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CALIFORNIA CHESS IS BUSIER THAN EVER

During what we used to call the summer doldrums there has been so much activity in California chess circles that the present issue, a double number, is insufficient to carry all the news, tournament results, and other reports on the Editor's desk. By this time all our readers must know that California leads the nation in U.S. Chess Federation memberships; the reports in this issue prove that this is no accident, but rather a manifestation of a high degree of activity. With all due respect to the great job Harry Borocho has done in leading Operation M - a job which will lead him to the post of national chairman of the campaign - we must point out that Harry has had a fertile field in which to work. This summer there were held the San Francisco and San Bernardino Opens, the first California Junior Open, the Santa Monica invitational, the Bay Area and Inland league team tournaments, several club events, and no less than five sections of the Southern California Expert Candidates tournament. The latter event will not fit in this issue, and will be reported later.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1. E. Krestini	W16	W18	D8	W4	W2	W6	W3	W13	W14	W5	W20	W9	11½-2½
2. R. Burger	W32	W13	W26	W3	L1	W11	D4	W5	W7	W6	W14	W23	10½-1½
3. H. Gross	W19	W32	W5	L2	W14	W13	L1	W6	W10	W11	L4	W20	9-3
4. L. Ledgerwood	W15	W6	D11	L1	W26	W5	D2	L7	W13	W8	W3	W24	9-3
5. L. Allen	W7	W23	L3	W24	W22	L4	W20	L2	W8	L1	W19	W11	8-4
6. H. King	W20	L4	W16	W17	W11	L1	W23	L3	W18	L2	D7	W14	7½-4½
7. J. Pinneo	L5	W31	D19	L20	W33	W26	W16	W4	L2	D10	D6	W18	7½-4½
8. P. Dahl	W12	W21	D1	D14	L13	W17	L11	W23	L6	L4	W22	W26	7-5
9. W. Hendricks	W28	L26	L22	W16	L17	W25	W19	D18	L11	L12	W23	L1	6½-5½
10. D. Hoffman	L23	L12	W32	W15	L18	W30	W17	W20	L3	D7	L11	W27	6½-5½
11. J. Kalisch	W25	W33	D4	W18	L6	L2	W8	L14	W9	L3	W10	L5	6½-5½
12. N. Nielson	L8	W10	L18	L25	W28	L24	D30	W31	W26	L9	W27	W19	6½-5½
13. D. Sutherland	W29	L2	W21	W23	W8	L3	W18	L1	L4	L20	W15	D17	6½-5½
14. R. Freeman	W22	D17	W15	D8	L3	L18	W24	W11	L1	W16	L2	L6	6-6
15. R. Hoppe	L4	W28	L14	L10	D27	D33	W22	W17	W32	L19	L13	W34	6-6
16. R. Karch	L1	W27	L6	L9	W31	W22	L7	W28	W23	L14	W26	L29	6-6
17. R. McCollough	W31	D14	D20	L6	W9	L8	L10	L15	W28	W27	D18	D13	6-6
18. D. McLeod	W30	L1	W12	L11	W10	W14	L13	D9	L6	W22	D17	L7	6-6
19. N. McLeod	L3	W30	D7	W27	D20	L23	L9	W26	W24	W15	L5	L12	6-6
20. C. Wilson	L6	W29	D17	W7	D19	W21	L5	L10	W30	W13	L1	L3	6-6
21. E. Bartholomew	W34	L8	L13	D33	W24	L20	L26	L30	W31	L28	W29	W25	5½-6½
22. G. Farly	L14	W34	W9	D26	L5	L16	L15	W25	W33	L18	L8	W30	5½-6½
23. E. Lien	W10	L5	W33	L13	W25	W19	L6	L8	L16	W24	L9	L2	5-7
24. S. Van Gelder	L33	W25	W30	L5	L21	W12	L14	W27	L19	L23	W34	L4	5-7
25. G. Garcia	L11	L24	W34	W12	L23	L9	D31	L22	L29	W32	W33	L21	4½-7½
26. C. Huneke	W27	W9	L2	D22	L4	L7	W21	L19	L12	W31	L16	L8	4½-7½
27. J. Johnson	L26	L16	W28	L19	D15	W32	W29	L24	W34	L17	L12	L10	4½-7½
28. J. Reynolds	L9	L15	L27	W31	L12	W29	W34	L16	L17	W21	D30	L32	4½-7½
29. B. Wong	L13	L30	L31	D34	L30	L28	L27	W32	W25	W33	L21	W16	4½-7½
30. M. Ewell	L18	L19	L24	W32	W29	L10	D12	W21	L20	L34	D28	L22	4-8
31. J. Ramirez	L17	L7	W29	L28	L16	W34	D25	L12	L21	L26	D32	W33	4-8
32. R. Hampton	L2	L3	L10	L30	W34	L27	W33	L29	L15	L25	D31	W28	3½-8½
33. F. Leuderitz	W24	L11	L23	D21	L7	D15	L32	W34	L22	L29	L25	L31	3-9
34. L. Tullis	L21	L22	L25	D29	L32	L31	L28	L33	L27	W30	L24	L15	1½-10½

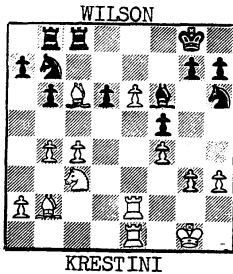
SAN FRANCISCO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, 1959 by R. E. Burger

Eugene Krestini established himself as a new force in California chess by walking away with the San Francisco championship, allowing only one draw in twelve games. Although many strong players were absent from the tournament, it was a representative list of Bay Area "regulars." It soon became apparent that Krestini, Gross, Ledgerwood, and Burger would lead the pack, and the rounds between these four decided the outcome. Leighton Allen and Jack Pinneo came up strong at the finish, and Pinneo, together with Hoffman, showed little concern for ratings by achieving a fine placing.

The rounds were played weekly, but even this presented some problems of scheduling. Henry Gross is to be congratulated for directing the tournament without a forfeit or major dispute. His most difficult ruling concerned whether or not a player could stalemate his opponent by moving his own Queen from a checking position!

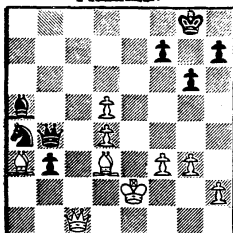
The winner played sound positional chess throughout the tournament, playing the Sicilian Defense, as it were, with White or Black. A lapse against Ledgerwood spoiled Gross's chances for second, but as usual his play was imaginative and lively. Burger had several close shaves, which, fortunately for him, don't show on the score table. Ledgerwood's games were sometimes sparkling, lacking only in the precision that comes from long experience.

Here are some typical positions:



27. Kt-Q5!
 From a wealth of good moves,
 White picks the prettiest.
- | | |
|-------------|---------|
| 27. ... | RxB |
| 28. BxB | RxP |
| 29. B-Kt5 | K-B1 |
| 30. P-K7ch | K-K1 |
| 31. BxKt | PxKt |
| 32. Kt-B6ch | Resigns |

FREEMAN



KRESTINI

42. ... QxP?

Kt-B6ch first would have shut out the dangerous White Queen. (If K-K3 to prevent QxP, then P-Kt7!..)

43. Q-B8ch K-Kt2

44. Q-B8ch Resigns

The Black Queen is lost.

After a wild opening, Black tries to take advantage of his material superiority with a Kingside attack, but it just fails:

26. KtxP, BxKt; 27. RxB, RxPch;

28. K-R1, R-Kt3. After other moves, QR-K1 is strong. 29. Q-Kt4, Kt-K3; 30. RxKt.

Capturing with the Pawn, of course, opens a disastrous check. 30... RxR; 31. PxR, B-B3ch; 32. K-R2, QxP; 33. Q-B8ch.

Avoiding R-Q1ch, after which the Black Bishop would take up a strong post at Q4.

33... B-K1; 34. R-Q1ch, K-B1; 35. QxP, K-Kt2; 36. Q-Kt4, Q-QKt3. The point is

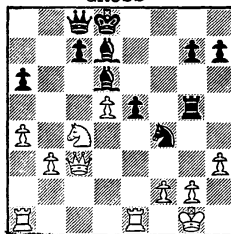
that White can check at K4 and play

R-QKt1 if QxP. 37. Q-Q4, Q-Kt3;

38. Q-Kt4ch, K-B3; 39. R-B1ch, K-Q4;

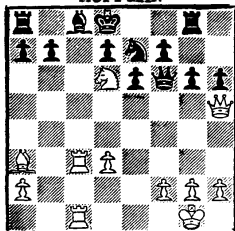
40. Q-B4ch, K-Q3; 41. QxBPch, Resigns.

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BURGER

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GROSS

Several gambit pawns down, White delivers the crusher:

21. RxBch RxR

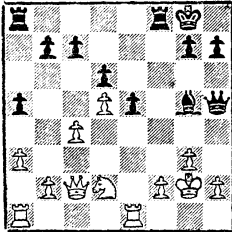
22. KtxKtPch K-K1

23. Kt-Q6ch K-B1

24. QxPch Resigns

The White Queen covers both sides of the board.

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WILSON

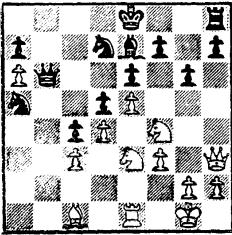
Another snappy Gross attack:

- 23. ... RxBch
- 24. KxR QxPch
- 25. K-B3 R-B1ch
- 26. K-K4 BxKt

Also, Q-Kt7ch followed by R-B6ch mates in a few moves.

- 27. R-K3 R-B5ch!
- 28. PxR QxPch
- 29. K-Q3 QxR mate.

SUTHERLAND



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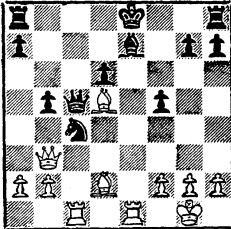
White has angled for several moves to get everything in the right place for the inevitable sacrifice, and here it comes:

- 30. Kt(3)xQP PxKt
- 31. KtxQP Q-B3
- 32. KtxB KxKt
- 33. Q-R4ch!

This is the kind of move one must foresee to pay off the gambit.

- 33. ... K-K1
- 34. B-R3 Q-K3
- 35. P-Q5 Resigns.

EWELL



TULLIS

Here, White might have been content to play B-K5, QxB, etc., but he chose a much more dramatic (if risky) line:

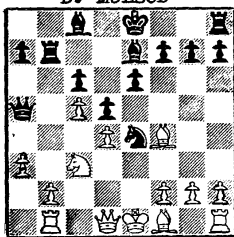
- 20. RxBch KxR
- 21. B-Kt5ch K-Q2

K-B1 would have held out longer.

- 22. RxKt! and wins.

For his only win of the tournament, this was satisfying enough for White.

D. McLEOD



HOFFMAN

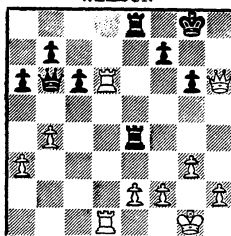
White makes a "freeing move" and there follows a neat display of fireworks:

14. Q-R4? QxKtch!
15. K-K2

After PxQ comes RxRch and KtxPch, recovering the Queen:

15. ... RxPch and wins

WILSON



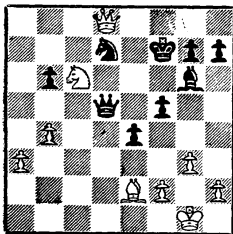
GARCIA

Here White missed a great chance by playing R(6)-Q2. Instead, he might have tried:

32. RxPch PxR
33. QxPch K-B1
34. Q-B6ch K-Kt1
35. R-Q7, coming out three

pawns to the good.

KALISCH



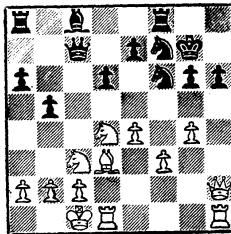
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A "textbook" example of protection by threat instead of by brute force:

36. Kt-K5ch! QxKt
37. B-B4ch and wins

The Knight is lightfooted!

WILSON



PINNEO

18. Kt-Q5

White has built up a commanding attacking position, but he fails to "electrify" it at the right time. A possibility was: P-K5!, PxP; 19. P-K5!, and now Kt-R4 is

not good because of PxP and BxPch.

18. ... KtxKt

19. PxKt R-R1

20. P-KB4 B-Q2

21. Kt-K6ch BxKt

22. PxB Kt-Q1

23. P-B5

Again, this fails to open things up. BxP, followed by P-B5ch and Q-R5 would have kept everything loose around Black's King.

23. Q-B1

24. QR-K1 Kt-B3

25. K-Kt1 Kt-K4

26. B-K4 QR-QB

27. Q-Kt5 Kt-B5

28. Q-B4?

Having missed his attack, this is only White's fate...

28. ... Q-Kt5

29. P-Kt3 Kt-R6ch

30. K-B1 RxPch

31. BxR QxQch and

wins.

HARMON WINS CALIFORNIA JUNIOR TITLE

Clark Harmon, 16, came down from Portland, Oregon, to Lancaster and took home the trophy and \$150 expense money for the U. S. Junior Championship at Omaha by scoring a $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ victory in a strong field. Harmon's one draw was against Gil Ramirez, who finished in second place with a 6-1 score. Ramirez, as the highest Californian, was awarded the championship cup and a prize of \$50.

Third place was won by Arthur Wang of Berkeley, who tied John Mortz of South Gate and Antonio Loera of Hawthorne, 5-2, and had the best tie-breaking points. Wang received an Egyptian style ceramic chess set, Mortz won a chess clock donated by John Alexander of San Diego, and John Blackstone, 14, of Saratoga won a trophy for the best performance by a player under 16. Dr. John McManus of Palmdale presented 34 ceramic Knights to the leading participants.

There were 44 players in the 7-round Swiss. The tournament was authorized by the California State Chess Federation and sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and Chess for Youth, Inc., of Palmdale. The co-directors were Al Raymond and John Alexander.

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CALIFORNIA STATE JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Med	Solk	Adj.	S-B
1. C. Harmon	W35	W33	D2	W8	W3	W7	W6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	21			
2. G. Ramirez	W39	W12	D1	W13	W6	W5	D7	6-1	22 $\frac{1}{2}$			
3. A. Wang	W37	W11	W10	W7	L1	L2	W21	5-2	23			
4. J. Mortz	W50	L9	W16	D10	D8	W25	W14	5-2	20 $\frac{1}{2}$			
5. A. Loera	L28	W32	L22	W27	W24	W15	W13	5-2	17			
6. S. Sholomson	W32	W18	D8	W9	L2	W14	L1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	23			
7. R. Loveless	W29	W28	W14	L3	W19	L1	D2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	22			
8. T. Lux	W36	W21	D6	L1	D4	W17	D12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$			
9. B. Murphy	W22	L4	D13	L6	D16	D18	W20	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	20			
10. W. Rodgers	W34	W20	L3	D4	D15	W32	D11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$			
11. J. Blackstone	W38	L3	W27	D17	D23	W19	D10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	19			
12. J. Titone	W23	L2	W29	D21	D20	W22	D8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$			
13. M. Yaffe	W41	W15	D9	L2	D17	W23	L5	4-3	21			
14. W. Cunningham	W42	W19	L7	W22	W18	L6	L4	4-3	20 $\frac{1}{2}$			
15. K. King	W17	L13	D20	W24	D10	L5	W29	4-3	19 $\frac{1}{2}$			
16. J. Owen	W43	W24	L4	D23	D9	D20	D18	4-3	19	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ **	
17. F. Metz	L15	W31	W25	D11	D13	L8	W27	4-3	19	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ **	
18. B. Eddy	W27	L6	W34	W28	L14	D9	D16	4-3	19 $\frac{1}{2}$			
19. B. Cartier	W31	L14	W30	W26	L7	L11	W33	4-3	15			
20. D. Price	W40	L10	D15	W31	D12	D16	L9	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	20			
21. S. Mann	W25	L8	D24	D12	D32	W33	L3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$			
22. L. Greenberg	L9	W30	W5	L14	W34	L12	D25	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	
23. M. Kotlan	L12	W41	W33	D16	D11	L13	D26	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	
24. J. Detrich	W26	L16	D21	L15	L5	W37	W32	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$			
25. D. Gibson	L21	W44	L17	W37	W26	L4	D22	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	17			
26. F. Millar	L24	W27	W35	L19	L25	L28	D23	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$			
27. J. Alexander	L13	W42	L11	L5	W31	W30	L17	3-4	18			
28. M. Wienberg	W5	L7	W44*	L18	L33	L26	W37	3-4	17			
29. D. Lindstrom	L7	W38	L12	L33	W36	W34	L15	3-4	15			
30. R. Cashman	L4	L22	L19	W38	W35	L27	W34	3-4	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$		
31. D. Pickering	L19	L17	W38	L20	L27	W36	W35	3-4	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$		
32. J. Lerner	L6	L5	W37	W35	D21	L10	L24	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -4 $\frac{1}{4}$	18			
33. T. Jones	D44	L1	L23	W29	W28	L21	L19	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -4 $\frac{1}{4}$	17			
34. R. Little	L10	W43	L18	W36	L22	L29	L30	2-5	16			
35. M. Gonzales	L1	W36	L26	L32	L30	W38	L31	2-5	14			
36. S. Farmer	L8	L35	W40	L34	L29	L31	W38	2-5	10			
37. E. Little	L3	L26	L32	L25	W38	L24	L28	1-6	16			
38. S. Daley	L11	L29	L31	L30	L37	L35	L36	0-7	13			

39. G. Greer; 40. A. Raymond, Jr; 41. T. Stindt; 42. L. Brindley; 43. T. Beyer; and 44. Ronnie Sahnert withdrew.

* Forfeit

** There was a tie for 16 & 17 in all the tie-breaking systems we used, so a coin was flipped for placement, Owen winning the toss.

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BILL HAINES CAPITAL CITY CHAMPION

In a tournament completed in June, William C. Haines won the Sacramento club's title by a wide margin - 7-1 over the next best scores, posted by Ed Edmondson and Bill Rebold at 5-3. Mansur Saca and Willard Sprague tied for fourth. The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score
1. W. Haines	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	7-1
2. Capt. E. Edmondson	0	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	5-3
3. W. Rebold	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	1	5-3
4. M. Saca	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
5. W. Sprague	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
6. Dr. A. Janushowsky	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	4-4
7. J. Morton, Sr.	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
8. O. Bender	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
9. M. Mattingley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0-8

SIMON, WEINBERGER WIN SAN BERNARDINO OPEN

Leslie Simon of Los Angeles and Tibor Weinberger of Glendale tied for first place in a 6-round Swiss held at the California Hotel in San Bernardino on June 20-21, 1959. Both players won five games and drew with each other for $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Simon scored one-half more tie-breaking point than Weinberger, but the two top prizes of \$60 and \$40 were divided evenly. For the best score by a Class B player, a chess set was won by Yury Oganosov of Monterey Park, and a porcelain knight was won by the best (and only) lady player, Mrs Jack Freed of Los Angeles.

The tournament was sponsored by the Inland Chess League and the San Bernardino Chess Club, which meets at the Y.M.C.A. John Rinaldo of Long Beach was reported to be tournament director, and the moving spirit behind the tournament was Dr. Max Schlosser of San Bernardino. Entry fee was \$5.00 plus USCF membership, and 17 new members were obtained. (We wonder why CSCF membership was not required also.)

(The following tabulation of round-by round results is not 100% accurate, but we did the best we could from Dr. Schlosser's report. It seems that the local secretary skipped out suddenly and left things in an uproar. Dr. Schlosser faithfully picked up the pieces later, but a few errors crept into the account. There were evidently 42 participants, but only 41 names reported. In the cross table below there is a question mark in each round, representing a game played against someone we may as well refer to as the Phantom. The latter seems to have scored four points, a respectable score in this strong tournament. Can it be that the Phantom is the missing secretary?)

SAN BERNARDINO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Game	
							Score	Tie-Br.
1. L. Simon	W18	W20	W19	D2	W5	W9	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
2. T. Weinberger	W30	W26	W12	D1	W11	W3	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. D. Amneus	W8	W?	W7	D11	W4	L2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
4. L. Johnson	W10	W23	D5	W15	L3	W11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. C. Walker	W28	W30	D4	W13	L1	W7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. R. Smock	W24	W25	L11	D14	W13	W12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. J. Jaffray	W37	W22	L5	W?	W16	L5	4	14
8. G. Hunnex	L3	W36	W25	L17	W22	W20	4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. J. Alexander (1)	L23	W33	W20	W19	W17	L1	4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. R. Bagley	L4	D40	W18	W36	D12	W24	4	11
11. J. Freed	W31	W38	W6	D3	L2	L4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
12. R. Harshbarger	W33	W16	L2	W21	D10	L6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
13. J. Lynch	W14	D15	W37	L5	L6	W27	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
14. B. Shaeffer	L13	W39	W22	D6	D15	D17	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. A. Raymond	W27	D13	W32	L4	D14	D16	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
16. Barreh	W21	L12	W29	W26	L7	D15	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
17. T. Fries	W29	L19	W38	W8	L9	D14	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
18. Y. Oganesov	L1	D27	L10	W40	W29	W21	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
19. A. Kempner	W39	W17	L1	L9	W50	L22	3	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Price	W32	L1	L9	W39	W26	L8	3	13
21. F. Metz	L16	W31	W23	L12	W25	L18	3	13
22. R. Cartier	W40	L7	L14	W31	L8	W19	3	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
23. P. Alexander	W9	L4	L21	W38	L24	W31	3	12
24. Dr. G. Wood	L6	W41	L?	W29	W23	L10	3	12
25. C. Bitzer	W34	L6	L8	L30	W21	W32	3	11
26. C. Henderson	W36	L2	W27	L16	L20	W34	3	11
27. Mayo	L15	D18	L26	W32	W34	L13	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
28. Mrs. H. Freed	L5	L37	L31	W33	D35	W36	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
29. Dr. A. Hendy	L17	W34	L16	L24	L18	W37	2	12
30. Dr. M. Schlosser	L2	L5	W33	W25	L19	L?	2	12
31. T. Jones	L11	L21	W28	L22	W39	L23	2	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
32. Skrypzak	L20	W35	L15	L27	W37	L32	2	10
33. Miller	L12	L9	L30	L28	W41	W35	2	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
34. Munana	L25	L29	W40	W37	L27	L26	2	9
35. J. Alexander (2)	L?	L32	L39	W41	D28	L33	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
36. Brickey	L26	L8	W41	L10	L?	L28	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
37. Darrow	L7	W28	L13	L34	L32	L29	1	10
38. Dobies	W41	L11	L17	L23	--	--	1	
39. L. Noel	L19	L14	W35	L20	L31	--	1	
40. Cooper	L22	D10	L34	L18	--	--	$\frac{1}{2}$	
41. Doyle	L38	L24	L36	L35	L33	Bye		

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RIVISE WINS SANTA MONICA INTERNATIONAL

Irving Rivise finished first in a strong tournament held at the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club from July 6 to August 24, 1959. Rivise only lost one game - to runner-up Ray Martin. The winner racked up six straight games before losing, then polished off David Hestenes in the last round to score 7-1. Martin had $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, having lost to Tibor Weinberger and drawn with Steve Sholomson. Sholomson was third and Weinberger tied with Sidney Weinbaum, Marcos Kerllenevich and Emil Bersbach for fourth.

The prizes were: 1st, trophy and \$80; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$34; and 4th, \$16 (split four ways). The event was an eight-round Swiss which was directed by Andy Kempner, assisted by Carl L. Budd and Otto Wentcher.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1. I. Rivise	W6	W12	W10	W3	W4	W9	L2	W8	7-1
2. R. Martin	W19	W5	D3	L4	W8	W7	W1	W9	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. S. Sholomson	W17	W15	D2	L1	W18	W4	W9	L5	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
4. T. Weinberger	W7	W9	W8	W2	L1	L3	W10	L6	5-3
5. S. Weinbaum	W11	L2	W16	W14	L9	D10	D8	W3	5-3
6. M. Kerllenevich	L1	W20	L9	W12	W14	L8	W15	W4	5-3
7. E. Bersbach	L4	L10	W20	W19	W15	L2	W11	W12	5-3
8. D. Hestenes	W13	W18	L4	W10	L2	W6	D5	L1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
9. G. Soules	W14	L4	W6	W11	W5	L1	L3	L2	4-4
10. F. Haight	W15	W7	L1	L8	W12	D5	L4	D13	4-4
11. F. Leiber	L5	W19	D12	L9	W16	D18	L7	W15	4-4
12. T. Fries	W16	L1	D11	L6	L10	W19	W18	L7	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
13. A. Michaelson	L8	L14	D19	L18	Bye	D17	W16	D10	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
14. Dr. T. Bullockus	L9	W13	W18	L5	L6	L15	W17	L16	3-5
15. J. Barry	L10	L3	W17	W16	L7	W14	L6	L11	3-5
16. G. Jeffers	L12	W17	L5	L15	L11	Bye	L13	W14	3-5
17. R. Jones	L3	L16	L15	Bye	L19	D13	L14	W18	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
18. L. Frankenstein	W20	L8	L14	W13	L3	D11	L12	L17	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
19. G. Palmer	L2	L11	D13	L7	W17	L12	Bye	---	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
20. E. Book	L18	L6	L7	---	---	---	---	---	0-7

BILL HAINES WINS CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TITLE

William C. Haines of Sacramento won the individual championship and the right to represent the Central Valley league in the California State Championship, to be held in Los Angeles in November, by beating out young Johnny Blackstone of Saratoga on tie-breaking points. Haines beat Blackstone and Emil Suhr, but drew with Bob Baker and Phil Smith (defending champion). The scores follow.

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
AND STATE QUALIFYING SECTION, APRIL 18-19, 1959
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

	1	2	3	4	Score	Solkoff
1. William C. Haines	D3	W6	W2	D4	3-1	7.5
2. John A. Blackstone	W4	W5	L1	W6	3-1	6.5
3. Robert A. Baker	D1	L4	W6	W5	2½-1½	
4. Phil D. Smith	L2	W3	D5	D1	2-2	
5. Capt. E. B. Edmondson	W6	L2	D4	L3	1½-2½	
6. Emil H. Suhr	L5	L1	L3	L2	0-4	

TED DANA SWEEPS LOS ALTOS CLUB TOURNAMENT

Edmund T. Dana is the 1959 champion of the Los Altos Club, having won twelve straight games in the tournament which ended in July. He reports: "Unusual of me not to blunder away some games, but I was lucky. One Class B player had a 'won' game against me but lost his way; and a Class C player had a simple draw but blundered it away. And as I said before, Dave Krause and Len Hill, the two strongest players in the club, didn't enter the tournament."

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score
1. Ted Dana	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12-
2. D. Burch	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-
3. C. Erickson	0	0	X	1	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½-
4. A. Hill	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8-
5. C. Newman	0	0	1	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1*	8-
6. W. Montfort	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	½	1	1	1	1*	1	7½-
7. W. Byers	0	0	½	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1*	1*	6½-
8. Gen. Slocum	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	X	0	1	1	1*	1*	5½-
9. D. Houseman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	1	1	1*	4-
10. T. Passeau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	1	1*	3-
11. L. Nicolini	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	1*	2-
12. G. Bechtell	0	0	0	0	0	0*	0*	0*	0	0	1	X	0	1-
13. L. Pust	0	0	0	0	0*	0	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	1	X	1-

* Forfeit.

CALIFORNIA RESEARCH WINS BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL TEAM TITLE

The California Research Corporation won the 1958-59 round-robin team tournament of the S.F. Bay Area Industrial League, completed in July, by $\frac{1}{2}$ point over second-place Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The cross-table:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Points
1. Calif. Research Corp.	X	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	7	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	37
2. P. G. & E.	4	X	4	6	4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	6	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. U. C. Radiation Lab.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	X	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	33
4. Livermore C. C.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	X	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	6	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Fluorescent Fixtures	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	X	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	28
6. Shell Development Corp.	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	X	7	7	28
7. Bank of America	1	2	7	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
8. Kaiser Companies	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	X	15

Trophies won by individual high scores went to Richard Plock of Livermore, who won 7 out of 7, and to Al Goldschmidt of Cal Research and David Lee of P. G. & E., who each had six points. Other high scores were by Nathan May of Shell Development, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, George Farly and Victor Perez-Mendes of U.C. Radiation Lab., and Vartan Bedjanian of P. G. & E., all with five points.

Officers elected at the July 10 meeting to serve for the 1959-60 season are: Tournament Director, Lincoln Brown (Cal Research); Assistant T. D., Hugh Morison (Kaiser); Treasurer, Robert Henry (Shell).

SAN BERNARDINO WINS FIRST INLAND LEAGUE TEAM TITLE

The six-man team from San Bernardino won the 1959 team tournament by a 5-1 score, half a point ahead of second-place Anaheim. The score:

1. San Bernardino	5-1	5. Pomona	2-4
2. Anaheim	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6. Lancaster	2-4
3. China Lake	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7. Victorville	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Riverside	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$		

SACRAMENTO BEER AND SKITTLES DAY

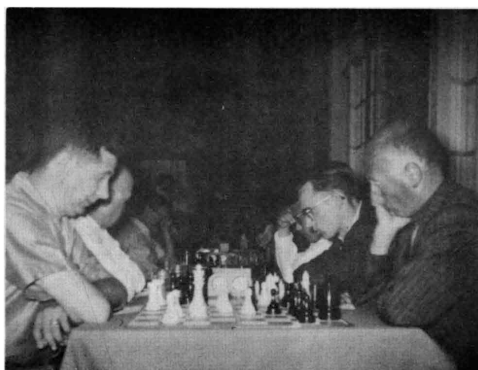
The Capital City Chess Club met on Sunday, April 5, 1959, for an afternoon of beer and skittles at Sam's Downtown Hofbrau. International master Imre Konig starred, winning 21 and drawing 7 in a simul. Eight-year-old Tommy Byrne held the master to a draw (as did Dr. A. Janushkowsky, E. B. Edmondson, Joe Morton, Sr., Joe Morton, Jr., Bill Haines, and Donald Cotten).



NORTH VS. SOUTH TEAM MATCH - FRESNO 1959

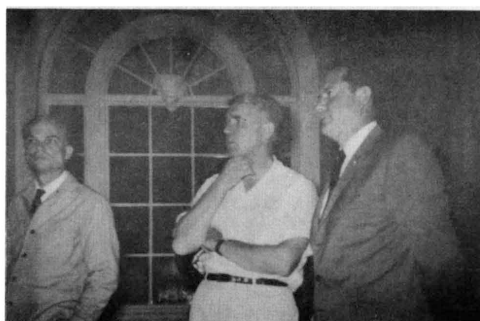
Harry Borochoy (center) receives Operation M Trophy from USCF President Jerry G. Spann and a handshake from Henry Gross.

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Irving Rivise vs. Imre König at Board One

H. J. Ralston Guthrie McClain Jerry Spann



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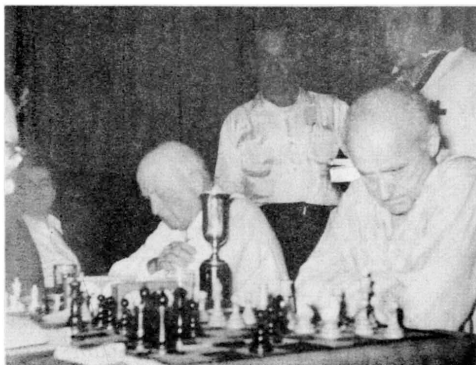


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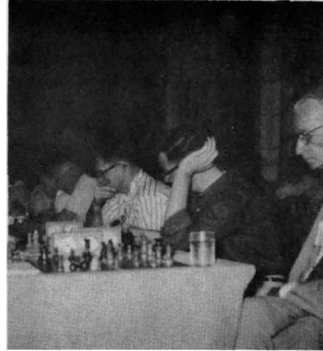
Sven Almgren, Harry Borochoy

D. Bengé, Z. Offenbach





Gil Ramirez



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Henry Gross



Jack Hamilton





G.S.G. Patterson vs. Bill Haines
(background - Don Maron)



Sven Almgren and Earl Pruner

GAMES OF THE MONTH - NORTH vs. SOUTH, 1959 by Val Zemitis (Contd.)

An interesting match occurred on board seven - a master of great routine, knowledge and ingenuity was playing against pure talent, McClain(N) - Lazos(S). G. McClain plays the same openings (French, King's Indian, Reti), if given the chance, but is always looking for new ways to treat them. In this game, unfortunately for him, his new idea did not work as well as planned. His whitesquared Bishop could not find a good place for action, and his Rooks were hampered. The intended counterplay on the Queen's side, because of a careless move, was dissipated, and all that was left was a hopeless game. He managed to fight until the 53rd move but the damage done in the opening could not be repaired. Lazos, according to Rivise, is a very talented player. He is still in his teens and it will be of interest to see how he develops.

Game No. 497 - Reti

White	Black
J. Lazos	G. McClain

1. Kt-KB3	P-Q4
2. P-B4	P-Q5

It is a matter of taste, temperament and knowledge whether to choose the text move or 2... Pxp.

3. P-K3

Several methods have been tried to undermine Black's advanced pawn. Here are two: 3. P-QKt4, P-KB3; 4. P-Q3, P-K4; 5. P-QR3, B-K3; etc. Or 3. P-KKt3, P-QB4; 4. B-Kt2, Kt-QB3; 5. O-O, P-K4; 6. P-Q5, Kt-B3, with eventually P-K3, etc.

3. ... Kt-QB3

Alekhine against Tarrasch, Semmering-Baden, 1926, played 3... P-QB4. Tarrasch played very aggressively: 4. P-QKt4. (Good is also 4. Pxp, Pxp; 5. P-KKt3, Kt-QB3; 6. B-K2, P-KKt3; 7. P-Q3, B-Kt2.) 4... P-KKt3; 5. B-Kt2, B-Kt2; 6. KtPxp, P-K4; 7. Pxp, Pxp; 8. P-Q3, Kt-QR3; 9. QKt-Q2, KtxP; 10. Kt-Kt3, Kt-K3;

11. P-Kt3, Kt-K2; etc. The following interesting analysis belongs to Alekhine: 4... P-B3 (instead of 4... P-Kt3); 5. KPxP (not 5. KtPxp, P-K4), PxpP; 6. P-B5!

Black is in a bad predicament:

If 6... P-K4, then 7. B-B4;
 if 6... Q-Q4, then 7. Q-B2;
 if 6... P-QR4, then 7. B-B4;
 if 6... Q-Q4, then 7. Q-B2; and
 if 6... P-QR4, then 7. Q-R4ch,
 8.P-Kt5, and 9.B-B4.

4. Pxp ...

Not as good as the text move is 4.P-QKt4?, KtxP; 5.Pxp, P-K4! etc.

4. ... KtxP

5. KtxKt QxKt

6. B-K2 ...

Usually 6. Kt-B3 is played here, with the following possibilities:

I. 6... B-Kt5; 7. Q-R4ch, P-B3;
 8. P-Q3, Kt-B3; 9. B-K3, Q-Q2
 (Keres - Euwe, 1938).

II. 6... P-K4; 7. P-Q3, B-QB4
 (or 7... P-QB3; 8. B-K3, Q-Q3;
 9. P-Q4, Pxp; 10. Qxp, QxQ; 11. BxQ, B-K3). 8. B-K3, Q-Q3; 9. Kt-Kt5, Q-K2; 10. BxB, QxB; 11. P-Q4, Pxp; 12. Qxp, QxQ; 13. KtxQ, B-Kt5; 14. P-B3, O-O-O (Katetov -

Alekhine, 1943.

III. 6. ... , Kt-B3; 7. Kt-Kt5, Q-Kt3; 8. P-Q4, Kt-K5; 9. P-B5, Q-QB3; 10. Kt-B3, P-QR3. Instead of 7. Kt-Kt5, White can try 7. P-Q3, P-K4 (Euwe against Alekhine, 22nd Match game, 1937: 7. ... , P-B3? 8. B-K3, Q-Q2; 9. P-Q4, P-KKt3; 10. B-K2, B-Kt2; 11. P-KR3, O-O; 12. O-O, P-Kt3; 13. B-B3, B-K+2; 14. P-QR4!, etc.); 8. B-K3, Q-Q1; 9. P-Q4, Kt-Kt5; or 9. B-K2, P-B4 or 9. ... , B-K2.

6. ... Kt-B3
7. O-O P-K3?

This is McClain's unfortunate new idea. He should have solved his Queen's Bishop's problem, either by 7. ... , P-K4 or 7. ... , B-Kt5.

8. Kt-B3 P-QR3
9. P-Q3 P-B4
10. B-K3 Q-Q1
11. Q-Q2 B-K2
12. QR-Q1 O-O
13. P-B4 P-QKt4
14. B-B3

Naturally White does not like 14. PxB, PxB; 15. KtxP, RxB.

14. ... R-Kt1
15. Q-KB2 Q-Kt3?

Black has an extremely difficult position. He cannot play 15. ... , P-Kt5 because of 16. Kt-R4 (Not 16. Kt-K4, KtxKt). 15. ... , PxB; 16. PxB, Q-Kt3; 17. R-Q2 is also better for White. Maybe 15. ... , Q-B2 was the best, but also after that move White has a slight edge.

16. PxB PxB
17. P-QKt4

I suppose that Black overlooked the interpolation of the pawn exchange. If White had played 16. P-QKt4, then with 16. ... , KtPxB; 17. KtPxB,

Q-R4, Black would have obtained some play on the Queen's side. Now Black loses a pawn and with it the game.

17. ... B-Kt2
18. PxB Q-R3
19. R-Q2 BxB
20. QxB P-Kt5
21. Kt-K4 Kt-Q4

The usual procedure in lost positions is not to exchange and to try and complicate the position. However, in this particular case I would have preferred 21. ... , KtxKt. If 22. QxP, then QR-B1; or 22. PxB, QR-B1. Of course, both positions are still lost but the winning technique is not as easy as in the game.

22. B-Q4 P-B4
23. Q-Kt3 P-Kt3
24. Kt-Kt5 B-B3
25. B-K5 BxB
26. PxB Kt-B6

With a simple maneuver White forces the exchange of Queens. With Q-B3 Black could have kept his Queen and preserved better fighting chances.

27. Q-R4 R-Kt2
28. Q-QB4 QxQ
29. PxB R-K1

29...Kt-K5 forcing the exchange of Knights leads to immediate loss. 30. KtxKt, PxB; 31. RxBch, KxB; 32. P-B6, R-QB2; 33. R-Q6, etc.

30. R-Q6 KtxP
31. R-Kt1 P-R3

If 31. ... , P-Kt6; 32. R-Q3, R-QB2; 33. QRxB, RxB; 34. R1-Kt2, Kt-B8; 35. R-QB3 and the Knight is trapped.

32. Kt-B3 Kt-B6
33. R-Kt3 Kt-K5

3. PxKP P-Q5
 4. Kt-KB5 P-QB4
 This time Gordon chose 4. ..., P-QB4, instead of 4. ..., Kt-QB3, in Albin's Counter-Gambit, a line which has been considered inferior.

5. P-KB3 Kt-QB3
 6. PxF PxP
 7. B-Q3 B-KKt5
 8. O-O Q-Kt3

This is not an improvement over Tartakover's 8. ..., Q-B2, which he played against Grunfeld in Carlsbad 1923. In that game Black tried to recapture the sacrificed pawn, which he succeeded in doing, but at the cost of running into a worse game: 9. P-KR3, BxKt; 10. QxB, KtxP; 11. R-K1, B-Q3; 12. B-B4, etc.

9. R-K1 O-O-O
 10. P-QR3 KKt-K2
 11. Q-B2?

Gives Black unnecessary chances - Black will disrupt White's pawn formation on the King side. Instead 11. QKt-Q2 would have secured White's opening advantage: 11. ..., Kt-Kt3; 12. Q-B2, etc.

11. ... BxKt
 12. PxB Kt-Kt3
 13. P-B4 Kt-R5

An annoying move!

14. Q-K2 P-KR4

Against 15. Q-Kt4ch.

15. Kt-Q2 B-K2
 16. P-Kt4 KR-K1

This maneuver is too slow. Instead 16. ..., P-Kt4 would have kept the fire going on the King side: 17. P-KB5, P-Kt5 etc.

17. P-QB5 Q-B2
 18. Kt-B4 P-B4

Hoping for 19. ..., KtxKtP; 20. PxKt, Q-B3; 21. P-B3, KtxPch; 22. K-B2,

B-R5ch, etc.

19. B-Q2?

19. P-B3 was the correct move.

19. ... Q-Q2?

The only chance Black gets in the whole game and he lets it pass!

20. Kt-Q6ch BxKt

21. BPxB Q-KB2

22. P-B3

Black threatened Q-Kt3.

22. ... RxQP

22. ..., Q-Q4; 23. R-KB1, RxQP;

24. B-B4.

23. K-R1

White had to avoid another threat

23. ..., R-Kt3ch; 24. K-R1, R-Kt7 etc.

23. ... R-Kt3

24. R-KKt1 RxR

25. RxR Q-Q4

26. R-QB1! K-Kt1

Black could not play 26. ..., KtxBP because of 27. BxPch and 28. B-K4 - and he did not like the variation 26. ..., QxPch; 27. QxQ KtxQ; 28. P-Kt5, KtxB; 29. BxPch and 30. PxB.

27. P-Kt5 Kt-Q1

28. B-B4 Q-Q2

Apparently Gordon did not like the ending with two Bishops against two Knights which would have ensued after 28. ..., QxPch; 29. QxQ, KtxQ; 30. B-Kt4, etc.

29. B-Kt4 Kt-K3

30. Q-KB2 Q-Q1

31. B-Q6ch K-R1

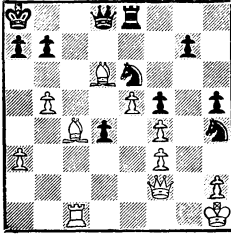
(See diagram next page)

32. BxKt RxB

33. QxKt Q-K1

After a few moves Black resigned. Very pretty finish!

Position after 31. ... , K-R1



In chess there are many kinds of thematic combinations, like: sacrifice BxRPch, weak 8th rank, double check, discovered check, etc. In this position the theme is: 1. Weak 8th rank; 2. One piece is assigned two tasks (Queen had to guard 8th rank and protect Knight on R5); 3. Removal of piece from the theatre of operation (32. BxKt! which removes Rook from the 8th rank).

On the first ten boards the South had an edge of $6\frac{1}{2}$ against $3\frac{1}{2}$, seemingly a very imposing result. However, the wins on boards 3 and 4 were not quite deserved. On the other hand, almost in every game more or less grave errors were committed, and, as a cynical kibitzer once remarked: "The player who makes the next to the last mistake usually wins."

To justify many poor moves which did occur in almost every game one should remember that the match took place the morning after old friends met. They had to tell last year's experiences and sometimes the stories ended only in the early morning hours. To plan the winning strategy (which was successful, by the way), the Northerner's camp went to the famous Fresno steak house, the "Hi-Life," where the food is excellent, beverages superb, and the atmosphere just right for deciding big issues. (From all those present, only the Hultgren family and southern captain Henderson were successful in their games, collecting 4 points out of 4!)

U. S. OPEN AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, OMAHA 1959

Arthur Bisguier of New York again won the U.S. Open, ahead of Ray Weinstein and Pal Benko. Bisguier's score was 10-2, another repeat. The best score by a player from California was Gil Ramirez' $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. As usual, there was a good turnout from California. The California contingent soon won a reputation for hospitality, and one of the features was the "California Bar" which was set up in Gross' and McClain's room on the Sunday before play began (there is a long story connected with this; Omaha is dry on Sundays. However, the unusual efforts made to remedy this situation by a member of the Bar of Omaha do not belong in what we fondly hope is a family magazine.)

Gil Ramirez came within a whisker of winning the junior title, held during the two weeks before the Open began. Gil tied with Robin Ault of Cranford, New Jersey, but was placed second because Ault had won against Ramirez. (This appears to be a local rule which dates back to college basketball conferences in Nebraska.) Ramirez was ahead of Ault on both Sonneborn-Berger and Solkoff tie-breaking points.

In the business meetings the chief business was Operation M and the creation of the Rating Committee. Operation M was reported successful by Fred Cramer, national membership chairman. The news, reported recently in these pages, that California had forged ahead of New York in memberships, was made official. The Rating Committee was selected by President Jerry Spann to include Professor Arpad Elo of Wisconsin, Erich Marchand of New York state, and Guthrie McClain of California. The committee held a meeting, which was attended by a number of prominent regional representatives, for the purposes of outlining its objectives and of hearing a wide variety of views about ratings from different areas. Good progress was made in deciding upon the kind of rating system our chess players want, tentative starts in modifying the Harkness System were made, and it was obvious to those at the meeting that here, at last, there was a capable committee which would get right to work. The new Business Manager replacing Ken Harkness, Frank Brady of New York, made an immediate hit with the members of the committee by his willingness to cooperate.

The Open was a well-run affair, chiefly because of the smoothness of the director, George Koltanowski of San Francisco. There was a little trouble with finances, however, which prompts us to state that the San Francisco committee for the Open in 1961 is now operating and intends to raise plenty of money. This takes some doing, of course. Any volunteers?

MORPHY DAY IN SOUTH SAN GABRIEL

Morphy Day, southern California's annual chess classic, was held on June 20, 1959, and again proved to be a great success. More than a hundred chessplayers and their families attended the festivities in Garvey Memorial Stadium.

The main event of the program was a rapid-transit tournament. Here Harry Borochoff stood out, winning fourteen straight games in the preliminary and final sections. Hy Rogosin was second with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and N. Hultgren and R. Rupeiks tied for third, 4-3.

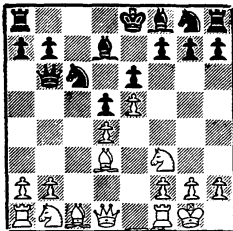
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The speculative pawn sacrifice in the Nimzovitsch variation of the French Defense (see position after 8) has been put under scrutiny many times. The results seem to support the view that White does not gain sufficient initiative to justify the material loss (the latest edition of MCO does not bother to give any examples). However, such a criterion is of little significance to Henry Gross, who has made pawn offers his trademark.

Game No. 500 - French

(Notes by Val Zemitis)

White	Black
H. Gross	J. Kalisch
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	P-QB4
4. P-QB3	QKt-B3
5. KKt-B5	Q-Kt3
6. B-Q3	B-Q2
7. O-O!?	PxP
8. PxP	



8. ... KtxQP
 9. KtxKt QxKt
 10. Kt-B3!

In the examples I have, 10. Q was played. 10. ..., Kt-K2; Kt-B3 and now 11. ..., Kt-B3! considered best (If 11. ..., QR3 then 12. R-Q1, Kt-B3; 13. R3P, QxKP; 14. QxQ, KtxQ; 15. R-R2; 16. BxP with equal chance (Ulvestad-Botman, USA, 1946). 12. B-K3!?, QxKP; 13. P-B4, Q 14. Kt-Kt5, Q-Kt1; 15. P-B5, 16. Q-R5, P-QR3! 17. P-B6, P- 18. BxP, B-K3! 19. Kt-Q4 (des- tion), BPxB; 20. P-B7ch, K-Q2 KtxKt, PxQ; White resigned. (Schmid, Germany, 1958).

10. ... B-Kt5
 10. ..., P-QR3 came strongly consideration.

11. Kt-Kt5	QxKP
12. Q-Kt4	B-R4
13. B-KB4	Kt-R3
14. Q-Kt3	Q-B3
15. Kt-Q6ch	K-B1
16. B-K5	Kt-B4
17. KtxKt	Resigns

S.F. OPEN, 1959 - 4 SHORT STOGame No. 501 - Caro-Kann

White	Black
R. Burger	D. Sutherlan
1. P-K4	P-QB3
2. Kt-QB3	P-Q4
3. Kt-KB3	B-Kt5
4. P-KR3	B-R4
5. PxP	PxP
6. B-Kt5ch	Kt-B3
7. P-KKt4	B-Kt3
8. Kt-K5	Q-Q3

9. P-Q4 Kt-B3?
 Both Fischer - Smyslov, 1959, and
 Keres - Bondarevsky, 1941, offer a
 pawn sacrifice: 9. ... , P-B3!
 (10. KtxB, PxKt; 11. Q-Q3, 0-0-0).
 10. B-KB4 Kt-Q2
 11. KtxKt/3 QxB
 12. Kt-K5 0-0-0
 13. BxKtch RxB
 14. KtxR KxKt
 15. Q-K2 Resigns

Game No. 502 - Sicilian

White	Black
L. Ledgerwood	S. Van Gelder

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	Q-B2
5. Kt-QB3	P-KKt3
6. KKt-Kt5	Q-Kt1
7. Kt-Q5	P-QR3
8. KKt-B7ch	K-Q1
9. KtxR	QxKt
10. B-K3	Resigns

Game No. 503 - Caro-Kann

White	Black
L. Ledgerwood	D. Sutherland

1. P-K4	P-QB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3	PxP
4. KtxP	B-B4
5. Kt-Kt3	B-Kt3
6. P-KR4	P-KR3
7. Kt-KB3	Kt-Q2
8. P-R5	B-R2
9. B-Q3	KKt-B3

The Kt will be poorly placed on R2.
 Better was 9. ... , BxB.

10. BxB	KtxB
11. Q-K2	P-K3
12. B-Q2	Q-Kt3
13. 0-0-0	0-0-0
14. P-B4!	Q-R3
15. K-R1	KKt-B3
16. B-B3	B-Q3
17. Kt-K5	KR-B1
18. P-Kt4!?	Q-R6
19. R-Q3	BxP
20. BxB	QxBch
21. R-Kt3	Q-K2
22. Q-Kt2	KtxKt
23. PxKt	Kt-Kt1

Kt-K1 was mandatory. Now White
 will get his Kt to Q6.

24. Kt-K4	R-Q2
25. K-R1	P-B3
26. P-B4	KR-Q1
27. Kt-Q6ch	K-Kt1
28. R-QKt1	P-QKt3
29. RxBch	PxR
30. QxBch	Resigns

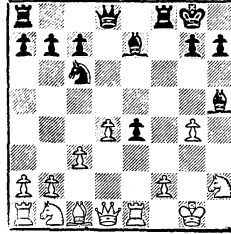
Game No. 504 - French

White	Black
R. Burger	L. Allen

1. P-K4	P-K3
2. Kt-QB3	P-Q4
3. Kt-B3	PxP
4. KtxP	P-QB4
5. P-Q4	PxP
6. QxP	QxQ
7. KtxQ	Kt-B3?
7. ... , P-QR3 was necessary.	
8. KtxKt	PxKt
9. Kt-Kt5	Kt-R3
10. B-K3	P-Kt3
11. 0-0-0	QB-Kt2
12. KtxP	B-B4
13. B-Kt5ch	K-B1
14. B-R6ch	K-Kt1
15. R-Q7	Resigns

SAN FRANCISCO vs. EAST BAY TEAM MATCH, 1959

<u>Game No. 505 - Petroff</u>		14. PxP
White	Black	
J. Demos	E. Pruner	
1. P-K4	P-K4	
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	
3. KtxP	P-Q3	
4. Kt-KB3	KtxP	
5. P-Q4	P-Q4	
6. B-Q3	Kt-QB3	
7. O-O	B-K2	
8. R-K1	B-KKt5	
9. P-B3	P-B4	
10. P-KR3	B-R4	
11. P-KKt4		
Invites the worst, but White's opening has been too passive - up to this point.		
11. ...	PxP	14. ...
12. BxKt	PxB	15. PxB
13. Kt-R2	O-O	16. K-Kt2
		17. B-K3
		18. K-B1
		19. K-K2
		Resigns
		A gem!
		B-Q3!
		BxKtch
		Q-R5
		R-B6
		Q-R6ch
		RxBch!

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION - LOS ANGELES DEFEATS ROCKETDYNE

The rubber match of the spring series (North American Aviation's Canoga Park Rocketdyne Division team vs Los Angeles Division team) was a bad night for the Santa Susana Mountain lads, as they were almost blanked:

<u>Rocketdyne</u>		<u>Los Angeles</u>	
1. J. Armstrong	0	L. Enequist	1
2. R. Berggren	0	G. B. Schain	1
3. D. Lee	1	E. Wallenhorst	0
4. R. Krumsieg	0	K. Forrest	1
5. R. James	0	R. Tupanjanin	0
6. R. Adams	0	D. L. Ballew	1
7. F. Flores	0	T. Gilbert	1
Total	1		6

POSTAL CORNER

As the 1960 state postal championship is being organized, the 1959 tournament goes into the finals. We do not have more than fragmentary reports on the nine 1959 preliminary sections: First to qualify for the finals was Dr. Frank Ruys of Woodside, who took the honors in Section 9, 6-0. Frank, who is president of the Correspondence Chess League of America, has a CCLA rating of AA. In the other sections, the likely qualifiers are: Section 1, Al Raymond; Section 2, Walter Barlow or Dr. Glenn Wood; Section 3, not enough progress for a report; Section 4, Raymond Walmisley; Section 5, Paul Klaus; Section 6, LeRoy Johnson; Section 7, Dr. Ben Gross; Section 8, George McMahon. These are, of course, incomplete and unofficial.

For 1960, the following sections have been set up so far:

Section 60 - 1

A. Wm. Brussell, Los Angeles; Mark Gelbard, Los Angeles; Ted Jones, Lancaster; Michael Harris, Dunsmuir; J. B. Gee, Sacramento; Ben L. Gross, San Francisco; Robert E. Baker, Fresno.

Section 60 - 2

Wm. E. Cook, Pacoima; Joseph Geyer, National City; LeRoy Johnson, Los Angeles; Louis Noel, Yucaipa; Sam C. Spade, El Cajon; Robert O. Wilson, Arcadia; Paul Sauers, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Section 60 - 3

Ralph Antcliff, Cholame; Austin E. Gates, Los Angeles; LeRoy Johnson, Los Angeles; George A. Hunnex, Fullerton; A. C. Michaelson, Los Angeles; Al Raymond, Lancaster; Raymond Walmisley, Downey.

Section 60 - 4

Frank L. Adelman, Berkeley; Ralph Antcliff, Cholame; J. E. Carpenter, Sacramento; Louis Tomori, San Bruno; Wilfred Curdy, Sacramento; J. T. Christiansen, Oakdale; Paul Sauers, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Section 60 - 5

Austin E. Gates, Los Angeles; Arnold Thompson, Lancaster; C. John Gibbs, Hollywood; Robert O. Wilson, Arcadia; Richard Whittemeore, Coronado; Myron Goodstein, Van Nuys.

Section 60 - 6

Ralph Antcliff, Cholame; Mark Gelbard, Los Angeles; Sam C. Spade, El Cajon; James T. Lynch, Jr., Upland; A. Wm. Brussell, Los Angeles; Walter D. Barlow, Oildale; Howard Chamness, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico.

Section 60 - 7

Leo Cann, Torrance; Austin E. Gates, Los Angeles; J. B. Gee, Sacramento; John T. Hurley, San Francisco; C. John Gibbs, Hollywood; Louis Tomori, San Bruno; Thomas McDermott, Anaheim.

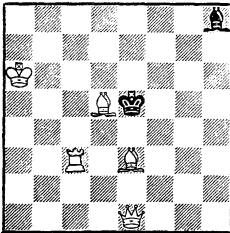
REPORTER TASKS: Task No. 156 is worth seven points and No. 157, five points. Both are three movers.

Standings through Task No. 153:

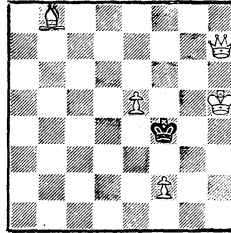
- 339 points: R.J. Gardner, San Diego;
- 279 points: S. Almgren, Los Angeles;
- 265 points: Prof. L.H. Daugherty, San Jose;
- 101 points: E. C. Jonas, San Francisco;
- 41 points: T. McDermott, Anaheim;
- 24 points: D. Bengé, Culver City;
- 2 points: W.D. Barlow, Oildale.

Other contestants will be reinstated, with full points, when they send in solutions.

TASK No. 156
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 157
White Mates in Three



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April 15-16, 1960

CALIFORNIA INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo

Five-Round Swiss. Tournament Director - Guthrie McClain.
Rate of play and timing of rounds to be decided.

Sign up - 1:00 P.M., April 15; 1st Round Starts 2:00 P.M.

ENTRY FEE: \$3.50 - Includes CSCF Membership and
Cal Poly dormitory accommodations. Trophies for 1st three
places plus other prizes. Sponsored by Caissa Chess Club of
Cal Poly and CSCF.

Address entries and inquiries to: John William Heine
President, Caissa Chess Club
California State Polytechnic College
San Luis Obispo, Calif.

April 16-17, 1960

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by the Fresno Chess Club. Will be held in the Cali-
fornian Hotel in Fresno. Open to all who are or who become
USCF members. The event will be a 5-round Swiss, with three
rounds April 16 and two rounds April 17.

ENTRY FEE will be \$5.50, of which \$5 will go for cash
prizes and 50¢ for expenses, including USCF rating fees. Trophy
to winner to be furnished by Fresno Chess Club.

Time limit: 60 moves in two hours.

Entries close April 16 at 9:30 A.M.

Address entries and inquiries to: Phil Smith
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