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SHARE  
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## RIVISE, WEINBERGER CO-CHAMPIONS

Irving Rivise of Los Angeles and Tibor Weinberger of Glendale tied for the California State Championship, held in the latter part of November at the Herman Steiner Chess Club, with 6-2 scores. Both men are former champions. There followed: Walt Cunningham of Arcadia, 5-3; Zoltan Kovacs of Los Angeles, 4½-3½; Julius Loftsson of Richmond, 4-4; Rex Wilcox of Salinas and Stanford University, 3½-4½; Gene Rubin of Los Angeles, 3-5; Ray Martin of Simi, 2½-5½; and Lee Hyder of Berkeley, 1½-6½.

The field of 9 selected players included Kovacs, defending champion and runner-up to Pal Benko in the 1961 U. S. Open, Weinberger who substituted, as runner-up, for Stephen Sholomon, California Open champion, Martin, champion of southern California together with Rivise, Cunningham, and Rubin from the southern California championship qualifying tournament, and Loftsson, Wilcox and Hyder from northern California qualifying tournaments. Dr. J. M. David-Malig, Central Valley entry, could not compete.

IRVING RIVISE AND TIBOR WEINBERGER TIE FOR STATE TITLE

Irving Rivise and Tibor Weinberger will share the State Championship as a result of identical 4-2-1 scores in the finals. It was a close event all the way, and all the finalists had their ups and downs. To tie for first, the co-champions had to beat out defending champion Zoltan Kovacs, southern California champion Ray Martin, and a flock of young stars headed by the State junior champion Walt Cunningham.

Rivise got off to an early start by defeating Weinberger, but soon ran up against a Tartar in Gene Rubin. Thereafter Rivise played a steady game and it was necessary for Weinberger to stage a Garrison finish to tie.

Kovacs was the early leader, scoring  $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  in the first three rounds, a south vs. south affair made necessary by the exigencies of the schedule. When the northern players arrived, they found Kovacs  $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , Rivise 2-1, Weinberger  $1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , and Martin and Rubin both 1-2. The northerners were: Loftsson and Wilcox  $1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  and Hyder 0-2. (Hyder had won a game from Dr. Malig, but this was cancelled when Malig became ill and dropped out.)

The tournament took on a different aspect soon after the two sections of the tournament were united, for Hyder startled everybody (including himself) by an upset victory over Kovacs. This seemed to shake up the genial Hungarian who had done so well at San Francisco in the U. S. Open, and he proceeded to draw with the other northerners, Loftsson and Wilcox. When coupled with a loss to Rivise, these results dropped Kovacs back to fourth place, behind young Walt Cunningham. The director was Gordon Barrett.

California State Chess Championship	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score
1. Irving Rivise, Los Angeles	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	6-2
2. Tibor Weinberger, Glendale	0	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6-2
3. Walt Cunningham, Arcadia	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	5-3
4. Zoltan Kovacs, Los Angeles	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	$4\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
5. Julius Loftsson, Richmond	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4-4
6. Rex Wilcox, Salinas	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	0	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
7. Gene Rubin, Los Angeles	1	0	0	0	0	1	x	0	1	3-5
8. Ray Martin, Simi	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$
9. Lee Hyder, Berkeley	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$1\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$

WEINBERGER WINS SANTA MONICA OPEN

Tibor Weinberger added another title to his collection by taking the Santa Monica Open, completed December 10, by a 7-1 score. This was a fine performance, as evidenced by the following crosstable of masters and experts:

## SANTA MONICA OPEN, DECEMBER 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1. T Weinberger	W12	W6	W10	W2	W18	W8	W5	L3	7-1
2. R Jacobs	W13	W7	W8	L1	D5	W18	W4	D9	6-2
3. R Cross	W17	L8	W9	D18	L4	W22	W13	W1	5½-2½
4. A Troy	W23	D9	L6	W12	W3	W10	L2	W13	5½-2½
5. I Barlai	W25	W17	L18	W21	D2	W9	L1	W8	5½-2½
6. D Conwit	W21	L1	W4	L13	W15	W11	L8	W12	5-3
7. L Kupersmith	W20	L2	L14	L19	W24*W23	W22	W11		5-3
8. P Quillan	W22	W3	L2	W14	W10	L1	W6	L5	5-3
9. I Rivise	W19	D4	L3	W16	W13	L5	W10	D2	5-3
10. S Almgren	W14	W16	L1	W15	L8	L4	L9	W20	4-4
11. E Bersbach	W15	L18	L13	W24	W21	L6	W14	L7	4-4
12. Clark	L1	W25	L21	L4	W16	W15	W19	L6	4-4
13. E O'Connor	L2	W20	W11	W6	L9	W14	L3	L4	4-4
14. Bliss	L10	W26	W7	L8	W19	L13	L11	D16	3½-4½
15. A Gates	L11	W23	W16	L10	L6	L12	D17	W22	3½-4½
16. C Henderson	W26	L10	L15	L9	L12	W20	W23	D14	3½-4½
17. L Johnson	L3	L5	W22	L20	L23	Bye	D15	W19	3½-4½
18. S Sholomson	W24	W11	W5	D3	L1	L2	-	-	3½-4½
19. G Butler	L9	D22	D25	W7	L14	W21	L12	L17	3-5
20. A Cherestes	L7	L13	W23	W17	L22	L16	W21	L10	3-5
21. K Forrest	L6	W24	W12	L5	L11	L19	L20	W23	3-5
22. Whittemore	L8	D19	L17	W25	W20	L3	L7	L15	2½-5½
23. Bilman	L4	L15	L20	W26	W17	L7	L16	L21	2-6
24. Rosenzweig	L18	L21	W26	L21	L7*	-	-	-	1-7
25. Weil	L5	L12	D19	L22	-	-	-	-	½-7½
26. D Miller	L16	L14	L24	L23	-	-	-	-	0-8

\*Win or loss by forfeit.

Tournament directed by Herbert Abel.

BARRY WINS SAN FERNANDO VALLEY OPEN

Jim Barry scored 7-1 to top a big field of 41 players in the Open held at Van Nuys in October-November. Emil Bersbach beat out Jerry Hanken for second on tie-breaking points. For the crosstable, see Page 68.



HANKEN WINS CITY TERRACE OPEN

Jerry Hanken won out on tie-breaking points over Ben Kakimi and Neilen Hultgren in the first annual Bernard Oak Memorial Open (formerly the City Terrace Open). Jerry thus came out even in two tie-breaking finishes, for he lost a close one in the San Fernando Valley Open. (We do not know if there was any money involved at City Terrace, but there was at San Fernando.) Gordon Barrett, who directs as well as producing the weekly bulletin Terrachess, finished fourth with a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  score.

BERNARD OAK MEMORIAL OPEN, CITY TERRACE OCT-NOV 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Tie-Br.
1. J Hanken	W20	D9	W14	W18	W4	D3	5-1	$13\frac{1}{2}$ $20\frac{1}{2}$
2. B Kakimi	W7	L18	W20	W13	W5	W6	5-1	$13\frac{1}{2}$ 20
3. N Hultgren	D12	W26	W17*W9	W8	D1		5-1	12
4. G Barrett	W21	W6	D11	W12	L1	W9	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	
5. R Gish	D26	D12	W7	W10	L2	W11	4-2	$13\frac{1}{2}$
6. Fk Frilling	W24	L4	W15	W19	W11	L2	4-2	13
7. S Salter	L2	W24	L5	W23	W12	W13	4-2	12
8. E Gaylor	W28	W22	D18	D11	L3	W16	4-2	10
9. C Swett	W27	D1	W10	L3	W18	L4	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	15
10. M Reina	W19	D14	L9	L5	W26	W18	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$
11. J Sleep	W23	W13	D4	D8	L6	L5	3-3	15 $21\frac{1}{2}$
12. E Willette	D3	D5	W22	L4	L7	W19	3-3	15 21
13. D Weil	W17	L11	W26	L2	W15	L7	3-3	$13\frac{1}{2}$
14. J Porth	W15	D10	L1	W21	L16	D17	3-3	13
15. J Campbell	L14	W21	L6	W22	L13	W23	3-3	$10\frac{1}{2}$
16. Fd Frilling	L22	W28	L19	W24	W14	L8	3-3	$8\frac{1}{2}$ 13
17. Y Oganosov	L13	W27	L3*	W20	D19	D14	3-3	$8\frac{1}{2}$ $11\frac{1}{2}$
18. M Jimenez	W25	W2	D8	L1	L9	L10	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	16
19. S Parker	L10	W23	W16	L6	D17	L12	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	13
20. H Rader	L1	W25	L2	L17	D21	W26	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$
21. A Baker	L4	L15	W27	L14	D20	W25	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	10
22. W King	W16	L8	L12	L15	L23	Bye	2-4	11
23. R Enriquez	L11	L19	W25	L7	W22	L15	2-4	10
24. E Eckert	L6	L7	W28*L16	L25	W27		2-4	9
25. B Glassberg	L18	L20	L23	Bye	W24	L21	2-4	$8\frac{1}{2}$
26. J Maier	D5	L3	L13	W27	L10	L20	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	
27. R Cohan	L9	L17	L21	L26	Bye	L24	1-5	
28. Miss G Erus	L8	L16	L24*-	-	-	-	0-6	

\*Win or loss by forfeit.

ZIZDA IS MONTEREY PARK CLUB CHAMPION

Joe Zizda won the Monterey Park club championship, held in October and November, with a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  score. The crosstable:

## MONTEREY PARK CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Tie-Br.
1. Zizda J	W9	W8	D2	W4	W5	W6	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	
2. Laushkin	W15*	W12	D1	W8	W3	D4	5-1	
3. Oganosov Y	W16	L4	W12	W7	L2	W9	4-2	
4. Syvertsen R	W10	W3	W5	L1	L6	D2	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$
5. Rader H	W11	W7	L4	D6	L1	W8	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$
6. Brow	L8	W13	W11	D5	W4	L1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	11
7. Smith W O	W13	L5	D14	L3	W16	W12	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$
8. Smith WE	W6	L1	W9	L2	W10	L5	3-3	$14\frac{1}{2}$
9. Novosad	L1	W10	L8	W14	W13	L3	3-3	12
10. Reddick	L4	L9	W15	W11	L8	W13	3-3	10
11. Sternberg	L5	W15	L6	L10	D14	W16*	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	
12. Hubbard	W14	L2	L3	L13	W15	L7	2-4	$11\frac{1}{2}$ $17\frac{1}{2}$
13. Pease	L7	L6	W16	W12	L9	L10	2-4	$11\frac{1}{2}$ $16\frac{1}{2}$
14. Irwin W	L12	D16	D7	L9	D11	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$
15. Glassberg B	L2*	L11	L10	D16	L12	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$
16. Hutchinson	L3	D14	L13	D15	L7	L11*	1-5	9

\*Win or loss by forfeit.

## CALENDAR: TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*\*\* U.S.C.F. RATING TOURNEY — FEBRUARY 17, 1962 \*\*\*\*\*

Registration: 10:00 A.M. Saturday      \$200 guaranteed prize fund  
6-Round Swiss      Entry Fee: \$5.50

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The Intellectual Games Institute      Tournament Director:  
2288 Fulton Street, Berkeley, Calif.      Ronald Thacker

\*\* FOURTH ANNUAL SAN BERNARDINO OPEN — MAY 5-6, 1962 \*\*

Registration: 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon Saturday  
6-Round Swiss      \$125 prize fund (at least)  
First round at noon.      Entry Fee: \$5

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Dr. Max Schlosser, 3866 Valencia Avenue, San Bernardino.

TROY ELECTED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT

Allan Troy of Los Angeles will again lead the Southern California Chess League as President. Under Troy's leadership the league had a tremendous season in 1961, and plans are under way to make 1962 even bigger and better. Frank Pye of Downey was elected Vice-President, Neilen Hultgren of Caltech and Pasadena Secretary, Ralph Hagedorn of Sun Valley Treasurer, and Gordon Barrett of Los Angeles Tournament Director.

VAN GELDER ELECTED SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Spencer H. Van Gelder was reelected President of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League for 1962. Ronald Thacker was elected Vice-President and Russell Freeman of Oakland was reelected Secretary-Treasurer. Charles Savery of Hamilton Air Force Base in Marin County was appointed Tournament Director.

HUDSON, RAMIREZ, WANG 1-2-4 IN ARMED SERVICES TOURNAMENT

Capt. John Hudson won the Thomas Emery Cup in the second annual Armed Forces Chess Championship. Hudson, who played out of Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento a couple of years ago, scored  $9\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  in the round-robin. Gilbert Ramirez of San Francisco, who came from an Air Force base in Spain to play in the tournament, finished second with a 9-2 score. Behind third prizewinner Arthur Feuerstein of New York was another Californian, Pfc. Arthur Wang of Berkeley. Wang was entered from Fort Lewis, Washington.

GILDEN WINS COLLEGE TITLE — MATZNER TIES FOR FOURTH

Larry Gilden (University of Maryland) won the intercollegiate championship held in Washington, D. C., over the Christmas vacation with a  $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  score. P. Gould of Brown and B. Zuckerman of Brooklyn College tied for second,  $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Tied for fourth through eighth places were D. Rivera (U. of Puerto Rico), Stephen Matzner of Cal Poly, and four others with 5-2.

Matzner, who holds the California college title, was sent to the tournament through the generosity of his college, California Polytechnic of San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly is reported to have put up \$270 for Stephen's transportation by air. To set his mind free about eating and sleeping during the tournament, \$25 was contributed by the Southern California Chess League, \$20 by the San Francisco U.S. Open Committee, and \$5 by Thomas Mc Dermott of Anaheim.



## GAME OF THE MONTH

The Intercollegiate Championship, reported elsewhere in this issue, contributed the following brief game to chess lore. As Stephen Matzner puts it, "Honest, these are the moves they played as their game in the 5th round." We should stress the word "as":

Game No. 670 Irregular  
 White Black  
 B. Zuckerman L. Gilden

1. P-K3 P-QR4
2. Q-R5 R-R3
3. QxQRP P-R4
4. P-KR4 QR-R3
5. QxBP P-B3
6. QxQP K-B2
7. QxKtP Q-Q6
8. QxKt Q-R2
9. QxB K-Kt3
10. Q-K6

Stalemate

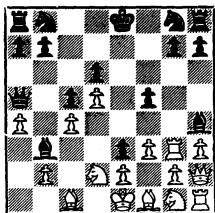
This was the only  $\frac{1}{2}$  point "yielded" by Gilden in his pursuit of the championship.

One can only admire the trust exhibited by White's third move -- there must be easier ways to achieve a draw!

This game recalls a similar encounter reported on these pages more than ten years ago. Sam Loyd originally brought the game to the attention of the readers of Lasker's Chess Magazine in 1906. Readers are referred to the October, 1951 issue of The Reporter for full annotations; the names of the players have been supplied by The Reporter:

Game No. 671 Old Indian  
 White Black  
 N. Bourbaki H. Petard

1. P-Q4 P-Q3
2. Q-Q2 P-K4
3. P-QR4 P-K5
- Risky, but good.
4. Q-B4 ...
- An attempt to win the KP.
4. ... P-KB4
- Threatening P-KKt4.
5. P-R3 ...
- Preparing a retreat for the Queen.
5. ... B-K2
- Evidently to play B-Kt4.
6. Q-R2 ...
- Anticipating Black's plan.
6. ... B-K3
- Preventing P-QB4.
7. R-R3 P-B4
- Attempting to open the Q file.
8. R-KKt3! ...
- Threatening to win the KkTp.
8. ... Q-R4ch!
- A powerful stroke. If 9. Kt-B3, Pxp, etc., while 9. B-Q2 allows 9... QxP followed by Q-R8 and QxKt.
9. Kt-Q2 B-R5!
- If 10. RxP, P-K6 wins.
10. P-KB3? ...
- Ruining his pawn structure.
10. ... B-Kt6!
- Offering a piece to stop P-B3.
11. P-Q5! P-K6
12. P-QB4!!! ...



12. ... P-B5 ???  
 Winning material, but allowing a neat resource. Unfortunately, however, White here exceeded the time limit. Deep in thought, he failed to notice he had no move. Black promptly claimed the game. White insisted there could be no such penalty in this situation.

At the present writing (December, 1961), the outcome of the game is still undecided. Perhaps some reader may undertake to suggest a way out of this unpleasant impasse.

The player of the Black pieces should be familiar to readers of The Reporter from a famous encounter with Zeno the Rat.

Thus far, the Zeno-Petard game is the only example we have of the rodent's play. We would welcome any publishable games our readers may have.

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#### KASHDAN HEADS 1962 CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS

Grandmaster Isaac Kashdan of Los Angeles has been re-elected President of the California State Chess Federation for 1962. The election took place in December by a vote by mail of the ten directors, and was evidently in accord with a movement to change the terms of officers from one year to three years. This movement was discussed last year but did not arrive at the stage of amending the Constitution. The other officers re-elected were Robert E. Burger, Vice-President; Dr. Ralph Hultgren, Treasurer; and Spencer Van Gelder, Secretary.

#### UCLA RECEIVES CHESS LIBRARY OF DR. KURT LOWENSTEIN

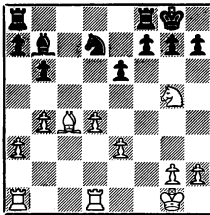
The librarian at UCLA announced recently that Dr. Kurt Lowenstein of Montecito had donated his chess library of some 2,000 items to the university. Dr. Lowenstein, who has been a contributor to The Reporter, told us some years ago that he had given up chess. We were not convinced until now. A man of many talents, he is described by the UCLA news release as "a sociologist, chemist, chess authority, and former associate of C. K. Ogden, the creator of Basic English."

## GAMES SECTION

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1961Game No. 672 Nimzoindian

White	Black
L. Hyder	I. Rivise

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|------------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4    | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4   | P-K3   |
| 3. Kt-QB3  | B-Kt5  |
| 4. P-K3    | O-O    |
| 5. B-Q3    | P-Q4   |
| 6. Kt-B3   | P-B4   |
| 7. O-O     | PxBP   |
| 8. BxP     | P-QKt3 |
| 9. P-QR3   | PxP    |
| 10. PxP    | B-K2   |
| 11. Q-Q3   | B-Kt2  |
| 12. R-Q1   | Kt-Q4  |
| 13. P-QKt4 | KtxKt  |
| 14. QxKt   | Q-B2   |
| 15. B-KKt5 | BxB    |
| 16. KtxB   | Q-B5   |
| 17. Q-K3   | QxQ    |
| 18. PxQ    | Kt-Q2  |



19. KtxKP! KR-B1  
 After FxKt, 20. BxPch, R-B2;  
 21. QR-B1! Black's game would  
 crumble.

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|------------|-------|
| 20. QR-B1  | Kt-B3 |
| 21. Kt-Kt5 | B-Q4  |
| 22. BxB    | KtxB  |
| 23. K-B2   | P-KR3 |
| 24. Kt-B3  | Kt-B6 |

Although White has an important pawn, his pieces are temporarily relegated to a passive position.

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| 25. R-K1   | P-QR4   |
| 26. Kt-K5  | PxP     |
| 27. PxP    | R-R7ch  |
| 28. K-B3   | R-B2    |
| 29. P-K4   | P-B3    |
| 30. Kt-Kt4 | R-Q7    |
| 31. R-K3   | Kt-Q4   |
| 32. RxR    | KtxR(2) |
| 33. P-Q5   | Kt-Kt4  |
| 34. R-K1   | R-Kt7   |
| 35. R-Q1   | R-Kt6ch |
| 36. Kt-K3  | Kt-Q3   |
| 37. R-QB1  | K-B2    |
| 38. R-B6   | K-K2    |
| 39. K-K2?  | ...     |

White might still reap the fruits of his patient labor with K-B4, RxP; 40. Kt-B5ch, KtxKt; 41. KxKt K-Q2; 42. P-K5, PxP; 43. KxP, R-Kt7; 44. R-Kt6, etc. The text move was apparently made in time trouble. As is his wont, Rivise now rescues his shaky opening with a solid finish.

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| 39. ...    | RxP                |
| 40. R-B7ch | K-Q1               |
| 41. RxP    | RxP                |
| 42. K-Q3?  | and White resigns. |

White prefers not to wait for  
 42. ... RxKtch, etc.

Game No. 673 King's Indian

White	Black
L. Hyder	Z. Kovacs

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4  | P-KKt3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | B-Kt2  |
| 4. P-K4   | P-Q3   |
| 5. B-Kt5  | P-B4   |

This is the usual reply, and I welcomed it as I like White's attack. Probably better, if more committing, is 5. ... P-KR3 followed by an early P-KKt4.

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| 6. P-Q5  | Q-R4  |
| 7. B-Q3  | P-QR3 |
| 8. P-QR4 | O-O   |
| 9. P-B4  | R-K1  |

This is probably not yet necessary. 9. ... P-K3 would save a tempo which might be used elsewhere.

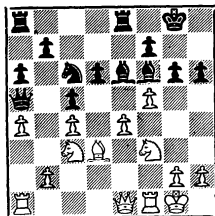
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| 10. Kt-B3 | ... |
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That this is inferior to KKt-K2 will become evident in the following play.

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| 10. ...  | P-K3  |
| 11. PxP  | BxP   |
| 12. O-O  | Kt-B3 |
| 13. Q-K1 | ...   |

Trying for too much. The natural 13. P-B5, B-Q2; 14. Q-Q2 gives White good play.

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| 13. ...  | P-KR3 |
| 14. BxKt | BxB   |
| 15. P-B5 | ...   |



I had planned 15. Kt-Q5 but BxKt is simple and strong. This move gets in Kt-Q5, at the cost of a pawn, but it should not be enough. However, I felt that I should try for complications, else Black might start hitting the weak spots.

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| 15. ...   | BxKBP  |
| 16. Kt-Q5 | Q-Q1   |
| 17. Q-Q2  | BxP    |
| 18. BxB   | RxB    |
| 19. QxP   | B-Kt2  |
| 20. Q-R3  | RxBP ? |

In a winning position Black lets up, and throws it away. Afterwards, Kovacs suggested 20. ... Kt-Kt5, which is good.

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| 21. Kt-Kt6 | ... |
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I had seen this move as a possible reply to RxBP a move earlier; now I had to decide if it were good. I soon decided it was well worth trying!

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| 21. ... | QxKt |
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Allowing the loss of the exchange by, say, 21. ... R-B5. 22. KtxR does not suffice. Eventually Black must play QxKt; then White gets the same sort of attack.

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| 22. Kt-Kt5 | Kt-K4 |
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Best. Kt-Q1 allows Q-R7ch and QxKtP, etc. The Queen cannot defend without falling to Q-R7ch and Kt-K6ch, etc.

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| 23. QR-K1 | ... |
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This does it. Neither Q-R7ch, K-B1 24. Kt-K6ch, K-K2; nor RxPch, KtxR 24. R-B1 looked clear enough to me -- and as Kovacs later showed, 24...R-B8

gives Black hope in the latter line. But now the threat of RxKt, removing Black's defense, is too strong.

23. ... P-B4  
The only try is 23. ... R-B8.  
But with 24. Q-R7ch, K-B1  
25. Kt-K6ch, K-K2 26. RxR White  
has even material and the attack.

24. Q-R7ch K-B1  
25. Kt-K6ch K-B2  
26. QxBch KxKt  
27. RxKtch PxR  
28. QxPch Resigns

(Notes by Lee Hyder)

Game No. 674 Sicilian Defense

White	Black
T. Weinberger	J. Loftsson

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	P-QR3
4. BxKt	QPxB
5. O-O	B-Kt5
6. P-KR3	BxKt
7. QxB	P-K3
8. P-Q3	Kt-B3
9. P-QR4	P-QR4
10. Kt-Q2	B-K2
11. Kt-B4	O-O
12. B-Q2	Kt-Q2
13. P-K5	Q-B2
14. KR-K1	P-QKt3

Black misses the chance to free his game immediately with P-QKt4 instead of the defensive text move. If then 15. PxP, PxP;

16. BxP, Q-R2 followed by B-Q1.

15. Q-Kt3	K-R1
16. P-R4	QR-Q1
17. B-B3	R-KKt1
18. R-K4	Kt-Kt1
19. Q-B3	B-B1

20. P-R5	P-R3
21. R-B4	R-Q2
22. R-Q1	...

White might here have tried to blitz his opponent with KtxP followed by RxP.

22. ...	Kt-R3
23. P-Q4	Kt-Kt5
24. PxP	RxRch
25. QxR	BxP
26. Kt-Q6	R-KB1
27. B-Q4	BxKt
28. PxB	Q-Q1
29. R-Kt4	P-B3
30. P-QB3	Kt-Q4
31. P-QB4	Kt-Kt5
32. B-K3	R-B2
33. R-Kt6	P-QB4
34. Q-Kt4	Kt-B3

Playable was QxP; 35. BxP, P-Kt4; 36. Q-Kt5, Q-K2, etc.

35. QxP	Kt-K4
36. P-B4!	Q-Q2
37. P-B5	Kt-Q6
38. P-QKt3	Kt-Kt5
39. B-B4	Kt-B7
40. Q-Q5	...

A trap one move before the time control!

40. ...	Kt-Q5
41. BxP!	PxB??

A blunder after the time control.... After 41. ... QxP White could not play QxR because of Kt-K7mate, but would have to find 42. BxPch, RxB; 43. RxR, KxR; 44. P-Q7! 42. Q-R8ch Resigns

Game No. 675 King's Fianchetto

White	Black
W. Cunningham	T. Weinberger

1. P-K4	P-Q3
2. P-Q4	P-KKt3

3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2  
 4. B-K3 Kt-KB3  
 5. P-B3 QKt-Q2  
 6. Q-Q2 P-K4  
 7. B-QB4 P-B3  
 8. KKt-K2 O-O  
 9. P-QR4 PXP  
 10. BxQP P-Q4  
 11. PXP Kt-Kt3  
 12. BxQKt QxB  
 13. PXP PXP  
 14. B-Kt3 B-QR3  
 15. P-R5 Q-B4  
 16. Kt-R4 Q-K4  
 17. QKt-B3 QR-Q1  
 18. Q-B4 Q-K2  
 19. K-B2 KR-K1  
 20. KR-K1 Kt-R4  
 21. Q-B1 BxQKt  
 22. KtxB Q-B4.ch  
 23. K-K3 ...  
 Or else R-Q7ch.  
 23. ... RxB  
 24. Resigns

Game No. 676 Sicilian Defense

White	Black
R. Martin	W. Cunningham
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-K2	P-K4
7. KtxKt	PxKt
8. B-KKt5	B-K2
9. O-O	P-KR3
10. B-K3	P-Q4
11. PXP	PXP
12. P-B4	P-Q5
13. PXP	PxB
14. B-Kt5ch	Kt-Q2
15. P-K6 !	O-O
16. PxKt	B-Kt2
17. Q-R5	Q-Kt3

18. K-R1 Q-Kt3  
 19. QR-K1 B-Kt4  
 20. P-KR4 ?? Q-R6ch  
 21. Resigns  
 An unfortunate lapse upset this typical "Martin" game.

Game No. 677 Center Counter

White	Black
R. Martin	L. Hyder
1. P-K4	P-Q4
2. PXP	Kt-KB3
3. B-Kt5ch	B-Q2
4. B-B4	B-Kt5
5. P-B3	B-B4
6. P-KKt4	B-Kt3
7. Kt-B3	QKt-Q2
8. P-KR4	P-KR3
9. KKt-K2	Kt-Kt3
10. B-Kt5ch	KKt-Q2
11. Kt-B4	B-R2
12. P-Q4	P-R3
13. B-Q3	BxB
14. QxB	Kt-B3
15. Q-B5	P-Kt3
16. Q-K5	B-Kt2
17. B-Q2	Q-Q2
18. O-O-O	O-O-O
19. KR-K1	KR-K1
20. K-Kt1	Kt-R4
21. Q-K3	Kt-B3
22. Q-K5	Kt-R4

Drawn by repetition

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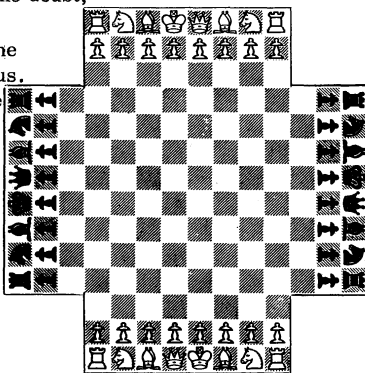
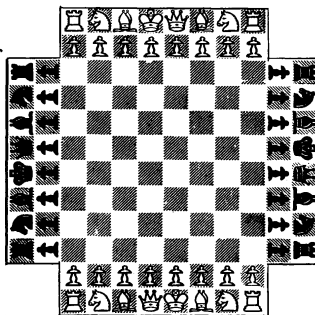
Our memory was jogged the other day by a chess catalogue which listed for sale a set for playing partnership chess. A group played this game in San Francisco for several years right after World War II.

The game was introduced (really re-introduced) to San Francisco by Dr. Manfred U. Prescott, who knew it from playing in a group on the Eastern seaboard. The players included Henry Gross, Dr. George G. Rogers, H. J. Ralston, Guthrie McClain, and others, including the wives on occasion. It had the merit of keeping husband and wife together on chess nights (although some readers will, no doubt, deny that this is an advantage).

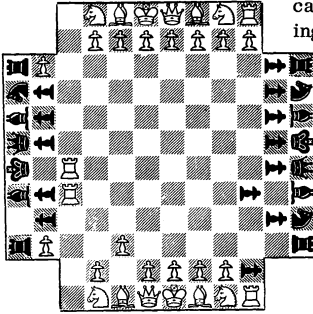
The first diagram represents the game Dr. Prescott recommended to us. He told us that the game shown in the second diagram was perhaps more popular, but that it was slower and without the fireworks of the other.

We followed the rules as remembered by Dr. Prescott and had some trouble with them. It was hard at first to put up with some unnatural circumstances, such as remaining in check for the three moves until your turn came again, but we quickly got the hang of it.

The following games will illustrate most of the rules. South and North are the bottom and top Whites. The left and right Blacks are West and East. The players move in turn in the order South, West, North, East. The pieces move as in regular chess, but the partners may support each other's pieces. The game is over when both opponents are checkmated.

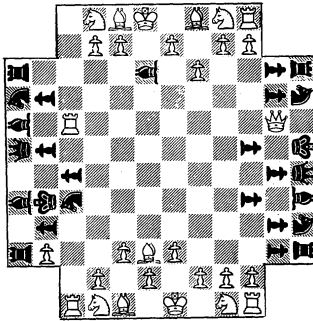


In the first diagram we present what we called the "Rook Blitz" — as nearly as our failing memory serves.



- |     | <u>South</u>       | <u>West</u>   | <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> |
|-----|--------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| 1.  | P-QB3              | P-K3  | KRPxP        | P-QB3       |
| 2.  | QRPxP              | Kt-KB3  | RxPch        | QRPxP       |
| 3.  | RxKt (see diagram) |   |              |             |
| ... |                    | PxR   | P-K3ch       | QxPch       |
| 4.  | KxQ                | P-QB3   | BxPch        | BxB         |
| 5.  | QxP mate           | (East may continue, but he will be picked to pieces, as one opponent will check him while the other captures his men. West does not move while he is mated, although he can come back to life the instant his partner can raise the siege.) |              |             |

The second diagram shows the finish of a game which is somewhat loosely played, as also was the first:



- |    | <u>South</u> | <u>West</u> | <u>North</u> | <u>East</u>   |
|----|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | P-QB3        | P-QB3       | P-QB3        | P-K3          |
| 2. | P-K3         | P-K3        | P-K3         | P-QB3         |
| 3. | B-Q3         | QRPxP       | RxP          | B-Q3          |
| 4. | QRPxP        | Kt-KB3      | RxP          | BxP (N)       |
| 5. | QxPch        | KxQ         | QxP mate     | E & W resign. |

Both games illustrate the enormous effect of two moves to one. Each player must diligently preserve checks, as the only way to stop certain combinations.

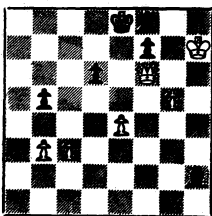
In the first game, East had to make a Queen sacrifice to prevent mate, but this was nullified by North's subsequent check (move 4), which prevented East from checking South again and stopping the checkmate. In the second game, East lost through being greedy, when his 4. BxP (North) threatened to mate North — but South was able to come through with a check (5. QxPch) which stilled West long enough for North to mate East... A note or two: After North's 5. QxP mate, East's men are dead (although it is possible to come alive, as mentioned), so West no longer has a mate threat on North. Dead men blot their squares and may not be captured.



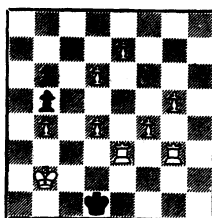
TASKS: While cleaning up a dusty old box of papers from the Editor's high school days recently, we ran across the following two diagrams. While they seem pretty easy now, they once gave us some trouble. The composers were not identified.

TASK NO. 184

White to play and win.

TASK NO. 185

White Mates,  
moving only the Rg3.



Solutions: In spite of our warning that the simple-looking "San Francisco Endgame" (No. 182) was difficult, many solutions overlooked one defensive resource or another. We therefore extend the time for solutions until our next issue.

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