

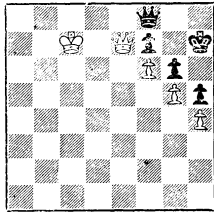
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## CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP AT STEINER CLUB

Ten chessplayers are now competing for the California State Championship at the Herman Steiner Chess Club in Hollywood. These ten include two who are reigning champions and eight who have fought through qualifying tournaments in the north and south.

The Southern California Championship qualified four: Ray Martin, who now holds the southern title, Irving Rivise, Walt Cunningham, and Gene Rubin (filling in for Jerome Hanken, who finished fourth but could not go on). Three tournaments in the San Francisco Bay area qualified Julius Loftsson, Rex Wilcox, and Lee Hyder (Wilcox tied Loftsson and Hyder finished second to Loftsson in the second and third qualifying tournaments). In the Central California area, Dr. J. M. David-Malig qualified.

The other two finalists are: Zoltan Kovacs, defending state champion and runner-up to Pal Benko in the recent U. S. Open, and Tibor Weinberger, 1959 champion who is filling in for California Open Champion Stephen Sholomson (Weinberger was second to Sholomson in the 1961 Open).

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP - 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	Pts.
1. R. Martin	W34	W13	W7	W6	D2	D3	W5	D4	6½-1½	32
2. I. Rivise	W19	W9	W3	W14	D1	L6	W10	W8	6½-1½	31
3. W. Cunningham	W31	W17	L2	W13	W11	D1	W6	W12	6½-1½	29
4. J. Hanken	W23	W20	L6	W9	L8	W11	W7	D1	5½-2½	28
5. G. Rubin	W24	L28	W27	D23	W14	W8	L1	W6	5½-2½	23½
6. T. Weinberger	W27	W15	W4	L1	W7	W2	L3	L5	5-3	33½
7. R. Jacobs	W11	W12	L1	W17-L6	W20	L4	W16		5-3	27½
8. S. Yarmak	D21	W25	W16	D15	W4	L5	W17	L2	5-3	27½
9. T. Fries	W18	L2	W32	L4	D12	W14	D16	W17	5-3	26
10. S. Almgren	L16	W26	W12	L11	W27	W23	L2	W18	5-3	22
11. V. Homolka	L7	W22	W20	W10	L3	L4	W23	D13	4½-3½	26½
12. F. Burke	W33	L7	L10	W32	D9	W25	W15	L3	4½-3½	25
13. F. Hufnagel	W30	L1	W18	L3	L23	W24	W21	D11	4½-3½	24
14. M. Gordon	W32	D16	W28	L2	L5	L9	W29	W22	4½-3½	23½
15. L. Kupersmith	W26	L6	W34	D8	L16	W28	L12	W24	4½-3½	22½
16. G. Sheridan	W10	D14	L8	W28	W15	L17	D9	L7	4-4	28
17. J. Mego	W29	L3	W21	L7	W18	W16	L8	L9	4-4	26½
18. S. Parker	L9	W21*	L13	W19	L17	W27	W20	L10	4-4	25
19. C. Rasis	L2	D24	D29	L18	W30	L21	W25	W23	4-4	18
20. M. Kerllenevich	W22	L4	L11	W33	W24	L7	L18	D21	3½-4½	23
21. D. Maron	D8	L18*	L17	W30	D22	W19	L13	D20	3½-4½	22½
22. D. Benge	L20	L11	D30	W25	D21	D31	W28*	L14	3½-4½	20½
23. H. Rogosin	L4	D29	W26	D5	W13	L10	L11	L19	3-5	26
24. H. Rader	L5	D19	D25	W34	L20	L13	bye	L15	3-5	22
25. H. Rosenzweig	D28	L8	D24	L22	W33*	L12	L19	W29	3-5	20½
26. K. Forrest	L15	L10	L23	L31	bye	L29	W30	W27	3-5	17
27. D. Young	L6	W30	L5	W29	L10	L18	D31	L26	2½-5½	21
28. J. Freed	D25	W5	L14	L16	W32	L15	L22*	-	2½-5½	21
29. S. Salter	L17	D23	D19	L27	D31	W26	L14	L25	2½-5½	18½
30. D. Brannies	L13	L27	D22	L21	L19	bye	L26	W31	2½-5½	18½
31. F. Pye	L3	L32	L33	W26	D29	D22	D27	L30	2½-5½	16
32. L. Rudin	L14	W31	L9	L12	L28	-	-	-	1-7	15
33. W. Metzger	L12	L34	W31	L20	L25*	-	-	-	1-7	11½
34. D. Baker	L1	W33	L15	L24	-	-	-	-	1-7	10

\*Wins or losses by forfeit.

In the case of median ties Solkoff system has been used.

TRIPLE TIE FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Ray Martin (Simi), Irving Rivise (Los Angeles), and Walt Cunningham (Arcadia) tied for first place with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  scores in the annual Southern California championship and qualifying tournament for the State championship. Jerry Hanken and Gene Rubin tied for fourth,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Martin was the only undefeated player, winning four in a row and then drawing with Rivise, Cunningham and Hanken in rounds five, six and eight. Martin finished with 32 tie-breaking points, one more than Rivise and three more than Cunningham.

Rivise had one loss, to ex-champ Tibor Weinberger, while Cunningham had a loss to Rivise. Hanken and Rubin had two losses and a draw. Behind the top five were such greats as Weinberger, Bob Jacobs, Saul Yarmak, Tom Fries and Sven Almgren, all with 5-3 scores.

The tournament was played on Sunday afternoons between September 3 and November 5 at the new quarters of the Herman Steiner Chess Club at 8801 Cashio Street in Los Angeles. The time limit was 50 moves in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours. The tournament director was Gordon Barrett (who enlivened the proceedings with weekly bulletins complete with far-out poems, soliloquies from Shakespeare, etc.). The first four prizes were \$50, \$40, \$30 and \$20, respectively.

LOFTSSON DOMINATES NORTHERN CALIFORNIA QUALIFYING TOURNEYS

Julius Huxley Loftsson, Icelandic student at the University of California, won all three qualifying tournaments in the North. After gaining a place in the State Championship by winning the "qualifier" held at the Mechanics' Institute, he kept in practice by winning the second, held in Berkeley, and tying for first in the third, held at Hamilton Air Force Base as the Redwood Empire Open Championship.

In the tournament held at the Mechanics' Institute, Loftsson had a 4-1 score. He dropped a game to runner-up Alan Bourke, but won the other four games. Bourke drew with Jules Kalisch and lost to Max Wilkerson. Kalisch, Kurt Bendit, and Wilkerson tied for third.

It was a tournament marked by a singular lack of interest on the part of the old-timers. The Mechanics' Institute has always had the very best chessplayers in northern California, but in the 1961 State Championship all four northern players will be from outside San Francisco. (We must point out also that the Golden Gate club will not be represented either.)

## First No. Calif. Qualifying Tournament, Mechanics' Institute, Oct. 28-29

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. J. Loftsson	x	0	1	1	1	1					4-1
2. A. Bourke	1	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0		1				3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. J. Kalisch	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x			$\frac{1}{2}$		1	1		3-2
4. K. Bendit	0	0		x		1		1	1		3-2
5. M. Wilkerson	0	1			x		1	0		1	3-2
6. R. Henry	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	0		x			1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. J. McIlrath		0			0		x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. S. Rubin			0	0	1		0	x		1	2-3
9. C. Savery			0	0		0	$\frac{1}{2}$		x	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. M. McLennan					0	0	0	0	0	x	0-5

In the Berkeley tournament, Loftsson ran away with the title, and it was Lee Hyder of the U. C. Radiation Lab who made the finals because Loftsson was already qualified. This tournament was held at a new club, the Intellectual Games Institute. (The club is located in the Odd Fellows Hall at Bancroft and Fulton streets, and was organized and is directed by Ronald Scott Thacker. In addition to chess, the club has nights for Go, bridge, and any other intellectual game which might appeal to the catholic tastes of the city which is the site of the University of California.)

## Second No. Calif. Qualifying Tournament, Berkeley, Nov. 4-5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. J. Loftsson	x	1			1	1	1		1		5-0
2. L. Hyder	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1		1		1			3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. M. Hollis		$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1		$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1			3-2
4. T. Briggs		0	0	bye			1		1*		3-2
5. McGillicuddy	0				x		1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. T. Maser	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$			x		$\frac{1}{2}$		1	2-3
7. Foreman	0		1	0	0		x		$\frac{1}{2}$		1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. S. Rubin		0	0		0	$\frac{1}{2}$		bye			1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. R. Henderson	0			0*	1		$\frac{1}{2}$		x		withdrew
10. M. Wilkerson					$\frac{1}{2}$	0					withdrew

The third qualifying tournament wasn't easy for Loftsson to dominate, as there were no less than six players tied for first, and he tied with Rex Wilcox of Stanford University in both Solkoff and Sonneborn-Berger tie-breaking points. The tournament was bigger than the first two, because of the energetic promotion of tournament director Charles Savery of the Hamilton Air Force Base chess club. An unexpected entry was Elmer and Mabel Burlingame (USCF vice-president from Phoenix), who are now reported to be living in the San Francisco Bay area.

## Third No. Calif. Qualifying Tournament, Hamilton A. F. B., Nov. 11-12

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. J. Loftsson	W9	W6	D7	W11	D3	4-1
2. Rex Wilcox	W12	W5	D8	D3	W9	4-1
3. Erik Osbun	W20	W14	W16	D2	D1	4-1
4. W. C. Haines	D15	W20	W13	D7	W10	4-1
5. A. Eydall	W26	L2	W14	W18	W7	4-1
6. G. Rasmussen	W25	L1	W15	W16*W11		4-1
7. J. Blackstone	W23	W21	D1	D4	L5	3-2
8. Ed Bogas	W17	D11	D2	L9	W20	3-2
9. Sid Rubin	L1	W26	W24	W8	L2	3-2
10. M. Goodall	L16	W23	W22	W21	L4	3-2
11. Ben Carter	W18	D8	W12	L1	L6	2½-2½
12. F. Harris	L2	W19	L11	W24*D14		2½-2½
13. J. McIlrath	L22	W25*L4	W15	D17		2½-2½
14. M. McLennan	D24	L3	L5	W23	D12	2-3
15. Bob Nace	D4	D24	L6	L13	W23	2-3
16. Roy Hoppe	W10	W22	L3	F6	F	2-3
17. S. Genits	L8	L18	W19	D20	D13	2-3
18. Max Wilkerson	L11	W17	W21	L5	F	2-3
19. A. Wasserstein	L21	L12	L17	W22	bye	2-3
20. M. Burlingame	L3	L4	W25*D17	L8		1½-3½
21. Bob Henderson	W19	L7	L18	L10	D22	1½-3½
22. L. Trottier	W13	L16	L10	L19	D21	1½-3½
23. E. Burlingame	L7	L10	W26*L14	L15		1-4
24. I. Warner	D14	D15	L9	F12	F	1-4
25. Leroy O'Doan	L6	F13	F10	F	F	0-5
26. Bill Rhoades	L5	F9	F23	F	F	0-5

\*Forfeit.

**STEPHEN MATZNER TO COMPETE IN U. S. INTERCOLLEGIATE CHP.**

Stephen Matzner of Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo has been supported financially by his college and will compete in the U. S. intercollegiate chess championship to be held in the east during the Christmas holidays. As California college champion, a title he won last March, Stephen was invited some time ago but expense money was lacking. A San Francisco group decided to raise a fund for Stephen and so far \$50 is available. Since Stephen's room and board are still not wholly paid for, The Reporter will keep the fund open for contributions.

SAN DIEGO CITY-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

In a six-round Swiss completed in October John Alexander, Rod Freeman, George Geyer, William Thornton and Virgil Neumann graduated to the finals of the San Diego City and County championship. In the finals, these five will be joined by three seeded players. Newton Grant directed. Tie-breaking points were not employed except for the selection of fifth place.

San Diego Qualifying, 1961	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	S-B
1. John Alexander	W13	W6	W9	D3	D5	W12	5	
2. Rod Freeman	W16	W26	L3	W20	W8	W5	5	
3. George Geyer	W8	W10	W2	D1	W15	D4	5	
4. William Thornton	W25	W17	W15	L5	W20	D3	4½	
5. Virgil Neumann	W12	D20	W28	W4	D1	L2	4	13¼
6. Richard Castle	W7	L1	bye	L8	W28	W15	4	8½
7. John Horning	L6	W16	L20	W23	W27	W19	4	9½
8. John McAuley	L3	W22	W19	W6	L2	W20	4	11½
9. Pat McIntyre	W14	W24	L1	W17	D12	D11	4	11½
10. Jim Miller	W29	L3	W21	L15	W18	W14	4	9
11. L. Smith	bye	L19	L16	W24	W25	D9	3½	
12. Richard Whittemore	L5	W13	W26	W18	D9	L1	3½	
13. Robert Bond	L1	L12	W29	W16	L14	W24	3	
14. Jim Brown	L9	L21*	W22	bye	W13	L10	3	
15. John Detrich	W22	bye	L4	W10	L3	L6	3	
16. Frank Horvath	L2	L7	W11	L13	W23	W26	3	
17. Monroe Jeffrey	W18	L4	W24	L9	L19	W25	3	
18. Robert McIntyre	L17	W25	W23	L12	L10	W28	3	
19. Robert Whitacre	L24	W11	L8	W26	W17	L7	3	
20. R. O. McAssey	W21	D5	W7	L2	L4	L8	2½	
21. William Browning	L20	W14*	L10	L25	L24	W29	2	
22. M. L. Custer	L15	L8	L14	W28	L26	W27	2	
23. Aubrey Dunne	L26	W27	L18	L7	L16	bye	2	
24. Hill	W19	L9	L17	L11	W21	L13	2	
25. Kenneth Rothrock	L4	L18	W27	W21	L11	L17	2	
26. Richard Warner	W23	L2	L12	L19	W22	L16	2	
27. Donald Whitacre	D28	L23	L25	W29	L7	L22	1½	
28. William Whitacre	D27	W29	L5	L22	L6	L18	1½	
29. Charles Franklin	L10	L28	L13	L27	bye	L21	1	

\*Forfeit.

WILCOX WINS HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE OPEN

Rex Wilcox of Salinas and Stanford University won the first Hamilton Air Force Base Open, held May 6-7, 1961, by the score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Wilcox won four straight games and conceded a draw in the last round to Bill Rogers, his team mate on the Stanford team, S. F. Bay Area champions. Rogers tied for second with John Blackstone of Saratoga and John Jaffray of Stanford. A key game along the way to victory was Wilcox' third-round win over Blackstone, who is a high school student but also plays for the Stanford team.

The tournament was organized and directed by Charles Savery. It was open only to USCF members with ratings of less than 2100 points. Trophies and cash prizes were awarded to Wilcox, Blackstone, and Rogers, plus class prizes to John Jaffray (best A), Savery (best HAFB), Robert Henderson (best B), and William Currie (best C).

First Annual Hamilton A. F. B. Open	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. R. Wilcox	W14	W12	W2	W7	D3	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
2. J. Blackstone	W13	W18	L1	W5	W8	4-1
3. W. Rogers	W22	D6	W5	W10	D1	4-1
4. J. Jaffray	W19	L5	W6	W15	W7	4-1
5. R. S. Henderson	W11	W4	L3	L2	W14	3-2
6. F. Schoene	W17	D3	L4	D9	W16	3-2
7. R. Carlisle	W20	W8	W10	L1	L4	3-2
8. M. Wilkerson	W9	L7	W19	W14	L2	3-2
9. C. R. Savery	L8	W11	D13	D6	W19	3-2
10. E. Bogas	W21	W16	L7	L3	W12	3-2
11. W. Currie	L5	L9	W21	W19	W15	3-2
12. R. Hoppe	W16	L1	D18	W13	L10	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
13. F. Cardenas	L2	W22	D9	L12	W18	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
14. R. Nace	L1	W17	W16	L8	L5	2-3
15. L. J. Mancini	W18	L10	L14	W17	L6	2-3
16. M. McLennan	L12	W21	W22	L4	L11	2-3
17. S. Genits	L6	L14	W20	L16	bye	2-3
18. B. Carter	L15	L2	D22	W21*L13		$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
19. P. Vayssie	L4	W20	L8	L11	L9	1-4
20. F. Gold	L7	L19	L17	L22*	-	0-5
21. T. Stamper	L10	L15	L11	L18*	-	0-5
22. B. Wicks	L3	L13	L15	L20*	-	0-5

\*Forfeit.



DONALD BENGE WINS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AMATEUR

Donald Benge won seven out of eight games to win the first amateur tournament, held in October at the Santa Monica and Herman Steiner chess clubs. First prize was a trophy and \$225 in cash. After winning his first three games, Benge lost a game to A.J. Gilbert and then won his last four—downing Fritz Leiber of Santa Monica, previously undefeated, in the last round. Tom Fries equaled Benge's score of 7-1 but lost out on the tie-break. Fries had two draws, with Stani and Grumette.

The tournament was restricted to players with ratings less than 2000, and was directed by Herbert T. Abel.

Southern California Amateur, Santa Monica and Steiner Clubs, Oct. 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	Pts.
1. Benge D	W48	W5	W49	L31	W21	W9	W12	W6	7-1	38
2. Fries T	W46	D19	D50	W63	W49	W31	W3	W11	7-1	26
3. O'Connor E	W16	W23	L10	W43	W32	W14	L2	W18	6-2	41
4. Henderson C	W9	W37	L14	W54	L25	W19	W40*W10		6-2	36
5. Rogosin H	W44	L1	W78*W47	W27	W8	L11	W20		6-2	34
6. Leiber F	D74	W63	D18	W50	W17	W25	W10	L1	6-2	30½
7. Lewis R	L34	W86	D42	W72	W13	D37	W24	W23	6-2	26½
8. Bean	W38	W25	W33	W14	L10	L5	W37	D9	5½-2½	39
9. Bliss	L4	W65	W16	W24	W35	L1	W31*D8		5½-2½	36½
10. Simon K	W87	W54	W3	W22	W8	D12	L6	L4	5½-2½	36
11. Barrett G	W85	W40	D32	W19	W31	L20	W5	L2	5½-2½	35
12. Keckhut J	W72	D24	W59	W18	W20	D10	L1	D15	5½-2½	32½
13. Sarley M	W66	W42	D27	L20	L7	W28	W35	W30	5½-2½	32
14. Book E	W88	W58	W4	L8	W33	L3	D16	W39	5½-2½	31
15. Nicoll	W83	L43	W40	L17	W45	W35	W32	D12	5½-2½	30
16. Kakimi B	L3	W67	L9	W64	W50	W22	D14	W25	5½-2½	29½
17. Eglitis A	L47	W84	W77*W15	L6	D39	W26	W27	5½-2½	27½	
18. Collins Dr B	W45	W47	D6	L12	W44	W30	D20	L3	5-3	37
19. Stani C	W51	D2	W36	L11	W28	L4	D39	W33	5-3	37
20. Clark	W36	D59	W74	W13	L12	W11	D18	L5	5-3	31½
21. Gish R	L42	W66	W53	W26	L1	L23	W47*W32*		5-3	29
22. Kontz	W80	W53	W43	L10	L30	L16	W36	W38	5-3	29
23. Pfeiffer V	W71	L3	L48*W60	W52	W21	W29	L7		5-3	26½
24. Butler G	D28	D12	W75	L9	W48	W33	L7	D29	4½-3½	33
25. Gates A	W65	L8	W60*W48	W4	L6	D27	L16	4½-3½	30½	
26. Michaelson A	W52	L49	W28	L21	D46	W44	L17	W42	4½-3½	30½
27. Mercy L	W75	W55	D13	D32	L5	W49	D25	L17	4½-3½	28½

So. Calif. Amateur	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	Pts.
28. Moore	D24	W70	L26	W59	L19	L13	W46	W44	4½-3½	26
29. Goldberg N	W82	L31	L47	W65	W53*W41	L23	D24	4½-3½	25½	
30. Berger	W77	L33	D63	W69	W22	L18	W42	L13	4½-3½	23
31. Gilbert	W69	W29	W34	W1	L11	L2	L9*	-	4-4	33½
32. Neuss	W86	W64	D11	D27	L3	W36	L15	L21*	4-4	30½
33. Rader H	W56	W30	L8	W55	L14	L24	W49*L19	4-4	28	
34. Studnicki	W7	W79	L31	L49	L41	W48	L44	W50	4-4	26½
35. Young L	L64	W87	W38	W51	L9	L15	L13	W41	4-4	26½
36. Brannies D	L20	W82	L19	W81	W43	L32	L22	W48	4-4	25½
37. Bullockus Dr T	W84	L4	W64	D44	W42	D7	L8	-	4-4	24½
38. Owen J	L8	W62	L35	W79*L39	W51	W43	L22	4-4	24	
39. Myhro R	L63	D71	W70	D45	W38	D17	D19	L14	4-4	23½
40. Jiminez M	W78	L11	L15	W58	W51	W47	L4*	-	4-4	22
41. Mintz B	L79	W69	L51	W77	W34	L29	W45	L35	4-4	18
42. Weil	W21	L13	D7	W73	L37	W46	L30	L26	3½-4½	33
43. Bagley R	W67	W15	L22	L3	L36	W50	L38	D45	3½-4½	31
44. Rogosin D	L5	W76	W56	D37	L18	L26	W34	L28	3½-4½	28
45. Guilaroff	L18	D72	W85*D39	L15	W52	L41	D43	3½-4½	24	
46. Schnur S	L2	L51	W62	W78*D26	L42	L28	W52*3½-4½	23½		
47. Larson A	W17	L18	W29	L5	W54	L40	L21	-	3-5	32
48. Darling	L1	W81	W73	L25	L24	L34	W51*L36	3-5	31	
49. Smith	W57	W26	L1	W34	L2	L27	L33*-	3-5	31	
50. Grumette L	D68	W73	D2	L6	L16	L43	W52	L34	3-5	28
51. Hernandez	L19	W46	W41	L35	L40	L38	L48*-	2-6	27½	
52. Wood	L26	L78	W76	W82	L23	L45	L50	L46*	2-6	19½
53. Kesselman	W61	L22	L21	W75	L29*-	-	-	2-6	14½	
54. Jones	W81	L10	W79*L4	L47*-	-	-	-	2-6	14½	
CONSOLATION SECTION										
55. Keesey H	W76	L27	D58	L33	W84*W64	W61	W56	5½-2½		
56. Van Der Plas	L33	W88	L44	D71	W68	W63	W57	L55	4½-3½	24½
57. Lazaro R	L49	L75	D61	W87*W73*W59	L56	W62	4½-3½	22		
58. Allan	W60	L14	D55	L40	W66	L61	W63	D59	4-4	33½
59. Zizda J	W62	D20	L12	L28	W70	L57	W68	D58	4-4	32
60. Turner	L58	W61	L25*	L23	W80*W65	L62	W66	4-4	28½	
61. Kazimierczak M	L53	L60	D57	W76	D71	W58	L55	W64	4-4	25½
62. Maier	L59	L38	L45	W86	W69	W71	W60	L57	4-4	23½
63. Bilman	W39	L6	D30	L2	W75*L56	L58	W68	3½-4½		
64. Miller D	W35	L32	L37	L16	W81*L55	W65	L61	3-5	31	

## S. Calif. Amateur (contd.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	Pts.
65. Hornbaker	L25	L9	W87*L29	W77*L60	L64	W69	3-5	24½		
66. Glassberg S	L13	L21	L69	W85*L58	W76	W71*L60	3-5	23½		
67. Abrash	L43	L16	D84	L70	W86*L68	D69	bye	3-5	16	
68. Stumbers	L50	L74	L72	W84	L56	W67	L59	L63	2½-5½	
69. Mortz D	L31	L41	W66	L30	L62	D70	D67	L65	2-6	27
70. Myers	D73	L28	L39	W67	L59	D69	-	-	2-6	19
71. Anderson	L23	D39	D83	D56	D61	L62	L66*-	1½-6½	25½	
72. Pye F	L12	D45	W68	L7	-	-	-	1½-6½	17½	
73. McKay	D70	L50	W80	L42	L57*-	-	-	1½-6½	14	
74. Joseph A	D6	W68	L20	-	-	-	-	1½-6½	13½	
75. Holt R	L27	W57	L24	L53	L63*-	-	-	1-7	19	
76. Ivanoff	L55	L44	L52	L61	bye	L66	-	-	1-7	18
77. Weikel	L30	W83	L17*L41	L65*-	-	-	-	1-7	18	
78. Leeman	L40	W52	L5*	L46*-	-	-	-	1-7	15½	
79. Mankowski	W41	L34	L54*L38*-	-	-	-	-	1-7	14	
80. Holt J	L22	D85	L73	D83	L60*-	-	-	1-7	12	
81. McGee	L54	L48	W88*L36	L64*-	-	-	-	1-7	12	
82. Sharp J	L29	L36	W86	L52	-	-	-	1-7	10½	
83. Hagedorn R	L15	L77	D71	D80	-	-	-	1-7	9	
84. Hammer	L37	L17	D67	L68	L55*-	-	-	½-7½	20½	
85. Whittimore	L11	D80	L45*L66*-	-	-	-	-	½-7½	13	
86. Embody	L32	L7	L82	L62	L67*-	-	-	0-8	18	
87. Holbrook	L10	L35	L65*L57*-	-	-	-	-	0-8	17	
88. Erickson	L14	L56	L81*-	-	-	-	-	0-8	11	

\*Forfeit.

BARRETT, PORTH, BUKEY WIN CITY TERRACE SUMMER OPEN

Gordon Barrett won the summer open at City Terrace, tying with Mike Reina 5½-1½ and scoring 19½ tie-breaking points to Reina's 18. Barrett was a full point behind in the last round but opened 1. P-KK4 and beat Reina. In the divided field, J. Porth won the Challengers title and R. Bukey beat out R. Cohan on the tie-break in the Reserves.

<u>"Championship" Summer Open Tournament, City Terrace, June-Sept.</u>										
1. Barrett G	W11	W16	L15	W4	W7	D3	W2	5½-1½	19½	
2. Reina M	W17	W20	W3	D7	W15*W5	L1	5½-1½	18		
3. Jiminez E	W13	D6	W11	L2	W8*	W4	D1	5-2	20½	
4. Kazimierczak M	W23	W18	W5	W9	L1	L3	W13	5-2	19	
5. Parker S	W10	W7	L4	W16	D6	W15*	L2	4½-2½	19½	
6. Cash R	W16	D3	L12	W18	D5	W11	D7	4½-2½	18	

"Championship" (contd.)								Score	Pts.
7. Willette E	D8	L5	W18	W13	D2	L1	D6	3½-3½	
8. Westwick G	D7	W22	W19	L3*	L6*			2½-4½	
"Challengers"									
9. Porth J	D18	W20	D19	L4	W12	W10	D11	4½-2½	
10. Baker A	L5	L13	W23	W22	W14	L9	W12*	4-3	
11. Ash A	L1	W12	L3	W22*W14	D9	L17		3½-3½	17½
12. Oganosov Y	W22	L11	W6	L9	D17	W13*L10		3½-3½	16½
13. Enriquez R	L3	W10	W14	L7	W21*L12*	L4		3-4	19
14. Montez H	L20	W23	L13	W21*L10	L11	bye		3-4	9½
15. Kovac J	W21	W1	L2*	L5*				2-5	
"Reserves"									
16. Bukey R	L6	L1	W17	L5	W20	D18	W19	3½-3½	16
17. Cohan R	L2	L16	W22*D12	W19	L20	W11		3½-3½	14
18. Chaunt P	D9	L4	L7	W19	L6	W20	D16	3-4	
19. Swett C	D9	L18	L8	bye	L17	L16	W20	2½-4½	
20. Laushkin N	W14	L9	L2	L16	L18	W17	L19	2-5	
21. Norrie W	L15	W22	L14*	L13*				1-6	
22. Garren J	L12	L8	L21	L10	L17*L11*			0-7	
23. Soyejima J	L4	L14	L10					0-7	

\*Forfeit.

#### FISCHER-RESHEVSKY; A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN J. PIATIGORSKY

The forfeit in the 12th game at Los Angeles which gave Sammy Reshevsky an unsatisfactory technical victory over Bobby Fischer has brought forth many kibitzers who feel compelled to find a culprit. There has been much reckless criticism of persons who figured in the chain of events which led to the debacle, and some of it must have hurt. We feel obliged to say something on behalf of one of the figures who, so far, has not put up a defense.

Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky does not really need defending. She has quietly supported chess for many years without ever misusing the privileges of a patron. Recently, however, she has been blamed for changing the schedule of the match and there have been wild charges regarding the pernicious influence of the dollar in chess.

THE REPORTER hereby casts a vote of continuing confidence in Jacqueline Piatigorsky and regrets that her motives (and also those of Irving Rivise, the referee in Los Angeles) have been so grossly and falsely impugned.

GAME OF THE MONTH

Pal Benko, winner of the U. S. Open Championship held in San Francisco in August, and Zoltan Kovacs, California Champion and runnerup, met in Round 7 in the crucial game. At the time, we were publishing daily bulletins and trying to include all the important games, but the score sheets turned in by both players were not easy to decipher and this game had to be left out. We therefore believe that this is the first publication.

U. S. Open, San Francisco, 1961

Game No. 676 King's Indian

White Black  
P. Benko Z. Kovacs

1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
2. P-Q4	P-KKt3
3. P-KKt3	B-Kt2
4. B-Kt2	O-O
5. Kt-QB3	P-Q3
6. Kt-B3	QKt-Q2
7. O-O	P-K4
8. P-Kt3	R-K1
9. P-K3	P-B3
10. B-Kt2	Q-R4
11. Q-Q2	Kt-B1
12. P-Q5	P-B4
13. P-QR3	Q-Q1
14. P-QKt4	QKt-Q2
15. Q-B2	P-QR3
16. Kt-Q2	Q-B2
17. KR-B1	R-B1
18. Kt-K2	Kt-K1
19. Kt-Kt3	...

Cautious maneuvering by both players -- befitting their standings at the time.

19. ...	P-B4
20. P-B4	R-Kt1
21. K-R1	P-Kt3

22. Kt-Kt1	Kt1-B3
23. P-R3	B-Kt2
24. PxBP	QPxP
25. P-QR4	P-Q R4

A premature reaction. P-R5 is prevented, but the position is restricted for Black.

26. Kt-Q2	QR-K1
27. Kt1-B3	PxP
28. KPxBP	R-K7
29. KKt-Kt1	R7-K1
30. R-K1	Kt-R4
31. Kt-B1	...

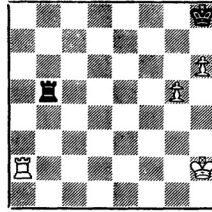
If K-R2, Black might play P-KKt4.

31. ...	B-Q5
32. Kt-B3	B-R3

This loses a Pawn, much later...

33. BxB	PxB
34. KtxP	QxQBP
35. QxQ	BxQ
36. Kt-K3	B-Q6
37. Kt-K6	R-B2
38. K-R2	Kt4-B3
39. QR-Q1	B-K5
40. Kt-B4	R-QB1
41. Kt-Q6	R-B7
42. KtxB	KtxKt
43. R-QB1	RxR
44. RxR	Kt2-B4
45. BxKt	PxB

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| 46. KtxKt  | PxKt    | 67. R-R7ch                          | K-R1                |
| 47. RxP  | R-QKt2  | 68. P-R6                            | P-R7                |
| 48. P-Q6   | ...     | 69. K-R2                            | R-QKt8              |
| RxP wins more easily.  |         | 70. RxP                             | R-Kt4               |
| 48. ...  | R-Kt7ch |                                     |                     |
| 49. K-Kt1  | R-Q7    |                                     |                     |
| 50. R-K5   | RxP     |                                     |                     |
| 51. RxKP   | R-Q6    |                                     |                     |
| 52. K-B2   | R-R6    |                                     |                     |
| 53. P-B4   | P-R4    |                                     |                     |
| 54. P-B5   | PxP     |                                     |                     |
| 55. ... K-B2 seems to hold the game,<br>as the White Rook is kept from B4. |         |                                     |                     |
| 55. R-KB4  | K-Kt2   |                                     |                     |
| 56. RxP  | RxRP    |                                     |                     |
| 57. RxKRP  | R-R8    | 71. R-R8ch?                         | ...                 |
| 58. R-Kt5ch  | K-R3    | 71. R-KKt2                          | forces resignation. |
| 59. K-Kt2  | P-R5    | 71. ...                             | K-R2                |
| 60. R-R5   | P-R6    | 72. R-R7ch                          | K-Kt3?              |
| 61. P-Kt4  | K-Kt2   | A blunder is followed by a blunder. |                     |
| 62. R-R6   | K-R7    | 72. ... K-R1 draws, for after       |                     |
| 63. K-R2   | K-Kt2   | R-KKt7 the Black King is stale-     |                     |
| 64. P-R5   | K-R2    | mated, and the Black Rook can       |                     |
| 65. P-Kt5  | R-R7ch  | sacrifice himself.                  |                     |
| 66. K-R3   | R-R8    | 73. R-Kt7ch                         | K-R4                |
| (next column)  |         | 74. P-R7                            | R-Kt7ch             |
|  |         | 75. K-Kt1                           | Resigns             |



BERNARD OAK

We regret to record the sudden death in October of Bernard Oak of Los Angeles. Mr. Oak was executive secretary of the City Terrace Chess Club, and during his tenure this club became one of the most active in California. There was always something going at the City Terrace club -- club tournaments, regional opens, exhibitions, and team matches. Mr. Oak's death leaves a big vacancy in California chess. His fellow members of the City Terrace club have donated a memorial trophy in honor of Mr. Oak, to go to persons for outstanding contributions to Southern California chess. A Memorial Open Tournament is now under way at City Terrace.

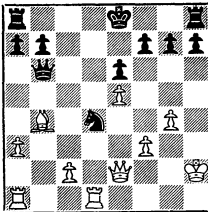
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U. S. Open, San Francisco, 1961

Game No. 677 French Defense

White	Black
N. E. Falconer	W. Hildebrandt

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|-------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4     | P-K3    |
| 2. P-Q4     | P-Q4    |
| 3. Kt-QB3   | B-Kt5   |
| 4. P-K5     | Kt-K2   |
| 5. P-QR3    | BxKtch  |
| 6. PxB      | P-QB4   |
| 7. Kt-KB3   | Q-R4    |
| 8. B-Q2     | Q-R5    |
| 9. B-Q3     | Kt-QB3  |
| 10. QPxBP   | Q-R4    |
| 11. O-O     | QxP(B4) |
| 12. Q-K2    | Kt-KKt3 |
| 13. P-KR4   | P-Q5    |
| 14. PxP     | KtxQP   |
| 15. KtxKt   | QxKt    |
| 16. B-Kt5ch | B-Q2    |
| 17. BxBch   | QxB     |
| 18. B-Kt4   | KtxRP   |
| 19. KR-Q1   | Q-QB3   |
| 20. P-KB3   | Kt-KB4  |
| 21. P-KKt4  | Q-Kt3ch |
| 22. K-R2    | Kt-Q5   |



(next column)

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 23. RxKt          | QxR               |
| 24. R-Q1          | Q-B5ch            |
| If 24. ... Q-QKt3 | 25. R-Q6,         |
| Q-B2              | 26. Q-Kt5ch, K-K2 |
| 27. R-Q7 dbl. ch. |                   |

25. K-Kt2	P-KB3
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If 25. ... P-QR3 26. Q-Q3 leads to mate.

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| 26. Q-Kt5ch | K-B2  |
| 27. R-Q7ch  | K-Kt3 |

If 27. ... K-Kt1, 28. QxQKtP threatens 2 mates.

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| 28. KPxP | P-KR4 |
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The White Pawn at KB6 can be taken 3 ways. If:

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| 28. ... QxP(B6) |
| 29. Q-R5 mate   |

or

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| 28. ... KtPxP |
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| 29. Q-R5 mate |
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or

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| 28. ... KxP |
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| 29. B-B3 ch P-K4 |
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| 30. B-Q2 wins the Queen |
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Also, after 28. ... P-KR3 29.

Q-R5ch, KxP 30. B-K7 mate.

The most difficult variation is

28. ... P-K4 29. RxPch, K-R3

(or KxP, 30. Q-Q7) 30. QxPK5,

QxQ 31. B-Q2 leading to mate.

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| 29. RxKtPch | KxP |
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| 30. B-B3 ch | P-K4 |
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| 31. Q-Q7 | QxBPch |
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Black hoped White's flag would fall.

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| 32. KxQ | PxPch |
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| 33. KxP | Resigns |
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(Notes by N. E. Falconer)

MECHANICS' QUALIFYING, 1961

29. Kt-K6ch

Resigns.

Game No. 678	Ruy Lopez
White	Black
A. Bourke	J. Loftsson

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-Q3
9. P-Q4	B-Kt5
10. R-Q1	Q-B1
11. B-Q5	KtxB
12. PxBt	Kt-Kt1

Conceding a Pawn. Worth exploring was Q-B4 at once, for PxBt is met by P-K5, and if then Q-K1, PxBt; QxB, PxBt is dangerous for White,

13. PxP	Q-B4
14. PxP	BxP
15. Kt1-Q2	Kt-Q2
16. P-KR3	B-R4
17. Q-K4	Q-B3
18. R-K1	Kt-Kt3
19. Q-Q3	QR-K1
20. Kt-K4	Q-B4
21. P-KKt4 !	BxP
22. Kt-R4	Q-R4
23. B-Kt5	B-KB4
24. KtxB	RxKt
25. RxR	QxBch
26. R-Kt4	Q-R4
27. KtxP	QxQP
28. QxQ	KtxQ

Game No. 679	Irregular
White	Black
J. Loftsson	K. Bendit

1. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q3
3. P-B4	Kt-R3
4. Kt-B3	P-B4
5. P-KKt3	P-KKt3
6. B-Kt2	B-Kt2
7. O-O	Kt-Q2
8. Q-Q2	Kt-B2
9. P-Kt3	R-QKt1
10. B-Kt2	P-QKt4

Losing a Pawn without compensation.

11. PxBtP	KtxP
12. KtxKt	RxKt
13. PxP	BxB
14. QxB	O-O
15. PxP	P-K4
16. QR-B1	Q-Kt3
17. KR-Q1	P-K5
18. Kt-Q4	R-Q4
19. BxP	RxP
20. Kt-B6	RxRch
21. RxR	R-K1
22. B-Q5	B-Kt2 ?

Setting up an easy combination.

23. BxPch	KxB
24. RxKtch	K-K3
25. Q-Kt7	QxKt
26. Q-B7ch	K-K4
27. QxRch	Resigns

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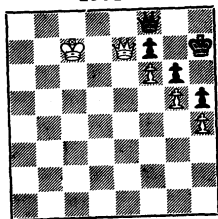


**TASKS:** The simple-looking position by James Dolan has been referred to before in this column, but is printed here for the first time. It grew out of a game played at Mechanics' Institute in 1903. Put into study form by Dolan, it was first solved by the legendary San Francisco master Dr. W. R. Lovegrove. The Literary Digest picked it up and ran a competition which produced but a single correct solution! It went around the world as "the San Francisco endgame" and has delighted serious solvers ever since. Book prizes for the best solutions.

The unusual Rook and Pawn ending has a neat point that will not take too much time in discovering.

J. DOLAN

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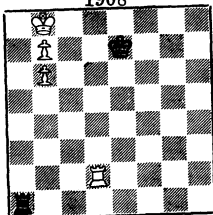


White to play and win.

No. 182

O. DURAS

1908



White to play and win.

No. 183

**Solutions:** No. 178 (Stocchi): 1. Kt-K2. Changed mates after Black promotions.

No. 179 (Latzel): 1. Kt-Kt5. Not 1. Kt-Q2, K-K6! nor 1. Kt-B6, P-Q4! etc.

Book prize for best solutions goes to R. J. Gardner, San Diego.

No. 180 (Van Vliet): 1. Q-Kt4!, Q-Kt7; 2. Q-R3ch followed by Q-Kt2ch, etc. If 1... Q-R8; 2. Q-R3ch, Q-Kt2ch; followed by K-R7, etc.

No. 181 (Vancura): 1. K-Kt4! The White Rook harasses the Bishop until White can play K-R6 while threatening a check on the 8th rank.

Book prizes to Sid Rubin, Palo Alto, and Jim McIlrath, Redwood City, for equally excellent solutions.

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