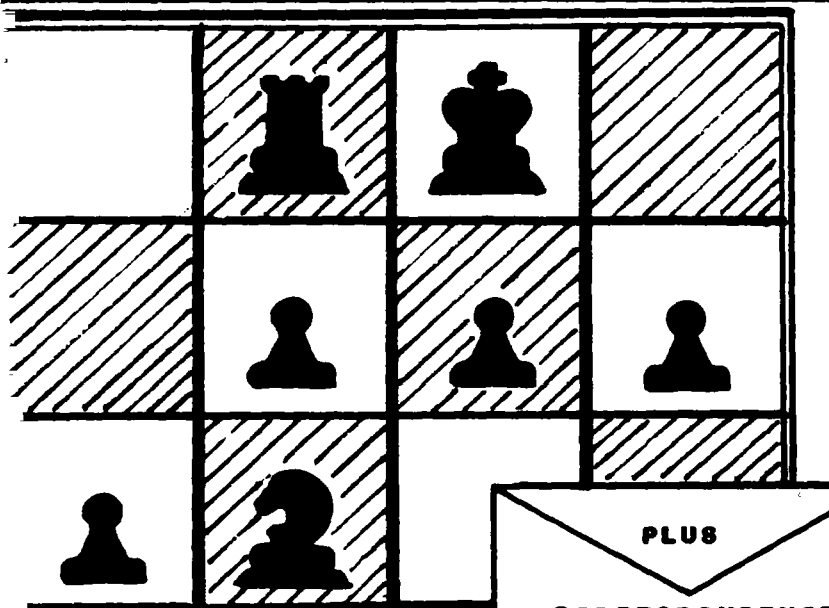


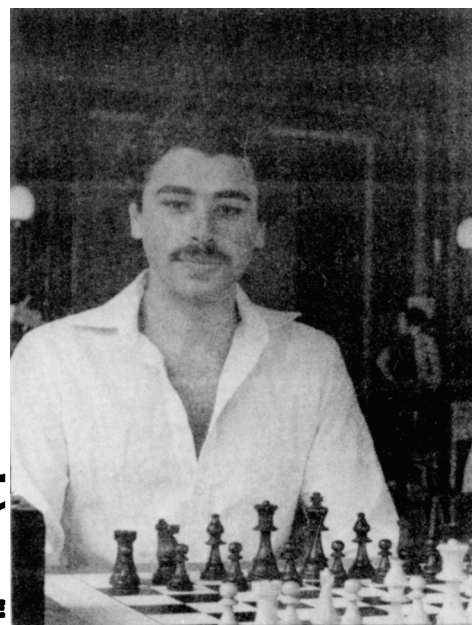
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THREE GMs TIE FOR FIRST IN AMERICAN OPEN

Report by Randy Hough

The 22nd annual American Open just about had it all: a pleasant and roomy playing site, six GMs and seven IMs participating, and a well-run tournament. (Only a book concession was lacking.) A number of Northern Californians were among the 387 players who trekked to the LA-X Marriott Hotel November 27-30, and one of them, GM Walter Browne of Berkeley, tied for first.

Joining the six-time US Champion in the winners' circle were GMs Lev Alburt of New York and Boris Gulko now of Maryland, who with his wife Anna Achsharumova were making their first visit to the West Coast. Gulko threatened to set a record with a blazing 6-0 start which included wins over Alburt and IM Igor Ivanov. (Since the American Open was restructured into two sections in 1974, no one has scored more than 7-1 and there has been only one clear winner.) Then he relaxed his pace a bit; final day draws with Browne and GM Sergey Kudrin set up the tie.

Alburt and Browne had tougher rows to hoe; a final round win over Ivanov moved the New Yorker into the tie. Meanwhile Browne again confounded the critics who periodically write him off; his final round win over IM-elect Jay Whitehead of San Francisco gave him his fourth tie for first in this tournament. The three winners each earned \$ 1267. In a tie for fourth through ninth places were Kudrin; IM Eugene Meyer (who accounted for Browne's other draw); FMs Doug Root, Roman Pelts, and Perry Youngworth; and Paul Koploy, a lower-rated master whose amazing result included wins over Meyer, Root, and GM Anatoly Lein, as well as a draw with Kudrin.

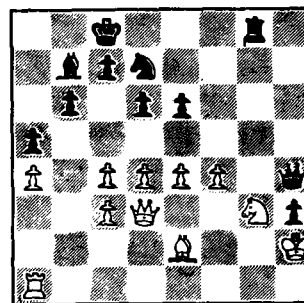
Among the other Northern Californians in the open section, Whitehead, Craig Mar of Oakland, Ray Schutt of Hayward, and Renard Anderson of Aptos (who upset IM Elliott Winslow in the last round) all scored 6-2. Daniel Kellog of Sacramento and Wallace Manhart of Carmichael tied for third prize among A-players. In the amateur section, Ernest Valles of Vallejo tied for second place. Several interesting games follow:

White: IM-elect J. Whitehead

Black: GM W. Browne

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. Nc3
Bb4 5. Bg5 Bb7 6. Qc2 h6 7. Bh4 g5
8. Bg3 Ne4 9. e3 Bxc3ch 10. bc3 Nxc3
11. fg3 d6 12. Bd3 Nd7 13. 0-0 Qe7
14. Rf2 0-0-0 15. a4 a5 16. Nd2 h5
17. h3 f5 18. e4 f4 19. gf4 g4 20. Nf1
gh3 21. g3 Rdg8 22. Kh2 h4 23. g4
Rxc4 24. Be2 Rg2ch 25. Rxc4 hg2
26. Kxc4 h3ch 27. Kh2 Qh4 28. Ng3
Rg8 29. Qd3 See diagram 29. ... Bxe4
30. Qe3 Bb7 31. Rg1 Bg2 32. Bf1 Nf6
33. Be2 Ng4ch 34. Bxc4 Qxc4 35. c5
bc5 36. dc5 dc5 37. Rb1 Bd5 38. Rf1
Bc6 39. c4 Qg6 40. Qb3 Rd8 41. Qc3
Rd4 42. f5 ef5 43. Rxf5 Qd6 44. Rf2
Kb7 45. Qe3 Rxc4 46. Rb2ch Rb4 47.
Rc2 Rb1 48. Kxc3 Qd7ch 49. Kh4 Qh7
ch 0-1



Position after 29. Qd3

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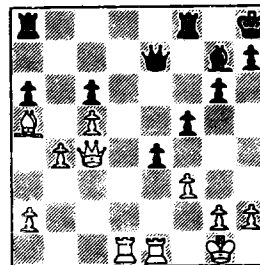
Bagby Memorial Tournament

Now, that it is time again to start the 12th Annual Bagby Memorial tournament and Northern California State Championship (Masters Invitational), we can reflect on last years event.

Grandmaster Peter Biyiasas won the 11th Annual Bagby Memorial tournament held in January 1986 in San Francisco, California. He scored 5.5 points and went through the 7-round robin tournament undefeated. FM Paul Whitehead and NM Craig Mar placed 2/3 with 4.5 points, 4th was FM Elliott Winslow with 4 points.

The players are chosen from the list of the Northern California TOP 50. This year the following Masters accepted the invitation:

	USCF	FIDE
1) Cris Ramayrat, San Francisco	2483	2430
2) Craig Mar, San Jose	2464	2310
3) Elliott Winslow, Oakland	2454	2365
4) Guillermo Rey, San Francisco	2452	2275
5) Paul Whitehead, San Francisco	2442	2380
6) David Glueck, El Cerrito	2430	2345
7) Victor Baja, San Francisco	2378	2265
8) Jon Frankle, San leandro	2373	2215



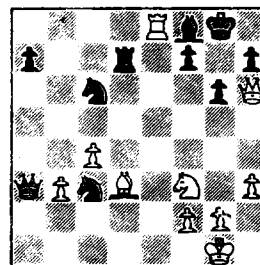
Here are several games from last years tournament:

White: Z. Harari Black: P. Biyiasas King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 0-0 6. Nf3 e5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 Nd7 10. Nd3 f5 11. Bd2 c5 12. dc6 (Usually White plays either 12. f3 or 12. f4 here) 12. ... bc6 13. f3 Nf6 14. Qa4 Be6 15. Rad1 Qc7 16. c5 d5 17. ed5 Nfd5 18. Nd5: Nd5: 19. Nb4 Nb4: 20. Bb4: Bd5 21. Ba5 Qe7 22. b4 e4 23. Qc2 a6 24. Bc4 Bc4: 25. Qc4:ch Kh8 26. Rfel See diagram above 26. ... Be5! 27. fe4 f4! 28. Rf1 f3 29. gf3 Qg5ch 30. Kh1 Bh2:! 31. Qe6 Be5 32. Qh3 Rf4 33. Rg1 Qf6 34. Rg4 Rf3: 35. Qg2 Rf2 36. Bd8 Qf8 37. Bh4 Rg2: 38. Kg2: Qf7 39. a3 Qa2ch 40. Bf2 0 - 1

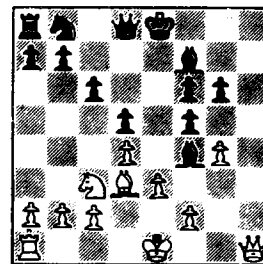
White: C. Powell Black: P. Biyiasas Pirc Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Nbd2 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Bd3 0-0 6. 0-0 Nc6 7. d5 Nb8 8. h3 c6 9. c4 b5 10. dc6 bc4 11. Nc4: Nc6: 12. Bd2 Bb7 13. Bc3 Rc8 14. Rel e6 15. Qd2 d5 16. ed5 ed5 17. Na5 d4! 18. Nb7: dc3 19. bc3 Qc7 20. Rab1 Nd5 21. c4 Nc3 22. Rb3 Rb8 23. Nc5 Qa5 24. Nd7 Rb3: 25. ab3 Rd8 26. Qf4 Rd7: 27. Re8ch Bf8 28. Qh6 Qa3 See diagram 29. c5 (29. Ng5 forces f5 when 30. Nh7: leads to at least a draw) 29. ... Ne2ch 30. Kh2 Qc5: 31. Ng5 Qe5ch! 32. g3 Qg7 33. Rf8:ch Kf8: 34. Nh7:ch Kg8 0 - 1



White: C. Mar Black: C. Powell Dutch Defense

1. d4 f5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bg5 d5 4. Bf6: ef 5. e3 c6 6. Bd3 Bd6 7. Qf3 g6 8. Nge2 Be6 9. h3 h5 10. g4 Bf7 11. Nf4 hg 12. hg Rh1: 13. Qh1: Bf4: See diagram 14. gf! Bd6 15. fg Bg8 16. Bf5 Ke7 17. 0-0-0 Qf8 18. e4 de 19. Ne4: Kd8 20. Nd6: Qd6: 21. Qh8 Qd5 22. Qf6:ch Kc7 23. Qe5! Qe5: 24. de Na6 25. Rd7 Kb6 26. e6 Nc7 27. e7 Re8 28. Rd8 Bd5 29. Re8: Ne8: 30. Bd7 1 - 0



The Danish Gambit - part 3

by NM Kerry Lawless

The fact, known to tacticians, that the f7 square is the weakest link in Black's initial setup provides the underlying motif for the Danish Gambit. Black's 5...d6 is a passive attempt to safeguard the f7 square with Be6, while keeping the two extra pawns. This position was reached many times in the early part of the century; and the chess arena was littered with the bodies of prominent players of both, the attacking and defending sides. The black side isn't as bad as some annotaters would have you think. However, with careful, accurate, and forceful play, you can get an attack worth more than two pawns.

1. e4 e5
2. d4 ed
3. c3 dc

The primitive 3. ... d6, while objectively weak, could be used by a modern player to bamboozie a less sophisticated opponent. White's attempts to transpose to normal Danish Gambit lines would leave him with a weak e-pawn. The correct procedure is: 4. cd Nf6 5. Nc3 Be7 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. Nge2 b6 8. 0-0

(L. Paulsen - G. Schultz 1863 reached this position by transposition. Play continued: 8. ... 0-0 9. f4 Nb4 10. d5 Nxd3 11. Qxd3 a5 12. Rf3 Ba6

13. Qc2 Nd7 14. Nd4 Bf6 15. Nc6 Qe8 ((And now, the correct move, not actually played, was 16. Bd2)) White has a slight edge due to space advantage.)

8. ... Bb7 9. f4 0-0 10. d5 Nb4 11. Ng3 Nxd3 12. Qxd3 c6 13. Nf5 cd 14. ed Qd7 15. Be3 Rae8 16. Bd4 Bd8

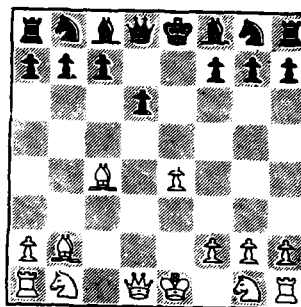
17. Rf3 Kh8?? (a serious mistake, better was 17. ... Bc8!). The position was then equal according to John F. Hurt.) 18. Rh3 g6 (19. Nxc7 was threatened. 19. ... Kxg7 20. Qxh7 mate) 19. Nh6 Bc8 20. Ne4 Kg7 21. Ng5 Kh8 22. f5 gf 23. Rf1 Qe7 24. Nf5 resigns Blackburne - Cutler 1885 (from an eight game simultaneous exhibition).

4. Bc4 cb

The move 4. ... d6 is actually pretty common at the club level. Which is strange, because it gives White the option of playing the Half-Danish Gambit (5. Nxc3), so heavily favored by Alekine. White can also attempt a "cheapo" with: 5. Nf3 Be6? (Better is 5. ... Nd7!

with the idea of Qe7 - Nc5.) 6. Be6 fe 7. Qb3 Qc8 8. Ng5 with a much better position. But, I recommend 5. Qb3 which is in the spirit of the gambit. 5. ... Qf6 6. Nxc3 c6 7. Nf3 Nd7 8. Bg5 Qg6 9. h4 h5 10. 0-0-0 Nc5 11. Qb4!! d5 12. Bxd5! Nd3? 13. Rxd3 Bxb4 14. Bxf7ch Kxf7 15. Ne5ch Ke6 16. Ng6 Rh7 17. f4 Nf6 18. f5ch Kf7 19. Rd8 b5 20. Rhdl resigns Rubinstein - Phillips.

5. Bxb2 d6



6. Qb3 Qd7

Why, you ask, didn't I include 6. ... Qe7 in last month's article, since there are two positions arrived at which are exactly identical except for the placement of the white Queen (Qb3 versus Qc2). The current more powerful placement of the Queen on b3 was achieved because of Black's decision to move the Pawn to d6 instead of reserving its option to move to d5. Timing move orders are very important in all openings. Had the pawn position been c6-d7 when Qb3 was played, Black could have moved the Pawn to d5 attacking White's pinned e-Pawn and (c4) Bishop simultaneously.

As you probably remember from last month (1. e4 e5 2. d4 ed 3. c3 dc 4. Bc4 cb 5. Bxb2 c6 6. Nc3 Qe7 7. Qc2), the main line with the Queen on c2 doing double duty guarding the e-Pawn and supporting an attack on c7, if 7. ... d5 8. Bxd5 cd 9. Nxd5 leave Black with an attack on his Queen and the threat of a King/Rook fork. I merely mention this in passing so that you, if you don't already know how to, can begin to research openings yourself. Back to 6. ... Qd7 - if Black chooses as main alternative 6. ... Qe7 then the continuation could be: 7. Nc3 c6 8. 0-0-0 Be6 9. Bxe6 fe 10. Nf3 Na6 11. Ba3! Nc5 12. Bxc5 dc 13. Nb5! Rd8 14. Rxd8ch Kxd8 15. Nd6! b6 16. Ne5! Kc7 17. Ndf7 Nh6 18. Qa4 Nxf7 19. Qxa7ch Kc8 20. Qa8ch Kc7 21. Qc6ch Kb8 22. Nd7ch 1-0 Wysowsky - Rozman, correspondence 1951.

7. Nc3 Nc6
8. Nd5 Na5
9. Qg3 f6

Not the blunder 9. ... Nxc4 because of 10. Bxg7.

10. Bb5

A quieter alternative is 10. Be2 c6 11. Nf4 Nh6 (Mieses - Marshall, Hannover 1902) 12. Nh5! "gives White nice chances" - GM Larry Christiansen. ("= but unclear" - L. M. Pickett).

10. c6
11. Bc3 Ne7
12. Bxa5 Nxd5
13. ed cb
14. Ne2 Qf7
15. Qd3 1-0

Mieses - Marshall Monte Carlo 1903



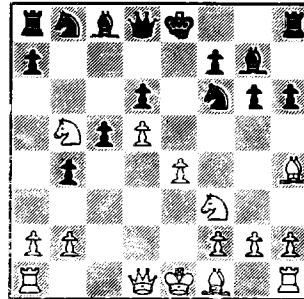
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Qxh2ch 32. Qe2 Qxf4ch 33. Kd1 Bg4
34. Bxf6ch Qxf6 35. Rxf6 1-0

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Black: IM J. Peters
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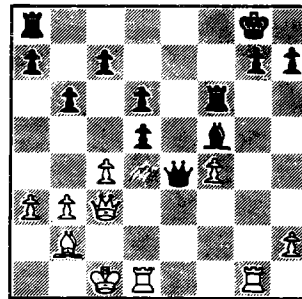
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 c5 4. d5 ed
5. cd5 g6 6. Nc3 Bg7 7. Bg5 h6 8.
Bh4 b5 9. e4 b4 10. Nb5 d6



11. e5 de5 12. d6 Na6 13. Nxe5 0-0
14. Bc4 Qe8 15. Qe2 Bf5 16. f4 g5
17. d7 Qe7 18. Nxf7 Qxe2ch 19. Kxe2
Bg4ch 20. Ke3 Rxf7 21. Nd6 Nc7 22.
Bxf7ch Kf8 23. fg5 hg5 24. Bxg5 Bxd7
25. Rhf1 Ke7 26. Ne4 Bb5 27. Bxf6ch
Kxf7 28. Be5ch 1-0

White: R. Schutt Black: R. Hough
Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3
b6 5. Ne2 Ne4 6. Qc2 f5 7. a3 Bxc3
ch 8. Nxc3 Nxc3 9. Qxc3 Bb7 10. b3
0-0 11. Bb2 Qg5 12. 0-0-0 d6 13. f4
Qe7 14. Be2 Nd7 15. Rhg1 Nf6 16.
Bf3 Ne4 17. Bxe4 Bxe4 18. d5 ed5?!
19. g4 Rf6? 20. gf5 Bxf5 21. e4! Qxe4



22. Rxc7ch Kh8 23. Rf7 d4 24. Rxd4
Qb1ch 25. Kd2 Rg8 26. Re4 Rg2ch
27. Re2 Rxe2ch 28. Kxe2 Qe4ch 29.
Qe3 Qg2ch 30. Ke1 Qh1ch 31. Kd2

MONTE CARLO 1903
 (An unorthodox book review)
 by
 Val Zemitis

The 3rd Monte Carlo tournament was held between February 10 and March 17, 1903, and was one of the strongest tournaments up to that time. Practically all participants were what we now term "super-grandmasters" with now calculated ELO ratings well over 2500. It was a 14-man, two cycle affair.

The tournament was sponsored by Prince Dadien de Mingrelien, a vain and volatile individual. He declined Mikhail Chigorin (ELO 2600) participation, even though he was invited and duly arrived several days before the tournament. The Prince arranged for Chigorin to receive a sum of 1500 Francs (a sum greater than the 3rd prize money) and sent him on his merry way. Chigorin's "crime" was that he had showed in writing that a brilliancy played by the Prince had gross errors and with correct play should have been won by Prince's opponent.

Then, "The Water Carrier" - an art object - created another commotion. This art object was made by the well-known artist Lefebre and had won a special prize in 1897 in Rome. According to the wishes of the Prince, the first and second place finishers - Herr Doctor Tarrasch and Maroczy - should have played a short match to determine who should possess such a valuable "object d'art". But both players were of a different opinion and in addition to the art object they also wanted to compete for a purse of 3000 Francs. The annoyed Prince thereupon arranged for the third place finisher Pillsbury to receive this art object. As an insult to Dr. Tarrasch, the Prince, through a subordinate of his, handed Dr. Tarrasch a "wine carafe" - an object of little value. Such insults Herr Doctor was not willing to accept without comments. He wrote caustially about this affair, and was promptly "overlooked" when the invitations for the Monte Carlo 1904 tournament were sent.

In spite of "faux pas" committed by Prince Dadien de Milgrelien, the tournament was ably managed by Arnous de Reviere, the same Reviere who had battled Paul Morphy in Paris in 1859. There were five rounds per week with adjourned games session on Wednesdays. Players agreed to play seven hours each day from 10 am to 2 pm and then from 4 to 7 in the evening. No one objected to players themselves analysing games but no consultation was allowed.

Dr. Tarrasch emerged as a winner despite three early losses. Considering the opposition his result 20-6 (77 %) is remarkable. Tarrasch's play at this tournament was characterized as "conservative and careful" and was said to be "interesting and instructive and at times not void of brilliancy".

Maroczy, who achieved 19 points, was second. He played well and displayed "good positional judgement and keenness of attack". Pillsbury placed third with 18.5 points. As usual, he was a dangerous opponent and could have emerged as a victor had it not been for a severe cold he suffered in the second cycle of the tournament. The youngest participant, Frank Marshall at the age of 26, placed 9th.

Now a hard-cover book about the Monte Carlo tournament has been published by the EDITION OLMS (Hagendorwall 7, D-3200 Hildesheim, W.-Germany). This book is a reprint from "The American Chess Weekly", Special series #1-5, Philadelphia, April 29, 1903 - June 18, 1903. All 182 games are annotated and there are 49 diagrams dispersed throughout the 112 pages of the book.

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"Pawns for picture books" Chess Tournament - Fremont December 20, 1986

This Quad-event raised money for the new Fremont Library. TD Ray Orwig.

Number of players: 34 Results:

1st Quad # 1, David Forthoffer (2173), 3-0; 1st #2, Gary Smith (1851) 2.5-.5
 1st # 3, Steve Rubenstein (1781), 2.5 - .5; 1st - 3rd # 4, Daniel Miller (1728),
 Peter M. Hock (1699), and Drayton Swartz (1655), all 2 - 2;
 1st # 5, John Easterling (1628), 3 - 0; 1st - 2nd # 6, Richard Fulmer (1588),
 and Vic Ofiesh (1442), both 2.5 - .5; 1st - 2nd # 7, Jony Fankuchen (1316), and
 Clayton Van Lydegraf (1207), both 2 - 2; 1st # 8, Frank Thornton (unr) 3 - 0.

All winners received a nice trophy. Thanks to the Fremont Library and R. Orwig.

December 20 1986 saw yet another tournament: I call it "Going for the chicken money", the San Jose State University Annual drew around 100 players among them the top contenders for the Grand Prix prize fund. It was directed by Francisco and Amada Sierra. Rumors have it that Igor Ivanov will again garner 1st place in the Church's Fried Chicken Grand Prix. Results:

OPEN: 1st Igor Ivanov (2613) 4-0, \$500.00; 2nd - 3rd Larry Christiansen and Nick de Firmian 3.5-.5, \$250.00 each.

Expert: 1st-2nd Roy Woll (2188) and Izraail Rabinovich (2162), 3-1 \$136.00 ea.
 3rd-6th Ira Pohl (2196), John Bidwell (2191), Michael Morley (2126),
 and Robert Arnes (2100) 2.5-1.5 \$14.00 each.

"A" 1st - 3rd Neil Regan (1953), Romulo Fuentes (1912), and
 Virgilio Fuentes (1859) 3.5 - .5 \$86.00 each

"B" 1st Jun Pabelonio (1778) 3.5 - .5 \$100.00
 2nd - 4th Stephen Homan (1701), William North (1603) and
 Elizabeth Jamieson (1737) 3 - 1 \$35.00 each

"C" 1st John Juan (1588), 3.5 - .5 \$75.00
 2nd David Kelm (1453) 2.5 - 1.5 \$50.00
 3rd - 4th Stephen How (1415), and Teron Uy (1398) 2 - 2 \$35.00 each

"D" 1st Abel Talamantez (1356) 4 - 0 \$63.00
 2nd Patrick Ching (1348) 3 - 1 \$40.00
 3rd - 5th Larry Smith (1385), John Lehman (1218), and
 Phillip Garcia (1166) 2.5 - 1.5 \$11.66 each

Unrated 1st Craig Hooten 2.5 - 1.5 \$50.00
 2nd - 4th Silas Hill, M. Thompson, and J.P. O'Shea 2-2 \$31.66 ea.

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4.	Tom Giertych	1481 - 0	Matt Ek	1792 - 1
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Mark Drury from Chico writes: "I have a question which concerns chess literature. The annotation one finds in most periodicals scarcely touches on positional ideas. Tactical analysis fills pages while the positional stratagems which make combinations possible are very often ignored. I understand the rudiments of positional play but need to know much more. Would you be able to recommend the best available work on the subject?"

Indeed, Mark is correct in saying that most writers dwell on combination-
al rather than on positional aspects of the game. The reason for this is apparent - combinations comprise over 90 percent of chess activities. Also, explaining positional ideas that would unquestionably work requires possession of an "advanced degree" in chess, that is, one must be a grandmaster.

To recommend the best available work dealing with positional play is impossible because there are many worthwhile books published on the subject. Such outstanding chess writers as Euwe, Reinfeld, Chernev, Kotov, Fine, Kmoch, Dr. Em. Lasker, Dr. Ed. Lasker, Pachmann and others have written good books on this subject but all these works in my opinion are somewhat outdated. The only book that is current is Edmar Mednis' "King Power in Chess".

All positional players aim at obtaining some minute endgame advantage which then can be converted into a victory by use of accurate endgame technique. Consequently, I would be remiss in not mentioning books on endgames theory and practice. From all of the available books on endgame theory I like Reuben Fine's "Basic Chess Endings" best but this book has 573 action filled pages and anyone using this book will have to "burn the midnight oil" in order to acquire the necessary wisdom from it.

Other, more modest, books on endgame technique worth mentioning (and buying) are: Edmar Mednis' "Practical Endgame Lessons," Paul Keres' "Practical Chess Endings," and Yuri Averbach's "Chess Endings: Essential Knowledge". My advice is to buy the least expensive of these books. (Many chess book outlets give good discounts - shop around!)

I believe the best way to learn how to play positional chess is by studying games played by distinguished masters of that art. After all, these masters have achieved lasting fame by strictly adhering to the tenets of a positional style of play. I will mention only those masters whose collected games have been published. Some of the positional players par excellence of a more recent vintage are (in order of their year of birth): Tigran V. Petrosian (ELO 2680): His style of play can be imitated but the game collection is in Russian (available from ZNANIE BOOK STORE at a cost of approximately \$6.25). Robert Huebner (ELO 2605): His style of play

can also be imitated but you will have to study his games and read comments in German. Anatoly Karpov (ELO 2725): Many books about him are available but keep in mind that his style is somewhat unique and that you will have a difficult time playing like him. Ulf Anderson (ELO 2605): His game collection recently has been published by CHESS MATE, 14, Fifth Cross Street, Shastringar, Madras 600 020, India. The compiler and commentator IM V. Ravikumar has done a good job. This book is inexpensive and Anderson's games are delightful to study. A MUST. Yasser Seirawan (ELO 2605): His style of play cannot be easily learned but studying his games will certainly improve your game. The book I recommend is "Seirawan" by Vince McCambridge, Players Press, Los Angeles.

Maybe the best player from whose games all could learn how to play positional chess is Maia Chiburdanidze, the current Woman's Champion of the World. Her style is clear, she plays modern openings and (usually) makes moves that most of us could understand. The book is called "Seventeen Lents of Maia" and is by Gufeld. All games are well annotated and are presented in algebraic notation but the explanations are in Russian.

If I had to answer the question of who exhibited the best positional judgement, that is, possessed the best ability to judge a given position without going into the details of accurate calculation of moves my answer would be - undoubtedly Capablanca. To the question of who was the best when it came to assessing positions in which conflicting advantages and disadvantages had to be evaluated my answer would be - unquestionably Rubinstein. Thus, I feel that studying old master games is not a waste of time. The oldtimers with a flair for positional style are: Geza Maroczy (ELO 2620); Carl Schlechter (ELO 2600) (a book about his games is available from ZNANIE BOOK STORE, \$4.00); Akiba Rubinstein (ELO 2640), the book "Rubinstein's Chess Masterpieces" is a MUST; Milan Vidmar (ELO 2600); Jose R. Capablanca (ELO 2725) - everything he has written is worth reading; Salo Flohr (ELO 2620) - several books are available; Andrei Lilienthal (ELO 2570); and Samuel H. Seshevsky (ELO 2680), his "Art of Positional Play" is a MUST.

Let me digress now and express my opinion on how one should replay games. I do not believe in the method whereone has to outguess what was played in the game. Such a method is good maybe for one's "ego massage". I recommend first to replay a game fast - in about 5 minutes - to see what has happened in the game. Then replay again but this time pause at positions in which you feel you would have played differently. This is the time to be truthful with yourself and admit reasons why you would have played differently. Of course you should read comments and if these comments are in a foreign language try to reason what the commentator has said. I prefer comments by the players themselves.

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Correspondence Chess: Cruisin' 1982.

by Erik Osbun

Cruising the opening manuals and theoretical articles on openings is a persistent activity of the strong correspondence player. Since experienced postal players are highly conscious of opening fashion and often try out newly recommended lines of play, the search for improvements or refutations in these new lines can bring great satisfaction. Sometimes a single, unexpected move can be successful as in the game by Dr. Frank Ruys following.

Does the search and discovery of that single, powerful new move make one a "smart Alec", as decried by Botvinnik? No, the quality of your new move demonstrates your deeper understanding of the whole opening method, as admired by Botvinnik. In short, the successful opening analyst in postal play must have executed his homework thoroughly and accurately, with the acquired understanding of the opening system leading him to the discovery.

English Opening
Sixth United States Correspondence
Championship, Rd. 1, 1982-1984.

White: Dr. Frank C. Ruys
Black: Barry E. Endsley

1. c4 c5
2. Nc3 Nf6
3. Nf3 d5
4. cd 5 Nxd5
5. e4

Introduced by Nimzovich in his game with Rubinstein at Dresden, 1926, one of the finest games of all time.

5. Nb4

The popular, topical reply, yet Nimzovich preferred 5...Nxc3 6.bc3 g6 entering the Grünfeld Defense. White has also 6.dc3 Qxd1ch 7.Kxd1 Nc6 8.Be3 e6 9.Kc2 Bd7 10.Be2 Be7 11.Rhd1 0-0-0 12.Rd2 f6 13.Rad1, with advantage for White after 13.... Be8? 14.Rxd8ch Nxd8 15.e5 (Svetkovic). Better is 13....e5 (also Svetkovic) with the possibility of equalizing.

6. Bb5ch

The straightforward, forcing approach, which has become more topical recently possibly because of Black's successes with the paradoxical Knight journey after 6.Bc4 Nd3ch 7.Ke2 Nf4ch 8.Kf1 Ne6. Still, a new discussion has arisen in this variation centering around the gambit 9.b4 cb 10.Ne2 (instead of Seirawan's 10.Nd5) Nc7 11.d4 e6 12.h4.

6. ... N8c6

Best, since 6...Bd7 7.a3 N4c6 (7...Bxb5? 8.ab4 Bd3 9.Qa4ch! Nc6 10.b5 Nb4 11.b6ch Qd7 12.Qxd7ch Kxd7 13.Rxa7 led to a win for White in Forintos - Farago, Budapest, 1979.) 8.Bc4 (8.d4 cd 9.Nxd4 g6! appears O.K. for Black according to Peters.) e6 9.d3 Be7 10.Be3 0-0 11.0-0 Be8 (Bagirov) 12.Qc2 b6 13.Rfd1 Bf6 14.Ra1 allows White to gradually build positional pressure unopposed.

7. d4

The point of the variation, Black must now endure an open game with his King to remain in the center.

7. ... cd4

8. a3 dc3

Acquiescing to White's design, because apparently inferior are 1) 8. ... Qb6 9.Bxc6ch bc6 (Or 9...Qxc6 10.Nxd4 Qa6 11.ab4 Qxa1 12.Ndb5, and White will win. Or 9...Nxc6 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bc5 14.Rc1 Bb6 15.Qa4ch Bd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Nxb6, and White wins.) 10.ab4 dc3 11.bc3, with a highly favorable position for White, and 2) 8...Bd7 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd7ch Qxd7 11.ab4 e6 12.Be3 Rd8 13.0-0! Bxb4 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Qa4ch Ke7 16.Nb5! Qxe4 17.Rfel Qxelch 18.Rxel Bxel 19.Qa3ch, and White won in the game Lukacs - Uhlmann, Berlin, 1982.

9. Qxd8ch Kxd8

10. ab4 cb

The natural reply, but Black can

continued from previous page:
 deny this Pawn grab. On 10...c2!?,
 White has 11.Bxc6 bc6 12.Ne5 Ke8 13.
 Be3! e6 14.Bc5!, with a great endgame
 advantage. Not much better is 10...Bd7
 11.bc3 g6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Ra3! Rc8 14.
 Rdl a6 (14...Ke8? 15.Rxa7 Nxa7 16.
 Bxd7ch Kd8 17.Be3 is Csom - Stean,
 Las Palmas, 1978. Stean put this hard
 lesson to profit!) 15.Be2 Ke8 16.b5 ab
 17.Bxb5 f6 18.Be3 e5 19.Nd2 Bf8 20.
 R3a1 Nb8 21.Rdb1 Rxc3 22.Bxd7ch
 Kxd7 23.Rxb7ch Kc8 24.Rf7, to White's
 advantage in the game Stean - Browne,
 Buenos Aires, 1978.

On 10...Nxb4 11.Ke2, White's ad-
 vantage in development assumes deci-
 sive proportions.

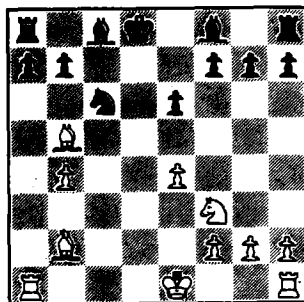
11. Bxb2 e6

Stean recommended this line of de-
 fense for Black in 1979, as did Korn and
 Collins in the ninth edition of MCO in
 1957. Nevertheless, Gipslis in ECO
 (1979) recommended 11...e5 12.0-0-0
 ch Kc7 13.Bxc6 bc6=, based upon the
 games Lein - Schmidt and Miles -
 Schmidt, Buenos Aires, 1978. It is
 worthwhile to notice before going any
 further that now 14.Bxe5ch Kb7 15.Rd8
 can be met by 15...Be6, and Black re-
 pels the attack.

Gipslis' judgment of the quality of
 11...e5 was soon overturned by the
 games Szabo - Horvath, Hungary, 1979,
 and Ree - Chandler, Lone Pine, 1979, in
 which 12.Bxc6! bc6 13.Nxe5 Kc7
 (Horvath continued 13...Bxb4ch 14.Ke2
 Kc7 15.Rhc1! Bb7, and Szabo won easily
 with 16.Nxc6!) 14.Ke2 f6 15.Nd3 Bd6
 16.Rhc1 Re8 17.f3 Kb7 18.g4, and Ree
 obtained a strong bind on the position for
 a winning endgame.

Discussion of Black's possibilities
 should not be terminated with the above,
 for the latest word is the obvious 11...
 Bd7 of Tal - Timman, Montpellier Candi-
 dates Tournament, 1985. Tal found noth-
 ing special with 12.0-0 f6 13.Bc4 Nxb4
 14.e5 Rc8 15.Bf7 Rc2 16.Rfb1 Nd3, and
 Timman drew. Quite possibly Tal had
 wrongly assessed a prior game: Uhlmann
 - Szymczak, Warsaw, 1983, in which 11...
 f6 12.e5! Bg4 (Uhlmann noted that 12...
 Bd7 can be met by 13.Ba4!, and if 13...
 Nxe5? 14.Nxe5 Bxa4 15.Nf7ch Ke8
 16.Nxh8 Bb5 17.f4 e6 18.Bc3 Rc8

19.Kd2, White should win; or if 13...a6
 14.0-0 gives White better prospects.)
 13.Bxc6 bc6 14.Nd4 fe5 (14...Bd7
 15.e6!) 15.Nxc6ch Ke8 16.0-0 e6 17.
 Rfc1 Bd6 18.b5! resulted in a win for
 White. Suggested is that Tal's prema-
 ture 12.0-0 be replaced by 12.Ba4!
 (12...Nxb4? 13.0-0-0, and White
 wins.) It is worthwhile to notice before
 going any further that the place and ti-
 ming of White's King position is crucial
 for White's initiative.



12. 0-0-0 ch

Rather obvious, but new! The idea
 is to establish a Rook at a permanent
 post on Black's second rank, with the
 usual destructive effect. The idea de-
 rives its effect from the fact that the
 black e-Pawn confines his Queen's
 Bishop.

The tried continuation is 12.0-0 f6
 13.e5 f5?! 14.Rfd1ch Kc7 15.Bxc6
 bc6 16.Bc3 Be7 17.Nd4 Rd8 18.b5!
 Bc5 19.Ba5ch Bb6 20.Bxb6ch Kxb6
 21.bc6 a6 22.Rab1ch Kc7 23.Rb7ch!
 Bxb7 24.Nxe6ch Kxc6 25.Nxd8ch Kc7
 26.Ne6ch Kb6 27.Rd6ch Ka5 28.Nd8
 Resigns (Pyshkin - Strautinsh, Corres-
 pondence, 1983). 13...f5?! is an
 overly rigid defense. Preferable is 13...
 Be7 in order to keep the position
 fluid and roll with White's punches. No
 examples of games with this move are
 on record as yet.

12. ... Kc7
 13. Bxc6 bc6
 14. Be5ch Kb6
 15. Rd8

White establishes a compelling
 bind. In order to develop Black must
 sell shares in his second rank.

15. Bb7
 16. Rd7 Bxb4

What could be better?

continued from previous page:

17. Bc7ch

Prevents a Rook out to d8 and initiates the hunt of the black King.

17. Ka6

18. Kb2

The white King participates in the mating net! The threat is simply 19. Nd4 and 20. Ral mate.

18. c5

Apparently the only possibility of defense for Black.

19. Ne5!

The Knight pulls the net on its proposed path to d6.

19. Bxe4?

Permits closure of the mating net. Yet, on 19...Kb5 20. Nxf7 Rhg8 (Other Rook moves lose material.)

21. Rld1, White compiles still more forces of destruction.

20. Nxf7 Rhf8

21. f3 Bg6

Or 21...Bc6 22. Ralch and 23. Nd6 mate.

22. Nd6

The net has closed. Black has no escape, an artistic conclusion!

22. Rab8

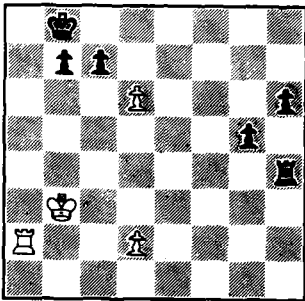
23. Ralch Ba5ch

24. Kcl Rb1ch

25. Rxb1 Resigns



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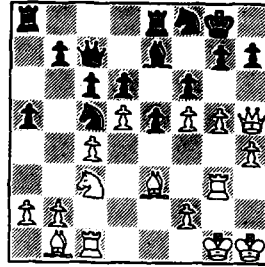


White is to move in this position. With best play by both sides, who will win? (Warning: the position may look simple but each player has a trick or two up his sleeve.) Solution on page 20

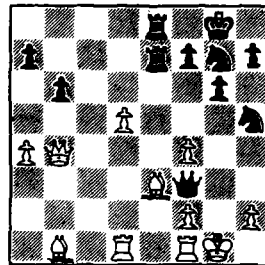
Monte Carlo continued

Considering the excellent execution of the book the price of the book DM/SFr. 38.00 (approximately \$16.00) is a bargain. This book will delight both the collector and the practical player alike.

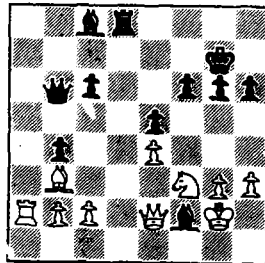
Here are three losses by the tournament winner Dr. Tarrasch:



Position after 22. ... Re8
Schlechter-Tarrasch: 23. Bc5: ! dc5
24. d6 Qd6: 25. Ne4 Qd8 26. Rd1
Black resigned. (If 26...Nd7, then 27.
gf6 and 28. Rd7: ! If Black moves the
Queen, then 27. gf6 decides also.)



Position after 35. Kg1
Tarrasch-Teichman: 35. ... Nf5!
(Threatening Nh4) 36. Bf5: gf5 37. Rd4
f6 38. Rcl Qh3 White resigned.



Position after 34. ... Bf2: ?
Marco-Tarrasch: 35. Qc4! Rf8 36. Ra8
(Threatening 37. Rc8: and 38. Qf7ch)
Qb7 37. Rc8: Rc8: 38. Kf2: and Black
resigned on move 65.

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The sample games on the next page earned "Brilliant Prizes" and were annotated by Val Zemitis.

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Solution to the puzzle: 1. Ra8ch Kxa8
2. dc7 Rc4 3. Kxc4 b5ch 4. Kc5 Kb7
5. Kd6 and if now Kc8 then 6. Kc6
solves a mate in 5, and if 5...b4
then 6. Kd7 will win.

News from the Koltz Chess Club

Winners of the Trick or treat 4R swiss
Vampires: Fred Mayntz, Neil Regan, and
Barry Curto all 3 points.

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A new 5 round Swiss will start January 8.

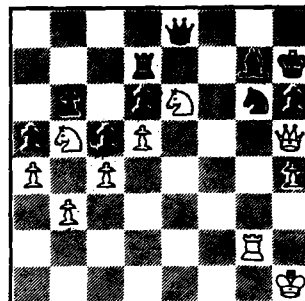
News from the Burlingame Chess Club

A new 6 round Swiss, one game each
Thursday, will start January -8 1987
Games are USCF rated.

SELECTED GAMES FROM LERA TOURNAMENT

White: Chris Ramayrat
 Black; Peter Biyiasas
 King's Indian Defence

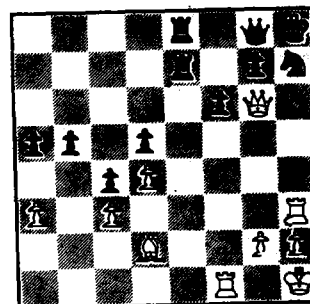
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4
 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. O-O Nc6
 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 Nd7 10. Nd3 f5 11. Bd2
 c5 12. f4 a6 13. a4 a5 14. g4 fg4
 15. Bg4: ef4 16. Be6ch Kh8 17. Bf4: Nf6
 18. Bc8: Rc8: 19. Nb5 Ne4: 20. Qe2 g5
 21. Qe4: gf4 22. Nf4: Be5 23. Ne6 Rf1:ch
 24. Rf1: Qg8ch 25. Kh1 Ng6 26. b3 Re8
 27. Qf5 Re7 28. Qg5 Rd7 29. Rf2 Qe8
 30. h4 h6 31. Qh5 Kh7 32. Rg2 Bg7 33. Rg3
 b6 34. Rg2 see diagram 34. ... Qe6: 35. de6
 1 - 0



The opening variation is well known and is now considered to be in White's favor. To the position after 9. ... Nd7 Bobby Fischer wrote: "The older 10. f3 f5 11. Be3 f4 12. Bf2 g5 has been abandoned. Black's K-side attack has practically been worked out to a forced mate!" Instead of 11. Bd2 sometimes White plays immediately 11. f4: ef4 12. Bf4: fe4 13. Ne4: Nf5 14. Bg5 Nf6 15. g4 Nd4 16. Ndf2 Qe7! = as in the game Petrosian - Tal, Bled, 1961. 11. ... c5 is Bobby Fischer's suggestion because Black cannot now play 11. ... f4 12. Bg4! but 11. ... Nf6 appears to be satisfactory for Black. 13. ... a5 is suspect but 13. ... ef4 14. Bf4: Bc3: 15. bc3 fe4 16. Ne1 leads to unclear position in which White most likely has better chances. 14. g4! is a move I have not seen and appears to create unsurmountable difficulties for Black. After 19. Nb5! Black could play 19. ... Ne8 but the outcome would have been the same. After 34. Rg2 Black is in zugzwang: 34. ... Qf7 35. Ng5ch; 34. ... Bh8 35. Rg6;; 34. ... R-moves 35. Nd6: A fine game by IM Ramayrat!

White: Mike Cardillo
 Black: Steven Wierzba
 Nimzoindian Defence

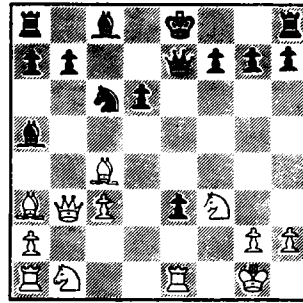
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3
 O-O 5. Bd3 d5 6. Ne2 c5 7. O-O Nc6
 8. cd5 ed5 9. a3 Bc3: 10. bc3 c4
 11. Bc2 b5 12. Ng3 Re8 13. f3 Qb6
 14. Kh1 a5 15. e4 Be6 16. e5 Nd7
 17. f4 f6 18. f5 Bf7 19. e6 Be6:
 20. fe6 Re6: 21. Qh5 Nf8 22. Bh7:ch
 Nh7: 23. Nf3 Qd8 24. Qg6 Qf8 25. Bd2
 Kh8 26. Rf3 Ne7 27. Ne7: Re7: 28. Rh3
 Qg8 29. Rf1 Rae8 See diagram 30. Kg1
 Re2 31. Rf5 Rd2: 32. Rh7:ch Qh7:
 33. Qe8:ch Qg8 34. Rh5 mate.



White emerged from the opening with a good attacking position. 14. ... Be6 is a bad error. Only 14. ... Bb7, following by b4 offered Black some chances for counterplay. Rather than defending after winning a piece White decided to continue the attack with 22. Bh7:ch! 30. Kg1! is a fine move that frees the second rook for coup de grace. If 31. ... R8e7, 32. Rfh5 wins.

White: John Alioto
 Black: Rodney Coffey
 Evan's Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4
 Bb4; 5. c3 Ba5 6. d4 ed4 7. Qb3 Qe7
 8. O-O Nf6 9. Ba3 d6 10. e5 Ng4 11. ed6
 cd6 12. Re1 Ne3 13. fe3 de3 See diagram
 14. Bf7: Kd8 15. Bd6: Qf6 16. Bc5 Kc7
 17. Re3: Bg4 18. Nbd2 Rad8 19. Rb1 b6
 20. Bd4 Nd4; 21. Nd4: Rhf8 22. Rf1 Qg5
 23. Qc4 1 - 0



Bravo for John Alioto! We need more games in which real chess is played. I just recently read what Nimzovich said about Dr. Max Euwe: "Euwe's play is always au courant, but never original - that is to say, he never attempts to imbue a game with his own personal understanding (or "character"). His games seem like an old story that everyone has already heard, winding down its familiar course." Unlike this game, most of what I see played in the local tournaments is like Euwe's games - correct but dull. White usually plays 7. O-O d3 8. Qb3 Qf6 9. e5 Qg6 10. Re1 with advantage. If 14. ... Qf7:, then 15. Re3:ch Kf8 (15.... Ne5 16. Bd6:) 16. Bd6:ch Kg8 17. Re8 mate. The rest is not difficult but White played accurately and deservedly won.

BOOK PRIZE !

The individuals named below were considered to be the best chess players in a certain city and in a certain time period. Can you identify the city and the time period? The chess players were: Messrs. Redding, Jefferson, Yerworth, Chance, Franklin, Kendrix, Marshall, Holstein, Pfeiffer, Van Vlist, Peck, Scott, Shipman Shipman, Oakley and White.

A book prize generously donated by THE CHESS HOUSE, P. O. Box 12424, Kansas City, Kansas 66112, will be awarded to the first individual who correctly identifies both the city and the time period when these chess players were considered the best in that certain city. Send answers to: Val Zemitis, 436 Citadel Dr., Davis CA 95616. Submission deadline: February 1, 1987.

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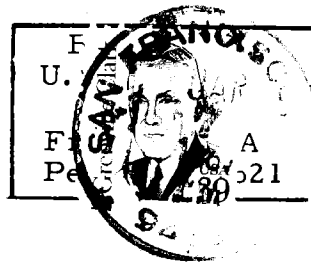
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