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NORTH 34, SOUTH 27

Northern California won from Southern California by a score of 34-27 in the 20th annual team match, played at San Luis Obispo, May 31, 1953.

The North was able to score only a single victory on the top ten boards, the South ringing up an impressive 65 per cent. But the very strong middle portion of the North line-up more than made up the deficit at the top.

Ray Martin of Santa Monica and Walter Pafnutieff of San Francisco tied for first and second in the preliminary Rapid Championship.

The players and their scores:

<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>		<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	
1. König, Imre	$\frac{1}{2}$	1. Steiner, Herman	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Pafnutieff, W.	0	2. Rivise, I.	1
3. Gross, H.	$\frac{1}{2}$	3. Almgren, S.	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Zemitis, V.	$\frac{1}{2}$	4. Spiller, A.	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. Burger, R.	1	5. Spinner, L.	0
6. McClain, W.	0	6. Martin, R.	1
7. Smith, P.	0	7. Gordon, H.	1
8. Ralston, H.	0	8. Borochoy, H.	1
9. Addison, W.	$\frac{1}{2}$	9. Giritsky, S.	$\frac{1}{2}$
10. Meyer, M.	$\frac{1}{2}$	10. Gordon, M.	$\frac{1}{2}$
11. Adams, W.	1	11. Wallace, C.	0
12. Currie, R.	$\frac{1}{2}$	12. Solana, R.	$\frac{1}{2}$
13. Barlow, W.	$\frac{1}{2}$	13. Walker, C.	$\frac{1}{2}$
14. Byron, F.	0	14. Banner, R.	1
15. Gee, J.	$\frac{1}{2}$	15. Spero, I.	$\frac{1}{2}$
16. Bergman, C.	1	16. Elliott, E. P.	0
17. Kirby, G.	$\frac{1}{2}$	17. Reinhardt, G.	$\frac{1}{2}$
18. Hendricks, W.	1	18. Geller, S.	0
19. Sedlack, C.	1	19. Van Deene, G.	0
20. Hailparn, M.	1	20. Remlinger, B.	0
21. Willson, R.	1	21. Ulrich, C.	0
22. Austin, N.	$\frac{1}{2}$	22. Johnson, L.	$\frac{1}{2}$
23. Wilson, C.	$\frac{1}{2}$	23. Granger, W.	$\frac{1}{2}$
24. Rasmussen, G.	$\frac{1}{2}$	24. Steven, G.	$\frac{1}{2}$
25. Hultgren, N.	1	25. Gibbs, C. J.	0
26. Mueller, E.	$\frac{1}{2}$	26. Hunnex, G.	$\frac{1}{2}$
27. Abrahams, S.	0	27. Freed, J.	1
28. Jonas, C.	1	28. Madrid, B.	0
29. Poulsen, S.	$\frac{1}{2}$	29. Alexander, J.	$\frac{1}{2}$
30. Kondrashoff, S.	$\frac{1}{2}$	30. Baraquet, T.	$\frac{1}{2}$
31. Leeds, W.	0	31. Hoffpaur, P.	1
32. Christensen, F.	1	32. Steel, W.	0
33. Fries, T.	1	33. Sleep, F.	0
34. King, H. S.	0	34. Millstein, E.	1
35. Dahl, P.	$\frac{1}{2}$	35. Wheeler, W.	$\frac{1}{2}$
36. Eudey, M.	$\frac{1}{2}$	36. Collins, B.	$\frac{1}{2}$
37. Oakes, G.	$\frac{1}{2}$	37. Stobbe, A.	$\frac{1}{2}$
38. Daugherty, L.	0	38. Gross, R.	1
39. Womack, R.	0	39. Maron, D.	1
40. Rosenbaum, H.	1	40. Buckman, A.	0

41. Hoffer, E.	1	41. Grumette, Mrs. C.	0
42. Lutz, G.	1	42. Kodil, C.	0
43. Russ, N.	1	43. Markus, A.	0
44. Olvera, F.	1	44. Luban, S.	0
45. Weinberg, F.	1	45. Caverly, W.	0
46. Dana, E.	1	46. Fotias, C.	0
47. Smith, C. J.	0	47. Cook, M.	1
48. Jeffers, E.	0	48. Reps, P.	1
49. Clark, F.	0	49. Van Gelder, S.	1
50. Chappell, A.	1	50. Forrest, K.	0
51. Dries, E.	1	51. Cook, W.	0
52. Hultgren, R.	$\frac{1}{2}$	52. Keckhut, J.	$\frac{1}{2}$
53. Johnson, M.	0	53. Busheuff, B.	1
54. White, C.	0	54. Krogness, L.	1
55. Hultgren, G.	1	55. Thompson, E.	0
56. Havill, D.	1	56. Stanley, J.	0
57. Kerfoot, L.	0	57. McKenna, P.	1
58. Pafnutieff, Mrs. W.	$\frac{1}{2}$	58. McKenna, Mrs. P.	$\frac{1}{2}$
59. Sanders, M.	1	59. Johnson, F.	0
60. Cook, C. J.	1	60. Levy, E.	0
61. Smith, Mrs. C. J.	0	61. Roos, Nancy	1
	<u>34</u>		<u>27</u>

The North had White on the odd-numbered boards.

STATISTICAL REPORT, by Wm. P. Barlow The 1953 Northern California vs. Southern California team match was the largest ever held, a total of 61 boards being played, two more than in the previous year. The results of the previous matches follow:

Year	North	South	Winner	Year	North	South	Winner
1926	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	South	1939	14	12	North
1927	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	North	1940	$18\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	North
1930	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	North	1946	14	11	North
1931	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$	South	1947	17	5	North
1932	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	South	1948	$28\frac{1}{2}$	$28\frac{1}{2}$	TIE
1934	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	TIE	1949	$24\frac{1}{2}$	$26\frac{1}{2}$	South
1935	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	TIE	1950	24	21	North
1936	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	South	1951	$38\frac{1}{2}$	$19\frac{1}{2}$	North
1937	13	12	North	1952	32	27	North
1938	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	North	1953	34	27	North

In the 20 matches played, the North has won 12 times, the South has won 5 times, and there have been 3 ties. A total of 635 games has been played during this period (not counting a 20-board match

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between the Northern second team and the Southern team in 1947, won by the North second team $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$) and the North has scored $344\frac{1}{2}$ points against $290\frac{1}{2}$ for the South.

As has been the case for a number of years, the Northern players had more years of experience at San Luis Obispo than the Southern players. The players from the North had played a total of 249 previous times, an average of 4.68 years per man, while the South players had played a total of 201 previous times, averaging 3.30 years per player. The following table gives the previous experience of each team:

<u>Northern California</u>		<u>Southern California</u>	
<u>Previous</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>No. of</u>
<u>Years</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Players</u>
19	2	16	1
16	1	14	1
15	1	13	1
13	1	11	2
11	2	10	1
9	3	9	2
7	2	7	1
6	3	6	5
5	6	5	2
4	4	4	6
3	5	3	3
2	7	2	9
1	11	1	10
0	13	0	17
	<u>61</u>		<u>61</u>

The results by experience are shown as follows:

<u>Years of Previous</u>	<u>Northern California</u>		<u>Southern California</u>	
	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
10 & over	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
5 - 9	6	8	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
1 - 4	$16\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	12	16
0	7	6	4	13
	<u>34</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>34</u>

The table and previous statistics show that experience in playing in these matches really counts. The players on both sides who had played previously won 50 and lost 42, while those with no previous

experience won 11 and lost 19. The captains from the North seem to have better luck in choosing their first year men, as they won 7 and lost 6. It is interesting to note the remarkable play of the Southern players with from 5 to 9 years experience. They won 7 games and drew 3, losing none.

Players presented at the match with their ten-year pins were:

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
H. Gross	R. Banner
M. O. Meyer	
C. Sedlack	
S. H. Van Gelder	

Players presented with five-year pins were:

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
W. T. Adams	S. Almgren
F. Clark	W. P. Caverly
M. Eudey	S. Geller
	G. A. Hunnex
	C. E. Kodil
	R. Solana

The following table gives the players who have now played five times or more:

<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
Barlow, Wm. P.	20	Elliott, E. P.	17
Christensen, F. N.	20	Borochoy, H.	15
McClain, W. G.	17	Croy, G. E.	15
Hendricks, W. A.	16	Gibbs, C. J.	14
Fink, A. J.	15	Johnson, L.	12
Ralston, H. J.	14	Steiner, H.	12
Vedensky, D. N.	14	Spero, I.	11
Bergman, C. J.	12	Banner, R.	10
Willson, R. P.	12	Grabill, E. W.	10
Gross, H.	10	Patterson, G. S. G.	9
Meyer, M. O.	10	Gordon, H.	8
Sedlack, C.	10	Martin, R.	7
Van Gelder, S. H.	10	Millstein, L.	7
Lewis, G.	9	Roos, Nancy	7
Capps, C. M.	8	Spiller, A.	7
Pafnutieff, W.	8	Steven, G.	7

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<u>North</u>		<u>South</u>	
Smith, P.	8	Taylor, A. V.	7
Austin, N. T.	7	Chase, G.	6
Belmont, D. M.	7	Gordon, M.	6
Fawcett, E. O.	7	Pinney, W. T.	6
Hultgren, R.	7	Abel, H.	5
Leeds, W.	7	Almgren, S.	5
Loera, A.	7	Austrian, S.	5
Boyette, L. L.	6	Caverly, W. D.	5
Branch, G. E. K.	6	Everett, E.	5
Byron, F.	6	Geller, S.	5
Crofut, F.	6	Henderson, C.	5
Gee, J. B.	6	Hunnex, G. A.	5
Olvera, F.	6	Kodil, C. E.	5
Stamer, A. B.	6	Petersen, P.	5
Wilson, C. R.	6	Solana, R.	5
Adams, W. T.	5	Travers, R.	5
Clark, F.	5	Weinbaum, S.	5
Cook, M.	5		
Ekooos, C.	5		
Eudey, M.	5		
Oakes, G.	5		
Preo, N.	5		
Russ, N.	5		
Shimkin, M. B.	5		
Svalberg, C.	5		
Trenberth, R.	5		

The following players will be eligible for 10-year pins in the 1954 match:

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
Lewis, G.	Patterson, G. S. G.

Those players who have played four times and who will be eligible for 5-year pins in 1954 are as follows:

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
Abrahams, S.	Amneus, D.
Dana, E. T.	Bazael, A.
Donnelly, W. H.	Carlson, E.
Daugherty, L.	Freed, J. M.
Falconer, N. E.	Hufnagel, F.
Kerfoot, L.	Quillen, J. P.
King, H. S.	Reinhardt, G.
Maxwell, R.	Schraeder, E. F.

North
 Needham, J.
 Pruner, E.
 Rothe, O.
 Traum, P.

South
 Stobbe, A. J.

Of the players who have participated five times or more, the North has 23 players who have a batting average of more than 0.500, while the South has 12 in the same category:

<u>North Player</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>South Player</u>	<u>%</u>
Adams, W. T.	900	Steiner, H.	792
Byron, F.	750	Martin, R.	786
Van Gelder, S. H.	722	Travers, R.	700
Loera, A.	714	Banner, R.	650
Tippin, J. W.	714	Taylor, A. V.	643
Gross, H.	700	Patterson, G.	611
Svalberg, C.	700	Borochow, H.	600
Bergman, C. J.	682	Croy, G.	600
Stamer, A. B.	667	Elliott, E. P.	588
Willson, R. P.	667	Johnson, L.	583
Christensen, F. N.	625	Spiller, A.	571
Smith, P. D.	625	Spero, I.	545
Lewis, G.	611		
Eudey, M.	600		
Austin, N. T.	583		
Gee, J. B.	583		
Leeds, W.	583		
Wilson, C. R.	583		
Belmont, D.	571		
Fawcett, E. O.	571		
Hendricks, W.	567		
Capps, C.	563		
Ralston, H. J.	538		

The North over the years has used a total of 195 players, while the South has used a total of 252 players. There have been 16 players who have played at various times both for the North and the South.

Of the total of 61 games played in 1953, 20 were won by White, 21 were won by Black, and 20 were drawn.

Two veteran players died since the last match: Sam Bean of the North, and Sigismund Wolff of the South. Both players had excellent records in these matches. We shall miss them very much.

STEINER PROPOSAL Herman Steiner has suggested that the N-S match be held in San Francisco and Los Angeles in alternate years. His principal argument for this arrangement is that much greater publicity for the match could be obtained, and that this would draw more players and interested spectators into the CSCF. Admission tickets could be sold, the receipts going into the CSCF treasury. Also, Steiner says, the visiting players each year could be housed by chess friends in the home city, thus reducing expenses.

We have discussed this proposal with a number of Northern players, who seem to be unanimously against the idea. Their main argument is that the odds are about 100-1 that the home team would win every year, thus abolishing all sporting interest in the match. They also point out that players in the Central California and other leagues would be obliged to travel too far. It is unfortunate that the North has won so many of the matches in recent years, but this almost certainly is due to lack of proper organization in the South. It is up to the South to put its house in order - Ed.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION The annual general meeting was held in San Luis Obispo May 30. The composition of the Board of Directors for 1953-54 is:

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League	- Guthrie McClain (S. F.)
Redwood Empire Chess League	- G. Rasmussen (Vallejo)
Central California Chess League	- Phil Smith (Fresno)
Monterey Bay Area Chess League	- George Oakes (Salinas)
Los Angeles County Chess League	- Herman Steiner & John Keckhut
Riverside, Pomona and Orange Area	- George Hunnex (Elsinore)
San Diego Area	- John Alexander (San Diego)
Member-at-Large for Northern Calif.	- A. L. Ritz (Eureka)
Member-at-Large for Southern Calif.	- A. E. Hoerchner (Salinas)

Guthrie McClain was re-elected Chairman of the Board.

Dues for the CSCF have been set at \$2.50 per year. Of this, \$1.50 is earmarked for the REPORTER. Prof. Ralph Hultgren, Treasurer, submits the following financial statement: Total receipts, \$171.00. Earmarked for REPORTER, \$84.00. Printing of CSCF membership cards, \$11.00. Purchase of account book, \$2.71. Balance on hand, as of June 1, 1953, \$73.29.

Financial statements will be published in the REPORTER at regular intervals. All of us should now work hard to build up membership in the CSCF to at least 500.

One of the important questions considered at the meeting was whether or not California should have its own rating system. After a lengthy discussion, it was voted that the ratings published by the United States Chess Federation in CHESS LIFE should be accepted as official. National ratings, based upon current play, are published in CHESS LIFE twice each year. Members of the USCF receive such ratings as one of the privileges of membership. Non-members may be rated by paying \$1.00 for each published rating. Membership dues in the USCF are \$5.00 per year, which includes subscription to the semi-monthly newspaper, CHESS LIFE.

In connection with the above, the question was raised as to cost of joint membership in the CSCF and USCF. Kenneth Harkness informs us that under the present regulations of the USCF, combined membership in the USCF and CSCF may be obtained by payment of \$6.50. We urge the chess players of California to join the USCF, since a large California representation in the USCF is necessary if California chess is to receive the national recognition which it deserves.

Financial matters relating to the CSCF should be handled through Prof. Ralph Hultgren, 1501 LeRoy Ave., Berkeley 8, California.

It is important that chess clubs and leagues take note of the motion proposed and carried at the general meeting in San Luis Obispo, that players who are not members of the CSCF should not be welcomed in CSCF-sponsored events. Such events are the N-S match, the qualifying tournaments for the State Championship, the State Championship, the State Open Championship, and any other events which may be sponsored by the CSCF. The history of chess shows that many chess players are not - shall we say? - extravagant in their support of their game. Many years ago the editor of the British Chess Magazine remarked that chess players practise great economy in the purchase of chess literature, while spending relatively large sums on other things of much less real interest to them. Why this should be is not clear, but we in California should make every effort to alter this historical tendency.

CALIFORNIA RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP Ray Martin of Santa Monica and Walter Pafnutieff of San Francisco tied for first and second in the finals of the rapid tournament played in San Luis Obispo, and so become California co-champions at rapid play for 1953-54. Thirty-one players entered the tournament, in three sections. Finalists, in addition to Martin and Pafnutieff, were R. Burger, H. Borochoff, R. Currie and W. Addison. Play lasted about 6½ hours.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS The Northern California Championship tournament, which will also qualify two players to the State Championship finals in Los Angeles, is scheduled to begin at the Mechanics Institute, 57 Post St., San Francisco, on Saturday, July 25, at 1:00 p.m. It will be a 7-round Swiss, open to all players. The plan is to play Saturdays and Sundays on successive week-ends, play alternating between the Mechanics Institute and the Golden Gate chess clubs. Entrance fee for CSCF members is \$5.00, others \$7.50. (Or, in other words, CSCF membership will be required). The tournament will be directed by Guthrie McClain, 544 Market St., Room 805, S. F. 4.

The Central California Chess League presumably will hold a qualifying tournament as it did last year, qualifying one player. Further information is not yet available. Write to Neil T. Austin, 1608 42nd St., Sacramento 19, for details.

The Southern Qualifying tournament was scheduled to begin at the Hollywood Chess Group's club on Friday, June 12. It was to be a 10-round Swiss, open to all players.

RUSSIAN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP A. J. Palmin won the 1953 championship of the Russian (San Francisco) Chess Club in a 15-man round-robin. Palmin scored 13 points, leading runner-up D. V. Poliakoff by one point. D. J. Shishkin was third with $10\frac{1}{2}$ points, and P. V. Prokoodin and E. Chovikoff finished in a tie for fourth and fifth with $8\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Player	Pr	Po	Sh	Mi	Dr	Pa	Ch	Ka	Vo	Lu	Po	Iv	An	Be	Ra	Pts	Place
Prokoodin, P.V.	X	0	0	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$	4-5
Popoff, B.B.	1	X	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	0	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
Shishkin, D.J.	1	1	X	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$	3
Mirovich, S.	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Droujinin, N.V.	0	0	0	1	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
Palmin, A.J.	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	13	1
Chovikoff, E.	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	0	X	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$	4-5
Karawanny, F.	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	8	
Voloshin, V.	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	X	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
Lubarsky, A.J.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	
Poliakoff, D.V.	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	12	2
Ivanoff, P.S.	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	0	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
Andreeff, P.T.	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	1	1	7	
Beck, A.	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	X	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	
Razumoff, M.A.	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	4	

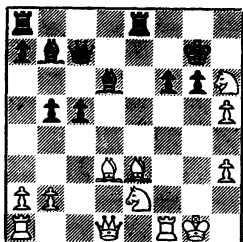
CAPITAL CITY CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP As noted briefly in the last issue, M. O. Meyer won the 1953 club championship with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. The tournament was a 5-round Swiss, with 18 entries. G. W. Flynn was second on Solkoff points, and S. G. Johnson third.

Player	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Solkoff	Rank
M. O. Meyer	W18	W10	W4	W7	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$		1
G. W. Flynn	W15	W7	W5	D3	D1	4-1	16.5	2
S. G. Johnson	W8	W9	W11	D2	D6	4-1	14.5	3
J. A. Celle	W17	W6	L1	D5	W12	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	14.5	4
N. T. Austin	W13	W12	L2	D4	W10	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	13.5	5-6
F. Clawson	W14	L4	W13	W10	D3	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	13.5	5-6
N. E. Talcott	W12	L2	W14	L1	W11	3-2		7
E. Horton	L3	L11	W16	W14	D9	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	12.0	8-9
H. A. Keith	W11	L3	L10	W16	D8	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	12.0	8-9
N. Zimmerman	W16	L1	W9	L6	L5	2-3	15.5	10
O. Bender	L9	W8	L3	W13	L7	2-3	14.0	11
W. Hartley	L7	L5	W18	W15	L4	2-3	11.5	12
H. LaBerge	L5	W15	L6	L11	W18	2-3	10.5	13
J. C. Lacey	L6	W18	L7	L8	W17	2-3	10.0	14
J. Hardy	L2	L13	W17	L12	D16	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	10.5	15
A. W. Bishop	L10	W17	L8	L9	D15	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	9.5	16
G. Gray	L4	L16	L15	W18	L14	1-4		17
L. King	L1	L14	L12	L17	L13	0-5		

GAME OF THE MONTH The following exciting game determined second place in the Hollywood Invitational Tournament.

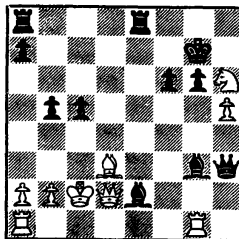
<u>Game No. 177 - Petroff</u>			
White	Black		
S. Almgren	E. Levin	8. Kt-B3	P-B3
		9. B-Q3	O-O
		10. O-O	R-K1
		11. P-B3	Q-B2
1. P-K4	P-K4	12. P-KR3	Kt-R4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	13. Kt-K2	P-KKt3
3. KtxP	P-Q3	14. P-QB4	PxP
4. Kt-B4	KtxP	15. KtxP	B-R7ch
5. P-Q3	Kt-KB3	16. K-R1	P-QKt4
6. P-Q4	P-Q4	17. Kt-K3	Kt-Q2
7. Kt-K3	B-Q3	18. Kt-Kt4	B-Q3

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| 19. P-B4 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 20. Kt-R6ch | K-Kt2 |
| 21. P-B5 | P-B3 |
| 22. PxP | PxP |
| 23. P-KKt4 | B-Kt2 |
| 24. PxKt | P-B4ch |
| 25. P-Q5 | KtxP |
| 26. K-Kt1 | Kt-K6 |
| 27. BxKt | |



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| 27. ... | Q-B3 |
| 28. K-B2 | Q-B6ch |
| 29. K-K1 | QxB |
| 30. Q-Q2 | QxP |
| 31. KR-Kt1 | B-Kt6ch |
| 32. K-Q1 | B-B6 |

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| 33. K-B2 | BxKt |
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| 34. BxB? | |
| | Kt-B5ch seems playable. |
| 34. ... | QR-Q1 |
| 35. B-Q3 | P-B5 |
| 36. PxP | RxB |
| 37. Q-B1 | R-K7ch |
| 38. K-Kt1 | QxKt |
| 39. P-R4 | QxP |
| 40. K-R2 | P-B6 |
| 41. R-Kt1 | Q-B2ch |
| 42. K-R1 | Q-Kt6 |
| 43. Q-B4 | PxPch |
| | Resigns. |

CORRESPONDENCE Mr. S. Friesch, secretary of the Los Angeles Chess Club, 851 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 17, sends us the following:

"We need 100 more members to help us celebrate our 60th anniversary. Additional fluorescent lights are being installed and the light will be much easier on the eyes and the club will be repainted and will be nice and clean....We have lots of room to make this club the biggest west of Chicago. Los Angeles is the third largest city and should have a big club....The first 25 members who join and pay three months' dues - special \$5.00, or \$1.75 for first month's dues - regular rate \$2.00 per month. Please come and help us celebrate our 60th anniversary."

BUENOS AIRES After 14 games, Reshevsky was leading Najdorf

by one point. This match was proving to be much tougher for Reshevsky than the match of last year, which Reshevsky won by 11-7.

NEW YORK The USCF is asking the directors to vote on a new method for determining the United States Championship. Briefly, the proposal calls for a Swiss tournament to be played every other year, open to all players of Expert or higher rank. This will be a "Candidates" tournament, the winner to play a match the following year with the champion.

BOISE O. W. Manney of Seattle won the 8-round Swiss tournament played at the end of May. LaVerl Kimpton of Filer retained his Idaho State Championship by finishing second. Fourteen players participated. C. H. Stewart, president of the Boise YMCA Chess Club, directed the tournament.

LATE NEWS FLASH!

The Northern and Southern Qualifying Tournaments described on page 198 of the present issue will qualify three players instead of two. The CCCL Qualifying Tournament will be played August 8-9. Write to Neil Austin for further details.

FRESNO International Master Imre König recently gave a simultaneous exhibition, finishing with a score of $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Mr. König played two games with each of eight players. M. Hailparn was the only winner, scoring $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. Phil Smith drew both games, and Bob Womack and Leo Legler one each.

The club is planning a summer Class A tournament.....Phil Smith will attend the U. S. Open.

MODESTO New officers for the year are: President, Lee Kerfoot; Vice-President, E. L. Jeffers; Secretary-Treasurer, Herbert P. Betker; Special Events Chairman and Tournament Director, Herbert E. Paul. The club holds regular meetings the first and third Sundays of the month, holidays excepted, in the Odd Fellows Temple, 211 Bodem Street, at 1 o'clock. During July and August the meetings are at Grace Ada Park.

The club announces with regret the death of R. H. Parkhurst, at one time the first-board player.

COSMO The team ended its 1953 schedule of interclub League

matches with a minus score, losing $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ in matches and 13-23 in games. The top scorer for Cosmo was Kirk Dickens on board 6, whose record was 3-2. Lou Domanski broke even at board number 2....The club's summer Swiss Open was scheduled to start June 17.

VISALIA The Visalia Chess Club has just started holding an extra meeting every Saturday afternoon outdoors in the city's main park, in an effort to promote chess. (Good idea - Ed.)

GLENDALE The first semi-annual Valley High School Open Chess Tournament was held June 6 at Glendale High School. Forty high school students competed for the trophy which was won by Harvey Sagorsky of Fairfax High. In second place was Peter Meyer of Van Nuys High, winner of a recent High School Open Tournament. The tournament was directed by John Keckhut, and unfinished games were adjudicated by Irving Rivise.

Play occurred in four sections, the winners competing in a round-robin final.

SAN FRANCISCO Your editor is pleased to announce that beginning June 26, he will have a chess column in the San Francisco News each Friday. All players in the San Francisco Bay area are asked to send in news, games, compositions, etc., etc. Prizes will be awarded for acceptable contributions, and for problem-solving. The management of the News has been most cooperative, and has promised that adequate space will be provided, and that photographs of players and chess events will be published. (Please note: This is NOT an advertisement, except for chess - Ed.)

The following game is of rather exceptional interest, since it follows for eight moves the famous game played by Alexander Alekhine against A. Nimzovitch at Bled, 1931. Nimzovitch resigned that game at the 19th move, his shortest defeat in his tournament career.

It seems clear that Bob Burger was thoroughly familiar with the whole variation. It seems even more clear that Louis Spinner was not. The game was played in the North-South match, May 31. We give the score with Alekhine's notes.

Game No. 178 - French Defense
 White Black
 R. Burger L. Spinner

1. P-K4 P-K3
 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5

4. Kt-K2

This move, which is quite satisfactory in the MacCutcheon Variation (1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 4. B-KKt5, B-Kt5; 5. Kt-K2), is perfectly harmless at this moment. I selected it, however, in the present game, because I knew that already on one occasion (against Sir G. Thomas in Marienbad, 1925) Nimzovitch had shown an exaggerated voracity (6...P-KB4) without having been duly punished for it.

4. ... PxP
5. P-QR3 BxKtch

Also 5...B-K2 is good enough for equality.

6. KtxB P-KB4

Played against all the principles of a sound opening strategy, as the dark-colored squares of Black's position will become very weak, especially because of the exchange of his KB. The correct reply which secures Black at least an even game is 6...Kt-QB3! and if 7. B-QKt5 then 7...Kt-K2 followed by O-O, etc.

7. P-B3

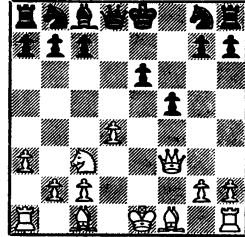
The sacrifice of the second pawn is tempting, most probably correct, and yet unnecessary, as White could obtain an excellent game without taking any chances by playing first 7. B-KB4, and if 7...Kt-KB3 then 8. P-KB3, PxP; 9. QxP, after which 9...QxP would be refuted by 10. Kt-QKt5.

7. ... PxP

8. QxP

Note by the editor: In this position, see diagram, Nimzovitch played 8...QxP. Alekhine's note to the move reads: Contrary to the opinion

Position after 8.QxP



of the theorists, this move is as good - or as bad - as 8...Q-R5ch; 9. P-Kt3, QxP; in that case White would play 10. Kt-Kt5, and Black would not have had, as in the actual game, the defense ...Q-R5ch; P-Kt3, Q-K2; etc.

8. ... Q-R5ch

9. P-Kt3 QxQP

10. Kt-Kt5 Q-K4ch

11. B-K3 P-QR3

12. O-O-O K-B2

13. B-Q4

Resigns.

The following extraordinary game was played at the Cosmo (L. A.) Chess Club. The whole variation cannot be more than 468 years old, accepting the date 1485 for the origin of modern chess.

Game No. 179 - Irreg.

White

Black

N. Bryant

L. Zeitlin

1. P-K4

P-K4

2. Kt-KB3

Kt-QB3

3. B-B4

Kt-Q5?

4. KtxP??

Q-Kt4

5. KtxBP

QxP

6. R-B1

QxKPch

7. B-K2

Kt-B6 mate.

MECHANICS VS CASTLE, 1953

Game No. 180 -- Ruy Lopez
 White Black
 I. König N. Falconer

24. P-KR3 Q-K1
 25. K-R2 P-KR4
 26. R-Kt3 Q-K3

Notes by Imre König

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
 3. B-Kt5 P-QR3
 4. B-R4 P-Q3
 5. P-B3 B-Q2
 6. P-Q4 P-KKt3
 7. O-O B-Kt2
 8. Pxp KtxP
 9. KtxKt BxKt

Fine-Alekhine, Avro 1938, continued 9...PxKt; 10. P-KB4!, BxB;

11. QxBch, Q-Q2?

10. Kt-Q2 BxB
 11. QxBch Q-Q2
 12. Q-B2

Unusual, but trying to get off the beaten track.

12. ... B-Kt2
 13. Kt-B4 Kt-K2
 14. B-Kt5?

A hasty move, which loses White the initiative. R-Q1 was better.

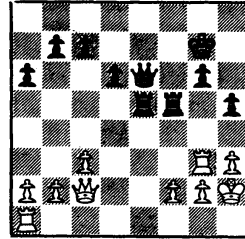
14. ... Q-Kt4?
 15. BxKt QxKt
 16. B-Kt5 P-KR3

Of questionable value.

17. B-K3 O-O
 18. KR-Q1 QR-K1
 19. B-Q4 P-KB4
 20. BxB KxB
 21. R-Q4 Q-B3
 22. Pxp RxB
 23. R-KKt4

Risky, but White sees great danger in passive play.

23. ... R/1-K4



27. R-Q1!

White succeeds in making himself safe.

27. ... P-R5?

An unnecessary weakening of the pawn, giving White a target to shoot at.

28. R-Kt4 Q-B3

If 28...R-K7; 29. R-Q2, R/4xP; 30. RxR, RxR; 31. RxPch with a draw in sight.

29. P-B3 R-B5
 30. R-Q4 RxR/Kt4
 31. RxR R-K8
 32. Q-KB2 Q-K4ch
 33. P-B4 Q-K6
 34. QxQ RxQ
 35. P-B5 R-K7
 36. RxPch K-B2
 37. P-Kt4 RxP
 38. R-Kt4 K-B3
 39. RxP KxB
 40. R-R7 P-B3
 41. RxP R-QB7
 42. R-B7ch K-K4
 43. R-B3 P-B4
 44. Pxp PxB
 45. P-R4 R-Kt7

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| 46. P-R5 | R-Kt2 | 6. R-K1 | P-QKt4 |
| 47. P-Kt4 | P-R4 | 7. B-Kt3 | P-Q3 |
| 48. P-R6 | P-R5 | 8. P-B3 | O-O |
| 49. R-B5ch | K-K5 | 9. P-Q4 | B-Kt5 |
| 50. BxP | P-R6 | | |
| 51. R-QR5 | K-B6 | | |
| 52. K-R3 | R-Kt3 | | |
| 53. P-Kt5 | R-Kt8 | | |
| 54. R-B5ch | K-K5 | | |
| 55. R-B2 | K-K6 | 10. B-Q5 | Q-Q2 |
| 56. R-KR2! | R-Kt2 | 11. PxP | KtxB |

If 56...R-Kt7; 57. R-R1, P-R7; 58. R-R1.

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| 57. K-Kt4 | R-Kt7 |
| 58. R-R3ch | K-K5 |
| 59. P-R7 | P-R7 |
| 60. P-R8(Q) | R-Kt7ch |
| 61. K-R5 | P-R8(Q) |
| 62. Q-Q4ch | K-B4 |
| 63. R-B3ch | Resigns. |

White has the choice here of P-Q5 or B-K3; the move he selects involves the exchange of his two developed pieces - a dubious experiment.

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| 10. B-Q5 | Q-Q2 |
| 11. PxP | KtxB |
| 12. PxKt | |

If, instead, 12. Pxp, then Bxp followed by Kt-K2, regaining the pawn.

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| 12. ... | BxKt |
| 13. QxB | KtxP |
| 14. Q-Kt3 | QR-K1 |

It is now apparent, because of the threat B-R5, that the Queen should have been played to Q1. With his next move, White intends to gain time for development, but overlooks another pretty clearance move by the black Bishop.

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| 15. B-R6 | B-Kt4! |
| 16. QxB | |

Instead of this, both P-KB4 and BxB were playable; in the long run, the helpless Queen-side is too great a burden.

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| 16. ... | Kt-B6ch |
| 17. PxKt | RxRch |
| 18. K-Kt2 | P-KB4 |

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Game No. 181 - Ruy Lopez

White	Black
N. Falconer	R. Burger

Notes by R. Burger

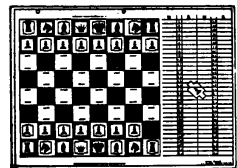
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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. O-O | B-K2 |

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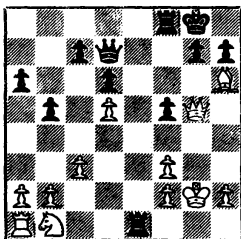
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Position after 18...P-KB4



19. Q-Q2 Q-K1

Apparently White had counted on RxKt and PxB; the intended 20.B-K3 fails in view of Q-Kt3ch followed by R-Kt8. Now the Bishop must be buried in defense of the King.

20. B-Kt5	P-KR3
21. B-B4	Q-Kt3ch
22. B-Kt3	KR-K1
23. P-KB4	P-KR4
24. P-KR4	KR-K7
25. Q-Q3	Q-Kt5
26. P-R4	R-R8!

With the threat R/7-K8; if Black had played 26...R-QB8, then White could have held out longer with Q-B3. But now, after the following forced exchanges, the laggard white Rook will be fittingly cornered.

27. QxR	QxQ
28. KxR	QxKtP
29. R-R3	QxKtch
30. K-R2	Q-Kt7

Resigns. Although not particularly deep, this game was to me very pleasing.

The following wild and woolly game was played in the Hollywood Invitational, 1953.

Game No. 182 - Bird's

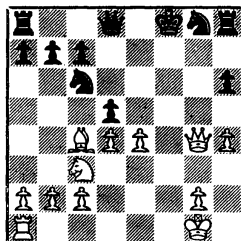
White

Black

S. Mazner

I. Rivise

1. P-KB4	P-K4
2. P-Q3	Kt-QB3
3. Kt-KB3	B-Q3
4. P-K4	PxP
5. P-Q4	P-KKt4
6. P-KR4	P-Kt5
7. Kt-Kt5	P-KR3
8. KtxP	KxKt
9. B-B4ch	K-B1
10. BxP	BxB
11. O-O	P-Q4
12. RxBch	K-Kt2
13. RxPch	BxR
14. QxBch	K-B1
15. Kt-B3	



15. ...	Kt-B3
16. R-KB1	PxB
17. Kt-Q5	R-KKt1
18. Q-R5	K-Kt2
19. RxKt	QxR
20. KtxQ	KxKt
21. QxPch	K-K2
22. P-Q5	Kt-Q5
23. P-B3	Kt-K7ch
24. K-R2	QR-KB1
25. P-R5	Kt-B5
26. P-KKt3	KtxRP
27. Q-K6ch	K-Q1
28. P-K5	KtxP

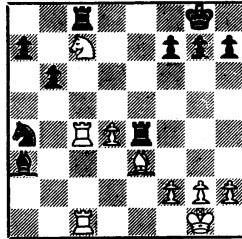
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| 29. P-Q6 | Kt-B8ch | 22. Kt-B7 | R-K5 |
| 30. K-R1 | PxP | 23. R-B3 | R-B1 |
| 31. PxP | R-Kt2 | 24. KR-B1 | Kt-R5 |
| Resigns. | | 25. R-B4 | BxRP |

Played in the North-South Match, May 31, 1953:

Game No. 183 - Queen's Pawn

White	Black
C. Sedlack	G. Van Deene

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| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 | 26. Kt-Kt5 | RxR |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 | 27. RxR | Kt-Kt7 |
| 3. Kt-KB3 | P-B4 | 28. R-B2 | P-B4 |
| 4. P-K3 | PxP | 29. KtxB | Kt-Q8 |
| 5. PxP | P-QKt3 | 30. R-B8ch | K-B2 |
| 6. Kt-B3 | P-Q4 | 31. Kt-B4 | K-K2 |
| 7. PxP | KtxP | 32. R-B7ch | K-B3 |
| 8. B-Kt5ch | B-Q2 | 33. RxRP | P-B5 |
| 9. BxBch | QxB | 34. Kt-Q2 | R-K1 |
| 10. Kt-K5 | Q-Kt2 | 35. BxP | R-K8ch |
| 11. Q-B3 | B-Kt5 | 36. Kt-B1 | Kt-B6 |
| 12. O-O | O-O | 37. P-Kt3 | Kt-K7ch |
| 13. KtxKt | QxKt | 38. K-Kt2 | KtxQP |
| 14. QxQ | PxQ | 39. R-R6 | R-K3 |
| 15. B-B4 | R-K1 | 40. B-K3 | Kt-B7 |
| 16. Kt-Q3 | Kt-B3 | 41. RxP! | KtxBch |
| 17. P-QR3 | B-B1 | 42. KtxKt | Resigns. |
| 18. B-K3 | Kt-R4 | | A neat finish! |
| 19. Kt-B4 | QR-Q1 | | |
| 20. QR-B1 | Kt-B5 | | |
| 21. KtxP | KtxKtP | | |



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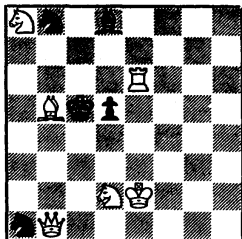
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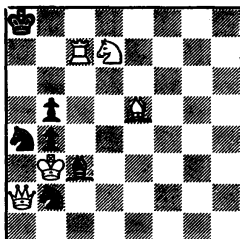
REPORTER TASKS We conclude our fifth contest with the two TASKS given below. The winner will be announced in the next issue.

TASK No. 35 is by the Bohemian composer, M. Havel. TASK No. 36 is by the German composer, Dr. A. Kraemer.

TASK No. 35
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 36
White Mates in Three



ANSWERS: TASK No. 33: The key move is 1. Q-R8.

TASK No. 34: The main line, as given by the composer, is: 1. R-K2, Q-Kt8; 2. R-Q2, Q-KB8; 3. K-Kt3, Q-Kt8ch; 4. K-R3, Q-KB8; 5. RxPch, K-Kt8; 6. R-Q2, K-R8; 7. K-Kt3, Q-Kt8ch; 8. K-B3, Q-KB8; 9. R-B2, K-Kt8; 10. R-B1ch and wins. There seem to be other ways of winning.

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