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American chess fans were treated to a championship match in the summer of 1952 between Larry Evans, youthful title holder from the 1951 tournament, and Herman Steiner, defending champion from the 1948 event, who was out of the country at the time of the 1951 tournament. The match ended in a resounding victory for Evans. Previously Steiner had played a match with Arnold Denker in 1946 for the title, a match in which he was soundly beaten.

The match was scheduled for the best of sixteen games with the first ten to be played in Los Angeles, another in San Francisco, three in Reno and Las Vegas, and a final three games in New York. At the end of the eleventh game the score stood $8\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. Thus with the match secure a final three games were played in Nevada and the games scheduled for New York were cancelled. Evans played very well throughout all stages of the match although one must wonder if Steiner put forth his best efforts after the early stages of the match. One periodical remarked that at the end of four games the score read Evans 3, Steiner 1 and yet Evans had offered Steiner a draw (or the position itself was a logical draw) in each of the four games! With such a demoralizing start it is little wonder that Steiner did not reach his full capabilities. The match has been included in the book of the 1951 tournament as a logical corollary as it represents a meeting between the winner and a defending champion who was unable to defend his crown at that time.

Steiner lost a P strategically as early as move 11 in the opener. Evans played cautiously winning two pieces for a R then quickly brought the game to a logical end. Undismayed, Steiner evened the score in the second game in a fine display of form which, had he maintained it throughout, might have made for a close match! In the third game Evans acquitted himself nicely after Steiner rather unsuspectingly trapped his R in the center of the board! Steiner rejected a draw in the fourth game trying for a win to even the match. Result: Evans 3, Steiner 1.

The fifth game again resolved into a draw position but the state of the score prompted Steiner to play on again with disastrous consequences. The sixth game found Steiner opening up with a daring brand of chess but Evans defended well in a critical position. The Seventh game was another draw in a peculiar Alapin's Defense. Steiner missed a clever win in the ninth game after an erratic eighth game in which he sought desperately to create complications. Evans managed to win the eighth and draw the ninth to hold a commanding $6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ lead. Steiner tried a peculiar opening in the tenth game to little avail as Evans moved closer to the decisive point. He earned it with a resounding victory in the eleventh game as hostilities were moved to San Francisco. With the title clinched three more games were played in Nevada with each player winning one and drawing one. The remaining two games were cancelled as Evans demonstrated his fitness as a match player.

No. 1

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Evans vs. Steiner

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. BxP	Q-B2	23. B-R6	Q-N4 e	34. K-K3	R-QB1
2. P-QB4	P-K3	13. Q-N3	N-B3	24. RxB	RxR	35. B-Q2	K-B2
3. N-QB3	P-QB3	14. O-O	R-N1 c	25. QxN	R/B3-N3	36. P-Q5	P-K4
4. N-B3	PxP	15. Q-R2	B-N2	26. B-Q3	P-N3	37. PxP	PxP
5. P-QR4	B-N5 a	16. KE -B1	B-R1	27. R-B1	R-Q1	38. B-N5	R-B4
6. P-K3	P-QN4	17. P-R3	Q-K2	28. R-B8	R-N1	39. B-B6	R-B5
7. B-Q2	N-KB3 b	18. N-K5!	N-K5	29. QxRch	QxQ	40. K-B3	R-Q5
8. PxP	BxN	19. NxN	BxN	30. RxQch	RxR	41. B-K3	R-B5
9. BxB	PxP	20. B-K1	KR-B1	31. P-B4	P-R4	42. B-KN5	R-B6ch
10. P-QN3	O-O	21. B-Q3	N-B3	32. K-B2	K-N2	43. K-B2	R-B7ch
11. PxP	PxP	22. QxRP	N-Q2 d	33. P-K4	P-B3	44. K-B1	Res. f

a) Abrahams variation. MCO p 190 col 42. b) Here the line continues 7 ... P-QR4 8 Pxp BxN 9 BxB Pxp 10 P-QN3 etc. c) This move places the burden of defense on a N which can be exchanged readily. d) Rx3 is the main threat. Best may be 22 ... Q-Q1 e) Black can win the Q here with R-QR1 but after BxR White should win! f) Since the march of the P to Q8 cannot be stopped Black has little else but resignation.

No. 2 NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Steiner vs. Evans

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	13. PxN	P-QN3	25. R-Q3 f	R-B3	37. K-R2	K-K2
2. P-QB4	P-K3	14. N-N3	B-N2	26. R-K1	QR-QB1	38. R/N3-N5	P-QN8
3. N-QB3	B-N5	15. Q-K2	N-R4	27. B-Q2	N-R4	39. R-QB5	P-R4
4. P-K3	O-O	16. R-N1	Q-Q4	28. R/K-K3	N-B5	40. B-N5ch	K-Q2
5. B-Q3	P-Q4	17. B-K4	Q-Q2	29. R-B3ch	K-N2	41. R-N7ch	K-Q3
6. N-K2	P-B4 a	18. BxB	Nx3	30. B-B1	P-QN4	42. R-QN7	P-K4
7. PxpP b	BPxP	19. N-R5!	KR-B1 d	31. P-KR4	R-R3	43. RxN	PxR
8. PxpP	NxP	20. BxP!	P-N3 e	32. R-N3	R-KR1	44. RxR	PxP
9. O-O	N-QB3	21. Q-K5	P-B3	33. R-N4	NxP	45. B-B6	P-R3
10. P-QR3	B-K2	22. NxPch	BxN	34. R/Q3-N3	N-B5	46. BxP	RxPch
11. Q-B2	P-KR3	23. QxB	Q-KB2	35. RxPch	K-B2	47. K-N3	Resign
12. R-Q1	NxN c	24. QxQch	KxQ	36. B-R6	R-R8ch		

a) MCO p 108 col 38 b) This P exchange is not in MCO apparently because White winds up with an isolated P. Better is 7 P-QR3 or 7 O-O. c) Attempts against the "hanging Ps" are easily repulsed in this type of game. d) Black is in a bad way -- on ... P-KN3 20 BxP PxN 21 QxRP! e) On 20 ... Px3 21 Q-N4ch B-N4 22 N-B6ch f) With a "won" game there is little left except for Steiner to prove it -- which he does.

No. 3 NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Evans vs. Steiner

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	17. P-B3	P-KR4	33. PxB	PxB	49. QxQ	NxQ
2. P-QB4	P-K3	18. R-K1	R-K3	34. QxP	QxP	50. R-B4	R-K7
3. N-QB3	B-N5	19. P-R4	QR-K1	35. R-N3	QxP	51. P-N4	R-K6c
4. P-K3	O-O	20. K-B2	Q-K2	36. RxP	K-N2	52. K-N2	P-R5
5. N-K2	P-Q4	21. R-QB1	N-R2	37. BxP g	R-Q6	53. P-N5ch	K-R4h
6. PxpP	PxpP	22. R-B3	P-KN4	38. Q-K1	Q-N4	54. R/5-N4	P-R6ch
7. P-QR3	B-Q3 a	23. PxpP	NxP	39. K-R2	R-K6	55. K-R2	KxpP
8. P-KN3	P-B3	24. R-R1	B-N3	40. Q-B2	Q-K4	56. R-R4	K-B4
9. B-N2	R-K1	25. R-R4	R-B3 d	41. R-R5	Q-B6	57. RxP	R-K7c
10. O-O	B-KB4	26. K-N1	N-K3	42. P-QB4	Q-E6	58. K-N1	P-N4
11. N-B4	BxN b	27. P-K4!	PxpP	43. R-QN5	K-R2	59. R-R3	P-N5
12. NfxB	QN-Q2	28. PxpP	R-Q1 e	44. B-K4!	K-R3	60. P-R5	N-N4
13. N-K2	N-R4?	29. P-Q5	Q-Q3 f	45. BxB	PxB	61. P-R6	N-B6c
14. N-N3! c	NxN	30. Q-K1	PxpP	46. Q-B6	N-N2	62. K-B1	R-KR?
15. RpxN	N-B3	31. P-K5	Q-N3ch	47. R-B7	Q-R7ch	63. P-R7	R-E8c
16. B-Q2	Q-Q2	32. B-K3	P-Q5	48. K-R3	Q-K3ch	64. K-B2	Res.

a) MCO p 109 col 41. b) Black seems to have a slight edge here. Best ... N-K5. c) Forces a favorable exchange for Black. d) But this is the cause of all the trouble to come. Basically it looks good but Black soon must resort to cramping to prevent loss of this rook. e) If the N moves the exchange goes. f) Or 39 ... Q-Q2 30 Q-K1 PxpP 31 P-K5! g) Now White should win - the rest is instructive. g) Or 53 ... Nx P 54 RxPch - Evans now takes a lead which he never relinquishes!

No. 4 QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

Steiner vs. Evans

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	3. N-KB3	N-KB3	5. BxP	P-K3	7. Q-K2	P-QN4
2. P-QB4	PxpP	4. P-K3	P-QR3	6. O-O	P-B4	8. B-N3 a	N-B7b

9. P-QR4	P-N5	17. BxN	BxB	25. P-R3	Q-Q2	33. K-N1	R-Q5 f
10. R-Q1	Q-B2	18. P-Q5	PxP	26. R-Q2	B-B3	34. Q-K3 g	Q-Q2
11. QN-Q2	B-N2	19. BxP	R-Q3 d	27. RxR	QxR	35. B-R2	R-Q6
12. B-B4 c	B-K2	20. N-B5	QR-Q1	28. R-Q1	Q-B2	36. Q-N6 h	RxPch
13. N-N3	PxP	21. NxB	QxN	29. R-K1 e	P-N3	37. K-B1	R-KR6
14. PxP	O-O	22. B-N3	N-Q5	30. P-N3	K-N2	38. R-K3	Q-Q8ch
15. B-KN5	KR-Q1	23. NxN	BxN	31. P-R4?	P-R4	39. Resigns	
16. QR-B1	P-R3	24. K-R1	P-QR4	32. K-N2	Q-B3ch		

a) MCO p 151 col 6. b) See note b(subnote b) 8 ... N-B3 9 PxP BxP 10 P-QR3, etc. c) N-B4 seems more appropriate here. d) Black has a good game with a prominent B. Steiner evidently places too much faith in the opposite Bs. e) Steiner, should, of course, try 29 RxRch QxR 30 B-B4 and 31 P-QN3 which should hold the draw. f) This threatens ... BxP and R-N5ch g) White might still draw with 34 Q-B1 BxRP 35 Q-N2 QxQch 36 KxQ B-B3 37 B-Q1 etc. h) Or 36 Q-K2 R-Q7 and 37 ... RxNP still wins.

No. 5 RUY LOPEZ

Evans vs. Steiner

1. P-K4	P-K4	20. QR-Q1	P-QB4	39. R/Q5-Q1	Q-R4	58. BxPch	K-B2
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	21. N-K2	B-K3	40. K-N2	Q-K1	59. R-N7ch	K-B1 g
3. B-N5	B-N5 a	22. N-B1	B-B5 b	41. K-B3 e	Q-B3	60. R-N8ch	K-B2
4. P-B3	B-R4	23. B-B2	N-N6	42. P-B5	R-K4	61. RxR	RxR
5. O-O	KN-K2	24. P-N3	N-B3	43. P-N4	R-Q2	62. Q-R6	R-KN1
6. N-R3	B-N3	25. B-K2	NxN	44. B-N3	R-K1	63. Q-R7ch	KxB
7. N-B4	P-Q3	26. BxB	QxB	45. P-R4	Q-B2	64. QxR	KxP
8. P-Q4	PxP	27. QxN	KR-K1 c	6. P-N5	N-B3	65. Q-Q5ch!h	K-B5
9. NxN	RPxN	28. Q-B2	P-R3	47. B-B4	N-Q5ch	66. Q-N5ch	K-K5
10. NxP	O-O	29. P-N3	Q-B2	48. K-B2	R/Q2-K2	67. P-KR5	Q-B2
11. B-N5	B-Q2	30. P-B4	R-Q2	49. R-K3 f	Q-B3	68. Q-N6ch	K-Q5
12. B-K2	K-R1	31. R-Q5	R-R1	50. R/Q-K1	K-R2	69. P-R6	Q-Q1
13. P-KB4	P-B3	32. Q-N2	R-K1	51. Q-Q3	K-R1	70. P-R7	Q-B1ch
14. B-R4	N-N3	33. Q-N1	R-R1 d	52. PxBP	PxP	71. K-N2	K-K6
15. B-N3	Q-K2	34. P-QR4	R-K1	53. BxRP	R-KN1	72. Q-K6ch	K-Q7
16. B-B3	Q-B2	35. K-N2	R-K3	54. R-N3	R/N-K1	73. Q-N8	Q-B5
17. P-QR3	QR-Q1	36. KR-Q1	Q-K1	55. Q-Q2	NxBP	74. P-R8/Q	Resigns
18. Q-B2	N-R4	37. K-B3	R/Q2-K2	6. PxN	RxR		
19. KR-K1	N-K2	38. R-K1	N-N5	57. B-N7ch	K-N1		

a) A desperate bid to complicate the game. The proper Alapin MCO p 230 col 13 (as in the 7th game) is 3 ... P-QR3 4 B-R4 B-N5 5 O-O KN-K2 6 P-B3 B-R4. b) Steiner survives unscathed. If 22 ... P-Q4 23 P-B5 B-B1 24 B-B7 R-Q2 25 BxNP and 26 BxBP. c) P-Q4 is now possible but the disadvantage of the QP is no worse than White's KP. d) Indicating a willingness to draw. e) But now Evans indicates his willingness to draw by repetition! f) Not 49 PxRP PxP 50 BxRP since 50 ... P-Q4! g) Or 59 ... KxB 60 Q-N5ch is conclusive. h) Wins by force - a rather peculiar game.

No. 6 QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Steiner vs. Evans

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	10. PxP	KPxP	19. QR-N1	B-N4	28. PxP	B-Q2
2. P-QB4	P-QB3	11. P-KN4 d	N-B4!	20. Q-N2	K-N1	29. Q-N3	R-K2
3. N-QB3	N-B3	12. N-K5	NxBch	21. N/B3-K2	R-B2	30. P-K5	Q-B2
4. N-B3	P-K3	13. NxN	Q-R5	22. R-R5	K-B1	31. P-K6 e	BxP
5. B-N5 a	P-KR3 b	14. P-KR3	P-KB4	23. Q-R2	K-K2	32. RxP!	Q-B3
6. BxN c	QxB	15. N-B4	K-R2	24. R/N1xB	PxR	33. R-N6	Q-B2
7. P-K3	N-Q2	16. O-O-O	PxP	25. Q-N2	K-Q1	34. R-N7	Q-B3
8. P-Q3	B-K2	17. PxP	QxNP	26. RxP	Q-B3	35. R-N6	Q-B2
9. Q-K2	O-O	18. P-B3	Q-B4	27. P-K4	PxP	36. R-N7	Draw f

a) The Anti-Meran gambit MCO p 187-189. b) But here the better move is 5 ... Pxp P6 P-K4 P-N4 7 P-K5 P-KR3 8 B-R4 P-N4 9 Pxn PxB 10 N-N5 QxBP after which the game is very complicated. c) Preserving the B may be best. d) Daring, more prudent is O-O. e) N-B3-K4 may be better. f) Or 36 ... Q-B4 37 R-N5 Q-K5 38 R-K5 Q-R8 39 K-Q2 K-Q2 40 NxB RxN 41 Q-N4 and a draw is still secure (after six games only one draw - a new standard for match play)

No. 7 RUY LOPEZ

Evans vs. Steiner

1. P-K4	P-K4	6. N-R3	P-QN4	11. NxB	PxN	16. K-B1	P-B3
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	7. B-N3	N-B3	12. B-N5	QxQ	17. K-K2	RxR
3. B-N5	P-QR3	8. O-O	O-O	13. KRxQ	B-N2	18. RxR	R-Q1
4. B-R4	B-N5	9. P-Q4	P-Q3	14. P-B3	KR-Q1	19. RxRch	BxR
5. P-B3	B-R4	10. Pxp	QNxp	15. N-B2	B-N3ch	20. N-K3	B-B1

Drawn

No. 8 SICILIAN DEFENSE

Steiner vs. Evans

1. P-K4 a	P-QB4	11. N-Q5	NxB	21. Pxp	Pxp	31. BxB	QxB
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	12. PxB	N-R4	22. P-R4	P-K4	32. B-Q2	P-R3
3. P-Q4	Pxp	13. NxB d	QxB	23. Pxp e.p.	Rxp	33. B-K3	R-K2
4. NxB	N-B3	14. R-K1	R-K1	24. P-B5	KR-K1	34. B-Q4? k	BxB
5. N-QB3	P-Q3	15. K-R1	B-B4 e!	25. P-R5	Q-K2 h	35. QxB	R-K7
6. B-K2	P-KN3	16. P-N4	B-Q2	26. B-Q2	P-N4 i	36. R-KN1	Q-KB6
7. O-O	B-N2	17. P-QR3	QR-B1	27. BxQNP	Bxp	37. Qxp	QRxp
8. N-N3	O-O	18. R-K4	Q-B2	28. R-QN1	B-K4	38. Q-N8ch	K-R2
9. P-B4 b	P-QN4	19. R-K2 f	B-N4	29. B-R5	B-QB3	39. Resigns	
10. B-B3	P-N5 c	20. R-N2	P-QR4	30. B-N4?	Q-N2! j		

a) With the second half of the match about to start Steiner finds himself down 5-2. This is his first attempt with P-K4 in the games he had White. b) MCO p 270 col 27(c) c) Here Evans varies from the analysis 10 ... Q-N3 11 K-R1 P-N5 12 N-Q5 NxB 13 PxB N-R4 with equality. The text is good. d) But this exchange aids Black. Perhaps N-Q5 (threat of N-B6) is best. e) To loosen the K-side. f) Or 19 RxNP Qxp 20 QxQ RxQ 21 R-N7 is best but may draw. Since White must win at any cost he must avoid exchanges. g) A lack of harmonious development is manifest here. h) The threat of ... Q-R5ch and R-K8ch gains time. i) But the threat is nullified and Black must try something else. j) A fatal pin 31 R-B2 loses a P after 31 ... BxB and RxP. k) The resulting penetration is fatal but a better line is hard to suggest.

No. 9 QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Evans vs. Steiner

1. P-Q4	P-Q4			14. B-B3	P-QN4	21. Q-B2	B-Q6
2. P-QB4	P-K3	8. O-O	O-O	15. N-B3	P-N5	22. Q-B6	B-K5!
3. N-QB3	P-QB4 a	9. Pxp c	P-Q5	16. N-R4	B-N4	23. PxB	N-N5
4. Pxp	KPxP	10. N QR4	P-QN4 d	17. P-N3	Q-Q2	24. KR-K1	QxRPch
5. N-B3	N-QB3	11. Pxp e.p.	Pxp c	18. B-K3	NxBch	25. K-B1	N-K4? f
6. P-KN3 b	N-B3	12. Nxp	NxB	19. PxB	Q-R6	26. Q-B2 g	Drawn
7. P-N2	B-K2	13. BxR	B-R3	20. R-B1	R-Q1		

a) The Tarrasch Defense. b) The Rubinstein variation. c) MCO p 169 col 76. d) Not hitherto considered. Col 76 tries 10 ... B-B4 11 B-B4 or 11 P-QR3 with varied degrees of success. e) Once again Black pulls up short in combinative play. f) A pity Black did not salvage a fading moment of glory with 25 ... R-Q7 after which White cannot avoid Q-B7 mate (threat of NxBch) g) Black must now accept the draw with Q-R8ch and Q-B6ch. Score now stands: Evans 6½, Steiner 2½.

No. 10 NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Steiner vs. Evans

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	14. P-R4	P-KN4	28. RxB	R-N2	42. R/1-K1 g	QxPch
2. P-QB4	P-K3	15. B-KN3	K-B1 d	29. Q-K1	QR-KN1 e	43. P-N3	Q-B6
3. N-QB3	B-N5	16. R-R2	K-N2	30. K-R2	Q-KB2	44. RxB	Q-B7ch
4. B-N5 a	P-B4	17. P-B4	B-N3	31. R-KB2	N-R4	45. K-R1	P-B5
5. P-Q5	P-KR3	18. P-R3	KR-K1	32. Q-K3	N-N6	46. R/1-K2	Q-B8ch
6. B-R4	P-Q3	19. Q-K1	N-R4	33. BxN	RxB f	47. K-R2	P-N4
7. P-K3	P-K4	20. B-R2	P-B4	34. QxR	RxQ	48. R-K7ch	K-N3
8. B-Q3	P-K5	21. N-N3	NxN	35. KxR	Q-N2ch	49. R/2-K6ch	K-R4
9. B-B2	BxNch b	22. QxN	PxP	36. K-R2	QxBP	50. R-KN7	Q-B7ch
10. PxP	B-B4	23. PxP	K-R2	37. P-R5	QxBP	51. K-R1	P-B6 h
11. N-K2	Q-K2	24. Q-K3	R-KN1	38. PxP	PxP	52. R/7-N6	Q-Q7!
12. Q-N1 c	QN-Q2	25. B-Q1	N-B3	39. R-QR1	QxP	53. R/N6-B6	Q-Q4ch
13. O-O	P-QN3	26. B-KN3	B-R4	40. R-N2	P-K6	54. K-R2	QxR!
		27. B-R4	BxB	41. R-K2	Q-K5	55. Resigns i	

a) A real novelty in the days of 4 P-K3 or Q-B2. MCO p 112 col 59 terms this an "unusual" alternative. A game in note (i) Reti-Marshall continued 4 B-N5 P-KR3 5 B-R4 P-B4 6 P-K3 Q-R4. b) White drifts into a bad game since the doubled P cannot be dissolved. c) QxNP gains nothing after O-O and R-QN1. d) "Dutch castling" is good here as it gives Black the option of a K-side attack. e) The KN file belongs to B1. f) Very good considering the score - Evans can well afford a Q vs two Rs (often a draw) but here the state of White's Ps are precarious. g) He has little to hope for. h) Evans has just about wrapped up a vital point. i) The Ps must come through.

No. 11 ENGLISH OPENING

Evans vs. Steiner

1. P-QB4	P-K4	10. Q-B2 d	NxP	19. KR-K1	K-B2	28. RxPch	K-B1
2. N-QB3	N-QB3	11. O-O	P-B3	20. B-N4	Q-Q2	29. R/1-K7	R-KR3
3. P-KN3	P-B4 a	12. P-QR3	BxN	21. R-K5	P-QR4	30. R/K7-P7ch	K-K1
4. B-N2	N-B3	13. NxB	P-Q4	22. B-B3	P-R5	31. B-Q2	R-KR1
5. P-K3	P-K5 b	14. P-K4!	N-N3	23. QR-K1	B-R6	32. R-B7	P-K3
6. P-Q3	B-N5	15. PxP	KNxP	24. B-N4	Q-B3	33. R/N7-K7ch	K-Q1
7. N-K2	PxP	16. NxN	NxN	25. R-E7ch	K-N1 e	34. B-N5	R-KN1
8. QxP	N-K4 c	17. BxN	PxB	26. QxQ	PxQ	35. B-B6	R-KB1
9. QxBP	Q-K2	18. B-Q2	B-K3	27. B-B3	P-R4	36. R-B7 f	Resign

a) MCO p 33 cols 11-13. It considers only 3 ... P-KN3 or 3 ... B-B4 the text seems to be a strong alternative. b) Development via B-N5 or B-K2 is best. c) Just why Black omits ... P-Q2 is best explained by Steiner himself. d) The Q is exposed to ... P-Q3 hence the retreat. e) A sorry state for a contender in his last throes. f) The curtain falls on the decisive game. With $8\frac{1}{2}$ points and 7 games to go he successfully defended his title. Evans played well and availed himself of chances presented to him. The remaining games have no bearing on the match outcome.

No. 12 KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Steiner vs. Evans

1. P-Q4	N-KB3 a	10. P-Q5	N-K2	19. QxQ	PxQ	28. NxRch	K-B3
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	11. P-KN4 c	KN-N1	20. O-O-O	N-K2	29. N-Q8	B-B1
3. N-QB3	B-N2	12. N-N3	P-KB4	21. KR-N1	N-N3	30. B-Q4ch	K-K2
4. P-K4	O-O	13. NPxP	PxP	22. B-B2	K-R2	31. N-K6	K-K1
5. P-B3	P-Q3	14. PxP	NxP	23. R-N2	R-B2	32. NxPch	K-B2
6. B-N5	P-KR3	15. B-Q3	K-R1	24. QR-N1	R-KN1	33. P-B5	R-K7
7. B-K3	P-K4	16. NxN	BxN	25. RxN d	BxR	34. P-Q6	RxP
8. KN-K2	N-B3	17. N-K4	Q-R5ch	26. RxB	KxR	35. B-N3ch	K-N3
9. Q-Q2	K-R2	18. B-B2	Q-B5	27. NxQpch	K-N4	36. N-K6 e	Res.

a) One of the few K-Indians. b) MCO p 91 col 56 (a) 6 B-N5 P-B4 7 P-Q5 P-QR3 8 Q-Q2 R-K1 9 KN-K2 QN-Q2 10 N-N3 c) Opening the N file and delayed castling seems advantageous here.. d) Evans fails to ward off the attack by ... B-B1 by one move! e) After being mauled in the earlier games Steiner again proves he is undismayed.

No. 13

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Evans vs. Steiner

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	15. N-Q2	Q-R3	29. R/2-N2	P-KR4	43. RxP	P-N5
2. P-QB4	P-K3	16. N-K4	B-K4	30. P-R4	N-K4	44. RxP	P-N6
3. N-QB3	P-B4	17. N-Q6	BxN	31. Q-B8	P-N3	45. R-QN5	P-N7
4. PxQP	KPxP	18. PxB	KR-Q1	32. P-R5	R-Q1	46. R-N7ch	K-N1
5. N-B3	N-QB3	19. P-Q7 c	BxP	33. Q-R6	Q-Q2	47. P-B4	K-B1
6. P-KN3	N-B3	20. N-B5	Q-N4	34. PxP	Q-R6	48. P-K4	K-K1
7. B-N2	B-K2	21. P-QR4	QxNP	35. Q-N7	PxP	49. P-K5	K-Q1
8. O-O	O-O	22. NxB	RxN	36. R-N5	R-Q2	50. K-B2	K-B1
9. PxP	P-Q5	23. B-R3	QR-Q1	37. Q-N2	Q-K3	51. R-N4	K-Q2
10. N-QR4	B-B4	24. BxR	RxB	38. Q-K4	N-B5	52. K-K2	K-K3
11. B-N5 a	P-KR3	25. Q-Q3	P-KN3	39. QxQ	PxQ	53. K-Q3	K-Q4
12. BxN	BxB	26. R-B2	Q-N5	40. R-QB1	R-Q4	54. R-N5ch	Resigns
13. R-B1	R-B1	27. Q-B4	Q-K2	41. RxR	PxR		
14. P-QR3	Q-R4 b	28. R-N1	K-R2	42. R-Q1	P-QN4		

a) MCO p 169 col 76 11 B-B4 B-K5 12 R-B1 Q-Q4 13 P-N3 QR-Q1. b) This sortie has little point but he has to do something. c) This combination nets the exchange for a P!

No. 14

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Steiner vs. Evans

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	11. B-R4	Q-K2	21. RxB	Q-K3	31. R/2-B2	N-R6
2. N-KB3	N-KB3	12. R-K1 b	R-K1	22. P-QN3	R-Q2	32. N-K2	QR-Q1
3. P-B4	P-K3	13. P-R4	P-QR4	23. B-B2	P-B4	33. QxR	RxQ
4. N-B3	P-B3	14. P-Q5	N-N3	24. R-R1	QR-Q1	34. R-B8ch	QxR
5. B-K3	QN-Q2	15. B-R2	B-QN5	25. R-QB1	P-B5	35. RxQch	K-R2
6. B-Q3	B-Q3 a	16. PxP	PxP	26. PxP	NxBP	36. R-B7	K-N1
7. O-O	O-O	17. Q-B2	B-N5	27. N-B1	R-QB1	37. R-B8ch	K-R2
8. P-R4	PxBP	18. N-Q2	KR-Q1	28. Q-N3	R-Q6	38. R-B7	K-N1
9. BxP	P-K4	19. P-B3	B-K3	29. B-K1	Q-N3ch	39. R-B8ch	Drawn c
10. B-KN5	P-KR3	20. R-K2	BxB	30. B-B2	Q-N1		

a) Tchigorin's variation - MCO p 185 col 21-23. b) To here the game follows col 23 12 Q-K2 PxP 13 NxB N-N3 equal. c) A fighting draw - worthy of two fine players one of whom has represented America in international events for several decades and the other commencing a brilliant professional chess career.