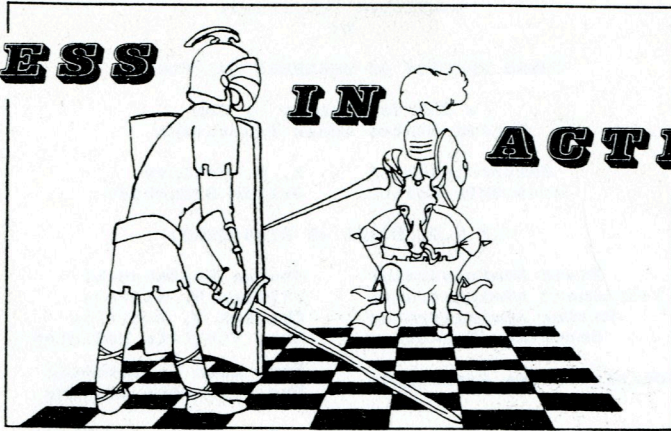


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THE WORLD TITLE MATCH ANALYZED by International Grandmaster PAUL KERES

Tigran Petrosian is the ninth World Chess Champion. After nearly two months of battling, the champion of many years, Mikhail Botvinnik, was defeated by Petrosian, who is almost twenty years his junior. The new champion was crowned in Moscow's Estraden Theatre on May 20, 1963.

The quick ending of the hard struggle actually came somewhat unexpectedly. After all, the two matadors had, until then, maintained a fairly even fight, and it had been generally anticipated that the suspense would be maintained until the end of the contest. Most experts did not think the decision would come until the last game, and that therefore all 24 games would have to be played before a clear victor would emerge. For a long time it looked as if the prophets were right. First one contestant led, and then the other -- but never by more than a point. When, in the 14th game, Botvinnik caught up with his opponent, bringing the score even at 7-7, nobody would have predicted that the very next game would see the tide of battle turn. The real decision came very suddenly in the 18th game. In a fascinating struggle for position, Botvinnik initially secured the advantage, but his resourceful opponent, making good use of the time pressure under which they both labored, soon managed to pull even. The adjourned position pointed towards a probable draw. To everyone's surprise, however, Botvinnik, after the game was resumed, was soon outclassed entirely --- a rare occurrence in his many years of chess playing. This defeat gave the defending champion a decisive jolt, destroying his self-confidence and making him unsure of himself. In the following games, he no longer offered genuine resistance. After Petrosian won the 19th game, the contest ended with nothing but brief draw games, to arrive at the 12½ points needed for the challenger's victory.

How did the challenger achieve his startling success? Was he really as far superior to his opponent as the final score indicates? Most of the grandmasters present, as well as other experts, think Petrosian fully deserved to win. His strategy of a careful fight for position, of skillful manipulation and a game as free of risk as possible, where what eventually gained the victory. Petrosian seemed to put the main accent of his game on safety, even to the point of avoiding promising attacks. His guiding principle was that it is not as important to win as it is not to lose, and this strategy was eventually vindicated. It is hard to say how the fight might have shaped up if this chosen strategy had not worked. After all, Petrosian has shown in many a struggle that he is able to hold his own in an open fight as well. But here this was not necessary. The strategy of restraint proved sufficient.

But, one may say, both opponents were well prepared for the fight, that they developed some interesting new opening theories, and that in many of the games, they displayed a high order of "chessmanship." Eighteen years younger than his opponent, the challenger showed far greater endurance, and in my opinion, this is one of the keys to Petrosian's startling success. In the games of the second half of the contest, one could not help but feel that Botvinnik was tiring. Especially in the fifth hour of a game, he would seem to weaken.

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CFNC could not work as well as it does if it did not have friends who devote a great amount of their spare time in helping to build it. Mrs. Juanita Eckert, of Burlingame, held the post of Secretary/Treasurer for two full years while Virginia McGinley was on leave-of-absence. Now Virginia is back, but before we say "Welcome Back" to Mrs. McGinley, we want to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Eckert, who did a wonderful job in holding down the difficult task of that vital position.

Once more we appeal to you -- let's show our Secretary/Treasurer that we are happy to have her back, by getting a friend to join the ranks of CFNC . . . and do it today. A membership application can be found inside the rear cover of this issue.

George Koltanowski

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CFNC continues its fearless empire-building with the establishment of its newest and most far-flung outpost yet -- San Juan, Puerto Rico. Our "Great Leap Forward" program continues to astound. First -- San Francisco to The Mysterious East Bay - - then the courageous advance to Milpitas -- but who would have dreamed of our most audacious thrust yet? The Caribbean beckoned, but seemed beyond our wildest dreams. However, J*I*M M*c*N*E*S*E had not been reckoned upon. (Contrary to popular opinion, our former Associate Editor DID NOT leave town under a cloud.

By Emeryville standards, it was quite a nice day). Anyway, Microbiologist-soon-to-be-Doctor McNeese has skipped. As Tom Paine (via E.B. White) would say, "these are trying times, soul-wise." Watch for "OUR MAN IN PUERTO RICO," in forthcoming issues of "Chess in Action."

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ABRELL, Bill	1590	BUTLER, Lee	1628	DUERING, Rudy	1722
ACTON, Eugene	1864	BYBEE, William	1616	EASON, Don	1728
ADAMS, Wm. T.	.....	1696	BYRNE, Pat	.....	1498	EASON, Sam	.....	1796
ADDISON, Wm.	.....	2408	CABLE, Ken	.....	1456	EDDINGTON, Roy	....	1530
ALDEN, Dr. John	...	1742	CAPLAN, Wm.	.....	1736	EDELSTEIN, H.	.....	1908
ALLEN, Dewitt	.....	1738	CARTER, M.	.....	1836	EDGE, Richard	.....	1704
ALMOND, John	.....	1554	CASEY, R.	.....	1626	EISSLER, Dr. R.	...	1590
ANDERSON, Ted	.....	1636	CHABON, Elias	....	1616	ELAURIA, Ernie	....	1602
ANDERSON, Wm.	.....	1574	CHALIFOUX, B.	.....	1550	ELLIS, Richard	....	1904
ANDRES, Nick	.....	1710	CHAPMAN, Dr. Wm.	..	2016	ENOS, Richard	....	1510
AUBRY, P.W.	.....	1672	CHAPPELL, Alan	....	1848	ERICKSON, Carl	....	1698
AUSTIN, Louis	.....	1622	CHIRIKOFF, V.	.....	1790	EUCHER, Mark	.....	1812
AXUP, D.	.....	1590	CHONG, Wing	.....	1678	EVANS, Bill	.....	1576
BABBITT, John	.....	1550	CHRISTIAN, R.D.	...	1648	FARLY, George	.....	1822
BABICKI, J.A.	.....	1524	CHUCK, Allen	.....	1550	FARRIS, Richard	....	1608
BAILEY, Mike	.....	1590	CIOCHON, Richard	....	1622	FERGUSON, Doug	.....	1590
BAKKEN, Warren	....	1652	CLANCEY, Alex	....	1750	FIELD, Mervin	....	1602
BALFE, Dennis	.....	1784	CLARK, Foster	.....	1768	FISCHER, Fred	.....	1594
BARLOW, John	.....	1890	CLAUS, Norman	.....	1572	FISHER, E.	.....	1714
BARNETT, Frank	....	1508	CLEAR, Mike	.....	1606	FORD, Adrian	.....	1724
BARTHOLOMEW, E.	...	1716	CLEGHORN, Peter	...	2048	FOREMAN, Bruce	....	1862
BATCHELDER, Wm.	....	1900	COFFELT, Beth	.....	1500	FORKNER, Arch	.....	1520
BAUER, Dr. H.	.....	1828	COFFINO, Phil	.....	1952	FORSYTH, Ralph	....	1838
BAUMGART, H.A.	....	1556	COHEN, Wm.	.....	1476	FOUNTAIN, T.J.	.....	1606
BAUWENS, M.	.....	1470	COLE, Cress	.....	1590	FOURNIER, M.	.....	1590
BEALE, Clarence	....	1580	COLLINS, Tom	.....	1562	FOURNIER, R.J.	....	1844
BEATTY, J.W.	.....	1448	COLORADO, R.	.....	1498	FUCHS, Otto	.....	1734
BEDFORD, M.	.....	1996	CONNES, John	....	1408	FULLJAMES, D.	.....	1512
BENSON, Alan	.....	1622	COOK, Fred	.....	1758	GAMLIN, Art	.....	1648
BERGMAN, Carl	.....	1806	COOKE, Dave	.....	1934	GARDNER, P.W.	.....	1414
BERROCOSO, A.	.....	1858	CRAWFORD, Don	....	1822	GAYLOR, E.W.	.....	1874
BERRY, F.D.	.....	1580	CREET, R.	.....	1700	GERBOTH, H.	.....	1550
BERTUCCELLI, G.	...	1662	CROMWELL, Robert	..	1692	GILES, Wm.	.....	1842
BETTENCOURT, Sam	...	1778	CUNEO, R.J.	.....	1840	GODDARD, Morrill	..	1610
BETTENCOURT, W.M.	...	1612	CUNNINGHAM, Roy	...	1526	GOLDSWORTHY, T.	...	1550
BIERNAT, Jim	.....	1590	D'AGOSTINO, F.	....	1734	GONZALES, Ben	....	1570
BIGELOW, Gordon	...	1514	DAHL, Peter	.....	2020	GOODRICH, Anton	....	1616
BIGNAMI, Louis	....	1736	DALY, Col. C.J.	....	1594	GOODRICH, Frank	....	1478
BLACKSTONE, John	..	2086	DANA, Ted	.....	1814	GOODWIN, Wilfred	..	1438
BOEHME, R.F.	.....	1530	DAVIDSON, Frank	....	1550	GORDON, Michael	...	1504
BOGAR, Edgar	.....	2062	DAVIS, Dave	.....	1550	GORHAM, John	.....	1504
BOGDANOFF, Greg	....	1708	DAVIS, Ron	.....	1558	GOUGH, James	.....	1914
BOWMAN, Barry	.....	1682	DAY, Don	.....	1418	GREEN, J.	.....	1684
BRAUN, Christa	....	1410	DAY, Phil	.....	1478	GREENWOOD, John	....	1590
BREWER, Robert	....	1486	DEAN, Don	.....	2064	GREULICH, Rudy	....	1574
BRIGHT, Bruce	.....	1818	DEBALL, Guy	.....	1458	GROSS, Dr. Ben	....	1964
BROMAN, G.B.	.....	1650	DECKER, John	.....	1708	GROWER, Ken	.....	2124
BROOK, Robert	.....	1772	DELAROCHE, C.	.....	1570	GUINS, V.G.	.....	1582
BROWN, Anthony	....	1448	DELISLE, Rene	....	1744	GULLMES, A.	.....	1486
BROWN, Cortez	.....	1590	DENISENKO, Gary	...	1770	HABERLY, James	....	1576
BRYANT, Robert	.....	1678	DEVORE, Earl	.....	1560	HADAWAY, M.	.....	1590
BUCHANAN, Don	.....	1698	DIAMOND, Howard	....	1520	HAINES, Wm.	.....	2028
BULASH, Don	.....	1706	DICKINSON, R.	.....	2016	HAIUNGS, Otto	.....	1666
BUNTON, T.R.	.....	1504	DOBRIEN, M.	.....	1514	HALL, Bryant	.....	1660
BURCH, Dallas	.....	1810	DOLNICAR, Ina	....	1400	HARRIS, Don	.....	1666
BURLINGAME, E.	....	1464	DORSCH, Tom	.....	1916	HARRIS, Jim	.....	1678
BURLINGAME, M.	.....	1746	DREW, Claude	.....	1606			
BUSH, James	.....	1376	DRYAN, George	....	1550			
BUTLER, John	.....	1634						

HART, Capt. R.	1896	LARUE, John	1734	NEUHAUS, Gus	1602
HAUKE, Jerome	1560	LASICH, John	1654	NEWSOM, Roger	1450
HAUSER, James	1670	LAUGEN, Rod	1920	NICHOLS, Owen	1572
HAVILL, Jerry	1710	LAUNER, Herbert ...	1670	NOBLES, Clifford ..	1850
HAWKSWORTH, E.	1472	LAVELLE, Perry	1590	NOLAN, Walter	1590
HEADRICK, R.	1736	LEDIN, George	1690	NORTON, Frank	1642
HENDERSON, R.	1772	LEE, Guy	1486	NOTHDURFT, G.	1590
HENDRICKS, Wade ...	2000	LEIDNER, M.	1972	NOVIKOFF, Alex	1892
HENDRICKSON, L. ...	1556	LEMPERT, A.	1574	NOYA, E.	1486
HENRY, R.L.	2006	LEONARD, Leo	1502	O'DELL, Jerry	1792
HERTZ, Adde	1660	LIEN, Herb	1474	O'DOAN, LeRoy	1710
HILL, Arden	1726	LIGDA, Richard	1530	O'LINGCOLN, R.	1700
HINKLE, Rich	1492	LITCHFELD, S.	1690	O'NEILL, S.	1560
HODGE, James	1590	LONG, Charles	1590	OAKES, G.B.	1782
HOFVENDAHL, R.	1570	LOWE, Arthur	1550	OLVERA, Frank	1748
HOGAN, Don	1584	LUND, Anna	1450	OYLER, Robert	1602
HOPE, Stein	1550	LUND, Jens	1898		
HOPPE, Roy	2098	LUSSE, Mike	1544	PACKARD, James	1636
HORNE, Ken	1534	LYNCH, Frank	1760	PARCELLS, Chas. ...	1550
HOUGH, Randall	1648	LYNN, Jim	1550	PARR, David	1660
HOVER, H.	1630			PARTANSKY, A.M. ...	1708
HOY, Edward	1816	McCLARY, R.P.	1728	PARVU, LeGrand	1718
HUCKABY, Andrew ...	1650	McCOLLOUGH, Roy ...	1992	PASSEBAU, Ted	1592
HULSE, J.M.	1590	McCOY, Bruce	1618	PEABODY, Eric	1680
HUNEKE, Carl	1878	McGILLICUDDY, K. ...	1796	PEREZ, Francisco ..	1636
HURT, Clara	1434	McGINLEY, Chas. ...	1792	PETERSON, C.A.	1570
HUTCH, Dr. John	1680	McILRATH, Jim	1944	PETERSON, Gunnar ..	1590
		McKAIG, Wesley ...	1790	PHILLEY, Don	1912
INGRAM, Louis	1710	McKENZIE, Art	1688	PIRRUNG, Leo	1688
IRWIN, Richard	1796	McLEAN, Don	1530	PORSCHMANN, Hans ..	1640
ISAACS, Stanley ...	1670	McLENNAN, Marsh ...	1666	POST, Leroy	1718
		McLEOD, Dan	1858	POWELL, Howard	1652
JACOBS, Robert	1562	McLEOD, Nancy	1826	PRICE, Bart	1590
JACKSON, Oreta	1550	McMILLAN, Ralph ...	1544		
JAMES, Andrew	1590	McNEESE, James	1776	QUINLIVEN, Mike ...	1718
JASON, Chester	1590	McNOWAN, Marc	1654	QUINTERO, Rudy	1682
JASPER, Robert	1586	McPARTLAND, A.	1450	QUIRARTE, E.	1599
JENS, Wm.	1778	MacNEILL, Avery ...	1584	QUIRARTE, N.	1800
JEW, Dr. Larry	1774	MAGUIRE, Jim	1788	QUIRARTE, P.	1599
JOHNSON, Howard ...	1534	MANCINI, Louis	1542		
JOHNSON, Robert ...	1550	MANON, Paul	1566	RAILEY, Isham	1680
JONES, Nathan	1536	MARMOR, James	1882	RAWLEY, Wm.	1572
JOPLIN, Wm.	1622	MARTIN, Jeff	1952	REED, Sid	1610
JORDAN, Roderick ..	1804	MARTIN, Steve	1550	REIDER, Norman	1778
		MAXWELL, Ken	1588	RICHMOND, Gene	1590
KAHN, E.N.	1590	MAYER, Ernst	1526	RICKETTS, R.	1680
KANAMORI, Aki	1590	MEACHAN, Glenn ...	1556	RINGLE, Fred	1482
KANE, George	1992	MEIER, Ron	1582	RITTER, George	1870
KAUFFMAN, John	1648	MEITZNER, Rudy	1516	RIVERA, Eliodoro ..	1578
KAYE, Arthur	1398	MENDELL, P.	1780	RIVERA, Manuel	1438
KAYE, Mike	1394	METCALF, Grant	1486	RIVETTE, P.	1590
KELDENECKER, J. ...	1878	METZ, Frank	1786	ROBINSON, Darwin ..	1655
KIENITZ, L.W.	1460	MEYERS, Elwin	1680	ROMANDER, Hugo	1748
KILKER, Stan	1826	MICHALSKI, R.	1734	ROMERO, Ralph	1718
KISS, Tom	1734	MICK, Charles	1414	ROSE, Kent	1690
KLINE, Howard	1438	MILLER, Fred	1656	ROSENBAUM, H.	1932
KNACK, Amos	1718	MONGAN, Paul	1690	ROSS, Larry	1670
KNICKERBOCKER, L. ...	1700	MONTFORT, Wm.	1780	ROUTH, Carl	1558
KNUTSON, Allen	1816	MONTGOMERY, A.E. ...	1572	RUBIN, Sid	1822
KOLISCH, Dr. M. ...	1490	MORITZ, Henry	1890	RUPP, Ed	1726
KOR, Harry	1730	MORTZ, John	1982	RUSSO, Dr. A.J. ...	1630
KORENS, L.S.	1564	MORTON, Joe	1590		
KOSCIUSKO, Marya ..	1500	MOSER, Russ	1660	SAARI, Wayne	1790
KWASNIKOW, George .	1740	MUFFLEY, Richard ...	1574	SACA, M.K.	1768
		MUGNANI, Elmo	1620	SACCUZZO, Dennis ..	1736
LABRASH, George ...	1704	MUJAHED, Saleh	1634	SACCUZZO, Robert ..	1500
LAINSON, Bernard ..	1928			SALIN, Lothar	1520
LANDER, Claude	1590	NANNINI, Guido	1686	SALNA, Janis	1764
LARGMAN, F.	1702	NASON, Don	1798	SANDERSON, Ken	1568
LARSEN, Roger	1798	NAVE, Jay	1634	SAVAGE, T.M.	1550
LARSON, Marvin	1698	NEWCOMER, N.F.	1622	SAVERY, Charles ...	1858
LARUE, Albert	1772	NEWMAN, Howard	1570		

SCHACHTER, J.	1599	STRIBLING, Paul ...	1712	VORPAGEL, Russ	1876
SCHICK, Rabbi M. ..	1788	STUBBS, Arland	1630	WAIT, Leon	1750
SCHMERL, J.H.	1904	SUTHERLAND, Don ...	2044	WALDEN, Sid	1560
SCHNEIDER, L.	1590			WALLACE, Helen	1492
SCHOENE, Andrew	2080	TAIT, H.H.	1644	WALTERS, Janet	1500
SCHOENE, Fred	1978	TALCOTT, Les	1882	WALTERS, Dr. K. ...	1824
SCHOTT, Ed	1522	TAMAYO, Raul	1790	WEBER, Gary	1650
SCHROTH, Connor ...	1650	TAMM, Manivald	1582	WEHRMEISTER, W.(Jr)	1734
SCOTT, E.	1550	TARANTINO, John ...	1890	WEHRMEISTER, W.(Sr)	1506
SELTZER, Leon	1620	TAYLOR, Jim	1678	WEILER, Johann	1424
SHELTON, Emerson ..	1508	TESLAWSKI, George .	1872	WEINBERG, Eric	1610
SHOEMAKER, Tom	1750	TESSIEN, Ted	1636	WEINBERG, Frank ...	1734
SHUHOLM, Earl	1550	THACKER, Ron	1958	WEST, William	1424
SKOFF, Frank	1820	THOMPSON, Don	1732	WHITE, C.L.	1574
SLOAN, Sam	1874	THORSEY, Stuart ...	1710	WHITTAKER, R.E. ...	1718
SMITH, Dennis	1850	TIBBETTS, Jack ...	1578	WIEDENMEYER, L. ...	1584
SMITH, Frank	1468	TOBENER, Ralph	1482	WILCOX, Rex	1922
SMITH, Ken	1470	TRENBERTH, R.	1962	WILKERSON, Max	2006
SOLVE, Emil	1622	TRESSLER, Gary	1602	WILLIAMS, C.S.	1790
SOMOTA, Tom	1550	TRIPODES, Tom	1812	WILLIAMSON, M.	1680
SOULES, George	2120	TROTTIER, L.	1560	WINKELMAN, Dick ...	1652
SPALLAS, Peter	1620	TULLUS, Koit	1650	WISSEL, Joe	1602
SPANEK, George	1720	TURNER, C.	1528	WOEST, Harold	1598
SPERRY, Albert	1532	TYSON, Charles	1590	WONG, Ben	1664
SPITZ, Carl	1722	TYSON, Don	1590	WREN, Gregory	1830
STEELE, Adrienne ..	1398			WRIGHT, Oliver	1650
STEINMEYER, R.	1510	UDMAN, Saul	1676		
STEVENS, Bill	1842	ULRICH, Jack	1750	YERGIN, Chandler ..	1746
STEVENS, Lester ...	1828	UNDERWOOD, Ervin ..	1808		
STEWART, James	1712			ZANGERLE, Karl	1894
STICHKA, James	1928	VANDONZEL, Harry ..	1526	ZINK, Paul	1750
STONE, Dick	1530	VAYSSIE, Paul	1750	ZGURO, George	1588
STOREY, Dwight	1560	VENNERI, F.	1618		

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C.F.N.C. Inter-Club match results for the 1962/1963 season:

EL CAMINO REAL LEAGUE

1. SF State College
2. Koltz Chess Club
3. St. Francis
4. San Quentin
5. Springers
6. Nimzovitch
7. Daly City
8. Lasker

BAY AREA EXPERT LEAGUE

1. Palo Alto
2. San Bruno
3. San Mateo
4. St. Francis
5. Staunton

PENINSULA LEAGUE

1. Morphy (Redwood City)
2. Palo Alto
3. Lockheed
4. Staunton
5. Westinghouse
6. Ampex
7. San Mateo
8. Hewlett-Packard

EAST BAY LEAGUE

1. Knight Owls
2. Hilltoppers
3. Stingers
4. Walnut Kernels
5. Berkeley
6. Walnut Creek

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The BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE will start its yearly inter-club competition with eleven teams: Pacific Gas & Electric (San Francisco) -- Livermore -- San Quentin -- Bank of America (San Francisco) -- Shell Development -- California Research (Richmond) -- Kaiser Industries -- U.C. Radiation Lab. (Berkeley) -- San Francisco Bay Toll -- Frieden Calculators (Hayward) -- Continental Insurance.

Jose Mondragon (Las Vegas), George Soules (Berkeley), Tibor Weinberger (Santa Monica) and R.M. Jacobs (Manhattan Beach) ended in a four-way tie at the top in the Las Vegas Open Tournament, with Mondragon winning out on tie-breaking points. Mrs. Mabel Burlingame (So. San Francisco) and Cecilia Rock (Hinsdale, Mass.) placed 1-2 in the Women's Division. The top Class "A" player was Richard Heilbut (Salt Lake City). Eugene Enrione (Lancaster, Calif.) and Vernon Zeigner (Los Alamos, N.M.) finished 1-2 in Class "B" and Roy Moore (Boulder City, Nev.) took Class "C" honors. In the new "Las Vegas Dice-Chess" tournament, the top four winners were: Lawrence Lipking (Princeton, N.J.), Dr. E. Rodemich (Minneapolis), Vernon Fagin (Trona, Calif.) and Mrs. Mabel Burlingame (So. San Francisco). This event attracted 65 players, and the director was International Master George Koltanowski. Art Gamlin and Herman Estrada, of the Las Vegas Chess Club, sponsored the event. The following game was one of the crucial struggles of the tournament:

George Soules -- Tibor Weinberger

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

1. N-KB3	N-KB3	17. NxN+	QxN	33. R-B2	Q-N4
2. P-Q4	P-KN3	18. N-N4	Q-K2	34. R/1-Q2	R-R6
3. P-KN3	B-N2	19. BxKRP	B-R1	35. R-KN2	QR-R1
4. B-N2	0-0	20. B-K3	P-KB4	36. K-B2	R/1-R3
5. 0-0	P-Q3	21. N-R2	B-B3	37. Q-B3	R-N3
6. P-B4	P-B3	22. Q-K1	K-N2	38. K-B1	RxP
7. N-B3	QN-Q2	23. B-Q2	R-R1	39. R/B2-B2	P-B5
8. P-KR3	P-K4	24. P-K3	N-N4	40. PxP	QxP
9. PxP	PxP	25. P-KR4	N-K3	41. RxR	RxR
10. B-K3	P-KR3	26. B-QB3	P-KN4	42. K-K2	R-N4
11. Q-Q2	K-R2	27. PxP	NxP	43. R-N2	RxR+
12. QR-B1	Q-B2	28. P-B4	N-K5	44. BxR	B-N5+
13. P-N3	R-K1	29. BxP	BxB	45. B-B3	BxB+
14. N-R2	N-B1	30. PxB	N-N4	46. QxB	QxKP+
15. KR-Q1	N-K3	31. N-B3	NxN+		
16. N-Q5	Q-Q1	32. BxN	B-K3		

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Wonderful August weather helped set the background for one of the most pleasant Sonoma Open Air Chess Festivals ever. 265 players participated. Among them were 28 Junior Class players (one youngster was only 4½ years old), and 10 entries in the Women's Division. Players came from Nevada, Minnesota, Arizona, Oregon and Georgia.

The Koly Chess Club (San Francisco) won the General Dean Trophy with an attendance of 35. Trophies were also won by the Sacramento and San Bruno chess clubs, and by the newly formed Black Knight Chess Club of San Francisco. Dr. J.K. Walters, recently of London, England, and now residing in Berkeley, won the Class "A" trophy. Tim Fountain (Susanville) took Class "B" honors, and the Class "C" trophy went to Wing Chong (San Francisco). Philip Quirarte, 11 (San Francisco), won the Junior Division trophy, and the Women's Division trophy was won by Elizabeth Coffelt (Mill Valley) after a hair-raising playoff game with San Francisco's Helen Wallace. Many thanks for the wonderful help received from Leah Koltanowski, Virginia McGinley, Louis McVeigh and Florence Stevens, not to mention all our many fine supporters in the Valley of the Moon.

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The Hayward Open Chess Festival drew 80 players. Trophies were won by R. Schutte (Hayward) in Class "A", R. Tamayo (San Francisco) in Class "B" and Gary Weber (Oakland) in Class "C". The Women's Division trophy was captured by Mrs. W.M. Bettencourt (San Francisco), and Don Eason (Paso Robles) received the Longest Distance trophy. San Francisco's Koly C.C. had the largest club attendance.

In the simultaneous exhibition by George Koltanowski, Sam Bettencourt (San Francisco), George Teslawski (Redwood City) and R. Schutte obtained draws from the Master, as the remaining 27 participants bit the dust.

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World Champion Tigran Petrosian (Armenia, USSR) and his compatriot Paul Keres (Estonia, USSR) tied for first and second places with scores of 8½-5½ at the conclusion of play in the month-long \$10,000 Piatigorsky Cup Tournament in Los Angeles, to share \$2,600 of the prize fund. Petrosian, who took the world title from veteran Mikhail Botvinnik, was the first world champion from the Soviet Union to compete in a U.S. tournament. Keres has been a world title contender for a number of years. Other players in this event were Miguel Najdorf (Argentina) and Friedrich Olafsson (Iceland), who shared third and fourth places with scores of 7½-6½; Samuel Reshevsky (USA) in fifth place with 7-7; Svetozar Gligoric (Yugoslavia) in sixth place with a 6-8 score; Pal Benko (USA) and Oscar Panno (Argentina), sharing seventh and eighth places with 5½-8½.

CFNC congratulates the SAN BRUNO CHESS CLUB, which has just celebrated a decade of successful existence. During that time, Dan McLeod has directed the club and published its monthly bulletin, leading the club to great heights, assisted by Fred Schoene and many others. The club meets every Monday at 8:00 P.M., at the Parkside School in San Bruno. New members are always welcome.

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Top winners in the San Francisco CHRONICLE's "Chess with the Giants" contest were Dr. David J. Tepper (Oakland) and D. Saccuzzo (San Francisco). The pair won \$62.50 each in prize money, with 102 out of a possible 120 points. Henry H. Lee, James McNeese and Don Sutherland (all of San Francisco) and Ron Thacker (Oakland) shared third and fourth places. Each of the four received \$10 for scoring 98 out of the possible 120 points. 320 contestants finished the game, out of 650 beginning entrants. Book prizes were won by: Carl Spitz, F. Eggers, Wing Chong, Paul Cassidy, Harold Woest, Dr. Philip Shelton, Sam Bettencourt, Charles Carter, David Haddick, D. Harris, G. Garlund, Tanya Murray, Raul Tamayo and Paul Johnson (San Francisco); Syd Blank, Leon Wait, R.S. Smith, Donald Peattie, Fred Cook and Aaron Greenberg (Oakland); L. Seters, Barry Barish and George Moncharsh (Berkeley); LeRoy O'Doan and Rene DeLisle (Vallejo); Dr. Alan Chappell (Morgan Hill); Mrs. Lyn Kientiz (Santa Clara); Robert Oyler (Antioch); William Deer (Fremont); Bruce Walker (Atherton); Mrs. Mabel Burlingame (So. San Francisco); G.M. Arndt (San Mateo); H. Cooperman (Sunnyvale); Tom Rosenthal (Los Angeles); Kenneth Smeltzer (San Bruno); Jim Willows (Livermore); Tom Stamper (Visalia); Mrs. E. Humphrey (Arcata); James DeMauro (Fair Oaks); R.J. Cuneo (Piedmont); Nick Moorat (Redwood City); Robert Gyving (Santa Rosa) and Pierre Limoges (Merced).

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Ivars Dalbergs (Portland) won the Oregon State Open Championship held recently in Portland, with a $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ score. John Bell (Portland) was second with 6-1, and James McCormick (Eugene) finished third. Forty players participated.

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Peter Irwin (New Jersey) won the 1963 United States Junior Championship, which was held at Pennsylvania State University. It was the largest U.S. Junior Tournament ever, with 72 players. Myron Zelitch (Philadelphia) tied Irwin for first place with $7\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$, but the title went to Irwin on Median System tie-breaking points. The brilliancy prize was awarded to John C. Meyer for the following victory over Robert Wachtel:

John Meyer -- Robert Wachtel		DUTCH DEFENSE	U.S. Jr. Championship, 1963
1. N-KB3	P-KB4	7. B-Q3	P-Q3
2. P-Q4	P-K3	8. Q-K2	N-B3
3. B-B4	P-QN3	9. P-K4	PxP
4. QN-Q2	B-N2	10. NxP	Q-Q2
5. P-K3	B-K3	11. N/3-N5	NxP
6. P-KR3	N-KB3	12. NxN+	BxN
			13. Q-R5+
			14. NxRP+
			15. 0-0-0
			16. KR-N1
			17. RxNP+
			RESIGNS
			(White mates in two).

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The Sacramento Open attracted 84 players. Duncan Suttle (Reno), Max Wilkerson (San Francisco) and Serge von Oettingen (Davis) tied for first place with $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Ten other players tied for fourth place. Robert Oyler (Concord), won the Upset Award.

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100 players participated in the Santa Monica Open, won by International Grandmaster Pal Benko, with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Matzner, Addison, Weinberger, Lesing and Rivise tied for 2nd through 6th places with 5-1.

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"Ponziani's Opening Re-Examined" by George Kane

"Traps in the Openings" by Fred Schoene

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R. Irwin -- D. Buchanan

KING'S INDIAN REVERSED

Oakland YMCA, 1963

1. N-KB3	P-K3	8. N-R2	P-KB4	15. K-B3	QxN
2. P-KN3	B-K2	9. P-B4	P-N5	16. P-Q4	PxNP+
3. B-N2	N-QB3	10. P-K4	P-R5	17. K-B2	P-N6+
4. P-B4	P-QN3	11. RPxP	B-B4+	18. K-B3	Q-R4+
5. 0-0	R-N1	12. R-B2	RxB	19. KxP	QxQ
6. N-B3	P-KR4	13. KxB	PxP+		AND BLACK WON
7. P-KR3	P-KN4	14. KxP	Q-R5+		

S. Udman -- C. Schroth

QP --- DOUBLE FIANCHETTO

SBCC Champ., 1963

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	9. 0-0	N-QR4	17. P-KN4	K-N2
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	10. P-QN3	P-Q3	18. PxP	R-KR1
3. N-QB3	B-N2	11. BxB	QxB	19. Q-B4	RxP
4. B-N5	0-0	12. BxN	BxB	20. QxP+	K-R3
5. P-K3	P-QN3	13. N-Q5	B-R5	21. N-K6	R-B4
6. B-K2	B-N2	14. Q-N4	P-QB3	22. Q-N7+	K-R4
7. B-B3	Q-B1	15. QxB	PxN	23. Q-R7+	RESIGNS
8. N-KR3	N-QB3	16. N-B5	P-KR4		

D. McLeod -- R. Henderson

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

CFNC "Round-Up," 1963

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	7. N-B3	P-B4	13. P-Q6	BxB
2. N-KB3	P-K3	8. P-Q5	PxP	14. PxB	QxQ
3. P-QB4	P-QN3	9. PxP	P-Q3	15. PxR=(Q)+	KxQ
4. P-KN3	B-N2	10. P-K4	QN-Q2	16. RxQ	B-B6
5. B-N2	B-K2	11. P-K5	NxP	17. R-K1	P-K5
6. 0-0	0-0	12. NxN	PxN	18. B-N5	RESIGNS

S. Sloan -- R. Headrick

PIRC DEFENSE

Oakland YMCA Champ., 1963

1. P-K4	P-Q3	12. PxP	KN-Q2	23. N-Q4	N/2xP
2. P-Q4	N-KB3	13. B-KN5	Q-N3	24. NxQ	N-Q6
3. N-QB3	P-KN3	14. Q-K1	QN-B3	25. N-K7+	K-R1
4. P-B4	B-N2	15. B-B4	N-R4	26. Q-K2	NxR+
5. N-B3	0-0	16. B-R2	P-B5+	27. QxN	BxN
6. B-B4	P-QB4	17. K-R1	Q-B3	28. R-QB1	N-N7
7. P-Q5	P-QR3	18. P-QN4	PxP e.p.	29. RxB	RxR
8. P-QR4	P-K3	19. PxP	P-QN4	30. B-K5+	P-B3
9. 0-0	Q-K2	20. P-QN4	N-B5	31. QxP+	RxQ
10. P-K5	PxP	21. P-R5	B-N2	32. BxR mate.	
11. P-Q6	P-Q6	22. R-B2	QR-B1		

R. Wilcox -- G. Teslawski

FRENCH DEFENSE

Sacramento Open, 1963

1. P-K4	P-K3	8. P-B4	N-B3	15. BxN+	PxB
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	9. P-Q5	PxP	16. NxQBp	B-Q2
3. N-Q2	P-QB4	10. PxP	NxP	17. N-Q6+	K-B1
4. KN-B3	N-KB3	11. N-B4	N-B3	18. Q-B4	B-K3
5. KPxP	NxP	12. R-K1+	B-K3	19. RxB	RxN
6. B-N5+	N-QB3	13. Q-R4	R-B1	20. RxN	RESIGNS
7. 0-0	B-Q2	14. N/3-K5	B-K2		

E. Bogas -- D. Dean

ENGLISH OPENING

Salinas, 1963

1. P-QB4	N-KB3	10. B-B4	N-B1	19. N-Q4	B-N3
2. N-QB3	P-B3	11. P-KR3	N-K3	20. NxN	NxN
3. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. B-R2	P-QR3	21. Q-K2	Q-R5
4. N-B3	P-K3	13. 0-0	B-Q3	22. K-N1	B-R4
5. B-N5	QN-Q2	14. N-K5	P-B4	23. P-KN4	B-N3
6. PxP	KPxP	15. PxP	NxP	24. K-N2	P-KR4
7. P-K3	B-K2	16. N-B3	BxB+	25. BxN	PxB
8. Q-B2	0-0	17. KxB	N/4-K5	26. R-KN1	DRAW
9. B-Q3	R-K1	18. KR-Q1	B-B4		

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The Junior Championship of California (held recently in Los Angeles) was won by John Blackstone, of Saratoga, with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. W. Cunningham, of Los Angeles, was second with 5-1. R. Freeman, of San Diego, and R. Bliss, of Los Angeles, each scored $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$, to share third and fourth places. There were fifty players entered, and the event was directed by Jerome Hanken of Los Angeles. Here is a crucial encounter from the tournament, with notes by winner Blackstone:

Blackstone -- R. Bliss

1.	N-KB3	N-KB3
2.	P-KN3	P-B4
3.	B-N2	P-KN3
4.	O-O	B-N2
5.	P-Q3	O-O
6.	P-K4	P-Q3
7.	QN-Q2	N-B3
8.	P-B3	....

A waste of time, providing Black with a target to hit at by ...,P-QN4-5, etc. Better was 8.R-K1.

8.	B-N5
9.	P-KR3	B-Q2
10.	K-R2

This is unnecessary before Black has played ...,Q-B1.

10.	P-K3
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Black is playing for ...,P-Q4; which is the wrong idea altogether. Better is 10...,P-QN4; with the idea of attacking White's weakened Q-side. If Black's KP is to be moved at all in this position, it should be advanced to the fourth rank.

11.	Q-K2	P-Q4
12.	P-K5	....

Correct. White constricts Black's K-side, with plans to attack on that wing.

12.	....	N-K1
13.	N-N3	P-N3
14.	B-N5	P-B3
15.	PxP	BxP
16.	B-R6	....

Absolutely wrong. White should play 16.BxB, as this Black piece is the key to Black's position.

16.	....	B-N2
17.	B-B4	....

Still, White should exchange the Bishops.

17.	....	N-B3
18.	QR-K1	R-K1
19.	P-Q4	P-B5?

Black should try to get some play for his pieces. 19...,PxP would be the best try in this direction, but even then White stays on top.

20.	QN-Q2	N-KB4
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KING'S INDIAN REVERSED

21.	B-K5	NxB
22.	NxN	BxN?

As noted earlier, this Bishop is the key to Black's defense, and now he exchanges it with scarcely a thought.

23.	QxB	N-N2
24.	P-KR4	R-KB1
25.	B-R3	Q-N1
26.	Q-N5	Q-Q1
27.	P-B4	....

A key move. If Black doesn't exchange, White will break through on the KR file.

27.	....	QxQ
28.	RPxQ	N-B4
29.	N-B3	....

This Knight is headed for KB6, and there isn't much Black can do about it.

29.	....	KR-K1
30.	N-K5	QR-Q1
31.	N-N4	K-N2?

31...,K-B2 is not much better, as White will double his Rooks on the K-file, and then play P-KN4 and P-B5.

32.	N-B6	R-K2
33.	BxN	NPxB
34.	NxQP	R-B2
35.	N-K3	P-N4
36.	P-KN4	P-KR3
37.	PxP+	KxP
38.	PxP	PxP
39.	R-KN1	K-R2
40.	R-N5	R-K1
41.	R-KR1	R-K3
42.	K-N3+	R-R3
43.	RxR	KxR
44.	K-B2	K-R2
45.	K-N3	R-B3
46.	K-R4	R-R3+
47.	R-R5	B-K1
48.	RxR+	KxR
49.	NxP+	K-N3
50.	N-K3	B-Q2
51.	P-R3	P-R4

AND THEN BLACK RESIGNED.

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Ronald Kraft is forming a chess club in Orinda. Interested parties can reach him at 376-6932.

In the years preceding Wilhelm Steinitz, chess styles were influenced mainly by Paul Morphy. It was generally believed that a "good" game of chess consisted of an open position, quick development (to pry the center loose) and, if possible, a sacrifice. As proper development techniques became common knowledge, some players interested themselves in the study of closed positions and in positional struggles. When Steinitz took up the cause, he propounded the theories that continued to govern chess even after his death.

Steinitz adopted closed central formations to avoid premature simplifications, while he worked up an attack on one of the flanks. Rather than develop his pieces automatically in the contemporary fashion, he "wasted" time in order to establish permanently favorable conditions for himself. Although criticized for his "bizarre" moves and for "taking the fun out of chess," this new style achieved near universality (although in somewhat diluted form), through the teachings of Doctor Siegbert Tarrasch.

The title of "World Chess Champion" actually originated with the match in 1886 between Steinitz and Zukertort. Although the title was invented by the two contestants, no one disputed it, for these men had demonstrated their superiority over their contemporaries, men such as Blackburn, Winawer, Gunsberg, Tchigorin, Weiss, Paulsen, Bird, Burn, Mason, Showalter and MacKenzie.

The match was played in New York, St. Louis and New Orleans, with a purse of \$2,000. Steinitz emerged with the first world championship crown, winning the match with ten wins, five losses and five draws, for a score of 10-5 (draws were not counted in those days). His results with the openings were:

as WHITE:	(W)	(L)	(D)	as BLACK:	(W)	(L)	(D)
Ruy Lopez	4	1	3	QP Openings	4	3	2
Scotch Game	0	1	-	Four Knights	1	0	-
Steinitz Gambit	1	0	-				

Steinitz' first title defense was against Tchigorin, in 1889. The champion permitted himself several opening eccentricities, failing badly when defending the Evans Gambit and the Two Knights, but winning the match 10-6 with one draw, in spite of this. The following year he defended his title successfully against Gunsberg, winning by the disappointing margin of 6-4, with nine draws. His return match with Tchigorin was a close 10-8 victory, with five games being drawn. Here are some of Steinitz' games:

Zukertort -- Steinitz

Match, 1886

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 4. N-B3 | PxP |
| 5. P-K3 | |

More complex than 5.P-K4, P-QB4; 6. BxP, PxP; 7.QxP, QxQ; 8.NxQ, P-QR3.

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| 5. | P-B4 |
| 6. BxP | PxP |

This clarifies the center too soon. Either,N-B3 or,P-QR3 should be tried here.

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| 7. PxP | B-K2 |
| 8. O-O | O-O |
| 9. Q-K2 | QN-Q2 |
| 10. B-N3 | N-N3 |
| 11. B-KB4 | QN-Q4 |
| 12. B-N3 | Q-R4 |

This is less weakening --- but more cramped --- than 12....,P-QN3. Black utilizes the tempo that White wasted with his Q-Bishop.

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| 13. QR-B1 | B-Q2 |
| 14. N-K5 | KR-Q1 |
| 15. Q-B3 | B-K1 |
| 16. B-KR4 | NxN |

The threat of 17.NxN, NxN; 18.BxN, forces this unwanted exchange.

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| 17. PxN | Q-B2 |
| 18. KR-K1 | QR-B1 |
| 19. Q-Q3 | N-Q4 |
| 20. BxB | QxB |
| 21. BxN | RxB |
| 22. P-QB4 | KR-Q1 |
| 23. R-K3 | Q-Q3 |
| 24. R-Q1 | P-B3 |
| 25. R-R3 | .... |

Now,P-N3 would be answered by 26.N-N4, K-N2; 27.Q-B3, Q-K2; 28.Q-B4, with play. White must attack, or his Pawn will fall.

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| 25. | P-KR3 |
| 26. N-N4 | Q-B5 |
| 27. N-K3 | B-R5 |
| 28. R-B3 | Q-Q3 |
| 29. R-Q2 | B-B3 |
| 30. R-N3 | P-B4 |
| 31. R-N6 | B-K5 |

This Bishop's commanding position assures the win; the journey of the White Rook was poorly executed.

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| 32. Q-N3 | K-R2 |
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Not 32....,P-B3; 33.P-B5.

33. P-B5

Forced, or the Rook goes lost, e.g.
33.R-N3, P-B5; etc.

33. RxB
34. RxB R-B8+
35. N-Q1 Q-B5
36. Q-N2 R-N8
37. Q-B3 R-QB1
38. RxB QxR
WHITE RESIGNS.

Steinitz -- Gunsberg

QP OPENING

Match, 1890

1. N-KB3 N-KB3
2. P-Q4 P-K3
3. P-K3 B-N5+

22. N-B4 Q-K3
23. N-R5 N-Q2
24. Q-R61

A tempo wasted. Better is 3....,P-B4.

4. P-B3 B-K2
5. B-K2 O-O
6. O-O P-Q4
7. P-QB4 P-QN3
8. N-B3 B-N2
9. PxB PxB
10. N-K5 KN-Q2?

Having paralysed Black on both wings,
White succeeds in infiltrating.

24. Q-K1
25. R-R3 B-N4
26. K-R1 N-B3
27. NxN+ PxN
28. Q-N7

Better is 10....,QN-Q2; followed by
....,P-B4.

11. P-B4 NxN
12. BPxN P-QB3
13. B-N2 B-K3
14. BxB NxB
15. Q-R4

Having torn Black's position into
shreds, White now coordinates his
attack to clinch the matter.

28. Q-N3
29. Q-Q7 K-R1
30. B-K7 R-KN1
31. QxBP QR-QB1
32. QxQP R-N2
33. B-N4 Q-Q6
34. Q-B3 R-B2
35. B-B3 R-K2

White's idea is to attack the white
squares on the Q-side, forcing Black's
pieces into defensive roles.

15. N-N1
16. QR-B1 P-B3
17. PxB BxB
18. N-K2

Black seems to have achieved some
measure of counter-play, but White
actuates his Bishop and pushes his
passed-Pawn threateningly.

36. P-K41 QxKP
37. P-Q51 Q-N3

White now regroups on the K-side, as
Black's Q-side pieces are unable to
defend that sector.

18. R-K1
19. R-KB31 Q-K2
20. QR-KB1 R-QB1
21. B-N4 Q-K3

If 37....,QxQ; 38.R/3xQ, RxQ; 39.R-B5,
P-R3; 40.P-N3, followed by P-KR4.

38. R-N3 R-KB1
39. P-Q6 P-KR3
40. P-KR4 RESIGNS.

Steinitz -- Gunsberg

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

Match, 1890

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 PxB
3. P-K3

7. B-N5+ P-B3
8. B-K2 B-K3
9. N-QB3

Better is 3.N-KB3, to prevent Black's
next move.

3. P-K4
4. PxB

(9.N-Q21, 0-0-0; 10.P-QN3, N-Q6; 11.
BxN, RxB; 12.B-N2, R-Q2; 13.N-B3=).

9. 0-0-0+
10. K-B2 N-B3
11. N-B3?

More usual is 4.BxB. Black now has
the better end-game prospects with his
Q-side Pawn majority and development.

This loses by force. Best is 15.P-K4,
followed, if possible, by P-B4.

4. QxQ+
5. KxQ N-QB3
6. BxB NxB

11. QN-N5
12. R-B1 B-B4+
13. K-N3 N-Q2

14. P-K4 N-B1+
 15. K-B2 N/B4xP
 16. N-KR4 NxN+
 17. KxN B-K3
 18. P-B4

21. K-B2 B-K5+
 22. K-N2 N-Q2
 23. P-N5 P-B3
 24. B-N4?

Ludicrous. 18.B-B4 was much better.

The final blunder.

18. N-B3
 19. P-B3 B-Q1
 20. P-KN4

24. N-B4+
 25. K-R3 R-QB1+
 26. P-N3 N-R5+1
 27. KxN R-Q5+
 28. P-N4 RxP+
 WHITE RESIGNS.

A ridiculous plan, but White's game is hopeless in any case.

This was Gunsberg's best game in this match.

20. B-K2

Tchigorin -- Steinitz

EVANS GAMBIT

Second Match, 1892

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. N-KB3 N-QB3
 3. B-B4 B-B4
 4. P-QN4 BxP
 5. P-B3 B-R4
 6. 0-0 P-Q3
 7. P-Q4 B-KN5
 8. B-QN5 Pxp
 9. Pxp B-Q2
 10. B-N2 QN-K2?

19. NxBP?!

This is not as good as it was previously considered. Better is P-R5.

Better is 10....,KN-K2; e.g., 11.P-Q5, N-K4!; or 11.N-R3, 0-0; 12.N-N5, P-KR3.

19. KxN
 20. P-K6+ KxP

If 20....,QxP, then 21.N-N5+, etc.

11. Bxp+ QxB
 12. N-R3 N-R3?

21. N-K5 Q-B1?

21....,Q-K1! instead would draw.

This leads to a bad, probably lost, game for Steinitz, as Tchigorin demonstrates with his next five moves. 12....,P-QB3 seems preferable.

22. R-K1 K-B3
 23. Q-R5 P-N3
 24. BxN+ KxB

If 24....,KxB; then 25.Q-B3+, etc.

13. N-B4! B-N3
 14. P-QR4! P-QB3
 15. P-K5! P-Q4
 16. N-Q6+ K-B2
 17. B-R3 K-N1
 18. R-N1 KN-B4

25. NxBP+ K-B3
 26. NxB BxP
 27. R-N3! Q-Q2
 28. R-KB3 RxN
 29. P-N4 R-KN1
 30. Q-R6+ R-N3
 31. RxN+ RESIGNS.

We conclude this discussion with one more game from this match, a game so well known, perhaps, that comment is superfluous --- except to say that the concluding combination is possibly the finest ever seen in a World Championship Match.

Steinitz -- Tchigorin

RUY LOPEZ

Second Match, 1892

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. N-KB3 N-QB3
 3. B-N5 N-B3
 4. P-Q3 P-Q3
 5. P-B3 P-KN3
 6. QN-Q2 B-N2
 7. N-B1 0-0
 8. B-QR4 N-Q2
 9. N-K3 N-B4
 10. B-B2 N-K3

11. P-KR4 N-K2
 12. P-R5 P-Q4
 13. RPxP BPxP
 14. Pxp RPxP
 15. Nxp QxN
 16. B-N3 Q-B3
 17. Q-K2 B-Q2
 18. B-K3 K-R1
 19. 0-0-0 QR-K1
 20. Q-B1 P-QR4

21. P-Q4 Pxp
 22. Nxp BxN
 23. RxB NxB
 24. RxP+ KxB
 25. Q-R1+ K-N2
 26. B-R6+ K-B3
 27. Q-R4+ K-K4
 28. QxN+ K-B4
 29. Q-B4 mate.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: For this fine article and analysis of Steinitz' games, we are indebted to George Kane, of Redwood City. We hope that he, and other CFNC members also, will continue to submit material of this nature for publication in Chess in Action.)

California Junior Champion John Blackstone is always a dangerous opponent. He frequently aims for complex "modern" positions in the Ruy Lopez, King's Indian and Sicilian Defenses. In the following game, played in the 1963 CFNC Experts' Invitational Tournament, a prepared variation scores against him, avenging a 1-2 score in previous encounters. (analysis by Robert L. Henry).

R.L. Henry -- John Blackstone

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1. P-K4 P-QB4
 2. N-KB3 P-Q3
 3. P-Q4 PxP
 4. NxP N-KB3
 5. N-QB3 P-QR3
 6. B-N5 P-K3

10... PxP; 11.BxP, QN-Q2; leads to a game where Black has compensation for the sacrificed Pawn.

11. NxP?!

The alternative 6...QN-Q2 is also good, and can lead to very complex positions after 7.B-QB4, Q-R4; 8.Q-Q2, P-K3. Also possible is 7...P-KN3; making it something of a "Dragon" Variation.

7. P-B4

Considered best, but the older 7.Q-B3 can give Black considerable trouble.

7. B-K2

The line with 7...Q-N3 has been revived by Fischer and the Soviet players. After 8.Q-Q2, QxP; 9.R-QN1, Q-R6; both 10.P-K5, PxP; 11.PxP, KN-Q2; and 10.BxN, PxB; 11.B-K2 produce situations too complex to detail here.

8. Q-B3 P-KR3

8...Q-B2 can lead into extremely critical positions after 9.0-0-0, QN-Q2; 10.B-K2, P-QN4; 11.BxN, NxP; 12.P-K5, B-N2; 13.PxN, BxQ; 14.BxB, BxP; 15.BxR, P-Q4; 16.BxP, BxN; 17.RxB, PxP; 18.R-K1+, K-B1; 19.NxP, Q-B4; 20.P-B3, P-KR4.

9. B-R4 P-KN4?!

If 9... Q-B2; 10.0-0-0, QN-Q2; a possible line might be 11.B-K2, P-QN4; 12.P-K5, B-N2; 13.PxN, BxQ; 14.BxB, BxP; 15.BxB, R-QB1; 16.BxP!, R-R2; 17.B-R5!, RxP; 18.NxP, Q-B5; 19.KR-K1, RxP; 20.R-Q4, Q-B3; 21.B-B3, R-K7; 22.RxR, QxB; 23.N-N5+, QxR; 24.NxQ, PxN; 25.PxP, and wins. Or, 11.B-Q3, P-QN4? (...R-KN1); 12.P-K5!!; B-N2; 13.NxKP!!; PxN; 14.B-N6+, K-B1 (... K-Q1; 15.Q-R3!); 15.PxN!, BxQ; 16.PxB+, K-N1; 17.PxB, N-B3; 18.BxN, PxP; 19.P-K8=(Q)+, RxQ; 20.BxR, and White should win (Gligorich-Bobotsov, Hastings 1959/60. Also, if 11.P-KN4?, P-KN4! The text, known as the "Argentine" Variation is a temporary positional Pawn sacrifice which seems to fail (but just barely!). The key point of the line is Black's attempt to control his K4 square.

10. PxP KN-Q2

The genuine sacrifice of a Pawn by

An obvious counter-sacrifice. The question mark is added because Euwe, in his Theorie der Schacheroffnungen, says that 11.Q-R5 gives White the advantage, while the text is unclear. However, Euwe's analysis doesn't seem convincing.

11. PxN
 12. Q-R5+ K-B1
 13. B-N5!

A very important point. The Bishop obviously cannot be taken, because of 14.0-0+, etc. This move is not made to be "flashy," but is absolutely necessary. If White makes any other move, Black obtains a "won" game by playing ... N-K4, and if White plays B-N3, Black's QN can come to the support of his KN. After the text move, White's Bishop can eliminate the QN as soon as it is developed to Q2. Some months earlier, I had tried 13.B-K2 against John, following Kmoch's analysis in Chess Review. The line was supposed to win for White, but John found the flaw.

13. R-R2!

The only move! When this line was first played at Goteborg, Sweden in 1955, three Argentine players tried the line against three Soviet players, all in the same round. All three of the Argentinians lost. It went like this --- Geller-Panno: 13...N-K4?; 14.B-N3, BxP; 15.0-0+, K-K2; 16.BxN, Q-N3+; 17.K-R1, QPxP; 18.Q-B7+, K-Q3; 19.QR-Q1, etc. Keres-Najdorf and Spassky-Pilnik continued: 13...K-N2?; 14.0-0, N-K4; 15.B-N3, N-N3; 16.PxP+, RxP; 17.R-B7+, KxR; 18.QxR, PxP; 19.R-B1+, K-K1; 20.QxN+, K-Q2; 21.R-B7, N-B3; 22.N-Q5, etc.

14. 0-0+

Gligorich-Fischer, 1958, continued 14.Q-N6, but White was happy to take a draw in the end.

14. K-N1
 15. P-N6

The game Safvat-Lombardy, 1958, went 15.Q-N6+, and while White got three

Pawns for the piece, his attack was gone, and Black won the end-game.

15. R-N2
16. R-B7 B-N4

Euwe thinks Black can draw after 15...,BxB; 16.QxP, RxR; 17.PxR+, KxP; but it is hard to find anyone to agree with him.

17. BxN

Not 17.QR-QB1??, PxR.

17. NxR
18. QR-KB1 K-R1!

Another important position has been reached. For some years, the pundits in Chess Review -- and elsewhere -- considered Black's only move to be 18...,N-K4. They gave an involved "winning" line with 19.R-B8+, which probably loses for White! However, everyone overlooked the fact that 19. BxB! wins outright! I had expected 18...,P-N4, as John had said this was his "improvement." In studying the position after 18...,P-N4 at home, I came upon 19.P-K5! Black must play ...,P-Q4, as ...,NxP or ...,B-N2 is answered by 20.BxB, and ...,PxP fails to 20.N-K4. I had used much midnight oil on 20.R/1-B6?! after 19...,P-Q4. All other replies being refuted, 20...,Q-N3+; 21.K-B1, Q-K6; 22.RxP, became the main line. After much analysis, in the course of which Pete Cleghorn, Sid Rubin and Hank Moritz participated, the conclusion was that White could survive fantastic complications and win. Beguiled by the beauty of some of the variations after 20.R/1-B6 (let the reader go over the consequences of accepting the offered Rook), White overlooked that 20.NxP! wins without incurring frightful dangers. I had seen the move, but had dismissed it for no good reason. The continuation of 19.P-K5! and 20.NxP! is given in Die Sizilianische Verteidigung by Schwartz and Platz, which I saw after the game. Up to this point, both players had used only one or two minutes of the two hours allotted. This game was the only one in the tournament in which I didn't get into time trouble. When John played 19...,K-R1; I felt betrayed! After a few minutes' thought, I decided to play my prepared line regardless.

19. P-K5! P-Q4!
20. R/1-B7!

The point of 18...,K-R1 is that after 20.NxP, PxN; 21.P-K6, Black can probably play ...,Q-N3+ and ...,QxP with success. The question mark is appended to the text because John maintains there is a refutation of White's play.

He won't show it to me, as he is saving it for our next tournament "argument."

20. NxR

Probably best, as 20...,Q-N3+ does not now seem dangerous.

21. PxN B-K6+

Black must gain time and protect his RP simultaneously. He loses quickly after 21...,RxR.

22. B-B2!

A surprise! White is a Rook down at the moment, but nevertheless offers to exchange an attacking piece with a loss of tempo in the bargain. But, after 22...,BxB+; 23.KxB, RxR; 24. QxP!, Black can resign.

22. RxR
23. BxB

Black has a huge material advantage, but is curiously helpless anyway.

23. R-R2

Hopeless is 23...,QxP; 24.PxR, B-Q2; 25.BxP.

24. B-Q4!

Black's Rook leads a charmed life, but it avails him nought.

24. P-K4!

The only move that averts immediate disaster. Its purpose is to create a flight square (K3) for the Black K.

25. BxP R-B2
26. QxP+ K-N1
27. PxR+ KxP
28. Q-N7+ K-K3
29. P-B7 B-Q2

Black finally frees his QR, but it is much too late. The Black King is in a mating net.

30. N-K2! K-B4

30...,P-Q5 offers a longer resistance.

31. P-N4+ K-K5
32. K-B2 P-Q5
33. B-B7! Q-R1
34. Q-N6+ K-Q4
35. Q-Q6+ K-K5
36. N-N3 mate.

Any comments, questions or analysis about this game are very welcome.

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QUESTION: I once read that White gets the better game (after 1.P-Q4, P-Q4; 2.P-QB4, B-B4) by continuing 3.Q-N3. I don't believe this is the case, for example;

(A)		(B)		(C)	
3. Q-N3	PxP	3. Q-N3	PxP	3. Q-N3	PxP
4. Q-N5+	B-Q2	4. Q-N5+	B-Q2	4. QxNP	N-Q2
5. QxNP	N-QB3	5. QxBP	N-KB3		

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REPLY:

While 2...,B-B4 looks bad, standard opening books fail to give a refutation to it. The lines given above are indeed good for Black, but he has even better after Q-N3, e.g. ...,P-K4!; 4.QxP, N-Q2; 5.N-KB3, R-N1; 6.Q-R6, B-N5+; 7.N-B3, KN-Be; 8.P-K3, 0-0; 9.P-QR3, B-Q3; with a strong attack. (Modern Chess Openings, 8th edition, and Practical Chess Openings).

To prevent this line, the books give 3.N-KB3, with a view to a positional refutation. After 3.N-KB3, P-K3; 4.Q-N3, N-QB3; 5.P-B5, R-N1; 6.B-B4, B-K2; 7.N-B3 (Fine-Grau, Stockholm 1937), N-B3; 8.P-K3, 0-0; 9.B-QN5, N-K5; 10.0-0, NxN; 11.QxN, B-B3; 12.P-QN4, White has a strangle-hold on the position. Black's usual countermeasures to White's strategy (a break in the center, or on the Q-side) are not possible here. However, Black can avoid this fate by playing 5...,Q-B1!; thus: 6.P-K3, N-B3; 7.B-N5, N-Q2!; 8.BxN, PxP; 9.0-0, P-N3; 10.QN-Q2, B-N2 (MCO⁸); and Black has nothing to fear. In this line, Botvinnik tried 5.B-Q2 against Smyslov, but after 5...,PxP; 6.QxNP, KN-K2; he failed to gain any advantage.

To round out the list of possibilities for White, let it be mentioned that in Markovich-Puc, Yugoslavia 1948, after 3.PxP, BxN!; 4.RxB, QxP; 5.Q-R4+, N-B3; 6.N-B3, P-K4!; Black had the advantage.

In this writer's opinion, and despite the merits of the variations given above, White's strongest line hasn't been mentioned, e.g., 3.N-QB3!. For example, after 3...,P-K3; 4.PxP, PxP; 5.Q-N3, etc., or 3...,N-KB3; 4.PxP, etc., or 3...,P-QB3; 4.PxP, PxP; 5.Q-N3, P-K3; 6.QxNP, N-Q2; 7.B-B4, etc. All of these lines seem to give White the advantage. Why neither MCO nor PCO mentions 3.N-QB3, the most natural move, is a mystery.

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