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BOBBY FISCHER U.S. CHAMPION

Fourteen-year-old (15 in March) Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn has done the "hat trick" by winning three U.S. titles in 1957 - Junior, July in San Francisco; Open, August in Cleveland; Championship, December-January in New York. In the Championship, Fischer's $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score beat out grandmaster Sammy Reshevsky by a full point. Jimmy Sherwin took third, a half-point behind Reshevsky.

Fischer and Reshevsky qualify for the Candidates' Tournament to be played in Europe this year, and Fischer has already been classified International Master by the International Chess Federation.

RESHEVSKY AND GLIGORIC WIN DALLAS INTERNATIONAL

Sammy Reshevsky and Svetozar Gligoric tied for first prize at Dallas in December with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Bent Larsen and Lazslo Szabo scored $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$, Abe Yanofsky 7-7, Fridrik Olafsson $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$, Miguel Najdorf $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$, and Larry Evans 5-9. The promoters of the Dallas tournament, led by Emile Gilutin, formerly of Santa Monica, were successful in getting an outstanding champion from each of eight different nations and the event proved to be one of the year's best tournaments.

HENRY GROSS AGAIN CASTLE CHESS CLUB CHAMPION

The perennial Castle club champ, Henry Gross, did it again in 1957 by winning nine games, drawing one and losing one. In second, a point behind, was Guthrie McClain - perennial runner-up.

Several new members appeared in 1957. Frank Adelman and Russell Freeman took third and fourth places; Bob Willson and Curtis Wilson made re-appearances - in fifth and tenth spots - and George Farly beat out Eugene Lien for eleventh. The scores:

		CASTLE CHESS CLUB 1957												Score
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1.	H Gross	X	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	G McClain	1	X	1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	F Adelman	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	R Freeman	0	1	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	R Willson	0	0	1	0	X	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	6-5
6.	R Hultgren	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.	W Hendricks	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	0	5-6
8)	E Hoffer	0	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	0	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
9)	G Hultgren	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1		4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
10.	C Wilson	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$
11.	G Farly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	X	1	3-8
12.	E Lien	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	X	2-9

CAPT. E. B. EDMONDSON WINS SACRAMENTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Ed Edmondson won the 1957 Sacramento title by beating last year's champion Dr. A. Janushkowsky in the last round. Janushkowsky tied M. K. Saca on game points, but was placed second on tie-breaking points. Ostap Bender was fourth.

In a Reserves Section Fred Adkins was first with a perfect 4-0 score, ahead of Ray Hefington, Peter Farrell and Morris Tamres, all 3-1.

The two four-round Swiss tournaments were held at the Clunie Clubhouse on November 16-17, 1957, and were directed by Neil T. Austin. The 25 contestants appear to be the largest field of recent years.

SACRAMENTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP Nov. 16-17, 1957

					Score	Solkoff	S-B
1.	Capt E B Edmondson	W10	D9	W4	W2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2)	Dr A Janushkowsky	W12	W5	W6	L1	3-1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
3)	Mansur K Saca	L5	W10	W8	W6	3-1	7
4.	Ostap Bender	D9	W11	L1	W7	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5)	Don Gold	W3	L2	L7	W11	2-2	9 4
6)	William C Haines	W11	W7	L2	L3	2-2	9 3
7)	William Rebold	W8	L6	W5	L4	2-2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
8)	Jekabs Celle	L7	W12	L3	W9	2-2	7
9)	John Mitchell	D4	D1	L10	L8	1-3	9
10)	Robert Osborne	L1	L3	W9	L12	1-3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
11)	J L Hunting	L6	L4	W12	L5	1-3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
12)	Gordon Vlack	L2	L8	L11	W10	1-3	7

RESERVES SECTION

						Score	Solkoff
1.	Fred Adkins	W13	W10	W2	W3	4-0	
2)	Ray Hefington	W9	W8	L1	W7	3-1	10
3)	Peter Farrell	W12	W4	W7	L1	3-1	9
4)	Morris Tamres	W10	L3	W8	W11	3-1	7
5)	Crawford Brown	L8	W12	W9	D6	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
6)	Donald Haley	Bye	L7	W11	D5	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
7)	Mrs Ida St JohnOye	W11	W6	L3	L2	2-2	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
8)	Harold Keith	W5	L2	L4	Bye	2-2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
9)	Frank Eakes	L2	W13*	L5	W10	2-2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
10)	William Curdy	L4	L1	W12*	L8	1-3	9
11)	Howard Camp	L7	Bye	L6	L4	1-3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
12)	Elworth Waddell	L3	L5	L10*			
13)	E N Crippen	L1	L9*				*Forfeits.

INTERNATIONAL MASTER IMRE KÖNIG gave a very entertaining simultaneous exhibition on January 22 at a joint meeting of the Capital City and City Recreation Department chess clubs. Enthusiasm ran high and there were 45 spectators in addition to the 30 players. Mr. König played rapidly and well, completing the 30 games in three hours. His score was 25-4-1; the lone winner was Robert Osborne and the four draws were to Dr. A. Janushkowsky, Bill Rebold, Bill Haines, and George Flynn.

SANTA MONICA BAY CHESS CLUB

Ray Martin won first prize in the Santa Monica Open completed in November by the score of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Second (on tie-breaking points) was Robert Sale, 6-2. Third was Emil Bersbach, 6-2.

Completed in December were two "regional" events for the CSCF. In Section A, G. Palmer scored a perfect 5-0 to win over G. Sturges and Mrs. S. Sturges, both 3-2. In Section B, A. Michaelson won by a $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ score, ahead of C. Lowery, 4-2, and H. Lewis, $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. A third section was completed in January and will be reported in our next issue.

SANTA MONICA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. R J Martin $6\frac{1}{2}$	8. Dr B S Collins $4\frac{1}{2}$	14. W Campbell $3\frac{1}{2}$
2. R D Sale 6	9. R Harshbarger 4	15. E Gardos $3\frac{1}{2}$
3. E Bersbach 6	10. A J Cherestes 4	16. M Otteson 3
4. H T Abel $5\frac{1}{2}$	11. A P Junod $3\frac{1}{2}$	17. A Savvon 3
5. G McMahon 5	12. B Mintz $3\frac{1}{2}$	18. J DeBriac $2\frac{1}{2}$
6. R Clark 5	13. J McMillan $3\frac{1}{2}$	19. W E Griffin 1
7. P Wrangell $4\frac{1}{2}$		

REGIONAL - SECTION A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. G. Palmer	X	1	1	1	1	1	5-0
2. G. Sturges	0	X	1	0	1	1	3-2
3. Mrs. S. Sturges	0	0	X	1	1	1	3-2
4. A. Cherestes	0	1	0	X	0	1	2-3
5. K. Forrest	0	0	0	1	X	1	2-3
6. J. DeBriac	0	0	0	0	0	X	0-5

REGIONAL - SECTION B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. A. Michaelson	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
2. C. Lowery	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1*	1*	4-2
3. H. Lewis	0	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$
4. G. H. Anderson	0	1	0	X	0	1	1*	3-3
5. B. Mintz	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	0	1	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
6. A. Savvon	0	0*	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	1*	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
7. J. Harrison	0	0	0*	0*	0	0*	X	0-6

Tournament Director: Paul Wrangell.

*-Forfeit.

HERMAN STEINER CHESS CLUB has elected Gene Rubin president, Evans Farber and Robert Misner first and second vice-presidents, Edythe Langdon secretary and Shirley Glassberg treasurer. Rubin moved up from vice-president to replace Charles Henderson, who has held the office for two years. George Goehler remains as co-ordinator, with Lyn Henderson, Lena Grumette, George Soules, and James Hunt as committee heads.

GAME OF THE MONTH — NEW YORK REPORT — by Robert E. Burger

Drawing his last round game while Reshevsky was losing to Lombardy, young Bobby Fisher established full claim to the U.S. Championship with a score of $10\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ — a full point on top! Most chessplayers are familiar with the story — the legend — of Paul Morphy and his overnight conquest of the world's leading players. The exploits of Bobby Fisher this past year recall that story and beg for comparison.

The spectacular Queen sacrifice against Byrne (reported here a little over a year ago) foreshadowed Fisher's future. But that future is now the present! Having met the best in this country at the Open and the Championship, it is only a pity that he could not have tasted some foreign competition at Dallas.

At the same time, Fisher's ascendancy has signaled a change-over in, personnel of our top players, as a matter of coincidence if not of direct connection. Notably missing from last year's roster are Byrne, Evans, and Bisguier (whose play was a far cry from that of a year ago). Up at or near the top are Fisher, Sherwin, Lombardy, Mednis, to mention some of the younger players. (Their score against Reshevsky was 3-1!!)

Reshevsky had the honor and disadvantage of being the favorite. He went to the well once too often in losing to Sherwin in a King-side attack. He was even more daring than he usually is with Black defenses. Against Bisguier and Fisher, for example, he played a hair-raising Sicilian Defense — P-K3 and inviting the so-called Maroczy Bind. In a crucial next-to-last round game, however, he played a "normal" Sicilian. Mednis defended heroically and successfully in a Knight-and-Pawn ending in that game, just as Fisher had drawn a Bishop-and-Pawn ending also against Reshevsky. Two other players deserve mention: Sherwin, for his obvious outclassing of the rest of the field below Fisher and Reshevsky; and Denker, for his great showing this year on top of many fine past performances.

Looking over Fisher's games, I don't see any point at which he was seriously outplayed. On the other hand, his games were all hard-won. Typical is the following:

Game No. 408 — Pirc Defense

White	Black
Bobby Fisher	Edmar Mednis

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| 1. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 4. B-KKt5 | B-Kt2 |

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| 5. Q-Q2 | P-KR3 |
| 6. B-KB4 | P-QB3 |
| 7. O-O-O | Q-R4 |
| 8. K-Kt1 | P-KKt4 |
| 9. B-Kt3 | Kt-R4 |

This line of play could form a chapter in Zemitis' articles on the Pirc in THE REPORTER in 1955.

10. B-QB4 P-Kt4
 11. B-Kt3 Kt-Q2
 12. P-B4

The control of K5 is White's prime interest against this defense.

12. ... KtxB
 13. PxKt P-KKt5
 14. P-K5 P-Q4
 15. P-B5 Kt-Kt3
 16. Q-B4 P-K3
 17. QxP B-B1
 18. PxP BxP
 19. Q-B3 O-O-O

Up to this point, I think Black has justified his defense. But his future consists in the advance of the QRP and the embarrassment of the White Bishop. To that end, Q-Kt5, followed by Q-K2 if necessary, seems best. Yet even after the Queen's Rook has been misplaced, Black does best in the following to prepare P-QR4 with either Q-Kt5 or P-Kt5, Q-Kt4.

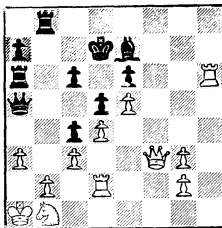
20. Kt-R3 R-Kt1
 21. Q-B2 Kt-B5

After this, White holes up, but good. Properly defended, he then goes back to work on the Kingside.

22. BxKt KtPxB
 23. K-R1 R-Q2
 24. Kt-QKt1 R-QKt2
 25. P-B3 R-QKt3
 26. R-Q2 K-Q2
 27. Kt-B4 B-K2
 28. RxP R-KB1

He hesitates to guard KB2 until he has more force on the Queenside, but it makes no difference.

29. Q-B3 R-R3
 30. P-R3 R-QKt1
 31. KtxB PxKt



32. RxP BxP

To gain room for the King at K2, but...

33. KtxB KxR
 34. QKt4ch K-K2
 35. R-KB2 R-K1
 36. Q-Kt5ch K-Q2
 37. R-B7ch K-B1
 38. Q-B5ch K-Kt1
 39. Q-Q7 Resigns.

HENRY GROSS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CSCF

Henry Gross of San Francisco has replaced George F. Goehler of Los Angeles as president of the California State Chess Federation, Phil Smith of Fresno has been elected vice-president, and Dr. Ralph Hultgren of Berkeley continues as treasurer. As the Board of Directors balloted in January, one office remained unfilled — the selection of a secretary to replace Kyle Forrest of Manhattan Beach. Spencer H. Van Gelder of San Francisco seems sure to be elected to this post.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION

This condensed Annual Report is submitted by your President to briefly summarize the activities of the year and to inform those members unable to attend the business meeting of the progress that has been made in 1957.

The year of 1957 proved to be a year of profound changes with emphasis on the scientific, research, and educational problems. Jerry Spann, the newly elected President of the United States Chess Federation, put the game of chess up in the satellite-range in his now famous speech delivered at a dinner in Beverly Hills in November, sponsored by the California State Chess Federation. Never before has as much attention been focused on the "Royal Game" and we of California can profit by the suggestions outlined in his talk which was published in the November issue of THE REPORTER.

Perhaps we of the West Coast had anticipated in 1957 the new place chess was to take because the following happened:

1. New attendance record at the North-South Match at Fresno on June 2nd -- 146 participants.
2. New attendance records at the California Open at Monterey -- 109 participants.
3. Two National Championships held on the West Coast in 1957 -- the Junior Tournament in San Francisco in July, and the Women's Tournament in Los Angeles in November.
4. Regional Tournaments held throughout the State during the fall for players with little previous tournament experience.
5. Increased membership in the CSCF.

ACTIVITIES

THE FRESNO STORY The South did it again under the capable leadership of Charles Henderson by a score of 37-36. The Californian Hotel was again the location and the close score only partly tells the story -- Captain McClain of the North is still wondering "What Happened."

Next year will be the 25th Anniversary of this event so make your plans to attend now.

The speed tourney was won by Earl Pruner; Dr. Peter Lapiken and Gil Ramirez tied for 2nd and 3rd.

THE MONTEREY STORY On the historic Monterey peninsula, players, wives, children, and friends, had one of the most enjoyable chess weekends in the history of the California Open. The tournament was held at the San Carlos Hotel on August 31st and September 1st and 2nd. Three players tied with identical scores of six points, but in the tie-breaking, James Schmitt of San Francisco edged out Larry Evans and Saul Yarmak. Congratulations, Jim!

THE LOS ANGELES STORY The Herman Steiner Chess Club was the scene of the very closely contested State Tournament Finals. Jim Cross returned the State Crown to Southern California by edging out Gil Ramirez with an assist in the final round by Gene Rubin. Henry Gross, who was a constant threat throughout the tourney, finished third. The return of Jim Cross to active chess is surely welcomed by all, and we feel he will represent us as well as did his predecessors, Herman Steiner and Gil Ramirez.

THE FEDERATION STORY In Fresno, in May, one of the most active groups of Directors were elected who successfully conducted Regional Tournaments, cooperated with the membership drive, participated in mapping Federation activities, and approving policy by attending our scheduled meetings and through extensive correspondence. The Directors were G. McClain of San Francisco (Chairman), G. Rasmussen of the Redwood Empire, Phil Smith of Fresno, Isaac Kashdan of Southern California, R. Karch of Monterey Bay Area, I. Rivise of Los Angeles, C. Walker of Riverside Tri-County Area, D. Hosea of San Diego, Larry Zipfel of Redding, and Al Raymond of Lancaster. Appointed were Bruce Collins of Santa Monica as Parliamentarian, and Lyn Henderson as Publicity Director. What a group of workers -- never did a President have it so good!

The Officers handled their accelerated programs with dispatch, keeping events moving and sandwiching the increased Federation workload with their everyday activities.

McClain, the Chairman of the Board and Editor of THE REPORTER, did his usually good job as well as directing the Open Tourney and being Captain of the Northern Team at Fresno. My recommendation is that we get some help for Mac.

Kyle Forrest, as always, did his excellent job of prompt handling of correspondence and it is with regret we learn he cannot continue as Secretary at this time.

Dr. Ralph Hultgren continued to be a "watch dog" over the Federation's finances, and besides collecting the dues, presented a most comprehensive financial report at our Annual Meeting and

has been of great assistance in advising your Officers in the matter of expenditures.

Throughout the year, Lyn Henderson continued her excellent work in publicizing state affairs and the best judge of a "P.R.'s" job is the fact that our events drew greater attendance or participation than the year before and were much more enjoyable.

Committee work, which is the foundation of the Federation's activities, continued in volume and some excellent results were obtained from the active committees.

Space does not permit going into detail, but mention should be made of the new Regional Tournament Committee which was headed by Al Hoerchner and Irving Rivise. This idea of Regional Tournaments, originally suggested by Charles Bagby of San Francisco, was explored and a plan developed which was put into effect and with the assistance of the Directors did much to increase our membership and gave players throughout the State who had not played in tournaments, an opportunity to play chess under actual tournament conditions.

THE PRESIDENT'S STORY It is always difficult for a President to turn over the reins of an organization like the California State Chess Federation without saying thanks to the persons who did so much during the time he was in office. This is most difficult this year because while some individuals did outstanding work, the membership as a whole was most cooperative and the Officers and Directors all played an important part -- so I can only say "thanks" to everyone and sincerely hope that the next President will receive the same fine type of cooperation.

There were a number of projects started last year that must carry over into the future and I would like to make the following few final suggestions:

1. That the Regional Tournament idea be continued and expanded and receive the full cooperation of the membership.
2. That more advanced planning be done in the selection of locations for Regional events -- particularly the Open Tournament. The success of Monterey demonstrates the results that can be obtained when ideal conditions prevail.
3. That some new system be devised so that membership cards can be issued on a monthly basis rather than once a year.
4. Finally, that we take full advantage of the New Look of chess that Jerry Spann has introduced. A strong State organization cooperating with an expanding National Federation can be of mutual benefit and can be the basis for making the West Coast a more important center of chess activity.

George F. Goehler, CSCF President

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, HOLLYWOOD, 1957Game No. 409 — French Defense

White	Black
Henry Gross	Gene Rubin

(Notes by Henry Gross)

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. P-K5 | P-QB4 |
| 4. P-QB3 | B-Q2 |

More usual is 4...QKt-B3 but it would be difficult to prove the text inferior.

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| 5. B-Q3 | P-QKt4 |
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Each player is now on his own. There is no longer any possibility of transposing into a book line.

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| 6. Kt-B3 | P-KR3 |
| 7. O-O | Q-Kt3 |
| 8. QKt-Q2 | |

Probably better was 8. PxP followed by 9. QKt-Q2, 10. Kt-Kt3 and 11. B-K3.

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| 8. ... | P-B5 |
| 9. B-B2 | P-Kt5 |
| 10. R-K1 | P-QR4 |
| 11. Kt-B1 | Kt-R3 |
| 12. B-K3 | Kt-B2 |
| 13. KKt-Q2 | Kt-Kt4 |
| 14. Q-B3 | |

Not the natural square for the queen because it blocks the advance of the white king bishop's pawn. But it threatens 15. KtxP and is also attacking the black king bishop's pawn if the black king moves away from its defense.

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| 14. ... | R-B1 |
| 15. B-R4 | Kt-K2 |
| 16. QR-B1 | R-B2 |
| 17. Kt-Kt3 | Q-R3 |
| 18. Kt-R5 | PxP |
| 19. PxP | Kt-R6 |

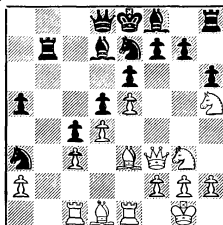
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| 20. B-Q1 | Q-Kt3 |
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| 21. Kt-B1 | |
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In order to be able to answer 21. ...Q-Kt7 with 22. R-K2.

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| 21. ... | R-Kt2 |
| 22. Kt/1-Kt3 | Q-Q1 |

Black wants to place his queen behind his rook on the knight file but overlooks white's powerful reply.



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| 23. Q-B6! | R-Kt1 |
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If black had defended his knight pawn by 23...R-R2 then simply 24. BxRP and if 24...PxB; 25. Q-R8 wins.

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| 24. QxRP! | Q-Kt1 |
| 25. Q-R7 | R-Kt8 |
| 26. B-K2? | |

White overlooks the winning move 26. Kt-B6ch!, PxKt; 27. PxP and black's best is 27...RxR; 28. PxKt, RxB; 29. RxR, R-Kt3; 30. PxBch/Q, KxQ; 31. Q-R8ch, R-Kt1; 32. B-R6ch, K-K2; 33. B-Kt5ch, K-B1; 34. Q-B6 with a won game. If 27...RxKt; 28. PxKt, RxB; 29. PxB=Qch; KxQ; 30. PxR, RxR; 31. Q-R8ch wins the black queen.

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| 26. ... | RxR |
| 27. RxR? | |

Again white goes wrong. Correct was 27. BxR and if 27...Q-Kt8;

28. QxQ, KtxQ; 29. B-Kt2, Kt-Q7;
30. R-Q1, Kt-K5; 31. KtxKt and
the end game is won for white.

27. ... Q-Kt7
28. B-B1 B-R5!

The saving move. White is now
in trouble on the queen's side
and if 29. Kt-B4 to give his
queen an escape square would
face slow death.

29. Kt-B6ch?

Too late. Black now has an easy
win. It is interesting to see
how he in turn throws it away
with a little help from white.

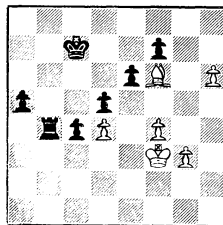
29. ... PxB
30. PxB B-B7!
31. RxB QxR
32. QxQ KtxQ
33. PxB BxB
34. B-B4 R-Kt5
35. Kt-R5 Kt-R6
36. B-K2 R-Kt3
37. B-Q1 K-Q1
38. B-R4 R-Kt1
39. Kt-Kt3 B-Kt4
40. B-Q6 Kt-Kt8
41. Kt-K2 B-Q7
42. B-K5 KtxP

42...K-K2 to prevent the posting
of the bishop at B6 was better.

43. KtxKt BxKt
44. B-B6ch K-B2
45. P-B4 B-Kt5
46. P-Kt3 B-Q3
47. K-B2 R-Kt1
48. P-R4 R-Kt7ch
49. K-K3 R-Kt7
50. K-B3 RxP
51. P-R5!

White's last gasp. Black should
have played 51...B-B1 and white
could have resigned. But it was
black's turn to get greedy.

51. ... RxB?
52. P-R6 R-Kt5



53. B-Q8ch

This is the move that black over-
looked when he took the bishop.

53. ... KxB
54. P-R7 R-Kt1
55. P-R8=Q K-K2
56. Q-R4ch K-Q2
57. Q-R7 K-K2
58. Q-R4ch K-K1
59. Q-R8ch K-Q2
60. Q-R7 R-KB1
61. Q-B2 B-Kt5
62. P-B5 PxB
63. QxPch K-B3
64. Q-B2 R-B1
65. Q-R4ch K-Q3
66. Q-Kt5 P-B6
67. Q-Kt6ch K-Q2
68. Q-Kt5ch?

From this blunder there is no
recovery. 68. Q-Kt7ch would have
drawn. White would have won the
queen pawn with a check.

68. ... K-B2!
69. Q-R4 K-Kt3
70. Q-B2 R-B5
71. K-K3 P-R5
72. P-Kt4 P-R6
73. Q-KR2 R-B2
74. Q-R8 K-Kt2
75. Q-Q8 P-B7

Resigns.

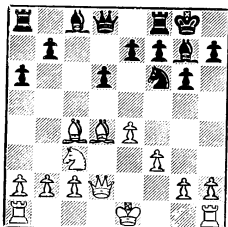
A very interesting and hard fought
game in spite of the many obvious
blunders on both sides.

Game No. 410 - Sicilian Defense

White	Black
G. Ramirez	J. Cross

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q5 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. KtxP | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 6. B-K3 | B-Kt2 |
| 7. P-B3 | O-O |
| 8. Q-Q2 | Kt-B3 |
| 9. B-B4 | KtxKt |
| 10. BxKt | P-QR3 |



Now White can play 11. P-QR4 and 12. O-O with a fine game. But White correctly estimates he can keep the Q-side under control after 11. O-O while pressing his own attack on the K-side.

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| 11. O-O-O | P-QKt4 |
| 12. B-Kt3 | B-Q2 |
| 13. P-KKt4 | P-QR4 |
| 14. Kt-Q5 | |

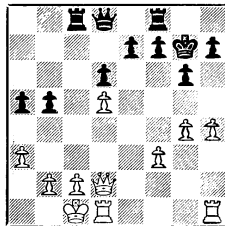
White relieves the pressure on his Q-side by advancing in the center. White threatens 15. KtxKtch and Black's Pawn position will be ruined.

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| 14. ... | KtxKt |
| 15. BxB | KxB |
| 16. BxKt | R-QB1 |

This and the next move are the decisive mistake. Black is already threatening to win the White B by 17...P-K3 and 18.

...P-R5. Had Black played 16. ...R-QKt1, then after 17. P-QR3 (to provide a hole for the B) 17...P-Kt5 is very strong (18. PxP, PxP and 19...Q-R4 and if 20. K-Kt1, R-QR1). If instead White plays 17. P-K5 (to answer 17...PxP by 18. Q-B3, regaining the P by the threat of 19. B-B6), then 17...P-K3; 18. B-K4, P-Q4; and 19...P-Kt5, 20...Q-Kt3, 21...P-R5, 22...R-QB1 and an eventual P-Kt6 give Black a threatening attack. As Black plays it, he has no pressure on the Q-side to counter White's on the K-side.

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| 17. P-QR3 | B-K3 |
| 18...R-QKt1 | is still the right move, although White might now try the odd-looking 19. P-QKt4. |
| 18. P-KR4 | BxB |
| 19. PxB | |



And now Black's position has suddenly become desperate. If, for example, the plausible move 19...Q-Kt3, 20. QR-K1, R-B2; 21. P-R5, R-KR1; 22. PxP, BPxP; 23. R-K6 with a tremendous attack. Black must find some answer to the threat of P-R5.

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| 19. ... | P-B3 |
| To answer 20. P-R5 with 20. ...P-Kt4. | |
| 20. QR-K1 | R-B5 |

Presumably to prevent Q-Q4 in some variation.

21. P-QKt3 R-B4

22. P-Kt5 PxP

If 22...P-B4, 23. P-R5.

23. PxP

And now the threat is Q4, Q-Q4ch, K-Kt1, and 25. RxRP leading to a rapid win.

23. ... K-Kt1

24. R-K6! Q-B2

The only way to try to save the K-side Pawns was by 24...Q-K1

(to meet 25. Q-R2 with 25...Q-B2) but White can then play

25. RxRP1, KxR; 26. Q-R7ch, K-Kt1; 27. Q-R6.

25. Q-R2 K-B2

Not 25. R-B2; 26. RxKtPch.

26. QxRPch K-K1

27. QxKtPch K-Q1

28. Q-K4 R-B6

29. R-K1 R/B6xBP

30. RxKP Q-B4

31. R-K8ch?

31. P-QKt4 forcing Black's Q away from the P at Q3, wins at once.

31. ... K-B2

32. Q-K7ch K-Kt3

33. RxR QxRPch

34. K-Q2

If 34. K-Kt1? 34...RxKtPch leads to perpetual check.

34. ... Q-Kt5ch

35. K-K2 RxR

36. QxR Q-K5ch

37. K-B2 Q-R5ch

38. K-B3

White must return the R to avoid perpetual check. And now it looks like a long tough game for White to win — but he wins it quickly.

38. ... QxR

39. QxPch K-Kt2

40. Q-B6ch K-R2

41. Q-Q7ch K-R1

42. QxKtP Q-R8ch

43. K-K3

... by simply marching his K to QKt6.

43. ... Q-Kt8ch

44. K-K4 Q-Kt7ch

45. K-K5 QxKtPch

46. K-Q6 Q-Kt3ch

47. K-B5 QxBPch

48. K-Kt6 Q-B7ch

49. Q-B5 Resigns.

Game No. 411 - Catalan Opening

White Black

Jim Cross H. Cross

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

1. P-QB4 P-K3

2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3

3. P-KKt3 P-Q4

4. B-Kt2 P-B3

5. Kt-Q2 B-Kt5

A strategic error which ultimately leads to the loss of the game. Black has put all of his center pawns on White squares thus making his "Black Bishop" a key piece. The instant move commits Black either to exchange this valuable piece for a Kt, or else lose time by a retreat to QB2, which proves to be inadequately supported.

6. Q-B2 O-O

7. KKt-B3 QKt-Q2

8. O-O Q-K2

This prevents a retreat of the Black B to K2, and White's next two moves prevent a retreat to Q3. Black cannot afford to exchange the B for White's QKt and permit White's two Bishops to rake the Q-side on the diagonal KKt2-QR8 and KB4-QKt8. It is already hard to find a satisfactory line for Black.

9. P-K4 PxKP

10. KtxP P-KR3
 Not 10...P-K4; 11. P-QR3, B-R4;
 12. PxP, KtxP; 13. KtxKt, QxKt;
 14. B-B4, Q-K3 or B4; 15. P-
 QKt4, etc., with a fine game.

Nor 10...P-QB4?; 11. P-QR3,
 B-R4; 12. PxP.

Best was to simplify by 10...
 KtxKt; 11. QxKt, B-Q3 and either
 try for P-K4 or else Kt-KB3 fol-
 lowed by P-QKt3, B-Kt2, etc.

11. P-QR3 B-R4
 12. B-B4 KtxKt
 13. QxKt P-QB4?

Leads to opening up the position
 before Black's pieces are in a
 position to defend themselves.
 Better was 13...Kt-KB3 and 14.
 ...B-B2 although White would
 have powerful pressure.

14. QR-Q1 R-K1
 15. Kt-K5

Threatening 16. KtxKt and 17.
 PxP.

15. ... PxP
 16. P-QKt4 Kt-B3

If 16...B-B2, perhaps White
 planned 17. Kt-B6, PxKt; 18.
 BxB, B-Kt2; 19. QxQP, Kt-B3;
 20. B-Q6, Q-Q2; 21. P-B5 with
 a definite edge.

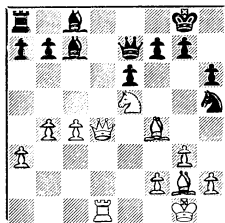
17. QxQP R-Q1
 18. Q-R1 RxR

If 18...B-B2; 19. RxR, QxR;
 20. R-Q1, Q-K2 and we have the
 same position.

19. RxR B-B2
 20. Q-Q4 Kt-R4

(see diagram)

21. Kt-B6! PxKt
 22. BxB B-Kt2



(Position after 20...Kt-R4)

If 22...QxB, 23. Q-Q8ch, QxQ;
 24. RxQch, K-R2; 25. BxP, R-Kt1;
 26. B-Q7 and wins.

23. B-Q8! Q-B1
 24. P-B5 R-B1
 25. P-Kt5 was threatened.
 25. Q-Q7 R-Kt1
 26. B-K7

Or 26. Q-B7, R-B1?; 27. QxB,
 RxB; 28. RxR, QxR; 29. QxBP and
 wins.

26. ... Q-QB1
 27. QxQ RxQ
 28. R-Q7 B-R3
 29. RxRP and won.

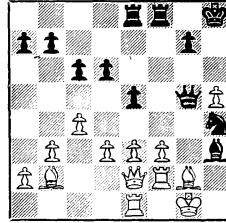
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Game No. 412 - English

	White	Black
	George Farly	Henry Gross

1.	P-QB4	P-KB4
2.	KKt-B3	KKt-B3
3.	P-KKt3	P-Q3
4.	B-Kt2	P-K4
5.	P-Q3	Kt-B3
6.	Kt-B3	B-K2
7.	O-O	O-O
8.	Kt-Q5	B-K3

- 9. KtxBch QxKt
- 10. Kt-Kt5 B-Q2
- 11. P-Kt3 QR-K1
- 12. B-Kt2 KKt-Kt5
- 13. B-Q5ch K-R1
- 14. Q-Q2 Kt-Q1
- 15. B-Kt2 P-B3
- 16. P-B3 Kt-R3
- 17. Kt-R3 Kt-K3
- 18. QR-K1 P-B5
- 19. P-K3 PxxKtP
- 20. Pxp KKt-B4
- 21. Q-B2 Kt-Kt4
- 22. P-KKt4 Kt-R5
- 23. KtxKt QxKt
- 24. Q-K2 P-KR4
- 25. Pxp B-R6
- 26. R-B2



- 26. ... Rxp
- 27. RxxR BxB
- 28. R-B2 Kt-B6ch
- 29. RxxKt BxxRch
- Resigns.

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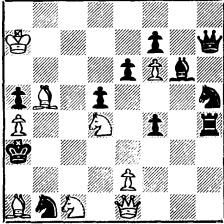
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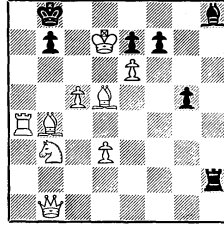
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