 7. Kt-R3 | QKt-Q2 |
| 8. O-O   | Kt-K4  |
| 9. P-Kt3 | Kt-K1  |
| 10. Q-B2 |        |

Either not anticipating, or inviting Black's line.

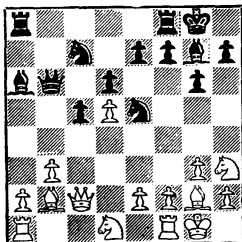
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| 10. ... | P-QKt4! |
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This sacrifice has a dual purpose - 1st to delay the P-Roller that needs must come on the K-side with crushing effect; 2nd - to open the Q-side lines for counterplay. I was trailing Almgren by  $\frac{1}{2}$  point for the lead, and had to play for winning chances, even at some risk.

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| 11. PxP |  |
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Obviously not 11. KtxP, Kt-B6ch wins the exchange.

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| 11. ...   | P-QR3 |
| 12. B-Kt2 | PxP   |
| 13. KtxP  | B-R3  |
| 14. Kt-B3 | Q-Kt3 |
| 15. Kt-Q1 | Kt-B2 |



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| 16. P-B4? |  |
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Taking needless risks by exposing a new full diagonal for Black's Q, resulting in the immediate weakening of his QKtP, whence Black must regain his sacrificed P if he concentrates on that weakness. After the game, Almgren stated he thought he had excellent winning chances with this advance.

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| 16. ...    | P-B5 dis ch |
| 17. KKt-B2 | PxP         |
| 18. PxP    | Kt-Kt5      |
| 19. BxB    | KtxKt       |
| 20. RxKt   | KxB         |
| 21. Q-B3ch | K-Kt1       |
| 22. P-B5?  |             |

An oversight, made under mounting time-pressure, while interested in his attack, costing a valuable P.

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| 22. ...   | BxP   |
| 23. RxR   | RxR   |
| 24. Kt-K3 | R-R7? |

With a time limit of 30 moves in the first  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours, I gave myself as much time as I dared on this move, overlooking that Black's position would fall to pieces had White played 25. P-B6! White, also pressed for time, overlooked this sharp rejoinder. Instead 24... Kt-Kt4, which came into consideration, would have maintained the pressure with great advantage to Black.

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| 25. B-B1?  | Kt-Kt4 |
| 26. Q-B1   | Kt-Q5  |
| 27. PxP    | RPxP   |
| 28. Q-B8ch | K-Kt2  |
| 29. Q-B3   | P-B3   |
| 30. P-R4   | Kt-B4  |

The time scramble over, Black has the advantage, with some possi-

bilities for White needing watch-  
ing.

31. Kt-B2  
Overlooking Black's rejoinder.  
But there appears to be no safe  
continuation for White.

31. ... RxKt  
32. QxR BxB  
33. P-R5

The R has been immobile, or  
partially pinned, since the 20th  
move, and obviously K cannot  
capture, for Kt-K6 wins the Q.

33. ... B-R6  
34. Q-Q3 Q-Kt5!

35. R-B4 Q-K8ch  
36. K-R2 Kt-K6!  
37. R-B3

White is "zugzwang." If either  
R or Q moves, Black gets the  
necessary check to force mat-  
ters, to a mate. 37. QxPch  
leads nowhere, for even with the  
R-sacrifice, White cannot achieve  
perpetual check.

37. ... Kt-Kt5ch  
Black announces mate in 5, as  
follows: 38. KxB, Q-KR8ch;  
39. KxKt, QxPch; 40. K-B4, Q-  
Kt4ch; 41. K-K4, Q-K4 mate.

38. Resigns.

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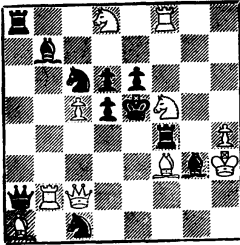
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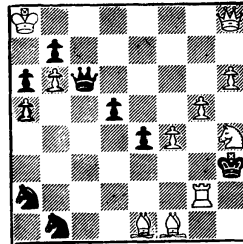
## TASK No. 47

White Mates in Three



## TASK No. 48

White Mates in Four



ANSWERS: TASK No. 45: The main line is 1. R-Q4, RxKt;  
2. B-Kt1.

TASK No. 46: The main line is 1. B-KKt4, K-Q5;  
2. B-KB5.

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