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## A LETTER FROM KENNETH HARKNESS

(We believe that the following letter from Kenneth Harkness, Business Manager of the United States Chess Federation, will be of interest to all California players - Ed.)

"Have been meaning to write to you for some time, but the organizing of the promotional program for the USCF has involved a tremendous amount of work, leaving me little time for correspondence.

"...At the moment, I have time only to comment on the subject of ratings. With all due respect to my good friend Mr. Helms, I

think it has been demonstrated that a national rating system is of great value to the individual player and to the promotion of chess. The publication of a player's national rating is one of the greatest benefits enjoyed by a member of the USCF. In a circular now being printed, we describe this privilege of membership in the following words:

"Your name and national rating are published in the official USCF ranking lists of American chess players. Twice a year, CHESS LIFE puts out a special section with the names of all USCF members and numbered ratings based on their performance in matches and tournaments held all over the United States and in foreign countries.

"If you are a strong player, the USCF rating system is your ladder to chess fame....If you are an average player, like most players, the rating system shows how you compare with the other players in your own locality and throughout the nation. If you are a beginner, your rating gives you incentive to improve by study and competition...."

"I regard the national rating system as the foundation on which we must build. It is the means by which we can stimulate the development of chess talent in every section of the United States. It is a fair and equitable method of determining which players are qualified to compete for the U. S. Championship.

"Against these advantages - and a great many others that I do not have time to go into now - we have the argument that the rating system leads to 'personal grievances.' And what system, pray, does not lead to such grievances? If a tournament committee bases its selections of entries on personal, biased opinions, does an uninvited player have no grievances if he is overlooked or regarded as not strong enough? Would such a player not prefer to have selections based on demonstrated ability, as measured by a sound, mathematical rating system?...Moreover, it is sometimes forgotten that the national rating system depicts a player's current strength in tournament play - not what he did in days gone by.

"I am afraid that I cannot agree with you that rating players by classes alone is better than the USCF system which classifies from Grandmaster down to Class D but distinguishes between the members of each class by numerical ratings....

"Finally, may I earnestly recommend that you adopt the national

rating system and get behind it with all your strength instead of setting up or continuing a State system of ratings. The national ratings system is sound and accurate. It will measure the comparative strength of California players and enable them to earn national titles. It will demonstrate that the Chess Masters and Chess Experts of California must be given the rights to which they are entitled in national and international competition.

"The new deal for chess in this country will come when the chess players of California and every other state get behind American chess by joining the United States Chess Federation and thereby make it possible for the USCF to perform its duties as the governing body of chess."

- Ken Harkness, 93 Barrow St., New York 14

(In reply to Mr. Harkness, we suggested that the whole matter of ratings be postponed until the business meeting of the CSCF in San Luis Obispo May 30. There are, in our opinion and in that of one or two players with whom we have talked, certain objections to the USCF system of ratings which need to be carefully considered. In particular, we do not believe that any rating system has the right to deprive, ex post facto, any man of a title which he has rightfully earned, as the USCF rating system has done. So far as we are concerned, any man who has earned Chess Master rank should remain a Chess Master. We believe the USCF system emphasizes too much the current accomplishments of a player, and pays too little attention to his potential skill as evidenced over the years. A chess player ought not to be humiliated by being dropped in rank, simply because he has grown old, or because he has had one or two bad seasons - Ed.)

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CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION

## REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The proposed Constitution of the California State Chess Federation was heartily endorsed by the Board of Directors in the mail poll held in February. Additions and changes were suggested by four of the ten directors, and in accordance with the procedure outlined in my February letter, the directors will now vote on those sections where changes have been proposed. When this voting is complete, the Constitution will stand approved. (Note by the Editor: As of March 21, 1953, the final form of the Constitution is adopted.)

The voting for officers for the calendar year 1953 was:

<u>President</u>	LeRoy Johnson	9 votes
<u>Vice-President</u>	Henry Gross	9 votes
<u>Secretary</u>	Don Maron	7 votes
	(Two write-in votes for H. J. Ralston and Guthrie McClain declined)	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Ralph Hultgren	7 votes
	C. W. Bird	1 vote
	John Keckhut	1 vote (declined)

Prof. Bird's name will have to be re-submitted as an additional nomination before Prof. Hultgren's election can be considered final.

No ballot was received from Mr. Karsevar of Petaluma, the director from the Redwood Empire Chess League.

Respectfully submitted,

Guthrie McClain  
(Chairman)

March 9, 1953

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE The regular semi-annual meeting was held at Hotel Cecil, San Francisco, March 21. In attendance were Henry Gross, Guthrie McClain, Herbert Rosenbaum, N. Pree, H. J. Ralston, Peter Prokoodin, A. Palmin, Curtis Wilson, H. S. King, R. Freeman, V. Pafnutieff and I. König.

It was announced that the Russian Chess Club of San Francisco had won both the class "A" and class "B" divisions of team matches. Results in class "A" were: Russians  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , Golden Gate  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , Castle  $2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ , Mechanics and Oakland 2-3, and University of California  $\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$ .

In class "B" results were: Russians 5-0, Palo Alto 3-2, Mechanics and Golden Gate  $2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ , Hakoah 2-3 and Tower 0-5.

Wade Hendricks of Castle, with a score of 4-1, was awarded the prize for best individual performance in class "A". George Petriceks of Palo Alto, with  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , was awarded the prize in class "B".

It was recommended that chess clubs throughout California help support THE REPORTER by buying small \$1.50 ads in the magazine, which at the same time would provide useful information to chess players regarding the locations and times of meeting of clubs.

The following schedule of coming events was approved:

- May 16 - San Francisco-East Bay team match at Mechanics (Subject to approval by Central California Chess League)
- May 23 - Beer Bust
- May 30 - CSCF business meeting in San Luis Obispo, 8 p. m.
- May 31 - North-South match, San Luis Obispo, 50 boards.  
(Wade Hendricks, 24863 Joyce St., Hayward, will act as team captain for the North. John Keckhut, 12000 Thermo St., Los Angeles 34, will captain the South.)

The offer of San Jose to act as host for the California Open Championship tournament was accepted. (The State Championship will be in Los Angeles.)

A letter from Mr. L. W. Trahin of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce was read. Hotel and Recreation Center accomodations in San Luis Obispo are assured for May 30 and May 31.

The CSCF business meeting in San Luis Obispo May 30 will be of great importance. All players are urged to attend.

DIVISION "A"

## Fourth Round:

Golden Gate 5½, Oakland 1½ 1) H. Gross 1, C. Sedlack 0; 2) R. Currie 1, C. Wilson 0; 3) H. J. Ralston 1, R. Cuneo 0; 4) K. Draughon ½, R. Freeman ½; 5) H. Dasteel Jr. 0, R. Trenberth 1; 6) P. Dahl 1, E. Yaeger 0; 7) K. Colby 1, E. Lien 0.

Mechanics 4½, Castle 2½ 1) I. König 1, N. Falconer 0; 2) A. J. Fink ½, W. G. McClain ½; 3) C. Bagby 1, F. Byron 0; 4) P. Petersen 1, W. Hendricks 0; 5) F. Arvidson 1, F. Christensen 0; 6) N. N. O, R. Hultgren 1; 7) H. S. King 0, D. Neilson 1.

University of California forfeited to Russians.

## Fifth Round:

Russians 4½, Oakland 2½ 1) D. Poliakoff ½, C. Sedlack ½; 2) V. Pafnutieff 0, R. Trenberth 1; 3) A. Palmin ½, C. Wilson ½; 4) B. Popoff 1, C. Stamer 0; 5) N. Preo ½, J. Demos ½; 6) P. Prokoodin 1, R. Cuneo 0; 7) C. Svalberg 1, R. Freeman 0.

Castle 3½, Golden Gate 3½ W. G. McClain 0, H. Gross 1; 2) N. Falconer ½, R. Konkell ½; 3) R. Hultgren 0, R. Currie 1; 4) F. Byron 1, H. J. Ralston 0; 5) W. Hendricks 1, M. Zeligs 0; 6) F. Christensen 1, K. Colby 0; 7) D. Neilson 0, P. Dahl 1.

Mechanics 4½, U. C. 2½ 1) I. König ½, N. Hultgren ½; 2) A. J. Fink 0, R. Burger 1; 3) C. Bagby 0, N. Morein 1; 4) P. Petersen 1, L. Huang 0; 5) A. B. Stamer 1, J. Fredgren 0; 6) F. Arvidson 1, N. Lebec 0; 7) U. C. forfeited.

DIVISION "B"

## First Round:

Russians 5, Tower 2 1) V. Voloshin 1, J. Clapper 0; 2) E. Chuikoff 1, J. Wotherspoon 0; 3) D. Shishkin 1, C. Smalley 0; 4) F. Karawanny 1, R. Grijalva 0; 5) A. Tokmakoff 1, J. Solley 0; 6) A. Beck (forfeit) 0, B. Thomason 1; 7) P. Andreeff 0, T. Joe 1.

Hakoah 1½, Palo Alto 5½ 1) K. Chambers 0, H. Rosenbaum 1; 2) G. Petriceks ½, A. Herskovich ½; 3) F. Morsman ½, F. Weinberg ½; 4) Don Gold 0, C. Huneke 1; 5) C. Erickson 0, J. Dienstag 1; 6) V.

Ricketts  $\frac{1}{2}$ , F. Brull  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7) Lyn Moses 0, D. Peizer 1.

Mechanics 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Golden Gate 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) K. Bendit 1, K. Colby 0; 2) C. Jonas 0, P. Dahl 1; 3) H. Branton 1, F. Schreuder 0; 4) D. Miller  $\frac{1}{2}$ , G. Lutz  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) R. Martin 0, H. King 1; 6) R. Barringer  $\frac{1}{2}$ , H. Dasteel Jr.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7) J. Hill  $\frac{1}{2}$ , G. Ramirez  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Second Round:

Hakoah 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Golden Gate 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) I. Rosenblatt 0, K. Draughton 1; 2) H. Rosenbaum 0, P. Dahl 1; 3) F. Weinberg  $\frac{1}{2}$ , H. Dasteel Jr.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4) C. Huneke 0, H. King 1; 5) M. Lawrence 0, G. Lutz 1; 6) F. Brull 1, H. Dasteel Sr. 0; 7) D. Peizer 1, G. Ramirez 0.

Tower 1, Mechanics 6 1) J. Clapper 0, K. Bendit 1; 2) J. Wotherspoon 0, H. Branton 1; 3) R. Grijalva 1 (forfeit); 4) C. Smalley 0, W. Miller 1; 5) T. Joe 0, N. Cappa 1; 6) K. Oakley 0, J. Hill 1; 7) P. Joe 0, C. Norcia 1.

Russians 4, Palo Alto 3 1) P. Andreeff 0, G. Petriceks 1; 2) N. Beloff  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R. Mathews  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) G. Lewis 1, V. Ricketts 0; 4) N. Voloshin 1 (forfeit); 5) T. Karawanny 1, D. Gold 0; 6) A. Tokmakoff  $\frac{1}{2}$ , L. Moses  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7) D. Shishkin 0, P. Byrd 1.

Third Round:

Mechanics 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Palo Alto 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) K. Bendit 0, K. Chambers 1; 2) H. Branton 0, G. Petriceks 1; 3) D. Miller 0, R. Mathews 1; 4) O. Wreden 1, A. Guthrie 0; 5) R. Barringer  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D. Gold  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) C. Norcia  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. Erickson  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7) J. Hill  $\frac{1}{2}$ , V. Ricketts  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Russians 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Hakoah 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) W. Leeds 1, H. Edelstein 0; 2) P. Andreeff  $\frac{1}{2}$ , H. Rosenbaum  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) A. Tokmakoff 0, A. Herskovich 1; 4) N. Beloff 1, C. Huneke 0; 5) T. Karawanny  $\frac{1}{2}$ , F. Brill  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) D. Shishkin 1, E. Bergtraum 0; 7) E. Chuikoff  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D. Peizer  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Golden Gate 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Tower 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) K. Draughton 1, J. Clapper 0; 2) H. King  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. Wotherspoon  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) G. Lutz 1, C. Smalley 0; 4) H. Dasteel Jr. 1, R. Grijalva 0; 5) H. Dasteel Sr. 1, M. Urena 0; 6) M. Gladstone 0 (forfeit), T. Joe 1; 7) B. Wong 1, D. Thomson 0.

Fourth Round:

Hakoah 7, Tower 0 1) F. Weinberg 1, J. Clapper 0; 2) H. Rosen-

baum 1, J. Wotherspoon 0; 3) A. Herskovich 1, C. Smalley 0; 4) F. Brull 1, R. Grijalva 0; 5) D. Peizer 1, M. Urena 0; 6) P. Wolf 1, T. Joe 0; 7) E. Bergtraun 1, J. Solley 0.

Palo Alto 4½, Golden Gate 2½ 1) K. Chambers ½, K. Draughton ½; 2) G. Petriceks 1, H. Dasteel Jr. 0; 3) R. Mathews 1, G. Lutz 0; 4) D. Gold 0, H. King 1; 5) V. Ricketts 0, E. Kupka 1; 6) L. Moses 1, H. Dasteel Sr. 0; 7) L. Avilla 1, B. Wong 0.

#### Fifth Round:

Russians 5½, Golden Gate 1½ 1) P. Andreeff 0, K. Draughton 1; 2) G. Lewis 1, H. Dasteel Jr. 0; 3) W. Leeds 1, G. Lutz 0; 4) T. Karawanny ½, H. King ½; 5) N. Beloff 1, M. Korchet 0; 6) D. Shishkin 1, forfeit; 7) A. Tokmakoff 1, H. Dasteel Sr. 0.

Hakoah 2½, Mechanics 4½ 1) F. Weinberg 0, H. Branton 1; 2) H. Rosenbaum 0, O. Wreden 1; 3) A. Herskovich 0, K. Bendit 1; 4) I. Rosenblatt 1, N. Cappa 0; 5) C. Runke ½, N. Kaufman ½; 6) F. Brull 1, J. Hill 0; 7) D. Peizer 0, C. Norcia 1.

Tower forfeited to Palo Alto.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE By scoring heavily on the top boards, Capital City defeated San Jose in the deciding match for the championship. Both clubs now have two legs on the trophy and need one more to retire it permanently.

It was decided by the executive committee to hold the Individual Championship March 28 and 29 in Modesto. The tournament will be a four-round Swiss, and will be open to any player who has played in at least one League match during the past season.

The final standing of the clubs was: 1) Capital City 6½-1½; 2) San Jose 6-1; 3-4) Pittsburg and Stockton 4-3; 5) Fresno 3½-3½; 6) Modesto 3-4; 7) Oakdale 1-6; 8) Visalia 0-7.

R. E. Burger of Pittsburg, with a score of 6½-1½, won top honors for individual performance. Second was M. Hailparn of Fresno with 5-2, and third was M. O. Meyer of Capital City with 4½-2½.

#### Seventh Round:

Capital City 8½, San Jose 4½ 1) M. O. Meyer 1, G. Kirby 0; 2) R. L. Richards ½, W. T. Adams ½; 3) J. B. Gee 1, J. Kalnins 0;



4) O. A. Celle  $\frac{1}{2}$ , F. Crofut  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) R. E. Russell 1, B. Mueller 0; 6) N. T. Austin 1, M. Gazze 0; 7) O. Bender 0, L. Daugherty 1; 8) S. S. Kozen 0, H. O'Shaughnessy 1; 9) A. R. Chapman 1, N. N. Lutz 0; 10) N. Zimmerman 0, C. White 1; 11) F. Clawson  $\frac{1}{2}$ , E. Rideout  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 12) S. G. Johnson 1, A. Mercer 0; 13) J. A. Celle 1, G. Van Hooser 0.

Modesto 7, Oakdale 5 1) M. C. Jackson 1, H. Mortensen 0; 2) L. E. Davis 1, N. Parker 0; 3) L. H. Kerfoot 1, E. Sai 0; 4) H. P. Betker 1, H. Barton 0; 5) E. L. Jeffers 0, C. J. Smith 1; 6) H. E. Paul 1, H. Tusosian 0; 7) C. J. Cook 1, V. Smith 0; 8) E. Hawksworth 1, S. Thomas 0; 9) H. Wente 0, A. Buerer 1; 10) W. Kessler 0, S. Sampson 1; 11) C. Hawksworth 0, J. Smith 1; 12) H. Service 0, W. Maxey 1.

Fresno 3, Stockton 5 1) M. Hailparn 1, L. C. Woolfe 0; 2) T. Fries 1, M. E. Mattingly 0; 3) W. Poulsen 0, J. M. David-Malig 1; 4) E. J. Cook 0, R. A. Leigh 1; 5) H. Kallman 0, W. Reid 1; 6) R. Womack 0, M. Ellenberg 1; 7) N. N. Maschke 1, J. Saxon 0; 8) L. Legler 0, A. Stubbs 1.

Pittsburg 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Visalia 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) R. E. Burger 1, E. Achtenberg 0; 2) A. Loera 1, W. Markus 0; 3) F. Weinberg 1, C. Fotias 0; 4) F. Olvera 0, R. Clark 1; 5) G. Garcia  $\frac{1}{2}$ , E. Thompson  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) H. Lansing 1, R. Boles 0.

MONTEREY BAY CHESS LEAGUE In a League match played at San Jose February 10, the San Jose State College Spartan Chess Club defeated the Santa Cruz Chess Club 5-0. The detailed score:

Spartans 5, Santa Cruz 0 1) George Kirby 1, J. Stephens 0; 2) Howard Wood 1, Jerry Maurovich 0; 3) Russ Donnelly 1, L. F. Johnson 0; 4) Mike Suman 1, Bill Cochran 0; 5) Walt Shugert 1, S. I. Jensen 0.

After the first complete round of play, the League standings were: Salinas 2-0, Spartans 1-1, and Santa Cruz 0-2.

On March 17 Salinas defeated the Spartans 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This was a return match in the League. The score:

Spartans 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Salinas 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  1) G. Kirby 0, G. Oakes 1; 2) F. Crofut 1, F. Clark 0; 3) L. Daugherty 0, D. Fidlow 1; 4) H. Wood  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. Pope  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5) R. Donnelly 0, A. Lukavich 1; 6) W. Shugert 1, S. Lowe 0; 7) F. Aslan 0, E. Hawkins 1; 8) J. Smith 1, P. Sing 0.

GAME OF THE MONTH

## A FRESH BREEZE FROM BUCHAREST

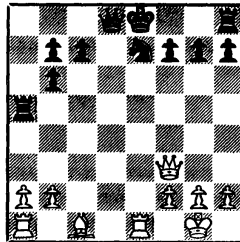
This is the manner in which Deutsche Schachzeitung describes the new young Rumanian star, Ciocâltea. Said to be only 20 years old, and to have been playing chess only two years (!), Ciocâltea tied for first and second with Dr. Troianescu in the recent Rumanian championship, and then proceeded to wallop the doctor  $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  in the play-off match. Ciocâltea's style is said to be strongly reminiscent of Anderssen and Morphy!

Game No. 159 - Alekhine Defense

White	Black
Ciocâltea	Sutiman

1. P-K4	Kt-KB3
2. P-K5	Kt-Q4
3. P-Q4	P-Q3
4. Kt-KB3	B-Kt5
5. P-B4	Kt-Kt3
6. B-K2	PxP
7. P-B5	P-K5
8. PxKt	PxKt
9. BxP	BxB
10. QxB	Kt-B3!
11. O-O	P-K3

15. R-K1ch	B-K2
16. KtxB	KtxKt



So far, the game follows analysis by Pachman, who gives Black equality.

12. Kt-B3	RPxP
13. P-Q5!	PxP
14. KtxP	R-R4

17. B-Kt5!!	RxB
18. QR-Q1	Q-B1
19. Q-K3	O-O
20. QxR and wins.	

Just after we had finished writing the above, we picked up the March 11 issue of Punch and read an article entitled: "Or Have We Got It All Wrong?" It appears that the Russians, as usual, ran away with the International Tournament just played in Bucharest. "Police had to be brought in to quieten the disappointed crowd unable to gain admittance.....It may well be, indeed, that a crisis has been reached in Rumanian chess. The home practitioners have, for a long

while, been accused of faulty openings, of defenses that are far too insecure. It is not enough in the eyes of their Soviet taskmasters that a competitor should put his shirt on a Ruy Lopez, and exhibit brilliant combinations, if he has not toed the party line from the first."

"It was pointed out in the dressing room that Ciocâltea had played a sterling game for the home team...."

"The Scandinavians struggled manfully in the uncongenial atmosphere and set their backs to the wall. So too did the Belgian, thrusting with élan, and parrying with sang-froid. Neither Luxembourg nor the U. S. A. had sent a challenger. Golombek, the only representative of Great Britain, is said to 'have struck a bad patch.' In our own opinion he was batting on a sticky wicket from the moment that the pistol was fired."

CORRESPONDENCE Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Avenue, Omaha 2, writes:

"The next book in the American Tournament Series will be New York 1927 and will be edited from Alekhine's original edition published in German in 1929. All games will be annotated mostly from Alekhine's notes. Publication will be next fall.

"In addition to the items listed in the preface to New York 1946, I am contemplating a brief series of famous foreign tournaments if sufficient interest is shown on the part of my subscribers. I have in mind translating three books in my library on the foreign tournaments Carlsbad 1923, Saltsjobaden 1948 (the first interzonal tournament won by Bronstein), and Amsterdam 1950, the great Dutch tournament featuring the Reshevsky-Najdorf duel. Ask your readers if they would like such a series if published."

(This undertaking certainly ought to be supported by all chess players - Ed.)

Allen Moyer of Findlay, Ohio, says:

"In looking through THE REPORTER, I am amazed at the number of chess clubs and organizations in California. There are a lot of chess players back here in Ohio, but very little chess activity as far as chess leagues and inter-city matches are concerned. I wish you success in your future publications."

USSR World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik won the Soviet championship by defeating M. Taimanov  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  in the play-off match.

NEW YORK Sammy Reshevsky was due to leave soon for South America to meet M. Najdorf in a return match. Dr. Max Euwe, former World Champion, would like to play a match with Reshevsky. There is still a possibility that the Russians will play a match with the Americans in New York next June.

MAR DEL PLATA Herman Steiner of Los Angeles is participating in the international tournament.

SEATTLE Jim Schmitt of Portland won the 1953 Puget Sound Open. The six-round Swiss was played February 14-15, with 20 players competing.

CENTRALIA Oregon walloped Washington  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  in a team match played March 15. Arthur Dake of Portland and E. Zemgalis of Seattle battled to a draw at first board. Jim Schmitt whipped C. Ballantine at third board.

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LOS ANGELES YOUTH Peter Meyer of Van Nuys won the Senior tournament sponsored by the Los Angeles County Chess League and the L. A. City Playgrounds. Howard Miller of Hollywood was second in the 18 "man" tournament. Games were one-half hour in length, and were adjudicated if unfinished.

The Junior tournament was won by Jack Monarch of North Hollywood. Here is a brevity from the Junior section: White, Michael Meyer; Black, Douglas Newcomb - 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. B-B4, B-B4; 3. Q-R5, P-KKt3; 4. QxPch, Kt-K2; 5. QxRch, Kt-Kt1; 6. QxKtch, B-B1; 7. QxP mate.

HOLLYWOOD INVITATIONAL It looked like Kashdan was returning to form. At last word his score was  $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , a whole game ahead of Levin and Almgren.

L. A. COUNTY CHESS LEAGUE Team matches were due to start the last week in March, with A and B sections. Contestants were expected from Cosmo, Santa Monica, Los Feliz, Wilshire, North Hollywood, Water and Power, and Inglewood. Hollywood did not expect to defend its title. John Keckhut is Director.

COSMO Cosmo tied the Wilshire club 4-4 in a team match played Feb. 4: 1) L. Johnson 0, J. Wolfe 1; 2) W. Banning 1, B. Peralta

0; 3) L. Zeitlin 1, N. Fisher 0; 4) T. Cragg 1, N. Flapan 0; 5) N. Southard 0, S. Salkin 1; 6) R. Graves 0, N. Negley 1; 7) N. Bryant 0 H. Sagorsky 1; 8) C. Gray 1, S. Klein 0.

WILSHIRE The Wilshire Chess Club defeated the Los Feliz club 5-3 in a team match played Feb. 10 at the Hollywood YMCA. This was the first won this year by the Wilshire club, last year's "B" champions. The score was even most of the way, but sterling play by Israel Szafir, and a brilliant win of an adjourned game by Nathan Negley clinched the match for the visitors. The score: 1) J. Wolfe  $\frac{1}{2}$ , E. P. Elliott  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2) C. Marko 0, S. Almgren 1; 3) S. Salkin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , L. Johnson  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4) B. Peralta 1, J. Freed 0; 5) I. Szafir 1, C. Taber 0; 6) R. Flapan 1, J. Livadary 0; 7) N. Negley 1, J. Healy 0; 8) L. Zeitlin 0, M. Kahl 1.

HOLLYWOOD INVITATIONAL, 1953

Game No. 160 - Sicilian

White	Black
E. Levin	A. Spiller

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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| 1. P-K4   | P-QB4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3  |
| 3. P-QKt4 |       |

Typical of Levin's adventurous style.

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|------------|--------|
| ...        | Kt-KB3 |
| 4. PxP     | KtxP   |
| 5. B-Kt5ch | B-Q2   |
| 6. BxBch   | KtxB   |
| 7. PxP     | Q-Kt3  |
| 8. Q-K2    | KtxP/3 |
| 9. Kt-B3   | P-K3   |
| 10. O-O    | Kt-B3  |
| 11. R-Kt1  | Q-B4   |
| 12. R-Kt3  | Kt-Q4  |
| 13. B-R3   | KtxKt  |
| 14. RxKt   | Q-QR4  |

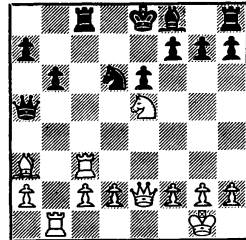
This and his next move shove Black to the brink. 14...Q-Kt3 was necessary.

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| 15. R-Kt1 | P-QKt3 |
|-----------|--------|

16. Kt-K5

Threatening 17. Q-B3, R moves, 18. BxKt winning. If 16...B-K2; 17. Kt-B6, Q-R5 (if 17...Q-Q4; 18. KtxB, KxKt; 19. R-Q3 wins) 18. KtxB, 19. R-B7 ch and 20. Bx Kt wins.

... R-B1



17. R-Kt5

White apparently can force a win now with 17. RxRch, KtxR; 18. Q-B4! (18...Kt-Q3; 19. Q-B6ch. Or 18...Kt-K2; 19. Q-B7, Q-Q4; 20. Q-Kt8ch, 21. QxQch and 22. KtxP ch) 18...QxB; 19. QxKtch, K-K2; 20. P-Q4!, Q-Q3; (20...K-B3; 21. Q-Kt7 threatening both QxPch and Q-K4) 21. Q-Kt7ch, K-B3 (if 21..

K-K1; 22. QxPch, K-Q1; 23. QxRP wins) 22. QxPch, K-Kt4; 23. P-B4 and mates in 2. If 18...BxB; 19. QxKtch, K-K2; 20. Q-Q7ch, K-B3; 21. R-Kt5 wins.

17. ... Q-R3  
18. R/5-B5??

A splendid idea---but there is a flaw.

... Q-Kt2??  
"Sometimes the only way to refute a sacrifice is to accept it." After 18...QxQ; 19. RxRch, K-K2 there is no mate!

19. RxRch KtxR  
20. Q-B3!! Resigns.

Game No. 161 - Ruy Lopez  
White Black

L. Spinner H. Steiner

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K4   |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5  | P-QR3  |
| 4. B-R4   | Kt-B3  |
| 5. O-O    | B-K2   |
| 6. Q-K2   | P-QKt4 |
| 7. B-Kt3  | O-O    |
| 8. P-B3   | P-Q4   |
| 9. P-Q3   | P-Q5   |
| 10. PxB   |        |

Creating a weakness at White's Q4, but White plans to exploit a similar weakness at Black's QB4.

... KtxQP  
11. KtxKt QxKt  
12. B-K3 Q-Q3  
13. R-B1

Necessary to prevent 13...P-QB4. White is doggedly consistent.

... Kt-Kt5!

Black throws down the gauntlet...

14. B-Q5 R-Kt1  
15. B-R7

And White picks it up!

... Q-R3  
16. Q-K1 QxPch  
17. K-B1 B-R5  
18. Kt-Q2

Not 18. BxR, BxP and wins (19. Q-Kt4, Q-R8ch and QxR. Or 19. Q-B3, B-Q5 wins. Or 19. Q-Q2, B-K6 wins, etc.)

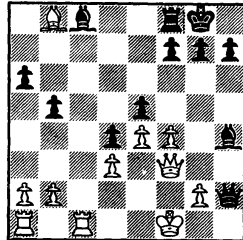
... Q-B5  
19. Kt-B3 Kt-R7ch  
20. KtxKt QxKt  
21. Q-K3

Not 21. BxR, B-Kt5 and wins.

... P-B3  
22. BxR

The R has been in take six moves, and White can no longer resist. With hindsight, 22. BxP seems better. White holds the game, in the short run at least. If 22...Q-R8ch; 23. K-K2, B-Kt5ch; 24. K-Q2, QxP; 25. R-KKt1 with a good game. Perhaps Black planned simply 22...B-K3; 23. BxR, RxB with some pressure.

... PxB  
23. P-B4 P-Q5  
24. Q-B3



... B-Kt6!

25. BxP  
If 25. P-B5, P-KKt3 followed by PxB, B-B5, and QBxP.

... Q-R5!

26. BxQP  
Forced, since B-KKt5 threatens.

... B-Kt5

27. Q-K3 BxP!

28. Q-B2 B-Kt6

29. Q-K3 P-B4

30. P-K5 P-B5

31. Q-K4 Q-R8ch

32. B-Kt1 P-B6

33. Q-Q5ch K-R1

34. PxB RxBch

Resigns. A brilliant game by Steiner.

Game No. 162 - K's Indian

White Black  
I. Rivise H. Steiner

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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|------------|--------|
| 1. P-K4    | P-Q3   |
| 2. P-Q4    | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3  | P-KKt3 |
| 4. B-KKt5  | B-Kt2  |
| 5. Q-Q2    | P-B3   |
| 6. Kt-B3   | QKt-Q2 |
| 7. B-QB4   | Q-R4   |
| 8. O-O     | P-KR3  |
| 9. B-K3    | P-KKt4 |
| 10. KR-K1  | Kt-Kt5 |
| 11. QR-Q1  | Kt-B1  |
| 12. P-K5   | KtxB   |
| 13. QxKt   | P-Q4   |
| 14. B-Q3   | B-K3   |
| 15. P-QR3  | Kt-Kt3 |
| 16. P-QKt4 | Q-B2   |
| 17. Kt-Q2  | O-O    |
| 18. Kt-K2  | K-R1   |
| 19. P-KB4  | PxB    |
| 20. KtxP   | KtxKt  |
| 21. QxKt   | R-KKt1 |

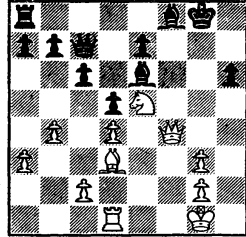
22. R-K3 B-KB1

23. R-Kt3 RxR

24. PxB P-B3

25. Kt-B3 PxB

26. KtxP K-Kt1



27. B-B5?

27. Q-R4 seems at once decisive.

If 27...B-Kt2; 28. Q-R5, BxKt;

29. PxB, B-B2; 30. Q-B5, P-K3;

31. Q-R7ch, and R-KB1 winning. If

27...B-B2; 28. Q-Kt4ch, B-Kt2;

29. Q-B5 etc. If 27...Q-B1; 28.

Q-R5, Q-K1; 29. B-Kt6 and 30. B-B7 ch wins.

... BxB

28. QxB B-Kt2

29. Q-K6ch K-R2

30. Q-Kt6ch K-Kt1

31. R-KB1 Q-Q3

32. Q-Kt4! P-KR4

Forced. Not 32...R-KB1; 33. RxR ch and 34. Q-B8ch mates.

33. QxB Q-R3

34. Q-B7ch K-R1??

If 34...K-R2; 35. R-B4, R-KB1 and Black is still kicking.

35. R-B4! Resigns.

NORTH - SOUTH MATCH

SAN LUIS OBISPO, MAY 30-31

Game No. 163 - Grunfeld

White Black  
J. Cross Rogosin

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

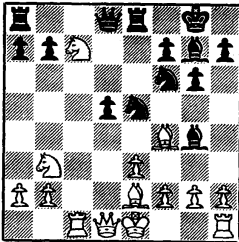
- 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
- 2. P-QB4 P-KKt3
- 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4
- 4. B-B4 B-Kt2
- 5. P-K3 O-O
- 6. R-B1 P-B3
- 7. Kt-B3 Q-R4
- 8. Kt-Q2 QKt-Q2
- 9. B-K2 R-K1
- 10. Kt-Kt3 Q-Q1

10...Q-Kt3 is preferable, but then White gains time later, after O-O, by Kt-QR4, Kt-B5, etc.

- 11. PxP PxP
- 12. Kt-Kt5 P-K4

If 12...R-KB1; 13. Kt-B7, R-Kt1; 14. B-B3 wins at least a pawn.

- 13. PxP KtxP
- 14. Kt-B7 B-Kt5



15. KtxQR

15. BxKt seems preferable, either winning a whole piece, or producing a simple ending with the exchange up. Thus 15. BxKt, BxB; 16. BxKt, BxQ; 17. BxQ, BxKt; 18. KtxR/K8, RxB; 19. KtxB, B-B5; 20. Kt-R5 and should win easily.

Perhaps White avoided this line for fear of 15...RxB; 16. BxB, KtxB; 17. QxKt, R-B1; 18. Kt-Kt5, RxBch; 19. KtxR, Q-R4ch; 20. Kt-B3, P-Q5; 21. QxP, R-QB4; 22. Q-Q1, BxKtch; 23. PxB, QxPch; 24. K-K2, Q-Kt7ch and draws. But 17. KtxR here wins.

- 15. ... BxB
- 16. QxB QxKt
- 17. O-O Kt-B5
- 18. R-B2 Kt-KR4
- 19. B-Kt3 KtxB
- 20. RPxKt P-QKt4
- 21. R-Q1 Q-Q1
- 22. Kt-Q4 P-QR3
- 23. P-QKt3 Kt-K4
- 24. R/l-QB1 Q-Kt4??

Either a blunder, or desperation.

- 25. P-B4 QxKtP
- 26. PxKt RxB
- 27. R-B8ch B-B1
- 28. Q-B3 Q-Kt4
- 29. Q-B4 Q-R4
- 30. Q-B6 R-Kt4
- 31. RxBch Resigns.

MECHANICS VS U. C., 1953

Game No. 164 - Ponziani

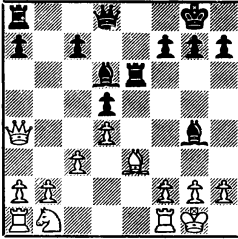
White Black  
A. J. Fink R. Burger

The young nova of Lafayette shines brightly in the following game!!

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
- 3. P-B3 P-Q4
- 4. Q-R4 Kt-KB3
- 5. KtxP B-Q3
- 6. KtxKt PxB
- 7. P-K5 BxP
- 8. P-Q4 B-Q3



- 9. B-K3 O-O
- 10. B-K2 Kt-Kt5
- 11. BxKt BxB
- 12. QxBP R-K1
- 13. O-O R-K3
- 14. Q-R4



- ... BxPch!
- 15. KxB Q-R5ch
- 16. K-Kt1 B-B6!
- 17. Kt-Q2 BxP
- 18. KxB Q-Kt5ch
- 19. K-R2 R-Kt3
- 20. B-Kt5 RxB
- Resigns.

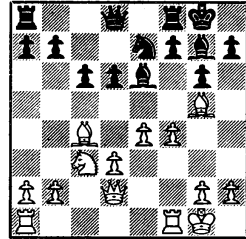
GOLDEN GATE VS RUSSIANS, 1953

Game No. 165 - Ruy Lopez

White Black  
H. Gross D. Poliakoff

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3

- 3. B-Kt5 Kt-Q5
- 4. KtxKt PxKt
- 5. O-O P-KKt3
- 6. P-QB3! B-Kt2
- 7. PxP BxP
- 8. Kt-B3 Kt-K2
- 9. P-Q3 B-Kt2
- 10. B-Kt5 P-QB3
- 11. B-QB4 O-O
- 12. Q-Q2 P-Q3
- 13. P-B4 B-K3



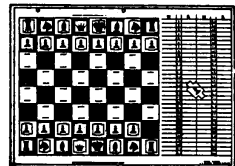
- 14. P-B5! PxP
  - 15. PxP Q-Kt3ch
  - 16. B-K3 B-Q5
  - 17. BxKB QxBch
  - 18. K-R1 KtxP
  - 19. Q-Kt5ch Kt-Kt2
  - 20. Kt-K4 Q-K4
  - 21. Kt-B6ch K-R1
  - 22. Q-R6 B-B4
  - 23. P-Q4 Q-QR4
  - 24. P-QKt4 Resigns.
- A lovely finish!

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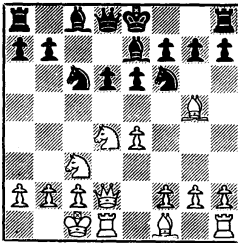
CAPITAL CITY VS SAN JOSE, 1953

Game No. 166 - Sicilian

White Black  
R. E. Russell E. H. Mueller

(Notes by R. E. Russell)

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-QB4  |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4   | PxP    |
| 4. KtxP   | Kt-B3  |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-Q3   |
| 6. B-KKt5 | P-K3   |
| 7. Q-Q2   | B-K2   |
| 8. O-O-O  |        |



... P-Q4

Pachman-Barcza, Stockholm 1952, continued with the more usual 8...O-O. Then 9. P-B4, KtxKt; 10. QxKt, Q-R4; 11. B-B4!, P-KR3; 12. P-KR4! The text raises the question of Black finding an equally good time to castle.

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| 9. B-Kt5 | B-Q2  |
| 10. PxP  | KtxP  |
| 11. BxB  | QKtxB |

If 11...QxB?; 12. KtxKt/5! or 11...KKtxB; 12. Kt-K4.

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|--------------|-------|
| 12. BxBch    | QxB   |
| 13. Kt/4-Kt5 | P-QR3 |

Not best. 13...O-O gives better chances.

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|-----------|-------|
| 14. KtxKt | KtxKt |
| 15. Kt-B3 | R-Q1  |
| 16. KtxKt | QxKt  |

The pawn is lost in any event but retaining the Q gave Black somewhat better chances.

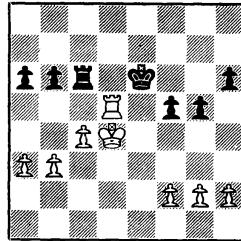
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| 17. QxQ     | PxQ  |
| 18. KR-Klch | K-B1 |

White prepares to cash in the chance afforded him by Black's 8th move. The obvious 18...K-Q2 is not practical because of the access of White's KR-K7.

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|------------|-------|
| 19. R-K3   | P-B3  |
| 20. R/3-Q3 | K-B2  |
| 21. RxP    | RxR   |
| 22. RxR    | K-K3  |
| 23. R-Q3   | R-QB1 |
| 24. K-Q2   | P-B4  |

Better is 24...R-B4. White now proceeds slowly, hoping for further advance of Black's K-side.

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|------------|--------|
| 25. P-QB3  | R-B2   |
| 26. P-QR3  | K-K4   |
| 27. P-QKt3 | P-KKt4 |
| 28. P-QB4  | P-Kt3  |
| 29. R-Q5ch | K-K3   |
| 30. K-Q3   | P-B3   |
| 31. K-Q4   | R-B3   |



Black has awaited the advance in good order but gained no counter chance. He suffers the inability of his K to reach the Q-side, the

inability of his R to penetrate, and the weakness of his K-side P's (a gratuitous concession).

32. P-QKt4 P-KR4  
 33. P-QR4 K-B3  
 34. P-B5 K-K3  
 35. R-K5ch! K-B3  
 36. P-Kt5 PXP  
 37. PXP/5 R-B1  
 38. R-Q5

An odd looking move, perhaps, but White prefers to prevent the penetration of the black R until after further advance of the white K, and also prefers greater mobility for his K and R to

another pawn.

38. ... PXPch  
 39. RXP R-QLch  
 40. R-Q5 R-QKt1  
 40...R-QB1 offers nothing now:  
 41. P-Kt6, R-B7; 42. R-Kt5 (made possible by White's 38th move).  
 41. K-B5 R-B1ch  
 42. K-Q6 R-B7  
 43. P-Kt6 RxP  
 44. P-Kt7 R-Kt7  
 45. K-B6 K-K3  
 46. R-Kt5 Resigns

The classic Lucena bridge toward which White pointed with his 35th move.

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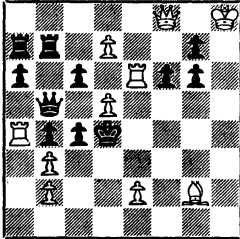
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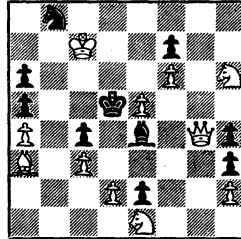
**REPORTER TASKS** Walter R. Shanks of Pacific Palisades, Boris Popoff of San Francisco, and Jerald Slavich of Marysville finished in a dead heat in our fourth contest. We believe we are correct in saying that the only member of the trio who has not won a chess prize recently is Mr. Shanks. We are therefore sending him a copy of "World Chessmasters in Battle Royal," by Horowitz and Knoch. We are sorry we could not award three prizes!

TASK No. 29 is by the British composer G. F. Anderson. TASK No. 30 is by the German problemist Ph. Klett.

TASK No. 29  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 30  
White Mates in Three



- ANSWERS:** TASK No. 25: The key move is 1. R-QB1!, with the main line 1...Kt-K5; 2. Q-Kt3! and mate next. A lot of our solvers missed this one!
- TASK No. 26: Spielmann-Tarrasch, San Sebastian 1912. The game continued 1...QxB!; 2. RxQ, RxR; 3. P-Kt4, B-B8!! and White resigned.
- TASK No. 27: 1. B-Kt3, K-Kt7; 2. K-K1, K-B8; 3. K-B2, K-Q7; 4. K-B1, K-K6; 5. K-K1, P-Q7ch; 6. K-Q1, K-Q6; 7. B-B7, K-B6; 8. B-K6, K-Q6; 9. B-Kt3 K-B6; 10. K-K2 wins.
- TASK No. 28: 1. P-Q8(Q), BxQ; 2. K-Q1, KtxKt; 3. PxP, Kt-B2; 4. B-B8, Kt-K2; 5. B-Q7!, P-B5; 6. B-R3 and mate next.

The comments of our solvers on Mr. Branton's compositions were really elegant! One solver called them "masterpieces," another "magnificent!" We hope to receive more from the young San Francisco composer.