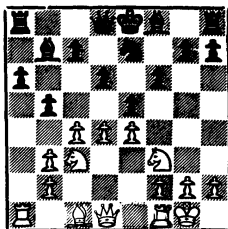


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NORTH-SOUTH MATCH CANCELED

For the first time since World War II, the annual North-South team match will not be played this year. The decision to abandon the last great team match in America was made by Grandmaster Isaac Kashdan, president of the California State Chess Federation, Guthrie McClain, captain of the North team, and Gordon Barrett, captain of the South team.

A tournament will be held instead, to be called the California Class Championships. It will be held May 29-30-31 at the Californian Hotel in Fresno and will be a six-round Swiss, punctuated by an afternoon off for the annual rapid-transit State Championship and an evening off for the annual banquet and membership meeting of the CSCF. Grandmaster Kashdan will announce the schedule in the near future.

The North-South Match was begun in 1926, having been played by telegraph previously. It was played in Atascadero or San Luis Obispo until 1956, when it was moved to Fresno. Except for an occasional try to revive early successes at San Luis Obispo, the match continued to be held in Fresno. In 1969 a mixup caused the match to be played at Pismo Beach while captain Gordon Barrett of the South was directing a tournament at Bakersfield. The attendance: 18 boards (36 players). In 1970 the match was played on May 10th instead on Memorial Day because of the Bakersfield Open and the match was moved further south to Santa Maria to accommodate the southern team. The attendance: 26 boards (the largest match was 73 boards

BYRNE AND EVANS FIRST IN CONTINENTAL OPEN

Robert Byrne of Indianapolis and Larry Evans of Reno, both grandmasters, tied for first and second places in October as the Continental Open came to Los Angeles. The tournament was played at the Airport Marina Hotel and there were 203 contestants. The total prize fund was \$3,500. William Geichberg and Gordon Barrett directed.

Byrne and Evans drew with each other and won their other five games. Dr. Anthony Saïdy of Los Angeles finished third, half a point behind the leaders, with four wins and two draws. Five players were tied for fourth. The top finishers:

1970 CONTINENTAL OPEN, Los Angeles, October 23-25

1. Robert Byrne	5½- ½	12. Frank Thornally	4 - 2
2. Larry Evans	5½- ½	13. David Kerman	4 - 2
3. Anthony Saïdy	5 - 1	14. John Grefe	4 - 2
4. Carl Pilnick	4½-1½	15. Dennis Waterman	4 - 2
5. Tibor Weinberger	4½-1½	16. Jerry Wollschlager	4 - 2
6. William Batchelder	4½-1½	17. Ross Stoutenborough	4 - 2
7. Irving Rivise	4½-1½	18. William Bragg	4 - 2
8. Julio Kaplan	4½-1½	19. Borel Menas	4 - 2
9. Walter Browne	4 - 2	20. Harry Mayer	4 - 2
10. Julius Loftsson	4 - 2	21. Ray Martin	4 - 2
11. Alex Suhobek	4 - 2	22. David Forthoffer	4 - 2

BYRNE WINS AMERICAN OPEN

Robert Byrne won the sixth annual American Open, held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica over the Thanksgiving weekend, with a score of 6½-½. The tournament had 264 contestants and was directed by grandmaster Isaac Kashdan. The total prize fund was \$3,500.

Byrne won seven games and drew with the junior from Riverside, Robert Newbold. Walter Browne, grandmaster from Australia, tied for second with James Tarjan of Berkeley with 7-1. Seven players tied for fourth. The top finishers:

1. Robert Byrne	7½- ½	11. Stewart Schwartz	6 - 2
2. Walter Browne	7 - 1	12. Charles Davidson	6 - 2
3. James Tarjan	7 - 1	13. Richard Mann	6 - 2
4. Dr. Anthony Saïdy	6½-1½	14. Dr. K. A. Lim	6 - 2
5. Kenneth Smith	6½-1½	15. Eduardo Fernandez	6 - 2
6. John Grefe	6½-1½	16. Norman Lessing	6 - 2
7. James McCormick	6½-1½	17. Robert Newbold	6 - 2
8. James Ulrich	6½-1½	18. Ross Stoutenborough	6 - 2
9. Kim Commons	6½-1½	19. Larry Christiansen	6 - 2
10. Chandler Yergin	6½-1½		

FRITZINGER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPION

Dennis Fritzingler of San Francisco won the Northern California Championship in November by the perfect score of 5-0. It was a strong field, including grandmaster Walter Browne, John Grefe, Eric Osbun, William Bills, David Blohm, etc. Browne and Grefe were not able to play Fritzingler because of the exigencies of the five-round schedule, and when they drew their last-round game it was a tie for second place, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

The prize fund was \$500:1st \$175 (including \$50 which went into the State Championship prize fund, leaving \$125 cash for Fritzingler), \$70 second and \$40 third, and the following class prizes: Expert, a four-way tie between Bills, Blohm, Gould and Jones; Class A, B. Lainson first and a tie between Barnes and Bobo for second; Class B, Mills first and Lien and Wilson tied for second; Class C, Costa and Smith tied; and Unrated, Anima.

The tournament was held at the Mechanics' Institute and there were 51 contestants. The tournament director was Charles Savery.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP, NOVEMBER 7-8, 1970.

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. D. Fritzingler	W29	W8	W44	W21	W4	5 - 0
2. W. Browne	W23	W11	W32	W6	D3	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
3. J. Grefe	W20	W37	W22	W15	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
4. W. Bills	W17	W9	W13	W24	L1	4 - 1
5. D. Blohm	W38	L21	W17	W37	W19	4 - 1
6. P. Gould	W39	W10	W28	L2	W16	4 - 1
7. C. Bill Jones	W31	W36	D24	D9	W15	4 - 1
8. B. Lainson	W48	L1	W46	W12	W18	4 - 1
9. C. Barnes	W49	L4	W30	D7	W21	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
10. R. Bobo	W12	L6	W35	W13	D11	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
11. A. LaVergne	W51	L2	W39	W23	D10	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
12. G. Anima	L10	W14	W47	L8	W29	3 - 2
13. C. Capps	W14	W30	L4	L10	W38	3 - 2
14. M. Costa	L13	L12	W41	W46	W37	3 - 2
15. Dr. B. Gross	W42	W44	W31	L3	L7	3 - 2
16. D. Maxwell	W50	L24	W38	W22	L6	3 - 2
17. B. Mills	L4	W47	L5	W34	W36	3 - 2
18. M. Rappaport	W43	L22	W26	W35	L8	3 - 2
19. A. Saguisag	W40	L32	W27	W25	L5	3 - 2
20. R. Smith	L3	L34	W48	W43	W33	3 - 2
21. J. Wallan	W41	W5	W34	L1	L9	3 - 2
22. N. Wood	W33	W18	L3	L16	W30	3 - 2

<u>2½ Points:</u>	23. E. Lien, 24. D. Waterman, 25. C. Wilson.
<u>2 Points:</u>	26. K. Burns, 27. S. Dinerstein, 28. P. Grey, 29. R. Gribble, 30. E. Ipsen, 31. M. Johnson, 32. H. Mayer, 33. W. McClintock 34. J. Monterde, 35. L. O'Doan, 36. T. Sailor, 37. D. Switkes 38. J. Votruba.
<u>1½ Points:</u>	39. R. Pina, 40. J. Wolf.
<u>1 Point:</u>	41. J. Anderson, 42. E. Delgado, 43. C. LaRocca, 44. B. Menas 45. E. Osburn, 46. C. Pardini, 47. J. Register, 48. M. Segal.
<u>0 Points:</u>	49. D. Anderson, 50. K. Guertner, 51. E. Yeung.

BROWNE, INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO CHAMPION

Walter Browne of Australia and New York swept the opposition in December to win the San Francisco City Championship with a perfect 5-0 score. Browne thereby qualified to the finals of the State Championship, but subsequently decided not to compete. There was a five-way tie for second place between Don Dean of Berkeley, C. Hughes, C. Bill Jones, Ed Syrett and Jim Tarjan, and Dean won the place in the State Championship on tie-breaking points.

The \$500 prize fund had a \$175 first prize (of which \$50 was the entry fee into the State Championship), \$70 second and \$40 third, plus class prizes to : Max Wilkerson and Anthony DiMilo, Class A; Charles Pardini, Class B; Tuttle, Class C; and G. Anima, Unrated. (The Expert prize was lumped with second and third prizes.)

The tournament was held at the Mechanics' Institute and there were 58 contestants. The tournament director was Michael Goodall.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, DECEMBER 12-13, 1970.

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. W. Browne	W40	W13	W12	W8	W4	5 - 0
2. D. Dean	W35	W26	D3	W15	D5	4 - 1
3. C. Hughes	W49	W27	D2	W31	D11	4 - 1
4. C. Bill Jones	W55	W38	W6	W24	L1	4 - 1
5. E. Syrett	W42	D32	W29	W9	D2	4 - 1
6. J. Tarjan	W52	W21	L4	W18	W17	4 - 1
7. G. Anima	L20	W41	D46	W45	W40	3½-1½
8. W. Bills	W44	W19	W16	L1	D13	3½-1½
9. A. DiMilo	W58	W11	D15	L5	W22	3½-1½
10. D. Fritzinger	W36	L16	W38	W21	D12	3½-1½
11. P. Gould	W23	L9	W52	W19	D3	3½-1½
12. T. Kurosaki	W34	W46	L1	W26	D10	3½-1½
13. A. LaVergne	W30	L1	W41	W14	D8	3½-1½
14. C. Pardini	W39	W17	D18	L13	W31	3½-1½
15. D. Waterman	W41	W22	D9	L2	W29	3½-1½

San Francisco City Championship, Conti.

	1.	2	3	4	5	Score
16. M. Wilkerson	W48	W10	L8	D27	W32	3½-1½
17. C. Capps	W53	L14	W43	W20	L6	3 - 2
18. P. Grey	D37	W28	D14	L6	W43	3 - 2
19. Dr. B. Gross	W50	L8	W34	L11	W35	3 - 2
20. M. Rappaport	W7	L15	W30	L17	W39	3 - 2
21. R. Swanson	W47	L6	W35	L10	W34	3 - 2
22. T. Sailor	L38	W55	W40	W46	L9	3 - 2
23. N. Wood	L11	L30	W58	W42	W41	3 - 2

2½ Points: 24. M. Burkett, 25. Byrne, 26. J. Ets-Hokin, 27. B. Menas, 28. J. Montede, 29. R. Roubal, 30. Tuttle, 31. A. Wang, 32. C. Wilson.

2 Points: 33. R. Alexander, 34. M. Costa, 35. S. Dinerstein, 36. C. LaRocca, 40. E. Lien, 41. F. Luederitz, 42. F. Penoyer, 43. J. Votruba.

1½ Points: 44. C. Falbo, 45. C. Huneke, 46. K. Lawless.

1 Point: 47. K. Burnett, 48. M. Devitt, 49. Ehmke, 50. K. Guertner, 51. A. Lengheimer, 52. D. Litowsky, 53. R. Pina, 54. Rewok.

0 Points: 55. D. Bennett, 56. Delgado, 57. Pierce, 58. M. Segal.

COMMONS WINS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southern California Championships, held in September at the Atlas Chess Club, were held in four sections. In the open section, Kim Commons won by a 5-1 score, composed of a loss in the first round (to Roy Ervin) and five straight wins. Andy Pollard, who also began with a loss, finished second, 4½-1½, and Andy Sacks was third.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS, SEPTEMBER 26-28, 1970

OPEN SECTION							Score
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. K. Commons	L5	W13*	W11*	W9	W4	W3	5 - 1
2. A. Pollard	L8	W9	W10	W5	D6	W4	4½-1½
3. A. Sacks	W9	D7	W8	D4	W10	L1	4 - 2
4. J. Loftsson	W11	W12	W6	D3	L1	L2	3½-2½
5. R. Ervin	W1	D8	L7	L2	BYE	W6	3½-2½
6. R. Newbold	W13	W10	L4	W7	D2	L5	3½-2½
7. R. Cross 2 - 4; 8. R. Martin 1½-4½; 9. R. Steutenbrough 1-5; 10. D. Rader 1-5; 11. R. Hall 1-5; 12. J. Davidian ½-5½; 13. N. Miller 0-6.							

Stewart Schwartz and Ken Hense tied for first place in the Class A section with 5-1 scores. Schwartz and Hense both drew with Tim Devine and then drew with each other. S. Rubin was third, 4-2.

CLASS A SECTION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. S. Schwartz	W6	W3	W12	D4	D2	W5	5 - 1
2. K. Hense	D4	W8	W10	W12	D1	W3	5 - 1
3. S. Rubin	W15	L1	W7	W14	W4	L2	4 - 2
4. T. Devine	D2	W16	W9	D1	L3	D6	3½-2½
5. R. Klein	D8	L7	W15	W10	W11	L1	3½-2½
6. R. Lozada	L1	W15	L14	W8	W12	D4	3½-2½
7. R. Myers	L9	W5	L3	D13	W10	W12	3½-2½
8. D. Maxwell	D5	L2	D13	L6	W15	W9	3 - 3
9. E. Bersbach 2½-3½; 10. D. Lucero 2½-3½; 11. W. Belke 2½-3½; 12. C. Yergin 2-4; 13. J. Murray 2-4; 14. M. Thomason 2-4; 15. M. Methven 1½-4½; 16. K. Morrissey 0-6.							

J. Heffernan won the Class B section with a perfect score of 6-0. P. Gersdorff was second, 5-1, and H. Rogosin was third, 4-2.

CLASS B SECTION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. J. Heffernan	W15	W4	W6	W2	W5	W7	6 - 0
2. P. Gersdorff	W12	W11	W5	L1	W6	W4	5 - 1
3. H. Rogosin	L4	W15	L10	W13	W11	W6	4 - 2
4. B. Myers	W3	L1	W7	D5	W10	L2	3½-2½
5. C. Contos	W9	W10	L2	D4	L1	W8	3½-2½
6. M. Carroll	W8	W7	L1	W11	L2	L3	3 - 3
7. V. Fagin	W16	L6	L4	W9	W14	L1	3 - 3
8. L. Piliavin	L6	W16	L11	W14	W12	L5	3 - 3
9. D. Hinrichsen	L5	L13	BYE	L7	W15	W14	3 - 3
10. J. Stolpe 2½-3½; 11. D. Ifill 2-4; 12. T. Reese 2-4; 13. M. Brown 1½-4½; 14. P. Grad 1-5; 15. D. Narikawa 1-5; 16. Dr. R. Rogers 1-5.							

R. Labre won the Class C and under section with a 5½-½ score, followed by S. Cunningham, 5-1 and J. Crane 4½-1½.

CLASS C AND UNDER

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. R. Labre	W16	W9	W19	W4	W2	D3	5½-½
2. S. Cunningham	W15	W10	W13	W12	L1	W5	5 - 1
3. J. Crane	L19	W20	W9	W11	W14	D1	4½-1½
4. M. Noriega	W12	W11	W8	L1	L5	W13	4 - 2
5. E. Johnson	L9	W22	W16	W17	W4	L2	4 - 2
6. C. Fotias	D21	W18	L17	W16	W10	D8	4 - 2
7. A. Carlson	L17	L16*	W20	W9	W12	W11	4 - 2
8. R. Salgado	W22	W17	L4	L10	W15	D6	3½-2½
9. R. Herndon	W5	L1	L3	L7	BYE	W14	3 - 3
10. V. Ahmed	W23	L2	L11	W8	L6	W18	3 - 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
11. P. Earley	BYE	L4	W10	L3	W16	L7	3 - 3
12. E. Briggs	L4	W23	W22	L2	L7	W20	3 - 3
13. R. Korte	W20	W21*	L2	L14	W17	L4	3 - 3
14. M. Norris	W18	L19	W15	W13	L3	L9	3 - 3
15. J. Quickley	L2	BYE	L14	W18	L8	W17	3 - 3
16. T. Gersdorff 2-4; 17. D. Dade 2-4; 18. C. Felder 2-4; 19. J. Lautman 2-4; 20. J. Nelson 1-5; 21. B. Jonsson $\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; 22. D. Martin 0-6; 23. J. Odegard 0-6.							

PARDINI BUMBLER BEE CHAMPION AT MONTEREY

Charles Pardini of San Francisco won the annual Class B tournament held at Monterey in October by a perfect score of 5-0. Richard Bustamante of Salinas was second, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, and also won the under-18 trophy. There was a three-way tie for third between Duncan Campbell of Orinda, Robert Howard of Mountain View, and David Tykinski of Minneapolis.

Prizes were won by Bruce Dickinson for the best score by a Monterey player, David Sewell of Salinas for best-under-16, Heidi Lawitzke of Carmel, 13, who won the Queen Bee and top score in Class E, Arthur Mankin of Santa Barbara for Class B, George Eding of Monterey for Class C, and John Anderson of Carmel Valley for Class D. There were 42 contestants and Ted Yudacufski directed.

BUMBLER BEE, MONTEREY, OCTOBER 17-18, 1970

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. C. Pardini	W14	W18	W19	W6	W4	5 - 0
2. R. Bustamante	W15	W22	D8	W13	W12	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
3. R. W. Howard	W20	W21	L6	W26	W19	4 - 1
4. D. Tykwinski	W24	W23	W26	W11	L1	4 - 1
5. D. Campbell	L16	W39	W24	W23	W11	4 - 1
6. D. Sewell	W37	W27	W3	L1	D7	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
7. B. Dickinson	W10	W17	L11	W27	D6	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
8. A. Mankin	W38	W9	D2	L12	W18	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
9. G. Eding	W13	L8	W28	D19	W21	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
10. R. Robbins	L7	D41	W36	W25	W22	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
11. B. Dewolfson	W28	W12	W7	L4	L5	3 - 2
12. R. Gribble	W33	L11	W25	W8	L2	3 - 2
13. A. Koopal	L9	W38	W15	L2	W30	3 - 2
14. G. Clark	L1	W31	L18	W36	W26	3 - 2
15. J. Dennis	L2	W40	L13	W35	W23	3 - 2
16. D. Vining	W6	L25	L23	W32	W27	3 - 2
17. V. Pope	W32	L7	L20	W37	W24	3 - 2

- 2½ Points: 18. J. Sutherland, 19. G. Oakes, 20. C. Tanaka, 21. B. Mills
22. C. Nystrom.
- 2 Points: 23. R. Osborne, 24. G. Gerstl, 25. K. Burns, 26. M. E.
Mattingly, 27. D. Bennett, 28. R. Caradien, 29. C. Lamb,
30. R. Atkinson, 31. J. Gorgas, 32. D. Mankin, 33. K. Taylor
34. A. Eydal.
- 1½ Points: 35. J. Anderson, 36. J. Jarowski.
- 1 Point: 37. B. Kennedy, 38. S. Hand, 39. H. Lawitzke, 40. G. Field.
- ½ Point: 41. E. Ottow.
- 0 Points: 42. M. O. Lawitzke.

JONES, WALLAN TIE AT MECHANICS ' INSTITUTE

C. Bill Jones and John Wallan tied for first place at the Mechanics' Institute in the Fall rating tournament held in October. Jones is an expert who formerly resided in Texas and Wallan is unrated. The cross-table:

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE FALL RATING, OCTOBER 10-11, 1970

	1	2	3	4	Score
1. C. Bill Jones	W15	W9	W8	D3	3½-½
2. J. Wallan	W8	D12	W7	W6	3½-½
3. C. Capps	W4	W5	D6	D1	3 - 1
4. L. O'Doan	L3	W20	W17	W10	3 - 1
5. M. Rappaport	W20	L3	W13	W9	3 - 1
6. C. Barnes	W14	W17	D3	L2	2½-1½
7. Dr. B. Gross	W11	D8	L2	W19	2½-1½
8. B. Menas	W13	D7	L1	W15	2½-1½

2 Points: 9. R. Cuneo, 10. R. Fong

1½ Points: 11. R. Caradien, 12. P. Grey, 13. R. Pina.

1 Point: 14. K. Black, 15. H. Cusack, 16. R. Feliciano, 17. D. Moser,
18. H. Ringold, 19. M. Segal.

0 Points: 20. G. Fitzer

GAME OF THE MONTH

Julio Kaplan of Puerto Rico is a student at the University of California at Berkeley. A former world champion junior chessplayer, Kaplan is known to be a talented player. As an adult, Kaplan is at the crossroads. What happens to him at Berkeley is likely to set the pattern of his lifetime.

When Julio Kaplan is picked up by the Berkeley police during one of the frequent demonstrations by students, it is a matter of concern to his friends. Was he a participant or was he merely a bystander? The judge decides the latter, and charges are dismissed. A chessmaster has been set free.

What effect has all this had on Kaplan's chess playing ability? If you were to ask Bob Burger, you would probably be told that it only had hardened the talent that was already there, for the two have met recently in team match games and Kaplan has won. If you asked Erik Osbun you might be told more of details, for Erik, who is a student himself (at San Jose State College) is a keen observer. The following game is from the tournament played annually at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco.

A.B. Stamer Memorial, 1970
Game No. 1151 - Alekhine's Def.

White	Black
<u>E. Osbun</u>	<u>J. Kaplan</u>

(notes by Erik Osbun)

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-K5 | Kt-Q4 |
| 3. P-Q4 | P-Q3 |
| 4. P-QB4 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 5. PxP | BPxP |
| 6. Kt-QB3 | P-Kt3 |
| 7. B-K3 | |

Poorly timed. The correct sequence of moves is 7.B-Q3, B-Kt2; 8.KKt-K2 and only if 8...Kt-B3; 9. B-K3.

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| 7. ... | B-Kt2 |
| 8. B-Q3 | 0-0 |
| 9. Q-Q2 | |

Kaplan suggested 9.P-QKt3, but after 9...P-K4!; 10.KKt-K2,P-B4 White would still be punished for his superficial 7.B-K3. 9.Q-Q2 meets... P-K4 and ...P-KB4 with B-Kt5.

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| 9. ... | Kt-B3 |
| 10. Kt1-K2 | B-Kt5 |

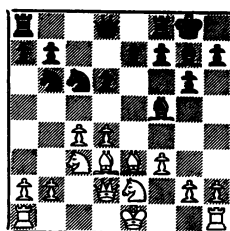
Excellent. If now White could replace Q-Q2 with P-QKT3 than 11.P-B3 would refute this idea.

11. P-B3

Weak. Necessary is 11.P-QKt3,BxKt; 12. BxB, P-K4; 13. P-Q5, Kt-Q5 with about equal chances.

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| 11. ... | B-B4 |
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Black wins the opening battle for if 12.BxB? KtxBP!



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| 12. P-QKt3 | BxB |
| 13. QxB | P-K3 |
| 14. 0-0 | P-Q4 |
| 15. P-B5 | Kt-B1 |
| 16. P-QR3 | Kt1-K2 |
| 17. P-QKt4 | Kt-B4 |
| 18. QR-Q1 | |

Probably the defense is better served with 18. B-B2. White reasons that his Bishop is a piece without scope so he allows its exchange. However, wrong Rook!

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| 18. ... | KtxB |
| 19. QxKt | P-Kt3 |
| 20. Kt-Kt5 | |

20.P-Kt5, Kt-R4; 21. P-B6, Kt-B5 is good for Black.

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| 20. ... | PxP |
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Somewhat inefficient procedure. 20...P-QR4 is better.

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| 21. QFxP | |
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21. KtPxP, Q-R4; 22. Kt-Q6, KR-Kt1; 23. Kt-B4 or 21. KTPxP, Q-R4;

22. Kt-Q6, Q-R5; 23. P-B4, KR-Kt1;
24. R-Q3 might give Black a few
second thoughts. Perhaps he needed
the open QR file to press his
attack.

21. ... P-QR4

22. Kt5-Q4

If 22. Kt2-Q4, Q-Q2!; 23. KtxKt,
QxKt; 24. Kt-Q6, PxP; 25. PxP, KR-
Kt1 and White's position collapses
after ...B-B1.

22. ... Q-Q2

23. R-Kt1 KR-Kt1

24. KR-B1 PxP

25. KtxKt QxKt

26. PxP R-R7

27. Kt-Q4 Q-R3

28. P-B6

A blunder in a bad position. 28.
Kt-B2 had to be tried, but then
the Bishop's power is tremendous.

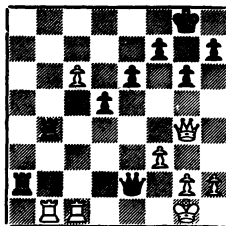
28. ... BxKt

Simplest. 28... Q-Kt3 also wins.

29. QxB Q-K7

30. Q-Kt4

RxP



Zap! If now 30. RxR, Q-K6ch mates.

31. Q-Kt3 R-B7

32. R-K1 RxR

33. RxR Q-K6ch

34. K-B1 Q-Q6ch

35. K-Kt1 Q-K6ch

36. K-B1 RxBP

37. Q-Kt8ch K-Kt2

38. R-K1 Q-Q5

39. Q-Kt7 R-B7

A mercy blunder with seconds re-
maining.

40. Resigns.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHESSMAS by Ron Atkinson

(with apologies to Clement C. Moore's classic THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS)

'Twas the night before Chessmas, and all through the hall,
Not a player was stirring, not even friend Tal;
The pairings were made, and the chess clocks were wound,
In hopes that exciting games there soon would abound.

Spassky, Larsen, Keres, Gligoric, Guthrie McClain, and Evans,
These were but a few here to bring brilliancies down from the heavens.
Even the great Fischer was asleep in his nook,
Having just analyzed twelve thousand variations from Bilguier's Handbook.

The patzers were nestled all snug in their beds,
White visions of checkmates danced through their heads;
Chess goddess Cassia granted them this dream snooze,
For on the morrow, playing poorly, many would lose.

Having just lost at skittles, thanks to a hoary old trap,
And now settling down for a long winters nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
It sounded like Najdorf with tea and some chatter.

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like Tarrasch,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon shone as bright as a Paul Morphy mate,
Lighting the snow scene below like a white frosted cake.

When what to my wondering eyes should I sight,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny chess knights,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

Faster than rapid-transit his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Zugzwang! now, Gambit! now, En prise! now, Giuoco!
On, Ruy! En passant! on J'adoube and Fianchetto!"
To the top of the tournament hall, to each one he gave a call!
"Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

So up to the roof-top the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of chess presents, and St. Nicholas, too.
Faster than NxQ check, I heard overhead
The skidding of hoofs, and the thump of the sled.

As I drew in my head, and pulled down the sash,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a crash!
He bounced up in a wink, and before I could fret,
Pulled out of his pack a chess board and set.

Setting up the pieces, he motioned to a table at hand;
A match with St. Nick? Quick! call director Kashdan!
Choosing, my jolly friend picked the pawn that was white,
And so I prepared for this most amazing chess fight!

A jolly elf, with outfit of red a wondrous wight to see,
Eyeing the board, he merrily played Pawn to King Knight three!
Taken aback, I looked with surprise at this happy old soul,
Behind the white beard, in disguise, could this be Pal Benko?

Through the opening, my games good points were few,
And as for the middle game, St. Nick won this part, too.
No doubt about it, his game was proving very pesky,
So I longed to play a great ending, like Sammy Reshevsky.

But even Lasker could not help now, for alas! it was too late,
St. Nick gave a Queen sacrifice, and then it was checkmate!
During the game, he made no moves that were extraneous,
In fact, St. Nick won as easily as Koltanowski giving a simultaneous.

It was clear, his chess ideas were like money in the bank-a;
As for me, I thought I was playing Jose Raoul Capablanca!
Now with a handshake and jolly grin, too soon the time had gone slipping by;
Lifting his pack, St. Nick readied to continue his journey through
the Chessmas evening sky.

Filling my mantel stocking with chess gifts overflowing,
St. Nick turned and called to me "it's time that I was going!"
Faster than Alexander Alekhine winning a won game,
Up the chimney he rose from whence he came.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his Knights gave a sign,
And away they all flew, like a winning chess line.
But as he drove out of sight, I heard him exclaim,
"Merry Chessmas to all, and to all a good game!"

GAMES

Mechanics' Institute Invitational
1963

Game No. 1152

White	Black
<u>R. Burger</u>	<u>J. Acers</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	P-QKt4
5. B-Kt3	Kt-R4

Talmanov's variation.

6. Q-O

Tempting is 6. BxPch, KxB; 7. KtxPch, K-K2.

6. ... P-Q3

7. P-Q4 KtxB

L. Evans used 7...PxP vs. Garcia and Smyslov at Havana, 1964.

Later it was found that 8. KtxP, B-Kt2 (8...KtxB; 9. RPxKt, B-Kt2; 10. P-QB4, P-Rt5; 11. R-K1, Q-Q2; 12. Kt-Q2, Kt-K2; 13. Kt-B1, P-

Kt3; 14. Kt-K3, B-Kt2; 15. Kt-Q5) 9. P-QB4!, P-QB4; 10. Kt-B5, P-Kt3; 11. Kt-K3 gives White a strong initiative.

8. RPxKt P-KB3

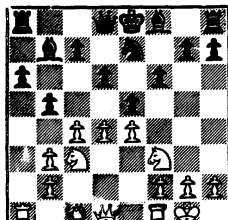
9. P-QB4!

The positional bust first played in Suetin-Goldenov, Minsk 1955.

A mistake would be 9. Kt-B3, B-Kt2; 10. Kt-KR4, Q-Q2 with a playable game.

9. ... B-Kt2

10. Kt-B3 Kt-K2



11. Kt-KR4

Burger's innovation. Fischer-Johannesen, Havana, 1966 continued 11. Q-R2, P-B3; 12. R-Q1, Q-B2; 13. B-K3, Kt-Kt3; 14. QR-B1, P-Kt5; 15. Kt-QR4, P-QB4; 16. PxBP, PxP; 17. Q-Q3, R-QKt1; 18. Kt-Kt6, B-K2; 19. Kt-Q5 with great advantage.

11. ... PxQP?

Correct is 11...P-Kt3; 12. P-B4, PxQP gaining a move on the text.

After 11...P-Kt3, I expected 12. QPxP!, QPxP; 13. Q-K2, P-Kt5; 14. R-Q1, Q-B1; 15. Kt-QR4 or 15. Kt-Q5.

12. Kt-Q5

Stronger than 12. QxP, P-Kt5; 13. Kt-Q5, P-B3 when both 14. Kt-Kt6 and 14. KtxP fail against P-QB4. However, 14. KtxKt, BxKt; 15. Kt-B5, 0-0; 16. B-B4 is bad for Black.

12. ... BxKt

Better is 12...P-KR4. If 12...P-KR4;

13. KtxKt, BxKt; 14. Kt-Kt6, R-KR2;

15. QxP, K-B2; 16. Kt-R4

13. KPxB P-KKt3

14. Kt-B3 P-QB4

15. PxPe.p. KtxP

16. KtxP KtxKt

17. QxKt PxP

18. PxP K-B2

If 18... B-K2; 19. B-R6, R-KKt1; 20. Kt-Q5.

19. B-KB4

19. Q-Q5ch, K-Kt2; 20. RxP also wins.

19. ... B-K2

20. B-R6 Q-QB1

If 20... P-KKt4; 21. P-KB4, Q-QB1;

22. P-QKt4, Q-Kt5; 23. P-KR3!, Q-

R4; 24. PxP.

21. KR-K1 Q-B4

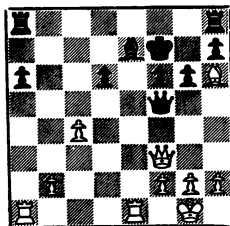
21...R-K1, 22. Q-Q5 mate.

22. Q-K4 Q-K4

23. Q-B3

Not 23. Q-Kt7, KR-Kt1!

23. ... Q-KB4



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| 24. RxBch | KxR |
| 25. Q-Kt7ch | Q-Q2 |
| 26. R-K1ch | K-Q1 |
| 27. QxRch | Q-B1 |
| 28. Q-Q5 | Q-Q2 |
| 29. B-Q2 | RESIGNS |

Game No. 1153 - Pirc Defense

White Black

F. Thornally J. Grefe

(Notes by Bob Burger)

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| 1. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 4. P-B4 | B-Kt2 |
| 5. Kt-B3 | P-B4 |
| 6. PxP | Q-R4 |
| 7. B-Q3 | QxBP |
| 8. Q-K2 | 0-0 |
| 9. B-K3 | Q-Kt5 |

Inviting the pawn "sacrifice".

10. 0-0 QxKtP

11. Kt-QKt5 Kt-K1

The only move; but Black must also take into account at least three attempts to capitalize on the Queen's position: (1) What if 12. KR-Kt1? Was Black prepared for 12...Q-B3; 13. P-K5 or 12... QxR; 13. RxQ, BxR; 14. P-B3? (2) Or better, 12. P-K5, Q-Kt5; 13. KR-Kt1, Q-R4; 14. KtxRP, etc. (3) The game continuation.

		<u>Game No. 1154 - Nimzo</u>	
		White	Black
		<u>K. Fitzgerald</u>	<u>A. Baisley</u>
12. KtxRP	QKt-R3	1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
13. KtxB	RxKt	2. P-QB4	P-K3
14. QR-Kt1		3. Kt-KB3	P-Q4
Since this leads to a great liq-		4. Kt-B3	B-Kt5
uidation after which neither side		5. P-K3	O-O
has much chance, one must assume		6. B-Q3	PxP
the pawn sacrifice was not properly		7. BxP	P-B4
exploited.		8. O-O	QKt-Q2
14. ...	QxRP	9. Q-K2	P-QR3
15. RxP	R-Kt1	10. P-QR3	BxKt
16. RxR	KtxR	Better is 10...B-R4; 11. P-QR4!	
17. B-B4	Q-Kt7	(Black's pawn advance b5 is strong	
18. B-Kt3		with his Black-square bishop on	
Allowing Black time to exert pres-		the board.) 11...Q-K2; 12. B-Q3, P-	
sure in the center.		QKt3 - Korchnoi - Polugaevsky, USSR	
18. ...	Q-B6!	Championship, 1960, with a fighting	
19. P-B5		game for Black.	
There is not much play left, but		11. PxB	P-QKt4
this only serves to open the KR		Consistent, but 11...P-QKt3 was	
file for Black.		possible.	
19.	Kt-QB3	12. B-Q3	Q-B2
20. PxP	RPxP	This allows White to ruin his	
21. Q-B2	P-K3	queen-side pawns and the Queen does	
22. R-Q1	Kt-K4	not stand well at c7. B-Kt2 should	
23. B-Q4	KtxKtch	be played.	
24. PxKt	BxB	13. P-QR4	PxRP
25. RxB	K-Kt2	14. RxP	P-QR4
26. K-Kt2	R-R1	Q-B3 was possible.	
27. R-Q3	Q-K4	15. P-K4	R-K1
28. Q-Kt3	Q-QB4	15...P-K4 must be played. A gambit	
29. B-R4		for White here is 16. KtxP, KtxKt;	
Perilously slow but adequate.		17. PxKt, QxP; 18. P-KB4, QxP(B6);	
29. ...	R-R4	19. B-Kt2. However, 16. B-KKt5!	
30. P-R4?		or 16. B-QR3, B-Kt2; 17. P-Q5 are	
Creating a further weakness for		safer.	
the endgame, if Black can achieve		16. B-KKt5	
the right one.		Strong enough was B-Q2. White	
30. ...	P-Q4	misses 16. P-K5!, Kt-Q4; 17. Kt-	
31. PxP	PxP	Kt5!, P-KR3; 18. Kt-K4. White	
32. Q-B2	Q-QB1	controls d6 and has the positional	
33. BxKt	QxB	threat cf Q-KKt4. He might con-	
34. Q-Q4ch	DRAWN	tinue R-QR3, P-QB4, B-QKt1 and	
With slightly better pawns, Black			
might have continued.			

shift the rook to the king side.

- 16. ... B-Kt2
- 17. BxKt PxB?

Black is not content with routine play which would leave White all the targets. Correct is 17...KtxB; 18. P-K5, Kt-Q2; (not BxKt?); 19. QxB, Kt-Q4; 20. R-QB4 winning a pawn). White will have great difficulty in realizing his advantage.

- 18. KR-QR1 K-R1
- 19. Q-K3 R-KKt1
- 20. P-R3 R-Kt2
- 21. B-B1

White protects his king-side and frees his heavy pieces for activity against the weak Black pawns. He may continue P-QB4 and P-Q5.

- 21. ... B-B3
- 22. R(4)-R3 Q-Kt2
- 23. Kt-Q2 P-R5
- 24. R-Kt1 Q-B2
- 25. Kt-Q2 Q-Q3

At the moment when Black seems to be gaining the initiative, he loses valuable time.

- 26. P-B4 PxP
- 27. KtxP QR-KKt1
- 28. KtxB QxKt
- 29. Q-Q4

White stifles Black's counter-play. He intends to force a Black rook off the KKt file by 30.P-KB4; and 31. R-Q1. He then may manouver his Bishop to f3, his rook to Q3, and Queen to R7.

- 29. ... Kt-K4
- 30. R-Kt6 Kt-B6ch?

A blunder in time trouble. After 30...Q-B2 he is still very much in business.

- 31. RxKt RESIGNS

Game No. 1155 - Reti

White	Black
<u>S. Spencer</u>	<u>W. Bills</u>

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| 1. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 2. F-QKt3 | P-Q4 |
| 3. B-Kt2 | P-Q5 |
| 4. Kt-KB3 | P-QB4 |
| 5. P-QKt4 | P-QKt3 |

Weak. Correct is 5...P-B3 6.PxP, P-K4 or 6...BxP with easy equality.

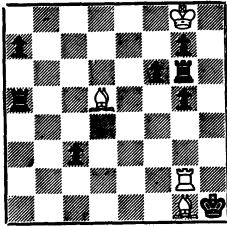
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| 6. P-K3 | QPxP |
| 7. BPxP | Kt-KB3 |
| 8. PxB | PxB |
| 9. Kt-B3 | Kt-B3 |
| 10. B-K2 | B-K2 |
| 11. 0-0 | 0-0 |
| 12. R-Kt1 | Q-Q2 |
| 13. P-Q3 | R-Q1 |
| 14. Q-Q2 | B-R3 |
| 15. KR-Q1 | QR-Kt1 |
| 16. B-R1 | RxR |
| 17. KtxR | Kt-KKt5 |
| 18. P-KR3 | Kt-R3 |
| 19. Kt-B3 | Kt-B4 |

Necessary was 19...P-B4, after which it is difficult to see how White realizes his advantage.

Very weak and in fact the losing move. Necessary was P-B3.

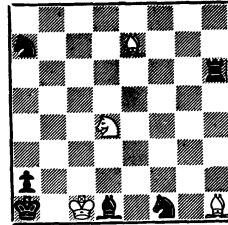
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| 21. P-Kt4 | Kt-R3 |
| 22. Q-Kt2 | P-B3 |
| 23. P-Kt5 | Kt-B2 |
| 24. PxB | PxB |
| 25. KtxPch | BxKt |
| 26. QxB | P-K4 |
| 27. K-R2 | B-B1 |
| 28. R-Kt1ch | K-B1 |
| 29. Kt-Kt5 | K-K1 |
| 30. B-Kt4 | Resigns. |

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 Die Schwalbe, 1955



Mate in 4

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Mate in 5

"Tries" are often disparaged by problem solvers as being extraneous to the "actual play". In the well-known "Roman" theme, however, only the tries adequately explain the reason for the correct sequence of moves. The idea of a Roman is to decoy a defensive piece to a square from which his defensive resource leads to another error. The error in the case of the four-mover above is a "self block". Departing from the usual format of the Tasks Page, we will give the solution to the first problem to make the point. The try is B-R8, threatening R-Kt3 (etc.). Black's defensive resource is R-R7, so as to interpose at Kk7. Therefore, White first plays B-B3 with the same threat. (Now R-R7 does not defend, because Black cannot guard the long diagonal a second time, as he could with the Bishop at R8, by P-B4.) So the Black Rook is decoyed to the Bishop file: 1R-B4. Now 2. B-R8 forces a move to the seventh rank, 2...R-B7. By "self blocking" KB7, this allows 3R-R2ch, 3...KxB 4 R-R1 mate.

The decoy theme is shown in more complicated form in the five-move. An attempt to mate by B-R3 and B-Kt2 is frustrated by the Black Rook at either Kt3 or R7. Checks by the White Knight succeed in blocking only one or the other of these lines. Hence the Rook must be decoyed so that the White-squared Bishop can pick up the Rook on its final defensive squares. Solve it.

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