

SACRAMENTO
CITY
CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIP
1942

P R E F A C E

The attempt to improve upon last year's Book has, we hope, been more or less successful. We have had more game scores at our disposal, and have not had to include so many games in which obvious blunders occurred. Also, we have been able to annotate some of the games in the Championship Flight. The annotations, to be sure, are not expert; but then the Book is not intended as a text, and it is believed that they will add to the readability of the Book.

We have also included an account of some of the events considered of interest to members of the Club.

In conclusion, we wish to thank those competitors who supplied game scores, whether wins or losses. We also wish to thank the following for their help in annotating the games: M. O. Meyer, N. T. Austin, and J. B. Gee.

N. T. Austin, Tournament Director
J. B. Gee, President, C.C.C.&C.C.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Tournament was conducted under the rules of the United States Chess Federation with certain special rules. The time limit was forty moves for the first two hours and twenty moves for each hour thereafter. No player could refuse to play with clocks if his opponent so desired. In the qualifying round clocks were assigned at the discretion of the Tournament Director, and in the final round clocks were reserved for the Championship Flight. Any player might adjourn the game at 12 p.m. if he so desired. A player failing to finish half of his games was automatically disqualified and his score cancelled.

Due to the existing national emergency, and the fact that several competitors were involved in defense work, the rule for automatic forfeiture for non-appearance was set aside. For the same reason, no definite closing date was set.

The field was divided into three flights by means of a qualifying round. The players were divided into four sections of approximately equal strength. The sections were double round with the first two in each section qualifying for the Championship Flight, and the third and fourth qualifying for the Consolation and Third Flights respectively. In this way, it was possible to compose each flight of players of nearly equal ability.

Prizes were given for first and second in the Championship Flight and for first in each of the other two flights. The prize money was composed of the entry fees and an equal amount donated from the Club Treasury.

The Championship Flight was single round, the Consolation Flight double round and the Third Flight quadruple round.

The defending champion, S. W. Applegate, was qualified automatically for the Championship Flight, as it was thought better to have an odd number of players in this flight, in order that each player might have an equal number of games with the white pieces.

RESULTS

Qualifying Sections

#1	Player	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Score</u>
1.	Chapman	3	0	1	3
2.	Brownstein	2	0	2	2
3.	Kozen	1	0	3	1
	Young withdrew and score was cancelled				
#2					
1.	Yuke	4	1*	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Wise	4	1*	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	Carmany	3	0	3	3
4.	Houghton	0	0	6	0
	*One game drawn by agreement				
#3					
1.	Gee	5	1	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Thornton	4	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	Hastings	2	0	4	2
4.	Cortell	0	0	6	0
#4					
1.	Meyer	4	2	0	5
2.	Austin	3	2	1	4
3.	Trousdale	2	0	4	2
4.	Combs	1	0	5	1

Finals

(Championship flight next page)

Consolation Flight

1.	Carmany	4	2*	0	5
2.	Kozen	2	1	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Hastings	1	3*	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	Trousdale	2	0	4	2
	*One game drawn by agreement				

Third Flight

1.	Cortell	6	0	2	6
2.	Combs	4	0	4	4
3.	Houghton	2	0	6	2

Championship Flight

	M	A	G	W	Y	T	A				
	e	p	e	i	u	h	u				
	<u>y</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Meyer	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	2	0	5
2. Applegate	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	4	0	2	4
3. Gee	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	x	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	$3\frac{1}{2}$
4. Wise	0	0	1	x	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Yuke	0	0	0	1	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$
6. Thornton	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	3	2
7. Austin	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	0	3	3	$1\frac{1}{2}$

Brownstein withdrew before start of finals

Chapman withdrew after first round and his score was cancelled

THE OPENINGS

<u>Opening</u>	<u>Won by White</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Won by Black</u>
Queen's Gambit			
Orthodox	1	0	0
Slav	0	0	1
Tarrasch	0	0	1
Queen's Pawn			
Benoni Counter	1	0	0
French Defence	2	0	2
Sicilian Defence	2	1	1
Alekhine's Def.	0	0	1
English	1	2	0
Reti	0	1	0
Irregular			
Polish	1	0	0
Spike	0	0	1

CHESS IN SACRAMENTO, 1941

Since the publication of our last Book, the Capital City Chess and Checker Club has sponsored three simultaneous chess exhibitions. On July 1st, Herman Steiner, the noted master from Los Angeles, scored 8 wins, no draws and no defeats. On Nov. 13th, George Koltanowski, the famous blindfold artist, played 10 boards allowing but 2 draws. Draws were obtained by S. W. Applegate, and Dr. McArthur of Lincoln. Koltanowski subsequently defeated three strong players in a simultaneous blindfold exhibition. On Feb. 5, 1942, I. A. Horowitz, recent challenger for the U. S. Championship and Editor of the Chess Review, made a clean score at 10 boards.

Fewer team matches than usual were played during the last year, but the Club managed to obtain some outside competition. On July 13, a nine man team journeyed to Oakland to meet the strong Castle Chess Club of that city. The results follow:

Capital City			Castle	
1.	Applegate	0	Tippin	1
2.	Meyer	0	Howland	1
3.	Gee	0	Capps	1
4.	Chapman	$\frac{1}{2}$	Branch	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	Carmany	0	Fawcett	1
6.	Austin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Barlow	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	Hubert	$\frac{1}{2}$	McLain	$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	Young	$\frac{1}{2}$	Christiansen	$\frac{1}{2}$
9.	Kerfoot	0	Wilson	1
		2		7

An 8 man team found unexpected strong competition at Folsom State Prison on August 31.

Capital City		Folsom		
1.	Gee	1	Clements	0
2.	Applegate	0	Backus	1
3.	Meyer	0	Pearson	1
4.	Austin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Griffin	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	Chapman	1	Striplin	0
6.	Trousdale	0	Williams	1
7.	Houghton	1	Bowen	0
8.	Jacobsen	<u>1</u>	Olinger	<u>0</u>
		$4\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$

A clean sweep was scored at Waterman on Sept. 14.

Capital City		Waterman	
1.	Gee	1	Pritchard
2.	Chapman	1	O'Brien
3.	Carmany	1	O'Grady
4.	Austin	<u>1</u>	Day
		4	

Teams from Sacramento and Fresno met in Modesto on Nov. 2 in a match which resulted in another clean sweep for Sacramento.

Capital City			Fresno		
1.	Applegate	1	Tomario		0
2.	Gee	1	Robinson		0
3.	Chapman	1	Shaughness		0
4.	Austin	1	Wahlberg		0
5.	Meyer	1	Moradian		0
6.	Young	<u>1</u>	Bird		<u>0</u>
		6			0

RESULTS OF FORMER TOURNAMENTS

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
1934	R. M. Carmany	Wm. Trousdale
1935	R. W. Wise	Chas. Cody
1936	Chas. Cody	R. W. Wise
1937	R. M. Carmany	R. W. Wise
1938	A. R. Chapman	R. M. Carmany*
		N. T. Austin
1939-40**	M. O. Meyer	R. W. Wise*
		N. T. Austin
1941**	S. W. Applegate	J. B. Gee

*Won play-off

**Officially designated City Championship

OFFICERS OF THE CAPITAL CITY CHESS AND CHECKER CLUB

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CHECKER CHAMPIONSHIP

In 1940, the Club sponsored a City Checker Championship, which was won by Arthur C. Hale with M. O. Johnson as Runner-Up. The 1941 Tournament was a double knockout affair, with the first five entries to be eliminated competing for a Consolation Prize. Each point was decided by a four game match. Mr. Hale again emerged the victor, without the loss of a point. Mr. R. W. Wise was the Runner-Up, losing only to Hale. The Consolation Prize was won by Victor Combs.

1. Hale
2. Wise
3. Inks
Taylor
5. Combs
6. Carmany
Houghton
8. Austin
Applegate

The new champion, Milton O. Meyer, came back strongly after a disastrous 1941, and won nearly as convincingly as in 1940. He led throughout and in only one game did he have an inferior position at any time. His play was of a consistently high order and singularly free from careless errors.

FRENCH DEFENCE

Wise		Meyer
P-K4	1.	P-K3
n-KB3 (a)	2.	P-Q4
PxP	3.	PxP
P-Q4	4.	N-KB3
B-Q3	5.	B-K2
B-KB4	6.	B-N5
B-K2	7.	QN-Q2
N-B3	8.	P-B3
O-O	9.	O-O
N-K5	10.	B-KB4
P-QR3	11.	R-K
R-K	12.	N-B
B-Q3	13.	BxB
QxB	14.	N-K3
B-N3	15.	B-Q3
R-K3	16.	P-B4 (b)
N-N5	17.	BxN
BxB	18.	N-K5
P-QN3 (c)	19.	P-QR3
N-B3	20.	NxN
QxN	21.	P-B3
PxP (d)	22.	P-Q5 (e)
BxQP	23.	QxB (f)
Q-K	24.	N-B2
R-Q	25.	RxR
PxR	26.	QxBP
P-QN4	27.	Q-K2 (g)
Q-Q2	28.	N-K3
Q-B3	29.	R-Q
R-Q3	30.	RxR
PxR	31.	Q-Qb2
Q-Q2	32.	K-B2
P-Q4	33.	K-K2
P-N3	34.	N-N4 (h)
K-B (i)	35.	Q-B5 ch
K-N2	36.	Q-Q4ch
K-B	37.	Q-R8ch
K-K2	38.	QxPch
K-Q3	39.	QxQch (j)
KxQ	40.	N-K5ch
K-Q3	41.	NxP
P-Q5	42.	P-KR4
P-K4	43.	P-R5
K-K3	44.	P-R6

Resigns

Notes by M. O. Meyer

- (a) More usual is 2. P-Q4.
(b) White is developing a strong K-side attack, so Black counter-attacks in the center.

(e) To stop ...P-B5, but there are more serious threats hidden in the position.

(d) The B cannot move because of the reply 22...PxP.

(e) Giving White fewer chances than he would have after 22...PxB. It is interesting that this would not be possible were the White QNP at N2.

(f) Were the Q protected (other than by the R) White could now play 24. RxN, but as it is he must exchange or retreat.

(g) Not 27...QxBP because of the reply 28. R-B.

(h) Taking immediate advantage of White's weak 34th move.

(i) This proves to be no defence, but White was in serious time trouble and probably overlooked Black's next move. It is doubtful if White can long defend himself because of the weakness of the

White squares (every P is on a Black square).

(j) After the exchange of Queens White's game is hopeless.

DUTCH DEFENCE

Meyer		Austin
P-QB4	1.	P-K3 (a)
N-KB3	2.	P-KB4
P-KN3	3.	N-KB3
B-N2 (b)	4.	B-K2
N-B3	5.	O-O
P-Q3 (c)	6.	P-Q4
PxP	7.	PxP
Q-N3	8.	K-R (d)
B-B4	9.	P-B3
O-O	10.	QN-Q2 (e)
QR-B	11.	N-B4
Q-B2	12.	N-K3
B-K5	13.	B-Q3
BxB	14.	QxB
P-K4(f)	15.	BPxP
PxP	16.	PxP
NxP	17.	NxN
QxN	18.	N-B4 (g)
Q-QB4	19.	P-QN3
KR Q	20.	Q-B3
Q-Q4	21.	B-K3
QxQ	22.	RxQ

N-K5	23.	BxP	The Runner-Up, and defending cham-
P-QN4	24.	N-R3 (h)	pion, Sanford W. Applegate, was not
P-N5	25.	N-B2	up to his 1941 form. He obtained
BxP	26.	QR-KB(1)	an advantage over Meyer, but allow-
N-Q7	27.	RxP	ed it to slip away in time pressure.
NxR	28.	RxN	His wins, while not too convincing,
R-Q7	29.	R-B2(j)	were a tribute to his skill in han-
R-Q8ch	30.	Resigns	dling difficult positions.

Notes by N. T. Austin (A)

and M. O. Meyer (M)

(a) A good way to reach the Dutch Defence, provided Black is prepared also to play a French Defence, into which the game would transpose were White to move

2. P-K4 (M)

(b) The fianchetto of the KB is one of the strongest lines against the Dutch. Besides, the player of the White pieces would not be happy in a "closed" game were not at least one of his Bishops developed at N2!(M)

(c) More usual is P-Q4. However White is anxious to prevent a Black N from occupying K5, and at the same time deviates from "book" lines of play in order to avoid being caught in a prepared variation. (M)

(d) 8...P-B3 also came into consideration (A)

(e) Instead, 10...P-Q5; 11.N-Q (forced), N-Q4; 12. B-K5; B-B3 13. BxP, BxB; 14. NxR, N-B5 appears insufficient for Black(A).

(f) White attacks the center immediately as Black's threat of 15...P-B5 is very strong. (M)

(g) 18...N-B2 would give Black a more solid position, but White would nevertheless obtain a strong initiative. (M)

(h) Analysis following the game led to the conclusion that 24...N-K3 would have been better.(M) Also playable was 24...B-N6; and if 25. PxN, BxR; 26. RxR, PxP, it is questionable whether White can force a win. (A)

(i) Only 26...R-KN would prevent the immediate loss of at least the exchange. This indicates the degree of control of the board exercised by the White pieces(M).

(j) A serious blunder which loses immediately, but in any case the advantage of the exchange should win. (M)

FRENCH DEFENCE

Applegate

Wise

P-K4	1.	P-K3
P-Q4	2.	P-Q4
B-Q3	3.	N-QB3
N-K2	4.	N-N5
P-K5	5.	P-QB4
P-QB3	6.	P-B5
B-B2	7.	NxB
QxN	8.	B-K2
B-K3	9.	B-N4
P-B4	10.	B-K2
N-Q2	11.	N-R3
N-B3	12.	N-B4
B-Q2	13.	B-Q2
O-O-O	14.	Q-R4
Q-N	15.	P-QN4
P-QR3	16.	R-QN
P-KN4	17.	N-R3
P-R3	18.	Q-N3
N-N3	19.	P-QR4
P-B5	20.	PxP
P-N5	21.	P-N5
PxN	22.	PxQRP
QR-N	23.	QxPch
QxQ	24.	PxQch
K-N	25.	P-N3
R-M2	26.	P-R5
N-K2	27.	P-R6
N-B4	28.	B-QR5
NxQP	29.	B-B7ch
KxB	30.	P-R7
R(N2)-N	31.	R-N2
N-N4	32.	BxN
PxB	33.	P queens ch
RxQ	34.	PxR = Q ch
RxQ	35.	K-Q2
B-K3	36.	K-B3
K-B3	37.	K-Q4
N-Q2	38.	R-R
N-B	39.	R-R6ch
K-Q2	40.	R-R7ch
K-B3	41.	R-R6ch
K-Q2	42.	P-B5
BxP	43.	KxP
B-K3ch	44.	KxP
R-K	45.	K-Q4
B-B5	46.	P-B6ch
K-B2	47.	K-B5
N-K3ch	48.	K-N4
N-Q5	49.	K-B5

N-K3ch	50.	K-N4
N-Q	51.	R-R7ch
K-N3	52.	R-R7
NxPch	53.	K-B3
K-B4	54.	RxRP
P-N5ch	55.	K-Q2
R-Qch	56.	K-K3
P-N6	57.	P-B4
R-Q6ch	58.	K-K4
R-B6	59.	RxRp
B-Q4ch	60.	K-B5
R-B7	61.	R-N
P-N7	62.	P-N4
R-K7	63.	R-B3ch?
K-Q5	64.	RxN
BxR	65.	R-Qch
K-K6	66.	P-R4
B-K5ch	67.	K-N5
B-B7	68.	R-KB
K-Q7	69.	P-B5
B-Q8	70.	P-B6
P queens	71.	P-B7
Q-N4ch	72.	R-N5
QxRch??	73.	KxQ??
R-B7ch	74.	K-N6
B-N6	75.	P-R5
RxP	76.	P-R6
R-QB2	77.	P-N5
K-K6	78.	K-B6
B-B7	79.	K-K5
K-B6	80.	K-Q6
R-QR2	81.	K-K5
K-N5	82.	K-B6
K-R4	83.	Resigns

ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE

Austin		Applegate
P-K4	1.	N-KB3
P-K5	2.	N-Q4
P-QB4	3.	N-N3
P-Q4	4.	P-Q3
N-KB3	5.	N-QB3
PxP	6.	KpxP
P-Q5?	7.	N-K4
P-QN3	8.	B-N5
B-K2	9.	Q-B3
N-Q4	10.	BxB
QxB	11.	O-O-O
B-N2	12.	R-K
O-O	13.	P-N4
N-KB3	14.	N(3)-Q2
NxN	15.	NxN
N-Q2	16.	B-N2
BxN	17.	RxB
Q-N4ch	18.	K-N
N-K4	19.	Q-K2
QR-Q??	20.	P-KB4
QxNP	21.	PxN
Resigns	22.	

Last year's Runner-Up, J. B. Gee, succumbed to a last minute rush by Applegate, who was forced to win three adjourned games in order to gain second. His play was excellent, but a blunder in a won position against Wise cost him a clear second place. Consolation was afforded in the fact that he scored $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ against the two leaders.

QUEEN PON

Gee		Applegate
P-Q4	1.	N-KB3
P-B4	2.	P-QB4
P-K3	3.	N-B3
N-KB3	4.	P-Q3(a)
B-K2	5.	B-B4
B-Q2(b)	6.	Q-Q2(c)
P-QR3	7.	B-K5
P-Q5	8.	BxN(d)
BxB	9.	N-K4
B-K2	10.	Q-B4
O-O(e)	11.	P-KN3
P-B3!	12.	B-N2
P-K4(f)	13.	Q-Q2
P-R3(g)	14.	Q-B2
N-B3	15.	O-O
R-N(h)	16.	N-R4(i)
P-B4	17.	N-Q2
BxN	18.	PxB
QxP	19.	B-Q5ch
K-R	20.	N-B3
Q-B3(j)	21.	K-R
N-N5(k)	22.	Q-B(1)
NxB	23.	PxN
Q-Q3	24.	Q-B4
P-QN4	25.	Q-N3
P-B5!(m)	26.	Q-R3?(n)
QxP	27.	QxRP(o)
R-B3	28.	Q-R7
R-R(p)	29.	Q-B7
B-B3(q)	30.	PxP(r)
QxNch	31.	Resigns

Notes by Gee

- (a) Too slow. 4...PxP, then P-Q4 is better.
- (b) Stops 6...N-QN5
- (c) Threatens N-QN5
- (d) A trap; if 9. PxN, Black plays 9...BxP(B3) and wins a Pon. (Not 9...QxP; 10. BxB losing a piece).
- (e) Looks dangerous but White's next move stops any counter threat.
- (f) Makes a solid game, Black has to retreat.
- (g) Threat: 15. P-B4
- (h) Aiming at Black's weak Q-side.
- (i) A mistake, loses a P outright.

(j) 21. Q-N5ch would be a waste of time.

(k) White wants to occupy the diagonal B3 to R8, now that the Black King is exposed.

(l) 22...Q-N3 was stronger.

(m) 26...PxP; 27. Pxp, QxP; 28. KR-B, Q-Q3; 29. P-K5 wins the N.

(n) 26...Q-B was safer.

(o) This loses any chances Black might have at this point.

(p) But now the Q is trapped.

(q) Got that diagonal, and the game along with it. Also stops the threat 30...QxKP which was back of 29...Q-B7. Black seems to follow an elusive idea.

(r) Lost in any case, if 30... R-KN then 31. R-B2, Q-N6; 32. R-N2 wins the Q. After the text White announced mate in three.

R. W. Wise, champion in 1935, and always one of the leaders, did not have one of his good years. His play was not as accurate as in the past, but he still managed to be the last man eliminated from title hopes. He made two outright blunders, more than he has made in any previous tournament. The loss of these two points was fatal to his chances.

FRENCH DEFENCE

Wise		Thornton
P-K4	1.	P-K3
N-KB3	2.	P-Q4
PxP	3.	PxP
P-Q4	4.	B-KN5
B-K2	5.	B-K2
B-K3	6.	N-KB3
N-B3	7.	P-B3
N-K5	8.	B-K3
B-KB4	9.	QN-Q2
O-O	10.	O-O
B-N3	11.	R-K
B-B3	12.	R-QB
N-K2	13.	P-B4
P-B3	14.	P-B5
N-B4	15.	P-QN4
NxB	16.	PxN
R-K	17.	NxN
BxN	18.	R-B3
R-K3	19.	R-KB
Q-K2	20.	Q-K
BxN	21.	RxB
BxP	22.	R-QB2

RxP	23.	K-R
RxR	24.	PxR
R-K	25.	Q-Q
Q-K6	26.	P-QR4
R-K3	27.	Q-Qn
R-N3	28.	R-B
QxB	29.	Resigns

Back in the Championship Flight after two years in the lower flights, Dr. D. J. Yuke made a surprisingly good showing. He had a chance to tie for second up to the very last game. His play was somewhat spotty, some very good chess being interspersed with some bad oversights. However, future tournaments will have to reckon him a serious contender.

FRENCH DEFENCE

Yuke		Wise
P-K4	1.	P-K3
P-Q4	2.	P-Q4
N-QB3	3.	P-QB4
N-KB3	4.	N-QB3
B-Qn5	5.	B-Q2
O-O	6.	N-B3
B-N5	7.	B-K2
R-K	8.	NxQP
BxBch	9.	NxB
BxB	10.	NxNch
QxN	11.	PxP
QxP	12.	QxB
QxNP	13.	N-N3
Q-B3	14.	O-O
QR-Q	15.	KR-Q
Q-K4	16.	RxR
RxR	17.	R-Q
Q-B3	18.	RxRch
QxR	19.	Q-Q2
Q-B3	20.	Q-Q7
Q-K2	21.	QxQ
NxQ	22.	P-QR3
P-KB3	23.	K-B
K-B2	24.	K-K2
P-QN3	25.	K-Q3
P-QB4	26.	K-K4
K-K3	27.	P-N4
P-KR3	28.	P-B4
P-N3	29.	P-KR4
P-B4ch	30.	K-Q3
PxP	31.	P-K4
N-B	32.	N-B
P-N6	33.	N-K2
P-N7	34.	P-K5
N-K2	35.	K-K3
N-B4ch	36.	K-B2
NxP	37.	N-B3

N-B4 38.
 N-R5 39.
 P-KN4 40.
 K-Q2 41.
 PXP 42.
 P-N8=Qch 43.
 N-B6ch 44.
 NXP 45.
 NXP 46.
 N-N7 47.
 K-K3 48.
 K-K4 49.
 K-Q5 50.
 K-B5 51.
 NXP 52.
 P-N4 53.
 P-N5 54.
 P-N6 55.
 K-B6 56.

N-Q5
 P-R4
 N-B7ch
 N-Q5
 NXP
 KxQ
 K-B2
 N-Q5
 K-B3
 N-B3
 K-N4
 K-R5
 N-N5ch
 NXP
 KxP
 K-N5
 N-B6
 N-K5ch
 Resigns

Henry Thornton showed very little ill effects from his two year lay-off. After a bad start he came back strongly winning a fine game from Gee, and playing an excellent draw with Meyer. He missed his chance for an even score when he blundered against Applegate in a very favorable position.

RETI

Meyer		Thornton
N-KB3	1.	N-KB3
P-QB4	2.	P-QB4
P-KN3	3.	N-B3
B-N2	4.	P-K3
N-B3	5.	P-Q4
PXP	6.	PXP
P-Q4	7.	B-K3
O-O	8.	B-K2
P-QR3	9.	P-QR4
PXP	10.	BXP
Q-Q3	11.	O-O
B-Q2	12.	P-QN3
QR-B	13.	Q-Q2
KR-Q	14.	QR-Q
N-QR4	15.	N-K5
NxB	16.	NxN
Q-N5	17.	R-N
B-B4	18.	R-N2
P-N4	19.	N-R2
QxQ	20.	NxQ
N-Q4	21.	N-KB3
NxB	22.	PxN
B-R3	23.	R-K
R-B7	24.	PxR
BxR	25.	PXP
PXP	26.	P-QN4
R-QB	27.	K-B2
B-N6	28.	R-QB
R-B5	29.	RxR
BxR	30.	N-B3
P-K3	31.	N-K5
K-B	32.	NxB
PxN	33.	P-K4
K-K2	34.	P-N3
K-Q2	35.	Drawn

SICILIAN DEFENCE

Yuke		Thornton
P-K4	1.	P-QB4
N-QB3	2.	P-K3
B-B4	3.	N-QB3
P-Q3	4.	N-B3
B-KN5	5.	B-K2
KN-K2	6.	P-Q3
P-KR3	7.	P-QR3
P-R3	8.	O-O
P-B4	9.	P-N4
B-R2	10.	B-N2
N-N3	11.	N-Q5
QN-K2	12.	NxN
QxN	13.	Q-R4ch
Q-Q2	14.	Q-B2
P-B3	15.	P-Q4
P-K5	16.	N-K
BxB	17.	QxB
P-Q4	18.	P-B3
O-O	19.	PxKP
BPXP	20.	Q-R5
RxRch	21.	KxR
R-Bch	22.	K-N
Q-KB2	23.	Q-K2
PXP	24.	P-N3
P-N4	25.	N-N2
Q-B6	26.	Q-Q2
N-K2	27.	Q-K
P-N4	28.	Q-KB
P-N5	29.	N-R4??
QxKPch	30.	K-N2
RxQ	31.	RxR
P-B6	32.	B-B
QxQP	33.	BXP
P-B7	34.	P-R3
P-K6	35.	Resigns

SLAV DEFENCE

Thornton		Gee
P-Q4	1.	P-Q4
P-QB4	2.	P-QB3
N-KB3	3.	N-B3
N-B3	4.	PXP
P-K3	5.	P-QN4
P-QN3	6.	PXP?
PXP	7.	P-K3

P-N3	8.	B-N5	B-Q3	8.	PxP
B-Q2	9.	B-N2	BxP	9.	PxP
B-N2	10.	O-O	PxP	10.	R-K
O-O	11.	QN-Q2	O-O	11.	N-Q4
Q-B2	12.	P-QR3	BxB	12.	N(3)xB
N-K	13.	Q-N3?	N-K4	13.	P-QN3
N-Q3	14.	B-Q3	R-K	14.	B-N2
N-K4	15.	NxN	B-N5(c)	15.	R-KB
BxN	16.	N-B3	N-K5	16.	P-QR3
B-R5	17.	Q-R2	B-Q3(d)	17.	N-B5
B-N2	18.	QR-B	B-N	18.	N(2)-N3
KR-B	19.	N-Q2	N-KB3	19.	R-B
N-B5	20.	NxN	RxR	20.	QxR
PxN	21.	B-B2	P-KR4(c)	21.	R-Q
BxB	22.	RxB	N-N3(?)	22.	BxN
P-QN4	23.	R-Q2	QxB	23.	RxP
R-Q	24.	KR-Q	Q-K3	24.	Q-Q
RxR	25.	RxR	P-R5	25.	N-R5
R-Q	26.	B-R	B-K4	26.	R-Q8(f)
R-Q6	27.	Q-B2	K-R2	27.	RxR
Q-Q2	28.	RxR	QxR	28.	P-B4
PxR	29.	Q-Q2	Q-K3	29.	Q-Q3
P-K4	30.	B-N2	B-N7	30.	NxRP(g)
P-K5	31.	B-B	Q-N5	31.	NxN
Q-B3	32.	B-N2	QxN(3)	32.	QxQch
Q-B5	33.	K-B	KxQ	33.	P-KN4
Q-N6	34.	K-K	BxP	34.	K-B2(h)
P-R4	35.	K-B	P-R4	35.	P-K4
Q-B7	36.	K-K	B-B4ch	36.	K-K2
Q-N8ch	37.	Q-B	P-N4	37.	K-Q3
QxQch	38.	BxQ	P-R5	38.	PxP
BxPch	39.	K-Q	PxP	39.	K-B3
P-B4	40.	P-R4	P-R6	40.	K-N3
K-B2	41.	P-B4	P-B3	41.	P-K5
K-K3	42.	B-Q2	P-B1	42.	P-R3
B-B3	43.	P-N3	B-B	43.	N-N3
K-Q4	44.	K-B	PxP	44.	PxP
K-B5	45.	K-N	K-B2	45.	N-K4
B-B6	46.	BxB	K-K3(1)	46.	N-N5ch(j)
KxB	47.	K-B	K-Q4	47.	K-R2
K-N6	48.	Resigns	P-K2	48.	N-B7(k)
			K-K5	49.	N-R8
			K-Q4(1)	50.	N-N6
			B-B4	51.	P-B5
			K-B3(m)	52.	P-B6
			PxP	53.	PxP
			K-Q2	54.	P-B7
			K-K3	55.	P-B8=Q
			BxQ	56.	NxBch
			K-B3	57.	N-Q7ch
			K-N4	58.	Drawn

Neil T. Austin might say, after Bogoljubow, "My opponents played too well". He was the victim of several best or near-best games. He failed to win a game, altho more accurate play would probably have secured a win against Thornton.

QUEEN GAMBIT DECLINED

Thornton		Austin
P-Q4	1.	N-KB3
N-KB3	2.	P-Q4
P-QB4	3.	P-K3
N-B3	4.	P-B4
B-N5	5.	B-K2(a)
P-K3	6.	O-O
R-B	7.	N-B3(b)

Notes by Austin

- (a) Modern Chess Openings gives BPxP here.
(b) This seems satisfactory, even though in the more common position where Black's QN is at Q2, White is favored.
(c) This attack leads to nothing.

White should go for the K-side.

(d) N-B6 would give White an easier game.

(e) N-Q6 seems better.

(f) R-Q7 might be better, or even R-Q6 as the obvious reply BxR loses a Pon.

(g) A bad oversight. P-R4 should be played first.

(h) Black had time to play the N to the Q-side via N3. This would have given better winning chances.

(i) Black refused the offered draw.

(j) Realizing that he cannot play his N to the Q side.

(k) White now refused the draw.

(l) White could easily draw by KxP

(m) Now Black refused the draw.

A. R. (Dick) Chapman, 1938 Champion, was forced to withdraw after the start of the final round due to defence work.

GUIOCO PIANO

Brownstein

P-K4 1.
N-KB3 2.
B-B4 3.
P-Q3 4.
P-QR3 5.
P-R3 6.
QN-Q2 7.
B-R2 8.
N-N3 9.
O-O 10.
B-K3 11.
BxB 12.
QN-Q2 13.
PxP 14.
RxB 15.
Q-K2 16.
NxN 17.
Q-K4 18.
N-B3 19.
P-B3 20.
R-R 21.
K-R2?? 22.
Resigns 23.

Chapman

P-K4
N-QB3
N-KB3
B-B4
P-Q3
B-K3
Q-K2
R-Q
B-N3
P-KR3
P-Q4
RPxB
PxP
BxB
NxP
NxN
N-Q5
O-O
Q-B4
Q-B5
N-K7ch
QxQ

Abe Brownstein, a surprise qualifier, withdrew from the Tournament before the start of the final round, when his work called him to San Francisco.

R. M. (Bob) Garmany made three costly mistakes in the Qualifying Round, and so lost his expected place in the Championship Flight. He won the Consolation Flight with only the actual loss of $\frac{1}{2}$ point.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

Yuke

P-K4 1.
P-KB4 2.
N-KB3 3.
B-B4 4.
N-QB3 5.
N-K2 6.
P-Q4 7.
PxQP 8.
PxP 9.
Q-Q2 10.
BxN 11.
P-B3 12.
KN-Q4 13.
P-QN4? 14.
NxN 15.
P-KR3 16.
Resigns 17.

Garmany

P-QB4
N-QB3
P-KN3
B-N2
P-K3
KN-K2
P-Q4
NxQP(Q4)
Q-R4ch
QxP
PxB
O-O
R-K
Q-N3
PxN
B-QR3

Stephen Kozen, one of last year's finalists, did not quite come up to expectations. We won two fine games from Young in the qualifying round, for which he did not receive credit, due to Young's withdrawal.

J. H. Hastings played quite well throughout--with a little luck he might have qualified. In several games he obtained very favorable positions, but did not hold his advantage.

Wm. Trousdale, a veteran of seven tournaments, played more for pleasure than for blood, and his score suffered in consequence. However, he is still dangerous, as the following win over Austin shows.

QUEEN PON GAME

Trousdale

P-Q4 1.
B-N5 2.
N-KB3 3.
P-B4 4.
N-B3 5.
Q-R4 6.
P-K3 7.

Austin

N-KB3
P-Q4
P-B4
B-B4
N-B3
Q-Q2
N-QN5

QxQch 8.
R-B 9.
BPxP 10.
NxN 11.
B-N5 12.
NxP 13.
K-K2 14.
NxB 15.
R-B7 & wins 16.

NxQ
P-K3
NxP
PxN
PxP
B-N5ch
B-K3
PxN

QUEEN GAMBIT DECLINED

Cortell

Houghton

P-Q4 1.
P-QB4 2.
N-KB3 3.
N-QB3 4.
B-N5 5.
P-K3 6.
Q-B2 7.
B-Q3 8.
BxP 9.
P-K4 10.
NxN 11.
B-Q3 12.
BxN 13.
O-O 14.
N-Q5 15.
PxP 16.
B-K4 17.
QR-Q 18.
B-B3 19.
B-K2 20.
P-QR3 21.
QxQ 22.
P-QN4 23.
B-B4 24.
B-N3 25.
P-R3 26.
R-Q4 27.
B-B2 28.
P-N4 29.
P-B1 30.
Rxp 31.
R-K4 32.
B-N3 33.
P-R4 34.
P-N5ch 35.
PxPch 36.
D-B2 37.
Rxp dbl ch 38.
R-K4 39.
B-N3 40.
B-B2 41.
R-b7 42.
K-N2 43.
K-N3 44.
K-R3 45.
R-R4ch 46.
Rxpch 47.
R-R7ch 48.
R-KN7 49.
Resigns 50.

P-Q4
N-KB3
N-QB3
P-K3
B-K2
O-O
P-QN3
PxP
B-N2
NxQP
QxN
B-N5
QxB
P-K4
BxN
P-N3
Q-Q3
P-KB4
P-K5
P-QR3
Q-B4
BxQ
B-Q3
P-QN4
KR-Q
R-Q2
K-N2
K-B3
QR-Q
PxP ep
P-B5
B-K4
R-Q3
P-R3
PxP
K-B4
Rxp
Kxp
P-B4
P-B5
K-R3
B-Q5ch
B-N7
R-N4ch
BxP
R-R4
KxR
K-N4
R-Q3

Tim Cortell had the misfortune to be drawn in a very strong qualifying section. He won the Third Flight with little trouble being in control throughout.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

Combs

Cortell

P-K4 1.
P-Q4 2.
N-KB3 3.
NxP 4.
N-QB3 5.
B-N5ch 6.
B-QB4 7.
Q-B3 8.
B-K3 9.
O-O-O 10.
N-Q5 11.
NxNch 12.
Q-B4 13.
P-KR4 14.
P-KB3?? 15.
Q-N3 16.
R-Q3 17.
QxP 18.
Q-N3 19.
K-N & resigns 20.

P-QB4
PxP
P-KN3
B-N2
P-Q3
B-Q2
N-QB3
N-KB3
O-O
R-QB
N-K4
BxN
RxB
N-N5
P-K4?
NxB
PxN
B-K3
Rxpch

Victor Combs showed the effects of lack of practice during the past year. He needed a win over Cortell in his last game to tie for first in the Third Flight, but was unable to come through.

To F. E. (Ed) Houghton belongs the dubious distinction of having lost more won positions than anyone else. Wise, Yuke, Carmany and Cortell were among those who should have bowed to him but escaped. When he acquired the ability to finish as well as he starts, he will be a factor to be reckoned with.

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