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**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA: FOUR TEAMS IN LAST ROUND TIE**  
**BERKELEY: RAMIREZ WINS CHESS FRIENDS OPEN**  
**SAN JOSE: BILL ADAMS EDGES PHIL FOLEY FOR CLUB TITLE**

The Central Valley Chess League team matches are in a four-team deadlock after playing six of the seven rounds of the 1955-56 schedule. The stage is thus set for the final round to be held in Modesto on March 11. The four teams in the tie are San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno and Pittsburg.

The Chess Friends of Northern California Open, held at Berkeley on February 4-5, was won by Gil Ramirez of San Francisco, ahead of Robert Brieger of San Diego and Dan Beninson of Argentina. All three players had 5-1 scores.

Bill Adams tied Phil Foley, 16-2, for the San Jose Club Championship played in 1955, and won a playoff, 2-0. The event was a double round-robin.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

A grand climax is coming up on March 11 at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Modesto. With four teams tied in matches won, 4-1, the seventh and last round will have these pairings: San Jose vs. Sacramento; Pittsburg vs. Fresno. So far, San Jose has won from Fresno, but lost to Pittsburg. Sacramento beat Pittsburg, but lost to Fresno. In case of a tie, game points are counted. Here, San Jose leads Sacramento by half a point. Scores to date:

ROUND I, October 9, 1955Fresno 3½ - San Jose 4½

|                |   |              |   |                 |   |                 |   |
|----------------|---|--------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1 M Hailparn   | 1 | W T Adams    | 0 | 5 W Shirer      | 1 | H O'Shaughnessy | 0 |
| 2 E Achterberg | 0 | Phil Foley   | 1 | 6 R Baker       | ½ | K Chapman       | ½ |
| 3 Tom Fries    | 1 | Bert Mueller | 0 | 7 M Phetteplace | 0 | G Van Hooser    | 1 |
| 4 H Minchaca   | 0 | J Kalnins    | 1 | 8 R Garabedian  | 0 | L H Daugherty   | 1 |

Sacramento 5½ - Modesto 2½

|                |   |            |   |               |   |          |   |
|----------------|---|------------|---|---------------|---|----------|---|
| 1 M O Meyer    | 1 | L Davis    | 0 | 5 E Edmondson | ½ | H Paul   | ½ |
| 2 W Rogers     | 0 | E Jeffers  | 1 | 6 N T Austin  | 1 | H Wente  | 0 |
| 3 M Saca       | 1 | L Kerfoot  | 0 | 7 J Celle     | 0 | E Hobbs  | 1 |
| 4 J Scheuerman | 1 | L Krogness | 0 | 8 W Hartley   | 1 | J Fisher | 0 |

Stockton 3½ - Pittsburg 4½

|                  |   |            |   |                |   |            |   |
|------------------|---|------------|---|----------------|---|------------|---|
| 1 J Saxon        | 0 | W Whisler  | 1 | 5 M Schultz    | 0 | F Weinberg | 1 |
| 2 R Leigh        | 1 | R C Guzman | 0 | 6 M Sanders    | ½ | R Turner   | ½ |
| 3 Isaacs         | 0 | S Poulsen  | 1 | 7 J Wallington | 1 | G Garcia   | 0 |
| 4 Dr David-Malig | 0 | F Olvera   | 1 | 8 Saxon, Sr    | 1 | Forfeit    | 0 |

ROUND II, November 6, 1955San Jose 8 - Oakdale 0

|             |   |             |   |                   |   |                |   |
|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 W T Adams | 1 | H Mortensen | 0 | 5 H O'Shaughnessy | 1 | H Blickenstaff | 0 |
| 2 P Foley   | 1 | R Ewing     | 0 | 6 Critchlow       | 1 | Swanson        | 0 |
| 3 E Mueller | 1 | F Kimball   | 0 | 7 K Chapman       | 1 | S Sampson      | 0 |
| 4 J Kalnins | 1 | C J Smith   | 0 | 8 L Daugherty     | 1 | V Smith        | 0 |

Pittsburg 5½ - Modesto 2½

|             |   |             |   |              |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|-------------|---|--------------|---|-----------|---|
| 1 W Whisler | 1 | L Davis     | 0 | 5 F Olvera   | 1 | J Fisher  | 0 |
| 2 L Talcott | 0 | E L Jeffers | 1 | 6 F Weinberg | 1 | C Cook    | 0 |
| 3 S Poulsen | ½ | L Krogness  | ½ | 7 R Guzman   | 1 | H Wente   | 0 |
| 4 Al Loera  | 1 | C Garlow    | 0 | 8 G Garcia   | 0 | Herb Paul | 1 |

Sacramento 7½ - Stockton ½

|   |                |   |             |   |   |               |   |               |   |
|---|----------------|---|-------------|---|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| 1 | M O Meyer      | 1 | M A Sanders | 0 | 5 | W Rogers      | 1 | M E Mattingly | 0 |
| 2 | J B Gee        | ½ | R Juhre     | ½ | 6 | M Saca        | 1 | Rodney Bruy   | 0 |
| 3 | A Janushkowsky | 1 | Roger Bruy  | 0 | 7 | JC Scheuerman | 1 | Johannaber    | 0 |
| 4 | E B Edmondson  | 1 | W Jarvis    | 0 | 8 | NT Austin     | 1 | H Keibler     | 0 |

(ROUND III, December 4, 1955, was published last month:  
Oakdale 3, Pittsburg 5; Fresno 5½, Modesto 2½; San Jose 6½, Stockton 1½.)

ROUND IV, January 8, 1956Fresno 4½ - Sacramento 3½

|   |           |   |           |   |   |               |   |                |   |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|---|---------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | P D Smith | 1 | M O Meyer | 0 | 5 | O Maschke     | 1 | O A Celle      | 0 |
| 2 | T Fries   | 1 | M K Saca  | 0 | 6 | L Legler      | 0 | J C Scheuerman | 1 |
| 3 | W Shirey  | ½ | W Rogers  | ½ | 7 | M Phetteplace | ½ | N T Austin     | ½ |
| 4 | R Baker   | ½ | J B Gee   | ½ | 8 | H Kallman     | 0 | W Hartley      | 1 |

Modesto 4½ - Oakdale 3½

|   |             |   |             |   |   |              |   |                |   |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|---|--------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | L E Davis   | 1 | F Kimball   | 0 | 5 | E Hobbs      | 0 | H Blickenstaff | 1 |
| 2 | E L Jeffers | 1 | C J Smith   | 0 | 6 | H Wente      | 0 | S Slotted      | 1 |
| 3 | L Krogness  | 1 | W Maxey     | 0 | 7 | E Hawksworth | 0 | J Sutherland   | 1 |
| 4 | P Lang      | ½ | H Mortenson | ½ | 8 | C J Cook     | 1 | V Smith        | 0 |

Pittsburg 4½ - San Jose 3½

|   |             |   |             |   |   |            |   |              |   |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|---|------------|---|--------------|---|
| 1 | W Whisler   | 0 | W T Adams   | 1 | 5 | S Poulsen  | 1 | L Daugherty  | 0 |
| 2 | A Loera     | 1 | P Foley     | 0 | 6 | F Weinberg | 0 | K Chapman    | 1 |
| 3 | R Trenberth | 1 | E H Mueller | 0 | 7 | F Olvera   | ½ | E Hindman    | ½ |
| 4 | L Talcott   | 1 | J Kalnins   | 0 | 8 | J Smith    | 0 | G Van Hooser | 1 |

ROUND V, January 29, 1956Fresno 7½ - Oakdale ½

|   |           |   |                |   |   |               |   |            |   |
|---|-----------|---|----------------|---|---|---------------|---|------------|---|
| 1 | P D Smith | 1 | C J Smith      | 0 | 5 | R Baker       | 1 | S Slotted  | 0 |
| 2 | T Fries   | 1 | H Blickenstaff | 0 | 6 | O Maschke     | 1 | R Ewing    | 0 |
| 3 | W Shirey  | 1 | W Maxey        | 0 | 7 | L Legler      | ½ | V Smith    | ½ |
| 4 | H Kallman | 1 | H Mortensen    | 0 | 8 | M Phetteplace | 1 | R Corporon | 0 |

Sacramento 6 - Pittsburg 2

|   |                |   |             |   |   |                |   |            |   |
|---|----------------|---|-------------|---|---|----------------|---|------------|---|
| 1 | M O Meyer      | ½ | W Whisler   | ½ | 5 | W Rogers       | 0 | S Poulsen  | 1 |
| 2 | J B Gee        | 1 | R Trenberth | 0 | 6 | M K Saca       | 1 | F Olvera   | 0 |
| 3 | A Janushkowsky | 1 | L Talcott   | 0 | 7 | J C Scheuerman | 1 | F Weinberg | 1 |
| 4 | E D Edmondson  | 1 | R C Guzman  | 0 | 8 | N T Austin     | ½ | L Turner   | ½ |

Stockton 6½ - Modesto 1½

|   |              |   |             |   |   |                 |   |              |   |
|---|--------------|---|-------------|---|---|-----------------|---|--------------|---|
| 1 | R Leigh      | 1 | L E Davis   | 0 | 5 | W J Jarvis      | 1 | L H Kerfoot  | 0 |
| 2 | J Saxon      | 1 | E L Jeffers | 0 | 6 | M E Mattingly   | 0 | H E Paul     | 1 |
| 3 | R Juhre      | ½ | L Krogness  | ½ | 7 | J M David-Malig | 1 | C J Cook     | 0 |
| 4 | D Willingham | 1 | P Lang      | 0 | 8 | A C Saxon       | 1 | E Hawksworth | 0 |

ROUND VI, February 19, 1956Modesto 1½ - San Jose 6½

|   |             |   |             |   |   |          |   |                 |   |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|---|----------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1 | L E Davis   | 0 | J Kalnins   | 1 | 5 | P Lang   | 0 | H O'Shaughnessy | 1 |
| 2 | E L Jeffers | ½ | P Foley     | ½ | 6 | E Hobbs  | 0 | K Chapman       | 0 |
| 3 | L Krogness  | 0 | E H Mueller | 1 | 7 | C J Cook | 0 | F Crofut        | 1 |
| 4 | H Paul      | 0 | L Daugherty | 1 | 8 | J Fisher | 0 | E Hindman       | 1 |

Oakdale 2 - Sacramento 6

|   |                |   |                |   |   |            |   |                |   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|---|------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | H Blickenstaff | 0 | M O Meyer      | 1 | 5 | V Smith    | 0 | J C Scheuerman | 1 |
| 2 | J Sutherland   | 0 | A Janushkowsky | 1 | 6 | S Stlosted | 0 | E D Edmondson  | 1 |
| 3 | E Sai          | 1 | M K Saca       | 0 | 7 | C J Smith  | 0 | W Rogers       | 1 |
| 4 | W Maxey        | 0 | W C Haines     | 1 | 8 | F Kimball  | 1 | N T Austin     | 0 |

Stockton 1½ - Fresno 6½

|   |             |   |           |   |   |              |   |               |   |
|---|-------------|---|-----------|---|---|--------------|---|---------------|---|
| 1 | R Leigh     | 1 | P D Smith | 0 | 5 | L Johannaber | 0 | O Maschke     | 1 |
| 2 | R Juhre     | 0 | T Fries   | 1 | 6 | A C Saxon    | 0 | R Garabedian  | 1 |
| 3 | W J Jarvis  | 0 | W Shirey  | 1 | 7 | G Mattingly  | ½ | L Legler      | ½ |
| 4 | M Mattingly | 0 | R Baker   | 1 | 8 | M Sanders    | 0 | M Phetteplace | 1 |

So the tightest dog-fight in many a year will be settled in the last round — or will there be a tie? San Jose can beat Sacramento by drawing the match, but in that case, a decision for either Pittsburg or Fresno would win.

Meanwhile, the leadership of the second division teams rests upon the Oakdale-Stockton match. Modesto having completed the schedule, will hope for an upset by Oakdale while entertaining its guests.

The standings after six rounds:

|   | <u>Matches</u> | <u>Games</u> |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | San Jose       | 4-1 29-11    |
| 2 | Sacramento     | 4-1 28½-11½  |
| 3 | Fresno         | 4-1 27-13    |
| 4 | Pittsburg      | 4-1 21½-18½  |
| 5 | Stockton       | 1-3 12-20    |
| 6 | Modesto        | 1-4 13½-26½  |
| 7 | Oakdale        | 0-4 7-25     |

CHESS FRIENDS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The annual Open was held at the Berkeley YMCA on February 4-5, 1956, and 135 players competed — a new record. Jens L. Lund came up from Shandon to direct, and was ably assisted by Mrs. George Koltanowski and Mrs. William S. Stevens.

In Division "A" Gil Ramirez of San Francisco won the trophy with a 5-1 score, ahead of Robert Brieger of San Diego and Dan Beninson of Argentina on tie-breaking points. Brieger was first announced the winner, but a last-round adjudicated draw between Ramirez and Hendricks was protested and subsequently overruled in favor of Ramirez. Beninson, who is on the U.C. campus for a few months, was the victim of a first round forfeit, then won five straight games. The forfeit came when Beninson, who evidently did not hear about the tournament beforehand, happened to see chess being played inside the "Y" while walking by. He went in and his entry was accepted; however, he had missed the first round and was given "no score" (the equivalent of a forfeit for practical purposes). (This, by the way, was the same ruling which deprived Saul Yarmak of a point in the first round of the U.S. Junior at Long Beach, 1954.)

Division "B" was won by Dan McLeod of San Bruno,  $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , and Division "C" was taken by youngster Douglas Willis of Oakland, also by a  $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  score. The scores of the first ten in each class:

A: 1. Gil Ramirez, San Francisco, 5; 2. R. Brieger, San Diego, 5; 3. D. Beninson, Argentina, 5; 4. Les Talcott, Oakland,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5. Jack Hirsch, San Pablo,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6. Carl Bergman, Berkeley, 4; 7. Wade Hendricks, South San Francisco, 4; 8. Louis Tomori, San Bruno, 4; 9. Frank Olvera, Pittsburg, 4; 10. Ed Logwood, San Francisco, 4; 11. S. H. Van Gelder, San Francisco, 4.

B: 1. D. McLeod, San Bruno,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2-4. Dr. Ben Gross, San Francisco, Ludwig Rosenstein, San Francisco, and Dr. Edward Kupka, 5; 5-7. Marvin Larson, Redwood City, Steven Anderson, Berkeley, and Ralph Lemon, Berkeley,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 8-10. Ronald Thacker, Richmond, Isham Railey, San Carlos, Ed. Edmondson, Sacramento, 4.

C: 1. D. Willis, Oakland,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2. Ben Carter, Berkeley, 5; 3-4. C.W. House, Santa Cruz, John Powers, Livermore,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5-10. Carl Barton, San Francisco, Avery MacNeil, Brisbane, Lincoln Brown, Sobrante, John Hampton, Berkeley, Frank Jolly, Pleasant Hills, and W. Castellano, San Lorenzo, 4.

#### SAN JOSE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1955

In a double-round tournament played at the San Jose YMCA, Bill Adams won a playoff from Phil Foley after the two had tied for first place, 16-2. Bert Mueller was third, 14-4. Adams' only setbacks in the tournament were two losses to Foley, but he erased this result

in the playoff, 2-0. Foley's two losses were to Mueller and Kimball. The event was remarkable in that only one draw was recorded in a total of ninety games.

## SAN JOSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1955

|                | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | Score  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| 1 W T Adams    | XX | 00 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 16-2   |
| 2 P Foley      | 11 | XX | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 16-2   |
| 3 E Mueller    | 00 | 10 | XX | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 14-4   |
| 4 F Kimball    | 00 | 10 | 00 | XX | 11 | 01 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11-7   |
| 5 K Chapman    | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | XX | 10 | 1½ | 11 | 10 | 11 | 7½-10½ |
| 6 D Havill     | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 10 | XX | 10 | 10 | 11 | 01 | 7-11   |
| 7 A Lutz       | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | ½0 | 10 | XX | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5½-12½ |
| 8 G Van Hooser | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 10 | XX | 00 | 11 | 5-13   |
| 9 O'Brien      | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 10 | 11 | XX | 10 | 5-13   |
| 10 Hernandez   | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 10 | 00 | 10 | XX | 3-15   |

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

In Division "A" of the 1956 team match schedule, Mechanics' Institute is off to a flying start. The defending champions, Golden Gate, are half a point behind because of a drawn match with the surprising University of California team.

## DIVISION A

## ROUND II, February 18, 1956

|                          |             |             |   |              |   |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|--------------|---|
| Castle 1½, Mech.Inst. 5½ |             | 4 R Willson | 0 | C Svalberg   | 1 |
| 1 N Falconer ½           | E Pruner ½  | 5 P Traum   | ½ | H Bullwinkel | ½ |
| 2 G McClain ½            | C Bagby ½   | 6 C Wilson  | 0 | W Bourke     | 1 |
| 3 W Hendricks 0          | W Addison 1 | 7 E Hoffer  | 0 | K Bendit     | 1 |

## Oakland 2, Palo Alto 5

|               |               |               |   |             |   |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|-------------|---|
|               |               | 4 C Sedlack   | 1 | C Stein     | 0 |
| 1 C Bergman 0 | F Braumann 1  | 5 R Trenberth | 0 | G Petriceks | 1 |
| 2 J Demos ½   | L Festinger ½ | 6 E Lien      | 0 | F Morsman   | 1 |
| 3 R Cuneo 0   | W Madow 1     | 7 R Freeman   | ½ | R Cuomo     | ½ |

## Golden Gate 3½, U.C. 3½

|                  |              |             |   |            |   |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|---|------------|---|
|                  |              | 4 C Capps   | 1 | A Chappell | 0 |
| 1 SH VanGelder 0 | D Beninson 1 | 5 R Currie  | 1 | Lubell     | 0 |
| 2 H Gross 0      | R Smook 1    | 6 G Ramirez | 0 | E Simanis  | 1 |
| 3 W Pafnutieff ½ | J Hursch ½   | 7 E Logwood | 1 | Bloomfield | 0 |

In Division "B" the defending champions from the Mechanics' Institute are in a tie for first place with the young Oakland team. Oakland's chief claim to glory is its upset victory over the strong Golden Gate first team; while Mechanics' Institute goes about its winning ways unruffled - in spite of its having furnished the Mechanics' "A" team its three best players (Bullwinkel, Bendit and Bourke).

DIVISION BROUND II, February 11, 1956

|  |               |              |               |               |                          |               |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Mech.Inst. 4, Alameda 3</u>   |               |              |               | 4 W Hudson    | 1 W Rebold               | 0             |
| 1 W Bourke   | $\frac{1}{2}$ | L Talcott    | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 K Bopp      | 1 D Ogilvie              | 0             |
| 2 C Freeman  | 1             | B Walters    | 0             | 6 C Norcia    | 0 P Kelly                | 1             |
| 3 V Russell  | 0             | J Stowe      | 1             | 7 J Hill      | $\frac{1}{2}$ L Osternig | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <u>Russians 4, Golden Gate(2) 3</u>  |               |              |               | 4 D Shishkin  | 0 ED Hartmann            | 1             |
| 1 A Palmin   | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C Huneke     | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 N Beloff    | $\frac{1}{2}$ B Pisani   | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 P Andreeff   | 1             | L Rosenstein | 0             | 6 C Koloboff  | 0 N Nielsen              | 1             |
| 3 A Tokmakoff  | 1             | H Dasteel Sr | 0             | 7 F Karawanny | 1 T Baskin               | 0             |
| <u>Golden Gate(1) 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, Oakland 4<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u> |               |              |               | 4 J Vaughn    | $\frac{1}{2}$ N Buder    | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1 SH VanGelder   | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W Landfair   | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 H King      | 0 S Joplin               | 1             |
| 2 H Rosenbaum  | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E Lien       | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 C Schroth   | 1 C Dodge                | 0             |
| 3 H Edelstein  | 0             | S Thacker    | 1             | 7 G Lutz      | 0 D Willis               | 1             |

ROUND III, February 25, 1956

|  |               |              |               |                |                           |               |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Oakland 4<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, Alameda 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>        |               |              |               | 4 E Yaeger     | 1 W Rebold                | 0             |
| 1 W Landfair   | 0             | L Talcott    | 1             | 5 D Willis     | 1 P Kelly                 | 0             |
| 2 S Thacker  | 1             | Paulsen      | 0             | 6 N Buder      | $\frac{1}{2}$ D Ogilvie   | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 C Dodge  | 0             | J Stowe      | 1             | 7 S Joplin     | 1 L Osternig              | 0             |
| <u>Golden Gate(2) 1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, G.G.(1) 5<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u> |               |              |               | 4 H Dasteel Sr | 0 H King                  | 1             |
| 1 C Huneke   | $\frac{1}{2}$ | SH VanGelder | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 N Nielsen    | 0 C Schroth               | 1             |
| 2 ED Hartmann  | 0             | H Rosenbaum  | 1             | 6 H Pirkner    | 0 G Lutz                  | 1             |
| 3 L Rosenstein   | 0             | E Lurie      | 1             | 7 B Pisani     | 1 T Baskin                | 0             |
| <u>Mech.Inst. 4<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, Russians 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>    |               |              |               | 4 W Hudson     | $\frac{1}{4}$ N Beloff    | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 1 W Bourke   | 1             | A Palmin     | 0             | 5 K Bopp       | $\frac{1}{2}$ A Tokmakoff | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 C Freeman  | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W Leeds      | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 C Norcia     | 1 F Karawanny             | 0             |
| 3 O Wreden   | 1             | P Andreeff   | 0             | 7 J Hill       | 0 D Shishkin              | 1             |

GAME OF THE MONTH - by Imre König

The following game was played in the U.S. Open Tournament, Long Beach 1955. It represents an important innovation in an opening which is currently very popular - the Yugoslav Variation of the King's Indian Defense. White, an international master and former U.S. Open champion, followed a line recommended by the analyst of Chess Review but was completely outplayed by a San Francisco amateur, who by an innovation obtained a superior position. Unfortunately for the amateur, he subsequently missed his way.

Game No. 309 - King's Indian

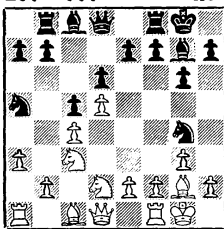
White  
D. Byrne

Black  
Dr. K. Colby

- |     |        |        |
|-----|--------|--------|
| 1.  | P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2.  | P-QB4  | P-KKt3 |
| 3.  | P-KKt3 | B-Kt2  |
| 4.  | B-Kt2  | O-O    |
| 5.  | Kt-QB3 | P-Q3   |
| 6.  | Kt-B3  | P-B4   |
| 7.  | O-O    | Kt-B3  |
| 8.  | P-Q5   | Kt-QR4 |
| 9.  | Kt-Q2  | R-Kt1  |
| 10. | P-QR3  |        |

Recommended by Kmoch in Chess Review, but refuted by Black's next move.

10. ... Kt-Kt5



- |     |       |        |
|-----|-------|--------|
| 11. | Q-B2  | Kt-K4  |
| 12. | Kt-Q1 | P-QKt4 |
| 13. | PxP   | RxP    |
| 14. | P-R3  | Kt-Q2  |

15. R-Kt1 P-B5

16. Kt-QB3 R-B4

At this point, both Byrne and Evans stated that White was positionally lost.

17. Kt-R2 R-B2

Here, Byrne suggested 17...Q-Kt3 as powerful. Still, the text move is all right, as Black soon regains the lost tempo.

18. Q-R4 R-B4

19. Kt-Kt4 Kt-Kt3

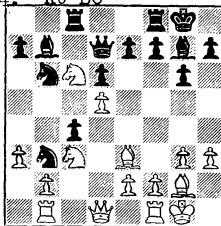
20. Q-Q1 B-Kt2

21. Kt-K4 R-B1

22. B-K3 Kt-Kt6

23. Kt-B3 Q-Q2

24. Kt-B6



24. ... QbxBt

Here Black misses his chance.

With 24...KtxP; 25. BxKt (KtxP is met by ...KtxB), QbxBt; 26. BxBP, Kt-R4; 27. B-Q5, BxKt; 28. PxB, BxB; 29. QxB, Kt-B5 would have



|                                    |            |          |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| given Black a good game. But       | 25. PxB    | Q-Q1     |
| still more powerful would have     | 26. Kt-Kt5 | Kt-R5    |
| been the sacrifice of the ex-      | 27. KtxRP  | KtxP     |
| change 24...KtxP; 25. BxKt, RxKt!; | 28. Q-B2   | R-B2     |
| 26. BxR, QxB; 27. P-B3, P-Q4;      | 29. Kt-Kt5 | R-B1     |
| 28. B-B2, P-B4; 29. P-K3, P-K4     | 30. RxKt   | BxR      |
| with the threat ...P-Q5.           | 31. QxB    | Q-R4     |
|                                    | 32. B-R6   | Resigns. |

#### RESHEVSKY VISITS CALIFORNIA

Sammy Reshevsky visited Los Angeles and San Francisco in February. At a simultaneous display in Romanoff's restaurant on Feb. 2 Sammy made his usual good showing. (Among the scores registered against the grandmaster was a draw by one H. Bogart.) At the Herman Steiner Chess Group on Feb. 5 Sammy rang up  $23\frac{1}{2}$  points out of 24. In San Francisco on Feb. 11 Sammy scored  $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  in a clock exhibition. (Henry Gross scored the win. This is three in a row by the genial president of the Golden Gate club over Reshevsky.)

#### KÖNIG DISPLAY AT SAN QUENTIN

Imre König headed a four-man delegation to San Quentin Prison on Feb. 25. Approximately 50 members of the S.Q. Chess Club were enthusiastically appreciative of the ensuing simultaneous and lecture. The visitors found that there were about 160 members of the club and that there is a waiting list of another 25. The club has its own magazine - edited by David Hansen - and is ever anxious to obtain chess books and publications. Among forthcoming events are: 1) A team match with the Mechanics' Institute; 2) Entry of three 6-man teams in Chess Friends of Northern California; and 3) A proposed 100-board exhibition by George Koltanowski. The club is currently playing a six-team intramural league schedule.

König scored 18-4 (approximately) in about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours, losing one game. Guthrie McClain scored about  $10\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ , Spencer Van Gelder 3-0, and Michael Lawrence 2-0.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

At a recent meeting the following new officers were elected: President, Charles Edward Gray (Cosmo); Vice-President, Robert Jacobs (Herman Steiner Chess Group); Secretary, John Thomas (Inglewood); Treasurer, Ralph Hagedorn (Valley)... A social note from Lady Fozzie: Outgoing president Irving Rivise now has two trundle beds in the second bedroom. Daughter No. 2 was born on Oct. 20, 1955, and has been named Jeri Carol.

At a subsequent league meeting, team matches were scheduled to begin on or about March 15 and a resolution calling on the CSCF to move the North-South team match from San Luis Obispo to Fresno was carried by a unanimous vote.

THE PIRC DEFENSE II - by Valdemars Zemitis

In the April, 1955, California Chess Reporter I gave the opening moves (1. P-K4, P-Q3; 2. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 3. Kt-QB3, P-KKt3) of the Pirc Defense and listed the following fourth moves for White: 4. B-QB4; 4. P-B4; 4. Kt-B3; 4. KKt-K2; 4. B-KKt5; 4. B-K3. Unable to furnish examples of 4. B-K3 from my own experience, I asked my readers to do so. The following is one of several examples furnished by Dr. Kurt Lowenstein:

YUGOSLAV CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952

| <u>Game No. 310 - Pirc</u> |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| White                      | Black         |
| A. Fuderer                 | A. Matanovich |

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-Q3   |
| 2. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 4. B-K3   | QKt-Q2 |

4...Kt-Kt5 is ineffective because of 5. B-KKt5.

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|---------|------|
| 5. Q-Q2 | P-B4 |
|---------|------|

Black's last is weak. Better is 5...P-K4.

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|----------|-------|
| 6. P-B3  | PxP   |
| 7. BxP   | B-Kt2 |
| 8. O-O-O | O-O   |

So Black has switched to a kind of Dragon Variation lacking the counterchances normally offered by it. The position of this Queen's Knight accounts mainly for that difference; it belongs on QB3.

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| 9. P-KR4! |
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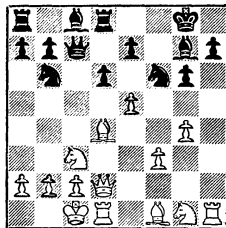
This standard attack is far stronger here than in similar positions. It quickly becomes irresistible.

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|------------|--------|
| 9. ...     | Q-B2   |
| 10. P-KKt4 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 11. P-R4   |        |

White threatens to open the King Rook file for effective action of his pieces.

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|-----------|------|
| 11. ...   | R-Q1 |
| 12. PxP   | BPxP |
| 13. P-K5! |      |

White scores a powerful breakthrough with a point which Black overlooks.



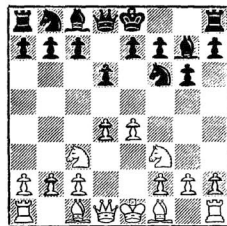
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| 13. ... | PxP |
|---------|-----|

Black loses a piece now. 13... KKt-Q2 is necessary, though White then maintains a winning attack with 14. P-B4: e.g., 14...Kt-B1; 15. BxKt, PxB; 16. Kt-Q5, Q-B4; 17. P-Kt4! (winning the Queen) - or 14...PxP; 15. BxKt, PxB; 16. Kt-B3, PxP; 17. Q-Q5ch, K-R1; 18. RxPch!, KxR; 19. Kt-Kt5ch, K-R3; 20. Kt-B7ch, K-R2; 21. B-B4. 14. BxKt! RxQ 15. BxQ Resigns.

(Notes by Hans Kmoch from Chess Review, April, 1953.)

To continue with the Pirc Defense: In my variation III  
4. Kt-B3 the single example I showed was of little value. In order to make up for the deficiency I will consider this variation more closely and illustrate it with a few examples.

After the moves 1. P-K4, P-Q3;  
2. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 3. Kt-QB3, P-KKt3;  
4. Kt-B3, B-Kt2 (see diagram)  
I gave a game with the feeble 5. P-K5?  
The following moves are worth playing:  
A. 5. B-K2; B. 5. P-KR4; C. 5. P-KR3,  
O-O; 6. B-KB4 (C1) or 6. B-K3 (C2).



A: 5. B-K2, O-O; 6. O-O, QKt-Q2;  
7. B-KB4, P-K4; 8. Pxp, Pxp; 9. KtxP,  
KtxP; etc., with advantage to White  
(Van Geet-Kersten, Junior Championship,  
Holland).

B: 5. P-KR4, QKt-Q2? (5...P-B4!); 6. P-R5, P-B4; 7. P-R6,  
B-B1; 8. B-KKt5, Pxp; 9. KtxP, Kt-B4; 10. B-Kt5ch, B-Q2; 11. Q-B3!  
(Koch-Czerniak, Helsinki, 1952).

C1: The following game is taken from Chess Correspondent and was played by a countryman of mine, Feigins, vs. Halvorsen, Hamburg Olympics, 1930: 5. P-KR3, O-O; 6. B-KB4, P-B4; 7. Pxp, Kt-R4; 8. B-Q2!, Pxp; 9. P-K5, B-R1; 10. B-QB4, Kt-QB3; 11. Q-K2, Kt-Q5; 12. KtxKt, QxKt; 13. P-KKt4, Kt-Kt2 (he cannot play ...Kt-B5; 14. BxKt, QxQB; 15. Kt-Q5, QxKP because 16. KtxPch wins the Queen); 14. Kt-Q5, Kt-K3; 15. P-QB3!, Resigns.

C2: We can subdivide this variation further in the following manner: 6. B-K3, QKt-Q2; 7. Q-Q2, P-B4 and now: (a) 8. B-KR6, (b) 8. Pxp, (c) 8. P-Q5. On one occasion, Rossetti-Michel, Mar del Plata, 1952, there followed: 8. B-KR6, Q-R4; 9. BxB, KxB; 10. B-K2, P-K4 with a solid game. On another, Pirc against E. Eliskases, Mar del Plata, 1950, there followed: 8. B-KR6, Pxp; 9. KtxP, Kt-B4; 10. BxB, KxB; 11. B-Q2, P-K4; 12. Kt-Kt3, P-Q4 with full equality. (b) was played by B. Kostich against Pirc in Ljubljana, 1949: 8. Pxp, KtxP; 9. P-K5, KKt-K5!; 10. KtxKt, KtxKt; 11. Q-Q5, Kt-B4; 12. BxKt, B-K3! with the initiative. For (c) 8. P-Q5, see Chess Review, December, 1953. This move is Fred Reinfeld's suggestion.

The former California Champion Henry Gross has had the opportunity to play against the Pirc Defense three times to my knowledge. His win against Yarmak was reported in the July 1954 issue, Game No. 238. While here I will present Number Two.

GOLDEN GATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954

| <u>Game No. 311 - Pirc</u>  |            | 9. ...  | PxP    |
|---|------------|---|--------|
| White   | Black      | 10. QxP   | Kt-QB3 |
| H. Gross  | J. Schmitt | 11. Q-K4  |        |
| 1. P-K4   | P-Q3       | Maybe on 11. Q-K3 he feared 11... P-KKt4!?  |        |
| 2. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3     | 11. ...   | Kt-B4  |
| 3. Kt-QB3   | P-KKt3     | 12. Q-K3  | Kt-K3  |
| 4. P-KB4  | B-Kt2      | Black should have kept this square for his Bishop. Therefore, 12... Q-R4 followed by B-K3 would have been stronger. |        |
| A game played by one Vallk continued: 4...B-Kt5; 5. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 6. P-Q5, Kt-Kt1; 7. P-KR3, BxKt; 8. QxB, QKt-Q2; 9. B-K3, B-Kt2; 10. O-O-O, O-O; 11. P-KKt4! and White won in ten moves more!   |            | 13. B-KR6   | Q-R4   |
| 5. Kt-B3  | O-O        | 14. O-O-O   | Q-Kt5  |
| 6. P-K5   |            | I do not see anything wrong with the idea of advancing the Queen-side pawns.  |        |
| Against Dr. Lapiken, R. Gross played 6. B-B4. There followed 6...P-B3; 7. P-K5, Kt-K1; 8. P-Q5, B-Kt5; 9. Q-K2, Kt-B2; 10. QPxP, PxP; with a satisfactory game for Black. Probably 6. B-K2, the move Tarrasch played against Charousek, Nuremberg, 1896, is the best. |            | 15. BxB   | KxB    |
| 6. ...  | PxP        | 16. B-Kt3   | Q-KB5  |
| For 6...Kt-Q2, see the April 1955 issue.  |            | Forcing the exchange of Queens. Rightly Black was afraid of the possible White's onslaught on the King side.        |        |
| 7. BPxP   | KKt-Q2     | 17. KR-K1   | QxQch  |
| 8. B-QB4  |            | 18. RxQ   | Kt-B4  |
| 8. P-K6 is ineffective.   |            | 19. Kt-Q5   | B-Kt5  |
| 8. ...  | P-QB4!     | 20. P-KR3   | BxKt   |
| 9. B-B4   |            | 21. PxP   | QR-B1  |
| White's strong pawn center is gone. White's Pawn on K5 exerts pressure on Black's position, therefore, White tries to make it a stronghold for further operations.  |            | 22. P-KB4   | P-K3   |
|   |            | 22...QR-Q1 first would have been better.  |        |
|   |            | 23. Kt-B3   | Kt-K2  |
|   |            | He should have tried to stop the White Knight from reaching the square Q6, by playing 23...P-QR3.                   |        |
|   |            | 24. Kt-Kt5  | Kt-B4  |
|   |            | 25. R-K2  | R-B3   |
|   |            | 26. P-B3  |        |
|   |            | Not 26. KtxP? because of 26...R-R3;   |        |
|   |            | 27. Kt-Kt5, KtxB; etc.  |        |
|   |            | 26. ...   | R-Kt3  |
|   |            | 27. B-B4  | P-QR3  |

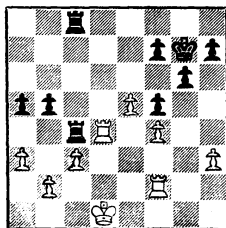
28. Kt-R3 R-B3  
 29. B-Q3 P-QKt4  
 30. BxKt KPxB  
 31. Kt-B2 R-B2  
 32. R-Q6 P-QR4  
 33. P-R3 R-QKt1  
 34. K-Q1 Kt-K3  
 35. R-B2 R-B5  
 36. Kt-Q4 KtxKt  
 37. RxBt R/1-QB1

49. K-K5 RxPch  
 50. K-B6

At last White King has found a nice shelter and is safe from further attacks from the Black Rooks.

50. ... R-Kt1  
 51. R2-Q7 R-KR8  
 52. R-Kt7ch K-R1  
 53. P-K7 Resigns.

A very effective two rook ending.



38. R/2-Q2 P-Kt5

A desperate measure to save through tactics a strategically lost game.

39. RPxP PxB  
 40. PxP R-B8ch  
 41. K-K2 R-KR8  
 42. R-Q7 R/1-B8  
 43. P-Kt5 R-R7ch  
 44. K-Q3 RxPch  
 45. K-Q4 R-KB6  
 46. P-K6 RxPch  
 47. K-Q5 R-QKt5  
 48. RxPch K-Kt1

(This article was left behind last summer when Associate Editor Zemitis went to New York to get married. It was left in the care of Associate Editor Bob Burger who, subsequently, also went to New York. It is therefore not as comprehensive as could be — although it can stand by itself as a further development of the original article on the Pirc Defense. As for further articles, we don't know what to expect. Burger has attempted to locate Zemitis in New York and has discovered that he is now somewhere in Texas! As for Burger himself, he is employed in a Madison Avenue advertising firm and commutes from Long Island, where he and Therese are awaiting the birth of their second child — Ed.)

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Zemitis follow-up article on the Pirc Defense was prompted by this letter from Dr. Kurt Lowenstein of Santa Barbara:

"I can't resist the call for "the missing link" in the Pirc Defense item by Zemitis on P. 162, and enclose a selection of examples (for any of which the complete score can be furnished on request).

"A very interesting article by Zemitis — but hardly a fair sampling of the 'Pirc Defense' — rather of the Pirc-Zemitis Defense.

It is too early, it seems to me, to attempt to systematize the various lines now in use, as too many equally interesting ideas get lost on the way (e.g. Richter's-Lothar Schmid's idea of 4. B-K2 followed by 5. P-KR4 again tried recently at Belgrade 1954 in Karaklajich-Czerniak (18th round). Also, the underlying strategic ideas are not nearly as uniform or simple as Zemitis implies: 4. B-Kt5 is a good example of this. When this 4. B-Kt5 was first tested (at Mar del Plata 1950, Trifunovich-Pirc) Pirc considered ...P-KR3 (after Q-Q2) unnecessary and when Euwe reported Kramer vs. Vidmar jr. (Yugoslavia-Holland 1950) he agreed that P-KR3 is 'really superfluous.' For additional examples without P-KR3, see Prajnfalk-Pirc, IX Yugoslav 1953, Gratz-Szabadi, VII Hungarian Chp., etc. But at Opatija (Abbazzia) 1953, Pirc did play 5...P-KR3; 6. B-R4, P-B3; 7. P-KB4, B-K3 leading to a level position.

"In later events, Pirc delayed the fianchetto after 4. B-Kt5 and played 4...QKt-Q2 instead. Trifunovich, commenting on his game vs. Pirc in the VIII Yugoslav Chp. (4. B-Kt5, QKt-Q2) said that in his opinion, Pirc wished to avoid the variation 4...B-Kt2; 5. P-K5, Kkt-Q2; 6. Kt-Q5, introduced in Burnstein vs. Millin, Salsomaggiore 1952. All this is complicated by the fact, that 4. P-B4 was at that time the most fashionable line and at Vienna 1953-4, Kupper (in Kupper vs. Maier) combined the two ideas by playing 4. B-Kt5, B-Kt2; 5. P-K5, Kkt-Q2; 6. P-B4, PxP? (O-O) (cf. also Unzicker-Pirc, Abazzia 1953, BCM 1953 P. 323). This line has recently been 'refuted' by Alexander in his famous game (Kupper vs. Alexander, Amsterdam 1954) for which see Chess XX P. 35 and BCM 1955 P. 43).

"Another comment: The fact, that this defense is now almost universally (except for the Russians!) called Pirc defense mustn't becloud the fact, that this line has always been played and Zemitis is not right in saying, that Paulsen and Winawer had adopted it 'without success.' At Nuremberg 1883, it was played six (!) times and Black won four of these. Of course, Pillsbury played it also quite regularly. (For a more complete 'history,' see my article in L'Italia Scacchistica 1952, P. 297).

"I mentioned above, that the Russians, having also 'invented' this defense, call it the 'Ufimsev defense,' but I learn from usually reliable sources, that the present visit of Russian dignitaries in Yugoslavia is primarily for the purpose of agreeing on a common name for this defense. It will be of major significance, to watch both Russian and Yugoslav publications for a clue of the outcome of this meeting, to see whether they both call it 'Pirc' or 'Ufimsev' in the future. In case it's going to be 'Ufimsev,' my suggestion for the Western chess block is to call it 'Zemitis defense' in order to have a bargaining point in the forthcoming 'Big Four' negotiations.

"(Personally, I have my doubts about the accuracy of above information.) Best wishes, also to Zemitis."

Dr. Lowenstein encloses no less than thirteen examples of the B-K3 variation (which he describes as a small selection):

- I. 4. B-K3 is followed by Q-Q2: 4. P-B3, P-B3; 5. B-K3, Q-Kt3; 6. Q-B1, B-Kt2; 7. Kkt-K2, O-O; Lipnitzky-Bronstein (#54).  
 4. B-K3, Qkt-Q2; 5. Q-Q2, P-B4?; 6. P-B3, Pxp; 7. Bxp, B-Kt2; Fuderer-Matanovich 1952 (Chess Review 1953, 119).  
 4. Kt-B3, B-Kt2; 5. B-Kt5, P-KR3; 6. B-K3, P-B3; 7. Q-Q2, P-Qkt4; 8. B-Q3, etc. Aronin-Smyslov (#146).
4. B-K3, P-B3; 5. Q-Q2, Qkt-Q2; 6. P-B3, B-Kt2; 7. Kkt-K2, P-QR4; 8. P-Kkt4, P-R5; 9. P-QR3, Kt-Kt3; 10. Kt-Kt3, B-K3; 11. B-KR6, Kt-B5; 12. Bxkt, KBxB; 13. QxB, BxB; 14. O-O-O, Q-R4; 15. P-K5, Pxp; 16. Pxp, Kt-Q2. (Pirc won in 56 moves) Bogdanovich-Pirc IX, Yugoslav Chp. 1953, P. 13.
4. B-K3, B-Kt2; 5. P-B3, Qkt-Q2; 6. Q-Q2, P-K4? (6...P-B3! Pilnik-Pirc Amsterdam 1950); 7. O-O-O, Q-K2? (7...P-B3!); 8. Kt-Kt5, Kt-Kt1 (after 8...Q-Q1; 9. Q-Kt3 and Black loses a pawn); 9. Pxp, Pxp; 10. B-B5! B-R3 and Black resigned without waiting for 11. QxB, QxB; 12. Q-Kt7. Heemsoth-Dr. Lange, Berlin 1953.
4. P-B3, B-Kt2; 5. B-Kt2, O-O; 6. Q-Q2, P-K4; 7. P-Q5 (Kkt-K2!), P-B4; 8. P-Kkt4, Qkt-Q2; 9. Kkt-K2, R-K1; 10. P-KR4, Kt-B1; 11. P-R5, P-QR3 with errors on both sides (White won in 50 moves). Winiwarter-Raffay, Walchsee 1953.

II. There were two interesting examples in the XIX USSR Chp. showing, incidentally, that Bronstein and Smyslov have occasionally adopted this line, or similar ones.

### III. Variations:

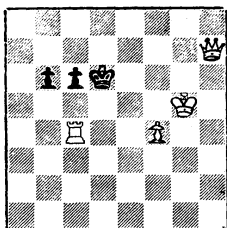
4. B-K3, B-Kt2; 5. B-QB4, O-O; 6. Kkt-K2, Qkt-Q2; 7. P-B3, P-QR3; 8. Q-Q2, P-Qkt4. Hortovany-Broun, Australia Jr. Chp. 1952-3, Chess World 1952, P.276.
4. B-K2, B-Kt2; 5. B-K3, O-O; 6. Q-Q2, (a) 6...P-B3; 7. P-QR4, Q-R5; 8. P-R4, P-Qkt4; Porreca-Pirc, Yugoslavia-Italy 1953 (Pirc won in 26 moves) (b) 6...Kt-B3; 7. P-Q5, Kt-K4; Nestler-Napolstano 1939.
4. P-B3, B-Kt2; 5. B-K3, (a) 5...P-B3; 6. Q-Q2, Q-R4; Miliz-Rabar VI Yugoslav Chp. (b) 5...O-O; 6. Q-Q2, R-K1; 7. O-O-O, Qkt-Q2; Stalda-Siveri 1952. (7...P-B3; Pilnik-Sanz, Madrid 1951.)

For another example, cf. BCM 1940 P.21 (Milner-Barry-Stevenson) and for an old example:

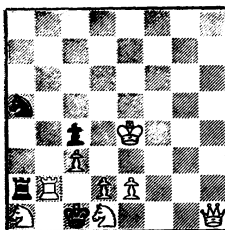
4. B-K3, B-Kt2; 5. B-K2, O-O; 6. P-B4, Kt-K1?; 7. Kt-B3, P-QR3?; Van Lemep-Varian 1894. (DSZ 1894 P. 305 or BCM 1894 P. 417.)

REPORTER TASKS: This month we present for your approval an old miniature by O. Brenander, first published in 1891, and a recent composition by V. Pachman, published in 1952. Both are three-movers, and will, we trust, give you some trouble.

TASK No. 87  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 88  
White Mates in Three



Answers to last month's TASKS: Task No. 85: The key is B-R5.  
Task No. 86: The key is P-R4.

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